



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, June 20, 2023**

In the previous 28 days (May17-June14), the Department recorded 300 calls for service, 138 of which were traffic stops. The previous 28 day breakdown compared to the same period in 2022 shown below:

<u>Calls for Service</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>PERCENT OF CHANGE</u>
	306	212	+42%
(Minus Traffic Stops)	178	115	+55%

<u>Traffic Stops</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>PERCENT OF CHANGE</u>
	128	97	+32%

On May 20, a young man was shot in the shoulder by juvenile at the Chevron at 51st and Pearl Street. Ruston officers heard the shots and were on scene within a minute. All parties fled before officers arrived. Through investigative work by our officers, the suspect is identified and an arrest warrant is being sought. The suspect is known throughout the county for gang activities, including other shootings, and the Department will seek the help of a local SWAT team to put him in custody.

The following traffic revisions will occur during the Summer Blast 4th of July event:

- N. Baltimore (Stack Hill) between Ruston Way and N. 49th will be closed from approximately 10am until the end of the fireworks display.
- No parking on the streets of N.Commercial and N.Winnifred.
- Several streets will be restricted with "Local Access" or "Road Closed" signage.
- At the conclusion of the fireworks display, temporary traffic revisions will be made on N. 51st and on N. Baltimore to ease the traffic congestion during the egress.

The Department will be placing traffic updates as they happen on the Ruston Police Twitter page. All of our officers will be on duty during this event to conduct traffic control, parking enforcement, and to protect our residents and businesses.

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