Public Safety Department
February 2022 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

SCIPD has provided a lot of traffic enforcement this month. The officers place and maintain the speed trailers throughout the cities. Approximately 60,000 cars a week go by the speed trailer on Pioneer Parkway this month, and officers anticipate adding another speed trailer in Ivins soon. Officers have also spent some significant time in the school zones this month, which began with many violations and ended with a lot lower numbers. SCIPD will continue to rotate these traffic campaigns throughout the school zones. Lastly, officers participated in several DUI Interdiction shifts that resulted in drugs and impaired driving arrests.

Officer Pikyavit responded to an incident where a victim was electrocuted and was in full cardiac arrest. He began CPR before EMS's arrival. The victim was shocked twice and got a pulse back. The victim made a full recovery.

SCIPD SWAT members participated in multi-agency SWAT operations. Several agencies, including Washington County SWAT Team, St. George PD SWAT, DEA Task Force, the FBI, ICE, and several other agencies, worked together in a search warrant operation. Seven separate search warrants were executions, with 17 individuals federally indicted. It was an excellent experience for all those who participated in the scenarios.

Officer Hall and K9 Copper, and several other officers and K9s in the county, participated in a proactive/criminal interdiction shift this past month. The crew worked from 14:00 to 00:00 and were very productive with their time and focus. The first part of the shift, during daylight hours, focused on the I-15 corridor, and the evening hours focused on city traffic. Officer Hall and K9 Copper, along with other officers, made good traffic stops on the interstate. Approximately 8 ounces of marijuana, multiple containers of THC resin and edibles, 11 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and numerous drug paraphernalia items were seized in four separate traffic stops. During the interdiction shift, officers also seized 5 lbs. of suspected Methamphetamine, one pound of suspected M30 Fentanyl pills, 58.8 lbs. of suspected marijuana, and a large amount of cash from suspects.

Several officers assisted in a vehicle pursuit initiated by Washington City Police Dept. and came through Santa Cara City and Ivins City from St. George. The suspect in the pursuit shot at one of the unmarked police vehicles. Our SWAT Team member was deployed as a sniper and sent to apprehend the suspect, who was shot and killed by another police officer, just off old 91 near Beaver Dam. The end event was a Metro SWAT and SGPD SWAT operation.

Officers took a felony theft report from a construction site in Ivins. An individual took a John Deere grader tractor, and there was damage to the roadway and tractor that occurred during the theft. The detective collected evidence for the case, and the grader was located and returned to the company.

Code Enforcement Sgt. Briggs has had 11 cases in February: five in Ivins with three open and two closed, and six in Santa Clara with four open and two closed.

Victim Advocate Services assisted 14 victims this month with protective orders and court hearings and provided resource referrals. They also completed the UOVC Yearly Grant Desk Review Audit that went well.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Shelter has had a healthy month of adoptions and public outreach. They also had a busy month with litters of puppies surrendered. Thanks to rescue groups, most of the litters have been able to get out of the shelter care and into rescue foster homes to be adopted out.