Hayden Lake Police Monthly Report: February 2020

Traffic Stops Conducted: 25 **Citations Issued:** 5 **Warnings:** 20

Calls for Service: 15 **Agency Assists:** 0 **Reports:** 3

Vacation Checks: (7) 5 current **Citizen Contacts:** 35+

Hrs worked: (9001) - 170 (Including 8 Holiday) (9002) – 43

Summary:

February traffic is picking up with the nicer weather. Many more folks stopped and warned about speed through town.

We have begun spreading the word and contacting people at McCall Park regarding leash requirements per Kootenai County's request. Since we have adopted Kootenai County's Animal Ordinances, we must abide by their definitions and they do not recognize "Verbal Control" as a valid type of control mechanism when it comes to dogs. The PD is currently operating on a warning and informational basis, though in the next few months if this continues to be an issue people will start being cited for failure to restrain their animals. The city has purchased new signage which will be posted very visibly to show the leash ordinance.

We are also attempting to spread the word that we would like ANY and ALL incidents involving deer vs vehicle accidents to be reported, and ANY criminal activities seemingly insignificant or not. All of these things are important to build statistical data that can be used in numerous ways to help better our community.

3 "found property" items turned in this month and all returned to their owners. 1 ID, 1 Wallet, and 1 "Clutch" purse. Great to see a community that cares to return these kinds of items!

We had 3 car burglaries occur this month, all on Pines Rd. No damage done to the vehicles, all of them were unlocked at the time. No witnesses though we do have 2 suspects and I am looking into some possible camera footage from a "Ring Doorbell"and from a neighboring house. I will update on this next month as I don't want to comment on an open case.

I am conducting stationary patrols at set locations at varying times and starting to log the activity, primarily for speed, to be able to get an idea for problem areas as we come into the spring/summer season.

I met with an AT&T provider for "1st Net" which is a national program started via congress a few years ago that provides a network strictly for 1st responders which has prioritized use during emergencies and is free from the overcrowding problem experienced by the towers in high traffic incidents. This would be $45 a month to have an unlimited data plan with hotspot capability to use for connectivity for the in car computer. This one item and cost would cover the needs for a work phone, mobile in car hotspot, and

likely in car camera and body camera capability, and possibly a few other uses. I will look at the budget but this would be a good addition to solve a few of the department's current deficits with one item.

Attended the CIT monthly meeting, and the SPAN Meeting. For suicides in Kootenai County to date we are already at 10 for the year. 1 Juvenile out of Post Falls, and 1 intentional overdose via opiates.

I attended the first of 2 yearly meetings for the POST North NIC Patrol Academy Board. All local agency heads attended and the board was created to help steer the direction of the patrol academy future and function. These meetings are great places for contacts and assist greatly in the long term for securing help, funding, and resources. This was the first time Hayden Lake PD was represented in these meetings.

The PD And I have been reinstated into the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association (ICOPA). This is a very valuable group to be a part of, and very in-expensive ($100 a year). This group allows me access to an email group that goes to all agency heads in the state to be able to request assistance, equipment, and knowledge. ICOPA also provides a yearly training seminar at the end of each year, which is 3 days of free training. This year the seminar is hosted at the CDA Resort.

I stopped in to the County Club and was introduced to Les and some of the Country Club Management Staff. Looks like the club will be up and running after remodel by April.

Met with Burt Black, a citizen that came in to the previous meeting asking about some neighborhood crime stats. I brought up the possibility of setting up a neighborhood watch program for his neighborhood which I think would be a great test ground to be able to spread that program through other parts of the community. The official "Neighborhood Watch" program has great resources to help deter property crime and strengthen community ties. I'm looking into the costs for implementation and will update on that as we get started. These groups would be created by citizens in set neighborhood areas and would consist of their immediate neighbors. Each group would meet roughly once a month or so and would provide me the opportunity to meet with everyone in each neighborhood watch group regularly to get acquainted with any complaints and concerns for each small localized area of the community.

I Met with Officer Knoll from the CDA Police Department. He is the law enforcement grant coordinator for the local area. We covered several grant topics that will be beneficial and should aid in getting us some new equipment in the near future, and discussed Hayden Lake Police Department being involved in the countywide North Idaho DUI Task Force. Being a part of the task force will help us get some community notoriety, assistance if we have any large events in our city in the future, and helps secure some of the available grant funding.

Respectfully Submitted,

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