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Weekly Activity Report 08/30/2017 – 09/05/2017

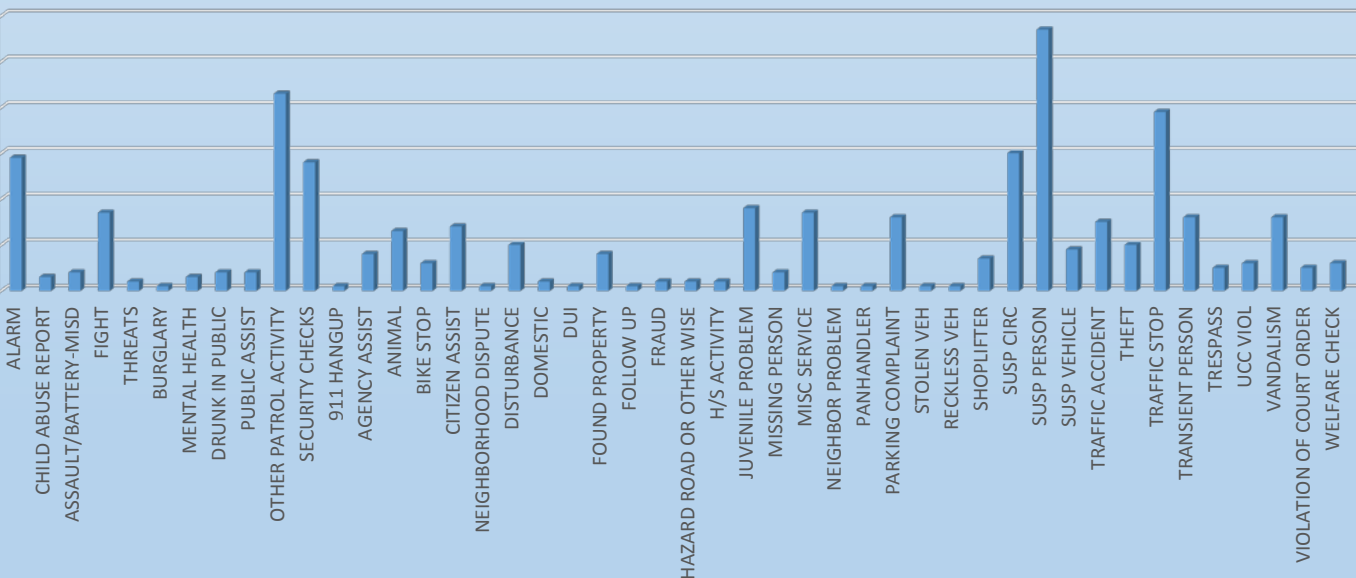
Patrol Division

Calls For Service:	500
Reports:	67
Misdemeanor Arrests:	18
Felony Arrests:	7
Traffic Warnings:	29
Traffic Citations:	12
Non-Moving/Other Citations:	17

Top 5 Call Types of the Week

- Suspicious Persons/Vehicles/Circumstances (91)
- Transient Calls (45)
- Alarms (29)
- Juvenile Problem (18)
- Fight (17)

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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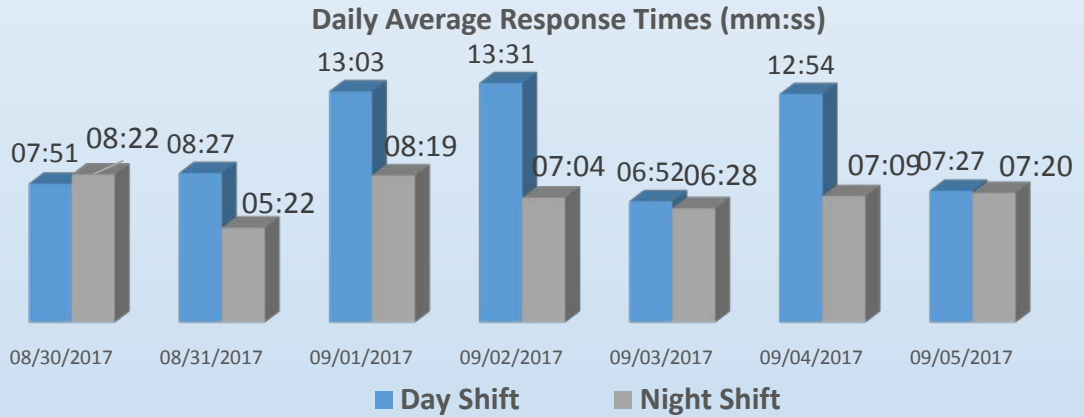


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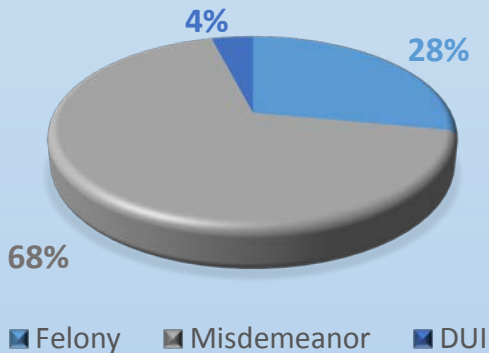
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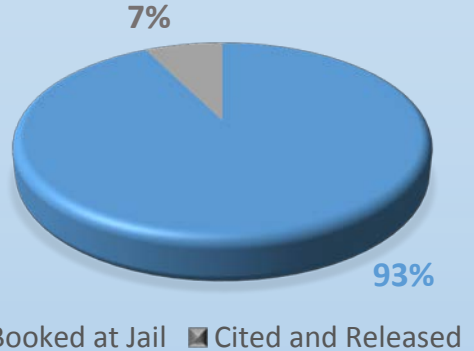
The Patrol Division's response time to in-progress calls was just over 3 minutes.

The average response time to all calls was just over 7 minutes.

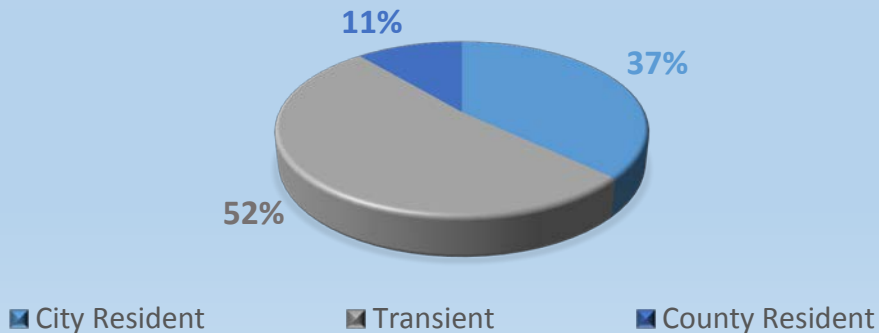
CRIME BREAKDOWN



ARREST DISPOSITION



ARREST RESIDENTIAL DEMOGRAPHICS



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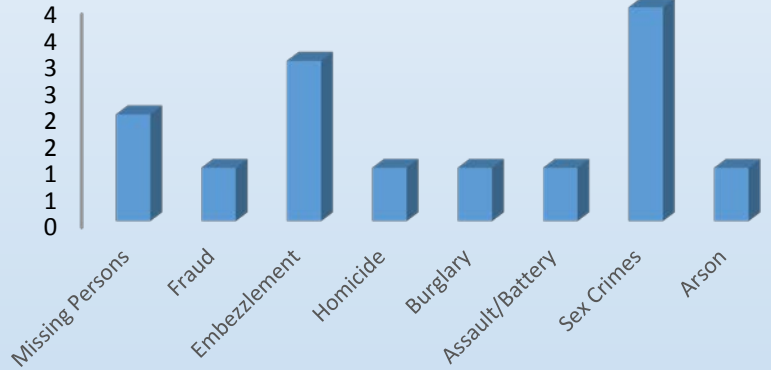
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Detective Division

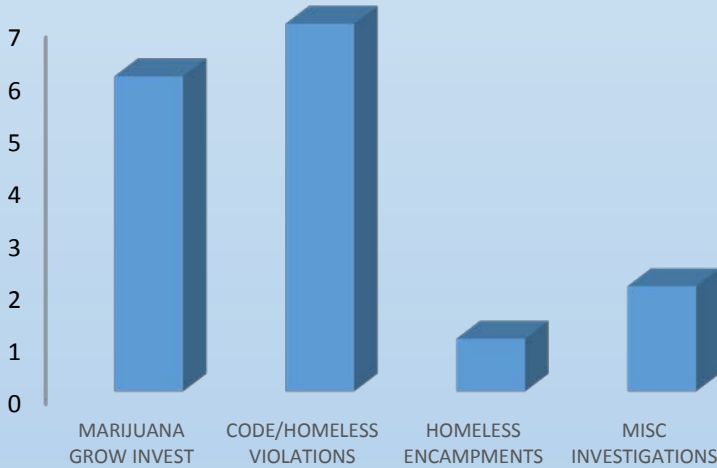
Ongoing Investigations Activity

DA Case Dispositions		
<u>Number of Cases Filed</u>	668	78%
<u>Number of Cases Rejected</u>	109	13%
<u>Number of Cases Pending</u>	82	9%



Special Enforcement Team

Ongoing SET Activity



SET Activity	
Number of cases assigned to SET since January 2017	127
YTD Outdoor Marijuana Plants Eradicated	543

Crime Prevention

<u>Weekly Activity</u>	
<u>Number of Businesses Visited</u>	9
<u>Number of Volunteer Hours</u>	6.5
<u>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design</u>	4

School Resource Officer

<u>Weekly Truancy Activity</u>	
<u>Ukiah High School</u>	5
<u>Pomolita School</u>	2
<u>Yokayo School</u>	1



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Weekly Column – Hot Topic

Be Great

I'm amazed at all the posters that decorate the walls at the Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah; they are everywhere. The more closely you look, the more you can admire the great work from some of the kids who attend this essential afterschool community program.

Each poster includes an important message: No Bullying, Be Kind, Make the Promise to Graduate. One of my favorite posters encourages people to "Stop Bullying – Speak Up." It features a tree with leaves cut out in the shape of hands, and each leaf includes a kid's name and their commitment to stop bullying; the tree grows from the floor to the ceiling.

In another spot, a "Be Great" poster quickly attracts your attention because of all the ways it inspires kids to be great. Be happy, be kind, be brave, be active, be strong, be creative, be smart, be healthy, be you; the poster says!

If someone asked me about the best thing kids can do after school, I'd say, "Anything constructive, just keep them busy!" I'd also be quick to share the statistics that teens and youth are three times more likely to use alcohol, marijuana, and other dangerous drugs if they do not participate in healthy afterschool activities, and they are two-and-a-half times less likely to graduate from high school.

Frighteningly, the time when young people are most likely to fall victim to a crime is right after school. In our community, the Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah is one of those places that supports kids every day, providing an environment where they can thrive. The club prides itself on being a safe place to learn and grow, all while having fun. The club works hard to ensure that every kid meets three goals: 1. Is on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, 2. Demonstrates good character and citizenship, and 3. Learns to live healthfully.

As you might imagine, low-cost membership fees alone can't fund an operation like this—with top-notch staff and excellent facilities. Not by a long shot. These days, more and more kids need a safe afterschool program, which is stretching the organization's budget like never before. This is where you can help.

This Friday, September 8 at 6:00 pm at the Alex Thomas Plaza in downtown Ukiah, the Annual Chili Cook Off will take place, with all proceeds benefitting the Boys and Girls Club. Just by buying a wristband and enjoying some of the sweetest, hottest, and tastiest chili you can imagine, you will directly help the kids who depend on the club for afterschool care.

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Be Great (cont.)

As it has for the last 19 years, Granite Construction will host this fantastic event. With their support, local businesses and community groups will compete for recognition as the top chili cooks—and other fun awards like Team Spirit or Crookedest Team.

This annual event is successful because so many committed people and organizations—like Granite Construction and our local service clubs—donate their time to help. It's a lot of fun for everyone, and proceeds from the event help assure the Ukiah Boys and Girls Club has the funding it needs to provide afterschool care for our community's kids.

According to Boys and Girls Club of Ukiah Executive Director Liz Elmore, this event is one of the club's biggest fundraisers each year, and a huge reason why the club can afford to provide such fantastic afterschool and summer programs while keeping membership fees incredibly low.

Please come on down to the Chili Cook Off this Friday night and enjoy one of our community's best events! I hope I'll see you there, because this fundraiser is most successful when we all join in. Buy an wristband, try some chili, and support one of Ukiah's best organizations—our local Boys and Girls Club.

As always, our mission at UPD is simple: to make Ukiah as safe as possible. If you have suggestions on how we can improve please feel free to call me. If you would like to know more about crime in your neighborhood, you can sign up for telephone, cell phone and email notifications by clicking the Nixle button on our website: www.ukiahpolice.com.



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Press Release

Structure fire on Leslie Street

On August 31st at about 1:54 pm, UPD officers and the Ukiah Valley Fire Authority were dispatched to the 500 block of Leslie Street, on a reported structure fire. Upon arrival UPD Officers found a fence in a backyard of a triplex fully engulfed in flames. The fire had burned the back-side of two of the three units in the triplex and had made its way into the attic. Officers quickly evacuated the triplex and a second near-by triplex, while Fire personnel worked to extinguish the fire. Contact was also made with River Oak Charter School, which is located just north of the triplex.

UPD Detectives, Community Service Officers and Streets Department personnel also responded to assist with the closure of Leslie Street and maintain traffic control in the area, as students needed to be picked up from the near-by school. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined and is under investigation.

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Reported hit and run traffic collision in local drive-thru leads to DUI arrest. UPD case # 17-2508

On August 31st at about 6:56 pm, UPD officers responded with lights and sirens to McDonalds in the 100 block of North Orchard Avenue, to investigate a report of a vehicle ramming cars in the drive-thru at the location. While in-route, UPD dispatch advised that the suspect had pepper sprayed two civilians, who were attempting to detain him after the collision. Upon arrival, officers found the suspect's 1999 Silver Toyota Rav4 abandoned in the drive-thru, with it's airbags deployed. The vehicle was resting in a planter, against a light pole. The driver had fled and officers located him running northbound through the parking lot of JC Penny. When officers went to contact the driver, he refused to cooperate and had to be physically restrained. The driver was identified as Michael Blahut age 44, a Redwood Valley resident. During the subsequent investigation officers learned that Blahut was in the drive-thru, when he rear-ended a stopped 2016 Honda CRV and then drove his vehicle into a light pole. The manager of McDonalds went outside to contact Blahut, who was attempting to flee the scene. When the manager and a local citizen attempted to detain Blahut, Blahut pepper sprayed both and fled. As officers were dealing with Blahut, he was found to be intoxicated. Blahut was placed under arrest for misuse of pepper spray, hit and run, resisting arrest and DUI. Blahut's vehicle was towed from the scene and he was booked into county jail. Fortunately, no serious injuries were reported.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide some tips in reporting 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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