



Nelson Police Department

Newsletter

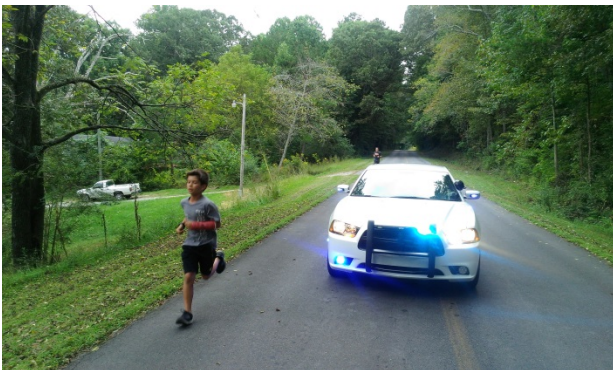
Chief Jim "The Priest" Koury

Introduction

Welcome back to the newsletter.

It has been a busy couple of months and I apologize for not sending out the newsletter sooner. Having said that, this one will be a little long to cover everything.

5K Hill Challenge



This September the police department hosted its first annual fun run to help raise funds for our reserve unit. It was a great success and a good time with several runners and even more ghost runners that just wanted to contribute.



Reserve and Auxiliary News

A lot has been happening with the unit.

The unit has been incorporated as a non-profit with the state and can now perform raffels and has elected officers.



The unit has grown to 16 members with 7 of them being certified peace officers who are regularly out on patrol. With the growth of the unit we have had to make some organization decisions to get the most out of the program. We have organized the unit as follows;

Capt. S. Koury executive officer, Sgt. E. Clay secretary/treasurer, Lt. D. Hughes operation/training officer, Sgt. L. Robinson assignments coordinator, Sgt. M. Riehl reserve squad leader and Sgt. P. Manners auxillary squad leader.

An example of what this unit brings to the city at no cost has been an additional 351 man hours worked in October on top of the hours that I worked.

This group of individuals bring a broad skill set to the agency and have been a huge asset and have made drug arrests, D.U.I. arrests and assisted the drug task force with warrant services, so be sure to say hi and tank you when you see them out and about.

As always, we are still looking for people to volunteer to serve in our auxillary unit to assist with large events. These include missing persons, extreme weather events and other details.

Statistics

September

Extra Patrols	33
Community Contacts	47
Citations Issued	7
Total Calls	148

October

Extra Patrols	61
Community Contacts	49
Citations Issued	11
Total Calls	155

Training

The minimum required training by the state for police officers is 20 hours a year, 1 hour of classroom on deadly force and weapon qualification once a year.

I am proud to report that all certified officers have exceeded the state requirements by several hours and that it is the policy of the agency to require officers to qualify with their firearms twice a year during the day and once in low light conditions.

A small look into what training is going on, during September and October all officers received training on use of force, hand cuffing, search and seizure, and legal updates.

Additionally, Sgt, Riehl and I attended training from the national weather service to be certified weather spotters.Lt. Hughes and Sgt. Manners attended asset allocation class given by the state and The Department of Defense.Sgt. Riehl and Ofc. Poulos re-qualified with their patrol rifles.



I also assisted teaching a patrol rifle class for the Pickens County Sheriff, a crisis intervention/mental health class for the Cherokee County Sheriff, and was asked to teach hand to hand combat for the state police academy located in Cherokee County, beginning on December 1st.



Community Activities

The last few couple of months have been a busy time for us in support of community activities.

We participated in Jeepfest, the marble festival parade, Zombiefest and the Nelson Fall Festival.



Each of these events were attended by multiple officers from Nelson with duties ranging from traffic control and direction, participating in parades and distributing educational material.

Home Owners Associations

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that I would like to come to some of your meetings.

This was something that I did regularly when I was a shift commander with the sheriff's office as it is an important way to establish and keep contact with

residents. In doing this I can answer questions and relay important information.

Feel free at any time to contact me so I can attend your meeting.

I recently spoke at the Winchester Oaks HOA meeting and was able to answer questions. I also enjoyed meeting several people that I had not met yet.

Abandoned and dilapidated properties

I have been getting more and more educated and active with the enforcement of city ordinances.

During the last two months I have been able to identify several problem areas in the city and have issued several warnings that had the desired effect with many building being better maintained and several junk cars removed.

We are still having issues with finding property owners of a few places in town but are still working on it.

Well that is all I have for now. If you have any questions or comments don't hesitate to give me a call or drop me an email.

Chief Jim "The Priest" Koury