



Denver Police Department Newsletter

September 2018

FROM CHIEF PAZEN:

Earlier this month, we presented our 2019 proposed budget to City Council, and while we have appropriate staffing, we are aware of the changing demands on the department. This is why we requested additional officers in the 2019 budget. If approved by Denver City Council, we would receive funding to add 100 recruits and 25 lateral officers to our force next year. Considering anticipated attrition in 2019, this request would increase our staffing by approximately 95 more officers than we had at the beginning of 2015. We will keep you posted on what is approved.

Be safe out there,
Chief Pazen

FOR YOUR BENEFIT:



September is National Suicide Prevention Month and it is time we get comfortable in the discomfort of discussing suicide with those we care about.

There are many reasons we become depressed. Oftentimes when we don't feel ok, it may be due to hormone imbalances or lack of critical vitamins, minerals, and nutrients that are making us feel depressed. These are reasons why it is important to recognize the symptoms of depression and know that it can be treated. Sadly, in extreme situations, depression can lead to suicide. Suicide is preventable, and although you or someone you care about is hurting right now, there is hope for a better future.

Help, support and resources are like your backup; just a phone call or radio call away through:

Peer Support – check the daily bulletin for the list Peer Support team members' phone numbers or call Sgt. Waidler at 720-641-1190
Chaplains 720-641-0791

Nicoletti Flater Associates 303-989-1617
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255
Crisis Text Line call 1-844-493-8255 or text TALK to 38255.

OFFICERS BEING AWESOME:

In late July, a call was aired to DPD for a medical call in the 1100 block of North Syracuse Street. The caller reported an infant was not breathing.



Corporal Mark Hart and Officer Matthew Wolfe were headed to a nearby call and redirected to cover for the ambulance. They entered the home and contacted a crying mother, who was holding a still infant. Corporal Hart took the baby from the mother and began first aid. He administered a back blow and then swept the infant's mouth, which resulted in him removing a large mass of congealed matter from the infant's mouth and airway. At this, the child relaxed and began to cry. Officer Wolfe directed Fire and EMS crews, who arrived moments later to provide oxygen and take vitals. Emergency medical technicians on scene commended the officers for their work – without their quick actions, it is probable that the child would not have survived. Great job officers!

EVENTS & REMINDERS:

~ Annual Cybersecurity and Data Protection Training:
All city employees who have computer access must complete Cybersecurity and Data Protection Training once a year. The core training takes an hour to complete. The annual refresher takes thirty minutes. Training is through PoliceOne or CityU and must be completed by Friday, October 5.

~ October 23, 2018: Police Officer/CSA appreciation luncheon at the PPA Event Center from 1130 to 1400

~ October 31, 2018: Halloween parties in Districts 1, 4, 6 and the Academy (combined Districts 2 and 5)

~ Stay up-to-date by checking the event section on SharePoint

