



March 2022

**Public Works
City Council Report**

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The daily discharge average was 153,000 gallons, or 50.50% capacity, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Plant had no violations.

The City billed 4,429,521 gallons of water for the month of March, and it pumped 6,737,500 gallons of water for the same period. March 2022 water loss percentage was approximately 34.26%.

The Department was able to repair two (2) large ongoing water leaks; one leak was located in Deer Creek and the other leak was located at the National Park Service in a field.



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Summary of March 2022

JCPD had 171 Calls for service

JCPD made 226 Traffic stops

JCPD wrote 31 Citations

JCPD made 18 Out of city assists

JCPD Investigated 8 Motor Vehicle Accidents

JCPD made 14 Arrests

- 1 Arrest for Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia.
- 2 Arrest for Driving While Intoxicated.
- 1 Warrant Arrest.
- 4 Arrests for Possession of Marijuana.
- 1 Arrests for Public Intoxication.
- 2 Arrests for Unlawful Carry of a Weapon (Firearm).
- 2 Arrests for Possession of Controlled Substance (Cocaine).
- 1 Arrest for Driving While License Invalid.

Personnel

Nothing to Report.

Public Safety

On March 3rd, Officer Chad Wiggins observed a vehicle parked in the travel lane of US HWY 281 North at the intersection of A. Robinson Rd. When Officer Wiggins contacted the driver, she admitted to taking several prescription medications and consuming alcohol prior to driving. The driver told Officer Wiggins that she had left a residence



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near Dripping Spring to go to her residence in the same town. The driver was arrested for DWI and a blood warrant obtained to collect a sample of her blood. The specimen has been sent to DPS Crime Lab for analysis.

On March 10th, Johnson City Police was notified of a vehicle pursuit started by Gillespie County Sheriff's Office heading eastbound on US HWY 290 west. Chief Ross Allen and Officer Jessica Oestreich made their way west of town to set up stop sticks to prevent the pursuit from entering the city. As the Pursuit reached the 1900 Block of HWY 290 west, Chief Allen deployed his stop stick which took out three of the fleeing drivers tires. The vehicle traveled another mile east coming to a stop near Smiling Achers Rd. The driver was taken into custody by Gillespie County and transported to their jail.

In the early hours of March 13th, Lt. Garrett Scallorn observed a suspicious vehicle parked in front of JC Liquors. The vehicle was running and was occupied by an adult male driver. When he contacted the driver Lt. Scallorn, who has been highly trained in the detection of intoxicated drivers, determined that the male subject had the night before made it to Johnson City after attending a wedding in Fredricksburg, TX. During his investigation the male showed several signs of being under the influence of an illicit substance. Lt. Scallorn placed the male under arrest and transported him to the Blanco County Jail where a blood warrant was obtained from the driver's blood. The specimen was submitted to the DPS Crime Lab, and the results were sent back this week showing a blood alcohol level of 0.083 which is over the legal limit.

On March 24th, Officer Ethan Bishop stopped a vehicle for a license plate violation on East Main St. When he contacted the driver, he could smell a strong odor of marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. The driver who was 17 years old admitted to having marijuana in the vehicle. Officer Bishop conducted a probable cause search of the car and located a small amount of marijuana and a Glock 9mm pistol. The subject was arrested on drug and weapons charges and transported to the Blanco County Jail.

On March 28th, Officer Ethan Bishop stopped a vehicle after observing it to have a possible fictitious temporary license tag. When he contacted the driver, he could smell the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle's interior. When the driver exited the car, he admitted to having drugs in his pocket. A small plastic bag was removed which contained a white powdery substance. Officer Bishop then removed the passenger and while conducting a probable cause search located another larger plastic bag concealed under the passenger floor mat. It also contained a white powdery substance. Officer Bishop field tested the substances, and both came back positive for cocaine. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Blanco County Jail.



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On March 29th Chief Ross Allen and Officer Jessica Oestreich received separate complaints of a suspicious vehicle in the area of North Ave. N and West Pecan Dr. Upon JCPD arriving in the area a silver Chevy pickup was seen parked on the roadway in the 100 block of Winding Oak Dr. in the Oak Forest neighborhood. Chief Allen contacted the driver to inquire what was going on. It was at this time that he noticed six other male subjects inside the truck. Due to the number of occupants the driver was detained, and the six other occupants were asked to exit the vehicle and were seated on the ground. Chief Allen determined that this was possibly a human smuggling incident and called for backup officers to make his scene. While investigating a vehicle arrived with two occupants saying they were there to pickup the silver Chevy truck. Officer Ethan Bishop could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle, so he detained the driver and passenger. Upon his search Officer Bishop located several ounces of marijuana and a pistol in the passenger side door compartment and several more ounces marijuana in the vehicle's trunk next to a shotgun. These subjects were arrest and transported to the Blanco County Jail. Chief Allen contacted Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents notifying them of this incident. He was advised that due to reduced resources they were not able to pick up the six individuals who were most likely in this country illegally. The driver of the silver Chevy would not give any information as to a crime being committed only saying he and his other passengers were roofers looking for job site. All the identifying information was obtained from the individuals on scene and forwarded to ICE and Homeland Security for further investigation. These subjects were released from the scene to make their way to Austin.

If any of you have any questions or feedback on my monthly reports, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Chief Ross Allen