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Weekly Activity Report 08/02/2017 – 08/08/2017

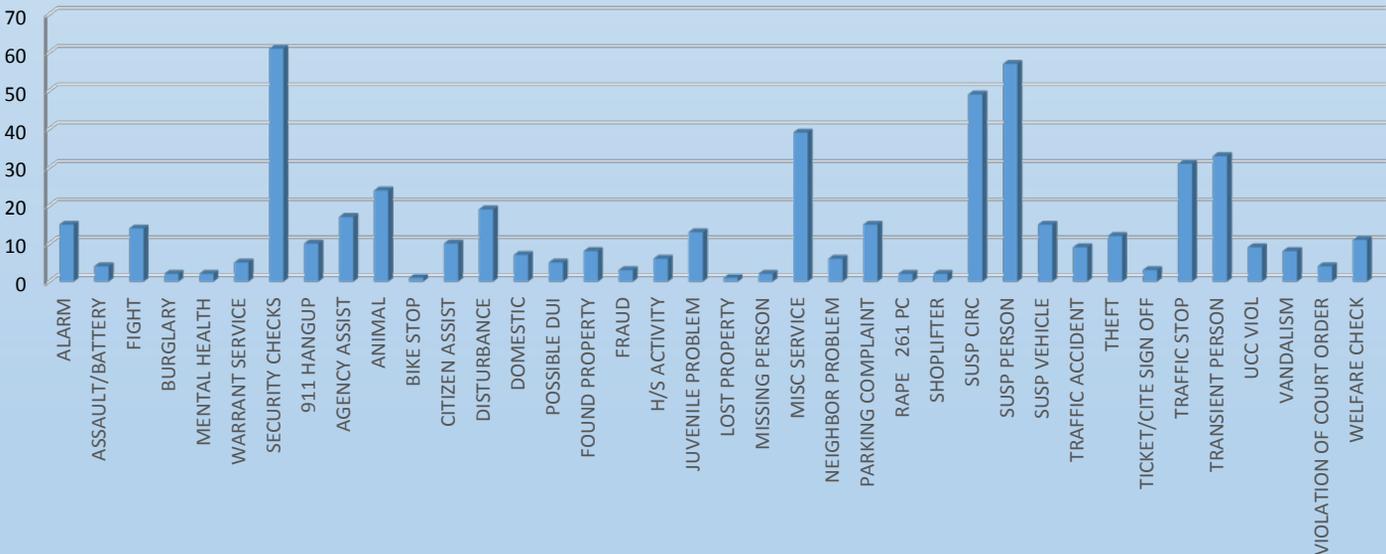
Patrol Division

Calls For Service:	539
Reports:	75
Misdemeanor Arrests:	25
Felony Arrests:	6
Traffic Warnings:	25
Traffic Citations:	7
Non-Moving/Other Citations:	8

Top 5 Call Types of the Week

- Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Circumstance (121)
- Transient Related (50)
- Animal (24)
- Disturbance (19)
- Alarms (15)

Weekly Patrol Activity by Call Type



For further details about the Ukiah Police Department incident activity, please visit our website at www.ukiahpolice.com. View our Daily Press Log under the "News" tab.

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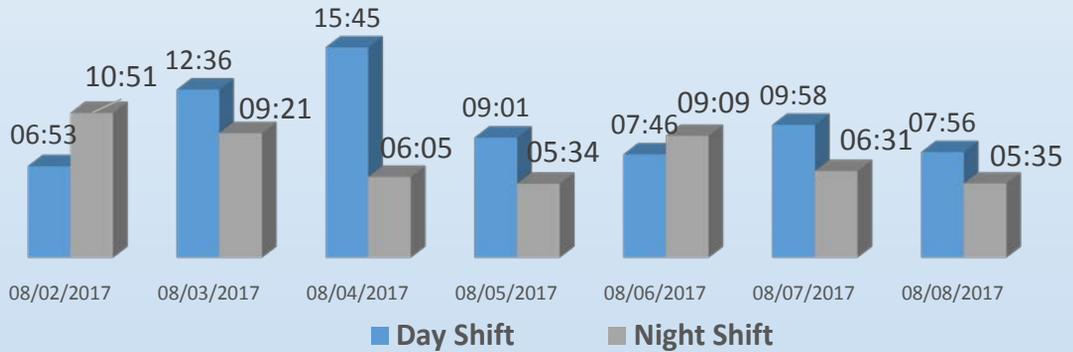
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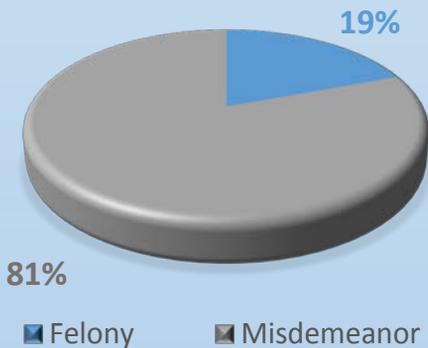
Daily Average Response Times (mm:ss)



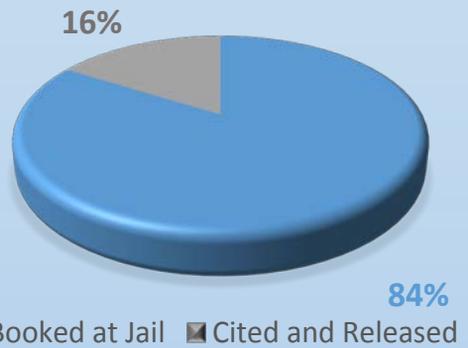
The Patrol Division's response time to in-progress calls was just over 4 minutes.

The average response time to all calls was just over 8 minutes.

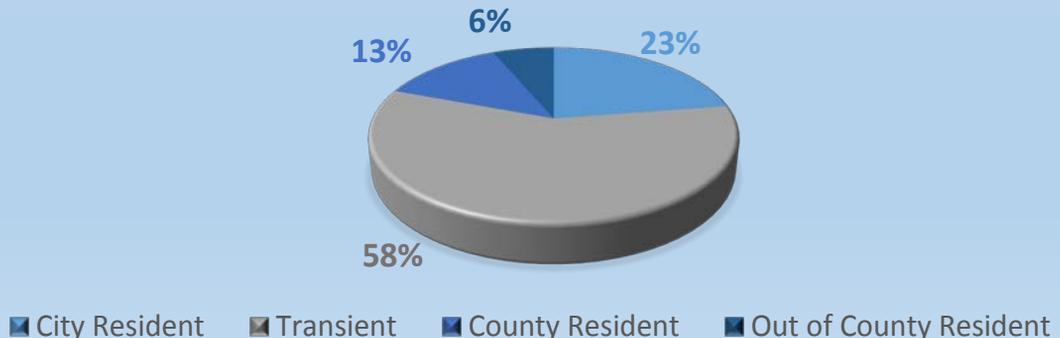
CRIME BREAKDOWN



ARREST DISPOSITION



ARREST RESIDENTIAL DEMOGRAPHICS



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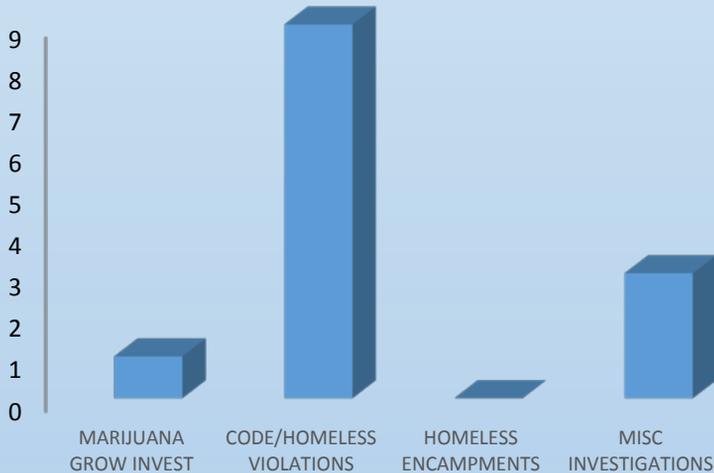
Detective Division

DA Case Dispositions		
Number of Cases Filed	559	80%
Number of Cases Rejected	93	13%
Number of Cases Pending	50	7%



Special Enforcement Team

Ongoing SET Activity



SET Activity	
Number of cases assigned to SET since January 2017	112
YTD Outdoor Marijuana Plants Eradicated	595

Crime Prevention

<u>Weekly Activity</u>	
Number of Businesses Visited	6
Number of Volunteer Hours	2.25
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design	2

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Press Releases

Embezzlement investigation leads to arrests of two Redwood Valley adults Ukiah Police Department Case #16-2805

In September of 2016 Ukiah Police Department's Detective Unit was notified of a suspected embezzlement from Deep Valley Security, a local business. The initial suspect in the embezzlement was Deborah Ann Sears, a former employee at the business.

A lengthy and extensive investigation ensued over the following six months, which included numerous search warrants to obtain financial records. Through the course of the investigation; it was discovered Deborah Sears embezzled over \$180,000.00 from Deep Valley Security while she was employed as the Office Manager from 2014-2016. The investigation revealed Deborah Sears used Deep Valley Security's bank account to pay her and her husband's personal bills. The case was submitted to the Mendocino County District Attorney's office in April of 2017 and charges were filed against Deborah Sears and her husband, Jason Eagles Sears, in July of 2017.

On August 3, 2017, Ukiah Police Detectives served a search warrant at the Sears' residence, in Redwood Valley. During the service of the warrant; both Deborah Sears and Jason Sears were arrested, without incident, pursuant to warrants which were issued for them as a result of this investigation.

Deborah Ann Sears, 45 years old, of Redwood Valley was booked at the Mendocino County Jail on multiple counts of 503 PC (Embezzlement) and 487(a) PC (Grand Theft) and is being held on \$190,000.00 bail.

Jason Eagles Sears, 46 years old, of Redwood Valley was also booked at the Mendocino County Jail on charges of 503 PC (Embezzlement) and 487(a) PC (Grand Theft) and is being held on \$30,000.00 bail.

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Press Release: Traffic collision leads to DUI arrest UPD case # 17-2213

On August 5th at about 11:32 pm, UPD officers responded to the 300 block of West Mill Street, for a report of a traffic collision. Upon arrival officers located three damaged parked cars and grey 2015 Ram pickup that was resting on its side in the roadway. The driver of the Ram pickup was located in a nearby residence and did not appear to have been injured from the collision. The driver was identified as Cody Cuthbert age 29, with an address listed out of Willits. While investigating the traffic collision, officers suspected that Cuthbert was intoxicated and began a DUI investigation. Cuthbert was placed under arrest for DUI and his overturned pickup towed from the scene. The three parked cars sustained minor to major damage. Cuthbert was booked into county jail for DUI.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some tips to report a suspected DUI driver:

- Use a hands free type device to call 911 and tell the dispatcher you suspect a driver maybe impaired. (If you don't have a hands free device, safely pull over, park and then make the call).
- Be aware that you will be asked questions such as your location, the suspect vehicle location, direction of travel, vehicle description, license plate number, manner in which the vehicle is being driven, etc...Be patient with the dispatcher as they are often talking with you and dispatching officers to respond at the same time.
- Don't follow too close to the suspected impaired driver or attempt to stop the suspect vehicle yourself.

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UPD CASE #17-0415

In January and February of 2017, UPD received information that images had been uploaded to the internet from a specific address in Willits, Ca. UPD detectives obtained a search warrant for the residence. UPD, along with the assistance of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force, MCSO, and WPD served the search warrant on Coast St. in February of 2017. Evidence (multiple computers etc.) was seized at the residence. Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Task Force forensically analyzed the computers and located more contraband (pornographic images).

UPD submitted a report to the Mendocino County DA's Office in May of 2017. The DA's office issued a warrant for Stephen Hoag's arrest for 311.11(a) PC and 311.2(C) PC with a bail of \$50,000.

On 8-8-17, WPD located and arrested Hoag for his warrant. Hoag was transported to the Mendocino County Jail, where he was lodged.

UPD would like all citizens to be constantly vigilant for online predators. For tips for protecting children from online predators and other matters, please refer to <http://backgroundchecks.org/the-concerned-parents-toolbox-120-tools-and-tricks-to-protect-your-kids.html>, as well as other online resources.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact the Ukiah Police Department at (707)463-6262.



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Hot Topic

Stealing Your Money

A few weeks ago, Sonoma County law enforcement agencies warned local residents that con artists were impersonating Sonoma County sheriff's deputies and threatening people with immediate arrest if they didn't pay for outstanding arrest warrants.

Sadly, victims paid thousands of dollars to the scammers, pulling cash from their bank accounts to avoid the consequences of these frightening threats.

Maybe you've heard of this before: some well-known agency such as the Internal Revenue Service, PG&E, or even a police department calling and demanding money from people, and threatening a drastic consequence if they don't pay.

Please understand that these are scams. These callers are NOT from the official organizations they claim to represent. They are after your money, and they will threaten you with all kinds of consequences if you don't give them what they want.

Even though this latest incident occurred in Sonoma County, our community is not immune to these types of scams. Whenever we hear about them in Ukiah, we publicize that information on our Ukiah Police Department Facebook page right away.

These days, crooks are creating increasingly complex scams. The scammers often call or email you at home, or send letters in the mail. They might know your name, address and other personal information, and they work hard to take advantage of your good will, to confuse you, or to scare you out of your money.

If someone is calling, emailing or sending you letters like this, please be suspicious.

These scammers can typically get ahold of a few personal facts about their victims, and this is all they need to convince people they are representing a legitimate cause. Once they start to gain a victim's trust by suggesting they are there to help, they swoop in and ask for really personal information like social security numbers or bank account information, or they convince victims to send some form of payment—often cash.

Their whole goal is to steal YOUR money! Please trust your instincts. As soon as you hear that the only way to resolve an issue is with an immediate credit card payment, something is wrong. If things don't add up, hang-up! You're being scammed!



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Stealing your Money (cont.)

Package Thefts

In addition to the scams described above, we have continued to see a rise in package thefts recently.

I know ordering online is super easy—just place an order with the click of a button and within days, your items magically appear on your front doorstep. But please be careful. These packages are very attractive to those looking for a quick steal. Left unattended, these packages can disappear while we're at work or out running errands.

To avoid losing these packages, here are a few tips:

1. If your employer will allow it, consider having packages delivered to your office.
2. Have packages delivered to a place where they can be received in person (like the home of a trusted neighbor or retired family member—people who are home during the day).
3. Request that the shipper hold your package at their facility so you pick it up in person.
4. Request a specific delivery date and time so you can be home when your package is delivered.
5. If you're purchasing something from a large retailer, consider having your package delivered to the store.
6. Provide instructions so packages can be left in a location that is not visible from the street.
7. Sign up for delivery alerts, so you know when your package arrives.

If you haven't already, go introduce yourself to your neighbors. Neighbors are the first step in helping us prevent crimes from occurring in our community. It's really a simple idea; neighbors know the neighborhood. They know what's normal and what might be cause for concern. Knowing your neighbors can help keep you and your possessions safe.

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