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ANNUAL REPORT

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PORTERVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT



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350 N D STREET
PORTERVILLE, CA 93257

Emergency Number: 911

Non-emergency number (559) 782-7400

Records: (559) 782-7428

Anonymous Crime Tips: (559) 784-3673

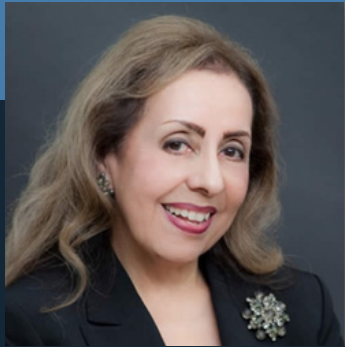
Online Crime Reporting

<http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/police/report-a-crime.cfm>

Extra Patrol Requests

<http://www.ci.porterville.ca.us/depts/police/extra-patrol-form.cfm>

CITY COUNCIL



Martha A. Flores
MAYOR



Kellie Carrillo
VICE-MAYOR



Lawana Tate
COUNCIL MEMBER



Don Weyhrauch
COUNCIL MEMBER



Milt Stowe
COUNCIL MEMBER



John Lollis
CITY MANAGER

CHIEF OF POLICE



Jake Castellow

COMMAND STAFF



Dominic Barteau
PATROL CAPTAIN



Josh Maniss
SERVICES/INVESTIGATIONS
CAPTAIN

COMMAND STAFF



Bruce Sokoloff
INVESTIGATIONS



Ron Moore
SERVICES



Mark Azevedo
PATROL

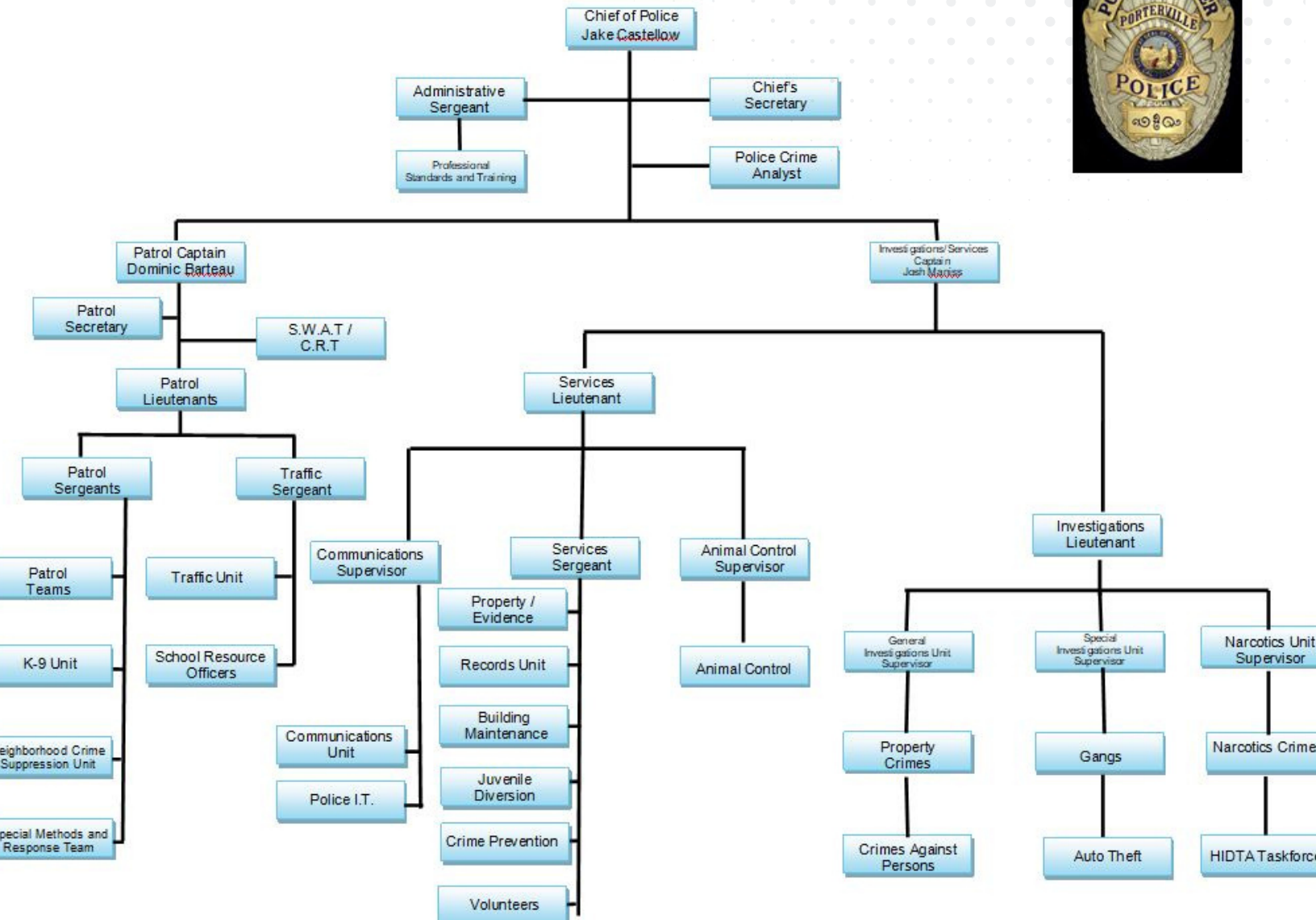


Rose Gurule
PATROL



Mark Hatch
PATROL

ORGANIZATION CHART

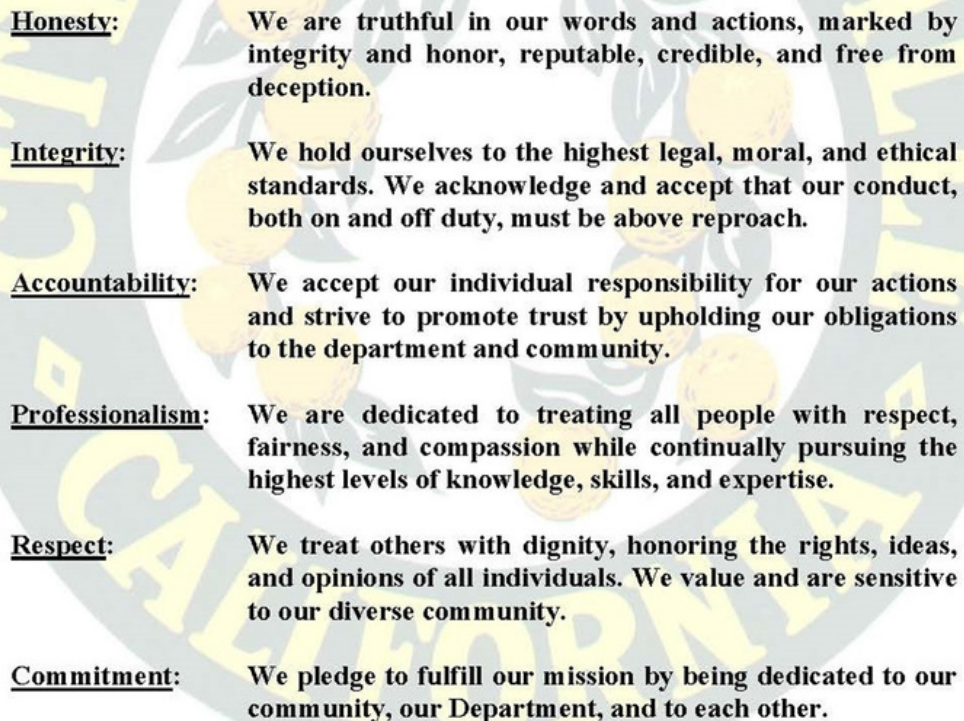


**PORTERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MISSION STATEMENT**

The members of the Porterville Police Department are committed to the safety and security of the community while providing quality service with excellence, honesty, and integrity.

OUR CORE VALUES

All members of the Porterville Police Department are expected to adhere to our core values; conducting themselves at all times with honesty, integrity, accountability, professionalism, respect, and commitment.

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- Honesty:** We are truthful in our words and actions, marked by integrity and honor, reputable, credible, and free from deception.
- Integrity:** We hold ourselves to the highest legal, moral, and ethical standards. We acknowledge and accept that our conduct, both on and off duty, must be above reproach.
- Accountability:** We accept our individual responsibility for our actions and strive to promote trust by upholding our obligations to the department and community.
- Professionalism:** We are dedicated to treating all people with respect, fairness, and compassion while continually pursuing the highest levels of knowledge, skills, and expertise.
- Respect:** We treat others with dignity, honoring the rights, ideas, and opinions of all individuals. We value and are sensitive to our diverse community.
- Commitment:** We pledge to fulfill our mission by being dedicated to our community, our Department, and to each other.

BY THE NUMBERS



CALLS FOR SERVICE
59,381



FIRE CALLS
6,203



POLICE CALLS
55,032



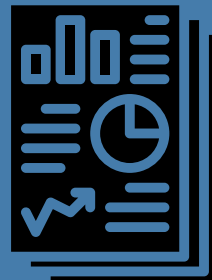
ANIMAL SERVICES
4,067



TRAFFIC COLLISIONS
674



CITATIONS
1,374



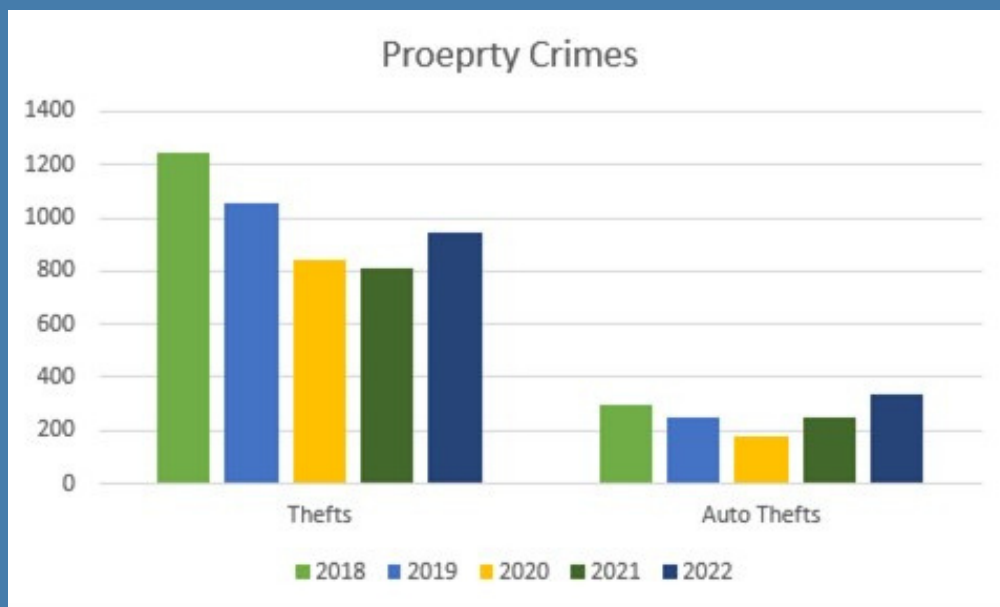
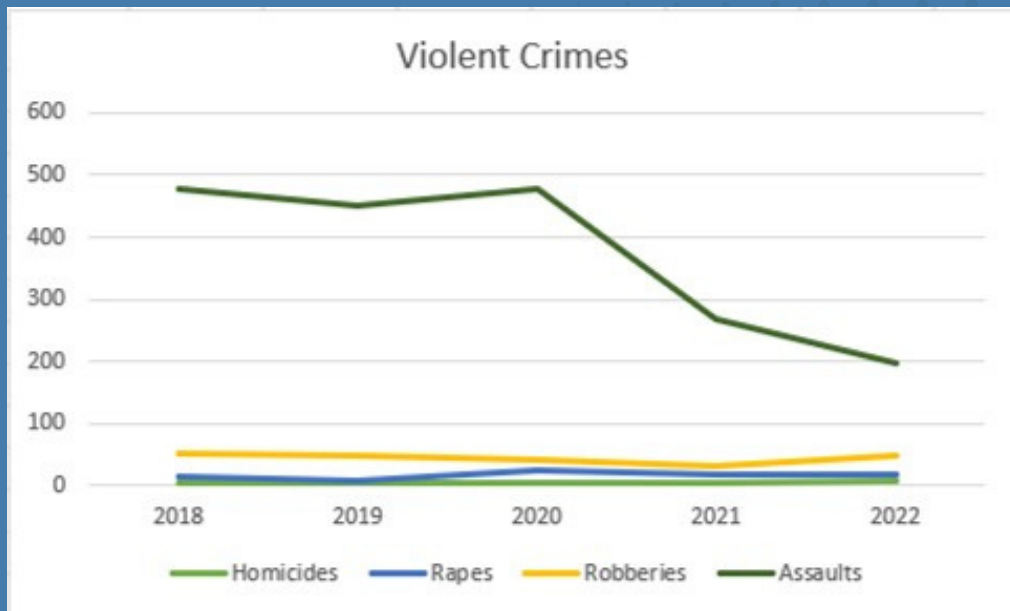
REPORTS
8,203



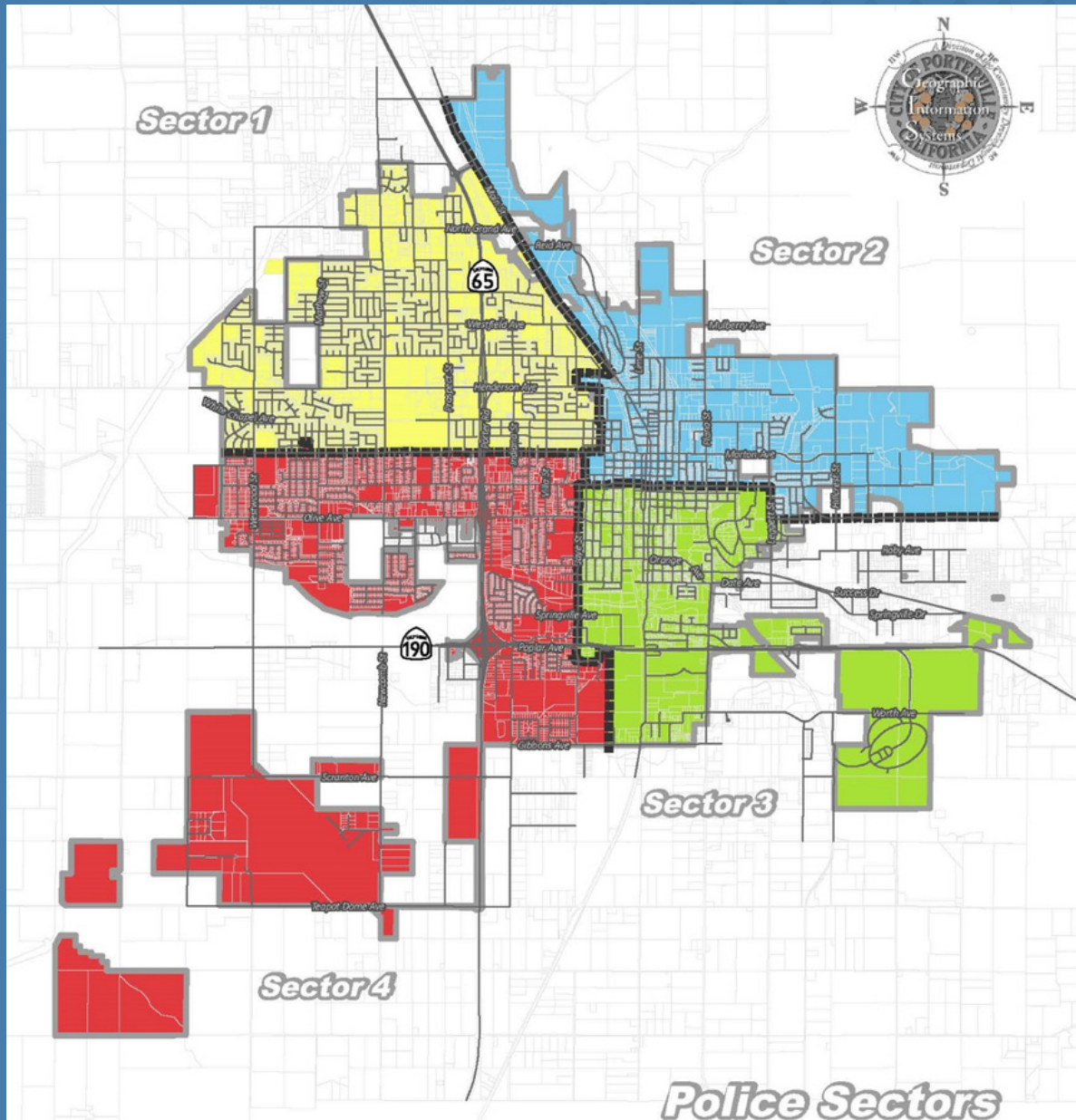
ARRESTS
2,058

	2022	2021	% of last year	Difference
Homicides	6	3	200%	100%
Rapes	16	18	89%	-11%
Robberies	47	30	157%	57%
Aggravated Assaults	188	267	70%	-30%
Thefts	946	813	116%	16%
Auto Thefts	339	248	137%	37%

5-YEAR COMPARISON



PATROL SECTORS



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



The School Resource Officer Unit is supervised by Sergeant Jay Starling and Corporal Maria Aguillon. There are four officers assigned to the unit who are assigned to the schools within Porterville Unified School District and Burton School District. They are in close contact with the districts and administrators as a resource.

Officers are actively present on campus and make contact with staff and students. In March, officers read to students as Part of Read Across America. Officers also patrol the school area for traffic safety to ensure students can walk safely to and from school.

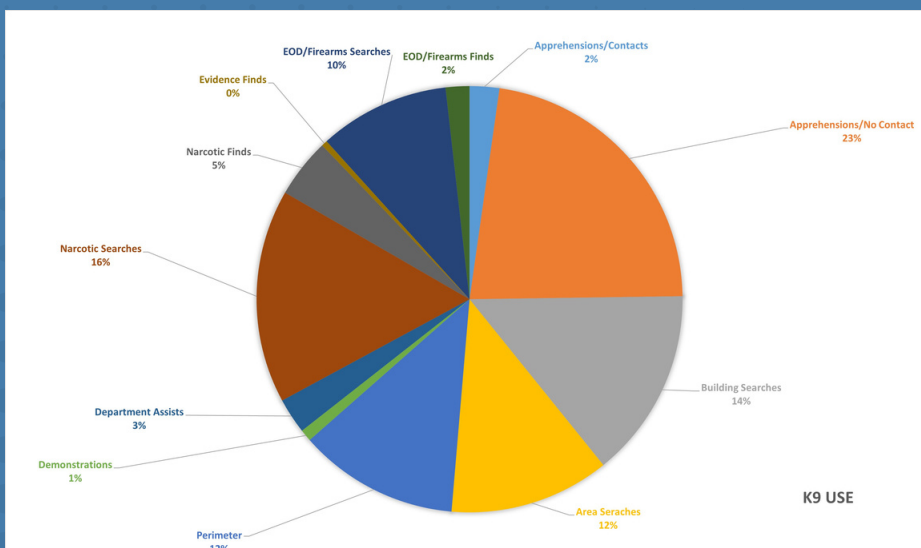
K9 TEAM



The K-9 Team is overseen by Lieutenant Hatch and led by Sergeant Pinheiro. The team is comprised of Sergeant Pinheiro and his partner Neith, Officer Ellestad and his partner Kaizer, Officer Gonzalez and her partner Enzo, and Officer Scott and her partner Kindel.

K9 Kindel is the first of his kind for the Department. Kindel is a Springer Spaniel and assigned to the School Resource Officer Unit. Kindel is trained in firearms, explosive, and drug detection. This detection only team has been a great addition to the team.

These highly trained teams complete monthly training throughout the year to assist with adequate performance in the field.



UAV TEAM



In June of 2021, the Porterville Police Department implemented its Drone Program. The unit is staffed with four operators; with each of the operators actively assigned to the SWAT Team, Crisis Response Team, Patrol, Traffic, and Investigations. The UAV Team is utilized throughout the Department to assist with the SWAT Team, Neighborhood Crime Suppression Unit, and Patrol with operations and improve searching capabilities.

In 2022, the UAV Unit was assigned Ford Explorers for patrol units. These vehicles are specifically equipped with necessary equipment for pilots such as mobile battery chargers, remote control chargers, television screens for live feed viewing, and drone storage drawers. This allows pilots to have the needed equipment readily available and optimized for deployment.

TRAFFIC UNIT



in 2022, the Porterville Police Department was awarded the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant by the Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of \$100,000. These funds will be used to assist with special enforcement operations such as DUI Saturation Patrols, Distracted Driving Enforcement, and Safety Education.

Most Cited Offenses

Top Primary Collision Factors

Cell Phone	359
Window Tint	279
Unlicensde Driver	269
Suspender Driver	224
Red Light	148
Stop Sign	144

Failure to Yield Right of Way	220
Unsafe Speeds	164
Unsafe Turning	156
DUI	72
Unsafe Backing	32

SPECIAL METHODS AND RESOURCES TEAM

The Special Methods and Resources Team is collaborative effort has involved partnerships with Kings-View Path Program, Porterville Welcome Center, Grace Project, Tulare County Sheriff's Department's Homeless Enforcement and Response Team, Visalia Police Department's Homeless Outreach and Proactive Enforcement Team, and several other community partners

In April of 2022, the Porterville Police Department created the Special Methods and Resources Team. SMART is designed to address the multifaceted issue in the City related to people experiencing homelessness. This approach involves assisting those who need assistance and networking with other organizations to provide assistance.

Self-Initiated Contacts	96
Calls for Service	51
Mental Health Referrals	49
Housing Service Referrals	11
Substance Abuse Service Referrals	49

S.W.A.T. TEAM



Training Hours	1,162
Deployments	15

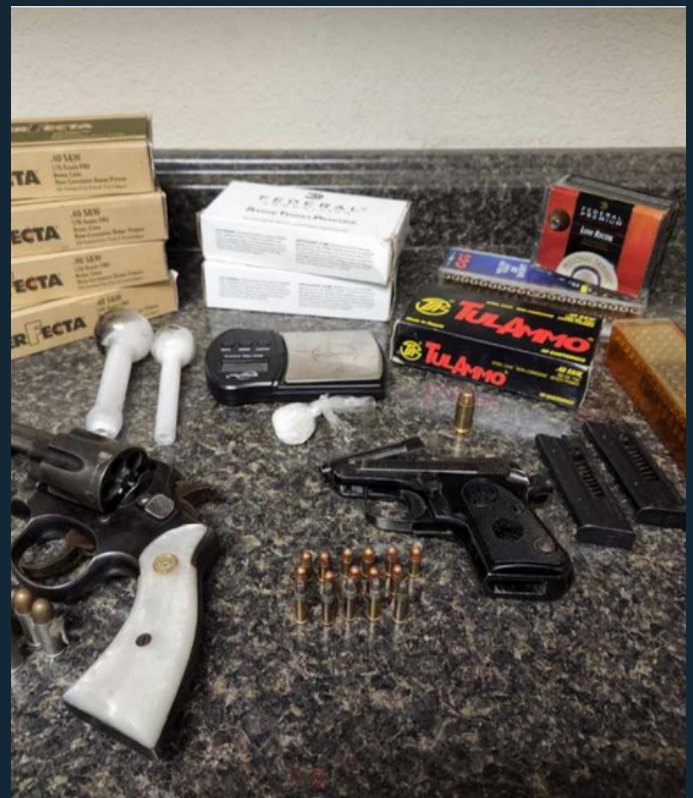
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Cases	2022	2021	2022	3-Year Average
Assigned	736	571	581	586
Closed	482	593	543	574
Total Arrests	50	78	75	78
Call Outs	128	98	132	128
Warrants Written	133	102	99	114

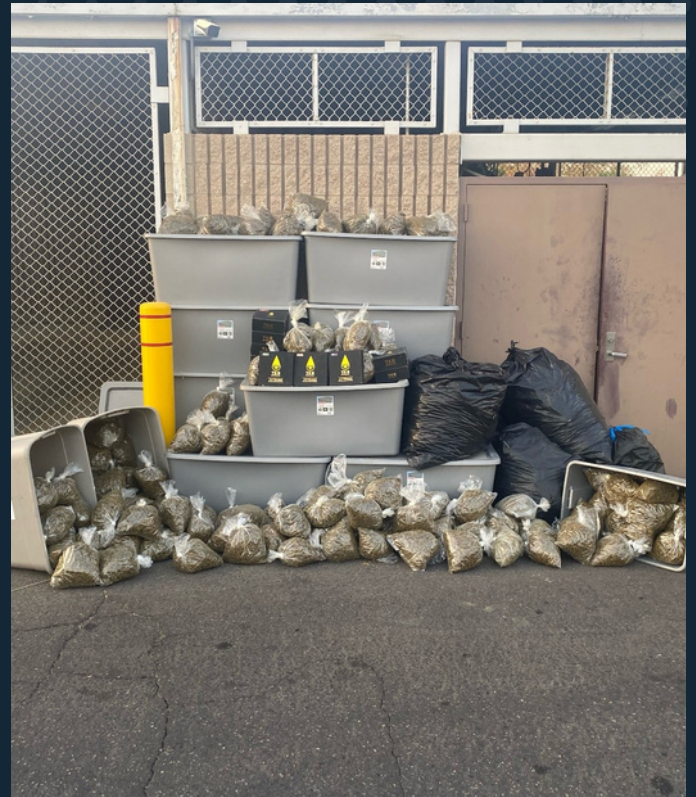


SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Gang related arrests	73
Warrants served on Members/Associates	21
Gang Supplemental Reports	15
Felony Arrests	87
Misdemeanor Arrests	17
Search Warrants	142
Handguns Seized	79
Rifles Seized	37
Shotguns seized	2
Residential Probation Searches	59
Methamphetamine Seized	105 grams
Cocaine Seized	10 grams
Marijuana Seized	0 grams
Fentanyl/Opioid Pills Seized	180 bills
Money Seized	\$13,200.00



NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



Search Warrants/ Court Orders Served	37
Bail Deviations	00
Consent Searches	00
Firearms Seized	61
Felony arrests	47
Misdemeanor Arrests	5
Methamphetamine Seized	44,866 grams
Heroin Seized	5,00 grams
Cocaine Seized	7,500 grams
Psilocybin Mushrooms Seized	0
Fentanyl/Opioid Seized	2,000 grams
Alprazolam Seized	0
Testosterone Enanthate Seized	00
Marijuana Seized	462,660
Marijuana Plants	910 marijuana plants

COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

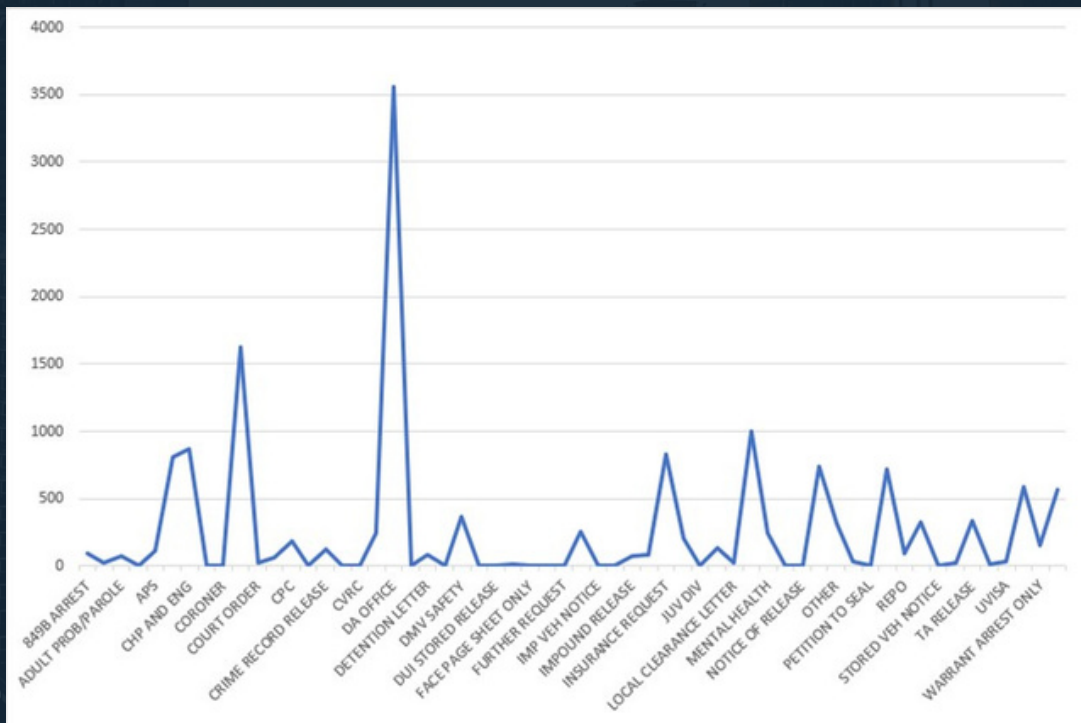
The Communications Unit continues to be one of the busiest units in the Department. Communications Dispatchers answer each of the calls in the communications center while simultaneously dispatching units on the computer as well as via radio. Communications Dispatchers answered 97.80% of all 911 calls within the required 15 seconds of ringing.



Total Incoming Calls	136,545
Total 9-1-1 Calls	21,097
Total Outgoing Calls	28,578
Text to 9-1-1 Calls	11

RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is lead by Sergeant Jordan and consists of 5 Records Clerks. This unit will scan and distribute records to various allied agencies as well as throughout the Department. The unit is responsible for assisting the public as they enter the lobby for records requests, livescan services, or other police services.



PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE UNIT

The Property and Evidence Unit is lead by Sergeant Jordan and 2 Property and Evidence Technicians. Property and Evidence Technicians are responsible for cataloging and storing all property and evidence that is housed at the Department. They will track, process, and return property as it is permitted.

Evidence	3,373
Found	432
Safekeeping	616
Destruction	90
Forfeiture	120
Recovered	88
Controlled Buy	0

Fresno Lab	758
TCSO Lab	178
Invest/Court	205
Firearm Testing	33

DMV	165
Returned to Owner	279
Return to Finder	19
Sierra View Hospital	75
Secret Service	13
Covanta	214
Landfill/Shredded	604
Other	6
TCSO Ammo Destruction	14
E-Waste	71
Auction	0
Biohazard	2
City Finance	\$24,161.16
Other Agency	5
Retained for Department Use	9
Items Entered in Error	87
Social Security	2

ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT

The Animal Services Unit continued to receive donations both monetary and food for the animals over the course of 2022. Donations to the shelter totaled \$40,826 for 2022.

Porterville Spay and Neuter and Cat House on the Kings continued to work with the Animal Shelter to offer low-cost spay and neutering and Trap Neuter and Release Programs. These partnerships assisted in coordinating/moving 150 animals to rescue, surgically altering 840 feral cats, and 137 low-cost cat surgeries.

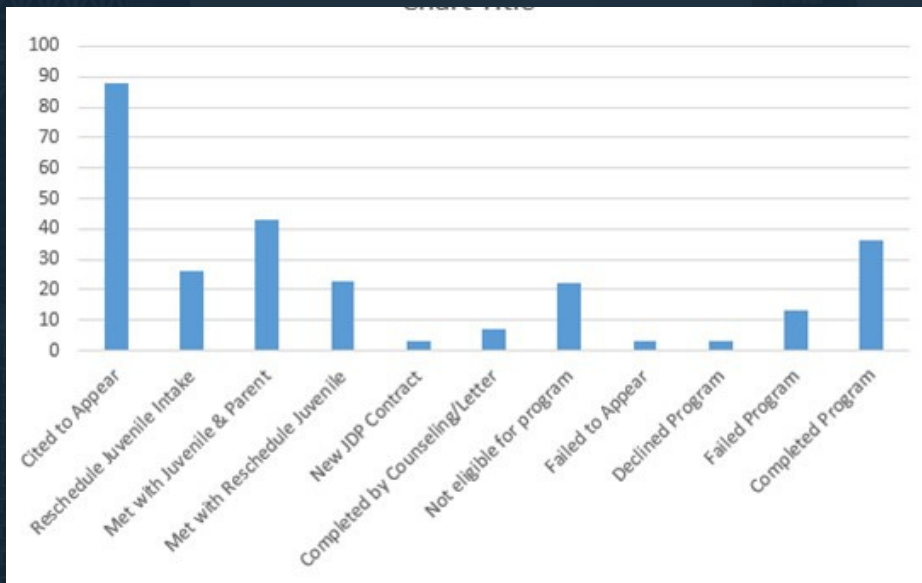


Calls for Service	4,067
Animals Picked Up	1,522
Animals Adopted/	871
Animals Returned to	245
Animals Euthanized	385
Animals Escaped	5
Injured Animals	301
Deceased Animals Picked Up	584
Citations Issued	85

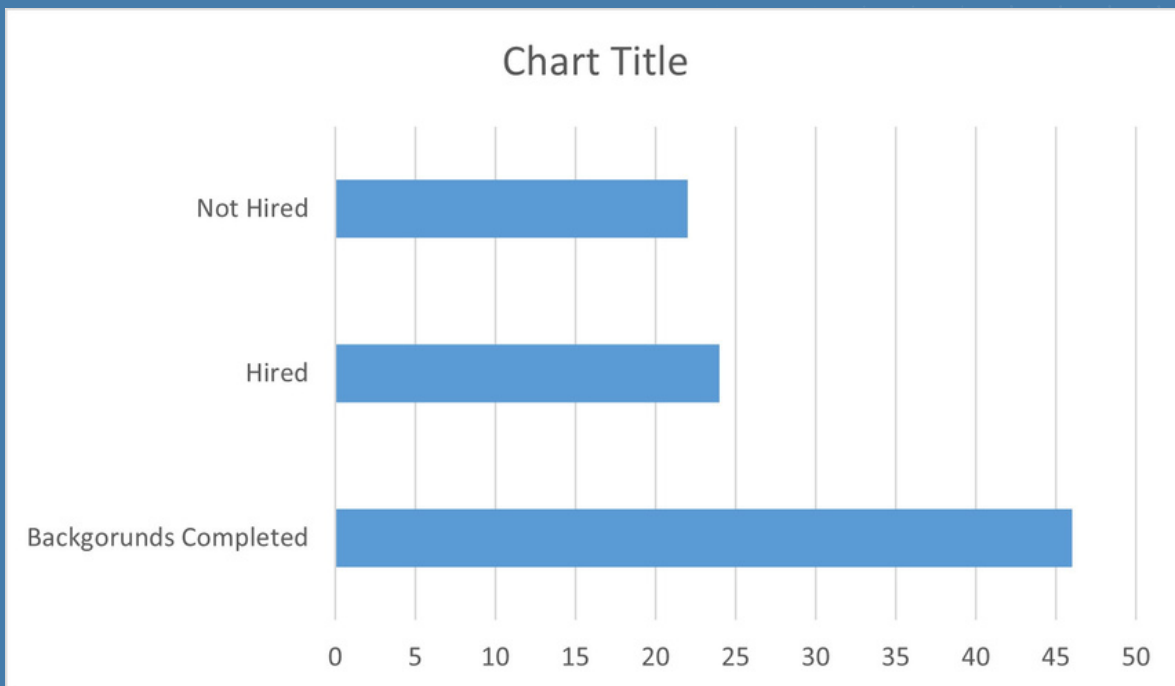
JUVENILE DIVERSION / CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

Crime Prevention Crime Prevention has been working with Porterville Unified School District and Burton Unified School District to conduct presentations on social media behavior, cyber bullying, vaping, and internet safety.

Crime Prevention spearheaded multiple events including National Night Out, Citizens Police Academy, Junior Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop, and the Department's first Truck or Treat Event.



ADMINISTRATION DIVISION



The Administrative Division continues to be a busy division for the department. During 2022, there were 46 backgrounds started for 9 different positions. Of those backgrounds, 24 persons were hired by the department. Of those new employees hired, the positions filled were Community Service Officer, Kennel Technician, Police Officer, Police Trainee, Dispatcher, Clerical Assistant, Records Clerk, and Police Crime Analyst.

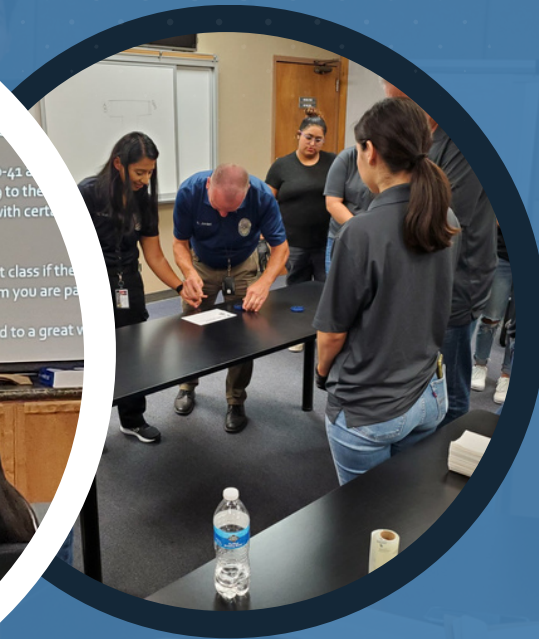
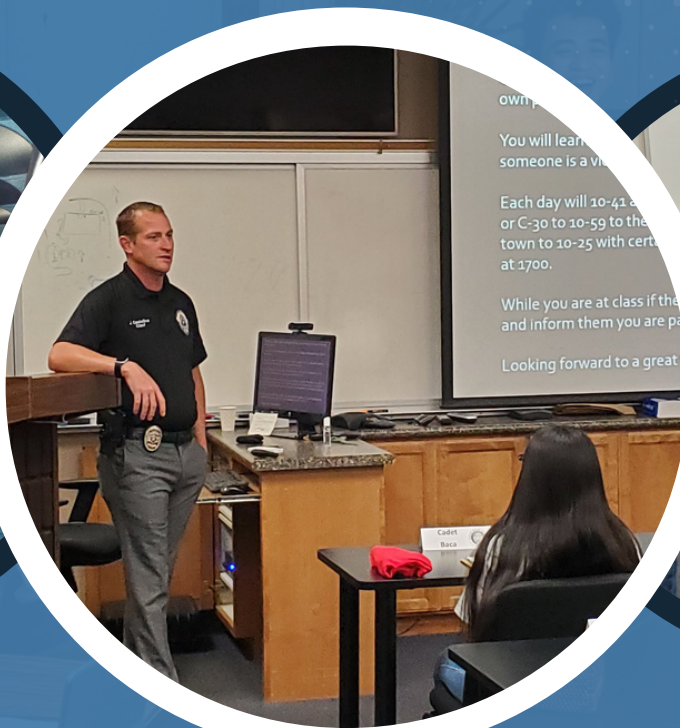
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



PARADES



COMMUNITY

