



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

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**TO:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**FROM:** Chief David Niedert

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 1, 2024

**ITEM TITLE:** Department Report – Police

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- Officer Cass and Reserve Wilson organized Cops vs. Hosers bowling fundraiser and was able to raise enough money to pay off all negative lunch accounts for children at all Independence schools.
- Some of our officers volunteered to work at the Pipestone Vet services quarterly meeting in Independence. We gave a K9 demonstration and the veterinarians were able to shoot weapons qualification courses.
- Work has been finalized and the ATE permit has been submitted to the DOT.
- We have a community event for kids coming up, Cops-N-Bobbers. This is a free program for kids to fish with officers.
- In August there will be a concert at Heartland Acres Event center, which will raise money for the K9 fund. This event uses no tax dollars from the budget.
- New squad car is in and will be picked up from Rydell. The squad will have to wait for a while to be upfitted, due to scheduling backlog on the upfitter.
- We have done several search warrants for drugs in the past few months, the most recent, last week. Our patrol officers continue to work up the chain after finding things on traffic stops.
- We have been working with our Foundation2 liaison and the juvenile court to try and keep juvenile crime in check. Over the last few months we had seen an uptick in these numbers, but have been able to bring most of it to a stop.