

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: March 20, 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 February 2023

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

Patrol Statistics:

During the month of February 2023, the Fortuna Police handled 1,264 calls for service. Sixty-eight arrests were made including 18 felony arrests and 50 misdemeanor arrests. Sixty-nine 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 is attempting to fill the following vacancies:

- One Public Safety Dispatcher – **Lateral** Candidate currently in background
- One Sworn Police Officer – **Lateral** Candidate currently in background

*Command Staff is currently considering a recommendation for the addition of a second lieutenants position to the organizational chart.

Grant Awards:

During the Month of February, the police department received a \$5,000.00 dollar grant from The McLean Foundation and a \$3,000.00 dollar grant from Redwood Capital Bank. Both grants were provided in support of the K-9 program.

Noteworthy Case(s):

Minor Decoy Operations were conducted throughout February utilizing Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) grant funds. On February 3, Officer's arrested one adult for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

On February 24, Fortuna Police arrested two male subjects responsible for stealing City property from Rohner Park. Within hours of the theft, all property was recovered and the two responsible subjects were booked into the Humboldt County Jail.

Community Engagement Piece:

Through an ongoing collaboration with the Fortuna Kiwanis Club, the School Resource Officer participated in a multi-campus reading program throughout the month of February. The SRO has been reading to kindergarteners on Thursday's. This program will continue into the month of March.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Receive Police Department Monthly Report. Consent agenda vote.