

July Chief's Report

During the month of July, we hosted our second Police Department community event, **Ice Cream with a Cop**. We had an excellent turnout, including Clerk candidates Samantha Corpening and Amber Segar, as well as a candidate for Presiding Commissioner. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Missouri Made for hosting the event and, most importantly, to the community members who took the time to come out and visit with us. Building positive relationships with our community continues to be one of our priorities.

I am pleased to report that the Police Department was awarded the Missouri Blue Shield Grant in the amount of **\$28,985.50**. These funds are designated for training, equipment, and technology. It is my intention to utilize these funds toward the purchase of a patrol vehicle and the equipment necessary to place it into service.

Enclosed are the monthly statistical reports. July experienced a noticeable increase in police activity, including a higher number of arrests, a foot pursuit, continued proactive traffic enforcement efforts, and an agency assist for a weapons incident

I would also like to thank the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, city staff, and the community for their patience during the Fourth of July weekend. I also want to acknowledge the issues we encountered. I was caught off guard by the extent of the fireworks-related activity and was unaware of the history of fireworks wars and objects being thrown from vehicles. We have already begun evaluating our response, and next year we will be better prepared to address these challenges while maintaining public safety.

The remainder of the month has been focused on budget discussions and planning as we prepare for budget reconciliation. We continue working to ensure the department remains fiscally responsible while maintaining the level of service our community expects and deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Horn

Chief of Police