

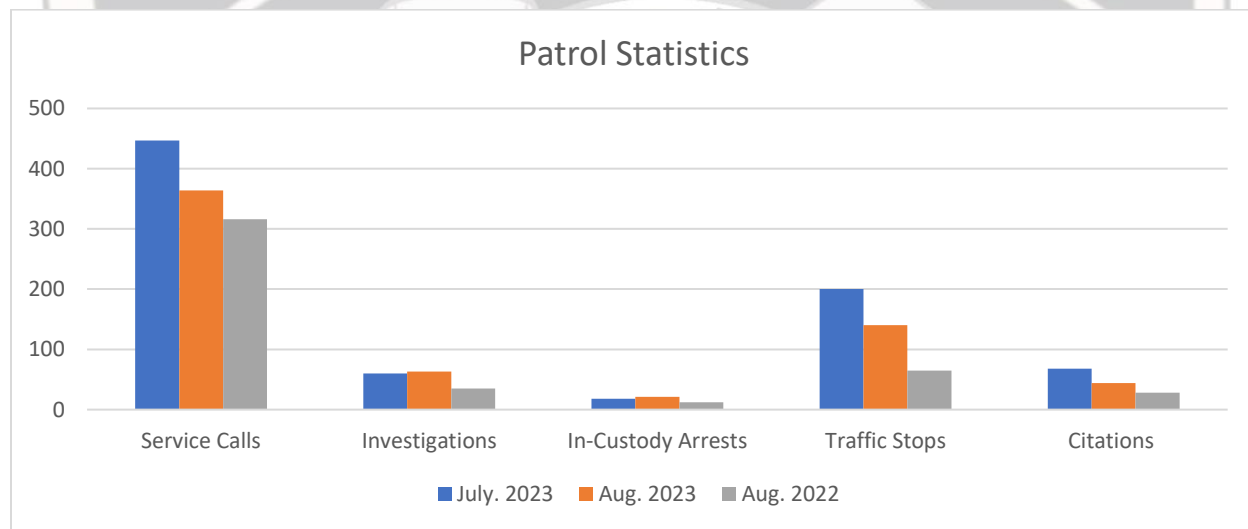
Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for August 2023

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Participated in the pre-bid process for a new city-wide phone system
- Participated in a security walk thru at Wilber-Ellis
- Attended location review for city-wide internet upgrades
- Attended Colusa County Office of Education School Attendance Review Board orientation

Monthly Statistics



- There were 364 calls for service for patrol officers with 28 agency assists. The call volume decreased from the month of July which was 447. In August of 2022, there were only 316 calls for service which is similar to that of the current year.
- During August 2023, there were 21 in-custody arrests. There were 6 citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. There were 4 domestic violence related incidents reported in August with 2 resulting in arrests. There were 2 DUI related arrests made. There were 63 reports initiated.
- During the month of August, officers initiated 140 traffic enforcement stops. There were 44 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for registration violations, seat belt violations, and text messaging violations. There were no reportable traffic collisions during the month of August.
- The Police Services Manager handled 83 calls for service during the month of August. 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

- The 2023-2024 school year has begun. There are 2 areas of concern that parents should be aware of:
 - 1) 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. There have been 3 traffic enforcement stops during school patrol that have resulted in vehicles being towed for this very reason.
 - 2) Children and social media. Cell phones and social media have become a convenient way to stay in communication with others. Cell phones particularly allow quick access for parents to reach their children. With the start of the new school year, law enforcement has already begun to handle multiple cases involving inappropriate material being distributed via social media. One alarming common thread amongst these cases is juveniles willingly taking photos and/or recordings that are sexually explicit. ***Once images/videos are posted to any form of social media, regardless if it's in a direct messaging form, those images/videos can **never** be completely removed from the internet. These images/videos can resurface at a later time.*** The Colusa Police Department is strongly encouraging parents to speak with their children about appropriate cell phone use and internet safety.
- 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.

