Public Safety Department
May 2021 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Officer Hall made a traffic stop on a vehicle for an equipment violation. A vehicle search was performed, and Officer Hall discovered a large amount of drugs, cash, and packaging for drugs. Three individuals were arrested for the distribution of methamphetamine and other charges.

Several officers assisted SCI Fire with a brush fire in Ivins. The fire threatened a structure. There were no reported injuries. SCI officers also assisted St. George Police Dept. with taking calls for service while they helped during their multiple structures on fire.

Officers responded to a call of a gunshot where the husband shot his wife. The wife was deceased upon police arrival. The husband was interviewed and was booked on murder charges.

SCI Department training consisted of three separate scenarios where the officers were faced with a plethora of challenges ranging from intricate DUI roadside investigations to shooting from a vehicle ambush.

Officers spent a significant amount of traffic enforcement on Snow Canyon Drive, Kayenta, and Canyon View in Santa Clara. They will begin additional DUI shifts for the Memorial Day weekend during Utah's Click it or Ticket campaign.

Our Victim Advocate has assisted 41 victims so far this month. Services included assistance with safety plans, including protective orders and repatriation for violent crimes.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control had sixteen dog intakes and eleven cat intakes. Several were reclaimed, adopted, or sent to rescue groups. There are currently six dogs and thirteen cats in the Shelter.

The Shelter has been getting multiple complaints from citizens regarding predator animal sightings in town. We have had sightings of bobcats, mountain lion, coyotes, racoons, and a fox. Due to the drought, the animals are sticking closer to the river and water sources, which means more human interactions.

ACO also put out a cautionary warning to the Kayenta area regarding possible baiting in the area after suspicious activity was found on high-traffic hiking areas.

On May 15, 2021, SCI Animal Control partnered with INKAS for a microchipping event held at our Shelter. They had a fantastic turnout, received a lot of donations, and met many new Ivins and Santa Clara residents.