



COALINGA POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
MONTHLY REPORT

January / February / March 2019

Staffing Report:

- ➔ Authorized Strength: 15 sworn/ 15 funded FY 2018-19
- ➔ # of Personnel Available: 14
- ➔ # of Personnel Modified Duty: 0
- ➔ # of Personnel in field training: 0
- ➔ # of Full Time Vacancies: 1

Our Successes:

This is the department activity report for the months of January/February/March 2019:

	Jan - Mar2019	Jan – Mar 2018
Total Incidents	4998	4110
Calls for Service	2664	2052
Officer Initiated Incidents	2334	2058
Traffic Stops	591	622
Other OIA Incidents	1743	1436
Bus/Building checks	461	144
Veh/Ped Check	273	264
Total Officer Reports	335	419
Collision	16	24
Courtesy	4	5
Criminal Collision	2	0
Felony	75	66
Information	79	94
Infraction	8	19
Misdemeanor	139	203
Voided	2	3
Unclassified Reports	10	5
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	104	158
Misdemeanor Arrests	69	122
Felony Arrests	35	36
Total Citations	81	203
Admin Cites	1	5
Infraction	42	50
Misdemeanor	8	34
Moving Vehicle	1	62
Parking	26	47
Unclassified	2	0

Our filing rate with the District Attorneys officer is at 48%. I have instructed the sergeant to be more vigilant in reviewing reports to ensure all the elements of the crime is there and all follow up is completed to ensure the DA will file the case.

For the size of the Department and the 6 square miles of area, the Department has excellent response times. The time listed below illustrates the average time it takes for the Police Department to receive a call, get the needed information, dispatch the call, and arrive on scene.

Priority 1 (Emergency Calls)	843 calls recorded: 1-2 minute response time
Priority 2 (Important non-emergency)	745 calls recorded: 9 minute response time
Priority 3 (Routine non-emergency)	calls recorded: 8 minute response time

Deployment of a New Vehicle Helps Officer's Solve a Burglary and Recover Stolen Property

This week the Coalinga Police Department deployed for the first time its new electric Zero Motorcycle which immediately produced results. The bike was deployed by Officer Simons to the Warthan creek bed near Sacramento Ave. Using its unique silent power source, he was able to approach an area known for homeless encampments undetected and located a stolen vehicle that was taken in a burglary on January 3rd in the 300 block of S. Louisiana St.

Further investigation by Officer Cano led officers back into the Warthan creek area on January 9th. A homeless encampment was located and inside that encampment, officers were able to identify a quantity of stolen property that have been connected to several recent burglaries in the City of Coalinga including the one on January 3rd. Also, during this investigation, officers arrested Jaime Castaneda, age 44, on a variety of charges that included burglary, possession of stolen property, and possession of a controlled substance. Castaneda was booked into the Coalinga City Jail and was transported to the Fresno County Jail.

Several items of property that was taken in this incident was identified by their owners and returned. The Department is still investigating to see if the rest of the property seized has any connection to other burglaries in the City.

GAS THEFT LEADS TO SUSPECT VEHICLE GOING OVER 40 FOOT EMBANKMENT

On February 17, 2019, the Coalinga Police Department received a call of suspicious circumstances in the area of Janay Court. and San Benito Street. The reporting party advised there was a smell of gas along with portable gas containers near a vehicle. The city has been experiencing a rash theft where the suspect(s) drill a hole in the bottom of a vehicle's gas tank and then steal the fuel. This information has been posted on social media advising citizens to be aware and on the lookout for such suspicious activity.

The concerned citizen saw two subjects under a vehicle who were in the process of stealing gas from a vehicle and realized they had been spotted. The two subjects got into a white 2011 Dodge SUV and fled out of the area heading eastbound on Phelps Avenue. The citizen followed the suspect vehicle awaiting arrival of responding police units. The citizen was on the phone with police dispatch when the Dodge went off the road and disappeared over an embankment and in to the Arroyo Pasajero Creek.

Responding officers arrived 45 seconds to a minute after the SUV had crashed. As the officers arrived on scene they noticed the SUV went off the right side of the roadway through a barbed wire fence and traveled approximately 60-foot through a field and over a 40-foot embankment into the flowing creek down below. Because of the angle and degree of the drop off and unknown level of the creek, police personnel were unable to get to the occupants of the vehicle. Officers have tried to question the suspects but at this time they are not speaking.

SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE BEING INVESTIGATED FOR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR WITH A STUDENT

On February 24, 2019, officers from the Coalinga Police Department learned of possible misconduct of a school employee. The case was turned over to the Coalinga Police Department's School Resource Officer for further investigation.

A Coalinga Huron Unified School District student was contacted and interviewed regarding this allegation on the school employee. The juvenile told the officer that over the past few months she had developed a relationship with the school employee. During the interview officers obtained permission from the juvenile and her parents to look through her phone. Upon searching the phone, officers found text messages going back to February 24th, between the two of them. The juvenile stated she had deleted other messages between then prior to this date.

The juvenile had stated in her interview she and school employee had inappropriate contact with one another. The investigating officer asked the juvenile's parents if they could take the phone to the Department of Justice for further analysis. The phone was taken to the DOJ office in Fresno. On Tuesday March 12, 2019, the Fresno County District Attorney's office was contacted and consulted on this case. Officer's obtained an arrest warrant for 30-year old Coalinga resident, Adolfo Sandoval Penal Code section 647.6 (a) (1)- Annoying or molesting a person under the age of 18-years old.

At approximately 1215 hours, Officer's made a traffic enforcement stop on a gray Mini Cooper in which Sandoval was driving in the 200 block of Jefferson Street. Sandoval was taken into custody without incident and is currently being held at the Coalinga Police Department for questioning and will be transferred to the Fresno County Jail.

The Coalinga Police Department and the Coalinga Huron Unified School District worked closely on this investigation and the police department would like to thank them for their assistance.

10-YEAR OLD HOSPITALIZED AFTER BEING SHOT BY HIGH POWERED PELLET GUN

On Saturday March 2, 2019, at around 6:11 pm, the Coalinga Fire Department was dispatched to the 200 block of El Camino on a report of a 10-year old suffering from a head wound. At approximately 10:15 pm, the Coalinga Police Department was contacted by Valley Children's Hospital staff, advising the child had a possible self-inflicted BB-gun shot to his head. It was determined that the projectile was lodged deep inside the juvenile's brain.

Officers from the Coalinga Police Department arrived at Valley Children's Hospital and were

told the 10-year-old was in the Intensive Care Unit, in stable condition. The child's father was at the hospital and was not cooperating with officers.

Further investigation was done and a search warrant for the location of the incident was prepared. At 6:49 a.m., officers respond back to the 200 block of El Camino and executed the search warrant. A search of the residence was conducted, and a high-powered pellet gun was located. Occupants of the house were interviewed, and a 11-year old juvenile admitted to accidentally shooting the 10-year old cousin in the head while they were playing with the pellet gun in the garage. No charges have been filed at this time. An interview with the 10-year old victim will be done once the doctor's clear him to speak with officers.

Animal Control:

The Department has hired a full-time animal control officer and he completed phase one of his training. The shelter has reopened, and the officer is handling calls for service.

School Resource Officers:

Both our School Resource Officers have been busy after the holiday season.

Name	ID	Inc	OIA	Stops	Cases	Arsts	Cites	Fls	HR:MN	10-8	Asgnd					Other
Sauceda, Simon	E1314	44	31	7	7	2	0	0	359:56	76%	22%					2%

Name	ID	Inc	OIA	Stops	Cases	Arsts	Cites	Fls	HR:MN	10-8	Asgnd					
Fairbanks, Jeremy	E1412	185	152	10	15	2	6	0	661:27	69%	28%					

West Hills:

January 2019:

- Along with other members of the West Hills College Safety Committee continue to focus our attention on how to better secure the campus. Our primary objective is focusing directly with campus safety and what potential dangers/threats we can face. I continue to engage each and every department on campus and provides Active Shooter / Critical Incident training within their own environment. I do scenario-based training to include tabletop discussions. It's a "hands-on" training.
- Provided general safety awareness and Active Shooter training for the Student Living Facility / staff (dorms).
- Provided Active Shooter training for the Cafeteria staff

February 2019

- The Campus officer conducted follow-up to a burglary case involving student athletes / recovered some stolen property
- Held a workshop for faculty during a college flex-day and did a power point presentation / Q&A on Active Shooter
- Worked closely with President Thames and Maintenance and Operations and we are continuing to take the necessary steps to move forward on installing more cameras campus wide to include the rodeo grounds and the Child Development Center.

- Campus officer is working on getting more lights installed around the campus.

Coalinga Huron Unified School District:

The SRO has worked several cases at the school over the last 3 months the most significant case, was the incident that started on February 24, 2019. In this case, the CHS security guard had developed a relationship with a 16-year-old student. At the time of the initial call the officer only had the juvenile's phone number and first name. The case was turned over to the SRO at which time the student was identified and the investigation into their relationship began. Once the investigation was completed. The SRO obtained a RAMEY warrant for the security guard's arrest. The security guard was arrested on 1 count of misdemeanor annoying or molesting a child under 18 and his first court appearance is scheduled for mid-June 2019.

Operations:

Traffic Enforcement. For the last month patrol has been assisting with morning, lunch, and after school patrols that have been focused on common traffic infractions that may cause a safety concern including but not limited to impeding traffic and following posted roadway signs. The officer made 14 traffic stops that yielded 6 Citations

Safety:

Officer have been patrolling the streets and being active. Calls for service and officer-initiated activity is up by 276 incidents.

Crime Prevention:

The police department will be going back to the core of our profession and that is basic police work. I have informed my staff I require good work product, so we have better a chance with our cases being filed with the district attorney's office. Officer will investigate crime and if warranted, search warrants will be conducted on those who have committed these crimes.

Chief's Message: I want to thank the City Council and City Manager, for allowing me the opportunity to be your Interim Chief of Police. It is an honor to serve the citizens Coalinga and lead the hardworking and dedicated men and woman of the Coalinga Police Department.

Respectfully submitted

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Chief of Police