

**CITY OF FRESNO**  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Police Cadet  
Records  
Bureau  
1979

Police Cadet  
Patrol Operations  
1980

Police Officer  
1980

Police Specialist  
1985

SWAT  
Team Member  
1985

Patrol Sergeant  
Southwest District  
1985

SWAT Team  
Supervisor  
1986

Internal Affairs  
Sergeant  
1988

Patrol Narcotics  
Enforcement Sergeant  
1990

Major Narcotics  
Sergeant  
1991

Police Lieutenant  
Central District  
1993

Police Lieutenant  
Admin Assistant to Chief  
Public Information Officer  
1995

Police Captain  
Southeast District &  
SkyWatch Commander  
1997

Deputy Chief  
Field Operations Division  
1999

Assistant  
Chief of Police  
1999



**Jerry P. Dyer**  
**Chief of Police**  
**2001 to Present**

**Serving Our Community**  
**40 Years**

# The Fresno Police Department

## **Vision**

To serve our community with  
Honesty, Compassion And Respect.

## **Mission**

To enhance safety, service, and trust within our community.

Keep our community safe by preventing citizens from becoming victims of crime or from being injured in traffic collisions.

**This is our highest priority.**

Provide excellent service to the numerous requests we receive from our community. Our principal duty is to serve.

Maintain the trust of our community. This trust provides every department member with the foundation required to carry out our duties. Without trust we simply do not have the authority to serve our public.

*The phrase "our community" reflects our desire to work side by side, in partnership with our community as we collectively fulfill our mission.*

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DEAR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

I hope you will enjoy reading this year's Annual Report as we provide you with an inside look of your police department.

You will quickly see that members of this department are committed to building relationships of trust with community members, mentoring youth, providing quality police services, and keeping you safe.

We are so proud of the partnerships we have established, such as Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life, Chiefs Advisory Board, Fresno Youth Forums, Police Activities League, Crime Stoppers, Neighborhood Watch, Citizens/Teen/Hispanic Police Academies, and many more.

These partnerships not only build trust and support, they are very much a part of our overall strategy in controlling crime.

Thanks to these partnerships, and outstanding efforts of the men and women at the Fresno Police Department, crime continues to trend downward in our city. The most noticeable decrease in 2018, was a 43% reduction in homicides. That equates to twenty-four fewer families who had to bury a loved one as a result of a violent crime. There was also a 30% reduction in shootings as compared to 2017.

Property crimes fell by 12%, with the largest reductions seen in burglary (-19%) and auto theft (15%). In 2018, Fresno experienced its lowest number of cars stolen in more than 30 years.

I am very proud of this department and the uniform I have been allowed to wear for the past 40 years.

I am also honored to have been able to lead this department and serve as your police chief for nearly 18 years. Thank you for this honor.

Your Servant,

  
Jerry P. Dyer  
Fresno Police Chief



*Safety, Service, Trust*

# ***Letter From Mayor***

## ***Lee Brand***

On behalf of the City of Fresno, I am pleased to present the police department's annual report, one that has special meaning to me. It is the last report that will be published while Chief Jerry Dyer is Fresno Police Chief, and that means the end of a very important era for our community.

For nearly forty years, Chief Dyer has served the residents of Fresno with honor and distinction. Under his leadership, our Police Department has grown and modernized to confront the many challenges facing law enforcement across our nation. His long and distinguished career is a testament to his passion and unwavering commitment to the people of this great city.

Perhaps his greatest legacy, however, will be the continued efforts of our men and women in uniform to hold themselves to the highest standards of excellence to meet the needs of our neighborhoods. Their constant commitment to make Fresno a better place to live, work and play is something of which we can be truly proud.

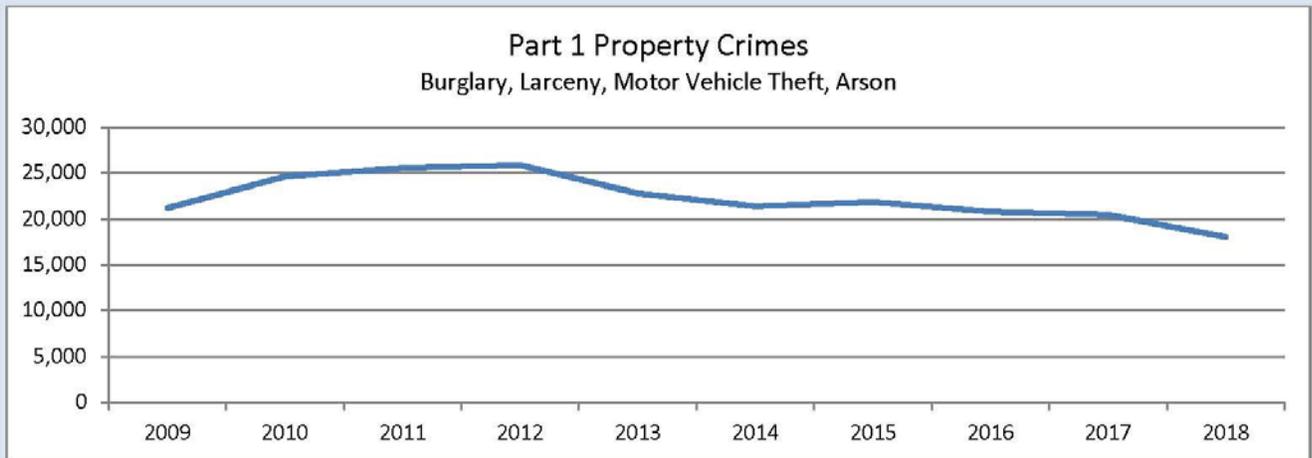
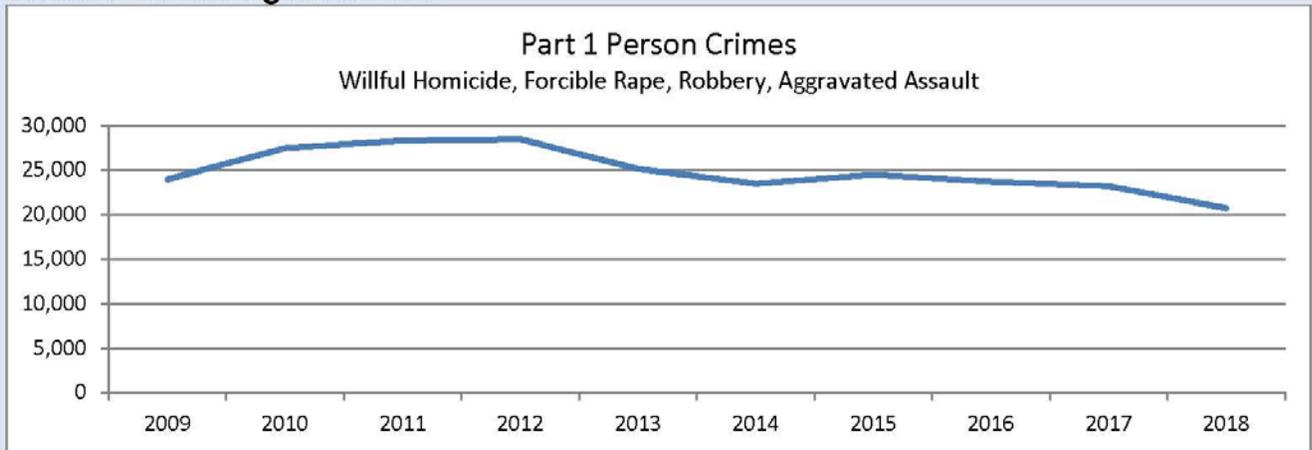
This annual report reflects that commitment – and the department's positive impact on our community is on full display. In addition, our expanded focus on transparency and accountability is showing great results and the additional community outreach with new police substations and a new Southeast Police District station under construction shows that our police department continues to prove it is among the finest in the nation.

To the men and women who serve our citizens, thank you. Your challenges may be greater than ever, but you have proven to be more than equal to the task and you deserve our gratitude. As I have always said, when people feel safe, our neighborhoods thrive, schools improve, businesses invest and our entire city benefits.

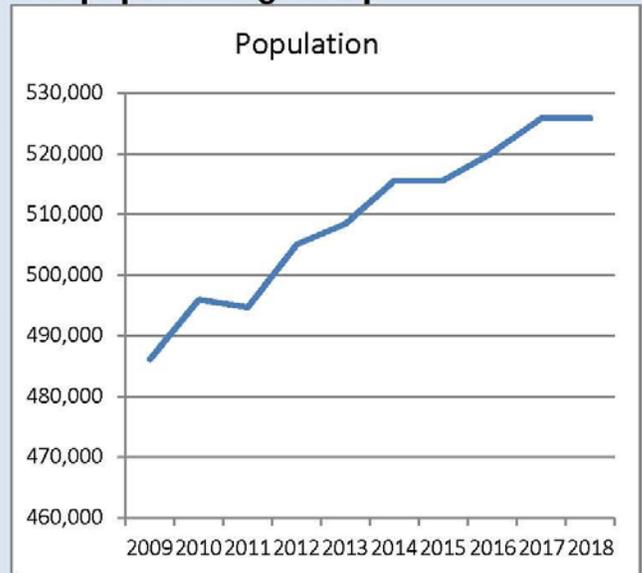
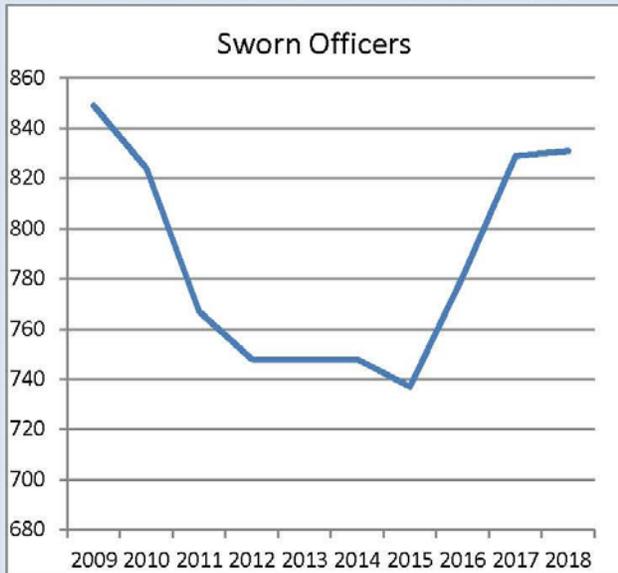


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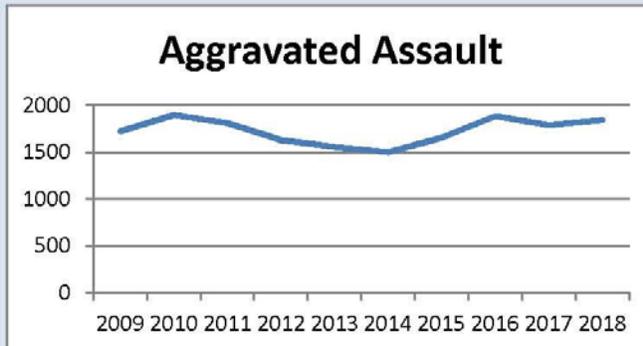
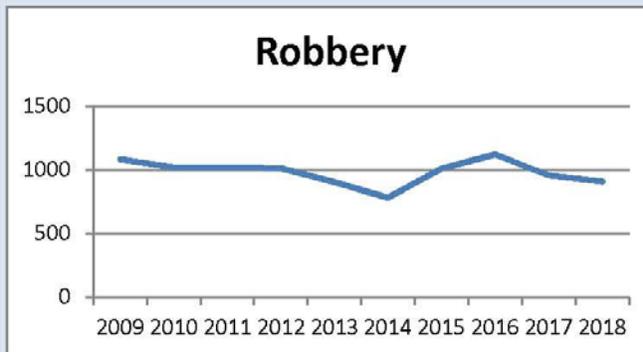
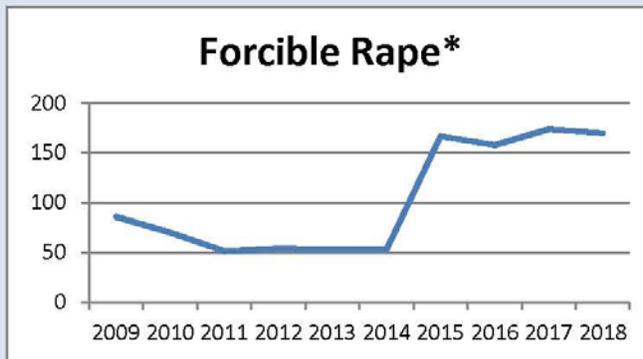
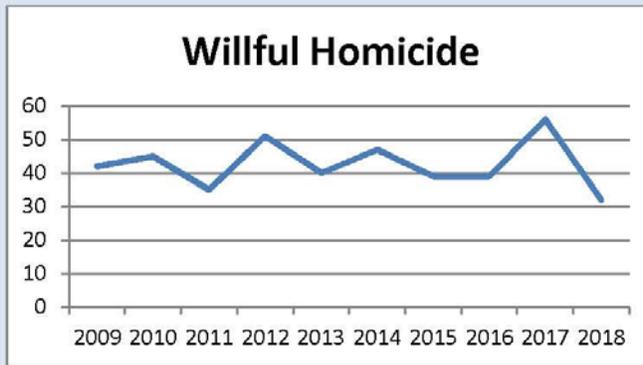
Crime Is Trending Down . . .



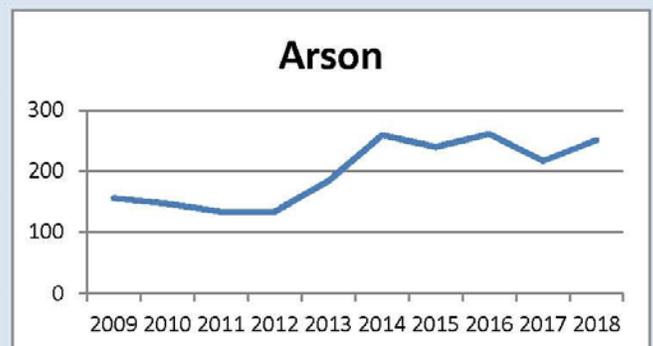
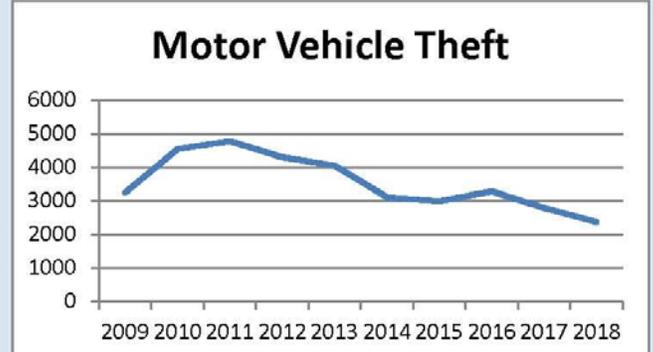
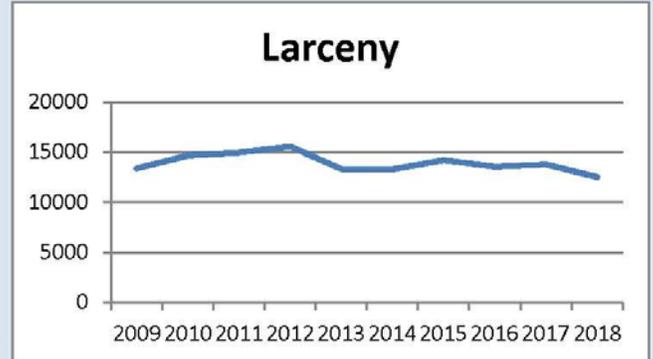
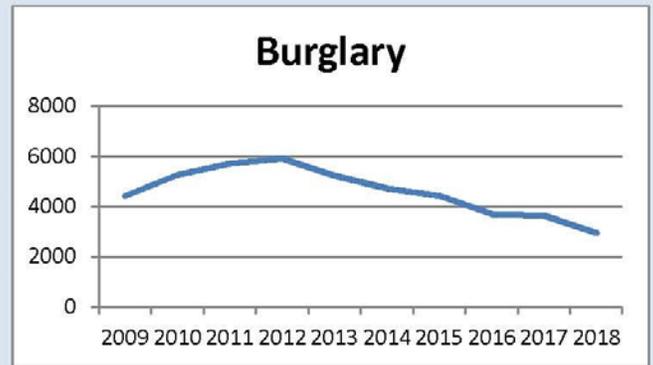
. . . while the number of Police Officers and the population goes up



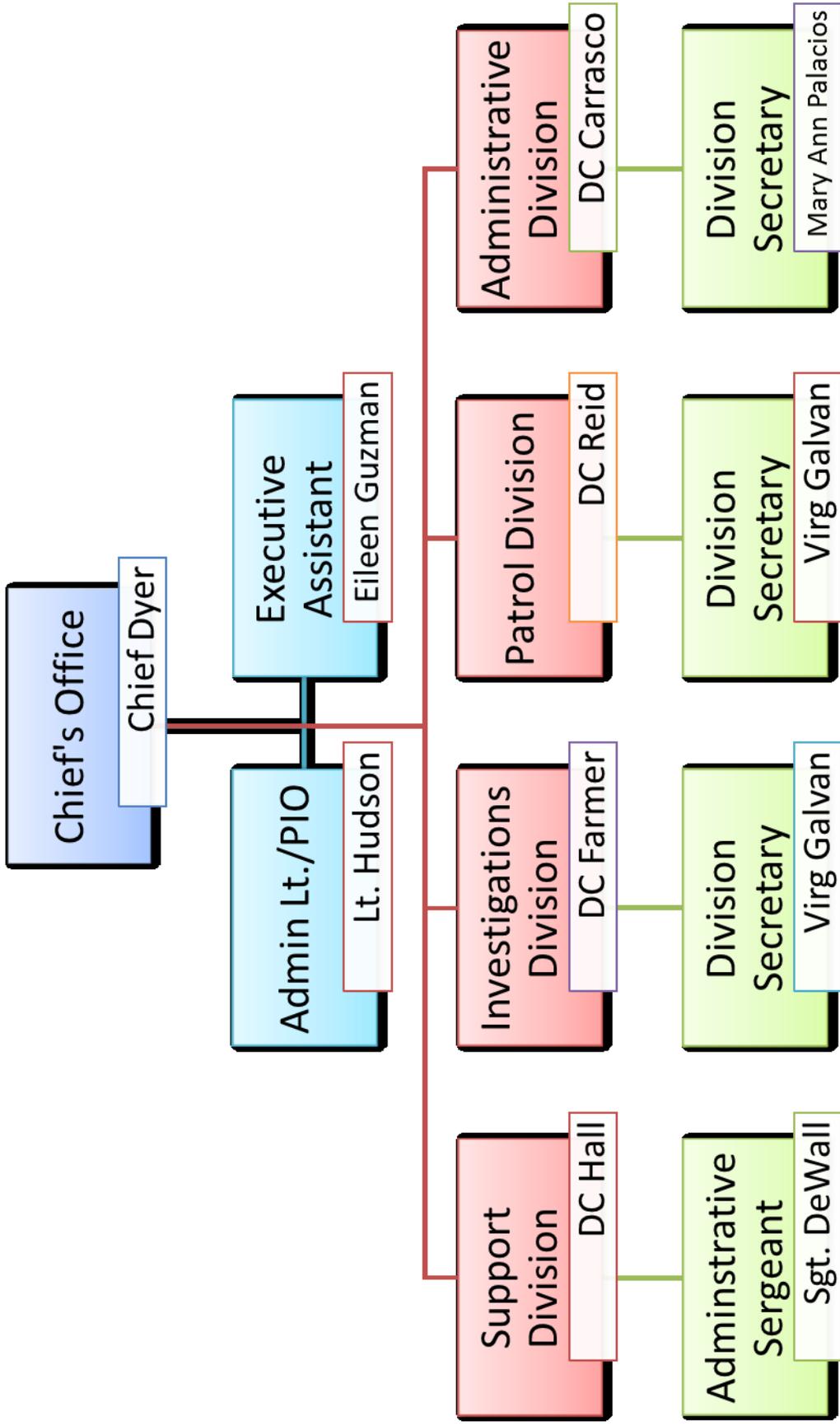
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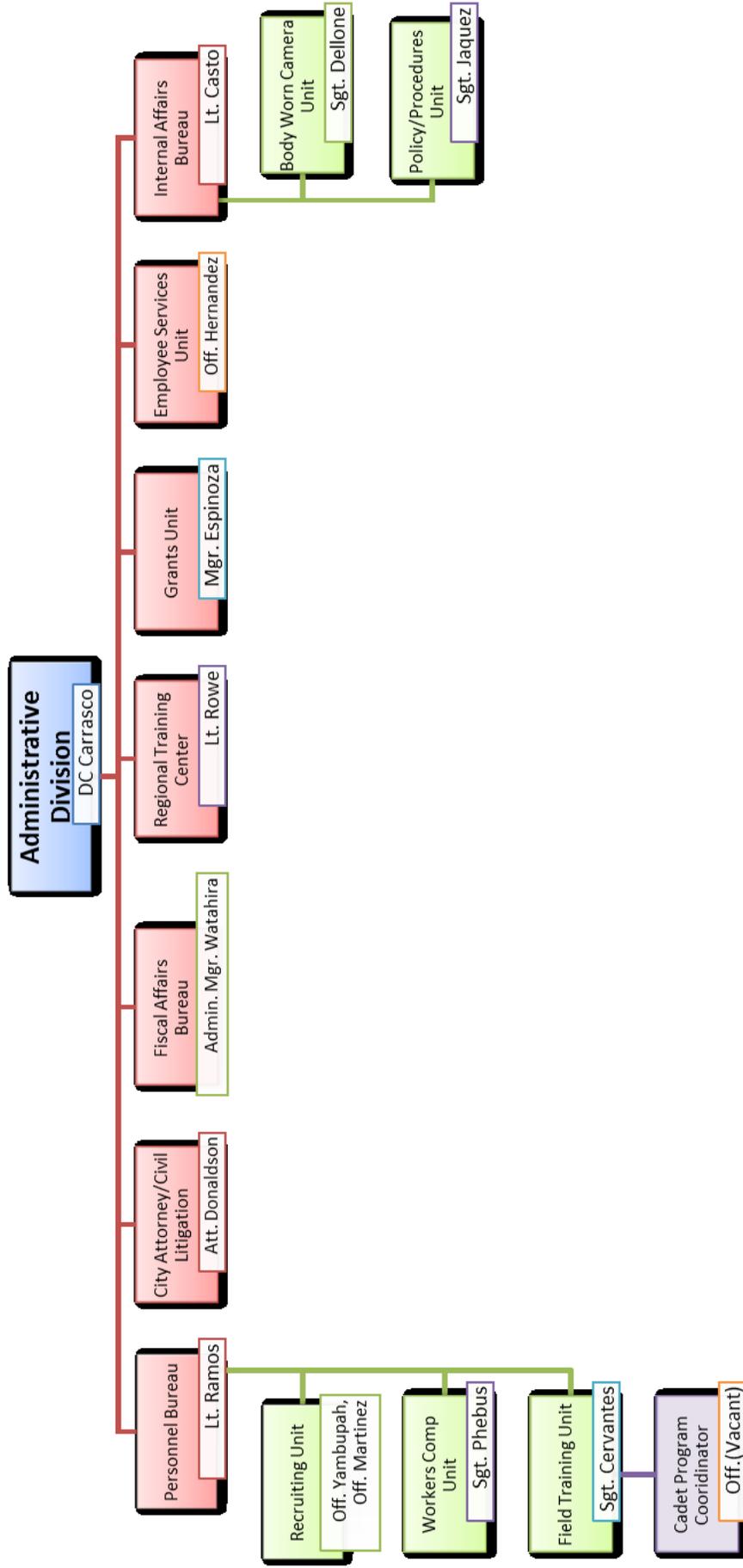


## Part 1 Property Crimes



\*Note: In January 2015, the definition of Sexual Assault changed from gender based (male on female) to any non-gender non-consensual sexual assault.





# 2018 INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

2018 IA Cases			Total #			
Dept Generated IAs			95			
Citizen Generated IAs			48			
Withdrawn/Case Suspended IAs			15			
Total			158			
2018 Inquiries and Formal Complaints (Based On Closed Dates)						
Inquiries			Informal Complaints			
Resolved	Unresolved	Suspended	Suspended	Not Suspended	Unfounded	Exonerated
263	50	1	37	15	69	11
314 Inquiries			132 Informal Complaints			
Total 446						

Internal Affairs effectively and efficiently investigates, in a fair and unbiased manner, allegations of misconduct by members of the Fresno Police Department in order to determine an appropriate administrative response.

California law requires every police agency to have a procedure for investigating citizen complaints and to have a written description of the procedure available for review. The law also stipulates that these internal investigations, reports and findings shall be retained for at least five years. Internal investigations are administrative investigations, which are civil in nature and not criminal. Criminal investigations differ in that they are designed to determine violations of law while administrative investigations deal with the question of compliance or noncompliance with Departmental rules, policies and regulations.

Citizens have a right to expect fair and impartial treatment from law enforcement personnel. Therefore, it is imperative that any police misconduct be reported and corrected as quickly as possible.

For further information, go to:

[www.fresno.gov/police/services-specialunits/internal-affairs/](http://www.fresno.gov/police/services-specialunits/internal-affairs/)

2018 FINDINGS (Includes findings for 2017 cases closed in 2018)	Total # Of Findings 2018 Closed Cases
Sustained	83
Not Sustained	8
Unfounded	21
Exonerated	17
Within Policy* OIS*Person/OIS Dog Firearm Discharge/Lethal Force	18
Withdrawn/Case Suspended	18
Total Findings	165
Open	51

Discipline Issued In 2018 (Includes Discipline For 2017 Cases Closed In 2018)	# Of Each
Terminations	2
Resignations In Lieu Of Discipline	0
Retirement	0
Demotions	0
Suspensions	32
Payments In Lieu Of Fines	0
Letters Of Reprimand	15
Total	49

\*Officer Involved Shooting

## Use of Force Data Collection



On April 2, 2003, the Department began entering Use of Force (UOF) information into the Reportable Response to Resistance database. This is compiled into a report on a quarterly basis. At the end of each calendar year, quarterly data is tabulated and a year-end report produced. The information gathered in this report helps the Department measure how force is used by our officers and indicates if changes to policy, procedures or training should be considered. Each quarterly and year-end report is made available to public and is posted on the City of Fresno internet website.

The Reportable Response to Resistance database contains data on any incident whereby:

1. Members (including K9's) use of force and a person is injured; or
2. Members strike a person with a body part (i.e., fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or
3. Any object (i.e., flashlight, clipboard, etc.); or
4. Members use (not merely display) a Department issued weapon (i.e., baton, chemical agents, Taser, less-lethal shotgun, firearm, etc.) against another.

The Fresno Police Department responded to 450,817 calls for service in 2018 (excluding events handled telephonically). Of those calls, 252 resulted in reportable use of force. This equates to the application of reportable force less than one-tenth of one percent (0.056) of all calls for service Fresno police officers responded to in 2018 and a slight decrease (.015) in reportable UOF in 2018 as compared to 2017.

In 2018, most use of force confrontations occurred on Wednesday and Sundays, and between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 a.m. Male suspects between the ages of 24 and 29 most often engaged officers in use of force situations. The majority of reportable force incidents resulted from calls for service involving assault and suspicious activity related incidents. Approximately 29.6% of all persons who required reportable force were under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both.

In 2018, there was a decrease of officers assaulted. In total, 339 officers were assaulted, equating to a 15.7% decrease compared to 2017, during which 402 officers were assaulted. The 339 officers assaulted in 2018 also represent a 6.6% decrease in the 10 year average of 362.8 Fresno police officers assaulted.

In 2018, officers used reportable force options as follows:

Non-Striking Body Force	40.8%
Body Strike	22.0%
Taser	20.6%
K-9	6.4%
Pepper Spray	3.2%
Firearm	2.5%
Projected Impact Weapon	2.1%
Baton	1.4%
Carotid Restraint	1.1%

In comparing 2017 to 2018, the use of Taser showed a decrease of 2.5%. The use of the projected impact weapon increased by 0.6%. The use of the baton increased by 0.5%. K9 applications decreased by 1.5% while the use of pepper spray increased by 2%. There were no object strikes in 2018 compared to 1 in 2017. There were 7 officer involved shootings in 2018, compared to 5 in 2017.

In 2018, there was a 14.6% decrease in the number of use of force incidents as compared to 2017 and an increase of 7.2% in calls for service. The below table illustrates Calls for Service (CFS) compared to use of force applications over the last

ten years. As compared to 2008, the Department has seen a 44.8% decrease in reportable force incidents.

YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
UOF	457	476	450	467	408	380	330	276	240	295	252
CFS	419,598	419,090	395,586	388,632	403,880	396,555	399,999	418,806	389,232	418,340	450,817

The Department has continued to provide officers with training to develop their ability to interact with persons with mental disabilities, de-escalate confrontations, and intervene in crisis situations. Officers have been provided updates on case law for the use of reportable force.

In 2015, the Department implemented the use of body worn video cameras for patrol officers. During 2018, efforts continued to increase the number of officers equipped with a body worn camera. As of the end of 2018, 452 officers have been issued a body worn camera. The use of the cameras has made officers more conscientious in the manner in which they interact with the public, more patient and creative in resolving conflict. Members of the public may be less confrontational knowing they are being video recorded.

Collectively, the Department's emphasis on use of force scenario based training, the Early Alert System, implementation of body worn video cameras and the nationwide focus on law enforcement has potentially led to the decrease in use of force incidents.

In 2018, there were multiple incidents that involved circumstances under which deadly force was justifiable, however officers demonstrated great restraint by finding alternative methods to de-escalate the situation. For example, officers were on patrol when they were flagged down about a male who had just broken out a car window. The officers learned that a resident was moving his car when an unknown male smashed out his rear window, and hit the driver door window as he was driving. The officers checked the area and located the male who was armed with two metal poles. The officers contacted the male who cursed the officers and told them to shoot him when he was ordered to drop the poles. The male assumed a fighting stance and took a step towards the officers. The officers continued to order the male to drop the poles but the male refused. One officer deployed his Taser on the male which caused the male to drop the poles, allowing the officers to safely handcuff the male.

# Regional Training Center RTC

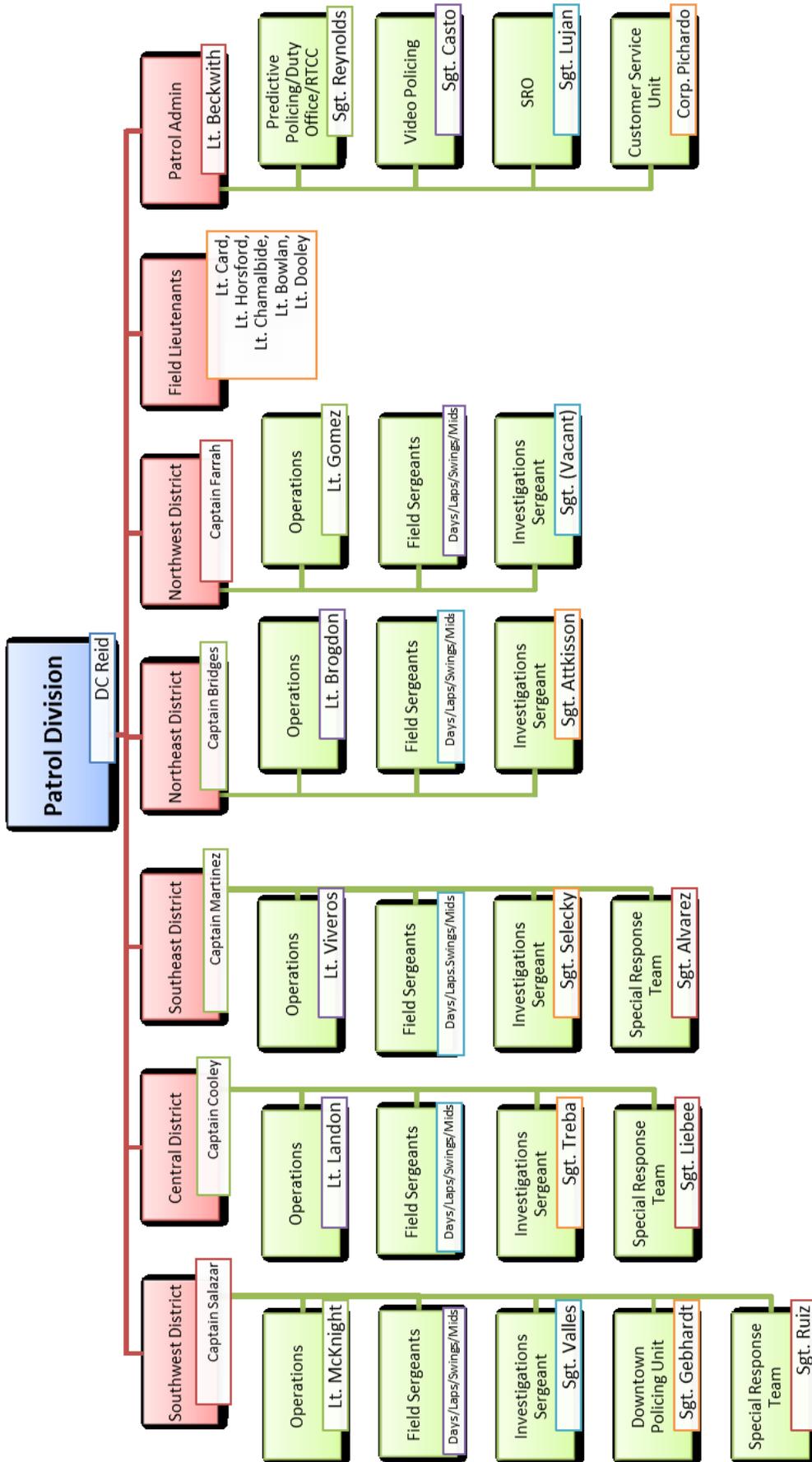
Our Regional Training Center (RTC) was opened in September 2010 and serves as the primary training grounds for all Fresno PD personnel as well as officers throughout the state for the past eight years. The facility sits on 78 acres and consists of several classrooms, a high speed driving course, driving / force option simulators and 7 firearm ranges including a 200 yard rifle range. A training tower is located on the rifle range where tactical teams can practice rappelling and long range precision shooting.

Staffing for the RTC is comprised of 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 10 officers and 3 professional support staff. Additionally, the RTC hosts outside vendors who utilize the facility to provide the highest quality of training to first responders and public safety personnel, including fire and EMS. The RTC boasts a high speed driving track with a skid pan where officers can learn vehicle operations and pursuit intervention techniques. The motorcycle officer course is known as one of the only courses of its kind offered in the state. A wide range of skill levels are trained at the RTC from academy cadets to tactical teams.



# Regional Training Center





# **REAL TIME CRIME CENTER RTCC**



**The Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)** is a state of the art tactical communications facility equipped with cutting edge hardware, software, radio communications and video surveillance technologies. The primary purpose of the RTCC is to rapidly provide accurate and actionable information to officers responding to emergency calls, in order to enhance the safety of the officers and the community.

RTCC operators continually monitor incoming high priority calls for service to determine whether there is information available from any number of available sources that can be relayed to officers in the field. They immediately engage by monitoring video surveillance cameras in the area, the locations of responding units and radio communications involved with the call, checking call history at the location, and searching for information needed by the responding officers. In addition to having access to the Department's Video Policing cameras, the operators can also directly access video from nearly 3,000 public and privately owned cameras, which include cameras from Fresno Unified School District campuses and River Park Shopping Center. All pertinent information is relayed to responding officers via radio or electronic communication methods.

RTCC operators proactively monitor high crime areas identified by the Department's crime prediction software, PredPol. They also monitor gunshot incidents identified by the Department's gunshot detection system, ShotSpotter.

In 2018, 246,260 high priority calls came through the RTCC, with 52,820 of them actively worked by RTCC personnel. Video Policing camera were used in 24,259 of those incidents.



# CENTRAL

## FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

2018 brought another successful and exciting year for the Central District. The Central District completed its second full year, after being re-established in late 2016. The Central Policing District rests within the heart of the City, with busy shopping, entertainment venues and diverse neighborhoods. The District is home to Manchester Center, the Blackstone corridor, the Tower District, Fresno City College and more. Central District personnel successfully continued their mission of reducing crime and strengthening community policing efforts. 2018 brought an overall crime reduction of 15.7% in the District, compared to the previous year.

The hard work and dedication from Central personnel and our community partners resulted in Violent Crime being reduced by 6.3% and Property Crime being reduced by 17.3%. The District saw its largest reduction with the Homicide rate, which was down by 71.4% as compared to the previous year. This reduction, at least in part, can be attributed to the District and Department wide efforts to remove illegal firearms from our streets. Thanks to the hard work by Central District Detectives and Officers by identifying and arresting the right offenders. 2018 also saw a 34.5% reduction in residential and commercial burglaries



2018 brought the newly formed Tower District Bicycle Patrol Unit. The Tower District is a popular entertainment venue which draws thousands of visitors. The increase in visitors in the area also presents more opportunities for criminals to break into vehicles.



**Central Policing District**

The Central District Investigations Unit, along with the Tower Bike Unit and the Central District Special Response Team, conducted frequent and concentrated operations to reduce vehicle burglaries in the area and arrest those responsible for the crimes.

The Tower Bike Unit provided an increased presence in the neighborhood and allowed more personal interaction with business owners and visitors. The District's efforts resulted in an overall 19.5% reduction of vehicle burglaries, as compared to the previous year.



Throughout the year, the men and women of the Central District continued to build partnerships in the community. Through the efforts of our Crime Prevention Community Service Officer, nine new Neighborhood Watch groups were formed in 2018. Central personnel worked closely with several churches and schools in the area. Officers participated in many events such as Coffee with a Cop, Trunk or Treat at Manchester Center, Halloween in the Tower District, Christmas Tree Lane and purchasing holiday gifts for children through Heroes and Helpers. The Central District organized and hosted the first annual “Cuts for Christmas” at the Manchester Center. A strong partnership with multiple local businesses allowed 170 children to receive free haircuts just before Christmas.



# **NORTHEAST POLICING DISTRICT**



The Northeast Policing District encompasses approximately 29 square miles and services a population of over 130,000 residents. The district reaches from the San Joaquin River on the north to the Fresno Yosemite International Airport on the south and extends from Blackstone Avenue east all the way to the City of Clovis. In 2018, Northeast District personnel handled 90,266 calls for service.

The Northeast Policing District is home to Fashion Fair and River Park, two major shopping and entertainment attractions in the central valley. California State University Fresno and Woodward Park are also located in the Northeast District, along with St. Agnes and Kaiser Hospitals.

Between 2017 and 2018, property crimes in the Northeast District decreased by -16.8%. Burglary experienced the greatest decrease of all property crimes, dropping -17.8% in 2018. In addition to the decrease in burglary numbers, the clearance rate for burglary increased by +40%. Part I offenses dropped by -15% in 2018 compared to 2017. Specifically, incidents of rape decreased by -18.6% and homicide by -20% from 2017 to 2018.

In 2018, the El Dorado Park neighborhood was assigned two full-time bicycle patrol officers to help prevent crime and develop relationships with members of the community. Northeast District detectives and our Problem Oriented Policing (POP) officer stay busy working with businesses, churches and schools to address crime and quality of life issues. The work done by patrol officers and detectives are often followed-up with a visit from our Crime Prevention Community Service Officer (CSO), who provides information to residents and business owners on ways they can prevent future crime.



Northeast District Citizens on Patrol (COP) volunteers are charged with patrolling neighborhoods to remind residents that keeping their garage doors closed helps prevent theft.



*Coffee With a Cop*



*Serving the Community*



In addition to handling calls for service and investigating crime, Northeast District personnel engaged members of the community during a number of fun and rewarding events. From the holiday “Operation Christmas Cheer” and the “Reading Heart” book giveaway to regular Coffee with a Cop sessions. Northeast District Officers worked hard to develop and maintain partnerships with community members



*Christmas at the Northwest District*

**Northwest District**

# Northwest Policing District

On March 7, 2018, the Fresno Police Department opened a new Northwest District station at Shaw and Marks. Mayor Lee Brand, Chief Jerry Dyer, several Fresno City Council members and over 300 community residents were on hand to welcome our officers into the neighborhood. The 10,000 square foot facility is located in the heart of the Northwest District, and will allow us to impact crime, host community meetings and quickly respond to the more than 150,000 residents we serve. The new station includes a welcoming front lobby, secure parking, a Community Conference Room and a fully equipped gym, thanks to a generous donation from the Zinkin Family.



2018 continued to show a reduction in crime in the Northwest District, including a 36% decrease in reported sexual assault incidents. Property crime also dropped 12%, with vehicle burglaries falling 20% and vehicle thefts down 12%. Additionally, commercial and residential burglaries plummeted 19%. Working together, our officers, Citizens on Patrol, and Northwest residents reduced crime an overall 10% in 2018. We look forward to using Neighborhood Watch, Facebook, NextDoor and community events to reduce crime, inform the community of crime trends and build relationships in our neighborhoods. Thank you to everyone in the Northwest District for making our community stronger and safer, together.



In 2018, Northwest personnel attended over 140 community events ranging from block parties to “Shop with a Cop” and holiday food deliveries to families in need. Officers and residents enjoyed the "Water Jamboree with Fresno PD" at the Pinedale Community Center, a presentation for foster youth in Fresno and several mentoring sessions with 8th graders from Baird, Tenaya and Wawona Middle Schools. During the Christmas season, officers and volunteers hosted Santa’s Village, with Santa and his Elves in the Pinedale and Highway City communities, bringing gifts, food, crafts and cheer to hundreds of our residents.

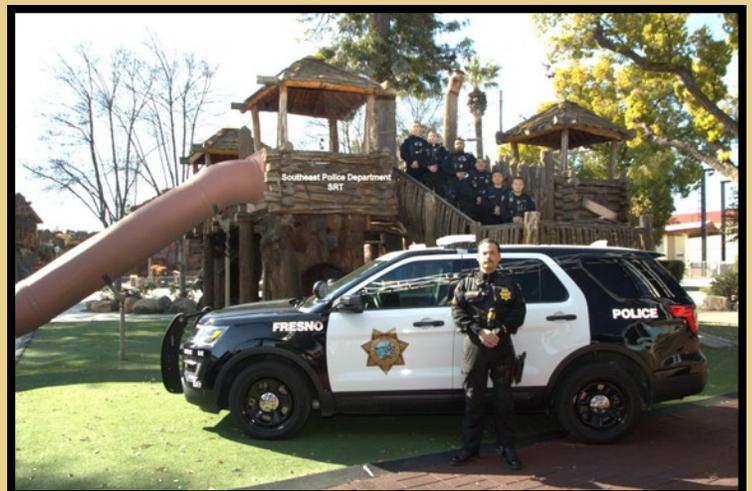


# ***Southeast Policing District***

The Southeast Policing District prides itself in having a multi-cultural community, which is the true melting pot in the City of Fresno. The District boundaries are expanding as new housing developments, retail developments and schools are sprouting up throughout the eastern portion of the District. Already the largest of all five policing districts, Southeast's expansion is not seen as a challenge, but instead as an opportunity to continue to bridge our community with law enforcement with the greater resources we will have.

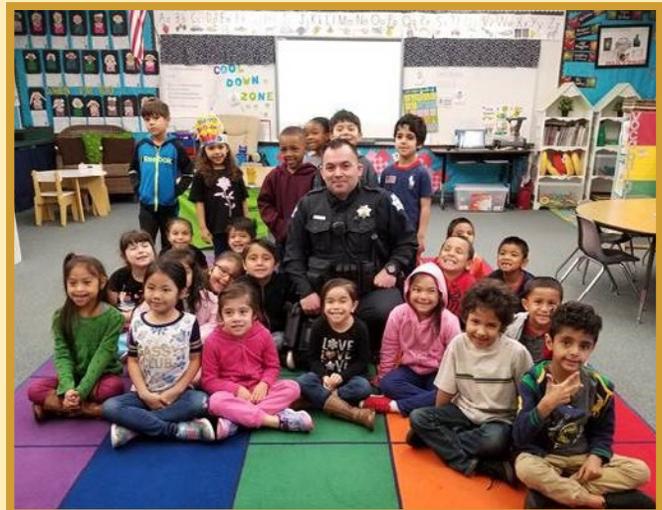


This year we saw the return of a much welcomed proactive tactical team. The Southeast Special Response Team (SRT) hit the ground running and didn't stop all year. The team made 318 felony arrests and seized 66 firearms. They made over 3,000 traffic stops and over 1,000 pedestrian checks. In total, Southeast Policing District personnel seized 165 guns which had a direct impact on violent crime. The District saw a 31% reduction in homicides and a 19% reduction in shootings. There was also a reduction in property crime in Southeast. The District saw a 5% reduction in burglaries and a 20% reduction in auto theft. The District's overall property crime rate was down nearly 4%.





The Southeast Policing District continued their partnership with various community groups. In addition to the 196 community events attended, we held our first annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament. The event consisted of 15 youth and adult teams, and one Southeast District officer team. The event was a huge success bringing the police and local youth together for a great night of fun and competition.



***Making a difference  
In Our Community***

**SOUTHEAST**

# Southwest Policing District

In 2018, the Southwest District experienced significant crime reductions and deepened its community engagement efforts. One of our chief crime reduction strategies was implementing a simple but battle-tested philosophy: Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement.

2018 showed a reduction of -53% in Homicide, and for the third year in a row, shootings decreased -37%; 92 shootings in 2018 171 shootings in 2016, 144 shootings in 2017. SW did not have a homicide in the last six months of 2018 which had not occurred since over a decade.



In 2018, SW led the City in a decrease of Total Violent Crime by a reduction of -19%. SW also had the fewest robberies, burglaries, vehicle thefts and overall crime citywide.

SW officers recovered 171 firearms from gang members and over 98% of those cases were filed by the District Attorney's Office. This means those committing violent crime were held accountable for their crime.

At a December 2018 Crime View press conference, Chief Jerry Dyer noted to the media that Trust was at an all-time high in SW Fresno. That trust was earned by SW officers who worked around-the-clock, engaging the community and building and enhancing those relationships from every corner of the District. Highlights include:

Creation of “Good Times are Back at Frank H. Ball” (GTBFHB). During the summer, SW officers, PARCS personnel, and community leaders brought Movies, Hot dogs, Swimming and a tournament style basketball games to over 6,000 youth and families each Wednesday.



**“Good Times are Back at Frank H. Ball”**



“Bringing Neighborhoods Back to Life” Events included: a Job Fair, multi-cultural celebration and other themes.



*Additional Highlights:*

SW received the Fresno Unified School District’s Community Partnership Award for mentoring at every SW elementary school.

Officers Chaperoned Mrs. Mona Tatum’s African-American dance troupe from King Elementary to see the Lion King at Selland Arena.

Thousands of dollars were raised for equipment needs at the SW community centers.



# Santa's Village

Santa's Village  
at  
The Grand  
2-day event  
with over 4,000  
families  
attending





Officers participating in "Donuts with Dad."



During the summer, Southwest & BBNBTL have 2-3 Block Parties a month, to include other events such as, Movies in the Park at Frank H Ball and Halloween "Safe Night."



# Engaging in our Community

# ***Downtown Policing Unit***



The Downtown Policing Unit consists of five officers and a sergeant. Our unit is dedicated to keeping the streets of Downtown Fresno safe and reducing property crimes. The Downtown Policing Unit also covers the day-to-day businesses, lunch meetings and impromptu festivals held in the Downtown area. DPU works several events that require police presence. In 2018, these events brought in an estimated 370,000 people for Fresno Convention SMG group and 720,000 people for Chukchansi Park. It is anticipated that events in 2019 will exceed those numbers. Other events include; Grizzly games, Fresno Football Club games, Alley Wave, Art Hop and Taco Throwdown.



# Downtown Policing District



Last year Downtown Fresno saw significant reduction in property crimes with almost a non-existent part one crime along Fulton. This year, 2019, those numbers are on track to continue that downward reduction. We achieve this by deploying vehicles and bicycles to proactively help deter crime. DPU investigates its own crimes, such as thefts, assaults and burglaries. Our officers write their own arrest warrants, search warrants and aggressively investigate crimes that affect Downtown. Being on bicycles requires our officers to remain in good shape and have a community policing mentality throughout our contacts with the public. The Downtown Policing Unit is committed to seeing Downtown grow and ensuring the public can feel safe when visiting our home we call Downtown Fresno.



## ***Student Resource Officers***



**The Fresno Police Department Staff Student Resource Officers, SROs** at seventeen school campuses in the City of Fresno. These campuses include high schools, continuation schools, middle schools in the Fresno Unified School District, Central Unified School District, and Fresno County Office of Education. Some of the duties of the SROs on these campuses include: working with the school site staff to make the campus safe, provide safety recommendations to site staff, investigate crimes and detect and deter criminal activity on school campuses. They also provide a positive role model and mentor to the children on campus and in the community, bridging the gap between law enforcement and youth.

SROs work with local businesses impacted by students both before and after school. As a result of the officers being in the schools, the district along with the department and judicial staff have come up with alternative practices other than the arrest of juveniles with programs such as: youth court, restorative practice and the community justice conferences. SRO's recruit juveniles to be an active part of the Fresno Police Department Chiefs Youth Advisory Committee as well as taking part in the Youth Town Hall Meeting.

# ***Student and Neighborhood Resource Officers***

## **SNRO**

The Student and Neighborhood Resource Officer, SNRO Unit, is supported by a three-year federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant and a partnership between the Fresno Police Department and the Fresno Unified School District. SNROs work to ensure the safety of the students and school personnel on their campuses. They investigate incidents that occur at the schools, assist with mediation to prevent criminal violations and mentor the students. They also work in the neighborhoods, around the middle schools and elementary schools, that feed into their assigned middle schools. They address crime in the neighborhoods and quality of life issues that put our school aged youth at risk.

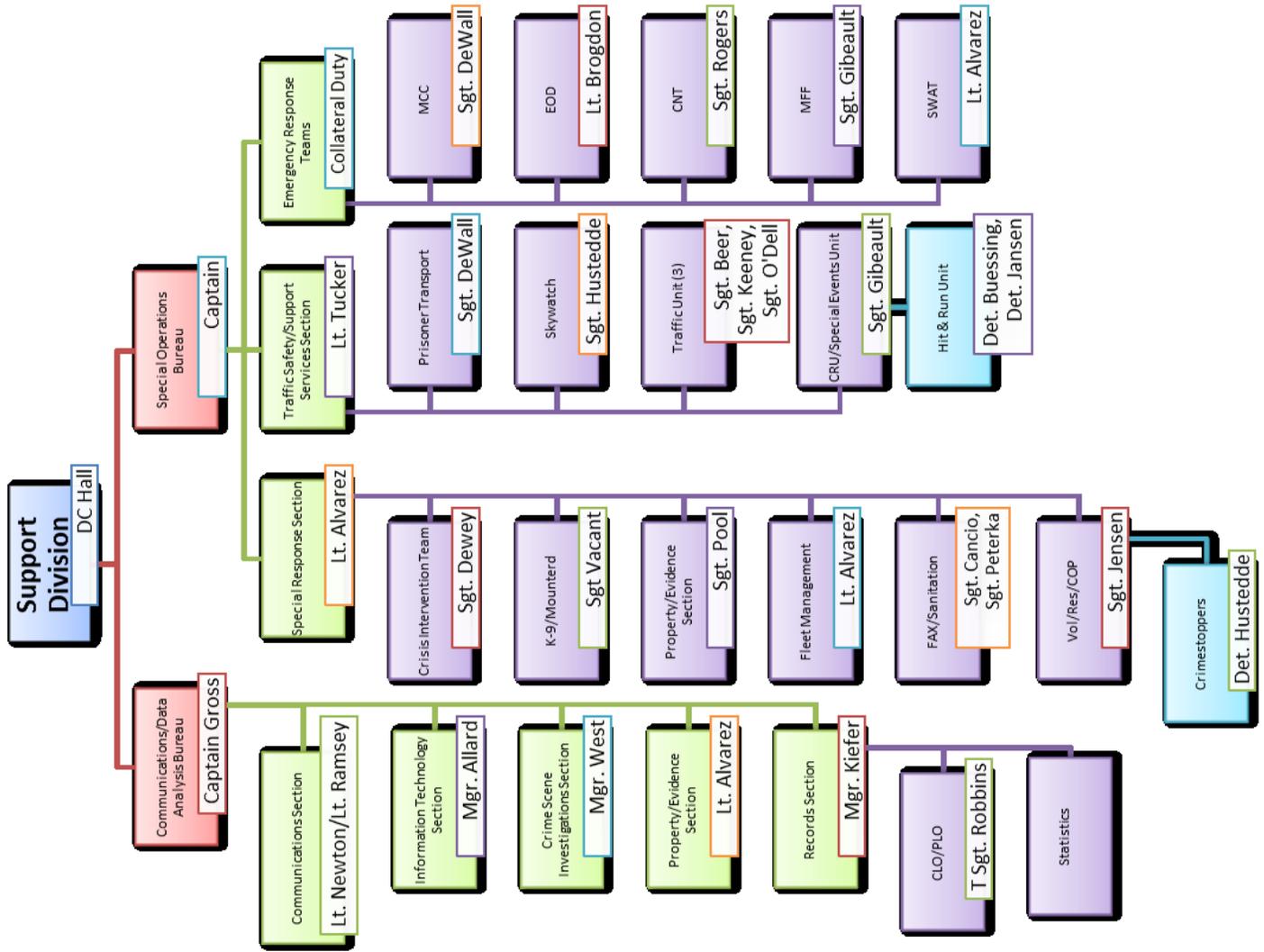




**Pumpkin Patch**

**Monterey Trip**





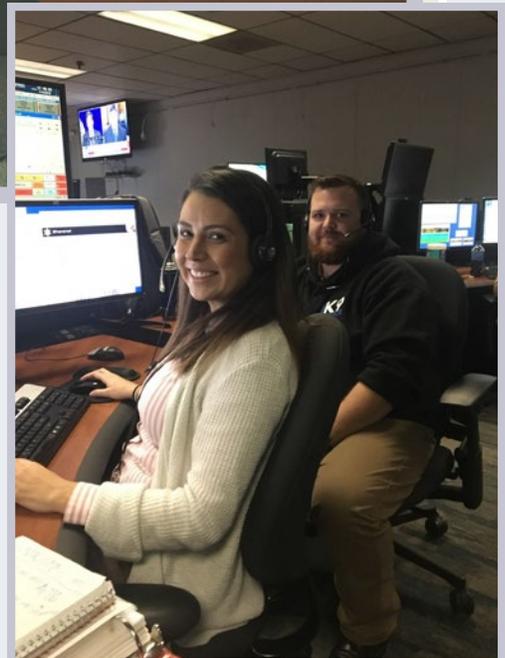
# Communications Center

## ComGen



After the completion of the 2017 Communications Center remodel, the Police Department and City of Fresno focused their efforts in 2018 on public safety by hiring new dispatchers and for the first time since the recession, the FPD Communications Center was fully staffed by October 2018. From the time new dispatchers are hired and due to the uniqueness of the profession, it takes at least a year of training for them to be fully released and on their own to serve our community.

In 2018, FPD dispatchers answered 317,000 emergency 911 calls and 460,000 non-emergency or law enforcement support related calls. For 2019, the focus on public safety will continue with the approval of eight additional dispatchers. Once all these new dispatchers are trained, they will certainly assist us in reaching our overall goal of answering 95% of all 911 emergency calls in under 15 seconds.



# ***Court Liaison Office***

## ***Prosecution Liaison Office***



The Court Liaison Office is responsible for accepting, processing and distributing all work-related subpoenas and legal notices for the Department and coordinating member appearances at these proceedings. This office also tracks the progress of the hearings and provides the final dispositions to department members. It is not uncommon for the clerks to process over 300 subpoenas on any given day.

The Prosecutor Liaison Office is responsible for filing all of the Fresno Police Department's criminal complaints with Fresno's Superior Court. They ensure that Department detectives are notified about filing deadlines for all in-custody felony suspects. They are responsible for delivering all Criminal Complaint Packets (both felony & misdemeanor) to the District Attorney's Office, for filing the formal legal complaints at the Courts by their established deadlines and for notifying the Jail about the court filings to prevent the early release of in-custody suspects. During 2018, this unit processed 19,173 reports.

PLO works feverishly daily to meet the state mandate of timely filing of criminal charges against suspects. Thousands of cases not assigned to Investigations become the filing responsibility of six (6) Police Support Services Technicians. Anyone, officers included, who has worked in PLO is amazed by the vast knowledge required to get the job done.

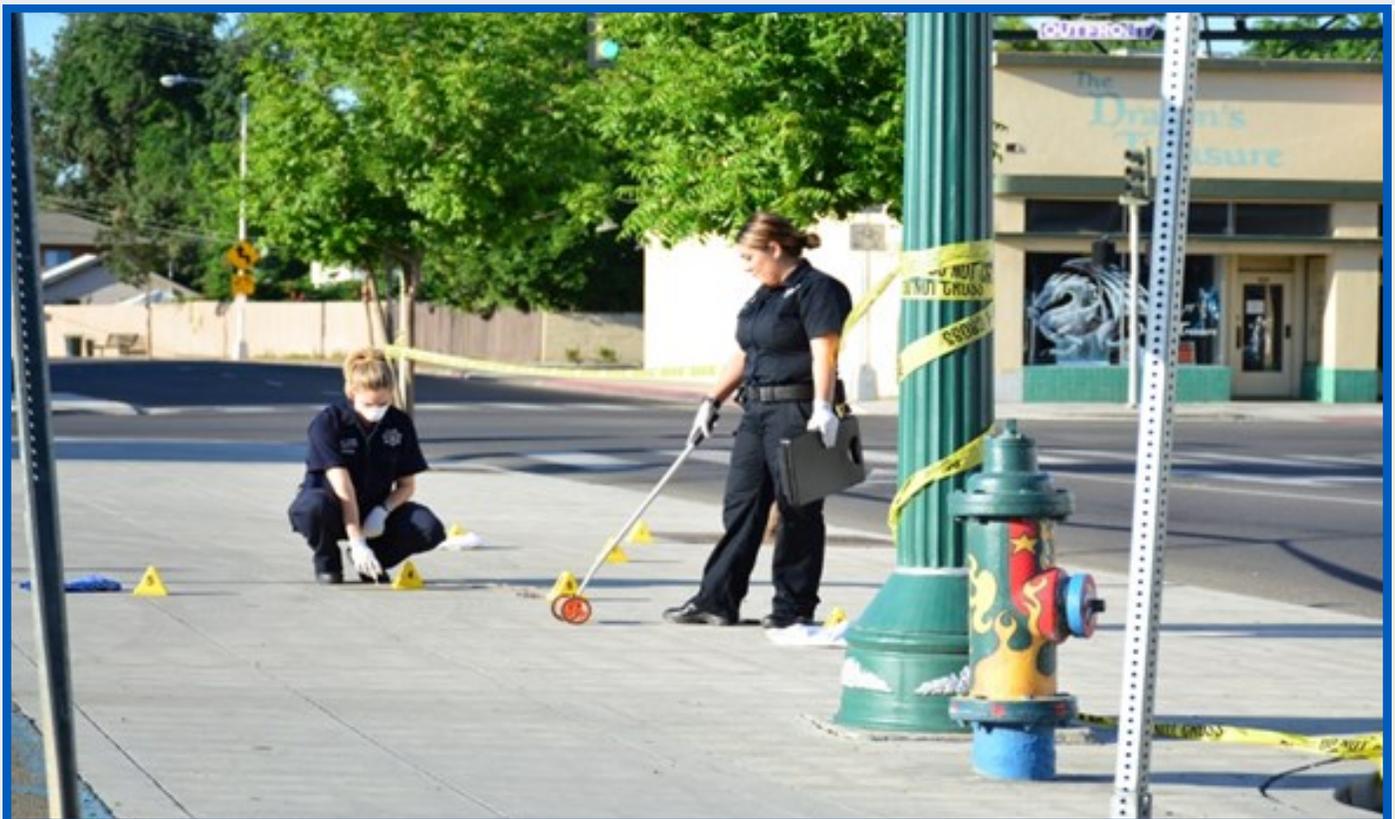


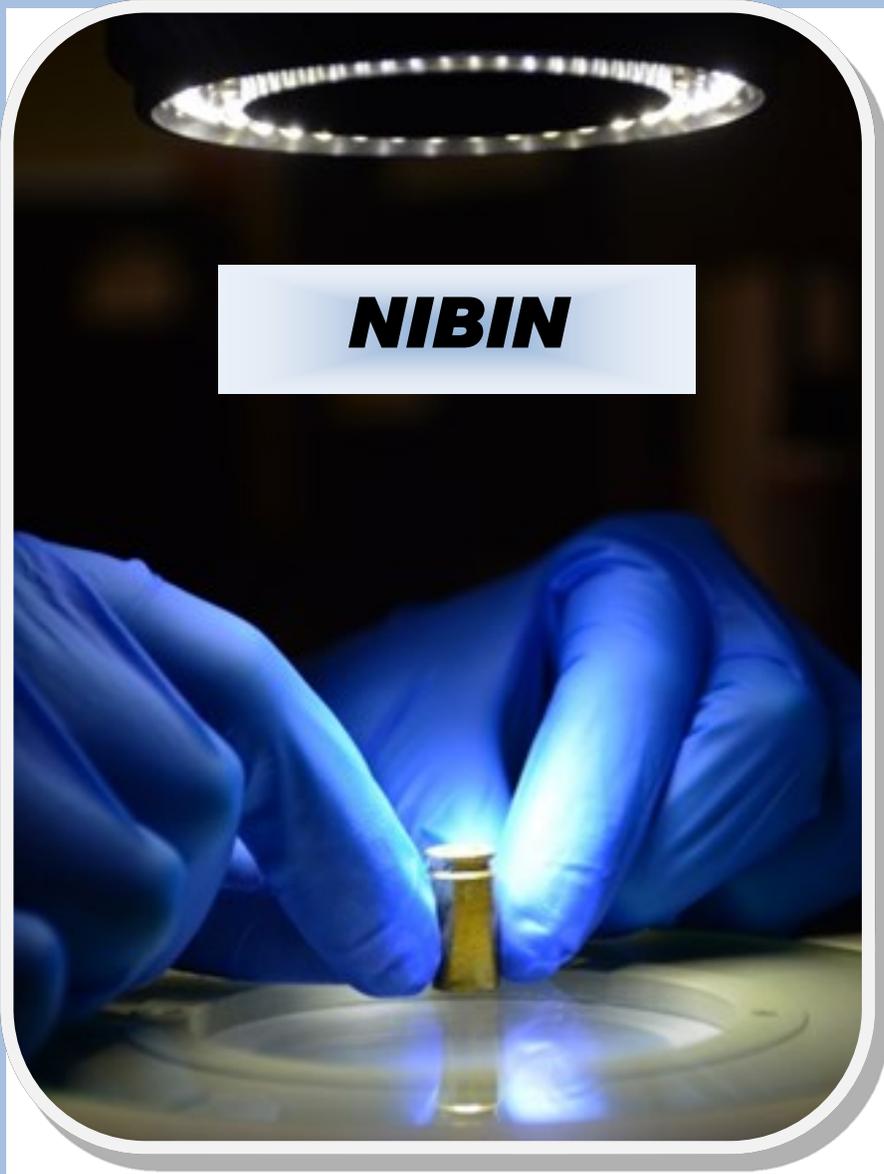
# Crime Scene Investigation Section

## CSIS

Nineteen Crime Scene Investigation Section (CSIS) technicians provide specialized crime scene investigation and forensic support services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services include crime scene processing (Including Homicides and OIS's), evidence photography, expert courtroom testimony, blood and DNA sample collection, crime scene diagram construction, latent fingerprint processing and development, entry of cartridge casings into the NIBIN database, narcotic presumptive drug testing, entry of finger and palm print evidence into local, state and federal fingerprint databases and latent fingerprint and palm print comparisons to identified suspects.

In 2018, the CSI Section responded to approximately 7300 crime scenes. Over 550 subjects were positively identified via fingerprint matches. The cadets assigned to the prisoner processing section of the CSI Section processed over 13,000 arrestees in 2018.





Calendar year 2018 marked our first full year of operation with the National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). This system, administered by ATF, links expended cartridge casings, from different crime scenes, or test fire cartridges from recovered firearms, to one another. By knowing that the same firearm was used at different locations, investigators can pool their knowledge to help solve multiple shooting crimes faster. **During calendar year 2018, CSI technicians assigned to the NIBIN section generated 206 gunfire related leads for the Investigations Division to follow up on. These leads impacted 306 FPD cases.**

# Property and Evidence Control Section

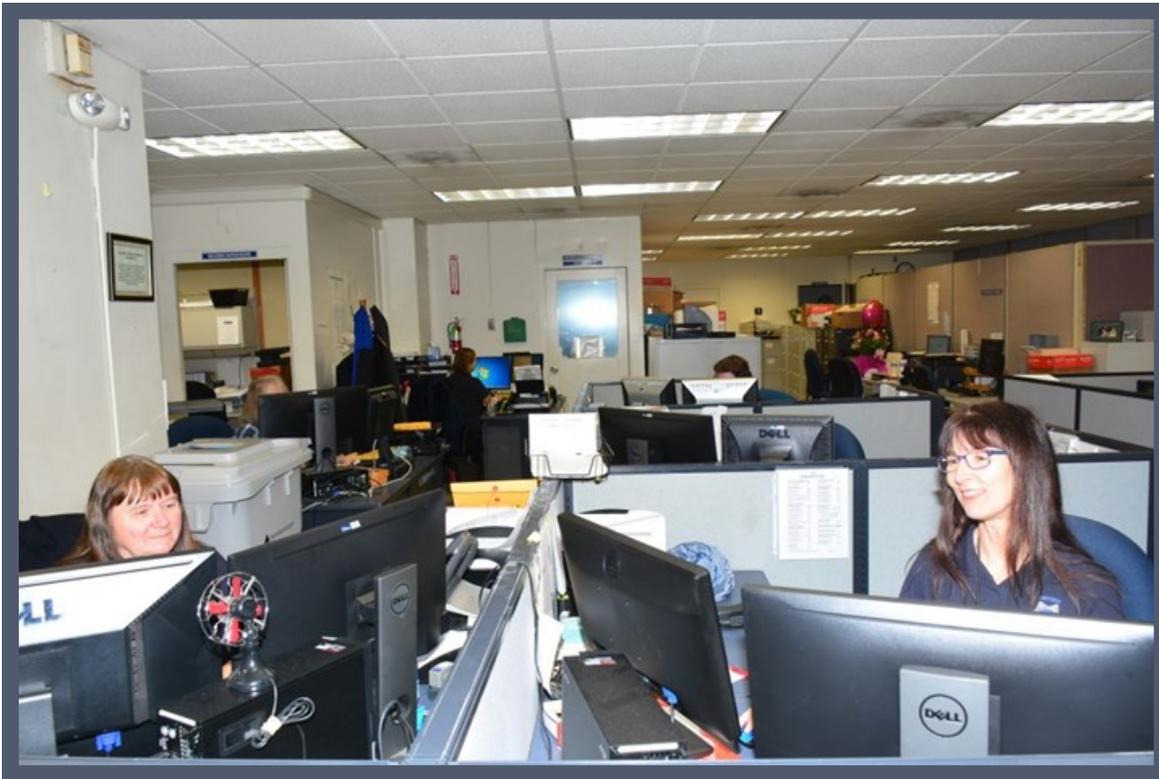


The Property and Evidence Control Section is responsible for receiving and storing all items recovered and seized by the Department. This includes items of evidence, found property, and items stored for safekeeping. During 2018, the Department maintained an average of over 250,000 separate items of property and evidence in storage. This inventory is meticulously tracked in order to preserve the chain of custody necessary when a specific item is introduced during the judicial process.

In 2018, the Property and Evidence Control Section received 35,782 items. Due to the diligence of Department personnel conducting weekly case reviews, Property and Evidence Technicians were able to dispose of 48,737 items during 2018. It is not very often that a police agency is able to achieve a year-end purge rate of over 100 percent.



# RECORDS



Records Police Support Technicians and Clerks perform numerous duties including but not limited to Record Sealing, Criminal History, Archival Document searches, documentation of all requests and releases, Daily Crime Bulletin, PRA research, public counter requests, teletype entry and numerous telephone queries.

**Records** has 6 work stations to accommodate service requests;  
**Public Counter**-assists citizens at Lobby area **Law**

**Counter**-assist citizens on phone and other agencies at counter

**Teletype**-critical position that enters Missing Persons, stolen/impounded vehicles/boats/trailers, property, guns, felony or armed/dangerous vehicles, restraining orders and proofs of service, officer safety BOL's, etc.

**PRA** – responds to subpoenas for documents. Liaison with City Atty's office.

**Case Clearance** – processes, scans, attaches and distributes priority paperwork.

**Copy Scan** - processes cites and attachment scanning.

# POLICE DATA TRANSCRIPTIONISTS

Police Data Transcriptionists work from a computerized dictation system to transcribe and type a variety of police records, interviews and reports. They interact with sworn and non-sworn personnel in coordinating tasks, clarifying assignments and determining the priority of work to be completed.

PDT personnel have a certified accuracy to transcribe at a net rate of 180 WPM with a 97.5 percent accuracy rate.



Police Support Technician Jose Gonzalez is in the Headquarters Lobby explaining what to expect when contacting Records. These citizens are enrolled in the HRA, Hispanic Residents Academy. Thank you to the Gang Prevention Initiative for facilitating this opportunity of community education.

## Special Events

FPD Records section was able to celebrate the years of service of Records Supervisor Nancy Denny with her family, friends and many of the employees who were fortunate enough to have come into contact with her during her 43 years with the Fresno Police Department. On June 7th, Chief Dyer dedicated the Records Bureau in her memory. The plaque was installed on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Many memories were shared and treasured.

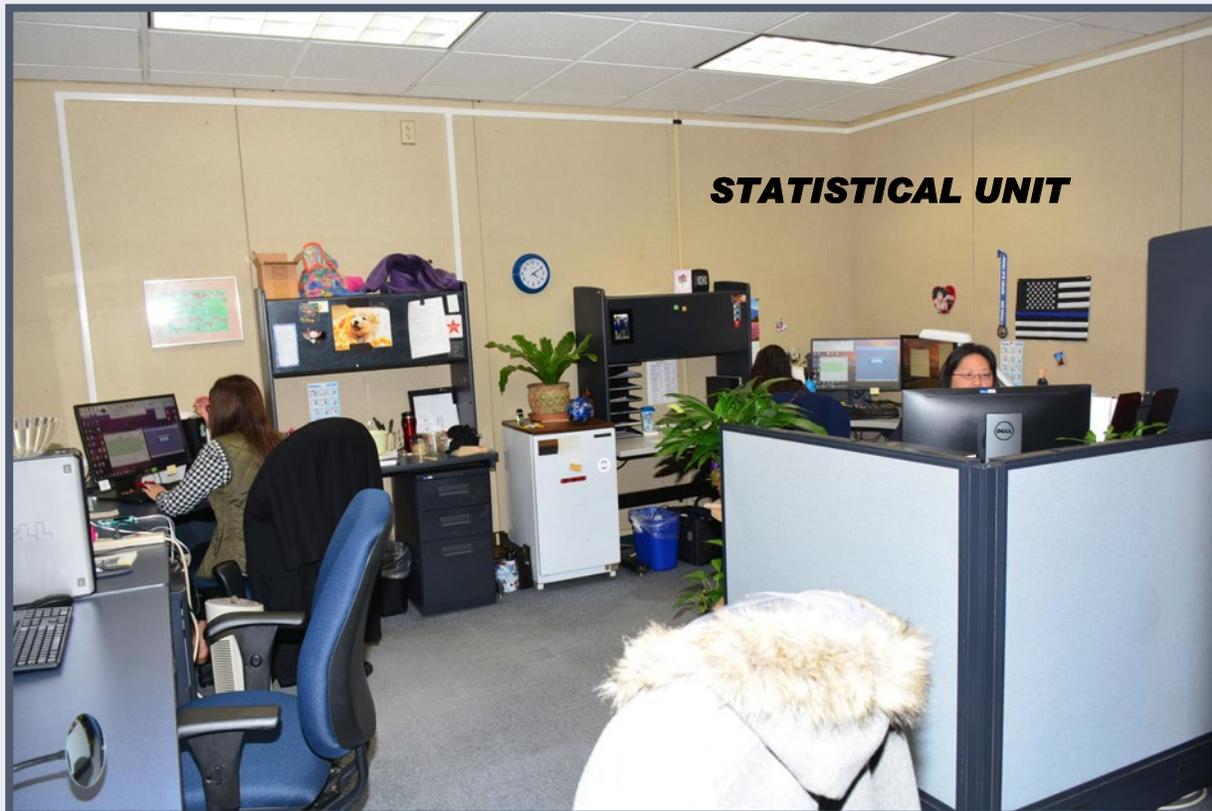


# **STATISTICAL UNIT**

Fresno PD Stats Unit is responsible for reviewing police reports for errors and then scoring the reports using the hierarchy guidelines of charges/crimes established by Department of Justice. This requires certification through DOJ to identify, code, and classify 8 major Part 1 offenses designated by the DOJ. The results are then uploaded to the DOJ as mandated for their analytical purposes. They also report monthly on Bias Motivated Crimes, Anti-Reproductive Rights crimes, and the LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted in the line of duty). The DOJ compiles these statistics which are then forwarded to the FBI and become part of the FBI's annual "Crime in the United States" report.

These statistics are used by staff when determining how to best utilize department resources in our community. The department staff and/or investigative units will request specific information be compiled to decide on community needs based on area, year, totals, etc. The Police Support Technicians and Clerks are trained in using not only departmental programs for tracking these figures, but they must be familiar with penal codes, DOJ numerical coding, and compiling the information in a format that may be uploaded to the Fresno City Website for public access.

The Stats unit is on track to comply with the FBI's Incident Based Reporting requirements, known as NIBRS, that will become mandatory 01/01/2021. These statistics differ in that instead of reporting only the most serious charge during the commission of a crime, the department will now report each crime that occurs for each incident. This will result in a more accurate tracking of crime trends.



# ***Crisis Intervention Team***

## ***CIT***



On September 1, 2017, the Fresno Police Department, along with Fresno County Behavioral Health, formed the Crisis Intervention Team. The team consists of one Sergeant, four police officers, one clinical supervisor and two licensed clinicians from Fresno County Behavioral Health. The team will respond to assist on field calls for service involving subjects in crisis and those individuals suffering from mental illness.

The mission of the CIT program is to provide a high level of public safety and coordinated mental health services for people in crisis. The goal of the CIT Unit is to decrease the number of crisis-related calls for service by acting as an entry point into mental health treatment, diverting those persons in need of treatment from the criminal justice system, and through proactive contact with frequent system users by utilizing effective case management.

For 2018, a new agreement with Kings View Mental Health will introduce several additional mental health clinicians to the CIT Unit. These additional clinicians will work into the night and assist patrol officers by responding to mental health calls in the field upon request. This will free up the remaining CIT members to engage in effective case management with frequent system users.

In 2018, the Crisis Intervention Team responded to 2,998 calls for service and placed 1,222 mental health holds. The unit also saved patrol officers from responding to 2656 hours of calls dealing with mental health.

# Fresno Area Express FAX



**Fresno Area Express (FAX)** operates over 80 buses a day through 1575 bus stops throughout the cities of Fresno and Clovis. This past year, approximately 10 million riders rode the bus at a rate of 835,000 riders per month.

The safety and security of the citizens who utilize Fax transportation services is a major priority for both FAX and the Fresno Police Department. Cameras on FAX buses and bus stations are examples of security measures that are used. One of the most vital components of ensuring the safety of the community members who ride the bus are the FAX Officers.

At the beginning of 2018 the unit was expanded to a total of 16 officers with two sergeants assigned to the unit. The unit operates a day shift and swing shift giving the buses direct police coverage with at least three officers during all hours of FAX bus operation every day. This expansion was made possible with the start of the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) route which is a federal and state funded program which provides faster, more convenient and more reliable service than a traditional bus line. The project includes 15.7 miles with 51 station pairs, one transit center and two terminal stations.



## ***Fresno Area Express***

The FAX unit is dedicated to help ensure FAX riders feel safe and have an enjoyable experience while riding the bus lines. Last year, FAX officers handled approximately 4000 calls for service and the expanded unit has also allowed FAX officers to quickly respond to in-progress calls for service throughout the city.



# K-9 UNIT



The Fresno Police Department's K9 Unit has been serving the City since 1993. The team is currently comprised of 12 police officers, each with a K9 partner. These teams provide 24-hour coverage for our officers and community. 2018 brought three new teams to our unit; Officer Brandon Lyon and his K9 partner Zeke, Officer Tim Sullivan and his K9 partner Oden, and Officer Sean Loy with his K9 partner Major.

The K9 Unit's primary mission is one of support, providing a resource to law enforcement agencies and communities around the valley. A K9 team can be tasked with a number of situations, such as crimes in progress, building and yard searches, warrant services, article searches, suspect tracking, explosive and narcotic detection to name a few. This is a unique skill set that requires a great deal of training and leadership.

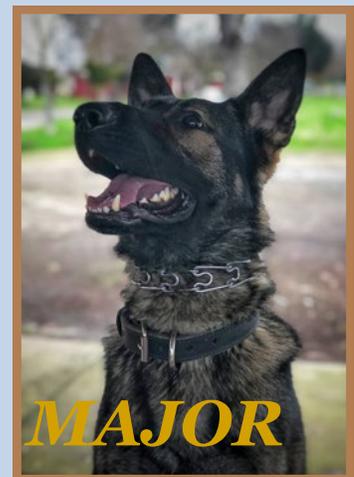


A K9 handler is a special person that has a never-ending devotion to the success of the partnership with his K9 and that of the Department. The average K9 team is cross-trained in a number of patrol functions, with 3 of our teams cross-trained in narcotics detection and 5 of the K9s and their officers trained in explosive devices. The level of training and structure required for the team goes well beyond the hours an officer is assigned to work. Not to mention the physicality of the job for both team members. In the coming months, several more of our dogs will be cross-trained as it builds the efficiency of the unit and the skills in the handler and dog alike.



Aside from the major responsibility of helping control a volatile call for service and assisting all of the components of our agency, our K9 teams do a great deal of education and community outreach. From simple appearances at public events to helping facilitate classes at schools ranging from elementary to local colleges and finally, skills demonstrations at our facility. The team averages more than 3 of these functions a month while maintaining the aforementioned training and enforcement. This level of communication and work ethic has created a wave of community and allied agency support.

The dogs of our unit are the stars of the show and create a unique and vital bridge between the public and our agency. These amazing animals spark the emotion of children and adults alike. This opens conversation and a community partnership embodying what we all desire in a police department, friendly, educated enforcement, with a never-ending drive to fulfill the Fresno Police Department's mission.



# Mounted Patrol Unit

The Mounted Patrol Unit has been a part of the Fresno Police Department's recognition of our roots since 1993. The unit prides itself on tradition and a professional presentation while keeping friendly open lines of communication with our community.

The team is comprised of 6 horses and 12 riders that range from volunteers to sworn officers. Community support and annual fundraising keep the unit thriving. The horses are lovingly cared for seven days a week by a dedicated group that have devoted themselves and their own time, as a collateral duty.

2018 has been a year of growth and transition for the Mounted Patrol Unit. Several hours have been spent patrolling the Fresno area as a part of the Christmas Presence Operation, while attending parades, schools and other public events.

2019 will be an exciting year for our unit as we have added to the riding team and have goals of spending more time in the Cities' parks and community areas. Our goal is to welcome conversation while educating the community about the unit and department through the connection generated by these beautiful animals.

Currently, the Fresno Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit is one of only a few left remaining in the San Joaquin Valley.



# Traffic



In 2018, the Fresno Police Department's Traffic Bureau celebrated its 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our department is extremely proud of our nearly century long dedication to traffic safety. We've come a long way since our humble beginnings in 1923. Back then, the City of Fresno had a population of just over 65,000 people and of those, very few owned vehicles. Our department would only see a few dozen vehicle collisions a year and there was no standard to determine when someone was driving while intoxicated. Today, the department's nearly 60 - member Traffic Bureau is committed to protecting the city's residents, which exceed 500,000 people, while responding to over 3,200 traffic collisions and making nearly 2,300 DUI arrests annually.

Chief Dyer added personnel to the Traffic Bureau in 2018 and we saw an immediate impact. With the addition of eight more officers to our unit we experienced reductions in almost every collision category, as well as significant increases in DUI arrests and citations issued.

With the addition of personnel and the return of seven days a week of nighttime coverage, we were able to drastically reduce our fatal collisions in 2018. Because we identified that a significant number of our fatal collisions involved pedestrians, we increased our enforcement efforts targeting those violations related to pedestrians. The hard work of our traffic officers paid off, as we saw a 20% reduction in the number of fatalities in 2018. It may be hard to quantify a 20% decrease, but in real terms this equates to 10 fewer people dying on our roadways and 10 fewer families having to bury a loved one.

In 2017 we identified another disturbing trend; our DUI arrests had been on a steady decline over the past few years due to a decrease of personnel. The Traffic Bureau has always been extremely proud of the number of lives we have saved by the removal of impaired drivers from our streets. Our history has recorded numerous accolades and awards for our DUI enforcement campaign from both the state and federal levels of government. Unfortunately, over the last few years we were not able to maintain pace, due to budget constraints and the reassignment of resources elsewhere. Thankfully, in 2018 Chief Dyer restored officers to the Traffic Bureau and we were able to more aggressively pursue impaired drivers. We saw the results of these additional personnel almost immediately, increasing our DUI arrests to 2,298 in 2018, which is a 37% increase from the 1,457 arrests we made in 2017. The immediate impact was a dramatic reduction in DUI fatalities, from 15 in 2017 to 8 in 2018, a 47% reduction.

These additional resources allowed the Traffic Bureau to focus on traffic violations that lead to collisions. In 2018, our officers issued a total of 57,691 citations, 18,203 more than in 2017. Although a citation can be seen as a negative experience, we know that it is truly one of the best and lasting ways to change someone's driving behavior. Changing behaviors is our primary goal when issuing citations. We know that if we can lower a driver's speed, ensure that they are wearing a safety belt, using a child safety seat properly, or keeping them from being distracted while driving, the likelihood that they'll be involved in a collision resulting in serious injury decreases drastically.





The Traffic Bureau prides itself on finding the right balance between our aggressive enforcement campaigns and our traffic safety education programs. These efforts include our “Decisions For Life” classes, which educate first time DUI offenders on the dangers of driving while impaired, free child safety seat check-ups, as well as visits to the schools within the Fresno Unified and Central Unified School Districts and presence at several community events and safety fairs. In total, the Traffic Bureau participated in over 60 community events throughout the year, spreading our traffic safety message.

This delicate balance between education and enforcement has paid off in dividends for us as we saw decreases in nearly every collision category in 2018. We are most proud of our 20% reduction in fatal collisions, but we are also very encouraged by our decrease in DUI injury collisions that were reduced by over 14%.

As the Traffic Bureau moves into its 96<sup>th</sup> year, we are extremely encouraged by the results of our hard work in 2018. As we move forward, the Fresno Police Department’s Traffic Bureau will always be committed to our ultimate goal of





	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Collisions	4,822	4,314	4,136	3,838	3,679	3,573	3,405	2,930	2,951	2,851	2,801	2,743	2,825	3,017	3,523	3,261	3,208
Injury Collisions	1,933	1,757	1,617	1,548	1,363	1,336	1,169	1,047	1,206	1,108	1,199	1,175	1,158	1,131	1,305	1,138	1,063
Fatalities	52	46	30	42	37	27	30	25	27	30	28	30	35	30	33	52	42
DUI Collisions	484	369	423	499	511	510	549	457	463	404	350	314	443	405	415	360	391
Injury DUI Collisions	151	126	117	125	140	138	114	79	110	103	80	83	93	95	91	82	70
Fatal DUI Collisions	7	7	11	16	12	9	8	5	8	6	10	7	8	12	8	15	8
DUI Arrests	2,067	2,186	2,525	2,670	3,015	3,211	3,278	3,268	2,740	2,878	3,263	2,693	2862	2786	1594	1457	2298

## Skywatch Operation Unit



Skywatch helicopters, 1999

In the mid-1990s, then Lt. Jerry P. Dyer spearheaded the establishment of the Skywatch Operations Unit. At this time, patrol units were happy when the California Highway Patrol helicopter could assist, but its availability was rare and unpredictable.

During its tenure, the Skywatch Air Support Unit has flown 31,000 flight hours and responded to 63,000 police calls resulting in over 6,600 arrests often involving suspects who would have eluded capture had the helicopter not been overhead. Skywatch has been involved in more than 700 pursuits and helped recover over \$5 million in stolen cars and other property with an average response time of just 37 seconds. None of this would have been possible without the tenacity and continued support of Chief Dyer.



Skywatch helicopters, 2018

The Skywatch Operations Unit continues to put forth its best effort in regularly supporting patrol officers and special units both day and night. In 2018, of the 3,643 incidents where Skywatch was overhead, 246 people were arrested thanks to the “Eyes in the Sky.” By actively flying over Fresno on patrol, Skywatch aircrews were able to be the first officers on scene 63% of the time.

2018 brought with it an increase in the number of “Side shows” in the Fresno area. “Side Shows” are illegal gatherings (often organized by people from northern California) where groups of drivers commandeer streets, intersections, freeway sections, parking lots and cul-de-sacs in order to “spin donuts” and otherwise drive recklessly. Spectators help facilitate this by blocking all lanes of traffic at major intersections or freeways, as multiple cars do burnouts while trying not to hit surrounding spectators or each other.



*Street view of actual sideshow*

Having a helicopter in the air is one of the most effective ways to combat sideshows. Law-abiding motorists who are blocked at the intersection typically call the police and the aircrew is overhead in less than a minute from the time the call is dispatched.

Upon seeing the helicopter, spectators typically return to their cars and leave the intersection as the train of vehicles begins to search for another location. Those seen by the aircrew doing spin-outs are followed until a ground unit can stop them, cite them for reckless driving (a misdemeanor) and impound their cars for up to thirty days. The aircrew then follows the flow of spectators and coordinates with patrol/motor officers to prevent the participants from taking over another intersection until they finally give up and leave town or go home. Officers on the ground have a real appreciation for this aerial platform when dealing with sideshows.



*Aerial view of actual sideshow*

Protecting officers and citizens from violent criminals continues to be the main objective for Skywatch. A clear example of this occurred in the late afternoon during the summer of 2018 when Fresno Police responded to Blackstone near Olive regarding a subject who brandished a handgun during a road-rage incident. Officers canvassing the area located the suspect vehicle, a paper-plated BMW, at Blackstone and McKinley and attempted to stop it. When the driver fled east on McKinley reaching speeds of over 90 MPH, the officers discontinued their pursuit in an effort to protect innocent motorists during rush-hour traffic.



Around this time, the department received a call that a male subject had stolen this new BMW SUV from the lot of the BMW dealership earlier that day. As BMW tracked the car to an apartment complex near the airport, the Skywatch aircrew located it and followed from a distance as it continued to drive recklessly even with no officers nearby. The aircrew gave continual updates of the suspect's location as he drove through several neighborhoods in three different policing districts. The suspect was seen driving over 120 MPH on Olive Ave and over 80 MPH in various residential areas. He drove over double-yellow lines and even around concrete center dividers in order to pass other motorists. Speeding through several stop signs and red traffic lights, he narrowly avoided causing several collisions.

Eventually, the suspect stopped in an alley near Palm and Divisadero and exited the car. When he saw that the Skywatch helicopter was above him, he began jumping fences and, at one point, threw a gun into an adjacent yard. When he realized officers had the neighborhood surrounded and he could not evade the aircrew, the suspect stopped in a backyard, put his hands up, and got down on his stomach to surrender. The aircrew directed units to the suspect where he was placed into custody without further incident. Officers recovered the weapon and found it was a pellet gun.

The 39-year-old Bulldog gang member, who had been released from prison after serving time for a weapons violation, was booked into the Fresno County Jail for numerous felonies and the BMW released back to the dealership.

# Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit

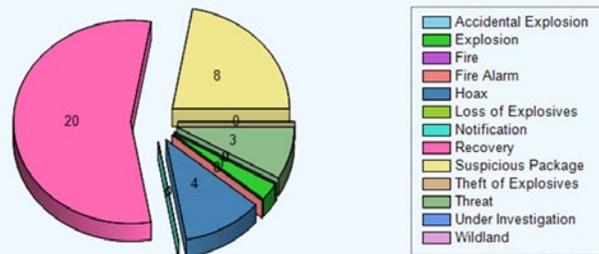
## EOD

The EOD Unit's primary mission is one of support; providing a resource to law enforcement personnel and agencies around the valley.

The Fresno Police Department's EOD Unit has been serving the City since 1974. The position of a certified EOD Technician and EOD member is an auxiliary assignment that is comprised of one lieutenant, three sergeants and three officers. These team members are on-call 24-hours per day in addition to their regular assignments. At the end of 2018, the EOD Unit saw the retirement of Sgt. Curt Chastain, a 30-year EOD Tech veteran who responded to the notorious Fresno IRS bombing in 1991. 2018 also saw a 14% increase in EOD related calls as compared to 2017. Most notably were the dramatic increase in suspicious package calls fueled in part by the mail bombs sent to national political leaders.



**Incident Types**



**VALLEY CRIME STOPPERS** is a citizen-run non-profit organization. The Board of Directors is made up of citizen business professionals that volunteer their time to Valley Crime Stoppers.

Valley Crime Stoppers continues to put a strong emphasis on increased rewards. The payouts increase if the suspect is a gang member and the tip leads to the case being solved.

Our Media partners continue to go above and beyond their call to assist in our mission to provide the public with an anonymous way to assist law enforcement with information to help solve crimes.

This year, the board of directors decided to open the media up to all stations giving a larger variety and a more diverse audience. Some of those partners are, CBS47/KSEE 24, Cumulus Broadcasting Group, KFSN 30, Univision 21, KMPH 26, Jeffrey Scott Agency, Outfront Media and The Fresno Bee.

The P3 tip program from Anderson Software continues to enable tipsters to remain anonymous. It also allows detectives the ability to dialog with the tipsters for follow-up questions in order to gain more information about the crime. The P3 program logs all tips and gives accurate statistical information to ensure the board's goals and expectations are met.

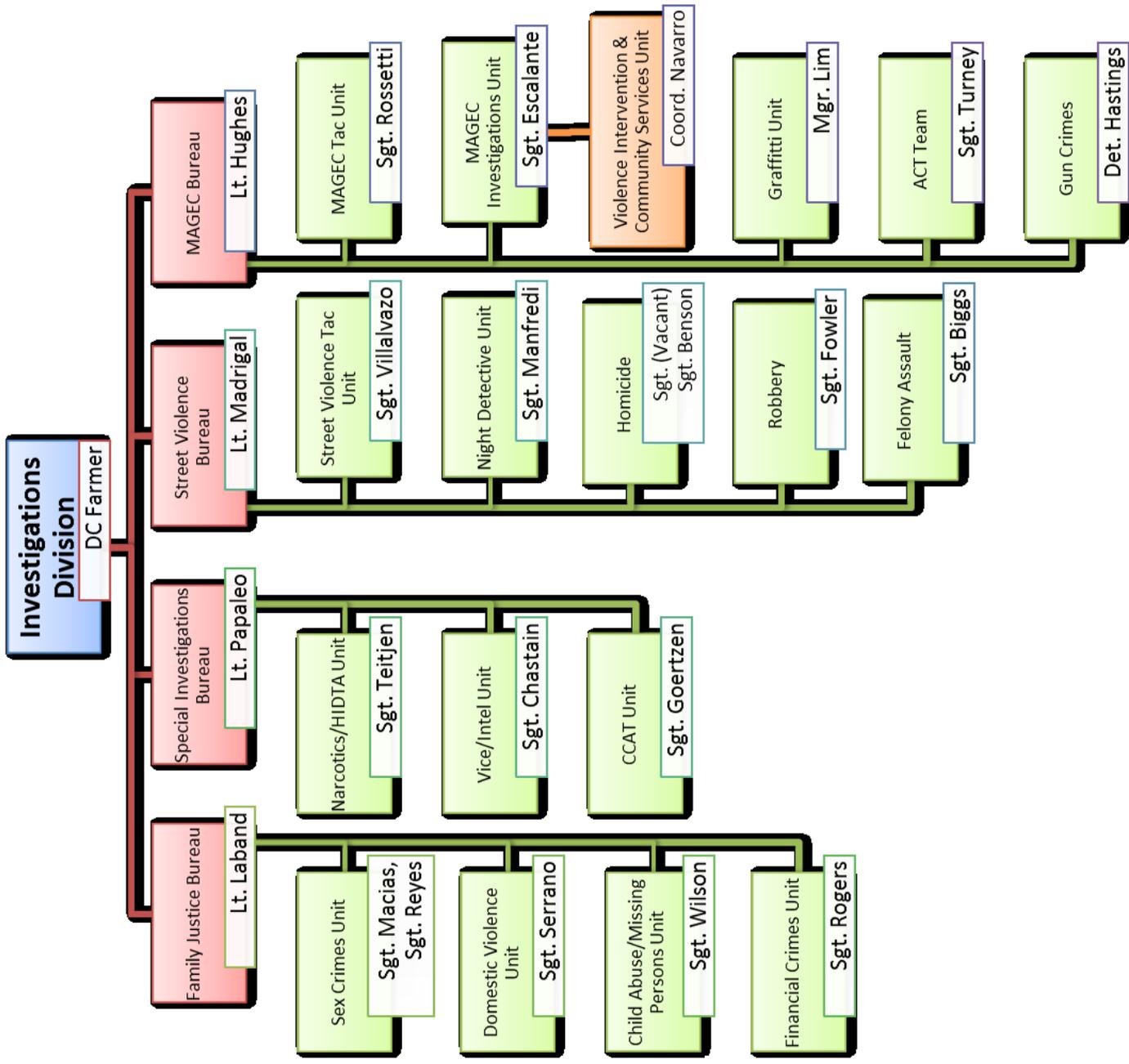


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# Domestic Violence Unit

## DVU



The Domestic Violence Unit consists of one Sergeant, eight Investigators and two Victim Advocates who were responsible for the investigation of over 6,400 cases city wide in 2018. These cases included felonies, misdemeanors, general incident reports and possible crimes generated as a result of calls for service and patrol officers reports.

The Domestic Violence Unit experienced much success in 2018; which we credit to strong relationships and partnerships with community members and organizations; such as the Marjoree Mason Center. Together, we continue to work tirelessly on behalf of domestic violence victims and their children. Some of the unit's highlights during the 2018 year include:

The Domestic Violence Unit sent **2,972** cases to the Fresno County District Attorney's office for either review or prosecution. Of those cases, **1,623** of them were felony in custody cases.

The Domestic Violence Unit was the recipient of the **Domestic Violence Stop Grant** through The California Department of Emergency Management. This grant allowed the domestic violence unit to:

Create the **Domestic Violence Response Team**. This allowed for two additional advocates assigned to our unit to assist investigators and patrol personnel, helping victims during the hours of 2pm to 12am with an immediate response, instantly following a domestic incident.

Provide **training for 251 officers** in the area of domestic violence and legal mandates.

It also allowed education and **training for 146 high school and college level students** that strengthen community awareness of intimate partner violence.

The grant assisted **1,122 women and 490 children with emergency housing**, legal referrals, restraining orders and crisis counseling.

# Family Justice Bureau Child Abuse Unit Missing Persons Unit



## Child Abuse Unit

The Child Abuse Unit consists of 4 Detectives, and the Missing Persons Unit consists of two Detectives, with units supervised by one Sergeant. Child Abuse Detectives are responsible for conducting investigations of all physical abuse, neglect, infant death, and child endangerment cases. Working with prosecutors, medical professionals, and social service professionals, Detectives form a problem solving partnership focusing on criminal prosecution and victim support. Detectives are relied upon as being a voice for those victims who are unable to talk. In 2018, there were 943 reported cases of some form of alleged child abuse.



## Missing Persons Unit

Missing Persons cases are among the most compelling issues facing Law Enforcement today. Detectives must consider a number of variables when dealing with a situation where the reason for an individual's disappearance is unknown. Was the individual involved in an accident? Did the individual meet with foul play? Did a stranger abduct a young child? Has a young child met with tragedy while exploring an attractive danger such as a pool, abandoned car or refrigerator? Even in a situation where a juvenile runs away, is the reason due to physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by an authority figure in the home? Has the runaway been lured into a life of gangs and/or prostitution? Detectives assigned to the Missing Persons Unit are responsible for ensuring the safety of all missing persons and runaway juveniles by thoroughly investigating every occurrence, attempting to ascertain the underlying reason for the person's absence. In 2018, the Missing Persons Unit received 3681 cases.

## ***Financial Crimes, Elder Abuse Unit, Digital Forensics Lab***

The Fresno Police Department's Financial Crimes Unit is tasked with the investigation of financial crimes to include but not limited to: access card fraud, check fraud, counterfeit currency, counterfeit trademark, embezzlement, false financial statements, forgery, identity theft, internet fraud, elder financial abuse, non-return of rental property, real estate and notary fraud, and theft by false pretense or deceit. Detectives also assist other units in cases involving financial records tracking, bank video, and warrants.

Elder Abuse Unit detectives are tasked with the investigation of reports of elder and dependent adult physical and financial abuse which occur within the City of Fresno. Their goal is to reduce crimes against the elderly & dependent adults through criminal prosecution and by providing crime prevention education through public presentations on Elder & Dependent Adult Abuse.

The Digital Forensic Lab attached to the Financial Crimes Unit provides forensic examinations for all units in the Fresno Police Department. The Forensic Lab on average processes 550-600 pieces of digital evidence annually. This evidence consists of computers, cell phones, hard drives, memory cards and video files. The Digital Forensic Analyst assigned to the Lab provides data and expert court testimony in cases related to the forensic examinations which could involve homicides, vice, narcotics, robberies, financial crimes and human trafficking.





**Identity Theft**

**Financial Crimes**

**Fraud**



# Street Violence Bureau HOMICIDE



## HOMICIDE UNIT STATS FOR 2018

32 murders compared to 56 in 2017. This was a 42% decrease in murders committed in 2018 from the previous year.

22 gang-related murders compared to 30 in 2017.

94% clearance rate; 29 % higher than in 2017.

100% of cases were filed by the District Attorney's Office, resulting in all murder suspects being held to answer. (First in FPD History).

81% of the Homicide Investigations a gun was used, compared to 73% in 2017.

7 Officer Involved Shootings compared to 5 OIS in 2017.

## 2018 HOMICIDE STATISTICS:

4 – cases involved a double homicide

2 – cases were committed during the commission of robbery for marijuana

4 – cases involved suspect and/or victim having documented mental health issues

6 – cases involved a knife being used

1 – case involved a homeless victim

3 – cases were determined to be unintended victims

5 – cases the murder weapon was recovered

## HIGH-PROFILE INVESTIGATION HANDLED BY THE STREET VIOLENCE BUREAU

On August 24, 2018, shortly after midnight, 19-year old Kyrone Haygood, aka Ky, along with a 17 year -old juvenile arrived at 4210 W. Fountain Way. They arrived at the residence for a pre-arranged purchase of marijuana from 19 year-old Wenshil Saechao. Saechao resided at the residence with his parents and sold small amounts of marijuana out of the home.

Upon their arrival, Haygood and his 17 year-old accomplice made contact with Saechao inside the garage. During their contact with Saechao, Haygood and the juvenile produced handguns for the purpose of robbing Saechao of his marijuana.

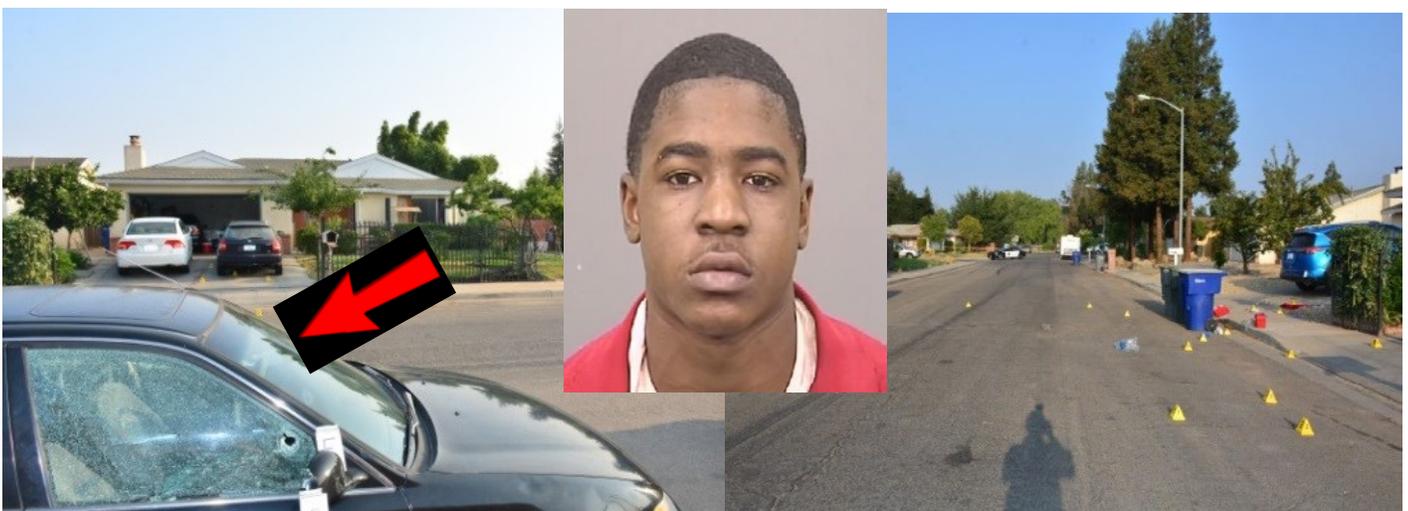
With no regard for human life, Haygood began firing rounds as Saechao attempted to run out of the garage. Saechao was unsuccessful in his attempt to escape and was shot multiple times. While shooting at Saechao, Haygood also shot his 17-year old accomplice in the back. The accomplice was ultimately dropped off at Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC). As a result of being shot by Haygood, the 17 year-old accomplice is permanently paralyzed.

Upon hearing the gunshots, Saechao's family ran outside and found him lying near the house. Saechao was transported to CRMC where he was pronounced deceased at 1 a.m.

Homicide Detectives canvassed the neighborhood and located surveillance video which captured two vehicles driving in the area prior to the shooting. Detectives were later able to determine the identity of the subjects in the second vehicle who turned out to be friends of both Haygood and the 17 year-old accomplice.

These subjects were later located and interviewed and provided detailed statements regarding the homicide. Physical evidence located during the investigation confirmed the aforementioned statements.

Haygood and the juvenile were later arrested for the murder and robbery of Saechao and are awaiting trial. Haygood is an active Dog Pound Criminal Street gang member.



# Street Violence Bureau Felony Assault



**The Felony Assault Unit** consists of one sergeant and eight Detectives. The unit is responsible for investigating shootings, stabbings, assault with deadly weapons, threats, kidnap for ransom, and other violent felony crimes. During 2018, over 800 cases were assigned to detectives for follow-up investigation. Of those cases, more than 500 were cleared. Many of those cases involved active gang members, making it difficult to gather information. Detectives authored over 460 search warrants and were able to recover 80 firearms during the year. Detectives from the Felony Assault Unit were able to bring closure for many victims and make a positive impact on violent crime.

# Street Violence Bureau Night Detective Unit



The **Street Violence Bureau Night Detective Unit** consists of one sergeant and seven detectives who work primarily between 1800-0400 hours and provide investigative coverage 7 days per week. The Night Detectives are responsible for monitoring and responding to violent-crime related calls, including homicides, shootings, robberies, stabbings, vehicle robberies, and officer involved shootings.

When Night Detectives arrive on scene, they must properly evaluate and manage the scene, interview witnesses, and call for the appropriate resources. Night Detectives work closely with Homicide Detectives on crime scenes, assisting with various tasks involving high-profile cases.

In 2018, Night Detectives completed more than 45 crime scenes. The Night Detective Unit remains a proven and valuable resource to both the Organization and Community by providing an immediate investigative response to violent crime.

# ***Street Violence Bureau***

## ***Tac Team***

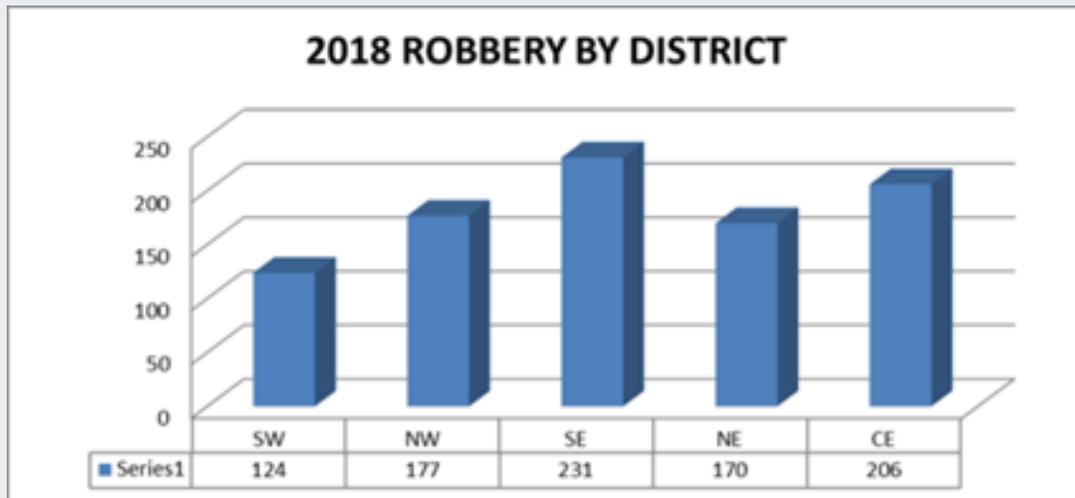
**The Tac Team** is an undercover apprehension team that provides undercover availability to locate and arrest violent criminals in the City of Fresno. The Tactical Team is available to respond at a moments notice to assist with locating violent suspects. In 2018, the team arrested 154 felony suspects and conducted thousands of hours of undercover surveillance.

In 2018, the team was responsible for arresting:

- 12 murder suspects
- 28 shooting suspects
- 29 robbery suspects
- 85 felony suspects
- Served 78 search warrants
- Recovered 58 firearms



# Robbery Unit



The Robbery Unit consists of 1 sergeant and five detectives who were responsible for the investigation of 908 cases citywide, including Business Robberies, Person Robberies, Car-Jacking 's and Home Invasions. For the year 2018, the robbery unit handled 13 robbery series with an 84 percent clearance rate.

The robbery unit has solved several high profile commercial robberies and person robbery series, which included:

A citywide armed fast food restaurant series.

Person robbery series targeting older individuals,

An arrest during a Carjacking series that occurred over the entire month of July 2018.



# Sexual Assault Unit

The mission of the Sexual Assault Unit (SAU) is to conduct fair, impartial, and professional investigations into allegations of sexual assaults which occur within the City of Fresno. The Sexual Assault Unit also aims to resolve sexual assault investigations by working with prosecutors, medical professionals, rape crisis advocates, and other law enforcement agencies in a problem solving partnership focusing on the reduction of sexual assaults through criminal prosecution of the offender. It is also highly important to the Sexual Assault Unit to provide support and the necessary resources to the victim.

The Sexual Assault Unit consists of fifteen Detectives and two Sergeants. There are nine detectives for investigations, three P.C. 290 (sex registrant) Detectives, one Detective assigned to the Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) task force, and two cold case detectives. The investigative detectives investigate all sex offenses which occur in the City of Fresno.

In 2018, detectives investigated approximately 1200 cases. The P.C. 290 Detectives monitor the approximately 2400 sex registrants living in the City of Fresno, conduct home verifications of the registrants, and investigate indecent exposure and annoying children cases.

The ICAC Detective works on a multi-agency task force which focuses on internet crimes against children.

In 2018, the sexual assault unit was awarded a grant which funded two full time detective to investigate sexual assault cold case. The grant also funded a victim advocate who will assist detectives in providing services to sexual assault victims.



# Career Criminal Auto Theft Team CCATT



In March of 2011, the Fresno Police Department created the Career Criminal Auto Theft Team (CCATT) to combat a drastic increase in vehicle thefts within the City of Fresno. The CCATT unit currently consists of one sergeant and six detectives who have investigative responsibility for all auto thefts committed in Fresno. CCATT's primary mission is to reduce the auto theft rate as well as violent crime by aggressively targeting prolific auto thieves through investigation, apprehension and prosecution, while educating the community in auto theft prevention methods.

In 2018, the City of Fresno experienced a record low 2332 auto thefts (6.4 per day) compared to 2799 (7.6 per day) in 2017. This 16.7% decrease in auto thefts was accomplished through a combination of traditional and innovative investigative techniques, proactive policing, undercover operations, parole and probation searches, business inspections, collaboration with other agencies and other Fresno Police Department units and through public education. During the year, CCATT made 293 arrests of which 82 were gang members; 521 stolen vehicle recoveries of which 145 were occupied; investigated 30 chop shops; and recovered 9 firearms.

# M.A.G.E.C



The Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (M.A.G.E.C.) became operational in 1997. M.A.G.E.C. is comprised of five teams which include; M.A.G.E.C. Metropolitan Investigations, M.A.G.E.C. Metropolitan Tactical Team, M.A.G.E.C. Rural Investigations, M.A.G.E.C. Rural Tactical Team and a team of prosecutors from the Fresno County District Attorney's office. The teams are comprised of approximately 60 personnel from numerous local, state, and federal agencies. M.A.G.E.C. works extremely close with the United States Attorney's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Homeland Security Investigations (H.S.I.), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).



M.A.G.E.C. Metropolitan duties and responsibilities include validating gang members and gangs, testifying as gang experts in state and federal court, conducting pro-active enforcement in the field, authoring search warrants, serving gang-related search warrants for other units/agencies, conducting digital gang intelligence gathering, extensive foot/vehicle surveillance, providing gang training, coordinating federal prosecution of Fresno PD cases involving armed prohibited persons/felons, and working very closely with numerous federal agencies.



In 2018, M.A.G.E.C. focused extensively on improving cooperation and coordination with the Street Violence Bureau during gang violence investigations (e.g. robberies, non-fatal shootings, and homicides), investigations of prohibited persons/felons in possession of firearms, and targeting sources of supply of illegal firearms.



Firearms recovered during investigation of a felon in possession of firearms.



Some of over 200 firearms seized during a joint investigation with ATF of a Fresno-based source of supply of firearms.



Automatic and semi-automatic firearms recovered during vehicle take-down of Nuestra Familia crew.

# Major Narcotics

The Major Narcotics unit is responsible for investigating large scale sales, possession, and distributing of illegal narcotics. This is accomplished by identifying, arresting, and prosecuting individuals, businesses, and organizations that are suspected of organizing, financing, possessing, and distributing narcotics. During 2018, the Major Narcotics Unit was involved in 80 drug investigations and made 53 felony arrests as a result of several high profile investigations. The Unit is responsible for seizing 214 pounds of methamphetamine, 8 kilos of cocaine, 10 pounds of heroin, 4000 pounds of Marijuana and recovered 20 firearms.

Major Narcotics Investigators worked with our Federal and State partners DEA, FBI, ATF and the Department of Justice's High Impact Investigation Team (HIIT) to investigate local gang shot callers who were responsible for violent criminal activity and for influencing other gang members to commit violent crimes. Narcotics Investigators initiated several large scale investigations that resulted in the arrests of several of these shot callers and their gang associates. This resulted in numerous federal indictments and the individuals involved are all looking at substantial federal prison sentences.





***Narcotic dogs trained to detect drugs***





# **2018 Major Commenda- tion Ceremony**

## ***Lifesaving Medal***

Sgt. Eric Hodge and Rudy Tafoya, Officers Brian Freer, Mike Hernandez, Kennan Rodems, Adam Kinney, Michael Diaz, Andrew Espino, Arthur Barragan, Kelly Wilkes, Edmund Voelkel, Evan Plymale, Richard Loza, Jonathan Isaak, Raul Herrera, John Veres and Cary Weigant.



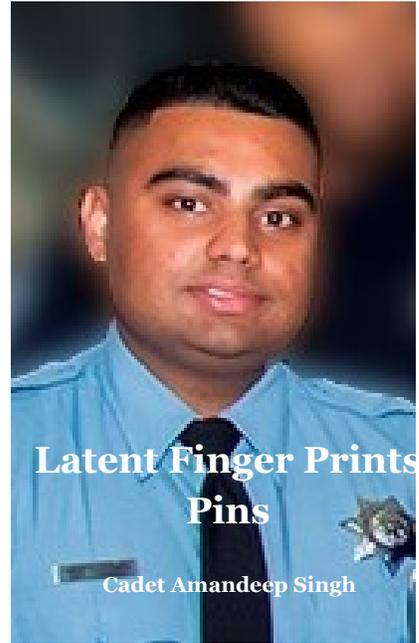
## ***Merit with VALOR***

Officers Robert Miller, Carson Sanders and Robert McGuire



## Recovered Firearms Award

Officers Sean Morris & Yessie Hernandez,  
Detectives Eden Cerda, Robert Fry, and Anthony Vallez



## Latent Finger Prints Pins

Cadet Amandeep Singh

### Latent Finger Prints

Officer Christian Hill, Cadet

Sarah Avila, Cadet Elexis Scott and Adam Pichardo  
(photo not shown)



## 500 DUI Pin

Josh Pantages



## Medal of Merit for Meritorious Service

Officer Angie Isaak



## Exceptional Performance Ribbon

Sgt. Michael Gebhart, Officers Adriana Ponce, Drew Vanzant,  
Mandeep Khela, Timothy Barnett Joel Sanchez and William McCarty

## Major Commendation Awards 2018

# Officer, Employee & Volunteer of the Year 2018



***“People of excellence go the extra mile to do what's right.”***

***“Excellence is to keep beating your own standards every day.”***



Southeast  
Officer Joel Santos



Investigations  
Officer Kham Xiong



Communications  
Matt Sonderegger



Support Divisi  
Dolores Madrid



FPOA Volunteer  
Officer Jacky Parks



Volunteer-Roz Clark

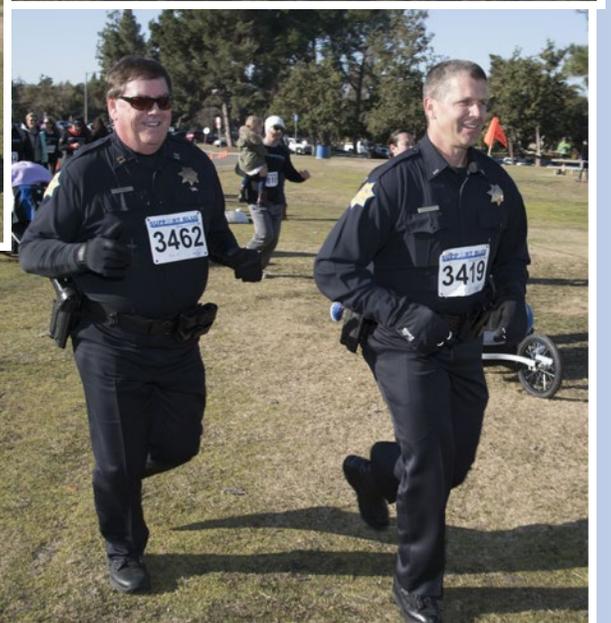
***Officer, Employee & Volunteer of the Year***

# Fresno Police Chaplaincy



**SUPP  RT BLUE**





# ***Stanley Cup***



The Stanley Cup is the Championship trophy of the National Hockey League and one of the most storied and celebrated sports trophies in all of history

The Cup was in Fresno for a visit with the Fresno Monsters Hockey Team. As part of our Fresno Force youth hockey team, our players and FPD volunteers were allowed to take pics with the cup. Quite the honor!

***Professional, Effective, Timely***

