

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**  
**6:45 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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, November 12, 2024 at 6:45 PM.
- 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: Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk  
Ann Roberts, City Attorney

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes from Tuesday, September 10, 2024. (Mayor read October 8, 2024)

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newbauer **SECOND** by Commissioner Faulk, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5 YES/0 NO

**MOTION:** Carried

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

**Crime report:**

July: 155 Total incidents / 174 Traffic stops / 6 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 with injuries, 1 fatal / 3 DUIs. The number of calls for service was steady compared to September when we had 154. Notable trends: Alcohol, lowered inhibitions, and poor life choices.

**Reserve Hours:**

Reserve Deputies worked 97 hours in October for a salary savings to the city of \$1959.40.

**Tinfoil Hats:**

This is crazy for a different reason. A man picked a fight with a Prospect from the Mongols Motorcycle Club at a local saloon. Fortunately, the other patched members who came outside, suggested that he leave and didn't take him up on his offer.

**Animals misbehaving:**

Hit and Run: A deer side-swiped a motorcycle on Fremont Street and then left the area. The motorcycle had minimal damage. The deer is still at large.

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

- A drunk man went to the wrong house...two blocks away. He was given a ride.
- Driver 1 dropped their drink, reached down to get it, and then promptly hit the vehicle in front of them and knocked it into a ditch. If only someone would invent a cupholder for cars.
- A man entered the Wine Festival with a beer. He was asked to leave and threatened bodily harm to the event volunteer. He left before we got there.
- An intoxicated man and his wife got into an argument, and she told him to get out of the car. He was run over and killed a few minutes later. The final disposition on this case is pending the final toxicology report and an opinion from the County Attorney's Office.
- An elderly woman and her son got into a drunken dispute at a local bar and put hands on a woman trying to help. The victim did not wish to pursue charges, so the disruptive patrons were given a ride home.
- An intoxicated man couldn't find his van leaving the bar (thank goodness). Turns out he had walked there. He was given a ride home.
- An intoxicated woman reported her car stolen. Turns out she was drunk and didn't remember where she parked it.
- A man left home because his girlfriend was having a bad day and taking it out on him. He discovered the bench at the Marshal's Office is not comfortable to sleep on, but it was better than one of them getting arrested for Domestic Violence.
- Less successful was the mother / daughter brawl where mom tried to punch daughter and then bit her. She went to jail.
- A woman reported her boyfriend smashed her phone, slashed her tire with a switchblade, and then fled. They are from out of state, so a warrant will be forthcoming.
- Another boyfriend / girlfriend brawl involving thrown shoes led to criminal charges and the discovery of a gas leak that caused the evacuation of the entire apartment complex.
- Drugs: We encountered a man who gave us a bogus name to hide his warrants. That didn't work. Searching him after his arrest revealed Meth, so he has a new charge. He went to jail.
- Burglary: Unknown suspect(s) broke into the old High School and stole Halloween decorations, including a taxidermy Alligator head...in case you happen to see one.
- Two drunk tourists couldn't figure out how to get the key into the door lock of their room.
- A drunk woman was found laying on the boardwalk after her choice of karaoke songs upset several bar patrons. She went back to Tucson with her mother.
- Disorderly Conduct: A local man threw a temper tantrum, then threw himself and a cup of coffee on his girlfriend's car. He then faked a limp and told the deputy he had been hit by the car. Once he was secured in handcuffs, he developed an acute case of Incarceritis and went to the hospital. He still got charged.
- Smuggling / Pursuit: We assisted DPS with a pursuit and were successful in spiking all four tires. K9 Keyu alerted to the vehicle, which led to the discovery of Meth. There were also four (4) undocumented immigrants. The driver went to jail.
- Smuggling: Six (6) UDAs in a speeding vehicle. The driver had multiple license suspensions and revocations for other bad driving events. He went to jail.
- Smuggling: We assisted BP with a smuggling load.
- Assault: One local man pulled a knife on another. He was charged accordingly.
- Aggravated Assault: A local man committed an unprovoked attack on a tourist who was standing outside his own RV. The victim had broken facial bones, eye injuries, and a bite. The suspect was booked into the County Jail.



- DUI: Driver was speeding and then made a u-turn, apparently learning he was driving fast in the wrong direction. He was intoxicated.
- A drunk man tried to enter a Saloon with a gun on his hip and was denied entrance. He then decided to just leave the gun on the top of a someone's car tire outside.
- A locksmith locked himself out of his own truck. We opened it for him. Now that's funny.


**Other items of interest:**

- We received Award Letters for (3) grants from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety:
- TRaCS for \$39,432: This places new computers into patrol vehicles that interface with the Courts. A scanner allows for automated input of Driver's License and vehicle registration information and pre-populates necessary documents such as citations, warning, tow sheets, etc. This eliminates penmanship confusion and any potential for paper documents to get misplaced in the transfer process.
- DUI Enforcement overtime for \$6,500.
- Aggressive Driving Enforcement overtime for \$7,364.
- We also received an award letter for a \$7,200 grant from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security that will purchase much-needed gas masks for the troops.
- Additionally, we are now set to receive an Operation Stonegarden Grant for \$48,650 in interdiction overtime funds, complete with ERE and mileage reimbursement plus \$5,587 for two vehicle mounted thermal devices.
- You will also see an agenda item tonight for a HIDTA Grant in the amount of \$4500, which is overtime for the Task Force Officer we have attached to DEA.
- Lastly, I wish to thank the outgoing members of our City Council for their professionalism and diligence in keeping Tombstone a truly successful form of government.

*Marshal Jim Adams presents letter and pins Commissioner Bill Barlow as an Honorary Tombstone Marshal.*

**V. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newbauer, **SECOND** by Commissioner Regan, to adjourn. The Board of Police Commissioners was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

  
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 Dustin Escapule, Mayor

  
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 Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk