



# OFF THE CUFF

A WEEKLY  
PUBLICATION OF  
THE APPLE VALLEY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAY 27, 2020

**Officers:** Todd Soderholm, Jon Holle, Brian Bone, Valerie Holes, Tommie Booth, Mike Thelen, Kurt Schultz, Tara Becker, Joel Horazuk, Brian Plantz, Shane Klokonos, Nic Wolf, Marcus Smith, Zach Broughten, Dan Schyma, Justin Drogseth, Jeff Weber, Peter Meuwissen, Gregory Neumann, David Engel, Joel Pogatchnik, Cody Yard, James Gibbs, Cory Christianson, Kasey DeJonker, Tony Parker, Wil Hooper, David Fry, Nicole Wilson, Brian Booth, Kailie Hinkle, Sean Marben, Colleen Strohmayer, April Ehmke, Dylan Ordorff, Jordan Mack, Miranda Demo, Alex Witkowski; Chris Lundberg, Eric Kline, David Gysbers

**Sergeants:** Jeff Smith, Peter Matos, Jim Gummert, Jason Weishaar, Adam Tschida, David Virden, Adam Keeler, Alan Spillers, Josh Gerving

**Records:** Terry McNulty, Missy Nelson, Alice House, Karen Shaw, Shonda Sauter, Annie Thielen, Kim Kongso

**CSOs:** Justin Wagner, Alex Walker

**Maintenance:** Bruce Daubanton

**Crime Prevention:** Pam Walter

**Property Clerk:** Denis Schweitzer

**Administration:** Jon Rechtzigel, Nick Francis, Greg Dahlstrom, Steph Mellesmoen



**Baby Deer** - On May 19 Officer Demo was dispatched to a residence due to the owner finding a fawn laying on their porch. Officer Demo responded and found that the fawn was not injured and did not appear to be sick. The mother deer was spotted in the area. The homeowner was advised that mother deer typically leave their fawns in safe places for up to 12 hours at a time. The homeowner advised there were no pets in the home and that the fawn was safe to stay on the porch until the mother returns.

**Too Much Celebrating** - On May 19 Officer Engel was dispatched to a report of a drunk driver. The caller indicated the driver had been seen at a local park and was slurring words and not walking very well. Officer Engel located the vehicle nearby and turned around to follow, losing sight of the vehicle momentarily. When Officer Engel saw the vehicle again, it had turned around and was approaching his squad. He turned around again to follow the vehicle when it made a sudden U-turn in a prohibited area. The vehicle did not stop when Officer Engel enabled his squad emergency lights, instead turned into a parking lot and hit a cement median before coming to a complete stop. The driver lived in Brooklyn Park and indicated she was in the area seeing a client and celebrating their company being able to open back up. The driver had a blood alcohol content of .16 and was arrested for 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree DWI and transported to jail.

**We Want Food** - On May 20, Officer Plantz was called to a local restaurant due to a crowd gathered outside banging on the doors and windows. The caller who was an employee of the business feared the crowd was trying to break down the door. Upon arrival Officer Plantz noted a small group of people in the parking lot and spoke with one party who stated he had come to the restaurant to purchase food and was under the impression the business opened up for food service at noon. The group was told by an employee that a manager would be coming outside to speak with them. As time passed and no one from the



# OFF THE CUFF

A WEEKLY  
PUBLICATION OF  
THE APPLE VALLEY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAY 27, 2020

## **OUR MISSION**

*To protect our community and improve quality of life through service, education, and enforcement.*

## **OUR VALUES**

**Service** – We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, compassionate and responsive.

**Integrity** – We value courage, candor, honesty and ethical behavior by all members of our department.

### **Responsibility and**

**Accountability** – We value the effective use of resources.

**Professionalism** – We value professionalism by having a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction.

**Pride and Satisfaction** – We value our work in making our community safe. We believe our work is a calling that helps society and is a source of reward and satisfaction.

business came outside, the group began knocking on the door and windows trying to get the attention of someone inside. One individual from the group went to the service entrance and continually rang the bell until an employee answered the door. At that time staff stated the person tried to push their way inside the restaurant. The group was advised that the business was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic per the Governor's Executive Order and that they should pay attention to the business's website and social media for updates on services provided.

**Criminals Are Back In Business Too** - On May 20, Officer Plantz was dispatched to a local retailer for a theft. The retailer was just allowed to reopen in accordance with Governor Walz's recent COVID-19 Executive Order. The suspect entered the store, took merchandise totaling over \$120 and ran out to a waiting vehicle. The store clerk was able to capture a picture of the get-away vehicle and Officer Plantz will be conducting follow up to identify the suspects.

**Permit Required** - On May 21 Officer Guadalajara responded to a report of a man who had been walking around a neighborhood for several days stating he does pest control. Officer Guadalajara spoke with the man and asked if he had a permit to go door to door in the city. He advised he did not and then contacted his supervisor. The supervisor arrived on scene and advised they applied for a permit but had not received it. The city does careful background checks on every company and all employees who will be soliciting in our neighborhoods prior to them being allowed to do business. Officer Guadalajara responded to a similar report two days prior and spoke with others from the same company and advised they were not able to go door-to-door until they obtained the appropriate city issued permits. The supervisor claimed he sent a message to all his workers advising them of this. The man was cited for soliciting without a permit and both were advised to cease soliciting until the proper permits have been obtained.



# OFF THE CUFF

A WEEKLY  
PUBLICATION OF  
THE APPLE VALLEY  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAY 27, 2020



## Recent Events –

To our loyal Apple Valley community –

Our department has worked so hard to maintain and strengthen our relationships in the community with equity and inclusion as our cornerstones. We have partnered with our school district to train our entire department and have worked with our high school's Black

Student Union groups to facilitate meaningful conversations between our officers and our youth.

This week, it feels like we have taken 100 steps backwards. We want our community to know that we are here for you as always and we will work 24-7 to show you how important equity and inclusion are to us. We will serve and protect you with honor.

On our police patch you can see the words Spectemur Agendo, this translates to “Let us be judged by our actions”. Please judge the Apple Valley Police Department by our actions. We are proud of the progress we have made in Apple Valley and we could not achieve success without your partnership and support.

Your Friends at the AVPD!

