

Area 2 Monthly Supervisor Report

January - March 2026

Neighborhood Watch:

MYERS HILL:

- No updated activity.

NORTH STEWART:

- No updated activity.

HIGHLAND VIEW:

- No updated activity

Case(s) for discussion:

On March 25, 2026, at 5:28 p.m., officers with the Sonora Police Department received a call regarding an intoxicated female who was seen driving a red Jeep. Officers arrived and located the matching vehicle and suspected driver, identified as 51-year-old Tara Hill, at Restano Liquor. The officer conducted a Standard Field Sobriety test and determined Hill was under the influence. Hill was also identified as the driver by the caller who saw Hill driving.

Officers also learned that Hill had 3 prior DUIs within the last 3 years and was on probation for DUI. Hill was taken into custody and transported to the Tuolumne County Jail. Hill was booked for felony DUI with prior convictions, misdemeanor DUI while on probation, and misdemeanor driving with a suspended license for DUI.

On February 12, 2026, at 5:07 p.m. The Sonora Police Department received a call regarding an injury hit-and-run collision that occurred on Hospital Road near Mono Way in Sonora. Responding officers were given a description of the vehicle, and a "Be On The Lookout" was issued to our partnering agencies. During this time, the Sonora area California Highway Patrol received multiple calls about a reckless driver near Chicken Ranch Casino matching the fleeing vehicle's description. The investigating officer located private surveillance video from various sources and interviewed witnesses, confirming the driver's identity as 29-year-old Jacqueline Renee Leach of Copperopolis. Leach later turned herself in to the Sonora Police Department on February 14, 2026, and was booked into the Tuolumne County Jail for felony hit-and-run resulting in injuries.

K-9:

- The Sonora PD K-9 Handler has continued to utilize his partner for narcotics and has had positive results.
- The K-9 team is actively training twice a month and consistently showing progress.

Reserves/Volunteers/Explorers:

- Volunteers and Explorers have been holding meetings and training twice a month. We have gained new Volunteers and Explorers and continue to receive applications for the programs.

Recruitment:

- We recently held interviews for open Dispatcher positions. Two candidates were selected and are currently in the hiring process.
- We have recently opened recruitment for Recruit and Lateral Police Officers.

Training:

- We have sent officers to Drug and Alcohol Recognition Training, which was a 32-hour course that provided them with the tools to successfully detect subjects under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Officers were also sent to Basic Rifle School to certify them under P.O.S.T. standards to carry a rifle on patrol. We also sent one of our Dispatchers to the Basic Dispatcher Academy, which is a four-week course. All courses were successfully completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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