

# Fort Jones Police Department Monthly Report

## August 2021

Hello everyone. A lot has happened in the past two months as we near summers end and welcome fall with the hopes of some weather relief. While we have been busy as you can tell from the details below it has been very positive in many ways and some of our busy work being in the realm of proactive policing. Our community is very supportive, and we appreciate that more than you know as in the law enforcement community we generally don't receive kind words often. I recently received a compliment from a long-time citizen that I felt describes our department and community very well. She said she has and many people in the community think of us as friends first and officers second. To me this is what we strive for as this is our home too and want to be part of the community in every aspect. Again, we are very happy and proud to be serving the Fort Jones community as well as Etna. Thank you again for your support and teamwork in our efforts to keep Scott Valley a beautiful safe place to live.

**Traffic-** We have seen a significant increase in traffic lately most likely due to heavy fire traffic, the summer months, and of course the road construction delays at the bottom of Forest Mountain. We have continued to keep our presents known and educate drivers by making frequent traffic stops. This is turn has resulted in numerous citations issued to the violators that don't heed our warnings. We have also had a rash of traffic accidents in the area which has led to some injuries but fortunately nothing worse. Officer Buell had received his certificate in Collision Investigation and has proudly taken on some of these complex accidents. We also have school in session now and will be providing extra patrol around school campuses. Please let us know of any problematic traffic areas in town and we will gladly follow up on them and provide extra patrol for those areas.

**Schools-** Scott Valley Unified School District is now open in person for the 2021 year. We have been working in a close partnership with them to identify and potential problems in the hopes to stop them before they start. For the time being all the school have been running as smooth as possible with covid restrictions and we hope to help that continue.

**Animal Control-** While animal control calls are down due to the immense amount of work by our officers, we still have some from time to time. Mostly dog at large but others in the realm of attacking other animals such as chickens. In each of these events the dogs were taken into custody and the owners have been cited.

**Reports/Cases-** Officers have generated over 80 written prosecutable cases for the year in Ft. Jones so far and according to the district attorney's office look to have many of them conclude with a convictions. Officers being present and proactive has led to many arrests and citations that normally wouldn't have been without their due diligence and putting many hours in. A big thank you to them for their commitment and willingness to work long hours for their community.

**Calls for Service-** We continue to assist other departments such as fire and EMS which attributes to our overall large number of calls for service we have each month. Now with additional fires around us and afar we are also helping with mutual aid for those incidents. Many of our calls for service are positive and help the community with everyday events.

**Ordinance Enforcement-** Code enforcement has continued well with many problematic areas being rectified. Other code enforcement cases have concluded with charges being submitted to the district attorney for prosecution or citations being issued. Refer to CSO York's report. We continue to keep an eye on older cases that have been closed to ensure they don't come up again.

**PAL-** The new PAL year has begun, and we will be providing our programs in person. Flag football and soccer will be beginning shortly along with our Halloween trunk or treat and annual holiday gathering. Thank you for your support in this very important program for our community. We are going into our 20<sup>th</sup> year and hope to have many more.

**Training-** With training being back in person all the departments' officers have taken advantage and attended numerous quality POST advanced officer classes. These trainings and classes continue to educate and advance our officers training giving them the ability to continue to provide a high level of law enforcement to our community.

**Reserves-** Along with our current reserves we are in the process of bring several more on. These are volunteers that bring a great service to our community. We will continue to bring each of our new hires to meetings and community settings to introduce them so their faces will become well known.

**CSO-** Our community service officers continue to put in hours to bring us services we did not have before. Their involvement in everyday services has helped us bring a more substantial effect service to our community. Some of the many services they provide are code enforcement, cold cases, office management, evidence management, PAL, and many more. They are a great asset for our community that do a lot for very little. When you speak with them thank them for their service and show your appreciation. We are extremely fortunate to have them and couldn't do many things without them.

**Patrol Hours-** In the month of August the Town of Fort Jones received the equivalent to more than 600 hours of police services. These services come in many forms besides the regular patrol hours from officers. We have our investigator detective, reserves, and CSO's putting in hours to make sure the town receives the services it deserves. We are continuing to maintain a high level of presents in the hopes people feel safe and we maintain a sense of normalcy. With the execution of search warrants we also bring in additional personnel from our partnership with NSMIT. Having this ability and partnership has brought us the capability to perform more extensive crime investigations, expertise, and personnel at no additional cost.

Again, thank you to everyone for their support and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Remember we have a ride along program and would love for each of the council members to come in for a couple shifts to be acquainted with our officers as well as see what we face on a daily basis.