



Law Enforcement Authority

2013 Second Quarter Report

SMART Jeffco Activity

The SMART Jeffco process employs real-time crime analysis combined with proven and innovative crime-reduction techniques. This allows area commanders to immediately identify and address current crime conditions and prevent future ones from arising. Staff members from all three precincts meet monthly to discuss crime trends, quality-of-life problems, crime prevention techniques and solutions.

- **Warm weather plans for cyclists, motorcyclists, and skateboarders.** In early April a 35 year-old was traveling at a high rate of speed on a sport bike on highway 72 near mile marker 15 when he failed to negotiate the corner, crashed into a rock, a sign post, and finally a tree. He was pronounced dead at the scene as a result of a compound fracture to his spine. This was a Sunday with the temperature at about 55 degrees. Patrol commanders acted quickly and developed an enforcement and education plan for traveling in our canyons with the seasonably warm weather. SMART forum discussions resulted in hours of extra patrols in Deer Creek, Coal Creek, and Clear Creek Canyons as well as other popular weekend routes. License plate readers were utilized for offenders that flee from the enforcement efforts and a visit or letter is given.

Crime Prevention Deputies spearheaded an event held on a Saturday along Deer Creek Canyon's roadway marked 'Roadside Stop and Talk'. Displays included: information regarding state laws, crash statistics and photos, crashed bicycle, crashed helmets and a locally crashed motorcycle. Future events will be with the partnership of the Colorado State Patrol.

In addition, a series of motorcycle safety seminars have been offered to the community. These safety seminars held monthly throughout the summer in locations across the county. The presenters are actual Traffic Unit Deputies who ride motorcycles on duty and recognize that even the most experienced rider benefits from further safety instructions.

As hundreds of riders are expected to converge in the county's canyons it is with great pride that we report that the diligent work has paid off; Colorado State Patrol reported there were no serious bodily injury or fatal motor vehicle accidents in unincorporated Jefferson County for the month of May. In June there was one fatal crash on Clear Creek Canyon where it appears the driver fell asleep behind the wheel of the car.

- **Deputies try different approach to troubled resident.** Since July 2011, deputies have responded to an address on S. Union Court over 20 times for disturbance calls. Typically the resident argues with his parent regarding using social security funds to purchase drugs and alcohol. The resident suffers from a traumatic brain injury and suffers from short term memory loss, compulsive disorder and extreme depression. Recently, a deputy was assigned to find an alternate approach and try to resolve some of the underlying issues. In working with the state and Jefferson County Mental Health, placement to an adult semi-independent living center was eventually achieved. Monitoring continues as family disturbances still occur, although they are less frequent.
- **Fire response duty initiated.** Due to multiple smoke investigations in the mountain areas patrol engaged the Fire Response Duty. From noon until 10:00 p.m. daily, two deputies and a sergeant was assigned to look for signs of smoke and investigating citizen calls. Prompted by current weather conditions, and a stage 2 fire ban, the assignment will be reviewed weekly based on fire weather danger. Often reports have been the result of wind agitating the high pollen in trees. However, on June 23rd deputies responded to 55 reports of lightning strikes, smoke, and fire investigations in a three hour time span. That same day a home caught fire on Hiestad Drive and was fully engulfed.
- **Cleaning up private 'for sale' lots.** Deputies have been asked to respond to complaints that property owners near 52nd and McIntyre have vehicles listed 'for sale' on their land mimicking a used car lot. Deputies urged property owners to consider posting 'no parking, violators will be towed' signs on their property. Deputies also conferred with Planning and Zoning who determined that although the lot is private property its use is now deemed commercial; and to which posting the 'for sale' signs are prohibited. Education regarding these types of scenarios along with cooperation with Planning and Zoning is a new focus. Deputies also spoke to the private property owners and explained the crime risks associated with storing vehicles in this manner.

Patrol Activity

The following are highlights of patrol activity for the quarter.

- **Fireworks.** Each year residents must balance the desire to celebrate with fireworks, with obvious concerns for safety. In an effort to prevent injury and promote fire safety during the Independence Holiday celebrations the sheriff's office issued a stage 2 fire ban, increased patrols and enacted a fireworks hotline. In the week of June 30th through July 6th the sheriff's office received 364 fireworks complaints. For the same week, fireworks were confiscated and 13 summonses were issued. Five volunteer reserves, three cadets, and five deputies were each assigned seven hour shifts to meet the needs of enforcement in addition to customary patrols.
- **Burglar has regrets.** On April 2nd, deputies returned to follow up on a burglary from the prior week where 14 guns worth approximately \$7,800 were taken. The homeowner had found a printed note in the mailbox revealing the location of the property in a field in Aurora with detailed directions. The property was collected and returned to the homeowner. The identity of the remorseful burglar is under investigation.
- **GPS coordinates rescue subject.** On April 12th, deputies were advised that a citizen had ingested mushrooms and didn't know their location and said they were, "freaking out". Using GPS coordinates the subject was contacted on Timbers Drive and North Turkey Creek Road. The subject received a ride to the hospital and then was booked in to the detentions center.
- **Mountain lion's feast interrupted.** At approximately noon at O'Fallon Park two hikers stumbled upon a lion feeding on a fresh kill just twenty feet off the hiking trail and only 200 feet from the trailhead. The hikers were able to scare the lion away long enough to return to their vehicle and notify dispatch. Deputies arrived and observed the lion again at its kill. It was determined the lion was not aggressive or protective and the area was cleared.
- **Suspect uses doctor's identity.** A doctor reported a DEA prescription ID was being used at a pharmacy in a fraudulent manner. As the deputy was taking the report at the pharmacy the suspect happened to arrive to pick up the ordered prescriptions. The suspect was arrested for fraud and deceit. Meanwhile, a Court Appointed Special Advocate was visiting with the suspect's small children just outside the store. Due to the suspect having a warrant for failing to appear to a court date, no verifiable home address, and a history in Denver for the same violation, the children were delivered to a family member.
- **Elderly victim receive medical care.** A 71 year-old victim was under the care of family members. When she stopped breathing the family turned to deputies. One family member was attempting to give the victim oxygen through a face mask when the deputy arrived. The deputy quickly took over and placed the oxygen line on the existing trachea tube. While the victim took a deep breath the deputy turned her on her side. She began coughing, regained consciousness and was transported to the hospital.

- **Suspicious school science experiment.** While inspecting West Jefferson Middle School the fire inspector located an unmarked mason jar in a science room that appeared to have a highly acidic clear crystalline substance forming around the lid and emitting corrosive fumes. The school was evacuated and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team determined detonation was most prudent. Nearby homes were advised of the controlled explosion which occurred in the north ball field under fire personnel's watchful eyes.
- **World of Coins burglars nabbed.** In late May, deputies arrived on scene to an alarm at the World of Coins store. Deputies observed four males exit the store toward their vehicle with an open trunk and goods on the ground. Upon spotting the deputies, two fled back into the store and two others ran. When told K9's were being deployed into the store two crawled from out of the ceiling and surrendered. The two who ran were also apprehended. The suspect's vehicle had been stolen, the glass cases in the store smashed and a large amount of coins placed in the vehicle. Investigators and lab personnel responded yet none of the suspects would offer statements. Investigators determined that this case may have ties to over 100 cases out of Denver as well as a large number out of Colorado Springs.
- **Father identifies daughter as suspect.** On April 21st, a purse was stolen from a vehicle and used to purchase electronics at Best Buy and Sears. Surveillance video was obtained and the images were posted on social media as well as on the news. The father of the suspect recognized his daughter and revealed the motel location where she had ran away to with her boyfriend. She was arrested by Denver Police.
- **K9 searches for missing adult.** At approximately 11:21 p.m. a search for a missing person ensued. The missing person left while intoxicated after an argument and was not dressed appropriately for evening weather. Alpine Search and Rescue along with K9's searched the mountain terrain and trails into the evening and determined the search would resume the next morning. At 1 p.m. the search was called off as the missing person was seen on a gas station surveillance camera leaving in a vehicle.
- **Air rifle used in reckless endangerment.** Just before midnight deputies responded to Evergreen Parkway and Bergen Parkway on a report that someone shot out a vehicle window. The suspect was located with the air rifle as well as marijuana and drug paraphernalia in possession. The suspect was given a summons to appear in court on the charges.
- **Blue Bell Fire.** On June 3rd, the Blue Bell Fire prompted a level 3, leave immediately, evacuation. Emergency notifications were sent to more than 9,000 phones in a four mile radius. Some homes lost power. An additional 200 homes were evacuated in Clear Creek County. Deputies went door to door to ensure evacuation. Animal Control assisted deputies in finding temporary homes for animals. High winds intensified the fire creating hot spots and flare ups amongst the hundreds of homes. At least 140 people and 109 animals were displaced. In the initial phase of the fire 75 sheriff's office assignments responded to include 51 deputies, animal control officers, command staff, and the Jefferson County Fire Response Team each working 12-14 hour shifts. In addition, 26 Incident Management Team members, 9 Emergency Operation Center members, not to mention several dispatchers were involved in actively fighting the fire. In the security phase just two days into the fire seven deputies were staffed 24/7 until containment, when only two were required for security. The agency as a whole

operated on critical staffing levels to maintain services while fighting the fire. All other personnel were released from the fire with no reported injuries or loss of structures. The public information officer's held four press conferences and tweeted 135 informational advisories. Investigator's alone spent 36 hours towards the efforts.

- **Lime Gulch Fire.** Emergency notifications were sent on June 19th to 410 phones in a three mile radius of the Lime Gulch Fire. The day after the fire began it had reached 600 acres and was 5 percent contained. In the initial stages of the fire sheriff's office staff equaled over 76 assignments (law enforcement and support) working 594 hours. Those were comprised of 45 deputies, dispatchers, investigators, and Emergency Operations Staff; each working 9-hour shifts. On the security phase of the efforts an additional 3,220 hours comprised of 230 sheriff's office assignments working 14-hour shifts. The agency as a whole operated on critical staffing levels to maintain services while fighting the fire. Over 255 firefighters, two heavy air tankers and one helicopter were on scene. The US Forest Service took command of the firefighting efforts while the sheriff's office maintained evacuations and the three road closures. Over 50 structures were threatened. On June 25th road closures were lifted and personnel cleared. The public information officer's administered four press conferences, three employee interviews, and blasted 280 informational tweets.
- **Lillis Lane Fire.** On June 27th, a brush fire near a residence quickly spread and fully engulfed a home. At least one other structure on the property and three vehicles were also burned. A level 1 evacuation notice was sent to 900 homes in the area. The two acre fire was quickly extinguished. Investigations devoted six hours to the case that day. A cause and origin report is forthcoming.
- **Car swept down river.** On June 12th, a vehicle traveling eastbound on Highway 6 near mile post 268 veered off the right side of the road, down the embankment and into Clear Creek. The car was swept a quarter of a mile until a large rock stopped it. The driver was deceased. Witnesses say it was as though the driver fell asleep at the wheel. Clear Creek Canyon continues to be a high accident area and is worked aggressively by both the sheriff's office and Colorado State Patrol.
- **Texting and driving.** On June 25th, a car travelling southbound on Indiana Street near the 10500 block travelled into the northbound lanes and collided head on with a large truck. The driver sustained massive trauma resulting in death. Colorado State Patrol reports that the driver may have been texting and driving and they suspect marijuana as a contributing factor. The driver of the truck sustained minor injuries. Indiana Street from Highway 72 north to Highway 128 has been a complaint area and worked heavily by both the traffic and patrol units.
- **Son injures father with hammer.** On May 8th, a father in Pleasant View observed the sound of smashing on his property. The father went to check on his adult son, who, because he is homeless, is allowed to occupy a camper on the property. The son is diagnosed bi-polar and schizophrenic. In approaching the son he observed him smashing what looked like a fishing lure with a hammer. The father asked for the hammer and the son refused. The father asked again, but this time said he was going to call the sheriff's office. It was then that the son stepped towards him, stated, "I'm going to kill you", and swung at the father striking him in the head three times. The father went to the hospital with serious injuries and deputies arrested the son. Investigators responded and submitted a case filing for the charges of Second Degree Assault-At Risk Adult and Misdemeanor Criminal Mischief.

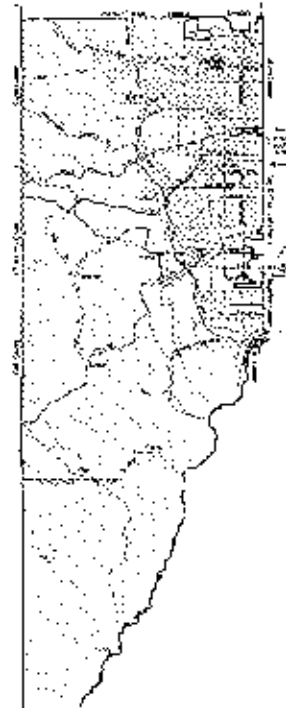
Patrol Watch Activity

Patrol watch activity is measured by two criteria — reports and service calls.

- A **report** has a case number and is documented with a written report.
- A **service call** occurs when a deputy is dispatched to a call that does not require a written report.

Reports and service calls are broken down by precincts: north, south and mountains.

- **North.** The north area of Jeffco is considered to be the area north of Alameda Avenue to the county line, and east of the foothills (mainly unincorporated Golden and Arvada, Clear Creek, Golden Gate and Coal Creek canyons).
- **South.** The south area is considered to be Alameda south to Chatfield Reservoir, and east of the foothills (unincorporated Littleton and Lakewood).
- **Mountains.** The mountain area is considered to be south of I-70, and west of the foothills (Evergreen, Conifer, Idledale, Kittredge and the south



Second Quarter 2013: REPORTS

REPORTS	North	South	Mountains	TOTAL
April	732	1383	464	2579
May	809	1431	534	2774
June	835	1418	377	2630
Total	2376	4232	1375	7983

Second Quarter 2013: SERVICE CALLS

SERVICE CALLS	North	South	Mountains	TOTAL
April	680	1253	615	2548
May	854	1343	804	3001
June	1174	1528	904	3606
Total	2708	4124	2323	9155

2012-2013 Second Quarter Comparison: REPORTS

REPORTS	2012	2013
April	2479	2579
May	2503	2774
June	2735	2630
Total	7717	7983

2012-2013 Second Quarter Comparison: SERVICE CALLS

SERVICE CALLS	2012	2013
April	2715	2548
May	2959	3001
June	3606	3606
Total	9280	9155

Traffic Enforcement

The primary goal of JCSO traffic enforcement is to reduce unsafe driving in the county. Salaries for the traffic clerks and equipment are funded through the revenue generated from the Model Traffic Code (MTC).

Below is the number of tickets issued during the quarter, as well as a comparison from the same time period last year:

MTC	Parking tickets issued	Traffic tickets issued
Second Quarter 2012	97	1937
Second Quarter 2013	108	2252

The traffic unit concentrates its efforts on high volume and high accident areas and in response to citizen requests for additional enforcement.

In response to the SMART Jeffco forum topic, and citizen complaints the Traffic Unit determined a need to enforce Lookout Mountain and Highway 93 specifically. On one such enforcement operation in the quarter, 235 minutes of traffic enforcement resulted in 8 summonses; two of which were bicycles, two motorcycles, and four vehicles.

High Accident Locations:

North Precinct – I70 / C470&I70 interchange / Hwy 93 / Hwy 6 (Clear Creek Canyon)

South Precinct – W. Bowles Ave / W. Ken Caryl Ave / S. Kipling Parkway / S. Wadsworth Blvd

Mountain Precinct – Hwy 285 / I70

Criminal Investigation Activity

The following are highlights of investigation activity for the quarter.

- **Illinois fugitive detained.** Investigators learned an Illinois fugitive may be staying in Jefferson County. The fugitive was wanted as a suspect of an attempted homicide on a police officer. Upon completing backgrounds and locating an address surveillance was established and the wanted party was taken into custody.
- **Stabbing turned homicide.** Units responded to a stabbing victim in the front yard in South Jefferson County. They began CPR and cleared the interior of the residence to find a second victim in the master bedroom. Both had single stab wounds and were transported to the hospital. One victim was pronounced deceased a short time later. The other required surgery on the minor stab wound. Meanwhile, deputies maintained a secure perimeter around both the residence and the hospital for the next several days. Investigators executed a search warrant and the crime lab processed the scene. The wife initially refused to speak with investigators but ultimately confessed to stabbing her husband and then herself. Following the surviving victim's release from the hospital she was placed in custody on First Degree Murder.
- **Cold case review board.** Investigators presented the 1981 Jeannie Marie Moore homicide case to the Colorado Bureau of Investigators Cold Case Review Board. After presenting the case our investigator received high accolades from the agency.
- **Criminalistics.** The Criminal Unit is comprised of two latent print examiners, two forensic chemists, a forensic photographer, a polygraph examiner, a DNA analyst, and a manager. The unit provides assistance and analysis in the areas of crime scene investigation and processing, drug chemistry, latent print processing, analysis and comparison, DNA analysis, digital photography, and video analysis. This quarter the lab reported 135.5 hours attributed to on scene processing.
- **Suspect tells teen, "get ready to die".** An adult male walked into a teen's apartment through an unlocked door and directed her to remove her shirt. When she refused the suspect started hitting her with the butt of a small knife on the side of the head. The suspect threw her onto the bed and removed her clothes and put his finger in her mouth. She bit down onto his finger; he punched her in the face and then left the apartment. The victim did an excellent job describing the victim and his vehicle. A composite sketch helped lead to a suspect also wanted in Douglas County for Unlawful Sexual Contact. The suspect was apprehended and detained on a million dollar bond.
- **Stalking story.** An investigator was assigned a case in which a female reported numerous incidents of unwanted advances by an unknown male. The male was alleged to following her from her car to apartment, requesting hugs, looking into her sliding glass door, and leaving a bouquet of flowers on her vehicle with a note that said, "I'm always watching." The reports were all separate and involved thorough investigation and attention. The investigator working the case became suspicious and after an interview with the 'victim' it was determined she had crafted the whole story. She was charged with False Reporting.

- **Wallet thief admits to crimes.** Investigators submitted a case filing concerning a HS student whose wallet was stolen and a withdrawal of over \$3,000 made from the bank account. Investigators consulted the School Resource Officer with the bank surveillance videos and identified a potential suspect. Upon the interview of the suspect an admission was made and property and remaining cash was retrieved.
- **Man climbing on rocks falls, dies.** Investigators were called to 21800 Hwy 6 on a death investigation in April. A 64 year-old male had fallen about 40 feet while rock climbing. His son was at the bottom belaying (holding one end of the rope). The son stated that his father was going to repel down the rock facing just moments prior to falling. He was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Investigators deemed this an accident.
- **Bond violator arrested again.** Investigators were alerted to a teen disclosing to a teacher that she had intercourse with an adult. The adult was positively identified as a suspect in another case awaiting prosecution. An undercover telephone exchange with the victim's mother was successful in the suspect admitting to the intercourse. A warrant was issued and the suspect arrested who was out on bond, which this new crime violates said bond.
- **Escort leads to alleged burglary.** A male party paid a friend for a female escort. After the female arrived, three suspects came through the unlocked door, pointed a gun to his head and demanded he put his hands behind his back. Upon refusing one of the suspects struck him on the head with the gun. When he regained consciousness, his hands and feet were bound and he had been robbed of cash, a gold chain, and some marijuana. Investigators responded and located controlled substances and a great deal of cash. The investigation is ongoing.
- **Storyteller turned false reporting.** Investigators submitted a warrant for a woman who claims her alleged ex-boyfriend assaulted her and kept her locked in a bedroom against her will for seven days. The investigation revealed the story was entirely fictional. Investigators submitted a case filing for the charges of Attempting to Influence a Public Servant and False Reporting.
- **18 horses seized.** Investigators assisted Animal Control in writing a search warrant in order to enter the property to examine the condition of 18 horses. The horses were assessed by veterinarians who confirmed the animals were in imminent danger and in poor health. Investigations wrote additional warrants for authorization to seize all of the horses. The horses are currently recovering and the owner is facing animal cruelty charges.
- **Death investigations.** In the second quarter, Victim Advocates were assigned to assist 103 family members in this quarter's death investigations. The crime scene lab responded to 5 specific death investigations to provide expertise dealing with autopsy and skeletal remains forensic work. Investigators closed 30 death investigation cases that were determined to be natural, accidental or suicide. In one such case, in April, two teenage boys found skeletal remains, thought to be human that were discovered on Open Space property. Initially, an investigator responded and was able to confirm there were indeed human remains. Ultimately, the scope of the investigation broadened to include four more investigators, one lab manager, one criminalist, and one coroner to work the scene. The bones were submitted to obtain identification through DNA. Investigators are still actively working the case.

On another investigation, a teenager had invited friends over as the parents were out of town. After consuming a full bottle of tequila the teen consumed portions of three other bottles in less than ten minutes. He collapsed and deputies and medical personnel initiated CPR. He was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead. Investigators spent many hours conducting numerous interviews and processed the scene.

- **Aiding escape.** Investigators filed a case on a female for the charges of Aiding Escape, Attempt to Influence a Public Servant, Forgery, and Impersonation of a Peace Officer. Detentions staff received phone calls and faxed documents from the suspect claiming to be the Parole Officer. The case involved the erroneous release from the Detention Center after she sent a fictitious parole release form. The inmate, who happened to be her husband, was taken back into custody. A surveillance photo was obtained from the location of the sent fax confirming the suspect's identity. After an interview and confession she was arrested.

Crime Statistics

Below represents a five-year synopsis of reported major crime (Part 1) in this quarter of each year and a five-year synopsis of minor crime (Part 2) in this quarter of each year.

	CRIME CATEGORIES	2Q09	2Q10	2Q11	2Q12	2Q13
PART 1	ARSON	15	8	9	15	3
	ASSAULT	182	182	181	203	197
	BURGLARY	155	145	121	141	128
	HOMICIDE	1	2	1	0	2
	KIDNAP	2	3	7	3	7
	MVT	35	36	24	28	45
	ROBBERY	3	7	6	1	3
	THEFT	328	394	327	403	347
	UNLAWFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR	48	46	58	45	33
	Total	769	823	734	839	765
PART 2	DRUGS	145	189	164	188	114
	FAMILY	84	79	120	112	107
	FORGERY	14	23	20	13	9
	FRAUD	161	161	202	165	152
	GOVERNMENT	44	24	39	33	38
	MISCHIEF	222	195	205	180	137
	MORALS	8	10	7	10	2
	PEACE	260	258	286	245	260
	PROPERTY	216	241	177	163	147
	TRESPASS-D	19	16	15	21	26
	TRESPASS-V	238	147	130	177	173
	WEAPONS	10	14	13	10	17
	Total	1,421	1,357	1,378	1,317	1,182
GRAND TOTAL		2,190	2,180	2,112	2,156	1,947

** Includes homicides and attempted homicides.*

Community Relations

- **'The Mailman' honored at ceremony.** In May, the Sheriff's Office hosted its semiannual exemplary awards ceremony. A special award was in order as we recognized citizen, Tim, 'The Mailman', Ramsey.

Tim Ramsey is a man that knows his route, his community and cares about the people in it. Tim contacted the sheriff's office and expressed his worry for an elderly USPS client on his route. His client had a huge stack of mail that had not been checked in over a week. She rarely left town, but when she did she would stop the mail service. Tim relayed that she had lost her husband several years ago and had rarely seen anyone else with her at home.

When deputies arrived their knocks were met with no answer. Peering through the windows they noticed she appeared confused and was heavily perspiring. She had difficulty unlocking the front door with a key so deputies instructed her to open the garage door. She was unable to complete full sentences or recall her birthday. Family from California met her at the hospital as she had suffered a major stroke and a clot on her brain. Family said had Tim not pursued the check on her she likely would have died that evening.

This time the JCSO made the delivery; a Sheriff's Citation of Merit was awarded to Tim, 'The Mailman', Ramsey for his life saving efforts.

- **Follow us on Twitter.** In April, the sheriff's office was recognized by the International Association of Chief of Police as the top 3rd ranking county law enforcement agency of its size with 2,946 followers. By the end of June the sheriff's office had 5,202 twitter followers.

The sheer number of followers gained during the Blue Bell Fire and high number of twitter re-tweets prove the community has not only learned to use social media tools during incidents, but that they value it as an essential piece of the overall public information strategy.

- **Youth academy.** Twenty-two teens participated in the youth academy in early June. Participants got a behind the scenes look into their local sheriff's office during this weeklong academy. Class topics and interactive activities included a SWAT demonstration, detentions operations tour, DUI simulation, K9 demonstration, crime scene investigations study and patrol procedures. The class culminated in solving a murder mystery using their newly found critical thinking and observation skills.
- **Survey results.** The first quarter survey of 2013 was mailed to 250 witnesses, victims, drivers, passengers or reporting parties who have recently had contact with the sheriff's office. The survey offers an insight into our public's perception and is a tool used to gather feedback. Below are some free-form comments:
 - ✓ Outstanding response and professionalism
 - ✓ More patrols in Clement Park please
 - ✓ Very responsive to all my calls
 - ✓ More patrols (mentioned multiple times in unspecified neighborhoods)
 - ✓ Not enough deputies to cover the area
 - ✓ Very good response and follow up