Public Safety Department
January 2023 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Officers responded to a report of a flatbed trailer stolen from Ivins City. The next day, Officer Ray was checking for flatbed trailers in a parking lot and discovered a trailer that matched the description of the one taken the previous day. He ran the license plate information through Dispatch and confirmed it was stolen from our jurisdiction. He contacted the neighboring jurisdiction, and the owner recovered the trailer.

Sgt. Hallman researched and applied for a couple of grants. He secured a grant to purchase two new speed-detecting radars for the patrol cars, and he also secured funding outside the budget for two new patrol laptops.

In the past 30 days, SCIPD officers have responded to 382 incidents; issued 253 citations and warnings, with 67 related to speeding; there were 18 arrests made; and 11 traffic collisions. We had six calls of drug-related incidents and two DUI arrests. There were also eight property crime reports, including theft and burglary, and nine fraud cases. The speed trailers and the JMAR are up and running.

The K9 handler deployed Copper nine times in the last 30 days. He also participated in the Metro K9 interdiction team with two other K9s on I15. Officer Hall had five stops and two sniffs. He also assisted St. George Police Dept. with a sniff involving a business burglary that gave probable cause to search the car.

Sgt. Hallman did three drone flights. Two involved law enforcement incidents and one in reference to checking the water line in the Tuacahn Wash.

Lt. Studley completed the annual accreditation report for the year 2022.

Officer Carter located a vehicle that Hurricane City initiated a pursuit for a traffic offense in the early morning hours. The vehicle had fled from the Washington City PD, Washington County Sheriff's Office, and St. George Police Dept. They initially stopped the vehicle for expired registration; however, they received information that the vehicle could be stolen, and the plate on the vehicle was incorrect. While at Lightfoot's in Santa Clara, Office Carter didn't make pursuit until 400 West and Hwy 91. The vehicle reached speeds of approximately 60-80 MPH during the pursuit and was terminated by Officer Carter at the Shivwits gas station after an approximate 2.8 miles pursuit.

Code Enforcement is going smoothly. Most code enforcement calls have come into compliance within 30 days. There are six active cases, five in Ivins City and one in Santa Clara City.

Tanya Wambold has completed the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition (UDVO) Core Advocacy course. This training details the skills and knowledge necessary to support and empower survivors of domestic and sexual abuse, stalking, and human trafficking. We congratulate her on this accomplishment.

The victim advocates have assisted with protective orders, a stalking injunction, assisted with a reparation application, an adult protective services case, a crisis call, and three new DCFS cases. There was a total of 19 victims, seven children and twelve adults, this month.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Shelter welcomed our new full-time employee, MacKenzie Peterson. She previously worked at the Dispatch Center and has two years of experience in Animal Control with St. George. We are excited to have her as part of the team.

Last week, the Utah State Animal Control Officer Association held its annual state training conference in St. George. This training was multiple days of educational segments to equip law enforcement and animal control officers to handle their jobs better and help their communities.

At this training, Officer Ray taught a 2-hour training on Autism de-escalation. Officer Mabe taught a 2.5-hour class regarding hands-on livestock training. This training is state-wide, inviting law enforcement officers, deputies, and animal control officers to attend. The classes each had 85 or more attendees.