

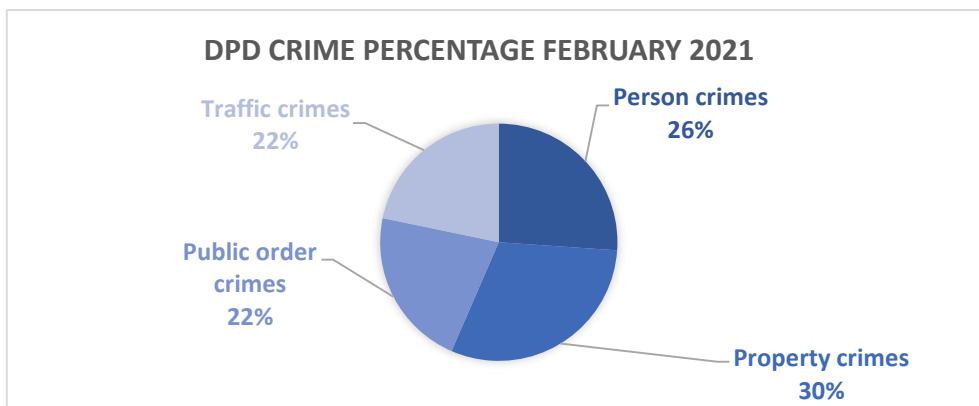


MEMORANDUM

DATE: 2-22-21
TO: Interim-City Manager Gregg Brelford
FROM: Chief Daniel Pasquariello
SUBJECT: Public Safety Department Report **MARCH 2021**

STAFF REPORT

Reporting dates 1/27/21 to 2/23/21



PATROL

On Thursday 2-18-21 at 11:36 am Dillingham Police received a report of a pickup truck stuck in the snow by the vortec site. It was reported that the driver was intoxicated and had a handgun to his head. Chief Dan Pasquariello and Officer Daniel Gonzalez-Fawcett responded and attempted to make contact with the driver by PA system and cell phone. The contacted driver refused to speak with us and began firing a handgun out the side windows of his vehicle.

We contacted the Dillingham AST post and three state troopers responded to assist. Once again we attempted to contact the driver by PA system. He began firing his gun out the back window of his vehicle at officers/troopers. Police/troopers exchanged gun fire with the driver.

A perimeter was established and three additional DPD officers, an AWT trooper, an agent from the USF&W service, as well as two AST troopers from the King Salmon post responded to the scene.

The AST southcentral SERT (swat) team arrived in Dillingham several hours later and the driver was taken into custody and transported to Kanakanak hospital without further incident.

The case is being handled by the AST Alaska Bureau of Investigation.

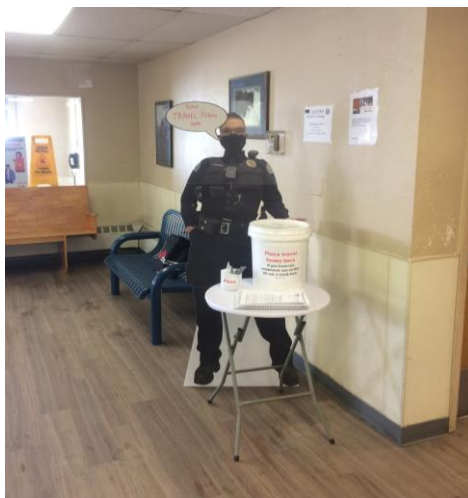
We were proud that the patrol division was fully staffed, but like a curse, patrol officers are beginning to resign.

Officer Daniel Gonzalez-Fawett, who came on board three months ago, has resigned and is returning to his home in Metlakatla.

Officer Suzi Newman has resigned and taken a less stressful, higher paying, daytime job as a forensic interviewer at BBAHC's Child Advocacy Center (CAC).

As mentioned in an earlier council report we received a grant from the Alaska DPS to pay travel/lodging/rental car/per-diem for a DPD officer to travel to Anchorage one week a month. The officer works with the AST Anchorage Airport Interdiction Team (AAIT) a task force made up of law enforcement officers from many state, municipal, and federal agencies. Officer Trevor Farnsworth was given this assignment and has traveled to Anchorage twice. Interdiction of Dillingham bound travelers has already occurred. Officer Farnsworth is motivated in his assignment and is using his learned skills to work drug cases here in Dillingham.

We are now short two officers and are once again at a 75% staffing level. An officer traveling to the Anchorage airport once a month reduces our staffing level further. Covering 24/7 means that we now usually can only field one officer per shift. To help spread our coverage further we now have a cardboard cut-out of Officer Newman (*with a bucket/foms*) to collect travel forms from arriving passengers at the Alaska Airlines terminal. Persons are using the bucket and placing their travel forms into it.



Cardboard Suzi and travel form bucket at Alaska Airlines terminal.

We assisted BBAHC with their mass vaccination clinic at the high school gym. We also assisted with the school district's mass covid-19 testing event at the gym.

DISPATCH

The computer in dispatch, which is custom built with multiple hard drives, is the main computer in the building. All of our police reports initiate from it. Our computer completely crashed and it was a major problem. Fortunately we are frugal hoarders at DPD and so we still had our former, obsolete operating system, dispatch computer stashed away. Using our old computer allowed us to limp along with our operations while ACS (*our Anchorage based tech support*) built a new custom computer for us. Dispatch got new computer for the dispatch center. ACS also repaired our crashed computer so that we can use as a spare. *Maybe now we can get rid of our obsolete computer?*

CORRECTIONS

We have a new corrections officer, Brandon George. He is currently being trained by corrections Sgt. Ryan Johnson and will hopefully be able to work on his own in late March.

Thanks to some motivational assistance from interim-CM Brelsford we are finally getting long requested and overdue repairs made to the jail by Public Works.

ANIMAL CONTROL

ACO Boyd assisted BBAHC with their mass vaccination clinic at the high school gym. Additionally he continues to check air travelers for travel forms at the airport.

ACO Boyd picked of a shih tzu dog found wandering around on the road. The dog was matted and filthy. He advertised the dog on social media but no owner came to the shelter to claim it. The ACO washed the dog and arranged for local dog groomer Pam Murphy to clip the dog's hair. The dog was easily adopted out to a local, responsible couple. This is a happy story for us because DPD's emotional support dogs VINNY, and his brother BUBBA, are both shih tzus.



Bubba, Vinny, and stray Shih Tzu.

DMV

DMV Agent Pullon continues to provide ID, licensing, and registration services to the community during the pandemic. He is also instrumental in taking care of the administrative and logistical needs of the department.