

August was busy with activities and the return of the students not all of which are connected. The USA Pro Cycling Race went off without a hitch. The crowds may not have been as big as predicted but for a first time year I believe we were well represented. A large part of the success goes to the City being involved at all levels including on the street talking with visitors and directing traffic. Likewise the car show brought a lot of activity to the downtown. The WOW was hampered some by rain so ended a little earlier than planned.

On the criminal front the department in connection with the fire department is investigating two arsons that occurred on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The first was of a wood pile located in a wooded area next to an apartment complex. Later, the same night, a second fire was reported in front of two apartment units in the same complex. Some damage was caused to the exterior of the building and outdoor furniture. The department has also had three assaults reported in August involving knives. In two incidents fights occurred inside private residences where someone picked up a knife. In both of these incidents, injuries were minor and the parties were arrested. The third incident is under investigation and involves a male subject found lying in the yard of a residence with a puncture wound. Limited information is available on how the person was injured and the case is under investigation. The burglary investigation from July of Subway is progressing and warrants were issued last week for two individuals. Also on the closure front the case concerning the vehicular assault on Main Street has been sent to the District Attorney's Office for review and filing.

The Good Neighbor Program was done on September 1<sup>st</sup> with a combined effort from the college and the police department visiting residents in all areas of the City. The group consisted of approximately 80 people broke up into 10 teams. The group mission was to make a positive contact with residents and encourage neighbors to work together and respect each other in areas surrounding, noise, parties, parking, and litter. The group also distributed information on crime prevention.

| Reports Taken         | May | June | July | Aug |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Alcohol violations    | 2   | 1    | 2    | 3   |
| Assaults              | 3   | 2    | 5    | 7   |
| Burglaries            | 3   | 1    | 4    | 3   |
| Controlled Substances | 5   | 0    | 1    | 3   |
| Criminal Mischief     | 9   | 10   | 8    | 27  |
| Disorderly Conduct    | 2   | 4    | 3    | 5   |
| Disturbing the Peace  | 13  | 5    | 13   | 8   |
| DUI                   | 3   | 4    | 11   | 8   |
| FTA                   | 1   | 0    | 4    | 2   |
| Harassment            | 12  | 4    | 10   | 12  |
| Thefts                | 23  | 24   | 25   | 18  |
| Trespass              | 7   | 14   | 14   | 12  |

On August the 8th Jodie Harris-Chinn completed 9 years with communications, actually quite unheard of in the business. Chuck completed his 9 years as director on August the 1st and begins a glorious 10th year, a new record for Gunnison Dispatch Directors.

On August 10th Keith and Chuck traveled to Alamosa to look at the new CSP offices housing troop headquarters and communications center. Alamosa CSP dispatches for most of the emergency services in the San Luis Valley, (that's all or part of 7 counties) and their operation is similar to Gunnison Dispatch. In addition to discussing the operations we were able to look at their dispatch consoles and Cassidian 9-1-1 system. Cassidian is one of the systems Gunnison Communications is looking at to replace the existing 911 phone system.

On Monday the 29th of August Chuck attended the 9-1-1 Summit in Golden Colorado at the criminal justice center, learned a lot about the new national broadband 9-1-1 systems. Many things need to come into play before it actually happens; governance, funding, local authority, opposed to state authority etc.

Communications has had a busy summer as you can see from the table. However, a slight clarification and adjustment is in order concerning the 911 calls. The 911 call tracking is provided by Century Link and their reporting date is after the monthly report due date. Historically we report the data in the month received to show call trends. This does cause some question in months where the number of 911 calls is notably higher or lower than the emergency pages, such as this month. Beginning this month I will adjust the table to reflect 911 calls in the proper month to help compare the number of 911 calls coming in to the number of pages. That may delay the 911 call stats slightly but more accurately reflect how busy communications is. As an example the 750 9-1-1 calls for July was a new dispatch record for 9-1-1 calls into our center. Further breaking it down each dispatcher, if averaged, answered 83.33 9-1-1 calls. In chuck's words, "believe me that is a ton of calls" and "Good work ladies of dispatch!!!"

|                         | May   | June  | July  | Aug     |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Ambulance Pages         | 74    | 141   | 196   | 165     |
| Fire Pages              | 20    | 48    | 67    | 55      |
| EMD calls               | 15    | 29    | 32    | 22      |
| 9-1-1 Calls             | 336   | 521   | 750   | pending |
| Admin                   | 11949 | 13564 | 15518 | 14428   |
| Search and Rescue Calls | 0     | 7     | 15    | 8       |

I don't always report on Neighborhood Services but they stay busy as well dealing with evidence, lost and found property, code violations and animal calls. Animal calls outside of 7 AM to 5PM are also handled by patrol officers. The department responded to 36 animal related calls during August. In one incident officers responded to a neighbor dispute where one neighbor had reportedly threatened to shoot the others dog. After investigation by NSO and Patrol both dog owners were charged with vicious animal violations.

Planning continues for the Airport Tri-Annual disaster drill, scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. This event brings all the local emergency responders out to test different facets of our response capability in the event of an emergency involving an airplane. One of the planning struggles is how to compress an event that would take days, in real life, down to three hours for a practice. If you would like to observe please contact me.

If, you have any questions please contact me, office 641-8250 or cell 275-6783.  
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