

2016 ANNUAL REPORT SLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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SHERIFF



AS WE END ONE CALENDAR YEAR AND MOVE FORWARD INTO THE NEXT,

I acknowledge that thanks are in order. To the many employees and volunteers who serve San Luis Obispo County through your service to the Sheriff's Office, your hard work is noticed and appreciated more than you know.

2016 has been the beginning of major staff changes in the Sheriff's Office. Over the next two years, we will lose many hardworking and dedicated employees. They will be replaced in the ranks with an all-new generation — which, I am sure, will be as vigilant as those they are replacing. We have been very fortunate to continue to recruit highly qualified employees.

This year also marked an evolution in several areas of the department. We added several new positions that will

allow us to provide a response to the ever-growing homeless problem, a proactive street presence to gangs, and more focus to unsolved cases. We have added a fixed wing aircraft to our fleet, the first-ever aircraft owned by the Sheriff's Office.

2016 HAS BEEN THE BEGINNING OF MAJOR STAFF CHANGES IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

We are diligently working on opening the new female jail and hope to soon begin construction on the new collocated dispatch center. Over the next few years, we also plan to expand our patrol force and open a Nipomo Patrol Station.

Again, I wish to thank all employees and volunteers for your dedication to the Sheriff's Office and dedication to protecting our community.

IAN PARKINSON

San Luis Obispo County
Sheriff-Coroner

UNDERSHERIFF

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT 2016 HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ACROSS OUR NATION.

It is times like these that give me an even greater appreciation for the relationship that the Sheriff's Office has forged with our community. The public has entrusted us with their safety, and our employees and volunteers work hard each and every day to honor that trust.

The women and men of law enforcement willingly put themselves at risk to protect others on a daily basis, and this year, many of our brothers and sisters were tragically lost. It is in the darkest times that we have the opportunity to shine the brightest and continue to demonstrate our commitment to our community and our profession.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude to our employees and volunteers for the wonderful job they do, and to our community members for their continued support.

THE PUBLIC HAS ENTRUSTED US WITH THEIR SAFETY, AND OUR EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS WORK HARD EACH AND EVERY DAY TO HONOR THAT TRUST.

In memory of those who have served before us and in honor of all,



TIM OLIVAS

San Luis Obispo County
Undersheriff



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TRAINING UNIT

merged in 2013 based upon the understanding that effective trainings was essential to ensure these professional standards were met and to reduce recurrent mistakes.

TRAINING

The Training Unit is divided into two sections: (1) Patrol and Civilian Training Section and (2) Custody Section. Each section is headed by a training coordinator who ensures that Sheriff's Office employees achieve compliance in either California's Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) or Standards and Training for Corrections (STC).

The Patrol and Civilian Training Section provides training courses developed and instructed by members of the Sheriff's Office and certified through

POST. Patrol deputies and dispatchers are mandated to receive 24 hours of POST-certified training within a two-year period. Once again, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office was at 100 percent POST compliance with all applicable employees, a rarity in the state of California.

During 2016, the Training Unit achieved the following notable accomplishments:

- The Force Options Simulator installed at the Cal Fire Training Facility in Los Osos continues to provide outstanding and unique force options training to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in San Luis Obispo County. The VirTra V-300 LE judgmental simulator is the most challenging and advanced use-of-force simulator in the world and features a 300-degree (five screen) wrap-around system. Law enforcement officers can train for the most difficult real-world situations, such as ambushes, active shooters and maintaining situational awareness during extreme stress.

- The Sheriff's Office sent two of our employees through an intensive train-the-trainer Emotional Intelligence course based on the book "Emotional Intelligence 2.0". The course provides employees with the ability to harness their emotions and to apply them to tasks like thinking and problems solving.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The investigation of personnel complaints is the primary function of the Professional Standards Unit. In 2015, the Sheriff's Office experienced a significant reduction in citizen complaints and in 2016, this reduction continued.

COMPLAINTS

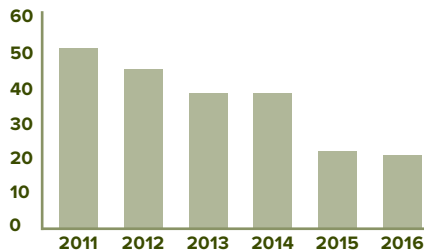
During Sheriff Parkinson's administration from 2011 to 2016, we have seen a 59 percent drop in citizen complaints.

In 2016, five of the 21 citizen complaints were sustained and the vast majority were unfounded. This low percentage of the number of



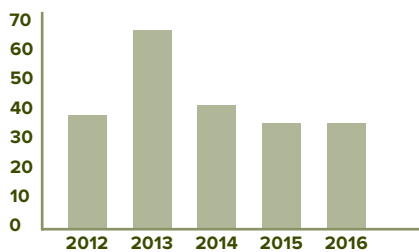
BACKGROUNDS

citizen complaints validates the professional conduct displayed by the men and women of the Sheriff's Office.



USE OF FORCE

Reportable use of force incidents dropped 17% from 2014 to 2015, and this number remained static in 2016 at 35. A review of the total use of force incidents during Sheriff Parkinson's administration reveals a somewhat static number with the exception of an upward spike in 2013.



PURSUIITS

Vehicle pursuits increased by six in 2016, for a total of 19. Sheriff Parkinson and his management team have encouraged deputies to engage in vehicle pursuits only when necessary and to always follow the Sheriff's Office strict guidelines regarding vehicle pursuits.

THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION UNIT CONSISTS

of three investigators who are responsible for the investigation of all sworn and civilian applicants within the Sheriff's Office. The background investigator compiles a report that includes the applicant's personal history, driver's license record, warrant checks, credit history, Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Examination or Polygraph results, medical examination and psychological examination. The Background Investigation Unit ensures background checks are in compliance with the

California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training and departmental statutes, regulations and procedures associated with the investigation process.

With roughly 99 backgrounds completed in 2016, the following positions have been filled:

Correctional Deputy: 14

Correctional Technician: 8

Deputy: 9

Reserve Deputy: 2

Dispatcher: 2

Cook: 1

Senior Account Clerk: 1

Legal Clerk: 1

Temporary Property Officer: 1

Posse Volunteer: 1

Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol: 6

Dive Team Volunteer: 3

Volunteer Chaplain: 1



RECORDS & WARRANTS

THE RECORDS AND WARRANTS UNIT CONSISTS OF TEN FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

This unit is responsible for:

- Entering criminal warrants into state and national databases
- Registration of sex/arson/gang/drug offenders
- Processing extraditions for all county agencies
- Intake and processing of concealed weapons permits, explosives permits, and business licenses
- Processing fingerprint applicants via Live Scan
- Processing a multitude of legal documents, including multiple requests for documents through the California Public Records Act

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In 2016, we saw a 98% compliance rate of registered sex offenders and 100% compliance rate of registered arson offenders. Our unit processed an increased number of concealed weapons permit applications. Records and Warrants worked closely with Information Technology to implement the new Local Warrant System, which went live in April 2016. Our unit continues to research and provide information for “Most Wanted Wednesday” media postings, which has proven to be an ongoing success.

Our goals for 2017 include completing a new Training Manual, which will be used to cross-train the legal Clerks within the office, and sustaining great service to the public.



IT AND HIGH TECH CRIMES

OVER THE YEARS THE FACE OF TECHNOLOGY HAS CHANGED.

It has become a central focus in our everyday lives and is relied upon to be available at all times. This is true within the Sheriff's Office as well. Whether dispatching 911 calls, accessing a mobile computer in a deputy's car or jail staff managing an inmate, technology is center stage with every aspect of our jobs. The Sheriff's Information Technology Unit must be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to ensure all these systems are operating at their peak performance and be ready to assist if problems occur.

In 2016 we implemented a new County developed Warrant System and by the end of the year a new County-wide Photo System. The Sheriff's IT Unit continues to upgrade and/or replace systems that have been in operation for years such as our Computer Aided Dispatch and security camera systems.

THE AMOUNT OF ELECTRONICS USED IN THE DAILY LIVES OF CIVILIANS

has caused a steady increase in cyber-crimes. Computer Forensics is the process of obtaining evidence from all types of digital media, such as computer hard drives, CDs, DVDs, cell phones and tablets, that can be presented in a court of law.

The Sheriff's Office has a dedicated computer forensics lab facility with trained personnel in both online crime investigations and computer forensics. In

2016, the forensics lab completed examinations on more than 277 devices containing electronic data storage of approximately 46 terabytes. This does not include the extensive number of cell phones examined.

277

Device Examinations

46

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FISCAL SERVICES

THE FISCAL DIVISION SUPPORTS

the Sheriff's Office in areas of accounting, including budgeting, monthly and quarterly financial reporting, grant reporting, payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable and purchasing. The division is comprised of an administrative services manager, an accountant, an administrative services officer, an accounting technician and two senior account clerks.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 WAS \$68 MILLION, WHICH INCLUDED REVENUE FROM VARIOUS SOURCES OF \$29 MILLION AND \$39 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND SUPPORT.

During the 2016 year, the Fiscal Division achieved the following notable accomplishments:

- Added a new Administrative Services Officer I to the Sheriff's Office budget to manage all grants
- Streamlined the process of applying and receiving grants
- Streamlined the budget process that include upper management
- Implemented policies and procedures for purchasing
- Continue providing reporting to management that includes monthly, quarterly and annual expenditures

The Fiscal Division 2017 year objectives are as follows:

- Implement a new County budgeting system (BFM – Budget Formulation and Management) which will be up and running for the 17/18 budget season
- Streamline the Graphics Art Program accounting policies



CORONER'S OFFICE

IN ADDITION TO HIS ROLE AS SHERIFF,

Ian Parkinson is the elected Coroner of San Luis Obispo County. Sheriff-Coroner Parkinson and all of his deputies perform the role of coroner in all jurisdictions within the County of San Luis Obispo. The California Government Code mandates that the coroner investigate the cause and manner of death in most cases in which a death occurred outside of a hospital or presence of a physician, and in all cases involving homicides, suicides, accidental deaths and deaths due to suspicious circumstances. In most cases, a patrol deputy will respond to a report of death and conduct an investigation.

For cases in which additional investigation and expertise is needed, the Sheriff's Office has a Coroner Investigation Unit within the Detective Bureau. The Coroner Unit is comprised of a sergeant, three detectives and a part-time legal clerk. The three assigned detectives are highly trained

and specialize in determining the cause and manner of death.

THE SHERIFF'S CORONER INVESTIGATION UNIT IS HONORED TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DURING THE DIFFICULT TIMES ASSOCIATED WITH A DEATH.

In 2016, The Coroner Investigation Unit reviewed 1479 reportable deaths in the County of San Luis Obispo. Of those 1479 total cases, 1244 were hospice cases. Patrol deputies responded to a total of 729 coroner cases countywide. Of the 729 cases to which deputy sheriffs responded, the Coroner Unit conducted further investigation in 235 of them. Although not all 729 cases were investigated beyond the patrol deputy level, all cases were thoroughly reviewed by coroner detectives who then certified the death certificates. Of the remaining reportable deaths, coroner detectives reviewed the causes of death provided by the treating physician before certification of the death certificates.

It is the responsibility of the Coroner to determine the necessary level of inquiry into any death falling in the jurisdiction of the Coroner's Office. The level of inquiry is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Of the 235 cases in 2016 in which the Coroner Unit conducted further investigation:

- 150 autopsies were performed
- 72 medical inspections were conducted
- 11 of the deaths were certified by medical records

Of the deaths investigated by the Coroner Unit in 2016:

- 82 were natural deaths
- 61 were suicides
- 5 were homicides
- 60 were accidental
- The remainder are still under investigation

The Sheriff's Coroner Investigation Unit is honored to serve the citizens of San Luis Obispo County during the difficult times associated with a death.



CIVIL DIVISION

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CIVIL DIVISION SERVES

civil process in the manner prescribed by law. The majority of procedures and laws governing the service and execution of civil process are set forth in the California Code of Civil Procedure. The Civil Division works in conjunction with the Civil Courts in San Luis Obispo County and Civil Courts throughout the State of California in the execution and service of process. It is the goal of the Civil Division to serve all processes in a timely manner while maintaining an impartial position between all parties involved.

Civil process includes the service of summons and complaints, small claims documents, restraining orders, subpoenas and evictions. Other services include levies on wages, bank accounts, personal property, real property, or any other asset of the judgment debtor.

The Civil Division also provides security services for the San Luis Obispo County Superior Courts located in the County of San Luis Obispo Courthouse, the Paso Robles Courthouse and the Juvenile Court. There are 15 deputy sheriffs and one sergeant assigned as bailiffs to the Superior Courts. The Civil Division also oversees the security checkpoints leading into the County Courthouse, the Paso Robles Courthouse and the Juvenile Court.

The Sheriff's Civil Division is located within the San Luis Obispo County Courthouse at 1050 Monterey Street, Room 236, San Luis Obispo, CA. Public counter hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, excluding holidays. Civil process forms and Frequently Asked Questions can be found online at the Sheriff's Office website: www.slosheriff.org

CIVIL PROCESS INCLUDES THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINTS, SMALL CLAIMS DOCUMENTS, RESTRAINING ORDERS, SUBPOENAS AND EVICTIONS.

For the time period of January 1, 2016 to December 2, 2016, the following civil processes were handled by the five civil deputies and four legal clerks assigned to the Civil Division:

- 265 Evictions
- 317 Levies
- 3,488 Services of Civil Processes

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JAIL PROGRAMS UNIT

The Jail Programs Unit (JPU) works with several resources and service providers within the community to provide inmates with beneficial programs while in custody to aide in a successful release back into the community.

TRANSPORTATION UNIT

The role of the Transportation Unit is to safely and securely transport inmates. The nature of these transports include scheduled inmate medical appointments, state hospital and state prison transports, picking up inmates in other counties who have a warrant in San Luis Obispo County, and transportation to and from the San Luis Obispo Superior Courts for their court appearances. In 2016, the Court Services Transportation Unit safely transported more than 10,500 inmates to court, completed over 150 scheduled medical runs, and conducted 38 Wasco State Prison runs.

WOMEN'S JAIL EXPANSION

The addition of the new Women's Jail Facility to the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Custody Division will

bring much-needed space to house and program approximately 194 inmates. The expansion project consists of 46,000 square feet of new construction on one-and-a-half acres within the seven acre County Jail Facility. The new Women's Jail facility has two housing units that allow direct supervision of inmates. In addition, a new medical and program building will replace the existing Women's Jail. It will consist of 8,000 square feet and will include enough provided space for medical, dental and mental health services and other support programs for the entire jail population.

CORRECTIONAL TECHNICIANS

As part of the Custody Division Support Staff, correctional technicians provide an essential function for maintaining daily operations at the County Jail. Correctional technicians work around the clock every day of the year to process every arrest and release within San Luis Obispo County. An average of 10,868 arrests are handled each year along with 10,874 releases. Additionally, correctional technicians are responsible for court-ordered commitments, maintaining the

inmate's property and the safeguard of their money. Staff also hold the additional duties of maintaining a record of inmate court appearances, release dates, attachment of warrants, and the transfer of inmates to and from other facilities, whether locally or nationwide.

HONOR FARM

The Honor Farm is comprised of two housing areas, a Male Honor Farm and Female Honor Farm. The inmates assigned to the Honor Farm are encouraged to participate in the numerous programs and classes offered. In addition, they are assigned to specific work details which include keeping the Jail and surrounding Sheriff's Office buildings and grounds clean and in good repair on a daily basis, as well as other mandated functions such as kitchen and laundry services. The kitchen supplies three meals a day to the Jail facilities and Juvenile Services. Inmates who work in the kitchen are offered a Safe Food Handlers class and a Kitchen Management Class. Upon completion of these courses, they receive a certificate that assists them with full-time employment after release. There are two



baking internships in which inmates go out into the community and gain real-world skills and work experience. The Honor Farm also prepares laundry for both the Jail and Juvenile Services.

The Honor Farm Christmas Bike Program continues to be successful, with more than 525 bikes finished in 2016. The bike program has two inmates assigned to refurbish the donated bikes. Once the bikes are refurbished they are donated to families that cannot afford to purchase bikes for their children. The bikes are also given out to other charitable groups that have a shared focus of benefiting children, such as the Boys and Girls Club, school bike safety programs and Social Services programs. The Christmas Bike Program is entirely supported by donations from the community and local businesses.

The Honor Farm also runs various outdoor work crews that consist of County Roads, County Trees, Public Works, County Fleet Services and Camp San Luis Obispo. The inmates learn a variety of trades in these positions, that can assist with finding employment once released from custody.

A recent addition to the Men's Honor Farm was the Graphic Arts Program (GAP) which was initiated in 2015.

Program participants learn how to operate and maintain a laser engraver, rotary engraver, wide format printer, wide format laminator and sublimation equipment. Inmates involved in the program also receive instruction with graphics arts software and complete real time production projects.

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The Women's Honor Farm inmates are assigned to assist with the cleaning and care of the animals housed at Animal Services. Some are also responsible for making sure every member of the female inmate population receives clean and serviceable clothing during regularly scheduled clothing exchanges.

The Women's Honor Farm Sewing Program participated in numerous donations during 2016. Some of the organizations that donations were given to San Luis Obispo County Women's Shelter, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Detective's Bureau, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Pirate's Closet for students in need of warm clothing attending the

Morro Bay School District, San Luis Obispo County ALPHA, Jack's Helping Hand, Reach for the Stars Foundation, Get on the Bus Program and wounded veterans admitted to our area Veteran's Hospitals. All of this is possible through generous donations of materials and funds from people and organizations in our community.

**ALTERNATIVE
SENTENCING UNIT**

The Alternative Sentencing Unit (ASU) provides offenders sentenced to the County Jail an opportunity to serve their court ordered sentence in a program as an alternative to physical custody. Without compromising public safety, these programs relieve jail overcrowding, reduce housing costs, and allow the offender to reintegrate back into the community. The correctional deputies assigned to the unit work as a team to coordinate the Home Detention Program, the Alternative Work Program and Sheriff's Parole.

The Home Detention Program (HDP) allows offenders to serve a sentence at home. Offenders are responsible for their own meals, medical expenses, and housing costs. As well as continuing to contribute to society by working, HDP participants cover costs of the monitoring equipment and administration costs as an offender-paid program. Participants are monitored by use of alcohol monitoring, Global Positioning System (GPS) devices or Radio Frequency monitoring in their homes and in the community.

The Alternative Work Program allows offenders to serve a sentence by working in lieu of jail time. Currently, we utilize 27 county, city and state facilities as work locations, including State Parks, Animal

Services, Cal Fire and the Sheriff's Office. Jobs typically include general cleaning and beautification of governmental areas.

Sheriff's Parole participants are placed on parole by a three-person board including the Sheriff's Office, Probation and an appointed citizen. Once the offender is granted parole, ASU ensures that offenders have a suitable living environment and monitors offenders until their release date.

CUSTODY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.)

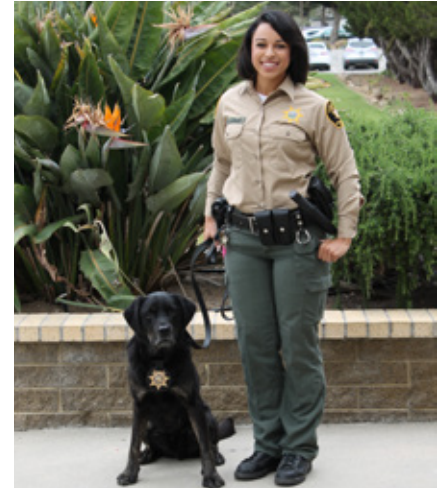
The Custody Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) was established to provide specialized support in handling critical incidents in the San Luis Obispo County Jail. The team can be deployed for cell extractions, room clearing, riot response and high risk transports. C.E.R.T. is a designated unit comprised of correctional deputies, senior correctional deputies and correctional sergeants. The team can be called upon to extract inmates that pose a danger to themselves, or to diffuse large-scale incidents that threaten the safety and security of the facility.

Depending on the type of incident, C.E.R.T. Operators are outfitted with protective gear, including body armor, helmets, tactical gloves, gas masks and riot shields. They may also be equipped with a 40 mm Launcher, Pepper Ball

Gun, Taser, OC Spray, or gas grenades. The objective of a C.E.R.T. responder is to remove the threat in a controlled manner while utilizing the least amount of force necessary.

CUSTODY CANINE

Dutch is a Labrador Retriever assigned to the Sheriff's Custody Division. His handler is Correctional Deputy Kelsey Williams. Dutch is trained in narcotics detection and is certified to detect the odors of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, opium and marijuana. This year, Dutch and Correctional Deputy Williams received 80 hours of Canine Narcotics Detection and Canine Handling training to become certified by the California Narcotics Canine Association. Since being placed into service, Dutch has alerted to areas found to contain 61 grams of butane honey oil, 42 grams of heroin, 2521 grams of marijuana and 278 grams of methamphetamine. This year, Dutch had 58 deployments and 217 searches, which resulted in seven arrests.



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CRIME LAB

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIME LABORATORY

is responsible for processing evidence and responding to crime scenes in criminal cases occurring within the County. In addition to processing crime scene evidence, the Lab also analyzes controlled substances and biological samples for driving under the influence (DUI) cases. The CAL-ID program for the County is responsible for identification and biometric programs as well as operates the County's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

THIS YEAR, THE FORENSIC ALCOHOL LABORATORY PROVIDED SERVICES FOR 11 DIFFERENT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY.

This year, the Forensic Alcohol Laboratory provided services for 11 different law enforcement agencies throughout San Luis Obispo County. In 2016, the Forensic Alcohol Laboratory:

- Conducted nearly 900 evidential breath alcohol tests using the department's breath instruments
- Analyzed approximately 700 blood samples for alcohol content
- Was awarded a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to procure a new Headspace Gas Chromatography Dual-Column instrument for the analysis of blood

The Chemistry/Toxicology Lab continued to provide services for the police departments in Paso Robles, Atascadero, Morro Bay, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, Arroyo Grande, Cal Poly State University, Cuesta Community College and the California State Parks stations. In addition, this section of the Crime Laboratory provides services to the California Men's Colony, San Luis Obispo County Probation, San Luis

Obispo County Suspected Abuse Response Team and all of the Sheriff's Office patrol stations. During 2016, the Chemistry/Toxicology Lab analyzed over 4,000 suspected controlled substance samples and the Toxicology section analyzed over 800 urine samples, all of which were submitted from the law enforcement agencies previously listed.

The Crime Laboratory received hundreds of cases for evidence analysis. These processes included biological collection, electrostatic detection of indented writing, hair and fiber collection and comparisons, tool mark comparisons, ballistic analysis, serial number restoration, as well as tire and footwear impression comparisons and trace evidence analysis. More than 60% of these cases were received from outside agencies, and most contained multiple items that required evaluation. More than 500 individual items were forensically processed. Additional quantities of latent fingerprint cases were submitted, resulting in almost 1,000 fingerprint examinations.

The Cal-ID Program completed the upgrade of infrastructure components



in the ID Lab and deployed several additional technology solutions designed to make the processing and analysis of identification-related evidence more efficient and effective. This included the acquisition of a new state-of-the-art Reflective Ultra Violet Imaging System (RUVIS), which allows forensic specialists to locate and photograph evidence such as fingerprints that might not be visible to the naked eye and under general lighting conditions. The RUVIS allows for the use of a full spectrum of light sources including Shortwave and Longwave Ultra Violet, Infrared and visible lighting to detect, photographically record, and facilitate the comparison of fingerprints and other evidence. The FORAY ACE-V project completed this year will assist fingerprint examiners in streamlining the analysis and comparison workflows, and provide a robust digital imaging storage and retrieval system. The deployment of Wacom tablets to ID Lab examiners will enhance the ability to analyze and compare latent fingerprints from crime scenes.

This year, SLO County's photo and mugshot system was replaced. The new system allows for image and feature searching and retrieval, and the preparation of investigative photo lineups for viewing by crime victims and witnesses. The new system is fully-compatible with facial recognition technology.

**THE PROJECT WILL
ENHANCE INVESTIGATIVE
CAPABILITY, EXPEDITE THE
IDENTIFICATION OF
DECEASED PERSONS, AND
FACILITATE THE ARREST OF
WANTED SUBJECTS.**

The Cal-ID Program also provided 30 cameras capable of taking forensic quality images of fingerprints and other evidence to law enforcement agencies throughout the County, and provided training in their use. The cameras will allow field personnel to obtain fingerprints at crime scenes which can be transmitted to ID Lab examiners for comparison with known standards, or

submission to the program's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SLOAFIS).

The Cal-ID Program continued development of a Mobile ID project designed to assist local law enforcement agencies with the tools to rapidly identify individuals in the field through fingerprints. The project will enhance investigative capability, expedite the identification of deceased persons, and facilitate the arrest of wanted subjects.



DETECTIVES

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DETECTIVE DIVISION

is responsible for the investigation of criminal cases that go above and beyond the scope and resources of the Patrol Division. This includes all misdemeanor and felony crimes for both local and state laws where other agencies do not have the primary investigative responsibility. These cases may require a large amount of resources for an extended period of time; may need investigators with specialized training, knowledge and equipment; and may extend beyond a patrol deputy's area of responsibility or expertise. Our detectives are able to focus on their investigation without the interruptions of handling calls for service as a patrol deputy.

Detectives in the Detective Division are assigned to a specific area of investigations. General crime detectives are responsible for investigating crimes against persons and property. The sexual assault detectives are responsible for

crimes that are sexual in nature, child molestations, child pornography, non-financial elder abuse and sexual registrants. The Crime Lab, forensic specialists and the Cal ID coordinator provide technical evidence collection and analysis to all agencies in the County. In addition to criminal investigations, the Detective Division also conducts follow-up investigations for all missing persons, runaway juveniles and other cases as required by law or as assigned.

AMONG THE MANY CASES INVESTIGATED IN 2016, THE DETECTIVE DIVISION BROUGHT TO RESOLUTION THE FOUR HOMICIDES FROM 2015 AND INVESTIGATED A MULTI-COUNTY ATM BURGLAR CASE, TWO LARGE EMBEZZLEMENT CASES INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, AND A HIGH PROFILE HOME INVASION CASE IN THE NORTH COUNTY.

Additionally, detectives assisted the Coroner's Office with in-custody death investigations and two fetus deaths. Other major investigations included child molestations, rape, child pornography and burglaries, and most recently we formed an ad-hoc task force to combat the recent rash of armed robberies. There were other cases throughout the year that were not "major investigations" but still required detective resources, such as critical or at-risk missing persons, runaway juveniles, and suspicious death investigations. New cases requiring detective follow-up are constantly coming into the division on a daily basis.

While carrying their case load, detectives must also appear in court to testify on investigations which have been submitted to the District Attorney's Office and filed in court. Some cases make it through the court process in a relatively short amount of time, while others may take years. The following are two examples of the many 2016 cases in which detectives were called to conduct an investigation and appear in court to testify to the detailed information that was found throughout the course of the case.



CASE #1

On April 21, 2016, Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to Twin Cities Community Hospital Emergency Room for a female who was eight months pregnant and suffering from seizures. Detectives worked tirelessly to investigate the death of the fetus due to the mother's chronic use of various drugs during the entire time of the pregnancy. Toxicology reports indicated that both mother and the fetus were presumptively positive for methamphetamine and opiates. With the help of the forensic specialists, Crime Laboratory and Coroner's Office, sufficient evidence and probable cause was developed and compiled in order to file a complaint of murder against the mother with the District Attorney's Office.

CASE # 2

In the early morning hours of July 20, 2016, deputies were dispatched to a residence in rural Templeton for a home invasion robbery that had just occurred. Several individuals came to the private residence where there had been a party

for friends of the family. When the suspects arrived with their identity concealed, they brought several weapons with them that were used to instill fear and to get the remaining partygoers to comply with their orders. When some of the individuals at the gathering didn't comply, the suspects discharged firearms and physically assaulted them with the weapons. After a period of time, the suspects took various items of personal property from the victims and the residence. They stole one vehicle from the residence, in which they were eventually stopped when the dispatched deputies observed it travelling at a high rate of speed away from the area of the residence. The quick observation by the deputies ultimately assisted the investigation greatly. The detectives from all units of the Detective Division (Gang Task Force, Narcotics, Sexual Assault and General Crimes) played crucial roles in the case, as well as the forensic specialists who analyzed the physical evidence at the various scenes.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW CASES THAT SHOWCASE THE ABILITY OF OUR DETECTIVES TO TAKE A CASE AND, THROUGH COOPERATIVE EFFORTS, SOLVE IT EFFICIENTLY. THESE CASES COULD NOT BE COMPLETED IN THE FASHION THEY WERE WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CRIME LAB, CORONER'S OFFICE, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO COMPRISE THE DETECTIVE BUREAU.



SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT

THE SEXUAL ASSAULT UNIT

consists of three investigators and is responsible for investigating cases of physical and sexual abuse, extreme cases of domestic violence and non-fiduciary elder abuse within the unincorporated area of San Luis Obispo County. The Unit also assists outside agencies in their investigations. The investigation of physical and sexual abuse cases are highly specialized and require expert training as mandated by the California Penal Code. Investigators also provide training to mandated reporters of child abuse, community groups and military.

The sexual assault investigators handle an average of more than 200 cases per year as they relate to child and adult sexual abuse and assault, elder abuse, and child pornography. Individual cases can take several months to fully investigate and can last up to a year in the court process.

In 2016, these investigators:

- Assisted in child forensic interviews, homicides and other investigations outside of sexual assault
- Assisted in search warrant preparation and service
- Conducted CVSA examinations in criminal and background investigations
- Worked with crime lab forensic technicians in analyzing pieces of evidence as they pertain to sexual assault
- Worked with computer forensic technicians in analyzing electronic/computer-based evidence as it related to child pornography cases
- Welcomed a new investigator to the Sexual Assault Unit

Also in 2016, investigators received advanced training in human trafficking investigations and will be working in conjunction with Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties in the formation of a tri-counties task force. This year, a “high profile” case involving a South County

Youth Softball Coach was investigated by the Sexual Assault Unit and prosecuted by the District Attorney Office which lead to the suspect pleading “No Contest” to the charges and being sentenced to 20 years to life prison term. The Sexual Assault Unit also investigated additional crimes involving sexual assault which, after the investigations were complete and prosecuted by the District Attorney Office, led to the suspects in those cases being sentenced to more than 300 years combined.

In addition to this caseload, community training and educational outreach are necessary priorities of our Sexual Assault Unit. These specialized trainings have assisted RISE (Respect, Inspire, Support, Empower) advocates who provide support for victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence, SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) Nurses, Rotary Club and other non-profit organizations.

This unit plans to continue providing complete and thorough investigations and advocating for victims and their families in the coming year.



SAFE TEAM

SAFE (SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT)

Team members are responsible for verifying the residency of all registered sex offenders within the Sheriff's jurisdiction and enforcing the appropriate codes when those registration laws have been violated.

305
Registered Sex Offenders

We have noticed a consistent and steady amount of registered sex offenders that register with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office. In 2016, the Sheriff's Office registered approximately 305 sex offenders. This is more than half of the approximately 535 registered sex offenders that live within our communities.

Efforts are made to interview all new registrants that come to our agency. During this interview, we discuss the registrant's requirements with them and answer any questions they may have.

SAFE Team members provide an immediate response to complaints, inquiries and information regarding registered sex offenders in the community. We provide community

notifications of sexually violent predators (SVPs) and high-risk sex offenders when warranted. This is accomplished through media releases or by going door-to-door and passing out informational flyers.

SAFE Team members also work closely with Victim/Witness Advocates through the District Attorney's Office, prioritizing the needs of the victim through coordination and teamwork. The Team is on call to do in-service training for our rape prevention centers and local school districts and community service organizations when requested.

EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INTERVIEW ALL NEW REGISTRANTS THAT COME TO OUR AGENCY. DURING THIS INTERVIEW, WE DISCUSS THE REGISTRANT'S REQUIREMENTS WITH THEM AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE.

The SAFE Team receives information regarding violations of sex offender registration laws from several sources, including:

- Tips received directly from the public or through the California Megan’s Law website, www.meganslaw.ca.gov
- Electronic comparisons of every registered sex offender booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail to make sure that those registrants are current and in compliance with their registration requirements
- Periodic and unannounced visits, called “compliance checks,” to all registrants to:
 - Verify that the registered address is valid and that they actually reside within that address
 - Determine if the registrant has since moved without giving required notice to the Sheriff’s Office
 - Advise the registrant of any new changes in the law
 - Ascertain if the registrant or his or her property has been the subject of a crime due to him or her being a registrant
 - Enforce the appropriate probation and parole conditions

In 2016, the SAFE Team:

- Conducted 520 compliance checks
- Uncovered 49 possible sex offender registration violations
- Filed 27 of these investigations with the District Attorney’s Office for failing to register properly
- Assisted in and conducted nine search warrants
- Completed 10 investigations of Internet crimes against children. Five of these suspects were arrested, and five cases are still open with unidentified suspects
- Provided Sex Registration training to department trainees
- Provided Stranger Danger training to five preschool classes
- Completed forensic exams on approximately 100 cellular telephones, 25 memory cards and 40 thumb drives, and imaged approximately 55 hard drives

520
Compliance Checks

10
Internet Crime Investigations

49
Possible Sex Offender Registration Violations

220
Forensic Exams on Electronic Devices



NORTH STATION

THE SHERIFF'S NORTH STATION

In 2016, the Sheriff's North Station handled a total of 22,944 calls for service (CFS) and self-initiated activity (SIA) as of December 14. Although we are at approximately the same level of activity as last year, with the changes in various laws in the State of California over the past few years and the legalization of certain usages of marijuana, deputies are anticipating an increase in criminal activity. For example, the large number of marijuana cultivation sites in California Valley has led to an increase in criminal activity such as assaults, thefts, and shots fired. Due to the distances to be traveled when responding to California Valley, the case clearance rate is unfortunately low. There is a resident deputy whose beat area covers California Valley, but more often than not multiple deputies are sent to these calls as back up.

In December 2016, the Sheriff's Office assigned two deputies to the Gang Task Force working out of North Station. We are very excited about this new unit

assisting in the suppression and investigation of gang activity.

The resident deputy program continues to be a major asset in crime suppression and lowering of response times. Currently there are two resident deputy positions here in North County, one patrolling Shandon, Creston and California Valley, and the other patrolling Heritage Ranch and Oak Shores. We have received tremendous support from the community in regards to these resident positions. They have given the public an added sense of security and ownership in "their" resident deputy.

The rural crimes deputies continue to work the outlying areas of our patrol beats. These deputies meet with farmers and ranchers who are sometimes reluctant to report thefts or trespassing to law enforcement. The "crush" time at the wineries is always a busy time of year for these deputies, as stolen wine grapes and equipment continue to plague growers. Rural crime deputies have conducted surveillances and extra patrol and placed surveillance cameras in the field in an attempt to combat these crimes.

Three school resource deputies (SROs) work at North Station and cover all the schools in the North County, both in towns and in remote rural areas. The SROs have an excellent bond with the teachers and administrators at their schools, as well as the students and parents.

THEY HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

In addition to daily patrol, deputies work a wide variety of contract and special assignments. Contracts include the California Mid-State Fair and live music concerts in Pozo. Special collateral assignments include Special Enforcement Detail (SWAT) and Honor Guard.

The vast majority of North Station deputies live here in the North County, so they have a strong sense of commitment to serving the members of their community.



SOUTH STATION

In 2016, the Sheriff's South Station handled a total of 22,018 calls for service within their area of responsibility. From those calls and field initiated contacts, South County deputies conducted:

390

Drug Enforcement Arrests

3,200

Reports

1,000

Total Arrests

South Patrol Division covers 850 square miles with a population of approximately 40,000 people living in the communities of Oceano, Nipomo, unincorporated Arroyo Grande, Los Berros, New Cuyama, Huasna Valley, Blacklake-Callender and The Woodlands. The area extends from Pismo Beach to the Santa

Barbara County line, and from the Pacific Ocean to the Kern County line.

The patrol station for this area is currently staffed with a commander, one sergeant, four senior deputies, 19 Sheriff's deputies and two legal clerks. Of these 23 deputy Sheriffs, one is assigned as a station investigator, primarily tasked with property crimes and missing person investigations. Two deputies, along with a reserve deputy, are assigned as school resources deputies working at schools within the Lucia Mar School District. One is assigned as a rural crimes deputy focusing on criminal investigations in the agricultural related industry.

In 2016, the South Station welcomed Canine Deputy Gonzo and his handler Deputy Mark Souza. Gonzo is a German Shepherd and has been trained in narcotics detection, protection duties and tracking. Gonzo and Deputy Souza work patrol in the South County area and frequently go to other parts of the County when canine help is needed.

Similar to 2015, homeless camps continued to impact the communities of Oceano and Nipomo in 2016. Utilizing community resources specializing in

homeless outreach support and mental health services, we continued to offer relocation and other assistance to transient persons in both communities.

The new Nipomo Report Writing Room has been a great benefit. This room has enabled South County patrol deputies to continue to provide excellent service to the Nipomo area, while allowing residents a place to meet with deputies working the Nipomo area when needed.

During 2016, the Sheriff's Office continued to strengthen South County community partnerships through the creation of additional Neighborhood Watch and continuing Rural Crime programs. Lucia Mar Unified School District students in the unincorporated areas completed the fourth year of G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training) curriculum, which teaches students about the dangers associated with criminal street gang participation. The G.R.E.A.T. program is an effective school-based classroom curriculum intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence and gang membership. The program is introduced to children immediately before the prime ages for introduction into gangs and delinquent behavior.



COAST STATION

THE COAST PATROL DIVISION

provides law enforcement service for all unincorporated areas on the coast from Avila Beach to the Monterey County line. This area encompasses the communities of San Simeon, Cambria, Cayucos, Los Osos, Baywood Park, Avila Beach, and the unincorporated area of San Luis Obispo.

The patrol station is currently staffed by one commander, one sergeant, four senior deputies, 19 deputy sheriffs and two legal clerks. While most of the 23 deputies are tasked with providing patrol-based service to the community, there are also deputies assigned as school resource deputies, rural crime deputies, canine handlers and a station investigator who focuses on at-risk missing persons and extensive property crimes.

In 2016, property crimes continued to increase in all areas, with a number of these involving thefts from unlocked cars. Popular trailheads along the coast

were the hardest hit with these types of thefts and in 2016 deputies began using surveillance cameras to prevent their commission.

Transient encampments continued to be a problem for the communities of the North Coast and rural San Luis Obispo areas. In 2015, the coastal communities faced new threats from these encampments in the form of fire danger and environmental pollution. The Sheriff's Office continued in 2016 to partner with state and local agencies to try to mitigate many of the hazards created by these encampments.

In February, deputies responded to a single-family residence fully engulfed with fire and pulled the owner to safety.

In April, deputies investigated a burglary to a residence involving a stolen Jaguar. During the ensuing investigation, deputies recovered the stolen vehicle, and caught the suspect based on fingerprints and DNA evidence.

In September, The Sheriff's Office received a report from a suicide hotline of a man who said he had a knife to his

throat and was going to kill himself. Deputies arrived at the residence and after negotiating with the man, the deputies were able to prevent him from harming himself, then transported him for a psychiatric evaluation.

Later that same month, deputies responded to a report of the kidnapping of an 8-year-old child from a residence in Cayucos. Deputies were able to locate and stop the vehicle in San Simeon. The child was located and returned to their home unharmed.

In October, deputies were dispatched to a reported vehicle burglary in progress at Avila Beach. As deputies arrived, they were told by the reporting party that the suspect had stolen two bags from a vehicle after smashing a passenger window. The suspect fled on foot and was eventually located by a Sheriff's canine.



WATCH COMMANDER

THE WATCH COMMANDER'S OFFICE

is located in the Emergency Operations Center directly adjacent to the Sheriff's Dispatch Center. Sheriff's sergeants man the office 24 hours per day. Sheriff's commanders staff the office during the evening hours to increase the field supervision of patrol deputies. The Watch Commander's Office is the single point of contact for all County departments and services after business hours, on weekends and on holidays.

The Watch Commander's Office has the principal responsibility of overseeing dispatch services and patrol operations on a daily basis. The Office also serves as the point of contact for the entire County with the Federal National Warning System (NAWAS) and the California State

Warning Center, which provide communications to our County in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist attack. The watch commander also handles all local notifications during critical incidents and natural disasters, including but not limited to the County's Bomb Task Force, Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail, Search and Rescue, Dive Team, Aero Squadron, and the Sheriff's Detective Division.

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The Watch Commander's Office is the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant's primary law enforcement point of

contact during any unusual events or critical incidents occurring at the plant. During an emergency, the watch commander is authorized to activate the County Emergency Alert System (EAS) including Reverse 9-1-1, area sirens, and EAS messages on commercial radio and television.



THE SHERIFF'S DISPATCH CENTER

is a Primary Public Safety Answering Point responsible for all 9-1-1 calls in the County, Arroyo Grande City and Morro Bay City as well as communication and dispersal of information between the public, law enforcement, paramedics and numerous county/state departments. The Dispatch Center is also responsible for receiving calls for service from the public and dispatching law enforcement, probation, ambulances, EMS Helicopters and other agency personnel to the respective calls, which contributes to the several thousands of incoming and outgoing calls handled by the Sheriff's Dispatch Center each year. The Sheriff's Dispatch Center is staffed with EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) certified dispatchers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Sheriff's Dispatch Center installed a new reverse 9-1-1 system this past year. The new system was purchased through Airbus, since the old system was no longer supported by the vendor. Vesta Alert

can notify hundreds of residences within minutes by telephone with a voice recording stating the emergency and what action (if any should be taken). The system's database is updated monthly using current records from the 9-1-1 database. Vesta Alert has been activated 13 times this past year for emergency notifications in numerous areas of the County, relating to the numerous fires, as well as for critical missing individuals and safety issues.

Technologically, the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) mobile and mapping program is a Tritech system. The Tritech software gives dispatchers the ability to create incidents and direct the closest, most appropriate emergency personnel to calls for service. The 9-1-1 system is an AIRBUS Vesta VoIP 9-1-1 phone system; the system was installed to be ready to handle the next generation of 9-1-1.

In 2016, the Sheriff's Dispatch Center answered 47,218 9-1-1 phone calls. The calls were answered in ten seconds or less over 99.7% of the time, California State standard is 90%. The Dispatch Center handled over 203,136 phone calls and created 131,017 incidents for

service. The Dispatch Center created and dispatched approximately 28,013 medical calls for service.

Besides their daily duties, dispatchers are also involved in community outreach. The dispatchers attend special events and the county fair, handing out information including the importance of 9-1-1 and when this number should be used. The children get to meet Red E. Fox, the 9-1-1 for Kids mascot.

47,218

Calls answered

131,017

Incidents for service

99.7%

Calls answered in less than 10 seconds

CANINE UNIT



427

Deployments

75

Assisted Other Agencies

854

Searches

37

Apprehensions

114

Arrests

2

Apprehension Bite



10,580.2

Grams of Marijuana

2,014.4

Grams of Methamphetamine

422.3

Grams of Heroin



CANINE UNIT

THE MISSION

of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Canine Unit is to support department operations by providing the expertise necessary to effectively search for outstanding suspects, missing persons, narcotics and evidence, while enhancing officer safety and providing outstanding service to the community.

ALL CANINES WITHIN THE UNIT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED FOR TWO TO SIX YEARS, EXEMPLIFYING SUPERIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

Today, our Canine Unit consists of Handler Deputy Mark Souza and Canine Gonzo are assigned to South Station, Handler Deputy Bryan Love and Canine Hondo are assigned to North Station, Handler Deputy John Franklin and Canine Jacco are assigned to Coast Station, and Handler

Deputy Josh Peet and Canine DJ are assigned to North Station's interior valley covering Shandon, Creston and California Valley areas. Handler Kelsey Williams and Canine Dutch are assigned to the Custody Division while also providing assistance to the Special Operations Unit.

Canines Gonzo, Jacco, Hondo, DJ, Dutch and Jack continually enhance their narcotics detection training and are all certified by the California Narcotics Canine Association as 100% proficient in their detection of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, opium and marijuana odors.

Canines Gonzo, Jacco, Hondo and DJ are also certified by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and the California Narcotics Canine Association (CNCA) in the skillsets of obedience, apprehension, and handler protection.

All canines within the unit have been deployed for two to six years, exemplifying superior law enforcement performance and community involvement. Statistical data is categorized and tracked through custom

patrol car databases created in-house by the Sheriff's Software Engineer.

In 2016, elite Navy SEAL canine trainer, Mike Ritland, was contracted to instruct an intensive three-day canine tracking course. Canine teams were individually accessed and customized performance enhancing plans developed.

The Sheriff's Canine Patrol Teams will soon be equipped with new gas masks that incorporate a voice amplification system. This equipment will enhance the handler's ability to effectively talk to both canines and Special Enforcement Detail (SED) team members during tactical deployments and training exercises.



THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

established its Gang Task Force (GTF) in 1989 as an active effort to disrupt and dismantle criminal street gangs and gang activity. The focus of the Gang Task Force is to make a positive difference through outreach and education, while changing the tide of violence and victimization that is perpetrated by these street gangs.

Currently, there are 767 documented gang members in San Luis Obispo County and 55 documented criminal street gangs. These include White Supremacist Gangs, Hispanic Gangs, Black Gangs, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, International Gangs and others.

In 2016, the GTF assisted with areas surrounding San Luis Obispo that do not currently have their own Gang Task Forces. Just south of San Luis Obispo County's border, gang-related murders skyrocketed in 2016. The San Luis Obispo

County GTF assisted with the apprehension and arrest of Santa Maria gang members that had viciously murdered and conspired to murder opposing gang members. Santa Barbara County does not currently have a Gang Task Force nor does the city of Santa Maria. North of San Luis Obispo County, in Monterey County, there were more than 30 murders as of September 2016, many of which were gang related. Monterey County also does not currently have a Gang Task Force.

As part of their prevention outreach in 2016, the San Luis Obispo County GTF along with the Anti-Gang Coordinating Commission developed a Gang Awareness Course for school staff throughout the County. The course material addresses gang activity specific to a school's environment, and has since become a popular request among many local school districts.

In addition to this awareness course, the San Luis Obispo County Gang Task Force along with the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Training Unit developed a Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified Basic Gang Training Course, specifically for local law enforcement officers. The purpose of this course is to

further educate law enforcement on criminal street gang and enforcement.

In 2016, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office was granted two new deputy positions to augment the existing GTF. These positions were added with the goal to provide the County with a GTF Street Team that would have daily contact with criminal street gang members, daily interaction with the public and communicate with local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of maintaining a county-wide gang documentation process. The Sheriff's Office hopes that this continued effort will reduce the amount of crime related to criminal street gangs, continuing to make San Luis Obispo County a safe and wonderful place to reside.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

THE SHERIFF'S SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DETAIL (SED)

is a highly trained and specially equipped tactical team. The team is designed to resolve critical incidents that include: hostage situations, barricaded suspects, armed suicidal subjects, crowd control, and high-risk warrant service.

The team was formed in the 1970s in response to the civil unrest occurring at that time. In 2003, the partnership with the Atascadero Police Department expanded the size of the team to deal with the increasing threat of terrorism. SED has trained extensively at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant and has become an integral part of emergency response in San Luis Obispo County.

Assignment to SED is a collateral duty for all personnel, in addition to that member's primary assignment with the department. SED members attend at least 20 hours of monthly training, as well as specialized tactical schools throughout the state.

The specialized equipment supplied to SED includes highly accurate weapons, less-lethal munitions, and armored rescue vehicles. Whenever SED is activated, the Sheriff's Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT) also responds. Most critical incidents are resolved through negotiations carried out by TNT rather than with force.

This year, SED took delivery of new rifles for the entry team. These new weapons replace others that are over 30 years old. The team also continued to integrate the Sheriff's canines and now uses them regularly during call outs. This year's SED Team deployments included high risk arrest and search warrants, and barricaded

subjects. In addition, SED members maintained a secure perimeter for four straight days during an extensive Detective operation. All SED operations were completed with the team having met their objectives successfully.

The Special Enforcement Detail continues to grow and adapt with a focus on providing the citizens of San Luis Obispo County one of the best tactical teams in the state.



A FUNCTION OF THE OPERATIONS DIVISION

at the Sheriff's Office is the Crime Prevention and Public Information Unit. This office is staffed by two crime prevention specialists and a public information officer. The crime prevention specialists are each assigned to a specific area and are cross-trained to support the entire organization.

The Rural Crime Prevention Specialist coordinates with the three rural crime deputies assigned to North, Coast and South Patrol Stations. The specialist presents crime prevention information and follow-up support to the ranching and agricultural communities, Farm and Ranch Watch programs and the Owner Applied Number Program, representing the Sheriff at local Cattlemen & Women groups, the Mid-State Fair and the Farm Bureau.

In dealing with traditional programs, the crime prevention specialists maintain all of the Neighborhood Watch programs

in the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition, they are responsible for the annual Citizens Academy and Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol Academy, internet safety programs for youth, security surveys for home and business, public displays at community events, and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design review of new developments and construction.

The role of the Public Information Officer (PIO) has changed dramatically over the past few years with added responsibilities and functions. The PIO still serves as the primary liaison with local, national and international media for any news items that directly relate to the Sheriff's Office. These responsibilities include writing and distributing press releases, generating story ideas and acting as the primary spokesperson for the Sheriff's Office.

The PIO is also responsible for the design and content of the Sheriff's Office official website, www.slosheriff.org as well as our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram.

The Sheriff's social media platforms continue to grow in numbers and success at an amazing rate. In August of 2016, we had our highest audience reach for one post of almost 210,000 people. Social media is especially helpful with large scale events such as the Chimney Fire near Lake Nacimiento. We were able to supply timely information on the fire itself, as well as late-breaking updates on the evacuations conducted by the Sheriff's Office.

Other PIO responsibilities include developing public service announcements (PSAs), developing support services for the media, and assisting in scheduling speakers from the Sheriff's executive staff for service clubs and special event presentations.



NARCOTICS UNIT

3.3

Pounds of Heroin

78

Pounds of Processed Marijuana

36.8

Pounds of Methamphetamine

THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

maintains the Narcotics Unit that consists of 12 investigators supervised by a sergeant. The robust staffing of this unit is possible due to our partnership with local and federal agencies.

The Sheriff's Narcotics Unit investigates a wide variety of narcotic-related crimes. The most prevalent illegal narcotics available in the County are methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. The unit employs a wide range of investigative techniques to combat the problem. Some common techniques are surveillance, use of informants, controlled purchases and wiretaps. In cases involving large-scale illegal drug sales where the proceeds can be located, asset forfeiture may be utilized.

In 2016, California voters passed an initiative to legalize recreational marijuana. The County of San Luis Obispo also passed an emergency ordinance to deal with the large volume of medicinal

marijuana cultivations that were springing up throughout the County. The recent drought curtailed much of the large outdoor illegal cultivation sites.

The expansion of the medicinal marijuana cultivation has led to an increased need to spend man hours to ensure compliance. There continues to be a black market for illegally grown marijuana on federal, state and private property. Some of the most serious problems with those cultivations are the use of illegal pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and the diversion of water.

In 2016, the following seizure totals were made as the result of more than 88 investigations by Sheriff's narcotics investigators. Some seizures were the result of multi-agency investigations and occurred throughout California.

Heroin	3.3 lbs.
Cocaine	Less than 1 oz.
Methamphetamine	36.8 lbs.
Processed marijuana	78 lbs.
Marijuana plants	29,234 plants



The Sheriff's Narcotics Unit maintains a Clandestine Laboratory Team trained and certified by the State of California. Federal and state law require investigators who work with hazardous materials (HAZMAT), such as those found in clandestine drug laboratories, to complete a total of 80 hours of instruction. They learn how to safely process a clandestine laboratory site for evidence as part of their investigation and to ensure their compliance with the various environmental and safety regulations that apply to clan lab seizure and dismantling. These investigators must then receive ongoing training in this field to maintain their certification.

Clandestine labs are most often associated with methamphetamine manufacturing, but can include the manufacture of other drugs such as honey oil extraction, steroids and organic hallucinogenic compounds (Dimethyltryptamine).

**SHERIFF'S INVESTIGATORS
WORK CLOSELY WITH THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
OFFICE AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES TO KEEP CHILDREN
SAFE AND PROSECUTE
THOSE WHO WOULD EXPOSE
THEM TO THE DANGERS OF
ILLICIT DRUGS.**

In the interest of protecting children who are exposed to drugs, drug manufacturing and the dangers that exist with this activity, the Sheriff's Office participates in the California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) Program. The Cal-MMET grant funds two Sheriff's narcotics investigators

who receive specialized training in the field of Drug Endangered Children (DEC) investigations. Many DEC investigations involve a multi-agency approach to developing strategies to protect children.

Sheriff's investigators work closely with the District Attorney's Office and the Department of Social Services to keep children safe and prosecute those who would expose them to the dangers of illicit drugs.

Some of the current trends in narcotics are heroin use and sales and butane honey oil extraction labs. Additionally, the unit has also responded to ongoing maritime smuggling operations involving Panga boats. Drug trafficking organizations are utilizing the boats for drugs and human trafficking in coastal counties in California. In 2014 and 2015, San Luis Obispo County had consistently had one of the highest numbers of confirmed Panga boat landings in the state of California. Due to aggressive detection and prosecution, no known boats landed nor were interdicted in 2016.



BOMB TASK FORCE

IN 1981, AS BOMB-RELATED INCIDENTS WERE INCREASING WITHIN THE COUNTY,

the need for a specialized team with unique equipment and 24-hour response capabilities was realized. Since each law enforcement agency within the County did not have the individual resources to support their own respective bomb squads, the San Luis Obispo County Bomb Task Force was formed.

A team approach with thorough commitment from all law enforcement agencies within the County, the Task Force began responding to calls for service in 1982. Funding resources for equipment and training currently come from the Sheriff’s Office, City Police

agencies in San Luis Obispo County, and California Polytechnic State University Police.

STRUCTURE OF THE TASK FORCE

The Task Force is currently comprised of four members, three of whom are Sheriff’s Office deputies and one of whom is a San Luis Obispo police officer. The Bomb Task Force assignment is a collateral duty, with each team member working various full-time positions with his or her respective agency.

The Task Force is governed by the following Board of Directors consisting of members of the Criminal Justice Administrators Association of San Luis Obispo County:

- San Luis Obispo County Sheriff
- The Chiefs of Police of each municipal police agency within this County
- The Chief of Police of California Polytechnic State University

Each team member is a certified Hazardous Devices (Bomb) Technician, having gone through a thorough a background check conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The basic training for a bomb technician is six weeks at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Hazardous Devices School, located at Redstone Arsenal Army Base in Huntsville, Alabama. Training is ongoing and the bomb technicians are required by the FBI to train a minimum of 16 hours per month.

23

Explosive Devices or Bomb-Related Calls



TASK FORCE CAPABILITIES

The San Luis Obispo County Bomb Task Force is accredited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is certified as a fully operational bomb squad, capable of rendering safe and disposing of improvised explosive devices, military ordnance and commercially manufactured explosives. This team is able to respond to all bomb or explosive related incidents within San Luis Obispo County and upon a mutual aid request, to areas outside the County of San Luis Obispo.

THE TASK FORCE RESPONDED TO 23 CALLS RELATED TO EXPLOSIVE DEVICES OR BOMBS THROUGHOUT SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY IN 2016.

This Task Force works in conjunction with various state and federal law enforcement agencies including the California Highway Patrol, State Parks and Recreation Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, United States Postal Inspectors and Department of Homeland Security.

2016 CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Task Force responded to 23 calls related to explosive devices or bombs throughout San Luis Obispo County in 2016. The explosive-related calls consisted of hoax devices, IED's, military ordnance, illegal fireworks and suspicious chemical devices.

THIS IS THE THIRD FULL YEAR

that the Sheriff's Honor Guard has served the Sheriff's Office and San Luis Obispo County community. The team is made up of 14 volunteer members of the Sheriff's Office. Members train regularly to maintain their skills and also meet in advance of an event to ensure they are properly prepared for any assignment.

In 2016, the Sheriff's Honor Guard attended funerals for peace officers killed in the line of duty, the State of California's Peace Officer's Memorial in Sacramento, the San Luis Obispo County Peace Officer's Memorial, Honor Flight and Operation Surf for veterans, September 11 memorial functions, police academy graduation and correctional academy graduation.

The unit continues to represent the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office and the community with dignity and honor.



RURAL CRIMES UNIT

THE MISSION OF THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY RURAL CRIMES UNIT

(RCU) is to enforce laws and provide investigative services focused on theft and property damage in the agriculture and rural industries. The RCU provides current and up-to-date crime prevention techniques and strategies to the farmers and ranchers of San Luis Obispo County.

RCU deputies receive specific training regarding their role in agricultural crime investigations. One RCU deputy is assigned to each patrol station within the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. In addition to specific training, deputies are members of the California Rural Crime Prevention Task Force and the Central Coast Rural Crime Task Force. Deputies attend meetings and trainings on a regular basis and host the quarterly California Rural Crime Prevention Task Force (CRCPTF) meeting once a year in

San Luis Obispo County. Members of the RCU have served as instructors during the CRCPTF Rural Crime School.

Frequent meetings are held with the many agricultural community groups in San Luis Obispo County. These meetings provide the RCU with the opportunity to share information regarding crime trends that affect the different geographical areas of the County, as well as to make crime prevention recommendations such as the formation of a "ranch watch" group or completing a ranch/farm security survey conducted by our Rural Crime Prevention Specialist.

Another valuable tool in crime prevention is the Owner Applied Number Program (OAN), which can be customized to each individual, farmer or rancher. OANs are applied to machinery and heavy equipment, then placed in a nationwide law enforcement database at no cost. Providing OANs to machinery and equipment equips the RCU with a valuable tool to identify and recover stolen equipment.

In 2016 the RCU investigated more than 400 agricultural cases. These cases included vandalism of property and equipment, theft of farm equipment, theft of agricultural equipment, animal neglect and killing of livestock. The RCU executed several search warrants related to rural crimes and collaborated with multiple law enforcement agencies, various county Sheriff's Offices and units from the California Rural Crime Prevention Task Force.

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One major area that the RCU has encountered is transient encampments in agricultural areas. Over the past several years, these encampments have posed hazards to the occupiers of the camps as well as the landowner, their business viability, their range land and natural water supply. During many responses to these encampments, deputies have found hazardous materials and chemicals such as



hypodermic needles, illegal drugs, fecal matter, minor oil spills and propane tanks which pose a threat to not only these occupants and their children, but also the land and creek water that are exposed to these contaminants. In 2016, the Sheriff's Office rural crime deputies, patrol deputies and inmate workers helped restore some of these creeks and range lands back to their natural setting. The Sheriff's Office is working toward finding a long-term solution to assist with future encampments.

IN THE COMING YEAR, THE SHERIFF'S RCU IS LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR ENHANCED TRAINING, UTILIZING NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TO DELIVER EFFECTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

In addition to enforcement, community outreach and education are fundamental components of the RCU. Throughout the year, the RCU provided presentations to the Cattlewomen Association and the Sheriff's Citizen Academy. In addition, the RCU spent 12 days at the California Mid-State Fair and participated in the Sheriff's Family Day at the Ranch and the Cops 'n' Kids Field Day. Through these community outreach efforts, the RCU has educated thousands of people on the various types of crime unique to the rural community.

The RCU also provides training to fellow law enforcement officers throughout California who specialize in agricultural crime. One of these courses focused on cell phone search warrants and the benefit to investigations. Our Rural Crime Deputy, who instructed the course, has utilized this training in successfully prosecuting criminal cases. This expertise was invaluable during an

investigation involving a widespread Southern California criminal group. The suspects were linked to multiple thefts occurring in counties throughout California, Arizona and Nevada. During the investigation, more than \$300,000 worth of property was recovered.

In the coming year, the Sheriff's RCU is looking forward to continuing our enhanced training, utilizing new technologies and building partnerships to deliver effective and professional law enforcement services.

A Defender Class patrol boat is shown on the water, viewed from a low angle. The boat is white with a dark hull and has various equipment on deck, including a radar dome and antennas. The background shows a hazy coastline with hills under a bright sky.

MARINE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

THE MARINE ENFORCEMENT UNIT (MEU)

consists of six deputies, one sergeant and one commander. The MEU provides enforcement at Lake Nacimiento and Lake Lopez, working closely with rangers from both San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties. With an eye toward education and boating safety, deputies contact dozens of boaters each day they patrol the County lakes.

In addition to local lakes, the coastline of San Luis Obispo County extends south from Big Sur to the Santa Maria River, just north of Point Sal. Along these 90 miles of coastline is the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, just north of Avila Beach. The MEU is equipped to provide consistent enforcement patrols in the waters off of San Luis Obispo utilizing the newest vessel in the fleet, a 27' Defender Class patrol boat built by SAFE Boats international of Bremerton, Washington.

Purchased to help combat the threat of smuggling facing coastal communities,

federal grant money was obtained to purchase this fully equipped patrol boat to conduct inshore and offshore patrols. First placed into service in January 2015, this vessel has conducted more than 200 hours of patrol operations. Panga boat smuggling along the San Luis Obispo County coastline continues to present a challenge to law enforcement.

THE MEU IS NOW BETTER EQUIPPED TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIVE TEAM, THE NARCOTICS DETECTIVES AND OUR STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS WITH THE INTERDICTION AND SAFE REMOVAL OF PANGA BOATS FROM OUR COUNTY BEACHES.

Timely removal of a Panga boat minimizes the adverse environmental impact upon the shoreline and significantly reduces man-hours and costs associated with other forms of removal.

The Defender Class boat is complimented by a Rogue Jet Boatworks 25' patrol boat

that is assigned to the waters of Lake Nacimiento during the summer months, but can also be deployed to Lake Lopez for near-shore marine operations. Additionally, a 22' Zodiac Hurricane rigid-hulled inflatable boat can also be operated on both the local lakes and in the marine environment.

The MEU continues to provide training support, in the form of vessels and operators, to the Sheriff's Office Dive Team and the Special Enforcement Detail. Separate training for both units was conducted in and around Port San Luis, with additional training for those units at Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Additional support was provided to the Sheriff's Office Dive Team in the recovery of three separate victims of drowning at Lake Nacimiento in July and September of 2016. Members of the MEU participated at community outreach events like Sheriff's Day at the Ranch, Cops 'n' Kids Day and the Sheriff's Office G.R.E.A.T. camps at local schools. Additionally, the MEU provided support to the United States Coast Guard with vessel safety inspections in the waters off Morro Bay.



THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES (SROS)

ensure safety and promotes positive relationships on school campuses and at school and community events. These events include Cops 'n' Kids Day, 24 Hour Relay Challenge, Sheriff's Family Day at the Ranch, Days of the Dons, The California Mid-State Fair and many other initiatives and events. The primary role of the School Resource Officers (SROs) is education, intervention and prevention. The SROs also act as a resource for students, staff, parents and the community.

During the School year of 2015/2016, the Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) curriculum was taught throughout San Luis Obispo County. The G.R.E.A.T Program is designed to prevent delinquency, youth violence and gang membership for children.

In 2016, the San Luis Obispo County Juvenile Probation Department also partnered with the Sheriff's Office and San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Services "Friday Night Live" Team to plan and run three San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Youth Summer Camps. The three camps were held for Dana Elementary School, Cayucos Elementary School and Lillian Larsen Elementary School.

THE G.R.E.A.T PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT DELINQUENCY, YOUTH VIOLENCE AND GANG MEMBERSHIP FOR CHILDREN.

During these week-long camps, students participated in fun events like creating tie-dye team T-shirts, playing Tug-a-War and the Carpet Square Game, and attending assemblies. Performers at the assemblies included a magician, a dance group from Los Angeles and Three Screen Motivational Movie. The camps also included Law Enforcement Day, in which the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies displayed their specialty units for students to learn about and experience firsthand. The last day of camp was Graduation Day. The kids enjoyed Santa Maria BBQ and a graduation ceremony.

Funded by the Sheriff's Office, the camps were offered free to all 305 students who attended. All three camps were a major success. The Sheriff's Office is now in the planning stages for the 2017 summer camps.



BICYCLE PATROL

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BICYCLE PATROL TEAM

is a specialty team comprised of deputies from within the Sheriff's Office who are available to augment patrol and fill a niche between foot and vehicle patrol. The Bicycle Patrol Team is well suited for large events spread out over a vast area with big crowds. These types of events occur regularly throughout San Luis Obispo County and include parades, holiday events, festivals, races, and other special events. Deputies on bicycles can cover a larger area than a deputy on foot and can navigate crowded areas where a patrol car's mobility would be severely restricted, if not impossible. Frequently in this type of environment, the bicycle patrol deputy can get to a call for service faster than the foot patrol or patrol car deputy. The bikes can also get into an area undetected with greater ease. Also, by using bicycle patrol deputies, it is easy for the public to approach and speak with a deputy, which enhances positive community relationships.

The Bicycle Patrol Team deputies train together as a team twice a year. We also send deputies newly assigned to the team to a weeklong basic bicycle patrol class. Training, both the weeklong course and department training, builds on basic bicycle riding skills and develops patrol-specific riding skills. The team's three Bicycle Patrol Team instructors and the Bicycle Patrol Team supervisor work together to develop training that will successfully prepare the team for any bicycle patrol assignments. Balance and control at low speeds are an essential skill needed in confined and crowded areas. In one of our training exercises we create a small box with cones and require the riders to ride within the confines of the box. We start with one rider and slowly, additional riders enter the box until it is full. The objective is for all riders in the box to ride as one unit in unison.

This past year the Sheriff's Bicycle Patrol Team had an opportunity to work closely with the Morro Bay Police Department and their bicycle patrol team. Morro Bay hosted the start of Stage 4 of the Amgen Tour of California bicycle race. This is an annual race

drawing professional riders and teams from all over the world. It also draws very large crowds and receives heavy media coverage. Stage 4 started in Morro Bay and proceeded north up the Pacific Coast Highway to Monterey County where it finished at the Laguna Seca Raceway.

BY USING BICYCLE PATROL DEPUTIES, IT IS EASY FOR THE PUBLIC TO APPROACH AND SPEAK WITH A DEPUTY, WHICH ENHANCES POSITIVE COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS.

In preparation for this event we conducted two joint bicycle patrol team trainings with the Morro Bay Police Department. At the first training we worked on basic bicycle patrol skills to ensure that both teams were using the same skill sets. We practiced formation riding, intersection control, slow speed maneuvering, and traffic and pedestrian contacts. In the second training we trained in Morro Bay. Again, we practiced bicycle patrol skills but we



also rode the area we would be patrolling on the day of the race.

**THIS PAST YEAR THE
SHERIFF'S BICYCLE PATROL
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BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND THEIR BICYCLE
PATROL TEAM.**

On race day both teams were ready. We helped control vehicle and pedestrian traffic and closed roads and intersections for the safety of the public and those in the race. There were many people lining the race route through town. When the race started the professional riders flew through town in a large mass of colorful jerseys to the cheers of the crowd and raced north out of town. Following the riders was a long line of chase and support vehicles. In the end, Morro Bay had a very



successful event which highlighted the beauty of their town and their wonderful community and we were honored to be a part of their success.

In 2015 the team tested a new bicycle for patrol. That bike was the Trek 29" wheel patrol mountain bicycle. With the support of Sheriff Parkinson and Undersheriff Olivas the Sheriff's Office has purchased five of these new bicycles to replace the aging fleet of 26" wheel patrol bicycles. The advantages of the new Trek bicycles are many. First and foremost is the advantage of the

new, larger wheels. The 29" wheel reduces rolling resistance by going over obstacles, small and large such as a crack in the road to curbs, with much less resistance. This translates to less energy to go the same distance as a 26" wheel bicycle. The Trek bicycles are also equipped with disc brakes for faster and more efficient stopping power. Pending budgetary constraints, we will continue to replace two bicycles a year until we have replaced our entire fleet.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Search and Rescue (SLOSAR) Team consists of community volunteers who are trained and certified in:

- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and Health Care Provider CPR
- The Incident Command System (ICS)
- Communications
- Extensive search techniques and procedures
- Rope rescue skills
- Map and compass skills and Global Positioning System (GPS)
- Wilderness tracking and survival
- SAR Technician II (certified by National Association of Search and Rescue)

New members are probationary. In a period of 9–14 months, a probationary member is trained by experienced SLOSAR team members and expected to gain proficiency in all of the skills described above and many other areas.

Few counties with a SAR Unit have their own California EMS Continuing Education Provider Program, but SLOSAR is one of them. This license allows SLOSAR trained EMS staff to re-certify EMTs through the State and evaluate skills at the State and National level. We also teach all of our CPR training in house and teach CPR to several other departments within the Sheriff's Office.

SLOSAR now has a strong Type 1 search team that can be deployed anywhere in the state for extreme and snow search conditions. This team will be an asset to the state and further our important relationships with other counties.

SLOSAR is in the process of developing a Type 4 Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team and an Operational Disaster Response Guide which will

allow SLOSAR to be an important resource in the event of a disaster. We hope to have both approved in 2017.

MANY MEMBERS HAVE ACQUIRED ADVANCED SKILLS IN SEARCH THEORY, MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT, ADVANCED GPS COMPUTER MAPPING AND ADVANCED TECHNICAL RESCUE.

Many members have acquired advanced skills in search theory, management, operations, logistics management, advanced GPS computer mapping and advanced technical rescue. Some members have created trainings that have been recognized nationwide, and others are developing trainings that will enhance and increase the skill levels of their teammates. SLOSAR has an Out of County Incident Management Team that can deploy to another county and provide assistance or guidance on the management of their search.



SLOSAR's current membership is 57 members strong. Most members, although all proficient in ground searching, have chosen to be part of a specialty team within the SLOSAR Team.

The specialty teams within SLOSAR include:

- Ground Search Teams (urban and rural)
- 4x4 and ATV (quad) Teams
- Communications/Dispatching
- Mountain Bike Team (urban and rural)
- Technical Rope Rescue Team (high and low angle)
- Canine Team (area searching, trailing, and cadaver)
- Medical Team (20+ members rated at EMT or higher)
- Tracking Team
- USAR Disaster Team (2017)
- "Project Lifesaver" Team

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

SLOSAR members are very involved with our community. Throughout the year they participate in community events such including adventure races, Sheriff's Day at the Ranch, Cops 'n' Kids Day and the San Luis Obispo Christmas Parade. SLOSAR participates in approximately 15 public events each year.

SEARCH MISSIONS

In 2016, SLOSAR received:

- 23 callouts for searches
- Four missing person searches
- Four mutual aid requests (one from Monterey County, one from Kern County, one from Alpine County and one from Tulare County)
- Three Project Lifesaver searches
- Two evidence searches
- Seven calls to assist other agencies within our County

COMMUNITY DISASTERS

In 2016, the SLOSAR team also assisted the Sheriff's Office in the Chimney Fire by setting up and manning the Command Post for 15 consecutive days. The team as a whole volunteered more than 700 hours.

THE COST SAVED BY SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FOR ALL VOLUNTEER TIME, WHICH INCLUDES MISSIONS, TRAINING, MEETINGS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS, IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.6 MILLION PER YEAR.

The cost saved by San Luis Obispo County for utilizing a professional Search & Rescue volunteer team is approximately \$2,000 per hour. The cost saved by San Luis Obispo County for all volunteer time, which includes missions, training, meetings, and special events, is estimated at \$1.6 million per year.



PROPERTY ROOM

WE ARE CURRENTLY STAFFED WITH THREE PROPERTY OFFICERS,

two full-time and one part-time. Our newest full-time property officer joined us this November and has already shown to be a benefit to our office. At the moment, the part-time position is dedicated to training our newest property officer and will be committed to purging.

With the recent passing of Proposition 64 to legalize the adult-use of marijuana in California, we anticipate less marijuana and other items associated with marijuana related calls booked into the property room.

We continue to develop and implement new ways of improving our organization. This will be a continued effort in years to come but we have shown great progress throughout 2016.

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SAVP

THE SHERIFF'S AUXILIARY VOLUNTEER PATROL (SAVP)

was established to assist the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office in meeting its law enforcement mission. SAVP's have spent over 7,000 hours in various types of public service and prevention activities over the course of 2016. The group is trained in a variety of law enforcement topics, such as observation skills, radio procedures, and first-aid. They provide supplemental patrol in our neighborhoods and business districts. These volunteer hours also include graffiti removal throughout San Luis Obispo County, utilizing the Sheriff's Office Graffiti Abatement Vehicle. SAVP's also act as additional "eyes and ears" in an effort to identify and report potential crime problems,

resulting in an increase in public safety. Aside from graffiti abatement and patrolling the streets, auxiliary patrol members perform over 300 residential vacation checks annually, as well as regularly assisting the Crime Prevention Unit at public displays and events in order to enhance crime prevention education. In addition to these tasks, SAVP's are also utilized to assist with emergency situations that occur, such as a search for a missing person or other types of unforeseen circumstances. The SAVP's are a partnership between law enforcement and the public, which serves to increase the impact that the Sheriff's Office has in preserving our high quality of life in San Luis Obispo County.

SAVP'S SPENT OVER 7,000 HOURS IN VARIOUS TYPES OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES OVER THE COURSE OF 2016.



AERO SQUADRON

THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S AERO SQUADRON

is an all-volunteer organization composed of FAA-licensed pilots and non-pilot trained observers attached to the County Sheriff's Office to support its airborne search, rescue, surveillance and specialized transportation functions.

One of the Aero Squadron's vital original missions was to provide airborne search, location and rescue-support for survivors of overdue and missing aircraft along the coastal range and remote inland areas. Numerous aircraft and crash scenes have been located over the years with varying degrees of support provided, including the PSA airliner crash west of Templeton in the 1980's.

More commonly, the Aero Squadron is called upon to assist ground search and rescue teams searching for missing persons throughout the County. Missing persons have typically included hikers, hunters, off-road mountain bicyclers, motorcyclists, ATV enthusiasts, lost children and elderly people, as well as those with mental, emotional or age-induced challenges. The Squadron has also been involved in the location and recovery of personal remains of those who have taken their own lives.

THE AERO SQUADRON IS CALLED UPON TO ASSIST GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS SEARCHING FOR MISSING PERSONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Historically, Aero Squadron member-pilots have utilized their privately-owned aircraft for mission support operations. Aircraft owners are reimbursed only for the aviation fuel and oil used in conjunction with assigned missions. Squadron aircraft-owners fly their own aircraft as Pilot-in-Command. Other pilots may fly as a flight officer or observer only.

The Aero Squadron also provides an important airborne communication relay platform for ground search and law enforcement teams operating within the County's mountainous terrain and steep valleys. These areas normally block line-of-sight VHF radio transmission and reception between ground personnel. Orbiting Aero Squadron aircraft can communicate with search base and remote teams, relaying critical information on a real-time basis.



AN EXCITING DEVELOPMENT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2016 WAS THE SHERIFF'S ACQUISITION OF AN ESSENTIALLY RUN-OUT 1982 CESSNA 182 SKYLANE FROM THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT ESSENTIALLY NO INITIAL COST TO THE COUNTY.

Other Aero Squadron missions include personnel, vehicle and vessel tracking as part of narcotics and contraband surveillance and intervention operations.

An exciting development during the first half of 2016 was the Sheriff's acquisition of an essentially run-out 1982 Cessna 182 Skylane from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's office at essentially no initial cost to the County. A key feature of this

aircraft is its exterior, gimbal-mounted high resolution, high altitude camera system which will allow imaging of ground targets for better detection than the human eye which should significantly aid our search and rescue operations. The Sheriff's intent is to place this aircraft into Search and Rescue service to minimize the use of privately owned aircrafts.

Necessary repairs were made to the engine, propeller hub and blades, funded by Sheriff's Advisory Foundation donations, and the aircraft now flies exceptionally well.

The aircraft has an aged avionics suite that is also functional, but in need of upgrade to contemporary standards for the aircraft's intended missions. It is hoped that funding for this portion of the work will become available during 2017. A specialized law enforcement transceiver with multiple law enforcement frequencies will be

acquired and installed in the aircraft with funding that has already been acquired through a federal grant.

The Sheriff's Office and County are currently in the initial stages of approving Aero Squadron nominated pilots who possess the requisite certifications and experience to be qualified to fly as Pilot-in-Command and Flight Officer of this aircraft.

Another valuable asset in the Aero Squadron's inventory is a 2006 Ford F-150 support vehicle outfitted with appropriate equipment to support Squadron operations including UHF, VHF and aircraft-band VHF transceivers for communication with other county, state and federal assets. All Aero Squadron active mission pilots are also furnished with public service-band VHF and UHF transceivers for their observer's communication with ground search and support teams during practice and actual missions.



The Aero Squadron trains approximately two to three times each year with realistic mission scenarios typically involving up to six aircraft at one time. These involve personnel and vehicle location in remote parts of the County, typically in a missing person or vehicle surveillance scenario. The Squadron also takes part in the annual Operational Readiness Drill, which involves all of the Sheriff's search and rescue assets including the ground search and rescue team and mounted posse. Aero Squadron members are also provided with limited firearms training by Sheriff's range masters at the Sheriff's firing range two evenings every year. These trainings keep the squadron prepared and up to speed in case of potential "call-outs".

One specific Aero Squadron Search and Rescue Operation took place on December 26 2016. A lone camper's caregiver reported the camper overdue for a welfare check rendezvous the prior day. After a cursory search of his campsite by a sheriff's deputy and SLOSAR members hoisted-in by California Highway Patrol's Helicopter it was determined that a full scale search was necessary to locate the individual. That evening, the Aero Squadron was called upon to provide high altitude communications relay between SLOSAR's Rescue Base command staff, SLOSAR and Mounted Posse field teams and California Highway Patrol's helicopter who would be searching in the mountainous terrain south of the area. Each aircraft and its crew of two

flew approximately four hours before being replaced by the next aircraft. The subject was eventually located and recovered earlier in the afternoon. Due to the rugged terrain, several ground teams were still in the field well after dark and to ensure their safety, Aero Squadron dispatched and maintained its third aircraft overhead to provide a measure of security during the field teams' return to base.



SHERIFF'S POSSE

2016 WAS AN ACTIVE YEAR

for the Sheriff's Posse. We started the year with 14 regular members and six active honorary members. There were three members that resigned from the unit. These 20 Posse members volunteered a total of 899 hours.

The Unit participated in 6 parades (San Miguel's Sagebrush Days, Templeton's Independence Day, Cambria's Pinedorado, Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival, Paso Robles Pioneer Days, Atascadero's Colony Days), Jr. Ranger and GREAT camps, Sheriff's Family Day at the Ranch and Cops 'n' Kids Field Day.

The Unit also patrolled the Cal Poly Rodeo, the Templeton 4th of July concert in the park, the Mid State Fair and Creston Rodeo.

The Unit participated at the Operation Readiness Drill (the department's assessment day for coordinated efforts by all volunteer units), and assisted in one local and one out of County search.

The Unit also provided co-unit training to Search and Rescue probationary members as part of their required training so both units can safely work together when the Posse unit is called to assist with a search.

SHERIFF'S POSSE MEMBERS VOLUNTEERED A TOTAL OF 899 HOURS IN 2016.



DIVE TEAM

THE SHERIFF'S UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RECOVERY TEAM,

commonly referred to as the "Dive Team," had another busy year in 2016. There were several training sessions attended by the unit such as: the Diver Education Conference, administration meetings, and seven community outreach presentations. The team currently consists of 22 members, one commander, one sergeant, six deputy sheriffs, one correctional deputy, and 13 civilian volunteers.

In April, the Sheriff's Office School Resource deputies (SROs) hosted the "Shandon Public Safety Day" at Shandon Junior High School. Dive Team members displayed the unit's equipment, and answered a lot of questions from inquisitive students.

Dive team members also participated in the Sheriff's Gang Resistance and

Education Training Program graduation by putting on an equipment presentation for the middle school kids at Dana Elementary, Cayucos Elementary and Lillian Larsen Elementary.

In addition to the many schools they tour, the Dive Team also has extensive displays at SLO Farmer's Market, Cops 'n' Kids Day, Sheriff's Family Day at the Ranch, and many other community events.

THE TEAM CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF 22 MEMBERS, ONE COMMANDER, ONE SERGEANT, SIX DEPUTY SHERIFFS, ONE CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY, AND 13 CIVILIAN VOLUNTEERS.

As part of their duties as an Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, the Dive Team was called out on five occasions in 2016. Unfortunately, three of those call outs were for drowning victims at Lake Nacimiento.

FEBRUARY 2016: This call out was to aid the Morro Bay Police Department in attempting to locate a missing person who was believed to have drowned near the Morro Bay T Pier. The underwater portion of the pier was searched extensively. The 20-year-old male's body was located a number of days later in the Back Bay by a citizen.

JUNE 2016: Grover Beach Police Department asked for the Dive Team's assistance in trying to locate a rifle they believed was thrown in a pond near Highway 1 by a burglary suspect after a vehicle pursuit. The small dirty body of water was exhaustively searched; however, no firearm was located.

JULY 2016: The dive team was called out to Lake Nacimiento to recover a 39-year-old male drowning victim who had attempted to swim across a small lagoon 50 feet in diameter. Halfway across, a witness noticed that he was struggling on the surface and called for help. The victim subsequently went under, only to be recovered by Dive Team members upon their arrival 30 minutes later.



JULY 2016: The dive team was called out again to Lake Nacimiento to recover a 16-year-old male drowning victim shortly before sunset. He and two of his friends had been swimming across a short cove. As the two friends reached the other side of the cove, they noticed that the victim was no longer with them. They called 911, the Dive Team was called out, and the juvenile was located approximately 15 feet from shore in a depth of about ten feet.

TO KEEP UP ON THEIR SEARCH AND RECOVERY SKILLS, THE DIVE TEAM TRAINS MONTHLY IN SEVERE CONDITIONS WHERE VISIBILITY AT TIMES ARE LESS THAT ONE FOOT.

SEPTEMBER 2016: A 46-year-old male fell from the main dock at Lake



Nacimiento into the water as he waited with his friend's boat. When the friend returned, he was not able to find the man and called for help. Sheriff's deputies arrived on scene, and were able to locate the body, which was later recovered by the Drive Team. Alcohol was believed to be a major cause of the incident.

To keep up on their search and recovery skills, the Dive Team trains monthly in severe conditions where visibility at

times are less that one foot. These specialty trainings keep the unit prepared for the dangerous conditions that are encountered when underwater.



EXPLORERS

THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EXPLORER POST 781

is comprised of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in discovering more about law enforcement and a possible career in the profession. The Explorer Post currently maintains a roster of 16 members and is officially chartered through the Boy Scouts of America.

Four advisors lend their expertise in training post members under the supervision of a deputy sergeant. Various other deputies are called upon to assist with specialty trainings.

- Assisting our Country's veterans with parking and escorting at the Veteran's Day and Memorial Day services at the Los Osos Valley Memorial Cemetery

- Participating in the Cops 'n' Kids Day activities in Arroyo Grande
 - Teaming up with deputies at the California Mid State Fair to assist with their assignments throughout the venue, and assisting at the fair's Sheriff's Booth
 - Assisting with the Sheriff's Family Day at the Ranch activities
 - Providing traffic and crowd control services to the annual Paso Robles Christmas Parade
 - Attending the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Night activities at Farmers' Market in San Luis Obispo
 - Providing youth leadership and small group training sessions at the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.)
 - Volunteering to assist with compliance operations with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Agency and the County of San Luis Obispo Tobacco Program
 - Partnering with deputy teams for foot patrol at the 4th of July Fireworks Show in Cayucos
 - Participating in several patrol unit ride-a-longs throughout the year
 - Provide the Sheriff's Office with interpreting services
- Weekly meetings provide scenario-based training and discussions on law enforcement duties such as handling domestic violence calls, suspicious subject contact, vehicle traffic stops, felony car stops, report taking, and firearms handling and training. Members of Post 781 conduct building searches; apply fingerprinting techniques, handcuffing techniques and suspect pat-downs; engage in active shooter scenarios, hostage negotiations, and D.U.I. sobriety examinations; and receive an introduction to canine handling techniques. Additionally, the Explorers are familiarized with radio codes, penal codes, vehicle codes and case law.
- The Explorers are expected to maintain high levels of moral standards, discipline and understanding of the day-to-day functions of a Sheriff's Deputy, characteristics that will carry on throughout their career in law enforcement.

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South Patrol Station:
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