

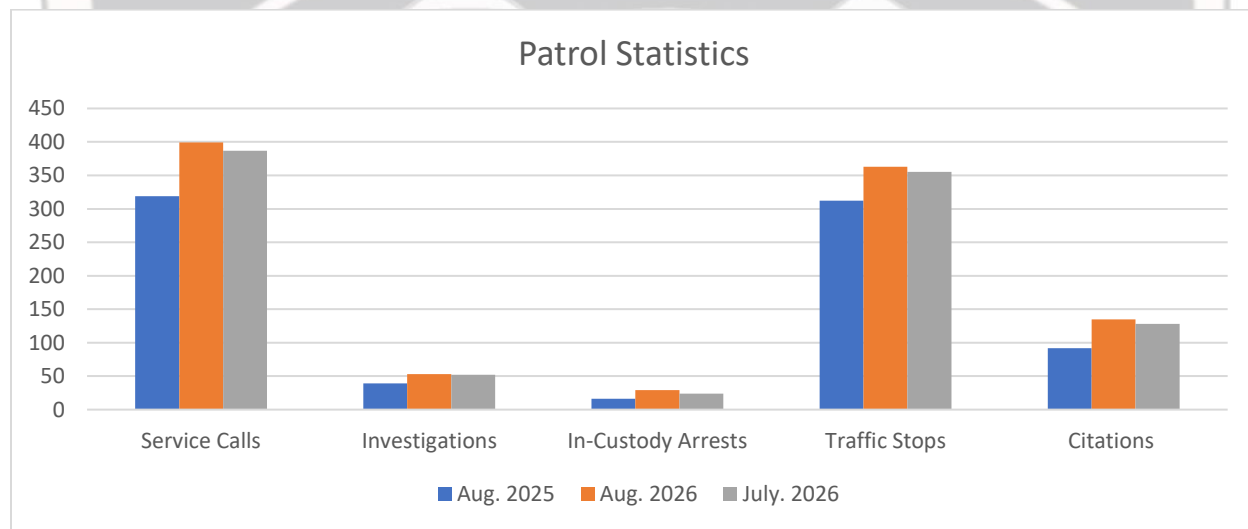
Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for August 2026

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meetings
- Met with Colusa Unified School District regarding traffic
- Attended a women's community meeting
- Attended the Colusa County School Attendance Review Board kick off meeting
- Participated in Colusa High School student assemblies

Monthly Statistics



- There were 399 calls for service for patrol officers with 24 agency assists. The call volume in August slightly increased from July. The call volume remains consistently higher than that of 2025. In August 2025, there were only 319 calls for service.
- During the month of August, there were 29 in-custody arrests. There was 1 citation issued in lieu of the subject being booked in jail. There were 5 documented domestic violence related incidents resulting in 4 arrests. There were 53 reports initiated.
- During the month of August, officers initiated 363 traffic enforcement stops. There were 135 citations issued. The citations were issued for various moving and mechanical violations. Violations for speeding, stop sign, and texting while driving seem to be the most frequent. There were 5 reportable traffic collisions, however, 1 resulted in injuries. One of the collisions was a direct result of a driver being under the influence. 'Hit and Run' collisions are not included in these statistics but instead are included in crime statistics. There were 3 DUI arrests.
- The Police Services Manager handled 85 calls for service during the month of August. These calls for service don't include telephone calls handled by the Police Services Manager. As a

friendly reminder, the lobby for the department is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday and closed for the lunch hour. When the lobby is closed, police officers can still be dispatched to the police department to provide assistance.

Items of Interest

- **BACK TO SCHOOL:** Colusa Unified School District kicked off the school year this month. Prior to the start of the new school year, a meeting was held to discuss traffic concerns. The first day of school went off without a hitch. Hats off to the parents at Burchfield Primary for utilizing the north side (Lafayette Street) for drop-off which has somewhat helped with the congestion on Fremont Street. PLEASE remember that the RED ZONES aren't for drop-off or parking.
- **FRAUD:** There has been an uptick in various fraud-related scams targeting the elderly. Many of the recent scams involve someone pretending to be associated with law enforcement. Law enforcement will NEVER collect 'fines' directly from an individual nor will they request large sums of cash to 'verify' the serial numbers on the bills. Also, thieves will use email addresses that initially appear to be that of a well-known organization/company such as Apple or PG&E however upon closer examination of the full email address will reveal the sender to be fraudulent. If you receive communications that you believe to be fraudulent and/or suspicious, contact the police department before sending any funds.
- **DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT:** Officer Darren Ram completed training and testing to become a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Officer Ram is the first officer to complete this comprehensive training with the department. This training will be beneficial primarily with enforcement of impaired drivers.
- **BOAT LAUNCH FEES:** Please don't forget to pay your boat launch fees. Once you've paid for them, please remember to display the receipt in your vehicle (preferably on the dash). *If you possess a State Parks pass, that doesn't waive the boat launch fee.* The boat launch is operated by the City of Colusa and not the California State Parks system. Officers will be checking for fees paid not just in the parking lot of the state park but also along Main Street and the other immediate surrounding areas.
- **E-BIKES:** The popularity of E-Bikes is on the rise and has been a hot topic on social media. Folks need to be mindful that as a rider of them, you must comply with the rules of the road. The same rules that apply to bicycles apply to E-Bikes. If you are under the age of 18, helmets are always required. Section 312.5 of the California Vehicle defines the various classes of E-bikes. Section 406 provides a definition of a motorized bicycle or moped while the definition of a motorized scooter is in section 407.5.