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The Fresno Police Department's Mission, Vision and Goals

MISSION

**To Enhance Safety, Service
and Trust within our
Community**

VISION

**To Serve the Community
with Honesty, Compassion
and Respect**

GOALS

- **Build upon our effective law enforcement tradition.**
- **Continue to establish partnerships to achieve a safer community.**
- **Use innovative technology to maximize our performance.**
- **Provide a rewarding work environment and invest in personnel development.**
- **Communicate effectively both internally and externally.**
- **Apply intelligence led policing to deploy resources and assess effectiveness.**
- **Effectively and efficiently use our available resources.**

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DEAR MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY:

I hope you will find this year's Annual Report informative, as you take an inside look at the accomplishments of the Fresno Police Department and our ongoing efforts to keep our community safe.

Our department is committed to increasing community support by establishing relationships of trust, implementing citywide community-policing activities, improving the delivery of police services, and ensuring the safety of citizens and our employees.

Department members strongly value and continually seek to establish partnerships with members of the community through programs such as: Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life, Hope Coalition, Chiefs' Advisory Board, Fresno Youth Forums, Police Activities League, CrimeStoppers, Neighborhood Watch, and the Citizens/Teen/Hispanic Police Academies.

In an effort to impact crime, department members identify those trends at an early stage, utilizing the analysis of crime data compiled by Crime Analysts. Sophisticated technological strategies are then developed, and resources are deployed, in order to impact these trends promptly.

We are committed to recruiting the most qualified candidates, who are reflective of the community demographics, and providing them with the training, technology, and equipment necessary to enable them to perform their jobs safely, effectively, and efficiently.

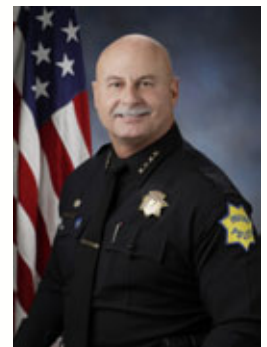
Thanks to the outstanding efforts of the men and women of the Fresno Police Department, in partnership with the community, violent crime realized a 7% decrease in 2017, with the largest reduction of 14.6%, in robbery. Property crimes fell by 2%, with the largest reduction of 15% in auto theft. The number of cars stolen in Fresno in 2017 was the lowest number seen in more than 30 years.

When considering the state's weakened criminal justice system, which resulted in 30% fewer inmates in California prisons, as compared to seven years ago, combined with the low number of officers per capita, it is remarkable to see the accomplishment of the decrease in crime.

Although we have much work left to do, once again, I am optimistic about the ongoing safety of our residents and the future of our city.

At your service,


JERRY P. DYER
Chief of Police



Safety, Service, Trust



MAYOR LEE BRAND

I am proud of our police department and their constant commitment to make Fresno a better, safer place to live, work and play. Public safety is my top priority as Mayor and I have made good on my promise to hire more police officers – in fact, the Fresno Police Department recently reached its full staffing level for the first time in years. Under Chief Jerry Dyer's leadership, we have one of the finest police departments in the nation.

I also promised to assist the Department's move to a community-based policing policy and to be more transparent and accountable to the people of Fresno. We are bringing them to the table to help build trust with the men and women who have sworn to protect them.

This annual report reflects the dedication to excellence that is the hallmark of our Police Department. We've improved our technology and we've expanded our community outreach by adding new police stations and substations in areas where the community was previously underserved. In addition, our department is changing lives with its youth mentoring programs. Every day, you can see the positive impact that our police officers are making in our neighborhoods and our schools.

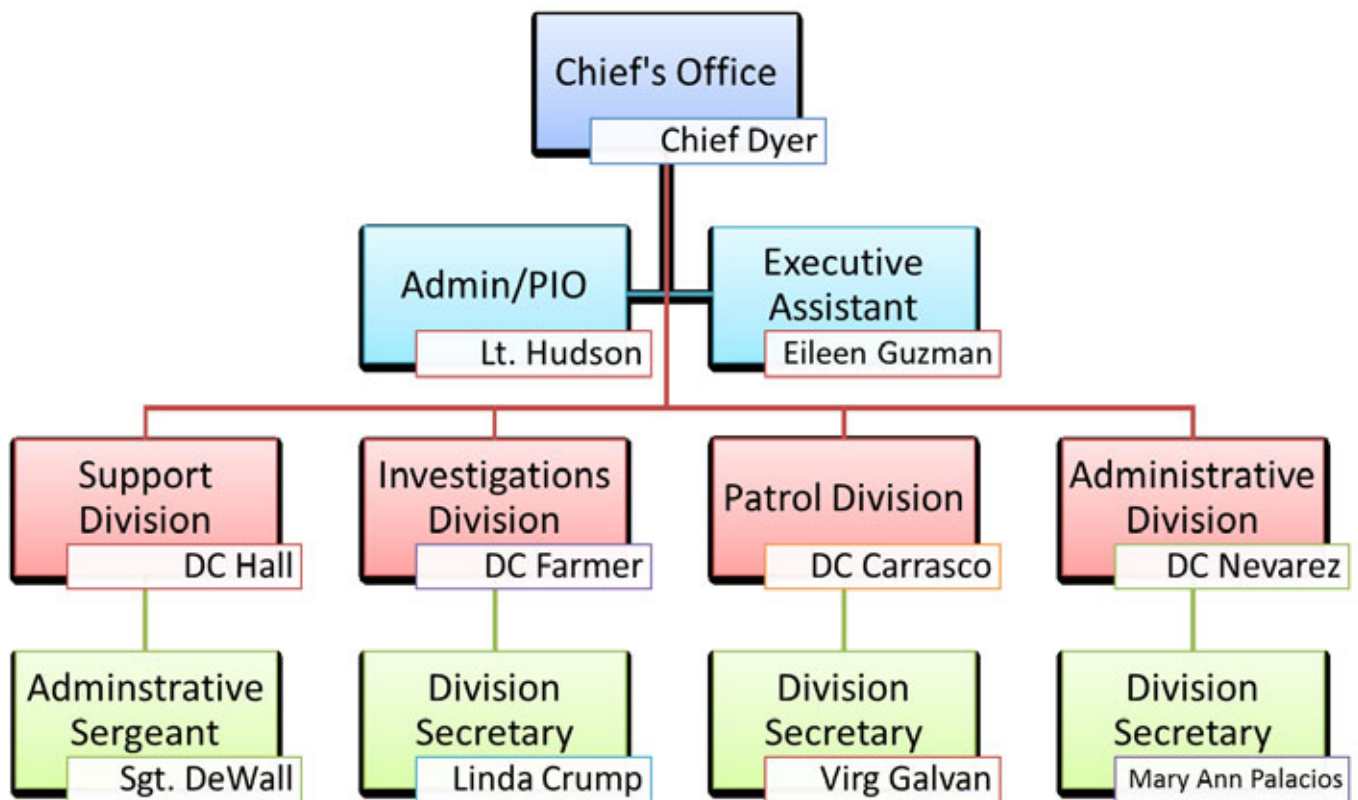
On behalf of the City of Fresno, I am pleased to present the police department's annual report. To the men and women who serve our citizens, thank you for your service and dedication. It's a very challenging time for law enforcement and Chief Dyer and the entire Fresno Police Department deserve our thanks for their hard work. When people feel safe, our neighborhoods thrive, schools improve, businesses invest, and our entire city benefits.

Sincerely,

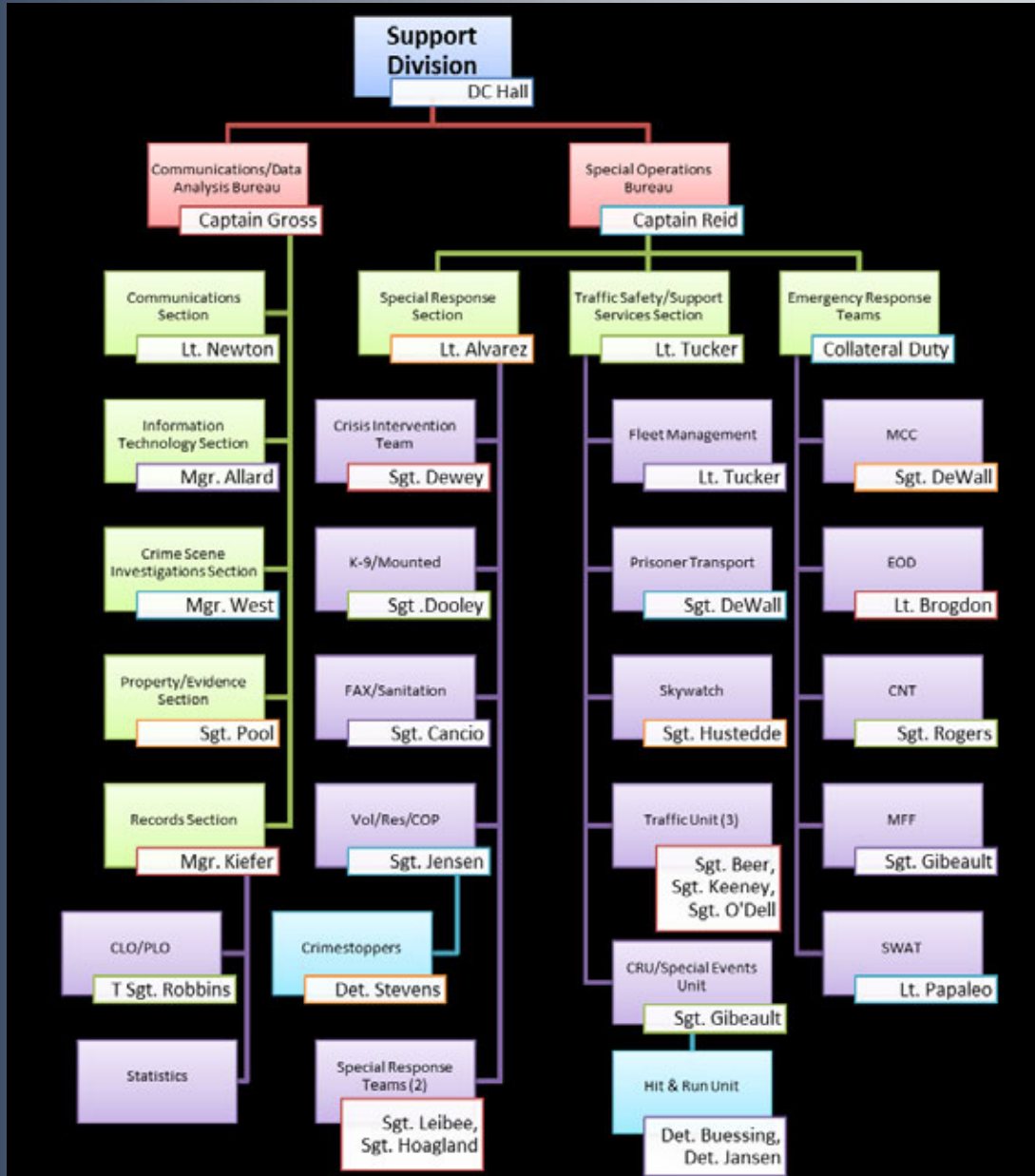
Lee Brand, Mayor
City of Fresno



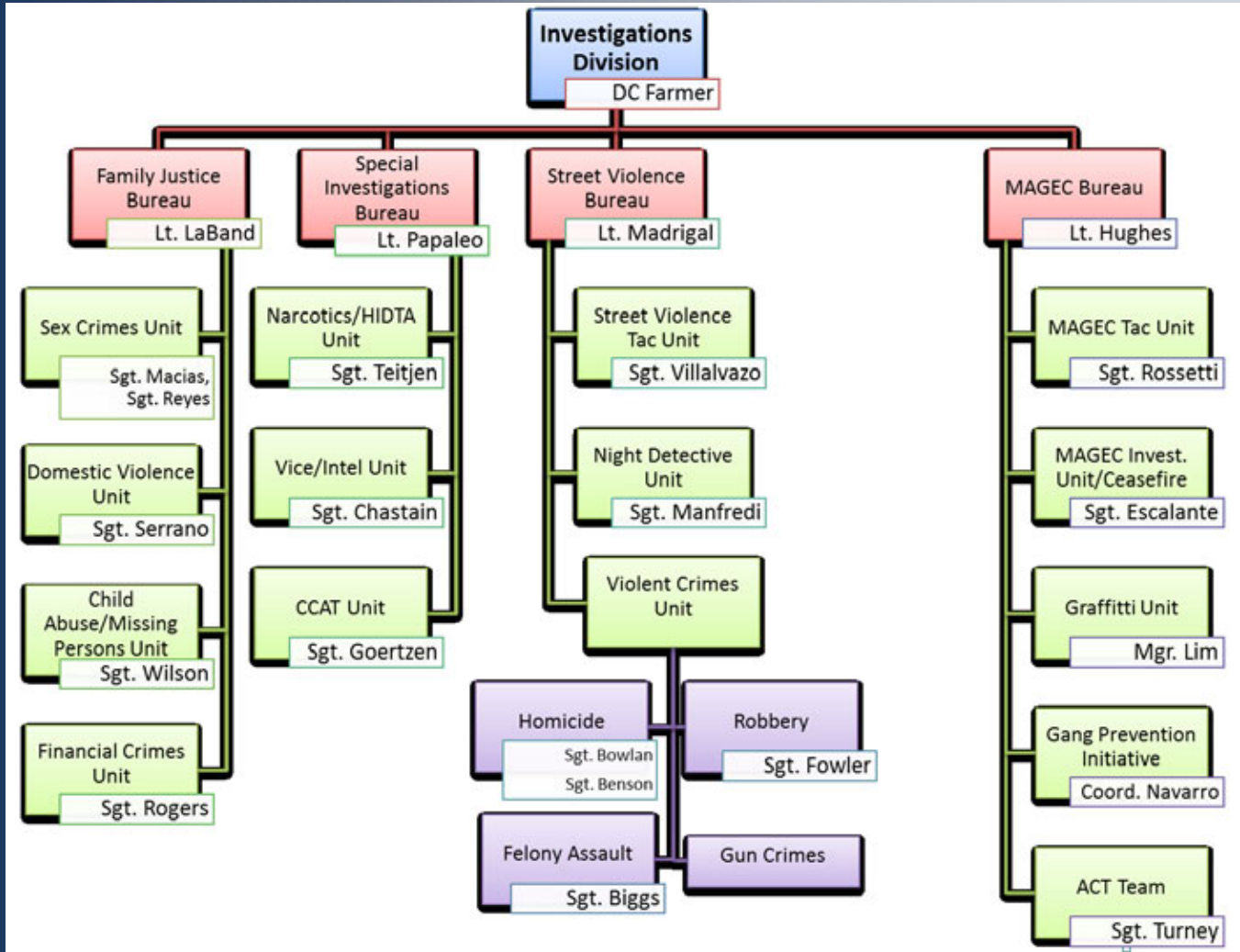
2017 Organization Charts



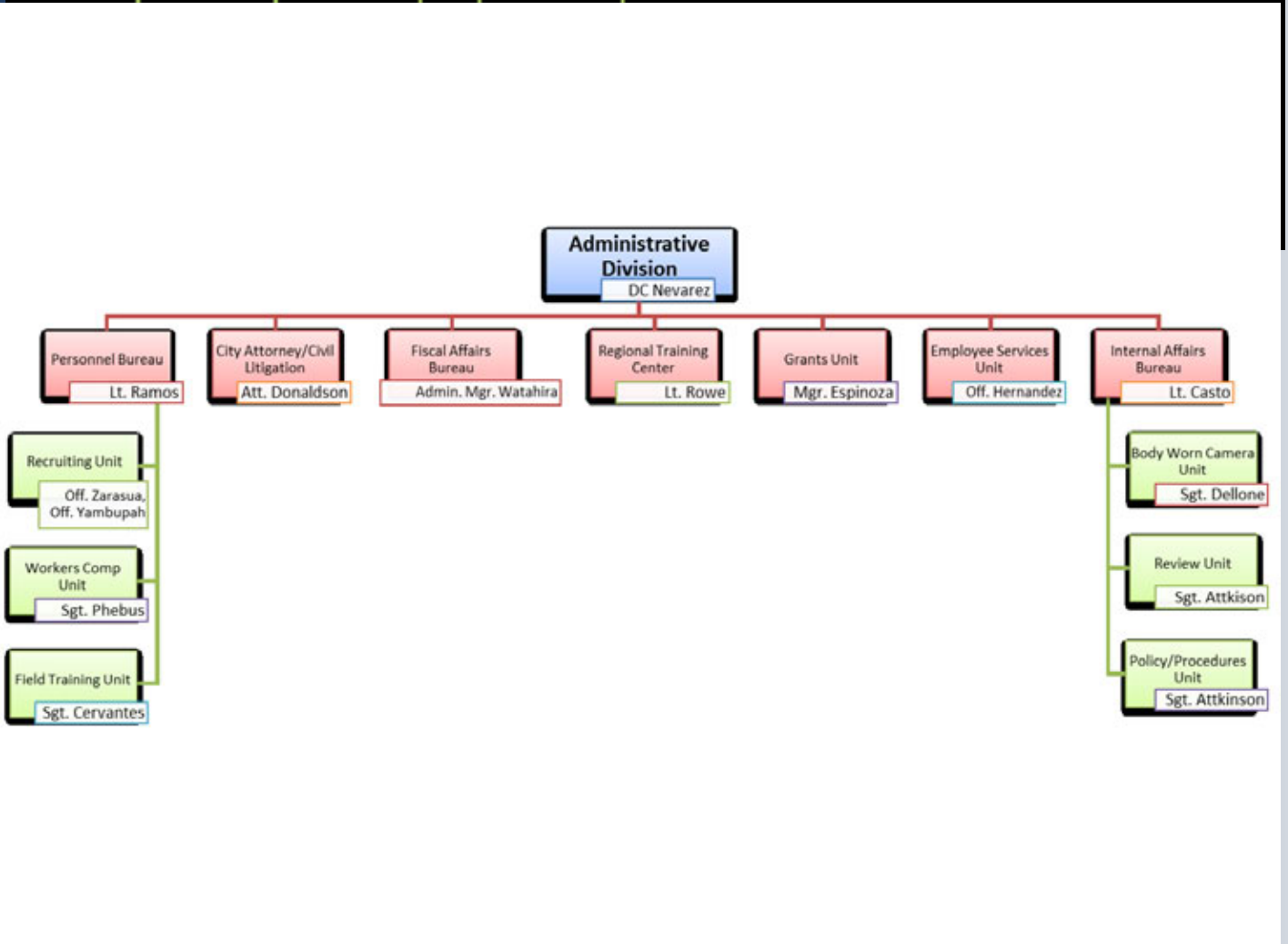
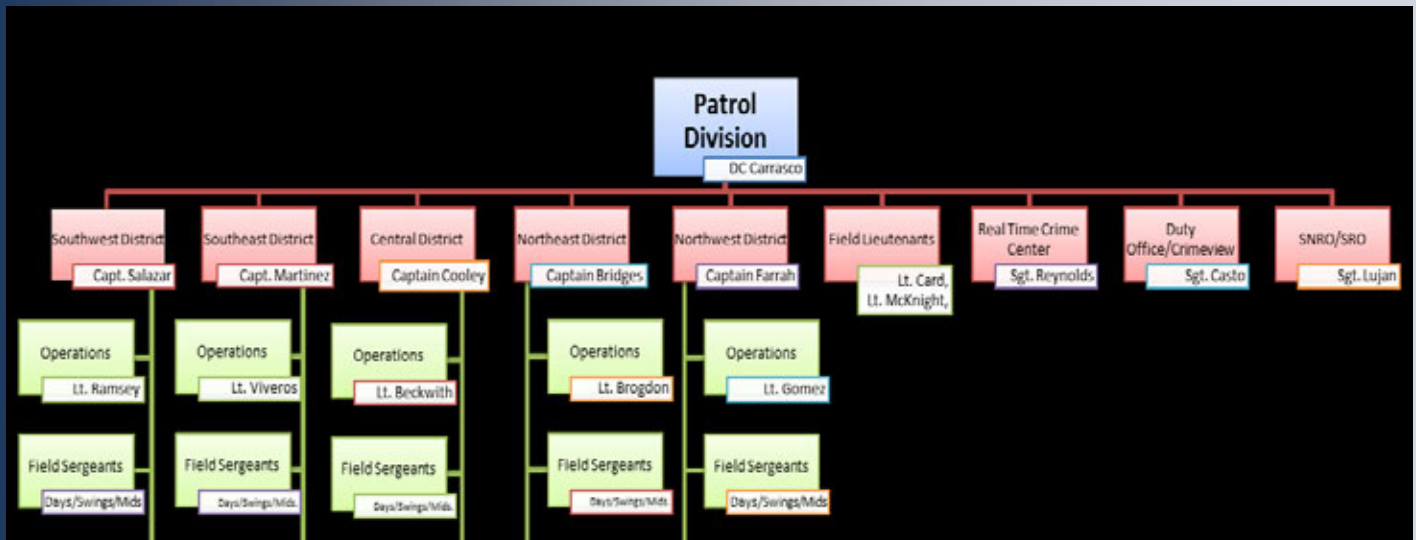
Support Division



Investigations Division



Patrol Division/Administrative Division





STREET VIOLENCE BUREAU (SVB)- HOMICIDE

HOMICIDE UNIT STATS FOR 2017

- 56 murders compared to 39 in 2016. This was a 44% increase in murders committed in 2017 from the previous year.
- 30 gang-related murders compared to 20 in 2016.
- 73% clearance rate; 14% higher than in 2016.
- 5 Officer Involved Shootings compared to 8 OIS in 2016.
- 73% of the Homicide Investigations a gun was used, compared to 56% in 2016.

2017 HOMICIDE STATISTICS:

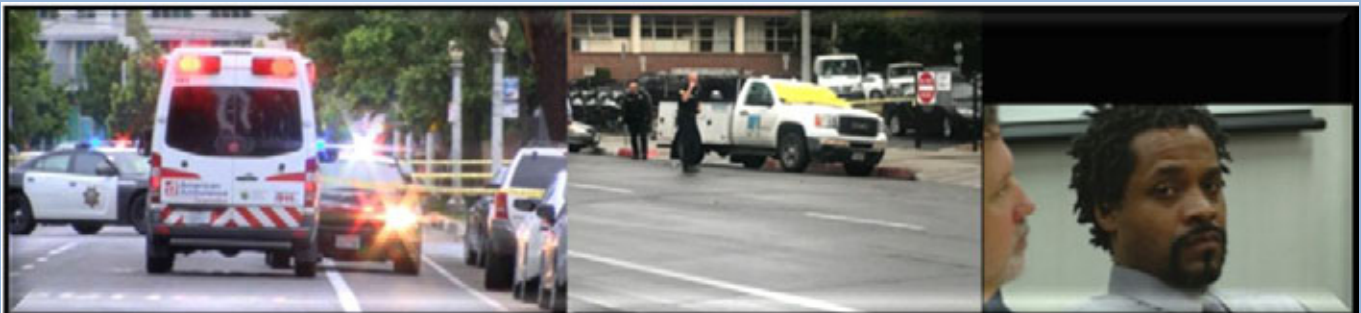
- 4 - cases involved Suspect Kori Muhammad
- 4 - cases involved son murdering mother / 1 of these cases was a murder/suicide
- 3 - cases involved husband murdering wife, then suspect killing himself (murder/suicide)
- 6 - cases involved Domestic Violence intimate relationships
- 5 - cases involved suspect and/or victim having documented mental health issues
- 7 - cases involved victim and/or suspect being homeless
- 1 - case involved victim being a prostitute
- 1 - case involved victim of child abuse

High Profile Investigations handled by the Street Violence Bureau

In **April of 2017**, 39 year old Kori Ali Muhammad went on a violent shooting spree killing four innocent people in the city. In a 5-day span, Muhammad killed four people and attempted to kill two others. Muhammad's hate filled violence began on April 13th at the Motel 6 located at 4245 N. Blackstone. On the aforementioned date, Muhammad was contacted by 25-year old security guard, Carl Williams. Williams was unarmed and contacted Muhammad simply to ask him to check in at the front desk, per motel policy. During the contact, Muhammad became irate and accused Williams of targeting him because of race. Williams remained calm and attempted to explain the policy to Muhammad. For no reason, Muhammad pulled a handgun from his waistband and shot Williams multiple times, killing him. Muhammad was identified as the suspect a few hours later and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The Fresno Police Department's Tactical Team actively searched for Muhammad.

On April 18th, Muhammad went on a killing rampage. At approximately 11:00 a.m., Muhammad acted out his hateful rage while in the area of the Catholic Charities, located at 149 N. Fulton. Muhammad, specifically targeted white men and observed 34 year old Zachary Randalls sitting in a PG & E truck. Muhammad opened fire striking Randalls multiple times. Randalls' co-worker immediately drove Randalls to Fresno Police Headquarters. Unfortunately, Randalls was dead upon his arrival. Muhammad continued his spree, walking southbound, and shot and killed 37 year old Mark Gasset who had just left Catholic Charities. After killing Gasset, Muhammad targeted a group of males sitting at a nearby bus stop. Muhammad focused his attention on David Jackson and shot him multiple times, killing him as well. During the shooting, Muhammad was heard yelling "Allahu Akbuar" (God is Great) which he later advised was not related to terrorism. Muhammad attempted to kill additional people; however, was challenged by a Fresno Police Officer. Muhammad surrendered without incident.

Muhammad was transported to Fresno Police Headquarters and interviewed by Homicide Detectives for approximately seven hours. During the interview, Muhammad laughed and appeared proud of what he had done. Muhammad mentioned that he intentionally targeted the victims solely based on the fact that they were white males.



Street Violence Bureau- Felony Assault

The Felony Assault Unit consists of 1 Sergeant and 8 Detectives. The unit is responsible for investigating shootings, stabbings, and other violent felony crimes. During 2017, over 800 violent felony crimes were assigned to investigators, and of those, more than 500 were cleared. SVB detectives were responsible for identifying a trend in human trafficking during several ongoing assault with a deadly weapon and attempted murder investigations which involved several different criminal street gangs. Detectives worked with Special Investigation Bureau Detectives to develop additional charges, as well as provide services to the victims of human trafficking. Responsible for numerous large scale and multi-jurisdictional operations involving criminal street gangs.



Street Violence Bureau - Night Detective Unit

The Night Detective Unit consists of one sergeant and 6 detectives, who work primarily between 1800-0400 hours. The Night Detectives are responsible for monitoring and responding to violent crime related calls including homicides, shootings, stabbings, robberies, vehicle robberies, and officer involved shootings. When Night Detectives arrive at a scene, they must properly evaluate and manage the scene, identify witnesses and suspects, call for appropriate resources, and conduct interviews. Night detectives are also called upon by the Homicide Unit to assist with crime scenes. In 2017, Night Detectives were responsible for more than 60 crime scenes. The Night Detective Unit has proven to be a valuable resource to both the Organization and Community by providing an immediate investigative response.

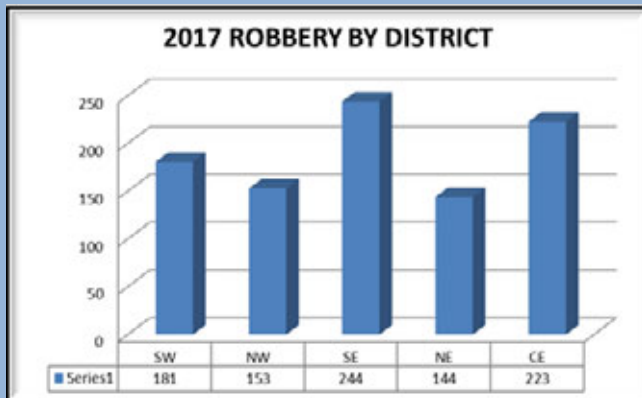


ROBBERY UNIT/SVB TAC TEAM



The Robbery Unit consists of 1 sergeant and 4 detectives who were responsible for the investigation of 945 cases city wide, including Business Robberies, Person Robberies, Car-Jackings, and Home Invasions. The Robbery Unit has solved several high profile commercial and person robbery series

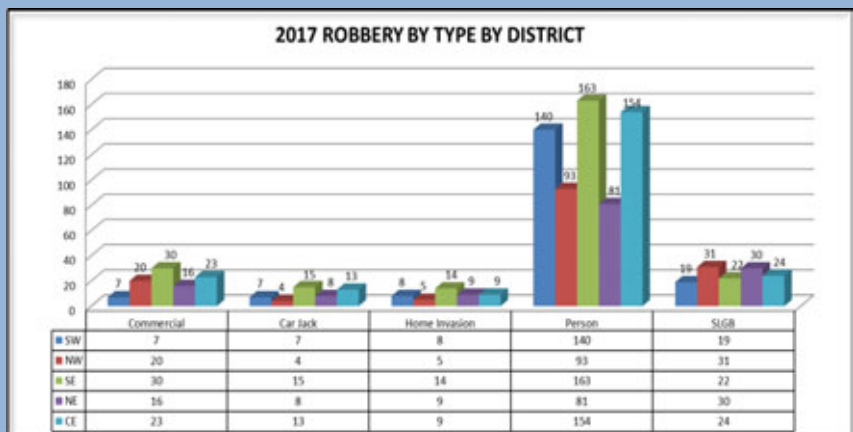
- The Metro PCS robbery series.
- Person robbery series targeting females with children in strollers.
- Newer robbery trends, such as the social media robberies, have also been successfully resolved.
- The robbery unit also participated in the apprehension of suspects in a statewide pharmacy robbery series.



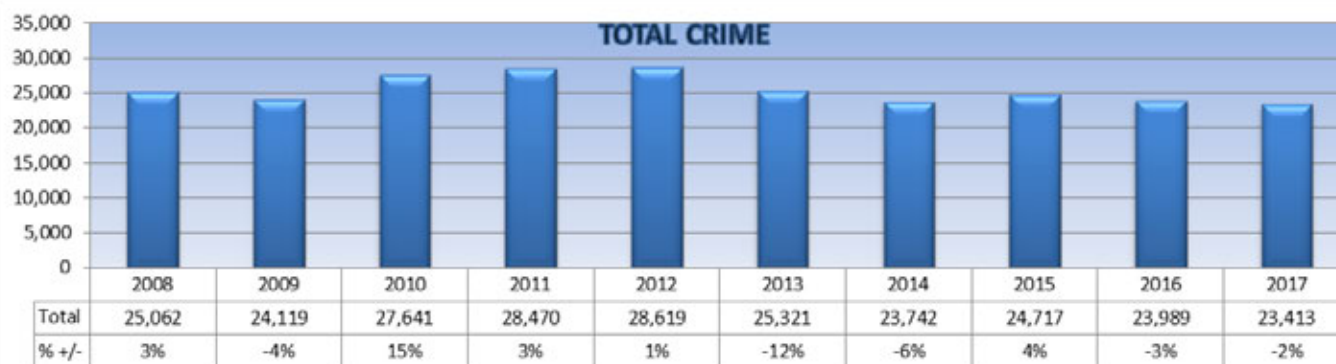
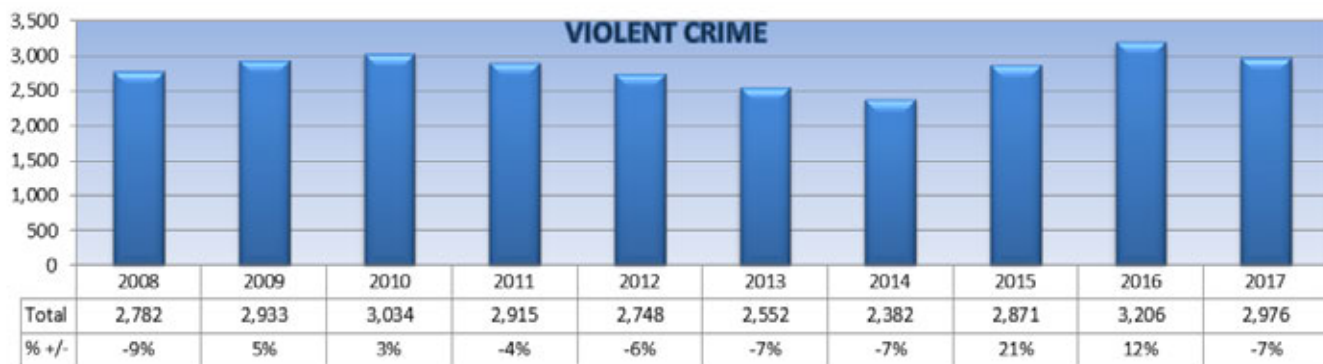
STREET VIOLENCE BUREAU- TACTICAL TEAM

The Tactical Team is an undercover surveillance apprehension unit that provides around the clock availability to identify and arrest people who commit violent crimes in the City of Fresno.

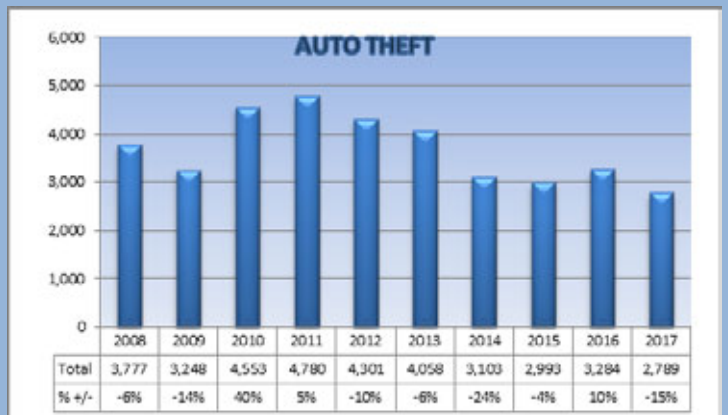
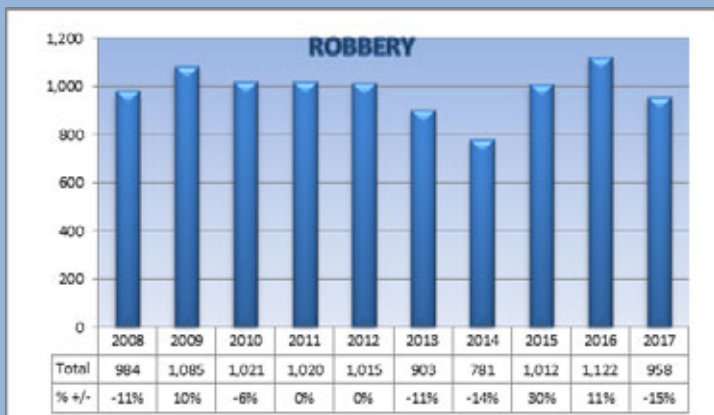
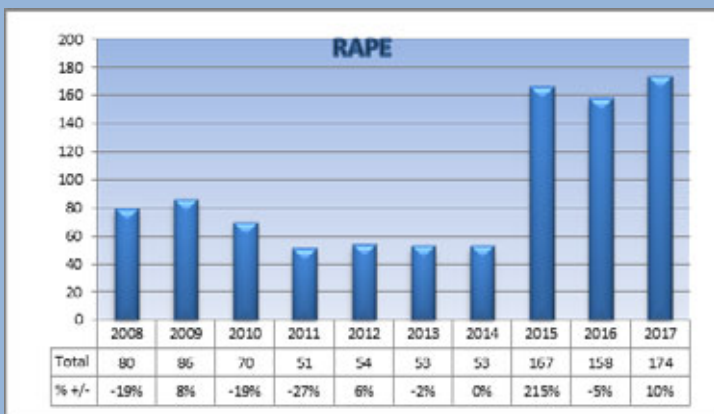
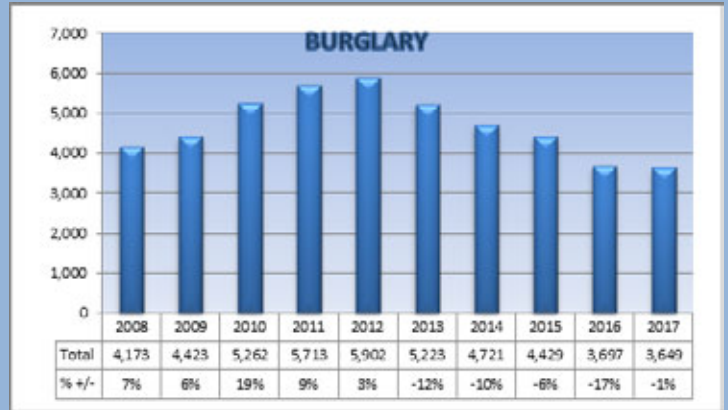
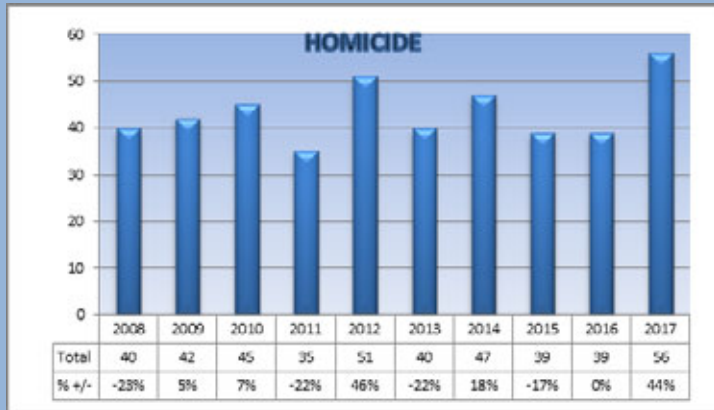
- Arrested 7 murder suspects
- Arrested 26 shooting suspects
- Arrested 14 robbery suspects
- Arrested 31 felony suspects
- Served 31 search warrants
- Recovered 13 firearms



CRIME STATISTICS 10 YEAR PROFILE/CRIME CATEGORY



10 YEAR PROFILE PART ONE CRIME





Communications Center

The Fresno Police Department completed a \$2 million remodel of the Department's Communications Center. We now operate the largest, busiest, and most technologically advanced 9-1-1 center in central California. This upgrade was a highly technical and complicated project. AT&T, the project vendor, reported they never had this amount of complexity when upgrading a 9-1-1 center in Central California.

The \$2 million project was paid for by the State of California 9-1-1 Emergency Communications fund. The center now features state of the art telecommunications equipment, which greatly enhances service for Fresno residents. Our 86 fulltime Emergency Services Dispatchers and 6 supervisors answered **875,624** emergency and non-emergency calls last year.

One of the challenges was remodeling a 2,500 square foot room, constructed in 1959, to meet 2017 standards. This room is truly unique and does not exist anywhere between Los Angeles and Sacramento due to the extensive amount of communications equipment housed there. The remodel included a tremendous amount of fiber optic line, advanced telephone equipment, and an upgraded electrical service to fully equip 34 complaint taker consoles.



The Communications Center now features:

- Accurate geographical location for all landline and most cellular calls. The new system can automatically plot the movement of most cellular 9-1-1 callers.
- An easy to use callback system allowing dispatchers to effortlessly re-contact a citizen.
- A new recording system for long-term storage of all calls (both emergency and non-emergency) into the center.
- The Communications Center can now easily gather and submit both telephone and radio recordings to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- Two 55" screen monitors provide Communications Center personnel a real time understanding of call taking performance.
- The number of console positions increased from 30 to 34. Additional data lines and electrical plugs were preinstalled for a seamless future expansion.
- As Communication Center employees often work 12 hour shifts, all 34 positions have ergonomically designed consoles and chairs which allows the user to either sit or stand in comfort.
- The Department also constructed a viable 9-1-1 backup center, located off-site, in the unlikely event Communication Center personnel have to evacuate the main center.



Real Time Crime Center

The Real Time Crime Center (**RTCC**) is a state of the art tactical communications facility equipped with the latest technology in computers, monitors, radio communication, and video policing. The primary purpose of the center is to provide fast, accurate and actionable information to officers responding to emergency calls, in order to enhance the safety of the officers and the community.

The RTCC operators monitor incoming high priority calls and immediately engage by monitoring video policing cameras in the area, monitoring the location of responding units and radio communications involving the call, bringing up activity history at the location, and searching for information needed by the responding officers. All pertinent information is relayed to responding officers via radio or computer.

The RTCC operators proactively monitor high crime areas identified daily by the Department's crime prediction software, Predpol. They also monitor and work gunshot incidents identified by the Department's gunshot detection system, ShotSpotter. In emergency situations, the Fresno Unified School District has the ability to share video from school campuses directly with the RTCC.

In 2017, 50,502 high priority calls were actively worked in the Real Time Crime Center. Video Policing cameras were accessed 26,191 times to assist on calls. Four part time operators consisting of retired police dispatchers and officers as well as officers on modified duty staff the RTCC 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

ShotSpotter Technology

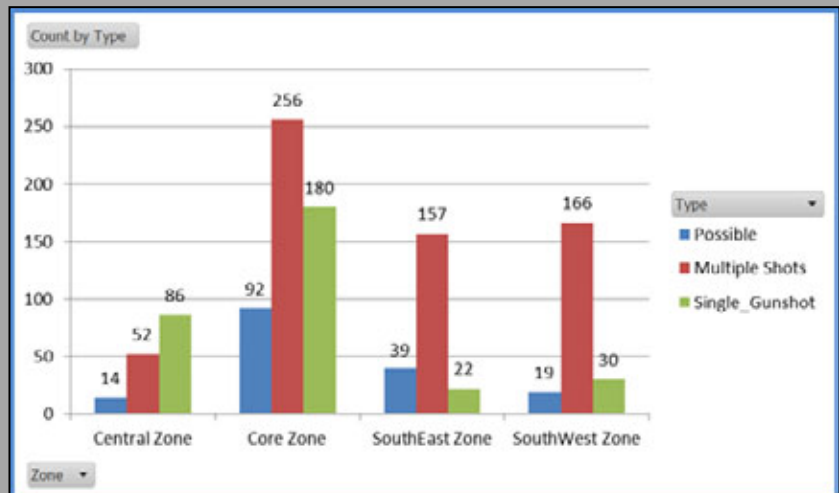
The **ShotSpotter** gunshot location system has been used by the Fresno Police Department since going fully operational in July of 2015 with 3 square miles of coverage. As of January 2018, 12 square miles of the city is covered. An additional 2.26 square miles is planned to be added in February 2018 bringing Fresno's coverage to 14.26 square miles. Shotspotter has proven to be a mission-essential tool in our arsenal for fighting violent crime. Gunshot alerts (within seconds of the shots being fired) allow a rapid response to the scene of the gunfire, increase arrests rates, improve officer safety, secure witnesses and evidence, and enhance follow-up investigations. Based on Fresno Police crime data, only 29.79% of gunfire is reported to the department without ShotSpotter. The full deployment of the ShotSpotter system has allowed analysis of gunshot patterns and trends to drive directed patrols and predictive policing. This gunshot location system allows officers to pinpoint the location, often within ten feet of the shot(s) fired. Additional benefits include aiding investigators by providing additional forensic evidence to solve crimes and strengthening the prosecution of court cases, resulting in higher conviction rates for violent crime. ShotSpotter has proven to be a very reliable and effective tool for the Fresno Police Department.



Notable Success:

On April 18, 2017, at approximately 1045 hours, dispatch received a Shotspotter activation at Van Ness and Mildreda. About the same time victims from that shooting arrived at FPD headquarters seeking help and one of them was deceased. Over the next several minutes other Shotspotter activations between Van Ness and Mildreda to Fulton and Divisadero were recorded and put out by FPD dispatch to patrol units. Arriving patrol units in the area found two more deceased victims for a total of 3 homicide victims, shot by one suspect. Shotspotter assisted patrol officers getting to the area quickly and taking the suspect (Kori Muhammad) into custody.

2017 ShotSpotter Alerts by Coverage Zone



CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

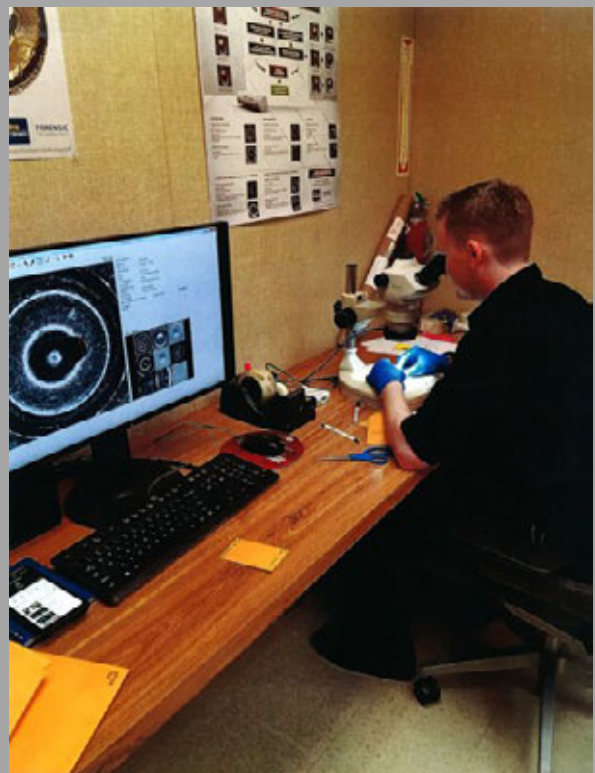
Nineteen Crime Scene Investigation Section technicians provide specialized crime scene investigation and forensic support services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Services include:

- Crime scene processing (including homicides and major incidents)
- Evidence photography
- Blood and DNA sample collection
- Crime scene diagraming
- Latent fingerprint processing and development
- Narcotic presumptive drug testing
- Entry of finger, and palm, print evidence into local, state and federal fingerprint databases
- Latent finger print and palm print comparisons to identified suspects.



In 2017, the section collected evidence in approximately 7100 cases. Over 700 subjects were positively identified via fingerprint matches. Cadets assigned to the prisoner processing section processed almost 12,000 arrestees in 2017.

In November, two crime scene technicians completed their training to operate a federally administered National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN). This cutting edge system links expended cartridge casings, from different crime scenes, as well as test fire cartridges from recovered firearms. By identifying a firearm that was used at different crime scenes, investigators can leverage their resources to solve gun crimes faster. In the first two months of operation, NIBIN technicians were able to match cartridge casings from 46 different shooting incidents including a 2012 homicide in another city.





Southwest Policing District

The **Southwest Policing District** started the year focused on the District's most chronic gangs. We developed strategies and tactics for combating gangs, which led to a reduction in violent crime in the district. One of our tactics was developing our officers to recognize and challenge armed gang members. This year, many Southwest officers wrote their first search warrant, wrote their first tactical plan, wrote their first arrest warrant, and went to trainings that developed their expertise.

The skills, knowledge and abilities they developed along with hands-on sergeants, corporals and staff, led to a productive year. As a result, we ended the year with **101** guns recovered from gang members. There was a correlation between our gun seizures and our violent crime rate, which saw a significant decrease. In 2017, we had fewer murders than the previous year. We also had a **50%** reduction in gang-related murders and a **16%** decrease in shootings.

Southwest is Diversity Unity Community



Our community and youth engagement was purposeful and intentional as we focused on our community centers, our elementary schools, and the neighborhoods surrounding them. Our district philosophy focused on prevention and intervention with our youth. We partnered with the Fresno Unified School District's mentoring program and placed officers in every Southwest elementary school. We also mentored youth at our Southwest community centers. An example of our partnerships was the "Sweet Potato" project at the West Fresno Family Resource Center (WFFRC). At the WFFRC's Sweet Potato graduation, Southwest officers provided 23 bikes, helmets and locks for the youth. We partnered with the two Boys and Girls Clubs in Southwest Fresno and this relationship was on display when we supported "David" at the BGCA "Youth of the Year" event. He

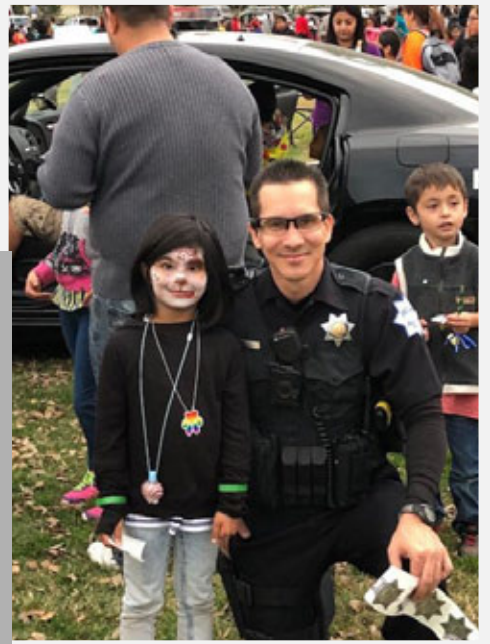
acknowledged our mentoring as the biggest factor he and other youth at the club changed their view of police officers from negative to positive. We took them to Sierra Sky Park, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Fresno Zoo, Zoo lights, Ice-skating, and trips to Blackbeards. We had our first-ever community



basketball game that was well attended by over 1,200 people. We raised \$9,000 and all of the money went into equipment and supplies for the community centers.



Engaging our Community



CENTRAL DISTRICT



2017 was both successful and exciting as the Central District completed its first full year after being re-established late in 2016. While the area is the smallest policing district in the city, it is home to the famous Tower District, revitalized Manchester Center and is the Hub for the new Bus Rapid Transit System set to begin operations early in 2018. After experiencing an increase in Violent Crime the previous year, the primary mission for 2017 was reducing violent crime while continuing to strengthen our community policing efforts. The hard work and dedication from Central Personnel resulted in Violent Crime being reduced by 5.6%.

After seeing a reduction in property crime the previous year, 2017 challenged Central Personnel as we saw an overall increase of 7.8%. With the addition of a new Crime Prevention Community Services Officer and several Neighborhood Watch programs, we will be able to increase awareness and crime prevention in 2018.





2017 also saw the opening of the Tower District Satellite Policing office. Located at 1302 N. Wishon, the Satellite Office was a welcomed site for Tower District merchants and patrons. The building is primarily used for officers to write reports. With a large meeting area, several community and Neighborhood Watch meetings were hosted there by Central Personnel.

Throughout the year, the men and women of the Central District continued to build partnerships in the community. Central Personnel worked closely with several churches and schools in the area while participating in multiple block parties and community events such as Coffee with a Cop.

The Central District piloted the first ever Pink Patch Project to raise awareness for Breast Cancer. During the month of October, officers replaced their traditional uniform shoulder patches with pink patches in honor of those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. Officers purchased the patches on their own and the proceeds were donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the American Cancer Society.



NORTHEAST DISTRICT

The Northeast District covers 29 square miles and encompasses a population of over 130,000 people, with thousands more visiting the Valley's two largest shopping malls, Woodward Park, two large hospitals/medical complexes, California State University, Fresno, and the Fresno Yosemite International Airport. The Northeast District is bounded by McKinley to the south, Friant Road to the north, Blackstone Avenue to the west and the City of Clovis to the east. It is a very diverse area containing multiple cultures and a wide socio-economic spectrum. The Northeast District handled nearly 100,000 calls for service in 2017.

In 2017, the District experienced a **9.2%** decrease in total crime compared to 2016. There was a **10.8%** decrease in violent crime, which was primarily driven by a **28%** drop in robberies. Property crime saw a reduction of **9.1%**. Our greatest property crime decrease was a **21%** decrease in auto theft. Northeast utilizes Problem Oriented Policing to identify problem locations and implement solutions to eradicate crime and calls for service associated with the involved residences or businesses. We also use Predictive Policing to analyze past and urgent trends to deploy our resources in areas most likely to be the next targets for crime. Northeast also has a robust Crime Prevention program focused on Neighborhood Watch and safety presentations to neighborhood residents and businesses.

Northeast Patrol Officers



Northeast officers, detectives, Crime Prevention personnel and our POP Officer were involved in many community events in 2017, to include school carnivals and neighborhood block parties. We are active with communities in El Dorado Park and the Sierra Madre neighborhood near Fresno State University. This past year also saw the opening of a satellite report writing room in the business complex located at Shaw and Sixth Street, which allows for increased visual police presence along busy Shaw Avenue.

“Northeast Officers conducting a DUI Investigation”



Through the dedication of the officers working in Northeast, leveraged with our positive relations with the community we serve, we enjoyed significant crime decreases in 2017 and look forward to improving the safety of Northeast Fresno even more in 2018.

“Northeast Swing-shift officers investigating a hit and run collision”



Southeast Policing District



The [Southeast Policing District](#) is the largest of the five policing districts with a population of more than 130,000. The district is a blend of cultures and has the largest Hispanic, Asian and American Indian populations in the City of Fresno. Everyone in the District, from the patrol officers initially responding to calls to detectives and Neighborhood Watch personnel who follow-up on them to the outreach efforts by local organizations and volunteers, all work together to combat crime.

Through our partnership with the community and great work by Southeast personnel, the Southeast Policing District saw a [16%](#) reduction in violent crime. Crime was reduced in almost all categories. The biggest reductions were aggravated assaults which were down by [20%](#) and auto thefts which were reduced by [17%](#).



The Big Fresno Fair

SOUTHEAST

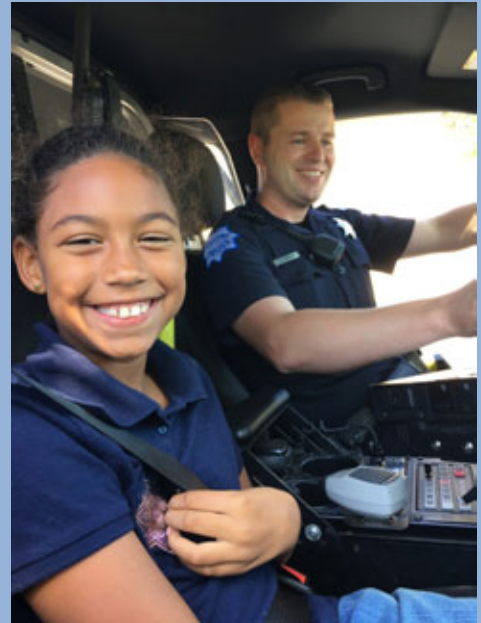
The Southeast Policing District attended over 500 community events and meetings to help build partnerships with the community. The two biggest events of the year were Santa's Village in partnership with Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life at Ayers Elementary School and the Christmas Celebration in partnership with the Hope Coalition at Sunnyside High School. Southeast Patrol Officers also took it upon themselves to collect toys to handout to children at Christmas time.



Northwest Policing District

The Northwest Policing District continued to experience several changes in 2017, from staffing to new community partnerships. The Northwest Bureau Commander Captain Burke Farrah was joined by Lieutenant Joe Gomez as the Operations Lieutenant, as well as Crime Prevention CSO Maeketah Rivera. One of the most exciting changes was the beginning of the development of the soon-to-be opened new district station located at Marks and Shaw, which will bring the district station back into the heart of the Northwest area.

The Northwest Policing District is home to over 150,000 residents that make up a unique and diverse community. Officers from the district were involved in a variety of community events in 2017, including organizing a special “officer for the day” for six year old Cayden who recently moved to Fresno to be closer to Valley Children’s Hospital and wants to be an “officer with a mustache” when he grows up, and escorting children from the Boys and Girls Clubs to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, many of who were going to the ocean for the first time.



Sparring with a future champ!

In addition to large special events, the Citizens on Patrol and CSO Rivera attended over 100 community events ranging from block parties to “Shop with a Cop” and holiday food deliveries to families in need. We also created a permanent partnership with Wal-Mart that will allow us to collect their unsold school supplies each year and distribute them into the community, and expanded Santa’s Village into the Highway City area. Having too many great things to talk about, such as Coffee with a Cop and efforts like Officers Dozier and McGuire Coaching the Baird Cross Country Running team, is a good problem to have. Community partnerships and outreach are a vital part of our district and we can’t wait to see what 2018 brings.

NORTHWEST

2017 continued to show a reduction in crime in the Northwest District. Northwest saw a 4% reduction in violent crime overall, with over a 21% reduction in robberies for the year, but there was a slight increase in aggravated assaults that was mostly due to domestic violence incidents. Property crime also decreased overall 3% from 2016, with vehicle burglaries falling 3% and vehicle thefts over 21%. Although we continue to strive towards crime reductions in all areas, the efforts of officers, Citizens on Patrol, and the residents of Northwest resulted in an overall reduction of crime. Thank you to everyone in the Northwest District, from residents to volunteers and officers, who continue to strive to make the community stronger.



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The Downtown Policing Unit (DPU) consists of five officers, one sergeant, and provides protection and service to the citizens living, working, or doing business in the downtown area. Downtown Fresno is growing rapidly with new residents, businesses, and restaurants. According to the Downtown Partnership, it is estimated that there are up to 16,000 residents who call downtown home and over 400 businesses operating daily. The team constantly flexes their schedule to include weekend service and night coverage for many of the downtown events and venues. The officers can be seen in vehicles, bikes, or on foot patrol during the many events in downtown ranging from 70 home Grizzly baseball games, monthly Art Hop events, Taco Throw Down, California Classic Marathon, and several concerts. The Veterans Day Parade, Chinese New Year's, and the Christmas Parade also drew large crowds to downtown. Fulton Street is now open, adding a big city vibe to the area. The Fulton grand opening was spearheaded by DPU and attracted several thousand visitors and dignitaries. The event was a huge success and DPU, along with our traffic officers, received many compliments by our city leaders, VIP's, and citizens for their role.

The Southwest Policing District experienced an overall **-6.7%** decrease in violent crime, which was also enjoyed by the downtown residents and visitors. For 2018, the challenges facing downtown are vehicle burglaries, auto theft, and assisting the homeless in receiving services. DPU officers will continue to strategize and use new and innovative methods in our goal to reduce vehicle thefts by **8%** and vehicle burglaries by **10%** this year.



Student Resource Officers

The Fresno Police Department staffed Student Resource Officers (SROs) at seventeen school campuses in the City of Fresno. These campuses include high schools, continuation schools, and middle schools in the Fresno Unified School District, Central Unified School District, and Fresno County Office of Education. Some of the duties of the SRO's on these campuses include: working with the school site staff to make the campus safe and provide safety recommendations to site staff, investigate crimes, be a positive role model/mentor to the children on campus and in the community, bridge the gap between law enforcement and the youth, working with local businesses impacted by students both before and after school, and to detect and deter criminal activity on school campuses.

As a result of the officers being in the schools, the FUSD, 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 community justice conferences. SRO's recruit students from their high schools to be part of the Fresno Police Department youth meeting with the Chief once a quarter.





Student and Neighborhood Resource Officers

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. SNRO's 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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

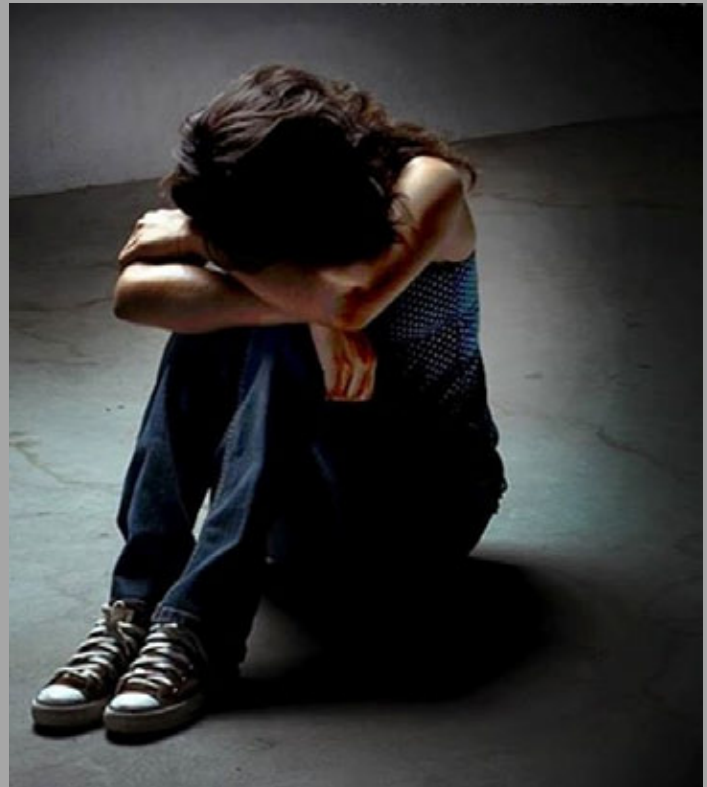


Human Trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise estimated to be at 32 billion dollar a year global industry (Ca State doj org.ca.gov/human-trafficking). Vice-Intel created the Department's Coalition Against Human Trafficking in 2010. The Coalition was created in partnership with those organizations that could provide the help and supportive services for victims that were identified while investigators worked the cases to hold the offenders accountable.

The goal was twofold; First, to Investigate from a victims perspective and stop the recidivism of victims returning to the sex trade, and second, hold accountable the offenders who preyed on and controlled the most vulnerable in our community. In 2017 Vice-Intel investigative efforts led to 19 pimps/Human Trafficking suspects being arrested and prosecuted. 39 victims were identified and referred to services. Historically these pimps and controllers were receiving county time or 1-2 year sentencing in state prison and felt it was "just the price of doing business" because the profit was so great.

With the changes in law and the District Attorney's support we are now able to hold these offenders accountable and just sentencing is being served. One example is the case involving suspect Herbert Goodwin, who was previously convicted of pimping, and soon after his release from prison, began victimizing juvenile victims during horrendous crimes associated with the sex trade. Thanks to the investigation conducted by Vice and collaborative support from social service providers to aid the victims, the Fresno County District Attorney's dedicated Human Trafficking prosecutor presented a case that led the jury to conviction on all 7 counts related to human trafficking and a sentence of 36 years to life.

PLEDGE TO STOP



Graffiti Abatement/January-December 2017

Program Description

The Graffiti Abatement Team (GAT) operates 7 days a week with 9 field staff.

Exceptional service means responding to citizen complaints in less than 24 hours—to this end GAT was **98%** successful.

Highlights

Graffiti Abatement Team serviced **9,121** reports by residents in addition to **11,116** that were self-reported.

Total tickets serviced=**20,237**

Total pieces of graffiti removed=**37,981**

Total square feet removed=**1,071,607**

Volunteers/Community

Fresno Christian HS—3/2/17

14 volunteers/28 hrs/6,000 sf

Well Community Church—3/25/17

20 volunteers/40 hrs/8,000 sf

Key Club/Fresno HS—3/25/17

12 volunteers/24 hrs/3,000 sf

Peoples Church—4/10/17

16 volunteers/32 hrs/5,000 sf

Clovis Hills Comm. Church—4/11/17

13 volunteers/26 hrs/6,000 sf

North Pointe Church—4/12/17

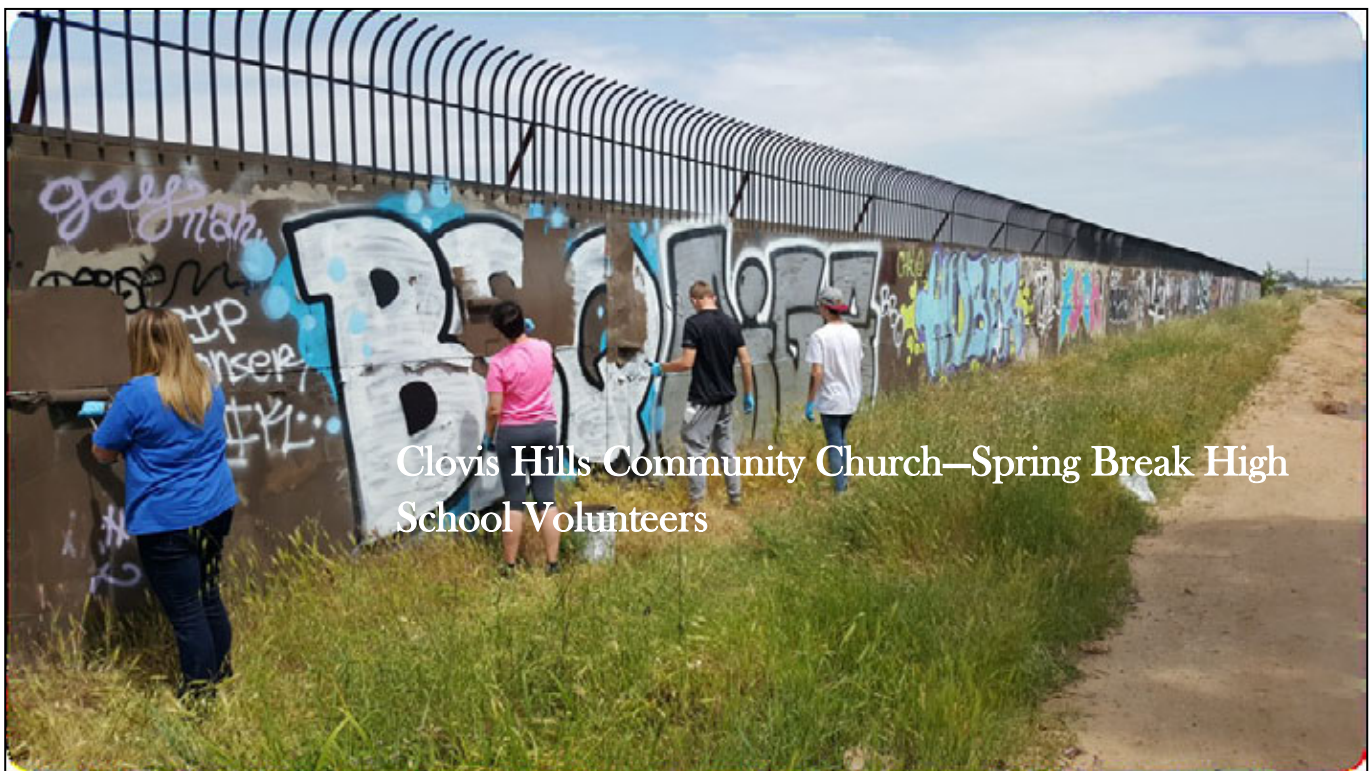
22 volunteers/30 hrs/4,000 sf

Fresno City College—11/14/17

4 volunteers/20 hrs/6,000 sf

Fresno City College—11/18/17

4 volunteers/20 hrs/4,000 sf



Clovis Hills Community Church—Spring Break High School Volunteers



2017 Major Commendation Ceremony

In 2017, a number of officers received Major Commendations including 13 who received the Department's highest honor for Valor. During the year, two commendation ceremonies were held where 55 officers and sergeants received Life Saving Medals, 9 were awarded Lifesaving Medals with Valor, 16 officers, detectives, sergeants, lieutenants and captains received Outstanding Achievement Awards, 3 officers were given Exceptional Performance Awards, 2 cadets were presented Latent Prints Awards, 2 officers were given Recovered Firearms Awards, a lieutenant received the Medal of Merit and one officer received the Van Meter Award.

Also in 2017, six citizens were presented with Outstanding Citizen Awards from the Fresno Madera Police Chiefs Association. Acts of unselfish commitment and heroism were highlighted during the ceremony which honored Tony Perry, Christie Orozco, Cregg Jerri, Jimmy Turner, David and Lori Dukes and Carlos Betancourt. One of those honored at the ceremony was Cregg Jerri who risked his own life to stop an armed robber who threatened a Starbucks barista with a knife. During his efforts to stop the robbery, Cregg fought with the suspect and was stabbed. Cregg was able to disarm the suspect, who was also stabbed during the fight, and fled from the business. He was later arrested.



Recognition with Honor



Employee of the Year Awards

Honorees

Southwest District – Officer Steve Hunt

Central District – Det. Curtis Bunch

Southeast District – SRO David Standley

Northeast District - Officer Al Avila

Northwest District – Officer Kyle Kramer

Volunteer – Anne Gaston

Support Division – Officer Tim Sullivan

Admin Division – Officer Paul Zarasua

Investigations – Det. Josh Alexander

Traffic – Sgt. Dave Gibeault

Dispatch – ESD II Judy Garza

Officer at Large – Officer Greg Rayburn

FPOA Volunteer—Officer Jesus Cerda

Excellence is an Attitude

Personnel Bureau

The Department's Personnel Bureau is made up of the Field Training Officer (FTO) Unit, Recruiting Unit, the Police Cadet Program, and the Workers Compensation Unit. The Personnel Bureau is responsible for processing all new candidates who apply for both sworn and civilian positions within the Department. In 2017, the Department hired 91 new police officers, sponsored 70 Police Cadets through the Fresno City College (FCC) and College of the Sequoias (COS) Police Academies, and hired 33 full time new civilian employees.

The Field Training Officer (FTO) Unit trained 93 new police officers with an overall success rate of 81.04%, compared to 2016 success rate of 76.7%. In 2017, the FTO Unit fully implemented the Law Enforcement Field Training Application (LEFTA) Software. LEFTA software allowed the documentation of a new police officers performance in the FTO program to become fully automated. The LEFTA software eliminated the need for Field Training Officers to hand write daily observation reports for trainees. Overall, the new applications of the LEFTA software have increased the efficiency of the FTO Unit and in 2018, the FTO Unit will expand the utilization of the LEFTA software into other areas of the FTO program to increase efficiency.



The Recruiting Unit attended over 92 recruiting events in 2017. These recruiting events included high school and college presentations, attending recruiting events at military bases located in the Central Valley, working with the Veterans Affairs Office, as well as attending several local job fairs. In 2017, the Recruiting Unit expanded the Department's recruiting efforts at California State University Fresno. As a result of this increased emphasis, the Department hired a total of 34 CSUF graduates as police officers and police cadets.

The Police Cadet Program gives the Department the opportunity to hire an individual as a police cadet and provide them with specialized law enforcement training, coaching, and provides them with the ability to gain valuable work experience while assigned in a support function at our Department. Our police cadets are assigned to work in the Call Diversion Unit, Patrol Division, and the Communications, Crime Scene Investigations, and Records Sections of the Department. After gaining experience and successfully completing additional Departmental testing and interviews, police cadets are sent to the FCC and COS police academies to complete basic academy training. After successfully completing their basic academy training, police cadets are promoted to police officer recruits and assigned to the FTO Unit to complete their field training.



2017 Hispanic Residents' Academy



The primary purpose of the **Hispanic Residents' Academy (HRA)** is to better apprise Spanish-speaking community members, who reside or work in the city, with how their Police Department works and the services available to them. Participants of the HRA make a commitment to participate two hours once a week for the duration of 13 weeks. Department instructors who have volunteered their time to teach the classes in Spanish have included officers, detectives, sergeants, lieutenants, captains and deputy chiefs. As needed, the use of translation equipment and translators were utilized. In collaboration with the Fresno Unified School District Parent University Program, FPD has co-hosted two Hispanic Residents' Academies in the Central and Southeast policing districts. A total of 168 participants enrolled and 83 participated in the graduation ceremony. The HRA will continue to make stops throughout the districts.



Customer Service Unit



In March of 2017, Chief Jerry Dyer recognized a need for lower priority calls to be answered in a manner that would be more consistent with the Department's established goals and philosophy. From this conceptual idea, all of the cadets who were working in the various districts throughout the city were reorganized and placed under the direction of the Customer Service Unit (CSU).

CSU took on the role as the lead for all of the lower priority calls for service within the Department, as well as being a direct resource that can respond as a group to various parts of the city to support or handle various needs.

CSU has altered the way we previously responded to calls for service by working in large groups to positively impact the districts that are most heavily saturated with calls for service. This provides immediate relief for certain zones, districts, and, in some cases, entire portions of the city. In essence, CSU is working from more of a procedural justice mindset; yes – we have the ability to manipulate the calls in any given area of the city, but the best part of the program is that we truly have the ability to slow down and provide a service to those who truly appreciate and want our assistance. We get numerous emails and return phone calls praising the cadets on their diligence for simply taking the time to listen to their issue(s) and refer them to alternative resources, or specifically intervene and provide additional city resources.

Internal Affairs/Body Camera Unit



During the year 2017, the Internal Affairs Bureau consisted of four sergeants tasked with conducting administrative investigations, an internal review sergeant, and a body camera sergeant and officer. The internal review sergeant was responsible for conducting audits of areas throughout the Department to ensure compliance with policies, procedures and law enforcement best practices. Internal Affairs sergeants handle misconduct allegations as well as officer involved shootings and arrest-related death incidents. The Internal Affairs Bureau is committed to conducting thorough and timely investigations in order to build and maintain trust with our community. The Internal Affairs commander also serves as a liaison with the Office of Independent Review (OIR) to ensure access to investigations, recordings and supporting documents. The Internal Affairs Bureau is led by one lieutenant and supported by one secretary.

Body Camera Unit

There are approximately 441 AXON body cameras issued to field personnel, including patrol, tactical teams and officers assigned to schools. A sergeant and one officer manage our AXON system, body camera equipment and Evidence.com, where the videos are electronically stored.



2012 - 2017

FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

ANNUAL IA INVESTIATIONS <i>(Based on Assigned Date)</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
DEPT GENERATED	65	67	55	69	45	62
CITIZEN GENERATED	67	76	63	73	45	66
TOTAL	132	143	118	142	90	128
ICFs (INQs)	491	505	408	406	208	249
ICs* (Informal Complaints)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	164	122
TOTALS	491	505	408	406	372	371

DISCIPLINE ISSUED <i>(BASED ON CLOSED DATE)</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
TERMINATIONS	8	5	3	5	7	3
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	2	1	1	0	0	1
RETIREMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEMOTIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUSPENSIONS	11	15	14	13	16	17
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF	2	0	1	0	0	0
FINES	2	0	0	1	0	0
LETTERS OF REPRIMAND	23	11	7	11	9	10
TOTAL	48	32	26	30	32	31

Use of Force and Officers Assaulted

In 2017, Fresno Police officers responded to 418,340 field calls for service. Of those calls, 295 resulted in reportable force being used by an officer. That equates to officers using reportable force during less than .07 percent of all field calls for service. Also in 2017, officers were required to use deadly force a total of five times, a low that has not been seen since 2007.



YEAR	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
UOF	438	457	476	450	467	408	380	330	276	240	295
CFS	419,642	419,598	419,090	395,586	388,632	403,880	396,555	399,999	418,806	389,232	418,340



Officers Assaulted

In 2017, 402 officers were assaulted in the line of duty, an increase of 37.5% from 2016. Of the officers assaulted, 21 were injured and required immediate medical attention.

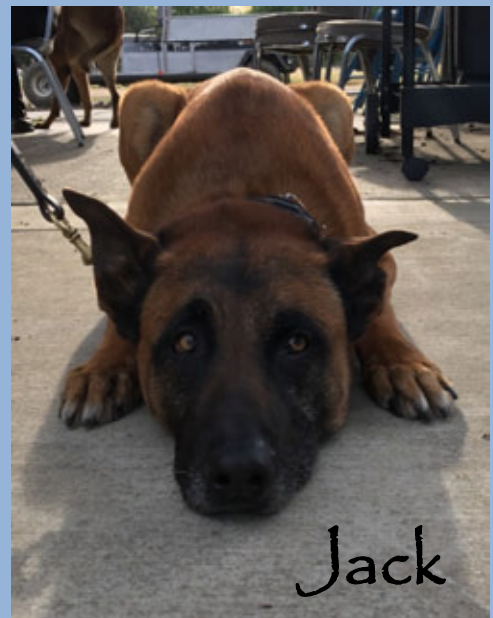
K-9 UNIT

The [Fresno Police Department's K9 Unit](#) was established in 1993. It consisted of 8 officers and their newly selected K9 partners. Today, the team consists of 12 officers and their K9's, a number that allows the team to provide 24/7 coverage for our community and officers. In 2017, we added two new officers and K9s to the Unit. Officer Will Padilla joined our team and is partnered with K9 Flash, a Malinois. Officer Daniel Fink also joined our team and is partnered with K9 Stark, a Dutch Shepherd.

The K9 Unit's primary mission is that of support, providing specialized capabilities to field officers, tactical units and detectives. K9 Officers in our Department are not assigned to a specific Patrol District or beat. This is done in order to ensure the availability of this specialized resource throughout the City. Our 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.

Each of our K9s are trained to meet specific patrol and special unit needs, including suspect tracking/air scenting, evidence/article location, officer protection and suspect apprehension. Additionally, three of our K9 teams, K9 Jack, K9 Laci and K9 Cash, are cross trained in narcotics detection. They have been taught to locate and alert on the scent of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, opium and marijuana. Five of our K9 teams, K9 Deizel, K9 Axo, K9 Jax, K9 Gunner and K9 Kilo are cross trained in explosive detection. They have been taught to locate and alert on the scent of 22 different explosive odors.

K9 Units throughout California complete one certification annually. This certification is designed to ensure the K9 team meets the minimum standards accepted by the industry. The Fresno Police Department's K9 Unit, however, conducts three certifications annually. Two are conducted by California P.O.S.T. K9 evaluators and one is conducted by an evaluator from the California Narcotic Canine Association.





*Article search
with K-9 Jax*

Response to K9 requests for service is our top priority, however members of the team do find the time to participate in public demonstrations and community “meet and greets”. The K9 Unit has tremendous community support and we attribute this to our eagerness to interact with the public. K9 Officers find that when they have their dog at their side, members of the community are more willing to approach us, simply to ask us what our dogs name is or if they can pet him. It is our dogs that allow for these positive community connections.

Additionally, 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 Markets. In 2017, the team participated in 36 community presentations and “meet and greets”.

We, the officers of the Fresno Police Department’s K9 Unit, truly enjoy the work we do. We view this assignment as the privilege it really is...never taking it or our K9 partners for granted.





The Mounted Patrol Unit

The [Mounted Patrol Unit](#) 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 one of only 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 14 members, 8 are sworn officers assigned to other duties, 5 are reserve officers and 1 is a volunteer. 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.

In [2017](#), 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.



MAGEC

In November, 2017, The Multi Agency Gang Enforcement Consortium (**M.A.G.E.C.**) celebrated its 20 year anniversary.

M.A.G.E.C. is well known for its inter-agency cooperation and ability to conduct complex, large scale investigations. Currently, 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 60 personnel from the following agencies, Fresno Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Fresno County Sheriff's Department, Clovis Police Department, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Orange Cove Police Department, Kingsburg Police Department, Fresno County District Attorney's Office and Homeland Security.





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. CCATT 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 and violent crime by aggressively targeting prolific auto thieves through investigation, apprehension and prosecution while also educating the community in auto theft prevention methods.

In 2017, the City of Fresno experienced a [record low 2780](#) auto thefts (7.6 per day) compared to 3269 (9.0 per day) in 2016. This [15.0%](#) decrease in auto theft 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 291 arrests, 83 of which were gang members; 539 stolen vehicle recoveries, of which 160 were occupied; investigated 25 chop shops; and recovered 23 firearms.





The [Fresno Police Chaplaincy](#) has always worked behind the scenes following a traumatic event, promoting healing and providing comfort to those within our agency and the greater community. Over the past few years the chaplaincy has pushed beyond its historical role by adding prevention and intervention programs to deal with the increasing trauma experienced by our youth.

[Project RISE](#)

Resilience In Student Education (RISE) is a partnership between the Fresno Police Chaplaincy and Fresno Unified School District to address the emotional development of students beginning in the first grade. Currently we have RISE Chaplains in 34 schools. They serve as mentors to promote “bounce back” resiliency principles through the reading and discussion of children’s books. Through these books they creatively and compassionately teach critical skills (**self-efficacy, emotional regulation, empathy, impulse control, causal analysis and optimism**).

We are given an amazing opportunity to impact the thinking and emotional development of these children at the earliest possible age to help equip them to deal with the challenges that they are dealing with or that may come their way.





A School Resource Chaplain presents RISE certificates to a first grade class.



A STEALTH Chaplain poses with mentored youth.

SUPPORT BLUE

Would it surprise you to know that there are 2,700 runaways in Fresno every year? Those statistics are overwhelming, but what's more frightening is that on the average a runaway is recruited for pornography or prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home.

This has led to the creation of STEALTH (Stop Trafficking Exploitation and Liberate through Hope). The Chaplaincy has made it a priority to intervene in these situations as soon as possible, and there are a variety of ways we do this:

- By meeting in the homes with the runaway and his/her family to bring hope and determine a course of action for a healthy future.
- By providing a "Drop In Center" – a weekly gathering where youth gather in a safe place to play sports, games, study, eat and hang out with chaplains.
- By connecting a youth with a mentor, to develop a friendship and meet together weekly to walk through the daily challenges that life brings.
- By offering a Teen Police Academy where teens can build positive connection with law enforcement officers and actually experience different jobs in the FPD.
- By offering the Teen Explorer Program as a follow up to teens who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement. Currently we have 30 police explorers and nine police advisors.
- Three years ago the Fresno Police Chaplaincy saw an opportunity to change the narrative about local policing by launching Support Blue Fresno. "This grass roots effort has helped swing the pendulum back towards officer support through events like our Support Blue Run, Teen Academy, and volumes of "Support Blue Merchandise."



CRISIS RESPONSE

Over the past few years law enforcement, nationwide, has been faced with the increasing challenges of dealing with community members experiencing a mental crisis. The reasons for these increases are not known but could include drug and alcohol abuse in addition to mental illness. Regardless of the origins, our officers have frequent contact with these community members under a variety of circumstances. Without training and awareness related to the issue, these calls can end in an adverse outcome for both the community member as well as our officer. During the past year, the Fresno Police Department has taken additional proactive steps to better train our officers to recognize those in crisis and provide the necessary resources to get them help.

During **2017**, the Fresno Police Department created a “Crisis Response Team”, comprised of officers and mental health clinicians. This partnership closely works to identify and coordinate effective treatment plans for those community members with multiple law enforcement encounters. The goal is to coordinate available resources and community partners to ensure the person in chronic crisis gets the help they need.

Additionally, the Fresno Police Department has committed to having all uniformed officers attend a 40 hour “Crisis Intervention” training course. This course provides our first line officers with additional tools to recognize a community member in crisis and provides an overview of available resources. This training program is funded through a grant and is taught in partnership with the Department of Behavioral Health, American Ambulance, Fresno County Health Department and a team of dedicated clinicians.

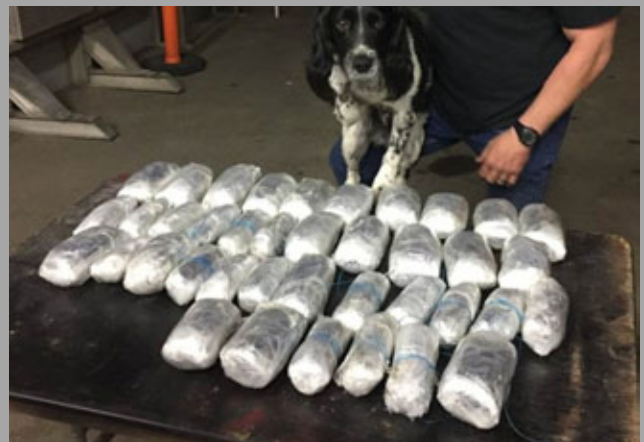
Since January 2017, over **284** members of the Fresno Police Department have attended this training course. Additionally, members of allied agencies, within Fresno County, have been invited to attend the training at no cost to their respective agencies. The goal of this program is to provide this valuable training to all uniformed law enforcement professionals within the County of Fresno.



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 [2017](#), the Narcotics Unit was involved in 113 drug investigations and made 73 felony arrests as a result of several high profile investigations. The Unit was responsible for seizing [245](#) pounds of methamphetamine, [10](#) pounds of cocaine, [8](#) pounds of heroin, [1,600](#) pounds of marijuana, and recovered [26](#) firearms.

Major Narcotics Investigators worked with our federal partners DEA, FBI, HSI, and ATF 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.



Property and Evidence Control Section

During 2017 we completed the monumental task of moving all of our evidence to a brand new 26,000 square foot facility. This was the largest relocation of evidence in the history of our agency. This task was complicated by the multitude of issues related to evidence accountability, security and the inner workings of a warehouse. This move was brought about by a partial roof collapse due to the heavy rains of 2016. The 60 year old converted fire station, located at Broadway and Elizabeth, was condemned due to the presence of asbestos and ultimately abated and demolished. The site is currently being transformed into a neighborhood pocket park for the community to enjoy.

This move required Department staff to identify a suitable facility to meet the security needs of an evidence warehouse. After the location was identified, the warehouse underwent an extensive remodel to meet the needs for evidence and property storage. Professional rack and shelving were installed for both large and small items. A large 600 square foot walk-in refrigerator was also installed to handle the storage of DNA evidence. At the same time, we simultaneously implemented a new electronic property management system, FileOnQ. The new system made the move easier due to the barcoding and scanning abilities and modernized our evidence storage procedures.

The warehouse was equipped with a wireless connection allowing evidence techs to roam throughout the warehouse with barcode scanners to maintain and track our inventory. Evidence techs are also able to locate and pull items needed in court in much more efficient manner. A state-of-the-art security system was installed to include video that is monitored 24 hours a day.

Once the remodel was completed and the new technology installed, the daunting task of moving evidence from our old facility could then begin. This involved packaging, wrapping, recording, palletizing, moving, unloading, and putting away in new locations over 224,000 items. In addition to Property Technicians going above and beyond their normal duties, police cadets assisted with the moving of evidence, all under the watchful eye of Special Response Teams (SRT) to provide security for the relocation process.

We are excited about the new evidence warehouse. The new warehouse along with the updated software has brought our property and evidence handling into the 21st Century and made us a model agency for property and evidence handling.





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.

In 2017, Valley Crime Stoppers put a strong emphasis on increased rewards. The payouts have always been, and continue to be, based on the severity of the crime, but this year we added a gang enhancement. If a tipster calls in and gives an anonymous tip that includes gang involvement, the payout increases.

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 provide law enforcement information to solve crimes. In 2017, our media partners donated approximately \$700,000 dollars in media time. Some of those partners are, CBS47/KSEE24, Cumulus Broadcasting Group, Univision Radio, Jeffrey Scott Agency, Outfont Media, and The Fresno Bee. Without their help Valley Crime Stoppers would not be as successful as we are.

This year Valley Crime Stoppers has partnered with Anderson Software to bring a new tip software program. Now a tipster can contact Crime Stoppers in three ways. They can call 498-STOP, they can download the P3 TIPS app, to their smart phone, or they can go to the website at P3tips.com. With the new generation of smart phones we are seeing a drastic increase in the way we are getting our tips. Over half of the tips are being downloaded to our P3 tip software.



Our Stats for 2017 were 2145 tips, 325 arrest \$81,340 in Rewards.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit (EOD)



The Fresno Police Department's Bomb Squad, or officially known as our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (**EOD**) Unit, was created in 1972 and has had a long distinguished history, rising from the inspiration of a few individuals determined to establish a bomb squad to meet the needs of a growing city. From handmade tools and sheer perseverance, a modern squad with state of the art equipment has emerged.

In 1999, the Unit was reorganized, expanded from two to six certified EOD Technicians, and installed an explosives bunker with bank like security. Advanced preparation paid off and the Unit was able to answer the call during the tragedy of September 11th 2001, going full time as the City's first Anti-Terrorism Unit. Approximately one year later, with Homeland Security measures in place, members of the Unit returned to their primary duties, remaining on-call 24 hours per day to handle a myriad of hazardous devices.

In 2010, a larger and more specialized EOD truck was deployed to meet the needs of the Unit. Some of the bomb squad's most recent advancements include a new technologically advanced robot, increased detection and disruption capabilities, and a state of the art total containment vessel. With increased technology has come the ability to communicate with bomb squads all over the nation while on a call, and share real time information. The Unit has taken on roles never envisioned, with the threat of biological, chemical and radiological improvised devices in our future. Homicide bombers, large vehicle borne bombs, international airport safety, target hardening, dignitary protection, hazardous materials, and teaching are just some of the disciplines that require the technicians to train constantly and remain ever vigilant.

TRAFFIC SECTION 2017



Chief Dyer started his tenure as Chief of Police in 2001. He immediately created a mission statement for the Department. A part of our mission statement reads as follows:

“Keep our community safe by preventing citizens from becoming victims of crime or being injured in traffic collisions. This is our highest priority.”

In 2017, the Fresno Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau strived to keep our community safe. We worked diligently to prevent citizens from being injured in traffic collisions.

We are proud to report that this year we saw reductions in overall collisions. We had 3,261 total collisions in 2017 as compared to 3,523 in 2016, a 7% reduction. Injury collisions also decreased this year to 1,138 as compared to 1,305 in 2016. This represents a 13% reduction in injury collisions, but more importantly fewer citizens were hospitalized in our City as result of a collision. We also saw a 13% reduction in DUI related collisions. Last year, Chief Dyer required all patrol officers to attend a 30 hour DUI investigation course. There is no doubt this training helped our patrol officers recognize and investigate DUI offenders which contributed to one of the lowest number of DUI collisions per year over the past 16 years.

*“Safety is our
highest priority”*



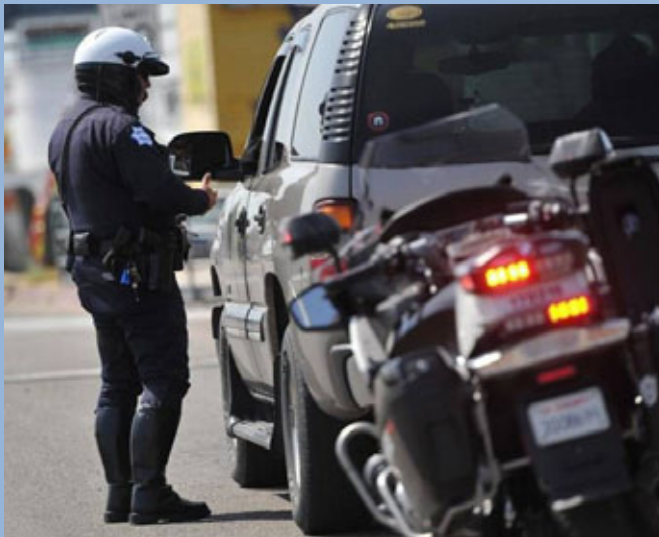
We know that reducing speed not only decreases the likelihood of a collision occurring, lower speeds can determine whether a collision results in injuries. Making sure our community is buckled-up and children are properly secured in car seats also reduces injuries when a collision occurs. Driving while being distracted just doesn't mix; therefore, we focused on getting our citizens to put down their phones while driving.

In 2017, we issued 39,488 traffic citations, a 30% increase from 2016. Of these, 13,428 citations were for speeding. We issued nearly 6,000 tickets for driving while using a cell phone and just over 1,500 tickets for seatbelts and child restraints not being used. There is no doubt that this enforcement drove down our collision numbers and resulted in 167 fewer injury collisions.

Sadly, fatal collisions in our city last year saw a sharp increase. 52 people lost their lives in traffic collisions. This loss of life is unacceptable and has affected too many families in our community. 13 of these fatal collisions involved an impaired driver who made the wrong decision to drive a vehicle while under the influence.

We arrested 1,457 people for driving under the influence.

Of the 52 fatalities, 25 of those were pedestrians. Our spike in pedestrian deaths began in 2011 and we are not alone. Nationally, pedestrian deaths have been on the rise. Despite our ongoing efforts to educate and enforce pedestrian violations, keeping pedestrians out of the road has been challenging. In 2017, we issued 1,431 pedestrian related traffic citations, a 105% increase from 2016. We have used targeted and focused enforcement to try and reduce our pedestrian fatalities. While analyzing our fatalities, it was determined that a high number of our pedestrians were struggling with issues of homelessness and often out walking around at night.



Safety by Enforcement

We took a new approach by distributing reflective vests to violators as a warning in hopes of them wearing them for better visibility. More troubling was the fact that 15 of the 25 pedestrians were found to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both. Of the fatal pedestrian collisions that involved alcohol, the pedestrian was found to have an average blood alcohol content of .24; three times the illegal limit had they been driving. 17 of the pedestrians were at fault in the collisions and were illegally in the roadway.

We are pleased to report that Chief Dyer has already started bringing the Traffic Safety Bureau back to full strength and he isn't done yet! In October of 2017, Chief Dyer was able to return 11 officers to traffic. This allowed us to get back on the night shift on a more regular basis, which meant arresting and removing more impaired drivers from our roadways. During a press conference in December 2017, Chief Dyer announced 11 more traffic officers would be returning to the Traffic Safety Bureau in 2018. This full compliment of traffic officers will once again allow us to return to seven night-a-week coverage with an emphasis on DUI enforcement. This staffing will also allow us to request additional grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety. This additional funding will allow for increased sobriety checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols and other targeted enforcement operations. This is great news and the Traffic Safety Bureau is excited for the added resources to help us achieve our goal of keeping our citizens safe and from being involved in a collision.

The Traffic Bureau is and will always be relentless in our pursuit of zero deaths on our roadways.

2017 TRAFFIC STATISTICS



	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
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
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
Fatalities	52	46	30	42	37	27	30	25	27	30	28	30	35	30	33	52
DUI Collisions	484	369	423	499	511	510	549	457	463	404	350	314	443	405	415	360
Injury DUI Collisions	151	126	117	125	140	138	114	79	110	103	80	83	93	95	91	82
Fatal DUI Collisions	7	7	11	16	12	9	8	5	6	6	10	7	8	12	8	12
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	2,862	2,786	1,594	1,457

Regional Training Center



Our **Regional Training Center (RTC)** was opened in September 2010 and serves as the primary training grounds for our personnel as well as officers throughout the state. The facility sits on 78 acres and consists of classrooms, a high speed driving course, driving / force option simulators and 7 firearm ranges. Staffing for the RTC is comprised of 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 11 officers and 3 support staff. RTC personnel provide training across all disciplines. Additionally, outside vendors utilize the facility to provide the highest quality of training to public safety personnel (law enforcement, fire, EMS). Approximately 4500 officers received training at the RTC during 2017.



The RTC has six 50 yard firing ranges and one 200 yard rifle range. A training tower is located on the rifle range where tactical teams can practice rappelling and long range precision shooting.



The RTC features a high speed driving track with a skid pan where officers are taught about vehicle operations and have the opportunity to improve upon their driving skills in both normal and emergency situations.



The RTC has traditional classrooms as well as a fully padded "mat" room where officers can safely practice defensive tactics techniques.





Skywatch

In 2017, the Skywatch Operations Unit continued to regularly support patrol officers and special units both day and night. This year, the second of the two helicopters underwent a mandatory 12-year inspection that took over three months to complete. Once both helicopters were back in service, the air unit began training new personnel to replace others who were transferring or retiring this year. One Tactical Flight Officer (TFO) was promoted to pilot and completed his flight training in December. In addition, two separate testing processes were completed which resulted in two new officers added to the air support ranks. Both officers put their strong policing skills to good use in the helicopter and have since earned their full-time TFO wings.

Of the 3,243 incidents Skywatch assisted on this year, 208 people were arrested who otherwise would have avoided capture without the “Eyes in the Sky.” By actively flying over Fresno on patrol, Skywatch aircrews are able to arrive on many incidents in less than a minute from the time the call is received. In fact, of the 3,243 calls that Air-1 assisted on in 2017, they were the first officers on scene for 62% of them having an average response time of just 43 seconds.





Officer safety and suspect apprehension continue to be the main priorities for air support officers. One example from 2017 is as follows:

One Sunday night during the summer, Air-1 was summoned by patrol officers in the Northeast district to assist them as they attempted to stop a car that had been reported stolen. When the aircrew arrived overhead, the officers turned on their emergency equipment and the car began to flee at high speeds. Because of the inherent danger of high-speed pursuits, the officers in patrol cars did not chase the car but relied on Air-1 to follow it instead. Even with no officers behind him, the driver of the stolen car continued to drive at high speeds while running red lights. At one intersection, the suspect threw out a sawed-off shotgun which was later recovered by officers. As the suspect began driving into the Southeast Policing District, Southeast officers, relying on the directions given from the aircrew, deployed "Stop Sticks" on the roadway in front of the stolen car. When the suspect ran them over, the tires on the stolen car slowly began to deflate. Within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile, all the tires on the stolen car had gone flat. The suspect driver and his passenger then exited the car and began to run. Unable to evade the helicopter's light, both suspects were quickly caught by responding officers.

FRESNO S.W.A.T. TEAM



Since 1974, the Fresno Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics Team (**SWAT**) has provided a ready response to situations that were beyond the capabilities of normally equipped and trained Department members. The focus of the SWAT team is the peaceful resolution of all calls for all involved. During this time the Fresno SWAT team has effected the arrest of hundreds of violent criminals and received scores of commendations.

The SWAT team responds to such critical incidents as:

- Hostage Situations
- Barricaded Armed Subjects
- Sniper Situations
- Aircraft Hijackings
- High Risk Warrant Service
- Personal Protection (Dignitaries or People in Danger)
- Special Assignments by Chief of Police



The SWAT team is currently staffed by 30 members, which include a Team Commander (Lieutenant), Assistant Team Commander (Lieutenant), four Team Leaders (Sergeants) and twenty-four operators. The team is broken down into three different elements which include, entry, containment and snipers.



Officers interested in becoming a SWAT Team member must have at least four years of experience as a police officer before they can participate in the testing process. The selection process consists of two different phases. The first phase consists of an evaluation of the candidate's physical fitness and firearms skills. The second phase consists of two separate oral interviews where candidates are evaluated on leadership, Department policy, use of force and other questions that test the officer's decision making ability.

After selection and assignment, new team members are required to attend an 80 hour, POST certified, basic SWAT school before they are allowed to deploy on call-out's as a team member. Team members take part in 20 hours of training per month. This training focuses on tactical operations planning, legal standards, firearms training, sniper/counter sniper operations, building/open area searches, hostage rescue, chemical munitions deployment, dignitary protection, rural operations, land navigation, helicopter operations as well as other team building exercises.

In 2017, the Department's SWAT responded to 15 incidents ranging from high risk search warrants, armed and barricade subjects, hostage situations, and mutual aid requests. SWAT members also assisted Department members with tactical planning, training, and incident reviews. Sgt. Tafoya, Officer Serrano, Officer Sharp, Officer Meiss, Officer Pierce, and Officer Esquibel were awarded the medal of valor for their participation in a hostage situation that resulted in the rescue of an injured pregnant female. Sgt. Tafoya was also honored by the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO) and named SWAT Officer of the Year.



In 2016, the national climate experienced a sharp increase in assaults on police officers across the nation, including premeditated attacks, violent confrontations and ambushes on police. In a significant amount of these incidences, there were multiple law enforcement casualties on singular events. At the same time, our society continued to see a rise in active shooter events with increased casualties on soft targets. This prompted law enforcement agencies across the nation to create tactical units trained and appropriately equipped who had the capability to immediately and rapidly respond to those types of emergency incidents with an emphasis on shortening the response time for these teams.

As a result, in October of 2016, the Fresno Police Department created the first ever [Special Response Team](#). The mission of the Special Response Team was to provide a peaceful resolution through an immediate tactical response to rapidly unfolding and dynamic emergency situations, as well as being a city wide resource for those incidents that require a tactical response. Additionally, the Special Response Teams were responsible for search warrant executions; including up to high risk pre-planned operations. SRT was also a contingent of the mobile field force providing an enforcement element and emergency response team for protests, riots, pre-planned demonstrations, rallies and large-scale community events. This was accomplished through monthly training on topics specific to active shooters, officer rescues, firearms proficiency, interior searching tactics and other high risk or emergency responses that did not meet the criteria for a S.W.A.T. activation.





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