

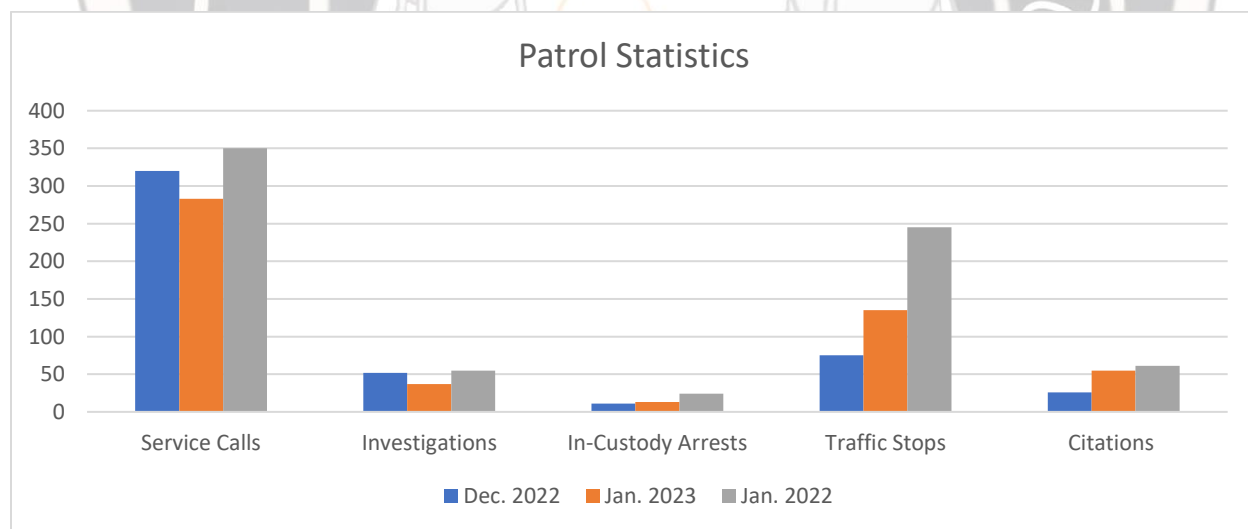
Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for January 2023

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Colusa County Task Force Meeting
- Colusa County Police Chiefs & Sheriff Meeting
- Colusa County Truancy Sub-Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Greenceuticals management regarding odor mitigation
- Conducted tour of the Colusa Police Department for Colusa Support Services participants

Monthly Statistics



- There were 283 calls for service for patrol officers with 16 agency assists. The call volume was somewhat decreased from the month of December which was 320. Overall, there was a 22% decrease in calls for service in 2022 as compared to 2021. The 2022 year closed out with a total of 3,943 calls for service whereas 2021 concluded with 5,000. Initially, 2022 was anticipated to have a higher call volume however the decrease certainly helped with low staffing levels.
- During January 2023, there were 13 in-custody arrests. There were 5 citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. There were NO domestic violence related arrests made in January. There was 1 DUI related arrest made. There were 40 reports initiated with 37 being investigations.

- During the month of January, officers initiated 135 traffic enforcement stops. There were 55 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for cell phone use while driving and speed violations. There were no reportable traffic collisions.
- The Police Services Manager handled 71 calls for service during the month of January. 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 some delays. *Note: The Police Services Technician's calls for service are separate from patrol officers' calls for service.*

Items of Interest

- The month of January saw some pleasant changes to the department. Officer Miguel Rios completed his Field Training Program and is now a solo patrol officer. CPD also welcomed Officer Steve Xiong. Officer Xiong will begin Phase 1 of his Field Training Program with Sgt. Jackson. He comes to the department with prior law enforcement experience.
- Unfortunately, the City of Colusa had its first shooting of the year on the 28th. The incident took place in the alley north of Carson Street, just west of Bridge Street. Despite several shots being fired, thankfully no one was injured. A suspect was immediately taken into custody without further incident. The investigation is on-going. Law enforcement officers from Colusa County Sheriff's Office, Williams PD, and CHP responded to the incident and assisted with taking the suspect into custody.
- Beginning this month, Colusa PD has begun transitioning to becoming paperless. Not only will this be a cost savings with reducing the amount of paper and ink being used, but will also save space with storage of paper records which we are required to be retained for various periods of time. Instead, documents will be scanned and stored in the records system.
- '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 results of her efforts are definitely noticeable.***

- 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.

