

SPD ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT JUNE 2022

To CBS Administrator:

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW:

The overall health of the Department is stable, and morale is generally high with some dips due to current contract negotiations.

- **JAIL:** We are two positions down for jailers. Open recruitment has not produced any new applicants in several months.
- **DISPATCH:** One dispatcher did not make probation and we have one position unfilled currently. The position is currently advertised with no interest generated in several months.
- **PATROL:** Sergeant Brad Wheeler recently retired June 1st. Once his retirement plaque arrives, we will host a small retirement party for him. He has faithfully served the citizens of Sitka with twenty years of service. Officer Hal Henning retired on age with 2 ½ years of service to Sitka. Currently we have three unfilled positions. On July 1st we will have four unfilled positions due to the additional tourism FTE. We have one applicant who is in final phase of background investigation. It is expected that he will be offered an officer position by mid-July. The applicant is a local Sitka resident. We have not had any applicants in recent months.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

The public safety dispatch center cross training is 80% complete. The Firehall has been working diligently with dispatch staff to train them in the new procedures related to fire and EMS

The Department instituted a bike patrol on closure days for the downtown corridor. Officers have received training on patrol and response with the bikes.

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING:

We have open recruitment for the four officer positions and are currently advertising for a two jail officers one public safety dispatcher and an I.T. tech.

We continue to provide weekly training in-house training to our supervisors and conduct daily shift trainings to Officers.

Dispatch is currently accomplishing a huge milestone in the certification process for professional dispatch services. We have a new officer certified in Child first interview techniques. Lt. Achee attended a force science institute training, covering investigation of force incidents. Two officers received patrol bicycle certifications and will pass on training to the remainder of the patrol division this month

PROJECTS:

We received a seventy-five-thousand-dollar Homeland Security Grant for a for communications repeater, installed at Mud Bay, to help fix the communication holes in the radio coverage of Sitka due to the large mountains surrounding the town, and now the road system is being extended 9 miles into Katlian Bay,

where there is close to zero radio coverage because of a large mountain. This repeater will cover all the emergency response agencies in Sitka (Police, Fire and EMS, and Search and Rescue).

We are still waiting on scheduling to install the system this year.

STATISTICS:

The following are the number of calls year to date for 2022.

- Phone calls answered: __11637__
- 911 Emergency calls: __1354__
- Calls for Service: __4826__
- Incident Reports: __274__

*Any call that requires action from staff is a Call for Service. This may be generated from a 911.

*Any Call for Service that rises to the level of needing documentation is labeled an Incident Report. This may be generated from a 911 or a call for service.