

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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A Message From the Sheriff



It is my honor to present the 2025 Annual Report for the Napa County Sheriff's Office. As we marked the 175th anniversary of our office this year, I was reminded of the long history of service in Napa County when I came across an annual report from 1976. While these reports have not always been consistent, I believe they are an important way to share information and maintain transparency with our community. Since taking office in 2021, we have remained committed to publishing this report each year. I appreciate the staff who contributed their time and effort to make this report possible, and I hope you find it informative.

Overall, calls for service and crime trends have remained relatively stable, with a slight increase in assaults and violent crime. In 2025, our deputies conducted over 2,000 traffic stops, responded to more than 23,000 calls for service, made nearly 500 arrests, and seized 59 illegally possessed firearms. These efforts were carried out with a strong emphasis on training, resulting in minimal use-of-force incidents and few injuries to both deputies and suspects.

Our Investigations Division had a demanding year, building on cases initiated by patrol deputies. Detectives routinely respond at all hours—nights, weekends, and holidays—to pursue leads and seek justice for victims. Their professionalism, dedication, and persistence are essential to the safety of our community.

This year also brought the Picket Fire, which threatened areas between Calistoga and Pope Valley. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of CAL FIRE and our mutual aid partners, the fire was contained at 6,800 acres. Sheriff's Office personnel, alongside the County Office of Emergency Services, assisted with evacuations and maintained public safety in affected areas.

Other units across the department also demonstrated their commitment to service. The Transportation Bureau successfully completed the transition of the jail population to a new facility on Napa Valley Highway. The Coroner Bureau responded to a number of critical incidents and was recognized by the District Attorney's Office for their professionalism and work on complex cases.

I am proud to serve alongside the dedicated men and women of the Sheriff's Office. As I engage with community members throughout the county, I am continually reminded of the strong support for local law enforcement. It is a privilege to serve this community and to work together to keep Napa County safe.

Thank you.

Sheriff Oscar Ortiz

Operations Division

The Operations Division, led by Captain Jon Thompson, consists of the Patrol Bureau, Investigations Bureau, Lake Berryessa, and Yountville. It has an annual budget of approximately \$37.4 million. Operations manages specialty assignments and the training cadre of the Sheriff's Office. Such teams include SWAT, CNT, Drone, and Dive. Animal Services is also managed under the Operations umbrella.

OPERATIONS STATISTICS

SERVICE	2023	2024	2025
Reports	1,354	1,411	1,451
Arrests	498	457	498
Misdemeanor Citations	91	71	76
Infraction Citations	227	323	471
Parking Citations	182	116	37
Accidents	261	224	281
DUI Reports	26	17	23
Vandalism Reports	65	63	82
Calls for Service	25,254	24,073	23,448

CRIMES REPORTED	2023	2024	2025
Homicides	0	2	1
Rapes	1	9	10
Robberies	3	5	6
Assaults	116	127	151
Burglaries	52	31	35
Larceny / Thefts	176	164	142
Stolen Vehicles	12	6	4



CRIMINAL FIREARMS SEIZED

2023	2024	2025
35	65	59

COMMON CALLS	2023	2024	2025
911 Hang Up	5,540	3,897	4,042
Traffic Stops	2,001	2,053	2,288
Alarm Calls	1,825	2,012	1,769
Animal Services Calls	1,366	1,388	1,385
Patrol Checks	842	1,138	873
Follow-Up Activity	731	721	768
Vehicle Checks	519	608	556
Suspicious	614	603	536

ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICERS STATS

Handled 4,198 incidents, some of those calls for service included:

Confined Animals	367
Dogs at Large	1,061
Animal Bites	110
Injured Animals	340
Vicious Animals	32
Welfare Checks	202
Phone Call/Citizen Assist	822

Services Division

The Services Division, led by Captain Brian Kenner, consists of the Civil Bureau, Coroner Bureau, Court Security, Transportation, Records Bureau, Crime Lab, and Property Room. It has an annual budget of approximately \$13.4 million. The NSO Evidence Lab is responsible for processing crime scenes and analyzing evidence that is submitted to the crime lab. Evidence Technicians and Specialists use a variety of tools and techniques to locate and identify blood evidence, fingerprints, DNA and other physical property.

CIVIL PROCESS STATISTICS

SERVICE	2023	2024	2025
Evictions Posted	184	125	107
Evictions Completed	188	109	93
DV Restraining Orders	123	79	95
Other Restraining Orders	133	93	107
Earnings Withholding Order	235	202	174
Bank Levies	136	56	46
Other Services	486	371	369
Total Process Services	1,485	1,035	999

CORONER'S BUREAU STATISTICS

DEATHS BY MODE	2023	2024	2025
Natural	211	199	189
Accidental	45	49	50
Vehicle Accidents	9	13	22
Homicides	3	10	11
Suicides	13	11	13
Undetermined	2	1	5
Autopsies	12	28	55
Sign Outs (Death Cert Only)	570	582	496
Total Deaths to Coroner	854	893	766

LAB & PROPERTY STATISTICS

Crime Scene Callouts	12
OIS Scenes	0
Vehicles Processed	7
Autopsy Evidence Collections	7
Coroner Case Decedent IDs	177
Latent Lift Comparisons (Deputy Submissions)	21 cases
Ten-Print Comparison Requests	2 cases
Latent Print Processing / DNA Swab Collections	70 cases
DNA Evidence Swabs submitted to BODE	124
DNA Buccal Swabs submitted to BODE	19
Latent Print IDs	33
Cold Hit Latent Print IDs via MBIS	11
Cases resulting in DNA hits to known sources	6
Case to Case DNA Hits to Known Sources	2
Handgun Serial number restorations	2
Digital media/evidence requests filled	1,481
Items booked into Property	3,718
Items disposed	3,585

Investigations Bureau

2025 was yet another busy year for NSO Detectives. The NSO Detective Bureau investigated numerous violent incidents that occurred in our jurisdiction including a murder. Detectives are tasked to assist and follow up on a variety of crimes committed in American Canyon, all unincorporated Napa, Yountville, and the Lake Berryessa Area. Detectives are also part of the Napa County Major Crimes Task Force and assist other Napa County Law Enforcement Agencies in their cases. NSO Detectives work 40 hours a week at minimum and are always on call. The Investigations Bureau is comprised of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Sheriff Records Technician, one Part-time Computer Forensic Examiner and six Detectives.

A detective's case load involves follow up on various crimes including Murder, Suspicious Deaths, Mayhem, Sexual Assaults, Child Abuse, Elder and Dependent abuse, Fraud/ Identity Theft, Kidnapping, Stalking, Missing Persons, Computer crimes, Thefts, Burglaries, and California Sex Offender Registry.

All detectives have on-going investigations in their respective caseloads, and 465 new cases were assigned to the detectives' existing caseloads. Of these, 387 were closed out within 2025. Some common reasons cases are closed out are due to arrests being made, cases requested to be filed by the District Attorney's Office, or by all leads being exhausted.

NSO believes in sending our detectives to high quality trainings to increase their knowledge and experience investigating various crimes. In 2025, detectives attended a combined 632 hours of investigation-related training in addition to the required POST and state legislative trainings.

- February 2025 - An ICAC (Internet Crime Against Children) tip connected to several others, indicated an individual was engaged in CSAM (Child Sexual Assault Material). Detectives were able to link the IP address used to access the internet to a Napa man. An investigation began and detectives served a search warrant at the address. Detectives discovered the suspect was actively viewing CSAM when the warrant was served. Several hundred images/videos were discovered on the suspect's computer when detectives forensically examined the device(s). The suspect was arrested and is awaiting court proceedings.
- July 2025 - In 2015, a female living out of state visited Yountville to attend a wedding and was sexually assaulted during her stay. NSO Patrol Deputies were called to the scene before Investigations took over the case. The female did not know who the suspect was at the time and no arrest was initially made. The case remained open with no further leads. NSO Detectives reviewed the case again and conducted follow-ups that included collecting buccal samples from three males who attended the same wedding. Their DNA samples were submitted for comparison and one yielded a match to the suspect's DNA. NSO Detectives worked with law enforcement in Virginia to arrest and extradite the suspect back to Napa County. The suspect is awaiting court proceedings.
- September 2025 – A decedent was found on the side of a county road. The victim appeared to have been shot at this location. The victim was identified as male residing in another county. Once detectives identified the victim, they spoke with his immediate family. After speaking with family, detectives established a lead in the case. The lead reached out to detectives and agreed to speak to them at the Sheriff's Office. After the interview, he was arrested for his involvement in the shooting and is currently in custody on a murder charge awaiting his court proceedings.



SWAT



The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team possesses a level of technical proficiency and expertise in response to critical incidents that exceed a normal deputy's capabilities as well as pre-planned and special events throughout Napa County. The Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) is a specially trained unit of skilled negotiators who are used to help negotiate surrenders in situations where subjects have barricaded or taken hostages, for de-escalation techniques in situations where people threaten violence, or pre-planned events such as high-risk warrant services or demonstrations. The goal is to resolve crisis situations and critical incidents peacefully through the combined application of verbal CNT negotiations and SWAT tactics.



3

**Pre-planned
events**

6

**SWAT
Callouts**

1

**Tactical
Assist**

5

**CNT
Callouts**

Significant Events



January 2025

This year marks a major milestone - the 175th Anniversary of the Napa Sheriff's Office!

May 2025

Detectives took on a sexual "grooming" case involving high school students. The father of a student began communicating with another juvenile student and tried to meet with the juvenile to conduct sexual acts. A detective began communicating with the suspect as though he was the student. The suspect asked the undercover detective (posing as the juvenile) to meet in a public place for sexual acts. The suspect was arrested and is currently awaiting his court proceedings.



July 2025

Napa County Sheriff Deputies were called to a residence in Napa for a male who had physically assaulted his family member. Deputies arrived on scene and located both the victim and the suspect inside the residence. The victim had severe head/facial injuries sustained in the assault and was admitted to the hospital. The suspect was arrested for several violent felonies, including the crime of mayhem. The suspect is currently in custody awaiting his court proceedings.



January

February

March

April

May

June



March 2025

An ICAC (Internet Crime Against Children) tip connected to several others, indicated an individual was engaged in CSAM (Child Sexual Assault Material). Detectives linked the IP address subscriber data to a male in Calistoga who had a prior conviction and was a sex offender. An investigation through social media/messaging application account data yielded hundreds of CSAM images. Additionally, it was found that the male was contacting and having an online relationship with a minor in which the minor was directed to send/manufacture CSAM. The person responsible also sent harmful material to the minor. The suspect was arrested and his personal electronics were searched pursuant to a search warrant. It was then discovered that the suspect was trading CSAM with a female. That female had a daughter, and both suspects were discussing using the child for sexual purposes. The female suspect was also arrested.

June 2025

Deputies responded to the report of a domestic disturbance at a residence in Angwin where a physical altercation occurred between residents in a home. Witnesses say the 54 years old male of Angwin discharged a firearm inside the residence. Everyone inside escaped safely, while the suspect remained barricaded inside. Deputies initiated negotiations in an effort to achieve a peaceful surrender. However, during the negotiations the suspect fired multiple rounds at deputies. SWAT along with members of CNT and mutual aid responded to the scene. The standoff continued for seven hours. SWAT deployed less-lethal munitions into the residence. The suspect was taken into custody booked into the NCDJ for charges of Attempted Murder and Assault with a Deadly Weapon.



and Cases of 2025

August 2025

The Pickett Fire was a major wildfire fire in northern Napa County that started August 21st and burned over 6,800 acres until its containment in early September. While the fire caused significant damage to vineyards, agriculture, some homes and outbuildings, no fatalities were reported. The cross-training and rapid response to establish a unified command paid off. Effective communication, cooperation, and teamwork with fire and other LE agencies prioritized safety, evacuations, and security.



August 2025

A male stole a vehicle in Lake County, started a fire, drove into Napa County and crashed the stolen vehicle. The suspect then tried to steal a state worker's vehicle but was unsuccessful. However he was able to forcibly carjack a female who had a small child in her car. The suspect got in the driver's seat while the victim was outside of her vehicle and her daughter still inside. As the suspect drove off in the victim's vehicle, the victim held onto the steering wheel. The victim was dragged before letting go and sustained serious head injuries. The suspect stopped the vehicle and the child was able to get out and reunite with her mother. The suspect drove off and a pursuit ensued. The suspect rammed law enforcement vehicles and was taken into custody near the Napa/ Sonoma County line. The suspect is still in custody and awaiting his court proceedings.

September 2025

In the evening hours deputies received reports of a male subject walking along the roadway believed to be armed with a knife, a firearm, and having a mental health crisis. The male made suicidal and homicidal threats, stated he had a loaded firearm concealed in his waistband and wanted to commit suicide by cop. Deputies learned the male was also trained in MMA. Deputies initially contacted the male by phone. After establishing a rapport and formulating a plan, deputies responded to his location due to him posing an imminent threat to the public. The male was initially cooperative but became assaultive. He aggressively reached in and out of his waistband pointing his hands at chest level at deputies repeatedly. The swift observations of the deputy each time determined the male did not have a weapon in his hands. The male closed in on deputies concealing his hand behind his back stating he wanted deputies to kill him. The male was struck with a less lethal shotgun round and tased before being taken into custody.

July August September October November December



August 2025

The biggest undertaking for the Transportation Division occurred when the department was tasked with moving 230 inmates from the old jail facility in Downtown Napa to the brand-new Napa County Department of Corrections facility on Napa Vallejo Highway. Deputies completed the transfer in just four hours. Their professionalism, teamwork, and dedication was on display as they conducted the operation safely and efficiently with no incidents or complaints.

September 2025

Napa County Sheriff's Office Inaugural Car Show at Napa Valley College was a huge success! This free family friendly event was open to the community. Special thanks to the car owners who showcased their special rides as well as those who came out for the fun and festivities. It was a great turnout.



November 2025

Thanks to special grant funding, ACPD has added a brand-new Impaired Driving Enforcement vehicle. The goal is simple: keeping our community safe and encouraging people to make responsible decisions.

American Canyon

Since 1992, when the first contract with the Napa County Sheriff's Office began, deputies have continued to serve the City of American Canyon, increasing law enforcement presence and enhancing services to the community.

SUMMARY	2025	2024	2023
Homicides	0	1	0
Rapes	6	9	13
Robberies	20	16	11
Assaults	131	94	98
Burglaries	14	11	24
Larceny	214	224	256
Auto Thefts	39	50	65
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	38	37	25
Calls for Service	14,923	14,776	15,294
Reports	1,236	1,234	1,173
Arrests	704	516	607
Misdemeanor Cites	117	133	172
Pursuits	50	43	42
Terminated Pursuits	10	11	14

CITATIONS	2025	2024	2023
City Roads	404	573	493
Highway 29	313	193	205
Stop Sign Violations	118	192	140
Speeding	114	223	146
School Bus Stop	65	100	95
Driving with Cell Phone	188	24	41
City Roads	66	75	63
Highway 29	78	52	59
Fatalities	2	0	0
Injuries	38	35	32
Non-Injury	104	92	90
DUI Arrests	80	41	50
DUI Drug Arrests	9	9	10
Total Collisions	144	127	122

Calls for Service

NSO: 23,448

ACPD: 14,923

Use of Force Incidents: 23

Mental Health Evaluations: 2

Illegal Firearms Seized: 45

Arrests by Home City:

Total: 704

Napa: 80

American Canyon: 119



Yountville

The Town of Yountville has contracted with the Napa County Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services to the town since incorporation on February 4, 1965. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for the protection of life and property, the maintenance of order, the control and prevention of crime, and the enforcement of vehicle laws and regulations.

Members contracted to the Town of Yountville have attended Town Council and Upper Valley Waste Management Meetings, Art Sip and Stroll, California Veterans Home Memorial Day, Rock the Ride, Pride in the Park, Yountville Night Out, V-Foundation, Crush Challenge hosted by ZD Winery, Walk for Alzheimer's, 9/11 Memorial, Bike Ride for ALS, Halloween, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Members participated in the first Yountville Mardi Gras Parade. Members held a pancake breakfast and played softball against the Veteran's team, The Mixed Nuts. Members provided security at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church of Yountville, which was visited by the Relics of St. Therese on a world tour from France.

SUMMARY	2023	2024	2025	CRIMES REPORTED	2023	2024	2025
Calls for Service	2,419	2,110	2,496	Homicides	0	0	0
Arrests	33	12	17	Rapes	1	1	0
Reports	81	45	66	Robberies	0	1	0
Misdemeanor Citations	5	2	2	Assaults	6	4	2
Infraction Citations	48	21	24	Burglaries	2	0	2
Accidents	43	42	41	Larceny/Thefts	11	10	8
DUI Reports	4	1	0	Stolen Vehicles	1	1	0
Vandalism Reports	2	1	5				



NSIB



The Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) is a countywide task force which tackles quality of life issues as they relate to narcotics interdiction, human trafficking, and other sophisticated criminal activity. As part of the Major Crimes Task Force, NSIB brings expertise in surveillance and apprehension. The Napa County Sheriff's Office is proud to be a part of NSIB.

STATISTICS	2023	2024	2025
Arrests	41	18	16
Cases	121	69	73
Seized Firearms	45	19	69
Seized Assets	\$143,806.00	\$74,601.53	\$111,062.00
Seized Methamphetamine	4,564.19 grams	34,873.57 grams	22,199.52 grams
Seized Fentanyl	67.34 grams	89.64 grams	261.2 grams
Seized Cocaine	1,781.55 grams	103.02 grams	3,252.68 grams
Seized Psilocybin	3,762.56 grams	246.8 grams	614.1 grams



Notable Cases

Severed Supply

NSIB learned of a suspect supplying Napa drug dealers with large quantities of narcotics for sale. Following an exhaustive investigation, NSIB Detectives served a search warrant on a residence outside Napa County. Detectives seized over four pounds of cocaine, a pound of methamphetamine, anabolic steroids and over \$8,500 in illicit drug proceeds. Additionally, detectives seized 61 illegally possessed firearms, including short-barreled rifles and a pistol modified with a “Glock switch,” making it capable of fully automatic firing. The suspect was booked on numerous drug and weapons charges and is currently awaiting trial.



Operation Clean Sweep

Building off a drug sales case made by an allied agency, NSIB broadened the investigation and authored a search warrant for a suspect’s residence. The search yielded over a kilogram (2.2lbs) of cocaine, 21 grams of MDMA (Ecstasy), 27 psilocybin “magic mushroom” chocolate bars, five unlawfully possessed handguns and nearly \$3,000 in illicit drug proceeds. The suspect admitted to selling/furnishing the narcotics and is currently serving jail time for the related drug and weapons offenses.



Crystal Crackdown

NSIB became aware of two suspects trafficking large quantities of methamphetamine to and through Napa County. Working in conjunction with the Napa County Sheriff’s Office, an investigation was initiated. Following a lengthy investigation and period of surveillance, the suspects were contacted by law enforcement. After a short vehicle pursuit, the suspects were detained and a search was initiated. NSIB was able to recover over 43 pounds of methamphetamine, with a street value of over \$175,000. One suspect is currently serving jail time for multiple drug charges. The other suspect absconded from bail and currently has an active felony warrant for his arrest.

Wrong Number?


An NSIB Detective received information a local dealer was accepting orders for fentanyl. In an undercover capacity, the detective sent a “cold” text to the unknown dealer and arranged the purchase of 1 gram of fentanyl. Following the successful drug transaction, NSIB conducted surveillance and investigation of the suspected dealer, identifying and confirming the dealer’s residence. A search warrant conducted at the residence yielded methamphetamine, prescription pills and over two ounces of fentanyl. For perspective, two ounces is nearly 57,000 milligrams. Medical authorities consider two milligrams of fentanyl as a potentially fatal dose of the drug. This highly successful operation began as one anonymous text.



Off-Road Enforcement Team (OHV)

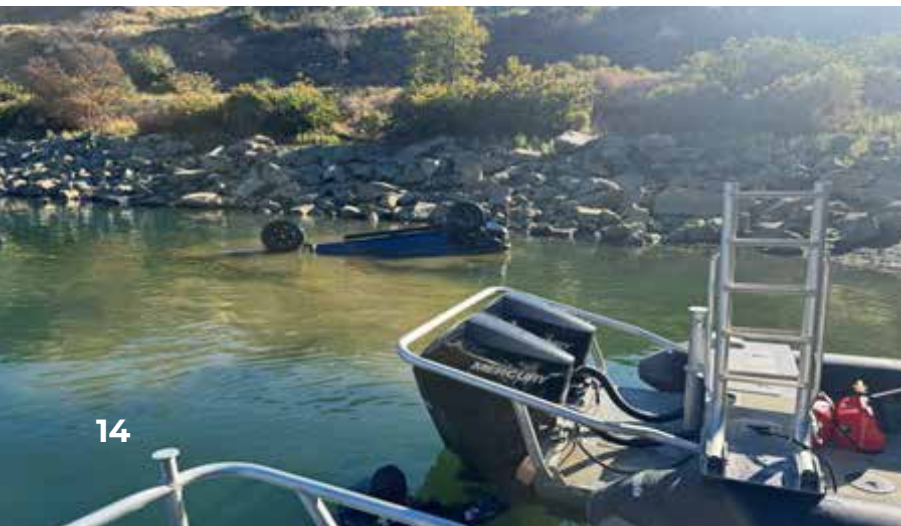
Comprised of 10 Sheriff's Deputies and 1 Sergeant whose main goal is to ensure public safety and environmental preservation within the rural public lands of Knoxville in Napa County. These lands, located in the far northeast corner of Napa County and the southeast corner of Lake County, include over 52 miles of roads and trails on a total of 32,400 acres, much of which include a vast amount of environmentally sensitive areas. In 2025, the unit transitioned to a fully 4x4-based deployment model. This change was made with a focus on enhancing team member safety while improving operational efficiency in a wide range of terrain conditions during all seasons.



2024		2025
345 Enforcement Hours		435 Enforcement Hours
3,498 Miles Covered During Patrols		5,093 Miles Covered During Patrols
394 Contacts		387 Contacts
231 Vehicle Inspections		247 Vehicle Inspections
24 Failed Vehicle Inspections		39 Failed Vehicle Inspections
9 Citations Issued		17 Citations Issued

Dive Team

2025 marked another year of rigorous training, specialized recovery operations, and inter-departmental collaboration. The team's training cycle traditionally spans from April through October, ensuring all divers maintain peak proficiency during the months of highest aquatic activity within the county. The team's ability to methodically search large underwater areas ensures the Napa Sheriff's Office can effectively process submerged crime scenes and provide closure to families during recovery efforts. The Dive Team members regularly cross-train with the NSO Lake Office to familiarize themselves with the fleet and ensure seamless integration during multi-unit responses.





Marine Unit

The Lake Berryessa region continued to see another strong year of rainfall in 2025, filling the lake and causing the Glory Hole to overflow for the first time in six years. Also, 2025 marked the first full year of a strict boat quarantine and decontamination protocol at Lake Berryessa to protect its ecosystem and infrastructure from the damaging effects of infestations. The Marine Unit dedicates a vast majority of its resources to boat/water education, safety, and enforcement.

The Marine Unit participated in several events which include the Davis Aquatic Swim Masters, Alpha Win Triathlon, the Pope Valley Community Dance, Steele Canyon Campground Trunk or Treat, Coastal Cleanup Day at Lake Berryessa, Napa Sheriff Citizen Academy Lake Day, 4th of July Drone Show on the Napa River and National Night Out.



2,658 Beat 5/6 Calls for service
324 Water Calls for Service
20 Arrests (Land/Water)
161 Vehicle Checks
127 Traffic Stops
198 Vessel Stops
260 Vessel Inspections

127 Vessel Assists
134 Vessel Citations
519 Person's Assisted (Water)
27 Search & Rescues (Water)
1 Drowning
3 ROV Recoveries
5 BUI Arrests

2 Vessel Accidents (0 noninjury, 0 minor injury, 2 major injury, 0 fatal)
1,140+ Hours on the Water
58 Hours on the River
2,800+ hours dedicated to the Bureau of Reclamation patrols and calls for service



Early this year, Sergeant Olson was presented with a Congressional Record by Congressman Mike Thompson as California's 4th District Napa County Public Safety Hero of the Year for his initial solo response to a critical incident at Lake Berryessa which involved a shooting and multiple stabbings in June of 2024. The incident occurred in a Bureau of Reclamation public day-use area and involved a rapidly escalating altercation among multiple subjects which tragically ended with a homicide and numerous civilian injuries. The coordinated quick response by both Lake and Valley deputies led to the suspect's apprehension and prevented further serious injuries from occurring.

SAR and Posse

Napa County Search and Rescue (SAR) is an all-volunteer, non-profit, auxiliary team for the Sheriff's Office that consists of 30 active members who search for missing or lost persons. They train year-round in various specialties such as rope rescue, emergency medicine, ground tracking, and helicopter operations. The team members are highly dedicated and never miss an opportunity to serve in and out of Napa County.

3,992 hours of training

42 mission hours

0 in county callouts/searches

2 mutual aid callout/searches



The Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse consists of 12 mounted members. The Sheriff's Posse is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization. The team had additional training sessions this year with one of North America's top horse/mule trainers, Jerry Tindell. While the team lost three members, it gained another six members. The Mounted Posse is always interested in growing the team and recruiting members from the community.



9
community
events

12
monthly
training/meetings

3
range
training days

OES, Napa CART, & CERT

Office of Emergency Services

Napa County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is the primary local coordination agency for emergencies and disasters affecting residents, public infrastructure and government operations within Napa County. OES operational area covers all cities, towns, special districts, and unincorporated areas of Napa County. It works with local, state, and federal partners in emergency response, preparedness, mitigation, prevention, and recovery.



Napa Community Animal Response Team

Napa CART is a non-profit organization supported through grants and public donations. Napa CART volunteers are trained in the various aspects of CART operations including Large Animal Shelter, Companion Animal Shelter, Hotline, Command Center and Team Dispatch (in conjunction with Napa County CERT teams), Field Operations (Evacuation, Shelter in place, and Animal Search and Rescue), and Animal Technical Rescue (ATR). Napa CART is overseen by the Napa Sheriff's Office and the Napa County Animal Shelter. The team logged 2,500 total training/service hours in 2025 and provided mutual aid for 18 days with Hotline assisting calls for animal service during the LA wildfires.

Napa Community Emergency Response Team

Napa Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a local volunteer disaster preparedness and response group trained to help before, during, and after disasters like earthquakes, wildfires, and floods. The program, supported by OES, teaches skills such as fire safety, search and rescue, and medical operations. CERT courses are offered in Spanish with 17 active members on CERT Del Valle. Members attended several trainings, community events, and deployed to the Pickett Fire to provide mutual aid.



Hiring & PSP Stats

Hiring

The hiring process involved info sessions/hiring seminars with 767 applications across all classifications resulting in 1 promotion, 9 new hires, 1 lateral hire, 7 part-timers, and 2 custodians.

PSP Stats

During 2025, the Training Bureau prioritized Firearms, EVOC, and ARCON PSP Training. In conjunction with PSP delivery, the Training Bureau completed most of the department-wide Less Lethal training, including Less Lethal Shotgun, 40mm Less Lethal Launchers, Taser 10 transition and certification.



Range Program

In 2025, the Range Program successfully met the operational, training, and compliance needs. The year emphasized sustainability, instructor development, and equipment improvements to ensure the long-term effectiveness of the range and curriculum. The Range Staff conducted 12 monthly department range trainings, three 40-hour New Hire Range Weeks, three 16-hour RDS Transition Courses, expanded the RDS instructor cadre, and made several improvements to equipment and infrastructure. Throughout the year, 1636 Instructor and Range Safety Officer hours were provided.



Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC)

The team conducted bi-annual PSP EVOC / PIT training to the NSO, DA's Office, and Napa College Police. Instructors presented at the Napa Sheriff's Office Citizen Academy, allowing attendees to participate as a ride along in PIT training exercises. By providing more realistic and comprehensive high-speed and pursuit driving training, the likelihood of vehicle collisions can be reduced. The team's efforts have been defined by dedication, teamwork, and a focus on continuous improvement.

Total pursuits: 56

Valley Patrol-6

American Canyon-50

77% of the time the suspects were apprehended.

9% resulted in Use of Force.

21% utilized PIT Maneuvers

0 Spike Strip Deployments

30% of the time suspects drove the wrong way against traffic



Arrest & Control (ARCON)

This auxiliary assignment is made up of sworn NSO Deputies and Sergeants. The team is primarily responsible for providing ongoing in-service training to sworn personnel for physical skills and case law updates, reviewing and tracking reported use of force incidents, providing expert testimony in criminal and civil court, staying abreast of industry trends as it pertains to use of force and developing positive community relationships.

In 2025, 40 deputies engaged in 42 use of force encounters. When accounting for multiple deputies and force options per incident, a total of 68 reportable force options were used, a 12.8% decrease from last year. There were thirty-three 148PC (resisting), ten 69PC (felony assaults), three 243 PC (battery), and one attempt murder (664/187PC). Five encounters had double force charges.

The most common types of forced used by NSO Deputies were:

TYPE OF FORCE	2024	2025
Take Downs	21 (29%)	26 (38%)
Control Holds	32 (44%)	23 (34%)
Body Control	-	-
K-9 Bite	1 (1%)	1 (2%)
Pain Compliance	4 (6%)	1 (2%)
Personal Body Weapon	1 (2%)	2 (3%)
40mm	1 (1%)	1 (1%)
Pepperball	-	-
OC Spray	-	-
CS Gas	1 (1%)	1 (1%)
Beanbag	1 (1%)	2 (3%)
WRAP	6 (8%)	8 (12%)
Taser	4 (6%)	3 (4%)
Firearm	1 (1%)	-

SUSPECT INJURY RATES FOR USE OF FORCE EVENTS:

2024	2025
11/42 (26%)	7/40 (18%)
Injury Rates (Excluding K9 Bites)	Injury Rates (Excluding K9 Bites)
10/42 (24%)	6/40 (15%)

DEPUTY INJURY RATES DURING USE OF FORCE EVENTS:

2024	2025
7/42 (17%)	7/42 (17%)

DEPUTY INJURY RATE PER USE OF FORCE ENCOUNTER:

2024	2025
7/78 (9%)	7/68 (10%)



Civil - Coroner Division

While all Napa County Sheriff's Deputies are Deputy Coroners who may investigate deaths, there are two full-time Coroner Investigators assigned to the division. Coroner Investigators are responsible for death scene investigations, documenting circumstances of cases, and selecting manner of death in all coroner cases. Manner of death is classified as accidental, homicide, natural, suicide, or undetermined. In 2025, the Coroner's Bureau processed 766 total deaths in Napa County.



On October 30th, Napa County District Attorney recognized three members of the Coroner's Office: Sergeant Paul Kuhn, Coroner Investigator Justin Monroe, and Coroner Investigator Brooks Goddard for their dedicated service, compassion, and empathy at the annual Survivors Breakfast.

The Civil Division handles non-criminal court-related duties. It is staffed by one deputy whose primary role is to serve legal process and enforce court orders. Some of these documents include small claims, restraining orders, wage garnishments, bank levies, evictions, and in some cases property seizures and sales.



Court Security



The Napa County Sheriff's Office is contracted by the State of California to provide courtroom security for the Napa Superior Court. Under the supervision of a sergeant, the 16 Court Security deputies work as bailiffs to provide security and law enforcement services within and surrounding the two courthouses located in downtown Napa as well as Juvenile Hall. Court Security staff also patrol the County Administration building and conduct safety patrols for county employees after hours. The Napa County Sheriff's Office provided safety and security for approximately 20,000 court appearances in Napa Superior Court in 2025.

The Court Security unit investigated crimes occurring at or around the Criminal Courthouse, the Historic Courthouse and the County Administration building, as well as the Napa County Department of Corrections. Court Security deputies generated 139 crime reports in 2025. Investigations included Assisting Outside Agencies, Batteries, Sexual Batteries, Bringing Controlled Substances into a Jail, Medical Aid to The Public, Narcan administrations, Resisting a Public Officer, Threats Against Judges/Attorneys/Court Staff, Under The Influence of a Controlled Substance, and Warrant Arrests.

Transportation

The Napa County Sheriff's Office Transportation Division handles transportation needs for incarcerated persons in Napa County and is directly related to the Napa County Department of Corrections. This includes local and out-of-county warrant pickups, transports to and from the California State Prisons, transports to the California Department of State Hospitals, and daily transportation for incarcerated persons to and from Napa County Superior Court. Additionally, when incarcerated persons at the Napa County Department of Corrections need daily medical care outside of the facility, the deputies help organize and transport these people to medical and dental appointments that cannot be conducted within the facility.



TRANSPORTATION TOTAL	853
State Prisons	95
State Hospitals	26
Return to Local Facilities	28
Order to Produce/Court Hearings	100
Medical Appointments	218
Napa County Warrants	329
Agency Assists	2
State Hospital Evaluations	26
Court Hearings	52

K9

The K9 Team consists of a K9 unit on each patrol team to provide significant operational, safety, and community benefits, including performing narcotic searches, explosive searches, firearm detection, tracking suspects or missing persons, apprehending suspects, reducing use of force, increased community engagement and educational opportunities, increasing overall patrol effectiveness. With the retirements of K9 Krieger, K9 Maverick, K9 Leo, and K9 Brody, NSO welcomes K9 Nova, K9 Jett, and K9 Bubbles as they join the team with K9 Brick and K9 Ruger. The team trains a minimum of 20 hours each month.

K9 STATS

Total Patrol Deployments	156
Apprehensions	68
Resulted in Bite	1
Guns Removed from Street	20
Total Narcotic Deployments	41
Total Explosive Deployments	47
Methamphetamine	20.55 kilograms
Cocaine	5 grams
Asset Seizures	\$5,262



MRT

The Napa County Sheriff's Office and Napa County Health and Human Services Agency–Behavioral Health Division (HHSA-BH) continue to partner to strengthen community response to behavioral health crises. Through this collaboration, a full-time mental health clinician is embedded within the Sheriff's Office to co-respond to calls for service involving individuals experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis and can provide follow-up support and connection to care.

The embedded clinician provides timely, trauma-informed intervention in the field, supporting de-escalation and therapeutic engagement on scene while working closely with community partners to link individuals to ongoing services.

This position is an extension of HHSA-BH's Mobile Response Team, which provides 24/7 mobile crisis services to the community and supports law enforcement after-hours and on weekends. Together, these efforts help ensure individuals in crisis receive timely behavioral health intervention and are connected to most appropriate level of support in the least restrictive setting.

In 2025, the Sheriff's Office embedded clinician co-responded to more than 65 calls for service and provided post-crisis follow-up care and linkage to needed services. During the same period, the broader HHSA-BH Mobile Response Team responded to calls 590 calls.

Honor & Tribute

The Honor Guard provides both a symbolic and professional display of respect and gratitude for officers who have died in the line-of-duty, while an active member of the department, or after their retirement from the department. The Honor Guard is trained in the aspects of drill and ceremony, flag presentations, and funeral details. By participating in memorials, parades and other special events, the Honor Guard provides a positive image as ambassadors of the Napa Sheriff's Office. The Napa Sheriff's Office Honor Guard participated in 33 events including parades, community events, sporting events, educational outreach, and law enforcement funerals locally, statewide, and nationally.

Total Line of Duty Deaths: 115

9/11 related illness 17	Gunfire 43
Accidental 1	Gunfire (Inadvertent) 3
Assault 2	Heart attack 8
Automobile crash 9	Heatstroke 1
Drowned 1	Motorcycle crash 5
Duty related illness 2	Vehicle pursuit 2
Explosion 3	Vehicular assault 8

Total K9 Line of Duty Deaths: 25

Automobile crash 1	Heart attack 1
Blunt force trauma 1	Heatstroke 7
Duty related illness 2	Struck by Vehicle 2
Gunfire 6	Vehicle Pursuit 1
Gunfire (Inadvertent) 1	Vehicular assault 1



Problem Oriented Policing Program

Problem-Oriented Policing is a proactive policing strategy that focuses on identifying and solving the underlying causes of recurring crimes instead of simply responding to individual accidents. The benefit includes reducing repeat calls for service, improving community trust, using resources efficiently, encouraging analytical policing, and creating measurable outcomes.

Homeless Outreach:

POPP has effectively continued its efforts concerning homeless outreach through proactive engagement and coordination. Patrol aids in providing valuable information on new and/or repopulated encampments. POPP has continued to conduct regular checks and work to coordinate clean-ups, which has proven to be the most effective approach to deterring the reestablishment of encampments while simultaneously connecting individuals with temporary and permanent housing resources. POPP has and will continue an open and effective partnership with Housing and Homeless Services to expedite access to resources to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Directed Patrol:

POPP participated in directed patrols, throughout the county, in areas that were of concern from complaints received from the community. The concerns/complaints included illegal dumping, trespassing, vandalism, theft and reckless drivers. POPP utilized game cameras and license plate readers in areas of concern to capture evidence to further the investigation of crimes in certain areas. The Napa County Sheriff's Office message board was utilized several times as a deterrent in problem areas.

POPP works closely with Napa County Probation, Child Welfare Services (CWS), and the District Attorney's Office toward a common goal of protecting the children in our community through Drug Endangered Children (DEC) investigations. POPP also supports Code Enforcement with on-scene security, site inspections, and warrant services throughout the county.

11
Active Shooter Presentations

4
Hunter Safety Course

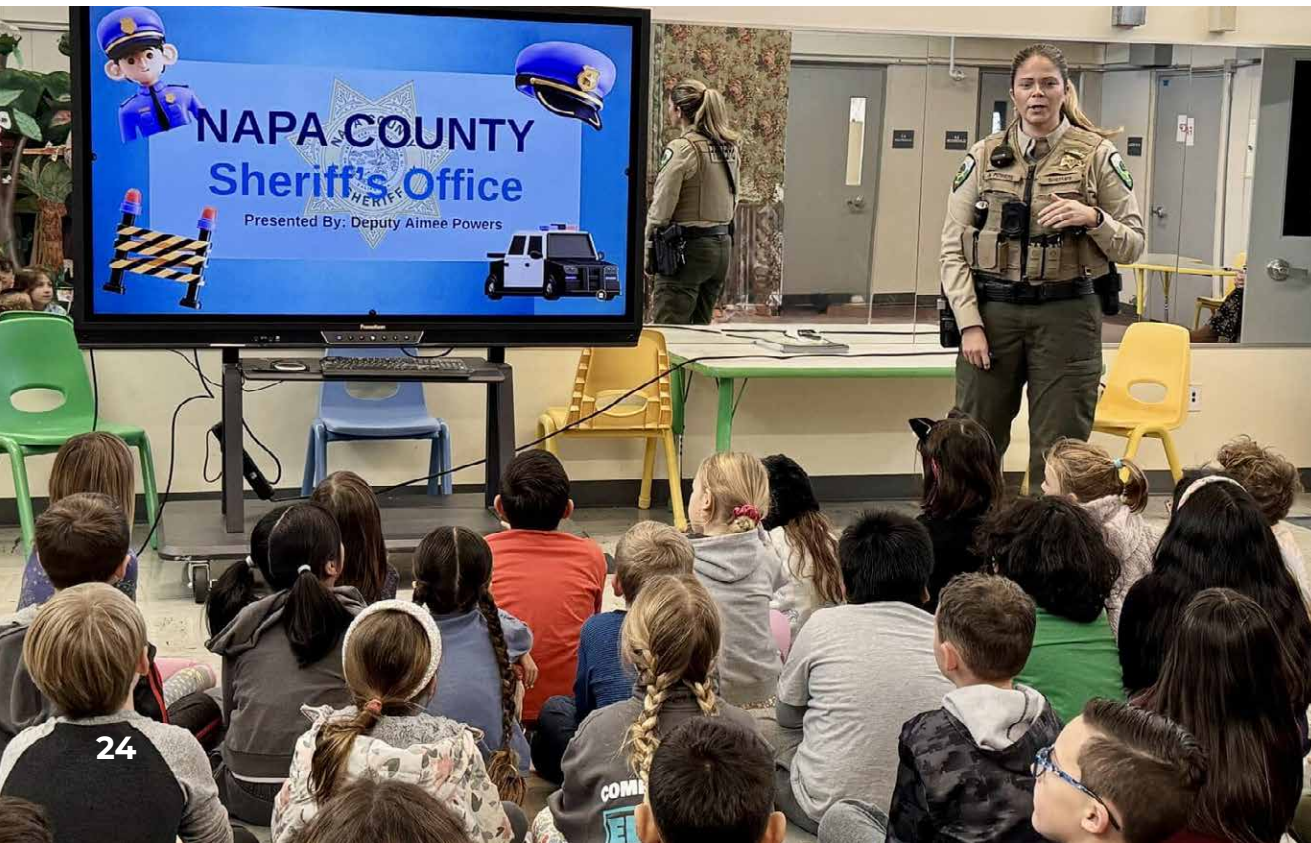
4
Site Security Assessments

1
CPTED Report

2
DEC Cases

4
Probation Compliance Checks

36
Community Events



Bomb Squad

The Bomb Squad is a regional team that supports the counties of Napa, Solano, and Lake. The team is trained by the FBI and trains a minimum of 24 hours each month, in addition to an annual 40-hour refresher course, totaling more than 560 hours in 2025. In addition to our bomb technicians, the Sheriff's Office has one Explosive Ordnance Detection (EOD) K9 assigned to the team.

5 Callouts in Napa County

6 Callouts Outside of Napa County

5 Explosive Sweeps at Large Public Events

4 Public Educational Demonstrations



Mobile Field Force

The 28-member dedicated team is specially trained to provide emergency response support, address civil unrest, manage large events, and provide a structured response to crowds using pre-planned formations, unified command, specialized equipment and tactics which allows them to act quickly and decisively as a group.



Small Unmanned Aircraft System

The Napa Sheriff's Small Unmanned Aircraft System Team (sUAS) or Drone Team is a valuable resource that helps protect the safety of the community and surrounding agencies. The team expanded this year and currently consists of 11 pilots licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The team trains monthly, focusing on flight proficiency, legal and policy compliance, and scenario-based exercises at various indoor and outdoor locations. The Drone Team responded to assist in law enforcement operations on 31 occasions, 26 of which were related to arrests or investigation of criminal acts including murder, firearm offenses, robbery, carjacking, domestic violence, burglary and other crimes. When available and deployed, drones allow law enforcement to approach and evaluate situations at a distance, providing safer outcomes for potentially violent events.



Training Stats

Beyond PSP requirements, the Training Bureau worked to complete most of the legislatively mandated annual training while positioning the department to fully complete all required training elements within the current PSP cycle. Training priorities for 2026 will include the completion of remaining PSP disciplines (Strategic Communications, Use of Force) and all statutory training requirements. While mandated training remains critical, the Training Bureau also emphasized deputy and professional staff development through expanded training opportunities. The Training Bureau successfully balanced mandated compliance training with meaningful professional development in 2025. Strong PSP completion rates, significant Less Lethal training, and substantial investment in external training opportunities enhanced department readiness overall.

External and advanced training hours were distributed across the following instructional categories:



External training accounted for over 6,050 total training hours.

Community Town Hall

In 2025, the Sheriff, in coordination with Napa County law enforcement leaders, addressed heightened concerns—particularly within immigrant communities—regarding fears of mass deportation. Clear guidance was provided to reaffirm that local officers are State of California peace officers, authorized to enforce state criminal law only, and do not engage in federal immigration enforcement.

To build trust and improve understanding, Sheriff Ortiz prioritized community outreach, delivering nearly 30 presentations—primarily in Spanish—alongside Lieutenant Felipe Hernandez. These engagements, held across diverse community settings, emphasized that all residents can safely seek assistance and are encouraged to call 911 without concern about immigration status.

A joint statement issued by the Sheriff and Napa Police Chief at the beginning of the year reinforced this commitment to equitable service for all community members, regardless of immigration status.

After years of dedicated service protecting our community, four of our incredible K-9s have earned a well-deserved retirement from the Napa County Sheriff's Office. We thank them for their loyalty, courage, and unwavering commitment.



Join the Napa County Sheriff's Office and make a difference in our community.

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