



Chief Wheeler has a Facebook page for the Police Department. Chief Wheeler, Mindy Durbin and Officer Bollinger will upload pictures and inform the public of thefts, drug arrests and crime pattern areas such as which blocks have had car thefts. He has also had the website updated to include a compliment form and a complaint form. Recently the Department received a complaint regarding a home thought to be selling drugs; they set up a surveillance crew and arrested two individuals for meth. The arrest and pictures of the individuals was then posted on Facebook to keep the public informed.

Officer Bollinger is creating a database for Special Needs to help the Officers to know how to help them while assisting them such as which individuals have hearing difficulties, etc. Aldermen Driskell requested the program be expanded to include residents with Alzheimer's.

### **SAFE PASSAGE PROGRAM**

Chief Wheeler advised that there have already been two individuals helped with the Safe Passage Program this week. The coordinator, Denise Evans, is doing a great job; she is currently working in the booking room to have access to a telephone. He has received monetary donations as well as gift cards to assist with the program. Chief Wheeler stated that if the addiction is treated, the number of crimes in a community drop.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- June Calls for Service-1,607
- Sargent Toberman is now in charge of scheduling and is working on an assignment for a Community Policing function for the Illinois Innocence Project for people that were wrongly accused of a crime and have been incarcerated for over 20 years.
- On Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. the Drug Coalition is having a steak dinner fundraiser at the Moose, the cost is \$12.00.
- Applying for a Grant to purchase Body Cameras; Watch Guard has body cameras that work with the cameras in the vehicles.

Chief Wheeler presented the June Police Report and discussed the monthly activity, which included a list and number of arrests for battery, thefts, etc. as well as a list of Officers and number of arrests made by each.

Deputy Chief Childers discussed how the drug forfeiture fund works. There is approximately \$30,000.00 in the fund now, which is about 8 years of accumulated funds. When cash is confiscated during an arrest, the City Treasurer is required to sign papers and the Circuit Clerk keeps track of the funds and time frames. If an individual wants to fight to keep the money, they have 14 days to dispute it. They have to prove where the money came from but most do not. The Department has been very active in drug enforcement. The money in the forfeiture fund must be used for drug enforcement.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

The Committee inquired about the number of Officers on duty to help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Deputy Chief Childers could ask for extra but it would be overtime. He was advised to ask if anyone was interested to ensure everyone's safety.

Alderman Burtle thanked Chief Crews and Chief Wheeler for keeping the Aldermen informed and for the Facebook page to keep the public informed.

Motion by Alderman Olive and seconded by Alderman Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

