



POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

TO: Fort Morgan City Council
FROM: Keith Kuretich, Chief of Police
DATE: January 15, 2008

DECEMBER 27, 2007 – JANUARY 2, 2008		JANUARY 3 – JANUARY 9, 2008		TOTALS
Calls For Service	480	Calls For Service	750	1230
Case Reports	31	Case Reports	42	73
Traffic Summons	16	Traffic Summons	23	39
Penal/Ordinance Summons	2	Penal/Ordinance Summons	4	6
Parking Summons	0	Parking Summons	3	3
Impounds	3	Impounds	5	8
Adult Arrests	12	Adult Arrests	27	39
Juvenile Arrests	2	Juvenile Arrests	4	6

CRIMES OF THE WEEK

- After several successive snowstorms in the last couple months, the police department has handled 95 incidents of "snow and ice" not removed from sidewalks. Many of these incidents are from residents making complaints voicing their concerns over the injury accidents and/or "premise liability" that is possible if someone falls and injures themselves from the negligence of a home owner. Out of the 95 contacts, no summons were necessary. The city ordinance suggests that in addition to the warning that a "written warning" be issued due to potential liability. The majority of the time warnings are all that is necessary to remind residents and businesses to keep their sidewalks clear.
- In our continuing efforts to target the abuse of alcoholic beverages within the City of Fort Morgan, the Police Department and Colorado Liquor Enforcement Officers recently conducted compliance checks at various businesses in the community. This round of compliance checks resulted in six establishments being found in violation with six summonses issued to store employees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Fort Morgan Police Department was awarded a grant of \$200 from The Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc., for use towards the construction of a law enforcement memorial for our agency's fallen heroes. The department recently had a memorial bench constructed and it will be installed in front of the police building.
- The Association of Morgan County Commercial Banks made a \$250 donation to the Fort Morgan Animal Shelter. The donation will be used in expenses toward promoting the health of the animals in the shelter.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

- January 9th, CRO Roger Doll and Sgt. Doug Schossow presented information on basic laws and local ordinances and answered questions for the new employee orientation at Cargill beef packing plant.
- Staff is conducting animal shelter volunteer interviews to assist with responsibilities at the shelter.
- On January 12th, we will be hosting a booth at an event sponsored by Wal-Mart. We will be providing child fingerprinting and information on the R.A.D. program.

TRAINING

- Chief Kuretich attended the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) Mid-Year Conference on January 9th and 10th. Topics included Upcoming Colorado Legislative Issues, Regional updates, Div. of Emergency Management updates, and Handling Media and News Conferences which was instructed by the FBI.

- Colorado State Patrol conducted a seminar on identifying and the restrictions of foreign driver licenses.
- The Special Response Team reviewed its ICS protocol on tactical operations and intelligence gathering.
- Detective Steve Vosburg attended a Basic & Advanced Identity Theft Investigations Course.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEETINGS

- Staff attended the following meetings and events: Lions Board, City Council/Staff Retreat, NECPOA Regional Meeting, and B106 Radio Show.