

Fort Jones Police Department Monthly Report

November 2020

Merry Holidays everyone. Hope your holiday is happy and healthy for you and your families. It seems winter is upon us and with that are colder temperatures and hopefully a white Christmas. The month of November was very eventful with many long complex investigations coming to their conclusions. With the prosecutions of these cases will come progress the town has been anxious to see. While this progress is great to see there is still many projects to be done. December 12th will mark Fort Jones Police Departments 1 year anniversary. Yay! It's been a great year and we all look forward to the next.

Traffic- Our main focus this past month was to show presence in the effort to slow traffic and to prevent unnecessary violations i.e. U-turns on Main. Several citations were issued to violators throughout the month but have seen some progress when it comes to violations occurring in town. As the winter months get colder and more moisture is present we will see additional hazards such as icy roads. Maintaining proper winter driving techniques and following rules of the road become necessary to reduce accidents and provide safer roadways for our communities. We will continue to educate drivers through these winter months. If you do observe any hazards or issues please let us know.

Schools- The school district is doing a phenomenal job through this pandemic and have been able to keep our schools open. We continue to work in partnership with them to help in their efforts to provide these services to our youth.

Animal Control- Several animal control related issues and cases developed in the month of November. Several of these calls resulted in citations while others were mitigated through voluntary compliance. We will continue to follow up on possible issues and counsel the ones involved. Overall, we have seen most do what they needed to do to gain compliance and safety for their animals. We did have one small dog hit by traffic on main street. Everett and Scott helped us dispose of the dog. We were unable to locate an owner. Another task we are often asked of is to dispatch injured animals such as deer. Last month we dispatched several injured deer. If this issue arises or if you have someone asking of the process please send them our way and we will take care of the issue at hand as well as answer any question they may have.

Reports/Cases- As we approach the end of the year, we are also approaching the century mark of written cases pulled for the town of Fort Jones. This past year has given us many challenges but I am so proud of our staff in meeting the challenge and doing such a great job without complaint. Many of these cases won't see a conclusion for months if not years so having a consistent group of officers and staff is essential.

Calls for Service- Allied assists and mutual aid are still on the forefront and we enjoy the great relationship we have with other departments. It helps us all provide an unmatched service to our community. Calls for service are still at a high volume but as mentioned before many of them are positive contacts and are separate from our written reports.

Ordinance Enforcement- Officer York continues make remarkable progress when it comes to code enforcement and her report. This is very important complex area of law enforcement and we are very lucky to have Kelly willing to take this on and provide such hard work for our community. Another aspect to Code

Enforcement is the administrative components that give the town direction and law enforcement the ability to hold violators accountable. Council member Garcia has done an amazing job in locating, revising, and implementing codes that will guide the Town of Fort Jones for many years to come. I know this to be a painstaking task that most would not even consider. We are very blessed to have Mercedes willingness to take on such a large project without complaint to better our community. When you see her please thank her for the work she has done and continues to do. We would be unable to make the progress we have without her and the phenomenal work she has done for us.

Community Events- In the month of November we were able to hold several community events while adhering to Covid guidelines and restrictions. While I know it isn't fun please remind others to follow these guidelines to ensure we will be able to continue these events. The PAL Holiday and Fort Jones Christmas Parade are quickly approaching and want to make sure these events are held safely for everyone. It is even more crucial we follow guidelines as we are still in the purple tier. Please remind others as we try and provide these historic events.

PAL- Flag Football has been our center of attention the last few weeks and is going strong. We have been successful in providing alternatives to continue these activities during the pandemic. We have around 65 participants and will continue the program as weather permits. We will be holding off on this week's games so the kids can participate in the Fort Jones parade and holiday festivities.

Training- The PD continues to complete mandated training when it comes to law enforcement and now COVID-19 related issues. We maintain an up to date training log for audits and to have transparency to our community. If you or anyone has any questions on the rigorous training our officers go through please send them our way. We would be happy to show others what law enforcement is accountable for on a daily basis.

Patrol Hours- In the month of November the Town of Fort Jones again received the equivalent to more than 550 hours of police services and 5 fulltime officers. Countless security checks and calls for service were performed during these hours including several sleepless nights. I want to thank our officers for being committed to their community and without complaint. I feel so grateful to have such wonderful officers willing to give back so much to their community. We are all safer and better because of it. Several search warrants were conducted this past month on top of officer's regular duties. Our partnership with NSMIT again provided many additional officers and hours to accomplish these larger details.