

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: December 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Casey J. Day, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Merritt Perry, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Police Department Monthly Report for October/November 2023**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

Patrol Statistics:

During October 2023, the Fortuna Police handled 1,413 calls for service. 62 arrests were made including 14 felony arrests and 48 misdemeanor arrests. 59 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous violations.

During November 2023, the Fortuna Police handled 1,333 calls for service. 56 arrests were made including 14 felony arrests and 42 misdemeanor arrests. 63 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous violations. Crime statistics and information on calls for service are available at forpd.crimegraphics.com.

Staffing:

- The Police department has one sworn police officer position, which is open. During November, a lateral officer with local area experience was given a conditional job offer and began the pre-employment, background investigation phase.
- Public Safety Dispatcher candidate, Emma Valk was on-boarded in October. She completed the Public Safety Dispatch Academy in October and started her field training program. She was advanced to phase two of the field training program in November.
- The Police Department has one additional public safety dispatcher position open. Interviews will be held in December.

Community Events:

During the month of October 2023, PD staff members celebrated the *National Coffee with a Cop* event, engaging with members of the community at Starbucks.

During the month of November 2023, PD staff members participated in *No Shave November* – a fundraising campaign for cancer.

Employee of the Quarter:

In October 2023, Officer Jon Gier received the *Employee of the Quarter* recognition for his commitment to professionalism and excellent job performance.

In November 2023, Sergeant Jason Kadle received the *Officer of the Year* award at the annual Elk's Lodge - Officer of the Year awards dinner.

K-9 Program:

In October, Blitz had his first apprehension of a violent felon who was wanted for attempted homicide and the situation was safely resolved.

Status of Grant Awards/Applications:

COPS – Federal funding for a new police officer position: Approved and pending award (announced in November 2023).

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Receive Police Department Monthly Report (October/November). Consent Agenda vote.