



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

FROM: David Niedert – Police Chief

DATE OF MEETING: May 5th, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Department Report – Police Department

- Officer Eschen starts the Academy on May 5th. This will be an 18-week academy at Camp Dodge in Des Moines. He has done exceptionally well in his field training, and we are confident of his ability to succeed in the academy.
- Captain Lau has been working hard to get bids for the new in-car and body-worn camera systems. We have worked with the three large manufacturers to assess each company's capabilities and have come to a consensus as to which company we will use. However, we have made a few changes. I have included the preliminary quotes to give you an idea. Remember that these are not final; I am only providing these to show you that the price is very similar.
- Our officers have participated in three community events recently: We did a presentation on behalf of our department and the Buchanan County Substance Use Prevention coalition, alongside our mental health crisis co-responder at the post-prom. This involved demonstrating the effects of driving under the influence. Lt. Isley also recently spoke at a community club event. We will participate in Careers on Wheels at the school when rescheduled.
- We will participate in the yearly bike safety day at the elementary school this week.
- Chief Niedert and Captain Lau will attend the Iowa Police Chiefs Association conference at the end of the month. This training and networking event always covers cutting-edge topics for law enforcement leaders in our state.