



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees

From: Chief Jake Adler

Date: 12/12/12

Re: Staff Report – Police Department

As we end the 2012 year, I would like to reflect on some of the accomplishments, events and items that shaped the Nederland Police Department. This past year presented multiple challenges that were met with great success.

1. The Nederland Police Department early in the year was able to complete much needed staffing restructures and employment models, which better served the town and residents. A full-time staffing backbone was created and everyone has been very pleased with these results.
2. We were able to increase patrol and shift coverage (most days until 5 am) into the early morning hours, with greater service to the residents while utilizing current staff levels and better time management.
3. Nederland Police named Larry Johns to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Johns has shown to be very productive in his new role and has taken on several much needed projects. Sergeant Johns has begun work with follow up investigations, evidence control, and officer assist needs in his new rank.
4. Nederland saw an increase in persons and property crimes this past year. Calls for service were at increased levels, and our department was able to effectively address and see apprehension and prosecution in almost all reported cases. Examples this past year would include multiple felony

residential and business burglaries, attempted murder, domestic violence and several weapons/gun calls.

5. New patrol tactics and on-going situations were addressed and completed with positive results for the community. One example was the continued problems at the Veterans Memorial and Chipeta Park areas. Multiple calls for drug abuse, transients and juvenile issues were repeatedly reported early in the year. Aggressive community policing philosophy, positive enforcement and conflict resolution tactics were employed, and we have seen no further issues (as of mid-year) reported in these problem areas.
6. Members of the department were certified as Training Instructors in defensive tactics. Our ability to train within the department has shown to be saving budget resources and building continued unity within the department as well. Also, several officers were certified and completed training for advanced DUI investigations.
7. We began the rotation of much needed patrol vehicles this year as well. The acquisition of two newer vehicles this year has been a tremendous help, providing increased service and allowing greater dispersion of on-call work loads. With increased vandalism to our patrol cars, specifically back windows, we have upgraded the fleet to deal with these situations in the future.
8. Though not absolutely complete yet, Nederland Police were able to forge a working partnership with the Boulder County Sheriff Emergency Management team for an established emergency response model, preparedness and protocol management system. The shell of the program is complete; however, I will continue efforts to solidify the details of the final policies in partnership with Town Hall staff and Nederland Fire offices. Nederland Police also completed a working IGA with Gilpin County Sheriff, for evacuation of livestock and animals in the event of natural disaster.

As we look to the next year, continued efforts for training and coverage issues will be paramount. I hope to implement more code enforcement programs and have already begun research on like-community models. I would also like to see more involvement in emergency service training, preparedness and partnership with the town staff.

Morale is high and the officers and I are enthusiastic and optimistic for a new year. We will continue to provide the highest levels of service, integrity and professionalism in everything we do. I thank the Board for its continued support this past year with complex and pivotal situations and look forward to an effective and productive new year!