



**Chief's Report**  
**Ruston Police Department**  
**Tuesday, November 14, 2022**

Ruston Police officers logged 178 calls for service in the previous 28 days; 61 were traffic stops. This is an increase of 69% than the same period last year, and 22% more than the previous 28 days.

Over the last summer, the Department applied for an anti-auto theft grant from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police. We were awarded a \$28,000 grant to purchase cameras and software licenses to use them as License Plate Readers, also called LPR's. We must also use some of the funds for public awareness.

We have identified a local vendor called 5-Oh Surveillance and purchased two of an eventual 7 cameras to be used in and around Ruston. These devices will alert our police officers when a stolen car has entered the City, but we will also be also be alerted when SOAR violators return. While auto theft in Washington is up 88%, our earnest interest is the knowledge that stolen cars are often used to commit other crimes inside and around Ruston.

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