

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**6:45 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2024**  
**SCHIEFFELIN HALL**  
**(CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)**

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dustin Escapule called the Board of Police Commissioner Regular Meeting to order on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:45PM.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Dustin Escapule led the Board of Police Commissioners and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL**
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| Commissioner Colin Regan  | Present |
| Commissioner Bill Barlow  | Present |
| Commissioner Matt Faulk   | Absent  |
| Commissioner Jim Newbauer | Present |
| Vice Chairman Jim Adams   | Present |
| Chairman Dustin Escapule  | Present |
- Also in attendance: Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes from Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Regan, **SECOND** by Commissioner Newbauer, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 4/1/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**B. MARSHAL'S REPORT: The Marshal's Report – June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.**

**Crime report:**

June: 133 Total incidents / 138 Traffic stops / 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 0 with injuries / 0 DUIs. The number of calls for service was down compared to May when we had 179. Notable trends: Drugs, booze, violence, and smuggling.

**Reserve Hours:**

Reserve Deputies worked 46.5 hours in June for a salary savings to the city of \$906.75.

**Tinfoil Hats:**

I received a letter announcing the diplomatic visit of the self-appointed "Sultan" from the "United Territories of the Sovereign Nation of the Peoples Republic of Slowjamastan." Try to embroider that onto a Polo shirt. Slowjamastan is a micro-nation near San Diego and their country's mascot is the humble raccoon.

A drunk man was seen looking through someone else's residential window and banging on their trailer because he mistook a squash in a fruit bowl on their kitchen table as...wait for it...his girlfriend.

**Animals misbehaving:**

- Hit and Run: A deer crossing the road (presumably to get to the other side) did extensive damage to a car on Highway 80 and then ran off into the darkness.
- We received a call about someone's neighbor whose domesticated rabbits are allegedly luring coyotes. I'm sure that was not their intent, or this would be a self-correcting problem.
- A hazmat situation was reported on north 7th Street at 2am one morning. We assisted the Fire department in determining the culprit was a skunk.

**People misbehaving and other events of significance in March:**

- A local man was cited (again) for Disorderly Conduct and Harassment resulting from an on-going neighbor dispute.
- Trespassing at the City Pool. A couple entered the pool unlawfully and took a swim. They declined to come in to receive their citations, so warrants for Trespassing will be forthcoming.
- Assault: One man at a local bar didn't like the tightness of a leash someone else's dog was wearing. After a brief struggle, the assailant grabbed the victim by the neck and asked him how it felt. He was cited after being located a few days later.
- Assault: A different local man grabbed a bar patron by the neck and wrists after the conversation about a random person passing by got chippy. The victim elected to forego formal charges, but the suspect was forever 86'd because the incident was caught on the establishment's surveillance cameras.
- Assault: A third local man got fired from his job. He then went outside and attacked another man, knocking him off his motorcycle. He was cited for Criminal Damage and Assault before being transported to the CVMC, where he admitted himself to the psych unit.
- Disturbance: We received a call of a disturbance at a local bar with someone reportedly threatening others with a knife. Apparently, the knife part was not true, but the man was asked to leave because of his behavior. While trying to investigate the incident, the man's buddy kept trying to pick fights with the Deputy and others present. He went to jail, where he also tried to pick a fight with detention staff.
- Hit and Run at the bank: The driver was located on the road before he made it home and a criminal citation was issued.
- Hit and Run: A local man damaged a water pipe and then left the scene of the accident. He was located a few days later but had already paid the owner back. Unfortunately, his license had been cancelled, so he received a written invitation to see the Judge and his car got towed.
- Pursuit: We assisted with a chase coming from Bisbee. It mistakenly decided to come through Tombstone and got spiked. The driver was apprehended.
- Pursuit: A chase that started in Tombstone ended when the driver successfully evaded pursuing units in St. David.
- Smuggling: A Permanent Resident from Mexico got caught trying to bring a few more into the country illegally. He went to jail.
- Smuggling: A 19-year-old woman from Glendale reported she was recruited through Instagram to participate in human trafficking. She got booked, her car got impounded, and the immigrant went with BP.
- Smuggling: A 41-year-old man from Mesa tried to play his illegal immigrant passenger off as his girlfriend who didn't speak English and didn't have ID. He then



admitted to being offered money to pick her up from near the Safeway in Bisbee and transport her to Phoenix. He went to jail.

- Stolen vehicle: Our License Plate Reader cameras caught a stolen car coming through town. We were able to locate and stop it. The driver was in the country illegally. He went to jail.
- Hat trick: Smuggling, a Pursuit, and a Stolen Vehicle: Two U.S. Citizen suspects in a stolen car with four undocumented non-citizens blew through town and then led Deputies on a high-speed chase down Charleston Road. We were able to successfully spike the car and it eventually crashed in Sierra Vista after failing to negotiate a turn. The driver didn't run faster than the Taser and both he and the passenger went to jail.
- A local man out on parole rolled a stop sign. K9 Dayak alerted to the car and Cocaine was found hidden under the car seat. He's on his way back to prison.
- Not to be outdone, another local man rolled four stop signs on his bicycle. He emptied his pockets on the hood of the Deputy's patrol vehicle and opened a case containing meth and drug paraphernalia that he said he was going to throw away because he doesn't like to smoke hard drugs in his mom's house. He went to jail.
- An Elfrida man with a warrant for his arrest thought it clever to drive through Tombstone with drugs, to include hallucinogenic mushrooms. He went to jail.
- We assisted CCSO and the U.S. Marshal's Service with the arrest of a person with a felony warrant who has violent tendencies toward Law Enforcement. He went to jail.
- We assisted CCSO with a Forensic interview on a Sexual Assault case, since one of our Deputies is certified to conduct them.
- Shots fired at the bank. As interesting as that call sounded at the time, it turned out to be fairly uneventful.
- A gentleman who is partially deaf left his car running all night, because he couldn't hear it. Fortunately, it was still there in the morning. Don't try this at home.
- A local gentleman drove his electric wheelchair all the way out to the bar at Monument Ranch, where it died. The wheelchair, not the man. We transported the man and TFD transported the chair, so they could be reunited with electricity in the comforts of his home.

**(And in a new category, which we'll call) On a scale of 1 to a bazillion:**

- Candidate #1: Poor planning. A tourist lost her car in Tombstone, so we drove her around until it was found. Not long after that, she ran out of gas, so we helped her get enough in the tank to get to the Circle K. Preparedness Score: 0 out of 10.
- Candidate #2: Sherlock Holmes and the broken window. A guy from Tennessee (who was extremely intoxicated) kicked in a few windows at Schieffelin Hall. The Deputy got the suspect and vehicle description from the cameras outside the Marshal's Office, then found the car and the license plate on our LPR cameras. The Deputy was able to confirm the car's direction of travel from Tombstone by having BP check their cameras on Highway 80 North. The car was then located at a hotel in Benson and the suspect was identified through the guest registry using the name of the vehicle's registered owner. Great work from our Deputy! Investigative score: 12 out of 10.

**Other items of interest:**

I wish all the candidates the best of fortunes 3 weeks from today, based on their grasp of the issues, their articulated vision for the city, their ability to play well with others, and the campaigns they respectively ran. Vote your heart, vote your conscience, vote for what's in the finest interests of Tombstone

*Mayor closes Marshal's Report.*

**V. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Regan, **SECOND** by Commissioner Barlow, to adjourn. The Board of Police Commissioners was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



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Dustin Escapule, Mayor



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Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk