

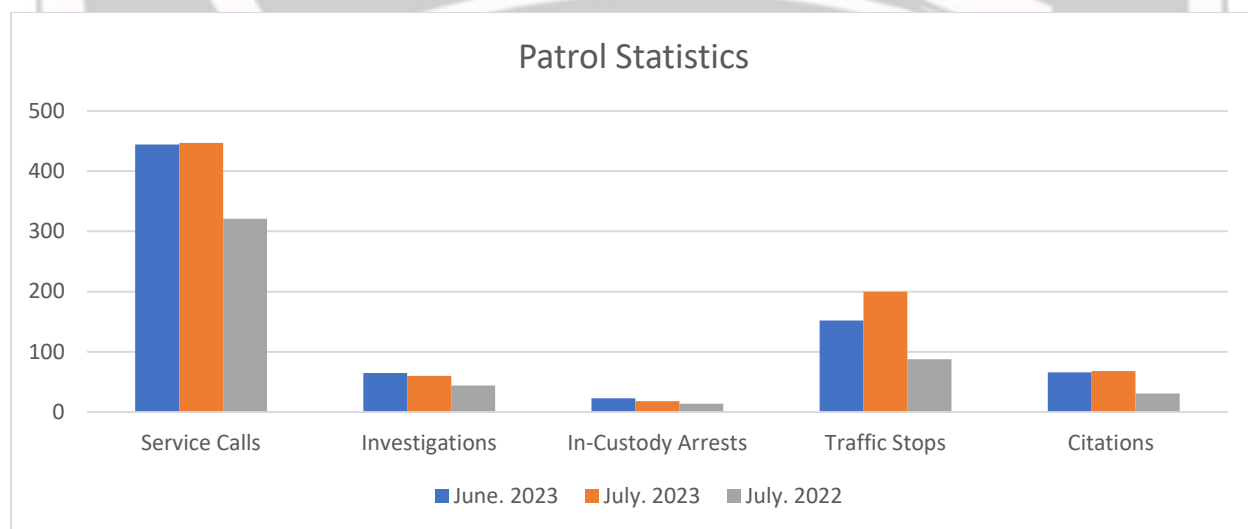
Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for July 2023

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Attended meeting for City of Colusa department heads regarding employee survey
- Participated in the Colusa Sheriff's Dept Junior Academy in Colusa

Monthly Statistics



- There were 447 calls for service for patrol officers with 25 agency assists. The call volume was only marginally higher than the month of June which was 444. In July of 2022, there were only 321 calls for service indicating an approximate 25% increase in calls for service.
- During July 2023, there were 18 in-custody arrests. There were 4 citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. There were 3 domestic violence related incidents reported in July with 2 resulting in arrests. There were 2 DUI related arrests made. There were 60 reports initiated.
- During the month of July, officers initiated 200 traffic enforcement stops. There were 68 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for registration violations, speeding violations, and cell phone violations. There was 1 reportable traffic collision with injuries in July.
- The Police Services Manager handled 68 calls for service during the month of July. 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

- With the start of the school year quickly approaching, a friendly reminder to the parents of young drivers. The State of California requires operators of motor vehicles to be licensed. A 'learner's permit' isn't a valid license. A licensed driver over the age of 25 must accompany an individual who is driving with only a permit. If it is determined a parent is allowing a teenager to operate a motor vehicle without being properly licensed, they are violating section 14604(A) of the California Vehicle Code which is a misdemeanor. The vehicle could potentially be towed as well. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of teenagers who have been reported as driving without a license.
- The Colusa Junior Academy held at Egling Middle School turned out to be quite a success with attendance being nearly double what was anticipated. Participants were introduced to a variety of topics including traffic collisions, interview/interrogation, crime scene investigations, narcotic investigations, and building searches. The Junior Academies held in Arbuckle and Maxwell were equally successful. We are looking forward to future Junior Academies next summer. A huge thank you to CCSO Deputy Knutson and her hard work with the academies!
- During this summer, there has been a noticeable increase in vandalisms and burglaries within the City of Colusa. The frequent targets of these crimes have been school campuses and Colusa Medical Center property. While these investigations are on-going, people of interest have been identified.
- 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.

