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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF



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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW: REFLECTING ON OUR JOURNEY

As we close the chapter in 2023, I am honored to share with you the remarkable strides we've made at the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. This year has been one of transformation, resilience, and unwavering commitment to public safety.

When I assumed office in December 2022, my priority was stabilizing our organization. Throughout the year, we engaged in constructive discussions, assessed our culture, and charted a course for progress. Our dedicated team worked tirelessly to ensure seamless operations across our four significant bureaus: Administrative Services, Law Enforcement Services, Custody, and Support Services. We've taken steps to ensure that our actions align with the values of the community we serve. Transparency is the cornerstone of trust, and our efforts to enhance transparency include regular communication, community engagement, and sharing critical data, which are highlighted in this report. We've fully embraced rehabilitative programs to assist those in our custody, and by focusing on education, mental health support, and vocational training, we aim to break the cycle of recidivism. We've intensified our recruitment efforts to attract diverse, skilled individuals who share our commitment to service. We recognize that our workforce is our greatest asset and are committed to their health and well-being so they can better serve Santa Clara County.

In 2024, we will continue our journey toward excellence. Our comprehensive annual report will provide further insights into our accomplishments, challenges, and the impact we've made. Together, we'll build a safer, more resilient Santa Clara County. Thank you for your unwavering support. Let's continue to move forward with purpose, compassion, and a shared vision for a stronger community.

Sincerely,

ROBERT JONSEN
SHERIFF

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
EXECUTIVE COMMAND



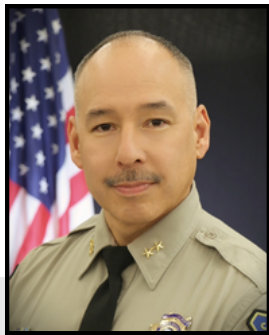
ROBERT JONSEN
SHERIFF



KEN BINDER
UNDERSHERIFF



MICHAEL DOTY
ASSISTANT SHERIFF
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2023



RICH URENA
ASSISTANT SHERIFF
DECEMBER 2023 - PRESENT



DALIA RODRIGUEZ
ASSISTANT SHERIFF



DAVID SEPULVEDA
ASSISTANT SHERIFF

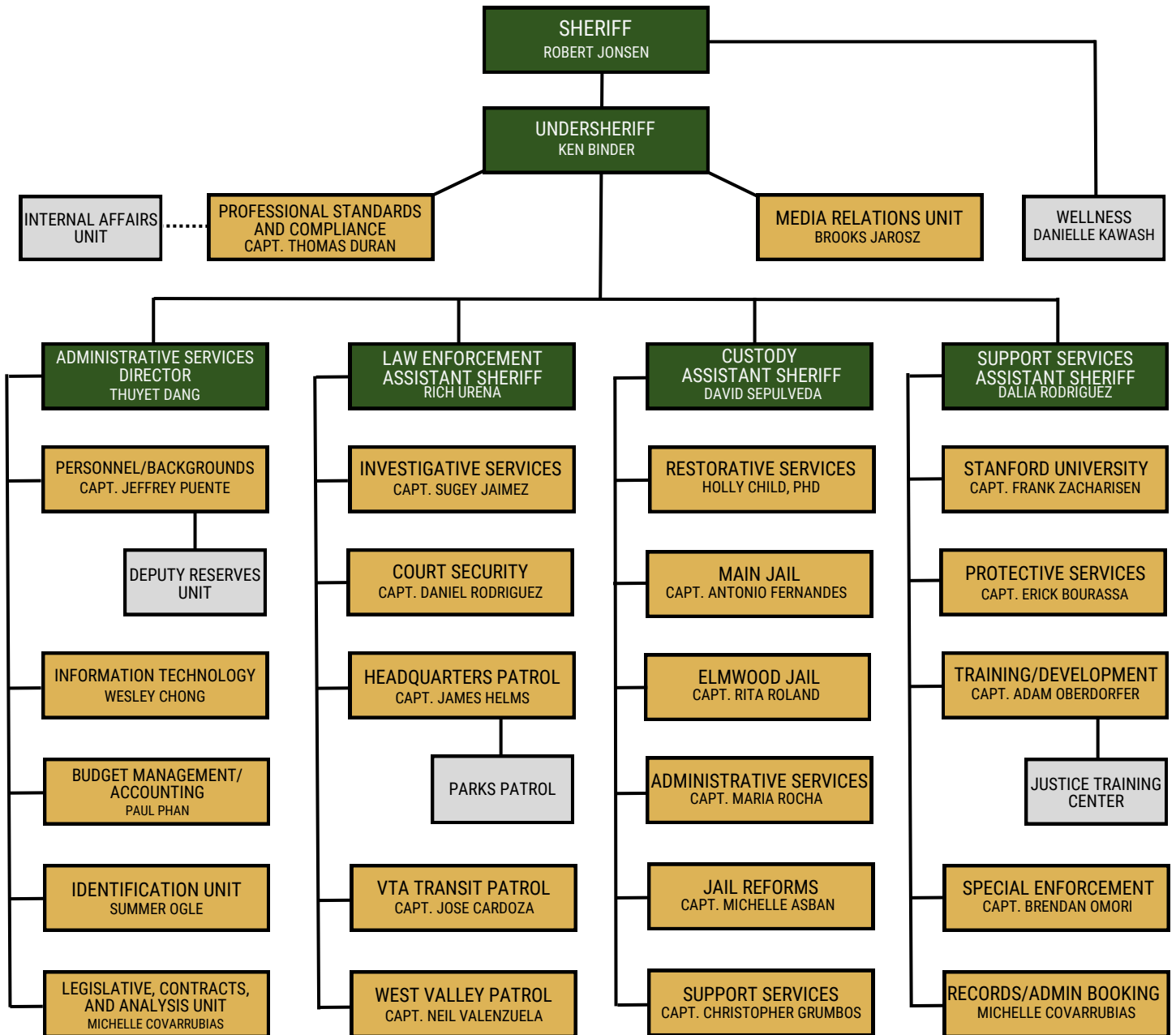
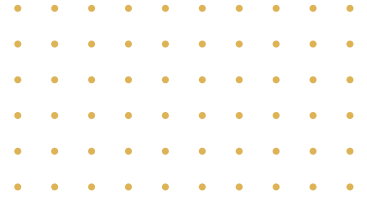


THUYET DANG
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR



SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



OUR MISSION

“The Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to the preservation of public safety by providing innovative and progressive service in partnership with the community.”



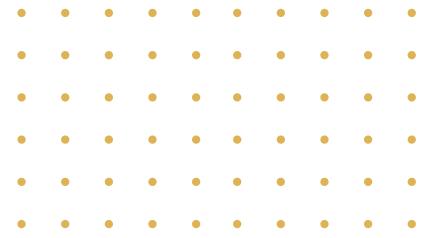
CORE VALUES

- OUR PRINCIPAL MISSION IS PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY
- OUR EMPLOYEES ARE OUR MOST VALUED ASSET
- WE STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF PUBLIC TRUST
- WE DEMAND THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY
- WE VALUE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

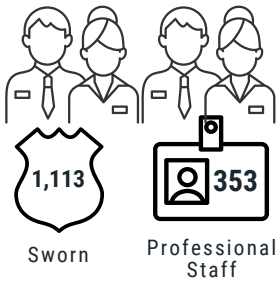
- WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH PERFORMANCE-BASED MANAGEMENT
- WE TREAT EACH OTHER, AND THE COMMUNITY, WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT
- WE RECOGNIZE DIVERSITY AS A STRENGTH
- WE VALUE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN



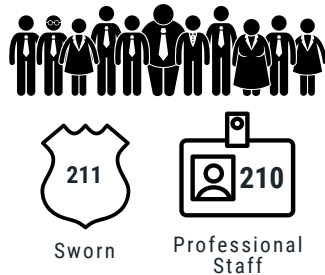
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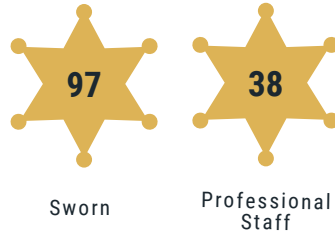
FILLED POSITIONS
1,466



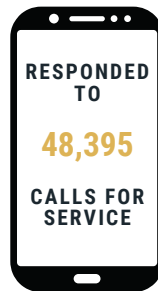
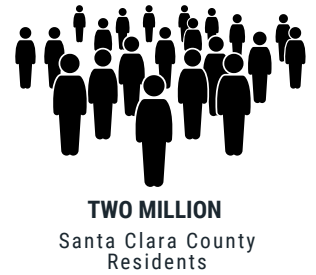
VACANT POSITIONS
421



NEW EMPLOYEES HIRED



COMMUNITY SERVED



PROCESSED
31,908
BOOKINGS INTO CUSTODY



PROVIDED DAILY CARE FOR
2,958
INCARCERATED PERSONS



Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
VTA SERVICE AREA
346 SQ. MILES
Includes 15 municipalities and unincorporated Santa Clara County

CLEARED
8,476
WARRANTS



DEPUTY-INITIATED ACTIONS
143,421

COURT DOCUMENTS PROCESSED
144,104



330
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAMS



2023 SNAPSHOT

DECEMBER (2022)

SHERIFF APPOINTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NAMED ROBERT JONSEN SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S NEW SHERIFF. HE TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 3, 2023.

JANUARY

NEW SHERIFF'S TRAINING

ROBERT JONSEN PARTICIPATED IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION TRAINING FOR NEW SHERIFFS IN SAN LUIS OBISPO.

FEBRUARY

PERMITIUM LAUNCH

ONLINE SELF-SERVICE SYSTEM STREAMLINES THE CONCEALED CARRY WEAPON (CCW) PERMIT PROCESS.

MARCH

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN.

ELMWOOD GRADUATION CEREMONY

AWARDED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.



APRIL

INFORMATION SHARING AGREEMENT

EXPANDED ACCESS TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMPLAINTS, USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS, AND JAIL GRIEVANCES TO THE OFFICE OF CORRECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT MONITORING (OCLEM).

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP & POLICY SUMMIT

SPONSORED EVENT PROMOTING EQUITABLE POLICY CHANGES, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, AND TOOLS TO UPLIFT WOMEN.

MAY

PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL

HONORED THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

CELEBRATED CAREER MILESTONES OF TALENTED AND DEDICATED TEAM MEMBERS.

FIRST 100 DAYS REPORT

COMPREHENSIVE ACTION PLAN FOCUSED ON KEY OBJECTIVES.

YEAR IN REVIEW

JUNE

SHERIFF JONSEN'S TAILGATE KICKOFF

CELEBRATED SHERIFF'S OFFICE ATHLETES PARTICIPATING IN LAW ENFORCEMENT OLYMPICS.

TORCH RUN

ESCORTED THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH THROUGH GILROY, MORGAN HILL, AND CUPERTINO.

TEEN ACADEMY GRADUATION

FREE TWO-WEEK PROGRAM PROVIDED JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONS.

JULY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL

FUNDING FOR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION, WELLNESS COORDINATOR, RESTORATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR, AND COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST APPROVED.

AUGUST

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

ENHANCED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEIGHBORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHILE BRINGING BACK A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

PROMOTIONAL CEREMONY

RECOGNIZED DEDICATED EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVED A WELL-EARNED PROMOTION.



SEPTEMBER

9/11 MEMORIAL

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE TO HONOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

OCTOBER

RECRUITMENT SYMPOSIUM

DAY OF NETWORKING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT HIGHLIGHTED LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREERS AND OUR COMMITMENT TO THE 30X30 INITIATIVE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN BY 30% BY 2030.

MERIT AWARDS CEREMONY

HONORED EMPLOYEES FOR OUTSTANDING ACTS OF HEROISM, VOLUNTEERISM, AND EXEMPLARY WORK.

NOVEMBER

SPSO ACADEMY BEGINS

FIRST CLASS OF SHERIFF'S PROTECTIVE SECURITY OFFICERS (SPSO) BEGAN TRAINING.

DECEMBER

K-9 VMC PEDIATRIC UNIT VISIT

THE K-9 UNIT MADE A SPECIAL VISIT TO THE PEDIATRIC UNIT TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER AND GIVE CHILDREN GIFTS.



RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

**BE FIT.
BE WELL.
BE MORE.**

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RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES

- INCREASING DIGITAL MARKETING
- ENGAGING WITH APPLICANTS BEFORE AND AFTER RECRUITMENT EVENTS
- REENGAGING THOSE WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST
- AUTOMATING THE COMMUNICATION PROCESS
- STREAMLINING AND SIMPLIFYING THE BACKGROUND PROCESS

RETENTION STRATEGIES

- ADVANCING WOMEN IN POLICING
- PROVIDING EDUCATION AND MENTORING
- PRE-ACADEMY ORIENTATION AND FAMILY NIGHTS FOR NEW STAFF
- LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
- A CULTURE OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS TO SUPPORT OUR WORKFORCE
- ENSURING DIVERSE REPRESENTATION ACROSS ALL LEVELS



JOIN US!



APPLY HERE

OUR RECRUITING GOAL

INCREASE THE APPLICANT POOL WHILE EXPANDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.



Recruitment and retention are profound challenges in the law enforcement community today. It's an issue the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office has faced in the last four years. The profession is physically and mentally demanding, and societal needs and expectations have evolved. It is imperative we continue to attract and recruit qualified candidates as well as retain experienced and tenured deputies to meet the needs of those we protect in our custodial facilities and in the communities we serve.

The reduction in law enforcement officers has become evident. The California Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) found a 24% reduction of basic certificates issued since 2013. Over the past decade, POST statistics show roughly 3,200 officers are certified each year. But in mid-December 2022, the number dropped to just 2,424 certifications issued. To attract qualified applicants, our agency has aggressively increased our marketing strategies, recruitment efforts, and streamlined our hiring process.



Advancements have been made to promote our current job openings and opportunities. In collaboration with the Employee Services Agency (ESA) we have participated in job fairs, college and university recruitment events, and local community events, with a goal of attracting those who may have not seriously considered a career in law enforcement. On October 21, 2023, the Sheriff's Office hosted a Law Enforcement Recruitment Symposium for professional and sworn staff. Then, in December, the Sheriff's Office and ESA implemented a Lateral Hire and Recruiting and Referral Pay Incentive Program. We recognize retention strategies are just as critical as recruiting to maintain a stable and diverse workforce.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The average life expectancy of a law enforcement officer is 57 years. That's 22 years less than the general population. Contributing factors include long hours, sleep deprivation, chronic stress, and dangerous working conditions. Additionally, limited time with family and friends, compassion fatigue, and burnout can take a toll.

The Sheriff's Office recognizes how these stressors affect mental, emotional, and physical health and well-being. We strive to provide a healthy environment, programs, trainings, and services to encourage health and wellness. We want our employees to thrive, not just survive their careers, and continue to thrive well past the age of 57. We believe that mentally and physically fit employees result in safer communities and happier families.

BE FIT. BE WELL. BE MORE.





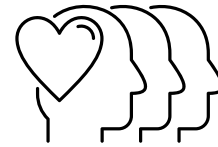
WHAT WE OFFER TO OUR EMPLOYEES



COURAGEOUS HEART TRAINING
Resilience, compassion, and leadership training for all supervisors.



HEALTHY MEALS
Convenient, affordable, and available at several different facilities.



PEER SUPPORT
Dedicated team of trained peers to support our employees and families.



NEW INTRANET AND CORDICO WELLNESS APP
Provides resources, tools, and information about events and programs that encourage health and wellness.



BLUE COURAGE TRAINING
Equipping new recruits with the tools and practices necessary for a healthier stress response when dealing with the demands of policing.



WELLNESS COMMITTEE
Tasked with developing new ideas and sharing perspectives to better deliver information, resources, and programs focused on health and wellness.



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS
A fun weekly activity aimed to encourage participation and engage employees in health, wellness, and fitness.



WELLNESS COORDINATOR
Danielle Kawash was hired to oversee and collaborate with individuals, groups, and other organizations to support our employees' overall health and wellness.

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY & OVERSIGHT

Transparency, accountability, and oversight are fundamental principles for Sheriff Jonsen. Upholding these pillars, he has nurtured a collaborative relationship with our oversight body, the Office of Correction and Law Enforcement Monitoring (OCLEM). Over the past year, the Sheriff's Office has worked alongside OCLEM to enhance practices, policies, and services.

Extensive evaluations of use-of-force, military-style equipment, the Sheriff's Protective Security Officer training, conducted energy devices policies, unmanned aircraft system use policies, and surveillance use policies have been crucial in identifying areas for improvement. These independent reviews also offer the public a transparent and objective perspective on vital issues and incidents. Recognizing the importance of community input, we've engaged with the public through town hall meetings and events like 'Coffee with a Cop,' addressing concerns about policies and equipment acquisition. We deeply value this dialogue as a cornerstone of our community-oriented policing approach. The Sheriff's Office has embraced recommendations to elevate our standards and operations.

The Professional Standards and Compliance Division was established to instill a culture built on trust and accountability. The Division is dedicated to conducting objective, fair, and impartial investigations to ensure our employees treat all community members and incarcerated persons fairly and with dignity and respect. The Division comprises four units: Internal Affairs, Use of Force Review Compliance, Operational Standards and Inspection, and Concealed Carry Weapon Permits.

DID YOU KNOW?

New California laws increased accountability for misconduct by peace officers. They created a process to revoke certifications, expand the list of disqualifying circumstances, and remove some immunity provisions in civil rights lawsuits. It requires law enforcement agencies to investigate all claims of serious misconduct, regardless if the peace officer is still employed and report all allegations and findings. Additionally, most audio and video recordings of "critical incidents" are required to be released within 45 days.



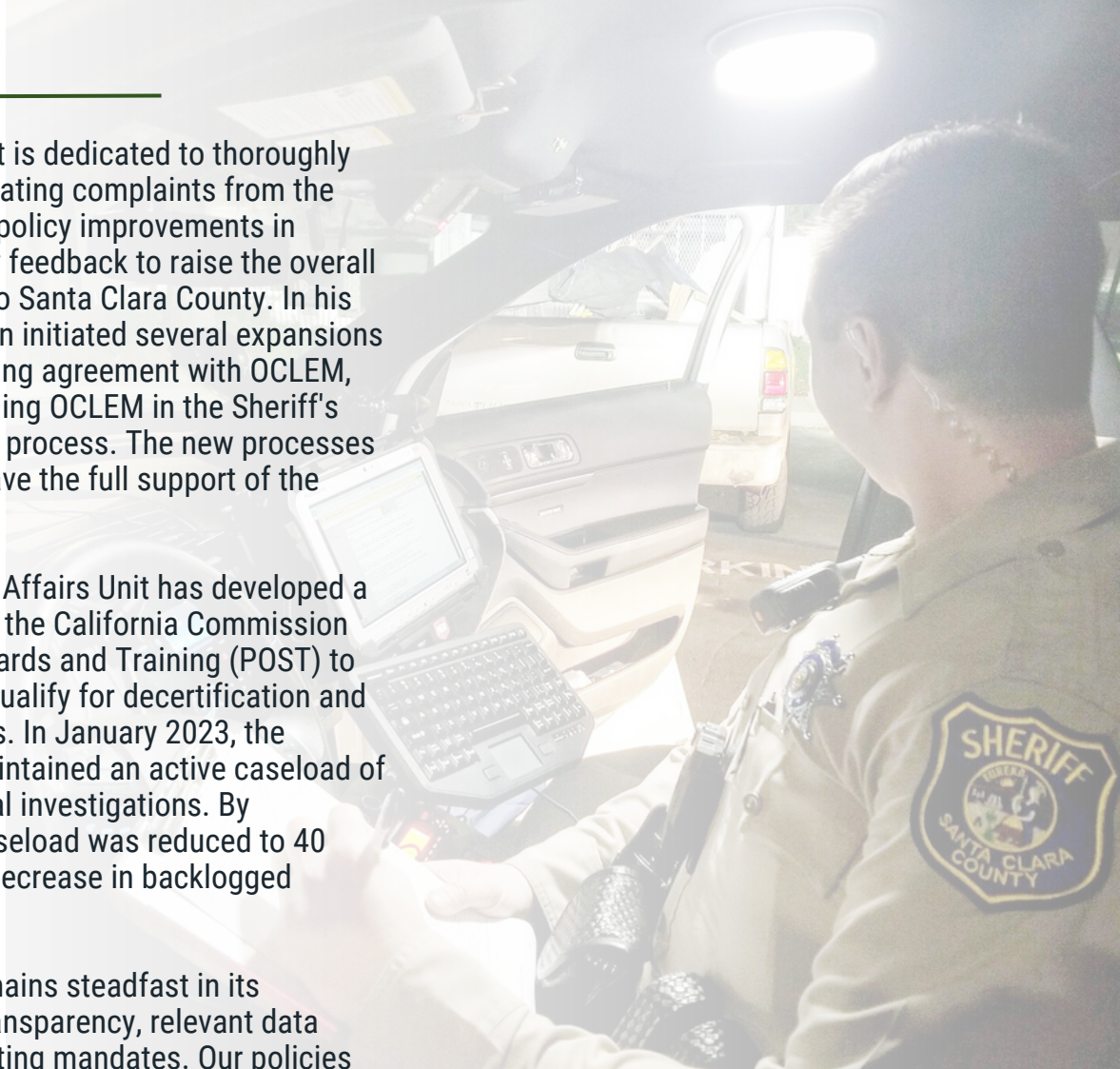
RELEASABLE RECORDS

- DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT A PERSON
- USE OF FORCE RESULTING IN GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH
- UNREASONABLE OR EXCESSIVE FORCE
- FAILURE TO INTERVENE
- SEXUAL ASSAULT
- DISCRIMINATION
- UNLAWFUL SEARCH OR ARREST

The Internal Affairs Unit is dedicated to thoroughly and objectively investigating complaints from the public, and suggesting policy improvements in response to community feedback to raise the overall level of public service to Santa Clara County. In his first year, Sheriff Jonsen initiated several expansions to the information-sharing agreement with OCLEM, which included embedding OCLEM in the Sheriff's Office discipline review process. The new processes are now in place and have the full support of the affected labor unions.

In addition, the Internal Affairs Unit has developed a strong partnership with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to streamline cases that qualify for decertification and ensure timely outcomes. In January 2023, the Internal Affairs Unit maintained an active caseload of approximately 74 formal investigations. By December 2023, the caseload was reduced to 40 investigations—a 43% decrease in backlogged casework.

The Sheriff's Office remains steadfast in its commitment to data transparency, relevant data release laws, and reporting mandates. Our policies and procedures are publicly available to provide clarity and foster understanding.



VISIT OUR
TRANSPARENCY
PORTAL. IT'S OUR
COMMITMENT TO
KEEPING YOU INFORMED!



INTERNAL AFFAIRS QUICK FACTS



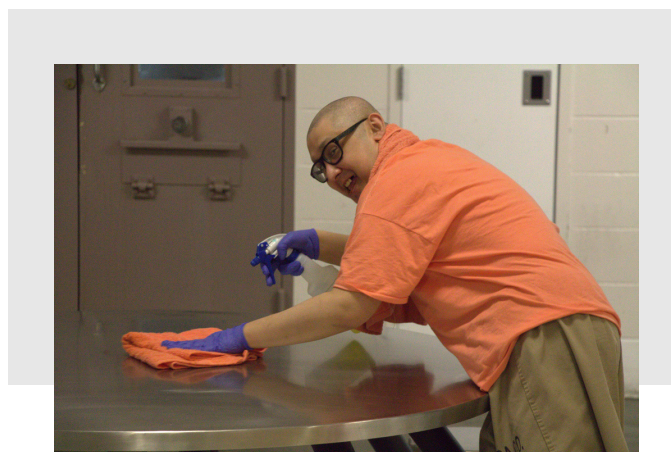
CUSTODY BUREAU

The Sheriff's Office Custody Bureau has been working to improve the living conditions for those in our care. Federal monitors have been extremely critical of the use-of-force review process and the out of cell time for the incarcerated population. In 2023, despite staffing issues, we've made substantial improvements in both areas, resulting in a positive review in the latest Use of Force Report and noting enhanced out of cell time in all housing units. Both accomplishments position us closer to compliance with the Remedial Plans.

On August 2, 2023, the reinstatement of the Inmate Advisory Council (IAC) was a significant achievement in overcoming obstacles caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The IAC was reestablished at the Elmwood and Main Jail facilities under the leadership of Sheriff Jonsen. This milestone answers the call from several Board of Supervisors members who recognized the importance of communication to address custody issues affecting community groups and the incarcerated population.

Enhancements have been made to improve medical care and encourage self-help. A housing unit is now devoted to those detoxing, where medical partners can focus their time and attention to those in need. Additionally, an entire dorm is utilized by the Programs Unit to provide screening and placement of incarcerated persons who strive to better themselves, allowing for schedule flexibility to avoid interfering with other incarcerated persons' out of cell time.

Progress has also been made to reduce the jail population, including a pilot project where individuals with an arrest warrant can contact their attorney and request to be placed on the out of custody arraignment calendar. In collaboration with the courts, the District Attorney's Office, and the Public Defender's Office, this allows them to informally pre-book at the Main Jail and go directly to court without spending time in custody or having to post bail.



3,071
HIGHEST DAILY
JAIL POPULATION

2,958
AVERAGE DAILY
JAIL POPULATION



**VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT
 PILOT PROGRAM**

THERE'S A NEW PROCESS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COURTS AND THE CONDITIONAL RELEASE PROGRAM (CONREP) TO DETERMINE IF SOME INCARCERATED PERSONS ARE DEEMED CAPABLE OF PROCEEDING WITH THEIR CASES.

WHY?

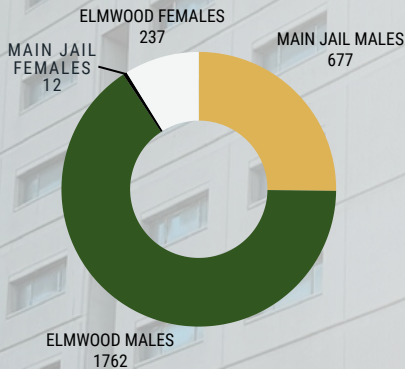
- STAFFING ISSUES
- DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOSPITAL DELAYS
- BACKLOG OF CASES

SOLUTION

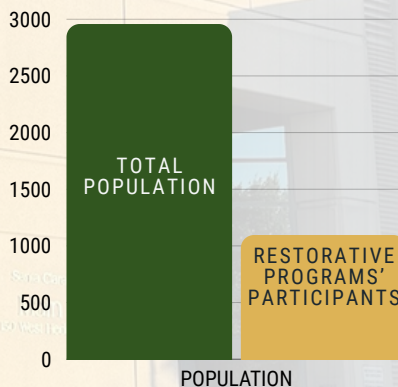
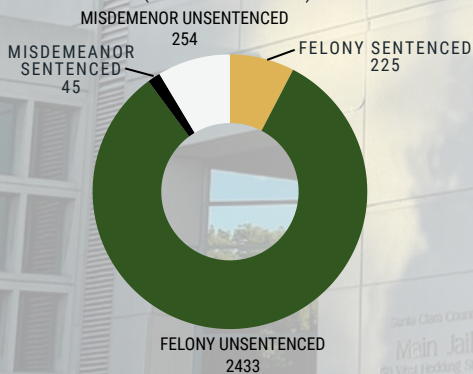
- REMOTE VIDEO ASSESSMENTS
- 12 INMATES SCREENED PER WEEK
- CASE DETERMINATIONS MADE



**UNSENTENCED
 POPULATION**
 (2023 AVERAGE)



**FELONY VS.
 MISDEMEANOR**
 (2023 AVERAGE)



NEW RADIOS FOR JAIL STAFF ARE BEING PROGRAMMED AND SOON WILL BE ISSUED...

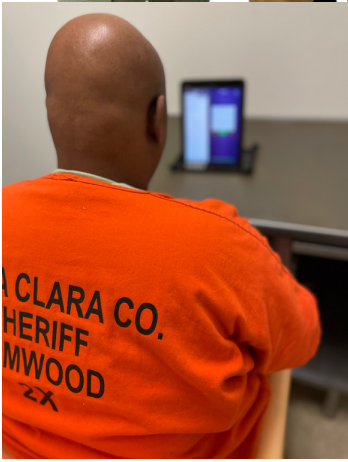




COMMITMENT TO THOSE WITH DISABILITIES

The Sheriff's Office aims to not only meet, but exceed expectations outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), fostering an inclusive and supportive environment within our correctional facilities. The ADA Compliance Unit is dedicated to upholding the principles of equality by providing comprehensive access and opportunities for incarcerated persons with disabilities. All team members are ADA certified, despite the minimum requirement of a single certified ADA Coordinator. Driven by a genuine passion for aiding those with disabilities, many team members maintain their certification even after their assignment changes.

In pursuit of our mission, we regularly engage in reasonable accommodation projects. Recognizing the paramount importance of effective communication, our team has evolved into specialists, proficiently providing resources such as sound amplifiers, video relay services, and video remote interpreting.



INCARCERATED PERSON WHO IS DEAF USING VIDEO RELAY SERVICE TO COMMUNICATE WITH VOICE TELEPHONE USER



ONE OF 60 CELLS WITH ADA COMPLIANT SINKS, TOILETS AND GRAB BARS FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS

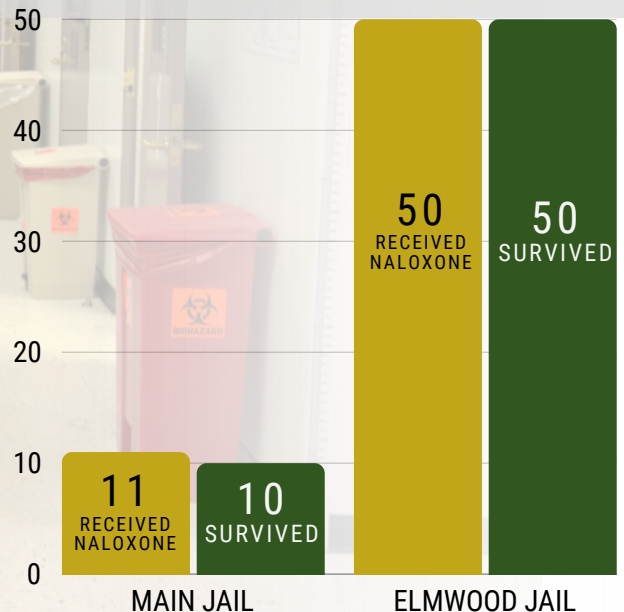


327
IN CUSTODY
WITH
DISABILITIES

GUARANTEED
INTERVIEW
WITH AN
ADA DEPUTY
WITHIN
SEVEN DAYS
TO ADDRESS
NEEDS



NARCAN (NALOXONE) DEPLOYMENT TRAINING TO RAPIDLY REVERSE OPIOID OVERDOSES IS PROVIDED TO SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEES, PREVENTING OVERDOSE DEATHS AND SAVING LIVES.



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES



The Programs Unit, operating under the newly formed Restorative Justice Division, provides rehabilitative opportunities to justice-involved participants both in and out of custody. The unit is primarily composed of Rehabilitation Officers, administrative support staff, and program deputies assigned to uphold day-to-day operations. Encompassing both educational and rehabilitative programs, the underlying goal is to facilitate a lifestyle change for participants to reduce recidivism and promote pro-social behavior.

Rehabilitation Officers (ROs) are civilian staff who specialize in rehabilitation, alternate sentencing, and release planning. Their primary function is to assess and evaluate inmates in the areas of education, vocational training, employment and job placement, substance abuse recovery, anger management, parenting skills, and provide planning for reintegration back into the community. With these goals in mind, ROs work with volunteers and county contractors to provide services that meet the needs of the program participants.



“Before I came to jail, I didn’t really have a path. Programs has helped me to see that there are a lot of good options for me. I see that I have potential to make a difference in my life and be successful.”
- Jose R. (Men’s Minimum Camp, RCP)



Carry the Vision aims to teach life skills for stress reduction, self-awareness, healing and transformation, emotional intelligence development, anger and emotions management, interpersonal communications, healthy relationships, leadership capacity building, and purposeful living.

Participants in Mission College’s baking and kitchen sanitation courses who pass the final exam will be certified food safety managers in all 50 states for five years.

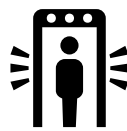


COURT SECURITY DIVISION

SCOPE

- STAFFED DAILY BY APPROXIMATELY 100 DEPUTIES AND SERGEANTS, 13 SHERIFF'S TECHNICIANS AND 15 CONTRACTED SECURITY GUARDS
- PROVIDED SERVICES FOR 7 COURTHOUSES COUNTYWIDE
- SPECIALTY UNITS INCLUDE THE JUDICIAL PROTECTION UNIT (JPU) AND RISK ASSESSMENT DETAIL (RAD)

STATISTICS



758,799
PERSONS
SCREENED
ENTERING
FACILITIES



35,842
PROHIBITED ITEMS
DENIED/HELD/SEIZED



58,759
IN-CUSTODY
APPEARANCES



400+ ON-VIEW ARRESTS, REMANDS, AND
COMMITTS PROCESSED

CHALLENGES



THREATS TO
JUDICIAL OFFICERS



50%
STAFFING SHORTAGE



FENTANYL EPIDEMIC



MITIGATION

- CREATION OF THE CYBERSECURITY PROTECTION PROGRAM AIMED AT PROTECTING JUDICIAL OFFICERS' PRIVACY
- INCREASED EFFICIENCY THROUGH DAILY SCHEDULING COLLABORATION ACROSS ALL COURTHOUSES AND THE USE OF VOLUNTARY/MANDATORY STAFF ON OVERTIME, RESERVES, AND EXTRA HELP
- INCREASED TRAINING TO REDUCE FENTANYL EXPOSURE & EXPEDITE NARCAN (NALOXONE) ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



Like many local, state, and federal organizations, the Sheriff's Office has witnessed the first-hand effects of gun violence. We are committed to enhancing public safety by educating residents and arresting people who actively engage in gun-related crimes. We've taken a progressive, proactive approach to keep residents safe, and introduced innovative initiatives aimed at removing unlawful or unwanted firearms from our communities.

The Sheriff's Office manages, promotes, and sustains a firearm relinquishment program that incentivizes residents to anonymously dispose of unwanted or unused firearms. During the month of August 2023, the organization promoted the program by offering a \$50 gift card for every firearm turned over for destruction. This initiative will continue until all funds have been exhausted.



2023 GUN RELINQUISHMENT PROGRAM
81 RIFLES 69 FIREARMS



In December 2023, the Sheriff's Office held a regional gun buyback event as an additional effort to remove firearms from our communities. Residents were able to anonymously hand over their unwanted guns and were compensated for up to five firearms. Each firearm was safely inspected by a certified range master. Those weapons were later destroyed. Participants were also provided with gun locks and informational packets, including materials on gun safety, suicide prevention, and mental health services available in Santa Clara County.

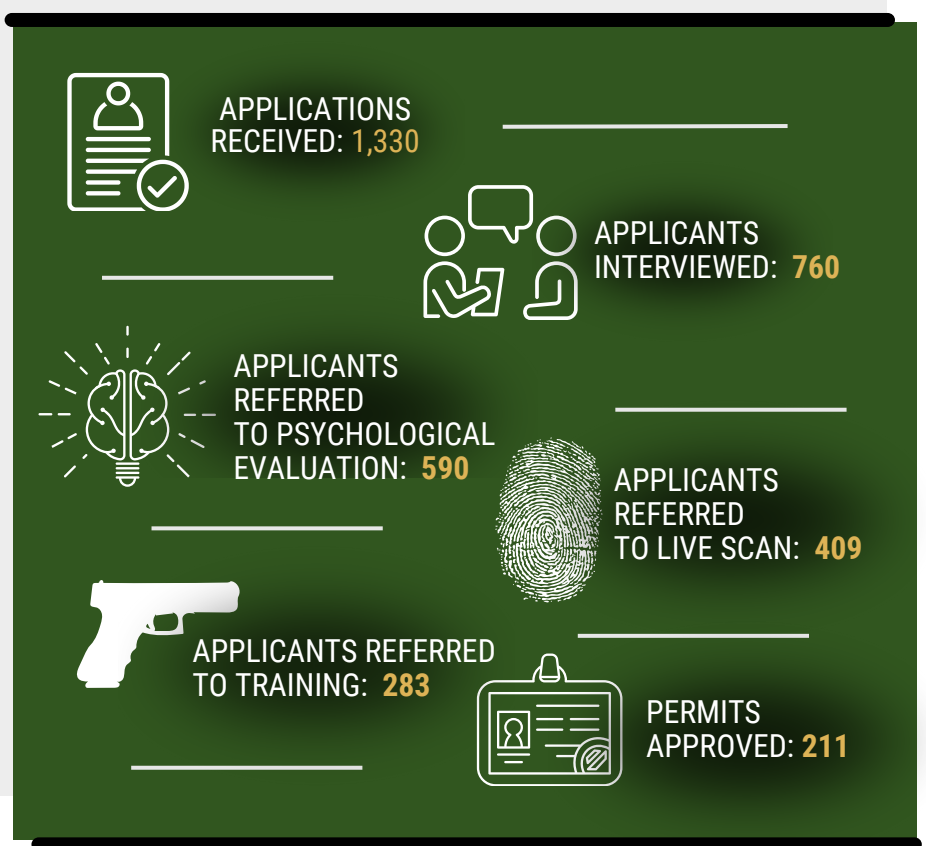
The gun buyback event was held in collaboration with the Office of County Supervisor for District 3 Otto Lee, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department, the Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department, the San Jose Police Department, the Office of San Jose City Council Member for District 3 Omar Torres, and the Office of San Jose City Council Member for District 8 Domingo Candelas.



2023 GUN BUYBACK
408 FIREARMS 273 RIFLES
60 REPLICA FIREARMS
THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRIBUTED \$40,050 IN CASH FOR THE SURRENDER OF THESE FIREARMS.

The United States Supreme Court, in the case of *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, has changed the landscape for CCW issuance across the country. On June 23, 2022, by a ruling of 6-3, the Court effectively nullified the requirement of some states for applicants to show “just cause” to support the need for a CCW before issuance. The less restrictive requirements, along with a high number of new applications in 2022 and 2023 in Santa Clara County, have resulted in a larger number of CCW issuances than in previous years.

On February 16, 2023, the Sheriff’s Office launched Permittium, enabling county residents to apply online for Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) permits. The online self-service system streamlines the application and permitting process with an easy-to-follow, step-by-step application, automatic notifications, automated status tracking and online scheduling, credit card payment, and auto-generated permit/certificate documentation. Since its implementation, the Sheriff’s Office has received more than 1,390 applications and has conducted more than 800 interviews.



C.C.W. Process



ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

The Sheriff's Office is the law enforcement provider for unincorporated Santa Clara County and the three contract cities of Saratoga, Cupertino, and the Town of Los Altos Hills. One of the recent crime trends challenging law enforcement is the rapid increase in organized retail theft incidents. They are generally large, targeted thefts using coordinated and planned attacks on retailers followed by the resale of the stolen goods for financial gain.

On July 5, 2023, the Sheriff's Office submitted a proposal to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program. On September 5, 2023, the agency was selected to receive \$11.7 million in funding. The multi-pronged initiative includes strengthening retailer outreach and partnerships, increased marked presence around retailers for deterrence, a proactive investigative team solely assigned to investigate retail theft, and leveraging additional technologies to better protect patrons and businesses. The grant period began in January 2024, and continues until December 31, 2026.



STARS & STRIDES RUN

JULY 1, 2023



Derived from the Heroes Run, the Sheriff's Office participated in the Stars & Strides Run, which benefited the Valley Health Foundation. We also assisted with the Kid's Fun Run for children between age 2 and 7. The run is approximately a quarter mile through Discovery Meadow Park. Star 1, the Sheriff's Office helicopter, made a special appearance with Wonder Woman and Nalin, the honorary guest.

DEPUTIES & DOGS 5K

NOVEMBER 18, 2023



Sheriff Jonsen envisioned an event in South County focused on fitness with four-legged friends. Deputies & Dogs 5k was created to promote health and wellness, not only for residents and their dogs, but also to strengthen our bonds and relationships with South County community members. Money was raised to support the San Martin Animal Shelter to ensure our county's most vulnerable dogs had the financial help needed for day-to-day needs and medical care.

DECEMBER 15, 2023

SHERIFF CLAUSE



The second annual Sheriff Clause event took place at Luther Burbank School District. The Sheriff's Office partnered with the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara County Peace Officers Association, and several other local unions and businesses to bring holiday joy to the residents within our community. More than 2,000 attendees from the Burbank community enjoyed an evening filled with toys, food, bounce houses, carnival games, and photos with Santa. Additionally, Community Cycles donated 60 brand new bikes for children.

DECEMBER 22, 2023

SANTA PAWS



The sixth annual Santa Paws event successfully closed out 2023. The gathering spread holiday cheer and supported our community. The Canine Unit, in partnership with Sean's K9 Foundation, distributed gifts and food to more than 1,000 families. The Canine Unit also honored a special guest, Rubi, who has been battling cancer. She received a flat screen television, a video game system, and \$2,000 thanks to Academy Class #32 and Sean's K9 Foundation.

RECOGNITION & AWARDS



Community Service

Adeline Espinoza | Dr. Aurora Bibb | Cheryl Walsh | Christopher Masten | Richard Buseman
Rolando Wehbe | Sergeant DeSantiago

Certificate of Commendation

Alberto Martinez | Dr. Patrick Marshall | Lieutenant Gill | Lieutenant Simonson | Sergeant Galaviz | Sergeant Tolbertson
Deputy Colla | Deputy Emery | Deputy Gomez | Sergeant Haselbach | Deputy Hilt | Deputy Nguyen
Deputy Paul | Deputy Robinson

Life Saving Award

Reserve Captain Eide | Reserve Sergeant Sandoval | Deputy Barton | Deputy Chai | Deputy Crawford
Deputy Griep | Deputy R. Gonzales | Deputy Hanson | Deputy Hernandez | Deputy Hilt | Deputy Jordahl
Deputy Le | Deputy Levene | Deputy Lewis-Soper | Deputy Melesio - Trejo | Deputy Navarro | Deputy Sanders
Deputy S. Ramirez | Deputy Satariano | Deputy Staden | Deputy Szemanski | Deputy Tapia | Deputy Webb



Medal of Valor

Sergeant Barbour | Deputy Barton | Deputy Boring | Deputy Griep | Deputy Hernandez | Deputy Hilt
 Deputy Lee | Deputy Mohamed | Deputy Parodi | Deputy Plancarte | Deputy Rios | Deputy Ruban | Deputy Ruiz
 Deputy Simms | Deputy Stanford | Deputy Stevenson | Deputy Vesey

Medal of Honor



DEPUTY GONZALEZ



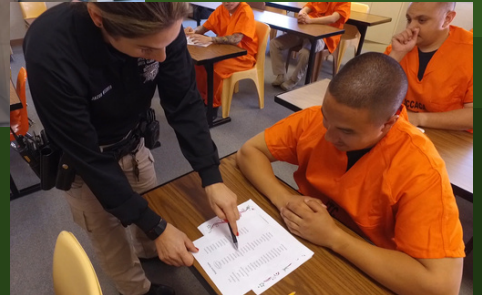
DEPUTY RIOS



DEPUTY DONGON

Thank You For Your Service — Retirees

Ana Regidor | Babylyta Sembrano | Camille Silva | Christine McAfee-Ward | James Balthrope | Linda Wallace | Mona Soldier Boy
 Yungshu Caho | Assistant Sheriff Doty | Captain D. Lera | Captain Padget | Lieutenant Candelaria | Lieutenant T. Lera | Lieutenant Roberts
 Lieutenant Simonson | Lieutenant Smith | Sergeant Boles | Sergeant Carrasco | Sergeant Cuevas | Sergeant Fisher | Sergeant Gillotte
 Sergeant Glatz | Sergeant Signorino | Deputy Avalos | Deputy Babasa | Deputy Brand | Deputy Chang | Deputy Clark | Deputy Crescini
 Deputy Cutforth | Deputy Dover | Deputy Dunlap | Deputy Esquivel | Deputy Fernandez | Deputy Hendricks | Deputy Leong | Deputy Leuck
 Deputy Magana | Deputy Navarro | Deputy Norrie-Siegling | Deputy D. Ramirez | Deputy S. Ramirez | Deputy Ryder | Deputy Spade
 Deputy Souza | Deputy Swanstorm | Deputy Torres | Deputy Tran | Deputy Velasquez | Deputy Woo | Deputy Zimmerman
 Deputy Hutson | Correctional Officer Jacquez | Correctional Officer Tran | Correctional Officer Trejo



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