



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees

From: Sergeant Larry Johns

Date: 3/07/14

Re: Staff Report – Police Department

In February and early March, Nederland PD has seen an uptick in what I call “cabin fever” complaints, ranging from snow removal issues to roommate disputes. Other noteworthy items over the last month are as follows.

- Marshal Matheney is working on getting himself up to speed and settled at the Police Department.
- Police Clerk Lois Ott spearheaded the installation of an emergency phone located outside the PD. The current pay phone next to the PD has been abandoned by the phone owner. Now 24 hours a day, anyone can pick up the phone and it will immediately call Boulder County Dispatch.
- Report of a male threatening others with a knife on First Street. The investigation showed the knife was actually a flashlight.
- NPD and Nederland Fire were dispatched to a structure fire at the Sundance Lodge. An exterior gas line broke from the weight of the snow. The gas was ignited by the gas log fireplace vent. The siding was starting to smolder and fill the kitchen with smoke. Fortunately, the fire started during business hours.
- Planning for Frozen Dead Guy Days, to include additional staffing for traffic assistance and pedestrian direction, has been concluded this year. My goal was to keep the ski traffic flowing and minimize the extended exit time from town to a minimum.

- FDGD Festival incidents and complaints reported to Nederland Police, included:
 - Friday night, a disturbance between a group of young transients in a van. One young male was kick out of the van highly intoxicated. He was transported to Boulder Community Hospital. A male was contacted in front of Town Hall while vomiting. He admitted to using Marijuana, LSD, and drinking alcohol. He and his wife found a ride back to Boulder.
 - On Saturday, Eldora ski area filled up and turned all cars around before 10:00 AM. The returning vehicles mixing with incoming vehicles overwhelmed town streets. I received complaints that the Old Town area was overwhelmed by vehicles. The festival itself went well, with no reported incidents at the festival or surrounding events. Two medical slip and fall incidents resulted in an ambulance ride for both parties. Three males were taken to detox.
 - Sunday was another busy day for traffic, but no reported incidents at the festival or in town. Eldora ski area had another busy day, resulting in a large outflow of traffic clogging up Highway 119. I received another report of cars cutting through Old Town, speeding and running stop signs. There was traffic control in place and signage along Highway119 to discourage parking in Old Town. This is far and away the largest amount of people I have ever seen in town. It was possibly twice as many people than any other festival or 4th of July event.

Feel free to stop by or e-mail Marshal Matheney or me with questions or concerns. We also welcome feedback surrounding 2014 FDGD.