

# Fresno Police Department 2015 Annual Report



# FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# The Fresno Police Department's Vision and Mission Statements

## Vision

To serve our community with honesty, compassion and respect.

## Mission

The mission of the Fresno Police Department is to enhance safety, service, and trust with 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 the 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 core values of the Fresno Police Department are reflected on the Department's challenge coin, Courage, Compassion, Community.

The phrase "with our community" is included to reflect 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 am honored to give you an inside look at the 2015 accomplishments of the Fresno Police Department and share the on-going efforts to maintain the trust of the citizens of Fresno and to keep them safe.

As you look through this year's report you will see an emphasis on community policing at every level of the organization through the Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life and Cornerstone Community Care programs, as well as the on-going daily efforts of our officers and support personnel. Building relationships of trust, mentoring youth, and solving neighborhood problems are top priorities for members of the Fresno Police Department and serve as the cornerstones of community policing.

This report also highlights many of the department's technology initiatives such as the Real Time Crime Center, Shot Spotter, Video Policing, Body Worn Cameras, and others. Although technology does not replace the need for police officers in neighborhoods, it does give officers the tools needed to do their job more safely and efficiently. Thanks to some very kind community members a significant portion of the department's technology initiatives have been funded with private monies donated through the Fresno Police Chief's Foundation, and supplemented with state and federal grants.

After many years of personnel reductions the City of Fresno is finally in a financial position to begin the rebuilding phase of department personnel, mainly within the sworn ranks. This is a very slow process due to the extensive time it takes to recruit, test, train and deploy officers into the field. I am very proud of our hiring efforts thus far as we sift through the shrinking pool of candidates to ensure the citizens of Fresno are getting the very best officers and support personnel to represent the Fresno Police Department and the law enforcement profession.

Lastly, after seeing four consecutive years of violent crime decreases, 2015 saw a reversal in that trend with a 16% increase in violent crime which continues to trend upward in 2016. These increases are largely attributed to the weakening of the criminal justice system through various laws which have severely crippled efforts to hold criminals accountable for their actions. Fresno is not alone, as California is seeing tremendous crime increases throughout the State. On a very positive note auto theft rates continued to decline for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year resulting in the lowest number of vehicles stolen in Fresno since 1987. Burglary also declined for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year largely as a result of citizens being much more aware of the need to keep their homes and businesses more secure.

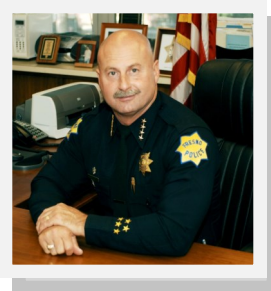
We will continue to do our best to keep our community safe and I am optimistic as to what the future holds for the Fresno Police Department and the citizens of Fresno. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your police chief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry P. Dyer".

Jerry P. Dyer,  
Chief of Police

*Professional, Effective, Timely*



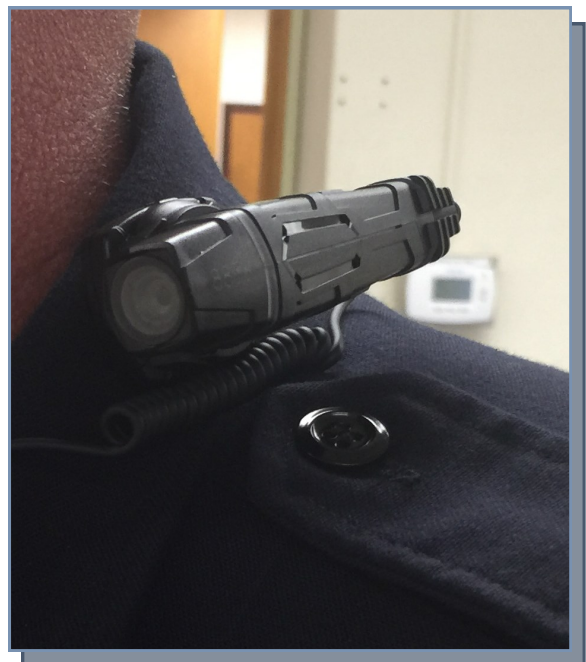
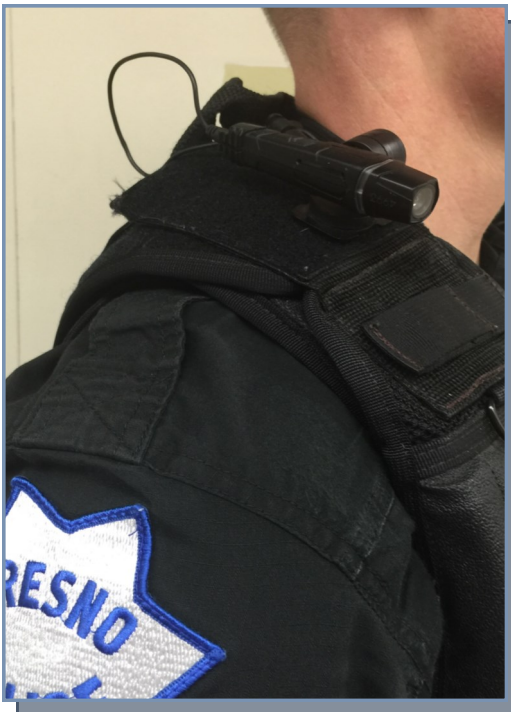
# TECHNOLOGY

In 2013, well before national attention turned to having officers wear body-worn cameras, the Fresno Police Department started field testing different devices. After over a year of pilot testing and review, the Department chose the Taser Axon-Flex system. This system comes with different mounting options, making it more user friendly for officers.

The department participated in a state-wide panel that discussed best practices, policy, citizen's privacy rights, and application. In January of 2014, the department implemented the program on a broad scale. The department owns 400 cameras, mostly assigned to uniformed officers working patrol. Officer and citizen response to the cameras has been positive. The Body Camera Unit consists of a Sergeant and an Officer, and is under the command of the Internal Affairs Division Lieutenant.



## BODY WORN CAMERAS



## THE REAL TIME CRIME CENTER (RTCC)

The Real Time Crime Center became operational in the Spring of 2015. The RTCC is a state of the art tactical communications facility funded by private donations and equipped with the latest technology in computers, monitors, radio communication, and video policing.

The RTCC is staffed with retired officers, retired dispatchers, and officers on limited duty due to injuries. These RTCC operators receive information on incoming high priority calls and immediately engage by monitoring video policing cameras in the area, monitoring the location of responding units and radio communication involving the call, bringing up activity history at the location, and checking any names and cell phone numbers associated with the event. All pertinent information is relayed to responding officers via radio or computer.



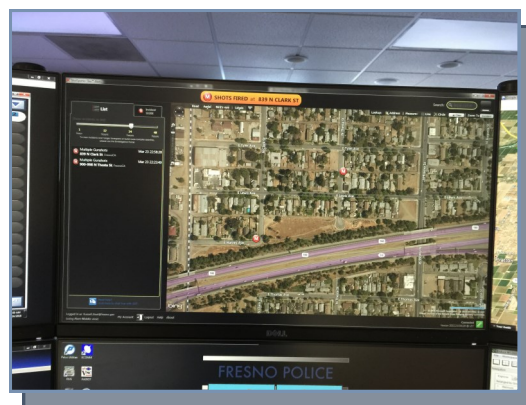
**ANOTHER VALUABLE FEATURE** added to the Real Time Crime Center in mid 2015 is “Shot Spotter”. This technology is alerted to gunfire in designated high crime areas via sound monitors that distinguish gunfire from fireworks, car engine backfires, and other similar noises. RTCC operators, as well as dispatchers and officers in the field, receive immediate alerts that Shot Spotter has detected gunfire. The information includes the location where the shots were fired, correctly estimating within feet of where the shot was actually fired.

The system can also provide information on the number of shots fired, the direction of travel of shooters or the vehicles they were in, and the type of firearm used. Already within the first few months of deployment officers have located numerous shooting scenes and retrieved evidence that previously would have gone undiscovered without Shot Spotter.

## PIN-POINTING CRIME

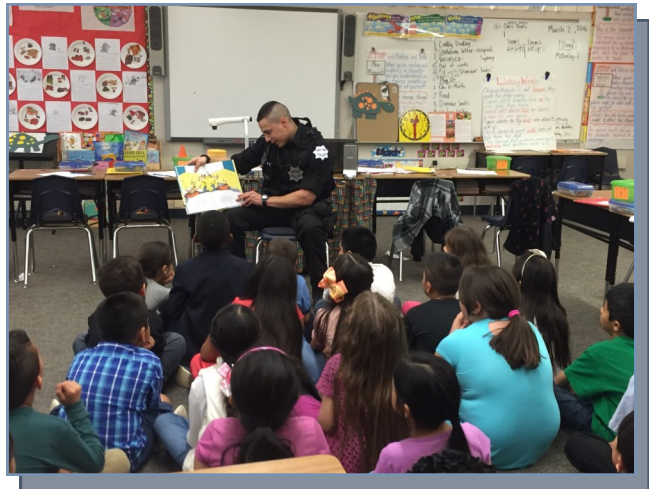


## SHOT SPOTTER





# PARTNERS WITH OUR COMMUNITY





## QUALITY TIME

**FRESNO POLICE CHIEF JERRY DYER** mingles with 2-year-old Josiah Johnson and his father, Dorian, in April during the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission's Youth-Build community event. (Carl Costas/For The Washington Post).



## 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL

Saturday Night Basketball tournament is a violence-reduction project of Fresno Building Healthy Communities and the Fresno Police Department.

# SUPPORT BLUE

**SUPPORT FRESNO BLUE....** is an innovative, community centered program designed to help nurture a closer, more trusting and more supportive relationship between our officers and all segments of the community we serve.

This program will help our officers build stronger relationships with our neighborhoods and foster trust and confidence between our officers and the public. As an added benefit, this program allows our community to visibly show their support for law enforcement and help build and maintain officer morale, which is critical to building a strong and professional police force.

With the first quarter of Support Blue Fresno behind us we've distributed thousands of wristbands, decals, along with other capital showing the immense support. Support Blue Fresno will continue to highlight the amazing work and professionalism our department does each and every day!



# CUSTOMER SERVICE UNIT

In July of 2015, Chief Jerry Dyer recognized a need for the lower priority calls to be answered in a manner that would be consistent with the departments established goals. From this idea, all School Resource Officers who were assigned to Patrol as a part of the Summer Deployment program, and all Patrol Cadets were assigned to a temporary unit called the Call Handling Unit.

Initially, one Patrol Sergeant was also assigned to this unit, and all available patrol overages were diverted to this unit on a daily basis. The three Northwest District Swing Shift Sergeants volunteered to supervise and direct all Swing Shift Patrol Cadets to focus specifically on the lower priority calls. From July to August, the Call Handling Unit responded to over 3,100 calls for service and took over 1,200 reports.

Once the School Resource Officers were reassigned back to their respective schools, Chief Dyer sought a more permanent solution for handling low priority calls. The decision was made to form the Customer Service unit with two sergeants, six officers, and the patrol cadets. The unit kicked off on October 5, 2015. The primary focus is responding to the lower priority calls, with the ultimate goal of getting to “zero” calls pending every day. The unit has a secondary responsibility which is community outreach. The program has also become an extension of the Field Training Program, which serves to coach, mentor, and train those preparing for the future academies.

From October 5, 2015, to January 10, 2016, the unit responded to over 14,200 calls for service, wrote over 5,500 reports, attended over 40 community events and passed out well over 1,200 sticky badges. On over 20 occasions, there were no calls holding in the city. We thank everyone in patrol and dispatch, and especially the School Resource Officers. Without everyone’s support and assistance in helping us, our success would not be possible.



*ONE WITH OUR  
COMMUNITY*

**SINCE THE START OF 2015**, the Tower District officers' primary focus is to have high visible presence in the Tower District, thus making citizens who live and visit the district to feel safer. The Tower officers have also worked with SW Detectives and code enforcement to help eliminate problem locations and drug houses.

The Tower officers frequently assist patrol and detectives in identifying criminals who frequent the area and partner with other units to facilitate the arrest and prosecution of criminals who make the mistake of coming into the Tower district. For example, Tower Officers assisted Homicide Detectives to positively identify a suspect in an aggravated assault, leading to an arrest and conviction.

## POLICING THE TOWER DISTRICT





The lineage for the Fresno Area Express (FAX) goes back to January of 1889, when Fresno created the very first public transportation system that was operated by a horse car line. Fast forward 127 years and you will find the public transit system in Fresno, California operates more than 100 buses, which cover 16 different routes. FAX also provides a para-transit system called Handi Ride that is operated by a private contractor. It is anticipated that by December of 2016, FAX will implement a Bus Rapid System (BRT) that will provide immediate accessibility to the residents along the Kings Canyon corridor and north Blackstone Avenue.

FAX provides transportation to more than 32,000 citizens throughout the city every day. On average, FAX annually provides transportation services to over 11,284,240 people who depend on the system for daily transportation to work, to receive medical attention, and to help keep family members connected. Without FAX, they would not have any means of transportation.

The Fresno Police Department augments the transit system with four officers; they are tasked with the responsibility of ensuring the FAX riders feel safe and have an enjoyable experience while utilizing FAX services. During the past year, the FAX Officers accomplished the following: they responded to over 3,500 calls for service, made over 200 arrests, and issued over 300 citations.



FAX Officers – 2015

# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT



**MANY CITY LANDMARKS** are located within the Southwest District boundaries: the Tower District, Downtown Fresno, the Convention Center, the Federal and County Courthouses, Fresno City Hall, the Chaffee Zoo, Chukchansi Park, Fulton Mall, Edison High School, The Water Tower, Community Regional Medical Center and many of the central valley's historic buildings. These locations alone host more than a million visitors each year to Southwest. The Southwest District is home to annual events such as the Veteran's Day, Mardi Gras and Christmas parades. It is home to the Fulton Mall where events like Cinco de Mayo and 16<sup>th</sup> of September events are held, along with the annual Downtown Ice Skating Rink.

Community building is a major priority in the district. A group unique to Southwest is the collaboration known as Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back To Life (BBNBTL). This non-profit organization is composed of Southwest police officers, community volunteers, church representatives and other non-profit groups. Each year, the BBNBTL manages block parties throughout the City. In 2015, there were 22 BBNBTL block parties and events. Strong relationships are fostered through this interaction. 2016 will bring even more events to the Fresno residents as we continue to expand our partnerships in the community.

**THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT** also reached out to the community with a police event that is unique to our City, Santa's Village. This was the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event which provides pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a corndog and a stuffed teddy bear, all free of charge to the visitors. The event is held in the parking lot of the Southwest Policing District and runs for seven days. This year more than 3,000 guests visited Santa's Village.

The Southwest District prides itself in its community-oriented policing strategies and attributes much of the success in these downward trends to a team-policing concept. Everyone in the District, from the Patrol officers initially responding to calls to Detectives and Violent Crime Impact Teams following up on them to the officers, support staff and community volunteers all work together to combat crime within the District.

The year also saw successes in several crime categories. Most notably, there was a nearly 28% reduction in homicides. Another critical category, burglary, saw a 16% reduction and larceny (thefts) were down nearly 5.5%. The district saw an overall 3.6% decrease in total crimes as compared to the year before.

## SANTA'S VILLAGE



**BRINGING BACK  
BROKEN  
NEIGHBORHOODS**





# NORTHEAST



**Bounded** by McKinley to the south, Friant Road and the San Joaquin River to the north, Blackstone Avenue to the west and the City of Clovis to the east, the Northeast District is one of the most populated and diverse districts in the City of Fresno. Responsible for policing approximately 35 square miles, the Northeast District is home to more than 154,000 Fresno citizens. With River Park, Fashion Fair, and Manchester Center, Northeast is home of some of the largest retail shopping centers in the City. The District serves one of the largest parks in the City, Woodward Park and also cares for Saint Agnes Medical Center, Fresno-Yosemite International Airport, California State University Fresno and the Willow International Campus of State Center Community College District.

In 2015, Northeast officers responded to 157,473 calls for service. These calls for service encompass emergency or presumed life-threatening emergencies, crimes in progress, non-life-threatening events, prior person crimes and prior property crimes. Northeast personnel self-initiated an additional 76,583 events. The majority (17,622) involved activity to investigate suspicious persons, vehicles and/or activity. In 2015 alone, over 47,000 traffic stops were conducted within the Northeast District.

**WHILE AUTO THEFT** was down slightly (-1.8%) and residential/commercial burglaries were relatively unchanged, property crime rose 11% due in large part to significant increases in larceny and vehicle burglaries. Due to the high volume of retail locations in the district, shoplifting (larceny) and vehicle burglaries remain constant challenges for officers in Northeast. Additionally, the passage of Proposition 47 in November 2014 resulted in an immediate increase in property crime felt not only in Fresno, but in cities across the State of California. We are continuing to collaborate with retailers in the district to identify strategies to combat the increase in larceny, such as deploying visible deterrents (uniformed security) versus utilizing undercover loss-prevention officers. Additionally, Northeast detectives publish frequent public service announcements with the intent of educating the public in actions to help prevent them from becoming the target of property crime.

Throughout the year, Northeast personnel continued to participate in community events including school carnivals and a variety of neighborhood events. With over 170 active Neighborhood Watch Groups and our Citizens on Patrol (COP) Unit who in 2015, logged 6,270 volunteer hours, the hard work and dedication of the men and women in the Northeast District is evident as we continue to partner with the citizens and businesses of Northeast Fresno with the common goal of keeping the community safe.

## FOCUSED POLICING



**THE NORTHWEST POLICING DISTRICT** covers everything North of McKinley to the San Joaquin River, and West of Blackstone to Chateau Fresno. The district serves approximately 150,000 people. It encompasses several schools in three school districts; Fresno Unified, Clovis Unified and Central Unified, including Central High School East, Bullard High School, and Fresno High School. Northwest is home to multiple large scale shopping centers, on North Blackstone Avenue, Fig Garden, West Shaw Avenue, and one under construction on West Herndon Avenue. In addition, there are several large industrial centers that bring in thousands of people every day. The Northwest District Commander is Lieutenant Tom Laband.



## CHRISTMAS TREE LANE

This year's Christmas Tree Lane was organized and supervised by members of the NW District, as well as members of the newly formed Customer Service Unit (1 Sergeant, 1 officer, 3 cadets). Officers Bryan Williams and Richard Sorondo, along with CSO Luis Garcia took the lead on this year's operation. A huge help, and vital part of the Christmas Tree Lane Operation, is the NW District's Citizen's on Patrol Volunteer Team, led by Lead Volunteer Denise Biggert.

## CRIME STATS

The Northwest Policing District crime for **2015 vs. 2014**

Violent crime **+40.6%**

Overall drop in **property** crime: **-4.9%**

Overall drop in **all** crime: **-1.1%**

Burglary: **-8%**

Aggravated Assault **+28%**





## A TEAM CONCEPT

**THE SOUTHEAST POLICING DISTRICT** is home to one of the most diverse communities in the City. Gangs, crime, and poverty are issues that residents live with day in and day out and are factors when policing these neighborhoods. The SE District worked around-the-clock in reducing crime and strengthening and creating additional opportunities with our community-policing efforts.

SE enjoyed a “first ever” type of community collaborative this year that included partnering with the East Fresno Boys and Girls Club by taking 14 children to Disneyland. These kids who possess an extraordinary amount of “grit” visited the park for the first time in their lives. We plan on more trips with the East Fresno Club in 2016, partnering with the United Way with their Adopt-A-Family program during the holidays. The Chann family from SE was the recipient; and finally partnering with Cornerstone Church and FUSD serving meals and providing presents to 150 families at Sunnyside High School this past Christmas.



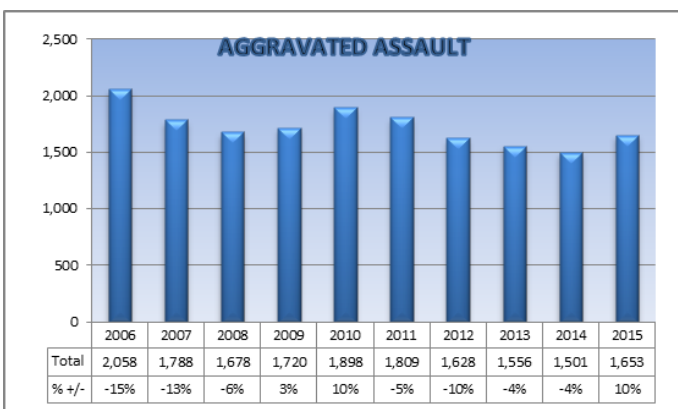
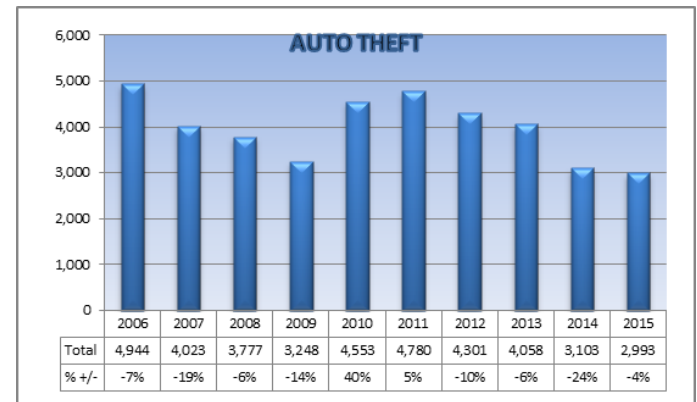
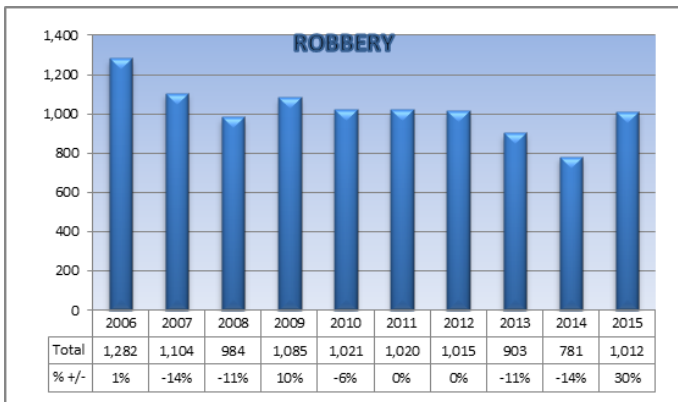
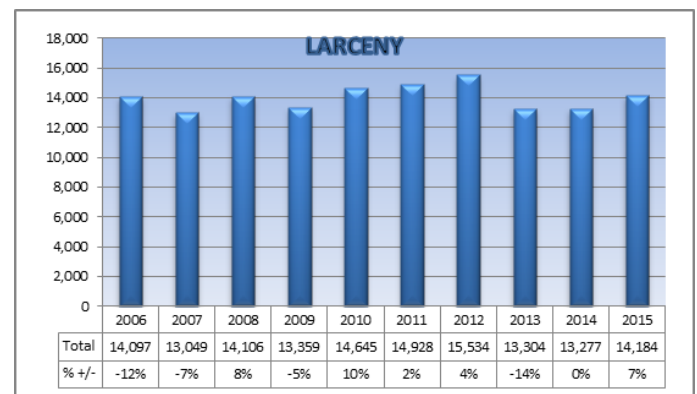
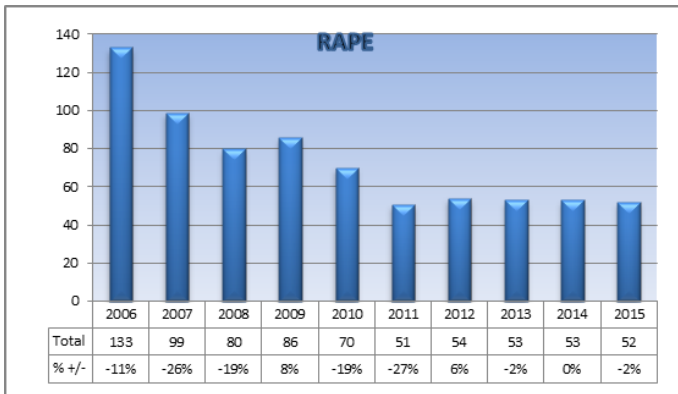
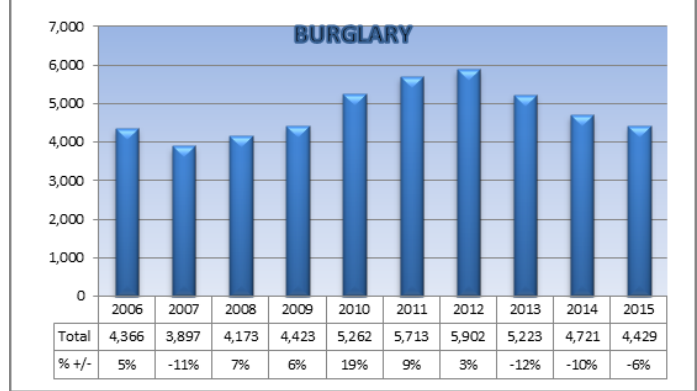
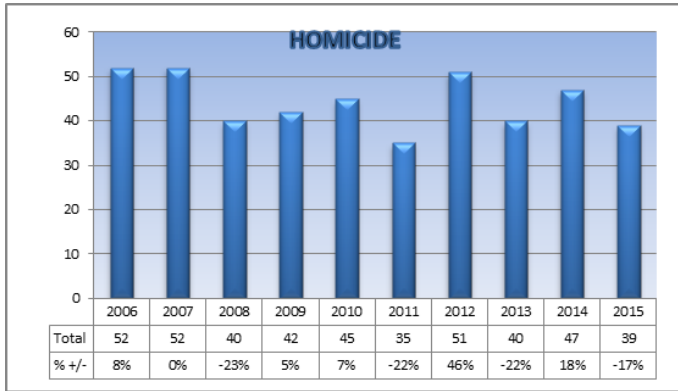
## A MEETING WITH THE SERGEANT

**SOUTHEAST** experienced a -43% reduction in murders for 2015. In 2015, SE had the fewest robberies committed citywide. SE also had the largest decrease in total violent crime citywide.

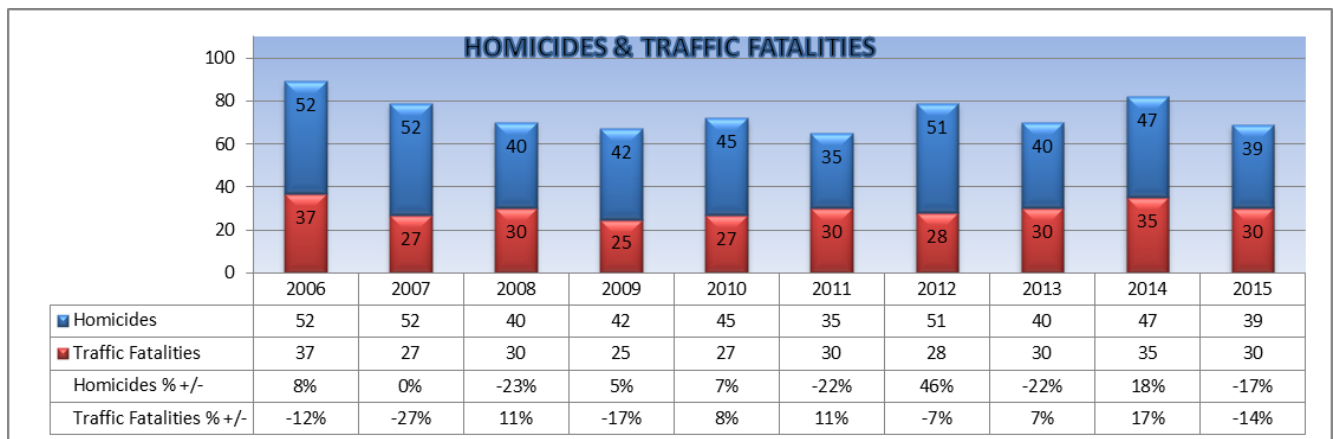
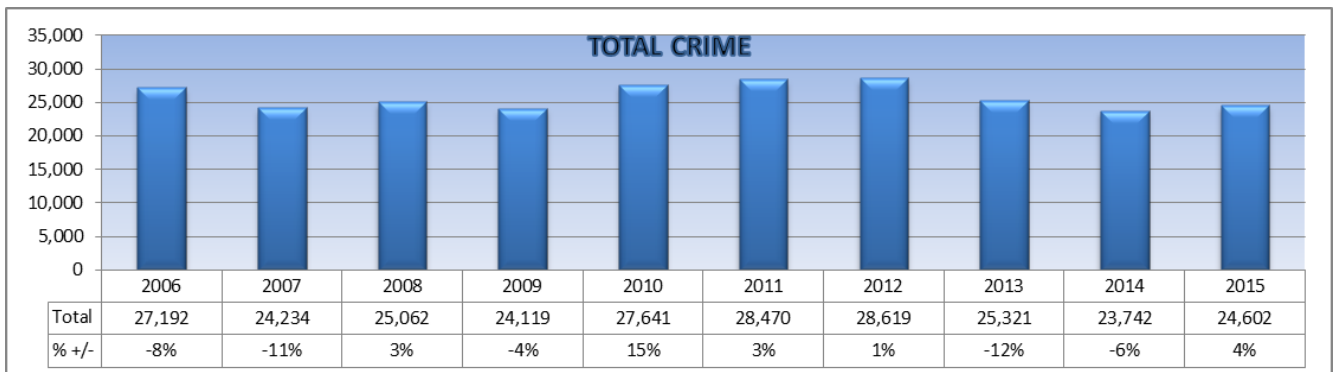
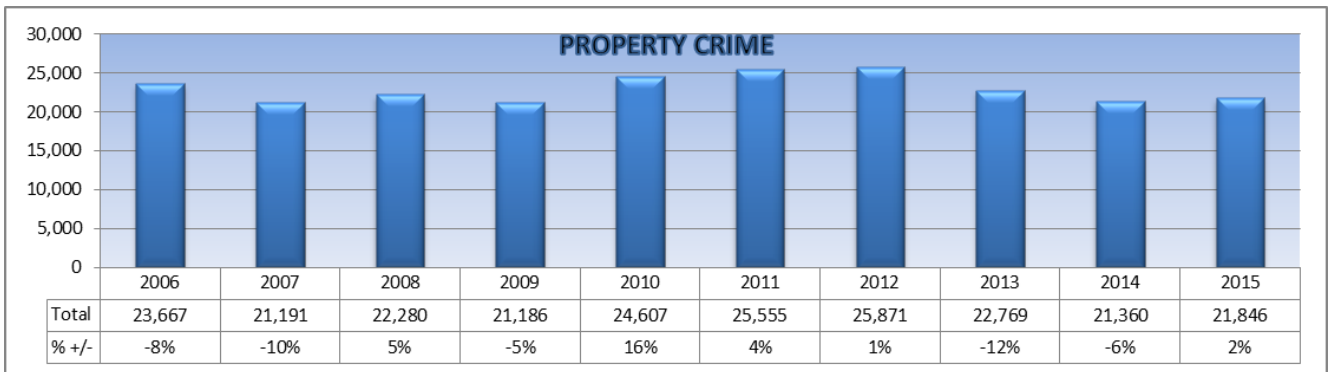
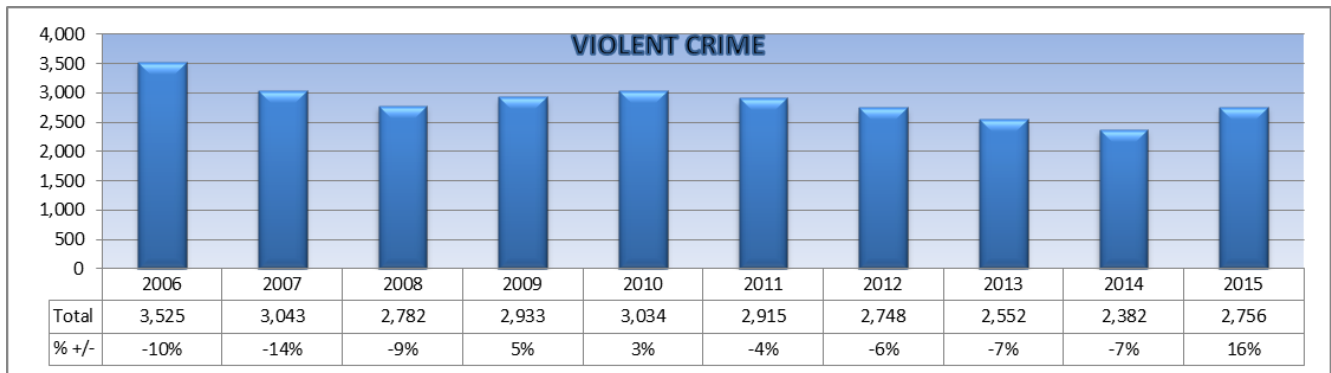
At the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, a new Command Staff and some personnel were assigned to SE. We enjoyed significant violent-crime reductions compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2015. In the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, we experienced a -45% reduction in shootings, a -69% reduction of people struck by gunfire, and we did not have any murders in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We hope to build on this momentum in 2016.

Finally, SE officers took significant steps in re-energizing Neighborhood Watch in Southeast Fresno. Our team of Crime Prevention, POP, and patrol officers made several presentations to current and new members in various apartment complexes. SE was also able to specifically target our Spanish-speaking residents during these meetings. These meetings led to a story in Fresno Bee's Vida En El Valle.

# 10 YEAR PROFILE PART ONE



# 10 YEAR PROFILE CRIME CATEGORY



# COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



The FPD Communications Center (ComCen) is the primary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the City of Fresno and receives all incoming 911 calls for the area. The center is comprised of 6 Supervisors, who have been instrumental in maintaining a high level of customer service with the goal to improve morale and promote a positive work environment. As well as 80 full-time Dispatchers who are tasked with working the radio and answering emergency, non-emergency, admin, and ring-down lines 24/7.

After a call is received Dispatchers must promptly discern which calls require police, medical, or fire assistance; each call is assigned a priority and sent out to the field. A total average of 1,171 calls for service are generated each day, with an average receive to dispatch time of 2.5 minutes for high priority calls. At any given time a Dispatcher can be operating a radio channel with upwards of 60 Officers, multitasking between keeping officer and citizen safety a priority, while dispatching calls for service in a timely manner. Our department continuously works to hire and train new Emergency Service Dispatchers who must complete both the POST Basic Dispatcher Academy, as well as a 12-18 month in-house training program. Every Dispatcher must work continuously to balance the need for efficiency and compassion while maintaining a proper work-life-stress balance.

It was a phenomenal year for the Communications Bureau, as one of the first points of citizen contact for Emergency & Non-Emergency Police Services. An astonishing first-time-ever record breaking one million plus incoming calls for the City of Fresno were received and answered-making this the busiest year to date with a total of 1,026,458 calls. The average delay time for 911 calls was down from 8.28 seconds in 2014 to 6.24 seconds for 2015, an excellent achievement for the increased call load up from 409,784 Emergency calls in 2014 to 449,631 Emergency calls in 2015, with the delay time still under the California State average of 10 seconds!





## WALKING FOR A CAUSE

It has been a wonderful year for recognition within the department with Supervisor Jaime Fahlsing and ESDIII Lori Peffley earning their POST Advanced Instructor Certification; allowing them to teach POST courses. Jaime Fahlsing was also selected to represent POST region 4B (Fresno, Kings, Kern, Tulare, and Madera counties) on the POST Public Safety Dispatch Advisory Council and has already developed a curriculum for a Dispatcher Terrorism course that is in the POST approval process. Not to mention, ESDIII Nathan Hale was selected as POST Subject Matter Expert for a video on Dispatcher Career Resiliency and was included in the video. Also, our Dispatcher of the year was ESDII Provisional Trainer (PT) Heidi Hancock who was recognized for being an exemplary Dispatcher and team member, along with her excellent work on the 4/10 Staffing Committee with ESDIII Veronica Lyon, ESDII PT Heather Hummel, and ESDII PT Ken Holmquist. Lastly, ESDII Yvonne Sellick was recognized as Employee of the Quarter for Fall, for being a reliable and outstanding Dispatcher.

Comcen personnel are also proud to have participated in a few department events such as Shave the Brave for the late Officer Edgar Valle Sandoval in March 2015. Three of our very own shaved their heads in support of Edgar and his battle with cancer, Heidi Hancock, ESDII Lucy Covish, and retired ESDII Shanna Beebe. Team Captain for March of Dimes ESDII Amanda Soto helped Communications raise over \$2000 for the Dime-OND Dispatcher March of Dimes for Babies team in April 2015.

# COMMUNICATION CENTER STATISTICS

911 Calls	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
911 Calls Received	239,835	267,762	295,429	368,822	400,663	409,784	449,631
911 Calls Answered	227,582	241,978	267,890	325,425	342,083	359,290	411,047
911 Average Answer Delay (seconds)	4	8	8	10	12	10	6.24
Zero Priority Response Time (minutes)	6.41	6.86	7.21	7.38	8.27	8.28	8.42

Non-Emergency Calls	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Non-Emergency Calls Received	531,907	596,243	581,391	577,167	556,869	540,315	576,827
Non-Emergency Calls Answered	504,141	525,737	511,831	495,490	457,628	465,631	511,894
Non-Emergency Average Answer Delay (seconds)	7	18	20	27	38	26	18.94
911 & Non-Emergency Call Totals	771,742	864,005	876,820	945,989	957,532	950,099	1,026,458

Calls for Service	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total Calls for Service	432,320	409,080	404,548	417,333	405,800	408,718	427,407
Average Daily Calls for Service	1,184	1,120	1,108	1,140	1,112	1,120	1,171
Original Incident Reports Written	103,425	94,164	91,301	91,700	86,872	93,656	91,464
Electronic Reports Received	3,088	10,182	11,585	12,610	11,164	8,329	9,548



Shave  
the Brave

**IN 2015** we continued to solidify our reputation as an agency that aggressively locates and apprehends impaired drivers. For over a decade, the Fresno Police Department has made a tremendous difference in our community and thankfully, because of these efforts, many citizens in our city will never have to experience the pain and suffering caused by this horrendous crime.

We use a technological strategy that allows us to better track citation and collision data through the use of electronic ticket writing devices and collision tracking software. We use this information to deploy resources to our most needed areas. Technology has allowed us to do more with less. For instance, using a computer programmer to retrieve data from a complicated database used to take weeks to months, now it only takes minutes to retrieve that same information. This technology, with the assistance of private sector support, allows not only sergeants, but officers to access data, which includes traffic collision statistics and traffic citation statistics accessible with just the click of a mouse. This data is the backbone of our enforcement and illustrates how effective we are in these efforts.

## THE FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

### TRAFFIC BUREAU



**THE FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT** saw a small increase of 1.0% in overall collisions and a 1.0% decrease in injury collisions. However, when we look at the big picture, the overall reductions are staggering in comparison to our traffic collision rates from the inception of our traffic program in 2002. Since 2002, injury collisions are down 44% and total collisions are down 40%. In 2015, our department investigated 30 fatalities as opposed to the 35 fatalities that occurred in 2014. These traffic fatalities include vehicle, bicycle, motorcycle and pedestrians. Of the 30 fatalities, there were a total of 12 pedestrian deaths, a 29% decrease from 2014. 9 of the 12 pedestrians killed in 2015 (75%) were under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the fatal collision. 67% of the deceased pedestrians were at fault in the collision that claimed their life and 83% of the pedestrians occupied a roadway outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk when they were struck by a vehicle. Sadly, in our vehicle related traffic fatalities 29% of the occupants were not wearing their seatbelt at the time of the collision. We also had 12 deaths caused by someone driving under the influence, a 33% increase from 2014.

We conducted 13 pedestrian operations throughout the city, targeting pedestrian violations during both daytime and nighttime hours. We also conducted 15 speed operations, 17 distracted driving operations, 6 red light operations, 8 motorcycle safety enforcement operations and 8 occupant protection operations. These operations have a significant impact on reducing collisions by the use of targeted enforcement. The Fresno Police Department recognizes that seatbelts and car seats save lives and reduce or prevent injuries caused during collisions. We also recognize that reducing speed reduces the severity of injuries when collisions do occur.



**LICENSE AND  
REGISTRATION  
PLEASE**

**THE TRAFFIC BUREAU** continues the relentless pursuit of DUI drivers in our city. Through a variety of DUI education and enforcement programs designed to eradicate DUI drivers from our streets, the Fresno Police Department made 2,784 DUI arrests last year. As a part of our DUI enforcement programs, we conducted 56 sobriety and driver's license checkpoints and 19 DUI saturation operations.

On December 18, 2015, the Fresno Police Department Traffic Bureau dedicated a new DUI collision trailer to honor the victims of DUI. This newly dedicated trailer contains the vehicle that three loving sisters were in when they lost their lives to a DUI driver. On January 25, 2014, four sisters, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Josie Contreras, Delores Rodriguez and Jennie Monreal were driving home from a family outing on McCall Avenue north of Belmont in Fresno County. A repeat DUI offender, who was once again driving impaired, crossed over the center line crashing head-on into their vehicle. This tragic collision took the lives of Josie, Delores and Jennie and critically injured Elizabeth.

The DUI collision trailer is used as an educational tool to bring awareness to the crime of DUI and the lives lost at the hands of DUI drivers. The trailer is displayed at schools, public events, and DUI checkpoints.

## SAVING LIVES





## TRAFFIC SAFETY

is a compilation of numerous separate efforts reflected in our statistics. We issued 58,927 traffic citations and 15,338 warnings in 2015. Of those, 9,734 were for speeding and 2,022 were for occupant protection violations. We cited 6,843 unlicensed drivers, 4,680 suspended drivers, and arrested 2,784 impaired drivers.

The relationship of traffic enforcement to crime reduction is also apparent. Traffic officers arrested 310 felony suspects and seized 19 guns. As a result, the Traffic Bureau is a major part of most large scale crime suppression operations in the city.

The Fresno Police Department has built a responsive traffic safety program. Our collision reductions and statistical information reflect our focused traffic enforcement efforts as we work towards our goal of zero deaths on our roadways.



# GUN CRIMES UNIT

The Fresno Police Department Gun Crimes Unit was expanded on August 3, 2015, with the sole purpose of targeting the individuals who are most involved in committing crimes involving firearms. With cooperation from the District Attorney, the unit has three Deputy D.A.'s assigned for review of all cases submitted by the Gun Crimes Unit. This corroboration has streamlined the filing process and made filing firearm related cases easier and successful.

The unit consists of investigative and tactical components. The investigation component has one sergeant and five investigators. The tactical component is comprised of one sergeant and five tactical operators.

The following statistics cover the 5 months of 2015 compiled by the team related to self-initiated investigations:

<i>Yearly Numbers</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>AUSA Filings</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Firearms Seized</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Authored Warrants</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Gang Homes Entered</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>Felony Arrests</i>	<i>29</i>
<b>CASES FILED</b>	<i>23</i>
<i>BMA Gang Warrants</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Bulldog Gang Warrants</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>SE Asian Gang Warrants</i>	<i>6</i>



## REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

The Fresno Police Department Regional Training Center (RTC) opened in September of 2010 and has been in operation for over five years. The RTC's staff works hard to provide training that assists law enforcement personnel from a wide variety of agencies to operate in the challenging environment that they face every day. The instructors are certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) in the subject areas in which they instruct. Much of the training is mandated by the State of California for all peace officers. Training classes are usually offered in conjunction with our long time partners, Fresno City College and POST.

In addition to attending classes, the RTC offers numerous other Federal, State and local agencies utilize the facility to train their personnel with their own instructors. As a training center available for public safety training, the RTC is also utilized by fire and EMS agencies for some of their training courses.

One of the RTC's primary courses is the Perishable Skills Program class which packages up the State mandates in 24-hours of training. The RTC utilizes the expertise of full time personnel assigned to the Training Section, other Fresno Police Department personnel, and private training vendors in order to provide a wide variety of training courses. For more information on the Fresno Police Department's Regional Training Center, please visit our website at [www.fresnopolice.net](http://www.fresnopolice.net).



DRIVING  
SIMULATOR



## *Skywatch Air Support*



**AS OUR CITY** continued to recover from the “Great Recession” and our department began to rebuild, the Skywatch Air Support Unit followed suit. With additional funds now available for flight hours, Air-1 flew 30% more this year than in 2014--the most flight hours logged in the last five years. More flying meant responding to more incidents and making more arrests--a 64% increase. It also meant Skywatch was first to arrive more often. The aircrew was “first on scene” for three out of every four calls where a helicopter was needed. A high point of the year was our ability to add our first police pilot to the ranks in more than four years. This allows for Skywatch to be more readily available for patrol, SWAT incidents, and emergency call-outs.

Demand for air support has not waned, especially in light of the recent increase in violent crime. Actively flying on patrol allows for Skywatch to have an average response time of less than a minute to high-priority calls. This means crimes are still in progress or at least suspects are still in the area when Air-1 arrives overhead. Two examples of this occurred during the summer of 2015. While on patrol, mid-week at 1:00 a.m., the aircrew responded to Southwest Fresno regarding multiple reports of gunshots. The aircrew arrived overhead about forty seconds later and began canvassing the area. From their vantage point, the aircrew was able to scan a large area of SW Fresno and noticed a pickup truck nearly two miles away that ran through a red light. As they flew toward the truck, the aircrew saw that two people were lying down in the truck’s bed.

# POLICING FROM THE SKY

Believing that they now possibly had the shooters, the aircrew directed multiple Southwest units to the truck and illuminated it as officers began to converge. SW patrol officers detained four suspects and located multiple spent shell casings in the bed of truck. Nearby, officers located two handguns the suspects had dumped after seeing the helicopter flying over them. The guns and shell casings matched those that were used at the shooting scene and the four validated gang members were arrested for multiple gun-related charges.

On another mid-week evening after midnight, Air-1 was flying on patrol when the aircrew heard a Violent Crime Unit trying to stop a speeding vehicle. As the officers engaged in pursuit of the car, the suspect threw two handguns out of the driver's side window. The aircrew arrived quickly over the pursuit and illuminated the car with the 30-million-candle-power spotlight. When the suspect began running traffic signals at high speed, ground units stopped their pursuit in the interest of public safety, relying on the helicopter to follow the suspect. Seeing no officers behind him, the suspect elected to pull into an apartment complex and flee on foot. He made various futile attempts to hide but was unable to escape the helicopter's light. He eventually stopped running, raised his hands, and looked up to the helicopter as an act of surrender. The aircrew directed ground units to his location, and the well-known validated gang member was arrested. Both 9mm handguns that the suspect tossed into the street were recovered by officers.



*Air Support*

*Crew*

# SKYWATCH STATISTICS

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015
Incidents	1782	2582	2552	2794
Arrests	120	156	142	234
Flight Hours	777	1069	1047	1371
1 <sup>st</sup> on Scene	62%	62%	65%	72%
Average Response Time	35 sec	26 sec	30 sec	39 sec
Units Cancelled	166	218	296	285
Stolen/Recovered Prop	\$35,300	\$204,000.00	\$112,177.00	\$386,377.00
Pursuits	18	20	25	28



**INTERNAL AFFAIRS** is comprised of five sergeants who investigate allegations of misconduct and one sergeant who oversees the Body Camera Unit.

The mission of the Internal Affairs Bureau is to effectively and efficiently investigate allegations of misconduct by members of the Fresno Police Department. Internal Affairs will conduct all investigations in a fair and unbiased manner and will provide a basis for an appropriate administrative response. In addition these Investigators review all Officer Involved Shootings, In Custody Deaths and Risk Management claims.

Our goal is to search for the truth by way of fair and timely inquiries into allegations of police misconduct .



**2015 FPD ANNUAL STATS  
FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS**

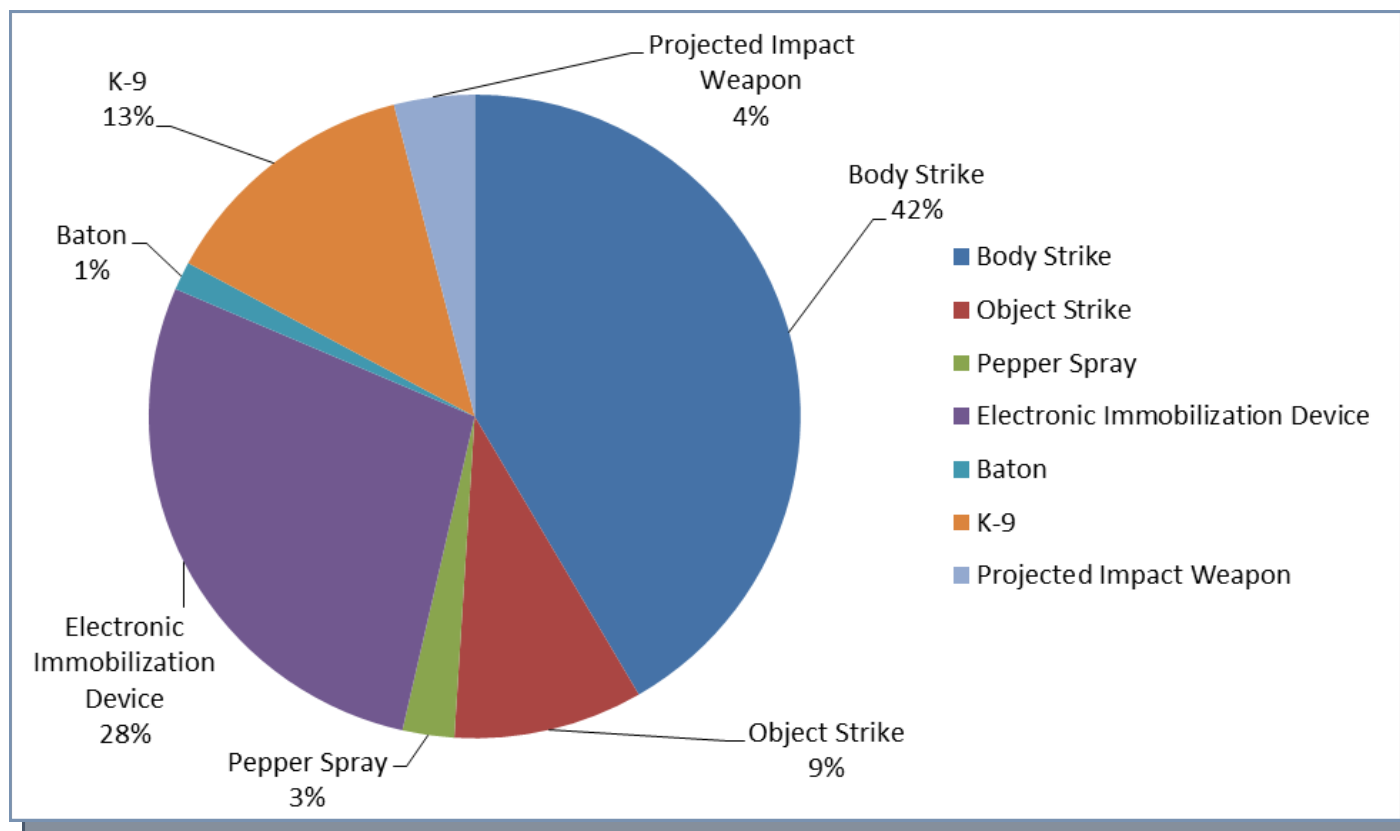
<b>FINDINGS</b>	<b>TOTAL # OF FINDINGS FOR 2015 CLOSED CASES</b>
<b>SUSTAINED</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>NOT SUSTAINED</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>UNFOUNDED</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>EXONERATED</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>WITHIN POLICY*</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>CASE SUSPENDED</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OPEN</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>TOTAL FINDINGS</b>	<b>150</b>

\*OIS-Person/OIS Dog/Firearm Discharge/Lethal Force

<b>2015</b>	<b>TOTAL #</b>
<b>DEPT GENERATED IAs</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>CITIZEN GENERATED IAs</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>WITHDRAWN IAs</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>INQUIRY COMPLAINT FORMS</b>	<b>406</b>

<b>DISCIPLINE ISSUED IN 2015</b>	<b># OF EACH</b>
<b>TERMINATIONS</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>RETIREMENT</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DEMOTIONS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SUSPENSIONS</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FINES</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>LETTERS OF REPRIMAND</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

## 2015 Reportable Response to Resistance



**FRESNO POLICE OFFICERS** responded to 418,806 calls for service in 2015, but only used reportable force on 276 occasions. This equates to officers using reportable force during less than one-tenth of one percent (.066%) of all calls for service responded to in 2015. Reportable force is defined as:

Members (including canines) use force and a person is injured, has expressed a complaint of pain, or has been rendered unconscious;

Members strike a person with a body part (e.g., fist, foot, elbow, etc.) or any object ( e.g., flashlight, clipboard, etc.); or

Members use (not merely display) a Department issued weapon (e.g., baton, chemical agent, Taser, less-lethal, shotgun, firearm, etc.).

# Major Commendations

## Over and Above.....

At the Fresno Police Department, we are in the midst of many heroes. Some put their own lives at risk to save that of another, and others who dedicate themselves to developing new programs in policing to make our Community a better place to live.



We proudly recognized the outstanding achievements of our personnel with a Major Commendations Ceremony on June 30, 2015.



Twenty-two Officers received the *Recovered Firearms Award*.

We honored two Cadets with *Latent Print/Suspect Identification Pins*.



And, Sixteen Officers took heroic and quick-thinking actions to save the lives of fellow human beings and were awarded the Fresno Police Department *Lifesaving Medal* .



**Det. Sam Ashworth**



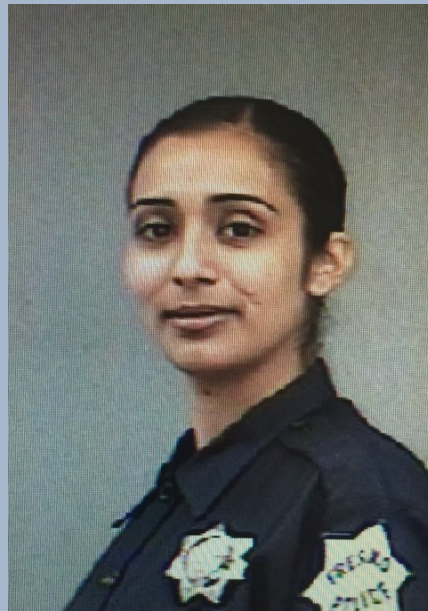
**Officer Roland Diaz**



**Sergeant Steve Casto**



**Det. Donnie Dinnell**



**Officer Pavinder Dhillon**



**Ret. Officer Art Estrada**

**2015 Fresno Police Department Officers  
and Employees of the Year**





**Sgt. Vicki Dellone**



**RO Peter Ferguson**



**Officer Ricardo Gonzalez**



**Officer Felipe Lucero**



**ESD II Lorin Moore**



**Det. Mark Van-Wyhe**



**Officer Lee Harris**

*A Year of Excellence*

**THE HOMELESS TASK FORCE** finished up another year of keeping the City of Fresno encampment free. We have worked hard with our partners in the Sanitation Department and Code Enforcement to continue to respond to and disperse the first signs of any illegal settlements or encampments all over the city. While we have made a number of significant arrests, our greatest accomplishments are the success stories we have of those that finally accepted the assistance available and have been taken out of the street lifestyle.

In 2015, the HTF worked closely with the Multi-Agency Access Program (MAP) to contact those individuals who were ready to give up the street life and make a new start. Since its opening in February, MAP at the Poverello House has housed over 110 people into permanent supportive housing. Many of these folks were referred by members of the HTF or taken into the MAP in our patrol cars. One such story involves “Matt”. HTF met Matt in late 2013 and seeing and listening to his story, continued to offer him help nearly every day for two years. After being arrested yet again for various drug related crimes, Matt finally accepted help after being released and is now in a yearlong program at the Poverello House. Now the HTF gets to greet Matt everyday as he works with others on the street to get them to make a similar choice. Matt has thanked the members of the HTF personally for never giving up on him and always treating him with respect.

The HTF continues to work with all of the City of Fresno’s service providers to try and put an end to chronic street homelessness as well as serve the community by keeping the streets and alleys clean and clear of illegal settlements.

Settlements Removed – **1350**

Shopping Carts Recovered – **5289**

Felony Arrests – **310**

Shopping Cart Arrests - **670**





## **MULTI-AGENCY GANG ENFORCEMENT CONSORTIUM (MAGEC)**

Twelve Detectives, three Sergeants and one Lieutenant make up the department's portion of Fresno County's Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (MAGEC). MAGEC is composed of more than 40 officers from the Fresno Sheriff's Office, Fresno Police Department, Fresno County District Attorney's Office, California Highway Patrol, Clovis Police Department, Kingsburg Police Department and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. MAGEC also received assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and many of the allied police agencies throughout the County.

In 2015, MAGEC continued their efforts in combating gang violence and identifying, validating and arresting gang members. Although MAGEC is a County-wide resource, the Metropolitan (Metro) Team focuses their efforts primarily within the City of Fresno. Some of the Metro Team's statistics included: 718 Felony Arrests, 54 Misdemeanor Arrests, 154 Search Warrants served, 241 Guns seized, 25 Gang Presentations, 3 Ceasefire Call-Ins and 90 Gang Validations. Although few people outside of MAGEC or the Courts get to see this, one of the most powerful tools MAGEC Detectives complete is Gang Validations.

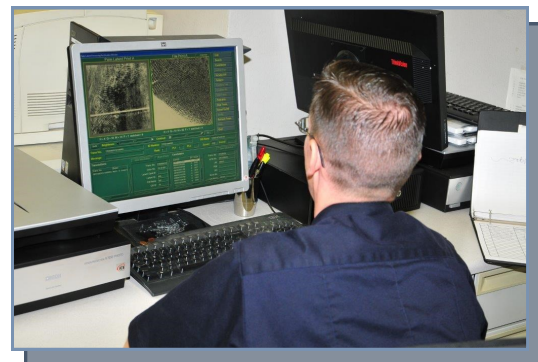
# CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Crime Scene Investigations Bureau (CSIB) provides specialized crime scene investigation and forensic support services 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. These services include: crime scene processing (including homicides and Officer Involved Shootings), evidence photography, blood and DNA sample collection, crime scene diagram construction and latent fingerprint processing and development. Additionally, CSIB also enters all finger and palm print evidence into local, state and federal fingerprint databases and completes comparisons of latent finger and palm prints to identify suspects.

Some officers only get to see CSIs in the field taking pictures, maybe collecting some evidence from the crime scene. What many do not see, is how much time is also spent behind the scenes comparing prints, processing evidence, testing items collected and ensuring all evidence is booked correctly and ready for court proceedings. One recent high-profile possible homicide investigation resulted in the collection of 243 DNA swabs, 46 latent finger and palm print cards and almost 1,100 photographs being taken. All told, this investigation involved eight different CSI's who expended over 160 hours of labor to complete the CSI portion of the investigation.

In 2015, the CSIB collected evidence in approximately 8,200 cases. More than 1,100 subjects were positively identified via finger and palm print matches. The Cadets assigned to the prisoner processing section of the CSIB processed almost 14,000 arrestees.

## PIECES TO A CRIME PUZZLE



**VALLEY CRIME STOPPERS** is truly a citizen-run non - profit organization. The Board of Directors is made up of a group of caring business people who come together and donate their time and experience to be a part of making our communities a safer place to live.

They continue to get the word out into the community on the mission of Valley Crime Stoppers and more importantly, the true anonymity of protecting those who come forward with information to help solve crime. In 2015, Valley Crime Stoppers collected over 2,000 tips which led to over 600 arrests. Through their on - going efforts to help law enforcement they profiled over 2600 felony suspects utilizing their media partners; KSEE24, KGPE47, Cumulus Media, Univision Radio, The Fresno Bee, many outlying local newspapers and Jeffrey Scott Agency. \$331,000 in property was recovered and they authorized over \$77,000 in rewards. Over the past 22 years, Valley Crime Stoppers has paid over \$1.4 million dollars in rewards to help solve valley crimes.

In 2016, a major focus of Valley Crime Stoppers is their continued effort to keep not only the community safe, but a strong educational push toward students and schools in our Central Valley. In 2016, Valley Crime Stoppers will introduce Campus Crime Stoppers. The program will be designed to encourage students on the importance of taking ownership and pride in their schools and a strong educational push toward anonymous reporting of dangerous activity including drugs, vandalism, bullying and weapons on campus and in the community.

On behalf of The Valley Crime Stoppers Board of Directors we would like to say, "Thank you ." Thank you to our sponsors and thank you to law enforcement for believing in us and our mission, and for enabling us to assist you in making a difference in our community.

**CRIME  
STOPPERS**



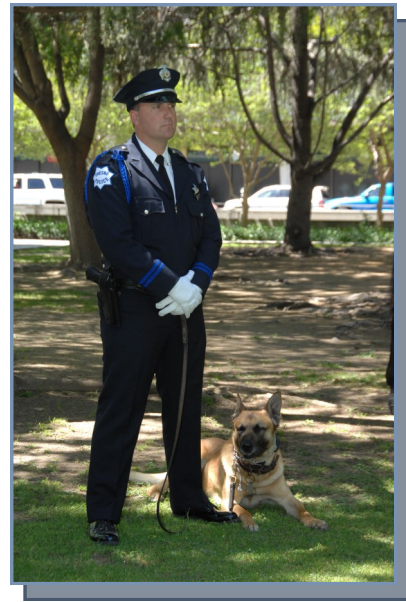
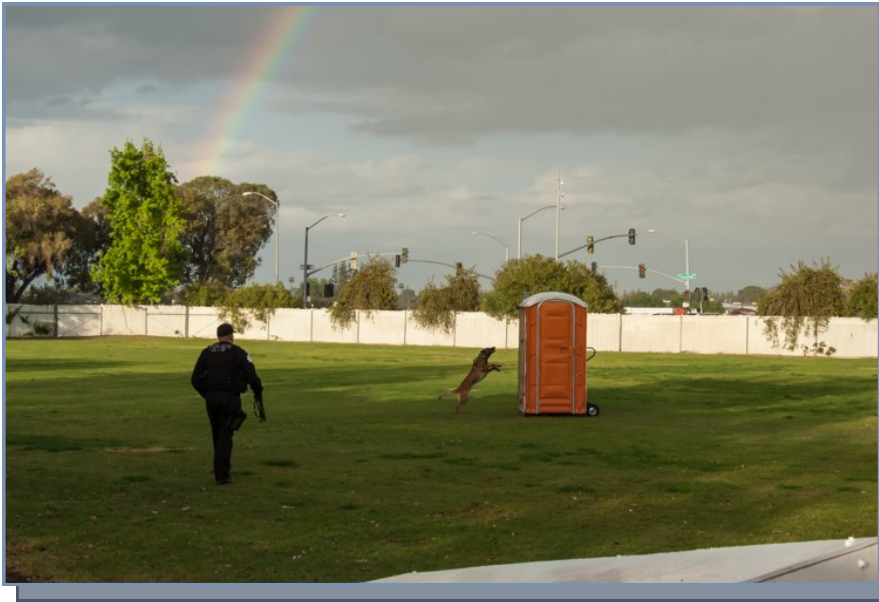
**THE K-9 UNIT** was established in 1993 and originally consisted of 8 officers and their newly selected K9 partners. Today, the team consists of 13 officers and K9's, a number that still allows the team to provide much needed 24/7 coverage. Each K9 is trained to meet specific patrol needs, including tracking, evidence location, officer protection and suspect apprehension. Three of the 13 K9 teams are cross trained in narcotics detection while another 3 K9 teams are cross trained in explosive detection.

In 2015, we retired 3 of our K9 partners; K9 Ike, K9 Kubo and K9 Tico. We added two new members; K9 Jax who is partnered with Officer Donovan Pope and K9 Kilo.

K9 Officers in our Department are not assigned to a specific Patrol District or beat in order to ensure the availability of their specialized resource. The K9 Officers are utilized every day, assisting patrol and other Department specialized units with warrant arrests, crimes in progress, building searches, suspect tracking, evidence location, high-risk vehicle stops and narcotic searches. In 2015, members of the Unit were directly involved in the arrest of 465 suspects (through tracking, placating, etc), responded to 1,299 alarm calls, performed 80 article searches, locating 21 items of evidence with 3 of them being firearms used in crimes, and participated in 1,241 warrant services. In addition to responding to K9 calls for service throughout the city, the K9 Unit also assists field officers with patrol calls. In 2015, members of the K9 Unit were the first to arrive on 804 "0" priorities; they responded to 2,511 "0" priorities, 2,474 miscellaneous calls for service and handled 700 "double unit" patrol calls for service by themselves, freeing up officers to tend to other calls for service.



**K-9 AXO**



## BEST FRIEND AND PARTNER



Response to K9 requests for service is our top priority, however members of the team do find the time to attend K9 demonstrations and community “meet and greets.” The Unit has tremendous community support and contributes this to our willingness to interact with the public. On a near weekly basis, members of the Unit have found themselves talking to a wide variety of community members in all types of venues including school children in kindergarten to career fairs on Fresno State University’s campus, service clubs and Farmer’s Market. In 2015, the team participated in 72 community demonstrations and “meet and greets”, 25 more than in 2014.

*“My goal in life is to be as good of a person my dog already thinks I am.”*

~Author Unknown

## MOUNTED PATROL UNIT

Mounted Patrol was established in 1993. With six horses and six full-time officers, the teams deployed throughout the city providing support to Patrol and participating in community events. In 2010, due to budget restraints, the decision was made to disband the Unit. Community support for the continuation of the Unit was tremendous however, and through gracious donations and our Annual Fundraising Dinner, our Unit is still able to continue to operate! Currently, the Fresno Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit is only one of a few left remaining in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Mounted Patrol Unit is not staffed by full - time personnel. Instead, the care, training and deployments are accomplished through an auxiliary assignment or by Reserve Officers and Volunteers donating their time. There are currently 16 members, 8 are sworn officers assigned to other duties, 5 are Reserve Officers and 3 are Volunteers. All members ensure that the horses are fed, watered and cared for on a daily basis. There are two designated Unit training days each month, however members can additionally train on their own if they choose.

In 2015, the Mounted Patrol Unit was very busy, deploying at locations throughout the City. Although proactive patrol from horseback is our primary mission, community relations is an extremely important aspect of our operations. Everywhere the Unit deploys, families come by and ask the question, "Can I pet your horse?". This question is the initiation of a positive contact between our agency and the public we are proud to serve.







## CAREER CRIMINAL AUTO THEFT TEAM

**IN MID 2011** The City of Fresno saw a drastic increase in vehicle thefts. There were weeks where averages of 20 vehicles a day were stolen in the City of Fresno. To combat this trend Chief Jerry Dyer created the Career Criminal Auto Theft Team (CCATT). The CCATT team is made-up of a Sergeant and 6 Detectives. The team's mission was to identify and arrest Fresno's most prolific auto thieves. CCATT made an immediate impact and by the end of December 2011, auto thefts had decreased by 50 percent.

Over the next four years, auto theft continued to drop significantly. In 2014 and 2015 there was a combined reduction in auto thefts city-wide of almost 30 percent. The average number of vehicles stolen a day dropped from approximately 20 vehicles a day in Mid 2011, to an average of only 8 vehicles a day by the end 2015. The reduction was accomplished by long term investigations, shutting down chop shops, and arresting Fresno's most prolific auto thieves. The Fresno County District Attorney's Office was also very instrumental in the reductions by holding Fresno's most prolific auto thieves accountable and pursuing stricter punishments for repeat offenders. This year, CCATT made 209 felony arrests, shut down 11 chop shops, and served 30 search warrants and had the lowest number of cars stolen since 1987.

# PATROL VOLUNTEERS

Fresno Police Department's Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) served 10,354 hours in 2015, at an estimated value of \$238,867. The 34 volunteers were assigned throughout the Department and contributed substantially to the mission of FPD by providing essential support to sworn and civilian personnel, which enabled them to focus on mission-critical functions.

Throughout the year, VIPS volunteers were offered opportunities to enhance their experiences by participating in training courses that included gas and electric safety for public safety volunteers, hazardous materials, terrorism awareness, the Incident Command System, amateur radio operations, Weather Spotter and Community Emergency Response Team training.

In 2015, the Department benefitted significantly from the return of retired sworn and civilian personnel who continue to provide extremely valuable experience and expertise. In addition, a substantial number of highly qualified VIPS volunteers are now employed by FPD or seeking part-time employment with the Department.



## SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

On August 20, 1973, Fresno Police Sergeant Salvador “Sal” Mosqueda stopped his patrol car in front of a residence after receiving a call for a disturbance. Unbeknownst to him, the house was occupied by two suspects who had just committed an armed robbery. Sergeant Mosqueda was killed and the subsequent firefight between the suspects and responding officers resulted in the suspect’s death and the destruction of the house after hundreds of rounds had been fired. In response to the increasing number of incidents such as this, the Fresno Police Department recognized the need for a formally trained group of officers to respond to critical incidents.

In 1974, the Department’s SWAT team was formed and it originally consisted of six members. Since then, our team has grown considerably and currently is comprised of 30 members, which include a team commander, assistant commander, four team leaders, and twenty-four operators. S.W.A.T. is a collateral duty and all members maintain other assignments within the department until activated. We are fortunate to have several support elements in place to assist our team during call outs. These support teams consists of seven “bus crew” members who assist with communications, equipment and record keeping during calls. The other support we draw from consists of our own trauma surgeon, as well as four paramedics from the American Ambulance STAR Rescue Team who serve as tactical medics on our operations.

In 2015, the Department’s SWAT team responded to 15 different incidents which included high risk search warrant service, barricaded subjects as well as a mutual aid request to assist the Tulare County Sheriff’s Department in a large scale SWAT operation.





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