



San Luis Obispo
Police Department
2014
Annual Report

Chief's Message



The San Luis Obispo Police Department is pleased to present our Annual Report for calendar year 2014.

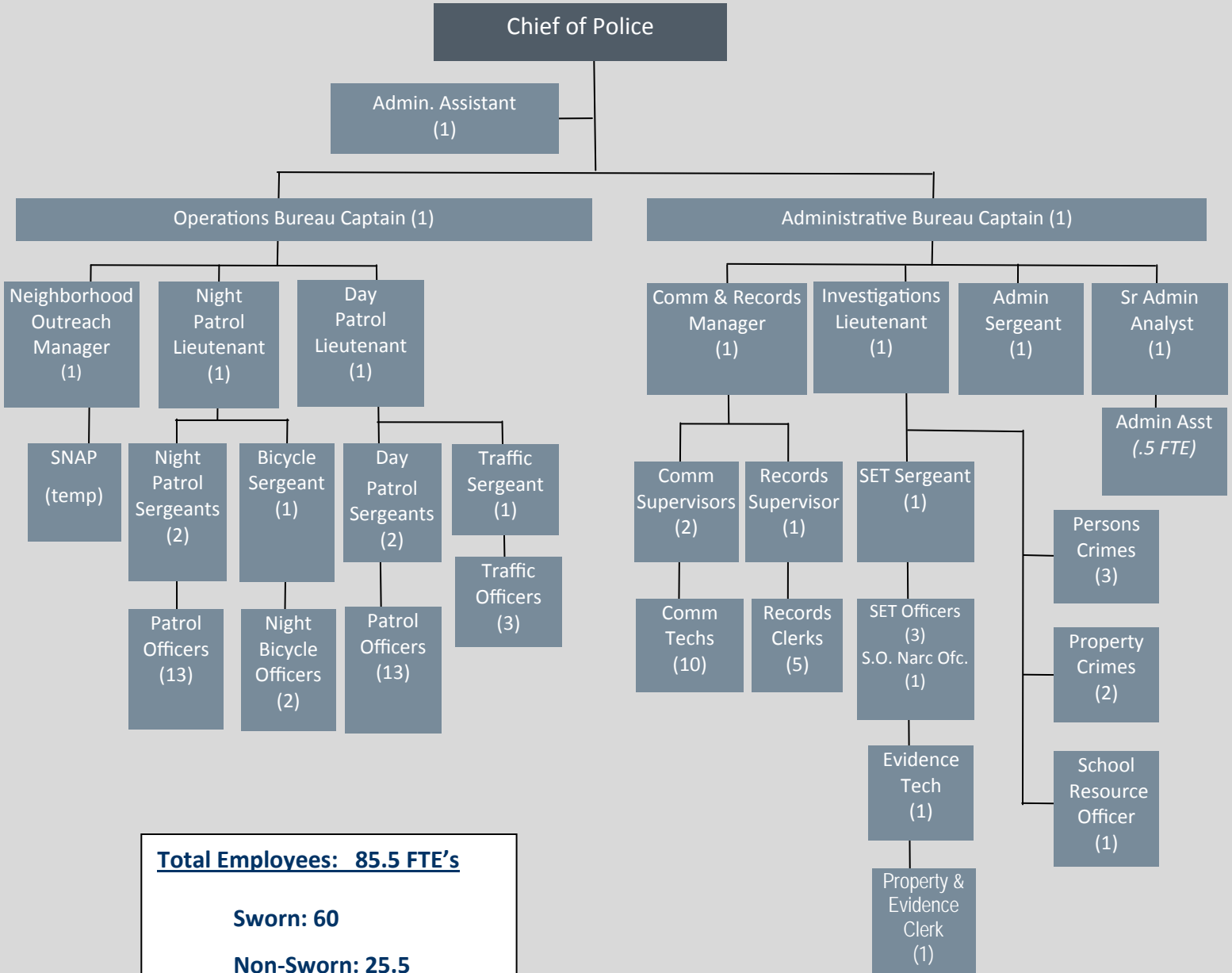
Our objective is to highlight significant achievements in serving our community and present information and crime statistics in order to keep our community members informed and involved. Sustainable partnerships are critical to our mission and to the safety of our residents and visitors. By sharing this information, we hope to strengthen these relationships and identify ways to continually improve our service delivery.

Stephen Gesell
Chief of Police





SAN LUIS OBISPO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014



Total Employees: 85.5 FTE's

Sworn: 60

Non-Sworn: 25.5

The background of the image is a large, detailed police badge from the San Luis Obispo Police Department. The badge is circular with a central shield, surrounded by a laurel wreath. The words "POLICE" and "S.L.O." are visible on the badge. The text is overlaid on this background.

Vision Statement

To be recognized by our community and employees as a model of excellence in the law enforcement profession.

Mission Statement

“The mission of the San Luis Obispo Police Department is to maintain a safe city by working in partnership with the community to protect life and property, prevent and reduce crime, and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods while preserving the rights of all through a commitment to Service, Pride, and Integrity”.



According to the 2010 U. S. Census Bureau, the population of San Luis Obispo is 44,948. However as the County Seat, major business hub, and visitor destination the daytime population can swell as high as 90,000. San Luis Obispo City is located in the County of San Luis Obispo centrally located halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco.



There are two colleges located adjacent to the City: California Polytechnic State University and Cuesta Community College.

A Farmers' Market is held each week in the downtown core. This market draws up to 15,000 people on a weekly basis. The City also boasts several trails for hikers ranging from easy to moderate skill levels.

Learn more about the City of San Luis Obispo by visiting the website.



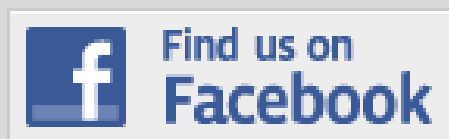
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Social Media



Nixle is a Community Information Service helping people stay connected. The Police Department subscribes to this service as a means to notify our community about important information such as missing persons, notable arrests and special operations or events.

The Police Department can securely publish information to anyone who subscribes to the service, and it is easy to subscribe. Those wanting to subscribe can text their zip code to 888777. Important and timely information can be sent out through Nixle immediately to a cell phone by text message, email, or over the web. Check out our Nixle page!



The Police Department has a Facebook page to stay connected to the community. Postings include safety tips, notable arrests, fun facts and other helpful information. The page will often include photographs of police related activities, special events or other areas of interest that pertain to the Police Department and the community we serve.

The Facebook page provides dual communication capabilities. In 2012 the page was used to return lost property to a visitor from Australia. Like our page!

SLOPD's Police Log

Visit our website to read our police log. This log is posted daily Monday - Friday.

Patrol



The Patrol Division is the largest single entity within the San Luis Obispo Police Department, and the officers are the first responders to all calls for police service. The Patrol, Downtown, and Traffic (Motorcycle) divisions are the visible uniformed officers seen on the streets of the City. Patrol officers generally work 12 hours shifts and most of them have collateral duties including SWAT, Crime Scene Investigator, Field Training Officer, Crisis Negotiator and Defensive Tactics and Firearm Training Instructor.

The Patrol Division takes initial reports of all cases and they work closely with other specialty units such as the Community Action Team (CAT) and the Special Enforcement Team (SET). The officers investigate cases as far as they can and when there needs to be a detective involved the case is turned over to the Investigations Unit. The Patrol Officers are managed by a Lieutenant, also known as a Watch Commander. Sergeants are the field supervisors and in the absence of a Lieutenant they become the Watch Commander.

The Patrol Officers strive to treat every call with the understanding of the importance of the call to the reporting party. The officers work tirelessly, around the clock to provide a safe environment for the community. When officers are not responding to calls for service, they are busy enforcing traffic laws, ensuring children are safe in and around their schools, patrolling neighborhoods, and actively looking for potential problems.



Patrol downtown bike team

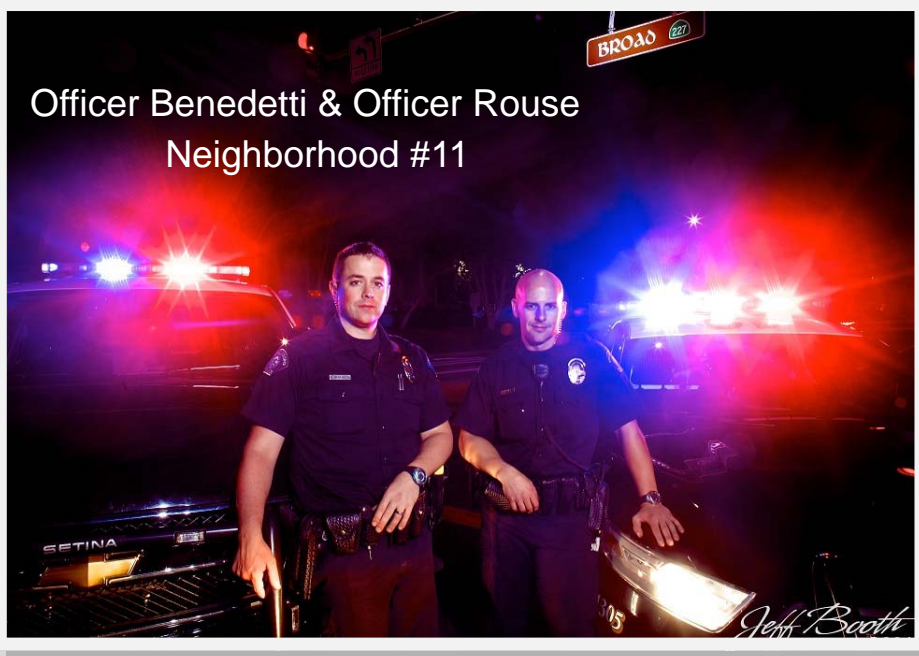
The Downtown Bicycle Team is broken into two teams of officers covering both day and night time activities in the downtown area. The team consists of one sergeant and four officers, two of those officers are assigned to day time, downtown patrol. One sergeant and two officers patrol during the night.

This January marks the first full year the Police Department has deployed the newly created, day time, downtown bicycle officer positions. These officers deal with a variety of calls for service ranging from theft-related crimes to aggressive panhandling. The officers work closely with the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association, business owners and downtown residents to coordinate activity and provide outreach within downtown area. These officers also work closely with the Community Action Team officers to identify problems and crime trends that negatively impact the quality of life for residents, business owners and visitors to the City of San Luis Obispo.

The late night hours in the downtown bring different types of activities as patrons frequent the local restaurants and nightclubs. Most nighttime enforcement activity in the downtown is related to alcohol consumption. Officers work closely with night time food and beverage establishments to help ensure they are operated in a safe and orderly manner. These officers conduct regular training sessions with employees of restaurants and nightclubs to help combat underage drinking and excessive alcohol consumption.

The Downtown Bicycle Team helps ensure a safe environment at a variety of special events, including festivals, car shows, parades, athletic events, and school activities. The Downtown Bicycle Team regularly assists other agencies within the County during a variety of special events that require officers on bicycles.

Neighborhood Officer Program



In 2014 the Neighborhood Officer Program conducted neighborhood walks to help inform the citizens and business owners of the benefits of this program. The department's goal is to have each neighborhood officer walk their entire neighborhood or business district within the next year. During these walks officers will

introduce themselves and provide more information regarding the program, its benefits and discuss any current concerns citizens may be experiencing within their neighborhood. In addition to the neighborhood walks, many of our neighborhood officers have attended neighborhood watch meetings, board meetings and HOA meetings.

During the past year officers have had the opportunity to address numerous issues within their neighborhoods. These issues included:

- ◇ Ongoing noise complaints
- ◇ Abandoned vehicles and illegal camping in neighborhoods
- ◇ Neighbor conflicts
- ◇ Working with code enforcement on code violations
- ◇ Extra patrol for areas experiencing an increase in crime activity
- ◇ Traffic related problems
- ◇ Transient issues related to neighborhood parks

Who's my neighborhood officer?

Check out our website for your
SLO Neighborhood Officers
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Neighborhood Officer Program

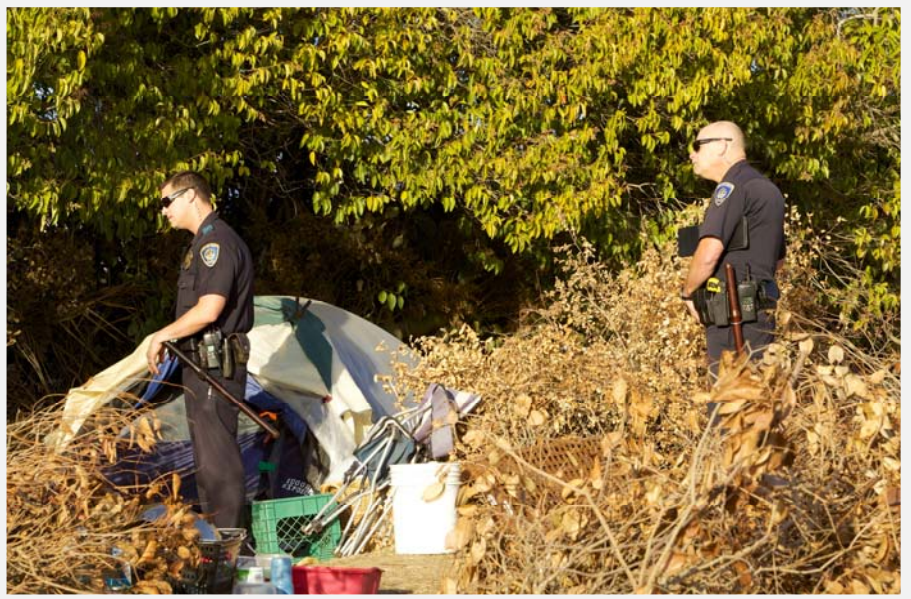


Officer Blanca Perez
Neighborhood #2

“This program is one of multiple initiatives intended to increase SLOPD’s connectivity with the community we serve. The neighborhood officer program is especially important as it offers residents and business owners a personal option when police assistance is needed and an immediate response is not needed. For our officers, it provides an opportunity to take ownership in their ‘neighborhoods’, ultimately increasing our ability to make a positive impact throughout the City”.

Steve Gesell
SLOPD Chief of Police

Community Action Team



One of the major goals of the Community Action Team (CAT) is collaborating with other agencies when addressing trends that negatively impact our residents, business owners and visitors to the City of San Luis Obispo. This past year CAT officers began working closely with the District Attorney's Office to address the problem of repeat offenders, accountability and services for those who suffer from addictions and/or mental health issues. Their presence in the courtrooms has been greatly appreciated by the District Attorneys, Defense Attorneys, Judges and Social Services. Through this collaborative effort there have been several notable successes.

- ◇ With the help of Social Services, several of our chronic offenders were placed in sober living homes or reunited with family.
- ◇ CAT has worked closely with County Mental Health to regularly meet with those individuals who suffer from mental health issues, to ensure they receive the care they need, in an effort to help reduce the negative impacts seen within the city.
- ◇ For those individuals who refused help from Social Services, there was a notable increase in accountability and the amount of time served in County Jail.

Additionally, CAT continued to work closely with the City Rangers to help protect and preserve the City of San Luis Obispo open spaces. CAT coordinated with rangers to post known campsites and organize camp cleanup days. In 2014, the cleanup days yielded 24 tons of trash, which was removed from our creeks and open spaces.

The Traffic Safety Unit uses a balanced and proven philosophy of enforcement, engineering, and education solutions to improve safety and reduce collisions. The Traffic Team conducts several community presentations and media releases to educate citizens about traffic laws, traffic hazards and common traffic violations that cause collisions.

The Traffic Team consists of a full-time Motorcycle Sergeant, three full-time Motorcycle Officers, and one full-time DUI Enforcement Officer. Other responsibilities of the Traffic Team include, traffic control and event planning for a large number of special programs, projects, and events including sporting activities, parades and other festivities. These duties are reciprocated with other local agencies. Additionally, the traffic team reviews DUI cost recovery claims, maintenance of all traffic related equipment, collection and dissemination of traffic complaints and training department personnel on new laws and the operation of traffic equipment.

Officers assigned to the Traffic Team work closely with Traffic Engineering and Community Development, and neighborhood groups to improve traffic safety issues. The Traffic Team actively participates in traffic safety programs such as Click it or Ticket, Child Safety Seat Week, Safe Routes to School, Every 15 Minutes, Bicycle Rodeos, MADD and school traffic safety presentations.

Since 2007, the Traffic Team has managed grants yearly, such as AVOID and STEP grants. These grants mainly focus on reducing fatal and injury DUI crashes throughout the year and especially during special holiday periods with statistically high DUI collisions. These include Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, Cinco De Mayo, Memorial Day Weekend, Independence Day Weekend, the two week period leading up to the end of summer for Labor Day Weekend and the Winter Holiday period for Christmas and New Year's.



CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

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- > 2PM-3PM
- > SAFETY TOWN
- > SKILLS RIDE/BIKE DECORATING & PARADE
- > BMX STUNT SHOW

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The San Luis Obispo Police Department partners with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Public Works Department, the San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition, and numerous bike shops in the area to host an annual “Bike Rodeo”. The Rodeo includes a “Safety Town” to teach safety and basic skills to smaller children and a supervised road ride on surface streets to give the older children supervised experience with safe cycling on the road.

Traffic Safety

For the second year in a row the Traffic Safety Unit assumed the responsibility of managing the “Avoid the 14” Grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety. The “Avoid the 14” Task Force and grant funding allows agencies throughout the county to pool their resources to more efficiently combat DUI driving throughout the County.



Investigations

The San Luis Obispo Police Department is responsible for conducting a wide variety and high volume of criminal investigations throughout the year. These investigations range from major crimes such as homicides and sexual assaults to sophisticated and complex fraud and theft cases. Their responsibilities also include investigating sensitive Child and Elder abuse cases.

The Investigative Bureau is comprised of highly trained detectives who are assigned to investigate crimes against persons as well as property crimes. The School Resource Officer (SRO) is also assigned to the Bureau. This officer's responsibilities include providing services to all the schools within the San Luis Coastal Unified District. The SRO conducts their own investigations as well as assists with other cases in the bureau.

In 2014 the Investigative Bureau was assigned 171 cases for follow up. Additionally, 144 Suspected Child Abuse Reports were assigned to the bureau as well.



Investigations

Crime Lab Services



The Police Department employs a full-time Evidence Technician who is responsible for collecting and analyzing evidence from crime scenes and conducting forensic examinations of seized computers and cellular telephones.

This real-life “CSI” investigator has advanced training in evidence collection, latent fingerprint comparison, computer forensics, and a variety of other specialties. Specially trained patrol officers assist in evidence collection duties at crime scenes such as burglaries.

Evidence that requires DNA analysis, firearms comparison or very specialized investigation such as fiber comparison is sent to the California Department of Justice Crime Labs for analysis or the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department Crime Lab.

Evidence Processed in 2014	
Items for processing	233
Processed for prints	38
Print Examinations	284
AFIS Fingerprint Searches	38
Print Comparisons	1003
Print Identifications	18
Trace Evidence Processing	3
Digital Examinations	87
Video & Photo Processing	13
Specialized Scene Processing	5
Assist Other Agencies	7

Investigations

Property & Evidence



The Property and Evidence Unit provides safe and secure storage for all items seized by Officers or turned in by the public. This unit currently stores over 31,000 items of evidence, found property, and property held for "safe keeping." In 2014 6,483 items were booked into the Unit.

A full time employee assigned as the Property and Evidence Technician is responsible for the preservation, destruction, and release of all items placed in their care, as well as providing all items of evidence to courts.

Special procedures and audit requirements are in place for the handling and

processing of money, drugs, and firearms. In 2014 a major destruction of drugs and firearms was done in partnership with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department. The Police Department alone contributed 88 guns and over 650 pounds of drugs to the destruction.

All property that is turned into the Police Department is investigated to identify the owner. Found property is held for 90 days and every effort is made to return property when permitted. The best way to insure lost property is returned is to inscribe your property by etching your name or phone number on the property. Property marked in this manner is easier to return to owners and is more difficult to alter.

It is important to always document serial numbers and inscribe owner identification on items of value. In the unfortunate case you are the victim of lost or stolen property, your chances of recovery are greatly increased with this information. In 2014, nearly 1,000 items were reunited with owners. Property of value that cannot be returned to an owner, and has been held past the prescribed time, is auctioned online via an online auction website called PropertyRoom.com.

Investigations

2014 notable cases

DENTAL OFFICE BURGLARY

On April 17, 2014 San Luis Obispo Police Department Detectives, along with County Probation Officers, conducted a probation search in the 1700 block of Newport in the City of Grover Beach. This was the home of Wendy Stanhope and Ben Delashmutt. Detectives searched their residence because they believed Stanhope and Delashmutt were responsible for a commercial burglary that occurred at a dental office in the 1200 block of Peach in the City of San Luis Obispo on April 14, 2014. During the search numerous items of stolen property were recovered including items of high quality dental equipment, accessories, electronics, pharmaceutical medications, and hypodermic needles. Many of the items recovered were positively identified as stolen from the San Luis Obispo burglary. Stanhope had once been employed at this dental office but was terminated in 2012 for unknown reasons. Both Stanhope and Delashmutt were booked into County Jail for Possession of Stolen Property, Possession of Controlled Substances, and Possession of Hypodermic Needles.

SHOTS FIRED

On July 19, 2014 the San Luis Obispo Police Department began receiving calls of multiple gunshots heard in the 500 block of Bluerock. Callers reported seeing a male suspect with a rifle fleeing the location in a silver Dodge Charger. The suspect, later identified as 22 year old Cesar Rosales Camarena, had fired eight rounds from a high power assault rifle into the hood area of a car being driven by his former step-father. Responding officers were quickly able to learn the identity of the suspect and Detectives were called in to follow up with the investigation.

During their investigation, Detectives learned Camarena was at a family member's residence in the City of Oceano and Sheriff's Deputies responded to assist. Camarena was located along with his vehicle in Oceano and was taken into custody without incident. The assault rifle Camarena used in the shooting was later found at a residence in rural Arroyo Grande. Camarena was charged with attempted murder.

Investigations

2014 notable cases

FRATERNITY HOUSE ROBBERY

On August 10, 2014 at approximately 2:27 AM, officers responded to the report of a robbery in progress at the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house at 244 California. Witnesses reported that a black male wearing a hoodie and a bandana over his face was demanding money from occupants of the fraternity at gunpoint. It was also reported that two vehicles were seen leaving the area shortly before officers arrived.

The first officer on scene observed one of the suspects, later identified as Cameron Akins, on a balcony with a victim. Akins was in possession of a handgun and resisted arrest when confronted. Several of the fraternity members assisted the officer until back up officers arrived. Due to the extensive nature of this crime Detectives were called in to complete the investigation.

During their investigation Detectives learned there were several other suspects involved in this robbery. It was also discovered that all the suspects involved, including Akins, were current Cal Poly football players. These additional suspects fled in the two vehicles described by witnesses prior to officers arriving. They also found the reason for the robbery was to steal marijuana and money from Fraternity members which the suspects said were being sold from the fraternity house. Four additional suspects were identified and arrested as a result of this exhaustive investigation. They were all held to answer for trial.

ELDER ABUSE/BURGLARY

On October 23, 2014 a Detective with the Atascadero Police Department discovered several pawn slips with numerous sales of gold and silver pieces by Gallagher Persson to a local licensed secondhand dealer. During his investigation he discovered Persson was employed by *Senior Helpers*, which is an in home care provider for the elderly, and he was currently caring for a couple in the City of San Luis Obispo. San Luis Obispo Police Detectives were then notified and a joint investigation was initiated. (continued next page)

Investigations

2014 notable cases

During their investigation it was discovered that Persson had been caring for this San Luis Obispo couple for over a year. During this time it is believed he had stolen over \$100,000 in gold and silver coins and antiques. The investigation also revealed Persson received over \$47,000 by selling numerous pieces of these coins and antique silver serving utensils. Approximately \$15,000 in stolen property, belonging to these same victims, was recovered at Persson's residence in Los Osos by investigators.

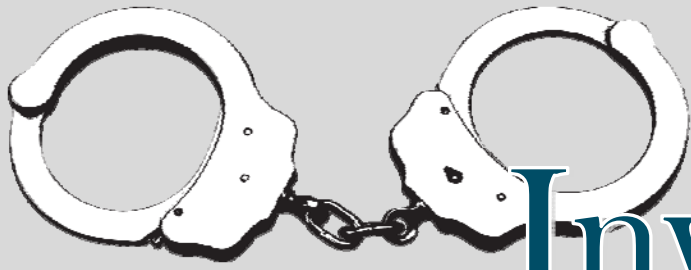
On November 14, 2014 Persson was arrested in the 1200 block of Higuera in the City of San Luis Obispo. His charges included; Crimes against Elderly, Embezzlement, and Burglary. Persson was booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail with his bail set at \$100,000.

SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A MINOR

On December 29, 2014 a seventeen year old female visiting San Luis Obispo with her family was shopping in the downtown area when she became separated and lost her direction. As she was in the 1200 block of Morro she approached 43 year old transient Manuel Luevano who was sitting on a bench, and asked him for directions. Luevano escorted the juvenile over to a restroom near the parking structure and forced her inside and locked the door behind them.

While trapped inside the restroom, Luevano sexually assaulted the juvenile victim for several minutes before she was able to push him away and escape out the bathroom door. The victim was able to provide San Luis Obispo Police with a very detailed description of the suspect, his clothing, and the property he had with him at the time of the assault.

On December 30, 2014, in the early morning hours SLOPD officers found Luevano in the area where the assault occurred, based on the description provided by the victim. He was later positively identified by the victim as the suspect who committed the sexual assault. Luevano was placed under arrest by SLOPD Detectives and was booked on multiple offenses to include attempted rape, kidnapping, false imprisonment, sexual battery and other inappropriate acts forced upon the minor. Luevano's bail was set at \$100,000 dollars.



Investigations

Special Enforcement Team

The Special Enforcement Team (SET) is a unit of the Investigative Services Division. Comprised of three officers and a sergeant. SET is primarily responsible for conducting narcotic and vice-related enforcement in the City, and for assisting investigators and patrol officers in conducting specialized investigations and enforcement as needed. The SET unit is flexible in their assignments and schedules in order to be able to respond to the ever-changing investigative needs of the department. The SET team receives specialized training in such areas as narcotics investigation and gang-related crime.

2014 notable cases

FRATERNITY HOUSE DRUG SALES

As a result of the allegations that drugs were being sold from Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity House an investigation was initiated by the SET team shortly after the robbery on 8-10-14. On 9-4-14, Detectives served a search warrant at the Fraternity House. During the search a great deal of evidence was found which was consistent with the ongoing illegal sales of marijuana. This search also resulted in the Fraternity President, Cal-Poly Senior, 22 year old Gear McMillan being arrested for the sales of marijuana from the Fraternity House. The robbery was in direct relation to the on-going illegal sales of marijuana by suspect McMillan. McMillan was charged and plead No Contest to Felony Possession for Sales of Marijuana.

Special Enforcement Team

2014 notable cases

PROSTITUTION STINGS

On 5-29-14, a Prostitution Sting was conducted at a local hotel in the City of San Luis Obispo by members of the SET team and Detective Bureau. The purposes of these operations are three-fold:

1. Identify and arrest Human Traffickers in the act of providing prostitutes to undercover officers.
2. Arrest prostitutes to discourage them and others from providing their illegal services in our city.
3. Arrest customers, or “Johns” in an effort to discourage them and other customers from soliciting the services of prostitutes.

As a result of this operation nine arrests were made ranging from charges of Pimping a 16 year old minor, Prostitution, and drug possession. All suspects in this operation were booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail.

On October 21-23, 2014 SLOPD SET Detectives lead a three night multi-jurisdiction Prostitution Sting along with the Arroyo Grande and Pismo Beach Police Departments. These operations lead to the arrest of 37 suspects for charges ranging from Prostitution, Drug Possession, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

DRUG TRAFFICKING SEIZURE

During mid- 2014, SET began a surveillance case which lead to identifying a large scale drug trafficking organization based in the City of San Luis Obispo but operating throughout SLO, Santa Barbara, Kern, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. During this case SET seized over a ½ pound methamphetamine and 17 grams of heroin. Four suspects were taken into custody as a result of their investigation. This case identified approximately 20+ involved suspects, 20+ locations, a strong tie to gang activity and organized crime. Due to the magnitude of this case, the SLOSO Gang Task Force and SLOSO Narcotics Unit then became involved. The case has since been turned over to a joint effort between the Gang Task Force and Sheriff’s Narcotics Unit.

Dispatch



When you are in your greatest need you may turn to 9-1-1. When these professionals are called they are transforming your needs into actionable information and then providing it to our City's first responders. Efficiency is critical and they balance this with empathy and expertise to provide the services needed.

The City's ten Communications Technicians and two Supervisors operate out of the Emergency Communications Center (ECC), and are managed by the Communications & Records Manager. They are commonly referred to as dispatchers and they are specially trained to provide medical information to persons in need during medical emergencies.

The Police and Fire departments each have their main radio frequency and multiple secondary frequencies for busier times. There are also Public Works and City Utility radio frequencies. The dispatchers in the center monitor many other agency frequencies to coordinate joint responses.

They have links to communicate between other law enforcement agencies, fire agencies, and ambulance services. Instant messaging is used as another means to relay information between the units (both police and fire) in the field and the dispatchers at the ECC.

Dispatch Special Assignments

In addition to the primary functions at the ECC, dispatchers are offered special assignments. They consist of:

- ◇ 9-1-1 for Kids Educator
- ◇ SWAT Tactical Scribe
- ◇ 9-1-1 Elder Outreach



Elder 911

The year 2014 brought just under 100,000 calls through the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) phones and they entered 35,695 calls into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. These requests were handled by the dispatchers (example: private property tows), public works/utilities department (example: after hours water main breaks), and the police and fire departments. The top calls for service included Medicals totaling 9.91% of the total calls, Suspicious Persons/Circumstances at 7.38%, combined noise/party complaints at 5.19% of the total, and Disorderly Conduct at 5.17%.

Efficiency is key to the Emergency Communications Center. National Emergency Number Association (NENA), Association of Public Communications Officials (APCO), and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) set standards for Emergency Centers. For Fire related calls the dispatcher's goal is to alert fire responders of an emergency within 60 seconds of the call and 90 seconds when providing Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD). With the ECCs highly technical system the dispatcher is electronically alerting and dispatching help without interrupting the call flow and continuing to question of the caller.



Records



Records Clerks transcribe police reports, enter crime and citation data into computerized data bases, convert paper documents to electronic format, prepare crime statistics for State and Federal reporting, fulfill public records requests for records, and transfer reports to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution. The Records Unit consists of five full-time Records Clerks and a Records Supervisor. The Records Division is managed

by the Police Department Communications & Records Manager.

In addition to the primary function of Police Records the clerks all share in specialized assignments. These include:

- ◇ entering restraining orders
- ◇ processing massage and taxi permits, sex, arson and drug registrants
- ◇ Process mobile food vendor permits
- ◇ field interview cards
- ◇ disturbance advisement cards
- ◇ processing ride along forms
- ◇ management of discovery orders
- ◇ post activity logs to the internet

Want to see crime mapping in your neighborhood or recent police logs that track calls for service? Visit slocity.org

Records

The Records Unit is responsible for processing and maintaining the large volume of police reports, citations, and other documents generated by all divisions within the Police Department. They are the first contact citizens have when entering the police department. They also have daily contact with citizens over the phone.

The Records Clerks also get out in the community by helping with the Bike Rodeo each year and are also instrumental during DUI check points providing vehicle count statistics. Additionally, they also organize arrestee and vehicle impound information during these check points.



2014 the Records Division Processed

8,428 Reports

5,226 Citations



Neighborhood Services

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Your community. Your success.

The Office of Neighborhood Services helps coordinate city services in residential neighborhoods of the City. The Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP), community and student outreach, and crime prevention are all programs coordinated by the Neighborhood Outreach Manager. The Neighborhood Outreach Manager also serves as a liaison to City neighborhood associations, Cal Poly University, Cuesta Community College, SLO Solutions and various community groups.

Neighborhood & Community Outreach

The Neighborhood Outreach Manager works with a local advertising agency to provide information and crime prevention materials to the community. Print media (posters and local newspaper ads) are utilized as well as www.respectslo.com and the Office of Neighborhood Services Facebook page. In 2014, the Neighborhood Outreach Manager also attended two housing fairs, Week of Welcome events (WOW leader orientation and the resource fair), student government meetings, Cuesta new student orientation, Inter-Fraternal and PanHellenic Council, three individual Greek organization “house” meetings, neighborhood association meetings and coordinated the bi-monthly Neighborhood Wellness meetings. Neighborhood Wellness meetings allow city staff to work closely with residents to communicate and collaborate to improve conditions within neighborhoods.

Student Neighborhood Assistance Program

The Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) created in 1992, utilizes student employees to act as first responders to noise complaints in the City. SNAP employees are able to issue formal warnings when noise violations occur and help educate residents of noise standards in the city. SNAP also assists with the enforcement of neighborhood parking districts, conducts graffiti abatement and tags abandon vehicles for towing. In 2014, SNAP issued 549 formal warnings and 1876 parking citations.

Neighborhood Services

SLO Solutions

The Neighborhood Outreach Manager helps with the referrals of residents to the SLO Solutions Conflict Resolution Program (a program of Creative Mediation, a local non-profit organization.) This program offers mediation and conflict resolution service for San Luis Obispo residents at no charge. The types of disputes handled include landlord/tenant, roommates, student/non-student, and neighbor-to-neighbor issues. Per the SLO Solutions Annual Report, 1355 residents received services through the program in 2014. Approximately 299 of those residents self-identified as Cal Poly students and 50 self-identified as Cuesta College students. Additionally, SLO Solutions conducted seven trainings that involved individuals from Cal Poly's orientation programs, Cal Poly housing department, Cal Poly AmeriCorps, Cuesta College Leadership and Cal Poly ASI. Please visit their website for additional information on the programs and services offered.



Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Outreach Manager assists residents with starting Neighborhood Watch groups in the neighborhoods. Neighborhood Officers and the Neighborhood Outreach Manager educate residents how to successfully set up and maintain Neighborhood Watch groups.



Volunteers



The Police Department utilizes twelve (12) volunteers for a variety of tasks including clerical work, archive and scanning of records, pawn detail, tagging and towing abandoned vehicles, graffiti abatement, cold case assistance, and Project Lifesaver battery changing. New in 2014, the Volunteers on Patrol were outfitted with a Volunteer Patrol vehicle. Additionally, volunteers gave the Police Department 1,553 hours of service.

Chief's Roundtable

The Chief's Roundtable is a volunteer citizens group and was formed in 2013 as an initiative to increase transparency and improve connectivity with the community with the end goal of providing superior police service. Members have a vast array of experience and service to our community. The group meets quarterly.



Chief's Roundtable Mission Statement

The mission of the Police Chief's Roundtable is to serve as a community-based group of volunteers for purposes of regular direct interaction and effective communication between the San Luis Obispo community at large and the San Luis Obispo Police Department with regard to the consideration of public safety challenges and solutions intended to enhance the quality of life in San Luis Obispo

SWAT



The San Luis Obispo Police Department is a member of the San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT Team which is comprised of officers from the cities of Paso Robles, Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, Grover Beach, San Luis Obispo, and Morro Bay, and the Cal Poly University Police Department. The Regional SWAT Team trains monthly and has worked together for several years.



2014 highlights

Pismo Beach Callout

On March 19, 2014 the SLO Regional SWAT team was called out to a residential neighborhood for an armed and barricaded subject in the City of Pismo Beach. The subject had fired several shotgun rounds outside the home, and threatened to kill himself and anyone who came near him. After several hours of a standoff he was taken into custody without resistance.

SLO Murray Street Callout

On May 21, 2014 the SLO Regional SWAT team was called out to the 1000 block of Murray Street for a barricaded suspect. The suspect, Austin Ross, was wanted after stealing a vehicle, leading police in a vehicle pursuit, and being armed with a handgun. He was considered armed and dangerous. Ross ended up surrendering to the SWAT team and exited the residence wearing a "Ronald Reagan" plastic mask. He was taken into custody without incident in a heavily populated Cal Poly student neighborhood.



SWAT

Crisis Negotiation Team



The San Luis Obispo Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) furnishes six officers and two supervisors to the San Luis Obispo Regional SWAT Team. All members of CNT are trained in crisis and hostage negotiations. The team is deployed with the SLO Regional SWAT Team with the intent of bringing volatile incidents to a peaceful resolution.

The SLOPD Crisis Negotiation Team partners with allied agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for resources and personnel. The FBI negotiators have assisted with SWAT call-outs and periodic training. CNT intends to recruit additional negotiators from San Luis Obispo County area agencies in the coming year.

Awards



Footprinter's Award



In 2014 Officer Jeremy Behrens and Officer Jim Fellows were recognized for their contributions and success with the newly formed Community Action Team (CAT). Both officers have teamed with social services, mental health and court professionals to provide outreach to those in our community that frequently travel through all of these systems. Their energies are focused beyond enforcement and the development of solutions with our partners. To their credit they have facilitated successful results and have helped several of our frequent contacts find addiction treatment and transitional housing. They are both well deserving of the Footprinters Award.



Kathy has been a member of the San Luis Obispo Police Department for over 23 years. She has served as both a Dispatcher and Records Supervisor. Kathy provides superior service to our community in her current role as a Dispatcher. She is known to always be dependable in clutch situations and is an invaluable asset to our City. Kathy devotes her off-duty time to the community. Kathy is a perfect example of the quality of effort the Footprinters are looking for in recognition of service.

Awards



Masonic Lodge Peace Officer Recognition -

Officer Michael L'Heureux has been a police officer with SLOPD since July of 2013. On Sunday morning, August 10, 2014, at about 2:30 a.m., SLOPD dispatch received multiple emergency phone calls regarding an armed robbery taking place at the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. Officer L'Heureux was the first unit to arrive on the scene and was immediately contacted by terrified witnesses reporting an armed suspect actively engaging a victim. Officer L'Heureux understood that immediate action was necessary to prevent potential loss of life and ran to the suspect's location within the fraternity. One victim took the officer's arrival as an opportunity to attack the suspect, pushing the suspect down a second floor stairway. At this point Officer L'Heureux began to restrain the much larger suspect. With the assistance of citizens and additional arriving officers the armed suspect was safely taken into custody.



Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award— In 2014 the following four officers were recognized by MADD for their proactive DUI enforcement efforts.



Ofc. Berrios

62 DUI Arrests



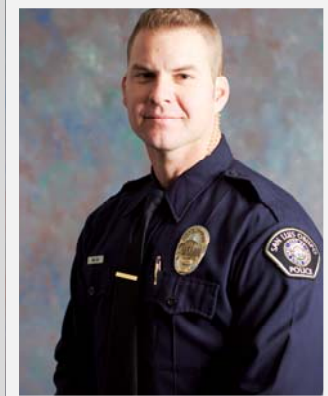
Ofc. Benedetti

52 DUI Arrests



Ofc. T. Koznek

37 DUI Arrests



Ofc. Walsh

32 DUI Arrests

Awards



Police Department Employee of the Year -

Officer Eric Lincoln is our most tenured patrol officer on the department, having worked with the SLOPD since 1985. During the past two years Officer Lincoln has been a valued member of the Field Training Program that has trained more than 16 new officers. This level of recruitment and training is unprecedented for our organization and has created additional work for the Field Training Officers. Officer Lincoln's mentoring, coaching, and experience is of great benefit to all the personnel he has trained.. Although he has received this award in the past, he is just as deserving today as ever. He is an exceptional employee.



Police Department Employee of the Year -

Officer Aaron Schafer is the department's School Resource Officer. He collaborates extensively with our school district, but predominantly San Luis Obispo High School. He must partner with school administrators, parents, educators, and students to delicately balance the needs of establishing a police presence yet respond in a way which is unique to an educational environment. He has been recognized by school officials as a valuable resource and effective partner. Officer Schafer provides instruction to students, has helped coordinate the "Every 15 Minutes" program, and participates in other educational opportunities on behalf of our public schools. Officer Schafer daily illustrates the definition of Team Player.

Awards



Elks Annual Public Safety Appreciation -

Sergeant **Brian Amoroso** has contributed countless hours to help maintain the department's current technology and also plan for future technology improvements. He is active in the research and selection of new Mobile Data Computer/In-Car Video systems and body worn camera systems. As a Sergeant, Brian is often inundated with tasks on his normal shift; to take on such crucial and time-consuming responsibility shows his commitment to supporting the department's efforts for future success. He has shown dedication, enthusiasm for project success, and a commitment to the department.



Senior Citizen of the Year Award -

Mary Schlotterbeck was nominated and received the Senior Citizen of the Year award from the Area Agency on Aging. The award requires that the nominee work towards creating a better community. Mary has provided volunteer service to the Police Department since 1996! Mary has worked in a number of capacities to include receiving business line phone calls to assist citizens in need, computer data entry and special projects. Mary's impact to the organization moves far beyond the work she performs. She is a standard presence in our agency and has literally been here longer than the majority of personnel currently employed. Mary offers a pleasant, fun nature and without question is an endeared member of our City family. Mary is an incredible example of what this award represents.



Grants

Office of Traffic Safety “Avoid the 14”: \$160,000

During the fiscal grant year the Police Department managed this grant for the County of San Luis Obispo. The purpose of this grant is to reduce the number of alcohol related incidents on all roadways countywide. This is achieved through a collaborative effort between all San Luis Obispo county law enforcement agencies focused on DUI efforts, and raising public awareness regarding drinking and driving.

In 2013 the Office of Traffic Safety awarded San Luis Obispo PD a police officer position assigned specifically to DUI enforcement in our City. In 2014 this presence continues to have positive impact on our community by reducing the number of DUI drivers on the roadways. The DUI Officer position was approved to continue to be a part of the 2013-2015 “Avoid the 14” grant.

The DUI Officer will identify particular areas within the City of San Luis Obispo where DUI incidents are prevalent and perform enforcement activities in these areas for the specific purpose of reducing DUI related incidents. The DUI officer was responsible for over 180 DUI arrests in 2014.

The DUI Officer’s duties include, but not limited to: Enforcement of DUI related laws, provide DUI related trainings at briefings, provide support to Patrol in specific DUI related cases, and participate in community outreach activities which could include public speaking as to the dangers of driving while intoxicated.



Grants

Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant—\$29,008

Primary goal of this project is to reduce under age access/consumption of alcohol and prevent the habitual and obviously intoxicated from purchasing alcohol or purchasing alcohol for others.

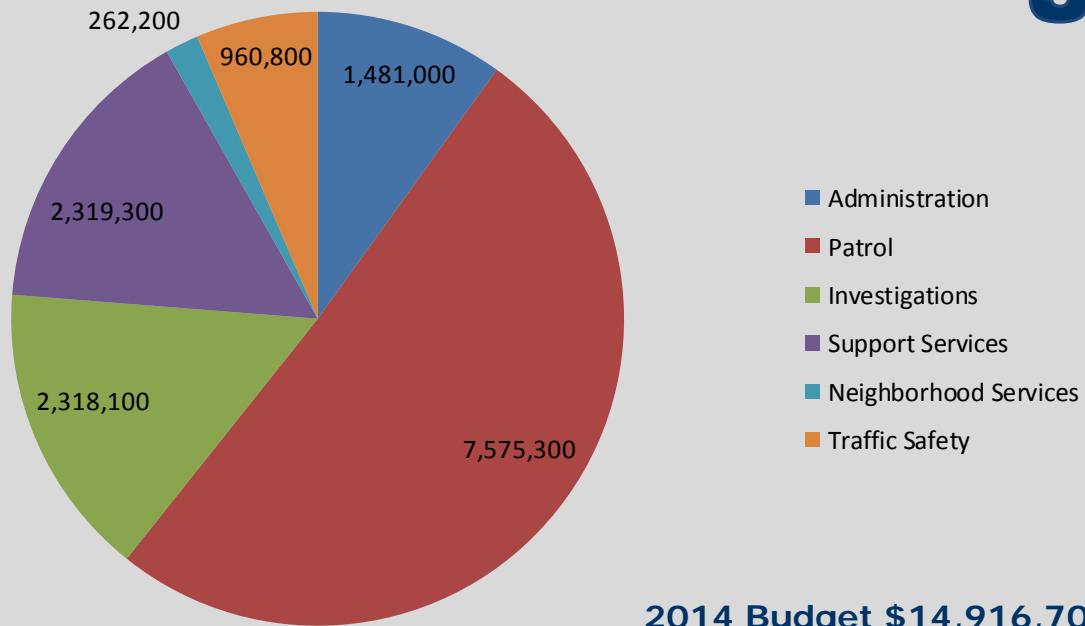
Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant—\$10,355

Funding was used to offset costs for the police department to purchase a statistical crime analysis tool.

Office of Traffic Safety—\$218,000

Goals of this grant are to reduce the number of persons killed and injured in crashes involving alcohol and other primary collision factors. The funded strategies include; DUI checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, warrant service operations, stake-out operations, educational presentation and court stings. The grant also funds a night time DUI Police Officer.

Budget



2014 Budget \$14,916,700

Department Staffing

Administration

Chief of Police	1.0
Captain	1.0
Sergeant	1.0
Senior Administrative Analyst	1.0
Administrative Assistant	1.5

Patrol Services

Captain	1.0
Lieutenant	2.0
Sergeant	5.0
Police Officer	33.0*
Field Service Technician	1.0

Support Services

Comm. & Records Supervisor	1.0
Communications Supervisor	2.0
Communications Technician	10.0
Records Supervisor	1.0
Records Clerk	5.0

Traffic Safety

Sergeant	1.0
Police Officer	4.0

Investigative Services

Lieutenant	1.0
Sergeant	1.0
Police Officer	9.0
Evidence Technician	1.0
Evidence & Property Clerk	1.0

Neighborhood Services

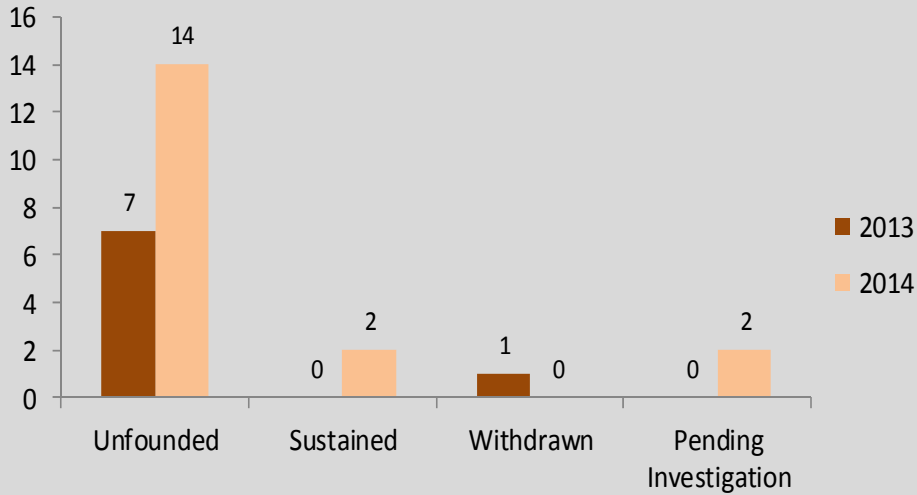
Neighborhood Outreach Manager	1.0
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Total Sworn Positions	60.0
Total Civilian Positions	25.5

**2 permanent Daytime Downtown Officers added in Jan. 2014*

Statistics

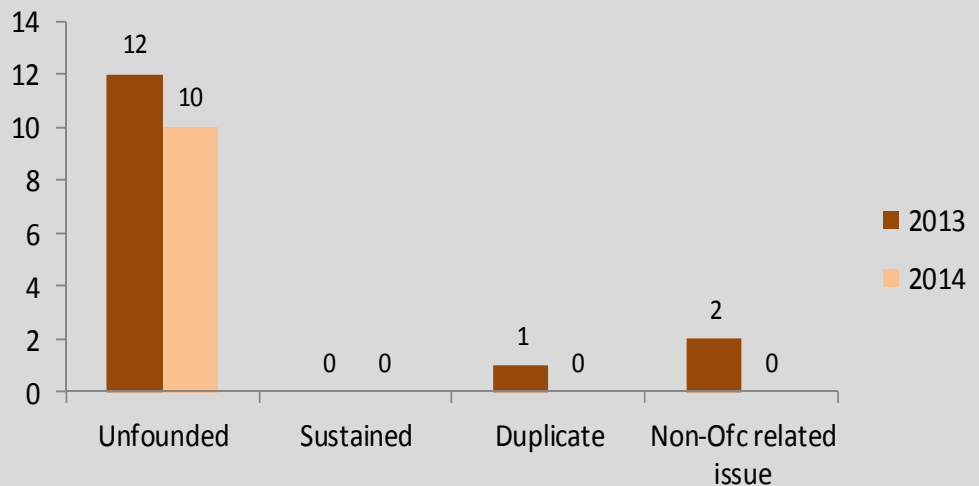
Citizen Complaints



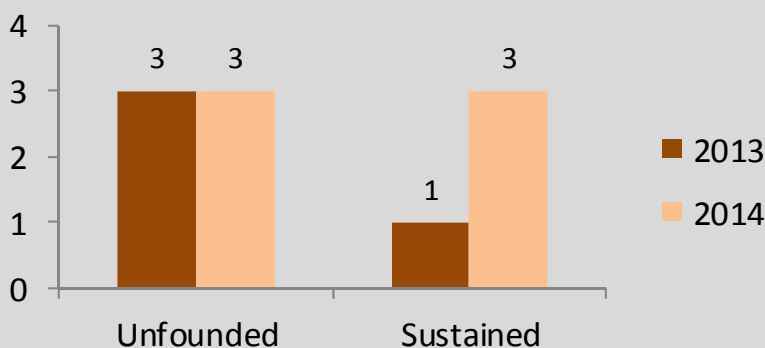
Citizens have the ability to address concerns they may have experienced when contacted by an officer. Each complaint is investigated to determine if there was a violation of policy or law. “Unfounded” complaints indicate no violation occurred. “Sustained” complaints indicate a violation occurred and the Department would respond with the appropriate level of training or discipline to correct the problem.

A chronic complaint is an identified person that regularly reports instances of police misconduct. The investigation of these complaints are handled in the same manner as other complaints, however, due to volume, are processed several at a time. The City Attorney’s Office will make the determination if an individual meets the “chronic” threshold.

Chronic Complaints

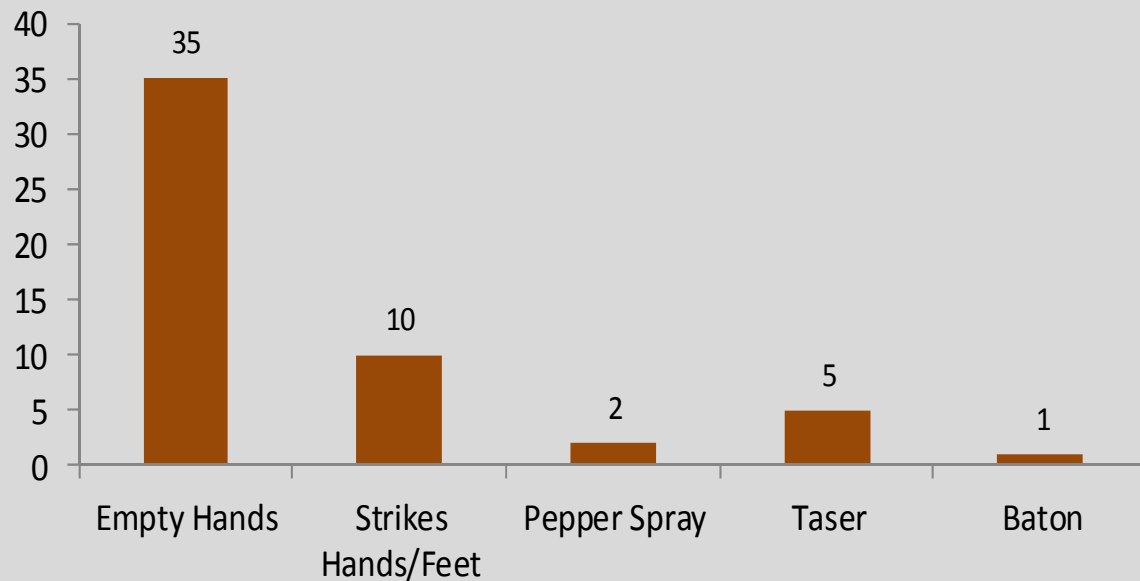


Internal Investigations



The Department will initiate its own internal investigation if a determination is made an employee may have violated policy or law. This is a robust internal review in order to ensure proper standards and expectations are being met. If a violation is discovered the Department would respond with the appropriate training or discipline to correct the problem.

Use of Force - by type

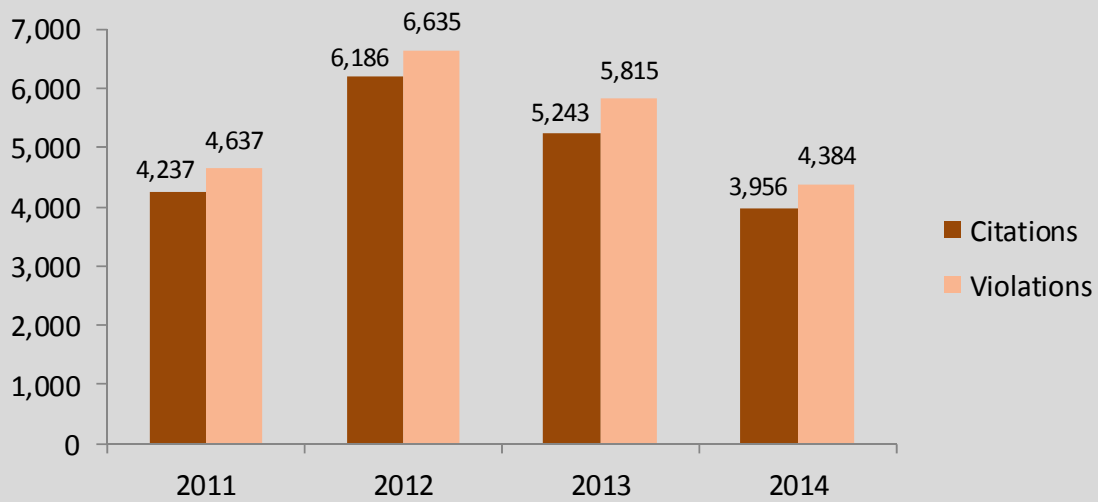


During the annual reporting period (January–December 2014) there were 53 documented uses of force. During this period SLOPD officers made 3,693 arrests.

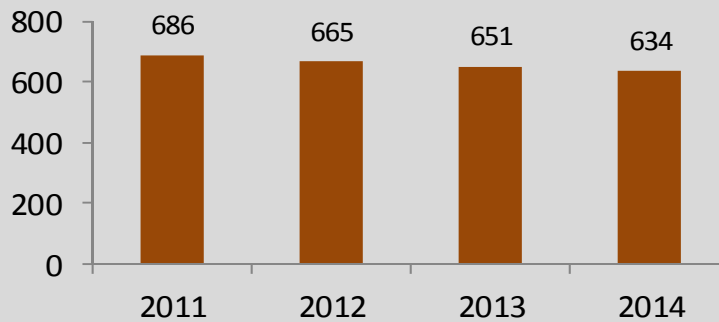
Police Officers must be proficient with verbal skills and appropriate use of their hands and tools when they deal with individuals that will not comply with their requests. The Police Department regularly trains its officers in the area of Defensive Tactics to prepare them to react appropriately in many dynamic and tense situations. If any level of force is used beyond the use of verbal commands or simple holds to help control a contact Supervisors will generate a Use of Force report which is reviewed by Staff to ensure appropriate tactics were used and policy was followed.

Of these documented use of force incidents there were none that were found to be outside of department policy. Of these 53 incidents 10 officers received injuries during the use of force with combative subjects.

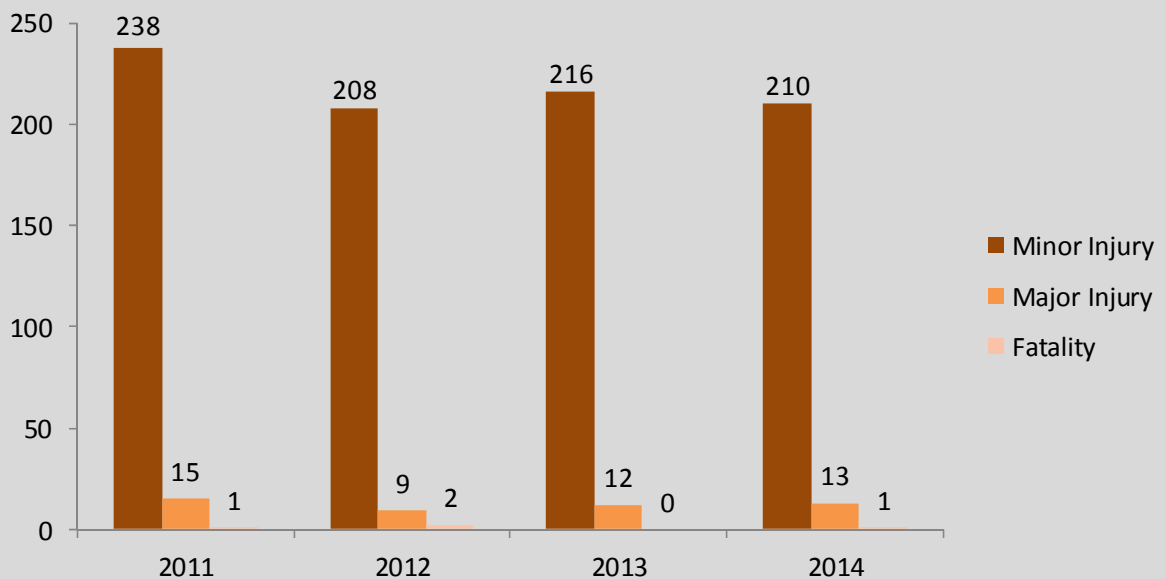
Traffic Citations and Violations



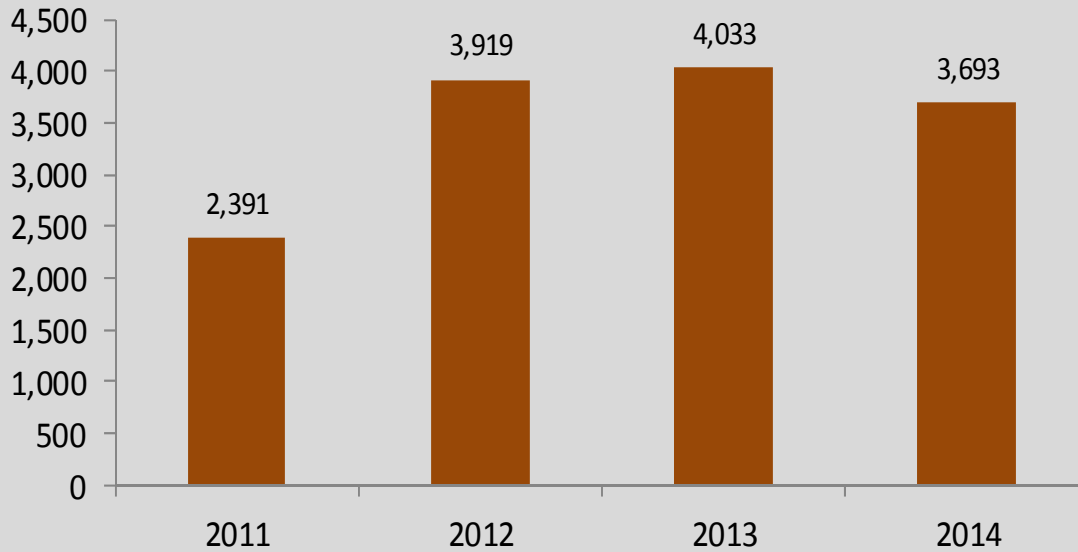
Traffic Collisions



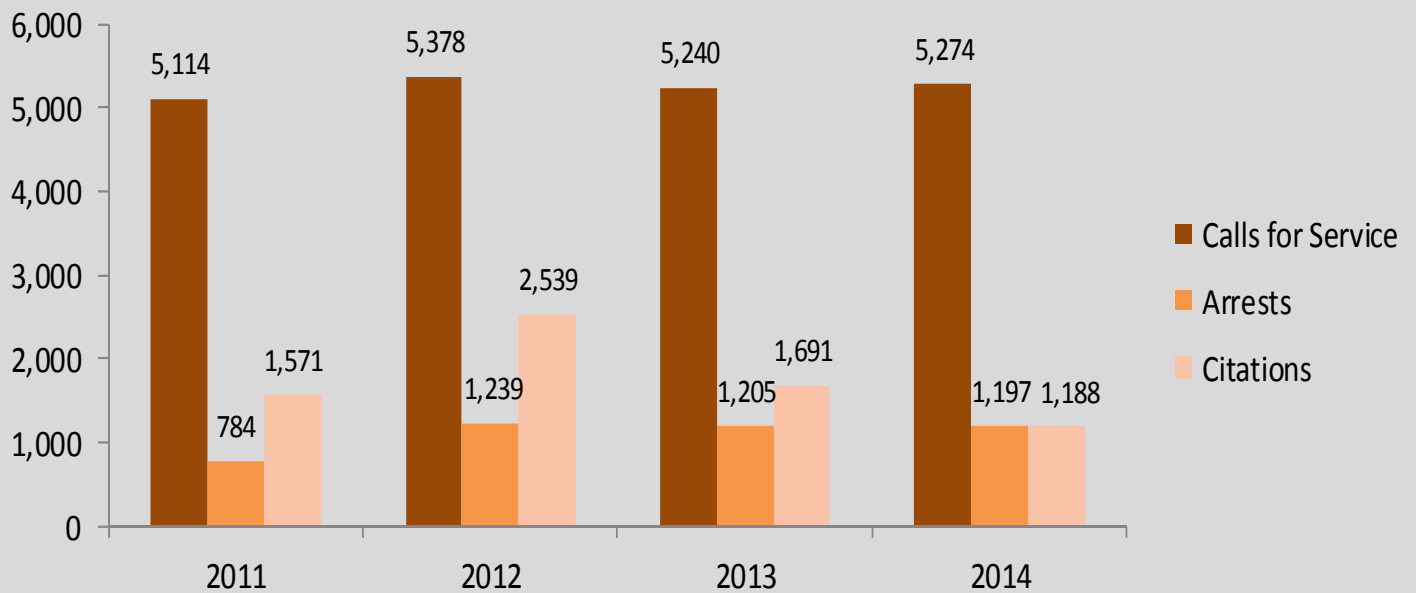
Injury Collisions



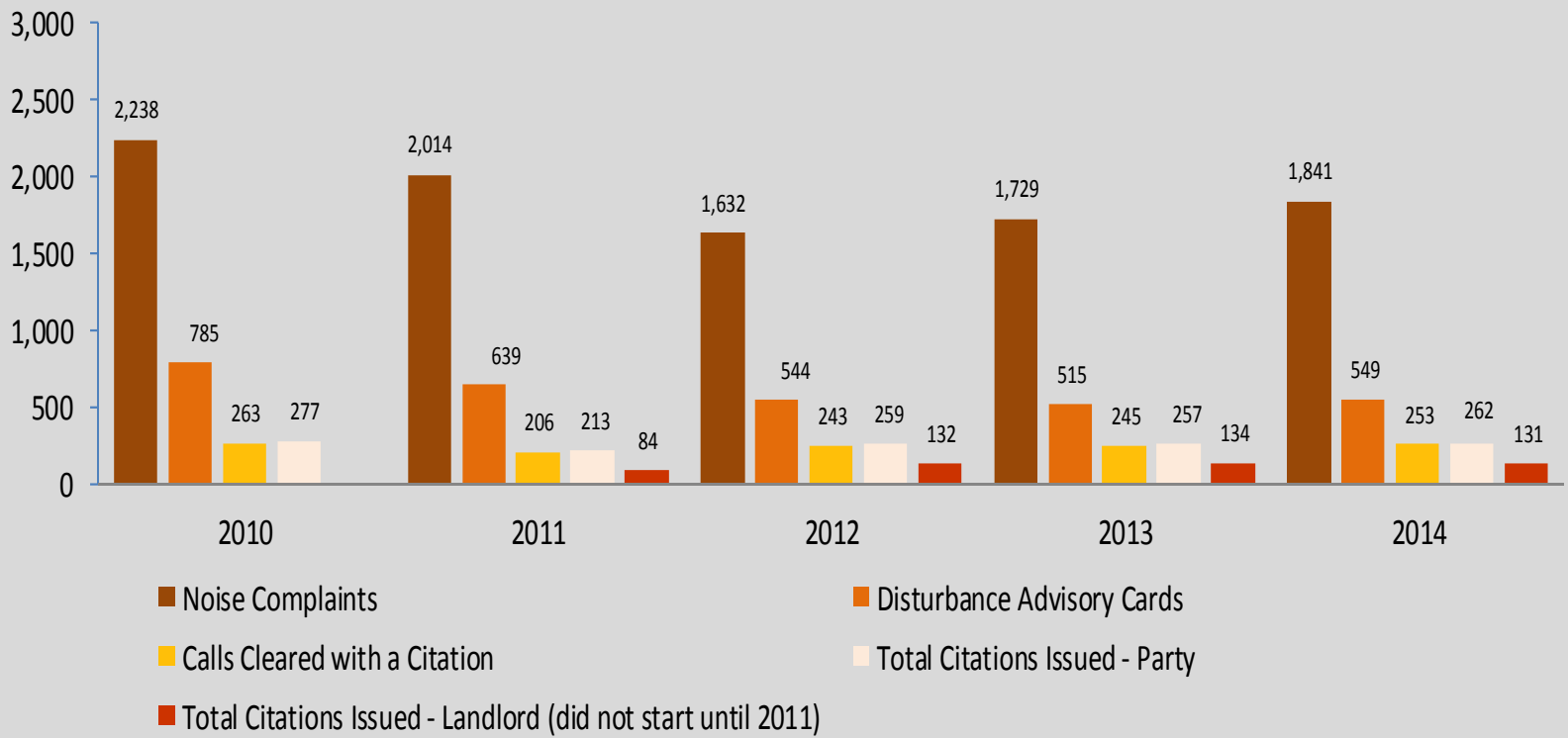
Total Arrests



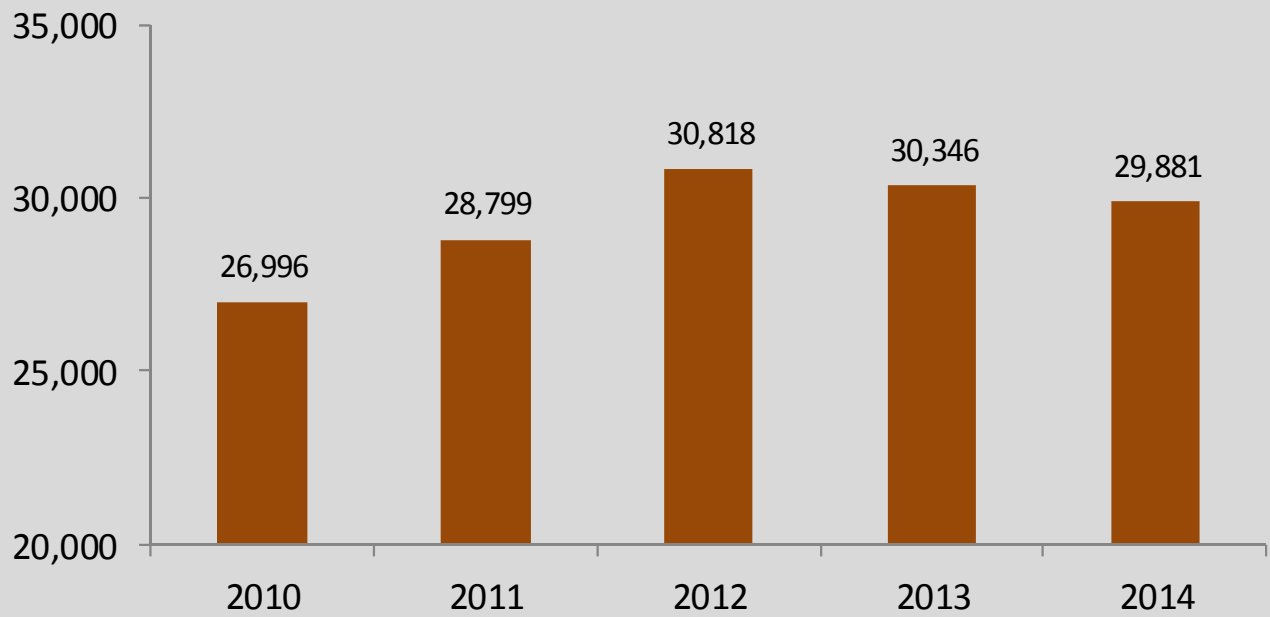
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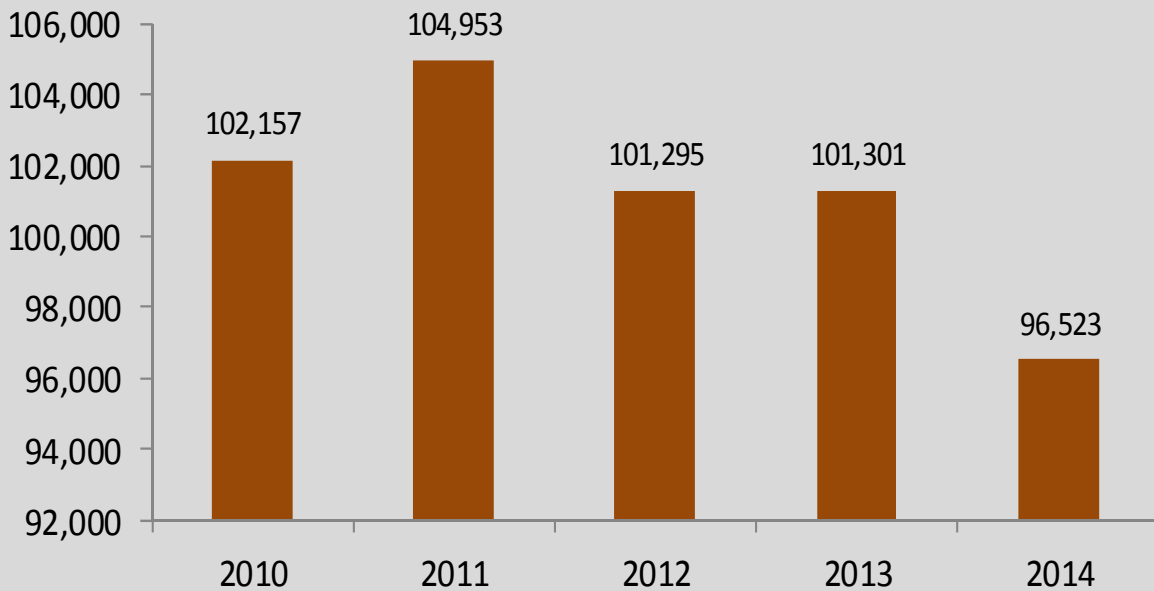
Noise Calls



Police Calls for Service



All Calls Recieved by Dispatch



UCR Totals*

Uniformed Crime Reporting

Offense	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2014 Year - total
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape by Force ***	4	6	2	4	5	3	4	3	5	1	4	3	44
Robbery (all)	3	2	3	0	2	1	2	1	3	2	3	3	25
Aggravated Assault	22	21	15	8	16	9	15	14	11	13	15	9	168
Burglary (all)**	11	20	14	21	23	21	21	10	23	12	14	16	206
Larceny (all)	100	74	119	120	102	94	98	77	105	73	85	115	1,162
Motor Veh Theft	11	5	7	2	3	8	5	8	4	1	4	13	71
Thefts under \$400	77	57	97	99	70	74	75	60	86	58	55	89	897
Thefts over \$400	23	17	22	21	32	20	23	17	19	15	30	26	265
Simple Assault	33	31	42	20	35	29	34	48	39	48	38	33	430
Attempt Rape by Force	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3

*Unfounded offenses are not included in this total.

**Does not include vehicle burglary - that is classified as a larceny. In addition, in July 2013 we began using the correct classification of burglary per FBI: Theft from a structure (4 walls, roof, door), trespassing, intent to commit crime - all must be present to classify as a burglary.

***FBI new definition of rape 1/1/14 - more charges qualify as rape.



In 2014 the Department changed our generic State of California shoulder patch (in place since the late 1950's) to a design that was more representative of the community we serve.

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