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ISPD Officers Take a Bite Out of Crime: 4/4/22 - 4/8/22

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ISPD along with the Clear Creek County S.O., Empire PD, Colorado State Patrol, and Georgetown PD were all busy this last week. The number of high risk incidents over a five day period spiked within the Idaho Springs area. "The teamwork demonstrated amongst law enforcement agencies was outstanding and is a credit to the dedicated law enforcement professionals here in Clear Creek County who work very hard to protect our citizens and hold criminals accountable for their actions," ISPD Chief Nathan Buseck.

APRIL 4, 2022 – APRIL 8, 2022

On April 4, 2022 the Colorado State Patrol spotted a stolen vehicle with a trailer hauling two stolen bobcat skid-steers traveling into Idaho Springs. A short pursuit took place through town involving two suspects with Colorado State Patrol. An ISPD officer assisted and arrived just after the suspects ditched the vehicle in 100 block of Trail Creek Road. The suspects fled up the mountain on foot. Additional resources were brought in when officers on scene saw evidence that the suspects appeared to be armed. ISPD, Clear Creek Sheriff's Office, Clear Creek SWAT, Empire PD, Georgetown PD and Grand County Sheriff's Office all provided resources in attempting to apprehend the suspects. K-9's and drones were deployed, and one suspect was captured. The other suspect remained at large for the remainder of the night. On April 5th, owners of the Phoenix Mine, called dispatch about a possible break-in. Idaho Springs PD, along with Clear Creek Deputies and Colorado State Patrol cleared the mine and ultimately located the suspect from the previous night, hiding in a room at the mine facility. Both suspects were ultimately captured, one stolen vehicle recovered, and two stolen bobcats skid-steers were recovered.

On April 5, 2022, an ISPD officer was patrolling town when he noticed a vehicle occupied by two people in the 500 block of Virginia parked on the south side of street with expired temporary plates. When the officer attempted to check on the vehicle the male driver took off at a high rate of speed failing to stop at any of the stop signs through town. Other agencies assisted during a pursuit in an attempt to get the vehicle to stop. Those agencies included the Empire Police Department and the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Department. Stop sticks were deployed by a Clear Creek County deputy at mile marker 248 I-70 Eastbound. The front tire of the vehicle hit the stop sticks, causing the tire to deflate, the vehicle crashed at the I70 E470 interchange and both suspects took off on foot. An ISPD officer chased the male driver, while other agencies chased the female passenger. Both suspects were caught. Both suspects had multiple warrants for their arrest, were in possession of a stolen vehicle, stolen license plates, stolen drivers' licenses, credit cards, as well as drug paraphilia. They were suspected to be under the influence of fentanyl. Both suspects were captured, one stolen vehicle was recovered, and no injuries or property damage occurred.

On April 6, 2022, an ISPD Code Enforcement Officer found one stolen vehicle in a lot near 100 Idaho Street. Idaho Springs officers along with multiple Clear Creek County deputies arrived on the scene and recovered one stolen vehicle along with a stolen license plate attached to another vehicle. Two suspects were found on the property who had multiple felony warrants for their arrest. A search warrant was obtained for property and mobile campers on the property. While executing the search warrant a third suspect with felony warrants was arrested, and over thirty boxes of RYOBI tools, multiple catalytic converters, numerous stolen license plates, methamphetamine, and fentanyl pills were recovered. ISPD continues to investigate this matter and the property has been condemned.

April 07, 2022, an ISPD officer was travelling home to his residence at the conclusion of his shift when he encountered a high-speed pursuit in a neighboring jurisdiction (Jefferson County Sheriff's Department) where shots had been fired between deputies and suspects. The ISPD officer stopped to assist and check on the Jefferson County deputies who had returned gunfire at the suspects. The ISPD officer was asked to provide a roadblock at Turkey Gulch and Quincy while Jefferson County deputies secured the scene. Jefferson County eventually captured the suspects who had fired gunshots at the deputies. The ISPD officer worked an additional four hours beyond his finished twelve hour shift to help our law enforcement partners to the east.

On April 8th an ISPD officer responded to the town of Empire for a structure fire, one structure was fully engulfed, and another had caught fire. ISPD and Clear Creek County deputies assisted in getting multiple homes evacuated within the trailer court.

On April 8th ISPD along with the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office attempted to stop a vehicle, the driver was known to have warrants, and the suspect had revoked driving privileges. The male suspect failed to stop for law enforcement and eluded the officers in the area of Miner's Candle. The male suspect abandoned the vehicle and took off on foot. The suspect was not located, and a felony warrant has been issued for the male suspect.

This week's calls included the recovery of three stolen vehicles, two bobcat skid steers, over a dozen stolen license plates, 30+ boxes of RYOBI tools, multiple catalytic converters, fentanyl pills, and methamphetamine. A total of seven arrests were made, one Search Warrant executed, and one felony warrant issued for the arrest of a suspect.

