

Tehama County Sheriff's Office 2024 Annual Report



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A Message from Sheriff Dave Kain

This year concludes the second year of my first term as Tehama County Sheriff-Coroner and begins my twenty-ninth year in law enforcement. The challenges and changes of this profession have definitely evolved over those nearly three decades. What hasn't, is the dedication and selfless service provided by the law enforcement professionals of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office.

As Sheriff-Coroner the biggest challenge I faced upon election was the historic staffing deficit, affecting all corners of services provided by our office. I'm happy to report that we have cut that deficit in half and have restored almost all services. The jail is not currently at full capacity and animal regulations calls for service remain reduced while we continue to hire staff to fill those vital vacancies. I am hopeful these staffing levels regulate before the completion of the jail expansion project. This jail expansion will further strengthen public safety by keeping violent and chronic offenders in jail.

We are also happy to report we have embraced many new methods of technology to assist in our day-to-day operations as well as investigative processes. We have utilized numerous social media platforms, apps and reformatted our website to have readily available information in times of emergency and to foster transparency.

Our current annual report documents many changes and updates as our agency continues to progress.

In closing I would like to thank all my employees for their hard, dedicated work and the citizens we serve for their assistance and support of our agency.



Command Staff

Undersheriff Garrett has worked for the Tehama County Sheriff's Office since 1998. Prior to working for Tehama County, he worked for the Shasta County Sheriff's Office as a Boating Safety Officer.

Past assignments have included Jail, Patrol, Civil, Boating, DARE Instructor, Marijuana Eradication Team, Narcotics Agent for the Tehama Interagency Drug Enforcement (TIDE) Task Force, and Investigations Divisions. He has been a Jail Training Officer, Field Training Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Lieutenant in charge of Operations.

Undersheriff Garrett is currently a Team Leader for the Interagency SWAT team of which he has been a member since 2002. He was also a member of the Sheriff's rescue dive team and is one of four Department Range Instructors.

Undersheriff Garrett is an active member of the California Narcotic Officers Association (CNOA) and the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO).



Undersheriff Jeff Garrett



Captain Derek Sherrill

Captain Derek Sherrill began his career in law enforcement in 2001 with an enlistment in the Air Force as a member of a Security Forces squadron. Captain Sherrill underwent three separate deployments to the Middle East during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom; He received an honorable discharge in 2005.

Captain Sherrill has been employed with the Tehama County Sheriff's Office since 2008. He started in the Jail Division as a Correctional Officer and quickly promoted to Deputy Sheriff within his first year. In 2009 Captain Sherrill was transferred to the Operations Division as a Patrol Deputy, where he held a variety of assignments including S.W.A.T, Field Training Officer, Investigator, Boating Operator and Range Instructor.

In 2018, Captain Sherrill was promoted to Patrol Sergeant and was selected to be an Assistant Team Leader for the Tehama Interagency S.W.A.T. team, which he has been a member of since 2009.

Captain Sherrill achieved the rank of Lieutenant in 2019 and was re-assigned to the Administrative Division. He also took on the role of S.W.A.T team leader.

Captain Sherrill was promoted to the rank Captain in 2023, assigned to oversee all three divisions of the Sheriff's Office. He also became the designated S.W.A.T. team commander; a role which he still currently holds.

Operations Division

Lieutenant Bakken has worked for the Tehama County Sheriff's Office since January 2001. During his employment with the Tehama County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Bakken has held the ranks of Correctional Officer, Correctional Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff, Detective and Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Bakken began his employment in January 2001 as a Correctional Officer assigned to the Tehama County Jail responsible for the supervision and transportation of inmates. As a Correctional Officer, he worked as the Jail Classification Officer, Inmate Programs Coordinator, Jail Training Officer, and Jail Training Coordinator.

Lieutenant Bakken attended the basic P.O.S.T. academy at Butte Community College in 2005. Upon graduation from the academy he was promoted to the rank of Deputy Sheriff and was assigned to the patrol division. Lieutenant Bakken was assigned as a Field Training Officer and participated in the training of deputies in the patrol division. He has been assigned as a shift supervisor as needed.

Lieutenant Bakken was promoted to the rank of Detective in 2018 and was assigned to the Tehama Major Crimes Unit where he worked a variety of investigations including homicides, sexual assaults, and child abuse cases.

Lieutenant Bakken promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2021 and assigned to the Custody Division.

In 2023 Lieutenant Bakken took over the management of the Operations Division and Major Crimes.

Lieutenant Bakken is currently the Public Information Officer, a Hostage/Crisis Negotiator, a Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Operator and as a Report Writing Instructor.



Lieutenant Rob Bakken



Sergeant Steve Hoag

Sergeant Stephen Hoag served in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne 187th Infantry and upon completion of service in 1999, went into the law enforcement academy at Butte College where he began his law enforcement career.

Since graduating from the police academy in 2000, he has worked at the Tehama County Sheriff's Office, operating in the county jail as a Correctional Officer before becoming a Sheriff's Deputy for the agency. As a peace officer he has been a Patrol Deputy and a Field Training Officer (FTO).

Sgt. Hoag worked in the Detectives Division as an Investigator for two years and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he became a Field Operations supervisor and has overseen the Dispatcher Unit and Animal Regulations Officers unit. Later in his career with the Sheriff's Office, he supervised the Detective's Division in the Major Crimes unit along with the Coroner's Division.

Sgt. Hoag's supplemental duties include Use of Force instructor and Taser program supervisor and instructor.

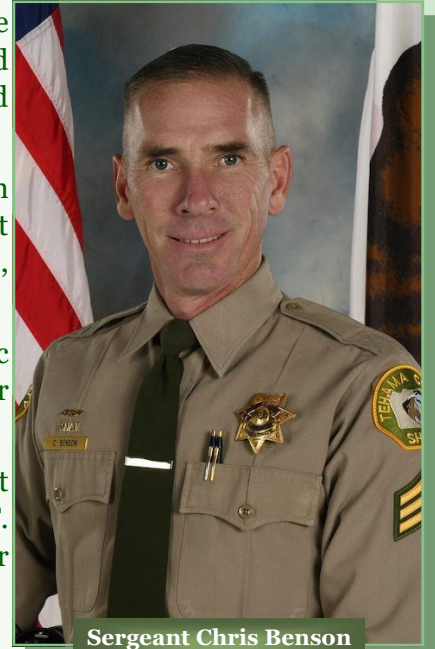
Operations Division

Sergeant Benson started his career in 1998 in the US Army. He spent three years stationed in Ft. Drum, NY. He was honorably discharged and was hired as a correctional officer in 2001. In 2003 he was called back to active duty and deployed to Iraq for the beginning of the war as Military Police.

Sergeant Benson attended the Butte Extended Academy and graduated in 2006. In February of 2007 he was promoted to Deputy Sheriff. Sergeant Benson has been assigned to various duties which include Patrol, S.W.A.T., Dive Team, Field Training Officer, T.I.D.E. Narcotics Task Force.

Sergeant Benson left Tehama County in 2018 and bought a ranch in Modoc County where he worked for 4 years as a patrol sergeant, training coordinator and K-9 handler.

Sergeant Benson returned to Tehama County in July 2022 as a patrol sergeant with his K-9 partner Rogue. Sergeant Benson has returned to the S.W.A.T. Team and is excited to help other deputies and employees reach their career goals.



Sergeant Chris Benson



Sergeant Zack Backus

Sergeant Backus began his Law Enforcement career in 2010 with the Trinity County Sheriff's Office. While employed with Trinity County he served as a Correctional Officer, Dispatcher and Reserve Deputy Sheriff.

In 2014 he went to the Shasta County Marshal's Office where he worked as a Bailiff. While primarily assigned to a trial court, he also worked in traffic court and family courtrooms.

In 2016 he was hired as a Deputy Sheriff assigned to the Patrol Division for the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. In 2018 he was presented the Life Saving award for his actions on a traffic accident that he came upon, ultimately saving the life of a 17-year-old. In 2022, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant within the Patrol Division.

Sergeant Backus is currently assigned to the Crisis Negotiations Team as the Team Leader, Sheriff's Honor Guard, a Terrorism Liaison Officer and the Tehama County Explorer Post Coordinator. His prior assignments include being the City of Tehama Dedicated Area Deputy and a Field Training Officer.

Sergeant Backus served as the Tehama County Deputy Sheriff's Association President for two terms, involved in community outreach, and is a youth wrestling coach. He also holds a Bachelor's degree of Art in History from National University. Sergeant Backus is a member of the California Association of Hostage Negotiators, California Narcotic Officer's Association, California Peace Officers Association and Peace Officer's Research Association of California.

When not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and two sons.

Operations Division

Sergeant Maria began his career with the Tehama County Sheriff's Office in August 2012 as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. He promoted to Deputy Sheriff in April 2013.

Sergeant Maria spent six years as a Patrol Deputy assigned to the operations division. During that time he has served as the Sheriff's Explorer Advisor, President of the Tehama County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, First Aid/CPR instructor, Drone Operator and a Field Training Officer. He promoted to Patrol Sergeant before pursuing an investigative assignment as a Detective. In 2023, Sergeant Maria promoted back to Patrol Sergeant.

Sergeant Maria has been awarded the Tehama County Deputy Sheriffs' Association "Deputy of the Year", The Tehama County Sheriff's Office "Case of the Year", and has been recognized by the California State Assembly for "Case of the Year".

Sergeant Maria is a commercial helicopter pilot and was instrumental in the creation of the Sheriff's Aviation program.

When away from work, Sergeant Maria enjoys spending time with his dog, social events with friends and traveling.



Sergeant Dustin Maria



Detective Sergeant
Greg Thompson

Sergeant Thompson has worked for the Tehama County Sheriff's Office since 2005 where he began his career as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff. In November 2007, he was hired as a full-time Deputy Sheriff. In March 2021, he was promoted to Sergeant.

Sergeant Thompson has worked in the Jail, the Courts, as a K-9 handler, and for many years was a Field Training Officer responsible for training new Deputies hired by the Sheriff's Office.

While assigned to patrol, Sergeant Thompson received the California Highway Patrol and the American Automobile Association's "10851" Award. This award recognizes Law Enforcement Officers throughout California who have been proactive in recovering stolen vehicles and apprehending criminals involved in auto theft.

Sergeant Thompson is currently assigned to the Tehama County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Investigation Unit.

Major Crimes Investigations

Tehama Major Crime Unit's mission is to show expected measurable outcomes for a reduction in violent and property crimes. Tehama Major Crime Unit responds to requests for assistance in conducting major crimes investigations from the Red Bluff Police Department, Corning Police Department, Tehama County Sheriff's Office, Tehama County Probation, and the California Highway Patrol. Tehama Major Crime Unit will adopt major crimes from these agencies if requested, if the crimes meet the standards set forth in the policy and procedures. Tehama Major Crime Unit also responds to, assists or conducts the criminal investigation in all officer involved shootings within the County of Tehama.

Tehama County Investigations Unit

The Tehama County Sheriff's Investigation Unit is a highly specialized team of well training detectives who are responsible for the more time intensive and sensitive criminal investigations. Each detective is assigned an individual case load and also works in harmony with the members of the unit, other agencies and patrol deputies to handle major felony cases from homicide to bank robberies. Often 100 major criminal cases are processed through the investigation unit each year.

Year	2022	2023	2024
Investigations cases	137	148	168
Major Crimes cases	72	90	73
Total cases	209	238	241

Dispatch & Communication Center

The Sheriff's Communications Center/Dispatch is the hub of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. The communications center was renovated and remodeled in 2016 which provides four fully operational dispatch stations. The Sheriff's Communication Center has a staff of eight full-time dispatchers.

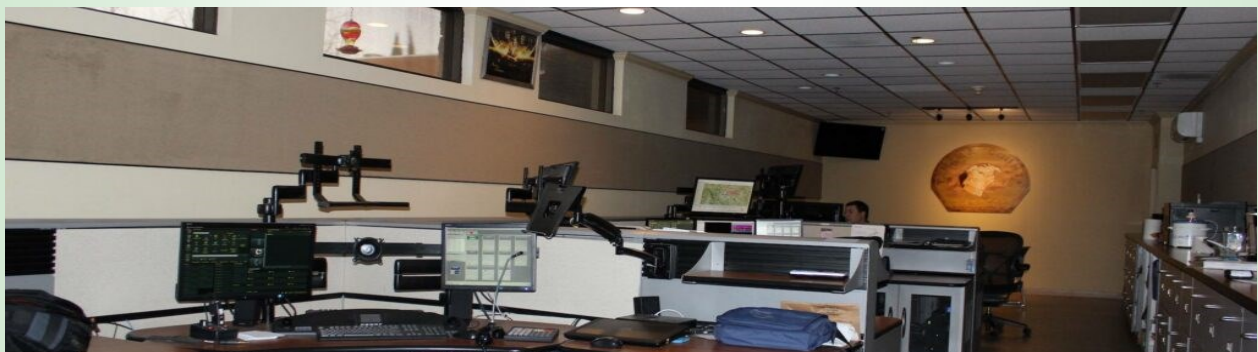
The center is staff 24-hours per day, seven days per week. The dispatchers work rotating 12-hour shifts, and there are usually two dispatchers on duty at any time, when staffing allows.

Dispatchers are responsible for answering seven 911 emergency telephone lines; two 7-digit back up emergency telephone lines, 10 business telephone lines, and several other inter-department telephone lines. The communications center dispatches for Tehama County only. The cities of Red Bluff and Corning have their own dispatch centers.

The dispatchers are responsible for keeping track of all patrol deputies, detectives, sergeants, and other miscellaneous personnel who are on-duty. The dispatchers must also monitor Red Bluff Police Department, Corning Police Department, CAL Fire, Tehama Probation, Tehama DA Investigators, US Forest Service and the California Highway Patrol to make sure they are aware of an incident that may carry over into the county or assist those agencies if needed. This includes monitoring the primary and secondary radio channels and 11 other monitored channels used by other agencies. The dispatchers use a CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system for tracking the units and calls for services. When a call for service is received, dispatch must enter the call in the computer and radio the appropriate deputy to respond to the incident. The dispatcher must check everyone involved in the call and make sure there are no alerts or dangers to the deputies responding.

Dispatchers are also responsible for daily paperwork at the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. Dispatchers enter and track warrants, which includes entering warrants into the computers and state warrant systems, abstracting them to other counties or agencies when the person is arrested, and updating the warrants to show when they were served, recalled, or purged. Dispatchers run driver's license queries, criminal history checks, and wanted person checks for the patrol units, other agencies, and for report purposes. Dispatchers will enter restraining orders into the computer system and keep track of the involved paperwork for the county.

Dispatchers are also responsible for running paperwork for the county. Dispatchers are responsible for running paperwork for every intake into the Tehama County Jail, making sure each person has been booked completely, including driver's license checks, wanted persons checks and criminal history.



Coroner's Division

When a person dies while not under the immediate and direct care of a physician, the Coroner's Office conducts an investigation to determine the cause of death. The Tehama County Coroner's Office investigates all deaths in Tehama County, including those within the city limits of Red Bluff and Corning.

In 2024 the Coroner's Office investigated 187 deaths, of these, 118 were determined to be from natural causes, such as advanced age or illness. 47 were the result of accidents, seven by suicide, two by overdose and ten are still pending investigations. In two cases, the cause of death was undetermined. In undetermined cases, there were multiple causes of death; such as advanced age, illness, and other factors that prevented investigators from pinpointing a single cause of death. There was no foul play or suspicious circumstances involved in either death.

In April of 2024 the Tehama County Sheriff's Office began a morgue remodel project to expand storage and updated the autopsy room used by the coroners.



Coroners Alondra Jauregui, Jennifer Sizemore, Amanda Meza

Office of Emergency Services

Sergeant Danielle Harris is the Deputy Director of our O.E.S. Division, responsible for the day to day operations.

Sgt. Harris has worked for the Tehama County Sheriff's Office since 2002, where she started working as a Correctional Officer in the jail. In 2007 she was promoted to Deputy Sheriff. Since then, she has worked numerous assignments such as Tehama Interagency Drug Enforcement (TIDE), AB109, Field Training Officer, Livestock Investigator and Search and Rescue team coordinator.

Sgt. Harris promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2019 and is currently assigned to the Office of Emergency Services and the Civil Division.

In her off-time Sgt. Harris enjoys riding horses, barrel racing and spending time with her family.



Sergeant Danielle Harris



The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (O.E.S.) is on-call 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year.

O.E.S. personnel respond to floods, fires, chemical and hazardous material spills and other disasters or emergency events throughout Tehama County. They also assist other jurisdictions throughout California through the State's Mutual Aid System, and in extreme emergency situations, are available to help agencies throughout the country and the world.

Sheriff's O.E.S. teams perform emergency situation notifications using "Tehama Alert" Everbridge notification platforms and evacuation notifications using Genasys Protect (formally Zonehaven) software.

Always be prepared, develop a family emergency plan. Create an Emergency Preparedness Kit – Be Red Cross Ready. Practice your plan, check and update your kit frequently if needed.

An advertisement for Genasys Protect. On the left, there is a vertical strip with logos for the County of Tehama Sheriff's Office, the State of California, and the Red Cross. To the right, the text reads "Stay informed before, during, and after an evacuation." Below this is a QR code and the text "Find your zone now at protect.genasys.com". On the far right, a smartphone screen displays a map with various evacuation zones labeled with codes like "TEC-001", "TEC-002", etc.

Training



Mandated training for all officers and department personnel is scheduled and coordinated through the Administrative Division Training Manager SSO Jeannie Pinnow who recently promoted to the Records Supervisor.



The Training Unit coordinated over 7,531 hours of P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) and S.T.C (Standards and Training for Corrections) certified training in 2024.

Evidence

The Sheriff's Evidence Unit is charged with storing and maintaining evidence gathered in criminal investigations and property taken for safekeeping.

Regardless of importance, each item of evidence must be meticulously packaged, secured and preserved for an indefinite time period.

Once items are logged and received at the evidence facility, personnel assigned to the unit are charged with maintaining the evidence, transferring it to various laboratories for analysis, providing it to court for the judicial process, and returning or disposing of the property pursuant to the orders of the court and direction of the District Attorney Office.



Evidence Tech Jennifer Coonfield, SSO Brittany Miller

In 2024 a total of 2,151 separate items of evidence were logged. A total of 27,085 items are logged and maintained by the Evidence Unit.



Civil Division



The Sheriff's Civil Unit is comprised of a supervising Sergeant, one Deputy and a full time Sheriff's Service Officer, SSO Julie Ellerd. SSO Ellerd was also tasked with processing the PRA (Public Records requests) directed to the Sheriff's Office.

Below is the number of subpoenas served and cases processed (including wage garnishments, evictions, restraining orders and other court-ordered process). As well as the total amount processed and distributed in garnishments and on behalf of the courts, businesses and individuals.

Year	2022	2023	2024
Subpoenas Service requested	825	1116	1093
Subpoenas Served	449	623	605
Open Wage Garnishments	69	65	68
Evictions Completed	115	130	116
Open Bank/Property Levies	35	27	8



Personnel

Tehama S.O. Personnel employees are charged with recruitment, testing, pre-employment background investigations, and the eventual hiring of new employees; and also prepares and monitors promotional examinations.

In 2024, the department conducted multiple recruitment sessions, receiving 289 applications, interviewing 88 applicants and hiring 18 individuals. Also during this time period nine employees were promoted. At the time of this report, the department has 18 vacancies and five “frozen” positions that cannot be filled at this time.

Sheriff's Office Personnel Includes

Sheriff - 1
Undersheriff - 1
Captain - 1
Lieutenants -3
Sergeants - 7
Detectives -4
Deputy Sheriffs -20
Correctional Sergeants - 6
Correctional Deputies -17
Deputy Coroners -3
Dispatch Supervisor - 1
Dispatchers - 7
Accountant -1
Fiscal Manager - 1
Accounting Tech III - 1
Administrative Secretaries -3
Sheriff's Service Officers - 6
Animal Regulation Officers -3
Jail Cook Staff -3
Evidence Tech - 1
Court Bailiff - 3
Farm Tech - 1
Vehicle Maintenance - 3
Building Maintenance - 2

Promotions

Randy Sousa promoted to Correction Sergeant May 26, 2024
Derek Burgess promoted to Correction Sergeant May 26, 2024
Justin Nachand promoted to Court Bailiff May 26, 2024
Nickoli Brummond promoted to Fiscal Analyst June 30, 2024
Sherwin Leggett promoted to Court Bailiff June 30, 2024
Jeannie Pinnow promoted to Sheriff's Record Supervisor Oct 6, 2024
Chase Corry promoted to Detective October 6, 2024
Trevor Kain promoted to Patrol Deputy December 14, 2024
Jose Campanero promoted to Patrol Deputy

Year	2022	2023	2024
Applications Received	215	209	289
Interviewed	95	97	88
Hired	9	13	18
Number of Jobs Posted	42	29	43

Boating Division



The Tehama County Sheriff's Office Boating Safety and Enforcement Unit is funded through yearly grants from the State Department of Boating and Waterways. From 2016-2024 TCSO received over \$1.2 million in grant funding. Officers assigned to this unit patrol 82 miles of the Sacramento River, in addition to Black Butte Lake.

From 2022-2024 boating officers investigated 4 boating accidents and 5 drownings. Patrolling over 1,500 hours on county waterways, officers issued 138 warnings, 8 citations, 1 warrant arrest and inspected 289 vessels. 12 vessels in

distress were assisted as well as 23 people, and 333 boating safety presentations were made to boaters and other interested persons. The Unit also does "Aqua Smart" water safety education to grades K-8 during summer and after school programs, this program alone has been presented to over 500 children annually.

The Boating Safety Unit patrolled and protected boaters, rafters and swimmers at numerous special events, including the 4th of July fireworks event at City Park in Red Bluff, the Black Butte Sailing Regatta, and a number of organized rafting and canoe trips.

In 2020/2021, a \$141,142 grant was also received from the Department of Boating and Waterways, which allowed the department to purchase a brand-new Rogue Jet, a 21-foot patrol boat (which was delivered at the end of boating season 2022) and two new Sea Doo high performance personal watercraft. The Boating Safety Unit also has a 2001 Jet Craft 21-foot jet boat, a 2009 Thunder Jet 21-foot jet boat, an inflatable Zodiac and a flood rescue boat known as a "Mud Boat" which can be used for shallow water rescues during floods.



The Boating Safety Unit also works and trains with TCSO specialty units such as SWAT, K9 and Search and Rescue. The Boating Safety Unit has partnered with local businesses and civic organizations such as Vesper Lodge, Dignity Health, Greenville Rancheria and the 20/30 Club of Red Bluff to provide boating safety items such as life vests, fire extinguishers and other items to boaters and low-income families.



The Boating Safety Unit is run by a full-time Sergeant and staffed by specially trained reserve deputies, deputies, detectives and a captain who will give up their days off to work the boating unit.

Boating Division



Sergeant Mark Levindofske

I began my law enforcement career in 1995 as a Reserve Deputy for the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. I became a full time Deputy in 1997.

I have worked in the Jail, Transportation, School Resource Officer, and Patrol. In 2007, I was promoted to Sergeant and worked as a Patrol Sergeant until 2013. I spent two years as the Detective Sergeant and then returned to Patrol in 2015.

In 2013, I attended the Boating Safety course and became one of our Boating Safety Officers. From 2013 – 2018, I worked with the Boating Unit on my days off when they needed additional help. I took over as the Boating Safety Unit Sergeant in 2019.

My wife and I enjoy spending our free time outdoors hiking the local trails and kayaking on the river.



S.T.A.R.S.

(Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors)

The Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) is coordinated through the Administration Division, supervised by the Civil/OES Sergeant. These dedicated and invaluable volunteers donate countless hours to the citizens of Tehama County, patrolling neighborhoods, performing vacation house watches, manning command posts, assisting with traffic control during special events, performing clerical functions, and assisting with a variety of other functions throughout the county.

The Tehama County S.T.A.R.S. are invaluable members of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office.



S.T.A.R.S. Patrol Vehicle

Records's Division

The records unit is charged with processing and administering permits for bingo, dances, firearms sales, explosives storage and transportation and special events. They also prepare, review and issue concealed weapons permits to qualified county residents using the Permitium system, an on line application and payment program.

Likewise, this unit registers and tracks those convicted of specific sex, arson and drug violations.

Annually, personnel in this division must also locate, copy and distribute thousands of reports and records from the millions of documents currently on file; both in paper form and in computer files. The Public Records Act Requests (PRAs) inquiries have doubled this year, and the redaction, communications with County Attorneys and release of the records has an “all hands on deck” approach from our Records Division. Each member of the records team put in time to complete the tasks in a timely manner.

The Records Division is also the primary call takers for Sheriff’s business that does not go through the dispatch center.

Year	2022	2023	2024
Livescans	340	545	641
CCW Initial Permits	165	154	139
CCW Renewal Permits	775	856	524
Sex Offender Registrations	655	551	393
Arson Offender Registrations	14	14	20
Background Checks for Law Enforcement	271	337	402



Civil SSO Julie Ellerd, SSO Mary McMartin, Records Supervisor Jeannie Pinnow, SSO Jenny Warfield, SSO Rebecca Kendrick

Fiscal

The Accounting Division prepares and oversees the Sheriff's Office nearly \$25 million dollar budget. The accounting unit pays over 4,000 separate vendors for services and supplies, and submits bills to a variety of agencies and entities for booking fees, contracted services and federal and state reimbursements.

The Accounting Division handles the department wide payroll, grant management and billing.

Fiscal Analyst Nickoli Brummond oversees an Accountant I/II who handles the grant programs and an Accounting Technician who handles the payroll and billing.



Accounting Technician III Alicia Houghtby, Accountant I/II Jennifer Crane, Fiscal Analyst Nickoli Brummond

Reserve Deputy Unit

The Tehama County Sheriff's Reserve Unit has 5 members and they donate many volunteer hours to the citizens of Tehama County. These dedicated volunteer deputies, at no cost to the tax-payer; work as "second-man" backup to Deputy Sheriffs in patrol units, assist in the jail, perform search and rescue, work boating events, staff our local lakes during summer boating season and provide security at special events like the fair and rodeo.



K-9 Division

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office currently has three K9's assigned to our operations division. Sergeant Christopher Benson is the current supervisor overseeing the K9 unit and is partnered with K9 Rogue. K9 Rogue is a seven-year-old German Shepard and has been working with Sergeant Benson since 2019. K9 Rogue came from Slovakia and is trained in narcotics detection, apprehension and tracking and recently was certified to be utilized by the Tehama County Swat team.



Sergeant Benson & Rogue



Deputy Foster & Silas

Deputy Joe Foster is a current K9 Handler assigned to patrol and is partnered with K9 Silas. K9 Silas is a two-year-old German Shepard and has been working with Deputy Foster for around one year. K9 Silas is trained in narcotics detection, apprehension and tracking and recently was certified to be utilized by the Tehama County Swat team as well.

Detective Chase Corry is currently assigned to our Detectives division after being promoted in late 2024. Detective Corry is also assigned the K9 unit with his partner K9 Blaze. K9 Blaze is a six-year-old Belgian Malinois who came from Slovakia and has been partnered with Detective Corry since 2019. K9 Blaze is trained in narcotics detection, apprehension and tracking.

In 2024, all of our TCSO's K9's have assisted with the seizure of numerous firearms and pounds of illegal narcotics. In addition, they have helped apprehend several violent criminals in our community.

Our K9 teams were fortunate to participate in numerous community functions this year to include demonstrations at local schools and participating in Tehama County Library's summer reading program.

We are extremely grateful to the community for their generosity to the Tehama County K9 foundation which supplies funding to support our County's K9 teams.



Deputy Chase Corry & Blaze



Search & Rescue

The Tehama County Search & Rescue Unit is comprised of 45 volunteer members, who responded to 11 missions and volunteered countless hours for response and training in 2024. The team operates under the direction of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office and through the designated Search and Rescue Coordinators.

The team has four specialties. Ground Team, Dog Team, Swiftwater Rescue Team and a Dive Team. All members of the team are Ground Team members first, with their specialty second. Swiftwater Rescue, Dive Team, and Dog Team members holds separate certification in their specialty. All members receive on-going training in first aid/CPR, man tracking, technical rope, search management, winter search, and 4-wheel drive operations to name a few.



Chaplain's Corp

Formed in 1999, the Sheriff's Chaplain Corps currently consists of four active certified chaplains.

Chaplains respond 24 hours per day to counsel victims, witnesses, and officers.

They assist with death notifications and provide support in a variety of functions, such as officer involved stress debriefs. They are an invaluable resource to the citizens of this county.



Chaplain Dale Gibson, Chaplain Pat Hurton, Chaplain Mike Cox and Chaplain Eileen Taylor

Animal Regulation



ARO Amanda Gradney

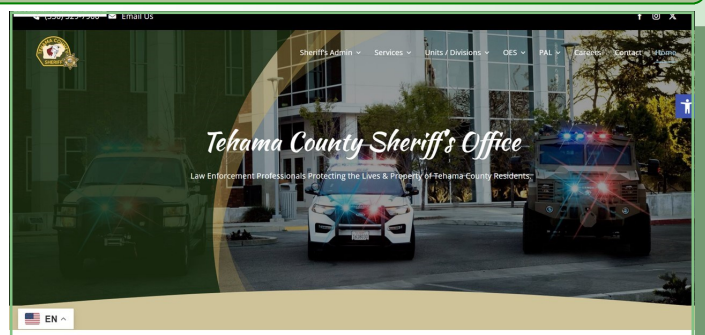
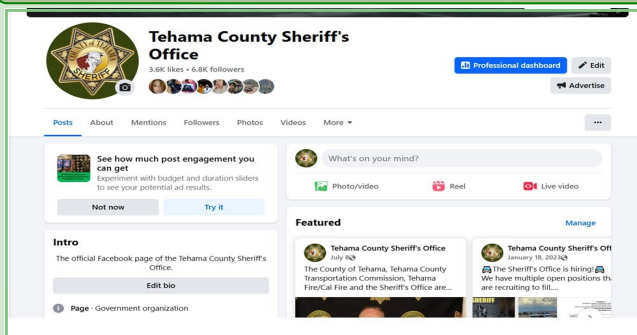


ARO Trevor Kain

Under the direction of the Operations Lieutenant, the Animal Regulations Unit is comprised of three full time officers.

ARO's are responsible for enforcing animal regulations, investigating criminal activity involving animals (such as fighting dogs, roosters; and cruelty or neglect incidents), and to educate the public on proper animal care and assist during disaster response for animal assistance.

TCSO Website and Social Media



Made fully operational in 2000, and updated in 2007, 2017, and again in 2023. Our web page now has hits throughout the world. Due to new technology, the public can easily file a non-emergency report, commendation or complaint.

The Sheriff's Office Facebook and social media platforms provide timely and updated information about current events and activates in and around the Sheriff's Office, including emergency notifications, recent events and new employee updates.

Custody Division



Lieutenant Steve Becker

Correctional Lieutenant Becker is a veteran of the United States Air Force serving nearly eight years as a member of Security Forces rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant.

After his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 2001, Lieutenant Becker joined the Tehama County Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Officer. Working as a Correctional Officer, Lieutenant Becker was responsible for the supervision and transportation of inmates housed in the Tehama County Jail. During this period he took on the part of Jail Training Officer, training newly hired Correctional Officers in their duties in the Jail.

In 2015 Lieutenant Becker was promoted to Correctional Sergeant beginning his supervisory role with the Sheriff's Office. In this role,

Lieutenant Becker was assigned as the Jail Training Coordinator before eventually being assigned to Jail Administration as the Administrative Sergeant and Alternative Custody supervisor.

Lieutenant Becker was promoted to the rank of Correctional Lieutenant in December of 2024, making him the first Correctional Lieutenant in the history of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office.

Seargent Kelley joined the Tehama County Sheriff's Office in 2012 as a Correctional Officer. Since then, he has served as Jail Training Officer, Officer-in-Charge, Defensive Tactics Instructor, assistant Classification Officer, and Superior Court Bailiff.

Seargent Kelley currently serves as the Jail Division's Defensive Tactics Instructor, Impact Weapons Instructor, and CVSA Examiner. He also is a member of the Sheriff's Honor Guard and social media team.

Seargent Kelley is a 2023 graduate of the University of Arkansas Grantham with a B.A. Degree in Criminal Justice.



Sergeant Scotty Kelley



Custody Division



Sergeant Trevor Lindeman



Sergeant Michael Barrett



Sergeant Cameron Fletcher



Sergeant Randy Sousa



Sergeant Derek Burgess

Jail Statistics

Between 2022 and 2024, the jail booked 7,143 persons into the facility. The average daily population was around 100 due to the low staffing numbers of Correction Deputies in the jail. The “west wing” of the jail was closed for most of the year, reducing the available beds to hold inmates.



Inmate Programs



Inmates confined to the jail are offered a number of religious, health and educational programs; to include:

Church, Bible Study, Drug & Alcohol Education, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Mental Health Counseling, Anger Management, Parenting Classes, High School Diploma/GED, Educational Programs, AIDS/HIV Awareness and Domestic Violence.

Sentenced incarcerated persons may elect to participate in work programs within the jail and in specific areas outside the facility, to include the AB109 ankle monitor program. 380 individuals participated in alternative custody program in 2024.

Available work programs include; Jail Kitchen, Janitorial Services to County Buildings and Facilities, Roadside Cleanup, Parks and Recreational Area Cleanup, Fairgrounds Maintenance, Vehicle Maintenance at the Sheriff's Office, Car Wash for Public Agency Vehicles, Landscape Maintenance on Public Lands and Garbage Cleanup for Special Events.

As an alternative to incarceration, the Courts or the Probation Department may order one of the following programs for non-violent first-time offenders who qualify:

Pre-trial release

GPS Monitoring

Sheriff's Parole

Work Release

Sheriff's Alternative Sentencing Program



Food Services

The Jail prepares meals each day, all of which must meet strict nutritional mandates. This is accomplished through the efforts of a supervising cook and three full-time cooks, who are assisted by carefully selected and screened inmate workers.

Transportation Unit

The Transportation Unit is responsible for the safe and secure transportation of inmates. These transports include, extradition of interstate fugitives wanted by Tehama County law enforcement agencies, transportation of inmates to and from prison, the return of inmates arrested in all counties of California wanted by Tehama County, and assisting the jail in transporting inmates to and from court and medical/dental appointments.



In 2024 the Transportation and Jail staff provided for:

4221 Nurse Visits

652 Doctor Visits

59 Dental Visits

45 Off Site (specialist) Visits

Jail Expansion



The facility is almost 22,000 square feet with 64 beds and a new kitchen.

The jail expansion project started over 10 years ago and had the official ground breaking on December 5th, 2023.



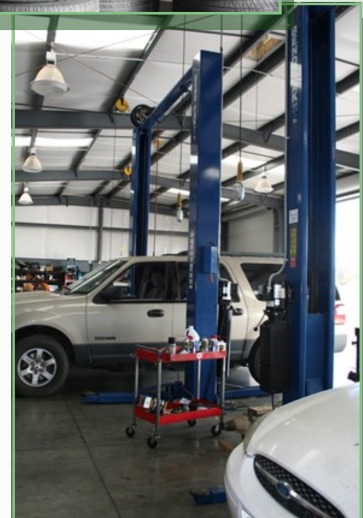
AB109 Auto Shop

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office opened the Auto Shop in July of 2012 as an alternative to incarceration that could also provide marketable work force skills.

The shop is run by a Public Safety Fleet Maintenance Supervisor and employs a Public Safety Vehicle Mechanic III and a "sunset" Public Safety Vehicle Mechanic I, who supervise work release inmates on the alternative incarceration program.

At any given time works provide multiple hours of labor per week servicing county vehicles, building new vehicles, fixing transmissions, changing oil, rotating tires and detailing emergency response vehicles.

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office Auto Shop Crew has built multiple public safety vehicles (including units for the DA's Office, the Probation Department, the Public Guardian's Office, the Red Bluff Police Department and CSU Chico Police Department).



Sheriff's Office Work Farm

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office Work Farm began August 1, 2016, under the direction of Institutional Farming and Maintenance Technician. Ken Hartman took over the farm at the end of 2023 when he was promoted to Farm Technician. The work farm is located at the previous Red Bluff Garden Center site on Antelope Boulevard.



Pumpkin Patch

During the 2024 growing season the farm produced pumpkins, pluots, nectarines, apples, peaches, cherries, onions, watermelon, tomatoes, tomatillos, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers, bell peppers, mixed hot peppers and okra. Most of the produce is supplied to the jail kitchen; however produce has also been donated to the Salvation Army, P.A.T.H., Empower Tehama, and Juvenile Hall.



Sun Flower and Bee



Mixed Flower Beds



Onion Beds

During October, the farm provided free pumpkins to children and families in need. 286 pumpkins were put out in October for donation and had a total weight of 1,996.4 lbs.



Pumpkins



Sheriff's Office Updates and Upgrades

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office continues to make improvements in and around the Sheriff's buildings and grounds. With the new Jail expansion continuing, additional projects have been completed in 2024. Painting the interior work spaces at both the Jail and the Antelope Office continues, making a fresh and clean work space for employees. New carpet tiles have been put down and updated office furniture was delivered and installed, replacing some items that had been in service from the 1980s.

New, more durable and safe flooring was added to both the morgue and the pre evidence processing area, replacing worn and damaged floor covers. Providing for a safer work environment for staff has been at the forefront of the Sheriff's Administration as we move into 2025.



Morgue Floor



Antelope Office Flag Landscape Before



Evidence Area Floors



Antelope Office Flag Landscape During



Antelope Office Flag Landscape After

Crime Analysis

ABOUT INDEX CRIMES

Since 1930, the FBI has collected and compiled data to use in understanding and improving law enforcement administration, operations and management; and to indicate fluctuations in the level of crime in America. The crimes selected for data by the FBI are the four most serious violent crimes (offenses against the person) and the four most serious property crimes. The Tehama County Sheriff's Office reports these eight index crimes to the California Department of Justice on an annual basis, who, in turn, forwards the information to the FBI.

VIOLENT CRIME

Murder. The willful killing of a person, or causing the death of a person through a criminal act.

Criminal Sexual Assault. Broader than the traditional definition of "rape", this category includes any sexual assault, aggravated or non-aggravated, committed against any victim, female or male.

Robbery. The taking of, or attempted taking of anything of value from the care or custody of a person; through the use of force or fear.

Aggravated Assault/Simple Battery. The intentional causing of serious bodily harm, or assault with the intent of causing serious bodily harm; to include aggravated assault, assault with a deadly weapon, attempted murder or simple battery.

PROPERTY CRIME

Burglary. The entry of a structure with the intent of committing a theft or a felony.

Theft. The unlawful taking of property without the use of force, violence or fraud.

Motor Vehicle Theft. The unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.*

Arson. The willful or malicious burning of any building, motor vehicle, aircraft, or property of another.**

* Motor Vehicle Thefts in the Tehama County Sheriff's jurisdiction are investigated by the California Highway Patrol, unless the vehicle was stolen during the commission of a burglary

** Arson cases in the Tehama County Sheriff's jurisdiction are investigated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or by the State Fire Marshall.

Year	2022	2023	2024
Murder	3	1	3
Rape	26	13	21
Robbery	10	13	14
Assault	391	413	323
Burglary	133	118	115
Theft	223	222	96
Vehicle Theft	30	43	30
Total Calls for Service	17,424	18,269	15,260

Crime Analysis Graphs

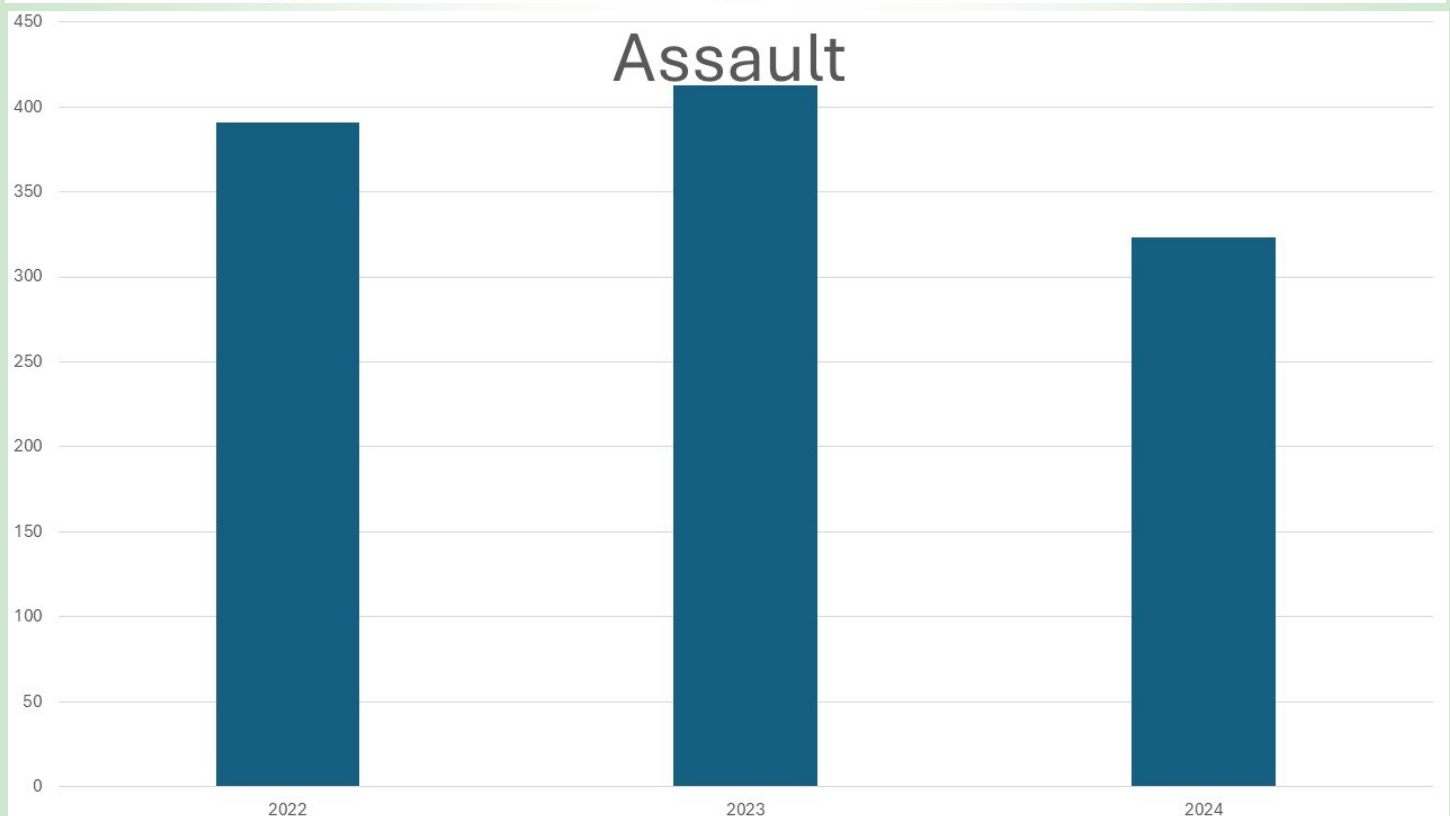
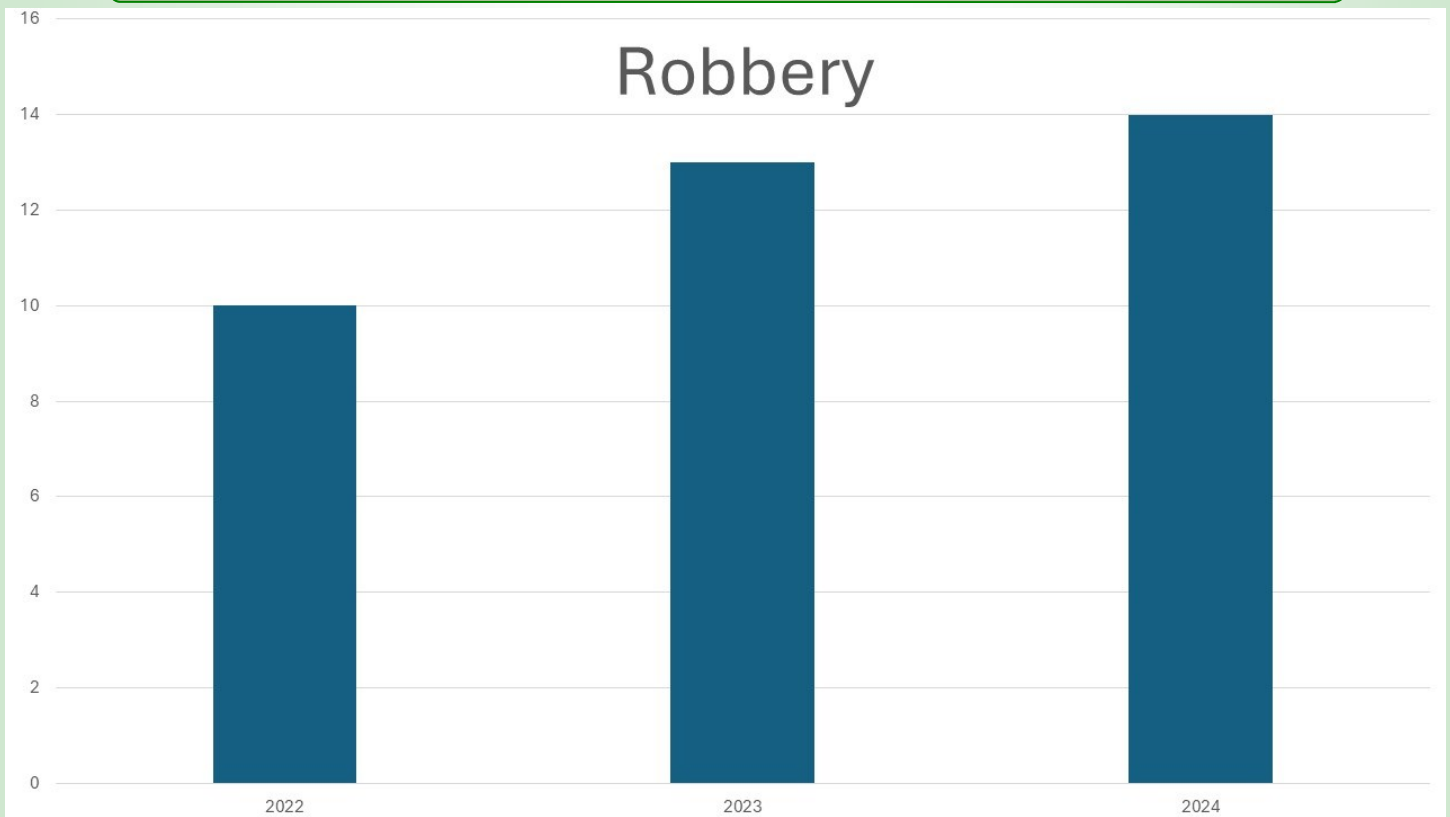
Murder



Rape

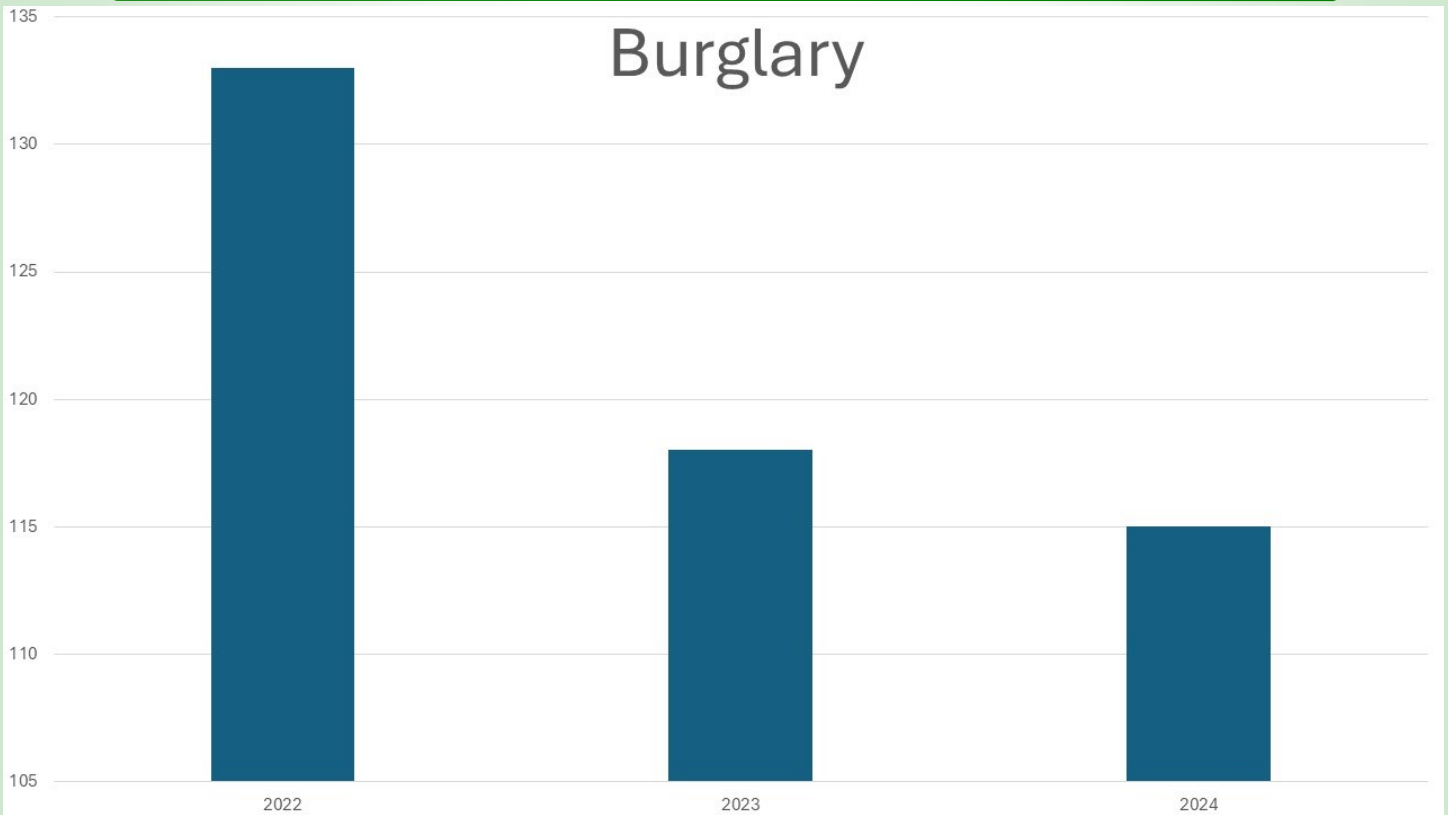


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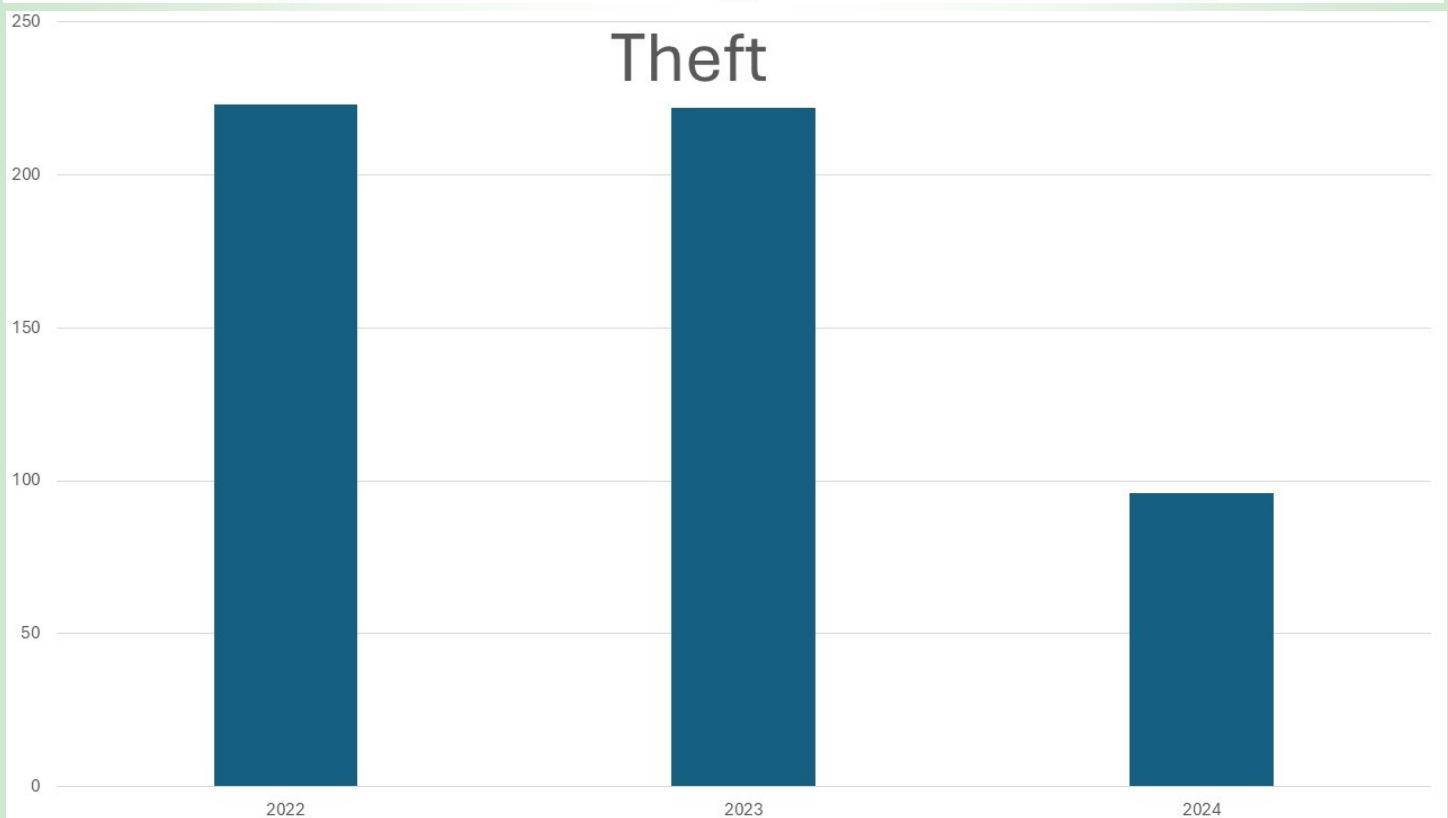


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Burglary

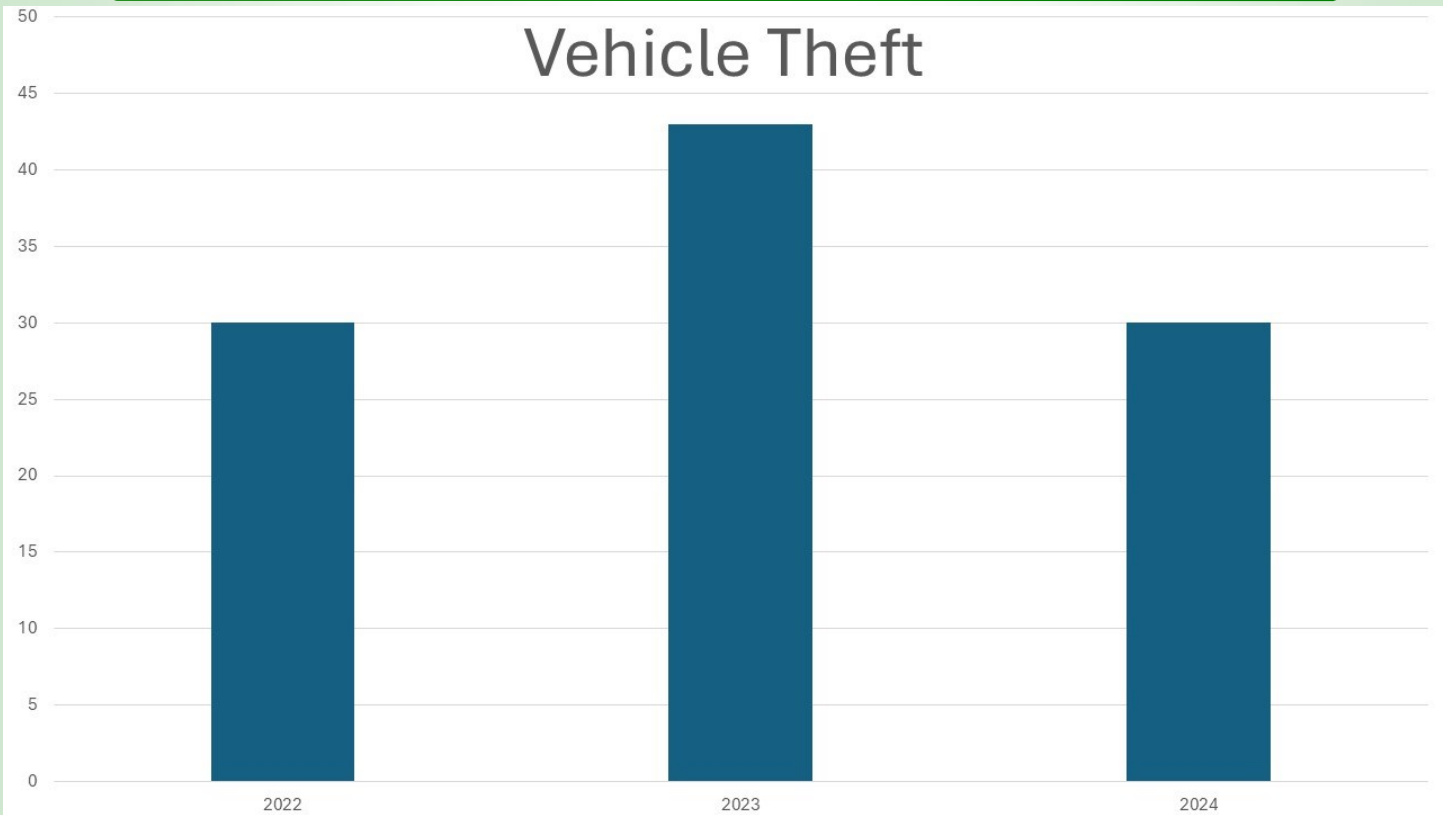


Theft

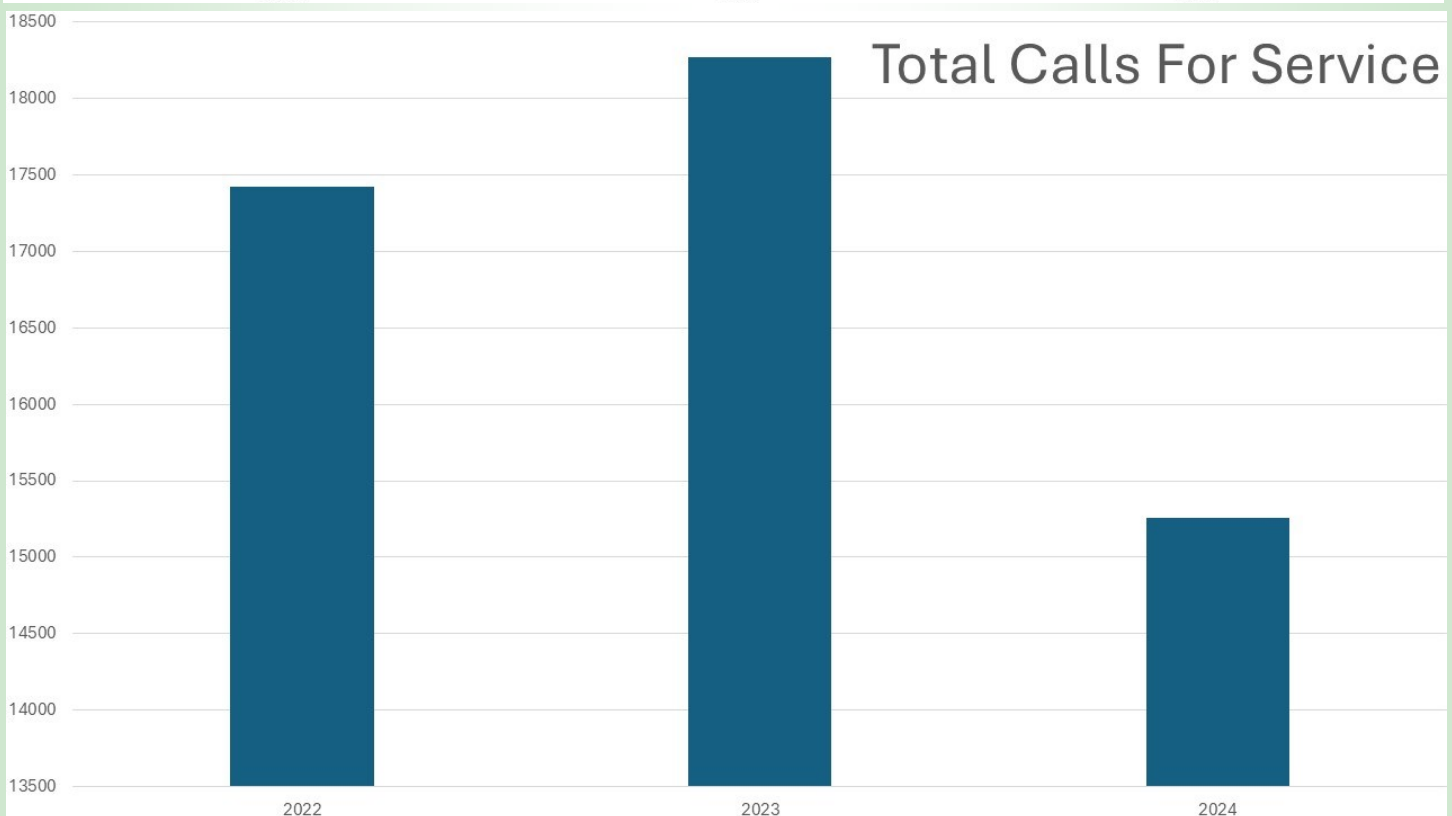


Crime Analysis Graphs

Vehicle Theft



Total Calls For Service





“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely and without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.”

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