



# MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees

From: Chief Jake Adler

Date: 4/8/13

Re: Staff Report – Police Department

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As we move into the month of April, we have seen more changes within the department. Our five-year veteran, Officer Jacob Smith has moved on to another agency and we wish him the very best in his new ventures. I will be speaking with you all very soon to discuss further staffing options for the police department in general. Some current full-time officers have expressed interest in shifting to part-time classification as well. My department is now currently staffed with four full-time officers, with the departure of the part-time Officer Smith.

With the warmer weather, we are starting to see more and more transient and homeless people moving into the town and surrounding area. One location in particular, south of Big Springs, has become a popular destination with the recent discovery of the “East Magnolia” area, due to the West Magnolia closures last year. We are advising all residents to please notify us if they are seeing excessive (non-resident or suspicious activity) pedestrian travel in the Peakview Drive and Big Springs Drive areas. We have also been working with some burglary issues around town, while residents are gone for extended periods of time. Suspects are breaking into homes to steal food, use showers and obtain clothing. We ask that all residents who are aware of any suspicious activity in or around their home take security measures and contact us immediately for assistance, if needed.

We will be assisting and training with the Boulder County Sheriff’s Office on a “hard lock-down” drill on April 10. This drill will include interior tactical

sweeps, engagement and evacuation drills, in conjunction with the Boulder Valley School District policies.

We have begun to wrap up several large-scale investigations and associated court work. Call loads have been steady; however, I will be giving direction to begin focus on traffic enforcement issues with the arrival of warmer weather (special attention to our subdivisions). Also, with this type of weather, we will begin seeing larger volumes of calls for barking dog complaints, as dogs will no doubt be outside more in the summer. I will review our current warning and summons policies with the department to ensure smooth and even transition to this expected issue. I encourage all Town staff and officials, when speaking with the public, to encourage the “good neighbors” rule in regards to their animals. This also expresses utilization of leashes, harnesses and cleaning up after animals when walking pets in public areas. With the impending summer break for school as well, we will begin strict enforcement in regards to curfew hours for juveniles and compliance from parents as well.

I am available to each and all of you at anytime.

Chief Jake Adler