

POLICE DEPARTMENT MID-YEAR REPORT

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For the mid-year report I like to try and give council an idea of where police activity compares to prior years and highlight some of the activities that occupy our time, planning or future projects.

For those activities which we normally report on everything appears consistent with prior years. The numbers for mid-year will not evenly reflect half of the previous year totals due to some predictable activities; property crimes trend higher in the spring and alcohol/disorderly type offense typically have two spikes once in the spring and again in the fall. Bicycle and traffic enforcement is down primarily due to staffing levels.

Reports Taken	2014	2015	2016(Jan-Jun)
Alcohol violations	48	32	18
Assaults	69	72	39
Burglaries	10	26	13
Controlled Substances	20	42	24
Criminal Mischief	86	79	20
Public Disorder/Peace	186	171	57
DUI	61	90	27
Court Order/bond/FTA	79	96	57
Harassment	70	61	24
Thefts	168	174	93
Trespass	34	24	16
Animal - Complaints	350	327	127
Animal – Vicious	28	30	18
Bicycle, Warnings	51	68	19
Bicycle, Tickets	58	64	10
Moving Violations, Warnings	870	817	224
Moving Violations, Tickets	200	173	69
Parking Violations, Warnings	91	153	59
Parking Violations, Tickets	354	204	163

The other comparison on how the year is progressing is to compare year to date activities.

	Last Year	This Year
Reports	1243	1204
Arrests	281	249
Citations	920	663

Council approved two new positions for the police department, one in neighborhood services and an additional patrol officer. Both positions were intended to increase random patrol time which is where traffic enforcement fits for police officers and neighborhood services is available to take a more proactive role in nuisance and animal at large complaints. However, filling those positions became a struggle. The Neighborhood Services position was filled in April with the training period just finishing up in June, so

Kelsey is out on her own. The 15th patrol officer position has not been filled to date. We were able to get four candidates in for testing in May with two being selected for conditional offers and further testing. Evan completed the testing and started on July 11th and went into the department training program. The second candidate did not complete testing. Evan replaced Caleb who resigned in June which still leaves us trying to fill the 15th position. The application process has been reopened and we are striving to find a qualified candidate by year end.

Random patrol time by patrol and NSO has also been affected by officers on leave due to the officer involved shooting in February and leave from work related injuries. We have also had officers on leave and light duty resulting from non-work related injuries. Individually the absence may not be big but combined they affect the amount of time available for random patrol by everyone.

As for other staffing areas records has not seen any changes in several years. Communications had one dispatcher, Emma, leave in June and her position was filled by Hilarie who was able to start training in July.

The Law Enforcement Advocate Program is continuing to develop and be an asset in the community. As a reminder the Police Department took over the law enforcement advocate program in 2013 when the sheriff's office advocate retired. The advocate program serves crime victims associated with Crested Butte, Mt Crested Butte, Gunnison County and the City and fills a statutory requirement placed on law enforcement. The initial program consisted of strictly information sharing and resource referrals for victims of crime and was based out of the police department records office. Starting in January 2015 we were able to add a part time advocate, Kari. Kari is on call to respond to scenes to meet with victims, conducts personal visits and works with other victim support groups in the county. The program still utilizes the records department for mail contact and consistent phone and walk-in contacts during business hours. Funding for 2016 was received from VALE and the other three law enforcement agencies in the County. The 2017 VALE grant is due July 27, 2016, well before the City even starts the budget process so calculating a budget has been tricky. For 2017 budgeting we are anticipating the same level of funding and offered services. However, we are also looking at opportunities to increase grant funding or volunteer options to increase services.

	2015	2016 (Jan-June)
Domestic Related cases	25	10
Sex Offenses	27	8
Other Victim Crimes	108	60
Non-Criminal Cases	5	2

Training continues to be an ongoing process in the police department. I already indicated that NSOs training process for new employees is approximately two months long. That consisted of only in-house training. Kelsey will be attending a property and evidence room training in August. Communications in-house training (CTO program) for new employees is approximately 3 months long. The communications officers also have

several yearly certifications they have to maintain as well as they have a web based training program with a department required minimum amount of training time. Laurie is currently part of a state group working on adopting training standards for Emergency Communications Officers in Colorado. As for sworn officers the last few years have seen increasing mandatory training standards. In some instances the requirements are for things we already had as part of our training but the amount is how mandatory with some new areas. As of 2015, 20 hours of annual training consisting of 12 hours of perishable skills (arrest control, firearms, driving) and 8 hours of other topics became mandatory. Mandatory training was added in 2016 for community relations, anti-bias, and situational de-escalation. The amount or type of training is not a concern, beyond we have to make sure and include it in an already busy schedule, or risk officers losing their certification or the department loosing training funds. Funding for sworn officer training is made available from the state (POST) to pay for web based training, classes, and travel. The department still has to pick up the time involved in training which we try to do in Gunnison as much as we can. Year to date sworn officers have participated in a total of 913 hours of training.

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Reviewing and adopting the Lexipol policy program is continuing. As a reminder Lexipol provides the research and basic policy framework for law enforcement related policy issues. They also provide continual monitory of legal issues and release updated policy language when recommended. Council approved the policy transition in 2015 and full funding was received from POST because of the training portion of the program. Partial funding for 2016 was received to cover only the software maintenance costs associated with the training features. The training portion consists of regular releases by Lexipol where the officer is present with a scenario, given related information to consider and then deal with a scenario question based on current department policy. My goal for adopting Lexipol was to insure that our policies were kept current and establish a better method for tracking and documenting changes. Establishment of Lexipol would be one step in allowing the department to obtain accreditation through the Colorado Chief of Police Association. Based on budget, timing and review the process could start in 2017.

Department is looking at educational options dealing with drugs but this hasn't been a fast process identifying performance based programs and gaining support for implementation with local groups. We are hoping to get a program approved for the high school for this coming school year. Provided the program is accepted a presentation can be made to Council explaining the program and funding requests. We are also looking at training aids to implement into our existing programs as the school year approaches for both the university and public schools. Funding approval would be through Council and the money set aside for drug education.

The above hits some of the big long term projects or issues being dealt with. As Council knows the nuisance code is hopefully rapping up and headed for approval, which will then kick in implementation. Modifications for right of way licensing has already been adopted so we are working on implementation. So more ordinance updates will be identified and start through the process.

The summer has been busy as you probably noticed if you have spent any time driving downtown. There are still events happening that we will be planning for like the car show, art in the park, night of lights, return of WSCU and startup of the public schools in August. So there will be plenty of topics for coming monthly reports.

If, you have any questions, please contact me, my office phone is 641-8250.

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