



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

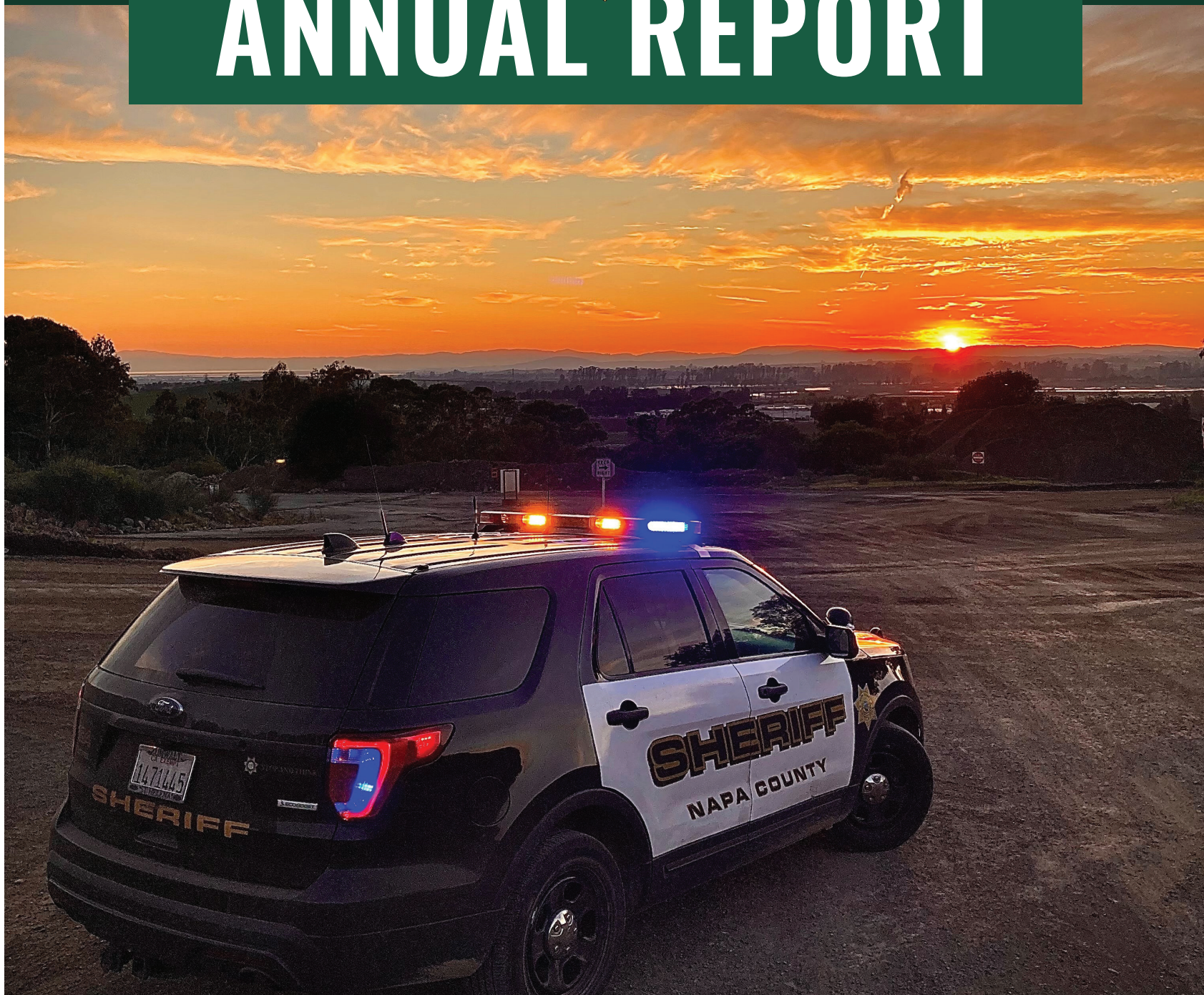




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## A MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



*Napa County Sheriff Oscar Ortiz*

It is my honor to present the 2022 Napa County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. Enclosed in this report you will find highlights that tell most, but not all, of the story of 2022.

Your Sheriff's Office is comprised of highly trained and well equipped deputy sheriffs, most of whom carry ancillary duties, such as Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Drone team, Crisis Negotiations, Mobile Field Force, and others. This year's report highlights just a few of those teams, but know that all of the deputies, and everything they do, is equally important in keeping our community safe. We plan to rotate specialty teams for highlights in upcoming annual reports as we share our organization with you, OUR PARTNERS.

As you will see in pages 13 - 14, constant TRAINING is a priority in our organization. We train not only in BEST PRACTICES, we also strive to identify and train in NEXT practices as well. This is especially true today, as our agency is getting younger and the demands of the job become more challenging.

For all of 2022, we had newly hired recruits in one of the various academies in our Northern California region. Our recruitment efforts (page 7) have helped us keep up with retirements. However, we continue to hire for entry level positions and find police academies to enroll them in. The academy is only the beginning of a life long training journey.

The work performed by the men and women of the Sheriff's Office is one that you can take pride in. We had multiple examples of LIFE SAVING efforts (page 19) in 2022. We also had excellent examples of CRIME FIGHTING to include the arrest and conviction of a serial residential burglar who broke into several homes in the western hills of Napa County (page 5). A violation of ones personal home in the form of residential burglary is very traumatizing and life changing for those victims. Because of that, our deputies, detectives, and crime scene technicians take residential burglary cases very seriously. Our residents deserve nothing less.

Our nation and our state, is facing tough challenges with rising crime, Fentanyl, and divided relationships between law enforcement and communities. We know that Napa County has been, and continues to be, a safe place to live, work, and visit. With your support and partnership, we will continue to serve you this year as we take on these challenges and continue in our VISION to always demonstrate our COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY.

*Sheriff Oscar Ortiz*





# Operations

## DIVISION



### CAPTAIN MICHAEL BARTLETT

Budget = \$33,180,350

#### PATROL

*Led by Lieutenant Jon Thompson*  
 Unincorporated Napa County  
 Lake Berryessa  
 Town of Yountville  
 City of American Canyon

#### INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

*Led by Lieutenant Donald Maiden*

#### NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU (NSIB)

*Led by Lieutenant Ryan Woolworth*

#### PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING PROGRAM (POPP)

*Led by Sergeant Osvaldo Hernandez*

#### ANIMAL SERVICES

*Led by Sergeant David Quigley*

#### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Dive Team  
 SWAT / Crisis Negotiation / Bomb Squad  
 Off-Road Enforcement  
 Peer Support Team

#### TEAM AUXILIARIES

Search and Rescue  
 Mounted Posse  
 Aero Squadron

## OPERATIONS STATISTICS

SERVICE	2022	2021
Reports	1,743	1,756
Arrests	708	619
Misdemeanor Citations	122	116
Infraction Citations	68	122
Parking Citations	0	0
Accidents	3	0
DUI Reports	26	8
Vandalism Reports	68	72
Calls for Service	23,596	28,382

COMMON CALLS	2022	2021
911 Hang Up	4,853	6,633
Traffic Stop	1,643	1,653
Alarm Call	1,898	1,850
Animal Service Call	1,282	1,389
Patrol Check	1,181	3,007
Follow-Up Activity	760	910
Vehicle Check	447	544
Illegal Parking	20	55

CRIMES REPORTED	2022	2021
Homicide	0	0
Rape	19	22
Robbery	6	6
Assault	146	124
Burglary	80	67
Larceny / Theft	142	171
Stolen Vehicles	7	3
<b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>393</b>

# Services

## DIVISION



### CAPTAIN BRIAN KENNER

Budget = \$11,916,905

### CORONER'S BUREAU

Led by Sergeant Paul Kuhn

### COURT SERVICES BUREAU

Led by Sergeant Cecil Brown

### TRANSPORTATION BUREAU

Led by Senior Deputy Mark Warrington

### TECHNICAL SERVICES BUREAU (RECORDS)

Led by Shontell Detwiler

### ADMINISTRATIVE (TRAINING, HIRING, + RECRUITING)

Led by Lieutenant Kyle Eddleman

### PROPERTY + EVIDENCE BUREAU

### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Honor Guard  
Sheriff's Activity League

## CIVIL PROCESS STATISTICS

SERVICE	2022	2021
Eviction Posted	240	95
Eviction Completed	220	92
DV Restraining Order	114	123
Other Restraining Order	96	117
Earnings Withholding Order	132	114
Bank Levy	40	50
Other Services	323	370
<b>TOTAL PROCESS SERVICES</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>961</b>

## CORONER'S BUREAU STATISTICS

DEATHS BY MODE	2022	2021
Natural	196	268
Sign Outs (Death Cert Only)	568	514
Accidental	45	78
Vehicle Accident	12	12
Homicide	1	5
Suicide	15	20
Undetermined	0	3
Autopsies	24	40
<b>TOTAL DEATHS TO CORONER</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>900</b>

## SIGNIFICANT CASES

### BURGLARY SERIES

On May 29, 2022 a burglary occurred in the western hills of Napa County. Several firearms were stolen from a residence. Four more burglaries occurred in the same general area over the next month. Detectives tracked down leads, but it was our Crime Lab which solved the case by lifting a partial print from one of the victim's residences. The suspect was located and arrested on July 1st. He was convicted to 14 years in state prison.

### ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER

In September 2021, we attempted to stop a suspect who was stealing catalytic converters from parked vehicles. The suspect evaded responding members of our department by violently ramming our patrol cars. A search of the crime scene revealed a hat that was left behind. In May 2022, a DNA match was made to the suspect who was in prison serving time for another violent crime. This case is still pending



### SHOOTING ON HIGHWAY 29

In February 2022, a suspect randomly shot a commuting motorist in the head near the intersection of State Route 221 and Highway 29. The suspect continued into the City of Napa and carjacked a vehicle. Napa Police Department located the subject and arrested him. The Sheriff's Office conducted ballistic on the firearm and tied the suspect to the shooting in our jurisdiction. This case is still being prosecuted.

### WINERY CASE

In August 2022, an email group of wineries was created to help share information and spot potential fraudulent wine purchases. In October, detectives were alerted to several of these purchases. With assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, detectives recovered 30 cases of wine valued at \$52,000. Charges were filed on a suspect residing in Los Angeles County. This case is still being prosecuted.



# SIGNIFICANT CASES

## FIREARMS & DRUGS

Attention was brought to a convicted felon suspected of being in possession of firearms and narcotics for sale. After conducting an investigation, a search warrant was served at the suspect's residence. Detectives found four assault rifles, several pistols, high capacity magazines, and 3,000 rounds of ammunition were seized. A half pound of methamphetamine was also located during the search. This case is pending.



## SELLING DRUGS TO TEENS

The NSIB was alerted to a subject selling synthetic marijuana to middle school and high school students. Through surveillance and help from the Napa Police Department, the subject was located and stopped in his vehicle. He was found with several hundred packages of synthetic marijuana and a loaded AR style rifle. The suspect was released on bond, but failed to appear. There is currently a warrant out for his arrest.



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In January and October, the NSIB in coordination with several other agencies, participated in two operations: Operation Reclaim and Rebuild and Operation Trick-or-Treat. These combined efforts resulted in 14 arrests. In addition, several victims were rescued and connected to services.

# HIRING, RECRUITMENT, & PROMOTIONS

The Sheriff's Office has been hard at work to keep our staffing levels stable in order to continue providing the highest level of service. This last year was a busy one as we celebrated several retirements and promotions, while we also lost several staff to injury or transfers to other agencies.

## SWORN POSITIONS

- Hired – 13
- Promoted – 6
- Lost – 11

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

- Hired – 5
- Promoted – 2
- Lost – 3

Over 230 personnel started the hiring process for our sworn positions. Backgrounds are an intensive process that require an applicant to provide a personal history packet, in depth interviews, medical and psychological evaluations, and an interview with the Sheriff.



## POST *Hiring Dimensions*

- INTEGRITY
- IMPULSE CONTROL & ATTENTION TO SAFETY
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE & OTHER RISK TAKING BEHAVIORS
- STRESS TOLERANCE
- CONFRONTING & OVERCOMING PROBLEMS,  
OBSTACLES, & ADVERSITY
- CONSCIENTIOUSNESS
- INTERPERSONAL SKILLS
- DECISION MAKING & JUDGEMENT
- LEARNING ABILITY
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS



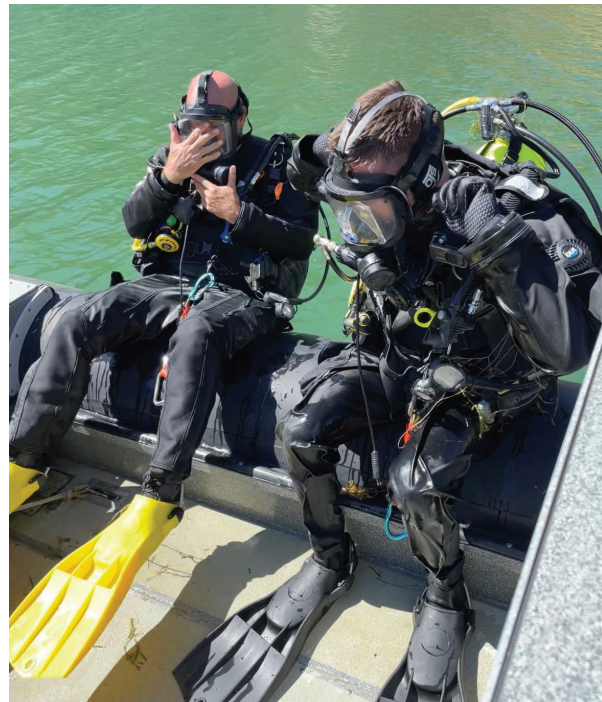
## DIVE & ROV TEAMS

The Sheriff's Office Underwater Search and Recovery Team (Dive Team) includes a group of skilled members with the primary mission of recovering evidence or drowning victims in our waterways.

In May, we received a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) which was immediately put to use at Lake Berryessa. This equipment was purchased through a grant from Homeland Security.

The ROV greatly improves our abilities to serve the community while conducting safe and expedient underwater recoveries.

In 2022, the ROV helped us make three successful recoveries of drowning victims. The use of the ROV reduces risk to our divers and aids the victim's families by giving them closure over the loss of their loved ones.



# CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

The Citizens Academy is a great way to educate our general public.

The Citizens Academy has been around for over 20 years. Although we were unable to offer the Academy during the COVID-19 pandemic, once restrictions were lifted, we started it back up immediately.

During the Academy, participants attend 14 sessions. It is an interactive experience where participants meet the people who provide the services necessary to maintain a safe community.

Participants interact with many units within the Sheriff's Office, taking advantage of such opportunities as:

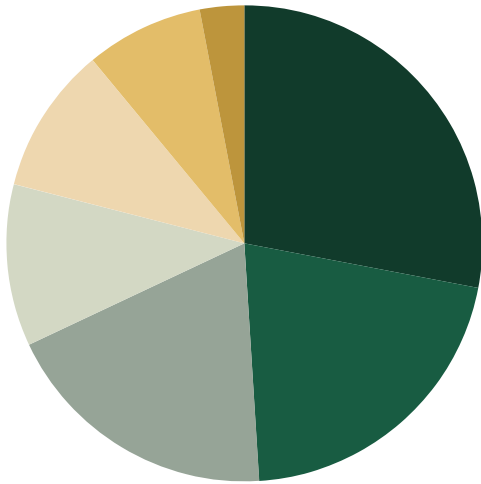
- An investigations case study
- A K9 meet-up
- Conduct fingerprinting
- Participate in a mock crime scene.

Participants receive instruction on how law enforcement equipment works and are educated on the laws and requirements for employment.



# STATISTICS

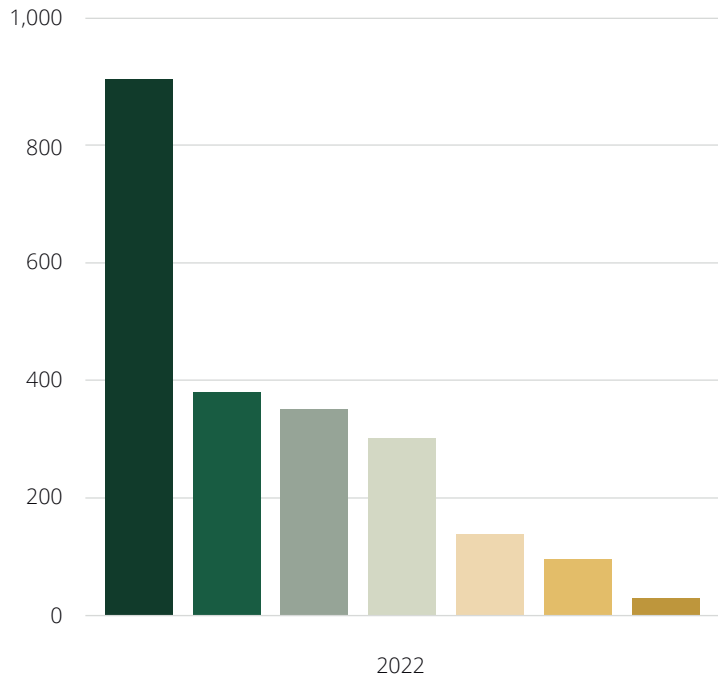
## CIVIL PROCESS



TOTAL PROCESS SERVICES — 1,165

- Other Services — 323 or 27.7%
- Evictions Posted — 240 or 20.6%
- Evictions Completed — 220 or 18.9%
- Earnings Withholding Orders — 132 or 11.3%
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders — 114 or 9.8%
- Other Restraining Orders — 96 or 8.2%
- Bank Levy — 40 or 3.4%

## ANIMAL SERVICES



TOTAL INCIDENTS HANDLED — 4,059

- Dogs at Large — 899
- Confined Animals — 380
- Welfare Checks — 353
- Injured Animals — 297
- Animal Bites — 131
- Animal Cruelty Investigations — 98
- Vicious Animals — 32

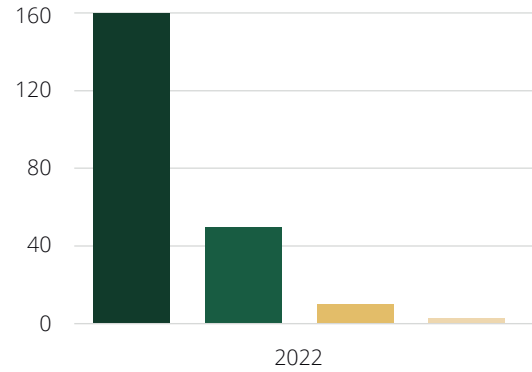
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## K9 UNITS



TOTAL PATROL DEPLOYMENTS — 156

- Apprehensions — 77
- Peaceful Resolution — 68
- Resulted in Bites — 9
- Guns Removed from the Street — 2

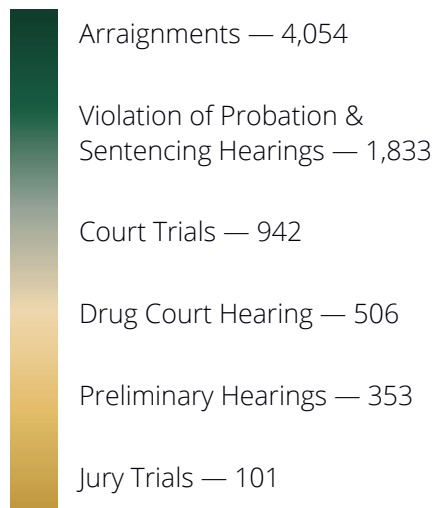


TOTAL NARCOTICS DEPLOYMENTS — 52

- Methamphetamine — 160 grams
- Fentanyl — 50 grams
- Heroin — 8.1 grams
- Cocaine — 1.4 grams

## COURT SECURITY

TOTAL HEARINGS — 50,983



## DRONES

TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS  
80 EVENTS, 126 FLIGHTS, 24.1 HOURS



## TRAINING

The Sheriff's Office takes training very seriously. It is the best investment of time and money to better serve our community.

There are two types of training that occur within the Sheriff's Office. Mandated training and specialized or elective training. We send our people all across the state, but also have inhouse instructors who are subject matter experts.

We also host trainings that are open to all other law enforcement agencies. This is not only a cost savings for the Sheriff's Office, but it also helps us build stronger relationships with other agencies. We hosted six training courses this year.

Mandated or legislative training is constant. We must keep up with new laws and ensure our deputies have the information they need to properly apply the law.

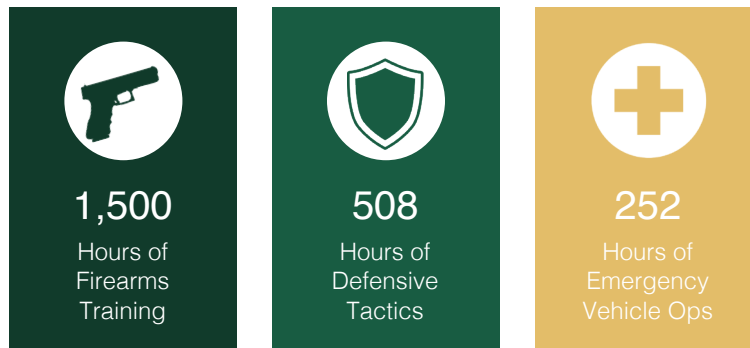
In 2022, training included 760 hours on Force Options Use of Force and De-escalation Training. Another 328 hours was used for POST Perishable Skills Training.





# TRAINING STATS

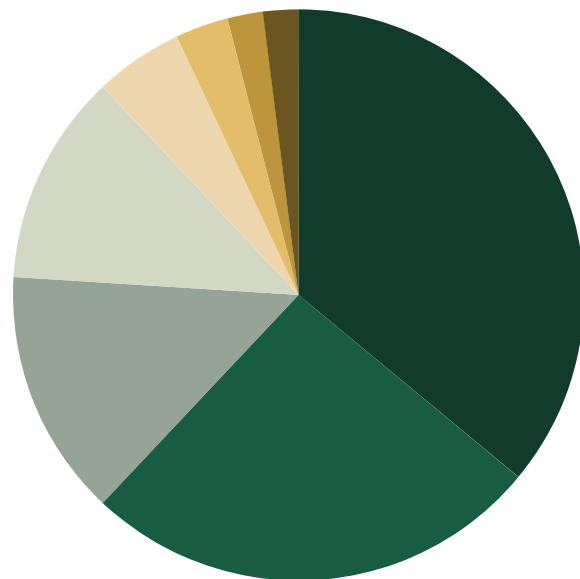
Our in house training with our subject matter experts is the foundation of our commitment to the community. In 2022, we conducted the following trainings.



## USE OF FORCE AND DE-ESCALATION TRAINING

TOTAL PROCESS SERVICES — 1,165

- Take Down — 36%
- Body Control — 26%
- Pain Compliance — 14%
- K9 — 12%
- WRAP — 5%
- Personal Body Weapons — 3%
- O.C. Spray — 2%
- Taser — 2%



*Less Lethal Shotgun, Pepperball, Impact Weapons, and 40mm each make up less than 1%*

# AMERICAN CANYON POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1992, American Canyon incorporated and decided to increase the level of law enforcement services in order to have a more identifiable law enforcement presence in the City. The first contract with the Sheriff's Office was signed that same year.

The budget for the 2022/23 contract is \$7,681,635. American Canyon is approximately 19% of the Sheriff's Office total budget, but accounts for 50% of all calls for service as it has the highest population of service in the county. In addition to staff, the annual budget includes dispatch fees, projected overtime and court costs.

The American Canyon Police Department consists of:

- Chief
- Lieutenant
- Sergeants (4)
- Motors (2)
- School Resource Officers (2)
- Community Resource Officer
- K-9 officers (2)
- Records Technician
- Patrol Officers (12)



SUMMARY	2022	2021
Animal Service Calls	584	483
Arrests	517	482
Calls for Service	16,702	15,903
Car Seat Installations	15	7
Citations Issued - Local Roads	806	344
Citations Issued - Highway 29	360	70
Collisions - Local Roads	107	89
Collisions - Highway 29	63	70
Disabled Parking Citations	79	94
Driving with Cell Phone	10	60
DUI Arrests	63	74
Misdemeanor Citations	344	242
Open Container Alcohol	2	2
Parking Citations	349	414
Reports	1,814	1,671
Stop Sign Violations	258	109

American Canyon's 2022 clearance rate for violent crimes is 76% and property crimes is 43%.

CRIMES REPORTED	2022	2021
Assault	147	136
Burglary	29	37
Homicide	0	0
Larceny / Theft	290	280
Rape	7	3
Robbery	16	10
Stolen Vehicles	70	57

# PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING PROGRAM

The Problem Oriented Policing Program, also known as the POPP unit, exists to address quality of life issues throughout the county. They use directed patrol and technology to address illegal dumping, trespassing, and other crimes.

POPP works closely with other agencies to handle code enforcement issues, Drug Endangered Children (DEC) cases, and Homeless Outreach.

This unit is also responsible for outreach and education. POPP conducts Hunter Education courses, Active Shooter Presentations, attends Town Hall meetings, and other community events.

In 2022, the POPP unit managed the following:

- Active Shooter Presentations — 14
- DEC Cases — 5
- Hunter Education Classes — 2
- Community Events — 31



# SEARCH + RESCUE AND MOUNTED POSSE

## SEARCH & RESCUE

Our volunteer teams are crucial to the success of our Office. The selfless actions of these team members have saved many lives. Search and Rescue (SAR) was formed in 1992. It provides services to all areas within Napa County and the surrounding Bay Area. SAR is comprised of 31 volunteers with Deputy Sheriff liaisons and are available 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our SAR Team accomplished the following in 2022:

- 4,454 hours of training
- 779 total mission hours
- 2 callouts within Napa County
- 13 Mutual aid callouts



## MOUNTED POSSE

The Mounted Posse was established in 1949 and is the oldest working posse in the State of California. Historically, the posse's primary function was to assist at public events. However, their role is currently expanding to be a mounted asset to the Search and Rescue team.

The posse participated in 6 public events in 2022. There are 15 members including 13 of whom are mounted.



# AWARDS

On September 11, 2022 Deputies Kevin Walsh, Derek Amaral, Sinjin Romero, Michael Hudson, and Sergeant Tijero responded to a call for help for two California Highway Patrol Officers who had been struck and severely injured on I-80. Their quick response, medical aid, and control of the scene was honored by Sheriff Ortiz by awarding them the Sheriff's Citation.

On April 16, 2022, a domestic disturbance occurred in American Canyon. Sergeant Jose Tijero led his patrol team to the call as it was upgraded to a barricaded armed subject with potential hostages inside the home. Sergeant Tijero was able to contact the armed subject via telephone and negotiated with the subject for several hours. His leadership and skill allowed for a peaceful resolution as the subject surrendered without further incident. Sergeant Tijero was awarded the the Sheriff's Citation for his actions.

On April 18, 2022, two senior citizens were robbed at gunpoint in American Canyon. Evidence Specialist Jacqueline Shikowitz responded to the area where the suspect's car was found after the robbery. Through a difficult process, she was able to lift a fingerprint from the suspect vehicle that eventually led to an arrest. Shikowitz was honored by Sheriff Ortiz and received the Sheriff's Citation.

On June 17, 2022, Deputies Brian Ringo and Joseph Schiavoni were working a boat detail at Lake Berryessa. They received a call of a victim with a serious propeller cut. The location was unknown and further information stated the victim was pregnant. Through quick decision making, they narrowed down the location of the victim, applied lifesaving medical aid, and transported the her to a waiting helicopter. Their actions undoubtedly saved the life of the victim and the unborn child. Sheriff Ortiz recognized their amazing response by presenting them with the Sheriff's Office Life Saving Medal.

On August 14, 2022, Deputy James Hartley and his partner were working a boat detail at Lake Berryessa. They observed two people jump from a boat and become separated from the vessel. Deputy Hartley noticed one of the swimmers go below the water and not return to the surface. He piloted his boat to the last known location, then dove into the water. He swam 10 feet below the surface and found the lifeless victim. After pulling the victim to the surface, CPR was started and the victim was revived. For this selfless act, Sheriff Ortiz award the Sheriff Office Life Saving Medal to Deputy Hartley.

On December 12, Sergeant Osvaldo Hernandez and Deputy Marcus Solis responded to Maxwell Bridge after hearing a broadcast about someone jumping from the top. Sergeant Hernandez saw a moored canoe in the river and without hesitation, he and Deputy Solis rowed the canoe to the last known location of the victim. They found the victim, pulled her into the canoe, and started CPR. After 10 minutes of CPR, the victim regained a pulse and was transported to the hospital. The victim later met with Sergeant Hernandez and Deputy Solis to thank them for saving her life. Sheriff Ortiz witnessed the event and later awarded both the Sheriff's Office Life Saving Medal.

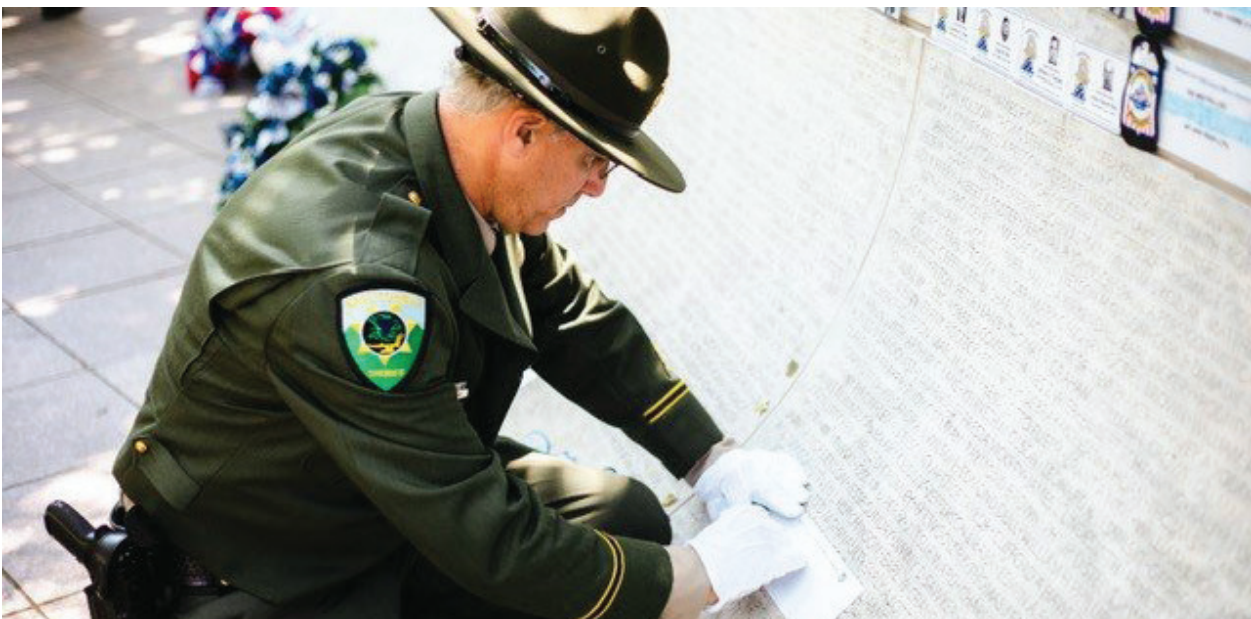


## HONOR & TRIBUTE

We take a moment to honor our fallen from 2022, which includes 237 in the line of duty deaths nationwide and 12 in the line of duty deaths in California.

Our Honor Guard attends our fallen brother's and sister's memorials so they are not forgotten. In 2022, members of our Honor Guard also attended the National Law Enforcement Memorial during Police Week in Washington DC.

We will never forget the sacrifice these people made for our way of life.





## OUR *Mission*

The Napa County Sheriff's Office is committed to providing the highest level of professional services to our community, while fostering partnerships based on trust and respect.

## OUR *Core Values*

The members of the Napa County Sheriff's Office are dedicated to preserving and defending our core values, which include obedience to the Constitution of the United States, uncompromising personal and professional integrity, compassion, fairness, and respect for the dignity of those we protect.



*Join our team*



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