



# City of Duncanville

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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: May 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

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**Polling Location Change** – Earlier this week, Dallas County Elections Department notified the City Secretary that Precinct 3600-05, which has eleven (11) registered voters, was scheduled for a polling location during the City runoff elections in June at Beltline Conference Center. Since that location was not in a precinct that was part of the election, they recommended moving those voters to Reed Middle School with MPCT 3202, which is in the election with 5,230 registered voters. We concurred and Dallas County will make that change. This only applies to Election Day voting, not early voting.

**NBC5 Report on Police Staffing** – earlier this week, I let you know that a reporter with NBC5 contacted Chief Brown Wednesday afternoon about a story on police department staffing shortages in Dallas County. They specifically mentioned staffing shortages in “the Best Southwest” and wanted to get an interview about Duncanville, saying they were running a story that night at 10p. Chief Brown could not accommodate an interview but did send them some written information about our various recruiting efforts.

The story did air that night, and mentioned Desoto, Cedar Hill, Irving and Richardson departments, but did not mention Duncanville. The story illustrates that Duncanville is not alone in facing staffing shortages.

<https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Officer-Shortage-Impacting-Smaller-Police-Departments-Too-482878671.html>

**Police Department** – This morning, a witness to a residential burglary on Highland Drive flagged down one of our officers further north on S. Main St. and advised the officer that two individuals had just committed a burglary. The witness had followed the suspects and pointed them out to the officer. The officer alerted other officers on the radio, and the suspects began to flee on foot. One suspect was caught relatively quickly but the other suspect, who was initially carrying a black backpack, eluded officers. Officers eventually arrested the second suspect in a shed in which he was hiding, in the 1000 block of Avenue C, however; he no longer had the backpack. Police searched for the backpack but could

not locate it. They utilized the Everbridge messaging system to contact the citizens in that neighborhood with a message asking residents for help in locating the black backpack, as it may contain evidence of the crimes.

As previously mentioned to City Council, the Police Department had contracted with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) to conduct a management study of the Duncanville Police Department, focusing on recruiting and hiring practices, attrition and retention patterns and issues, organizational culture, and an evaluation of the management and operation of the Police Department. The study began this week with the team interviewing a number of Police Department personnel, including members of the command staff, and a number of officers, both newly hired and tenured. The team will also review policies, documentation and other data to make their assessment. The report and recommendations should be completed in a couple of months.

In our ongoing efforts to attract applicants to the Duncanville Police Department, the department will offer unpaid internship opportunities to those interested in pursuing a career in Law Enforcement. The main purpose of the internship program is to educate college students about Law Enforcement and the Criminal Justice system by encouraging them to develop the skills and desire necessary to serve in a public safety capacity through meaningful and appropriate volunteer work. The interns will be exposed to the various divisions/units within the PD through temporary assignments in each area.

Also, Sgt. Chris Fries and Officer Darius Williams conducted a recruiting trip last week, visiting the Central Texas College Police Academy, Central Texas College, Fort Hood and the area Workforce Commission who helps place recently separated veterans with employers. At Fort Hood, they visited with the USO Transitional Office, who assists soldiers separating from active duty find civilian jobs. They said they have several soldiers who come into their office who want to pursue a career in law enforcement. The trip has helped establish relationships which we believe will produce good results.

The April monthly report concerning use of force incidents, vehicle pursuits, complaints filed against officers, and police community engagements is attached. Also attached is the monthly crime report for April 2018 compared to previous month, and April 2018 YTD comparison to same period of 2017.

**Fire Department** – There were no major fire or EMS events in the city during the week.

The Duncanville Fire Department, along with Desoto and Cedar Hill, participated in a regional training event at the old Phillips Lumberyard in Cedar Hill on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The training is for firefighters to gain experience in navigating through simulated confined spaces in buildings, while wearing emergency breathing apparatus and air packs. It also involves simulated Mayday operations and rescue of trapped firefighters. It will continue for the next three weeks and is being coordinated by the Regional Training Chief, Rafael Reyes.

**Public Works** – Water usage was 44.99 MG the week of May 7 through May 13, up from 25.74 MG the prior week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Saturday, May 12, when 5.120 MG was used. There was no precipitation that week.

A Specific Use Permit for a Pet Daycare and Overnight Boarding Facility (kennels) was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting held on Monday, May 14, 2018. A Public Hearing and City Council consideration of this request is scheduled for the June 5 City Council agenda.

**Construction Update:**

- The concrete construction crew repaired 380 square feet of sidewalk at three locations on West Fain Street. They also completed the removal of existing concrete and made new concrete modifications to the Fieldhouse entrance.
- The concrete construction crew assisted the maintenance crew with a major pavement repair at South Cockrell Hill Road and San Juan Drive. The southbound right (outside) lane and center lane of the 500 block of Cockrell Hill Road at San Juan Drive were closed Friday, May 18, as the Street Department continued repairs to the concrete pavement.
- Viking Construction completed micro-surfacing on various streets throughout the city to improve road conditions. Frank Keasler Boulevard is scheduled to be crack-sealed and micro-surfaced at a later date.
- U.S. Underwater Services provided interior tank inspections to detect structural deficiencies at the River Oaks, North Main Street Elevated, and Clark Road tanks on Thursday, May 17. Inspections will be performed on the Danieldale Road and the North Main Street Ground tanks on Friday, May 18. Results of the inspections will be available next month. An inspection of the Summit Ground tank will be scheduled in the near future. The inspections are videotaped and provide data to determine which tanks need to be cleaned this coming fiscal year.

**Library** – the library received more of its updated furniture for the public area this week. We replaced worn, outdated, and uncomfortable reading and computer chairs, as well as added a new carrel to the study room. The library received two of six ordered new computer carrels that will replace some of the older worn out furniture. We have received several compliments from patrons and visiting staff regarding the new, more comfortable and ergonomically sound computer chairs.



## **Parks and Recreation**

### **Parks:**

- The search for artists for the traffic signal box art program is being extended at the request of the DISD art teachers and will also be opened to artists outside Duncanville to hopefully gain more interest in the program. We have not had much interest so far in our efforts to attract local artists for this project.
- The landscaping was completed around the new security fence at the Police Station and we have received several compliments from the public.
- Retired DISD teacher Chris Dodge, who has been spearheading the Little Free Library project, will host a grand opening of the newest Little Free Library at Lions Park this Saturday at 2:00p. The Lions Club is hosting the event and everyone is welcome.

### **Recreation:**

- We have scheduled a meeting with the Precor fitness equipment representative for next week to get the cable issues resolved. In the meantime, signage has been placed in the fitness room and displayed on the monitors of the new equipment to keep the patrons updated on our efforts and provide contact information for suggestions and service requests.

### **Fieldhouse:**

- Staff is working with Stephens Painting to finalize the cost and warranty for painting the front entry walls and fence. The project is scheduled for next week
- New signage is scheduled for installation the week of June 4. This will include the structure signs, pole signs and monument signs.
- Concrete construction has been completed and the overlay finish for the main entrance is scheduled for the week of May 29.
- Pending sponsors - Raising Canes, Smile Workshop, Stephens Painting, ACCV, Care Now
- We now have Fieldhouse-branded Rise t-shirts in the General Store.
- This coming week we have:
  - Dallas Mustangs Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 8:00p; (6) courts & Sunday 8:00a to 4:00p; (6) courts
  - Fieldhouse Feeder Men's League - Sunday 6:00p to 9:00p; (3) courts



**Economic Development** – ED staff is providing support and working on the following projects:

- ED Director Jessica James and City Planner Chasidy Allen-Benson provided a Duncanville update presentation to the Southern Dallas County Cities meeting at the Sixth Floor Museum this week. This is the first time Duncanville has presented to this group. Commissioner John Wiley Price was in attendance and was impressed with the Comprehensive Plan efforts in Duncanville.
- With the Development Team, met with the owner of Alla's B&B located at 415 N. Hustead Street. The owner of the property is considering expanding and adding other accommodation options on the property.
- ED staff attended the Best Southwest Workforce Development Committee meeting.
- Met with the Olden Year Museum and discussed their Grand Opening Celebration scheduled for June 9, 2018, from Noon to 4:00p.
- Assisted a new business owner in identifying possible locations in Duncanville to open a Mexican food restaurant.

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:**

- 50 & 50; 306 E Camp Wisdom Rd. (Retail - Clothing & Furniture)
- JP Wash & Dry; 307 E Camp Wisdom Rd.
- Seamander Outdoor LLC; 1126 Explorer St. Ste. # A-C (Distribution and Storage of Marine Accessories)
- S Factor Salon and Spa; 150 E Hwy 67 Ste. # 150 (Salon and Spa)
- Grace Place Church of Christ; 520 Big Stone Gap (Church)
- Image Matters Barbershop; 700 S Cockrell Hill Rd. Ste. # 114 (Barbershop)

**Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received**

- Walker Concierge Health and Wellness Clinic; 407 N. Cedar Ridge Rd. Ste. # 210 (Medical Clinic)
- Meraki Hair Lounge; 707 Oriole Blvd. (Hair Salon)

**Public Information** – News coverage for this week:

**May Elections Shake Up Best Southwest Cities**

**Link:** <http://www.focusdailynews.com/2018/05/08/may-elections-shake-up-best-southwest-cities/>

**Source:** Focus Daily News

**Date:** May 8, 2018

**Man who robbed Dallas Metro PCS store twice gets 8 years in prison**

**Link:** <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/2018/05/14/man-robbed-metro-pcs-store-twice-gets-8-years-prison>

**Source:** Dallas Morning News

**Date:** May 15, 2018



## DUNCANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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TO: Mr. Kevin Hugman, City Manager  
FROM: Robert D. Brown, Jr., Chief of Police  
SUBJECT: April 2018 Monthly Report  
DATE: May 10, 2018

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During the month of April 2018, we had –

Use of Force Incidents – 3

- Incident 1: 4/01/2018 – Suspect evaded Duncanville Police Officers by walking away after being commanded to stop several times. Incident took place on the sidewalk and administrative review determined force used was lawful and within policy.
- Incident 2: 4/10/2018 – Duncanville Police Officers were responding to a suspicious activity call. When Officers arrived the suspect evaded detention on foot. Suspect was arrested and brought to jail. Incident took place in the backyard of a residence and administrative review determined force used was lawful and within policy.
- Incident 3: 4/14/2018 - Suspect assaulted his roommate and resisted arrest before being taken into custody. Incident took place on the sidewalk and administrative review determined force used was lawful and within policy.

Vehicle Pursuits – 0

Complaints Filed – 2

- Incident 1 – Complaint was for dereliction of duty. Complaint was internally generated and is currently under investigation.
- Incident 2 – Internal complaint for use of racial slur. Complaint is currently under investigation.

Community Meetings Held/Attended/Partnerships Developed – 7 meetings 317 Partnerships

- CPA Class #56 – Police Department – 56 partnerships
- COP Meeting – Police Department – 34 partnerships
- Burglary of Motor Vehicle Report Cards – Kroger/Tom Thumb – 75 partnerships
- CPAAA Meeting – Senior Center – 32 partnerships
- TLER Training – Field House – 30 partnerships
- Duncanville Lions Club – Lions Club – 40 partnerships
- Drug Take Back – Police Department – 50 partnerships

### Duncanville Police Department Monthly Crime Report – April 2018

MAJOR CRIMES	THIS MONTH		YEAR TO DATE		
	ACT	CLR	ACT	CLR	% CLR
Murder/Neg.Homicide	0	0	0	0	0%
Invol. Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0%
Sexual Assault	2	2	9	7	78%
Robbery	3	2	22	11	50%
Aggr. Assault	0	0	13	11	85%
Burg. Comm'l Night	4	0	10	0	0%
Day	0	0	5	1	20%
Unknown	2	0	17	0	0%
<b>TOTAL COMM'L BURG</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>
Burg. Residence Night	0	0	5	3	60%
Day	7	0	23	7	30%
Unknown	4	0	11	0	0%
<b>TOTAL RESIDENCE BURG</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26%</b>
Motor Vehicle Burglary	28	1	102	2	2%
Burglary Coin-Op	1	0	1	0	0%
<b>TOTAL BURGLARY</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7%</b>
Theft Felony	11	5	49	20	41%
Theft Misdemeanor	32	4	121	14	12%
<b>TOTAL THEFT</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20%</b>
U.U.M.V.	20	4	55	17	31%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>21%</b>

MAJOR CRIMES	THIS YEAR TO DATE			LAST YEAR TO DATE		
	ACT	CLR	% CLR	ACT	CLR	% CLEAR
Murder/Neg.Homicide	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Invol. Manslaughter	0	0	0%	0	0	0%
Sexual Assault	9	7	78%	7	0	0%
Robbery	22	11	50%	19	6	32%
Aggr. Assault	13	11	85%	14	9	64%
Burg. Comm'l Night	10	0	0%	19	2	11%
Day	5	1	20%	2	0	0%
Unknown	17	0	0%	18	0	0%
<b>TOTAL COMM'L BURG</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5%</b>
Burg. Residence Night	5	3	60%	2	0	0%
Day	23	7	30%	23	4	17%
Unknown	11	0	0%	8	0	0%
<b>TOTAL RESIDENCE BURG</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12%</b>
Motor Vehicle Burglary	102	2	2%	110	2	2%
Burglary Coin-Op	1	0	0%	2	0	0%
<b>TOTAL BURGLARY</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4%</b>
Theft Felony	49	20	41%	26	4	15%
Theft Misdemeanor	121	14	12%	94	10	11%
<b>TOTAL THEFT</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12%</b>
U.U.M.V.	55	17	31%	54	4	7%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10%</b>