
TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kevin Hugman, City Manager

DATE: June 21, 2019

SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Police Department – the May monthly report concerning use of force incidents, vehicle pursuits, complaints filed against officers, and police community engagements is attached.

The Police Department received an email this week from Patt Scheckel Hollingsworth, Director of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Police Academy, regarding a Facebook post commending some police academy recruits. The email was to recognize two Duncanville police department recruits currently in the police academy - Darius Rodgers and Luis Alvidrez. They received thanks as part of a group of recruits who provided assistance to a disabled veteran while attending the funeral for fallen Grand Prairie police officer Castaneda.



DougandCarol Hutchison

June 13 at 1:29 PM ·

This morning Carol and I attended the funeral service for Grand Prairie Police Officer A.J. Castaneda. There was, as usual, a huge turnout of law enforcement, firefighters, and caring citizens.

After the service we exited the church and assembled in the parking lot for the full honors portion of the service. At that time Carol noticed an elderly man nearby, walking with the use of a cane. He didn't get around very well and looked like he was exhausted. He got into a pickup truck that had a flat rear tire. She noticed he had Purple Heart license plates and commented he would need some help.

As soon as the service was over I approached the old veteran and asked if he had a spare and a jack. He said he did but he'd call someone to help him. He was insisting he didn't need help but I out insisted him.

About that time I saw a young police academy recruit walk by and I asked if he'd help me out with the flat and also wait with the man until I could run to my truck, take off my sport coat and grab some gloves. The recruit agreed and as I returned from my truck, I see these six rookies in training working like a NASCAR pit crew! My entire purpose for posting this is to brag a little on these young police recruits. The respect, honor and kind conversations they had with the man was something to make us all proud.

As I visited with the man he told me he was Army infantry in Vietnam and was wounded in combat. It was then that I noticed his Claymore mine replica he had for a trailer hitch cover. It was well marked "replica". How awesome is that?

The Police Department Civil Service entrance exam was conducted on Saturday, June 15, 2019. 53 applicants showed for the test and 29 applicants passed the written portion of the test. With the implementation of the new DPS "row test" to test physical fitness, all applicants passed this portion of the test. Background investigations will now be conducted to begin the selection process.

Notes on recent successes:

- A night shift patrol officer noticed suspicious activity, being a male running into a neighborhood at 12:18am. As the officer began to follow, it was learned that the male may have just committed an aggravated robbery at a convenience store. The officer gave chase and apprehended two subjects as they fled in a car that was parked nearby. The officer seized the handgun used in the robbery and returned the stolen currency to the store.
- Officers responded to five (5) parking violations this week. No citations were issued.
- Officers responded to eight (8) calls of abandoned vehicles. Two (2) were tagged for removal and one (1) was chalked for follow up.
- Directed Traffic Enforcement
 - Daniieldale Rd. – 10 citations
 - North and South Main St. – 4 citations
 - Astaire Ave and Avenue of the Stars – 0 citations
 - Cockrell Hill Rd-23 Citations
 - Wheatland Rd. – 4 citations

Fire Department – The Department responded to a structure fire early Monday morning at 2102 Blueridge. Upon arrival of the crew, fire was observed coming out two windows of the structure. The fire was contained to the room of origin with some spreading into the attic. The fire was quickly contained and found to have been started in the kitchen from cooking. The home owner and family were able to escape with no injuries.

EMS crews were dispatched to an emergency medical call at the Tortilla Factory on Monday morning. A worker had been crushed between a forklift and a wall. The patient was in severe pain and was transported by helicopter to a trauma center.

This week, Regional Emergency Management Coordinator Tonya Hunter and other department staff conducted training meetings with Duncanville Fieldhouse staff and approximately 250 basketball camp attendees (ages 4-9 and ages 10-14) to provide information on emergency preparedness, outdoor warning sirens, and how to receive warnings associated with severe weather and tornadoes. In addition, the campers were instructed on where to go to seek shelter while at the Fieldhouse, such as restrooms, locker rooms, interior hallways away from walls and windows, etc. A full-scale exercise was then conducted with support from Duncanville Fire Station 272, the Fire Inspector and Assistant Fire Chief Greg Chase. The exercise was well received by the BOSS Basketball Camp, Break Through Basketball Camp and Duncanville Fieldhouse staff. Thanks to everyone who assisted and participated in our preparedness activities!

Public Works – Water usage was 31.379 MG this week, up from 28.138 last week. The daily peak water demand occurred on Friday, June 14, when 5.447 MG was used. There was 1.09 inches of precipitation last week (June 10 through June 16).

Mosquito testing was conducted on June 18 at five locations throughout the City with negative results.

Monday through Thursday, June 17 to June 20, Building Inspection staff performed annual apartment inspections at the Renaissance Apartments at 308 Fouts Avenue, Vinyard Apartments at 341 & 343 W Vinyard Road, Grace Place Properties at 707 Johnson Drive & 524 Michaels Drive, and Center Ridge Apartments located at 700 W Center Street. A total of eight vacant units were scheduled for inspection, but one could not be inspected because the power was not on. Deficiencies were noted on the exterior of the buildings, and the vacant units inspected were found to have fixtures needing to be installed, repaired or replaced. The property managers were given 30 days to ready the property for reinspection. Sixteen apartment complexes have been inspected year-to-date, and a total of three apartment complexes remain to be inspected.

Five properties were registered for the residential rental property program since last week's report, for a total of 517 registered properties year-to-date. Ten properties were inspected. Six properties passed inspection and four failed due to lack of carbon monoxide detectors and GFCI protection. Four residential certificates of occupancy were issued, for a total of 147 certificates of occupancy issued year-to-date.

Planning staff will conduct three pre-development meetings on Thursday, June 27 to discuss (a) the Duncanville ISD Police Station to be located at 802 South Main Street, (b) two condominiums being considered for 110-122 Sliger Drive; and (c) an event center to be located at 134 North Main Street in the Downtown District.

Construction Update:

- The Concrete Construction crew repaired 404 sq.ft. of sidewalks at 314, 318, 319, and 322 Harman Street.
- The micro-surfacing contractor is scheduled to begin surface treatment on Merribrook Trail on June 27, weather permitting.
- Pipebursting crews completed work on Segments 3 and 4 at the back easement of the Wheatland Plaza shopping center and performed street restoration on Royal Avenue and Lou Avenue in the Flame East subdivision.

Library – The Library has had another great week of Summer Reading Club programs with 298 attendees at programs such as Lego Maniacs, Board Game Afternoons, and craft and story-time programs. The popular draw this week was Professor Branius with his fun interactive science program that brought out 126 youth to his afternoon show, and 49 to the family night show.

The library staff also extends a big thank you to VFW Post 7843 who participated in the Summer Reading Kickoff event on Saturday, June 8 as well as donating 12 cases of water and funds to pay for lunch for all the volunteers! We missed thanking them in our initial wrap-up for the event and wanted to take this opportunity to show appreciation for all they do to support the library!

Parks and Recreation –

Parks:

- The Parks crew continues to do regular maintenance throughout the city such as trimming trees, prepping fields, cleaning up debris, and bed maintenance. (see picture)

Fieldhouse:

- As mentioned previously, the Fieldhouse staff, in conjunction with Emergency Management, held a training and exercise event for basketball camp attendees in the event of severe weather.
- This coming week we have:
 - Metro Safe Summer Camp - Monday thru Friday 6:30a to 6:00p
 - Top Gun Youth Basketball League - Tuesday 6:00p to 10:00p x 3 courts
 - Breakthrough Basketball Camp - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00a to 3:00p x 3 courts
 - Dallas ShowTyme HS Basketball Tournament - Saturday 9:00a to 8:00p, Sunday 9:00p to 6:00p x 3 courts
 - Dallas ShowTyme HS Basketball Camp - Saturday 9:00a to 6:00p, Sunday 9:00p to 3:00p x 3 courts
 - 360 Volleyball League - Sunday 6:00p to 9:00p x 3 courts

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

- Assisted a developer interested in purchasing four residential lots on Sliger St.
- Continues to work with a developer interested in repurposing the property located at 106 E. Hwy 67.
- With Parks staff, met with a company to discuss adding additional shade structures outside the Fieldhouse to make it more appealing for parties and visitors to sit outside and eat during special events.

DCEDC will hold their Annual Meeting and their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Duncanville Senior Activity Center on June 24, 2019 at 7:00p

NCTCOG Planning staff will conduct a stakeholders meeting for a Southern Dallas County Transit Study on June 25, 2019, at 2:00p at the Duncanville Public Library. Duncanville staff will attend as well as staff and other stakeholders from the Best Southwest cities, DART, Star Transit and others. This is an initial meeting in order to develop a workplan and basis for a Request for Proposals (RFP) that NCTCOG will issue in the fall, seeking consultants to help develop a mobility plan for the south Dallas County

area. They are also conducting this same type of planning study for Fort Worth and Collin County.

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Permits Issued:

- None this week

Certificate of Occupancy (CO) Applications Received:

- All State Insurance; 606 W. Wheatland Rd., Suite #101 (Insurance Sales Office)
- Mr. Test Dummy; 1234 Happy Ln. (Test Only)

Public Information – News coverage for this week:

Title: Dallas DA Tweaks Plan Giving Some Petty Thieves a Pass — But Will He Win Over Police?

Link: <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/2019/06/13/dallas-da-tweaks-plan-giving-petty-thieves-pass-will-win-police>

Source: Dallas News

Date: June 13, 2019



DUNCANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Kevin Hugman, City Manager
FROM: Robert D. Brown, Jr., Chief of Police
SUBJECT: May 2019 Monthly Report
DATE: June 17, 2019

During the month of May 2019, we had –

Use of Force Incidents – 0

Vehicle Pursuits – 0

Complaints Filed – 0

Community Meetings Held/Attended/Partnerships Developed – 8 meetings 2,033+ Partnerships

- COP Meeting – Police Station – 35 partnerships
- Amazon Employee Picnic – Armstrong Park – 1,500 partnerships
- Police Memorial – Police Station – 100+ partnerships
- Run for the Wall – Duncanville Road – 30 partnerships
- Women of Hope – Methodist Church – 25 partnerships
- ProTechDNA Tailgate Event – Police Station – 118 partnerships
- City Memorial Day – Center and Main Street – 150+ partnerships
- City Town Hall Meeting – Senior Citizens Center – 75+ partnerships