

Palouse Police Department report for Palouse City Council meeting April 22, 2025:

Twenty five calls for service with twelve ordinance related.

Three criminal citations and two infractions issued.

Two call outs.

250404-01/250404-02 – While on patrol I was contacted by a citizen requesting permission to help other residences come into compliance with the public nuisance ordinance by removing two stoves, a large refrigerator, and a dishwasher from two separate locations on the north hill. I contacted the two home owners and received permission for the appliances to be removed. I assisted the citizen in loading the appliances from the back porch of one residence so he could have easier access to loading them into his pickup. This citizen then hauled the appliances to the county landfill at his own expense.

250407-02 – While on pro-active patrol I observed a vehicle displaying expired tabs from 2019 and what appeared to be an altered trip permit on the back window. Based upon my twenty three years as a law enforcement officer I know that criminals will often attempt to drive motor vehicles with expired tabs by purchasing a trip permit then covering it in clear tape or put it in a plastic bag. This allows them to use an erasable black marker to make it look like the trip permit is filled out properly. After three days they then erase the black marker and fill in the new dates over the plastic while the trip permit remain blank. I stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver. Investigation revealed the driver had a suspended license and was wanted on two FELONY NO BAIL warrants out of Pierce County Superior Court for Failure to Appear and Pay Fines for Child Support. The driver admitted to owing over \$12K in child support. The driver was confident Pierce County would not extradite him because he has been contacted by local law enforcement in the past and has not been booked into jail on the warrants. In an effort to hold the male accountable for his crimes, I advised the Whitman County Jail I would be booking the male for DWLS 3rd, Altered Trip Permit, and Failure to Transfer Title Within 45 Days. This would REQUIRE Whitman County Jail to hold the male for at least 24 hours. Pierce County agreed to send a transport van to pick him up prior to his release from Whitman County Jail. The vehicle was impounded. Three criminal citations issued and two infractions issued for expired tabs over two months and no vehicle insurance.

250408-01/250408-02/250410-01 – While on patrol I was contacted by the hard working citizen who wanted permission to remove large piles of yard waste/tree branches from three residences. I was able to get ahold of two of the homeowners and get permission while the citizen eventually spoke to the third homeowner. All homeowners were very grateful for this citizen's offer as they do not have pickups to remove the yard debris which puts them in violation of the public nuisance ordinance. This do good citizen also edged the overgrown grass at one residence walkway and sidewalk/curb area. He ended up removing three large pickup bed full piles of yard debris and transporting to the landfill. This allowed all three residences to come into compliance with ordinance.

250411-02 – While off duty I received a text from a citizen advising the manhole at the corner of E Mohr Street and I Street was completely off creating a massive liability and traffic hazard for the city. I contacted public works to respond but was advised the entire public works crew was out of the city. I returned to the city and responded to the location. I was able to successfully replace the manhole after taking a picture to document the incident.

250415-01 – While on patrol I received a text from a citizen advising two gas hoses from one side of one Coleman Oil gas pump was leaking a small amount of gas from each hose. I drove to the area and could see gas accumulating on the concrete in two separate areas. I took a picture and sent it to my Coleman Oil contact. The contact immediately remotely shut down the pump and sent a maintenance man to fix the problem.

250416-01 – While on patrol I received a report of an adult male reporting being bitten by a neighbor's dog. Further investigation revealed the bite victim had confronted the mother of another adult male on her property about her adult son's dogs running loose a few blocks away. The mother had posted "Beware of Dog" sign on the gate to enter the property. Ring doorbell camera footage captured the confrontation in which the dog went around the woman, barking at the male, who was on the dog's porch. The dog bit the male on the upper back right leg before running off. The dog was not up to date on rabies vaccination. The woman was ordered to quarantine her dog for ten days, get all updated shots, license dog with the city and fulfill all obligations and requirements set forth by the "potentially dangerous dog" section of Palouse Municipal Code 6.08. This includes making sure the property has sufficient enclosure, placing a total of two signs in conspicuous places on the property advising a potentially dangerous dog is on the premises and then complete a City of Palouse Potentially Dangerous Dog Certificate of Registration attesting to meeting those stipulations. I will be examining the property after those requirements are satisfied then either approving or denying the certificate. If approved, the certificate will act as a "last chance agreement" between the dog owner and the city. I have been in contact with Whitman County Department of Health in regards to the incident.

250416-02 – While on patrol I observed a wrecked out vehicle parked in the 100 block of N Beach Street. PMC 8.36 prohibits junk vehicles from being placed on the public roadway. I know the vehicle had been there for a few days so I located a phone number for the owner of the building that it was parked in front of. The owner requested until the following day to comply as he had to make room in his shop. Request was approved and follow up needed at time of this report.

On 4-9-25 I attended the Whitman County Law Enforcement Agency leadership meeting held at Whitcom in Pullman. This every other month meeting where agency administration heads update other agencies on what is happening in their area regarding crime trends, hiring, and training needs.

On 4-16-25 I attended the annual Whitcom dispatcher BBQ to celebrate National Telecommunicator Week to recognize the unsung heroes of our industry – dispatchers and call takers. Palouse PD recognized this group with Starbucks and Chipotle gift cards totaling over \$200. The money for these gift cards came solely from my personal account and no City of Palouse funds were used.

Lastly, after two and half months of donated labor and skill by Casey and Barbara Elder, the Palouse Police Department interior remodel is finished. They repainted the entire lobby and office with a really professional looking police blue, white and black theme, refinished the floor, laid down coats of finish on the floor, and changed out all power outlets to match the black floorboard trim. The result is night and day from the previous look. The city only had to cover supplies. Huge thank you to Casey and Barb – just a couple of Palouse PD's amazing supporters.

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Palouse Police Department
Law Incident Summary Report, by Incident Number

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Number	Time and Date	Nature	Address	Loctn	Dsp
Agency: Palouse Police Department					
250404-01	14:57:51	04/04/25 Code Violations	N		INA
250404-02	14:58:26	04/04/25 Code Violations	N		INA
250404-03	15:32:36	04/04/25 Animal Problem	N		INA
250405-01	16:01:53	04/05/25 Civil	N		INA
250407-01	08:33:18	04/07/25 Animal Problem	S		INA
250407-02	12:33:20	04/07/25 Warrant Arrest	S		CAA
250408-01	13:27:39	04/08/25 Code Violations	N		INA
250408-02	13:36:54	04/08/25 Code Violations	N		INA
250408-03	14:28:33	04/08/25 Found Property	S		INA
250408-04	14:40:06	04/08/25 Traffic Offense	N		INA
250409-01	11:00:27	04/09/25 Fraud	N		INA
250409-02	16:06:43	04/09/25 Repossession	N		INA
250410-01	16:19:27	04/10/25 Code Violations	N		INA
250411-01	07:46:00	04/11/25 Fraud	S		INA
250411-02	13:03:54	04/11/25 Utility Problem	N		INA
250411-03	19:39:12	04/11/25 Traffic Offenses	S		INA
250413-01	10:28:01	04/13/25 Animal Problem	S		INA
250413-02	14:44:34	04/13/25 Breathing	S		INA
250414-01	15:37:00	04/14/25 Found Property	S		INA
250415-01	14:15:53	04/15/25 Fuel Spill/Odor	S		INA
250415-02	15:53:17	04/15/25 Harassment	S		INA
250415-03	16:07:10	04/15/25 Code Violations	S		INA
250416-01	13:08:26	04/16/25 Animal Bites	N		INA
250416-02	16:19:31	04/16/25 Code Violations	N		INA
250417-01	07:38:37	04/17/25 Animal Problem	S		INA
Total Incidents for This Agency:					25

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Report Includes:

All dates greater than `00:00:00 04/04/25`
All agencies matching `PAPD`
All officers
All dispositions
All natures
All locations
All cities matching `PALOUSE`
All clearance codes
All observed offenses
All reported offenses
All offense codes
All circumstance codes

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