

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**6:45 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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, September 10, 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   | Present |
| Commissioner Jim Newbauer | Present |
| Vice Chairman Jim Adams   | Present |
| Chairman Dustin Escapule  | Present |
- Also in attendance: Shelly Kazda, Interim Deputy City Clerk

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes from Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newbauer **SECOND** by Commissioner Faulk, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5 YES/0 NO

**MOTION:** Carried

**B. MARSHAL'S REPORT: The Marshal's Report – August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024.**

**Crime report:**

July: 158 Total incidents / 115 Traffic stops / 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 with injuries / 3 DUIs. The number of calls for service was steady compared to July when we had 151.

**Reserve Hours:**

Reserve Deputies worked 45.26 hours in August for a salary savings to the city of \$914.25.

**Tinfoil Hats:**

Still nothing to report. Apparently, everyone in town stopped drinking the water.

**Animals misbehaving:**

- Black cow with orange ear tag 335 took her young for a walk on Charleston Road. They were reunited with the rancher who owns them. This should also serve as a gentle reminder to drive carefully on Charleston, as hitting a cow in your car will not work out well for either one of you.

- A dog tried to jump the fence at the park and got stuck. We had many, many additional calls about loose dogs. Please keep your pooches in your own yard.
- Loose swine: A pair of pot-belly pigs were running the streets of Tombstone and were eventually corralled into the Cowboy Church's fenced parking lot. They made another escape the next morning and this time we caught them and they went to a pig rescue. I didn't even know Pig Rescues existed.
- A 4-point Buck mistakenly decided to play Frogger on Highway 80, got hit, and then ran off. The one on Fremont a few days later didn't survive the impact. I would offer the same admonition as I did about not wanting to hit a cow with your car.
- We received a report of a man screaming for help in the desert. Turns out he saw a snake.

### **People misbehaving and other events of significance in Aug:**

- DUI: Driver used alcohol to assist himself with getting over a rough few weeks in his life and then drove recklessly, drawing the attention of the alert Deputy on-duty. He was more than twice the legal limit.
- Extreme DUI: Driver crossed over into on-coming traffic. He, too, was more than twice the legal limit.
- DUI Drugs: A local man was caught driving recklessly while under the influence of dangerous drugs. The formal charges are pending the official lab results on his blood.
- Uncle Toad's Wild Ride: An elderly resident drifted off the road and his truck ended-up on its side at the bottom of a ravine. Public Works cut us a road to get to him and then brought out a crane to lift the vehicle up to road level, so the tow company could winch it in. Great teamwork and a very cool sight to see!
- Some other guy decided to drive on a revoked license when he was also required to have an ignition interlock device. He was criminally charged and we towed his car.
- Drugs: A Douglas man on parole and with no valid license was found in possession of Suboxone. He's also the suspect in a death case in Douglas. Charges are pending official lab results on the pills.
- Drugs: A guy on probation was sitting in the back of a Police car contemplating his criminal citation for Driving on a Suspended License and thought it clever to call Dispatch and complain that the Deputy was searching his vehicle after the dog alerted to it. Turns out he had been smoking Meth.
- Drugs: We assisted the CCSO Jail with a K9 search of an inmate pod after one of the inmates tested positive for Cocaine.
- Child Abuse: A parent reportedly spanked, kicked and threw a beer at their child. A joint investigation with DCS continues.
- An 11-year-old boy with Down's Syndrome rode his tricycle about a mile down Camino San Rafael. He then fled on foot from the responding Deputy. He was reunited with a parent.
- Domestic Violence: Male half cited.
- Domestic Violence: Male half punched, shoved, and kicked the female half before fleeing on foot. He has been identified and is still being sought.
- Disorderly Conduct: Two local men got into a brawl on Allen Street. One was cited and the other party has been identified and is still being sought.

- Theft: A Champion generator was stolen from a residence and the owner suspects the former roommates, who recently moved out and away.
- Criminal Damage / Criminal Trespass: Male subject unlawfully entered a vacant residence and caused damage. He unwittingly left his wallet behind. A warrant will be pending for his arrest.
- A drunk man was found sleeping at the Circle K. We provided him with a courtesy ride to Benson, so he could secure further transportation to Tucson.
- We received a report of a Barn Swallow nest that was knocked down during construction efforts. They are protected by both the state and the feds.

**Other items of interest:**

- The shooting at Apalachee High School in Georgia last week was the 45th one this year. A School Resource Officer apprehended the suspect before he could kill more students and teachers. If you didn't already know, Tombstone has SROs in both of our schools by way of grant funding.
- The Secret Service was investigating threats made toward Presidential candidate, Donald Trump. We assisted CCSO and the U.S. Marshal's Service with locating and apprehending the man after a multi-week manhunt.
- Through a collective accumulation of grant funded items, calculated manpower deployments, intel assessments, and good timing, we have put a significant damper on the Cartel's Transnational Crimes passing through Tombstone. In August, there were no Smuggling cases, no high-speed pursuits, and no stolen vehicles.

*Chairman Escapule:* Do they have the alert system set up like Georgia at the last shooting?

*Vice Chairman Adams:* They have a system that is in place in both schools. It has not been made active yet until the staff gets training. I did just speak with them the other day about that. That is something that is forthcoming and that will allow responding officers to have real time maps of the school. The teachers can send alerts, also real time, instead of waiting for just the office to make the notification to lockdown. It's going to save a lot of lives.

*Chairman Escapule:* You know, to say it could never happen here, that's a false statement. It could happen here.

*Vice Chairman Adams:* Yes, sir, it could.

*Mayor closes Marshal's Report.*

**V. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Barlow, **SECOND** by Commissioner Newbauer, to adjourn. The Board of Police Commissioners was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Dustin Escapule, Mayor

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Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk