

CITY OF NEWTON WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 23, 2018

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR...



City staff has been working on an updated analysis of parking needs in the downtown business district from a comprehensive perspective. The starting point for that analysis was the 4,598 total (public and private) parking spaces in downtown Newton. It was then determined that the focus of our analysis would be the 1,388 public spaces in downtown. As our downtown is revitalized, parking will become more scarce and the community will likely have many future conversations about policies that allow our businesses to be successful while at the same time accommodating the new residents who are living in the area. As the Hotel Maytag developer has conversations with local business owners in the coming weeks, we expect that other options for the Hotel Maytag parking lease may emerge. City staff will work to develop other options for this parking lease to be presented to the City

Council at their Work Session scheduled for April 23rd.

Develop Specialist Craig Armstrong participated in a training seminar this week to enhance his role as the Newton representative on the Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA) Board of Commissioners. CIRHA serves affordable housing needs in Jasper County and five other counties near the Des Moines metropolitan area. The training focused on responsibilities of Board Members in making policies that involve CIRHA's mission.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Young Professionals of Jasper County Re-Prom - Sock Hop on April 7, 2018, 7:00 PM @ Maytag Event Complex - Join the Young Professionals of Jasper County at the Maytag Events Complex, on Saturday April 7, 2018 for the fourth annual re-prom!
- RAGBRAI Town Hall Meeting on April 9, 2018, 6:00 PM @ DMACC Auditorium - The Newton RAGBRAI ® overnight committee will hold a Town Hall meeting on Monday, April 9, 2018 in the Newton DMACC Auditorium. The event will begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:00pm.
- Newton Professional HR Series (Newton Development Corporation & DMACC Business Resources) on April 11, 2018, 8:15 AM-10:00 AM @ Newton Development Corporation - Manpower and ATW Training Solutions invite you to join the Newton Professional HR Series. Each month, we will partner with Newton Development Corporation and DMACC Business Resources to deliver professional, HR-related content to our business partners and HR professionals in Newton.me.

Find more events at www.newtongov.org/communitycalendar

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE NEWTON
POLICE DEPARTMENT & NEWTON FIRE
DEPARTMENT.**

POLICE

NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT FINALIST FOR JASPER COUNTY GEMS GRANT

The Police Department, along with Discovery Hope and Skiff Hospital, were chosen as finalists for the first Jasper County GEMS grant opportunity. Chief Burdess presented information on the body camera program to a group of approximately 30 community leaders on March 13th. Discover Hope was ultimately chosen for the grant, but the event garnered a higher level of understanding of the body camera program and some private donations from the audience.



POLICE DEPARTMENT REMODEL

The Police Department interior remodel project is well under way. The paint project is complete and the flooring is being installed this week. An upgrade to the department's break room will also occur with the installation of a new stove, microwave, refrigerator and cabinets. The break room remodel is made possible by private donations. The project is expected to be fully complete by the beginning of May. This is the first remodel the department has had since the building was built in 1990.

MEMORIAL BRIDGE NAMING PROJECT

The Police Department presented a memorial bridge naming project to the Newton City Council on March 19th and Jasper County Board of Supervisors on March 20th to name 3 local bridges in honor of fallen Newton Police Department Officers Bobby Barrickman, Daniel McPherrren and Lieutenant Patrick Richardson. The project received unanimous support and the approval allows the Police Department to send an application to the Iowa DOT for review and determination. If approved, this would be a great honor for 3 of our local heroes, their families and the men and women of the Newton Police Department who served with these officers.

POLICE OFFICERS ATTEND CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING (CIT)

During the month of March four police officers attended crisis intervention training in Ames and Iowa City. This 40 hour program is a model for community policing that brings together law enforcement, mental health providers, hospital emergency departments and individuals with mental illness and their families to improve responses to people in crisis. CIT programs enhance communication, identify mental health resources for assisting people in crisis and ensure that officers get the training and support that they need. The training was funded by Central Iowa Community Services (CICS).

POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT AT BI-STATE ALTERNATIVE FUELS VEHICLE SUMMIT

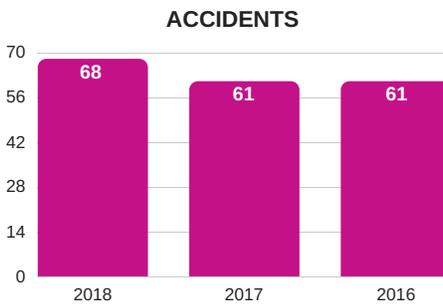
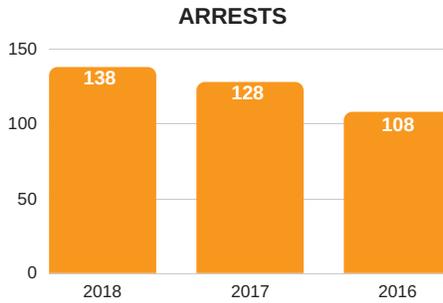
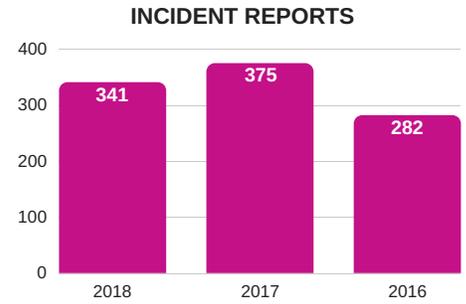
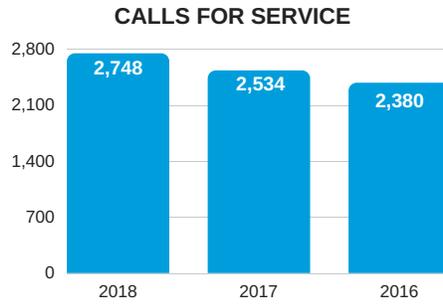
The Police Department was contacted by the Bi-State Regional Commission to develop an educational presentation on the department's acquisition and use of an electric vehicle for government use based on the success the department has had with the electric police motorcycle. The presentation will focus on the benefits of electric vehicles in policing and how the unit positively impacted the department's operations. The first annual Bi-State Alternative Fuels Vehicle Summit is being held on April 3rd in Rock Island, Illinois.



POLICE OFFICERS ATTEND CHURCH SECURITY AND ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Two police officers attended church security and active shooter training in Pleasant Hill on March 19th and 20th. The training focused on active shooter events and case studies relating to past violent acts on church property, sex crimes within churches, and overall safety and security of church parishioners and staff. The Police Department has been assisting some local churches over the couple of years with developing safety and security plan and this training will help to further develop and improve those plans. Churches who are interested in training should contact the Newton Police Department.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY – FEBRUARY 2018



FIRE

SECOND LUCAS DEVICE PLACED IN SERVICE



In March, the Fire Department received another Lucas device through a grant procured by the Jasper County Emergency Management Agency from the Helmsley Grant. This device is placed on a patient's chest and provides consistent, high quality chest compressions.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

We recently set our clocks ahead and the Newton Fire Department reminds residents that it is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detector. If your detector is more than 10 years old it should be replaced. Spring is a great time to make sure your smoke detectors are working. Your life may depend on it.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION PASSED FOR TRANSPORT AMBULANCE

Last month we reported that legislation was crafted to allow for departments to receive a supplemental reimbursement for the transport of Medicaid patients. This program was part of a collaboration between the Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs and Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association. This legislation has

passed both Chambers with a 98-0 vote in the House and a 47-0 vote in the Senate. It is now headed to the Governor's desk for signature. It is estimated the completion of this program will be operational in FY 20-21. According to estimates, this program would provide the City of Newton around \$250,000 in supplemental reimbursement every year.

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY STARTS APRIL 10



The Newton Fire Department's (NFD) 3rd Annual Citizen Fire Academy will start April 10 and run through May 15. This program, although not new to Fire & EMS agencies, is designed to give a better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the fire department in the community. Participants of the program will have the unique opportunity to learn how the Newton Fire Department provides quality services to its customers. The Citizen Fire Academy will meet once a week for six (6) weeks.

The program will be on Tuesday nights from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. It will consist of a combination of classroom instruction and practical exercises at the Newton Fire Station located at 410 S 2nd Ave W. This program will be physically demanding on most skills nights and a majority of the Academy nights will last the full four hours. The following is the course outline (subject to change):

- Week 1 (4/10/2018) - Welcome to NFD, FD Operations, and Orientation
- Week 2 (4/17/2018) - Introduction to Emergency Medical Services
- Week 3 (4/24/2018) - Introduction to Firefighting
- Week 4 (5/01/2018) - Introduction to Hazardous Materials Response
- Week 5 (5/08/2018) - Introduction to Technical Rescue
- Week 6 (5/15/2018) - Citizen Academy Graduation & Family Picnic

Applications to participate in the Citizen Fire Academy can be downloaded at www.newtongov.org or ask for one at the department. You must be 18 years of age to apply. Please return completed applications to the Newton Fire Department. Questions can be directed to careyj@newtongov.org or by calling the station at (641) 792-3347 ext 1010. There is still room in the class and applications will be accepted through March 28.

RECYCLE YARD WASTE AND DON'T BURN IT

As the weather starts to get warmer and people are cleaning up their yards, the Newton Fire Department reminds residents that burning yard waste is not allowed within the city limits. The City offers residents a place to dump yard waste 24 hours a day at the Landfill. And best of all it is FREE.

		Newton Fire Department Alarm Summary for: FY 2017/2018												
Type of Call:	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Total	%
Fire	58	33	18	17	30	24	39	14	0	0	0	0	233	11%
EMS	215	246	236	241	238	223	247	208	0	0	0	0	1,854	89%
Total Calls:	273	279	254	258	268	247	286	222	0	0	0	0	2,087	100%

		Newton Fire Department Alarm Summary for: 2018												
Type of Call:	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total	%
Fire	39	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	10%
EMS	247	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	455	90%
Total Calls:	286	222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	508	100%

