

PANTEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY CHIEF'S REPORT for February 2010



EMPLOYEES

We currently have no vacancies within the Pantego Police Department.

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

- **Officer Chris Whitwell attended a 16 hour Arrest Search and Seizure class at the North Central Texas Council of Governments Law Enforcement Training Academy in Arlington on February 1 and 2, 2010.**
- **Sergeants Barry Reeves and Chad Hoya attended 16 hours each Leadership Styles and Performance training at Tarrant County College on February 9 and 10, 2010.**
- **Officer Pokey Lawrence attended 40 hours training in Crime Prevention Part II on February 8 through 12, 2010, at the Harris County Sheriff’s Training Academy in Houston.**
- **Dispatcher Kobrie Hodge completed 40 hours Basic Tele-communicator Certification on February 15 through 19, 2010, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments Law Enforcement Training Academy in Arlington.**
- **All our officers and dispatchers are making good use of online training provided to them through The Law Enforcement Training Network and through POSEIT. POSEIT is provided through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Training Standards and Education. Both these services provides officers and dispatchers with training online that might not otherwise be available to them without driving long distances and paying for lodging and meals.**

CRIME STATS

Assault	2200 Block W Park Row 2400 Block W Park Row
Criminal Trespass	1700 Block Oakridge Drive
Theft Under \$50	2500 Block W 303 Pioneer Pkwy 1500 Block S Bowen Road 2500 Block W Park Row 3300 Block Peachtree Lane
Theft \$1,500-\$20,000	2900 Block W Park Row 1500 Block Mistletoe Lane
Escape While Arrested	2600 Block Miller Lane <i>Escaped from a temporary holding cell not from custody.</i>
Burglary – Commercial	3600 Block W 303 Pioneer Pkwy (Storage Unit) 1500 Block S Bowen Road
Burglary – Coin Op Mach	(3) 1500 Block S Bowen Rd
Burglary Residence	3200 Block Green Tee
Unauthorized Use Mo Veh	1900 Block W 303 Pioneer Pkwy (Recovered)

CRIME STATS (continued)

Disturbance Non Family 3200 Block Green Tee
Poss of Dangerous Drugs (3) Various Locations
Credit Card Abuse 2400 Block W Park Row
DWI (6) Various Locations

Officers made 53 arrests during the month on warrants for Pantego offenses and on warrants from other agencies.

Officers made 50 alarm calls during the month.

Officers reported 26 open doors or suspicious vehicles or persons near businesses or in the residential areas.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

On February 17, 2010 Sergeant **Barry Reeves** and Officer **Scott Jeffrey** arrested two individuals in the act of burglarizing coin operated machines at a Quick Wash Laundromat in east Fort Worth. These arrests were made during an ongoing criminal investigation involving similar burglaries at the **Quick Wash Laundromat in Pantego**. That investigation was headed up by Detective Sergeant **Michelle Brown**, and she was assisted by Sergeant **Reeves** and Officer **Chris Whitwell**. **The investigation continues and involves 6 to 8 individuals responsible for numerous such burglaries around the area. Great work on the part of all our officers and an excellent display of team effort.**

On February 25, 2010, Pantego Officers **Chris Whitwell** and **Scott Jeffrey** stopped a suspicious looking pickup truck for a minor traffic violation on Pioneer Parkway. **They immediately determined that the truck was stolen out of Ennis a month earlier and that the driver was wanted on warrants out of Corsicana.** The truck's bed was full of tires and wheels also suspected of being stolen. This investigation continues.

On February 1, 2010 Chief **McKinney** stopped and interviewed two solicitors on Oakridge, **both were in possession of Marijuana and both were wanted on warrants.** Sergeant **Barry Reeves** assisted in these arrests.

On February 3, 2010 Officer **Matt Harrison** stopped and interviewed two solicitors on Wagonwheel, **one was wanted on warrants.**

On February 5, 2010 Sergeant **Chad Hoya** and Officer **Scott Jeffrey** observed a parked and suspicious looking pickup truck on Oakridge. Upon closer investigation, they observed the driver and other occupant on foot in the area and in full camouflage clothing with walkie-talkie radios. Both were arrested, one on warrants. The truck they had occupied was towed from the scene and when the owner arrived to claim the truck, he too was arrested on warrants by Detective Sergeant **Michelle Brown** and Officer **Matt Harrison**.

On February 7, 2010 Officer **Pokey Lawrence** arrested two individuals for theft of merchandise from a department store on S Bowen.

Officer Pokey Lawrence presented the monthly public safety forum on Thursday night, February 25, 2010. This was an excellent program on **Home and Business Security** and was a very informative session. He had representatives from **Hawk Security** and **Brinks Security** (now Broadview) there to answer questions and talk about their products. Officer **Lawrence** is now a **“state certified” crime prevention officer** and will be involved in most of our future programs.

Please mark your calendar for these 4th Thursday Public Safety Programs at the Town Hall Council Chamber. The Fire Department will be presenting the program in March so please plan to attend.

Joel McKinney
Chief of Police
Pantego Police Department