



MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9-28-21
TO: Interim-City Manager Chris Hladick
FROM: Chief Daniel Pasquariello
SUBJECT: Public Safety Department Report **October 2021**

STAFF REPORT

PATROL

- Craig Maines was promoted to patrol sergeant. Sgt. Maines has worked at DPD for 13 years, first as a corrections officer, then as a police officer. He is a life-long resident of Dillingham is knowledgeable in all areas of DPD.
- We have hired two more rotational (*2 week on/2 week off*) police officers. We now have a total of 4 rotational positions. All of the hired officers are experienced, certified police officers from other states. Hiring lateral officers saves the city academy costs, and other associated training costs. These rotational positions are 50% of our sworn officers. The other 50% are resident officers.
- This is a staffing model used by numerous small bush police departments in Alaska. We adopted this model because we were not attracting applicants to work and live here in Dillingham. This is a model also adopted by bush hospitals (*including BBAHC*) in order to fill staffing vacancies among doctors and nurses.
- Officer Daniel Gonzalez-Fawcett was the first of our rotational hires. He is an experienced, Alaska certified police officer and resides in Southeast Alaska. He worked for us for several months last year and returned to DPD as a rotational officer this summer.
- Officer Judd Hack is our second rotational hire. He is an experienced, certified police officer from South Carolina. He will begin working in Dillingham the first week of October.
- Our two newest rotational hires, both experienced, certified officers from Missouri will begin working in Dillingham the third week of October.

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- One of our police officers caught the Covid-19 virus, recovered, and is once again back at work.

DISPATCH

- Our dispatch supervisor Chelsea Wassily resigned this month, taking a job with the State of Alaska. Short-staffing, long-hours, constant training due to turnover, and extreme stress were some of the reasons given for her resignation. She was a valuable member of DPD, and gave over 9 years of dedicated service to the City of Dillingham. We will miss her, and wish her well in her new job.
- We now have 4 dispatchers (*80% staffing level*), one of whom is still in training. None of our current dispatchers have indicated that they wish to move up into the supervisor position. We are going to advertise for the dispatch supervisor position since one cannot be found internally.
- As this report go to press, 2 of our dispatchers have caught the Covid-19 virus, and they are currently isolating.

CORRECTIONS

- We have two corrections officers, and a corrections sergeant, for a total of 3 COs (*60% staffing level*). We continuously advertise for a corrections officer but have received no qualified applicants.
- One of our COs caught the Covid-19 virus, recovered, and is once again back to work. This left only 2 COs, during his recovery. In order for them to get days off the one police officer on-duty performed double-duty as a corrections officer, 4 day shifts per week.
- We have once again closed our lobby at night and no longer allow homeless persons to sleep there. This is due to the drastic increase of Covid-19 cases in Dillingham and the census area.

ANIMAL CONTROL

- ACO Boyd continues to work hard as the animal control officer.
- ACO Boyd will be on vacation the month of October. In his absence the patrol division will perform double-duty handling animal calls, as time permits.

DMV

- Agent Pullon continues to work hard as the DMV agent, department quartermaster, and department travel agent.



Vincent "Captain Vinny" Vincenzo, DPD's card-carrying emotional support animal, continues to provide comfort and enjoyment to employees, inmates, and visitors to police station.