

City of Independence

Administrative Report

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This dramatic and turbulent world makes a mockery of our plans and predictions.

– Margaret Wheatley, management consultant

Mayor Ysusi and Commission Members:

Upcoming Meetings:

February 14, 2019	5:30 p.m.	City Commission Meeting
February 20, 2019	9:00 a.m.	City Commission Work Session
February 28, 2019	5:30 p.m.	City Commission Meeting
March 14, 2019	5:30 p.m.	City Commission Meeting
March 28, 2019	5:30 p.m.	City Commission Meeting

Fire/EMS

February 2 Chief Wallis volunteered to be a judge at the Scout’s Pinewood Derby event. Also judging were Dustin Stafford from IPD and Allen Wolf representing Quality Motors. They judged the cars on best style and design.

February 5 Chief Wallis presented a talk on Winter Fire Safety at the Lions Club meeting.

February 6th and 7th All of our ambulances were given their yearly Safety and Mechanical Inspection as required by the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services.

Our call volume so far this week is at 45 Medicals, one Gas leak, two Fire Alarms, and one Car Fire.

1st Shift makes a good stop on a car fire located between two houses!



Police

Stats from February 1, 2019 through February 7, 2019

911 Calls	209	Facebook Followers	6,198
Total Reports	40	Total Calls to Dispatch	1179
Car Crashes	5	Citations/Warnings	13



Meet Onyx – New K-9 Officer

Weekly Update We just received our weekly Emergency Medical Dispatch Quality Assurance (EMD-Q) report for January 20th through 26th and 74% of the calls were EMD compliant. SRO Stafford helped the local scout troop by judging in their pinewood derby contest.

IPD's K9 has arrived (left). His name is Onyx and he is a German Shephard. Officer Lupardus and K9 Onyx will leave for training in March. Also, IPD's crime map has been posted. Look for a press release and for the map to be integrated on IPD's media platforms. You can see the crime map at this link:

<https://www.communitycrimemap.com/>

Useful Information This week IPD would like to share some information with the community regarding reports of drug houses. A drug house requires four things to be successful:

1. Illegal Drugs
2. Illegal Drug Sellers
3. Illegal Drug Buyers
4. Neighbors that are willing to tolerate a drug house.

We do not want any of our citizens to tolerate a drug house in their neighborhood. When we receive your reports, we work diligently to attempt to remedy the problem. Police authority, however, is limited by the US Constitution, specifically the 4th Amendment protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. It takes a significant amount of evidence gathering before police can obtain a search warrant to enter a suspected drug house. Police cannot enter a home simply because neighbors or even police witness suspected drug activity, officers must develop probable cause that drug crimes are being committed before obtaining a warrant. Depending on the circumstances it can take several weeks to months to gather sufficient evidence for a judge to approve a search warrant. It is also important that drug investigations are done in secret. This is because if someone knows police are watching they will suspend activity or move to another location thwarting police attempts at gathering evidence. So, if you report a suspected drug house please be patient; the Independence Police Department is not ignoring you.

Public Works

SANITATION Weekly recycling was held Tuesday February 5th with 41 participants. Monthly recycling was held Saturday February 2nd, with over 100 participants.

STREETS Street personnel have completed picking up leaves in area 12. They will make one more pass through the city for any missed leaves.

Utilities

Utilities crews completed 15 locates, 13 water turn-ons, and eight turn-offs. They also completed sewer pipe cleaning of 550 feet.

Also, crews repaired leaks at 200 Block E. Maple, 11th & Hickory, 1009 N. 6th, 18th & Chestnut, 14th & Pine, and Birch & Fountain. In addition, staff completed the sewer camera truck (pictured below). This old ambulance truck had been with the Police Department and was going to sold at auction. The Utilities staff, however, saw that it could be repurposed as a great sewer camera truck. The old sewer camera unit was a trailer that did not have an operator station, air conditioning or heat. The repurposed ambulance will allow the operator to comfortably camera sewer lines for hours without being in a sweat box in the summertime or freezing in wintertime.

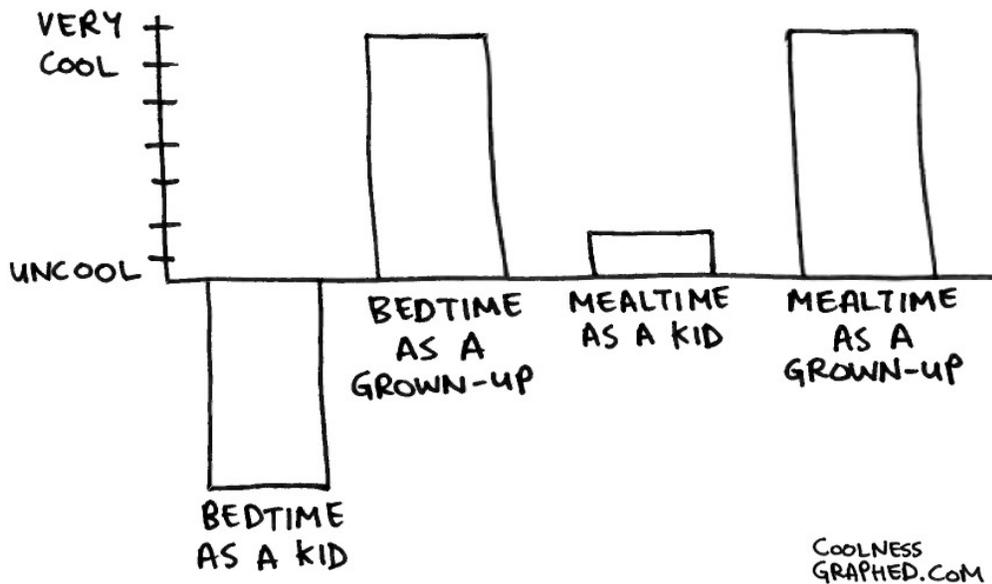


Parks/Zoo/Cemetery

Zoo Update – We had our USDA Inspection on Monday and we had no non-compliant items identified during this inspection. This is a great report and congratulations to our zoo keepers for the job they are doing.

Park & Zoo Staff have been spending most of their time taking care of the animals and making sure all buildings are secure during this ice storm and extreme temperatures.

Just for Fun!



Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

D. Craig Whitehead
City Manager