

PANTEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY CHIEF'S REPORT for Aug 2011



EMPLOYEES

We currently have two officer positions open and we are taking applications.

Officer Sam Nance resigned to return to the Watauga Police Department as a Patrol Officer. Officer Nance will certainly be missed here but we wish him and his family the very best.

Officer Laura (Tatsak) Simmons resigned to be a 'stay at home Mom' and to pursue a career opportunity in 'freelance photography'. We also wish Laura and her family the very best and we look forward to her continued help as a *Reserve Officer* for the Department.

We currently have only one full time dispatch position open and one part time dispatch position open. *We are taking applications.*

We appreciate the good work of each of our officers and that of our dispatchers. We are very proud of the "teamwork" atmosphere we enjoy and we all take pride in serving the citizens of Pantego.

TRAINING

- **On Aug 23rd, Officer Michael Raecher and Chief McKinney completed 3 hours of Legal Update training. This training was made available through the Texas Police Chiefs Association and was held at the Westworth Village Police Department training facility. This is a required TCLEOSE course.**
- **On Aug 5th, Detective Sergeant Michelle Brown completed 24 hours in the AMBER Alert Tech Assistance Program. This training was held at Texas Christian University, Brown-Lupton University Union in Fort Worth.**
- **On Aug 8th, Officers Michael Raecher and Chris Whitwell completed an 8 hour course in Cultural Diversity at the Tarrant County College Police Training Academy, Northwest Campus. This is a required TCLEOSE course.**
- **On Aug 17th, Officer Chris Whitwell completed 20 hours in Spanish on Patrol. This was an online course and is required for police license certification through TCLEOSE.**
- **On Aug 25th, Officer Chris Whitwell completed a 32 hours course of training in Intermediate Crime Scene Search. This training was held at the North Central Texas Council of Governments in Arlington and is a required TCLEOSE course.**
- **During the month of August all officers within the Pantego Police Department completed a 20 hour course in Child Abuse Investigations. This class was provided through the Fox Valley Technical College, Criminal Justice Division, Child Protection Training Center and is an online course.**

- **On Aug 8th, Officer Chris Whitwell completed an 8 hour course in Special Investigative Topics at the Tarrant County College Police Training Academy, Northwest Campus.**
- **On Aug 25th, Officer Stephen Meinke completed 32 hours in Crime Scene Investigations. Training was held at the North Central Texas Council of Governments Police Training Facility in Arlington.**

CRIME STATS

Assault by Threat	2400 W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Burglary (Vehicle)	2300 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway 2400 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Burglary (Building)	2500 Block Miller Lane 2100 Block W Arkansas Lane
Burglary (Residential)	1800 Block Arrowhead Drive
Criminal Mischief U\$50	1600 Block Cresthaven Drive 2200 Block W Park Row Drive
Crim Mischief \$500-\$1500	3600 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Crim Mischief \$1500-\$20000	2500 Block W Park Row Drive
Cruelty to Animals (7)	2600 Block Kidd Drive
DWI	(2) Various Locations
Evading Arrest (Motorcycle)	1700 Block S Bowen Road
Fail to Identify (Fugitive)	2600 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway 2200 Block W Park Row Drive
Investigation (Gambling)	3600 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Poss of Dangerous Drugs	(1) Various Locations
Public Intoxication	2400 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Terroristic Threat	3200 Block Green Tee Drive
Theft (Firearm)	2000 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Theft (Vehicle)	2300 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway 3400 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Theft of Service (U\$50)	1500 Block S Bowen Road
Theft \$50 - \$500	1600 Block Forest Glen Court 2600 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway (Shelving)
Theft \$1500-\$20,000	1500 Block Stagecoach Road (Ring and GPS) 2400 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway (AC unit) 2600 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway (Shelving) 3500 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway
Unlawfully Carry Weapon	2200 Block W 303 Pioneer Parkway

Officers made 45 arrests during the month on warrants for Pantego offenses and on warrants from other agencies.

Officers made 53 alarm calls during the month.

Officers reported 22 open doors or suspicious vehicles or persons near businesses or in the residential areas.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

The **Public Safety Forum**, will be presented by the **Police Department, Thursday, September 29, 2011**. The program is titled ***Teen Drug Awareness and Prevention and is targeting Junior High and High School Age Youths and Their Parents***. We encourage everyone to come with or without your *parents* even kids eleven and twelve years of age will benefit from the presentation. ***Location is the Pantego Christian Academy Auditorium, Pantego.***

On August 17th, the **only juvenile defendant** involved in the October 30th, 2010 **'home invasion' case on Robin Road**, was tried in Juvenile Court in Tarrant County. The **fifteen year old male was convicted on 18 counts of Aggravated Robbery and the jury assessed 10 years in Juvenile Detention**. **Officers Sam Nance and Chris Whitwell provided the factual testimony for the State in the trial and professionally represented the Town of Pantego and the Pantego Police Department**. There are five adult defendants remaining to be tried in the case.

During the month of August the **Tarrant County District Court**, through the **Tarrant County Narcotics Taskforce**, awarded the **Pantego Police Department a 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe, a 9MM handgun and \$970.68 cash from a Possession and Delivery case (Officer) Chad Hoya made in 2008**. In another similar case the Court also awarded the **Department a Dell Inspiron laptop computer**. The Tahoe vehicle and the computer will be sold at public auction and proceeds will be deposited in the Department's drug seizure account and will be used to continue the fight to keep illegal drugs off our streets. We will seek a court ordered destruction for the firearm. The cash award has already been deposited in the Department's drug seizure account.

On August 11th, **Sergeants Chad Hoya and Barry Reeves and DWG Officers Tyler Lowe and Ben Singleton** conducted a funeral escort for **Mr. Joe Sutton**, longtime Pantego resident, longtime Pantego volunteer fire fighter and husband of **Mrs. Marie Sutton, who is retired after 30 years of service with the Town of Pantego** as an administrative assistant.

On August 24th **Officer Chad Hickey and Sergeant Barry Reeves**, acting on a tip, broke up an illegal gambling operation in the 3600 Block of Pioneer Parkway. **Twelve people were at the location when officers arrived and two were arrested on warrants.**

Local schools opened on August 22nd and our Officers have been very busy working the school zones and ensuring the safety of the children and motorist. Public Works activated the school zone warning lights a week early just to help prepare everyone for the additional traffic and pedestrians, the restricted speeds and restricted use of cell phones. The Police Department posted a notice on the PD web site and on the Town web site just to help keep everyone informed.

Our officers and dispatchers continue to serve our community with pride and professionalism and we thank the citizens of Pantego for the opportunity to do so.

Joel McKinney
Police Department