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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police
Date:
Subject: 2020 Police Dashboard

Recommendation:

City Council receives an update on Proposition 1, the 2020 Crime Dashboard and the 2020 Animal Services report. This the final version of this crime dashboard. The crime dashboard will be modified in future Council reports to broaden the categories as identified in the feedback gathered in 2021 from meetings with individual Councilmembers and as requested at the February 16th, 2021 Study Session.

Background:

The Department has previously provided both written and verbal reports to the Council on a quarterly basis about crime and provided updates on major programs.

The implementation of Proposition 1 continues as expected. The Department is excited to report that the 9 new Officers hired in 2019, have all graduated from the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy, completed their advanced Police Training Officer program and have been deployed to Patrol.

As of August 1, 2020, the Department has filled ALL the Proposition 1 positions except for one School Resource Officer position as explained in the SRO section below:

- **Pro-Act (4)** – The Pro-Act unit has been in full operation since October 1, 2019, consisting of a Sergeant and four officers, one of which is also the rank of Corporal to provide for full time supervision of the team. The Pro-Act unit has been instrumental in impacting crime within the city. The unit has also been responsive to focusing enforcement activities when needed on issues arising in city parks, as well as identified problem locations attracting criminal behavior within residential neighborhoods. Pro-Act Officers have provided support to Patrol and to Detective's in the investigation of a homicide at Houghton Beach Park. The Pro-Act unit had a very successful 2020, making 57 arrests, recovering 12 stolen vehicles, 3 stolen guns and 1 bicycle. In addition, they were granted 46 search warrants leading to the recovery of a significant amount of stolen property. All of this was accomplished while navigating the restrictions of COVID protocols and work from home mandates. Below are two cases that speak to the unique talents and great work that this team provides to the City of Kirkland:

- In March 2020, a detective requested the assistance of the Pro-Act unit in locating an adult male for whom he had probable cause for Unlawful disposal of Human Remains. The detective had identified this male as the person responsible for depositing the deceased body of a female associate, along a walking path in Totem Lake after she had died in his vehicle from a drug overdose. Pro-Act Officers applied for and were granted a "Pin Track" warrant on the suspects cellphone. Following the pings received from his cellphone led Pro-Act into unincorporated Bothell/ Mill Creek where they observed the suspect sitting in his vehicle in the 17900 block of Bothell-Everett Hwy. He was taken into custody without incident and subsequently provided the detective a full post-Miranda confession to the crime. This is a great example of Pro-Act's support of both patrol and the detective unit, and their use of available technologies within constitutional parameters to solve crime.
- The City of Kirkland Maintenance facility experienced a significant burglary and the theft of a vehicle and numerous expensive tools. The Pro-Act unit obtained surveillance video of the three involved suspects and their two vehicles from a neighboring business. Pro-Act officers enlisted the assistance of Q13- WA Most Wanted who aired a segment on the burglary, publishing grainy surveillance video photos of the suspects and vehicles which had distinctive markings. Acting on a tip from Washington's Most Wanted, an adult male was identified as a possible suspect. Pro-Act officers conducted surveillance and located one of the involved vehicles in the Sumner area. Pro-Act applied for and was granted a GPS warrant to place a "tracker" on the vehicle and was also granted a warrant to track the identified second suspects cellphone. This allowed them to identify the third suspect. Pro-Act applied for and was granted warrants for cellular tower data for two of the suspect's cellphones. Using the data received from the cellphone providers, Pro-Act officers were able to prove that all three suspects were at the Kirkland crime scene. They were also able to prove the suspects were at a Bellevue crime scene where the City of Kirkland stolen truck was recovered, and another truck was then stolen. The three identified suspects were taken into custody resulting in the recovery of methamphetamine and some of the property stolen in the City of Kirkland Maintenance facility burglary. Two of the three suspects provided confessions to the crime, implicating the third suspect as well.
- **School Resource Officer (SRO) (4)** –The SRO Unit is supervised by the Community Services Unit (CSU) Sergeant and is staffed by a corporal and four officers. Prior to the suspension of in-person classes due to COVID 19, the CSU Sergeant provided SRO coverage at the International Community School as the department experienced a lack of qualified applicants that met the high standards set for the SROs. With current challenges surrounding the availability of basic SRO training, the remaining position remains unfilled until such a time as COVID19 restrictions allow for training and travel. After the schools were closed due to COVID 19, the SRO's were initially assigned to patrol, filling in as Police Training Officers (PTO) with new Officers who had just graduated from the academy. The SRO's have now returned to their previous schedule and are rotating through the following assignments:
 - Investigating any Child Protective Service (CPS) incidents that are school related
 - Completing mandatory school specific training
 - Responding to any issues that occur on school property
 - Assisting Pro-Act as on-scene uniformed officers or transport units when necessary (freeing up patrol units to continue to handle calls for service)

- Assisting the Traffic Unit with pedestrian crosswalk emphasis patrols and traffic complaint zones
 - Assisting the Neighborhood Resource Officer by providing extra patrols and problem solving to several on-going investigations and or neighborhood disputes that are of a community sensitive nature
 - Providing additional directed patrols in City Parks
 - Supporting community outreach with the Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO)
 - Developing and delivering educational presentations for community group meetings. These groups include Kirkland Rotary, Kirkland Chamber of Commerce, Kirkland Kiwanis, and the Kirkland Downtown Association
 - Facilitating the delivery of gun locks purchased through Proposition 1 funds
- **Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO) (1)** – The second NRO, as outlined in Proposition 1, was appointed on August 1, 2020, bringing the total allocated in the unit to two. Officer Tiffany Trombley was selected as the second NRO and is assigned as a co-responder with the Proposition 1 Mental Health Professional (MHP). Together, they have responded to multiple calls for service and conducted follow-ups to assist those in mental crisis. Officer Trombley is developing a new process for documenting persons suffering with mental illness that officers have frequent contact with and those that suffer with severe mental health illness issues. This will help NORCOM provide officers specific information when responding to a call for service which may better help them assist and help the person in crisis. Officer Trombley has been heavily involved in the planning and video production of the Proposition 1 Gun Safety Education program, which, due to COVID-19, must be delivered in a virtual format in the form of online videos. The first gun safety video and introduction are complete and the NRO has been active in helping create educational content on other projects as well. Both NRO's will handle community issues as needed, but each has specific tasks assigned to them to help streamline the workflow. NRO's continue to support patrol in addressing ongoing neighbor disputes, homelessness issues, and other chronic issues.

In November 2020, NRO Deana Lansing resigned from the Department and left law enforcement to pursue other endeavors after serving for 17 years in the profession. The remaining NRO will continue to support patrol in addressing ongoing neighbor disputes, homelessness, and other issues that require prolonged problem-solving efforts as well as co-responding with the Proposition 1 MHP. The Department will be filling this vacancy in the near future.

- **Crime Analyst (1)** – An experienced Crime Analyst was hired on October 16, 2020. The Department looks forward to the increased capabilities that the addition of a second Crime Analyst will provided to not only support data driven policing & Pro-Act Officers but also Resolution 5434 and the creation of use of force & SRO dashboards.
- **Mental Health Professional (MHP)** – The MHP position provided under Proposition 1, was staffed by certified Mental Health Professional Renee Cox. She has been co-responding with the Proposition 1 funded NRO, Officer Tiffany Trombley, to provide mental health resources to those in crisis. They have responded on multiple follow-ups to contact individuals, assess their needs, and provide resources. Having a MHP as a member of the Department has also been beneficial to patrol officers as an immediately available resource. MHP Cox has been busy streamlining the process of officer referrals and ensuring prompt follow-up. She has also

reached out to our community partners (local housing authority, Evergreen Health, Sound Mental Health, etc.) in order to establish relationships and better determine how best to help those suffering from mental illness in the community. In addition, the MHP and NRO are developing an educational program for city staff to provide de-escalation tools and to develop a system in which they can refer those that may benefit from MHP contact and/or follow up. Creative ways in which to utilize the MHP in non-traditional settings continue to be explored, such as assisting with death notifications, victim services, and non-criminal incidents resulting from behavioral issues.

MHP Cox and the North Sound Response Awareness, De-Escalation, and Referral (RADAR) Program Coordinator, funded by a King County Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) grant, are working together to ensure both programs meet their goals without duplicating efforts. This will help ensure that the funds and resources in both programs are utilized to their fullest. The WASPC grant funded program was able to hire two additional "Navigators" which will provide more opportunities for co-responders to be out in the field with officers helping on calls with persons in-crisis. One of the new hires, has direct co-response experience after having completed her social work internship with the Everett Police Department. She also has a wealth of other social service experience and was most recently working as an investigator for Child Protective Services. She is passionate about working with people who have contact with law enforcement and has great reviews from all the officers who have worked with her.

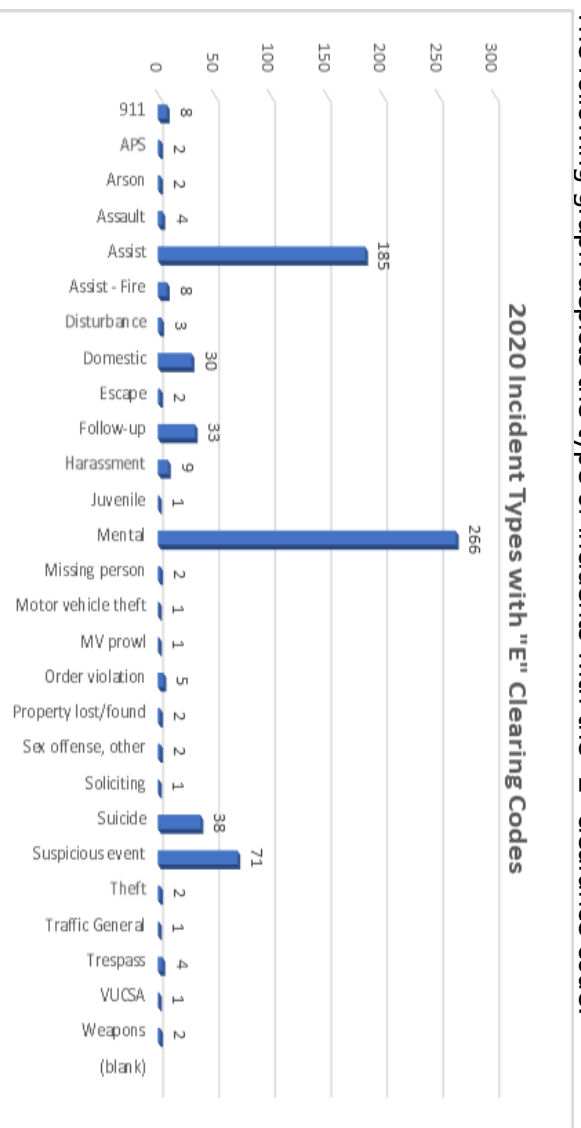
The Proposition 1 MHP program data shows that they served 220 Kirkland individuals between July 1-December 31, 2020. This includes phone only contacts by the MHP and in-person outreach contacts with the NRO or another officer. Each in-person contact takes approximately two (2) hours.

The RADAR Navigator data for the year shows that they served 261 individuals with 404 total contacts within the City of Kirkland.

In addition to collecting data on contacts made by the Proposition 1 MHP or grant funded Navigators, the Department implemented a second clearing code to assist in tracking calls that involve mental emotional subjects. While an Officer might be dispatched to a burglary of a residence, there are times that the investigation reveals that the "suspect" was experiencing a mental health episode without any intent to unlawfully enter a private residence. This new clearance code was in use for the entirety of 2020 and yielded the following statistics:

- 686 calls for service were cleared with a secondary clearing code of "E"
 - The code was created at the end of January 2020 and training was conducted on this new code on March 11.

The following graph depicts the type of incidents with the "E" clearance code:



- As this was a completely new protocol, additional reminders have been made as not all calls with a mental emotional subject were accurately captured.
- **Gun Safety program** – Staff developed a safety program that includes instruction, allows for community interaction, the ability to ask questions and provide gun locks and or gun safes to those that attend. Due to the COVID 19 outbreak and the “stay at home order”, staff tested a virtual safety program but found that it did not meet the expectations of the “in person” instruction. A series of instructional videos are currently being developed to promote gun safety through both the Department’s website and social media platforms. A Proposition 1 introductory video, as well as the first gun safety video have been completed and are ready to be distributed. The Department will be utilizing social media platforms and virtual neighborhood meetings to distribute this first video. Gun locks continue to be available to the community upon request. Staff plan to host in person instruction as soon as allowed by the Governors “stay at home” order.

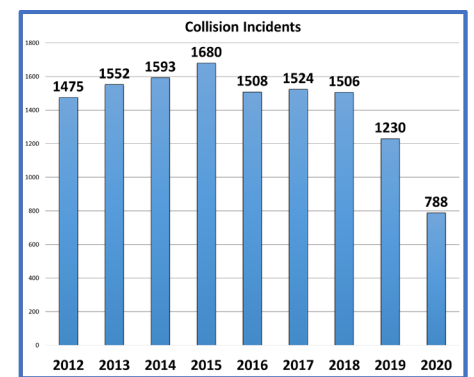
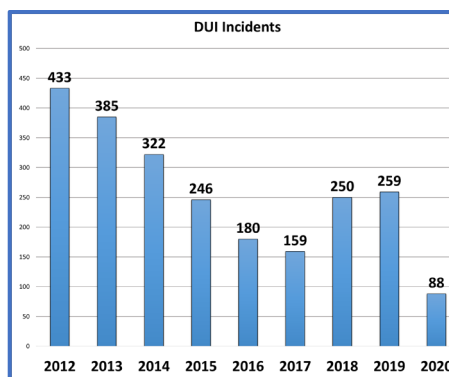
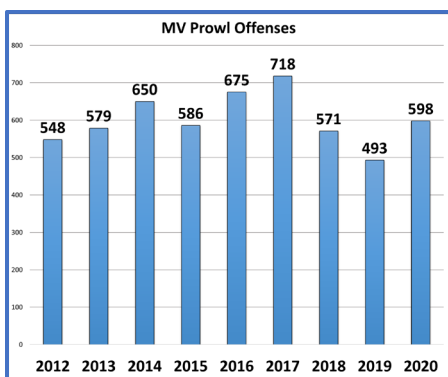
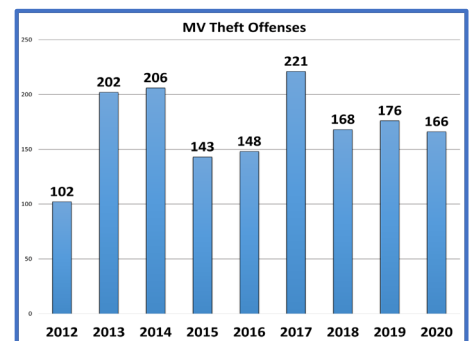
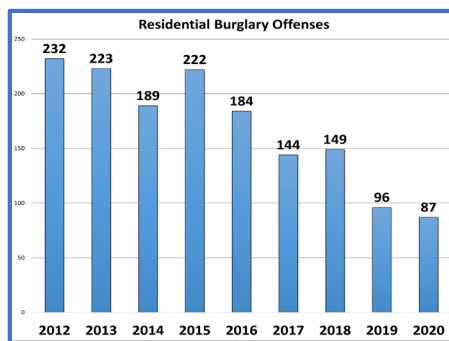
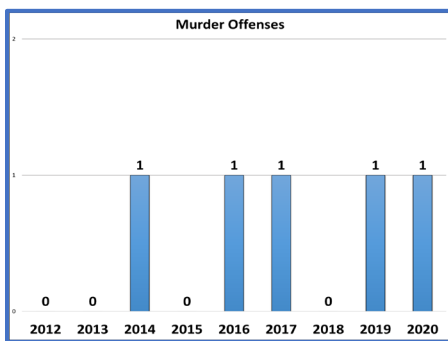
Starting with the 2nd quarter dashboard, background checks associated with firearm sales continue to see a significant increase in activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. While there are no “brick and mortar” stores in Kirkland, a background check is required for any resident buying a firearm who lives in the City of Kirkland, which must be processed by the Department’s Records Unit. The following graph depicts the increase experienced in 2020, as compared to the last two years:

	Concealed Weapon Permits	Firearms Transfers (new gun sales)
2018	901	1194
2019	869	1553
2020	835	3115

Kirkland Police Department Dashboard

January 1st to December 31st, 2020

Crimes of Interest	2012-2019 Weighted Average	Normal Range	2020	Change from Weighted Average
Murder	0.6	0 to 1	1	64%
Sex Offenses	48.6	43 to 55	54	11%
Robbery	21.3	18 to 25	22	3%
Aggravated Assault	49.3	39 to 60	60	22%
Burglary - Residential	159.1	115 to 203	87	-45%
Burglary - Commercial	98.1	77 to 119	93	-5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	176.3	140 to 213	166	-6%
Motor Vehicle Prowl	600.7	532 to 669	598	0%
DUI	245.3	156 to 334	88	-64%
Collisions	1476.2	1355 to 1597	788	-47%



COVID-19 had a significant impact on crime in 2020, with many categories reporting a decrease in numbers compared to the averages. All crime categories are below or within the expected range. As previously mentioned, the depiction of this crime dashboard will be modified in future Council reports to broaden the categories as requested at the February 16th, 2021 Study Session.

The Department continues to operate with COVID19 restrictions that attempt to facilitate social distancing measures between Officers and the public. Officers are encouraged to be highly visible in and around businesses that are closed and to focus on crimes of a serious nature. Through collaboration with NORCOM, the use of online reporting continues to be encouraged and community members calling 911 are asked to meet Officers outside whenever possible. This tactic has been well received by the public. In addition, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by Officers has not changed, they are wearing cloth masks when contacting the public and transitioning to PPE as the situation dictates.

2020 Crime Summary:

Murder: There was one murder in 2020. A 19-year-old male was shot and killed at Houghton Beach Park during a suspected illegal gun transaction involving several teenage suspects. Three suspects have been arrested and charged with Murder 1st degree.

Sex Offenses: This category includes crimes such as rape, child molestation, indecent liberties, and voyeurism. There were 54 cases in 2020 which is up 11% from the weighted average of the past eight years. This category of crime is prone to fluctuations and the current level is near the top of the expected range.

Robbery: There were 22 robberies reported in 2020. This is up 3% over the weighted average of the past eight years and down 15% from 2019. This category has relatively small numbers and is also prone to fluctuations. The 2020 total for robberies fell in the middle of the expected range.

Aggravated Assault: There were 60 aggravated assaults in 2020. This is up 22% over the weighted average of the past eight years and at the top of the expected range for this category. Aggravated assaults had been running high all year, however, slower activity in the fourth quarter brought the level down within the expected range. Aggravated assaults are down from a peak in 2018 of 71.

Residential Burglary: There were 87 residential burglaries reported in 2020, representing a decline of 45% from the weighted average of the past eight years. Residential burglaries have trended significantly downward over the past several years and are now at levels less than half of what they were five years ago. This decline is consistent with what other agencies have experienced during the COVID-19 stay at home order.

Commercial Burglary: We had 93 commercial burglaries reported in 2020 which represents a 5% decrease from the weighted average over the past eight years. This category experiences fluctuations and 2020's total fell in the middle of the expected range.

Motor Vehicle Theft: There were 166 auto theft reports in 2020, which is a 6% drop from the weighted average of the previous eight years. Auto thefts have held steady over the past three years but are significantly below the peak year of 2017 with 221.

Car Prowl: There were 598 car prowls reported citywide in 2020, representing a 0.4% decrease from the weighted average over the past eight years. Car prowls were up 21% from the previous year, however, they remain below the peak levels seen in 2016-2017. 2020's total fell in the middle of the expected range for this category.

DUI: There were just 88 DUI arrests made in 2020, representing a 64% decrease from the weighted average of the past eight years. Bar and restaurants closures related to COVID-19 likely dramatically reduced the number of people driving under the influence.

Collisions: 788 collisions were reported in 2020, a 47% decrease from the weighted average of the past eight years. This is the lowest level of collisions seen since the 2011 annexation. Fewer cars on the road due to COVID restrictions and telecommuting undoubtedly resulted in fewer collisions in the city.



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To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Cherie Harris, Chief of Police
Date: February 18, 2021
Subject: Annual Animal Services Report 2020

Recommendation:

City Council receives an update on the Animal Services Program.

Background:

The ongoing COVID-19 crisis prevented pet license canvassing beginning with the 2nd quarter. To counter this impact, the decision was made to waive late fees and rescind the requirement to provide proof of rabies vaccination at the time of license renewal. Both actions remained in effect through the 4th quarter. ACO Mattison is issuing citations for past due violations, off leash violations and recently facilitated a mass mailing to unregistered pet owners.

The City of Kirkland entered a contract with Cascadia Consulting group during the 2nd Quarter of 2020. The purpose of the contract was to provide remote engagement with Kirkland residents to increase pet licensing. Compensation for this contract was not to exceed \$19,995. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no in-person or traditional door to door canvassing occurred. However, their outreach included:

Multifamily housing:

- Called 34 property managers at pet-friendly multifamily properties to request they distribute the pet licensing information to their tenants.
 - Emailed digital materials to 24 properties.
- September mailing of 1,004 postage-paid return mailers and 728 simple postcards (1,732 total) to multifamily units at pet-friendly properties.

Single-family housing:

- September mailing of 302 postage-paid return mailers and 300 simple postcards (602 total) to new Kirkland single-family residences.
- December postage-paid return envelope mailing to 462 new Kirkland single-family residences.

Business contacts:

- Called 30 businesses request distribution of pet licensing materials and information to their customers.
 - Emailed digital materials to 18 businesses.
- Mailed 200 hard copies of the postcard to 8 businesses and 1 multifamily property who requested them for distribution.

Expenditures include salaries and benefits, sheltering costs, veterinarian services, PetData licensing services and various program costs such as marketing and communications. Revenue is the sum of pet licensing. While the expenditures are higher than revenue in 2020, they are still under budget.

Expenditures vs. licensing revenue:

2020	Expenditures	Revenue	Donations
1st Quarter	\$56,817	\$41,700	\$1,295
2 nd Quarter	\$62,838	\$47,675	\$2,073
3 rd Quarter	\$51,372	\$44,485	\$1,594
4 th Quarter	\$67,196	\$37,185	\$1,455
Total	\$238,223	\$171,045	\$6,417

Pet Data activity by month (including City Hall & Police Department):

Rask – 2016		Kirkland -2019	1 year	2 year	Replace	Total	Kirkland -2020	1 year	2 year	Replace	Total
January	658	January	467	55	1	523	January	379	47	0	426
February	779	February	488	64	1	553	February	409	38	1	448
March	768	March	581	75	2	658	March	393	52	2	447
April	947	April	540	41	0	487	April	261	16	0	277
May	911	May	492	69	0	424	May	603	61	0	664
June	783	June	386	47	1	341	June	506	37	3	546
July	1001	July	567	72	5	644	July	416	31	1	448
August	1063	August	502	50	2	554	August	507	31	1	539
September	906	September	523	67	3	593	September	515	40	2	557
October	914	October	374	37	1	412	October	385	33	1	419
November	831	November	488	38	3	529	November	380	34	1	415
December	769	December	325	35	3	363	December	377	30	2	409
Total	10,330	Total	5,501	612	24	6,137	Total	5,131	450	14	5,595

Overcoming the challenges of COVID-19 restrictions to increase licensing are a top priority in 2021.

The following table depicts 4th quarter sheltering and intake activity:

Everett Shelter Intakes (As of January 2021, the Everett Animal Shelter has instituted a fee increase for each stray animal dropped off at their shelter. The fee per stray has increased from \$210 to \$220.)				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
29	28	37	94	\$24,818.00*
KPD Intake				
Dog	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
21	0	0	21	\$0
Veterinary Care				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
9	11	0	20	\$4,320.60
Meow Cat Rescue/RASK acceptance of Kirkland Pets				
Dogs	Cats	Other	Total	Est. Total \$
0	0	0	0	\$0.00
Total Intake and Cost				
59	39	37	135	\$29,138.60

***\$19,168 of the yearly sheltering costs were incurred during a single animal cruelty investigation. ACO Matison obtained a search warrant and seized 41 animals out of a vehicle in which the owner and her teenage daughter were living. An additional 10 animals were born while at the animal shelter.**

Animal Control Officer Activity:

Activity	Quantity
Calls for Service Responded To	759
Lost Animals Reunited with Their Owners	41
Off Leash Dog Warnings	47
Off Leash Dog Tickets	13
On-view (Foot Patrol etc.)	97
Community Events / Meetings Attended	12
Warnings Given	133
Criminal Citations Issued	2
Notices of Infraction Issued	28
Cases Written	29
Cases Filed with the Prosecutor	2
Barking Dog Complaints Responded To	39
Hobby Kennel/ Cattery License	11
Dog Bite Complaints Responded To	30
OUR Kirkland Service Request	248

Parks Enhanced Leash Law Enforcement (Park Rangers Kris & Betty- Parks Department):

Activity	Quantity
Written warnings	331
Tickets	10
Contacts	1839
License pamphlets handed out	115

Notes from a selection of calls Officer Matison responded to during the 4th quarter:

- ACO J. Matison responded to SVS Veterinary Clinic regarding a possible animal cruelty case involving a 6-year-old neutered male chihuahua named, "Paco". Paco was brought to the clinic by their owner stating he slipped and fell while walking. Paco's presenting complaint to the clinic was severe pain, blood coming from his mouth, and unable to walk. Veterinary staff did an examination and took x-rays of Paco. Paco's x-rays were reviewed by a radiologist specialist, which confirmed "severe thoracic trauma, with evidence of pulmonary contusions, scant pleural effusion (hemorrhage most likely), hypovolemia, rib fractures and subcutaneous gas accumulation". The medical findings were not consistent with the owner's claims but were more consistent with blunt force trauma. This is the second dog SVS has seen from the owner that presented with fractured ribs after "falling". ACO J. Matison obtained a signed warrant by the Judge for the removal of Paco under RCW 16.52.085 and RCW16.52.20. After additional exams and interviews with the family, it was determined the daughter's boyfriend dropped Paco while giving him a bath. No cruelty charges were filed.
- ACO J. Matison assisted Patrol with capturing a rogue rooster from a backyard in the West Market area. The rooster was placed on a 72-hour stray hold and then transferred to the Snohomish County Co-Op.
- ACO J. Matison responded to a possible animal abuse call involving a male individual aggressively yanking a medium tan/white dog by the collar into a white van and then kicking the dog multiple times inside the vehicle. The owner of the dog was contacted and willingly showed ACO J. Matison the dog, "Baby Girl" a six-month-old mix. Baby Girl did not have any apparent injuries and appeared healthy. The owner stated he yanked Baby Girl out of the vehicle because she ate his food. A written Cruelty Warning was given to the owner to get a veterinary exam completed in 48 hours for Baby Girl. The owner complied and took Baby Girl to a local vet clinic for an exam, which was negative for any signs of abuse/neglect.
- ACO J. Matison received a call for service regarding assistance locating a local woman's shelter for a grandmother, her young grandson, and their two pets. ACO J. Matison was able to provide them with several different shelters within the King County area that allow animals. Resources for free veterinary care for the two pets was provided through Seattle Dogs Homeless Program.

Compilation of photos from 2020

Paco in his chest wrap leaving the shelter and returning to his owner.



This sweet boy was found wandering in the street but was successfully returned home after identifying his owners by his Kirkland Pet License!



One of six animals removed from an apartment due to neglect and unsanitary conditions. All seven animals were relinquished by the owner and adopted out to new families.

