

# Ft. Jones Police Chief's Monthly Report

## September 2021

**Traffic-** Since the beginning of the new school year we have been diligent in the presence of law enforcement in and around the schools in the attempt to bring violations to a minimum. We have seen an increase in traffic activity in the month of September with numerous citations being issued for violations such as speed and driving while suspended. Extra patrol and high visibility in school areas helps to remind motorists of their responsibilities to drive with extra caution in any area with high pedestrian presence.

**Schools-** As mentioned above the new school year has started and we continue to work hand in hand with school officials in order to be proactive with the needs of our schools. In a Typical year Soccer and Football would see us on school grounds a good amount of time giving us the ability to visit with the students. However due to Covid we are not allowed to use school facilities as we are open to all children not just Scott Valley Unified School District children. Due to this we have partnered with other facilities such as Kidder Creek Orchard camp to provide an are for PAL activities and be able to ingrain ourselves with the youth of our community.

**Fire Assignment-** With the fire season coming to an end so is our mutual aid we have been providing to each incident. We are glad to see an end to the fire season but will continue our assistance with fire personnel throughout the year.

**Animal Control-** Several dog at large issues were handled during the month of September 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 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.

**Reports/Cases-** As of this date we have over 70 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. As with any of the abatement issues we are always looking towards voluntary compliance. These are also all civil issues not criminal so the time a case remains open can be long periods often over a year. One of our major abatement cases has continued to see much progress and will hopefully be closed out in the near future.

**Calls for Service-** Our calls for service for the month continue to be at a high volume as you can see in the attached stat report. These calls include our assistance to the fire department as well as the ambulance service. We have also been assisting allied agencies on a regular basis including regular calls for service and the implementation of search warrants. PAL events have also taken many hours Monday through Thursday which throws a curve ball into our daily activities. Time management has become very important.

**Ordinance Enforcement-** Enforcement continues to be on the forefront and we continue to have positive results and cooperation from those involved. The follow-up has shown to take much of our time, however with the results we are seeing makes it well worth it. I have been very happy with the results of our ordinances and it continues to be one other agencies are looking to in the attempt to create ordinances of their own. We have also been active in the abatement of Marijuana in and out of city limits. We will continue this activity through the grow season. A big thank you to Mercedes in the major task of overhauling and implementation of the Town's Ordinances. With good ordinances comes the availability to uphold the town's regulations and help our town head in a positive sustaining direction.

**PAL-** We are smack dab in the middle of soccer and flag football season with 80 plus participants on each team. It has been a very successful season so far but with games Tuesday and Thursday we spend much of our time with pal events. We look to continue the seasons through November ending with a year end game at night for each sport.

**Training-** All Officer and I have been attending trainings including our mandated perishable skills classes. December 31<sup>st</sup> marks the due date to get these trainings completed and with only one left should be easily obtainable. The COS ADJ program continues to make these much-needed trainings available and free to local agencies.

**Reserves-** Currently we have three reserves on the roster. Each of these reserves is putting in the required time and have been a great asset to the department. We as a community are blessed to have these individuals willing to put their lives on the line and ask for nothing in return including pay. Our Reserves have also been active in the participation and assists with allied agencies including Marijuana eradication.

**Grants-** Recently we concluded our USDA vehicle grant with the implementation of two 2021 Dodge Charger to the fleet. This will help out greatly with providing two reliable cars for the department. We are currently awaiting badging to be completed. Please check them out sometime as they turned out very nice.

Etna PAL was also recently awarded with a \$30,000 grant to assist in our mentoring program as well as a \$3000 grant to assist us in putting on our 20<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Gathering in December.

Thank you to everyone as you are our eyes and ears out there. Your willingness as well as the communities to work with us in every aspect of law enforcement helps us make great strides at making Ft. Jones, Etna, and the Scott Valley Community one of the best places to live in the world. We couldn't do it without you and we appreciate the amazing partnership we have all created over the short time we have been in Ft. Jones.