

line smoothly without moving your head and without repositioning your eyes. And a drunk driver may correctly say the entire alphabet but forget to stop at the requested letter. The Monument police station and police cars are also equipped with a breathalyzer test. Burk said Tuesday is the most frequent night for being stopped for driving under the influence in Monument.

Burk also showed an example computer screen from a laptop computer police officers utilize in their vehicles. A Monument officer is able to identify where the other officers are located, learn police history of a specific address, and look up license and insurance information. Burk said insurance information is always veri-

fied with the driver, and the police are able to retrieve license information from all 50 states.

Cyber crime

Mike Slavick spoke on cyber crime and warned people to remove personal data before selling, donating, or tossing out used computer equipment. Slavick said he helps other police departments and agencies solve cyber crime, including the FBI. Slavick checks his credit card information daily for any activity that may indicate fraud or identity theft, and said, "Monitor your credit cards as much as possible." He recommends not storing passwords on your computer's browser. At home he uses

virtual memory to thwart malware and backs up the information to a hard drive. According to the Citizens Police Academy manual, digital evidence can include the information on computers, laptops, cell phones, PDAs, digital cameras, thumb drives, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks and digital watches.

Taser demonstration ...ouch

Officer Jonathan Wilson demonstrated how a taser is used to disable a person when active use of force is deemed necessary to contain a situation where there is reasonable likelihood of danger. Wilson volunteered to be tased along with two adult citizens who gave their written consent before being tased. For safety reasons,

a Tri-Lakes fire truck was stationed outside the police station with medial equipment, and trained medical personnel were also present in the classroom. Padded floor cushions were placed in the classroom for the safety of individuals who would fall to the ground after being tased, and a video documenting the events of a person being tased was shown prior to the live demonstration.

According to Wilson, a taser is estimated to travel about 25 feet, and when activated, sends about 50,000 volts of electricity and about 0.0036 amps into a person, through barbs that hook into a person's skin to conduct and send an electric shock.

Within seconds of receiving the shock, the taser disrupted the stance of each individual, who fell to the floor while being carefully assisted. Similar to the video being shown, all three individuals shouted in pain shortly after being tased. Police procedure is to immediately handcuff the individual being tased and check for any weapons.

Because a taser can be fired from about 25 feet, using one can be an alternative to using a firearm or a baton. It can reduce the possibility of hand-to-hand, weapon-on-weapon, or other close combat situation. Wilson maintains using tasers instead of a firearm or baton has reduced injury to both police officers and citizens, and said, "There are so many bones that are not broken if used appropriately in the right setting."

Internal investigations

Burk maintains the responsibility of internal investigations within the Police Department, and said the need for inter-

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Nichole Hazuka, PA

Nichole is licensed in Colorado as a Physician Assistant and certified with the American Academy of Physician Assistants. After graduating with a degree in Psychology from the University of Colorado in 2011, she pursued her Master of Health Sciences and Physician Assistant studies at South College in Knoxville, TN. Nichole is trained in Family Practice and excited to care for you and your family in all areas of life - from infancy to those more advanced in age. Her philosophy with patients is to work as a team in all aspects of their care. Nichole believes that prevention, education and communication are crucial to having positive patient outcomes. She is married with two small children and recently moved back to Monument to begin her career in medicine. She loves to hike, travel and spend time with her family.

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