



STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 10, 2025
TO: Scott Dixon, City Administrator
FROM: Jim Kohler, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: March 2025 Monthly

Grants

We have completed rifle armor grant, Lone Star Grant for overtime and equipment, Stonegraden grant for overtime, working on grants for drug tester in the field at approximately 34k, working on a grant for a new generator for the PD. UPDATE: Generator grant completed. Also completed grant for small camera for Code Compliance through AACOG.

Stonegarden grant approved for overtime.

UPDATE: I know this is March report; however, On April 9, 2025 Officer Sapper and I went to AACOG on the TruNarc drug testing device and presented in front of their board. Officer Sapper gave an outstanding presentation which I was very proud of him. He spoke with knowledge on the device and answering all questions without referring to any of the material he brought with him. Great Job! Castroville scored 10 out 16 agencies that were funded and now it will head to the Governor's Office for approval.

Emergency Management

Still working on generator. The repair service is waiting on a quote from their vendor.

Internal Happenings

I have been working with code compliance on abandoned vehicles within the city and have identified approximately 25 different locations that may have an issue. We continue to weekly meetings with code complianmce and animal services.

Preparing and researching data for a new police facility in the future.

We are looking into Flock License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras and are working on a 90 day trial period. There would be 4 cameras on this trial 2 at each end of the city which would capture all vehicle license plates entering and exiting our city. We would have an app on our IPADS and phones which would alert the officer of a stolen vehicle. This would also help us if we had a crime at a given time to search a vehicle that has entered the city about the same time. **We will be drafting a policy on LPR this month/ Update: Done. Had phone call January 2025 with FLOCK. TxDOT is a big hurdle. UPDATE: I will prepare Resolution for CC in April.**

We are in the process of a full inventory to the property room. **Update: On-going**

Had several Officers attend "Active Shooter" training. **Completed / 2 more officers attended class in March**

Sgt. Knutson and Officer Carl Boatright will be attending a property/ evidence room class in April.

Finally, we are going to allow officers to wear cowboy hats as many of them have expressed interest on wearing them. **On-going Update: in process of ordering**

April 13-17,2025. As region 7 director I will be attending our quarterly meeting on April 14,2025.