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Subject: Weekly Update

Council,

Here are this week's items:

Police (Chief Dan Mcilraith)

- Officer RUBEN FORTUNA has been chosen as our second DT (defensive tactics) instructor. We will work for him to receive his level one and level 2 DT instructor certification through WA CJTC (Criminal Justice Training Commission) in 2022. Our Master DT Instructor JED CATES will be able to do the majority of the training in-house.
- Officer CATES moved into one of our new SUVs ordered in 2021 from 2022 Budget. The other SUV purchased is pending upfitting and deployment to Officer Bass. This will move a 2013 and a 2015 out of assigned patrol. These vehicles are in rough shape and likely should be surplus, but we have to keep as spares for now. Currently with ordering 2 vehicles a year the police dept is on a 7 to 11 year cycle for vehicles depending in the conditions of the vehicle. We will have to be looking at options to shorten this cycle.
- On 08-07-22 at the Skagit Motel, Officer BASS located a vehicle in which a recently contacted driver had a felony warrant. The vehicle left as OFC BASS drove through the parking lot. Officer BASS attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle fled westbound on HWY 20 at a high rate of speed, OFC BASS was forced to discontinue his attempt to stop the vehicle. OFC BASS developed information that the driver was a different subject than suspected. This subject is known to sell counterfeit perc 30s. That night the driver was not located. The next night, 08-08, Burlington Officers located the subject the jail would not accept on the prior night eluding charge. He will be referred for felony eluding to the Skagit PA.
- On 08-08-22 SWPD received a call from the FAA reporting that from inside the city a laser was pointed at a passing airplane. No further information is known. Officer checked the area but was UTL.

Fire (Chief Frank Wagner)

Department Staffing:

- Past 7 days we have had 72 hours of coverage that we were unable to fill with volunteers/part-time staffing; 6 shifts. These days we had to take an ambulance/engine out of service and run short-handed.
- Volunteer Testing- This past week we had 5 of our volunteers receive their Washington State Department of Health EMT Certifications!! Zack Hendricks, Sean O'Neill, Ren Fellores, Jacob Braaten, and Jonas Rensink.

Events/Training/Public Outreach:

- Annual Police vs Fire department Softball game is scheduled for 2:30pm on Saturday August 13th at Tesarik Field.
- Will have an Engine Crew at the Reading & Resources Under the Lights event on August 12th which the Sedro-Woolley School District is hosting to promote literacy, and have arranged for a landing by LifeFlight Helicopter!!
- Firefighter-Paramedic Megan Guard-Lilley completed two sessions of First Aid/CPR trainings to update the Police Department and Upper Skagit Officers as well.

- 3rd Quarter OTEP- our continuing education for our EMS providers was completed this past week for Sedro-Woolley Fire, Fire Districts 4, 8, 16, and Hamilton.

Projects

- Special Thanks to Nathan Salseina, Kevin Kesti and Brent Schiefelbien for their amazing job at Fire Station 2!
 - They replaced our decking and stairs that had become unsafe due to rot and weathering, and as usual they did a phenomenal job.
 - Nathan also managed the procurement and oversight of the repainting of Station 2, which also is finished and looks great.
- Received a local grant from the Skagit County EMS-New Initiative Funding that allowed for the purchase of dopplers for our ambulances; which are handheld ultrasound devices that detect movement through sound waves, allowing providers to detect heartbeats on difficult cases or infants. Glen will be working on getting these in service this next week.

Other Stuff

- Police Use of Force Incidents and Policy Area of Our Website – We launched [this](#) portion of our website last week and promoted it on social media. We'll be adding to it gradually over time.
- Upcoming Interlocal Agreements (ILAs) – We are planning to bring you two renewal ILA agreements with Skagit County during September, one for community court and one for probation.
- Strategic Plan Coming Back – We'll be bringing back the next iteration of the draft strategic plan at the next meeting, with an option for action, if you are so inclined.
- No Update Next Week – I will be presenting at the AWC Budget Workshop in Leavenworth on Thursday and Friday next week. As a result, I'll be out of the office starting on Wednesday afternoon.

Thanks,

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