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Police Department

To: City Council Date: April 29, 2024

From: Chief Frank Stevenson

Subject: April Monthly Report

- For the month of April 2024, the Patrol Division had approximately 1,336 calls for service, made 84 arrests, issued 28 traffic citations, conducted 127 traffic stops and wrote 120 case reports.
- Mei Lei Wegner has accepted a full-time police officer position with our agency starting June 3rd. Mei Lei comes to us having previous employment through the DA's office, where she worked as a victim advocate.
- Both Recruit McKinney and Recruit Hobbs are progressing as they should through their field training portions, and both are expected to be released to solo status very soon.
- Officer Belknap has progressed past the field training portion, and is now working as a solo officer.
- Our Communication Specialist position remains open until filled. Four (4) candidates participated in panel and executive interviews on March 19th. A conditional offer was extended to and accepted by one candidate, who, unfortunately, did not ultimately pass the background-phase screening.
- We have extended a conditional offer of employment to a currently-certified officer. Once the applicant has passed the background, psychological and medical exams, he will be offered the full-time position, hopefully starting during the month of May.
- After six years of excellent service to the community, Officer Chance Snyder is resigning his position at Lebanon to begin his next chapter at Oregon State Police as a Trooper. He will be working out of their Springfield office.
- The Community Services Division remains active in the community with many different tasks, including the following: facilitated meetings between police and community outreach, assisted with Boys and Girls Club safety meeting, and coordinated the annual Walk-A-Mile event earlier this month that raised \$22,000 for child abuse awareness.

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Community Services staff members Albanese and Johnson, along with members of the Police Department, continue to conduct extra patrol within our parks system to assist in reduction of unwanted activities (ordinance violations, trespassing, guidance related to overnight camping). Staff continues to provide resources to members of the houseless community; we are pleased to report that one of the chronic houseless individuals that was assisted last month is now in subsequent treatment. Community Services staff also spent time last month involved with the Peer Court and Neighborhood Watch programs. Members also conducted several presentations this past month.

- The Detectives Division remains busy. This month, they were assigned six (6) new cases, reviewed forty-seven (47) DHS referrals, and were able to close three (3) cases.
- There were no use-of-force incidents to report during the past month.
- There were two pursuits this past month: (1) an officer attempted to contact a known, dangerous felon who was slumped over the steering wheel of a vehicle. The male suspect woke up, failed to comply with commands, and then fled in the vehicle. Officers pursued the suspect, but terminated the pursuit once the suspect drove the wrong way on a one-way street; the vehicle was later located unoccupied. At this time, the known suspect has not been located, but is actively being sought. (2) An officer attempted to stop a motorcycle, which led to a lengthy pursuit that ended southwest of Sweet Home. The suspect was later determined to be a prospect with a motorcycle club known as the Road Brothers, who had active outstanding warrants for his arrest for weapons possession. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was in possession of a firearm. He was ultimately charged with Attempt to Elude, Hit and Run Property Damage, Unlawful Possession of Firearm, and was suspended. One LPD patrol vehicle sustained minor passenger-side damage when the suspect ran his motorcycle directly at the patrol vehicle. Each pursuit was reviewed separately by a review board that included the Chief, Captain, Sergeant and Lieutenants, and each were found to be within policy.

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