



**Chief's Report
Ruston Police Department
Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

Chief of Police:

One of our officers sustained an ankle injury when a prisoner attempted to flee on foot. There is a possibility of a torn achilles tendon, and at a minimum, will be on modified duty until late December.

Additionally, one of our officers has a tentative start date of December 11th with the Pierce County Sheriff's Office. We are planning a modified schedule in which may make it unavoidable to have a short gap in coverage 2-4 days a week.

The Department is beginning to field calls about coyotes in the neighborhood as we did in 2020. As with then, we are advised by wildlife agencies to warn residents who have small pets to not allow them to be outside while attended. They coyotes will move on after their food source (rabbits, squirrels, racoon, etc) has diminished.

Two of our patrol cars (2016 model year) are nearing 100,000 miles and will likely need replacement in 2025. Three are just beyond mid-life cycle and will likely need replacing in 2026-2027.

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