

STAFF REPORT

City Council Consent Item

DATE: April 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Matthew A. Eberhardt, Interim Chief of Police

THROUGH: Amy Nilsen, City Manager

SUBJECT: Police Department Monthly Report for March 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

Patrol Statistics:

During the month of March 2025, the Fortuna Police handled 1,406 calls for service. 55 arrests were made including 14 felony arrests and 41 misdemeanor arrests. A total of 75 citations were issued for traffic offenses or other miscellaneous violations. Crime statistics and information on calls for service are available at **forpd.crimegraphics.com**.

Staffing:

- Chief of Police Transition: Casey J. Day resigned as Chief of Police effective March 28, 2025. Lieutenant Matthew A. Eberhardt has assumed the role of Interim Chief of Police.
- Recruitment Update: A lateral retired annuitant reserve law enforcement officer with local area experience is progressing through the pre-employment background investigation process.
- Academy Training: Two Police Officer Trainees are currently enrolled at the College of the Redwoods Police Academy, with an expected graduation in July.
- Staffing and Recruitment: The department currently has three vacant sworn officer positions and is actively recruiting to fill these roles.
- Operational Impact: Due to the Police Officer Trainees still in training and the existing vacancies, sworn patrol officers are currently operating with five fewer personnel than full staffing levels.

Training:

- Sergeant Charlton is progressing through the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBLI) with a scheduled completion date in April.
- Officer Burley and Officer Humphrey completed the POST Patrol Rifle Training Course, held locally.

Funding Applications:

Measure Z Committee reviewed applications and is recommending continued funding for the Eel River Valley School Resource Officer position. Additionally, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors previously approved the continued funding of the department's Humboldt County Drug Task Force Agent position.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Receive Police Department Monthly Report. Consent Agenda vote.