



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees

From: Chief Jake Adler

Date: 7/9/12

Re: Staff Report – Police Department

State of the department

As we move into July, we are seeing our summer call loads increase steadily. We have a large influx of transient (and local) individuals illegally residing in town as of late, and we are experiencing an increase in burglary, public intoxication, assaults and associated crimes. We have encouraged any and all citizens to be vigilant in security procedures and are utilizing every resource to combat this increased criminal activity.

We are now back to full staffing and I have completed my restructure goals for this year. I am very happy with our current efforts, and we are now able to provide longer early morning hour patrols with fewer on-call hours.

What is going on

The Fourth of July was a complete success! We received many compliments on the handling of events and could not be happier. The new parade traffic control worked out beautifully and will be utilized for further events. The total closure time for Highway 119 was 22 minutes.

With the continued closures of West Magnolia, we have seen an increase in transient traffic in and around town. The team and I have been monitoring this situation closely, identifying and removing many large illegal “homeless”

camps on the south edge of town limits. We will continue to encourage visitors to use designated camping to the north of town (inside Boulder County).

We have taken six (forcible entry) burglary reports in the past weeks from several local businesses. We have encouraged business owners to increase security measures within their operations and are routinely looking at surveillance video provided by local businesses (who have this technology) to establish focused patrol patterns.

We have finally received our new patrol truck. We are finding this new car to be invaluable and far more useful than our older Jeep patrols. With the addition of a truck bed, we are discovering we can be of greater service for a much wider range of calls for service.

As fire season gets into full swing, I have been working with Boulder County Emergency Services on operational planning for the town. In joint venture with Boulder County, I will soon be hosting a mock scenario training for all Board members and Town employees. This training will cover immediate roles and responsibilities in a wild land fire situation and best initial response protocol.

In light of our recent at-large dog awareness within the community, we have increased patrol in the reservoir area and around Old Town. We have been successful in several noted locations with owner education, issuance of free leashes, impounds and have seen a decrease in at-large issues so far this month.

The Nederland Police Department has been working closely with the United States Marshall's Office this past month in apprehension of known fugitives in or around the greater Nederland area. Our local transient population has advised that Nederland has been identified within their community as a "cool place to be, very accepting of their way of life". Several individuals have been reported to be in the area and we continue to lend assistance when needed. With more and more cities and counties imposing "no camping" ordinances, we will continue to battle this issue.

The future

This summer has proven to be the busiest summer on record for this department. Our limited staffing and resources have been put to the test, and we are making every effort to address all concerns. To put this into perspective, we have logged more than 520 investigative issues/reports to date. That works out to nearly 90 cases per months for the department.

Gilpin County, with more than three Sheriff's Deputies per shift, is on the high 300's in reports, Central City (two to three officers per shift) is in the mid- to low- 300's in regards to investigative/reported cases at this time. We eagerly look forward to slower times, to focus on internal training and issues in the future.

We have many scheduled public events in the next few months. We continue to work closely with the Boulder County Sheriff's Office for coordination of these situations.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions: (303) 258-3250 or jakea@nederlandco.org.