



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

In a previous 28 days period (Aug 17- Sept 14), the Department recorded 281calls for service, 120 of which were traffic stops. A breakdown comparing the percent of change from the same period in 2022 is shown below:

<u>Calls/Service (non-traffic)</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>PERCENT OF INCREASE</u>
	281	215	31%

<u>Traffic Stops</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>PERCENT OF INCREASE</u>
	120	73	64%

Enforcement Rate: 76%

The Department practice of high volume traffic stops during our peak months is designed to reduce the incidents of racing ordinance violations and provide high police presence to deter criminals from frequenting our City.

Traffic Stops January 1 through August 15:

2023 - 930

2022 - 445

Percent of Increase: 109%

Calls for Service (non-traffic stop) January 1- August 15:

2023 - 1322

2022 - 998

Percent of Increase: 25%

According to courts.wa.gov, there are 22 police agencies in Pierce County. Removing the 4 largest (Tacoma, Lakewood, Pierce County, and Puyallup), we can compare Ruston PD to the remaining agencies in total Court Caseloads (misdemeanor, infraction, civil penalties, parking) January 2023 through June 2023:

1. DuPont 1065 (this total includes infractions from 2 traffic light cameras installed this year)
2. Bonney Lake 802 (includes one traffic light camera)
3. Ruston 793
4. Fircrest 769
5. Buckley 564
6. Fife 327 (*18,200 is the actual reported number but it includes traffic light and/or speed cameras)
7. Edgewood 303
8. Gig Harbor 284
9. Orting 253
10. Milton 252
11. University Place 179
12. Steilacoom 172
13. Eatonville 106
14. Roy 60
15. Wilkeson 41
16. South Prairie 14
17. University Place 4 (Unknown why reported twice in caseload)

Random Fact:

Between January 1st and June 30th of this year, **112%** of all violators received a criminal citation and/or traffic infraction.

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