

TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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August 18, 1934—February 12, 2017

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VOLUNTEER
16 Years of Service



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December 22, 1941—October 6, 2017

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7 Years of Service

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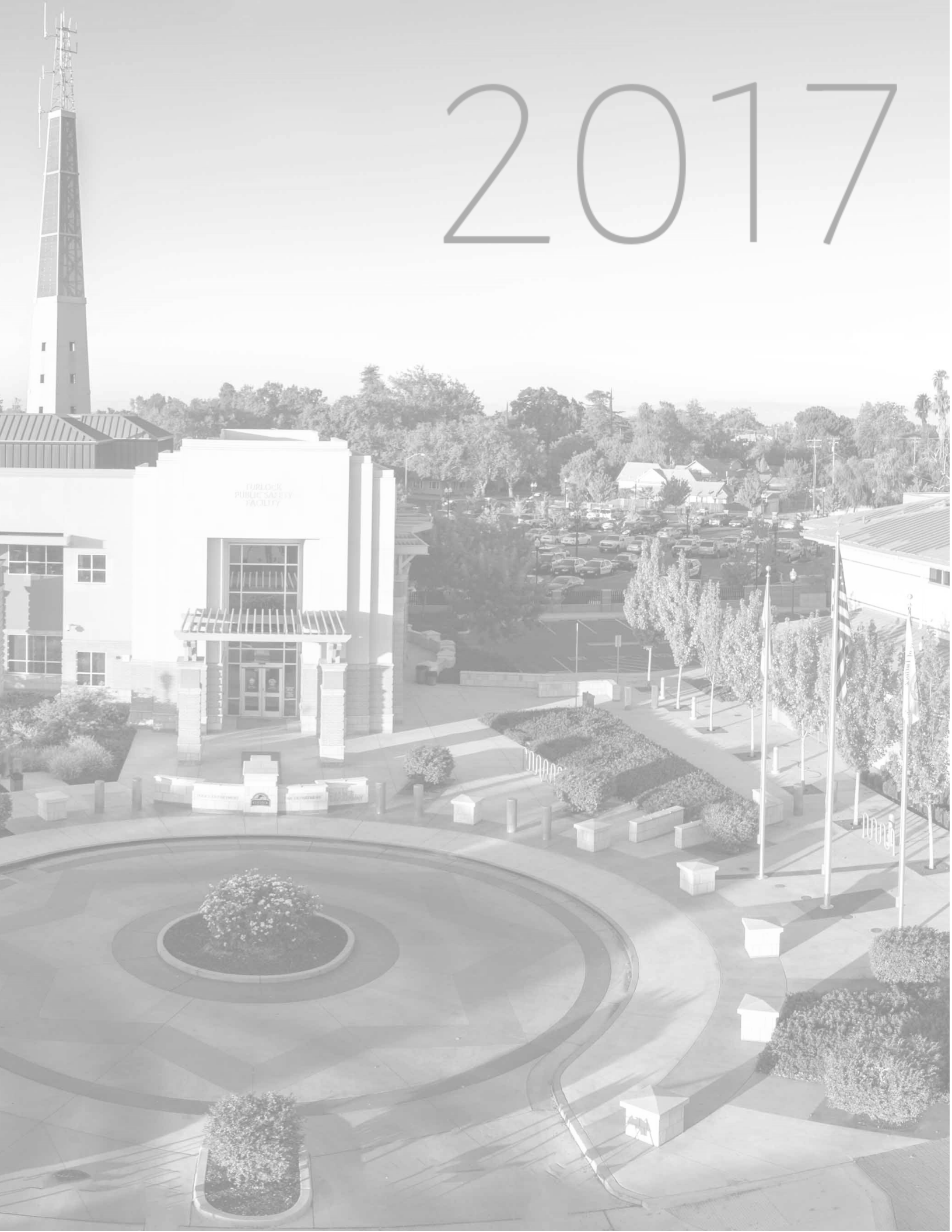
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2017



FROM THE CHIEF

I am humbled and honored to provide the Turlock Police Department's Annual Report for 2017. This report is the culmination of the dedication, efforts and sacrifices of all our personnel who have strived to provide services to all of you who make up our Turlock community.

The statistical data provided within this report is a snapshot of our efforts to ensure that our community remains a safe and wonderful place to live, shop and conduct business. The Annual Report is a culmination and summation of the daily watch log reports, monthly public safety reports and numerous other events either attended or facilitated by the police department. Our endeavor to provide transparency has been focused on providing these daily interactions on our website and our social media sites. It is through these efforts of transparency and our endeavor to build and maintain the trust and relationship with our community that drives us to serve you.

Our priority is keeping our community safe. This is a shared priority, as when we say "our community," we mean all of us, police officers, support staff and community members, working together to ensure that we all can and do make a difference. The concept of community policing means exactly what the one word in this concept "community" is, we are a group of people living together and sharing a common belief or practice. The phrase that easily applies to this is one that many of us have heard in our lifetime as we endeavor to achieve a peaceful and fruitful existence is, "it takes a village." This is so true and in policing our community, you, our fellow community members, can rest assured that your police department will always be there for you and do everything humanly possible to provide a safe and prosperous community for us all; however, we need your continued support and help.

We have done very well this past year working together to continue to tackle ongoing issues in our community, such as criminal behaviors associated with theft, burglary and vandalism. All of us have strived to make our homes, cars and even our persons safer and less of a target to criminals by practicing self-awareness, added security measures and keeping an eye out for each other. This is fantastic news and is extremely helpful to our mission to reduce crime. Your phone calls and tips are very important and keep us working as a team.



The statistical result for 2017 is that our overall Part One crime rate has dropped by an additional 5% from 2016, which had a crime rate decrease of 7% from 2015 (final revision). I also wanted to share with you our Part One crime rate five (5) year average statistical information, as this is a clearer picture over a larger period of time. Our five (5) year average Part One crime rate shows an overall decrease in our Part One crime rate by 5%.

Our community's safety is our top priority and by utilizing our community policing concepts, along with technology and added crime prevention programs that are identified in this report, we strive every day to meet our pledge to you that we will do

everything within our power to keep Turlock the gem of the valley.

“Our community is our police department and our police department is our community.” We continue to work together with our community to provide solutions to concerns and quality of life issues, and in doing so, we are keeping Turlock a vibrant and wonderful city to live, play, shop and conduct business.

Our humanity, sympathy and empathy will never cease to be a part of our commitment to protect all life:

Your dedicated police officers will always stand with you to support you, alongside you to comfort and help you, and when the time comes, we will stand in front of you as your guardian to protect you, if necessary, with our lives.

Sincerely,



Ninus C. Amirfar

Chief of Police

Administration, also known as the Chief’s Office, oversees the divisions of the police department. The office is responsible for communicating the mission statement of the department, all correspondence to and from the department, community outreach, and professional standards. The office is directly responsible for budget, personnel operations, staffing, and internal affairs. The office has a variety of other responsibilities including developing and communicating the policies and activities of the department and the overall health of the department. The office strives for professionalism and to provide quality customer service to the community as well as our internal customers.

The office encompasses the Chief of Police, Executive Administrative Assistant, Administrative Assistant, and a volunteer.

VISION

Leading The Way Through Excellence

MISSION AND VALUES

As Police Professionals, We Commit Ourselves to Public Safety, Service, and Excellence

STRATEGIC GOALS

Develop Succession Planning and Leadership Building

Plan for Organizational Effectiveness

Enhance Internal Communications and Teamwork

Enhance Proactive and Preventive Policing Strategies

ADMIN



STATISTICS

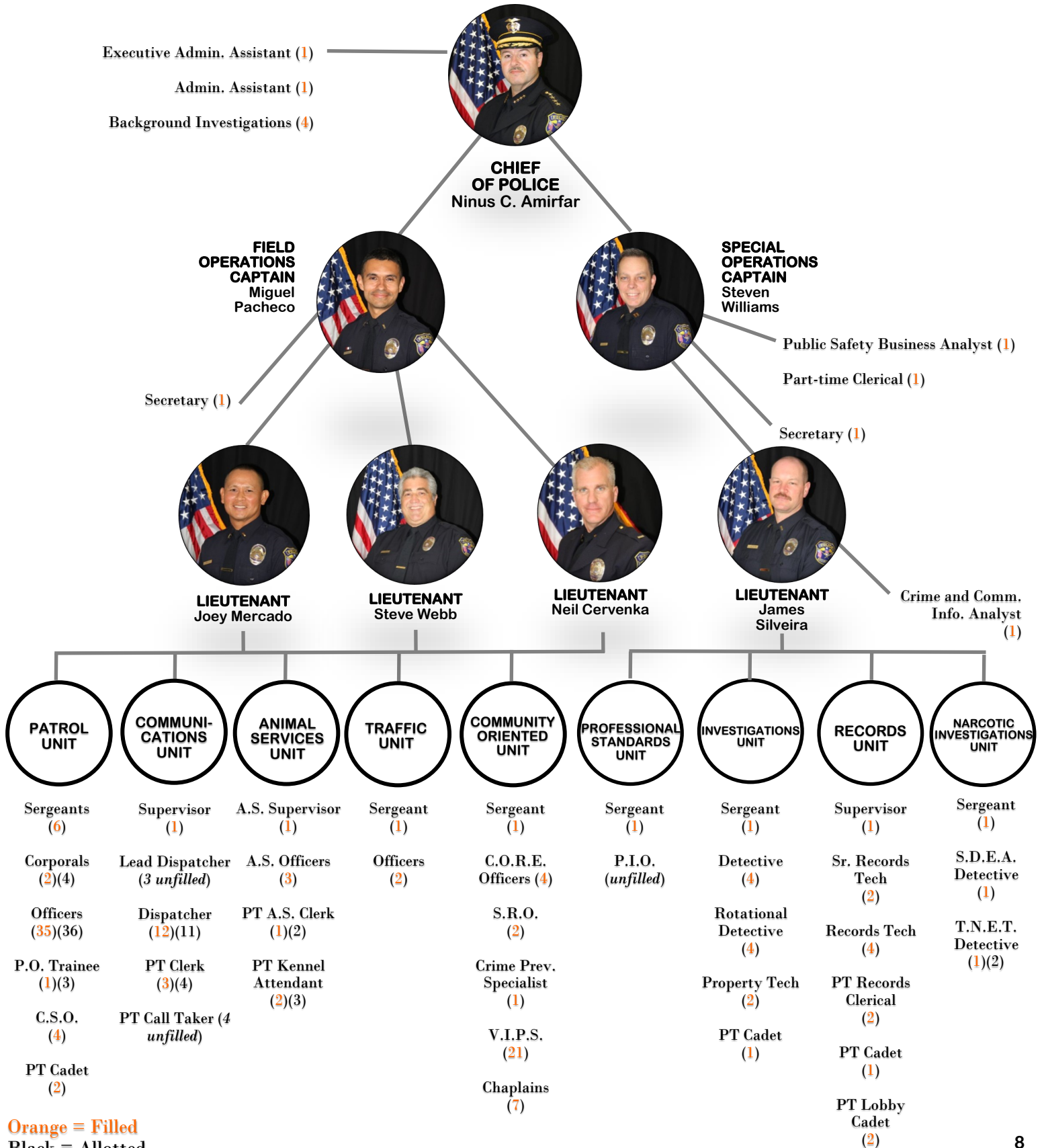
POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Chief of Police	Ninus C. Amirfar
Patrol Area	16.88 Square Miles / 5 Beats
Sworn Officers	78
Non-Sworn Full Time	39
Non-Sworn Part Time	26
Dept. Budget (FY 2017 / 2018)	\$ 19,607,377
Total CAD Calls	108,378
Calls for Service	48,976
Self-Initiated Calls	59,402
9-1-1 Calls Received	31,488
Non 9-1-1 Calls Received	91,677
Total Phone Calls Received	123,125
Arrests	4,430
DWI Arrests (No Collision)	164
Violations Cited by Traffic Unit	1,717
Parking Citations	841
Collision Reports	1,027

CITY STATISTICS

Incorporated	1908
Government	Manager/Council
General Fund Budget (FY 2017/2018)	\$ 38,249,175
Population	72,796
Area	16.88 Square Miles

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

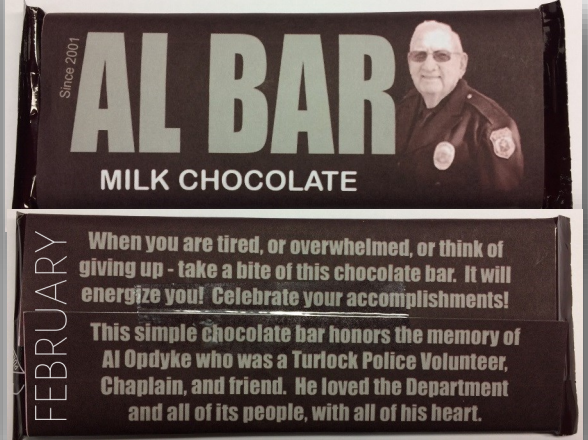


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2017 A YEAR IN REVIEW



Implementation of the official "Al Bar" after the late VIP and Chaplain, Al Opdyke





MARCH

TPD participated in the Every 15 Minutes program for THS students

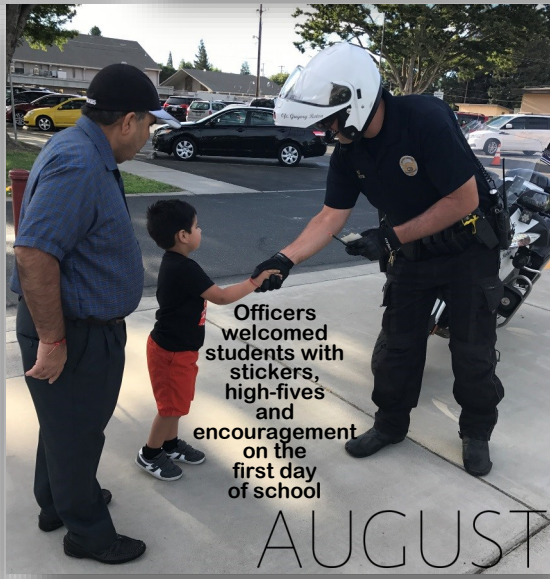


APRIL Chief Amirfar at the Civic Day event



JULY

Traffic Safety Unit lead the 4th of July parade through downtown



Officers welcomed students with stickers, high-fives and encouragement on the first day of school

AUGUST



NOVEMBER

TPD hosted FBI LEEDA training series for law enforcement



DECEMBER

Chief Amirfar hosted his first "Coffee with the Chief" event at the Public Safety Facility. This event is open to the public to discuss concerns and public safety topics

FIELD OPERATIONS

FIELD OPS

The Field Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol, Traffic Safety Unit, Community Outreach Response and Engagement, Crime Prevention, Communications, Animal Services, School Resource Officers, K-9 Unit, Field Training Program, Critical Response Team, Bike Patrol, Honor Guard, Volunteers in Police Services (V.I.P.S.), Chaplains, Police Explorer Program and Division Secretary. The division is headed by Captain Miguel Pacheco and Lieutenants Joey Mercado, Stephen Webb and Neil Cervenka who serve as Watch Commanders.

The Field Operations Division's main role is that of First Responder. This is true of the Communications Staff that picks up the phone to help a community member in an emergency and it is true of the uniformed staff that are first to arrive on scene. The Field Operations Division takes great pride in ensuring that its staff are well trained, deliver the most compassionate service possible under trying circumstances and never loses sight of the fact that protection of life, property and personal freedom is the mission.

Currently, Dominique Sanchez is the Secretary in the Field Operations Division. Her duties include support to Captain Pacheco, Lieutenants and Patrol. The secretary routes mail for Field Operations, orders forms and supplies for the department, schedules meetings, takes minutes in supervisor meetings, coordinates multiple special events such as Tip-A-Cop and Career Day, runs a variety of statistics on locations where there have been complaints from citizens and provides assistance for desk phones and cell phones when needed. In 2017, the Field Operations Secretary took part in overseeing patrol's fleet of vehicles, which includes day-to-day operations, such as ensuring vehicle work orders are handled quickly, maintaining maintenance logs and surplus old equipment. The Field Operations Secretary plays an integral part in ensuring the smooth operation of the entire division.



	2016	2017	% Chg. 2017 vs 2016
Use of Force Incidents	37	33	-11%
Arrests	4,411	4,430	+0.4%
% of Force Used by Officers	0.8%	0.7%	

ARRESTS	Juvenile	Adult	Total Arrests
2011	395	4,112	4,507
2012	329	3,523	3,852
2013	266	3,375	3,641
2014	247	3,192	3,439
2015	212	3,126	3,338
2016	240	4,171	4,411
2017	387	4,043	4,430
% Chg.	+61%	-3%	+0.4%

UNIFORMED PATROL

Turlock is divided into five (5) different beats, which are assigned to an officer for each shift to patrol. In 2017, patrol officers responded to 48,976 total calls for service throughout the city in their designated beats, +9% from 2016. Self-initiated calls are calls that officers generate themselves while on patrol. In 2017, 59,402 self-initiated calls were logged, +6% from 2016.

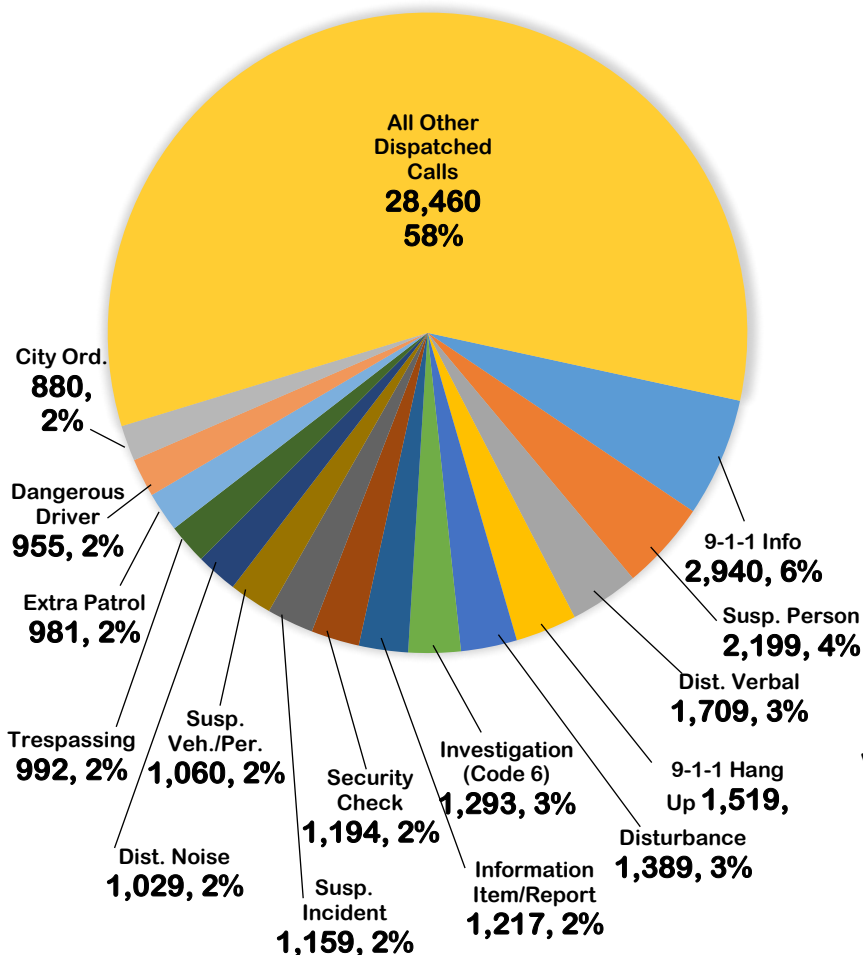
Generated from those calls from citizens and self initiated calls, 11,622 reports were completed, + 4% from the 11,155 reports that were completed the previous year. Also reflecting an increase when compared to 2016, is the total number of arrests made in 2017. Arrests totaled 4,430, +0.4% from 2016. Of the total arrests, 4,043 were adult arrests and 387 were juvenile arrests.

Continued efforts in 2017 to utilize officers' spare time was to log all extra patrols in our dispatching system. For years, common practice to extra patrol an area for an officer meant to drive

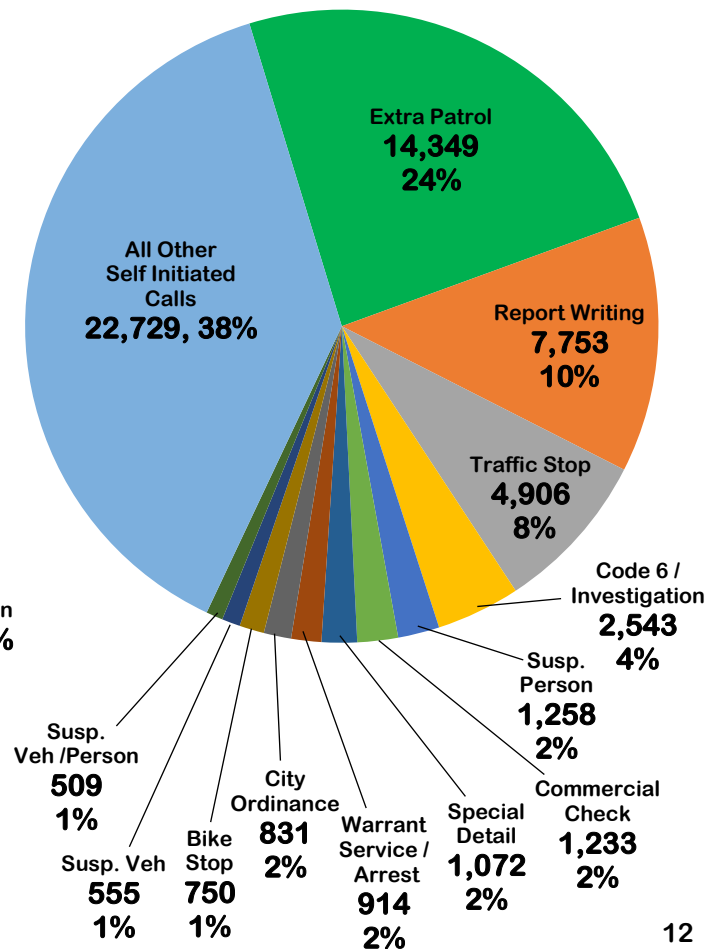
through their specific beat for police presence and to help deter crime from happening in areas where crime was common. In the past, officers did this often times without logging the extra patrol on their computers. More recently, officers have been encouraged to make sure that their extra patrols are in fact logged for record keeping purposes.

A vast majority of extra patrols are credited to individual officers who self initiated their own extra patrol. The total number of extra patrol self initiated by officers for 2017 was 14,349, +51% from 2016. Additionally, there were 981 received calls from citizens requesting an extra patrol of a specific location, +93% when compared to 509 calls in 2016. When combined, both self initiated and dispatched calls received for extra patrols was 15,330, +53% from last year's total of 10,044.

**2017 Dispatched Calls
48,976**



**2017 Self Initiated Calls
59,402**



S.R.O. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Turlock Police Department School Resource Officer (S.R.O.) program consists of two (2) police officers responsible for providing high visibility security and crime prevention programs at Turlock High School and Pitman High School. They work closely with school administrators in order to foster a safe learning environment for students and staff.

The 2017-2018 school year marks the second year of the four (4) year assignment rotation for S.R.O. Mark Alberti at Pitman High School and S.R.O. Matthew Ulrich at Turlock High School.

Turlock Police School Resource Officers play a crucial role in developing a positive reputation between police officers and the Turlock community.

The S.R.O.'s are tasked with providing school safety, mentoring through role modeling, and participation in school functions such as after school sports, assemblies, and special events. They are tasked with organizing the annual Every 15 Minutes event that exposes students, staff and parents to the realities and life changing events caused by drunk driving. S.R.O.'s typically stay out of school discipline issues but provide education and mentoring as an alternative to dealing with criminal complaints. The S.R.O. program was developed in order to build a relationship among students and police officers, based on a

Incident Reports Written	39
Arrest: Felony Booked	4
Arrest: Misdemeanor Cited	20
Traffic Incidents; Moving / Parking Citations	2
Home Visits/Truants	33
Weapons Confiscated: Other (knives, clubs, etc.)	14
Trespass Warnings	66
Assist Other Schools	79
Assist Campus Supervisor	110
Assist Patrol/Investigations	69
Counseling with Student	129
Counseling with Parent	63
Classroom Lectures	14
Assist Dean	143
School Events Attended (games, dances, etc.)	34
Suicide Crisis Intervention	18
Attend Meetings (school, community)	18
S.A.R.B. Hearings Attended	8
Dept. Training Attended	28
Referrals to other Agencies (Probation, Sheriff, S.B.H.C., etc.)	4
Court Appearances	16



foundation of trust. The program was designed not only for the benefit of the students to understand the role of police officers, but to also benefit police officers as a reminder that we were all once kids too.

S.R.O. Ulrich has worked closely the past year with Turlock High School administrators in establishing new safety procedures for the Turlock High School site. He assisted in the placement of the remaining surveillance cameras, which is now 64 total around campus. S.R.O. Ulrich also coached track, when he was off-duty during the 2017 season, which helped establish positive relationships with track athletes and students alike. S.R.O. Ulrich successfully coordinated the Every 15 Minutes event which was held at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. This event also gave S.R.O. Ulrich the opportunity to work with several different groups from around the county. S.R.O. Ulrich has taken an active role in being a very visible presence at Turlock High School and has taken advantage of the opportunity to use the facility for joint S.W.A.T. and H.N.T. training in an effort to build familiarity of the school grounds within these specialized units. Most importantly, S.R.O. Ulrich, a graduate from Turlock High School, has been able to share his experiences with students walking the same hallways over fifteen (15) years later. His Turlock High letterman's jacket is proudly displayed in his office.



S.R.O. Alberti had an equally successful year at Pitman High School. S.R.O. Alberti has quickly become a favorite among students and staff. On the first day of school, S.R.O. Alberti welcomed students with complimentary doughnuts, a police favorite. He received the Character Recognition Award for Consideration among staff. During the year, he has been a feature presentation at school rallies as he participated by entertaining the students with his exceptional dance moves. Also throughout the year, S.R.O. Alberti had substantial interactions with students in crisis situations. These interactions were successful and have built lasting relationships with those students.

S.R.O. Alberti and S.R.O. Ulrich work hard on building relations between schools. During the Harvest Bowl football game, both S.R.O. Ulrich and S.R.O. Alberti completed in a field goal kicking competition. This year, S.R.O. Alberti's kick went the distance, bringing the win to Pitman.



MOTORS

TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT

The Traffic Safety Unit saw a lot of change in 2017. Officer Roton came into the unit in February to replace Officer Stapler, and Sergeant Ellis resigned in the same month. Sergeant Hall filled the vacancy in late June.

In 2017, the Traffic Safety Unit was the recipient of a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.). Some notable operations and equipment include:

Details:

- DUI Saturation Patrols
- Motorcycle Enforcement
- General Traffic Enforcement
- Distracted Driving
- Seatbelt Enforcement



Some other noteworthy events in 2017 include:

- 2017 Model "A" Swap Meet – January 2017
- Safe Kids Coalition Meetings and Events –Varies
- Every 15 Minutes Program – May 2017
- Pentecost Parade – June 2017
- Fourth of July Parade – July 2017
- TPD Annual Open House – October 2017
- Annual Downtown Christmas Parade – December 2017



In 2017, the Traffic Safety Unit launched an objective to reduce injury collisions involving motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists after a sharp rise in these types of collisions. Our message boards, radar trailer and decoy car have been deployed on a near continuous basis to educate motorists and help bring awareness to the problem. The Traffic Safety Unit also coordinates the County Integrated Traffic Enforcement (C.I.T.E.) team. The team consists of officer and motor officers from six (6) agencies throughout Stanislaus County. During a C.I.T.E. team operation consisting of seven (7) officers, approximately eighty (80) enforcement stops were made and approximately fifty (50) citations issued in a three (3) hour period.

As part of the Traffic Safety Unit, the Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) was called out five (5) times in 2017.

	2016	2017	% Change 2016 vs. 2017
Total Reportable Collisions	952	1,027	+8%
Fatalities	5	2	-60%
Injury Accidents	285	387	+36%
Non-Injury Accidents	595	584	-2%
Violations Cited by Traffic Safety Unit	2,318	1,717	-26%
Parking Citations all TPD	1,165	841	-19%

BIKES & TRIKKE PATROL

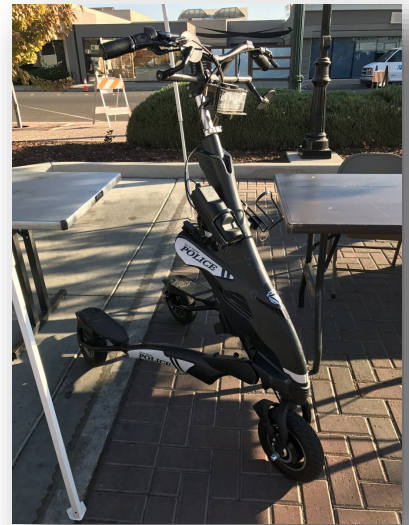
The Bike Patrol Unit is a collateral duty and is supervised by Sergeant Steve Rodrigues. The Bike Patrol Unit members include Officer James Brewer, Officer Don Powell, Officer Mayra Lewis, Officer Joe Dusel, Officer Nicole White, Officer Ed Meraz, Officer Jon Yerzey, Officer Hiram Duncan and Detective Paul Inderbitzen. The Bike Patrol members undergo specialized bike patrol training to assist the needs of the community. They are active in the schools presenting bike rodeos instructing our youth on bicycle safety. In addition to the various community related events attended by bike patrol officers, over ninety (90) bike helmets were handed out to children who were in need of them. Bike Patrol is utilized during the holidays for extra patrol in our downtown area and the Monte Vista Crossings shopping center. They are active in our local parks enforcing and educating the public on park rules and regulations.

In addition to the bike patrol, the officers are trained in the utilization of the departments Trikkes. The Turlock Police Department currently has four (4) Trikkes. These Trikkes were purchased with grant funds a few years ago. They are equipped with emergency lights and sirens and are powered off of rechargeable batteries. The battery lasts around sixteen (16) miles on high speed and twenty-two (22) miles on low speed. On low speed, they travel about twelve (12) miles per hour and on high, they travel at around fifteen (15) miles per hour. Batteries, if completely dead, take about five (5) hours to charge. The Trikke weighs around forty-five (45) pounds with the battery installed.

The Trikke's are used for special events such as parades. They are also used to conduct extra patrol downtown and in parking lots such as the Monte Vista Crossings. The motor of the Trikke is

extremely quiet so the officer can get around without being heard.

Riding the Trikkes and bikes provides officers a much greater viewpoint then if they were in their vehicles or walking on foot. This makes them ideal for extra patrolling parking lots and events. The best part about the Trikkes and bikes is they allow the officer to be able to have one-on-one conversations with the public while they are riding around. Trikkes also make a great conversation piece because many people have never seen a Police Trikke before and stop officers to ask questions about it.



DISPATCH COMMUNICATIONS

The Turlock Communications Center serves as a Public Safety Answering Point (P.S.A.P.). The Communications Unit consists of three (3) part-time Dispatch Clerks, eleven (11) full time Emergency Services Dispatchers, three (3) Lead Emergency Services Dispatchers, and the Public Safety Communications Supervisor. The center is part of Field Operations and is managed by Lieutenant Joey Mercado and Captain Miguel Pacheco.

The mission of the Communication Center is to provide both emergency and non-emergency Police and Fire services to our community in a professional and expedient manner. Our highly skilled and dedicated staff work very hard to provide the best service possible. They play a pivotal role in the department's efforts to meet citizen needs, ensuring resources are deployed rapidly and efficiently.

The Communications Center received 123,125 incoming telephone calls in 2017. This is a 23% increase from 2016 when 100,293 calls were received.

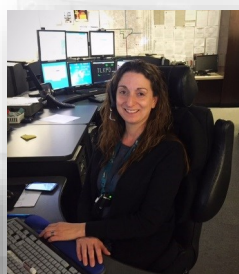


In 2017, 31,448 calls (an average of 86 per day) were 9-1-1 calls. 9-1-1 funding and oversight is provided by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES). Per CalOES standards, 95% of incoming 9-1-1 calls shall be answered within fifteen (15) seconds. Throughout the year, the Turlock Communications Center answered 99% of 9-1-1 calls within twelve (12) seconds, well above CalOES standards.

The Communications Center's staff works diligently to ensure the safety of the public, officers and firefighters. In addition to answering all emergency, non-emergency, and internal phone lines, dispatchers are also responsible for keeping track of all events and times related to calls for service. They closely monitor

and communicate with Patrol units, the Police Chief,

Captains, Lieutenants, Sergeants, Corporals, Detectives, the Street Crimes and Community Outreach unit, a Narcotics team, Fire personnel, Cadets, Explorers, Volunteers In Patrol, Chaplains, Animal Control units, and CSUS Patrol units (after hours). This involves closely monitoring multiple radio channels, which includes an emergency radio channel for Public Works employees. Additionally, they are responsible for monitoring multiple alarm systems and surveillance cameras throughout the Public Safety Facility.



Dispatchers and Dispatch Clerks work together to input data into the Department of Justice's California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) and/or National Crime Information Center's (NCIC) system. This includes entering wanted persons, missing persons, restraining orders, and all stolen, lost or found property, firearms, vehicles

and boats, into one or both systems. In 2017, staff processed 3,651 warrants. This is a 24% increase from 2016 when 2,943 warrants were processed.

The Turlock Communications Center's staff works long hours in order to provide the 9-1-1 center with a minimum, two (2) person twenty-four (24) hour coverage. In 2017, they collectively worked 2,585.5 hours of overtime. This is a 27% increase from 2016 when they worked 2,256.75 hours.



During National Telecommunications Week, on April 25, 2017, Emergency Services Dispatcher Sonia Fisher received the "Outstanding Dispatcher 2017" award after receiving the most nominations from coworkers within the unit. She is

described as an all-around team player who is reliable and efficient in her duties. She is known to share her knowledge and expertise with others.

On July 28, 2017, the City of Turlock held an unveiling and dedication of the Joe Gallison Parkway running pathway. This event titled, "Stand Behind the Line" honored the men and women of the Turlock Communications Center. It included three painted lines that represented Police, Fire, and Communications. It was a way of recognizing the commitment of public safety personnel who put in countless hours of work for the safety of the community. It was an honor for the Turlock Communications Center to be recognized by the City of Turlock and the community.



Dispatched Calls

	2016	2017	% Chg.
Priority 1	719	854	+19%
Priority 2	2,744	2,949	+8%
Priority 3	18,867	19,428	+3%
Priority 4	3,303	3,860	+17%

Average Response Times

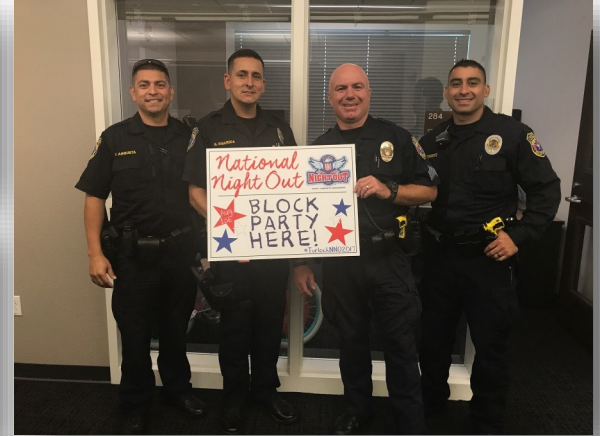
	2016	2017	% Chg.
Priority 1	7:11	7:18	+2%
Priority 2	13:14	13:40	+3%
Priority 3	39:15	44:09	+13%
Priority 4	59:01	1:02:43	+6%

COMMUNITY OUTREACH RESPONSE AND ENGAGEMENT

C.O.R.E.

Community Outreach Response and Engagement (C.O.R.E.) team had a successful and productive year. Four (4) officers and a sergeant are assigned to the team. Due to staffing impacts, the C.O.R.E. unit resulted in a much smaller working unit for the entire year.

The Mission of C.O.R.E. is to enhance the quality of life in the City of Turlock through collaborative strategies and responsiveness to community priorities. C.O.R.E. will accomplish this mission by:



- Adopting a multi-disciplinary approach to addressing community challenges
- Developing creative responses and implement lasting solutions to chronic issues by applying the concept of Community Oriented Policing
- Participating in a successful National Night Out Program
- Forming lasting partnerships with the community through active outreach and open engagement in addressing community issues



Neighborhood Services and the Crime Prevention Unit

C.O.R.E. had a productive year in 2017, and was tasked with numerous assignments and actively engaged community issues in creative and innovative ways. The following are highlights for 2017:

- Actively addressed ordinance issues and illegal nuisance behaviors in collaboration with other units and City of Turlock Attorney
- Conducted community outreach with members of the business community and residents to gather emerging crime trends and identified hot spots for the purpose of directed enforcement and education
- Attended community and Neighborhood Watch meetings, School Watch meetings and gave several safety presentations to local schools
- Conducted probation, parole and AB109 searches and sweeps
- Performed street-level criminal street gang contacts for directed enforcement and suppression of gang violence, and validated active criminal street gang members and their associates
- Assisted other units: Investigations, T.N.E.T., Patrol,

- Interagency assists to StanCATT., S.T.I.N.G., C.V.G.I.T., Probation, Parole and allied agencies
- Completed two (2) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.) reviews
- Conducted inter-departmental training of gang awareness and C.P.T.E.D.

Field Identifications Preformed:

Gang Members	17
Parolees	2
Probationers	6

Arrests:

Subjects	354
Felony	126
Misdemeanor	228

Searches Preformed:

Persons	727
Residences	85
Vehicles	155

Other:

City Ordinance Citations	44
City Ordinance Contacts	77

C.R.T. H.N.T. & S.W.A.T.

CRITICAL RESPONSE TEAM

Law enforcement is routinely faced with planned or emergency situations that expose community members and police personnel to extreme risks. The Turlock Police Department Critical Response Team (C.R.T.) consists of two (2) units with specialized training and equipment to handle situations such as critical incidents or high-risk missions.

The C.R.T. is comprised of the Special Weapons And Tactics (S.W.A.T.) team and Hostage Negotiations Team (H.N.T.). The members of C.R.T. are full time police officers that serve on a collateral duty basis and have been selected, trained and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents and enhance the ability to preserve life.

Members of C.R.T. actively participated in recruitment and community events such as National Night Out and the Annual Public Safety Open House where the team displayed equipment and spoke with members of the community about their roles in achieving a peaceful and safe resolution to critical incidents, as well as planned events. The S.W.A.T. team provided a demonstration of specialized tactics, such as suspect apprehension and vehicle takedowns during the 2017 Annual Public Safety Open House.

S.W.A.T.



The S.W.A.T. team was expanded to a total of fourteen (14) with the addition of two (2) new members during this year. The team has two (2) Team Leaders, Sniper Elements, Scout Observers, and Entry Teams. The team trains on tactics and



marksmanship and is capable of missions related to hostage rescue, dignitary protection, barricaded subjects, unmarked surveillance, vehicle take downs and more. The S.W.A.T. team and snipers train monthly, logging approximately 1,776 hours of training time. They also participate in bi-annual joint training with H.N.T., as well as allied agencies.

Some of the highlights for 2017 include four (4) activations: Three (3) were high-risk arrest/search warrant missions and one (1) security/over watch detail for a large public event.

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM



H.N.T. consists of eight (8) officers, and two (2) new members added to the team this year. H.N.T. has two (2) team leaders. H.N.T. members are specifically selected, trained and equipped to assist in the resolution of

critical incidents by means of communication and negotiation in coordination with the S.W.A.T. team.

H.N.T. highlights during 2017:

- The two (2) new members added to the team completed the Basic Hostage Negotiations Course.
- H.N.T. attended approximately thirty (30) hours of training; twelve (12) trainings were in conjunction with S.W.A.T.
- H.N.T. was deployed to assist in two (2) pre-planned operations.
- On June 24, 2017, three (3) H.N.T. members talked a suicidal subject off a bridge.
- Two (2) members attended the annual C.A.H.N. conference in Reno, Nevada where they received thirty-five (35) hours of training.
- The assistant team leader attended a twenty (20) hour Advanced Crisis Negotiations course and a sixteen (16) hour Crisis Negotiations Team Leadership course.
- Various team members attended three (3) separate regional training courses throughout the year.

CHAPLAINS

The Turlock Chaplaincy Inc., is a not-for-profit organization which provides chaplain services to the Turlock Police Department free of charge at the request of citizens. Overhead costs for the organization are met through community donations. The City of Turlock provides phone, computer and office space for the program, housed in the Public Safety Facility.

During 2017, the number of on-call chaplains grew from five (5) to seven (7).

Individual chaplains rotate, taking calls a week at a time on a volunteer basis. Those calls can come at any time, night or day. Typically, chaplains respond within ten to twenty (10-20) minutes of being dispatched. The on-duty chaplain responds in a marked chaplain vehicle, provided by donations to Turlock Chaplaincy.

Chaplains responded to sixty-seven (67) calls for service in 2017. The most common call was an in-home natural death. In many cases, the chaplains are called when the deceased is found at the home by a family member, friend or neighbor; however, in a number of calls, CPR was being performed and the chaplain was requested to support the family. Of the twenty-six (26) in-home deaths, three (3) were in-process CPR calls.

Other calls in 2017 included seven (7) calls responding to suicides, the assistance of four (4) death notifications, six (6) vehicle accidents, one (1) homicide, one (1) drug overdose and two (2) incidents that infant children were victims.



Another significant incident for the whole police department during 2017 was an officer involved shooting that chaplains responded to, to support police personnel involved in the incident. This included an extensive and structured debriefing involving at least twenty (20) emergency responders from four (4) different agencies.

In addition to the above mentioned debriefing, there was also a debriefing for Turlock residents present at the Las Vegas shooting where fifty-eight (58) people were killed.

Many hours of counseling and support were provided to employees of Turlock Police, Turlock Fire and the California State University Stanislaus Police Department. Finally, the chaplains also were involved in funerals for fellow chaplains, law enforcement officers and staff for other area agencies, the annual Peace Officer Memorial, a volunteer of the Turlock Police Department and a retired police officer.

H.E.M.D.T. HOMELESS ENGAGEMENT MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

The Homeless Engagement Multi-Disciplinary Team (H.E.M.D.T.) began in November 2015. It is a coordinated effort between the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (B.H.R.S.) and the Turlock Police Department that access the effective partnerships with the court system, District Attorney's office, the City Attorney's office, county mental health, local law enforcement agencies, Department of Corrections, Stanislaus County Probation Department, social services agencies, recovery programs, and numerous local service

providers.

The H.E.M.D.T. uses a combination of law enforcement and treatment methods and philosophies to address individuals suffering from mental health issues that are engaged repeatedly by police services. The purpose of the program is to develop a cooperative "Treatment Action Plan." H.E.M.D.T. meets monthly to collaboratively develop, implement and monitor strategic interventions designed to assist individuals in living law abiding and productive lives. The monthly meetings are conducted pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) code sections 15750-15755.

The Turlock Police Department recognizes that homeless individuals have limited access to proper treatment for their illness. H.E.M.D.T. Officer Ed Meraz, Officer Gina Giovacchini, and Officer Nicole White are graduates of a forty (40) hour California P.O.S.T. certified Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.) Academy. They each regularly engage consumers of mental health services while riding with a B.H.R.S. social worker on a monthly basis for a total of twelve (12) hours per month. This collaboration is governed by a memorandum of understanding between the City of Turlock and B.H.R.S.



On October 3, 2017, H.E.M.D.T. hosted the first Community Outreach Fair at City Hall's parking lot. The purpose of the Community Outreach Fair was to connect and refer individuals in the Turlock area with available community resources and support. Local service providers and support groups such as, the Stanislaus Community System of Care Outreach and Engagement, B.H.R.S. TeleCare, American Medical Response, Turlock Gospel Mission, United Samaritan Foundation, We Care program and Turlock Animal Services offered their services.

The H.E.M.D.T. officers engaged approximately 152 subjects and logged in approximately seventy-six (76) hours for 2017.

HONOR GUARD

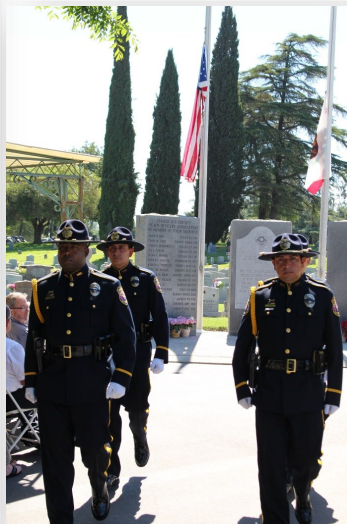
The Turlock Police Department Honor Guard is composed of non-probationary police officers who represent the department in ceremonies and memorials on a collateral duty assignment basis. Honor Guard officers are selected based on their motivation and exceptional high standards of professionalism, conduct and appearance. Additional skills required may include dexterity, precision, marching, prior military experience and the ability to stand at attention for extended periods of time.

The Turlock Police Department Honor Guard is led by Sergeant Ramon Godoy. The members include Officer Mike Simbalenko, Officer Katie Manica, Officer Tony Argueta, Officer Gerardo Higareda, Officer Hiram Duncan and Officer Jacob Young.

The Turlock Police Department Honor Guard members train throughout the year to perfect their skills in marching and rifle handling. They also conduct training on the Flag Ceremony involving the flags of the United States and the State of California. They regularly train and participate in community events.

The Turlock Police Department Honor Guard participated in the following events during this calendar year:

- Awards Breakfast – January 26, 2017
- Chief Amirfar Swearing In – January 26, 2017
- Funeral for Chaplain Al Opdyke - March 4, 2017
- Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast – March 22, 2017
- Peace Officer Memorial – May 3, 2017
- Escort for Stanislaus Sheriff Deputy Garner and Stanislaus C.S.O. Johnson – May 22, 2017
- Funeral for Stanislaus Sheriff Deputy Garner – May 23, 2017
- Funeral for Stanislaus C.S.O. Johnson – May 24, 2017
- 9-11 Memorial Presentation of Colors – September 11, 2017
- Annual Peace Officer Memorial Group Run – October 1, 2017
- Annual Open House – October 7, 2017
- Funeral for Turlock Police Volunteer Milt Sabanovich – October 14, 2017
- Turlock Annual Downtown Christmas Parade – December 1, 2017



ANIMAL SERVICES

The Turlock Police Department's Animal Services Unit continues to strive for excellence in providing compassionate care for the domestic animals in our community. The unit continues its partnerships with rescue organizations to place adoptable animals into homes. The City of Turlock Animal Services webpage and Facebook page are instrumental in reuniting pets with their owners and offering valuable information to the community about animal related topics.

Our sustained efforts of placement of pets with forever homes continued with our networking efforts with local and extended rescue efforts. In 2017, Animal Services staff attended National Night Out, the Annual Public Safety Open House, career days and school presentations.

Highlights for Animal Services during 2017:

In January, Eagle Scout Adam Barajas completed his project by designing and building the goat play area at the Animal Shelter.



In May, a Poodle named Trixie was reunited with her family in Kentucky. Trixie was found in the Wal-Mart shopping center's parking lot. Luckily, Trixie had a microchip that led her back to her family after being missing for three (3) years. The story was published in *Women's World Magazine*.



"Pet of the Month" pets are featured on the City of Turlock website, the Turlock Animal Shelter Facebook and at monthly City Council meetings. The adoption fees are donated by Turlock Managers Association-Public Safety (T.M.A.P.S.) which allows the adoption of the animals at no charge. Since implementing this program, fourteen (14) dogs have been successfully placed into forever homes.

Girl Scout troops and private citizens continue to donate gifts and food for the animals.



In July, Animal Control Officer Katherine Butler was sent to the Detwiler fires in Mariposa County to assist in the capture, care and reunification of pets with their owners.



In October, Community Veterinary Hospital sponsored all of the pet adoptions through the shelter. A total of twenty-five (25) pets were placed into forever homes during the "National Shelter Pet" promotion thanks to their generous donation.



In December, the Turlock Poker Room sponsored all pet adoptions. A total of fifty-five (55) pets were placed into forever homes during this "Home for the Pawldays" promotion.



SHELTER TOTALS

Citations Issued	1,064
Notice of Violations Issued	144
Bites Handled	122
Field Calls	3,986
Home Quarantines	52
Shelter Quarantines	34
Dead Dogs	67
Dead Cats	283
Dead Other	40
ACO Impounded Dogs (<i>handled by Patrol Officers</i>)	659
ACO Impounded Cats (<i>handled by Patrol Officers</i>)	81
Owner Surrendered Dog	120
Owner Surrendered Cat	185
Citizen Dropped Off Found Dog	217
Citizen Dropped Off Found Cat	1,050

VOLUNTEER TOTALS

Alternative Work Program / Community Service Hours	5569.5
Shelter Volunteers	13
Total Savings from Volunteer Hours Worked	\$49,440

DONATED PET FOOD

Donated Pet Food (pounds)	8,508
Savings	\$10,771

ANIMAL BITES

	DOGS	CATS
Bites	109	15
Vaccine/License	26	0
Vaccine Only	21	2
Owned No License/Vaccine	40	3
Stray-Unknown	22	10
Home Quarantine	54	2
Shelter Quarantine	37	4
No Quarantine Lost/Stolen	16	7
Quarantine Not Completed, Animal Not in Possession or Died	2	2

	DOGS	CATS
Impounded	999	1311
Euthanized	266	1054
Adopted	229	89
Rescued	159	145
Reclaimed	366	20
Dead on Arrival	2	3
Escaped	2	0
Shelter Housed	5	0

PREVENTION

CRIME PREVENTION

In 2017, the Turlock Police Crime Prevention Unit coordinated over ten (10) programs and events, in addition to attending safety fairs and providing regular presentations on various crime prevention topics throughout the year. Programs included the Volunteers In Police Services (V.I.P.S.), two (2) Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) courses, Stanislaus Regional Law Enforcement Volunteer Academy, National Night Out, Citizens Academy, Operation Blue Santa, Crime Stoppers, Business Watch, School Watch and Neighborhood Watch. All programs offered are designed to reduce crime through education and through building and strengthening community and police partnerships.

The Crime Prevention Unit consists of a Sergeant, a Crime Prevention Specialist, four (4) C.O.R.E. Officers, Volunteers and in 2017, two (2) CSUS Interns were assigned to assist the unit.

CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Citizens Academy is a nine (9) week course designed to provide citizens with information and resources, mutual learning, critical analysis of issues, and an exchange of ideas and perspectives within the Police Department and the Criminal Justice System. The course provides an in-depth view into law enforcement with over twenty-five (25) presentations including police patrol procedures, the Crime Prevention Unit, the

Investigations Unit, the Communications Unit, narcotics and gang awareness, etc.

In November 2017, eighteen (18) citizens graduated from the nine (9) week long Citizens Police Academy.

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers is a county-wide program that allows citizens to send in a tip or information on a crime or wanted suspect 100% anonymously. If the citizens tip leads to the identification or an arrest of a suspect, they are eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

- Turlock cases profiled to Crime Stoppers in 2017: 15
- Crime Stoppers tips received in 2017: 65

You can leave a tip at the Crime Stoppers tip line (209) 521-INFO or (209) 521-4636 or visit www.stancrimetips.org.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Together, we are making that happen. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. During National Night Out, neighborhoods throughout Turlock host block parties, potlucks, ice-cream socials, etc.

In 2017, a Block Captain's Social was held at the Public Safety Facility to recognize the hard work the Block Captains contributed to making National Night Out a success and to receive donated items to use for their block parties. Over thirty (30) businesses and citizens helped sponsor the National Night Out program by providing raffle prizes and monetary donations that were then given back to the block parties.

The Turlock Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department also hosted a block party at Columbia Park to accommodate those citizens that did not have a block party to attend. Columbia Pool was opened for kids and families to enjoy during the event.

Approximately ninety (90) City of Turlock employees, allied agencies, and roughly 2,180 citizens participated in the 2017 National Night Out event.

The Turlock Police Department was honored to receive an award from the National Association of Town Watch for the ninth year in a row. The award was received for Outstanding Department and Community Efforts during National Night Out 2017. Turlock placed in the top twenty (20) cities nationally who competed in the population category of 50,000—99,000. The residents of Turlock held thirty-five (35) block parties, each of which received visits from various representatives from the City, including Turlock Police, Turlock Fire Services, City Government Officials, Turlock's "Go Green" mascot, Blue Santa, Sparky the Fire mascot, and McGruff the Crime Dog.



SANTA COP OPERATION BLUE SANTA

Turlock Police Operation Blue Santa is a Crime Prevention Program that is used as a donation program to give back to families and children that are in need during the holiday season. Over the years, children throughout Turlock have given Blue Santa the nickname, “Santa Cop,” which is now regularly used. Santa Cop’s story has also been developed by children throughout Turlock. Santa Cop’s job is to help the Red Santa by finding all of the “Bad Elves” that are out there and to ensure the community is kept safe.

In 2017, Blue Santa and Turlock Police staff visited ten (10) After School Programs at different elementary schools and provided milk and cookies to over 500 kids. Blue Santa and his helpers talked with the children about personal safety and discussed how and when to call 9-1-1. He also reminded all the children to continue to work hard to stay on the “Nice List.”

In addition to visiting with the After School Programs, Turlock Police collected donations from very generous businesses and citizens throughout Turlock. The donations were used to provide toys and necessities for families in need during the holiday season. Blue Santa’s helpers reached out to each approved family to determine their needs. Letters to Blue Santa from the children of these families were also reviewed and specific items were purchased for the children from their wish lists.

In addition to items donated, many citizens sponsored a family. Sponsoring a family is a more personal way to help those in need by personally shopping for that specific family, wrapping the gifts, and then delivering them all back to the police department

to be taken to the family by Blue Santa himself.

Citizens throughout the community (also known as Blue Santa’s helpers) helped wrap all the gifts. Santa Cop then personally delivered the gifts to the children and their families at their homes. Due to the generosity of the Turlock community and those that supported Operation Blue Santa, Santa was able to visit with many children and families.



	2016	2017	% Chg. 2017 vs. 2016
Families Helped (Approx.)	50	35	-30%
Children Helped (Approx.)	140+	100+	-29%
Monetary Donations Received (Approx.)	\$17,350	\$10,225	-41%
Total Value of All Donations (Approx.)	\$41,700	\$23,058	-45%

VOLUNTEERS

V.I.P.S.

The Volunteers in Police Services (V.I.P.S.) program provides support and resources for the Turlock Police Department and consists of citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills with a community law enforcement agency. Our volunteer program consists of both in-house volunteers and patrol volunteers. This allows our volunteers to utilize their skills and experience in a way that will best serve the community.



In 2017, Turlock had twenty-four (24) dedicated volunteers. V.I.P.S. have proudly logged over 113,000 hours in the last eighteen (18) years and in 2017, provided approximately 5,000 hours of service.

V.I.P.S. assisted with over forty-five (45) special events in 2017, including the Stanislaus County Fair, the Annual Downtown Christmas Parade, the county Swap Meet, National Night Out, Safety Fairs, Operation Blue Santa, etc.

Volunteers are genuinely dedicated to assisting the Police Department and the community of Turlock. The V.I.P.S. program continues to provide “helping hands” through in house work at the Police Department and “extra eyes and ears” on patrol.

In 2017, the Turlock Police Department joined forces with all other Stanislaus Area Law Enforcement Agencies and completed the sixth annual Stanislaus Regional Law Enforcement Volunteer



Academy. This academy is a ten (10) week academy designed to provide education and hands-on training for volunteers that work in law enforcement. Topics such as radio communication, traffic control, gang and drug awareness, hazmat response, volunteer patrol procedures, ethics, crime prevention, and volunteer safety are taught during the academy. The academy helps ensure all law enforcement volunteers in Stanislaus County receive quality training on a regular basis.

In 2017, approximately twenty (20) volunteers from within the county completed the academy.

	2016	2017	% Chg. 2017 vs. 2016
Patrol Shifts Worked	220	17	-92%
Volunteer Hours	5,930	4902	-17%
Emergency Call Out Hours	107	47	-56%
Garage Sale Permits Checked	11	0	-100%
Parking Citations Issued	29	8	-72%
Extra Patrols Conducted	5	8	+60%
Vacation House Checks Completed	17	23	+35%
Special Event Requests	38	47	+24%



PREVENTION WATCH PROGRAMS AND R.A.D.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. Neighborhood Watch is designed to prevent crimes from occurring in neighborhoods through observation, awareness, communication and through a partnership with the police department. These groups have been known to significantly reduce the amount of crime occurring in neighborhoods.

In 2017, the citizens of Turlock joined forces with the police department and started one (1) new Neighborhood Watch group, bringing the total number of groups to eighty-four (84). With the help of Volunteer Geoffrey Bradshaw, Crime Prevention Specialist Michelle Balacek and C.O.R.E. Officers held regular meetings for Neighborhood Watch groups to discuss crime trends and solutions to neighborhood problems.



surrounding neighborhoods. School Watch is a program that allows us to accomplish this goal by developing a strong sense of community around schools and through close partnerships with residents, school staff, parents and the children attending those schools.



Residents are encouraged to observe and report suspicious activity and crime, while caring for the community and developing strong Neighborhood Watch programs. Parents are given tips on how to ensure their children are safe at school. The children are taught personal safety along with how to care for their community by reporting problems and suspicious activity. Teachers and staff members help to facilitate the program by maintaining regular communication and encouraging strong partnerships within the community.

In 2017, the Turlock Unified School District and the Crime Prevention Unit joined forces and started twelve (12) new School Watch programs, bringing the total number to thirteen (13) groups.

BUSINESS WATCH

Modeled after Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch takes the “neighbors looking out for neighbors” concept to the commercial level, creating a partnership between business, law enforcement and other organizations that represent business interests. The Business Watch philosophy is straightforward—take control of what happens in your business community and lessen your chances of becoming a victim.

In 2017, Business Watch was enhanced with police participation in regular meetings with local businesses and by maintaining a robbery/fraud alert notification for local banks. The goals of all the “Watch” programs are to develop a greater sense of pride in our community, enhance public partnership with police and share valuable information in an attempt to reduce crime.



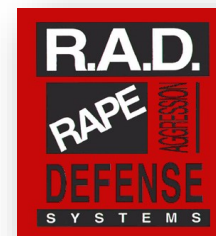
RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE (R.A.D.)

The Rape Aggression Defense course (R.A.D.) is a twelve (12) hour self-defense course taught over a two-week period to women over the age of fifteen (15). The R.A.D. Systems Basic Physical Defense course is designed to help women overcome the effects of sexual harassment and sexual violence by teaching them assertiveness, awareness, risk recognition, risk reduction, avoidance and physical defense strategies.

Courses are offered throughout the year and are currently being taught by Turlock Police Lieutenant Joey Mercado, Sergeant David Hall, Officer Mayra Lewis and the C.S.U.S. Police Department staff.

In 2017, two (2) R.A.D. courses were offered and approximately twenty-three (23) Turlock citizens completed the twelve (12) hour course.

To sign up for R.A.D., contact Crime Prevention Specialist Michelle Balacek at (209) 656-3153 or by email at mbackeroff@turlock.ca.us.



SCHOOL WATCH

One of the biggest goals of the Crime Prevention Unit is to enhance the safety of children in schools and to lower crime in the

K9 UNIT

The Turlock Police Department K9 Unit was formed in the early 1980's, but was suspended in 2008 due to economic reasons. The year 2016 marked the resurrection of the K9 Unit and for 2017, they are back on track in keeping the community safe.

The K9 Unit is supervised by Sergeant Steve Rodrigues who also serves as the coordinator of events and training for the unit.

The Turlock Police K9 Unit consists of two teams:

K9 Keyser is a four (4) year old male, black German Shepherd from Czechoslovakia. K9 Keyser is partnered with S.W.A.T. Officer Queray McMihelk who is an eleven (11) year veteran of the police department.



K9 Keyser

K9 Varick is a four and a half (4.5) year old, male, sable German Shepherd and Belgian Milionis mix from Czechoslovakia. K9 Varick is partnered with Officer Nim Khamo who has been a police officer for ten (10) years.

The Police K9 teams train monthly with members of the Stanislaus County Sheriffs K9 Unit. The K9 Units are trained on patrol apprehension which include tracking, building searches, evidence searches, building and open area searches, scene security, and handler protection. They are available to assist allied agencies.

This year marks the return of public relations and community events for the police K9 Teams. They increasingly participated in school visits, National Night Out, and the Annual Public Safety Open House where the K9 teams demonstrated their abilities and mingled with members of the community. It is anticipated that 2018 will be an even busier year for both K9 teams.



K9 Varick

EXPLORERS

The Turlock Police Department Explorer Program P.O.S.T. 900 is designed for motivated and service-oriented young men and women, ages fourteen through twenty-one (14-21) years old, who have an interest in the law enforcement field. The program not only serves as a gateway into law enforcement, but promotes leadership, personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship and patriotism.

The Turlock Police Explorers attend weekly meetings where they receive training in all avenues of law enforcement. They wear the uniform and insignia that identifies them as being part of this department, are subject to a far more rigid standard of conduct than their peers, and quickly learn that only the highest standard of conduct is acceptable.

Turlock Police Explorers have training and experience above that of the average person, making them better prepared as applicants for future law enforcement positions. In addition, Explorers will gain invaluable experience that can be used to further their careers even if they decide to choose a career outside of law enforcement.

The Turlock Police Explorer Program is supervised by Crime Prevention Sergeant David Shaw. Volunteer Jeff Lopes conducts the day-to-day operations of the program. Several full-time police officers serve as Police Explorer Advisors on a collateral duty basis. They are Detective Frank Navarro, Detective James Brewer, Officer Sergio Perez, Officer Joseph Ramos, Officer Gina Giovacchini, and Officer Nicole White. They provide training and coaching during the weekly meetings and serve as mentors for all members of the Explorer Program.

The Turlock Police Explorers put in a total of 2,156 hours in 2017. Eight (8) additional police explorers were sworn in during the calendar year. Two (2) additional explorers are scheduled to be sworn in early 2018, which will bring the total to twenty-three (23) members.

The Turlock Police Explorers participated in community events including National Night Out, Police Officer Memorial Run, Annual Public Safety Open House, Citizen's Academy, the Blue Santa Program and Wreaths Across America. They also participated in the S.W.A.T. and H.N.T. training at the Regional County S.E.R.T. Training.

Explorer James Bowen, Explorer Jas Kaur and Explorer Jackie Lupien attended the Basic Explorer Academy. Explorer Andrea Calderon completed the Intermediate Explorer Academy. Explorer Edna Arrieta and Explorer Adrian Mazo completed the Advanced Explorer Academy.

Explorer Edna Arrieta received the Established Explorer of the Year Scholarship and was promoted to Explorer Sergeant



RECRUITMENT

The Turlock Police Department's Recruitment Team is a collateral duty with both sworn police officers and civilian members of the Turlock Police department. This team consists of Sergeant Steve Crawford, Sergeant Dave Shaw, Sergeant Victor Barcelos, Sergeant Joseph Rodriguez, Officer Edgar Meraz, Officer Gina Giovacchini, Officer Mayra Lewis, Officer Nathan Urban, Officer Tony Argueta, Officer Mark Alberti, Communications Supervisor Marivel Rodriguez and Emergency Services Dispatcher Jaime Enchandi-Smith. The Recruitment Team is active in recruiting for all areas of the police department.

The Recruitment Team travels to cities as far south as Fresno and north to Sacramento, to locations including police academies, military bases, colleges and job fairs. Lateral officers, lateral dispatchers and dispatcher trainees are continuous recruitments. Interviews are held on a monthly basis to have a continuous pool of qualified applicants. Members of the Recruitment Team participate in oral interviews, written exams and physical agility testing for applicants. In addition to regular benefits of working for the Turlock Police Department, all City of Turlock employees receive highly desired health coverage.

The Trainee Officer position offers those with no experience and who have not attended an academy to join our ranks. If selected,

the candidate is paid a salary and benefits while attending an academy. In addition to pay, the department covers all academy related expenses such as tuition, books, uniforms, and equipment. Upon successful completion of the academy, the Trainee is sworn in as a Police Officer with the Turlock Police Department. Multiple recruitments are held for Trainee Officer position throughout the year.

The department has developed a multi-focused approach involving hiring officers that are a mixture of lateral officers, entry level officers, police officer trainees, lateral dispatchers and dispatcher trainees. This method brings a combination of experienced and inexperienced new officers creating diversity and stability.

To apply to be a police officer with the Turlock Police Department, a minimum of thirty (30) college credits at the time of application is required. College units at the completion of the academy will be included as a part of the required thirty (30) units. Please check the City of Turlock 's website for more information regarding the application process and contact information.



SPECIAL OPS

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The Special Operations Division is under Captain Steven Williams and consists of the Special Operations Lieutenant, the Investigations Unit, Turlock Narcotics Enforcement Team, Professional Standards and Training, Property and Evidence, Records, Crime and Community Information Analyst, Public Safety Business Analyst and the Special Operations Secretary.

The Special Operations Division takes great pride in serving the citizens of Turlock. A considerable amount of time has been dedicated to ensuring that the division works with all units within the department in an effort to maximize the agency's policing efforts.

The division is constantly looking for ways to connect with the community to create transparency about the police department's role within the community. A primary outlet that the division oversees to accomplish this is social media. Utilizing social media, as a two-way communication tool to the citizens of Turlock, has drastically increased the department's community outreach and will only continue to grow as society has proven that social media is a primary resource to obtain information.

Clerical support is provided by the Special Operations Secretary, Maria Ruiz. Her duties include the coordination and management of all sex and arson registrants in Turlock, coordinating and arranging prisoner extraditions from other agencies, both in and out of the state of California, arranging and scheduling all school trainings for all department staff, and any other support needed for Special Operations Division staff.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

There were several changes in the Professional Standards Unit during 2017. In February, Professional Standards Public Information Officer (P.I.O.) Steve Rodrigues was promoted to Sergeant and reassigned to Patrol. Due to the staffing shortages of Patrol, the Professional Standards Officer position has been left vacant. This position's duties include assisting the unit Sergeant with police permit processing, press releases, coordinating and scheduling Ride Alongs with police officers, coordinating press conferences and on camera interviews and other P.I.O. duties. The Professional Standards Sergeant has taken on these additional duties with assistance from the Crime Analyst.

The Unit also saw the departure of Lieutenant Webb, as he was reassigned to patrol while Sergeant Cervenka took on the role as the new Professional Standards Sergeant. Sergeant Cervenka's tenure in the unit was short-lived as he was promoted to Lieutenant in June 2017, and reassigned to Patrol. Sergeant Russell Holeman then began his assignment as the Professional Standards Sergeant in July.

The Professional Standards Sergeant has many roles within the Turlock Police Department. These roles include Training Manager, Internal Affairs Investigator, Police Permitting and Carry Concealed Weapons Investigator, keeping statistics on use of force and pursuits, and also covering the duties of the vacant P.I.O. position.

Sergeant Holeman is also responsible for acting as a liaison between various agencies and the department, such as California Alcohol Beverage Control, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the City of Turlock Planning Department, and California Commission on Peace Officer and Standards Training. Sergeant Holeman is also entrusted with providing security and safety at all Turlock City Council meetings.

The Professional Standards Sergeant currently has one (1) volunteer who assists with the police permitting process. In 2017, there were 246 police permits issued. These permits include one (1) day alcohol sales permits, employment permits for various poker room employees, massage therapists, itinerant vendors, retail firearm vendors, dance permits and second hand dealers.

The volunteer assisted with the approval of over 115 Ride Along applications for the police department.

Turlock Police Department personnel attended forty-three (43) training classes in 2017. This equated to 1,362 hours of enhanced training in an effort to provide the most current and up-to-date skills for employees. An additional seventy-two (72) hour of internal training was provided to all Officers, Corporals and Sergeants. Continuous training ensures that police department employees can continue to provide the highest level of customer service to our community. The benefits of this continuous training resulted in only five (5) citizen complaints of possible policy and/or procedure violations from over 48,976 calls for service in 2017. Of those calls for service, 4,430 resulted in arrests. In those cases force was utilized 0.74% of the time.

As the department's Public Information Officer, Sergeant Holeman is responsible for ensuring that incidents of public interest are disseminated to the public and area media outlets. Almost daily contact is made with media outlets, as well as the publication of arrests on the police department's website. In 2017, there were forty-two (42) press releases published. As a part of the P.I.O.'s duties, Sergeant Holeman works closely with the Crime Analyst who has responsibility of all Turlock Police Department social media pages to ensure that accurate information is provided to the public in a timely manner.



INVESTIGATIONS

DETECTIVES

The Investigations Unit is currently comprised of a Sergeant, eight (8) Detectives and a Cadet. A Probation Officer and a CDCR Parole Agent are housed with the unit on a part-time basis, in addition to the Special Operations Secretary and the Crime and Community Information Analyst who also sits with the unit for collaboration with Detectives.

Of the eight (8) Detectives, four (4) are Police Officers assigned to the unit for four (4) years as Special Assignments and four (4) are Detectives who promoted to the rank of permanent Police Detective and do not rotate back to Patrol.

Although relatively small compared to the Field Operations Division, these eight (8) Detectives carry caseloads ranging from property crimes, such as larceny and burglary, to crimes against persons such as sexual assaults and homicides. Because of the varying types of investigations handled by Special Operations Investigators, four (4) general categories were developed with a pair of Detectives assigned to each. These categories are Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Children, Financial Crimes and Property Crimes. In addition to these general caseloads, each Detective is "on-call" a week at a time, once every eight (8) weeks. This Detective is available 24/7 in order to provide uninterrupted investigative services.

Several of the Detectives have received advanced training in areas of specialized expertise such as High-Tech computer crimes investigation, crime scene investigation, arson investigation, and interview and interrogation. The unit will also investigate crimes which require expertise and resources beyond the capacity of the patrol officer(s) who initially took the case. The Investigations Unit also assists with registering all mandated registrants such as gang and sexual offender registrants, completing fugitive extraditions, assisting with or organizing compliance checks for business licensing, probation and/or parole compliance checks.

They also conduct specialized investigations such as criminal investigations of officer involved shootings or internet crimes against children to include child exploitation and online predators. Detectives work closely with allied law enforcement agencies, the

Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office and community service agencies at the county, state, and federal levels.

2017 presented interesting investigations and a variety of challenges to the unit who, through dedication and commitment, relentlessly pursued those responsible and brought them to justice in cases such as the serial burglar who was responsible for a rash of commercial break-ins at dentist offices throughout Turlock. When the suspect was apprehended in Modesto after a botched break-in of yet another dental office, our Detectives coordinated efforts with outside law enforcement agencies to interrogate the suspect and secure full confessions in over forty (40+) of our open cases.

In another case, a local city park was terrorized by a series of armed robberies whose perpetrators were becoming increasingly emboldened and violent. During the third incident, a victim suffered life threatening injuries after being attacked with a baseball bat. Detectives pooled their efforts together and went to work. This investigation required immediate, focused attention and swift actions from the unit. This resulted in the full mobilization of the unit which led through three (3) counties, covering two (2) jurisdictions and involved three (3) different law enforcement agencies. The efforts culminated in the capture of those responsible, securing full confessions, recovery of stolen property and evidence. Unfortunately, the victim succumbed to his injuries and died as a result of his attack making this already serious crime to a murder investigation with special circumstances. Because of the dedicated Detectives in this unit, this tragedy did not go unanswered and some closure was possible for the family.

These examples illustrate the dedication and commitment the Detectives make on a daily basis in order to provide public safety services to our community.

Caseload Hours Worked:

Non-Criminal	Property/Financial	Crimes Against Persons	Crimes Against Children	Homicide
191	1,070.25	1,747	1,308.5	1,064.5

Other Tasks Hours Worked:

Court	Training	Collateral	Assists	Assists to	Admin.	Misc.
278.5	948	224	88.5	108.5	691	564.5

T.N.E.T. AND S.D.E.A. NARCOTICS

The Turlock Narcotics Enforcement Team's (T.N.E.T.) goals are to address, disrupt and suppress street level sales, transportation and distribution of drugs and narcotics in and around Turlock. The unit operates by strategically managing follow-up investigations from patrol officers acting on information and tips from the tip line to initiating investigations through the facilitation of undercover operations, often utilizing confidential informants.

T.N.E.T. is proud to have disrupted and dismantled numerous drug sales operations in the city of Turlock in 2017, which is reflective in the numbers listed in the table below. The unit also responded to numerous reports and tips of illegal marijuana cultivation sites.

Many preliminary investigative leads have been received through the Drug Hotline (209) 668-5550, ext. 6117. Citizens are encouraged to call and leave tips and can remain anonymous.

The Turlock Police Department also has a Detective assigned to a county-wide narcotics task force, the Stanislaus Drug Enforcement Agency (S.D.E.A.) that works in conjunction with T.N.E.T.; however, the focus of that task force is on enforcement of large scale drug and narcotics investigations occurring throughout our region.



Search Warrants Probation Searches Parole Searches	79
COCAINE SEIZED	1.76 grams
MARIJUANA SEIZED	429 pounds and 1,500+ plants
METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZED	11,860.38 grams / 26.12 pounds
HEROIN SEIZED	54.11 grams
ARRESTS	145
ASSET SEIZURE	\$122,900.00
FIREARMS SEIZED	11

RECORDS

The Records Unit is staffed by a Records Supervisor, six (6) full-time Police Records Technicians, two (2) part-time clerical, three (3) Cadets and three (3) volunteers.

The Records Unit is responsible for the many aspects of police report processing and document control within the police department. Records Technicians manage the entry, digital imaging, routing, filing and purging of all police reports, Administrative and Turlock Municipal Code violation citations and bicycle licenses. The unit fulfills requests for reports from various law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's office and other government agencies. The Records unit is responsible for daily transportation of documents to the District Attorney's office and the Stanislaus County Courts in Modesto. The Records Unit is responsible for processing documents, subpoenas for officers and citizen report requests.

The Unit is also responsible for the front counter lobby area and they are the first point of contact for citizens that come into the police department. The Records unit helps citizens, insurance companies and attorneys with police report requests, vehicle releases and also helps to give information regarding requests that cannot be fulfilled by the Records Unit.

Records staff coordinates the operation of the Live Scan fingerprinting machine and offers fingerprinting to the public on Thursdays.

In October 2017, the Records Supervisor retired after fifteen (15) years of service to the Turlock Police Department.

TOTAL REPORTS PROCESSED	11,270
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS PROCESSED:	3,359
LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTS COMPLETED:	408
BICYCLE LICENSES ISSUED:	1,254
TOTAL PARKING CITATIONS PROCESSED:	1,165
FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS PROCESSED:	4,430

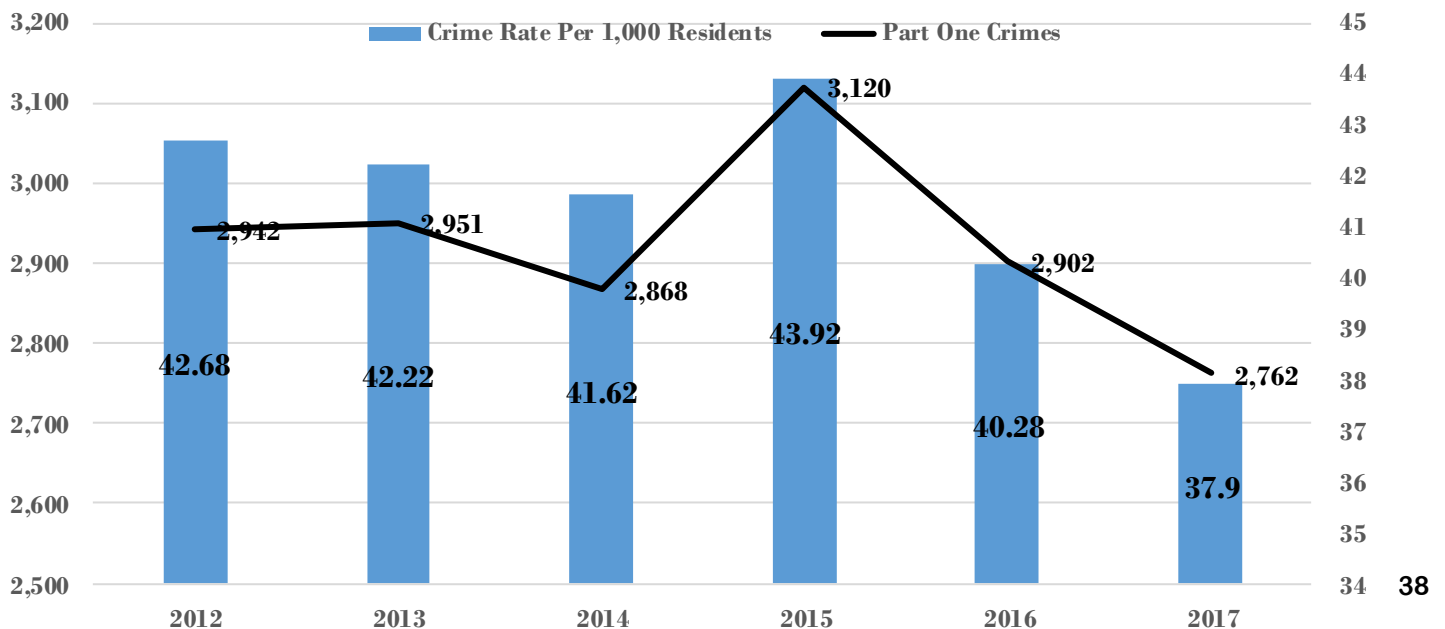


PART ONE CRIMES

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Population: 72,879

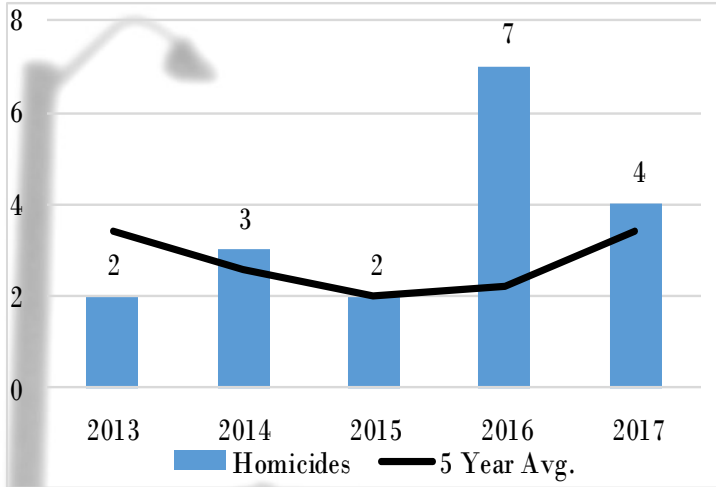
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Jan	0	4	10	40	56	105	44	259
Feb	1	1	5	21	32	132	38	230
Mar	0	0	12	14	31	137	32	226
Apr	0	4	9	31	33	100	39	216
May	0	5	8	34	19	111	51	228
Jun	1	02	11	20	23	127	18	202
Jul	0	2	15	19	33	151	19	239
Aug	0	0	18	12	25	115	34	204
Sep	0	1	12	37	34	109	35	228
Oct	1	4	16	17	27	157	52	274
Nov	0	1	16	18	34	99	44	212
Dec	1	2	12	20	35	129	40	239
2017 TOTAL	4	26	144	283	382	1,472	446	2,762
Crime Rate	0.05	0.36	1.98	3.90	5.24	20.25	6.12	37.90
2016 Total								
2016 Total	7	23	93	264	475	1,503	537	2,902
2017 Total								
2017 Total	4	26	144	284	382	1,476	446	2,762
% Chg '17 vs '16								
% Chg '17 vs '16	-43%	+13%	+55%	+8%	-20%	-2%	-17%	-5%
5 Year Avg.								
5 Year Avg.	3	18.4	96.6	262.2	569.6	1,539.2	470	2,959.4
% Chg. From 5 Year Avg.								
% Chg. From 5 Year Avg.	+18%	+41%	+49%	+8%	-33%	-4%	-5%	-7%



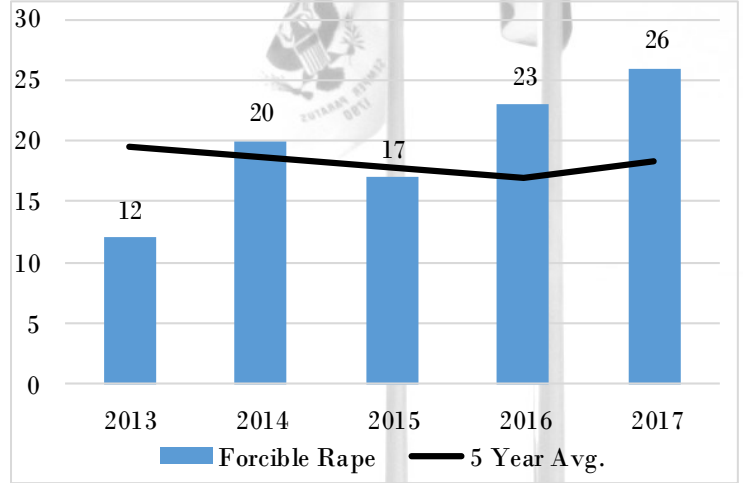
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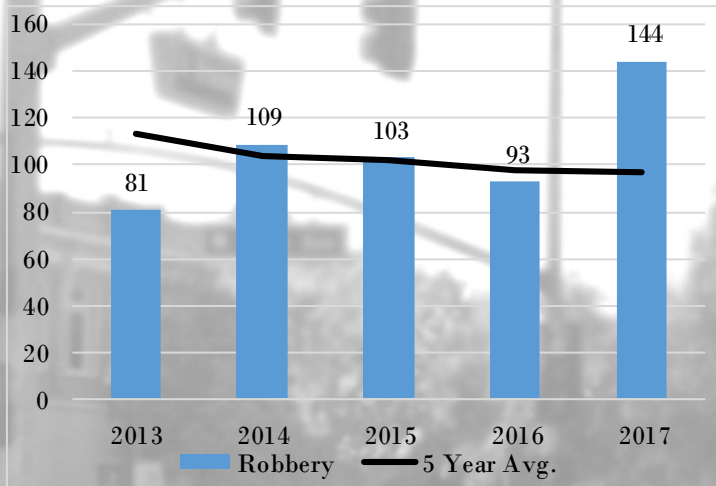
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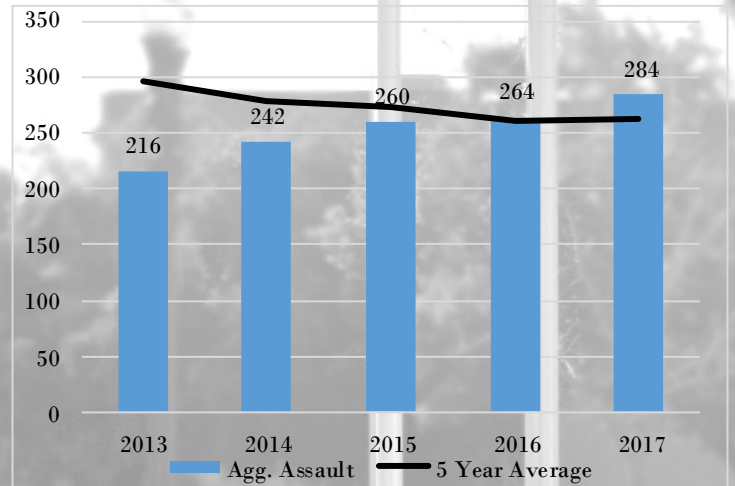
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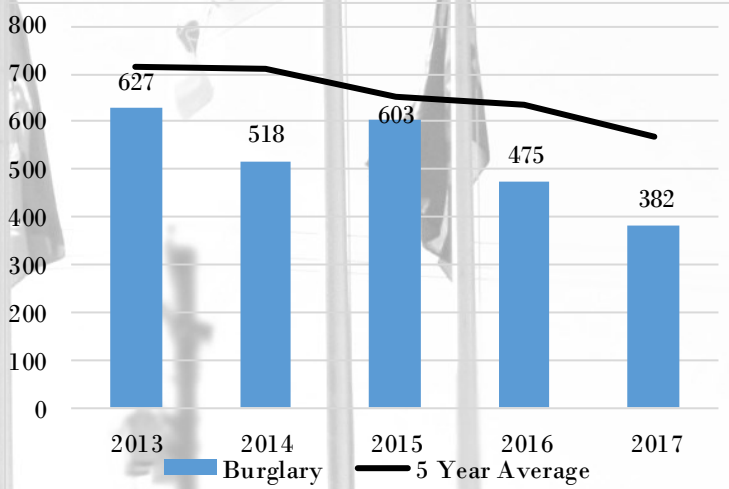
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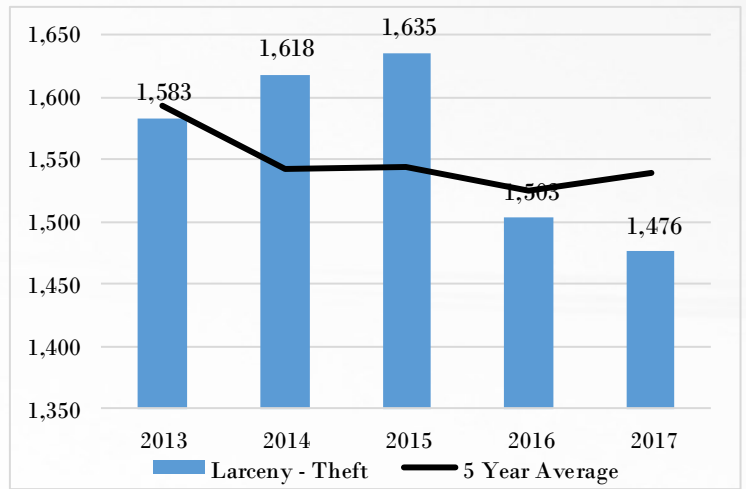
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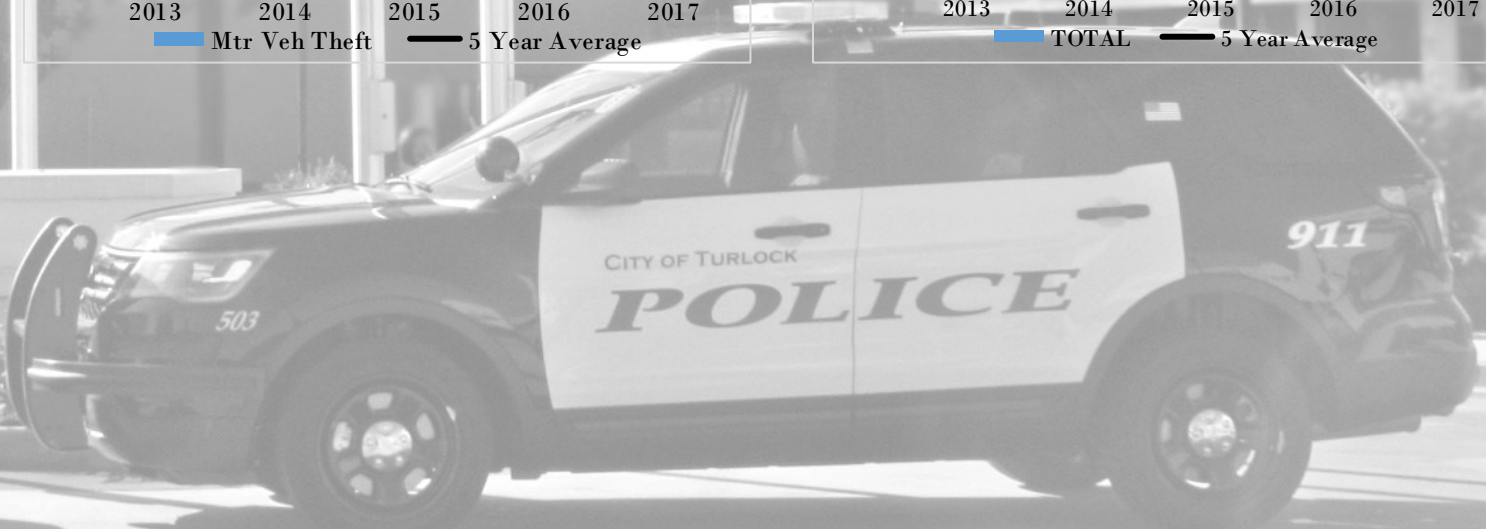
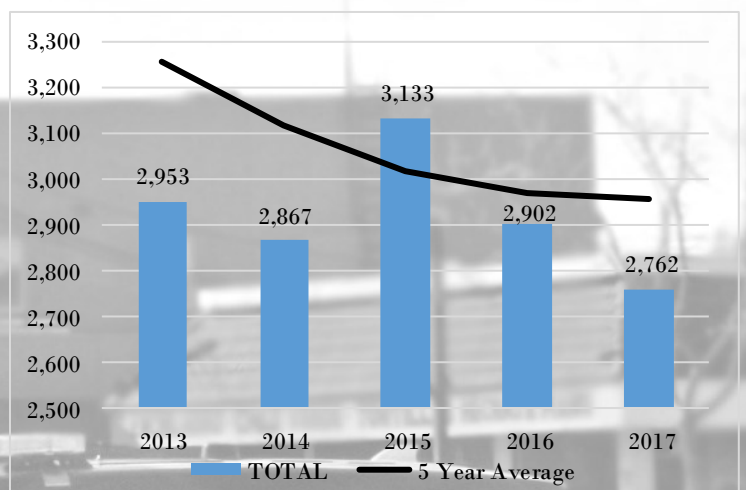
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AUTO THEFT



TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES



SUPPORT CADETS & ANALYSTS

CADETS

The Turlock Police Cadets are part-time employees with the police department. The Police Cadet Program is for individuals who are eighteen (18) years or older, and who maintain at least six (6) college units while employed. Typically, the Cadet position is a stepping stone for students interested in a career in law enforcement. Several Police Officers began their careers with the Turlock Police Department as Cadets.

The Cadets working for the Turlock



Police Department are assigned to work in the Special Operations Division and the Field Operations Division, assisting officers and administrative staff with daily duties. On a rotating basis, Cadets are assigned to different units such as the Records Unit, the Traffic Safety Unit, Investigations Unit and Patrol.

Cadet duties vary from the court run, which is a daily trip to the Stanislaus County Courts to hand deliver and receive important court case files and documents, assisting with police vehicle maintenance, subpoena service, traffic control for vehicle accidents and for special events, Live Scan fingerprinting, abandoned vehicle abatement, parking citations and writing police reports.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUSINESS ANALYST

Under the direction of the Police Department's Special Operations Captain, the Public Safety Business Analyst provided a variety of statistical and analytical support to both the Police and Fire Department. This included long range forecasting, preparation and management of the Police Department's budget, as well as management of purchasing and other accounting duties for Public Safety. The Business Analyst also performed a variety of technical and analytical duties involving the processing of the Police Department's payroll, including preparation and

maintenance of payroll reports, auditing, billing related to payroll reimbursements, as well as providing technical assistance



and responding to employee inquiries regarding payroll. The Business Analyst was also responsible for managing all new and existing Public Safety contracts and

prepared and tracked all City Council matters relating to the Police Department.

Alongside the Business Analyst, a part-time clerk assisted in performing a variety of duties including accounts payable, billing and purchasing. Support was also given to the Administration staff for filing documentation and assisting with special projects as needed.

CRIME AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION ANALYST

The Crime and Community Information Analyst is a hybrid of the duties of a traditional Crime Analyst and community outreach. The Analyst is responsible for analytical evaluation of crime patterns, crime mapping, aiding Detectives, crime reporting, and special projects for community outreach through social media. In efforts to support the vacant Public Information Officer position, the Analyst contributes by sending out press releases and community information when needed. The Analyst oversees all department social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Nextdoor.

In 2017, the Analyst's role was greatly utilized to develop multiple types of statistical reports for both internal and external department needs. Using numerous software programs along with the department's dispatching system, reports were created to show crime rates, service demands and the department's strategies and responses to serve the community of Turlock.



OUTREACH SOCIAL MEDIA

Continuing to utilize the dominance of communication through social media, the police department is dedicated to putting out our message directly to our citizens through the social media platform. Providing current data, relational information, and posts that ask the public for their help has continued to prove that social media is the best way to let the citizens of Turlock know what their police department is doing for them on a daily basis.

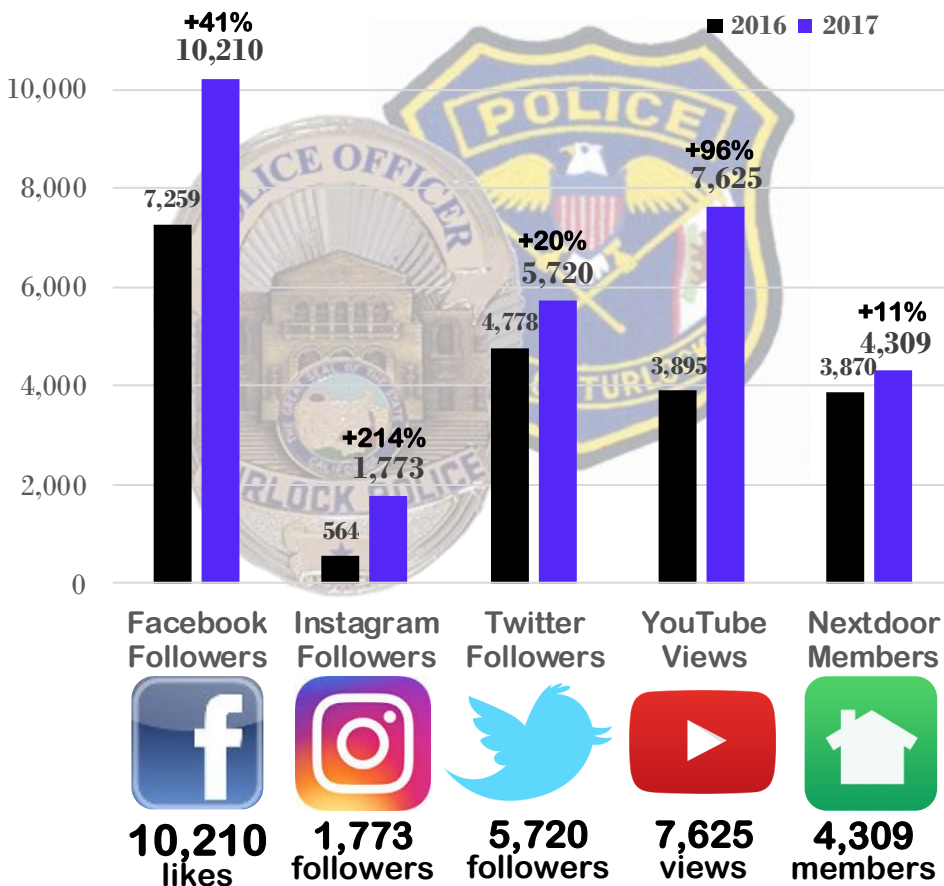
Whether it is an official Press Release, road closures, emergency information, special events or even a heart warming story that an officer was involved in, telling our message, first-hand by us, is best accomplished through social media.

In 2017, all the department's social media pages continued to grow, which in return to the police department, showed how much the public supported us. The department's Facebook page reached a goal of over 10,000 likes, increasing the followship 41% since 2016. Newly created in 2016, the department's Instagram

page was created to join the trend on a new platform. Popularity of the Instagram application grew exponentially in 2017, jumping from just 564 followers in 2016 to 1,773 followers by December 2017, a 214% increase.

The police department has an active presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Nextdoor and Nixle. The department recognizes that citizens use different styles of social media. To ensure that the department has the best reach to all of its citizens, the department uses as many social media platforms as possible.

Another program used to share the department's press releases on a mass scale is Nixle. Nixle allows citizens to quickly and easily sign up to receive all the department's press releases and in emergency situations, information received directly to your cell phone in the form of a text message. To register your cell phone to receive these messages, text Turlock's zip code 95382 or 95380 to 888-777.



15% of claimed households in Turlock

The TPD Tip Line has also proven itself as a successful tip line open to the public to leave anonymous tips of information regarding crime that has happened in Turlock. In 2017, a total of seventy-eight (78) tips were received, an increase of 42% when compared to the total of fifty-five (55) tips in 2016. You can reach the tip line by calling (209) 668-5550 ext. 6780, or by emailing TPDTipLine@turlock.ca.us. As always, to report a crime in progress or if you have an emergency, call 9-1-1 or (209) 668-1200 for non-emergencies.

Join Our Conversation 24 / 7 / 365

Facebook:	@TurlockPD
Instagram:	@turlockpolice
Twitter:	@turlockpolice
YouTube:	Turlock Police Department
Nextdoor:	Register at Nextdoor.com

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

By law, City of Turlock and Police Department policy, anyone working or volunteering within the Police Department, including employees of other departments who have on-going access to the Public Safety Facility, and as a result may come in contact with criminal justice information, must undergo and pass a comprehensive background investigation before being granted access. Additionally, the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) sets specific background investigation dimensions for police officers and public safety dispatchers. A P.O.S.T. audit of police officer and public safety dispatcher background files occurs on an annual to bi-annual basis.

By City of Turlock and Fire Department policy, all Firefighters, other Fire Department personnel assigned to the Public Safety Facility and Fire Explorers must undergo and pass a comprehensive background investigation. Starting in May 2011, the Turlock Police Department Background Investigations Unit began doing background investigations for the Turlock Fire Department.

Below is a breakdown of the unit's activities during the calendar year 2017. There are some cases listed below that were received in 2017, but not yet completed. These cases are labeled as number continuing.

In addition to the background investigation process, the background unit types all of the background investigation reports and letters generated by the unit.

Investigators also meet with Background Investigators from other departments who visit the Department to view Turlock Police Department background and employment files.



Additionally, Background Investigators also respond to all letters from other law enforcement agencies requesting information about Turlock Police Department's Background Investigation Unit involvement in cases they are investigating. Background investigators, on occasion also complete pre-employment background investigations on applicants for other City positions as requested by the City Manager.

The Background Investigations Unit of the Turlock Police Department is under the management oversight of Mary Sousa, Executive Administrative Assistant and consists of four (4) part-time background investigators: George Gillispie, Richard Duroy, Linda Bradley and Sherry Huskey, who have a combined total of forty-one (41) years doing backgrounds for the Department. Each investigator has completed forty (40) hours of Background Investigator training as approved by P.O.S.T. and receives annual updated training.

CATEGORY	RECEIVED	COMPLETED	CONTINUING	POSITIVE BACKGROUND	DISQUALIFIED	WITHDREW	BACKGROUND DISCONTINUED
POLICE OFFICERS	19	14	5	6	6	1	1
POLICE SUPPORT STAFF	29	23	6	20	1	2	0
POLICE VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS AND EXPLORERS	30	28	2	13	9	6	0
FIREFIGHTERS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIRE SUPPORT STAFF	2	2	0	1	0	1	0
FIRE VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS AND EXPLORERS	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POLICE AND FIRE INVESTIGATIONS	81	67	14	40	16	10	1

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

There are two (2) Property & Evidence Specialists that are responsible for maintaining the security and control of all property and evidence that the Police Department acquires through normal duties and responsibilities.

There are three (3) types of property booked into the Property and Evidence Room:

1) Evidence

- Misdemeanor crimes: Held for a minimum of one (1) year or until the case is adjudicated.
- Felony crimes: Held for a minimum of three (3) years or until the case is adjudicated.
- Sex crimes: Held for a minimum of ten (10) years unless a new crime is committed.
- Domestic Violence crimes: Held a minimum of ten (10) years unless a new crime is committed.
- Homicides: Held a minimum of ninety-nine (99) years or (10) days after state execution.

There are exceptions. Some time limits will start over if a new/similar crime is committed by the same suspect.

2) Safekeeping

- Safekeeping property is property that is not needed for evidentiary purposes and can be released to the owner.
- Safekeeping property is kept for sixty (60) days. If the property is taken from the owner, a receipt is given to the owner by the officer.
- If the owner is known, then a postcard is sent notifying them that Turlock Police has their property and how to claim it.
- If the owner is not known, it is held in accordance to the law and then disposed of.



3) Found Property

- All found property is held for a minimum of ninety (90) days. Citizens who turn in found property (excluding guns) have the right to claim the property, if they have signed the property sheet form, after the property has been held for one hundred twenty (120) days in an effort for the original owner to claim it.

The most common types of property items are guns, bikes, backpacks, cell phones, clothing and personal hygiene items. The disposal of property and evidence is done at least twice a year at a designated disposal facility. A court order must be obtained for the destruction of any controlled substances or guns from a magistrate.

During 2017, twenty-seven (27) boxes of controlled substances and sixty-five (65) guns weighing 520 pounds were incinerated at our designated disposal facility, in addition to 224 boxes of general documents, knives, swords, pellet guns and baseball bats (weighing 1,940 pounds).



The Prescription Drug Drop-Off Program provides a safe disposal site for the community to properly dispose of unwanted, unused and expired prescription medications. This program helps to protect the environment by keeping medications from entering landfills or sewer systems which can negatively impact the environment. During 2017, 115 boxes of

medications weighing in at over 1,250 pounds were collected and destroyed through incineration. All containers must be securely sealed. Needles and syringes will not be accepted. The collection box is located in the lobby of the Turlock Police Department.

Property is released by appointment only. To make an appointment, contact the Property and Evidence Unit at (209) 668-5550 ext. 6655.

BACK THE BLUE COMMUNITY SUPPORT

All year long, citizens and businesses throughout the city showered the department with special treats and meals as a token of appreciation for all the hard work of our officers and support staff. Community support is one of the most important aspects when serving the public and knowing that all the hard work is recognized is also duly appreciated in return.



BACK TO THE BLUE SPECIAL MARATHONS

Peace Officers Memorial Run

On Sunday, October 1, 2017, seven (7) officers from Turlock Police Department joined other uniformed runners to form a group of forty-four (44) uniformed police officers running the Peace Officers Memorial Run in Modesto. The group ran 13.1 miles in full duty uniform, complete with a superhero shirt underneath! Great job to Lieutenant Cervenka, Officer Mike Simbalenko, Detective Paul Inderbitzen, S.R.O. Matt Ulrich, Sergeant Joey Rodriguez, F.T.O. Mayra Lewis, and Lieutenant Joey Mercado.



The Marine Corps Marathon

The Marine Corps Marathon is a “bucket-list race” for many runners. It offers no prize money, but 30,000 runners converge in Washington, D.C. for the chance to be in it. On October 22, 2017, twelve (12) law enforcement officers from across the United States came together as Project Remember to run the 26.2 mile course in full uniform. Six (6) of them carried blue-line US flags which could be seen from a distance away. In the mass of runners, a tight formation with a flurry of blue line flags stuck out. These law enforcement runners are Project Remember. One (1) of its members is from the Turlock Police Department, Lieutenant Neil Cervenka.



Baker to Vegas

Baker to Vegas is a relay running race through the Mojave Desert for law enforcement only. It starts in Baker, California, winds 120 miles through desert, over mountains, through small towns, and ends in Las Vegas, Nevada. There are twenty (20) runners on each team who run different segments of four (4) to ten (10) miles each. In total, nearly 5,000 law enforcement runners attend this event. This year, Lieutenant Mercado, Sergeant Lugo (retired), Lieutenant Cervenka, Detective Inderbitzen, and Officer Simbalenko from Turlock Police Department ran with the Modesto Area Police team. The team was comprised of runners from Modesto Police Department, Modesto CHP, Stanislaus Sheriff, and Turlock Police Department. Our team finished the race in just over sixteen (16) hours.



PROMOTIONS

Promotions for the 2017 year marked great achievements for eight (8) members of the police department.

In January 2017, Ninus C. Amirfar was sworn in as Chief of Police at an open ceremony with hundreds of members of the Turlock community present. Chief Amirfar began his career with the Turlock Police Department in 1990 and has worked his way up the ranks throughout the years, gaining his knowledge of Turlock and love for the community along the way.

Miguel Pacheco was promoted to the rank of Captain in May 2017. Captain Pacheco has been working for the department since 2000.



Neil Cervenka was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in June 2017. Lieutenant Cervenka began with the Turlock Police Department in 2000.



Lilia Franco was promoted to Records Supervisor in November 2017. Lilia began working for the Turlock Police Department in May 2017, with many years of experience.



Ramon Godoy was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in June 2017. Sergeant Godoy began his career with the Turlock Police Department in 1999.



In January 2017, Michael Parmley was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Michael Parmley has been with the Turlock Police Department since 2002.

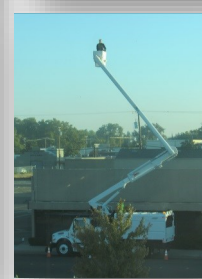
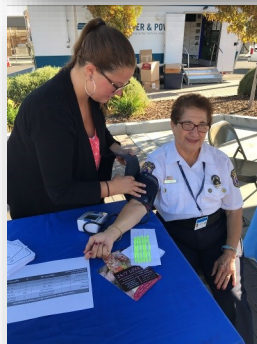
Joey Rodriguez was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in February 2017. Sergeant Rodriguez began working with the department since 2005.

Also in February, Steve Rodriguez was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Steve Rodriguez began working with the department in 2003.



OPEN HOUSE 2017

Each year, the Turlock Police Department opens its doors and hosts an Open House for the public to come and see what public safety services the Turlock Police Department offers to the citizens of Turlock, in addition to other entities that offer public safety services.



RECOGNITION AWARDS AND RETIREMENTS

Medal of Meritorious Service Recipients:



Officer Paul Heppner



Officer Adam Neep



Officer Sergio Perez

Officer Cody Lawrence

Special Recognition:



Sergeant Lee Medlin



Officer Jacob Young

Retirements:



Lori House



Sara Medrano

Citizen Recognition:



*Citizen
Ana Ramirez*



*Citizen
Jose Mendoza*

Officer of the Year



*Officer
Adam Neep*

Employee of the Year



*Special
Operations
Secretary
Maria Ruiz*

Volunteer of the Year



*V.I.P.
Jeff Lopes*

Excellence Award Recipient: Dispatch Unit



*Top Row Left to Right:
Supervisor Maribel
Rodriguez, Senior Lead
Dispatcher Cyndi
Chabra, Senior Lead
Dispatcher Katie
Layton, Senior Lead
Dispatcher Jennifer
Hager, Dispatcher Jamie
Echandi-Smith*



*Middle Row Left to
Right: Dispatcher Alex
Stapler, Dispatcher
Lorrie Lucas, Dispatcher
Ranae Colunga,
Dispatcher Sonia Fisher,
Dispatcher Tracy Cook*

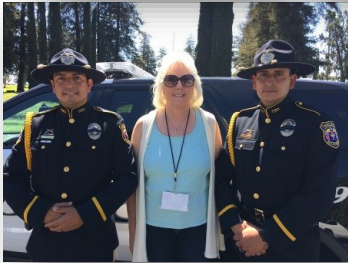
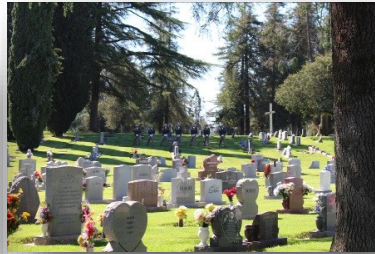
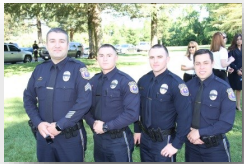


*Bottom Row Left to
Right: Dispatcher
Kaitlyn Carey,
Dispatcher Jennifer
Proce, Clerk Jeanette
DelTorro, Clerk Alexa
Ortega, Clerk Lidia
Contreras*

2017 PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL

Every year in May, during Peace Officer's Memorial Week, the Stanislaus County Peace Officers Association holds a memorial service for the men and women in law enforcement who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Members of the Turlock Police Department attend and participate each year, to show their respect for their fallen brothers and sisters in blue.



END OF WATCH

FALLEN HEROES



Lavon B. New
End of Watch:
August 14, 1935



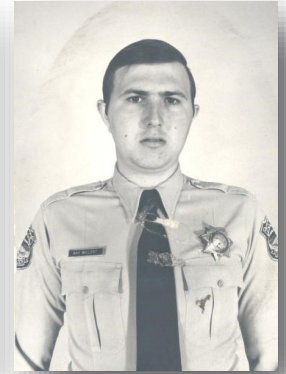
Joe E. Kerley
End of Watch:
November 1, 1949



Glesnn E. Winans
End of Watch:
November 1, 1949



George G. Bredenberg
End of Watch:
November 4, 1949



Raymond C. Willert
End of Watch:
February 9, 1973

PEACE OFFICERS CODE OF ETHICS

"As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession ... law enforcement."

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