



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2-23-22
TO: Interim-City Manager Mark Lynch
FROM: Chief Daniel Pasquariello
SUBJECT: Public Safety Department Report **March 2022**

STAFF REPORT

Reporting period 1/25/22 to 2/23/22

Covid outbreak at DPD!

- The Police department has 20 employees on paper. There are currently 4 vacant positions (*1 police officer, 1 dispatcher, 2 corrections officers*). So, there are actually 16 employees at DPD.
- Three of our rotational police officers went to the Public Safety Academy in Sitka to attend a three week Re-Certification academy. Officer Judd Hack, Officer Tanner Nickels, and Officer Katie Lutz all graduated from the academy and are eligible to become Alaska certified with APSC once they have worked at DPD for a year. So, with the 3 police officers in Sitka there were actually only 13 employees on the ground at DPD.
- During this reporting period 8 employees tested positive for the Covid -19 virus (*2 police officers, 2 dispatchers, 2 corrections officers, 1 DMV, 1 animal control*). Per the COD covid personnel policy they had to quarantine and could not work for ten days. So, this left only a handful of DPD employees to protect the city 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Dispatch was covered during the covid outbreak by Dispatcher Jojo Yukluk and Dispatcher Kathy Yukluk-Solis. Both of them worked multiple 12 hour shifts, for days on end. In order to give these two hard-working employees a day off Corrections Sergeant Aquila Kapotak spent a couple shifts a week performing double-duty working as a dispatcher, and watching the jail at the same time.
- The jail was covered during the covid outbreak by Corrections Sergeant Aquila Kapotak and CO Matrona Jenkins. Both of them worked multiple 12 hour shifts, for days on end. In order to give these hard-working employees days off Chief Dan Pasquariello and

Officer Martin Gardiner spent four shifts a week performing double-duty working as cops, and watching the jail.

- During the covid outbreak, rotational police officer Daniel Gonzalez-Fawcett stayed in Dillingham an extra week to help with patrol coverage.
- During the covid outbreak we had a two week Sexual Assault trial. The cop/COs had to prepare the defendant for transport to/from the court several times a day. The case officer on the trial was former Officer Suzie Newman, who now works for the BBAHC child advocacy center. DPD won the case and the defendant was found guilty by the jury.
- ***The city is lucky to have such dedicated employees that are willing to work long hours, sacrifice days off, and perform tasks not in their job description in order to keep Dillingham safe. They should be recognized and thanked for their extra effort and hard work.***



A patrol car suffered engine problems and would not go faster than 10 mph. It was taken to the City Shop where the mechanic found the cause of the problem. A fat mouse had crawled into engine, died, and its body was preventing a valve from fully closing. The mechanic posted the photos on a Ford blog sight and the post went viral.