

DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

Working with our community to provide professional police services since 1858.



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PATROL UPDATES



EXTRA PATROLS ARE BEING CONDUCTED NEAR SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES.

Extra patrols have been conducted throughout the district to address traffic violations and enhance both traffic and pedestrian safety, particularly around the St. Vincent's High School area. These efforts are part of a broader strategy to improve safety in key locations.

In addition to regular patrols, officers focused on several areas for traffic enforcement, completing over 40 traffic stops at various intersections including Howard at Washington, Bodega at Ellis, Oak at Kentucky, Prospect at Keller Street, and Magnolia at Elm, among others. These patrols are aimed at reducing traffic violations and ensuring a safer environment for residents and commuters.

Officers also conducted foot patrols, with notable activity at Sycamore at Beck, where a warrant arrest was made. Efforts to engage with the community continued through initiatives like the Walk and Roll Safe Street program. These patrols and enforcement actions are integral to maintaining safety across the district.

SERGEANT SPOTLIGHT

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Throughout the quarter, proactive policing measures were implemented to address community concerns and enhance public safety in Beat 3, which encompasses districts 5 & 6. As an organization, we continue to prioritize our four service goals: reduce crime, increase traffic safety, improve quality of life, and community engagement. Those priorities guide our daily activities in the community.

Guided by our service goals, officers conducted over four hundred traffic stops in the districts to address ongoing traffic related concerns. Officers focused on schools and schools' related traffic, approaching traffic related matters from an educational initiative perspective and issuing citations when appropriate. An additional area of focus for patrol and CIRT officers has been the Lynch Creek Trail, and the effort has mitigated vandalisms in the area with multiple contacts in the area resulting in arrests of offenders. Several of those arrestees were referred to a local Restorative Justice Diversion Program, which is being operated by Petaluma People Services Center in partnership with the Petaluma Police Department. Criminal justice diversion programs provide alternatives to incarceration, promoting rehabilitation, reducing recidivism, and addressing underlying issues like mental health or substance abuse.

CITY DAYLIGHTING UPDATE

The City of Petaluma is on a mission to make Petaluma's streets safer for everyone!

When vehicles park right next to an intersection or crosswalk, it makes it hard for drivers to see pedestrians entering the crosswalk. To increase safety for our community, you will see new red curbs painted to reduce parking near crosswalks around town. These updates are in accordance with the Daylighting to Save Lives Bill (AB-413), a California State law that bans vehicles from stopping, standing, or parking within 10-15 feet of the approach side of a crosswalk.

While every effort is being made to retain as many parking spaces as possible, the work will result in the removal of some spaces. If daylighting work is planned to take place in your area, you will receive a notification postcard from our project team.

Questions? Email:
publicworks@cityofpetaluma.org

We continue with a proactive approach to addressing crime, safety, quality of life, and traffic issues.
Below are citywide incident statistics, as well as calls for service specific to your district.

DISTRICT 5 SERVICE CALLS

Top 5 calls for service between October-December 2024:

CALL NATURE

OF CALLS



TOW REQUEST

79



SUSPICIOUS PERSON,
VEHICLE, OR
CIRCUMSTANCE

32



DISTURBANCE

20



ABANDONED
VEHICLE

17



ALARM

15

TIP OF THE MONTH



Stay safe, Petaluma! Save time, reduce stress, and stay safe on the road by:

- maintaining a safe following distance
- checking GPS apps ahead of time for real-time traffic conditions
- being mindful of changing speed limits, especially near areas with heavy pedestrian traffic

CONNECT WITH US

You can find us on a variety of platforms including: Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.



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ways to stay
in touch!

CHECK OUT OUR PAGES:

@petaluma_police

@petalumapolicedepartment

/petalumapolicedepartment

[tinyurl.com/bdzaryzz](https://www.nextdoor.com/neighborhoods/petaluma-police)

CITYWIDE INCIDENTS

Totals across all districts between October-December 2024:



13,597
CALLS FOR
SERVICE



1,506
SAFE TEAM
CALLS



942
TOTAL CRIME
REPORTS

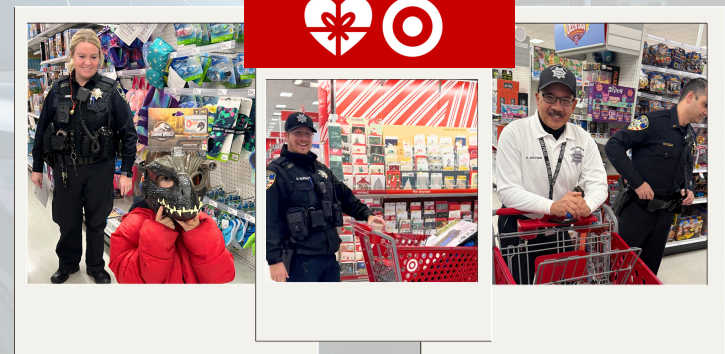


344
TRAFFIC
CITATIONS



360
ARRESTS
MADE

END-OF-YEAR HIGHLIGHT



We wrapped up 2024 with another successful 'Shop with a Cop' event at Target! Through donations from the Petaluma Policing Foundation and Target's 'Heroes and Helpers Foundation', we were able to provide 11 in-need students from our community with the opportunity to shop for gifts and necessities for their families. Thank you to both organizations for their generosity this holiday season!



The Petaluma Policing Foundation is a non-profit organization that aids in supporting a variety of programs that increase the health, safety and awareness of our community. Want to learn more? Head to petalumapolicingfoundation.org



WANT EMERGENCY OR COMMUNITY ALERTS?

Text your zip code to: 888777



NEED TO FILE A CRIME REPORT ONLINE?

petalumapd.policetocitizen.com