STAFF REPORT
Consent Agenda Item

DATE: November 16, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

DEPARTMENT: Police

PREPARED BY: Matthew Eberhardt, Interim Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Police Department Monthly Report for October 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Patrol Statistics:

- 1,332 Calls for Service
- 430 Officer Initiated
- 110 Case Investigations
- 29 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 12 Felony Arrests
- 163 Traffic Stops
- 29 Citations Issued

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

Staffing:

- Vacancies: Three Fulltime Sworn Police Officer positions. One Fulltime Public Safety Dispatcher position and one Part-Time Code Compliance Officer.
- Recruitment Update: Through a competitive process Lieutenant Kadle was selected as Fortuna Police Department's next Chief of Police. The Part-time Code Compliance Officer position is being temporarily held pending results of the November election. The onboarding process for the Part-Time On-Call Dispatcher position is completed.
- One Fulltime Sworn Officer position and one Part-Time Community Services Officer remain vacant due to the active hiring freeze.

Training:

- Sworn Officers completed POST required perishable skills training for Arrest and Control and Firearms for the 25/26 reporting cycle.
- Lieutenant attended local CIRA training.
- Lieutenant began the 8-month Bay Cities Leadership Academy.

- Several updated Lexipol Policy updates have been released, and daily policy training is ongoing

Enforcement/Community Engagement:

- 4 subjects arrested for driving under the influence.
- Chief Eberhardt and Lieutenant Kadle presented at Fortuna Kiwanis.
- Chief Eberhardt and Lieutenant Kadle attended Kiwanis Business Women's Luncheon.
- Coffee with a cop was held at Shotz Coffee.
- Chief Eberhardt assisted the City Manager in conducting several community education presentations on Measure D.
- Many Officers participated in Redwood Preparatory Charter Schools Red Ribbon Week event for First Responders.
- Lieutenant Kadle and School Resource Officer Jordan participated in Downtown's Trunk or Treat event.
- During the month of October, the Department had pink patches in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and raised funds to support the cause.
- Public Educational Information was released reminding community members to lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight due to recent thefts.
- Fortuna Detective working in conjunction with the School Resource Officer and Rio Dell Police Department conducted inspections at retail tobacco establishments throughout the Eel River Valley and seized a large number of illegal products and issued citations.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2026-2036:

This action supports the following area(s) of your City Council's Strategic Plan 2026-2036.

CORE VALUES:

Quality of Life: Family, Nature & Neighbors
Community Connection & Care
Committed Service

PRIORITIES:

Priority 1: Clarity, Culture & Capacity for Organizational Health

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to receive Police Department Monthly Report . Consent Agenda vote.