

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office is to protect all life and property and to provide service, security, and safety to the community. Our vision is to be the most progressive and creative leaders within the law enforcement community, and ensure our County remains one of the safest places to live and visit.









# 2022 At a Glance



**133,768**

LAW ENFORCEMENT &  
MEDICAL SERVICE CALLS

SERVING:



**3,300** SQ. MILES &  
**122,000** RESIDENTS

**145**

PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF



**184**

SHERIFF'S  
DEPUTIES



**158**

CORRECTIONAL  
DEPUTIES

**2,301**

ILLEGAL DRUGS ITEMS  
PROCESSED



**1,884**

ARRESTS  
MADE



**10,339**  
REPORTS  
WRITTEN

**7,156**  
INMATES  
BOOKED



**78% MALE**

**22% FEMALE**

**350**

CORONER DEATH  
INVESTIGATIONS



**\$93.1 M**  
OPERATING  
BUDGET





A MESSAGE FROM  
**SHERIFF IAN PARKINSON**

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office



Welcome to our new and improved annual report. We have made some big changes. We've highlighted different units within the Sheriff's Office, added informative graphics, and made it more user-friendly and hopefully more engaging. So, in keeping with that theme, I've also changed my part in the process. Typically, I would highlight several events which happened over the past year. This year, I have only one. On October 18, 2022, a jury convicted Paul Flores for the murder of Kristin Smart. This case took 25 years to reach this conclusion. It was a decision that was right and just. My thanks to all the members of the Sheriff's Office who worked on this case over the years. Thanks as well to the Smart family for their patience and support.

It is my hope that we are able to bring some closure to them. Peace to our community. And justice, once and for all, for Kristin.

This annual report is not just the story of the Sheriff's Office. In a way, it's your story too. And as you know, next year begins a new chapter. Here's hoping for a year filled with promise and purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Parkinson'.

**IAN PARKINSON**

San Luis Obispo County  
Sheriff-Coroner



# UNDERSHERIFF JIM VOGEL

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office

In April of 1850, the first Sheriff of San Luis Obispo County, Henry Dalley, was elected. San Luis Obispo County was quite different in the 1850's with the Sheriff's Office along with the Jail located inside Mission San Luis Obispo de Toloso. The County's population was only 336 compared to today's 283,000. Transportation, technology, equipment, personnel, and training could not compare to the present-day Sheriff's Office. There was, however, something that the present-day Sheriff's Office shared with the past. That is our responsibilities to protect life, property, and provide service to our community with professionalism and integrity. In November of 2022, I celebrated my 50th year anniversary of becoming a peace officer serving three different agencies.



Throughout the years, I have witnessed many events from riots to Olympics. I have also witnessed criminal actions committed by peace officers along with heroic actions that far outnumbered the few "bad apples." I would unequivocally state that our agency possesses the finest, most professional staff found in any law enforcement agency, and I am extremely proud to be a member of this organization. We are the protectors and guardians of the community, and every employee has a vital role in this responsibility. Keep up the outstanding work and thank you all for your efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Vogel".

**JIM VOGEL**

San Luis Obispo County  
Under Sheriff



# 2022

## Detectives at a Glance

1

DETECTIVE COMMANDER

4

DETECTIVE SERGEANTS

33

DETECTIVES

350+

FORENSIC DATA EXTRACTIONS

10+ POUNDS

FENTANYL SEIZED

121

SEIZED FIREARMS

350

CORONER DEATH INVESTIGATIONS



# NARCOTICS UNIT

The Narcotics Unit is primarily focused on major narcotic investigations, mainly Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) and other narcotic-related crimes. The most prevalent illegal narcotics available in the county are methamphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl, 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 2022, the following seizure totals were made as the result of numerous investigations by Sheriff's narcotics investigators. **Some seizures were the result of multi-agency investigations and occurred throughout California.**

**1.4  
POUNDS OF HEROIN**

**7  
POUNDS OF FENTANYL**

**7.9  
POUNDS OF  
METHAMPHETAMINE**

**\$20,000  
CURRENCY SEIZED**

**34  
FIREARMS SEIZED**





# CANNABIS COMPLIANCE TEAM

The Sheriff's Office Cannabis Compliance Team is a growing unit within the Sheriff's Office. This team handles the compliance of legal cannabis operations, the background and application of prospective operators, and the enforcement of any criminal cannabis operations.

## 2022 CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

CRIMINAL CULTIVATION SITES	ILLEGAL PLANTS ERADICATED	ILLEGAL PROCESSED CANNABIS SEIZED	FIREARMS SEIZED	U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED
5	6,735	2,135 LBS.	12	\$12,400

## 2022 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

OPERATIONAL CANNABIS SITES	CANNABIS COMPLAINTS	CANNABIS CODE VIOLATION CASES
25	28	17







## GANG TASK FORCE

The focus of the Gang Task Force (GTF) is to make a positive difference through outreach and education, identifying criminal street gang members and their activities, and appropriately applying law enforcement efforts to stop them. In 2022, as part of the Gang Task Force's effort to control the effects of criminal street gangs, GTF has conducted investigations that have led to the arrest of 47 suspects and the seizure of:

**.5  
POUNDS OF  
METHAMPHETAMINE**

**3.25  
POUNDS OF  
FENTANYL**

**16  
GRAMS OF  
HEROIN**

**.5  
POUNDS OF  
ILLEGAL MARIJUANA**

**1.8  
POUNDS OF PSILOCYBIN  
MUSHROOMS**

**.4  
POUNDS OF  
COCAINE**

**75  
SEIZED FIREARMS**

**10  
GANG ENHANCEMENTS  
FILED WITH THE DA**

**\$15,000  
U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED**



# MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

**11 STAFF MEMBERS  
SUPERVISORS,  
DETECTIVES & CLERKS**

**200 +  
FORENSIC DATA  
EXTRACTIONS PERFORMED**

**50 +  
CALL-OUTS**

**350  
SEARCH WARRANTS  
SERVED**

**460  
CLEARED CASES**

**100 +  
MISSING PERSON  
REPORTS TAKEN**



The Major Crimes Unit is responsible for investigating criminal cases that go above and beyond the scope and resources of the Patrol Division. This includes misdemeanor and felony crimes for both local and state laws. In the past year, the Major Crimes Unit has been involved in the successful prosecutions of several homicides, assaults, financial crimes, and property crimes. The Major Crimes Unit is also responsible for investigating missing persons reports.

**In 2022, the Unit performed a comprehensive missing persons investigation of a child abduction. Over the course of 10 days, detectives worked diligently and efficiently and were able to locate and safely recover the child who was abducted and taken to Mexico.**

# COLD CASE UNIT

The Cold Case Unit is responsible for investigating unsolved homicides in SLO County. Detectives perform a comprehensive review of unsolved cases and focus on identifying new leads, using new technologies, and new investigative techniques that were not previously available. The Cold Case Unit has solved two 40-year-old homicide cases. Recently, the Cold Case Unit was involved in the successful prosecution of Paul Flores in the Kristin Smart homicide.





# SPECIAL VICTIM'S UNIT

The Special Victim's Unit (SVU) is responsible for investigating crimes involving all forms of sexual assault against minors and adults within the unincorporated parts of the County. The Unit also investigates child abuse, child pornography, and child exploitation. Additionally, SVU detectives assist with extreme cases of domestic violence, non-fiduciary elder abuse investigations, and drug endangered children. **The Special Victims Unit handles an average of over 200 cases per year.**



SVU performed an investigation in 2022, regarding a sexual assault on a minor. The suspect learned of the investigation and attempted to flee the United States to evade prosecution. Detectives were able to obtain an arrest warrant and arrested the suspect at the Los Angeles International Airport just prior to him boarding a flight to South America.

## SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team is responsible for identifying, monitoring, and prosecution of habitual sexual offenders who violate the terms of their probation or parole, or who fail to comply with registration requirements under Penal Code 290. The SAFE Team also investigates Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases. ICAC is a nation-wide task force which helps law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children.

## SPECIAL VICTIM'S UNIT/SAFE TEAM STATISTICS

**75 + CALLOUTS**

**150 + SEARCH  
WARRANTS SERVED**

**9 STAFF MEMBERS**

**125 + FORENSIC DATA  
EXTRACTIONS**

**250+ NEW CASES**

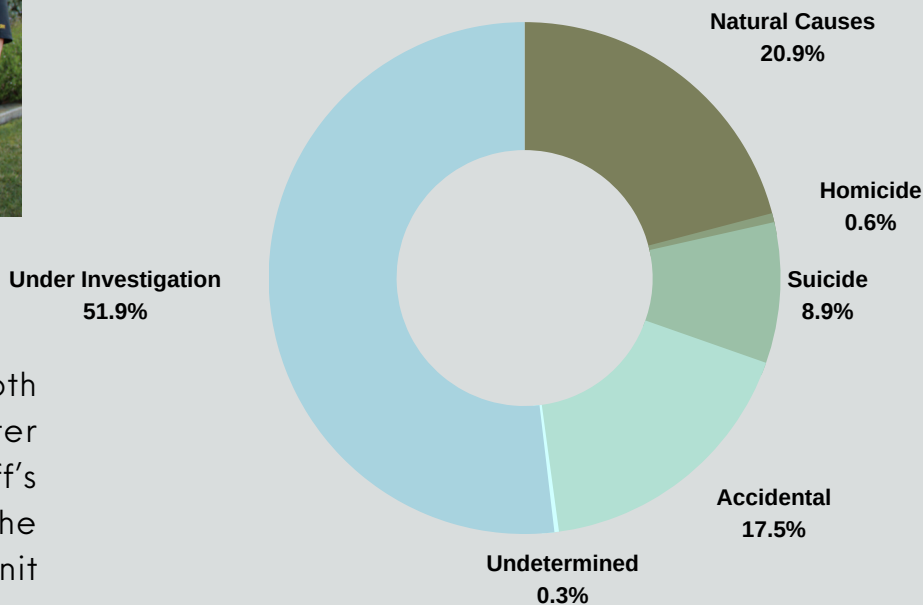




## CORONER DIVISION

In cases that require an in-depth investigation or where greater expertise is needed, the Sheriff's Office has the Coroner Unit within the Detective's Bureau. The Coroner Unit is comprised of a sergeant, four detectives, a part-time legal clerk, and a part-time forensic autopsy technician. The four detectives are highly trained and specialize in determining the manner of death. The unit currently contracts with NAAG Forensic for autopsy and pathology services.

## Coroner Death Investigations statistics



**350**  
**DEATH**  
**INVESTIGATIONS**

**146**  
**AUTOPSIES**  
**PERFORMED**

**137**  
**EXTERNAL**  
**EXAMINATIONS**

**66**  
**MEDICAL RECORD**  
**REVIEWS**

## The Opioid Epidemic



San Luis Obispo County has experienced a significant increase in drug related deaths over the past several years. Between 2016 and 2019, there were between 45-55 drug related deaths in our County. In 2020 there were 88 and in 2021 there were 123 deaths. In 2022 there were **44** confirmed drug related deaths and approximately **60** cases are believed to be drug related and are awaiting toxicology and final causes at the time of this report. Fentanyl has been a huge factor in the increase in deaths and has been found in over half of the toxicology samples in drug related cases over the last two years.



# 2022 Patrol at a Glance

67

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

13

SHERIFF'S SENIOR DEPUTIES

6

SHERIFF SERGEANTS

38,553

DEPUTY INITIATED ACTIONS

1,553

ARRESTS MADE

7,663

REPORTS WRITTEN

67,115

TOTAL INCIDENTS







**PATROL STATIONS  
AT A GLANCE**

SERVICE AREA	TOTAL INCIDENTS	DEPUTY INITIATED ACTIONS	FELONY & MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	TOTAL REPORTS
North Station	22,479	12,279	358	2,333
South Station	22,887	13,076	702	2,713
Coast Station	21,749	13,178	493	2,617
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67,115</b>	<b>38,533</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>7,663</b>

\*Statistics reflect numbers from Patrol Deputies only





## 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 manage the office 24 hours a 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 Office is also **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 911, area sirens, and EAS messages on commercial radio and television.

## BOMB TASK FORCE

The San Luis Obispo County Bomb Task Force (BTF) is accredited by the FBI and is certified as a fully operational bomb squad. The Bomb Task Force is capable of safe rendering and disposing of improvised explosive devices, military ordnance, and commercially manufactured explosives. They can 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.



**BTF responded to 21 explosive devices / bomb-related calls in 2022, consisting of hoax devices, IEDs, military ordnance, illegal fireworks, and suspicious chemical devices.**





## 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. In 2022, SED responded to several critical incidents in the unincorporated areas of the county, the City of Atascadero, and in other parts of the county. The incidents included: high risk search warrants; high risk arrest warrants; and barricaded criminal suspects. All of these incidents were resolved with the successful apprehension of the suspect and/or rendering the scene safe for investigative personnel.

MEMBERS	OPERATIONS	TRAINING HOURS
26	6	240



## MARINE ENFORCEMENT UNIT

The Marine Enforcement Unit provides enforcement at Lake Nacimiento and Lake Lopez, working closely with rangers from both San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties. With a focus on education and boating safety, deputies contact dozens of boaters each day they patrol the county lakes.



# CANINE UNIT

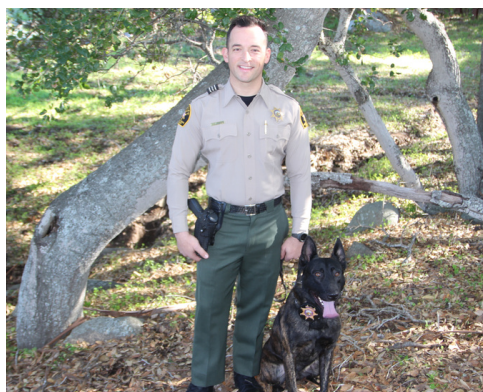
The Sheriff's Office Canine Unit is comprised of six Handler/Canine Teams. Their purpose is to support agency operations by providing the expertise necessary to effectively search for outstanding suspects, persons, narcotics, Explosive Ordinance Device (EOD) detection, and evidence while enhancing officer safety and providing outstanding service to the community.

**In 2022 the Canine Unit introduced new additions to our Canine Unit, both in dogs and Handlers.**



**Deputy Adams & K9 Corvin**

Deputy Cedric Adams and K9 Corvin are our most tenured K9 Team. K9 Corvin is a German Shepard and is trained in both patrol & EOD detection. Deputy Adams and K9 Corvin are assigned to the South Station.



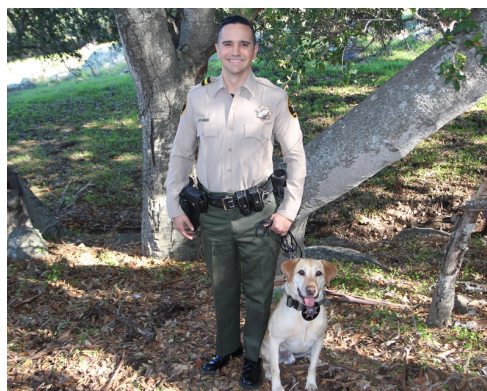
**Deputy Mora & K9 Mando**

K9 Mando is a Malinois/Shepard mix and is trained in both patrol & EOD detection. Deputy Mora and K9 Mando are assigned to the Coast Station.



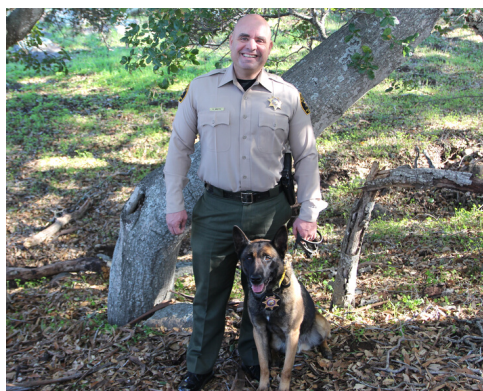
**Deputy Leon & K9 Blesk**

K9 Blesk is a German Shepard and is trained in both patrol & narcotics detection. Deputy Leon and K9 Blesk are assigned to the North Station.



**Deputy Brixey & K9 Rooster**

K9 Rooster is a Labrador Retriever trained in the detection of narcotics (methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, and fentanyl). Deputy Brixey and K9 Rooster are assigned to the Special Operations Unit (SOU).



**Deputy Moita & K9 Rocky**

K9 Rocky is a Malinois/Shepard mix and is trained in both patrol & narcotics detection. Deputy Moita and K9 Rocky are assigned to the North Station.



**Deputy Gushchin & K9 Ripley**

K9 Ripley is a Malinois/Shepard mix and is trained in both patrol, narcotics detection, & firearm detection. Deputy Gushchin and K9 Ripley are assigned to the South Station.



## CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is a specialized group of trained law enforcement personnel who responds to barricade incidents, hostage situations, or threats of self harm, with the goal of providing a peaceful resolution.

All negotiators must complete a rigorous FBI Negotiator course prior to working on the team. In addition, they **received roughly 40 hours of training in 2022** for strategic communication, and specialized trainings focused on: veterans, troubled youth, suicide prevention and mental illness.



## OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE TEAM

The Sheriff's Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Team was founded to address needs in patrolling areas impassable by traditional law enforcement vehicles. The OHV Team also trains in rescue operations where citizens may be stranded or in need of help and cannot be accessed by traditional means. The OHV Team cross-trains with different units in the Sheriff's Office, such as the Special Enforcement Detail, the Canine Unit, and the Community Action Team. The unique vehicle configurations we operate allow us to also shuttle personnel into treacherous terrain.

12 MEMBERS

2 POLARIS RZR's

3 POLARIS RANGERS





## CIVIL DIVISION

The Civil Division is responsible for the service of civil process including evictions, summons and complaints, small claims documents, subpoenas, and restraining orders. The Civil division also provides for the security of Superior court locations in San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, Grover Beach, and the Juvenile Services Center on Hwy 1. Deputies assigned to this division oversee the security screening at court buildings, serve as Bailiffs in the courtrooms, and provide security for court staff, Judges, and Court Commissioners.

In 2022, the division completed 177 evictions, 375 levies, and served a total of 2,443 civil process and documents.

## UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Team maintains a fleet of drones that are utilized for operational over watch, disaster management, fugitive apprehension, missing persons, documentation, and any other situation that may be supplemented by the services this team provides.

The use of an unmanned aircraft is more cost effective than manned aircraft and allows manned aircraft to remain available for other public safety needs.

In the Fall of 2022, the UAS team was dispatched to assist with a missing person in the area of Montana De Oro. Utilizing the UAS aircraft, the missing person was ultimately located at the bottom of a bluff and in extreme medical distress. The missing person was successfully rescued by Cal Fire and transported for medical treatment.







## RURAL CRIME UNIT

The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Rural Crime Unit (RCU) is to enforce laws and provide investigative services focused primarily on theft and property damage in the agricultural communities and rural industries.

CALLS FOR SERVICE	RURAL CRIME REPORTS WRITTEN	RURAL CRIME INVESTIGATIONS	RECOVERED STOLEN EQUIPMENT VALUE	STOLEN VEHICLES/ TRAILERS RECOVERED
1,037	52	163	\$260,000	12

In 2022, the Honor Guard took part in over 20 events including the California Peace Officer’s Memorial which was held in Sacramento. The Sheriff’s Honor Guard also participated in several Honor Flights.

## HONOR GUARD

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Office established the Honor Guard to honor fallen officers and to represent the Sheriff’s Office at ceremonies throughout the County and State.

This year saw the retirement of Sgt. Odom, the original member of the Sheriff’s Honor Guard and individual responsible for the look and fit of our uniforms. It has been said that we become the things that we celebrate, and we have been honored to have been a part of ceremonies for hirings, promotions, awards, retirements, and even burials. Sgt Odom led from the front and will be missed.







## BIKE PATROL TEAM

The Sheriff's Office Bicycle Patrol Team is a specialty unit trained to perform public safety patrol functions on a bicycle. Members of the Bike Patrol Team are trained to deploy and provide public safety services during events with large crowds such as parades, holiday events, concerts, community events, races, and various other special events.

**13 MEMBERS**

**200 TRAINING HOURS**

**15 EVENTS PATROLLED**



## MUTUAL AID & PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM

### 2022 SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

- Wild Fire Response
- Medical Aid
- Gas Exposure
- Less-Lethal Weapon Systems
- Arrest & Control
- Firearms
- Mobile Field Force Operations

The Mutual Aid & Public Safety (MAPS) Team is a mobile field force team, that is the primary responder to mutual aid callouts ranging from natural disasters to civil unrest. Members of MAPS also respond with the Sheriff's Special Enforcement Detail (SED) during certain emergencies. MAPS provides security for SED during callouts as an additional barrier of protection, by creating a perimeter of containment around the SED operation to prevent any breaches.



# 2022 Custody at a Glance

**26**

CORRECTIONAL TECHNICIANS

**116**

CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

**15**

SENIOR CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

**15**

CORRECTIONAL SERGEANTS

**400**

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

**7,156**

INCARCERATED PERSONS BOOKED

**908**

PEOPLE BOOKED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE  
SENTENCING

**730,000**

MEALS MADE

**7**

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AWARDED

**OVER 500**

VOCATIONAL CLASSES & PROGRAMS  
COORDINATED







## CUSTODY DIVISION

### JAIL PROGRAMMING UNIT

The Jail Programs Unit is responsible for implementing and coordinating inmate programs and services, and includes staff from the Sheriff's Office, Probation, and Behavioral Health. In 2022 the unit coordinated more than 500 high school diplomas, substance abuse treatments, specialized life skills, and vocational classes, as well as providing individual services. **This year, seven high school diplomas were awarded to jail students who worked with dedicated personnel from San Luis Coastal Adult School.** The unit also works with the San Luis Obispo Public Library to coordinate weekly incarcerated persons library book exchanges.

## NEW TECHNOLOGY

In 2022 the County Jail added the Premises System which was implemented as a safety measure for Correctional Deputies. This new system will allow Correctional Deputies to log their movement throughout the jail using a handheld device, rather than writing their safety checks down on a log.

In addition, **the jail upgraded their body scanning technology** to the new SOTER RS body scanning device. This system offers capabilities to detect and prevent narcotics, weapons and contraband from entering the County Jail, while also offering the highest scanning and imaging clarity on the market. Along with this technology the San Luis Obispo County Jail also **implemented an entire new jail management software for all the staff to utilize** in December of 2022. This state-of-the-art software has already streamlined many processes inside the jail and has created a electronic hub of information for correctional staff to perform more efficiently and safely in a dangerous environment.





# CUSTODY DIVISION

## NATIONAL ACCREDITATION



After a rigorous professional assessment by a team of experienced physicians and experts, the National Commission on Correctional Health Care has **awarded national accreditation to the Jail** for demonstrating compliance with NCCHC's nationally recognized standards of care for correctional health services in jails. The national accreditation recognizes the Jail's commitment to providing quality health services for the inmate population.

## ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING UNIT

The Alternative Sentencing Unit is comprised of the Home Detention Program, Alternative Work Program and Sheriff's Parole Program. These programs allow incarcerated inmates to serve jail sentences outside of confinement in the County Jail.



The Alternative Sentencing Unit allows participants to seek and/or retain employment, attend psychological counselling sessions, educational or vocational training classes, or seek medical assistance while receiving credit for jail time. **There were 908 people booked during this year** through the Alternative Sentencing Unit.

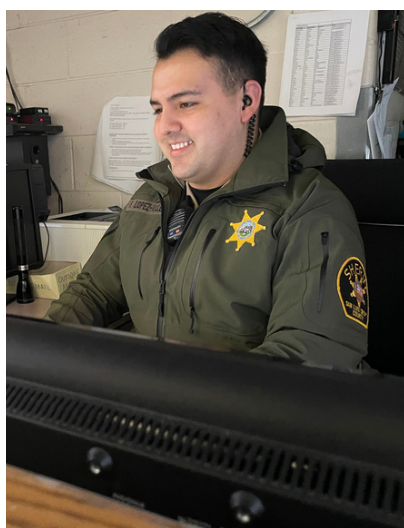
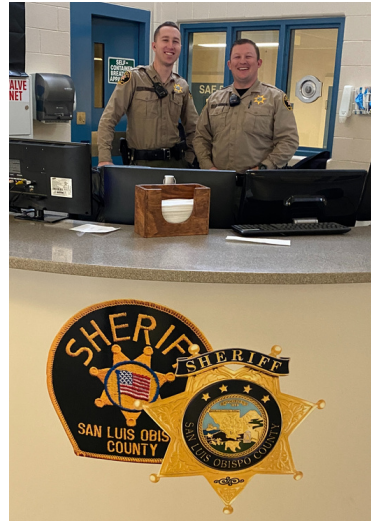
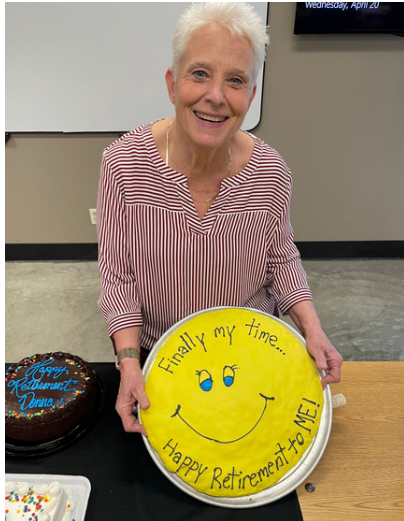
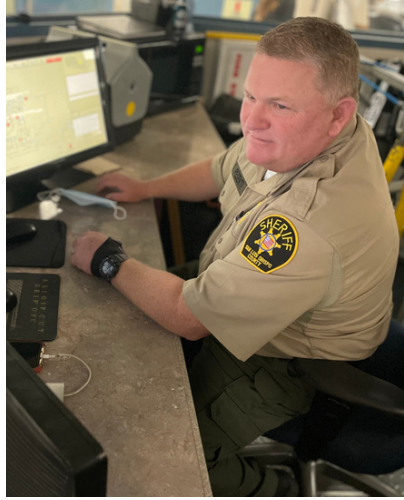
## HONOR FARM

The Male Honor Farm inmates are responsible for working in the kitchen, where they produce an average of **2,000 meals per day or 730,000 meals a year**: feeding incarcerated individuals in the jail, staff, Juvenile Services and the Psychiatric Health Facility.

In 2022 the Male Honor Farm also hosted the 33rd Annual Sheriff's Bike Giveaway Program, giving away bikes to underprivileged children during the Holiday Season. **The 2022 bike giveaway more than doubled the number of bikes from the previous year, with approximately 250 bikes given away.**











## DISPATCH CENTER

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center is a primary public safety answering point responsible for all 911 calls in the county of San Luis Obispo, as well as the cities of Arroyo Grande and Morro Bay. The Sheriff's Office also maintains communication and dispersal of resources to the citizens of these areas, including law enforcement, paramedics, and numerous county and state departments. The Sheriff's Office is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) certified dispatchers. The center is responsible for receiving calls for service from the citizens of the community, and sending appropriate resources including law enforcement, probation, ambulances, EMS, and rescue helicopters and other personnel as needed.

**In 2022 the Sheriff's Dispatch Center answered more than 243,000 phone calls, averaging over 20,000 calls per month.**

**The 911 calls were answered in 15 seconds or less, 99% of the time, surpassing the California State standard of 95%**





# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



## RECORDS & WARRANTS

The Records and Warrants Unit is the County's warrant repository. This unit is also responsible for entering restraining orders, processing extraditions, records for criminal discovery, subpoenas, records requests, business permits, and conceal carry permits, along with providing fingerprinting services to the public. The Records and Warrants Unit is also responsible for registering gang, arson, and sex offenders.

In 2022 the unit successfully transitioned to paperless warrants, which significantly minimized the time it takes to get a warrant into the national, state, and local database systems once it has been issued by the judge.

### Items Processed

- Records and Requests: **4,354**
- Warrants Entered: **11,143**
- Ink and Livescan Fingerprinting: **1,322**

### Sex Offender Registrations Processed

- Total: **240**
- Classified as Transient: **26**
- Live within the Sheriff's Jurisdiction: **214**

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards and Training Unit is responsible for the timely resolution of internal investigations, evaluation of training needs in response to changes in legislation, and providing the highest-quality training to our sworn and civilian personnel. In 2021, the Sheriff's Office was selected on a national level to receive grant funding to outfit patrol deputies with body worn cameras. In April of 2022, **100 body worn cameras were implemented among patrol personnel.** Since the implementation date, the Sheriff's Office has recorded over 100,000 hours of body worn camera footage. This audio/video footage has been extremely helpful in the areas of criminal investigations, administrative investigations, training, professionalism and transparency.



## INVESTIGATIONS

Complaint Investigations: 42  
Use of Force Investigations: 76  
Vehicle Pursuit Investigations: 18

## AGENCY TRAININGS

Annual Number of Courses: 412  
Annual Number of Students: 5610  
Annual Training Hours: 34238



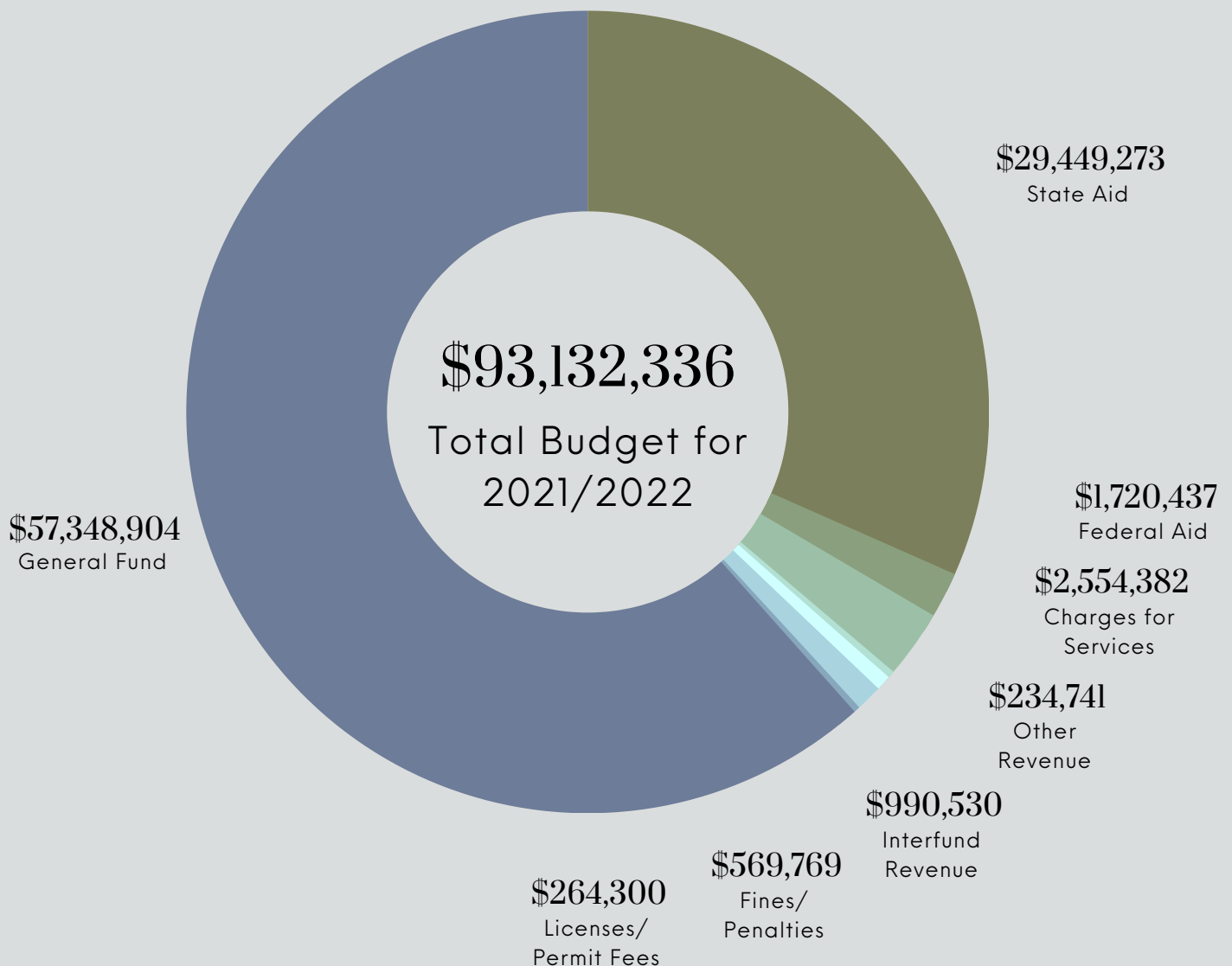
# FISCAL SERVICES



The Fiscal Services Division supports all areas of accounting for the Sheriff's Office including budgeting, monthly and quarterly financial reporting, grant reporting, payroll, accounts payable/receivable, and purchasing. The Sheriff's Office budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22 was \$93 million, with \$36 million obtained from various sources and \$57 million received from the General Fund.

## OFFICE BUDGET

2021-22 Fiscal Year





# HUMAN RESOURCES

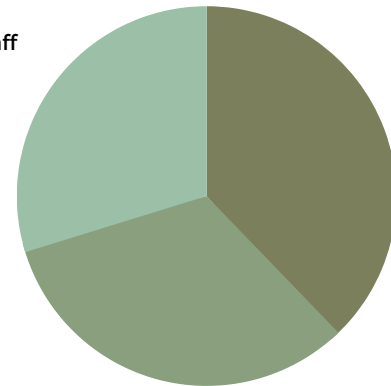


The Sheriff's Office Human Resources (HR) is responsible for finding, screening, and recruiting qualified job applicants to fill a variety of positions in patrol, custody, dispatch, and professional support services. In addition, they administer employee-benefit programs, coordinate department events, and onboard new employees. **In 2022, the HR team managed 54 recruitments which resulted in 72 new hires.** Sheriff's Office HR proudly serves over 480 employees department-wide.

Connect with us on Instagram to find out more about recruitment opportunities, specialty teams and more!



Professional Staff  
145



Sworn Deputies  
184

Custody Sworn  
158

# BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION UNIT

Sheriff's Background Investigation Unit manages investigations of all department employees during the hiring process. In addition, they conduct all investigations for any person interested in volunteering within the department. They ensure an in-depth investigation is conducted to determine suitability and establish the honesty and integrity of each applicant.

**In 2022, there were over 200 background packets returned for processing.**



- Correctional Deputy: 75
- Correctional Technician: 37
- Sheriff's Cadet: 8
- Lateral Deputy: 23
- Dispatcher: 16
- Forensic Pathologist: 1
- Food Services Supervisor: 4
- Cook: 4
- Resource Protection Specialist: 4
- Property Officer: 1
- Legal Clerk: 19
- Program Manager: 2
- Senior IT Specialist: 1
- Chief Medical Officer: 1
- Accountant: 3
- Administrative Service Officer: 3



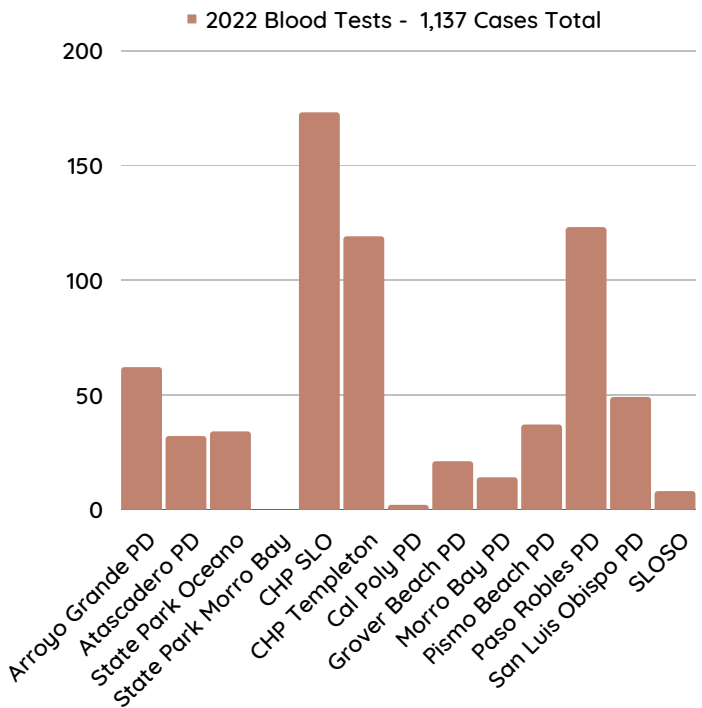
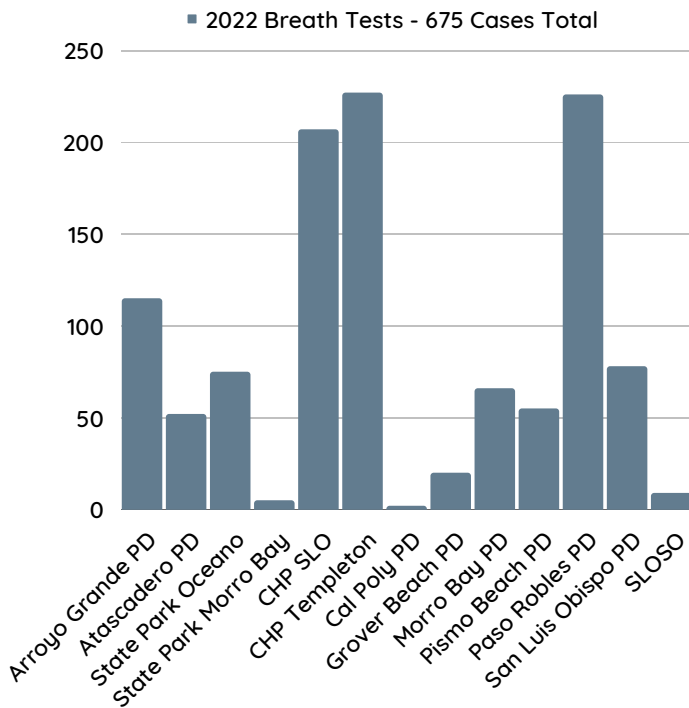
# CRIME LABORATORY

The Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory is responsible for processing evidence to support Sheriff's Office investigations, as well as law enforcement agencies throughout the county.



## FORENSIC ALCOHOL LAB:

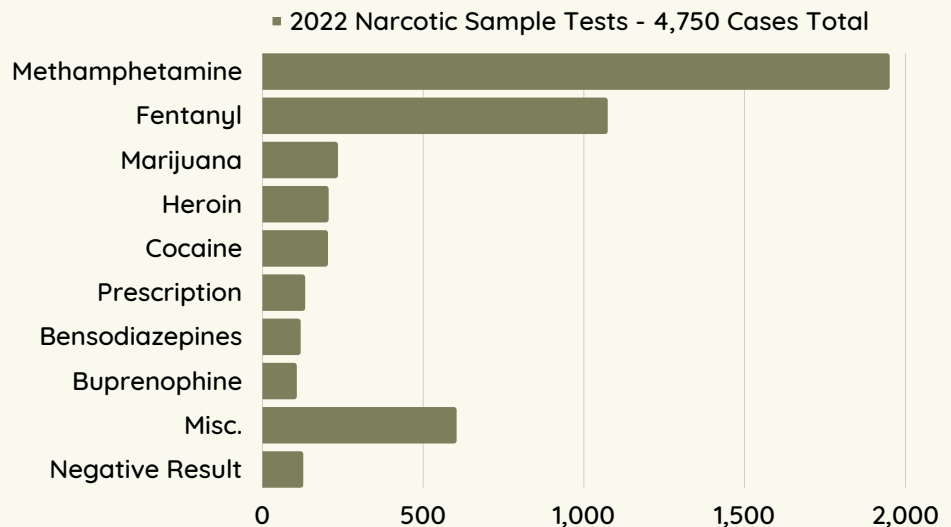
In 2022 the Forensic Alcohol Lab testified in 4 criminal cases (including 1 vehicular homicide) & 2 DMV Administrative Hearings.



## FORENSIC NARCOTIC LAB:

**URINE SAMPLES:**  
**860** Urine Samples tested

**33%** Tested positive for Methamphetamine





# CRIME LABORATORY

## FORENSIC CRIME LAB:

The ANDE Rapid DNA Machine continues to be of great value to the Forensic Services Unit. Acquired in June of 2021, the ANDE machine has already successfully been used to identify a suspect in a sexual assault case, identify suspects in homicide cases, and identify the remains in Coroner's cases, bringing timely closures for the families. The ANDE Rapid DNA machine has the capability of creating a full DNA profile in under 2 hours. In addition to processing evidence and responding to crime scenes, Forensic Specialists testified in 3 major homicide trials this year, 2 of which resulted in guilty verdicts, and one case is still in process.



**15 FORENSIC IDENTIFICATIONS MADE  
ON JOHN/JANE DOE'S**

**ASSISTED WITH 31 DEATH  
INVESTIGATIONS**

**ASSISTED WITH 7 INVESTIGATIONS**

**EXAMINED 3,359 LATENT PRINTS**

**IDENTIFIED 105 LATENT PRINTS**

**816 ITEMS PROCESSED IN LAB FOR  
LATENT PRINTS, DNA, BODILY FLUIDS,  
& SERIAL NUMBER RESTORATIONS**

## PROPERTY UNIT

Property Officers are responsible for the safe and secure storage, record keeping, and disposition of property and evidence submitted to them by the Sheriff's Office. Property is stored for a variety of reasons including items that are found or recovered, evidence, and for safekeeping.

**RECEIVED 11,988 ITEMS**

**RETURNED 328 ITEMS TO OWNERS**

**PROCESSED & DESTROYED  
2,301 DRUG ITEMS**

**RECOVERED 65 STOLEN ITEMS**

**PROCESSED 317 GUNS**

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# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



The Sheriff's Office Information Technology (IT) Unit supports over 450 Sheriff's Office employees and nearly 400 desktop computers. Our IT Unit ensures all our critical 24/7/365 systems are operational and available. This unit supports our 911 call center, County Jail, and patrol services 24 hours a day.

In 2022 our two biggest accomplishments were **the deployment of body worn cameras to our patrol deputies and deployment of our new Jail Management System**. With the deployment of body worn cameras, we have been able to increase deputy safety, increase evidence quality, reduce civilian complaints, increased public transparency, all while reducing agency liability. The new Jail Management System enabled the San Luis Obispo County Jail to automate and modernize many previously manual processes.



## DIGITAL FORENSICS

**299 digital evidence items were collected and analyzed for investigations to be presented in a court of law as evidence.**

The Digital Forensics Unit is dedicated solely to the extraction and analysis of digital devices and other related activities. With more and more connected devices, very few cases do not have some type of digital footprint. These incidents range from human trafficking, child exploitation, sexual assault and homicide, to narcotics, gang activity, criminal threats, and weapons violations.

- 262 phones and tablets
- 20 computers
- 11 media storage devices
- 6 loose hard drives



# COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

helping those in need

The Behavioral Health Community Action Team (B.H.C.A.T) is a combined partnership between a Deputy Sheriff, Deputy Probation Officer and a licensed SLO County Mental Health Professional from Behavioral Health. The team assists individuals in crisis and collaborates with community-based services to provide assistance to unhoused individuals with severe mental illness who have come to the attention of law enforcement. Their goals are to prevent emergency hospitalizations and reduce recidivism rates of mentally ill offenders.

## community success

In 2022 BHCAT and the Jail's Behavioral Health Unit collaborated to assist an individual who was once arrested twenty-one times in a single year. He had generated many calls for service and required emergency services due to his mental health illness. While at the San Luis Obispo County Jail, BHCAT provided services and assistance when he was release from custody. He was receptive and willing to work with BHCAT and was connected with a homeless shelter, mental health services and 12-step programs. This same individual now lives in his own apartment and has a job. He has not reoffended or been arrested since agreeing to work with the behavioral health community action team.





# SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES

mentoring our youth



The School Resource program creates a law enforcement presence to ensure safety and promote positive relationships on school campuses and at community events. In 2022, our School Resource Deputies hosted 3 week-long Sheriff's Youth Summer Camps throughout the county teaching gang resistance, positive peer pressure, and communication skills, while also participating in fun activities and events.



<b>COAST CAMP CAYUCOS ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>NORTH CAMP LILLIAN LARSEN ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>SOUTH CAMP MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>
<b>90 Students</b>	<b>62 Students</b>	<b>110 Students</b>



Another impactful program offered by our School Resource Deputies in 2022, was the Sheriff's Office Teen Driver Challenge. Local students from San Luis Obispo High School and Lompoc High School spent two days of instruction both in class, and at the Public Safety Training Complex Emergency Vehicles Operation Center (EVOC) where they practiced driving skills with training modules, a driving simulator, precision driving maneuvers, collision avoidance, commentary driving, uneven road maneuvers and skid control. The program was created to help prevent teens from becoming a driving-collision statistic. This is a free program for teens to acquire safe driving skills from certified law enforcement instructors.





# CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

reaching our community

The Crime Prevention Unit supports the Sheriff's Office's mission to increase public safety through education and community engagement. Programs include Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Citizen Academy, the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol program, certifying department members in CPR and First Aid, children's safety programs, internet safety presentations, planning and executing the Sheriff's Youth Summer Camps, security/CPTED surveys for homes and businesses, and outreach booths at community events throughout the year.

The Crime Prevention and Public Information Units manage the department's social media platforms. The mission of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Social Media Team is to share accurate and relevant information, positively promote the Sheriff's Office and public safety, and to create opportunities for community engagement.

## SOCIAL MEDIA REACH IN 2022



**31% MALE**  
**69% FEMALE**

**37,163**

**FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS**

**5,275,511**

**IMPRESSIONS**



**29% MALE**  
**71% FEMALE**

**15,663**

**INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS**

**2,230,676**

**IMPRESSIONS**



**9,486**

**TWITTER FOLLOWERS**

**243,148**

**IMPRESSIONS**

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# PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The mission of the Public Information Officer (PIO) is to inform the community about the Sheriff's Office. Quite simply, the PIO explains what we do as an agency and why we do it. The PIO serves as the primary contact for local, state, national, and international media for any news items that directly relate to the Sheriff's Office.

**56**

**PRESS RELEASES**

**4**

**MEDIA ADVISORIES**

**67**

**NATIONAL MEDIA CONTACTS**

**3**

**INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CONTACTS**

**27**

**LOCAL MEDIA CONTACTS**



# VOLUNTEERS AT A GLANCE

## POSSE

1,641 Volunteer Hours  
139 Meeting Hours  
2 Search Events  
5 Patrol Events  
13 Ceremonial Events  
17 Members



## SAVP'S

1493 Volunteer Hours  
46 Members  
27,623 Miles Patrolled  
10 Events Attended



## DIVE TEAM

1514 Volunteer Hours  
12 Trainings  
2 Call Outs  
25 Members  
8 Special Events Attended



## SEARCH & RESCUE

2,104 Volunteer Hours  
304 Trainings  
41 Searches  
55 Members  
10 Special Events Attended



## AERO SQUADRON

22 Active Members  
19 Licensed Pilots  
Search & Rescue Missions  
3 Flight Hours  
Flight Trainings  
10 Flight Hours

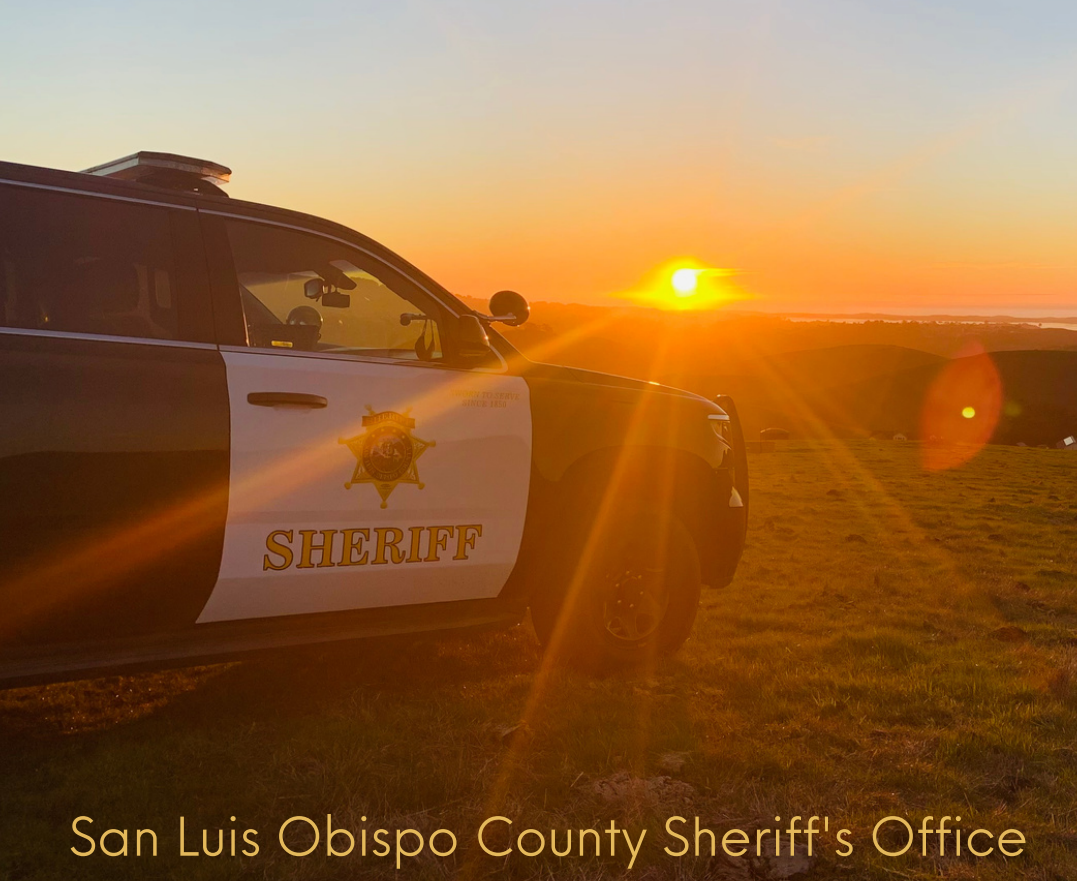


## EXPLORERS

10 Members  
12 Trainings  
20 Meetings  
10 Special Events Attended







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**General Business Line (Dispatch):**  
(805) 781-4550 x 3

**Main Jail Information:**  
(805) 781-4600

**North Patrol Station:**  
(805) 434-4290

**Coast Patrol Station:**  
(805) 528-6083

**South Patrol Station:**  
(805) 473-7100

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