

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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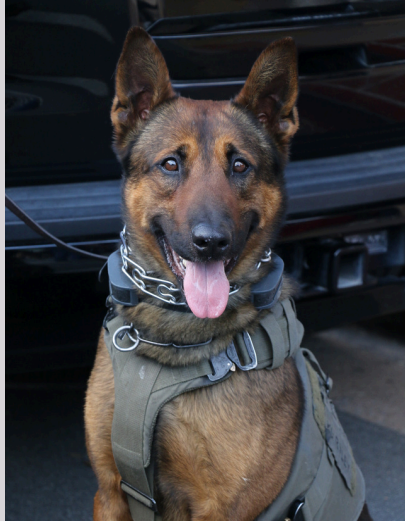




## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.









# 2024 At a Glance



**131,500**

LAW ENFORCEMENT &  
MEDICAL SERVICE CALLS

SERVING:



**3,300** SQ. MILES &

**121,000+** RESIDENTS

**141**

PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF



**168**

SHERIFF'S  
DEPUTIES



**157**

CORRECTIONAL  
DEPUTIES

**3,949**

ILLEGAL DRUG ITEMS  
PROCESSED



**2,535**

ARRESTS  
MADE



**9,249**

REPORTS  
WRITTEN

**8,277**

INMATES  
BOOKED

**4,112**

LATENT PRINT  
EXAMINATIONS



**290**

CORONER DEATH  
INVESTIGATIONS



**\$110 M**

OPERATING  
BUDGET





A MESSAGE FROM  
**SHERIFF IAN PARKINSON**

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office



To the dedicated men and women of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office,

As we close out 2024, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to serving and protecting our community. This year has brought challenges, triumphs, and moments that have tested our resolve—but through it all, you have demonstrated professionalism, courage, and an unbreakable dedication to duty.

Whether you serve in patrol, custody, investigations, dispatch, professional staff, administration, or any other vital role within our agency, your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Each of you plays an integral part in keeping San Luis Obispo County safe, and I am incredibly proud to lead such an outstanding team. Your efforts, day in and day out, make a real difference in the lives of the people we serve. I have seen firsthand the compassion you bring to those in need, the diligence in your investigations, and the bravery in the face of uncertainty. Your commitment to integrity and service is what makes our department strong.

As we move into a new year, I want to personally thank you for everything you do. I hope you take time to reflect on your achievements, spend time with loved ones, and recharge for the year ahead. I am honored to serve alongside you, and I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in 2025.

Stay safe, and thank you for your service to our community.

A handwritten signature of Ian Parkinson in black ink.

**IAN PARKINSON**

San Luis Obispo County  
Sheriff-Coroner



# UNDERSHERIFF CHAD NICHOLSON

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office

As we reflect on the past year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the hardworking men and women of the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office. Every day, our dedicated personnel in Patrol, Custody, and Professional Staff work tirelessly to serve and protect our community. Their commitment to professionalism, integrity, and service is the foundation of our agency's success, and I am honored to stand beside them in our shared mission of keeping San Luis Obispo County safe.

Rounding out my first year as Undersheriff, I could not be more proud of the exceptional individuals who make up this great agency. Law enforcement comes with its challenges, but the resilience and dedication of our personnel never waver.



Whether responding to calls for service, maintaining the safety and security of our county jail, or providing essential support behind the scenes, each member of our team plays a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of our community. Their unwavering commitment is what makes this department strong.

To the residents of San Luis Obispo County, know that your Sheriff's Office is dedicated to serving you with honor, integrity, and professionalism. We will continue to work hard every day to protect our communities and uphold the trust you place in us. I want to personally thank all the men and women of this agency for their service, sacrifice, and dedication. It is a privilege to work alongside them, and I look forward to continuing our mission of public safety in the year ahead.

A handwritten signature of Chad Nicholson in black ink.

**CHAD NICHOLSON**

San Luis Obispo County  
Undersheriff



# 2024 Detectives at a Glance

**1**

DETECTIVE COMMANDER

**4**

DETECTIVE SERGEANTS

**25**

DETECTIVES

**425+**

FORENSIC DATA EXTRACTIONS

**1500+ GRAMS**

FENTANYL SEIZED

**180**

SEIZED FIREARMS

**290**

CORONER DEATH INVESTIGATIONS





## SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT

The Special Operations Unit includes the Sheriff's Narcotics Unit and the Sheriff's Gang Task Force (GTF). Given that drug crimes often extend beyond state and county lines, narcotics detectives frequently investigate cases originating in San Luis Obispo County that lead to other jurisdictions. As a result, they work closely with local, state, and federal drug enforcement agencies, coordinating multi-jurisdictional efforts to combat the spread of methamphetamine and other illegal substances throughout California.

These efforts involve various strategies, such as suspect surveillance, confidential informant management, financial record analysis, wiretap monitoring, undercover operations, search warrant execution, and suspect interrogations.

The Gang Task Force prioritizes community outreach and education while identifying criminal street gang members and their activities. Through proactive enforcement and strategic law enforcement measures, the GTF aims to disrupt gang operations, enhance public safety, and reduce the impact of gang-related crime within San Luis Obispo County.

**8572**  
**GRAMS OF**  
**METHAMPHETAMINE**

**1508**  
**GRAMS OF**  
**FENTANYL**

**674**  
**GRAMS OF**  
**HEROIN**

**1161**  
**GRAMS OF PSILOCYBIN**  
**MUSHROOMS**

**3963**  
**GRAMS OF**  
**COCAINE**

**12,939 PILLS**  
**COUNTERFEIT ADDERALL**

**39,450 PILLS**  
**FARMAPRAM XANAX**

**1,369 GRAMS**  
**KETAMINE**

**179**  
**SEIZED FIREARMS**

**41**  
**ARRESTS/CITES/FILINGS**  
**WITH THE DA'S OFFICE**

**\$410,653**  
**U.S. CURRENCY 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.

## 2024 CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT

CRIMINAL CANNABIS INVESTIGATIONS	ILLEGAL PLANTS ERADICATED	ILLEGAL PROCESSED CANNABIS SEIZED	FIREARMS SEIZED
10	1,058	390 LBS.	1

## 2024 LEGAL COMPLIANCE

OPERATIONAL CANNABIS SITES	CANNABIS COMPLAINTS	CANNABIS CODE VIOLATION CASES	QUARTERLY MONITORING INSPECTIONS
24	19	7	111





# MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

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

**275 +  
FORENSIC DATA  
EXTRACTIONS PERFORMED**

**50 +  
CALL-OUTS**

**375 +  
SEARCH WARRANTS  
SERVED**

**450  
CLEARED CASES**

**175 +  
MISSING PERSON  
REPORTS TAKEN**



The Major Crimes Unit handles complex criminal investigations that exceed the scope and resources of the Patrol Division. Their work covers both misdemeanor and felony offenses under local and state laws. Over the past year, the unit has played a key role in successfully prosecuting cases involving homicides, assaults, financial crimes, and property crimes. Additionally, the Major Crimes Unit is responsible for investigating missing persons cases.

## COLD CASE UNIT

The Cold Case Unit is dedicated to investigating unsolved homicides in San Luis Obispo County. The detective assigned to this unit conducts comprehensive case reviews, seeking new leads and leveraging advanced technologies and investigative methods that were previously unavailable.

At any given time, the unit actively works on 8 to 10 cold cases, committed to uncovering the truth and pursuing justice for victims and their families.





## 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 Victim's Unit handles an average of over 300 cases per year.**



In 2024, SVU investigated numerous major cases, including, child abuse, child exploitation, and adult abuse cases.

## 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**

**6 STAFF MEMBERS**

**150 + FORENSIC DATA  
EXTRACTIONS**

**200 + SEARCH  
WARRANTS SERVED**

**250+ NEW CASES**



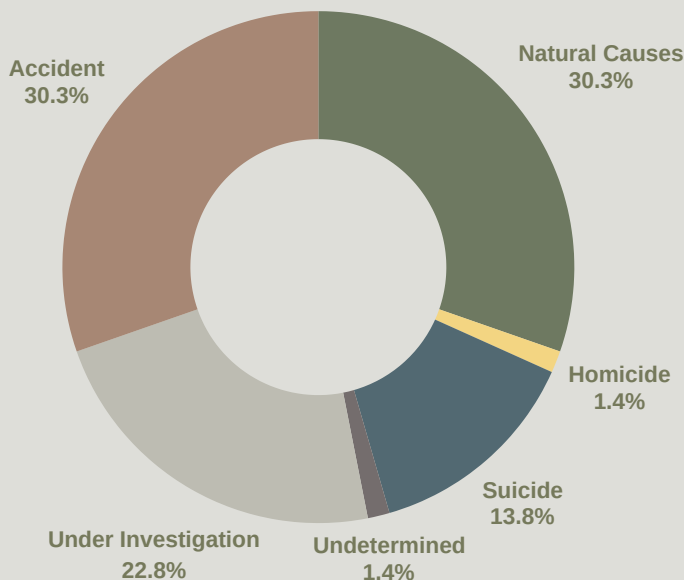
# CORONER DIVISION



In cases that require an in-depth death 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, three detectives, and a part-time legal clerk. The four detectives are highly trained and specialize in determining the manner and cause of death. The unit currently contracts with NAAG Forensic for autopsy and pathology services.

In 2024, over 1800 deaths were reported to the Sheriff's Office. There were 56 confirmed drug related deaths, with 23 of those cases testing positive for Fentanyl. 47 death investigations are pending final causes and reports.

## Coroner Death Investigations statistics



**290**  
**DEATH**  
**INVESTIGATIONS**

**148**  
**EXTERNAL**  
**EXAMINATIONS**

**129**  
**AUTOPSIES**  
**PERFORMED**

**13**  
**MEDICAL RECORD**  
**REVIEWS**



# 2024 Patrol at a Glance

**65**

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

**15**

SHERIFF'S SENIOR DEPUTIES

**6**

SHERIFF'S SERGEANTS

**2,469**

FELONY & MISDEMEANOR  
ARRESTS MADE

**6,465**

REPORTS WRITTEN

**59,884**

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE





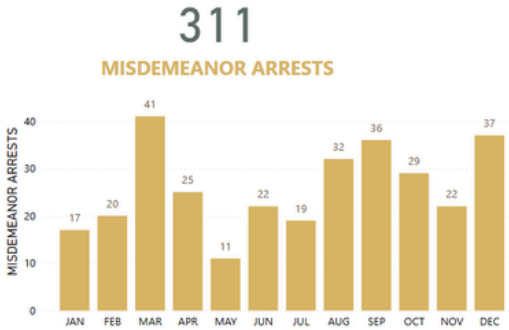
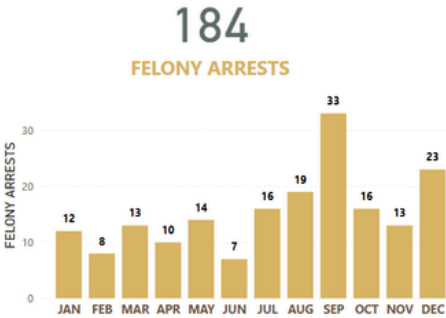
SERVICE AREA	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	TOTAL REPORTS
North Station	18,606	331	184	2,008
South Station	20,760	1,068	289	2,474
Coast Station	20,518	441	156	1,983
TOTAL	59,884	1,840	629	6,465

\*Statistics reflect numbers from Patrol Deputies only

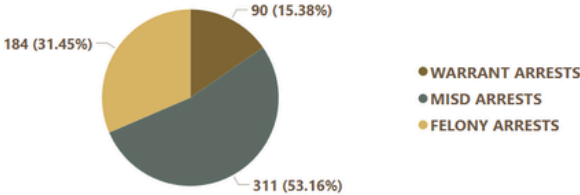


# PATROL STATIONS AT A GLANCE

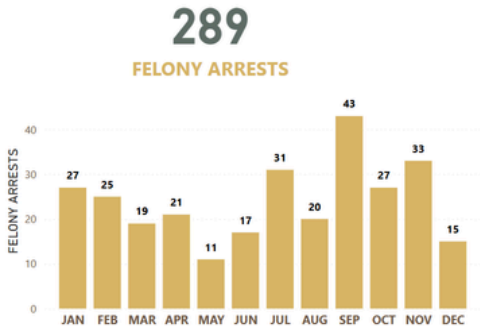
## NORTH STATION 2024 ARRESTS



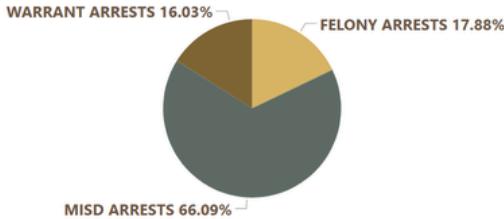
495  
FELONY & MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



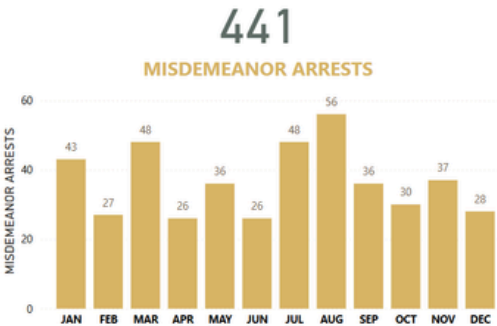
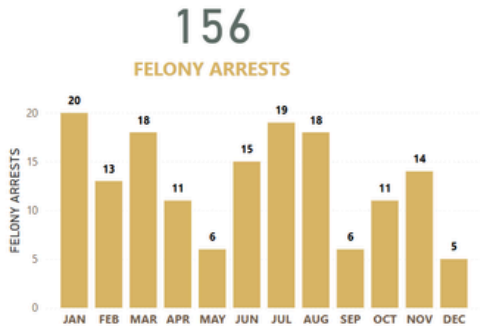
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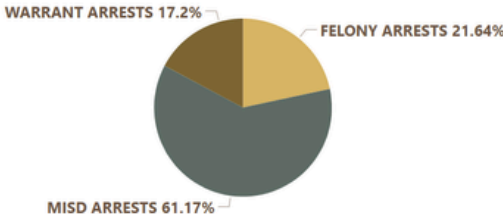
1,357  
FELONY & MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



## COAST STATION 2024 ARRESTS



597  
FELONY & MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS







## 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 of San Luis Obispo County.



**BTF responded to 20 explosive devices / bomb-related calls in 2024, 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 tasked with resolving critical incidents such as hostage situations, barricaded suspects, armed suicidal subjects, crowd control, and high-risk warrant service. Throughout 2024, SED responded to numerous critical incidents in the unincorporated areas of the county, including both pre-planned operations and spontaneous callouts. In each of these incidents, SED successfully apprehended suspects and/or rendered the scene safe for investigative personnel. Their swift and effective response ensured the safety of civilians and law enforcement alike, showcasing their professionalism and dedication to preserving public safety in challenging situations.



MEMBERS	OPERATIONS	TRAINING HOURS
33	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

**Our highly trained patrol canines are cross-trained to perform multiple tasks, including patrol, narcotics detection, firearm detection, and explosive ordnance detection (EOD).**



## **Patrol & Narcotics Detection Canines**

K9 Rocky – Handled by Deputy R. Moita

K9 Blesk – Handled by Deputy K. Leon

K9 Ripley – Handled by Deputy B. Gushchin (also certified in firearm and ammunition detection)

These canines and their handlers play a crucial role in assisting deputies and allied agencies by locating and apprehending suspects attempting to evade law enforcement. They also aid in narcotics detection for deputies, allied agencies, and investigators.

## **Patrol & Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Canines**

K9 Mando – Handled by Deputy A. Mora

K9 Corvin – Handled by Deputy C. Adams

These canines assist in suspect apprehension and are specially trained to detect odors associated with explosive materials, enhancing public safety. They also support security operations at special events.

## **Single-Purpose Narcotics Detection Canines**

K9 Rooster – Handled by Deputy T. Brixey, assigned to the Sheriff's Office Special Operations Unit. His primary responsibility is locating hidden narcotics and contraband.

K9 Tide – Handled by Correctional Deputy S. Cowan (not pictured), assigned to the San Luis Obispo County Jail. His primary responsibility is detecting contraband and related paraphernalia within and around the jail. These highly skilled canines and their handlers play an essential role in maintaining public safety and supporting law enforcement operations across multiple agencies.

**In 2024 the Sheriff's Office Canine Unit assisted with locating and apprehending 28 suspects. The Sheriff's Office Canine unit also located over 7 kilograms of methamphetamine, over 2 kilograms of cocaine, over 700 grams of fentanyl, approximately 168 grams of heroin, 300 items of LSD, and over 453 grams of ketamine.**



# Canine Deployment Summary

Using all 245 Records from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

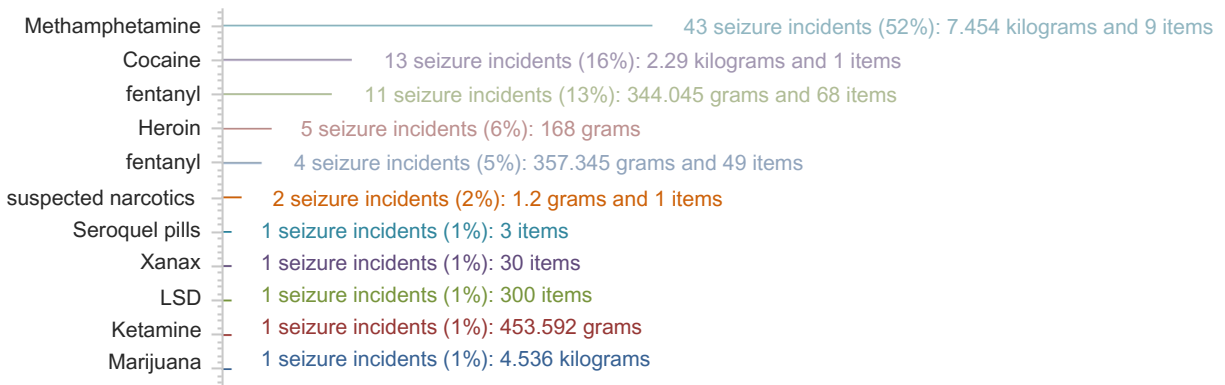
## Drug Paraphernalia Indications



### Packaging Around Drug Paraphernalia

Glass: 9 (45%)      None: 8 (40%)      Plastic: 2 (10%)      Paper Towel: 1 (5%)

## Drug Indications



### Packaging Around Drugs

Plastic: 71 (85%)      Glass: 3 (3%)      Aluminum Foil: 2 (2%)      Paper: 2 (2%)  
Metal: 2 (2%)      Glove: 1 (1%)      Plastic Baggie: 1 (1%)      Cardboard: 1 (1%)

## Firearms Indications



### Packaging Around Firearms

None: 1 (50%)      Metal: 1 (50%)



## 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 2024** for strategic communication, and specialized trainings focused on: veterans, troubled youth, suicide prevention and mental illness.



## OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE TEAM

**10 MEMBERS**

**2 POLARIS RZR's**

**3 POLARIS RANGERS**



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.





## 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.

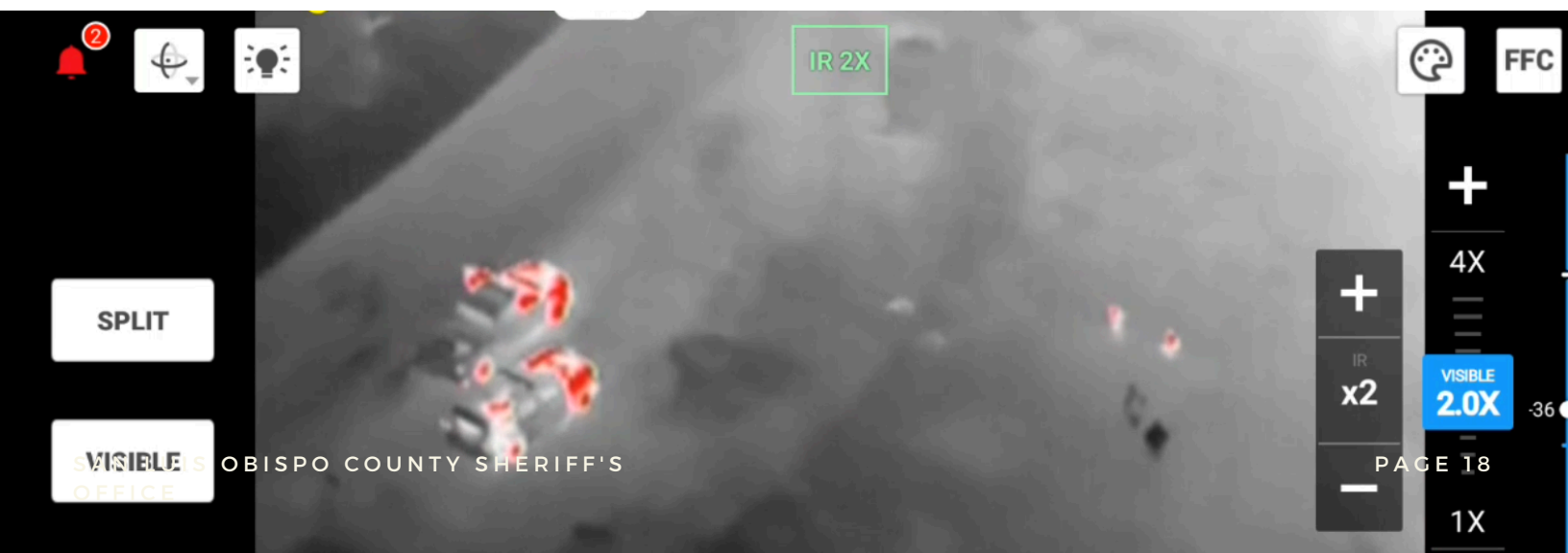
**In 2024, the division completed 339 evictions, 882 levies, and served a total of 1,610 civil process service documents.**

## UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Team maintains a fleet of small unmanned aerial devices (drones) that are utilized for operational overwatch, disaster management, fugitive apprehension, missing persons, documentation, and other situations that may be supplemented by the services this team can provide.

**8 MISSING PERSONS DEPLOYMENTS**  
**9 SEARCH WARRANT DEPLOYMENTS**  
**16 TRAINING RELATED DEPLOYMENTS**  
**12 IN-PROGRESS EMERGENCIES**  
**7 DRUG INVESTIGATION DEPLOYMENTS**  
**1 SPECIAL EVENT**

**In 2024, department drones were deployed over 53 times.**







## 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.

### RURAL CRIME INVESTIGATIONS

275

### SUSPECTS REFERRED FOR PROSECUTION

36

### RECOVERED STOLEN EQUIPMENT VALUE

\$118,735



## 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.

In 2024, the Honor Guard participated in over 25 events including the California Peace Officer's Memorial which was held in Sacramento. The Sheriff's Honor Guard also sent off an Honor Flight in May.

We also celebrated the retirement of Commander Manuele after 35 years of service. The Honor Guard participated in a Change of Command ceremony for him and performed a flag fold of the American Flag which flew over North Station. It was later presented to him by the Sheriff.





## 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.

**6 MEMBERS**

**50 TRAINING HOURS**

**14 EVENTS PATROLLED**



## MUTUAL AID & PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM

### 2024 SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

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

The MAPS Team had 4 mutual aid deployments that included local and out of county deployments.

The purpose of the Mutual Aid and Public Safety (MAPS) team is to provide a team of deputies with specialized training to respond to mutual aid requests, civil unrest, natural disasters, and unusual or critical incidents that by their nature and scope exceed the capabilities of other units within the Sheriff's Office. Fire incident response may include evacuating areas, security patrol of evacuated areas, and road closures to protect people in the affected area. Members of MAPS also respond with the Special Enforcement Detail (SED) during certain emergencies.



# 2024 Custody at a Glance

**27**

CORRECTIONAL TECHNICIANS

**125**

CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

**16**

SENIOR CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

**15**

CORRECTIONAL SERGEANTS

**443**

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

**8,277**

INCARCERATED PERSONS BOOKED

**1,028**

PEOPLE BOOKED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE  
SENTENCING

**14**

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AWARDED

**OVER 500**

VOCATIONAL CLASSES & PROGRAMS  
COORDINATED



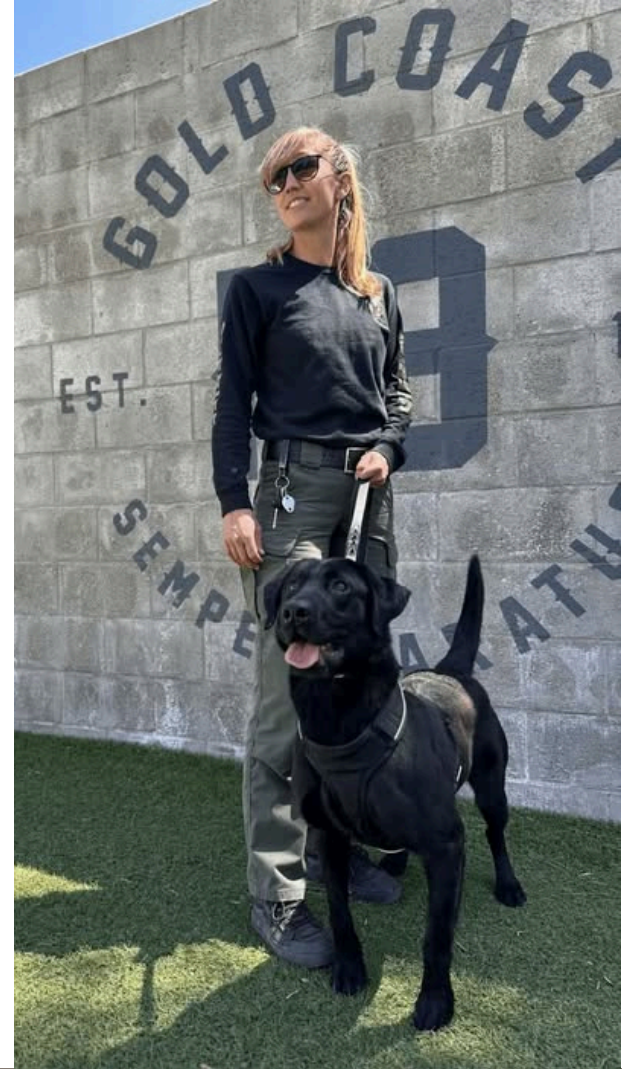
# CUSTODY DIVISION

## CUSTODY CANINE

In 2024 the Custody Division successfully reintroduced our K9 program with the primary goal of establishing a dedicated, highly trained team focused on detecting and preventing narcotics from entering the jail.

On May 5, 2024, Correctional Deputy Cowan and Canine Tide began their essential work inside the facility. Throughout 2024, the team conducted 89 deployments within the jail, diligently searching for narcotics.

Their efforts have already proven invaluable, and we are proud to have them as part of our team. We look forward to continuing to build a safer environment within the jail, thanks to their hard work and commitment.

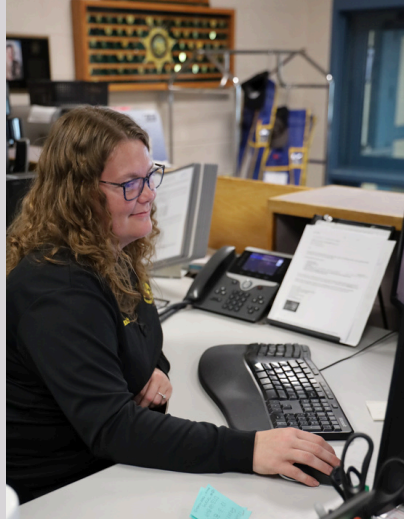


## CERT

The Custody Division held a recruitment for new members of our Custody Emergency Response Team in 2024. In December, 5 new members completed the rigorous 40-hour training course which includes topics such as riot response, cell extraction and high-risk transports. CERT members are specially trained and ready to respond to emergent situations within the jail. Their expertise is vital in handling complex incidents and ensuring peaceful resolutions in high-pressure situations.











## 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. This year, the Sheriff's Dispatch Center took over dispatch services for its fifth agency, the Grover Beach Police Department. Additionally, three more dispatcher positions and a Dispatch Supervisor position were created to keep up with the growing call volume. In preparation for moving to a new center in North County next year, multiple new technological systems were implemented including a new radio system and the facilitation of a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) program upgrade.

**In 2024 the Sheriff's Dispatch Center answered more than 223,000 phone calls, averaging over 18,500 calls per month. 131,500 calls for service were created from these calls. The 911 calls were answered in 15 seconds or less, 99% of the time, surpassing the California State standard of 95%**





## 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 2024, the Legal Clerks successfully completed the digitization of 143 drawers containing over 10,000 warrants, transitioning the records into a paperless system. This initiative significantly improved time efficiency in warrant research, enhanced accuracy, and streamlined the delivery of services to the public.

### Items Processed

- Records and Requests: **4,471**
- Warrants Entered: **13,303**
- Ink and Livescan Fingerprinting: **897**

### Sex Offender Registrations Processed

- Total: **206**
- Classified as Transient: **15**
- Live within the Sheriff's Jurisdiction: **191**

## 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.

### INVESTIGATIONS

Complaint Investigations: 83  
 Use of Force Investigations: 115  
 Vehicle Pursuit Investigations: 30





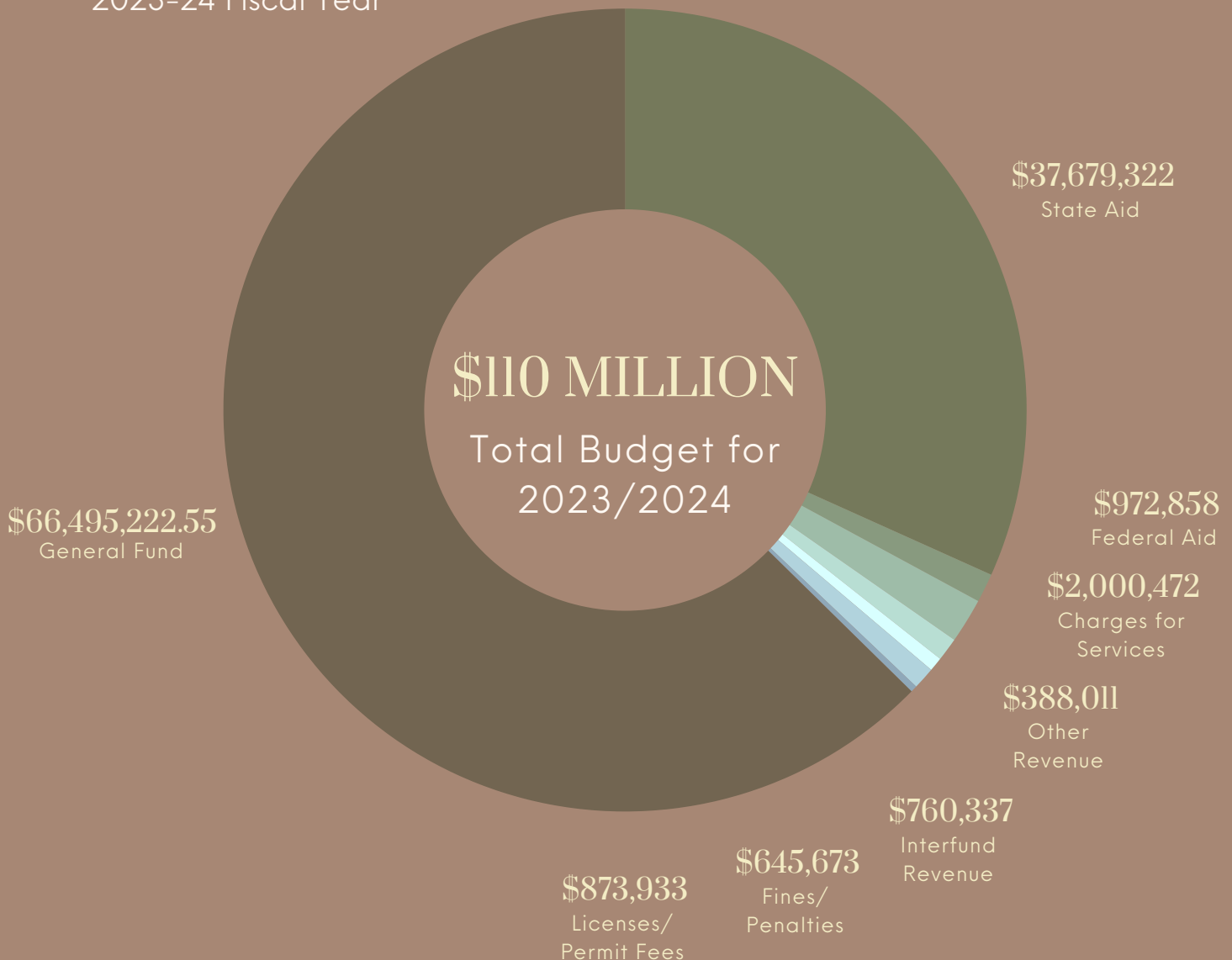


## FISCAL SERVICES

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 2023/24 was \$110 million, with \$66 million received from the General Fund.

## OFFICE BUDGET

2023-24 Fiscal Year

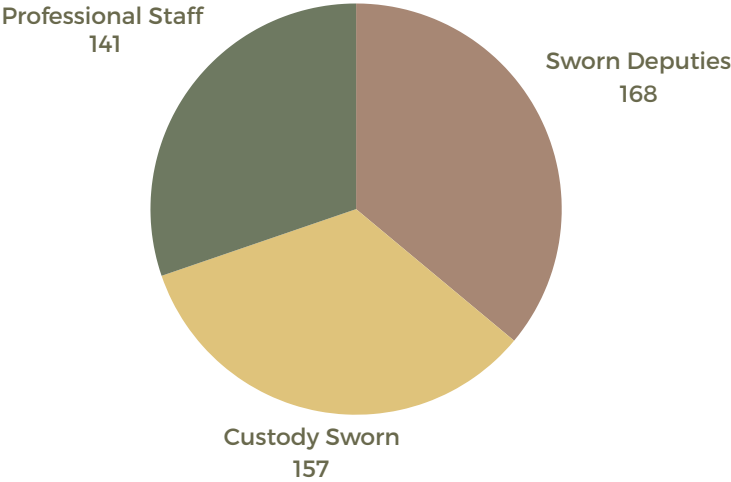




# HUMAN RESOURCES

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 2024, the HR team managed 60 recruitments which resulted in 53 new hires. Sheriff's Office HR proudly serves over 460 employees department-wide.

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



# 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 2024, there were over 217 background packets returned for processing.

Academy Graduate	2
Administrative Service Officer	6
Behavioral Health Clinician	3
Behavior Heath Specialist	6
Business System Analyst	4
Cook	10
Correctional Deputy	37
Correctional Technician	38
Cadet	47
Lateral Deputy	5
Dispatcher	17
Forensic Specialist	15
IT Project Manager	1
Lateral Correctional Deputy	1
Legal Clerk	16
Program Manager	1
Records Manager	1
Sr. IT Specialist	3
Sr. Systems Administrator	1
Software Engineer	8
Supervising Legal Clerk	2
Temp Correctional Technician	1



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# 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.

## LEGAL CLERK:

**3,258 REPORTS PROCESSED**

DUI Reports: 748  
Drug Reports: 2,199  
Forensic Reports: 311



## FORENSIC ALCOHOL LAB:

**729 BLOOD ALCOHOL CASES TESTED**

Highest Blood Test: 0.447% BAC, CHP  
Templeton

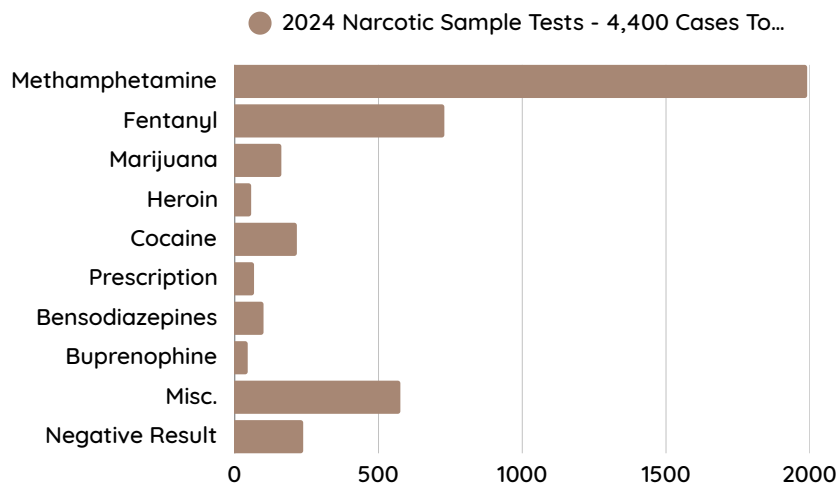
Average Blood Alcohol Result for 2024 =  
0.172% BAC

**990 BREATH ALCOHOL CASES TESTED**

Highest Breath Test: 0.492% BAC, CHP-  
Templeton

Average Breath Alcohol Result for 2024 =  
0.173% BAC

## FORENSIC NARCOTIC LAB:



## FORENSIC CRIME LAB:

The Forensic Crime Lab assisted in investigating 7 Homicides, 11 assaults, 28 Death Investigations, multiple fatal traffic collisions, house fires, missing persons investigations, sexual assaults, and has been assisting in a multi-year, multi-agency, multi-state investigation with CHP-SLO Auto Theft Task Force by identifying over 100 latent prints from stolen vehicles, which identified otherwise unknown suspects.

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

**ASSISTED WITH 28 DEATH  
INVESTIGATIONS**

**ASSISTED WITH 7 HOMICIDE  
INVESTIGATIONS**

**EXAMINED 4,112 LATENT PRINTS**

**IDENTIFIED 388 LATENT PRINTS**

**1,615 ITEMS PROCESSED IN LAB FOR  
LATENT PRINTS, DNA, BODILY  
FLUIDS, & SERIAL NUMBER  
RESTORATIONS**



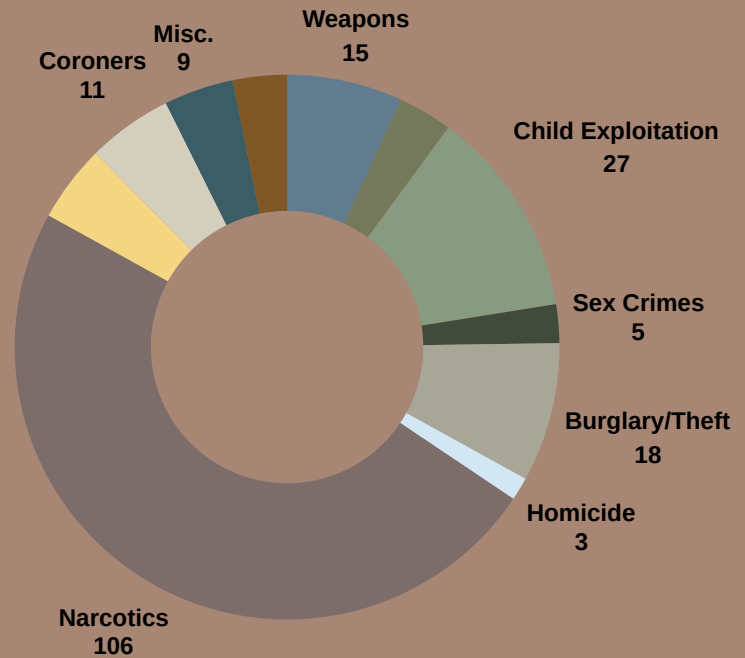
## DIGITAL FORENSICS

The Digital Forensics Unit is exclusively committed to the extraction and analysis of digital devices to address the continually evolving electronic crime cases affecting the San Luis Obispo County community. The unit works closely with allied agencies within the county, ensuring the availability of these specialized capabilities to their respective investigative units

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



## Crime Related Examinations



194 PHONES AND TABLETS

8 COMPUTERS

6 EXTERNAL MEMORY

6 TABLETS

2 CAMERAS

1 MISCELLANEOUS

**217 total Devices Examined**

## COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

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.





## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



In 2024, the Sheriff IT Division achieved significant milestones in enhancing our core systems, including Jail Management (JMS), Records Management (RMS), and Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD). These updates improved system efficiency, data accuracy, and operational readiness. We also continued our critical collaboration on the state-mandated Cal-AIM initiative, advancing care coordination for justice-involved individuals. Key accomplishments included expanding dispatch services to Grover Beach Police Department, planning next-generation technology for the upcoming Co-Located Dispatch Center, and completing the Dispatch Radio System replacement project, which improved communication reliability across the region. These efforts demonstrate our commitment to leveraging technology to enhance public safety and streamline operations. Looking ahead, we remain focused on modernization and innovation to support the evolving needs of our community.

## 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 12,222 ITEMS

RETURNED 469 ITEMS TO OWNERS

PROCESSED & DESTROYED  
3,949 DRUG ITEMS

RECOVERED 123 STOLEN ITEMS

PROCESSED 556 GUNS

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# SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES



The School Resource program creates a law enforcement presence to ensure safety and promote positive relationships on school campuses and at community events. In 2024, 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.

COAST CAMP  
CAYUCOS ELEMENTARY

NORTH CAMP  
LILLIAN LARSEN ELEMENTARY

SOUTH CAMP  
MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL

52 Students

60 Students

87 Students



The 2024 Central Coast Law Enforcement Explorer Competition, hosted at Cuesta College in October, was a resounding success. Over the course of one day, 16 Explorer Posts from across California participated in seven challenging scenarios, rotating through each with enthusiasm and dedication. A total of 114 explorers and 42 advisers engaged in the competition, showcasing their skills and commitment to law enforcement excellence. Plaques were awarded to the top five teams in each scenario, as well as to the top five teams with the best overall score across all scenarios. The event not only provided a platform for healthy competition but also fostered camaraderie and professional development among participants. We are immensely proud of the collaborative spirit demonstrated by all involved.





# CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit enhances public safety through education and community engagement. It oversees Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Citizen Academy, the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol, children's safety programs, CPR and First Aid certification, and security assessments (CPTED) for homes and businesses. This year, the unit provided internet safety presentations to hundreds of children across the county and due to a local uptick, increased its outreach on senior scams, educating hundreds of local seniors on how to protect themselves from fraud. The team also organizes the Sheriff's Youth Summer Camps and hosts outreach booths at community events throughout the year.

This unit manages the Sheriff's Office social media platforms, providing timely and accurate information, promoting public safety, and fostering meaningful connections with the community.

## SOCIAL MEDIA REACH IN 2024



35% MALE  
65% FEMALE

50,062

FACEBOOK  
FOLLOWERS

7,464,228

IMPRESSIONS



32% MALE  
68% FEMALE

18,638

INSTAGRAM  
FOLLOWERS

2,025,436

IMPRESSIONS



10,768

X  
FOLLOWERS

118,782

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.





# VOLUNTEERS AT A GLANCE

## POSSE

660 Volunteer Hours  
93 Training Hours  
4 Patrol Events  
14 Ceremonial Events  
14 Members  
4 Honorary Members



## SAVP'S

3,235 Volunteer Hours  
42 Members  
35,805 Miles Patrolled  
1 New Vehicle Added



## DIVE TEAM

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



## SEARCH & RESCUE

11 Specialty Teams  
6+ Specialty Vehicles  
Computer Mapping  
Topographical County Mapping  
Metal Detector Equipment  
Generators & Light Towers



## AERO SQUADRON

22 Active Members  
20 Licensed Pilots  
26.6 Flight Hours



## EXPLORERS

10 Members  
12 Trainings  
20 Meetings  
10 Special Events Attended







For Further Details  
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Human Resources  
[sloso\\_hr@co.slo.ca.us](mailto:sloso_hr@co.slo.ca.us)

## San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office **Career Opportunities**

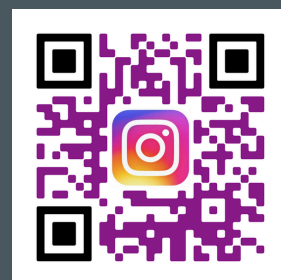
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(805) 434-4290

Coast Patrol Station:

(805) 528-6083

South Patrol Station:

(805) 473-7100

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PLEASE DIAL 911**

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