



# BIRCHWOOD

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## MEET THE S.E.T. UNIT

by Sgt. Mike Pearson | SET Team

Traffic issues are always a concern for Washington County communities, but they become more visible during the summer, when more people are out and about during the longer days and warm nights. Created in 2020, the Specialized Enforcement Team can bridge needs between communities for enhanced enforcement and so much more.

WCSO Patrol Commander Tim Harris calls SET "the utility tool of the patrol unit." With two experienced deputies and a sergeant, they can quickly get to an area to address quality of life issues such as speed and driver impairment, as well as ordinance issues, critical incidents, missing persons or even narcotics and human trafficking. They bring a level of expertise to that provides a much-needed force multiplier to street deputies. SET also focuses on fugitive apprehension, often finding and arresting some of the county's worst offenders – that's a big impact on our communities, thanks to this new flexible, capable and experienced team.

NUMBER OF  
INCIDENTS

15

TRAFFIC  
STOPS

2

# WC23026168

## PROPERTY DAMAGE

1XX BIRCHWOOD AVENUE

At 1:39am on May 28, deputies responded to a homeowner upset about home being TP'd. After a look around, deputies found a nearby unoccupied vehicle with toilet paper and a bucket of water balloons in the back seat. Another deputy found three youths nearby who admitted pranking the home in retaliation for a previous prank by the homeowner's teen involving an obscene drawing. Deputies advised the three to apologize to the homeowner and clean up the mess, which they did with no issues.



## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



After an incredible 7-year journey serving the citizens of Washington County and beyond, our beloved K9 Beck officially entered a well-deserved retirement on May 26. Under the guidance of handler Deputy Bell, K9 Beck's accomplishments are nothing short of extraordinary, including nine regional and national recognitions awards. K9 Beck and Deputy Bell have exemplified the true meaning of teamwork and have set an unparalleled standard of excellence for future K9 units. We wish Beck a long, joyful retirement at home with Deputy Bell.

And so we pass the torch to K9 Bandit, a spirited 1-year-old Belgian Malinois from Poland. K9 Bandit and his handler Deputy Krook completed an intensive in-house training and certification program. Over 12 weeks, K9 Bandit honed his skills, developing a keen sense of obedience, agility and discipline. Bandit has become proficient in law enforcement tasks such as tracking suspects, detecting illegal substances, and apprehending individuals when necessary. As K9 Bandit and Deputy Krook take to the streets on the afternoon shift, we know this duo will accomplish amazing things together!

In service,

Sheriff Dan Starry