

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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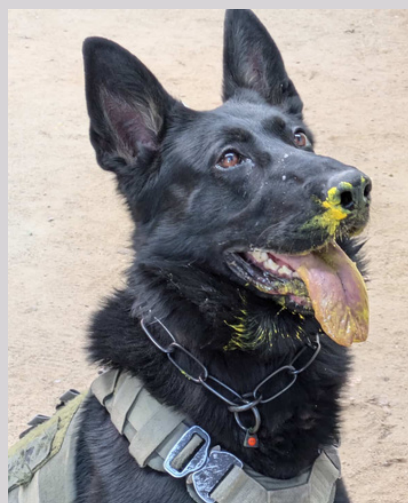
Career
Opportunities





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.





2025 At a Glance



221,273

LAW ENFORCEMENT &
MEDICAL SERVICE CALLS

SERVING:



3,300 SQ. MILES &

121,000+ RESIDENTS

142

PROFESSIONAL
STAFF



167

SHERIFF'S
DEPUTIES



157

CORRECTIONAL
DEPUTIES

2,102

ILLEGAL DRUG ITEMS
PROCESSED



3,413

ARRESTS
MADE



5,217

REPORTS
WRITTEN

7,904

INMATES
BOOKED

1,956

LATENT PRINT
EXAMINATIONS



253

CORONER DEATH
INVESTIGATIONS



\$130 M
OPERATING
BUDGET



A MESSAGE FROM

SHERIFF IAN PARKINSON

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office



To all members of the Sheriff's Office. This past year has been one of both challenge and progress for our Sheriff's Office.

Thanks to the dedication, professionalism, and resilience of our sworn staff, professional personnel, and volunteers, we have continued to serve our community with integrity and commitment. We strengthened our partnerships with community members and local organizations, expanded our focus on transparency and accountability, and invested in training and resources to better respond to evolving public safety needs.

While we faced complex issues ranging from public safety concerns to resource demands, our team remained steadfast in its mission. I am proud of the work accomplished over the past year and grateful for the continued trust and support of the community we are honored to serve.

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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.



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CHAD NICHOLSON

San Luis Obispo County
Undersheriff

2025 Detectives at a Glance

1

DETECTIVE COMMANDER

4

DETECTIVE SERGEANTS

26

DETECTIVES

300+

FORENSIC DATA EXTRACTIONS

1302 GRAMS

FENTANYL SEIZED

77

SEIZED FIREARMS

253

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.

9758
GRAMS OF
METHAMPHETAMINE

1302
GRAMS OF
FENTANYL

51
GRAMS OF
HEROIN

876
GRAMS OF PSILOCYBIN
MUSHROOMS

7286
GRAMS OF
COCAINE

14,000 PILLS
COUNTERFEIT ADDERALL

180 PILLS
FARMAPRAM XANAX

19 GRAMS
KETAMINE

77
SEIZED FIREARMS

58
ARRESTS/CITES/FILINGS
WITH THE DA'S OFFICE

\$201,661
U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

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

**300 +
FORENSIC DATA
EXTRACTIONS PERFORMED**

**60 +
CALL-OUTS**

**375 +
SEARCH WARRANTS
SERVED**

**400 +
CLEARED CASES**

**175 +
MISSING PERSON
REPORTS TAKEN**



The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) is tasked with investigating the most serious and complex criminal offenses within our jurisdiction, including homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated assault, robbery, kidnapping, grand theft, and burglary.

The Major Crimes Detective Unit remains determined in its commitment to conducting professional, comprehensive investigations that help ensure our community continues to be a safe place to live, work, and visit. Through the dedication, experience, and expertise of our detectives, the Unit makes a meaningful impact on public safety by identifying, apprehending, and holding accountable those who prey upon our community.

COLD CASE UNIT

The Cold Case Unit focuses on reviewing unsolved homicide cases, reworking old leads, and trying to find answers that have gone missing over time. Using forensic technology, updated investigative methods, and help from partner agencies, the unit works to give families the answers they've been waiting for and to hold those responsible accountable.

In 2025, the Unit made solid progress by reopening cases, retesting evidence, and identifying suspects, which led to case closure and justice for families.



SPECIAL VICTIM'S UNIT

The Special Victims Unit (SVU) investigates crimes like sexual assault, child abuse, child exploitation, serious domestic violence, and elder abuse. The team works carefully to conduct thorough investigations while **supporting victims and treating them and their families with respect and dignity.**



In 2025, SVU detectives handled a busy caseload, achieved strong results, and made sure those who harm the community were held accountable.

SEXUAL ASSAULT FELONY ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Team is tasked with identifying, monitoring, and prosecuting habitual sexual offenders who violate probation or parole conditions or fail to comply with registration requirements under Penal Code 290. The SAFE Team also investigates Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases. ICAC is a nationwide task force that supports law enforcement agencies in responding to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and other internet crimes targeting children.

SPECIAL VICTIM'S UNIT/SAFE TEAM STATISTICS

75 + CALLOUTS

**150 + FORENSIC DATA
EXTRACTIONS**

8 STAFF MEMBERS

**200 + SEARCH
WARRANTS SERVED**

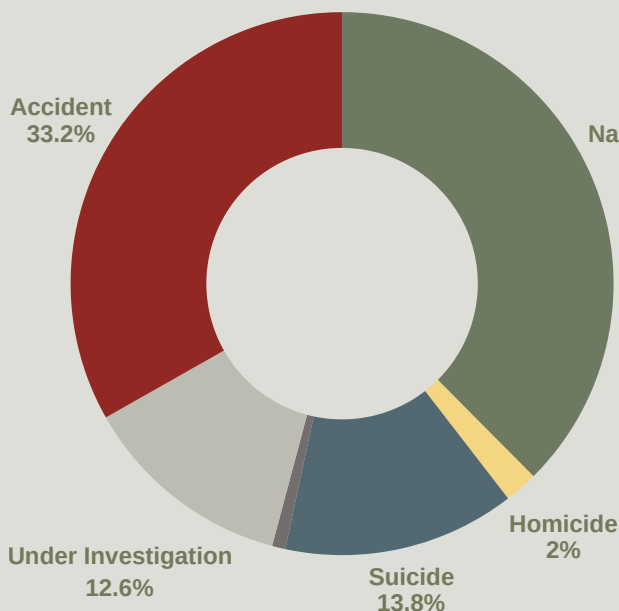
250+ NEW CASES



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 2025, over 1,625 deaths were reported to the Sheriff's Office. There were 60 confirmed drug related deaths, with 30 of those cases testing positive for Fentanyl. 30 death investigations are pending final causes and reports.



Coroner Death Investigations statistics

253
DEATH
INVESTIGATIONS

108
AUTOPSIES
PERFORMED

140
EXTERNAL
EXAMINATIONS

5
MEDICAL RECORD
REVIEWS

2025 Patrol at a Glance

63

SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

16

SHERIFF'S SENIOR DEPUTIES

9

SHERIFF'S SERGEANTS

3,413

FELONY & MISDEMEANOR
ARRESTS MADE

5,217

REPORTS WRITTEN

57,274

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE



**PATROL STATIONS
AT A GLANCE**

SERVICE AREA	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS	FELONY ARRESTS	TOTAL REPORTS
North Station	17,376	456	305	1,544
South Station	20,078	1,365	623	1,988
Coast Station	19,820	426	238	1,685
TOTAL	57,274	2,247	1,166	5,217

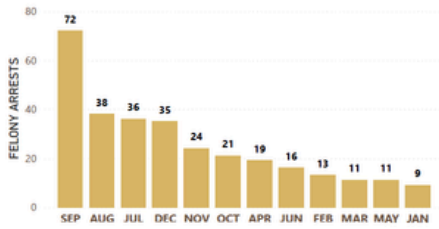
*Statistics reflect numbers from Patrol Deputies only

PATROL STATIONS AT A GLANCE

NORTH STATION ARRESTS FOR 2025

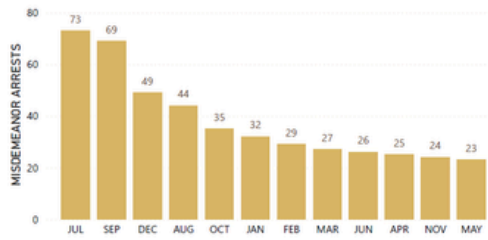
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FELONY ARRESTS



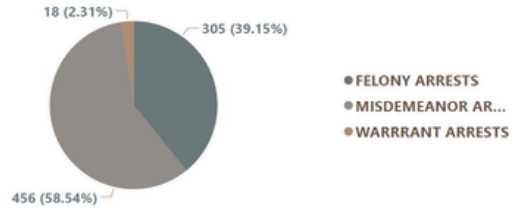
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MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



761

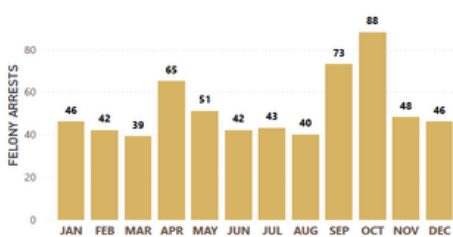
FELONY & MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



SOUTH STATION ARRESTS FOR 2025

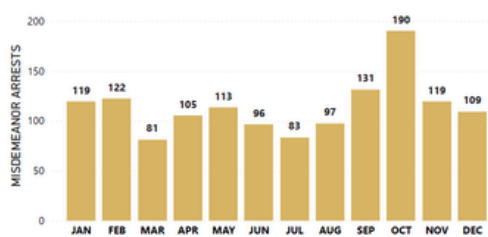
623

FELONY ARRESTS



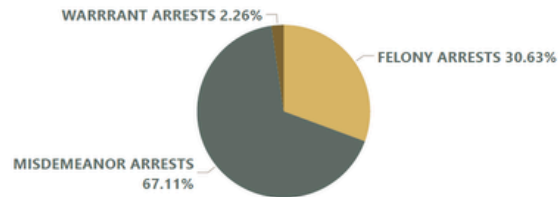
1,365

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



1,988

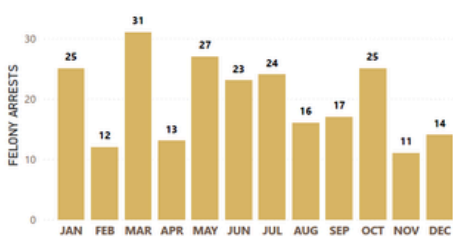
FELONY & MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



COAST STATION ARRESTS FOR 2025

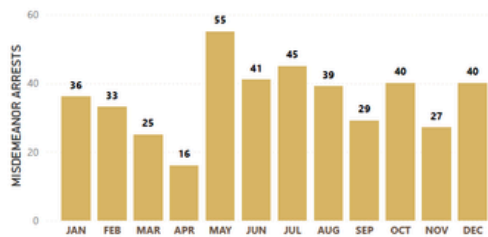
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FELONY ARRESTS



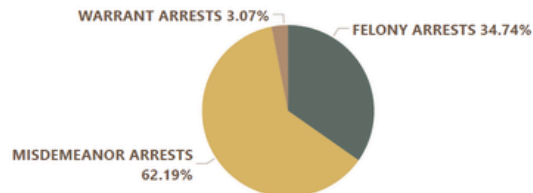
426

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS



664

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 40 explosive devices / bomb-related calls in 2025, 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 2025, 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

33

OPERATIONS

2

TRAINING HOURS

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 canine teams serve as a vital resource in maintaining public safety and strengthening law enforcement efforts across multiple agencies.

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 teams play a critical role in locating and apprehending suspects attempting to evade law enforcement. They also assist with narcotics detection for patrol deputies, investigators, and partner agencies.

Patrol & Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) Canines

K9 Mando – Handled by Deputy A. Mora (also certified in firearm and ammunition detection)

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

In addition to supporting patrol operations and suspect apprehension, these canines are specially trained to detect explosive materials, helping to enhance public safety. They also provide security support for special events and high-risk operations.

Single-Purpose Narcotics Detection Canines

K9 Anakin– 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, 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 2025, the Sheriff’s Office Canine Unit conducted 340 total deployments, including 313 detection deployments and 27 patrol deployments, resulting in the apprehension of 48 suspects. During this year the K-9 unit also participated in 24 public and special events.

Canine Deployment Summary

Using all 356 Records from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

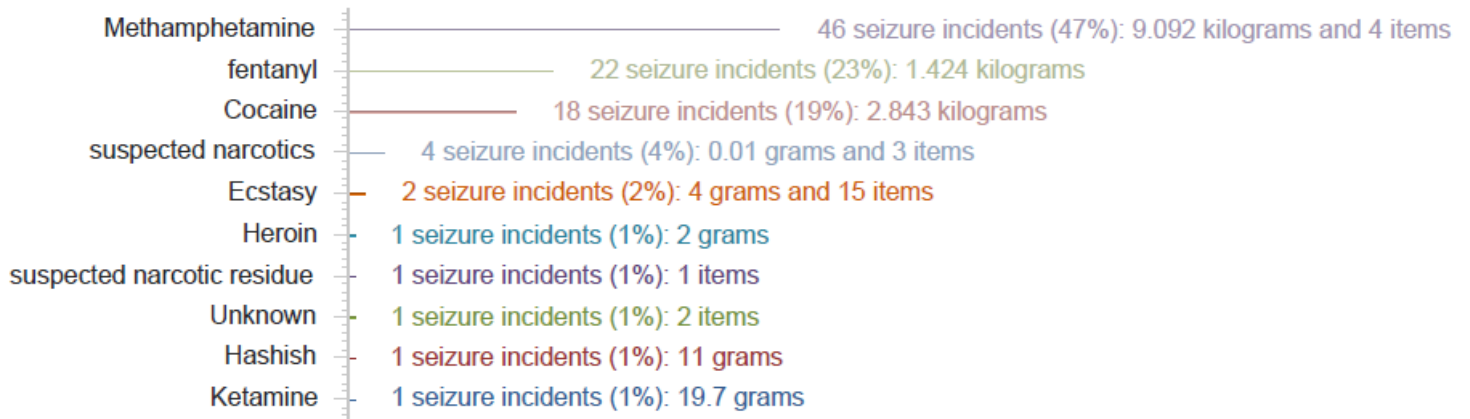
Drug Paraphernalia Indications



Packaging Around Drug Paraphernalia

None: 11 (31%) Plastic: 11 (31%) Glass: 10 (28%) Aluminum Foil: 3 (8%)

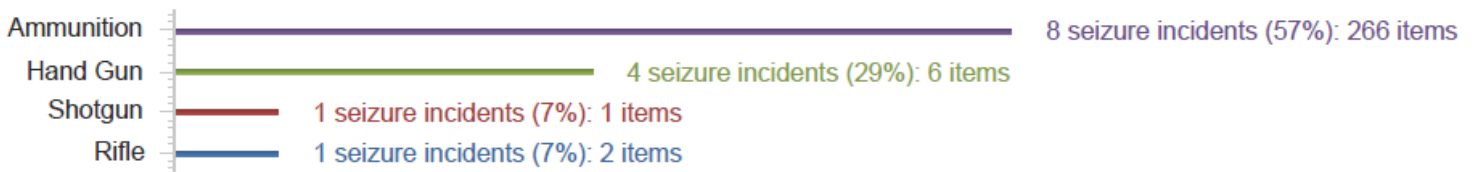
Drug Indications



Packaging Around Drugs

Plastic: 66 (68%) Plastic Bag: 6 (6%) Glass: 3 (3%)
Plastic Baggie: 3 (3%) None: 3 (3%) Safe: 2 (2%)
Silicone: 2 (2%) Aluminum Foil: 2 (2%) Paper: 2 (2%)
Plastic Wrap: 2 (2%) Plastic Wrap And ...: 2 (2%) Rubber Material: 1 (1%)
Paper Envelope: 1 (1%) Pill Bottle: 1 (1%) Plastice Tutor Wi...: 1 (1%)

Firearms Indications



Packaging Around Firearms

None: 11 (78%) Plastic: 2 (14%) Cardboard: 1 (7%)

CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is a trained law enforcement unit that responds to barricade, hostage, and self-harm situations with a focus on peaceful resolution. Members complete a 40-hour course and ongoing monthly training.

The team includes Sheriff's Deputies and an Atascadero Police Officer. In 2025, CNT was deployed three times and assisted on additional calls resolved without full activation.

CNT remains a critical resource, prioritizing readiness, collaboration, and safe outcomes for the community and responders.



OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE TEAM

15 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 2025, the Civil Division served a total of 2,290 civil process documents, including evictions, levies, court orders, subpoenas & restraining orders.

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

3 CRIME SCENE PHOTOGRAPHY

3 SEARCHING FOR SUSPECT

3 OVERWATCH

2 ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES

2 BARRICATED SUSPECTS





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	SUSPECTS REFERRED FOR PROSECTION	RECOVERED STOLEN EQUIPMENT VALUE
331	23	\$43,000



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 2025, the Honor Guard participated in over 22 events including the California Peace Officer's Memorial in Sacramento, funerals, graduations, promotions, and events. In 2025, the Honor Guard was able to procure new ceremonial rifles which will enhance the team's ability to render respect to those who have served.



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.

8 MEMBERS

40 TRAINING HOURS

9 EVENTS PATROLLED



MUTUAL AID & PUBLIC SAFETY TEAM

2025 SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

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

The Mutual Aid and Public Safety (MAPS) Team is a trained group of Sheriff's personnel who can be quickly mobilized and respond to a variety of emergencies. These emergencies include mutual aid requests, civil unrest, natural disasters, and unusual or critical incidents. The MAPS Team had **1 out of county deployment**, members assisted with security details for the fires that impacted our county and were placed on standby for several local events.

2025 Custody at a Glance

26

CORRECTIONAL TECHNICIANS

125

CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

16

SENIOR CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES

15

CORRECTIONAL SERGEANTS

512

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

7,904

INCARCERATED PERSONS BOOKED

435

PEOPLE BOOKED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE
SENTENCING

12

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS AWARDED

1,600

VOCATIONAL CLASSES & PROGRAMS
COORDINATED



SHERIFF'S OFFICE KITCHEN

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office Kitchen continued to play a vital role in daily operations, providing consistent and reliable food service to individuals housed at both the San Luis Obispo County Main Jail and Juvenile Hall. Over the year, the kitchen prepared approximately 680,000 meals, ensuring the nutritional needs of all residents were met without interruption.

The kitchen is staffed by six Sheriff's Office employees and a Kitchen Supervisor, who oversee all aspects of food preparation, safety, and distribution. Each day, 15–20 incarcerated individuals assist in kitchen operations, gaining valuable skills and hands-on experience to support employment opportunities in the service industry upon reentry into the community.

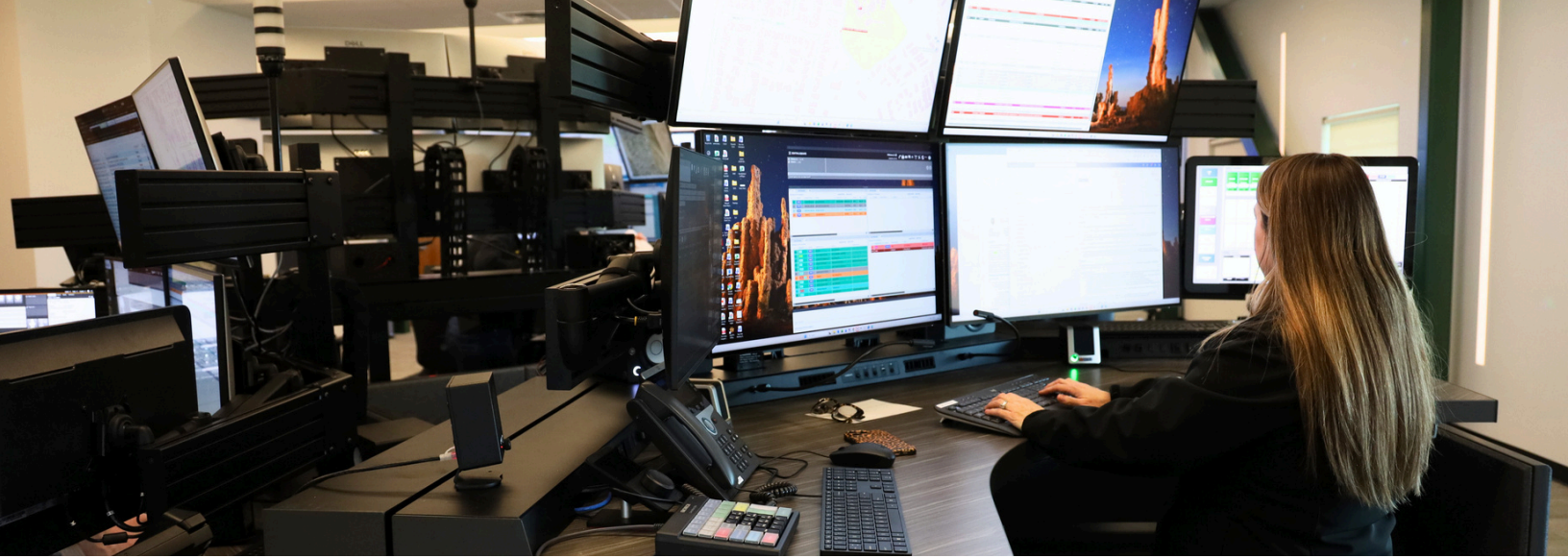
Operating 365 days a year, the kitchen prepares two hot meals and one cold meal daily. In addition to serving incarcerated residents, it provides meals and refreshments for numerous Sheriff's Office functions and community events, including the Sheriff's Citizen's Academy, General Assemblies, trainings, and other engagement activities.

In 2025, the kitchen completed key equipment upgrades to enhance efficiency and safety, including the installation of four new kettles and a new dishwasher, improving both sanitation and operational capacity.

The Sheriff's Office Kitchen continues to exemplify professionalism, reliability, and adaptability while supporting custody operations, staff functions, and rehabilitation initiatives through work opportunities for incarcerated individuals.







DISPATCH CENTER

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center serves as the primary public safety answering point for San Luis Obispo County, the cities of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, and Morro Bay, Avila Beach Harbor Patrol, and all countywide ambulance services. Operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, the center is staffed by Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD)-certified dispatchers responsible for receiving, prioritizing, and processing emergency and non-emergency calls.

Sheriff's Dispatchers provide critical communications and operational support by coordinating the deployment of field resources, relaying time-sensitive and safety-critical information, and maintaining situational awareness during incidents in progress. The Dispatch Center also provides after-hours dispatch services for partner agencies, including Probation and Animal Services, and maintains coordination with Nacimiento and Lopez Lake Rangers, Forest Rangers, and other local, county, and state agencies.

The center serves as the centralized coordination point for emergency medical response throughout San Luis Obispo County, providing medical call processing and dispatch services for San Luis Ambulance Company and Cambria Community Healthcare District to ensure timely allocation of medical resources. Dispatch personnel also support the Sheriff's Office through specialized assignments such as the Tactical Dispatch Team, Peer Support Team, Recruiting Team, and the 911-for-Kids program, which strengthen incident response, employee wellness, recruitment efforts, and community outreach.

In 2025, the Dispatch Center handled 221,273 total calls, including 46,710 emergency 911 calls and texts and 174,563 administrative calls. Through consistent monitoring, clear communication, and coordinated response efforts, the Dispatch Center remains a critical component of countywide public safety operations and service delivery.



RECORDS & WARRANTS

Items Processed

Records and Requests: 3,197

Warrants Entered: 9,208

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 and business permits

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: 50

Use of Force Investigations

Level 1: 89

Level 2: 110

Vehicle Pursuit Investigations: 17



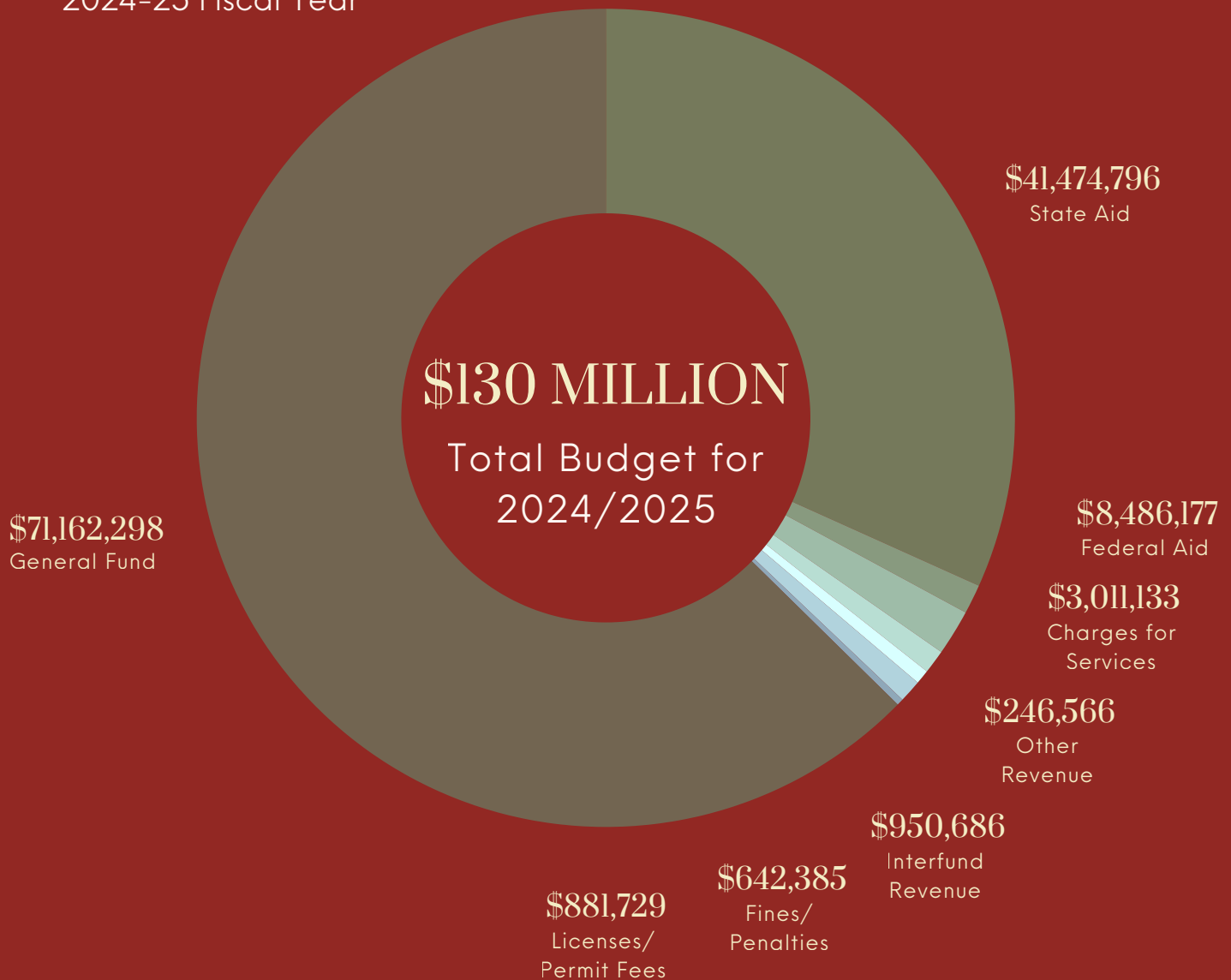


FISCAL SERVICES

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 2024/25 was \$130 million, with \$71 million received from the General Fund.

OFFICE BUDGET

2024-25 Fiscal Year

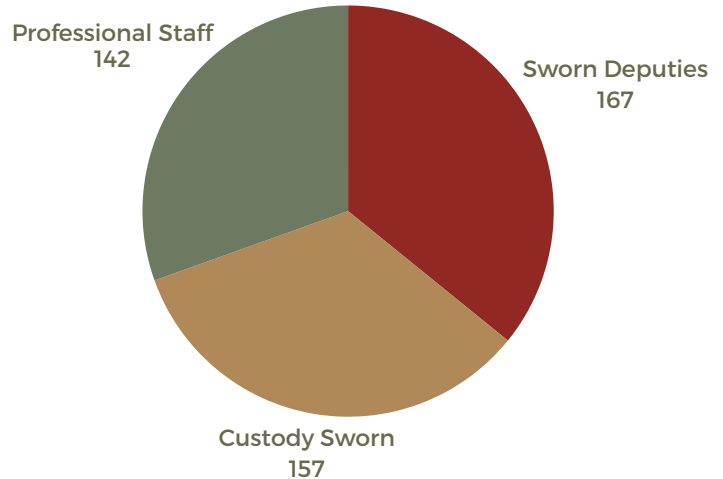


HUMAN RESOURCES

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 2025, the HR team managed 40 recruitments which resulted in 68 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 2025, there were over 257 background packets returned for processing.

Academy Graduate	2
Behavioral Health Clinician	1
Behavior Health Specialist	3
Business System Analyst	6
Cadet	63
Cal ID Coordinator	2
Cook	3
Correctional Deputy	46
Correctional Technician	36
Department Personnel Technician	3
Lateral Deputy	6
Dispatcher	21
Forensic Specialist	2
Forensic Lab Specialist	3
Legal Clerk	10
Records Manager	2
Reserve Bailiff	14
Sr. Network Engineer	3
Sr. Systems Administrator	7
Storekeeper	6
Volunteer	18



SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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:

3,451 REPORTS PROCESSED

DUI Reports: 825

Drug Reports: 2,241

Forensic Reports: 223

Digital Forensic Reports: 162

FORENSIC ALCOHOL LAB:

821 BLOOD ALCOHOL CASES TESTED

Highest Blood Test: 0.407% BAC,
Atascadero PD

Average Blood Alcohol Result for 2025 =
0.164% BAC

1,135 BREATH ALCOHOL CASES TESTED

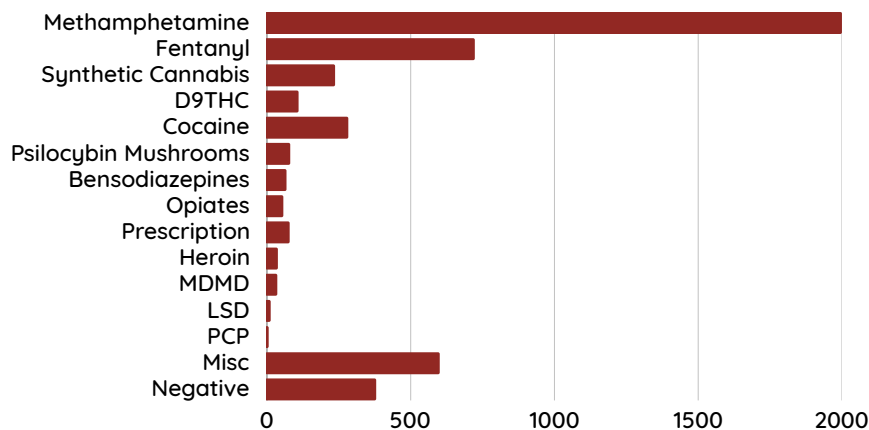
Highest Breath Test: 0.446% BAC,
Atascadero PD

Average Breath Alcohol Result for 2025 =
0.164% BAC



FORENSIC NARCOTIC LAB:

● 2025 Narcotic Sample Tests - 4,700 Cases Tot...



IN 2025 MEDETOMIDINE WAS DISCOVERED IN OUR COUNTY FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHICH IS A NEW ADDITIVE IN FENTANYL SIMILAR TO XYLAZINE BUT ABOUT 200-300 TIMES STRONGER WITH EXTREMELY DANGEROUS WITHDRAWALS.

FORENSIC CRIME LAB:

In 2025, the Crime Lab hired a second Forensic Specialist and processed scenes for seven homicides, two officer-involved shootings, and five stabbings. The unit also assisted in 34 death investigations, identified 21 John/Jane Does, testified in a homicide trial that resulted in a guilty verdict, and supported five extradition warrants through fingerprint identification.

Additionally, the Crime Lab Forensic Unit played a key role in solving the Dorothy "Toby" Tate cold case homicide by identifying a suspect through latent fingerprints recovered from a Coca-Cola can left at the scene.

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

**ASSISTED WITH 34 DEATH
INVESTIGATIONS**

**ASSISTED WITH 7 HOMICIDE
INVESTIGATIONS**

EXAMINED 1,956 LATENT PRINTS

IDENTIFIED 105 LATENT PRINTS

**1,031 ITEMS PROCESSED IN LAB FOR
LATENT PRINTS, DNA, BODILY
FLUIDS, & SERIAL NUMBER
RESTORATIONS**

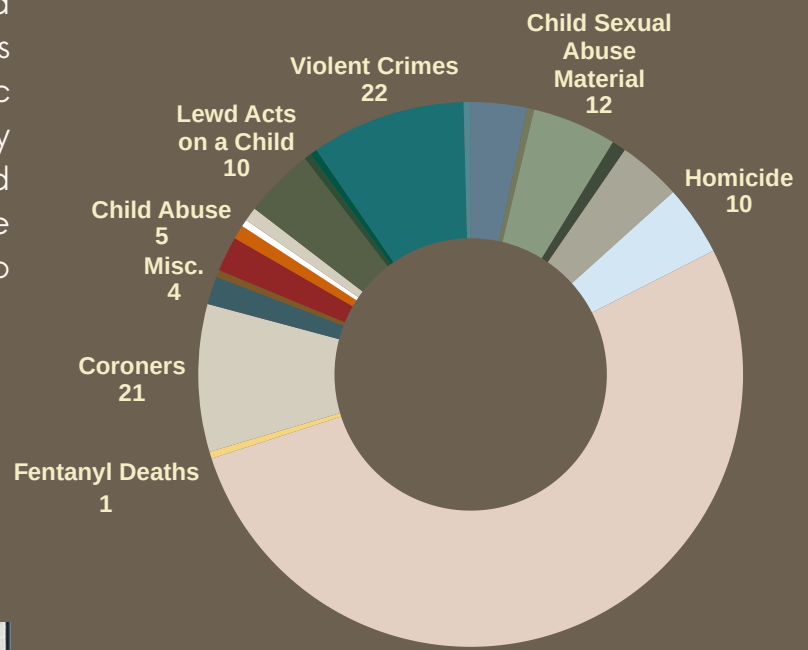
DIGITAL FORENSICS

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

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



Crime Related Examinations



219 PHONES AND TABLETS
9 COMPUTERS
9 EXTERNAL MEMORY
2 TABLETS
2 SW RETURN

241 total Devices Examined

The Behavioral Health Community Action Team (BHCAT) is a combined partnership between Behavioral Health, Probation, and the Sheriff's Office. It consists of 3 Deputy Sheriff's, a Deputy Probation Officer, two licensed SLO County Mental Health Clinicians and two case managers. The team assists individuals in crisis and collaborates with community-based services to provide assistance to people with mental health concerns and unhoused individuals who have come to the attention of law enforcement. Their goals are to prevent emergency hospitalizations if possible and reduce re-arrest rates.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In 2025, the Sheriff’s Office Information Technology Unit continued strengthening the technical systems that support deputies, dispatchers, and staff across the agency. The team resolved more than 2,600 service tickets and assisted with over 7,800 support requests, ensuring reliable daily operations.

A major focus this year was preparing technology for the new Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC). This work included upgrades to the CAD system, enhanced network security, and improvements to the virtual server and application environment to support NG911 capabilities and more dependable emergency communications.

The IT Unit also advanced collaborative work with county partners through the CalAIM initiative. Development of the BENI (Benefits Enrollment Navigation Interface) application continued under Path 2, improving enrollment of services for justice-involved individuals. Early planning began for Path 3 to support enhanced pre-release services inside the jail and improve coordination with community partners.

2025 highlights:

- **Technology preparation for the new co-located dispatch center**
- **Initial release of the CalAIM Path 2 BENI (Benefits Enrollment Navigation Interface) application**
- **Ongoing modernization of enterprise and in-house applications to meet evolving operational requirements**
- **Thousands of support requests resolved, ensuring continuous reliability**

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 16,215 ITEMS

RETURNED 779 ITEMS TO OWNERS

PROCESSED & DESTROYED
2,102 DRUG ITEMS

RECOVERED 207 STOLEN ITEMS

PROCESSED 616 GUNS

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 2025, 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 TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY	SOUTH CAMP MESA MIDDLE SCHOOL
62 Students	84 Students	123 Students



The 2025 Central Coast Law Enforcement Explorer Competition, held at Cuesta College in October, proved to be a highly successful event. Throughout the day, 12 Explorer Posts from across California rotated through seven demanding scenarios, approaching each challenge with energy and dedication. Approximately more than 100 explorers and about 40 advisers participated, demonstrating strong skills and a shared commitment to law enforcement excellence.

Awards were presented to the top five teams in each scenario, along with recognition for the five teams earning the highest overall scores across all events. Beyond the competition itself, the event created valuable opportunities for teamwork, camaraderie, and professional growth. We are incredibly proud of the cooperation and positive spirit shown by everyone involved.



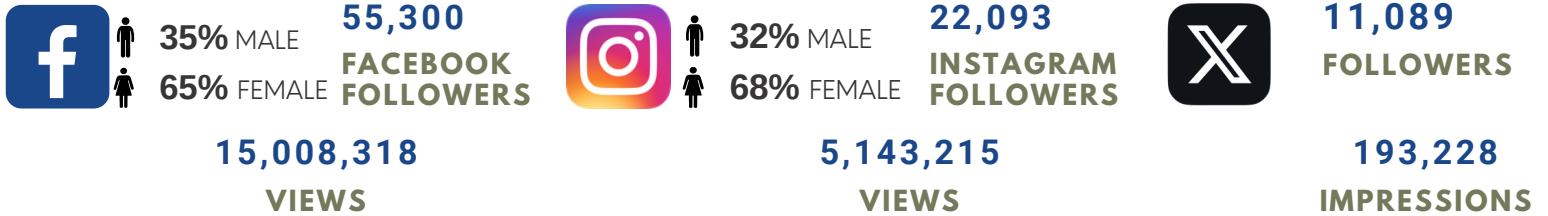
CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit promotes public safety through education and community engagement. It manages programs such as Neighborhood Watch, the Sheriff's Citizen Academy, the Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteer Patrol, children's safety programs, CPR and First Aid certification, and CPTED security assessments for homes and businesses.

In 2025, the unit delivered internet safety presentations to hundreds of children and expanded outreach on senior scams, educating hundreds of local seniors on fraud prevention. The team also organizes the Sheriff's Youth Summer Camps, participates in community events, and manages the Sheriff's Office social media platforms to share timely information and strengthen community connections.

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH IN 2025

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PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Investigation Discovery Channel
Profiling the 2018 Nancy Woodrum Homicide Investigation and subsequent arrest of a suspect

CBS Documentaries
Profiling the 2018 Nancy Woodrum Homicide Investigation and subsequent arrest of a suspect.

Independent Documentary Filmmaker
Profiling the 1996 Kristin Smart homicide investigation.

ABC News 20/20

Profiling the 2018 Nancy Woodrum Homicide Investigation and subsequent arrest of a suspect.

NBC News Dateline

Profiling the 2018 Nancy Woodrum Homicide Investigation and subsequent arrest of a suspect.

Crime Junkies Podcast

Profiling the 1980 missing children/homicide case of Teresa Flores and Martha Mezo.

VOLUNTEERS AT A GLANCE

POSSE

609 Volunteer Hours
84 Training Hours
5 Patrol Events
6 Ceremonial Events
12 Members
4 Honorary Members



SAVP'S

3,976 Volunteer Hours
41 Members
45,725 Miles Patrolled
3 New Members Added



DIVE TEAM

960 Volunteer Hours
12 Trainings
1 Call Outs
25 Members
8 Special Events Attended



SEARCH & RESCUE

12 Call Outs
5,835 Volunteer Hours
56 Volunteer Members
9 Specialty Team



AERO SQUADRON

24 Active Members
22 Licensed Pilots
48.7 Flight Hours



EXPLORERS

10 Members
12 Trainings
20 Meetings
10 Special Events Attended





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San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office Career Opportunities

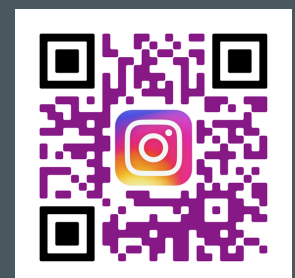
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