

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: October 21, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Casey J. Day, Chief of Police

THROUGH: Amy Nilsen, Interim City Manager

SUBJECT: **Police Department Monthly Report for September 2024**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive staff report as an informational item.

Patrol Statistics:

During the month of September, the Fortuna Police handled 1,292 calls for service. 63 arrests were made including 10 felony arrests and 53 misdemeanor arrests. A total of 80 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous violations.

Crime statistics and information on calls for service are available to the public at **forpd.crimegraphics.com**.

Staffing:

The Police Department is currently down two sworn officer positions.

- Public Safety Dispatcher Kylee Johnson completed the Communications Field Training Program and has been assigned to weekday day shift. She is doing very well.
- One experienced lateral dispatcher candidate (D. Shaw) will be on boarded in October.
- Police Officer Trainee Karlee Humphrey is currently in the final phase of the regional police academy at CR and is on track to graduate in December.
- The police department is looking to recruit and hire two sworn officers at this time. Recruitments opened in September.

Community Events / Recognitions:

Officer Bryce Sancho received the California Highway Patrol and AAA Insurance 10851 Award in September. The ceremony and banquet was held at the Wharfinger Building. Officer Sancho received the award for his diligence and enforcement efforts in the area of stolen vehicle recovery.

Chief Day received the Humboldt Hero Award on September 27th. The ceremony was held at the State Farm Insurance Building at 7th and G Street in Eureka.

Chief Day presented on Measure P with Interim City Manager Amy Nilsen during the Month of September. Presentations occurred at the Chamber Luncheon, and for the Fire Association/Board, and the Rotary Club.

Chief Day conducted the Command Inspection of the current police academy class at CR.

Department Promotions & Transfers:

Thomas Macleod was selected as the department's new major crimes detective. His assignment will start in January 2025.

Dennis Stevens was selected as the department's new narcotic task force officer. His assignment will start in January 2025.

Grants / Fundraisers:

The Police Department submitted for a \$200,000.00 Wellness and Resiliency grant on April 20th through the U.S. Attorney General's Office. The department is awaiting notification. Notifications should be available in October of 2024.

The Police Department submitted for a \$200,000.00 grant in May to address organized theft and violent crime. If approved, a portion of this grant would be eligible for Flock Cameras and License Plate Readers. The department is awaiting notification. Notifications should be available in October of 2024.

The Police Department submitted for a \$25,000.00 Coast Central Credit Union grant in August for the purchase of FLOCK LPR cameras. Grants will be awarded in October.

The Police Department submitted for a \$25,000.00 Coast Central Credit Union grant in August for the department wellness program. Grants will be awarded in October.

Department Trainings/Business Meetings/Conferences:

Lieutenant Eberhardt, Sgt. Primofiore, and Sgt. Phinney attended an advanced **Public Information Officer** training in Blue Lake, CA.

Sgt. Charlton attended the first week of the **Sherman Block Supervisors Leadership Institute** in Folsom, CA.

Chief Day attended the California Police Chief's Association **Board of Directors Meeting** in Santa Barbara, CA.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Receive Police Department Monthly Report(s) (September). Consent Agenda vote.