

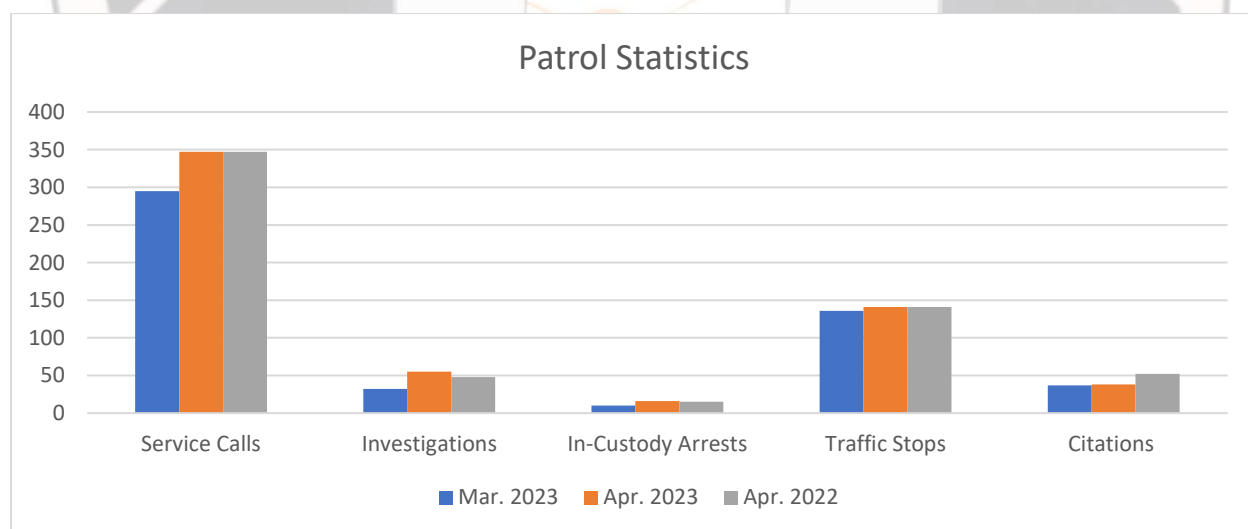
Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for April 2023

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Conducted CCW permit interviews.
- Met with City Council Member D. Conrado, the Liaison between the PD and City Council.
- Attended Colusa Community Partnership meeting.
- Assisted Colusa High School seniors with their senior projects.
- Met with CCOE, CCSO, and DA Farrell regarding the Truancy Program.
- Attended the Flag Raising Ceremony for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Monthly Statistics



- There were 347 calls for service for patrol officers with 24 agency assists. The call volume was higher compared to the month of March which was 295. The monthly statistics for the month of April in both 2022 and 2023 were virtually identical.
- During April 2023, there were 14 in-custody arrests. There were 2 citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. There were 5 domestic violence related arrests made in April. There were 4 DUI related arrests made. There were 55 reports initiated.
- During the month of April, officers initiated 141 traffic enforcement stops. There were 38 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for stop sign violations and speeding violations. It should be noted that there was a noticeable increase in citations being issued to unlicensed drivers. There was 1 reportable traffic collision which was DUI related.
- The Police Services Manager handled 85 calls for service during the month of April. These calls for service don't include telephone calls handled by the Police Services Manager. Additionally,

she continues to handle a significant number of CCW applications. DOJ clearances for CCW applicants continued to experience some delays. *Note: The Police Services Technician's calls for service are separate from patrol officers' calls for service.*

Items of Interest

- During the first week of April, the Colusa Police Department began to receive numerous calls regarding EBT fraud. A 'skimmer' was located a short time later at Sav Mor. A second skimmer was located in Maxwell at an ATM. The investigation was turned over to the Colusa County District Attorney's Office who handles welfare fraud investigations. CCDA has been collaboratively working with other jurisdictions affected by the same criminal organization.
- The Colusa Police Department continues to investigate the murder of Giovanni Alcaraz. Alcaraz was murdered 3 years ago on 3/26/2020, on Wescott Road in front of the Colusa Garden Apartments. The shooting that ultimately claimed the life of Alcaraz occurred in the late afternoon, in broad daylight. The United States Marshal Service is attempting to locate the suspect, Christian Suarez. Suarez is 5-09 in height, 120 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He is from the Arbuckle area. An arrest warrant has been issued for Suarez who is pictured below. While the Colusa Police Department will occasionally receive investigative leads, we continue to ask for the public's assistance since it is strongly believed that Suarez remains in contact with family and some friends.

The integrity of Alcaraz's murder investigation is paramount. It is for this reason that specific details surrounding the events that led up to and the murder itself aren't made public. The Colusa Police Department will not engage nor comment on speculation put forth on social media. If anyone has any information related to the location of Suarez and/or the murder of Giovanni Alcaraz, please contact the Colusa Police Department.



- 'School patrol' during the morning drop off and afternoon pick-up continues to see some challenges. A reminder to parents of Burchfield students who utilize the main parking lot located on Fremont Street, left turns are not permitted on to Fremont Street from the parking

lot. This is one of the primary causes of congestion on Fremont Street. To those clever parents who make a right turn into the same parking lot from westbound Fremont Street, other motorists appreciate you for assisting in the flow of traffic. The same can be said for those utilizing the parking lot at Egling School. Those making left turns into both parking lots, while this turning movement is permitted, it does contribute to the back up of traffic on both Fremont Street and Webster Street. ***Vehicles are not permitted to drop off/pick up students while stopped in a public roadway. It is unsafe and illegal (22500(g) VC).*** This is an issue at all school campuses. It's important to have ample time to drop off children.

- *****A very special thank you to Egling School's parent volunteer Crossing Guard, Mel Pina. Mel continues to jump into action and help with children crossing at the busy intersection of Webster Street and 8th Street. Not only does she help students cross the road safely but also starts their morning off right with a friendly 'hello'. Her time and efforts are greatly appreciated!! The results of her efforts are definitely noticeable.*****

