

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**6:45 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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**

Commissioner Colin Regan	Present
Commissioner Bill Barlow	Absent
Commissioner Matt Faulk	Present
Commissioner Jim Newbauer	Present
Vice Chairman Jim Adams	Present
Chairman Dustin Escapule	Present
Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk	

Also in attendance:

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes from Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newbauer **SECOND** by Commissioner Faulk, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 4 YES/0 NO/1 ABSENT

**MOTION:** Carried

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

**Crime report:**

July: 151 Total incidents / 111 Traffic stops / 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 with injuries / 3 DUIs. All Three accidents this month were alcohol related. The number of calls for service was up compared to June when we had 133. Notable trends: Ya'll need to quit drinking.

**Reserve Hours:**

Reserve Deputies worked 20.5 hours in July for a salary savings to the city of \$399.75.

**Tinfoil Hats:**

Nothing to report. I know...I'm disappointed, too.

**Animals misbehaving:**

A hive of Killer bees invaded a backyard and then got "out of hand." We assisted with keeping pedestrians out of the danger zone until the offending critters were removed.

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

- Smuggling: A 31-year-old woman from California just happened to be in southern Arizona and didn't think it was suspicious to pick up men dressed in camouflage wearing carpet shoes and then attempt to drive them to Phoenix. She went to jail.
- Smuggling: A 23-year-old developmentally disabled driver tried to smuggle humans but got caught when he took a wrong turn into a dead end. His charges will be forwarded to the County Attorney's Office...he was released to his mother.
- Smuggling: On the same night, an undocumented non-citizen was captured trying to smuggle two more into the country. It is becoming increasingly common for this to occur, as many immigrants smuggled in, owe the Cartels for getting them here. They often have to repay their debt by running loads. Case in point:
- Smuggling: Another undocumented non-citizen caught going to pick-up others.
- Smuggling: Yet another undocumented non-citizen got caught trying to smuggle three (3) more into the country.
- Stolen Vehicle: A Tucson man with three (3) felony warrants for his arrest kicked his pregnant girlfriend in the stomach and stole her car. We caught it passing through Tombstone and took the driver into custody following an uneventful high risk stop.
- Stolen Vehicle: Our License Plate Reader picked up a stolen vehicle coming into town. We found and stopped it. The driver was arrested for multiple felonies, one passenger had five (5) active warrants for her arrest and possession of the key fob for the stolen car, and another passenger had Fentanyl and drug paraphernalia. My advice: Pick better friends.
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- Almost another stolen vehicle: A local woman decided to attempt to take possession of a truck that her estranged husband owned. This happened just a few hours after he passed away. The truck keys were recovered and returned.
- Stolen Vehicle assist: A stolen vehicle reportedly went to the Circle K in Tombstone. We pulled surveillance video for Willcox PD to help identify the suspect.
- Pursuit / CCSO assist: CCSO chased a car into town and the occupants bailed out near 2nd and Safford. No one was apprehended, but the car got towed.
- Pursuit / CCSO assist: Driver from Florida refused to cooperate with Deputies and pulled away from the traffic stop, clipping an Officer. He then fled, but we assisted by spiking the car at the river. Once the vehicle slowed down due to lack of a tire, DPS lassoed it with a Grappler. He went to jail.
- 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.
- Almost a pursuit / Border Patrol assist: A man from La Mesa, California decided not to stop for Law Enforcement and then got argumentative with the Deputy. Come to find out, his brother had been shot and killed by Police in Chula Vista, California the night before when he pulled a gun and shot at officers. Poor judgement appears to be a family characteristic. He was charged accordingly.



- Drugs: K9 Dayak alerted to a vehicle driven by a Sierra Vista man. Meth was found and the driver went to jail.
- Theft: Someone reportedly stole hearing aids from a woman's purse while she was at a bar.
- Theft: Someone had a box of paper towels blow out of his truck. He went back to get them and got into an argument with the guy who had stopped to pick them up.
- Theft: A drunk local woman stole a sweatshirt out of her ex-boyfriend's car. She was cited. More to follow.
- DUI: The same woman then wrecked her car while she was still intoxicated. She was almost triple the legal limit. She went to jail. P.S. She had another DUI less than 30 days ago where she was more than double the legal limit.
- DUI: The same night, an intoxicated man from Sierra Vista man wrecked his motorcycle. He refused to cooperate, so a Search Warrant was obtained for his blood.
- DUI / Assist DPS: A man wrecked his car while drunk. DPS handled the DUI investigation, and we handled the accident and vehicle impound.
- Domestic Violence: Both parties admitted to having collectively consumed four (4) "handles" of hard liquor over the course of three (3) days before the male half kicked in the bathroom door and punched the female half in the head. The suspect was charged accordingly, even though the woman refused to cooperate with the investigation.
- Domestic Violence #2 on the same night: Report of an argument and a gunshot precipitated by the over consumption of alcohol. The report was unfounded.
- Domestic Violence #3 on the same night: A man and woman were driving, and the man was looking through the woman's phone, presumably to play some music. He saw another man's number saved in her phone and got mad. The woman got angry that he was snooping in her phone, so she punched him in the face and walked off. She was found and went to jail. The man was too drunk to drive, so the car got towed.
- Violence in general: A drunk man reportedly pulled a knife on his neighbor and got popped in the chops with a rock.
- A local purchased some silver dollars from China off of eBay. They were fake.
- We gave multiple rides home last month to folks who had too much to drink.
- We also conducted several death investigations last month, none of which were deemed suspicious in nature.
- Criminal Damage: A semi started to pull over to the right for oncoming emergency lights at the same time the driver of the offending car decided to try and pass on the right. He took out \$400 worth of BP barricades and then left the scene. He was located and cited. Believe it or not, he was NOT drunk!

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

- Our evidence custodian witnessed a driver pull over by the river, open the door, and kick out a dog. The dog was recovered and taken to the Animal Shelter. If your dog is no longer your best friend, please find it a new home or let us help. Compassion score: 0 out of a bazillion.


**Other items of interest:**


- K9 Stinger had surgery following her having swallowed something that got lodged. She is okay.
- Deputy John Coby is back in country from Jordan and will be returning to work next month. He was activated last year.
- We finally received some of the new patrol vehicles we ordered in 2022. The old, broken cars will be rotated out of the fleet and sold at auction. If you're feeling nostalgic about one of them you once rode in the back of, contact City Hall for the date of the sale

*Mayor closes Marshal's Report.*

**V. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newbauer, **SECOND** by Commissioner Faulk, to adjourn. The Board of Police Commissioners was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
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Dustin Escapule, Mayor

  
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Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk