

Chief's Report Ruston Police Department Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Chief of Police:

During the previous 28 days the Police Department logged 205 calls for service. This is 42 more calls than the same period in 2021. We continue to focus on SOAR violations and one of those violators struck one of our patrol cars as it approached to make a traffic stop. The suspect fled and we were unable to pursue and apprehend because the incident doesn't qualify for more police actions under current state law.

The 4th of July event this year was the first of such which included Point Ruston and Dune Peninsula. All officers were on-duty and were able to handle all of the problems associated with the event; in fact, there were no calls to 911 during the event. Our egress plan to use both lanes as exit lanes positive, but some lessons were learned to help us make it even more effective next year.

We still have one FTE to fill and we will move forward with our selection process as soon as the Civil Service Commission meets to certify two more applicants.

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