

## **PSA RECAP JULY 8, 2023 TO JULY 6, 2024**

**SHERIFF SAFETY REPORT:** Productive and supported accomplishments have occurred. Large and expensive purchases were the New Armored Vehicle and a Mobile Command Unit Vehicle which was sponsored by the Charlies Vision Fund and private donations. The Command Vehicle is currently in the process of alteration for electronic communications and health need accommodations. Commissioners also allocated funds for new uniforms, fire arms, body cameras and new fleet of rental autos. Even though the Sheriff's Department has received 2 returning officers there is a serious need for more recruits. Mason County is the lowest officer staffed county in the entire state per capita. The North End Precinct has moved to the old Fire Station on Old Belfair Hwy. The previous location prevented expedient access to Hwy 3 because of traffic. Officers are now allowed to pursue autos driven by suspected criminals who are trying to out run an Officer. Sheriff wants to allow pursuing below 80mph and safety of the general public comes first. PITT training, the crashing of auto into auto to stop a chase, is currently being given to officers. Squatters are becoming a problem. Sheriff suggests posting "No Trespassing" signs on property. The posting gives officers more and stronger authority to perform eviction. Because of increased community growth, crime is on the increase as well as narcotic usage and fatalities and also auto fatalities. Good Samaritan usage of Narcan can be used to bring back an individual, but be prepared for possible physical aggression to the Narcan provider when applied. Suggested application training is encouraged. Citizens Auxiliary Advisory Meetings occur every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Spencer Lake Restaurant 8:30 a.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at the Burger Claim Restaurant 7:30 a.m. Every Mason County Citizen is invited. Attending shows your support of Sheriff Spurling and your interest in your community!!

**NEW PARADISE RESIDENTS:** There have been 4 recorded and completed property sales within Paradise from July 8, 2023-July 6, 2024.