

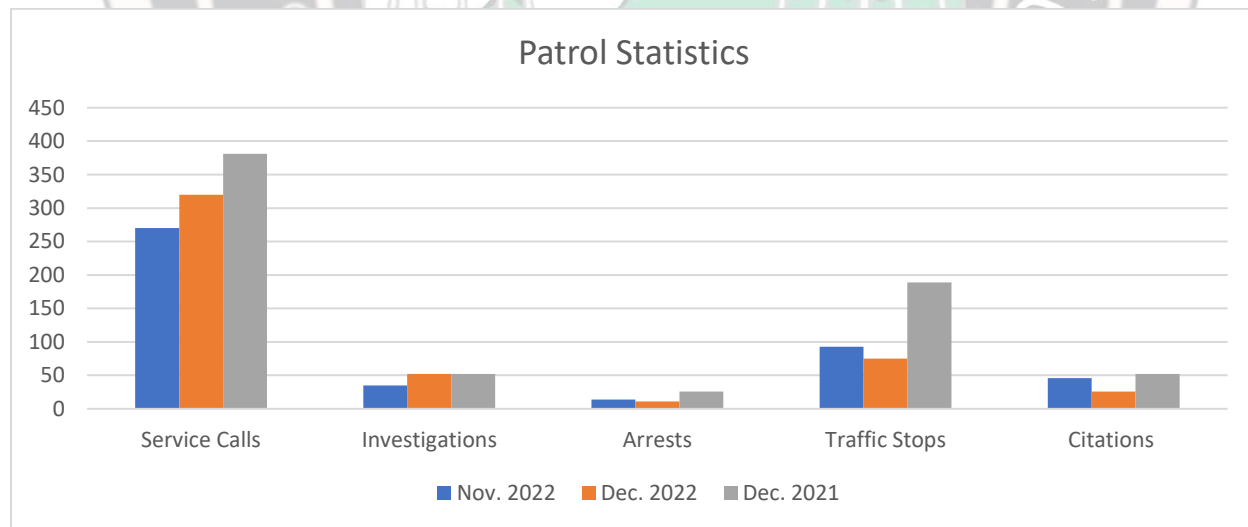
Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for December 2022

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Concealed Weapons Permit Interviews
- Participated with Christmas Tyme in Colusa
- Colusa County Truancy Meeting
- Met with DWR regarding Levee planning and repairs
- Toured Sacramento River Levee with City and County representatives regarding homeless encampments and levee damage.
- Shop with a Cop event at the Willows Walmart
- Active shooter training with CCSO Deputy Knutson at Colusa High School (staff only)

Monthly Statistics



- There were 320 calls for service for patrol officers with 22 agency assists. The call volume was somewhat increased from the month of November which was 270. The call volume continues to be lower than 2021. In December 2021, there were 381 calls for service. This is approximately a 17% decline from the prior year.
- During December 2022, there were 11 in-custody arrests. There was 1 citation issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. There were 4 domestic violence related arrests made in

December. There was 1 DUI related arrest made. There were 52 reports initiated with 49 being investigations.

- During the month of December, officers initiated 75 traffic enforcement stops. There were 26 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for cell phone use while driving and seat belt violations. There were 2 reportable traffic collisions, both with injuries.
- The Police Services Manager handled 64 calls for service during the month of December. 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 continues to experience delays. *Note: The Police Services Technician's calls for service are separate from patrol officers' calls for service.*

Items of Interest

- The Christmas Tyme in Colusa event was a success with very few incidents that occurred during the event. The Colusa Police Department was assisted by the Colusa County Sheriff's Office Volunteers with traffic closures for the event.
- During the month of December, there was a noticeable increase in the report of sexual assaults. Incidentally, none of these investigations are related; not the same suspect. All of the victims were under the age of 20.
- Colusa Police Department held its annual Christmas Party at Rocco's. During the festivities, Sgt. Jackson and Officer Lee were both awarded Life Saving Medals. On two separate incidents, Sgt. Jackson and Officer Lee both rendered lifesaving aid to a female infant. Their quick responses and calm during the incidents saved this young girl's life. They were both able to stabilize the infant prior to Colusa Fire Department's arrival on-scene. While this is the first time Officer Lee has received this award, it is the second time for Sgt. Jackson. Sgt. Jackson previously received the award in June of 2018.
- The 2022 year saw many changes. While the call volume was initially believed to continue rising based on the statistic in 2021, there was in fact a decline volume in 2022. There was a 20% reduction in call volume. Many different variables factor into this reduction.
- '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 winter

weather upon us, the weather will present additional challenges to safely dropping off students. Please use caution while the weather is foggy and/or raining.

- ***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 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.

