

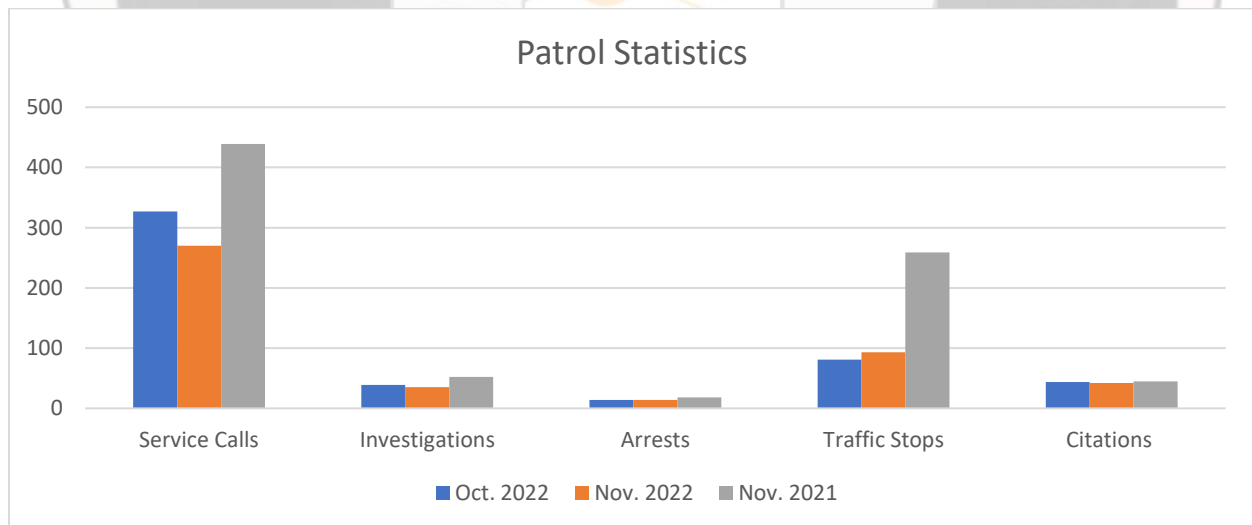
# Colusa Police Department

## *Monthly Report for November 2022*

### Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Juvenile Justice Committee Meeting
- Colusa County Truancy Meeting
- Met with Colusa County Behavioral Health staff and Colusa Medical Center Emergency Room Director regarding 5150 intake procedures
- Gang Awareness presentation at Colusa High School

### Monthly Statistics



- There were 270 calls for service for patrol officers with 12 agency assists. The call volume was somewhat lower than the month of October which was 327. The call volume continues to be lower than 2021. In November 2021, there were 439 calls for service. This is approximately a 39% decline from the prior year.
- During November 2022, there were 14 in-custody arrests. There were 4 citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. The citations issued were simple assault related offenses. There were 2 domestic violence related arrests made in November. There were 2 DUI related arrests made, one of which involved a vehicle collision. There were 35 reports initiated with 31 being investigations.

- During the month of November, officers initiated 93 traffic enforcement stops. There were 46 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for cell phone use while driving and registration violations. There were no reportable traffic collisions.
- The Police Services Manager handled 69 calls for service during the month of November. These calls for service don't include telephone calls fielded by the Police Services Manager. Additionally, she continues to handle a significant number of CCW applications. DOJ clearances for CCW applicants continues to experience delays. *Note: The Police Services Technician's calls for service are separate from patrol officers' calls for service.*

### Items of Interest

- During the afternoon of 11/21/2022, the Colusa Police Department began receiving calls from parents regarding possible threats made at Colusa High School. School officials were contacted immediately to initiate a threat assessment. A criminal investigation was also initiated. Interviews were quickly conducted with students, family members, and school staff to identify all parties involved and assess the viability of the threats. Based on information gathered, it was determined there were no immediate dangers to any of the Colusa Unified School District campuses/facilities. Social media platforms played a huge role in this investigation. In fact, it was determined that the threats made were to a very limited number of individuals rather than the initial information being disseminated on social media. This particular incident was a clear reminder of the power of social media. While social media provides an easy convenient way to disseminate information and connect with others, misinformation posted on these various platforms can create a host of problems as well. The investigation is currently on-going.
- The Colusa Police Department was proud to recognize the work of Officer Newbrian Lee at the Colusa County Rotary Peace Officer of the Year awards. Officer Lee has been a valued member of the Colusa Police Department for approximately 5 years. He has attended several training courses and is currently tasked with calibrating the PAS devices and is a Field Training Officer (FTO). Earlier in the year, Officer Lee received a commendation for his assistance with a vehicle pursuit initiated by an allied agency. Not only did Officer Lee disable the fleeing vehicle, he also seized upon the opportunity to train a junior officer on how to safely and effectively deploy 'Stop Sticks'. Officer Lee is an excellent representation of the Colusa Police Department and his efforts are to be commended.
- On 11/30/2022, law enforcement from the Colusa PD, Colusa County Sheriff's Office, and Colusa County Probation Department met with parents and school staff for a second time at Colusa High School regarding gang awareness. The meetings have come about after a noticeable increase in gang-related activities both on the high school campus as well as within the community. These activities included physical altercations, seizures of stolen firearms, commercial burglaries, road rage incidents, and recovery of other miscellaneous stolen property. Just as with the first meeting, there was a lot of information exchanged between law enforcement and parents. The second meeting included a Power Point presentation of gang related paraphernalia, graffiti, and social media posts of photos. Special thanks to retired

Colusa County Assistant Chief Probation Officer Gerry Munoz for his assistance with the meeting.

- On 11/8/2022, the Colusa Police Department completed a conversion pursuant to new reporting requirements for both federal and state Departments of Justice. Historically, crime statistical data is reported monthly, commonly referred to as the Uniform Crime Reporting. The reporting included the number of reports of particular crimes such as robbery were committed during the span of a month. With the new implementation, a significantly larger amount data is going to be reported. This data includes demographics of victims and suspects. The cost of this required conversion to the report writing system was approximately \$25,000.00.
- '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. With the fall/winter weather upon us, the weather will present additional challenges to safely dropping off students.
- *\*\*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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 Colusa Police Department and Colusa County District Attorney's Office continue to investigate the murder of Giovanni Alcaraz. Alcaraz was murdered 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.

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.



