Public Safety Department
September 2022 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

This past month, the Police Department participated in the Heritage Days celebration with an open house of the remolded building. It was a huge success, with an estimated 400 individuals that walked through the building. There were animal shelter animals to visit, swag bags, a photo booth, and donuts and popsicles given to the citizens. Several citizens expressed how grateful they were to tour our building and expressed appreciation of the work that officers have done in the communities. The staff and officers are preparing for the Swiss Days event at the end of the month.

Officer Pondoyo responded to a hit-and-run accident in Ivins. On scene, he found a mirror left by the suspect's vehicle. The mirror had a part number on it, and he took it to O'Reilly's and had them look it up to find out what type of vehicle the mirror belonged to. He returned to the area and circulated until he found the type of vehicle it belonged to and observed matching damage. The suspect was questioned, admitted to being involved in the accident, and was issued a citation. It was great investigative work and follow-up by Officer Pondoyo.

Several officers and administrative staff members were involved in training during this month. Currently, Officer Pondoyo is attending the POST- Firearms Instructor Handgun. Detective Bate participated in the Crime Scene Academy training for her new investigation assignment.

Officer Ray is making significant progress on cases that need follow-up while healing from his injury.

The City of Santa Clara reported that their City Yard had been broken into during the weekend. The suspect stole several items and damaged property in the City Yard. Officers are following up on leads from the incident**.**

The victim advocate assisted with eight domestic violence cases (11 total victims, three were children); one felony charge; six protective order assists (nine total victims, three children protected, six adults, and animal); three assists with Crime Victims Reparations aiding six victims (three adults, three children, and one animal); five child abuse cases with a total of 8 victims (five sex abuse, three physical or DV in the presence); one suicidal and three mentally ill subjects. She also completed a site review audit and still working with the auditor to provide City and Departmental policies, and then the 2022-2023 VOCA year audit will be complete.

ANIMAL CONTROL

ACO staff also participated in the Heritage Days celebration. They did an excellent job bringing in 20 animals to attract people to the department and providing swag bags for the children. It was a nice touch; they even adopted two cats during the event. They, too, are preparing for the Swiss Days events at the end of the month.

The Shelter would like to welcome our new full-time employee, Corinne Brent. She worked for Ivins City for 18 years before transferring to the SCI Animal Control Shelter. We are excited to have her part of the team.