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Council,

Here are this week's items:

Police Department (from Chief Mcilraith)

- On 02-07-23 at about 1645, Sedro-Woolley Officers contacted a subject known to them at Ferry St and Eastern Ave. Officers contacted the subject yesterday related to a malicious mischief complaint. At that time, Officers were advised that the subject had a felony DOC warrant related to a past Assault 3rd conviction. At that time DOC and the jail would not accept but Officers were advised DOC would accept later if the subject was re-contacted. The warrant was confirmed, and Officers moved to place the subject into handcuffs. The subject attempted to break free and while doing so, punched one Officer in the face and shoulder multiple times. Other Officers took the subject to the ground where he continued to resist. He was placed into handcuffs. The subject received only minor scratches from the struggle but was checked out by aid. The Officers received injuries to the face and knees. The subject was later transported to Skagit County Jail where he was booked on 2 counts of Assault 3rd and Resisting Arrest. Officers later found the suspect has past convictions for Assault 2nd degree (substantial body injury), Assault 3rd, Burglary 2nd, and 14 gross misdemeanors and misdemeanors.
- On 02-10-23 just after midnight, a Sedro-Woolley Officer attempted to stop a vehicle on HWY 20 in the area of Ball St. The vehicle failed to stop for the patrol vehicle's emergency lights and siren. The suspect vehicle sped up to approximately 95 MPH in a 45 MPH zone while swerving. The Officer discontinued his attempt to stop the vehicle as the vehicle left the city limits eastbound while failing to stop at the stop light at HWY 20 and Fruitdale Rd. The registration on the vehicle returned to an address east of Sedro-Woolley. Skagit County Deputies went to the registered owner's address and located the vehicle. Upon interviews, information was gained that established probable cause for a female subject inside the residence. Sedro-Woolley Officers prepared to apply for a search warrant for the residence to arrest the female as she would not come to the door. While at the residence Deputies and a Sedro-Woolley Officer could hear arguing and yelling within the residence. The registered owner invited officers inside the living room of the residence, and they place the suspect under arrest. The suspect was transported to SWPD where the suspect was processed for DUI. Even 2 hours after the incident the suspect blew a .104 during the DUI process. She was booked into jail for the attempt to elude police and DUI. The suspect has been arrested for DUI 3 times and arrested for a separate eluding within the last 6 months. This same vehicle was also involved in 2 prior eluding where WSP and SWPD could not establish probable cause of who was driving the vehicle during those incidents.
- Sedro-Woolley Officers are working with Central Elementary on providing a location for Central Elementary's Reading Scavenger hunt. Officers are uploading videos and information for the kids to learn about what Police do for their community.

- 2/12/23 - Officers responded to a welfare check of a male reportedly intoxicated, “having a mental break down” and armed with a firearm. The caller reported she was afraid the male “would hurt other people”. Officers responded and Ofc Cates stood in the rain and was able to convince the male to give up the firearm (unloaded), and alerted the male’s support network to come and be with him.
- Officers McGaughey and Moore were selected as the newest Patrol Tactics Instructors for the Dept. As instructors these officers are responsible for providing 24 hours of annual training to all SWPD officers on high risk calls, tactics, mental health and emotional intelligence through scenario and classroom study. This position is part of mandated training (LETACSA). They will also assist other agencies in regional trainings through the year.
- 2/11/23: A youth outreach group came by and donated 2 dozen hand decorated sugar cookies to SWPD and SWFD as a thank you.
- 2/12/23 SWPD and SWFD came together and made nachos and tacos for the Superbowl. Not an uncommon occurrence to see cops and firefighters here in Woolley cooking and eating together when we can’t be home with our families.

Fire Department (from Chief Wagner)

Fire Department Staffing/Personnel:

- Past week we have had 84 hours of shifts that we were unable to fill.

Events/Training/Public Outreach:

- This weekend the association hosts their annual sweethearts banquet to show appreciation for their significant others support and to present annual awards.
- Police and fire administration attended a training with the school district on their new emergency alert notification system.

Other Stuff (from me)

- We are a 2023 Association of Washington Cities (AWC) WellCity – We once again met the standards to be a [WellCity](#), which provides us a discount on our employee health insurance but more importantly signifies our commitment to the wellness of our employees. Special thanks go out to last year’s Wellness Coordinator Jo Ann Lazon, this year’s Wellness Coordinator Katie Quinn, the City’s Safety & Wellness Committee, and all of our employees on a job well done!

Thanks,

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