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To: Mayor Kemper & Members of the City Council.
Administrator Jonathan Teichert

From: Todd Byerly
Chief of Police

Date: July 8, 2021

Re: Police Department Report – June

Officer Evans gave a presentation to the Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, as well as a tour of the Justice Center to the Boys and Girls Club on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

Officer Zwiebel and Officer Leman attended the Crime Scene Management Class June 21-25, 2021, which was hosted here at the Justice Center.

Officer's Zwiebel and Dowd taught a basic refresher class to members of the Douglas Police Department on June 8 and 9.

School Resource Officer Kelley attended the School Safety Conference in Greeley Colorado June 28 – 30. This conference covered many topics including but not limited to social media and youth as well as school threat assessments and active shooter lessons learned.

Officer Evans attended sex crimes training in Wheatland June 21 – 23. This class focused on tactics used by stalkers and rapists of adult victims as well as tactics that predators, molester's and pedophiles use on child victims. Three main components of these types of crimes: the predator's behavior, the crime, and police response were discussed as well.

Officer's Boonstra, Toman, and Hermann attended the DWI Cannabis training in Casper on June 30, 2021. This training focused on identifying impaired drivers under the influence of Cannabis.

Chief Byerly and Lt Matthews attended the dinner hosted by the Boys and Girls Club on June 9, 2021. This dinner was part of the Wyoming Hunger Initiative hosted by Wyoming First Lady Jennie Gordon.

Detective Leman has hit the ground running and has already solved a few "cold" cases which led to found stolen property. He spent the week of June 28, 2021, with Wyoming DCI. During this week they focused on search warrants, asset seizures, conspiracy and drug cases, case management, intel, etc. We are very fortunate that DCI was willing to assist Detective Leman as he starts a new chapter. The week of July 12, 2021, he will spend a few days with the Casper Police Department Detective Division to really dig into case assignments and management. Chief Byerly, Lt Matthews, and Det Leman have worked on procedures for Det call-out, case assignment protocols, and case management. We will continue to evaluate these processes to ensure the most efficiency.

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New hires Triston Johnson and Adam Reiter were sworn in on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Kurtis Kinney was sworn in on Thursday, July 8, 2021. These officers, as well as Caleb Holscher and Marcin Hermann will be presented to council on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Our Field Training Program for new officers consist of twelve (12) weeks, plus the additional fourteen (14) Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy. We have added, what we call a pre-academy, to the training program. This will be a two (2) week classroom training that consists of expectations, department standards, values, community policing, interview and interrogation (basics for field interviews), report writing, statutory law, laws of arrest, as well as custody and control, Taser, and Firearms proficiencies. Our goal through implementing this type of classroom is to enhance the training program while giving recruits tools to succeed prior to entering the Field Training Program.

Detective Leman is still working on changing our department website. This redesign will have more information as to the agency, city, as well as tools people can use such as: what to do as a victim of fraud, phone scams, VIN Checks, etc.

The Douglas Police Department with Enterprise, Jen Goodwin to hold a community Fourth of July Event which was posted on Facebook. This event had several competitions which community members could participate in for free, however winners won prizes. DPD had a team that consisted of Chief Byerly, Ashly Byerly, Lt Matthews, and Sean Leman. We participated in a patrol car push (driven by Mayor Kemper, thank you), and Tug-o-War, and bed races. I am sad to announce that our team took 2nd place in each event behind Team Sasquatch. We are planning on training for next year's event.

We also played the Douglas Fire Department on July 5th in a competitive (???) game of softball. There was a good turn-out of spectators to watch the Douglas Police Department win 27 – 12.

Chief Byerly met with other Board Members of Wyoming Chiefs and Sheriff's Association to discuss several items impacting Wyoming Law Enforcement. There were many good discussions, some of which encompassed Department Policy Accreditation.

On Wednesday, July 7, 2021, Chief Byerly assisted the Wyoming Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) with interviews for agents.

We have had two (2) vehicles damaged in the last thirty (30) days which required repairs to the passenger's side. This means we must replace the decals in those areas. With the potential of ordering two (2) new vehicles as well as replacement of decals on two (2) vehicles, we are exploring "rebranding" the vehicles. We would not look at all vehicles due to costs, but over time we think this might be an opportune time.

The Douglas Police Department saw a slight decrease in calls for service this past month. Since June 7, 2021, officers responded to 522 calls for service and made 99 traffic stops.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd A. Byerly

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