

## **Sheriff's Update**

**June 8, 2021**

**10:02 a.m.**

Present: Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Pollock, Commissioner Swope, Sheriff Snaza, Chief Kevin Engelbertson, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Chief Dusty Breen, Captain Chris Tawes, Becky Butler, Katie Conradi, Michelle Sauter, Sherri Dokken, Taylor Albright, County Manager Erik Martin (10:25 a.m.)

Guests: Claudia Yaw, Linda Williams

Recorder: Rieva Lester

### **Services**

Services Chief Kevin Engelbertson provided the following updates:

- Two detectives have attended basic homicide training
- Four detectives attended patrol tactics training
- Sex offender totals include
  - 130 in District 1
  - 165 in District 2
  - 173 in District 3
  - 20 transients, 55 in jail / prison, 13 have failed to verify their addresses

Undersheriff Wes Rethwill said the county sent a detective to “trainers’ training” so they could provide basic homicide training to others. Sheriff Snaza noted that it’s yet another unfunded mandate.

Undersheriff Rethwill said Services has one vacancy to fill.

### **Corrections**

Corrections Captain Chris Tawes provided the following updates:

- Three vacancies to fill
- Four deputies on Field Training Operation (FTO) status (two just graduated from academy)
- Two deputies are on modified-duty status
- Jail population is at 147-149
- Holding cell project is nearing completion but was delayed due to difficulty securing parts
- Camera-retention software project is moving forward

## Operations

Operations Chief Dusty Breen provided the following updates:

- Two deputies are on Field Training Operation (FTO) status
- County has made an offer to a potential hire and has another vacancy to fill
- One deputy is on extended medical leave
- Department has responded to 1454 calls year-to-date, compared to 1259 the previous year
- County continues to assist Pe Ell with calls for service, with the average billing reflecting roughly 32 hours of coverage each month
- Mandates go into effect in July

County Manager Erik Martin joined at 10:25 a.m.

Undersheriff Rethwill said the Packwood Flea Market was a successful event. Sheriff Snaza guesstimated the Saturday attendance at 25,000.

Sheriff Snaza discussed new laws recently passed, noting that 10 new laws regarding use of force, etc., will affect county operations.

Sheriff Snaza said the county must purchase body cameras by Jan. 1, 2022. He said the cost will be \$400,000 to \$600,000. He noted that the subsequent records requests will be yet another cost of the unfunded mandate.

Sheriff Snaza said he'd like to have the body camera equipment ordered within the next month.

Sheriff Snaza said he'd like to add two additional Corrections deputies to acquire accreditation and two additional deputies for road patrol.

Sheriff Snaza said four of the five hybrid patrol cars the office purchased are lemons.

Sheriff Snaza said the Sheriff's Office has obtained grants to purchase the gear, equipment, etc., for patrol motorcycles.

Undersheriff Rethwill noted that vehicle cameras also will have to be purchased. He said body cameras will take 60 to 90 days to implement once purchased.

Commissioner Stamper said he'd like to have a separate meeting regarding the creation of a Sheriff substation on the east end of the county.

Meeting ended at 11 a.m.