



**Chief's Report  
Ruston Police Department  
Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

In the previous 28 days, the Department recorded 323 calls for service, 199 of which were traffic stops. The previous 28-day breakdown compared to the same period in 2022 is shown below:

<u>Calls for Service</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>PERCENT OF CHANGE</u>
	323	207	+56%
(Minus Traffic Stops)	199	137	+45%

<u>Traffic Stops</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>PERCENT OF CHANGE</u>
	323	207	+56%

The funding of two additional officers in 2021 increased the FTE count by 40%; the pro-active enforcement increase of 56% continues to prove a very good return on the City's investment in the Department. Other calls for service continues to rise with a 45% increase over the same period last year.

The Department applied for a reimbursement grant from the State of Washington which offers to cover the salary and indirect costs of sending Officer Vela to the Basic Law Enforcement Academy, as well as the cost of the officer who covered his patrol shifts. Using the grant formula, the Department will receive approximately \$78,526.79 from the grant.

The Department has also located a grant from the State to cover the cost (up to \$50,000) of Law Enforcement Accreditation from the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. The accreditation process is highly rigorous and will examine our Department's processes, policies, and the professionalism of our officers. The benefits are increased public confidence in the credibility of the agency, self-assessment to intensify administrative and operational effectiveness, improve morale, potentially reduce liability insurance cost, and provide state and local recognition of professional competence. Less than 1/3 of all police agencies in Washington have attained accreditation.

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