Colusa Police Department

Monthly Report for March 2024

Monthly Activities

- City Council Meeting
- Participated in the Colusa County School Attendance Review Board (SARB)
- Conducted Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) applicant interviews
- Participated in the CAPC Child Abuse Prevention collaborative meeting
- Conduct interviews for both the academy trainee and entry level police officer positions
- Attended the CCSO Task Force Steering Committee meeting
- Attended Colusa County Local Hazard Mitigation Strategy meeting

Patrol Statistics

- There were 318 calls for service for patrol officers with 16 agency assists. The call volume in February and March was virtually identical. In March of 2023, there were 295 calls for service which is slightly lower than the call volume of the current year.
- During March 2024, there were 13 in-custody arrests. There were 4 citations issued in lieu of subjects being booked in jail. There was 1 domestic violence related incident reported in March. There were 4 DUI related arrests made. There were 36 reports initiated.
- During the month of March, officers initiated 133 traffic enforcement stops. There were 39 citations issued. Several of the citations issued were for registration and driver's license related violations. Additionally, officers have been citing multiple individuals for 'exhibition of speed' and 'speed contests'. There was 1 reportable traffic collision with injuries.
- The Police Services Manager handled 79 calls for service during the month of March. These calls for service don't include telephone calls handled by the Police Services Manager.

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Items of Interest

- The major incident for the month of March originated from a traffic enforcement stop for a lighting equipment violation. The driver provided a false name to the officer conducting the traffic enforcement stop. There were 2 occupants in the vehicle, one being an elderly female. As the officer was attempting to determine the driver's true identity, the driver fled and a vehicle pursuit ensued. With the assistance of Colusa County Sheriff's Office, CHP, and Sutter County Sheriff's Office, the driver, Jose Fidel Nunes Jr, was apprehended after a successfully deployment of a spike strip in Sutter. The 2 passengers were unharmed and explained to officers that they attempted to get Nunes to let them out of the vehicle, fearing for their safety during the pursuit. Nunes had outstanding arrest warrants out of Butte County. He was booked into the CCSO Jail for the warrants as well as charges related to the pursuit.
- The Colusa Police Department opened recruitment for both the police officer trainee positions as well as the entry level police officer positions (academy graduates). Interviews were conducted in mid-March. Two applicants are currently undergoing a background investigation, both being military veterans. Colusa PD has 3 seats reserved in the next academy class at Butte College. Currently, there is one police officer trainee attending the academy who will be graduating in early June.
- It is not uncommon for the Colusa Police Department to receive complaints about vehicles parked along public roadways that are inoperable or even abandoned. If a vehicle's registration has expired for more than 6 months, it can be towed pursuant to section 22651(o) of the California Vehicle Code. A vehicle can't be parked on a public roadway more than 120 hours on a per section 11-8(Z) of the Colusa City Code. This excludes vehicles on private property. Should you notice a yellow 'warning' tag on vehicle, if the vehicle is not moved quickly, it will be towed. Often it will be tagged without further notice.