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“Maintaining a Safe Community since 1851”

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
 FROM: Turu VanderWiel, Chief of Police 
 DATE: September 16th, 2019
 RE: Monthly Report- Sonora Police Department

MEMORANDUM

The attached information is for August 2019.

	Aug 2019	July 2019	Aug 2018
Total Incidents	1,302	1,454	1,220
Calls for Service	707	807	805
Officer Initiated	595	647	415
Total Arrests	54	72	67
Felony Arrests	9	19	9
Misd. Arrests	45	53	58
Total Reports	136	148	163
Parking Citations	78	55	66
Moving Citations	26	12	14
Domestic Violence	6	5	4
Collision Incidents	40	28	-----
Collision Invest.	14	5	15
Animal Calls	47	57	52
Public Intox. / UID	11	6	7
DUI Arrests	7	5	6
Total Phone Calls	2,407	2,670	2,403
Average Per Day	78	86	78
Vehicle Releases	2	8	6

**Collision Incidents* is a new category reflecting actual collisions within the City

BEAT 1

Violent Crimes:

- 1 Felony Domestic Violence
- 1 Felony Willful Cruelty to Child: Possible Injury or Death (occurred during DUI)
- 1 Misdemeanor Willful Cruelty/Endangering Child (occurred during Misdemeanor DV)
- 2 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence
- 1 Felony Battery with Serious Bodily Injury

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- 2 Stolen Vehicles (Both Recovered Outside Tuolumne County)
- 1 Recovered Vehicle (Stolen Outside Sonora City Limits)
- 1 Burglary from Vehicle
- 1 Petty Theft (From Hotel Room)
- 6 Petty Thefts (shoplifting)
- 1 Petty Theft (Parts off of a Vehicle)
- 1 Misdemeanor Arson Inside Abandoned Structure

BEAT 2

Violent Crimes:

- 2 Felony Domestic Violence
- 1 Misdemeanor Domestic Violence
- 1 Misdemeanor Battery Against Emergency Service Worker
- 1 Felony Assault with Deadly Weapon / Non Firearm

Burglaries / Other Larceny:

- * - 1 Sexual Intercourse With a Minor Reported (Occurred in 2014 - Unknown Location)

08/01/2019 -08/31/2019

Area 1 Monthly Report August 2019

Neighborhood Watch:

Elks Hill:

- No report

Sonora Knowles:

- No Report

South Forest Road area:

- We have initiated an inquiry and are waiting to hear back from the area to start a new program.

Case(s) for Discussion:

On August 1, 2019, at about 6:15 pm the Sonora Police Department arrested 62-year-old Timothy M. Brown of Jamestown for DUI, Hit and Run, Obstructing a Police Officer, Driving on a Suspended License and a Violation of Probation.

Shortly after 6:00 pm August 1st, our office received a call from a victim of a hit and run at the Crossroads Shopping Center. The caller reported that a large RV had struck his vehicle twice, left the area, struck a street sign, and fled the scene driving over a sidewalk. The driver of the motor home pulled over at the 1100 block of Mono Way and officers arrived to investigate. The driver, Timothy Brown, locked the doors and tried to hide in the back of the RV. Officers made multiple attempts to call Brown out of the vehicle, but ultimately, they had to force their way into the vehicle and physically remove him.

Once identified, Brown was determined to be on probation for DUI and had multiple suspensions to his license for alcohol-related driving violations. Brown was booked at the Tuolumne County Jail with a bail set at \$100,000.

On August 9, 2019, at around 9:50 p.m., Sonora Police Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Snell Street for a report of a physical altercation and vehicle collision. The first officer on scene discovered a 2008 Kia Sedona on the front lawn of a residence and a damaged 1999 Chevrolet Silverado and trailer parked along the adjacent curb. The officer quickly determined that there was no physical altercation; however, she did detect an odor of alcohol coming from the driver of the Sedona. An investigation was conducted with Rachel Malone.

The officer conducted field sobriety tests on Malone and determined she was impaired, with a blood-alcohol content of over three times the legal limit. It was also determined that there were two young children in the vehicle with Malone at the time of the collision. Malone's license was suspended for prior alcohol-related driving violations. Thankfully nobody was injured in this collision. Malone was booked into the county jail for driving under the influence and child endangerment.

On 8/16/19, at about 9 pm, Officer Brickley stopped to check on a suspicious subject near the Lowe's parking lot. He found that the subject, Michael Pierce (41 of Sonora), was on probation. During a search of Pierce, over 6 grams of methamphetamine, a scale, drug paraphernalia, and cash were located in his possession. Pierce also had a warrant for his arrest. He was later booked at the county jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of probation, and his warrant.

Training:

- Officer Brandow attended an 80 hr Defensive Tactics Instructor course in Alameda. She is qualified to teach Defensive Tactics to our Officers
- Officer John Bowly attended 40 hours of Advanced Officer perishable skills training at the Stanislaus County Police Academy.

Explorers and Community Service Volunteers:

- Both the Explorers and Community Service Volunteers provide great service to our agency and the community. They have put in hundreds of hours of volunteer time for the Police Department.
- The Explorers had two meetings this month.

Contract/Reserve Officers:

- Reserve Officer Danny Duffy is in the Field Training Program and should be finished soon.

Dispatch:

- We have one part-time Dispatch position open. No one is in the CTO Training Program at this time.

Defensive Tactics Program:

- We are planning to train and update our Officers in the use of the Carotid Restraint. This will allow the officer's another option in controlling suspects who are actively resisting.

Respectfully Submitted

Sgt. Tim Wertz

Area 2 Monthly Report August 2019

Neighborhood Watch:

MYERS HILL:

- No updated activity.

N. STEWART:

- No updated activity.

HIGHLANDS VIEW:

- Inactive.

Cases For discussion:

19-1042. On 8/3/19, at about 10:15pm, SPD received a call about a disturbance at The Office Bar in downtown Sonora. It was learned that the bouncer at the bar, Brandon Halm (41 of Sonora), asked a few intoxicated subjects to leave and they refused. Halm was able to get them outside, but then pulled a knife out and held it to the victim's throat. The victim had a cut on his neck that was consistent with being cut by a blade. Halm was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and booked at the county jail.

19-880. On 8/31/19, at about 2356 hours, Officers' responded to a fight at a local bar. Julio Hernandez (45 of Sonora) was contacted leaving the building. Hernandez tried to hide a baggy of methamphetamine when he was contacted by a Sergeant. Hernandez was found to be in possession of other individual packaged marijuana baggies. Hernandez was arrested for possession for sales of methamphetamine and marijuana, and booked at the county jail.

Recruitments:

- 3 open Police Officer positions. 1 lateral, 1 academy graduate, and 1 recruit candidate are in the background portion of the hiring process.
- 2 SRO part-time positions funded by a grant from DOJ. 2 potential candidates are in the background portion of the hiring process.

Field Training Program:

- Reserve Officer Duffy continues with his field training.

Community/Special Events:

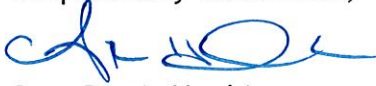
- On August 2nd, SPD hosted 18 exchange students from Sonora's sister city of Kirishima, Japan. They were given a tour of the department and asked plenty of questions.
- On August 6th, National Night Out took place, from 5pm-7:30pm, at Rotary Park. There was food, games, and lots of fun. It was estimated 150-200 people took part in activities. This event was a big success with some of our community partners.

- On August 22nd, SPD teamed up with CHP and conducted distractive driver in the area of Sonora High School. 14 citations were issued in a two hour block of time.

Range:

- Range qualifications are scheduled to take place on September 30.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sgt. Curtis Hankins



PATROL STATISTICS
REPORTING PERIOD: AUGUST 2019

09/05/2019

Statistic	Count
Total Incidents	1302
Calls for Service	707
Officer Initiated Incidents	595
Traffic Stops	94
Other OIA Incidents	501
Bus/Building checks	0
Veh/Ped Check	0
Total Officer Reports	136
Accident	14
Crime	19
Felony Arrest	8
General Information	51
Infraction Arrest	0
Juvenile Arrest	0
Misdemeanor Arrest	36
Warrant Arrest	8
Unclassified Reports	0
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	54
Misdemeanor Arrests	45
Felony Arrests	9
Total Citations	116
Misdemeanor	11
Vehicle - Moving	26
Vehicle - Parked	78
Voided	1
FIs	3

**SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT****OFFICER ARREST COUNTS
AUGUST 2019**

09/05/2019

Officer	No. of Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests
Bowly, John	3	1	2	0
Brandow, Ashley	5	1	4	0
Brickley, Thomas	11	2	9	0
Carrasco, Priscilla	19	3	16	0
Durham, Lance	1	0	1	0
Hankins, Curtis	4	1	3	0
Mallon, Scott	4	1	3	0
Weber, Erik	4	0	4	0
Wertz, Tim	3	0	3	0
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TOTALS	54	9	45	0



SONORA POLICE DEPARTMENT

**OFFICER CITATION COUNTS
AUGUST 2019**

09/05/2019

Officer	No. of Cites
Battle, Joel	15
Bowly, John	1
Brandow, Ashley	2
Brickley, Thomas	7
Carrasco, Priscilla	8
Durham, Lance	2
Hankins, Curtis	10
Logan, Charlotte	56
Mallon, Scott	2
Vanderwiel, Turu S	1
Weber, Erik	8
Wertz, Tim	4