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"Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851"

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police

DATE: July 15th, 2019

RE: Monthly Report- Sonora Police Department

MEMORANDUM

The attached information is for June 2019.

	June 2019	May 2019	June 2018
Total Incidents	1,345	1,517	1,137
Calls for Service	771	687	707
Officer Initiated	574	830	430
Total Arrests	76	46	73
Felony Arrests	15	10	15
Misd. Arrests	61	36	58
Total Reports	145	131	138
Parking Citations	60	42	187
Moving Citations	12	19	16
Domestic Violence	5	4	6
Collision Incidents	31	25	8
Collision Invest.	10	11	----------
Animal Calls	49	41	48
Public Intox. / UID	11	7	10
DUI Arrests	5	5	4
Total Phone Calls	2,348	2,486	2,314
Average Per Day	78	80	77
Vehicle Releases	10	10	4

**Collision Incidents* is a new category reflecting actual collisions within the City

BEAT 1

Violent Crimes:

- 4 Felony Robberies (2 by force, 1 by threat of gun, 1 by assault)
- 2 Felony Domestic Violence
- 1 Misdemeanor Willful Cruelty/Endangering Child
- 1 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence
- 1 Felony Threats (during robbery)
- 1 Felony Batteries with Serious Bodily Injury

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 1 Stolen Vehicle (not recovered)
- 1 Business Burglary
- 1 Business Burglary (shoplifting)
- 1 Residential Burglary
- 1 Felony Grand Theft (by fraud)
- 2 Petty Thefts (from vehicles)
- 5 Petty Thefts (shoplifting)
- 1 Petty Theft (from business)
- 1 Petty Theft (from residence)

BEAT 2

Violent Crimes:

- 2 Felony Sexual Batteries
- 1 Felony Assault with Deadly Weapon / non firearm
- 1 Felony Battery with Serious Bodily Injury (during 245(a)(1) PC)
- 2 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence
- 1 Misdemeanor Battery on Peace Officer
- 1 Felony Threats (during ADW)

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 1 Residential Burglaries
- 2 Business Burglaries (by fraud)
- 1 Petty Theft (from vehicle)

Area 1 Monthly Report
June 2019

Neighborhood Watch:

Elks Hill:
- No report

Sonora Knowles:
- No Report

Case(s) for Discussion:

On 6/22/19, at about 2141 hours, a call came in to SPD about a disturbance and shots fired across from the lower Savemart on Stockton St.

Responding Officers' learned that a male dressed in a white t-shirt and red shorts fired a handgun 4 times after the witness heard some arguing. The shooter and 3 other subjects in the area left towards Washington St. on foot.

During an area check a subject was located matching the description of the shooter at the Roadway Inn. SPD and TCSO units responded and detained 5 subjects near a room.

Joseph Tarango, 31 of Waterford, rushed back into the hotel room when first confronted by a Deputy. He then exited the room very shortly afterwards. A handgun was found on the floor of the hotel room, and a witness identified Tarango as the one who fired the gun on Stockton St. The argument was found to be a family disturbance and it is unknown why Tarango fired the weapon.

Tarango was booked at the county jail for a felony charge of discharging a firearm in a negligent manner. He was also found to be in possession of prescription pills without a prescription and booked on this charge as well.

Training:

- Officer Brickley attended the Taser instructor course and is now able to teach update classes and new user Taser classes.

Explorers and Community Service Volunteers:

- Both the Explorers and Community Service Volunteers provide great service to our agency and the community. They have put in hundreds of hours of volunteer time for the Police Department.
- The Explorers had two meetings this month.

Contract/Reserve Officers:

- Reserve Officer Danny Duffy is the Field Training Program.
- Officer Townsend was off the month of June due to limited hours.

Dispatch:

- We have one part-time Dispatch position open. No one is in the CTO Training Program at this time.

Defensive Tactics Program:

- Officer Brandow has been scheduled for a weaponless defense instructor course in August.

Respectfully Submitted

Sgt. Tim Wertz

Area 2 Monthly Report
June 2019

Neighborhood Watch:

MYERS HILL:

- No updated activity.

N. STEWART:

- No updated activity.

HIGHLANDS VIEW:

- Inactive.

A Facebook post was completed for those interested in starting a neighborhood watch program in order to get citizen participation. I talked with two interested residents, but they did not want to start a program. They only wanted more information on what to do if they saw something suspicious.

Cases For discussion:

19-787. On June 9, 2019, Sonora PD dispatch started receiving 911 calls about a road rage incident resulting in a crash in the area of Washington St. (Hwy. 49) and Columbia Way, across from Sonora High School. Through subsequent investigation it was found that Christopher John Wilson, 52 of Sonora, was driving a Mitsubishi Eclipse and turned onto Hwy. 49 from the Columbia area when he pulled in front of a Dodge pick-up truck causing the truck to brake hard to avoid a collision.

Wilson then started brake checking the truck while his passenger, Michelle Powell, 47 of Sonora, leaned out her window and started throwing coins at the truck. At least two coins made contact with the windshield of the truck causing cracks.

At around Hwy. 49 and Pesce Way, Wilson pulled over and let the truck go by. Wilson then pulled behind the truck and rammed it. The driver of the truck pulled over. Wilson pulled up alongside the truck and exited his vehicle with an object in his hand. Wilson started walking towards the truck while threatening to kill the driver.

The driver drove away in fear of their life their passenger's life, and Wilson followed in his vehicle. Powell exited Wilson's car and stayed behind. Wilson was catching up to the truck at a high rate of speed as they neared Sonora High School. As Wilson went to pass the truck while driving S/B in the N/B lane he lost control of his vehicle and hit a concrete wall and wood fence of a residence. A nearby surveillance camera caught the accident on video. Powell heard the crash and made her way down to the scene.

Wilson was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, and criminal threats. Powell was arrested for throwing objects at a moving vehicle. Both were booked at the Tuolumne County Jail on felony charges.

19-855. On June 23, 2019, SPD responded to the Intake Bar & Grill reference a battery. It was learned that a customer came around the bar and grabbed the female bartender around her legs and put his face into her buttocks. Jarrod Carson, 29 of Sonora, was contacted inside a vehicle nearby and arrested. He was booked at the county jail for felony sexual battery.

Recruitments:

- 3 open Police Officer positions. 2 potential recruit candidates are in the background portion of the hiring process.
- 2 SRO part-time positions funded by a grant from DOJ. Oral interviews were conducted and 2 potential candidates are in the background portion of the hiring process.

Field Training Program:

- Reserve Officer Duffy continues with his field training.

Community/Special Events:

- On June 4, 2019, several members of Sonora PD participated in the Special Olympic Torch Run in Sonora. This is the largest fundraising event for Special Olympic Athletes in Tuolumne County.
- Lemonade with Law Enforcement is scheduled for July 10, 2019. This is an event to bring children and their parents around police officer's in a similar way to Coffee with a Cop. The event is partnered with TCSO and CHP, and will take place at the Old Jail Museum.
- Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for July 18, 2019 at Eighty-One Bakery & Coffee Co. from 10-11am.

Range:

- Range qualifications are scheduled to take place in August.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Curtis Hankins

PATROL STATISTICS
REPORTING PERIOD: JUNE 2019

07/09/2019

Statistic	Count
Total Incidents	1345
Calls for Service	771
Officer Initiated Incidents	574
Traffic Stops	73
Other OIA Incidents	501
Bus/Building checks	0
Veh/Ped Check	0
Total Officer Reports	145
Accident	10
Crime	39
Felony Arrest	9
General Information	28
Infraction Arrest	0
Juvenile Arrest	2
Misdemeanor Arrest	45
Warrant Arrest	12
Unclassified Reports	0
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	76
Misdemeanor Arrests	61
Felony Arrests	15
Total Citations	96
Animal/NOV	1
Misdemeanor	18
Vehicle - Moving	12
Vehicle - Parked	60
Voided	5
FIs	7

OFFICER ARREST COUNTS
JUNE 2019

07/09/2019

Officer	No. of Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests
Bowly, John	10	3	7	0
Brandow, Ashley	8	1	7	0
Brickley, Thomas	19	5	14	0
Carrasco, Priscilla	11	0	11	0
Durham, Lance	12	5	7	0
Hankins, Curtis	4	1	3	0
Mallon, Scott	6	0	6	0
Vanderwiel, Turu S	2	0	2	0
Weber, Erik	4	0	4	0
TOTALS	76	15	61	0

OFFICER CITATION COUNTS
JUNE 2019

07/09/2019

Officer	No. of Cites
Battle, Joel	4
Bowly, John	7
Brandow, Ashley	4
Brickley, Thomas	13
Carrasco, Priscilla	1
Durham, Lance	1
Hankins, Curtis	3
Logan, Charlotte	57
Mallon, Scott	1
Vanderwiel, Turu S	1
Weber, Erik	4