



2021

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF
ANNUAL REPORT

Message from Sheriff Jim Hart



Jim Hart

This year we began to see a return to pre-COVID life with state health restrictions being lifted and a general feeling of a new normal. Schools re-opened, tourists returned to Santa Cruz County and businesses are coming back. For the past two years, our personnel constantly adapted to changing rules and regulations. They showed up every day and did their jobs well. I couldn't be prouder of all our staff members for the level of effort, commitment and sacrifice they have given to our local communities and jail facilities to make sure Santa Cruz County is a safe place to live and visit. As far as the future is concerned for 2022, we have set goals of completely re-opening our three correctional facilities, continuing to move forward with our DNA lab project and, most importantly, getting our staffing levels back to where they were before the pandemic hit. It is my honor to be your Sheriff and I am looking forward to a safe and happy 2022.

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County Community with
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Timeline of Major Events

2021

Deputies Come Back to Patrol

Both Deputy Spencer and Deputy Ramponi were responding to the call when Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller was killed on June 6th, 2021. Their heroic efforts prevented further harm to our community that horrific day. In early January, we welcomed the return of Deputy Ramponi and her K9, Xena, and Deputy Spencer and his K9, Dries, back to patrol.

January

Debris Flow Evacuations

After the CZU Lightning Complex Fire in August of 2020, which burned more than 86,000 acres in Santa Cruz and San Mateo County, much of the burn scar was left susceptible to debris flow. Debris flow is a fast-moving landslide that resembles flowing concrete and is capable of damaging mountain sides, roads, and destroying property. In January of 2021, a heavy rainstorm caused great concern for areas within the San Lorenzo Valley and Bonny Doon, largely due to the potential for debris flow. Hundreds of residents were asked to evacuate their homes for approximately three days while the threat passed. Fortunately, no major damage was reported.

January



Mall Shooting Threat Stopped

On February 3, 2021, dispatch received several calls regarding an individual posting threats on social media to shoot up a mall. Detectives and deputies immediately began investigating and determined the suspect's location to be at Valley Fair Mall in Santa Clara County. Our records department and detectives alerted our law enforcement partners in Santa Clara and the armed suspect was taken into custody shortly after without incident.

February

Delaney Ave Homicide

On March 30, 2021, deputies were called to Delaney Avenue for reports of a family disturbance. Deputies arrived and located a victim suffering from multiple stab wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect was identified by witnesses and arrested the next day after a standoff that lasted several hours. After speaking with negotiators, the suspect surrendered and was booked into the Santa Cruz County jail for murder.

March

Officer Involved Shooting

On April 6, 2021, deputies were investigating a suspicious vehicle near a business center on Soquel Drive in Aptos. While contacting the two occupants of the car, deputies noticed the driver was armed with a handgun.

As deputies were attempting to detain the suspect, the suspect fired one round from the firearm. One deputy discharged their weapon several times, striking the suspect. The deputies immediately rendered medical aid and the suspect was transported to a hospital. The suspect was eventually released from the hospital and booked into the Santa Cruz County Jail. Several weapons were recovered at the scene, including the weapon fired.

After an investigation into the shooting, the District Attorney's Office found no deputies violated any laws and, following an internal investigation, our professional standards and conduct unit found all deputies acted within policy.

April



Suspect Arrested After Hour Long Stand-Off

On April 20, 2021, deputies received a report of a person walking into a tent-trailer in Boulder Creek with what appeared to be a rifle. Deputies arrived on scene and spoke with the owner of the tent-trailer who alerted them that no one should be inside the trailer at that time.

Deputies witnessed the individual exit the trailer and they attempted to speak with him.

He returned to the trailer and refused to come out, prompting an approximately seven-hour standoff. The suspect was identified as a person who had a prior felony conviction and was prohibited from possessing firearms.

Our SWAT and Crisis Negotiation Team were called to the scene and attempted to start a dialogue with the suspect.

The suspect exited the trailer holding a machete; after refusing to drop it, deputies used bean bag rounds to safely detain the suspect. The suspect was arrested on multiple charges and booked into to the main jail.

April



Ride to Remember Visits Santa Cruz

On June 4, 2021, "The Beyond the Call of Duty, End of Watch Ride to Remember" visited the Sheriff's Office Headquarters to honor Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller.

Each year, the organization visits departments across the country who lost an officer in the line of duty. In 2021, they traveled for 84 days and traveled 22,300 miles to honor those who paid the ultimate price in their service during 2020. In 2021, they honored 338 officers across the country.



June

Memorial Stone Revealed

In honor of the anniversary of Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller's murder, a memorial stone was revealed outside the Sheriff's Office Headquarters on Soquel Avenue. The memorial stone honors the 4 members of the Sheriff's Office who gave their lives while protecting the Santa Cruz County community: Sheriff Howard Trafton, Undersheriff Richard Rountree, Deputy Michael Gray and Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller.

We are thankful to all those who contributed to make this happen and the Sheriff's Office personnel wish to express our sincere gratitude to Granite Construction, Santa Cruz Memorial, Triad Electric and the Krassow Family.



 **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

SHERIFF HOWARD TRAFTON	E.O.W. SEPTEMBER 3, 1925
UNDERSHERIFF RICHARD ROUNTREE	E.O.W. SEPTEMBER 3, 1925
DEPUTY MICHAEL GRAY	E.O.W. JANUARY 13, 1983
SERGEANT DAMON GUTZWILLER	E.O.W. JUNE 6, 2020

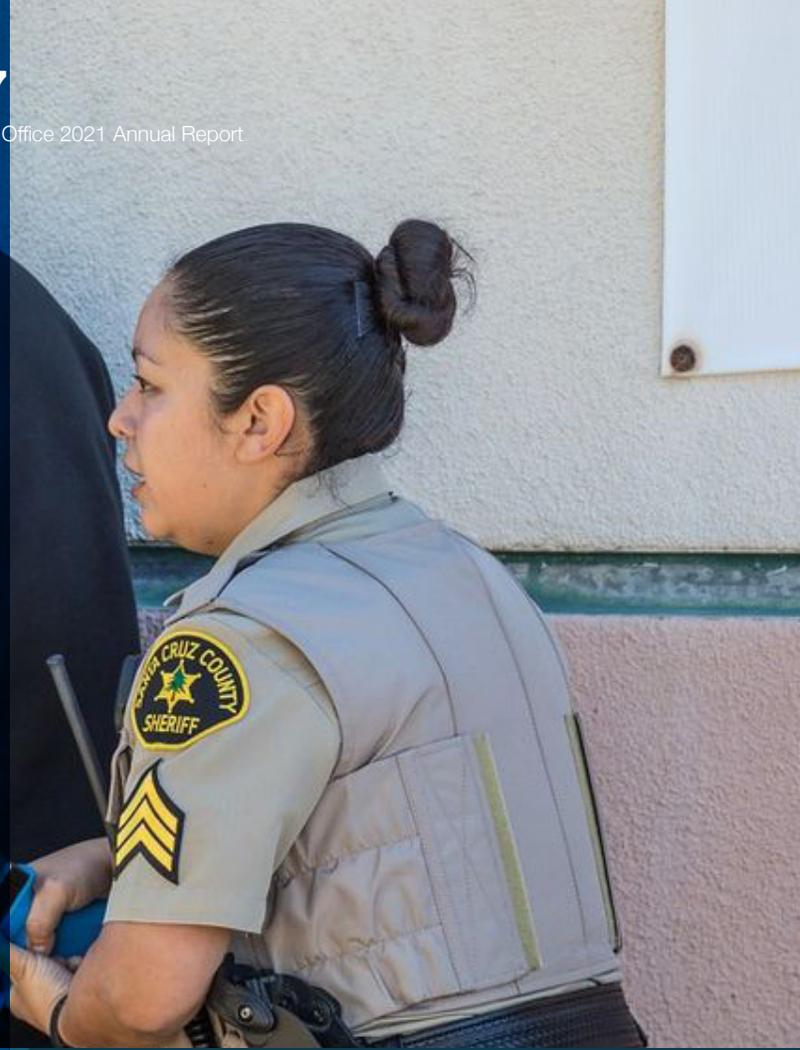
Dedicated In Their Honor June 6, 2021

June

prepared. Fire and law enforcement personnel were trained in medical aid, communication, and the best and most efficient ways to save lives under the most horrific circumstances.

The training was hosted at Scotts Valley High School by the UC Santa Cruz Police Department, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and dozens of volunteers.

June



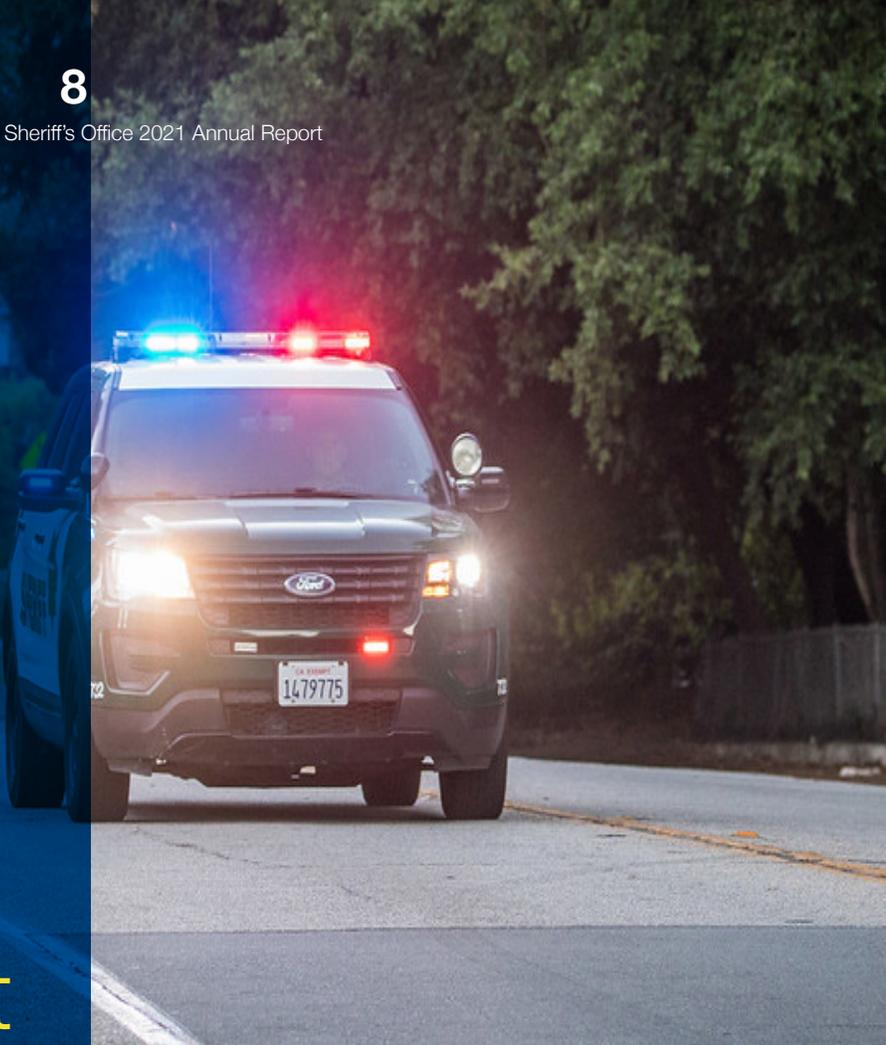
Correctional Officers Help Raise Funds for Special Olympics

In May of 2021, Correctional Officer Wowak and Correctional Officer Gaither attended a Police In Pursuit Race at Watsonville Ocean Speedway and were selected to join the team. For approximately two months, they rebuilt an engine, from the ground up, and completed their 1990 Mazda RX-7 in time for the last race of the season, on August 13th, 2021. They took 6th place in the race and they are looking forward to hitting the track next season. CO Wowak and CO Gaither were also able to raise more than \$3,000 towards Special Olympics Northern California.

August

Cracking Down on Hate Crime

On August 24th, 2021, several Aptos families awoke to find flyers with anti-Semitic and homophobic language on their doorsteps. The Sheriff's Office collaborated with several agencies to identify and locate the suspect seen on home surveillance cameras in the act of distributing the flyers. In December, the suspect was arrested with the help of Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, in the Sacramento area, after similar incidents were committed in their community.



August



Aptos High School Deadly Stabbing

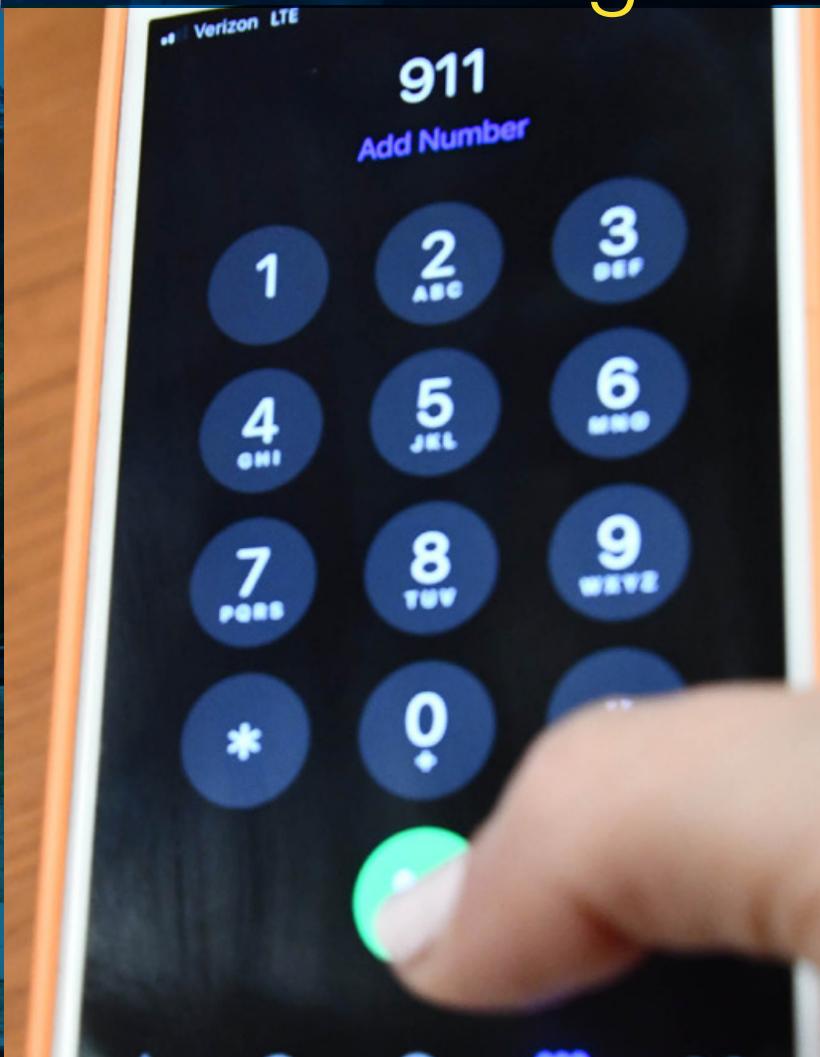
On August 31, 2021, the Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a stabbing at Aptos High School. When Deputies arrived on campus, they found a 17-year-old suffering from multiple stab wounds. The student was life-flighted to a trauma center where, sadly, he passed away from his injuries. The school was immediately placed on lockdown. Through interviews and canvassing the campus, two students were detained and arrested for the stabbing. Several weeks later, the Pajaro Valley Unified School District voted to bring the School Resource Officer program back to the high school campuses in their district. A School Resource Officer from the Sheriff's Office was assigned to Aptos High School in October.

August

Drone Response Vehicle

After several months of design and planning, the first Sheriff's Office Drone Response Vehicle was placed into service in early September. This was the first Drone Response Vehicle to be commissioned in the County. The vehicle has been used in over 24 missions since being placed in service and has been requested several times by our neighboring agencies. The Drone Vehicle is a self-contained vehicle that houses 3 drones, batteries, charging equipment, and a television for viewing.

August



Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement Ordinances

September 14, 2021, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office introduced a new ordinance to the County Board of Supervisors to prohibit discriminatory reports to law enforcement. Discriminatory law enforcement reports against people of color, for racially motivated reasons, are common enough that many people of color have experienced one or more incidents of being contacted by law enforcement when engaging in normal day-to-day activities.

August

Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement Ordinance (Cont.)

These incidents cause serious harm to the person falsely accused of a crime, cause anxiety and distrust among people of color, and put an unnecessary strain on law enforcement officers responding to frivolous and false calls. The misuse of law enforcement by members of the public to discriminate against others should not be tolerated and the County should take action to stop such behavior in every way possible.

“Community members should be able to go about their daily lives without the risk of someone calling law enforcement in an attempt to harass them simply because of the color of their skin. We are urging the Board of Supervisors to put this ordinance into place to show we have absolutely no tolerance for racially motivated 911 calls.”

— Sheriff Jim Hart

The Board of Supervisors supported the recommendation and approved the ordinance, adding Chapter No. 8.53 to the Santa Cruz County Code Title 8. This makes it unlawful to knowingly cause a law enforcement officer to contact a member of the public solely to discriminate against the person based on the person's race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity; allow and create a means of redress for victims of false and discriminatory reports to law enforcement; and creates a process through a private civil cause of action for damages to discourage discriminatory reports and misuse of law enforcement.

Corrections Staffing

Due to a shortage of Corrections staff, two units within the Santa Cruz County Corrections facilities temporarily closed in September. The S Unit in the Rountree Facility and Blaine Street Women's Facility were closed to ensure the safety of incarcerated persons and staff. Additionally, five patrol deputies were moved to the Corrections Bureau to help fill staffing needs.

September



Driver Plunges Car Over Cliff

On September 17, 2021, deputies responded to a vehicle that went over a cliff at Sunny Cove Beach. Three occupants in the car, two juveniles and one adult, were rescued by a surfer who was in the water.

Through interviews and surveillance video, it was determined the act was intentional and the driver was eventually arrested on several felony charges. None of the juvenile passengers suffered any major injuries as a result of the crash.

September

Deputies Assist in Fire Related Evacuation

On October 15, 2021, a prescribed burn near Hazel Dell and Hidden Canyon Road grew out of control. Evacuations were mandated in the Pajaro Valley while crews worked to gain control of the fire. The fire eventually burned 148 acres and fortunately no structures were destroyed.

October

Arrest in Case Involving Deadly Shooting

On October 17, 2021, at approximately 8pm, our deputies were sent to the area of Carlton Road and Coward Road for a person in medical distress. Upon their arrival, deputies found a 21-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. All suspects have been arrested in this case.

October

Santa Cruz Warriors Host Local Heroes Night

On November 6, 2021, the Santa Cruz Warriors hosted a Local Heroes Night where they honored first responders with a special tribute to Sergeant Damon Gutzwiller.

A jersey with his name and call sign was retired at half time and it now hangs beside the jerseys of fallen Santa Cruz Police Officers, Sgt. Butch Baker and Detective Elizabeth Butler. The organization also provided a shirt and jersey to Sergeant Gutzwiller's children before the game.

October

Criminal Justice Council Report 2021

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REGIONAL
PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY POLICY
REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

First County-Wide Criminal Justice Council Report Released

For the first time, the Santa Cruz County CJC (Criminal Justice Council) reviewed and analyzed policies and procedures of all law enforcement agencies in Santa Cruz County. This is the first report of its kind with the purpose to provide a snapshot of key use of force policies and procedures in Santa Cruz County law enforcement agencies.

October

First County-Wide Criminal Justice Council Report Released (Cont.)

In the Spring of 2021, the Criminal Justice Council (CJC) created an adhoc working group to oversee the creation of a survey that was then sent to Sheriff Hart and the Chiefs of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Scotts Valley, and Capitola Police Departments to gather data surrounding their key use of force policies.

All agencies release required body camera footage to the public and undergo implicit bias training. Currently, no law enforcement department uses predictive policing or facial recognition technologies. All agencies currently require that officers deploy de-escalation techniques prior to use of force, ban controversial restraints such as choke-holds, and no agency uses no-knock warrants.

Overall, all agencies were found to have updated policies regarding use of force, technological deployment, and release of information to the public. Furthermore, all either utilize or favor the use of behavioral health professionals to address individuals in a behavioral health crisis.

The CJC includes local elected officials, the head of each local police agency, the District Attorney and Chief Probation Officer, the Public Defender, the County Superintendent of Schools, the President of Cabrillo College, the Superior Court, the County Behavioral Health Director, and local non-profit leaders.

New Procedure for Incoming Corrections Mail

To maintain safety and security of incarcerated persons and staff, the Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau implemented a new procedure for incoming routine personal mail. This step was taken to reduce contraband from coming into the facilities. The Sheriff's Office now partners with Smart Communications where the mail is scanned at a facility and available for viewing by the recipient on the tablets or kiosks in each housing unit.

December

Social Media Threats Trend

On December 14, 2021, our Office was made aware of messages trending nation-wide on social media that encouraged students to call in false violence to schools on Friday, December 17, 2021. No threats were specific to Santa Cruz County and no credible threats were made. Additional deputies were stationed at the schools which were still in session in the event they were needed.

December

Top Cop Challenge

Sergeant Randall Hop and Deputy Steve Shiah competed in the 2021 Top Cop Challenge Shooting Competition in Northern California. They placed 2nd in the team competition and Sergeant Hop placed 3rd in the individual competition.

Top Cop is an event to raise funds for our veterans and first responders. Funds raised are then donated to support non-profit organizations that aid veterans or first responders and their families in their recovery from any type of service-related injury.

Over the past 5 years Sgt. Hop and Deputy Shiah have participated, they have won a total of \$13,000 that have been donated to various local non-profit organizations. This year Sgt. Hop and Deputy Shiah chose two non-profit organizations to donate their winnings to: Vets 4 Vets Santa Cruz and Beyond the Call of Duty.

“ It’s an honor to be able to raise money for these organizations that do so much for first responders and veterans. They’ve helped countless lives, and we are just happy to be able to give something back. ”

—Sergeant Randall Hop

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VETS 4 VETS Santa Cruz is a non-profit organization based out of Santa Cruz County made up of Veterans and friends creating community and assisting veterans in need. Beyond the Call of Duty organization is dedicated to raising awareness of first responders who died in the line of duty and to support the families and communities of the fallen. In June, they visited Santa Cruz County to honor Sgt. Damon Gutzwiller.

December

2021 Employees of the Year



Deputy
JAVIER GONZALEZ



Deputy
GERMAN FERNANDEZ

Deputies of the Year

In April of 2021, Deputies Javier Gonzalez and German Fernandez were assigned to work in south county. At this time, the Pajaro River Levee began to see an increase in criminal activity and illicit behavior. Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez identified the issues and began directed patrols of the area.

During these patrol activities Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez began building relationships with the farmers and their staff. They learned that the farming community was underserved and underrepresented due to several cultural and perceived legal barriers. On their own time and without direction, Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez began to hold meetings with the farmers and the field workers in an effort to build trust with that community.

By starting these vital conversations, Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez were put in touch with the Watsonville Works program, which is a non-profit organization which assists undocumented persons with gaining employment and bettering their quality of life. Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez attended meetings with this organization and began a long-term relationship with them and their clientele. Deputy Gonzalez also became involved with the Community Action Board of Watsonville. This is an organization dedicated to preventing youth violence and gang activity through education and team activities.

In June of 2021, Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez connected with the Alcance Program in Watsonville. This program offers resources such as housing, job placement, and immigration services. Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez attended meetings with the program and shared ideas and resources.

Aside from building trust with the community and being a voice for an underrepresented population, Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez are always looking for a better or creative solution to everyday problems. In May of 2021, deputies responded to Bradley Elementary for several thefts of school equipment, including sports equipment. Deputy Gonzalez worked with the Deputy Sheriff's Association to secure a check for over \$700 to fund new sports supplies. While attempting to get estimates on the new soccer goals, Deputy Gonzalez met with local business owners who agreed to support the school and fully fund the replacement. After the equipment was delivered to the school, Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez went to the school and had a soccer game with the kids and spoke to the children about their communities and ways to stay safe.

In August of 2021, Deputy Gonzalez was asked to attend a presentation at Alianza school. Without hesitation, Deputy Gonzalez spoke to the children and staff about law enforcement and our role in the community.

During this time, there was no official Sheriff's representative at the South County Service Center. Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez took it upon themselves to fill this void. They were not only being good beat deputies but became reliable and caring community deputies.

Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez genuinely care about the community and the people who live here. In 2021, Deputies Gonzalez and Fernandez's ongoing work exemplified the mission of our organization. For this, Deputy Gonzalez and Deputy Fernandez are awarded the Deputies of the Year.



Correctional Officer of the Year

Officer MARC RANIA



Officer Marc Rania has been a Correctional Training Officer for two years. During this last year he has played a significant role in the success of the training program. He brings innovative ideas to assist trainees' improvement and shares these ideas with the rest of the training team. Officer Rania makes suggestions for improvement and constructive feedback to the training team to make the program more effective. He serves as a "resource person" whom others rely upon for advice. He demonstrates an exceptional interest in subordinate development.

During the year, he was selected to be a Taser Instructor for the Corrections Bureau. CO Rania has been extremely proactive with this assignment. He consistently works on days off to provide training for the large number of new hires over the last 9 months. He has been instrumental in the redevelopment of the Taser Program and integration with the Operations Bureau to provide high quality in-service training to the Corrections. Officer Rania is also a valued member of CERT and often is asked to step into the role of Acting Supervisor for both Booking and Housing.

Officer Rania is self-motivated and needs little direction. He frequently seeks assignments and takes advantage of opportunities to produce. He often seeks opportunity to assist others and actively participates as a team player. Officer Rania can be consistently relied upon to complete assignments in a timely manner and he sets an example for others by completing quality work. For his consistent and outstanding performance, Correctional Officer Rania is awarded the Correctional Officer of the Year.



Civilian Employee of the Year

KRISTEN MITCHELL

As the Food Services Manager, Kristen was presented with numerous challenges during 2021. With budget cuts due to the pandemic, Kristen played a valuable role in the transition from county employees to an outside food service vendor. Her ability to adapt and overcome challenges that come along with such a transition has been key to the success it has now become. Her compassion for quality of food and producing the best product possible does not go unnoticed.

The transition to a new food vendor was challenging. At times it did not seem there was an end in sight. Kristen was able to work through many difficult situations with staff, the quality of food and equipment, all the while keeping within the state guidelines and requirements. The new food service vendor was not prepared as they were short-staffed, lacked the correct food, and their equipment had not arrived for service for both the inmates and staff.

Kristen's positive attitude and hard-working ethic established a great working relationship with the food service vendor. There have been numerous times the vendor became dependent on Kristen's knowledge and skills to get them through the day. I have heard nothing but positive remarks and thankfulness from the vendor for their relationship with Kristen.

Kristen has strong planning and organizational skills and is always looking on improving work methods for staff. Throughout the year, she was thrown many new situations. Her experience and knowledge has allowed her to work through anything that has come her way. Kristen is a valuable member of the Sheriff's Office and a true professional. For her outstanding performance throughout 2021, Kristen Mitchell is awarded the Civilian Employee of the Year award.

Medals & Awards

Medal of Valor

Deputy Calum Cecil-Wherity

Medal of Merit

Deputy Joshua McKim

Deputy Jordan Segal

Distinguished Service

Deputy Randall Hop

Sergeant Socorro Luna

Detective Roger Galvin

Sheriff's Commendation and Citation Bar

Deputy O'Hara

Lisa Zack

Sgt. Steve Ryan

Sergeant Jason Dunn

Corrections Officer Sabrina Organista



Life Saving Awards

Corrections Officer Joshua Wooley

Corrections Officer Hunter Hersey

Deputy Dahna Valdivia

Deputy Jacob Munoz

Deputy Fabiola Galindo

Deputy Trevor Block

Deputy Christopher Jones

Deputy Daniel McCall

Deputy Brandon Polito



The Damon Gutzwiller Award

Chief Deputy **STEVE CARNEY**

Chief Deputy Steve Carney's career embodies all that we hold valuable in our profession: positivity, commitment, mentorship, honesty, humility, generosity, and kindness. These are also all the traits that Damon possessed.

Like Damon, Chief Carney has demonstrated excellence in every assignment he's held. His commitment toward the pursuit of perfection was only to better others and not himself. This has proven to be invaluable and has helped Chief Carney earn the respect of his peers and be a steady role model in our profession.

Chief Carney has been an instrumental figure in the careers of many of our staff members. His mentorship is not limited to any rank but instead is visible across the entire agency. His impact on our office has been evident for years, as proven during any given promotional ceremony. It is commonplace to hear newly promoted staff members recognize the impacts that Chief Carney has had on their careers. Each of us strive to positively influence a single person; he has done so for dozens and dozens.

Like Damon, Chief Carney emphasizes commitment and humility as leading character traits. Chief Carney has invested his life entirely to this Sheriff's Office family. The commitment of doing what's right, for the right reasons, and without compromise are the foundational blocks that Chief Carney has laid for those around him.

Damon has left a permanent impact on the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. His legacy lives on with every person who was lucky enough to know him. Chief Carney has also left a mark that will continue spreading for many years to come. Damon would be proud and honored to know that Steve is the first recipient of the perpetual Damon Gutzwiller Award.

Santa Cruz County's Finest

ADNEY, KIRK	CARBAJAL, EFRAIN	DERR, MICHAEL
AGUIRRE, DAISY	CARMONA, ERICA	DESANTOS, CESAR
AHUMADA, ELVIA	CARNEY, STEVE	DIMICK, ARTHUR
AHUMADA, LAURA	CASTERSON, EMILY	DOBBS, COLLEEN
AINSWORTH, JACOB	CASTILLO, ENRIQUE	DOLEN, JOSEPH
AMBROSINO, AMANDA	CECIL-WHERITY, CALUM	DOYLE, TIMOTHY
ANZALONE, MARK	CERVANTES, GABRIEL	DUFREY, LAURA
ARCHER, KADE	CHAVEZ, CRISTOBAL	DUNN, JASON
AYYAD, SAID	CHEUNG, MAY	EICKHOFF, GREGORY
BALDRIGE, NICHOLAS	CHRISTIANSEN, MARK	EISNER, JEFFREY
BALDWIN, DEE	CHRISTIANSEN, MARV	ENGELHARDT, ELIZABETH
BARNES MOORE, CORYE	CLAES, KEVIN	ENGELHARDT, NATHAN
BARNES, ALONZO	CLARK, CHRISTOPHER	ENRICO, SCOTT
BARRON, DAISY	CLARK, WENDY	ERBE, BRIAN
BASTIAN, MARILYNN	CLARKE, JOSEPH	ESCALANTE-PEREZ, REYNAL- DO
BATIN, CAROLE	CLAUSSEN, ANGELO	ESCOBAR, DALISSA
BISAGNO, KARY	CLEMENS, KRISTIE	ESPARZA, LUISANNA
BJORKLUND, BRIAN	CLEVELAND, BRIAN	ESPINOZA, ANA
BLANKENSHIP, LELAND	COLE, BRIAN	ESPINOZA, JESUS
BLOCK, TREVOR	CONE, PEACE	ESPINOZA, PATRICIA
BONNEY, CADI	COOPER, JAKE	ESQUIBEL, BROOK
BOOTH, MARQUIS	CORUM, HANNAH	ESTRADA, HERIBERTO
BOTTEGA, JEAN-PAUL	CORUM, KURT	FAROTTE, RYAN
BRIERLEY, DANIEL	CRAWFORD, KARYN	FENNELLY, JASON
BROPHY, MAGGIE	CRIVELLO, CRYSTAL	FENSTER, DEREK
BROWNLEE, JORDAN	CRIVELLO, FRANCINE	FERNANDEZ, GERMAN
BUCHANAN, ROBERT	CRUZ, DANIEL	FERRARA, JOHN
BUGAYONG, ELPIDIO	CUMMINGS, NICHOLAS	FERRO, JOSE
BURHANS, MICHELLE	CURTICE, NICHOLAS	FIGUEROA, VANESSA
BURNETT, WILLIAM	DAVIS, DANIELLE	FIORE, STEPHANY
CALHOUN, NATHANIEL	DAWSON, JASON	FISH, NOLAN
CAMBEROS-LOPEZ, PATRICIA	DE LA TORRE, ALFONSO	FISH, STEFAN
CARBAJAL, ANGELICA	DEEG, KENNETH	

FISHER, KEVIN	GRIFFIN, LARRY	JOHNSON, CODY
FISHER, RYAN	GRIFFITH, TIMOTHY	JOHNSON, JOSHUA
FLORES, JAIME	GROSS, CATHERINE	JONES, CHRISTINE
FLORES, ROLAN	GROSS, JEFFREY	JONES, CHRISTOPHER
FLOREZ, JASMIN N	GUTIERREZ GUTIERREZ, MI- GUEL	JORGENSEN, ARISTON
FRANCIS, CARLTON	HABERMEHL, JOHN	KADUK, MONIQUETTE
FREITAS, DANIEL	HANCOCK, DAMON	KANE, BROOKE
FULTON, RYAN	HANKES, CHRISTOPHER	KANE, KALEN
GAGNON, STEPHEN	HANSEN, PETER	KEEHN, ASHLEY
GAITHER, HUNTER	HARLAMOFF, CRAIG	KENNEDY, RYAN
GALINDO, FABIOLA	HARO-REYNOSO, GABRIEL	KENT, KELLY
GALOTTI, CASANDRA	HARRISON, CURTIS	KENVILLE, NATHANIEL
GALVIN, ROGER	HART, JAMES	KOENIG, KRISTOPHER
GANSCHOW, DAVID	HAYES, ERIN	KRINER, DARRYL
GARCIA, NELSON	HAYES, MAURICE	LAMBERT, MICHAEL
GARCIA, SEAVANA	HERNANDEZ GAMA, ALDO	LANE, GREG
GARZA, RACHAEL	HERNANDEZ, ANNETT	LANSDOWNE, GREGORY
GENTRY, JACK	HERNANDEZ, GUILLERMO	LEONETTI, SHON
GERBER, MARK	HERNANDEZ, LAURA	LEVENDIS, ALEXANDRA
GERBER, MINNIE	HERNANDEZ-GUZMAN, ERIK	LIBERTY, TODD
GETZSCHMANN, JOHN	HERRERA-AMEZCUA, FRAN- CISCO	LLAMAS PADILLA, CLAUDIA
GIDDING, ROBERT	HERSEY, HUNTER	LLOYD, JENNIFER
GIGUIERE, GREGORY	HONG, RUTH	LOPEZ, DAISY
GOMBOS, FRANK	HOP, RANDALL	LOPEZ, LYSETTE
GOMEZ-CASTANEDA, JESUS	HOWLS, AMY	LOPEZ, PAUL
GONZALEZ, ALEX	HUERTA, KARINA	LOPEZ, SERGIO D
GONZALEZ, GABRIEL	HUNTSMAN, MARGO	LOPEZ, SERGIO E
GONZALEZ, JAVIER	HUNTSMAN, TRAVIS	LOPEZ-VARELA, MOISES
GOUKER, ERIC	INIGUEZ, LAURA	LUKE, RYAN
GRACIANO PEREZ, MARISELA	IRA, CHAD	LUNA, SOCORRO
GRAHAM, NATHANIEL	JAQUEZ, STEPHEN	MACDONALD, MICHAEL
GRANT, WESLEY		MADISON, DAVID
GREENE, EDWARD		MADRIGAL SOSA, LUIS

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MAGANA, GABRIELA	MOISE, MICHAEL	POLITRON VIRGEN, LUIS
MAGI, JOY	MONTALVO, SARAH	PONCE LUNA, SERGIO
MAJOR, PHILLIP	MONTEJO, FERDINAND	PONCE PALOMINO, MARIO
MALONE, JORDAN	MORA, VICTOR	PORRAS, JORGE
MARTINEZ, ANDREW	MORALES, JAVIER	PRESLEY, HEATHER
MARTINEZ, LEONEL	MORALES, ROY	PRUGER, JACOB
MARTINEZ, OMAR	MORAR, DAN	PRUGER, MICHAEL
MATA, JOE	MORENO, HUGO	PURCELL, AMANDA
MATSON, KYLE	MORGAN, JASON	QUIROGA, DIANA
MATTHEWS, ALEXANDER	MORROW-LEDESMA, ALE-	RAKES, TRAVIS
MCANERNEY, SUSAN	AH	RAMIREZ, CESAR
MCBRIDE, CAITLIN	MOSQUEDA, YESICA	RAMIREZ, RICHARD
MCCALL, COURTNEY	MOYA, EDUARDO	RAMIREZ, SALVADOR
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MCCHESENEY, ANDREA	MUNOZ, JACOB	DO
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MESERTH, SHAWN	SANDRA	RIVERA-AGUILAR, EDGAR
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MITCHELL, KRISTEN	PEREZ, ALEJANDRO	ROBERTS, ADAM
MITCHELL, ROBIN	PLAGEMAN, FREDERICK	ROBLES, JAVIER
MIYOSHI, ERIK	POLITO, BRANDON	ROCHA, MONICA

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RODRIGUEZ, MICHELLE	SKALLAND, APRIL	WARD, KYLE
RODRIGUEZ, MINERVA	SMITH, CHARLES	WARD, TERESA
RODRIGUEZ-BARBOSA, ALEXIS	SMITH, DOUGLAS	WATSON, NICOLE
RODRIGUEZ-ROCHA, AN- DREA	SMITH, KERRI	WELLS, KAREN
ROSS, JAMES	SMITH, TAMARA	WEST, ZACHARY
ROSS, JESSICA	SOLANO, ABIGAIL	WHEELER, CAMERON
ROTTMAN, SCOTT	SOLANO, NICHOLAS	WHITLEY, RODERICK
ROWE-KAIRYS, AMANDA	SORCIA, SARA	WILKES, CHARLES
RUMRILL, ETHAN	SPENCER, ALEXANDER	WOOLLEY, JOSHUA
RYAN, STEVEN	SPENCER, CAROL	WOWAK, KYLE
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SCHULZE ELSE, POLLY	TRITENBACH, MARK	ZARAGOZA, ADRIANA
SCHWINGEL, ROGER	TUCKER, BRIANA	ZEPHRO, LAUREN A
SCIANNA, BRANNON	TURNER, MALLORY	ZIGMAN, EVAN
SEAVERS, RACHAEL	URETA, KRYSTIN	ZUBE, TROY
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SHEARER, CHRISTOPHER	VALADEZ, JACQUELINE	
SHIAH, TENG-SHUNG	VALDIVIA, DAHNA	
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SHLAFER, TATIANA	VAN HORSEN, PAUL	
SILVA, ANTHONY	VARGAS, LISET	
SILVA, NAOMI	VELASCO, JOSEFINA	
SILVEIRA, STEPHEN	VENTURA, ASENAT	
	VIZCARRA, LETICIA	
	WALKER, CHRISTY	
	WALKER, LARA	

2021 RETIREES

STEVE CARNEY

JIM ROSS

KYLE TAYLOR

GREG LANSDOWNE

BRIAN BJORKLUND

ROBIN MITCHELL

GUILLERMO HERNANDEZ

GABRIEL CERVANTES

PETE BUGAYONG

KARY BISAGNO

BRIAN ERBE

CRISTOBAL CHAVEZ

WESLEY GRANT

DAN BRIERLY

MARCUS HALLAS

JAVIER MORALES

ANNA DINAPOLI

WENDY RAMM

TATIANA SHLAFER

SHERIFF'S OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for dedicating your time and work to our Sheriff's Office and community.

DAVID CAMPBELL

ENRIQUE CASTANEDA

WESLEY DAVIS

COOPER DESMOND

NOLAN FISH

TIMOTHY HAGERTY

TODD HARDENBROOK

KTHI HOWARD

TUESDAY JENSEN

SUKHMANPREET KAUR

AISLYNN LACEY

NATALIE MITCHELL

DANIELLE MUELLER

OLESYA NAPOLSKYH

NISSA PORTER

ALANA RAMIREZ

ISABELLA RATTI

PAIGE REILLY

DONNA RODONI

CHRISTOPHER SMITH

JONATHAN VASQUEZ



Organization Description

The Santa Cruz county Sheriff-Coroner is an elected official and the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in the county. Employees with the Sheriff's Office are responsible for law enforcement services, including patrol and criminal investigations in the unincorporated areas of the county, operating the custodial facilities, providing court security for the Superior Court along with Coroner and Civil Service throughout the county.

The county is 445 square miles in size, with 29 miles of beaches. It is comprised of 4 incorporated cities: Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz, Capitola and Watsonville and 16 unincorporated areas: Aptos, Ben Lomond, Bonny Doon, Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Corralitos, Davenport, Felton, Freedom, La Selva Beach, Rio Del Mar, Soquel, and Zayante. About half of the county's 276,600 residents live in the unincorporated area which is served by the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office is divided into 3 bureaus. The Corrections and Operations Bureaus are overseen by a Chief Deputy, and the Administration Bureau is overseen by the Undersheriff. They are each assigned a number of lieutenants, sergeants, deputies, correctional officers or civilian staff to meet the needs of each bureau.

Administration Bureau

The Administration Bureau includes sworn and professional employees in a wide variety of administrative and support positions for the Sheriff's Office. The Administration Bureau oversees information management systems, budget forecasting and preparation, civil process services, payroll and financial accounting, media relations, records management, recruitment and hiring, social media, office policy and professional standards for the Sheriff's Office.

Fiscal Division

The Fiscal Management and Analysis Unit manages the funds for the Sheriff's Office. The unit provides timely and accurate financial information and promotes responsible resource allocation while ensuring the financial integrity of our Office.

Records Division

The Records Division operates the Records Management System and County Arrest Warrants system. It provides data entry and maintenance of all county-wide wanted persons, missing persons and stolen property items in the California Department of Justice and National Criminal Information Center system. The Records Division also handles public record requests, provides customer service to the public and support to law enforcement personnel throughout the entire county.

Civil Division

The Civil Division provides legal documents for both the city jurisdictions and unincorporated parts of Santa Cruz County. Small claims actions, summons and complaints, restraining orders, subpoenas, eviction notices, and civil bench warrants are some of the documents included. The civil division is made up of 3 civilian staff members and 1 deputy.

Recruitment and Hiring Unit

The Recruitment and Hiring Unit is responsible for hiring sworn and professional staff for all divisions within the Sheriff's Office. The unit comes up with unique and innovative ways to attract qualified applicants to better the future of the agency. The unit also attends job fairs, educational events, and conducts interviews and background checks on applicants.

In 2021, there were **20 Corrections Officers**, **11 Deputy Sheriffs**, and **4 professional staff members** that were hired.

Professional Standards and Conduct Unit

Professional Standards and Conduct investigates complaints, claims, and conducts administrative investigations within the Sheriff's Office. The Professional Standards and Conduct Sergeant also oversees the Concealed Carry Weapons program.

Public Information Officer

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is responsible for communicating with the community and answering questions through social media and news outlets. The PIO shares information with the public on crime prevention, critical incidents, and daily tasks at the Sheriff's Office to help them understand the mission of local law enforcement.



Corrections Bureau

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office runs 4 corrections facilities in the county: the Santa Cruz County Main Jail, Blaine Street Women's Facility, Rountree Medium Security Facility and the Rehabilitation and Reentry Facility.

The Corrections facilities have a total capacity of 511 inmates not including the Custody Alternatives Program.

The Corrections Bureau also oversees the Court Security Division, transportation of those in custody and works closely with the Medical Director for the delivery of medical services at all facilities.

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Classification Unit

The Classification Unit is a major component of the correctional process that effects the inmate control and supervision, and the jails' overall orderly operation. Each member receives specific training on jail classification. Proper classification of inmates is crucial to the efficient and safe operation of any jail facility. When classification measures are applied consistently, it reduces escapes, inmate assaults and suicides. Classification is the evaluation process by which housing decisions are made and is the primary management tool to aid in providing appropriate responses to the widely diverse inmate population. This team utilizes a variety of tools to effectively identify each inmate and ensure their housing assignments match the expected level of sophistication and their housing needs.

For the past two years, COVID-19 created additional hurdles for the Classification Unit as they faced the challenges of quarantine units and limited spacing. The quarantine housing absorbed a significant number of beds and reduced the overall housing for the remaining population. The Classification team worked tirelessly to keep up with the daily demands to safely house each inmate.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program (Kristie Clemens)

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program began in 2020 at the Blaine Street Women's Facility. RSAT is a gender specific program intended to improve the safety, functionality, and quality of life of female offenders. It includes an intensive case management component, both in custody and after release in the community. RSAT served 31 individuals in-custody and 20 in aftercare in 2021.

The **Blaine Street Women's Facility** has been in service since 1981 and has a rated **capacity of 32 incarcerated persons**.

The **Rountree Men's Facility** was placed into service in 1993 with a rated **capacity of 96 incarcerated persons**.

The **Rehabilitation and Reentry Facility** was placed into service in 2018 with a **capacity of 64 incarcerated persons**.

Civilian Records Clerk

The Civilian Records Clerk (CRC) position was created in 2019 to be stationed at the Santa Cruz County Jail. The purpose of this team is to handle booking, release, and quality control functions at the County Jail. Prior to this, correctional officers were carrying out this work. A goal of transferring these administrative tasks to a civilian team was to free up correctional officers to be redeployed to other critical areas in the jail. CRCs provide 24-hour coverage, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Job related functions include inputting inmate booking and release data into the Jail Management System, completion and processing of booking and release forms, processing of bail, maintaining corrections log records and inmate account records, preparing and forwarding arrest information to other county, state, and federal agencies. The team successfully processed approximately 7,000 bookings, 6,900 releases and 7,000 court proceedings in 2021.

Corrections K9

The corrections K9 was first introduced to our K9 team in December of 2019. The K9 specialized in narcotics detection and is dedicated to the corrections facilities with the duty of finding contraband inside all custodial settings and outside before it enters. The K9 is one of the many tools we use to prevent harmful items and contraband from coming into our facilities.

Alternative Inmate Programs

Included in the Correction Bureau there is the Custody Alternatives Program (CAP), which offers several alternatives to incarceration for qualified individuals. The Work Release Program allows convicted, low-level offenders to go to specific worksites throughout the county to serve their sentence through performance of community-based service work assignments. On average, 20 people daily were supervised under CAP and 70 were supervised by work release.



Programs

Despite necessary facility closures due to covid protocols, we were still able to maintain services through some in-person classes, and an increased number of independent study packets and tele-classes. We delivered over 100 packets in facilities weekly so that inmates could engage in valuable curriculum and maintain continuity of care. We had 9 inmates graduate high school in 2021. We were awarded another 3 years of funding for the Board of State and Community Corrections Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program to continue providing gender specific programming for women – with the aim of improving safety, functioning and quality of life through reduced rates of incarceration and recidivism.

Additionally, there were 14 different tele-classes offered weekly, 5 in-person classes and 12 services providers who offered support across the facilities including community-based organizations, educational institutions, skilled and inspired individuals, and faith-based organizations.

Court Security

The Court Security Division provides security to the Superior Court of Santa Cruz County by serving as bailiffs, maintaining safety and order in the courtroom, as well as management of inmates and arrests of persons ordered by a judge into custody. In 2021, 72 people were arrested by court security after a judge ordered them to jail and there were 2,409 prisoner transports between corrections facilities and courtrooms.

Sheriff's staff also run the front security for those entering the Santa Cruz and Watsonville Courthouses. They monitor the x-ray scanners, metal detectors and video security monitors to prevent weapons from entering the courts.

In 2021, there were **111,049 screenings** and **1,095 edged weapons** prevented from coming into the courts.

Operations Bureau

The Sheriff's Office Patrol Division provides emergency and non-emergency service to the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County. There are 3 shifts daily with a Sergeant assigned to each shift. The County is divided into 11 beats (service areas) with deputies assigned to certain parts of the county during each shift. In recent years, the Sheriff's Office has received more than 100,000 calls for service annually.



In 2021, the Sheriff's Office received **82,496 calls** for service in the **11 different service areas**.

In 2021, the Investigations Division was assigned **1,047 cases**, authored **503 search warrants** and wrote **1,784 reports**.

Investigations Division

The Investigations Division investigates major crimes that require advanced training, specialized resources, and technical skills along with coordination with other agencies. The Investigations Division is divided up into smaller teams who focus specifically on certain types of crime. Those teams are Property Crimes, Sex Crimes, Persons Crimes, Intel, and the Coroners Unit. More than a dozen sworn, and professional staff members make up the division.

In 2021, there were **82 crime scenes** processed, **167 latent print identifications** and **11,172 property and evidence items** received.

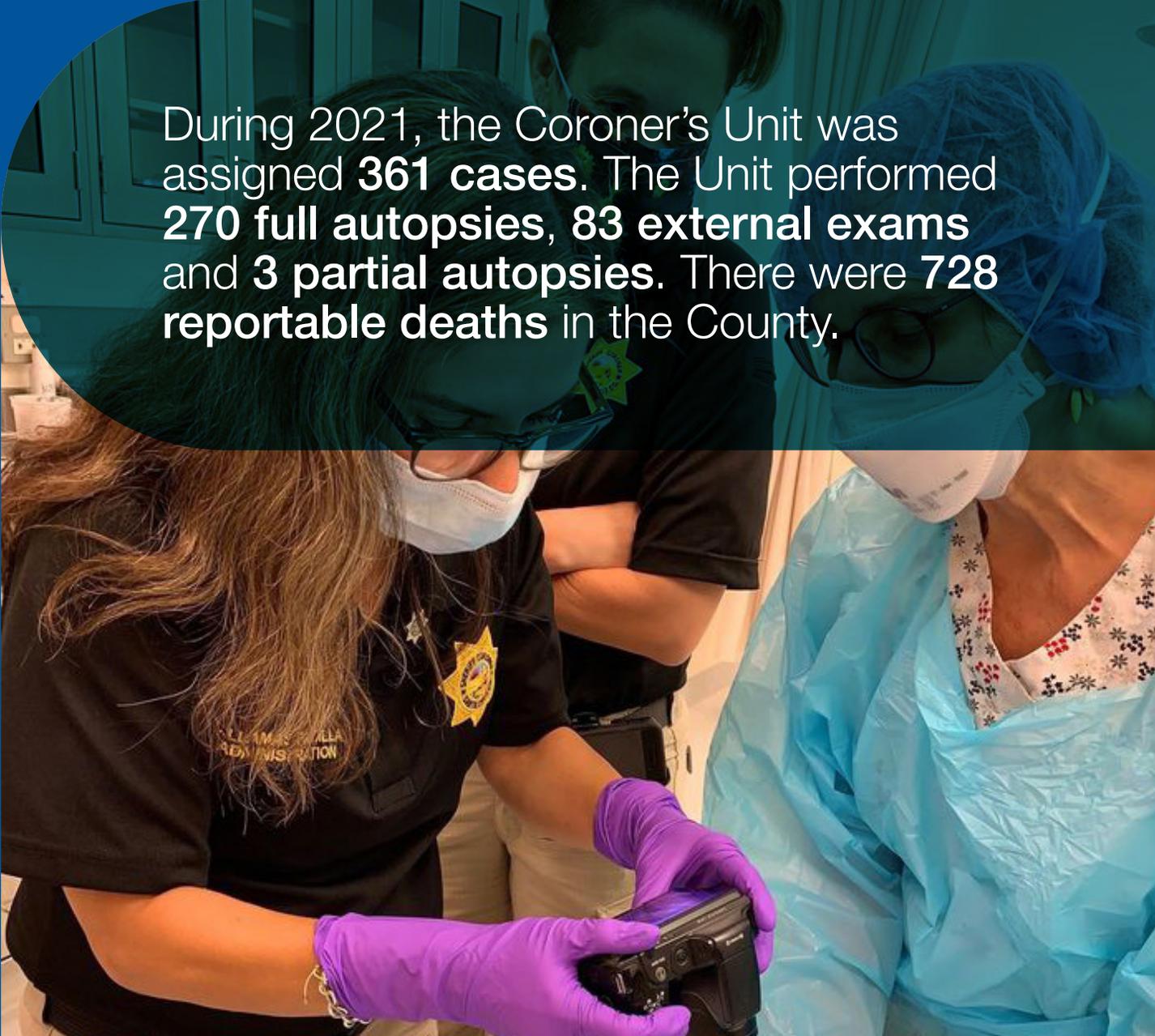
Forensics Services Division

The Forensics Unit conducts crime scene investigations to identify, collect, preserve, develop, analyze, and reconstruct physical and digital evidence. The unit is also responsible for managing the county's Automated Fingerprint Identification System and evaluates latent fingerprint submissions for all local law enforcement agencies. They also manage the Property and Evidence Unit and Body Worn Camera Program.

Coroner's Unit

Outside of investigating crimes and enforcing the law, the Sheriff-Coroner Office determines the circumstances surrounding death. A forensic pathologist performs all exams, determining cause and manner of death, including any suspected homicide, suicide, accidental death, or natural death.

In 2020, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office received accreditation by the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners.



During 2021, the Coroner's Unit was assigned **361 cases**. The Unit performed **270 full autopsies**, **83 external exams** and **3 partial autopsies**. There were **728 reportable deaths** in the County.

Teams and Special Assignments



K9 Team

Our K9 Team assists our deputies and other law enforcement agencies throughout the county in their work. They are used for search and rescue, locating suspects, and finding contraband. In 2021 the K9 Team was deployed 51 times, had 11 surrenders, 143 detections and 1 apprehension.

Special Enforcement Team

The Special Enforcement Team (SET) suppresses gang and narcotics activity through directed patrol and enforcement, service of search warrants and probation-related searches and gathering intelligence. In 2021, SET seized 156 firearms, performed 207 probation or parole searches, and conducted 99 investigations concerning persons prohibited from possessing firearms in APPS (Armed Prohibited Person System). They also seized 18,498 grams of controlled substances and wrote 247 reports.

Crime Analyst

The crime analyst collects and analyzes statistical information such as crime trends and internal work metrics. Information is sorted and organized to produce weekly, monthly, and quarterly reports that can help law enforcement managers direct agency resources to prevent, reduce or respond to crime trends. Because the crime analyst is comfortable utilizing multiple sources of information, they are often called upon to assist criminal investigations where important information may be difficult to find. The crime analyst also helps patrol staff determine where crime hot spots are occurring in their assigned patrol areas to develop action plans.

Air Support Unit

The Air Support Unit (ASU) consists of 2 teams: the Fixed Wing Team and the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Team. The ASU provides airborne law enforcement assets to Santa Cruz County. The ASU flies a wide array of missions to the benefit of public safety, search and rescue and disaster relief.

The ASU operates a fixed wing aircraft, known as "Air One," which is a Cessna 172N Skyhawk. The Fixed Wing Team consists of 3 sworn pilots, 3 tactical flight officers as well as 1 volunteer pilot, is supervised by a sergeant and managed by a lieutenant. In 2021, the Fixed Wing Unit flew a total of 9 missions.

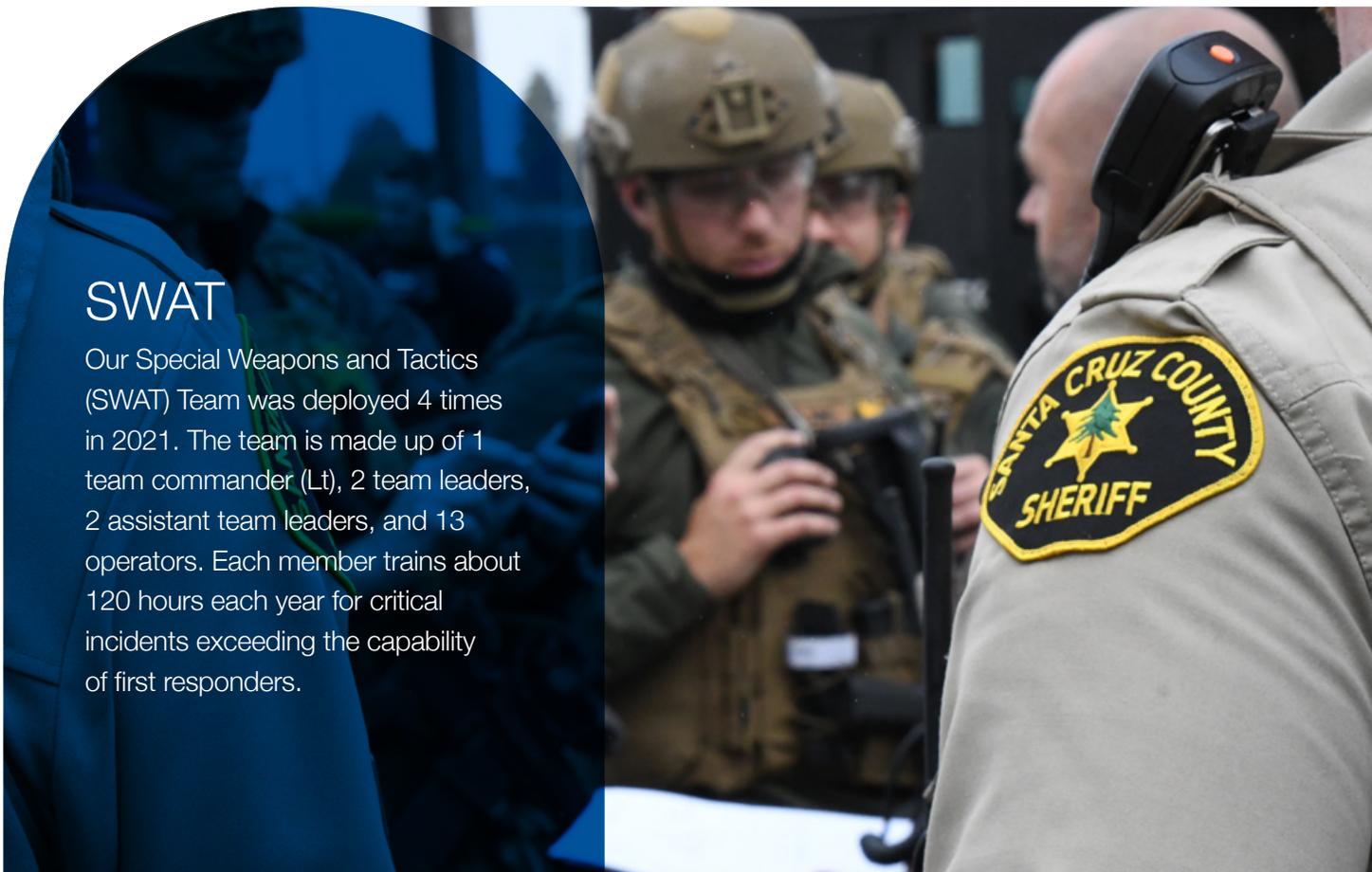
The UAS Team operates a variety of commercially available drones and is made up of 15 members of the Sheriff's Office and 1 volunteer pilot who are certified under Code of Federal Regulations Title 14 part 107. The UAS is managed by a lieutenant and supervised by a sergeant. In 2021, the UAS Team was deployed 37 times. Those deployments included search and rescue operations, suspect searches, crime scene documentation, high risk incidents and search warrants.

Peer Support Team

The Peer Support Team provides support during times of personal or professional crisis for employees. The team consists of 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 7 corrections officers and 7 deputies. There is also 2 professional staff members, 2 chaplains, and 1 clinician. In 2021, the Peer Support Team was deployed 31 times.

SWAT

Our Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team was deployed 4 times in 2021. The team is made up of 1 team commander (Lt), 2 team leaders, 2 assistant team leaders, and 13 operators. Each member trains about 120 hours each year for critical incidents exceeding the capability of first responders.



Search and Rescue

The primary mission of the Search and Rescue (SAR) Team is to search for missing persons and rescue those in distress using the skills and training they have received.

Sworn members of the Sheriff's Office Staff and dedicated volunteers make up the SAR team. Each SAR member has established standardized requirements through the Sheriff's Office, with some specializing in certain areas such as mountain biking, swift water, technical, etc.

In 2021, Search and Rescue was deployed 10 times and had an approximate total of 64 persons on the team.

Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Unit

The Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Unit was formed in 2018 to promote safety and compliance surrounding alcohol and tobacco sales in Santa Cruz County. The unit is overseen by 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant and includes 2 deputies. The Unit frequently visits alcohol and tobacco retail stores to check compliance. The main goal of this unit is to keep alcohol and tobacco out of the hands of minors to prevent potentially harmful situations.

In 2021, the Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance unit conducted **10 minor decoy operations** and completed **521 compliance checks** throughout Santa Cruz County. Out of those, **3 were cited for being out of compliance with alcohol sales** and **4 were cited for being out of compliance with tobacco sales**. There were **2 suspensions of licenses** for alcohol or tobacco during the year.

Cannabis Compliance Unit

The Cannabis Compliance Unit began operating in August of 2018 to help regulate the commercial cannabis industry. The unit also promotes the health, safety and welfare of residents and businesses in the unincorporated area by making sure those in the industry are complying with cannabis laws. The Cannabis Licensing Office enforces cannabis regulations and partners with the Sheriff's Office to develop and implement enforcement strategies for unlawful commercial cannabis activities. Sheriff's Office investigations include unlawful commercial indoor and outdoor cannabis cultivations, manufacturing, distribution, power diversion, environmental damage, and money laundering.

In 2021, a total of **5,926 lbs. of cannabis was seized** and **20,586 cannabis plants were seized**. The team served **97 search warrants** and **seized 66 firearms**.



Bomb Team

The primary function of the Bomb Team is to respond to, and render safe, improvised explosive devices, incendiary devices, explosives, explosive chemicals, pyrotechnics, and ammunition.

The Sheriff's Office Bomb Team currently consists of 4 Public Safety Bomb Technicians (3 deputies and 1 sergeant), 8 support staff (non-technicians) and 1 lieutenant. Each Public Safety Technician is certified by the US Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) through the US Army Ordnance Munitions & Electronic Maintenance School, also known as Hazardous Device School (HDS).

In 2021, the Sheriff's Office Bomb Team was deployed 11 times to various types of incidents including fireworks, explosives, suspicious packages and military grade explosives. The bomb Team logged 1,568 training hours this year.

Crisis Negotiation Team

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is trained in emergency communications to help resolve dangerous situations in crisis events. In cases of emergency, they prevent potential loss of life. In 2021, there were two deployments of CNT. In part, this low number of deployments is due to most deputies being trained in Crisis Intervention Training (CIT).

CIT provides law enforcement officers with the skills and knowledge to interact with and deescalate situations involving people in crisis.

Crisis Intervention Training

Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT), and Mental Health Liaisons (MHLs)



When interacting with an individual going through a mental crisis, or behaving erratically, and sometimes dangerously, law enforcement officers are tasked with keeping the public and the individual safe. Deescalation has become a skill used daily for our deputies out in the field interacting with people in crisis. In 2021, patrol deputies responded to 3,426 calls for service for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

For the past 5 years, the Sheriff's Office has been providing deputies with Integrating Communications, Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) Training. This is scenario-based training that provides deputies with the knowledge, skills, and techniques to safely resolve dangerous and evolving situations when the subject does not have a firearm.

The Sheriff's Office also has 2 full time Mental Health Liaisons (MHL) who respond to mental health related calls with deputies. The MHLs provide assessments, training, and crisis intervention services. They also provide links for individuals to treatment and services as needed.

Community Policing

The Community Policing Division works closely with community members to build relationships with the people we serve and find solutions to problems impacting the people who live here. The Sheriff's Office operates 4 service centers and 2 substations throughout the county.

Service Centers and Substations

As part of our commitment to the Santa Cruz County Community, we acknowledge that not everyone has the means to travel to the Sheriff's Office Headquarters in Live Oak. Knowing this, the Sheriff's Office has several other locations throughout the county where community members can make reports and get questions answered by deputies or volunteers.

The Services Centers and substations are located in Davenport, Boulder Creek, Felton, Aptos, Watsonville and Live Oak. Due to COVID-19, in March 2020, our service centers and substations were mostly closed to the public.



SRO Unit

Interacting with and keeping our youth safe is a primary function of the Sheriff's Office. Our School Resource Officers (SRO) Team is made up of 1 sergeant and 3 deputies who are assigned to schools throughout the county. The role of the SRO is to engage with students, be a part of the school community and ensure student safety. While their primary duty is to keep everyone on campus safe, they also strive to build trust between students and law enforcement. In 2021, we had SROs assigned to Aptos, San Lorenzo Valley and Soquel High Schools.

Abandoned Vehicle Abatement

The Sheriff's Office administers the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program (AVA) to respond to complaints of vehicles that are unoccupied and left parked on the streets for more than 72 hours in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Community Service Officers verify violations, mark the car, post notices to remove and arrange for towing for cars and other abandoned parts. In 2021, a total of 218 vehicles were abated and 2,099 AVA Notices or Citations were given.

Home and Business Crime Prevention Inspections

We recognize that part of our duty is to not only enforce the law but prevent crime from occurring. The Sheriff's Office offers free home and business security inspections in the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. Crime Prevention Volunteers use a detailed checklist to perform an inspection and provide suggestions to assist community members with improving the safety and security around their homes and businesses.

Additionally, we offer extra security checks while homeowners are on vacation to ensure their home stays secure while they are gone.

Cabrillo College Division

The Sheriff's Office partners with Cabrillo College to ensure the safety of the students by partnering with the campus to have open communication and collaborate with staff for safety and training purposes.

We provide service to each of the Cabrillo College facilities and assist in getting students or staff to their cars safely, vehicle lock out assistance, car jump starts, crime reports and civil assistance.

In 2021, we responded to **504 calls for service** at Cabrillo, conducted **1,856 safety checks** and conducted **1,542 foot patrols**.



Volunteers

The Sheriff's Office does not only have dedicated staff, but dedicated volunteers who choose to spend their time helping the community. In 2021, the 21 volunteers contributed 1,853.25 hours of service.

Volunteers assist in many areas including the Service Centers as Civilian Patrol Drivers and Office Assistants, Home Inspections, Child Safety Program, Chaplains, Recruitment and Hiring, Records, Forensic Services, Coroner, Missing Persons/Investigations, Minor Decoys in the Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Unit, Little Free Library Steward, Community Contact Team, and Community Events.

Our volunteers were asked to spend most of 2021 taking care of themselves and their family rather than coming in to serve with the Sheriff's Office to prevent anyone from getting sick. Most of our service centers were closed to the public starting in March of 2020, but we are looking forward to having them back soon.

2021

Breaking down the numbers

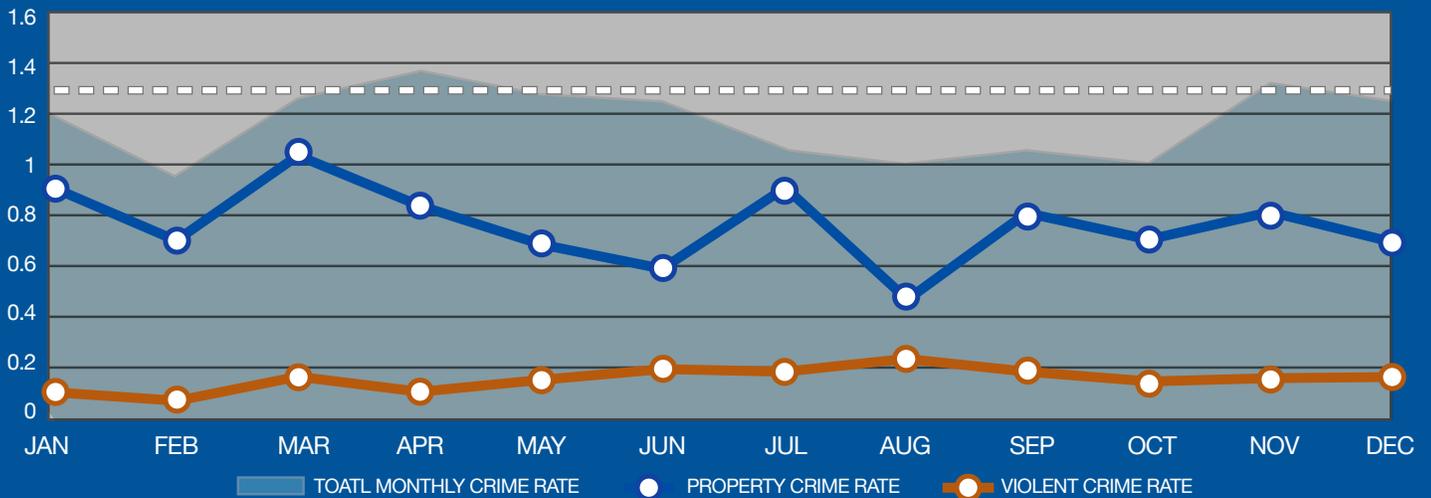
333 Number of Employees
 Peace Officers: 155
 Correctional Officers: 111
 Professional Staff: 67

35 Newly Hired Employees
 Sworn Staff: 31
 Professional Staff: 4

\$114,464,548 Total Budget
 Operations: \$34,985,636
 Corrections: \$50,261,914
 Administration: \$20,722,669
 Court Security: \$8,494,329

Comparative Crime Rates per 1,000 Residents Unincorporated Santa Cruz

12 MONTH SHF CRIME RATE	STATE OF CALIFORNIA CRIME RATE*	12 MONTH SHF PROPERTY CRIME RATE	STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROPERTY CRIME RATE	12 MONTH SHF VIOLENT CRIME RATE	STATE OF CALIFORNIA VIOLENT CRIME RATE
11.04	25.80	9.11	21.14	1.69	4.37



*2020 (most recent data available)

--- 12 MONTH AVERAGE

82,496	Calls for Service
8,947	Reports (Not Including Supplemental)
2,156	Arrests (Adult & Juvenile) 555 Felony 1,595 Misdemeanor
3,110	Misdemeanor Citations
6,924	Park Checks
9,025	School Checks
1,633	Foot Patrols
1,082	Electronic Field Interviews
3,426	Calls for Service Involving Distressed Persons
1,470	Cases Assigned to Investigations
728	Reportable Deaths
270	Autopsies
82	Crime Scenes Processed
167	Latent Print Identifications
11,172	Property and Evidence Items Received

2	Home Crime Prevention Inspections
218	Abandoned Vehicles Abated
21	Number of Sheriff's Office Volunteers
447	Average Persons in Custody Per Day
6,682	Jail Bookings (All Agencies)
1,798	Admissions to Housing
70	Average Daily Number of Supervised by Work Release
20	Daily Average Supervised by Custody Alternatives Program (CAP)
44	Number of Inmate Programs, Activities and Services
385,130	Number of Inmate Meals Served
228	Daily Jail Rate per Inmate
1,095	Edged Weapons Prevented from Entering Courts
0	Firearms Prevented from Entering Courts
111,049	Court Security Screenings

Communications Plan Public Outreach

Our website is an important tool for engagement and transparency. Users can report an abandoned vehicle, check arrest warrants, request vacation checks, obtain forms and see if an inmate is in jail. Through the website we also provide media releases, arrest logs, our full policy manual, and ways to contact us. We are continuing to grow our outreach not only through the main website, but through other social media outlets. The social media outlets also allow us to communicate directly with the public we serve.

FACEBOOK We have more than 51,500 people who follow us on Facebook. We use the platform to share information about investigations, public safety, arrests, community meetings and projects the Sheriff's Office is working on.

NEXTDOR Nextdoor is primarily used to message more than 37,000 residents in 151 neighborhoods regarding crime trends, crime prevention information, volunteer opportunities and events surrounding the Sheriff's Office.

TWITTER Our Twitter is used to notify the 14,400 followers of road closures, natural disasters and other events directly impacting the community.

INSTAGRAM We use Instagram to share information with our 16,800 followers about arrests, recruitment and hiring, upcoming community events and other day to day activities happening at the Sheriff's Office.

MEDIA RELEASES & PRESS CONFERENCES We frequently send out press releases to provide information to the public through media. The information ranges from significant arrests or incidents, to asking the public for help in investigations. We schedule press conferences to inform the public about major events that impact the community.

SHERIFF'S ADVISORY TEAM The Sheriff's Advisory team meets monthly with Sheriff Jim Hart to give feedback concerning public safety related issues. The Advisory team is made up of a group of volunteers who live and work in Santa Cruz County. In 2020, the team began to meet virtually to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and continued those virtual meetings in 2021.



Including the Community

The partnerships we have not only exist with other law enforcement and public safety agencies in Santa Cruz County, but it also extends to our community members. In order to do the best job we can to keep our community safe, we need open communication and collaboration with the people who live here. The Sheriff's Office usually provides opportunities including ride-alongs, jail tours and a Youth academy; however, these had to be suspended due to COVID-19. We look forward to bringing them back when it is safe to do so.



Community Events

Sworn and professional staff love taking the opportunity to interact with the community during events held throughout the year. There were limited events in 2021, including National Night Out, and the County Fair, but we look forward to more next year!

Police in Pursuit

This was an exciting year for our SCSO Police in Pursuit Team! Not only did they help raise more than \$25,000 for Special Olympics Northern California, but it was also the first year Correctional Officers joined in on the fun. Police In Pursuit is a fundraising event to raise money and awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics of Northern California. Law Enforcement agencies from around the bay area raise money to race their hot-rod vehicles around the track at Watsonville Ocean Speedway. A job well done to Deputy Nate Graham, who place second overall, and our other participants, Deputy Waltrip, Deputy Luke, Deputy Tellez, CO Wowak and CO Gaither.

Ride-Along Opportunities

The Sheriff's Office welcomes community members to ride along with a deputy to understand their service and the challenges facing local law enforcement. These were suspended for most of 2021 due to the pandemic.

Jail Tours

Jail tours for the public were stopped in March of 2020 and through 2021 to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within our in-custody population. Usually, community members can tour our jail facilities to see what the Sheriff's Office provides for inmates and get a better idea of our efforts to help them return to the community after incarceration.

Youth Academy

Our School Resource Officer Team hosts an annual Youth Academy for students attending Aptos, San Lorenzo Valley, and Soquel High School to increase trust between law enforcement and youth. The academy provides students with the opportunity to see K9 demonstrations, tour some of our facilities and investigate mock crime scenes. In 2021, the youth academy did not take place, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, but we will be offering this again when it is safe.





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