

Fort Jones Police Department Monthly Report

June 2021

Happy Summer everyone. Its been a busy couple months so far with many positive happenings throughout our community. As the weather stays warm and covid restrictions relax it gives us all a chance to settle in to some more normal activities and enjoy the benefits of living in Scott Valley. Safety is our main concern and we will stay vigilant to make sure everyone can enjoy their summer months without a worry.

Traffic- With this time of year comes a lot of travel for most and it is our priority that Fort Jones is a traffic safe community. Presence is a large part of that as with deterring crime. We will continue our patrol while increasing it during specific times of high traffic. We also have been issuing numerous warnings and citations when appropriate. For the most part it seems traffic issues in town have gotten better giving us the ability to concentrate on specific more serious traffic issues.

Schools- Our schools are now out for summer break. Summer school is still in operation and the department has continued to work with them in anyway we can. Several concerns on school campuses have been addressed and mitigated. We continue our open communication and partnership with the district in the attempt to make it one our community one of the safest in the country.

Animal Control- While most of our major animal control issues have been rectified, we still have some on occasion. Our officers really stepped up and pressed for everyone to come into compliance with local animal ordinances. By doing this it really has diminished our calls for service in regards to animal control issues. We are continuing to educate and take the appropriate actions if necessary in the attempt to get everyone into compliance and our animals safe.

Reports/Cases- We are now at 60 written cases for the year which goes to show how busy our department is continuing to be. Many of these cases are a result of our officers being pro active and also includes code enforcement. We will continue to be vigilant and hopefully prevent crime in the process.

Calls for Service- As a reminder with the written reports most of our calls for service including mutual aid requests and responding to EMS/Fire calls come without a written report. We continue to assist other departments in any way we can to help first responders to any crisis. With an increase in criminal activity outside our two towns we have been called upon by outside agencies to assist. These agencies include CHP, Sheriffs Office, Forest Service, and CAL Fire to name a few. They also assist us when the need arises. Its been a great working

partnership we have fostered and continue to do so in the future. These calls for service will also include safety checks or school functions for example. These types of calls are important as it prevents crime and helps us be one with the community as well as understand what our communities' needs are.

Ordinance Enforcement- Kelly has been closing out several code enforcement cases recently, sending several to the District Attorney for review and prosecution. See Kelly's attached Code Enforcement report for more detail. Several of these cases are now at the stage for the city to take appropriate action and follow up. This may include placing a lean on the property or other practices through the city attorney.

PAL- Pal is going strong with our main program being the Etna Sharks. This being one of our oldest programs we have seen in develop into a well-rounded program including competitive and recreational components. We also partnership with the YESS program giving our youth the ability to work and gain experience in land management.

Training- Our officers have attended several trainings recently including traffic collision investigation, patrol rifle training, and perishable skills to name a few. We are now able to attend these trainings in person which is great for our officers in their advancement in training and expertise.

Patrol Hours- The past several months have been fairly active and we will continue to see an uptick in activity as mentioned above. As a reminder the town of Fort Jones receives patrol hours and time in the office stay around 600 hours a month with 5 officers and 2 CSO's. Countless security checks, home checks, and business checks are made daily making sure our community is safe. We have been receiving numerous compliments on how people feel safer and notice a positive change in town. It makes all the hard work worthwhile when we can see and especially hear the difference our officers make in the community. I encourage council to participate in our ride along program to help educated yourselves on the daily activities that occur in our town. Not only is it a great way to see town from another view but it also gives us the ability to establish good relationships with each other.