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**Mayor's Quarterly Report (April, May and June 2011)**

**The mission of the Pantego Police Department is to effectively and efficiently fulfill the public safety expectations of the citizens of the Town of Pantego.**

*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.*

**There are seven major functions of the Pantego Police Department:**

- 1. Criminal Investigations (Featured This Quarter)**
- 2. Patrol**
- 3. Traffic Enforcement**
- 4. Dispatch**
- 5. Jail Operations**
- 6. Records Management**
- 7. Community Service**

**Criminal Investigations** – One officer is assigned full time to conduct criminal investigations on all major crimes occurring in Pantego. Crimes commonly investigated by this officer are robbery, residential and commercial burglaries, thefts, assaults and threats and any other major crimes normally of a felony grade or, complicated or lengthy investigations such as identity theft or credit card abuse. This officer also works closely with other criminal investigators in the area to track crime trends, share information and assist with other investigations. This officer is also responsible for sharing and analyzing information through, local, state and federal web sites set up and managed by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and Federal and State Homeland Security. This officer normally does not wear a uniform and does drive an unmarked vehicle for surveillance purposes.

**(Patrol and Traffic Enforcement will be featured next Quarter.)**

**Significant Arrests, Incidents or Events**

On April 9, 2011, **Officer Chris Whitwell** received an award from the **Tarrant County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers**, for his work in **DWI arrests in 2010**. Several members of the **Pantego Police Department and their families** were on hand to watch **Officer Whitwell** receive his award and participate in the **annual Walk Like MADD event**. The group joined the **Tarrant County District Attorney's No Refusals Team** for the walk.

In the early morning hours of April 10, 2011, a robbery occurred at the CVS Pharmacy. **Detective Sergeant Michelle Brown**, responded to the call and began the criminal investigation assisted by **Officer Pokey Lawrence**. Based on evidence and a good manager/witness, **Sergeant Brown** was quickly able to identify two of the suspects and obtain warrants. One of the suspects was arrested a short time after the robbery the other is still at large.

On April 25, 2011 **Officer Chris Whitwell** responded to a motorists' frantic call for help to remove a lady from underneath her own vehicle. When **Officer Whitwell** arrived at the location, **1500 Block of Briarwood, Arlington**, he found the lady underneath the left front wheel and in very much pain. He quickly enlisted the help of two other individuals already at the scene and the three of them lifted the wheel off the lady's legs. When asked about his heroic effort, he humbly explained, "**it was all in a day's work**".

On May 9, 2011, **Officer Sam Nance** responded to assist officers with the investigation of a **robbery at a convenience store** located in the **3600 Block of W 303 Pioneer Parkway**. With the initial investigation provided by **Corporal Marisa McCann and Officer Pokey Lawrence**, **Officer Nance** was able to identify the suspect and make the arrest the next day.

On May 13, 2011, **Officer Michael Raecher** assisted **Duff Elementary students and teachers** to cross W Park Row Drive and S Bowen Road and then escorted them to **Bailey Junior High School**. The students were on a field trip to tour the school they will be attending next year. The students really appreciated the help and **hand crafted Officer Raecher a huge THANK YOU card**.

On May 14, 2011, **Pantego Officers** participated with **(Pantego) Wal-Mart employees** in a fund raising effort for **Cooks Children's Hospital**. On May 21, 2011, **Pantego Officers** participated with **(Pantego) Wal-Mart employees and Lions Club members** in a **second** fund raising effort for **Cooks Children's Hospital**. **Both of these events were well attended and a lot of fun for such a worthy cause**.

On May 19, 2011, **Officer Chad Hickey** responded to a theft in progress at the **Kiddo's Corner in the 2200 Block of W Park Row Drive**. One individual was arrested and several garments of clothing were recovered.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, **Officer Stephen Meinke** responded to a **Theft of Merchandise** call at the **Dollar General on S Bowen Road** and just as he arrived he saw the suspect run out of the store. **Officer Meinke** gave foot pursuit and caught and arrested the suspect. On June 13, 2011, **Officer Laura Simmons and Corporal Marisa McCann** responded to **CVS Pharmacy** located at 2500 W Park Row Drive, on a **theft in progress call**. Officers arrived before the suspects left the store. Both suspects were arrested and several stolen items were recovered that belonged to CVS. When Officers searched the suspects' vehicle they found several other stolen items taken from stores around the local area.

**During the Quarter** Officers participated in other community service events which included a blood drive, several elementary school events and other local fund raisers.

**Officers and Dispatchers received 306.5 hours of training.**

**Officers made 278 arrests.**

**Officers made 27 DWI arrests.**

**Officers responded to 199 alarm calls.**

**Officers issued 1,364 citations.**

**Officers responded to 5,839 calls for service.**

***THEFTS*** during the Quarter were *down 31 percent* over the last three years (same time period) and were the lowest in the last five years (same time period).

***BURGLARIES*** during the Quarter were *down 25 percent* over the last three years (same time period) and were the lowest in the last five years (same time period).

**The Pantego Police Department works closely with all Pantego department heads and staff as a very willing team player to ensure that the very best services are always provided to the citizens of Pantego.**

**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  
Chief of Police  
Pantego Police Department