

August 2024

Police Department Activity Report

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Monthly Statistics

732 - Calls for Service (officers dispatched to a call)

1,104 - Officer Initiated Incidents

256 – 911 Emergency Calls. Average 8 a day

1,450 – Non-emergency or administrative calls. Average of 47 per day.

24 - Misdemeanor Arrests

7 - Felony Arrests

74 - Police Reports

36 - Citations Issue

2- Traffic Collision

Noteworthy Information

1. Farm Trails held their annual Apple Fair. It was well attended and there were no significant issues. Traffic was impacted both Saturday and Sunday for approximately 6 hours both days. Farm Trails did re-imburse us for the traffic control we provided in our jurisdiction.
2. All of the schools in Sebastopol are now back in session and we have made contact at all of the campuses. The Sonoma County Health Services Department, has reinstated the CAPE Team (Crime Assessment, Prevention & Education). This team is working with Analy High School to identify any crime or mental health situation that can be handled on a non-law enforcement level. We met with this group and will support them in any way we can.
3. We continue to receive numerous complaints and concerns over the homeless encampments on the Joe Rodota Trail and fronting the old Horizon Shine location. The bulk of these concerns are due to fire and personal safety. Officers have been making contact and working with individuals in both locations to remove hazards by providing debris removal service and attempting to connect them with services. During the month SPD officers made 22 arrests of homeless individuals (5 were repeat offenders), 14 who were booked into county jail. Most of the arrests were alcohol and drug related. 5 RV's were issued citations, the majority for registration violations.
4. We have reviewed the applications for the two open Officer positions and have scheduled an oral board for the four candidates on 09/13/24. The Dispatcher recruitment is open. We have received multiple applications that are being reviewed for an upcoming testing process.