

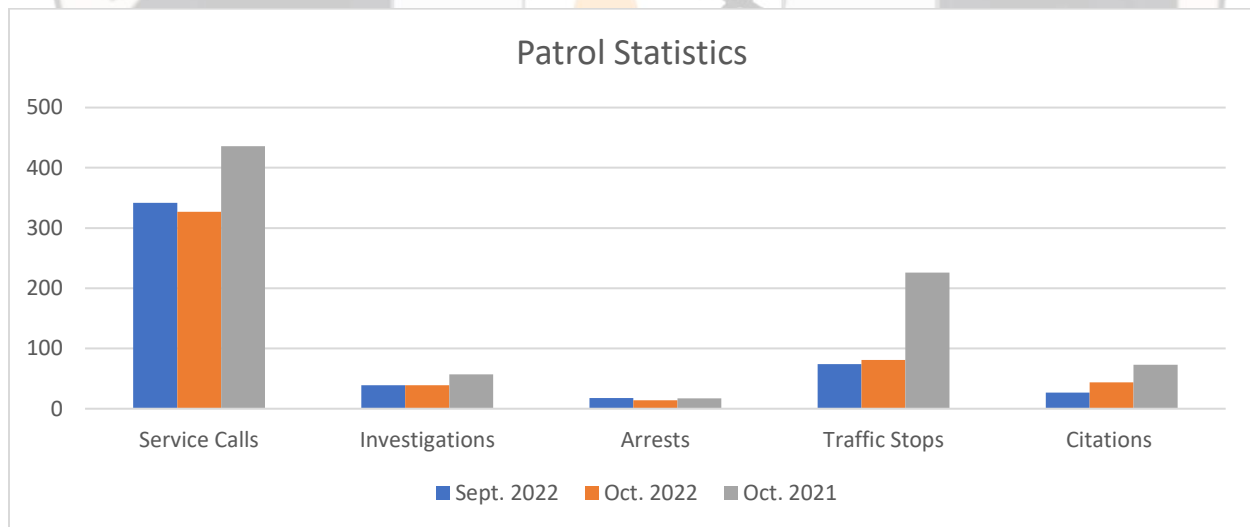
Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for October 2022

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Concealed Weapons Permits interviews and application processing
- Attended Colusa County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Meeting
- Completed road closures for Colusa High School Homecoming Parade
- Attended gang awareness meeting at Colusa High School
- Participated in the Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat events

Monthly Statistics



- There were 327 calls for service for patrol officers with 24 agency assists. The call volume was slightly lower from the month of September which was 342. The call volume continues to be lower than 2021. In October 2021, there were 436 calls for service. This is approximately a 25% decline from the prior year.
- During October 2022, there were 14 in-custody arrests. There were 2 citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. The citations issued were narcotic related offenses. There were 3 domestic violence related arrests made in October. There were 2 DUI related arrests made, one of which involved a vehicle collision. There were 39 reports initiated with 36 being investigations.
- During the month of October, officers initiated 81 traffic enforcement stops. There were 44 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for cell phone use while driving and seat belt violations. There were 2 reportable traffic collisions, one with injuries.

- The Police Services Manager handled 70 calls for service during the month of October. 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 10/25/2022, Colusa Police Department was dispatched to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church regarding a vandalism. Several religious artifacts including the altar were desecrated and/or destroyed. The initial damages were estimated to be between \$19,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Many items are difficult to replace due to their historical significance. On 10/27/2022, 67 years old James Stoltenberg was taken into custody with the assistance of the Colusa County District Attorney's Office at his residence without incident. Stoltenberg was identified from surveillance footage captured at the Church as well as from prior law enforcement contacts earlier in the week. Stoltenberg was arraigned in Colusa County Superior Court on 10/31/2022 and is being held without bail. The investigation is still on-going at this time.
- On 10/26/2022, law enforcement from the Colusa PD, Colusa County Sheriff's Office, Colusa County Probation Department along with District Attorney Elect Brendan Farrell met with parents and school staff at Colusa High School regarding gang awareness. The meeting came 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. A second meeting has been scheduled for 11/30/2022 at 6:00 pm in the Colusa High School Library.
- '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, especially with the fall/winter weather quickly approaching. Soon the fog and rain will be upon us.
- *****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. 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. 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. An arrest warrant has been issued for Suarez who is pictured below. If anyone has any information related to the location of Suarez and/or the murder of Giovanni Alcaraz, please contact the Colusa Police Department.

