PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

MARCH 2024 CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE ACTIVITY:

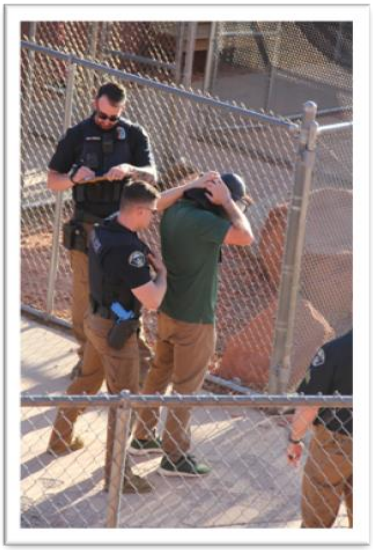


- Officers Heinze and Hall responded to an in-progress Residential Burglary in Santa Clara. The homeowner saw the suspects on his security cameras and knew they were still inside the residence. When the officers arrived, the suspects would not open the door. The homeowner provided a passcode so officers could enter and detain the suspects. The investigation led to two individuals being arrested for burglary, vehicle theft, weapon offenses, and drug charges.
- Officers responded to a found property incident, where a firearm was in a storm drain. The firearm was found to be stolen out of St. George from an incident in 2013.
- Officer Pikyavit responded to a report of a felony theft. During the investigation, items were believed to be on the property. Officers obtained a search warrant and recovered the stolen firearm and other items. The suspect was booked in jail on related charges.
- Detective Bate investigated an aggravated sexual assault incident. She arrested the suspect on the above charges as they were in a position of trust with the victim.
- Juju Chang, a television journalist for ABC News, interviewed Sgt. Tobler, Detective Bate, and Officer Pikyavit on the child abuse incident from August of 2023. The 20/20 investigation show aired on television this month.





TRAININGS:



- Lt. Studley attended the supervisory FBI LEEDA Training in Salt Lake City.
- Chief Flowers, Cpt. Rodgers and Lt. Studley attended the Annual Utah Chief of Police Association Conference in St. George.
- Detectives Pondoyo and Bate attended a training for the debrief of the familicide in Enoch.
- Officer Hall and K9 Copper attended the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept. Annual K-9 Trails.
- SCI Police Department's monthly training included a presentation from the Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT), where they discussed the resources they offer. Use of force was covered, and Sgt. Tobler and Detective Bate did hands-on scenario-based de-escalation training.

EVENTS:

- Detective Pondoyo and Officer Hayes attended the Vista Charter School career event, where first responders visited with students and answered their questions.
- Detective Pondoyo, Sgt. Tobler, Officers Pikyavit, and Hayes attended the mock mass casualty event at Rocky Vista University. They reenacted a scenario of vehicle vs. bus casualty. Officers helped with the incident command, landed a life flight, and provided scene security. A few other agencies participated in the event.
- Officers provided traffic control at several events this month, including two weekends of the True Grit mountain biking race and Dirty Hurty. They also started security shifts at Tuacahn for eight events in March.





Calls of Service/Incidents:	Ivins City	Santa Clara City
Accidents/Hit and Run – 10	*6*	*4*
Alcohol/DUI – 1	*1*	*0*
Drugs – 2	*1*	*1*
Family Fights/Assaults – 11	*8*	*3*
K9 – 2	*1*	*1*
Warrants – 2	*2*	*0*
Total Calls for Service – 454	*281*	*173*
Crimes Against Persons – 26	*16*	*10*
Crimes Against Property – 30	*15*	*15*
Substance Abuse Calls – 3	*1*	*2*
Mental Health Incidents – 6	*4*	*2*
Arrests – Juveniles/Adults – 2/10	*1/4*	*1/6*
Total Citations – 163	*91*	*72*
Violations – 213	*115*	*98*
Speeding-Related Citations – 79	*59*	*20*

Victim Advocate

- Victim Advocate Tanya assisted victims, including CANRS (child abuse) and protective orders, and updated the Ivins City website with resources and information for victims of crimes.

Victim Assistances	Ivins City	Santa Clara City
Adults – 24	*10*	*14*
Juveniles – 13	*11*	*2*

Animal Control

- The Animal Shelter has continued to stay busy with intakes of dogs and cats and is limiting the intake of owner surrenders. Currently, there is one Animal Control Officer who is patrolling as well as taking care of the shelter. Bailee Mabe accepted a position at the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and we congratulate her on her accomplishments.

Animal Intake	Dogs	Cats
Total Intakes	*18*	*6*
Owner Reclaim	*11*	*4*
Adoptions	*0*	*1*
Rescue	*0*	*10*
DOA	*0*	*2*
In Shelter	*8*	*1*
TNR	*0*	*0*