

STAFF REPORT

Consent Agenda Item

DATE: March 16, 2026

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 February 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report as an informational item.

Patrol Statistics:

- 1,264 Calls for Service
- 413 Officer Initiated
- 104 Case Investigations
- 30 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 11 Felony Arrests
- 152 Traffic Stops
- 48 Citations Issued

Crime statistics and information on calls for service are available at **forpd.crimegraphics.com**.

Staffing:

- Two employees resigned: one Fulltime Sworn Police Officer and one Part-Time/On-Call Public Safety Dispatcher.
- Vacancies: Four Fulltime Sworn Police Officer positions, One Part-Time/On-Call Public Safety Dispatcher position and one Part-Time Community Services Officer position.
- Recruitment Update: The department is actively recruiting for the vacant sworn officer positions, and 2 applicants are currently in the background process. Recruitment is opening for the Part-Time/On-Call Public Safety Dispatcher position with City Council approval. The Part-Time Community Services Officer recruitment is being held due to the current hiring freeze.

Training:

- Officer Watson attended Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training.
- Detective MacLeod attended the ICI Sexual Assault Investigations training course.
- Quarterly firearms training was conducted for sworn officers.

Enforcement/Community Engagement:

- Six drivers were arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence.
- Department participated in the Annual State of the City Luncheon/Presentation.

- Local community member, Kay Chapman visited the K9 Team and provided a very generous donation to help support the ongoing operation of the K9 Program.
- Public Warning was released regarding reports of mountain lion cubs in Rohner park and Fish and Wildlife notified.
- Public Warning was released regarding scam calls being made to community members by unknown suspects falsely claiming to be City of Fortuna Utilities/Water Department.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Receive Police Department Monthly Report (February). Consent Agenda vote.