Public Safety Department
August 2022 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

SCIPD had two officers encounter a violent suspect. Officer Ray was on his way home from a long day of training and was in the area when a family fight call came out. Dispatch stated the subject assaulted someone at the home and left on foot. Officers went to the house and circulated the area for the suspect. Sgt. Tobler located the suspect, and Officer Ray arrived to back him. The suspect resisted arrest and assaulted both police officers during the encounter, leaving one of the officers with a broken ankle. Both officers demonstrated courage, patience, and sound judgment during the encounter. Both officers are doing well and are back to work.

Det. Bate and Sgt. Hallman were nominated to represent the Metro SWAT team in the Mountain States SWAT Competition. This training was team-based with real-world scenarios and focused on critical skills training.

The SCI Police officers participated in a "Back to School Day" with every school in Ivins and Santa Clara for the first day of school. There were two officers at the schools to meet and greet kids, assist in the crosswalks, and give a presence of safety. Lt. Studley planned and organized the event and found it to be a great experience. SCIPD is currently participating in a statewide "Back to School" campaign where we received a manpower grant to put extra officers on patrol in and around the school zones before and after school to give an extended presence.

The victim advocate has been busy this month. Shelley covered all dispatched calls for Washington County while the East-side advocate was on leave. Shelly made contact and assisted with 19 domestic violence cases, one elder abuse/stalking, three CANRS (child abuse), a suicide, a suicidal incident, four protective order assists, and a stalking injunction assist. She also attended a victim complaint subcommittee meeting via Zoom.

The Police Department welcomed Tanya Wambold as an administrative assistant for the past several weeks. She has completed her training in the front office and is doing well. She is currently taking the Victim’s Academy Online course and working with Shelley to transition into the duties of a victim advocate.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Santa Clara-Ivins Animal Shelter is currently under construction to remodel the front offices and add storage. They have had 34 dogs and 19 cats on intake, and currently, there are two dogs and 12 cats in the Shelter. They have not had many animals this month but are busy with many public interactions.