



# City of Seat Pleasant

Office of the City Administrator

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## A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

**“Seat Pleasant offers Smart City Services that are better, faster and personalized making it a City for me using information and communication technology, with the internet of things”**

**Department Name: POLICE**

**Date of Report: 01/24/2017**

**Reporting Period: January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Summarize significant department progress for the reporting period that is indicative of providing services that are better, faster and personalized.**

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Police Department began making operational improvements, organizational re-structuring, and strategic community engagement efforts to provide better services to our residents and community. As we continue these efforts into our 120 day period we continue to make significant strides in high visibility patrols, community engagement and fostering a relationship with our area schools and children through engaging, empowering, and education.

As we continue to re-build our department and hone in on the Safe & Smart Streets Campaign, aimed at improving the public safety of our city with the use of safe and smart initiatives. Here are some of the notable events and incidents that have occurred during this reporting period are;

- **On January 30<sup>th</sup>** the Police Department joined the entire City Government in the “State of the City Address” held by the Mayor. This event was organized to provide the community with the current state of the City’s affairs. The Police Department played an iatrical role in ensuring dignitary security, facility security, parking and traffic management, as well as coordinate road closures. The department was able to test its skills in dignitary security and escort protocols for the Mayors official escort to the event. We were also able to deploy resources in and around the event facility to ensure a safe environment. All of this was accomplished with the entire command staff being seated inside the event with other City leaders. This was a mandatory event for all police department personnel.
- **On February 1<sup>st</sup>** department representatives attended an Internal Stakeholders meeting with the MNCPPC on the new bike trail coming to Seat Pleasant along the Chesapeake Trail. The department attended this event with community engagement, economic development, and the Mayor. We were able to provide some good insight into the area and any of our concerns with pedestrian and bike safety.

- **On February 7<sup>th</sup>** the department attended the Seat Pleasant Elementary parent teacher association meeting to make a presentation on the police departments current community engagement plans as well as school security. We were able to answer questions about how the Police Department would respond to emergency incidents at the school as well as how we are present in the mornings and afternoons for arrival and dismissal.
- **On February 7<sup>th</sup>** Acting Chief of Police Devan Martin was unanimously confirmed by the City Council as the new Chief of Police. Chief Martin presented on where the department is headed and the past is the past.
- **On February 8<sup>th</sup>** the department held its “Coffee with Cops” event which is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. Attendance is growing at these events, as we had several new residents attend and express their gratitude and concerns.
- **On February 9<sup>th</sup>** Officers in the newly formed Motors Division along with Chief Martin met with the Prince George’s County Police Special Operations Division to discuss a partnership for our newly forming program. The members of the PGPD SOD were extremely receptive offering any help they could to ensure our program got off to a smooth start. They have even offered to help us with free training, additional motorcycles for training purposes, and helping to write policies and procedures. With this new forged partnership we will get the valuable resources needed to ensure that our program is one of the first for a municipal police agency.
- **On February 13<sup>th</sup>** Officers along with Chief Martin attended the Ward V community meeting held at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center. The department presented information on safety tips, the senior safety program, and concerns regarding speed camera enforcement.
- **On February 13<sup>th</sup>** Chief Martin, Sergeant Ploof, and Chief of Staff Jones attended a meeting with the federal task force HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas). This meeting was to forge a new partnership on the federal level to bring additional resources into Seat Pleasant to help combat crime and assist us with data collection and analysis. At the conclusion of this meeting our department had gained a new partnership in the federal sector. HIDTA will be providing us access to national databases that will assist us in analyzing crime within our City. They have also provide us information on federal task force taking place within our area so that we can become apart, therefore bring more resources into our City. This by far will be one of the most beneficial partnership we have gained under this new administration.
- **On February 21<sup>st</sup>** a department wide training was held for our newer Officers in the use of Radar and Lidar. This will ensure that all our officers are adequately trained in these two areas and able to effectively enforce speeding and traffic laws within our City.
- **On February 23<sup>rd</sup>** Chief Martin, Sergeant Ploof, Grants Manager Cecile Cunningham and Chief of Staff Jones met with Dr. Aja Gupta of Health Solutions Research about federal grant opportunities available for us to pursue. Dr. Gupta will be assisting the department in seeking a grant from the Department of Justice for drug health programs. We will be meeting and following up in the coming weeks to map out the best program to pursue for funding for the City.

## **Notable Criminal Incidents:**

- **January 28<sup>th</sup>: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM:** A firearms was recovered during a routine traffic stop in the 5700 block of Addison Road.
- **February 2<sup>nd</sup>: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM:** A firearm was recovered during a routine traffic stop in the 6200 block of Central Avenue.
- **February 3<sup>rd</sup>: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM:** A firearm was recovered during a routine traffic stop at Greig Street and 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It should be noted that both these suspects have had prior gun and robbery contact with the Police, including our department.
- **February 6<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> DEGREE ASSAULT:** A male subject was brutally attacked at the bus stop located at Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway and Cabin Branch Drive. Officers found the male victim unresponsive suffering from a head injury, arm, and hand injuries. Witnesses advised (3) make subject attacked the victim with an unknown object. No suspect information available at this time.
- **February 7<sup>th</sup>: HOMICIDE:** Officers responded to 6400 Central Avenue at the Exxon station for a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival officers found a male in the parking lot suffering from what was believed to be stab wounds to the upper body. Officers began rendering lifesaving aide. The victim succumb to his injuries at the hospital. Suspects have been developed in this case and it is still on going.

## **Analyze department improvements that are needed and/or achieved based on the Smart City model.**

We continue to make strides in aligning our department with the Smart City model. We are achieving these goals daily by implementing new data systems that help us effectively track our work load and productivity. We continue to work on the crime analysis piece that will help us more effectively deploy resources where needed.

## **Indicate problems identified, barriers encountered and solutions reached.**

We continue to work on the need for daily goal and task tracking within the administrative section of the department. A daily goals/task/accomplishment form was developed and it is now completed by all employees within the department that are assigned to administrative duties. This creates a better understanding for management of what each employees daily goals/task are and helps as performance measures. We have learned that this form may not capture each administrative job function in totality and is now under revision.

## **Identify goals for the next reporting period.**

Goal: Continue reviewing and rewriting the department's general orders.

Goal: Continue developing the department's property and evidence room new standards.

Goal: Implementation of the Drone Aviation Unit program.

Goal: Policies and procedures for the motors program.

**Supporting Documentation: Source:** Office of the City Treasurer

**Revenue**

FY <u>16</u> Budget (Previous Year)	FY <u>17</u> Budget (Current Year)	FY <u>17</u> Actual (Current Year)
<b>Not available at time of report</b>	<b>Not available at time of report</b>	<b>Not available at time of report</b>

**Expenditures**

FY <u>16</u> Budget (Previous Year)	FY <u>17</u> Budget (Current Year)	FY <u>17</u> Actual (Current Year)
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**Attachments:**