Public Safety Department
May 2023 City Council Staff Report

POLICE

Several officers and agencies responded to a report of an assault. A citizen witnessed a car driving recklessly, and as it passed the witness, an occupant yelled for help and to call 911. The car swerved and hit something, and the suspect exited the vehicle, and the occupant was able to escape the car after being assaulted by the suspect. During the investigation, it was determined the victim and suspect had been in a previous relationship, and the victim had been kidnapped, taken against their will, and put into the car by the suspect. The victim received several injuries. An Attempt to Locate (ATL) was put out for the suspect, who lives in Santa Clara.

Officer Peluffo responded to a lockout with an infant child locked in a truck. The infant had been in there for some time. After an extended effort to get the truck unlocked, it was apparent the child was suffering from exposure (it was a black truck, and hot outside). Medical had responded and noted the child in distress. After talking with the parent/truck owner, Sgt. Hallman broke out the driver's side window of the truck. The infant was found to be experiencing heat exposure and was transported non-emergent to the hospital by ambulance.

On May 18, Officer Pikyavit responded to a Traumatic on Puerto Dr. in Ivins. He was notified of a child on the ground next to a parked car. The child had crashed into the back of a parked vehicle while riding his bike. He assessed the child, and had medical personnel respond. The child had scrapes on his left leg and a cut on his forehead and was bleeding from his mouth. He was cleared by medical and released to his mother.

This past month, officers have provided extra traffic enforcement in the construction zone and will start the Click it or Ticket Campaign. There have been 403 citations and warnings issued, with 214 offenses related to speeding related incidents; And officers have responded to 365 calls for service, some include:
5 – Death investigations, 3 - Burg-Residence, 2 – Drugs, 2 – DUI, 5 - Family Fights
4 - Hit and Run, 4 - Juvenile Problems, 2 – Overdoses, 2 – Suicidals, 6 - Traffic Hazards, and 12 - Accidents.

The victim advocates submitted the VOCA Grant to the Utah Office of Victims of Crime. This grant is for a two-year cycle with quarterly reporting for the two years. Lt. Studley, Sgt. Hallman and Tanya Wambold attended the training for Intimate Partner Violence Lethality Assessment, Utah SB117, regarding family fights and domestic violence investigations.

The victim advocates assisted 17 juveniles and eight adults this month. The assistance included filing an Ex Partee Child Protective order, a civil stalking injunction, a court hearing, assisting clients with Crime Victim's Reparations applications, and assisting victims of sex offenses, receiving six Child Abuse & Neglect Reports (CANR) from DCFS. Lt. Studley and Tanya also attended the 35th Annual Crime Victims Conference in Midway, Utah.

Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Lameka has been addressing city code violations, and this month there have been fifteen incidents, six in Santa Clara City and nine in Ivins. Those incidents include issues with parking, abandoned vehicles, and other nuisances.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officers have participated in several adoption events recently. They were able to adopt two dogs at the "Mutts at the Mall" event. The officers also attended the Hogs and Hounds Pet Adoption and BBQ held at the Zion Harley-Davidson in Washington City and adopted out a dog.

Officers have been working hard to stay caught up with the number of animals at the shelter and the extra care required for each one. During May, they have taken in 25 dogs and 26 cats. Five dogs were adopted, and 13 dogs reclaimed, with one cat adopted.

Animal Control Officers were able to trap the husky that had been abandoned on the Toe Trail over three weeks ago. Thanks to the help of a trapping specialist, they were able to work together and finally outsmart her.