



City Manager’s Report
February 27, 2018 City Council Meeting
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Subject: Police Department 2nd Quarter Status Report

Discussion: The Placerville Police Department is comprised of two divisions; Operations (patrol) and Support (support and investigations). The following is a brief summary of activities performed within each division between October 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

Operations: Patrol duties comprise the majority of the workload of the police department. The table below breaks down the number of calls into our 9-1-1 PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point), calls for service where a citizen requests a patrol unit and self-initiated calls for service by individual patrol officers. Finally, I have included the number of arrests for all crimes with a separate column for arrests of individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal narcotics or prescription medications.

I have also included a column listing the number of calls for service related to homeless-transient individuals. Calls related to homeless individuals are increasing and will continue to rise with the increase in warm weather. Increased calls for service related to illegal camping along the El Dorado Trail and other open space areas of the city creates additional work not only for the police department, but for public works that facilitates the clean-up of debris left at illegal camp sites.

Calls for Service

Dispatched	Officer initiated	Transient-illegal camping related calls	Total
2215	2591	741	5547

Citations and arrests comprise activity after a call for service. The listed arrests include everything from domestic violence related offenses, impaired driving, thefts and trespassing.

Arrests and Citations

Felony arrests	Misd. arrests	DUI arrests	Traffic cites	Total
55	100	17	147	319

Christmas Parade: The Placerville Christmas Parade is an event that requires several hours of meetings and staff work in the months leading up to the parade. Police department staff begin meeting with the parade marshals and others in late summer to begin planning for the parade. Public Works has a large role in the parade planning. During the day of the parade, all field police department staff are required to work including reserve officers and SHIELD volunteers.

Other holiday related activity: Police department staff participated in several events with Toys 4 Tots including shopping for toys at Toys R Us on a Sunday morning, toy collection at Mercedes Benz of El Dorado Hills and toy distribution on multiple days during the week prior to Christmas.

Coffee With A Cop: During the fourth quarter, police department staff organized one “Coffee With A Cop”. This is an opportunity for any community member to meet various members of the police department in an informal setting to discuss concerns. Police department staff of all ranks attends these events. I have asked staff to organize more of these events for 2018. Our next “Coffee With A Cop” will take place on Wednesday, February 28th from 8 AM to 10 AM. We publicize these and other events on various social media platforms.

Staffing: Staff shortages continues to be a challenge for the police department. In November, one Dispatch Records Technician was promoted to Police Officer Recruit and started her academy training, after which she will continue to serve the city as a police officer. As was reported at the last meeting, police department staff continues to recruit and hire Dispatch Records Technicians.

Two of our police officers remain off due to on-duty injury which creates the need for overtime in order to fill their vacant positions.



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