Public Safety Department
March 2023 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Santa Clara-Ivins Public Safety welcomes three new officers. Officer Trevor Muse, Officer Jonah Hayes, and Officer Brian Peluffo are attending the Dixie Tech POST Academy program and will graduate in April. The officers are a few weeks into the FTO phase and are doing an excellent job.

Several officers responded to a Search and Rescue where a hiker had fallen and received an injury. The drone and Fire/EMS personnel assisted in locating the hiker. The hiker was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

This month, five officers/staff members attended Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Academy. The course instruction is associated with the CIT approach to responding to people with mental illness. Officers must attend a forty-hour course on incident-based scenarios and an exam to become CIT certified in Utah.

Officer Pondoyo is attending the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training, which teaches officers to detect and evaluate drug-impaired subjects. According to the Utah Dept. of Public Safety, this is a nationally recognized program recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. To become DRE certified, an officer must complete two weeks of intensive classroom training and pass a written examination. Once completed, the officer must complete 12 DRE evaluations on drug-impaired subjects and pass a comprehensive final examination.

During March, officers responded to 393 incidents; issued 207 citations and warnings, with 92 related to speeding, ten traffic accidents, five K9 deployments, and twelve property crimes.

The victim advocate contacted and assisted 25 victims, including eight minors and seventeen adults. The incidents include assaults, stalking, CANRS (child abuse), and protective order assistance.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Santa Clara-Ivins Animal still has several dogs at the shelter. They are participating in several upcoming adoption events and hoping to adopt some dogs.