



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: David Niedert – Chief of Police

DATE OF MEETING: July 7, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Police

- Our department is hosting the 2nd Annual Cops-N-Bobbers fishing event at Triangle Park on July 12th. This event reaches out to kids through fishing, supplying them with all the necessary tackle and poles.
- Our officers participated in the annual bike rodeo day at the elementary school.
- We are in the planning stages for Building Direction for Families to participate in Cupcakes with a Cop, scheduled for some time in August.
- Some of the body-worn cameras and in-car camera hardware have started to arrive from Axon. This will replace all the equipment for officers and cars. This upgrade will also facilitate the redaction of video when needed for public release, simplify access to videos for officers, and enable the blending of multiple camera vantage points into a single presentation for court or internal purposes. This is part of the CIP money that was budgeted.
- Captain Lau and I have been working on the upcoming transition by ensuring that he has access to all the information I have built up over the years. We are ahead of schedule for the August 1st transition date.
- Chief Niedert will attend his last FBI Criminal Justice Information Systems advisory board meeting in August. This is the same advisory board he has been a part of for the past three years. The FBI covers all costs associated with this trip, not the City of Independence.
- Our hiring process is moving forward, with the candidate's physical agility testing scheduled for July 9th.