Public Safety Department
April 2023 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

This past month, officers responded to 401 incidents; issued 188 citations and warnings, with 40 offenses related to speeding, ten traffic accidents, 27 adult/juvenile arrests, 21 property crimes, eight drug-related incidents, and six K9 deployments with Copper.

Officers Muse, Hayes and Peluffo graduated from the police academy and were sworn in by Mayor Hart. They are attending the POST EVO training.

Sgt. Hallman assisted in The Great Shakeout Drill. The backup system worked flawlessly. Ivins City has purchased a private channel to use with the radios will help in communication during an emergency.

Officers responded to two residential burglary incidents where several TVs and other items were stolen. Officers received video footage of the suspect and posted it on social media. A tip came in for the possible suspect. Lt. Studley and Sgt. Tobler, through thorough investigation, served several search warrants, and the items were recovered and returned to the victims. Several arrests have been made in connection with these burglaries.

Officers responded to a weapons offense behind Movara in Ivins, where a male had pulled a handgun, and fired it into the ground while confronting juveniles in reference to an alleged traffic offense. Officer Hall and Lt. Studley arrived and placed the male under arrest. They were assisted by Officer Ray, Officer Pondoyo and two deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Officer Hall made a traffic stop and initiated a drug investigation. As a result, the male was arrested for possession with intent to distribute meth, heroin, and fentanyl. He also seized large amounts of the drugs.

The victim advocates assisted 39 victims this month. The incidents include victims in family fights, weapon offense, custodial, threatening, stalking, CANRS (child abuse), and a protective order assistance.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Shelter has multiple adoption events coming up. They hope to get a few of the long-term dogs adopted. The officers remain very busy with calls and assisting the public. They had 24 animals come into the shelter this month, with 12 of them owner-reclaimed and four adopted out.