

Chief's Report Ruston Police Department Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Chief of Police:

During the previous 28 days the Police Department logged 202 calls for service. Eightyeight were traffic stops, particularly SOAR-related stops.

The Department will have all officers on duty during the 4th of July event which stretches from Dune Peninsula to Cummings Park (with Ruston Way closed for pedestrians-only for much of that distance). We intend to have some local-access-only road closures on Stack Hill and adjacent streets, with a command post for police and fire departments near the base of the hill.

At the conclusion of the event our priority will be to get event goer traffic out of the City, possibly turning both lanes of 51st into a westbound-only road for a short period of time.

Public safety updates will be provided on the Department's Twitter page, @RustonWAPolice.

In March, the Department started issuing body-worn cameras (BWC) to officers. Last week we received a complaint from a passenger in a car which was stopped for expired registration. The complaint alleged several wrongdoings, including being racially targeted by officers. The video footage from the BWC's exonerated the officers of the allegations. Without the footage, an administrative investigation of this nature could have taken several weeks to conclude.

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