Public Safety Department
March 2022 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Sgt. Hallman applied for and received a grant to fund an upgraded drone capable of thermal imaging and received funding for laptops for patrol for a total of $21,000.00.

Detective Ward was assigned to work cases involving Brady Bill denials relating to UCA 76-10-526. This law requires federally licensed firearms dealers to initiate a background check on the purchaser prior to the sale of a firearm. The Bureau of Criminal Identification then informs the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the individual resides. There have been six investigations, two just this year. This Brady denial check is a proactive law enforcement approach that helps to protect victims, prevent violent crimes, and give accountability.

SCI was granted funds to do additional enforcement and education specifically for pedestrian and bicycle safety and is planning an enforcement blitz. This month, SCI officers made five DUI arrests and eleven drug-related arrests. Officers are taking a high visibility approach at the parks in the mornings and around school start and stop times and finally notice a decline in the graffiti. They are also working on two burglary incidents that occurred recently.

The Code Enforcement officer had 22 total cases so far for March. Thirteen cases were in Ivins City, three are still open for follow-up on, and ten have been closed with no action necessary.

The victim advocate served 23 victims in Ivins, Santa Clara, and other cities referred from the District Court. Of those victims, eleven were children and twelve were adults involved in either family fights, protective orders, or other court concerns and victim services. The VOCA Grant requires over 260 victim advocate volunteer hours a year, which had been met this month.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Shelter had 34 dogs, five cats, and five other animals brought into the Shelter this month. Some animals got reclaimed by owners, and others were adopted, including an iguana. Two dogs and two cats were euthanized due to medical issues and being non-adoptable, and one at the owner's request. Twelve dogs went to rescue groups, and there are currently nine dogs and one cat in the Shelter.

In March, the Shelter received 12 reported animal bites, all dog vs. human. They have been encouraging residents to keep their dogs on leash and to secure their yards. They have also seen an increase of animals being allowed off-leash from non-residents coming to our cities for a morning or evening walk. Animal Control officers are doing new patrol routes and schedules to help bring these numbers down.