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MEMORANDUM

Police Department

To: City Council
From: Chief Frank Stevenson
Subject: March Monthly Report

Date: March 31st, 2026

- For March 2026, the Patrol Division had approximately 1,215 calls for service, made 104 arrests, conducted 206 traffic stops, issued 52 traffic citations and wrote 124 case reports.
- This month, interviews were conducted to fill current vacancies in our Dispatch Center. Four individuals were interviewed, including one internal candidate from the Records Department who was already certified. This internal candidate was offered and accepted the position. Two other applicants have advanced from the interview stage and are currently in the background screening phase.
- With the internal candidate moving to Dispatch from Records, this left one vacancy in the Records Division. We have begun a recruitment process and have already received almost 50 applications. Once the process closes (April 14th), we will conduct interviews.
- Community Services staff members Albanese and Johnson, together with patrol team members, have continued to conduct extra patrols throughout our parks system. Their efforts aim to reduce unwanted activities such as ordinance violations and trespassing, while also providing outreach to the community. Collectively, they responded to 97 calls for service, which included animal-related incidents, city park patrols, private-business trespasses, abandoned or suspicious vehicles, and parking complaints. Additionally, they provided assistance to other agencies as needed.
- Community Policing Officer Johnson has been spending time organizing and hosting the weekly Citizens Academy that began on March 10th. This past month she also hosted Peer Court and conducted cell phone and seatbelt classes for individuals referred from the Courts.
- For the calendar year 2024, officers of the Lebanon Police Department reported using force in 27 separate incidents while attempting to control a violent situation or affect an arrest. Some of these incidents involved multiple officers, multiple suspects and multiple levels of force including physical takedowns, displaying and pointing the taser, firing the taser, and displaying a firearm. All reported uses of force were extensively reviewed and found to be in compliance with operational guidelines.

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- For the calendar year 2024, K-9 Oak was deployed a total of 32 times, resulting in the apprehension of 18 individuals. Of those apprehended, two violent offenders who resisted arrest were bitten by K-9 Oak. The K-9 also assisted in tracking suspects fleeing from officers, as well as in high-risk vehicle stops and building searches. All deployments and uses of force involving K-9 Oak undergo an extensive review process to ensure proper procedure and compliance with agency operational guidelines.
- For this month, there were four use-of-force incidents reported. (1) The driver of a vehicle that was involved in a crash fled the scene on foot. Officers were able to locate the suspect and pointed a duty weapon while giving verbal commands. The suspect complied and was taken into custody without further incident. (2) A female subject inside a motorhome at Walmart pointed a firearm at security staff when contacted about leaving the property. Officers contacted the female subject in front of Walmart, and when they attempted to take her into custody, she pulled away from them and curled up in a ball on the ground. As officers were pulling her arms out to place her in handcuffs, she bit an officer on the web of his hand, which drew blood. Officers were able to then take the subject into custody. The officer sustained an injury to his hand and was treated/released at LCH. No injuries to other parties involved. (3) Officers contacted a verbally-aggressive subject who had outstanding warrants. Due to the subject's aggressive physical and verbal demeanor, and prior law enforcement contacts, an officer unholstered his taser and pointed the activated laser/light at the subject's abdomen. The subject then complied and was detained without further incident. (4) While on patrol, an officer located and attempted to contact a male subject who was wanted for outstanding warrants. The male subject attempted to flee the area. The officer involved pursued the subject, who collided with the rear quarter panel of the patrol vehicle, creating several dents and scratches, and fell off his bicycle. The male subject then attempted to run away from the officer; however, the officer was able to take the subject to the ground and into custody without further incident. The male suspect sustained an injury to the mouth because of his bicycle crash; he continued to act aggressively and spit blood onto the hood of the patrol vehicle. After treatment at Lebanon Community Hospital, he was transported to Linn County Jail. All use-of-force incidents undergo thorough review by a Sergeant, a Lieutenant, the Police Captain, and the Chief. Incidents were found to be justified and in full compliance with department policy standards.

All use-of-force incidents underwent thorough review by supervisory staff and were found justified and in full compliance with department policy standards.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about this summarization.