Public Safety Department
August 2020 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

On August 11, 2020, SCIPD held training for all officers and supervisors. Part of the training included a life-like scenario on the WRAP Safety Restraint System. Officers had to deal with a subject that offered some resistance while deploying and utilizing the WRAP.

We received the DJI Mavic Enterprise 2 drone, with the Public Safety System. We were able to add a payload delivery system to this set up as well. Sgt. Hallman will operate the new drone and help in any police, emergency operations, and fire incidents.

Sgt. Hallman applied for two grants. The one grant is approximately $12,000, which will provide us with four new in-car radios. One of the radios will be installed in our incident command trailer.

With the other grant, we will be purchasing four new radars for our vehicles. It's worth just over $14,000 if awarded but will not know until October if we received it. Sgt. Hallman compiled a speed study, including citations and written warnings issued, and included info about the lack of mechanical controls on some of our significant throughways.

With the start of a new school year, we welcomed a new School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Jessica Bate. Before school started, the Washington County SROs and supervisors attended a training. Sgt. Briggs, Officer Ray, and Officer Bate participated in the training. Officer Bate's SRO assignment will include the Lava Ridge Intermediate school and the Washington County elementary schools in our area. Officer Ray will continue SRO duties at Tuacahn and Vista Charter schools.

With recent emergency operations throughout the county this past month, we reminded citizens on social media platforms to sign up for the Washington County, Utah Alert System. Citizens can receive alerts for emergencies and other important community messages by signing up for the Citizen Alert System for Washington County, Utah. This notification system enables the cities within Washington County, Utah, to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. You will receive time-sensitive messages using whichever method you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text message, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more. You pick where and how you receive the messages. Individuals with disabilities who need assistance can register by calling Washington County Citizen Alert at 435-627-4914.

ANIMAL CONTROL

We had 41 dogs and 11 cat intakes this month. Our adoptions were eight dogs and five cats. We received 14 dogs and one cat from the Washington County Sheriff's Office this month, and our monthly donations this month was $200.

An officer responded to an injured "cat" call, that was hit by a car directly in front of the Police Department. It turned out to be a bobcat that later died from its injuries.

Our Shelter Manager has finally been able to get in touch with Best Friend Animal Sanctuary. She has been working with them to re-establish their working relationship to help our shelter and all Washington County Shelters regarding medical, rescue help, and professional animal evaluations.

We have had a lot of animal problems with local wildlife this month. Our main troublemakers are coyotes, foxes, and badgers.

