

Ft. Jones Police Chief's Monthly Report

December 2021

Happy new everyone! It has been another exiting year with many accomplishments under our belts as we look forward to another year with the same success. I wanted to again thank everyone In our beautiful little town in assisting us with making this past year such a positive experience. Without everyone willingness to get involved and help there is no way we could accomplish our tasks at hand and in turn be successful at them. It means a lot to the police department all the support we receive on a daily basis. We are proud to serve and protect the town of Ft. Jones and look forward to the future as we continue to preserve our history while growing in the direction of the towns wishes making it the best and safest place in the world to live.

Next months letter shall consist of an end of year report on the final numbers of calls for service and well as the total number of reports and citations. Within next month's report I will put in detail the successes we had, an update on current ongoing reports, and some of the plans we have in store.

Traffic- With the onset of severe weather we saw an additional impact on traffic related issues. One in point the increase of traffic collisions due to driving to fast for the conditions and inattention. One traffic collision was into a house. Fortunately, no one was home at the time and no injuries resulted. While we did have several traffic related issues a big thank you go's out to Ft. Jones public works on the continual upkeep of our town's streets. I have no doubt it prevented further collisions. We also worked with the Lions club on the safe execution of another amazing Christmas parade.

Schools- We continue to work with our valley's schools in assisting with creating a safe environment for our community's youth. While these last couple years have been met with adversity, I am proud of our school district and officer's in making it a safe stable environment. We aren't back to normal with covid related issues, but we have been able to make it as normal as possible for our youth to learn.

Animal Control- Several dog at large issues were handled during the month of December including dog at large and dog barking calls. Each of the situations were handled by verbal and written warnings. The warnings have seemed to remedy the problem at this time. If the issues arise again the implementation of citations will occur. Most of the dog at large problems continue to have been consisting of dogs living out of town. This makes the situation a bit more difficult but our relationship with county animal control now helps us in gaining a conclusion. It is my understanding Celest at city hall has been making great progress in bringing city hall up to current levels which also includes revamping the dog licensing process and accountability to those who don't follow ordinances. Thank you Celest for all your hard work. It is much appreciated.

Reports/Cases- As mentioned above next month's report will consist of an end of year report with the statistics of the past year. As of this date we have approximately 100 written cases for the year. Again these cases reflect an actual written case with them being sent to other departments such as the District Attorney's Office. This does not reflect calls for service. These cases also include abatement cases. Several of these ordinance cases have been active and we will be hopefully closing out shortly.

Calls for Service- Calls for service continue to be high as we add additional weather and holiday activities. Many of these calls for service are positive and one of the aspects we enjoy about our jobs. It gives us

the ability to feel like part of the community and gives a chance to the public to see we are everyday citizens in the same boat as them.

Ordinance Enforcement- Several of our more serious cases have gone to the district attorney as well as out city attorney. Kelly has been in communication with each of the above as well as Karl in the attempts to come to a conclusion to each. It has been a long journey with these significant cases and taken many working together to be successful. Thank you all who had input and involvement as we couldn't have done it without you. I would really like to thank Councilwoman Garcia as she was instrumental in restructuring and the adoption of local ordinances giving the validity, we needed to effectively enforce laws which protect us all. Without this difficult task being taken on by her and her constant attention to detail there is no way we would have been productive and met our goals.

PAL- This year we were able to get back to the holiday season and meet it with our 20th annual PAL holiday gathering. It was an amazing experience to witness our community back together again and enjoying the festivities. Several hundred youth and adults participated this year and were able to take advantage of a Santa Clause visit and receive free food and toys for all. We will be starting our basketball season shortly followed up by wrestling and our local swim team. We hope to get back to in person hunters' safety soon as we have been unable to since the inception of covid.

Another exiting opportunity has presented itself to pal as we have had a local property owner donate a piece of property to us. We currently have several ideas for the parcel with a committee being established to bring us the construction of a skate/bike park. We are currently working with several foundations including Tony Hawk in finding grant monies to build the park. Once successful we hope to bring a PAL facility for our youth to experience which they never had before.

Training- Each of our officers continue to receive advanced officer training to remain in compliance with POST as well as provide each officer with the skills they need to be productive and safe while working. Each of these trainings makes us better officers which carries over to the public we serve. It is our mission to make sure we are the best officers we can be as we owe it to our community that relies on us.

Once again thank you everyone for another great year!