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REPORT TO VILLAGE COUNCIL

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I am thankful to report that the July 4th Independence Day holiday was a great success for the Village and our public safety efforts. I want to thank all of our officers for working the holiday to keep the public safe! Our officers have been busy over the past month, patrolling the Village streets, conducting business walk-throughs, and conducting foot patrols. I am convinced that a highly visible Law Enforcement presence helps deter criminal activity and lowers the number of motor vehicle crashes. With the higher traffic volume, speeding complaints have become more frequent. Warnings and state citations have been issued for speeding violations.

Officer Kiefer is now assigned to the night shift and has completed our field training program. Officer Kiefer has already shown to be a valuable asset to the Department. Officer Linkous is now on day shift and is doing a great job of moving forward our community policing efforts. Officer Linkous has been busy conducting business walkthroughs, community patrols, and becoming familiar with daytime operations of the Department.

On 7/1, all North Carolina State Uniform Citations will be issued through BRAZOS. This is the online application implemented by the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts. SMPD has implemented all required equipment over the past few years to comply with this change. Officers will no longer issue handwritten State Uniform Citations. Warning citations will also be issued using this application. All data is synced with our Record Management System, and automatically transfers for completion of officer reports.

On 7/10, Chief Turbyfill and Officer Brown attended an online training to become familiar with the online submission of traffic accident reports. Soon, the NCDOT will no longer accept paper copies of accident reports, as it has in the past, to collect traffic data. All SMPD traffic crash reports will be electronically submitted to NCDOT through a secure portal. SMPD will no longer provide accident reports to the public due to this change; accident reports will need to be obtained through NCDOT online, and this information will be posted on our website when closer to implementation. I expect this implementation to take several months. This process will comply with current laws about the release of secure personal information.

Events of Interest

On 6/16, Officer Brown investigated an attempt to obtain property by false pretense at the Mountain Community Bank. An unknown male subject withdrew money from an account in the form of a cashier's check at the Mountain Community Bank in Boone, using a fake identification. The male subject then attempted to cash the check at Mountain Community Bank in Sugar Mountain. Mountain Community Bank employees at Sugar Mountain did not cash the check. All obtained information was turned over to the Boone Police Department.

On 7/1, Chief Turbyfill and Officer Brown responded to a call of a male subject who wanted to harm himself. The male subject had a self-inflicted injury to their right forearm. Chief Turbyfill and Officer Brown provided medical attention until Avery County EMS arrived. The male subject was transported to Cannon Memorial Hospital.

On 7/5 shortly after midnight, Chief Turbyfill and Officer Kiefer responded to 150 Glenwood Lane about a physical altercation. Chief Turbyfill and Officer Kiefer found that a male subject had become violent with family members. The male suspect was found to have consumed alcohol underage. The male subject was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol and transported to the Avery County Magistrate's Office. The

male subject was given a custody release and turned over to the Avery County Detention Center.

On 7/6, Officer Kiefer came in contact with an intoxicated male subject at the Scotchman on NC 105. The male subject had reportedly caused a disturbance at Highlander Grill. Officer Kiefer, while speaking to the male subject, found that the male subject was armed with a concealed handgun. The male subject was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and possession of an open container of alcohol in the passenger area of the vehicle. The handgun was seized pending court action. The male subject was transported to the Avery County Magistrate's Office. The male subject was given a custody release and turned over to the Avery County Detention Center.

On 7/7, Chief Turbyfill and Officer Kiefer responded to assist the Avery County Sheriff's Office with an active shooter incident that had taken place. Chief Turbyfill and Officer Kiefer assisted in maintaining a perimeter around the incident scene. The suspect was taken into custody by Law Enforcement Tactical Teams later that evening, without incident.

As always, we will strive to provide a professional law enforcement service to the citizens and guests of Sugar Mountain.

Included is our past month's activity report and speed sign data.

Business Checks-491, Residence Checks-444, Citations-8, Arrest -2

Patrol Miles: 4,317

Respectfully,

Casey Turbyfill, Chief