

# STAFF REPORT

## *City Council Consent Item*

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**DATE:** September 15, 2025

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Matthew A. Eberhardt, Interim Chief of Police

**THROUGH:** Amy Nilsen, City Manager

**SUBJECT: Police Department Monthly Report for August 2025**

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive report as an informational item.

### **Patrol Statistics:**

During the month of August 2025, the Fortuna Police handled 1,349 calls for service. 49 arrests were made including 9 felony arrests and 40 misdemeanor arrests. A total of 76 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous violations. Crime statistics and information on calls for service are available at [forpd.crimegraphics.com](http://forpd.crimegraphics.com).

### **Staffing:**

- Recruitment Update: A lateral retired annuitant reserve law enforcement officer with local area experience is progressing through the pre-employment background investigation process.
- Two Sworn Police Officers are progressing through the Field Training Program.
- Staffing and Recruitment: The department currently has three vacant sworn officer positions and is actively recruiting to fill these positions.
- Operational Impact: Due to ongoing training requirements for Police Officer in the Field Training Program, existing sworn officer vacancies, and one employee on unanticipated leave, the department is operating with six fewer sworn patrol officers than authorized staffing levels. In response to this significant shortfall, the “staffing crisis” and mandatory weekly overtime for sworn personnel remains in effect.
- We are recruiting for Two non-sworn positions, a part-time Community Services Officer position and a part-time Kennel Attendant position.

### **Enforcement/Community Engagement:**

- Fortuna Police Department Officers and K9 Team participated in downtown’s First Friday event.
- Officer arrested an adult female illegally in possession of a large canister of Nitrous Oxide. The use of Nitrous Oxide and its availability in our community continues to be a concern.

### **RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:**

Receive Police Department Monthly Report. Consent Agenda vote.