Public Safety Department
April 2021 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Officer Pikyavit attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding. The vehicle evaded and eventually led officers on a foot pursuit after leaving the scene of a crash. The two suspects were arrested for various traffic offenses, including an alcohol offense and several theft charges stemming from a cross-country crime spree.

Officer Bate performed an overtime shift at Tuacahn and observed a fugitive that our Department had wanted for a second-degree felony assault. The suspect had strangled the victim. The suspect had fled before police arrived and had been wanted for two weeks. Officer Bate kept an eye on the suspect until additional officers arrived, and we were able to make a safe arrest on the individual.

SCIPD has been conducting extra patrols in our high traffic areas, specifically targeting areas where we have received citizen traffic complaints.

SCIPD entered the 4th quarter of the DUI grant and will once more be funding more Overtime DUI enforcement shifts. In addition to the regular enforcement shifts, we are adding extra patrols for Memorial Day.

Officers completed their overtime security shifts during Tuacahn's Spring concerts series. They also provided security during the Washington County Fair this month.

We welcomed our newest officer, Jeremy Heinze, a recent graduate from the Dixie State University POST Academy. He is currently in the Field Training Officer program, and he is meeting expectations and progressing very well.

Officer Hall is continuing his K9 certification program. The Cadre report he and K9 Copper are performing above expectations, and they are impressed with both.

Officer Bate attended Utah County SWAT School/Hell Week. The training will complete her requirement for membership onto the Metro SWAT team. She has been preparing and training and she passed with flying colors.

Sgt. Hallman competed in a combined Sniper competition involving all the snipers from Washington County Swat and St. George Police Department (SGPD) Swat teams. The marksmanship went to Washington County Swat Team; however, the overall win after the combined events went to SGPD.

Our Victim Advocate has assisted 57 victims so far this month; 11 of them were domestic violence and family fights-related incidents. Services included assistance with safety plans, including protective orders and repatriation for violent crimes. The victim advocate submitted the two-year VOCA Grant.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Shelter had an intake of 21 dogs, eight cats, and one rabbit this month. There are currently four dogs and two cats in the Shelter. Several animals were reclaimed, adopted, or sent to rescue and one euthanized due to medical.

The Shelter had multiple complaints and citizens asking for help in the evening hours after the Shelter is typically closed. They felt our efforts would best serve our citizens and their needs if we split our team and worked longer shifts hours. They hope by doing this, they can meet the needs of the citizens. They also hope this can relieve our busy police officers from responding to so many nightly animal calls. The Shelter has had an amazing month of donations from the public. We received lots of shelter items we have been needing.