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# YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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*"BUILDING A SAFE COMMUNITY"*

STEVEN L. DURFOR, SHERIFF-CORONER

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Cover Photo

Deputy Nathan Lybarger and his partner Spike assist one of Yuba County's younger citizens.  
Photo by Paula Gomes

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A light gray map of Yuba County, California, is centered on the page. The county's irregular shape is clearly defined by a black outline. The text 'INTRODUCTION' is printed in a large, bold, black serif font across the middle of the map. Below the map, the text 'Yuba County' is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font.

# INTRODUCTION

Yuba County



# Yuba County Sheriff's Department

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To The Yuba County Board of Supervisors and Citizens:

Our motto, "Building a Safe Community" is more than just an appealing slogan. It captures the essence of what the Yuba County Sheriff's Department strives to achieve through planning, programs, initiatives and services. We are grateful for the trust and confidence our communities have placed in us, and we are forever committed in our determination to live up to their high public safety expectations.

This year represented a period of substantial change and incredible opportunity for the Sheriff's Department. In building upon our plans and strategies implemented the previous year, we have made tremendous improvements in employing progressive solutions in confronting many challenges. Examples of the larger projects include:

- The implementation of COMPSTAT this year is perhaps the most significant change in the history of the Sheriff's Office in terms of organizational and operational philosophy. This crime control model represents a major change in how we plan and provide for public safety. Through this process, we have experienced very positive results in apprehending offenders and preventing additional crimes.
- An overall assessment and realignment of our beat structure throughout the county, modifying call priorities, and greatly enhancing the continuous presence of deputies in their assigned beats. These modifications have resulted in a higher quality of service and responsiveness to our community.
- In creating two full time crime prevention officers supported by our volunteer program and patrol staff, we have made great strides in proactively employing prevention strategies in order to minimizing crime.
- Our commitment to improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods remains strong through our Community Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) projects. Many blighted, decayed, and neglected areas of our county have been greatly improved and crime rates reduced substantially.

In the coming months, we are confronted with a serious fiscal crisis and declining budgets. Despite these uncertain times, every member of the Sheriff's Office remains unwavering in our commitment in seeing our vision, mission and values are met. Challenge is something our department embraces, confronts and overcomes. During these difficult times, we will ensure the safety of our residents is never compromised.

On behalf of the Yuba County Sheriff's Department, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community members, the county Board of Supervisors, the county's leadership team, and the surrounding public safety agencies for their support and guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven L. Durfor".

Steven L. Durfor  
Sheriff-Coroner

# **YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

## **MOTTO**

Building a Safe Community

## **VISION**

It is the vision of the Yuba County Sheriff's Department to establish and maintain a safe community.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION MISSION**

Our mission is to serve the public through effective crime prevention and strong law enforcement, consistent with our core values. We are committed to working in partnership with the community to identify and resolve public safety and quality of life issues.

## **JAIL DIVISION MISSION**

The mission of the Yuba County Jail Division is to provide the safe, efficient, humane and secure custody of all persons incarcerated. We prepare prisoners mentally and physically for their successful reintegration into the community.

## **VALUES**

- ❖ We demand the highest standards of honesty and integrity.
- ❖ We will have the courage to stand between our citizens and those who would victimize them. We will do what is right even when it is unpopular or difficult.
- ❖ We value community partnerships.
- ❖ We value the public's trust and vow to treat our citizens with respect and dignity.
- ❖ We recognize our employees as our most valued asset.
- ❖ We recognize the importance of investing in the future of the youth of our community.
- ❖ We value the implementation of best practices in the delivery of our services and we recognize the importance of reviewing our procedures, programs and performance to evaluate our effectiveness and make changes as needed.

# ORGANIZATION CHART





## **Yuba County Sheriff's Department Command Staff**



Photo by Paula Gomes

**From left to right: Lt. Shaun Smith, Capt. Alan Long, Capt. Ron Johnson, Undersheriff Jerry Read, Sheriff Steve Durfor, Capt. Mark Chandless, Lt. Damon Gil, Lt. Jim Downs, and Lt. Brandon Barnes**

# **DIVISIONS**

**OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**

**JAIL/CIVIL DIVISION**

**Yuba County**

Of the three divisions in the Sheriff’s Office, the **Operations Division** is the most visible to the public. There are many units and specialty assignments within the Operations Division.

***Patrol Operations***

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Patrol Operations is the single largest unit in the Operations Division, and is generally the first uniformed contact for anyone seeking service from the Sheriff’s Department.

The Sheriff’s Department provides 24-hour service, 365 days a year to the more than 60,000 residents of the unincorporated area in the county. As Yuba County’s population continues to grow, our goal is to match that growth so we will maintain the level of service our citizens expect and deserve.



***Community Oriented Policing***

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The Sheriff’s Department continued to place emphasis on COPPS or Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving<sup>1</sup> strategies throughout 2008. The development of COMPSTAT<sup>2</sup> has helped direct resources to areas where our community policing strategies are most needed. The fusing of COMPSTAT with traditional community policing has had a

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<sup>1</sup> COPPS philosophy is a commitment to working in partnership with the community, and various other agencies within the county, to promote proactive strategies to resolving community issues and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

<sup>2</sup> COMPSTAT, short for computer statistics, is a strategic management philosophy used by law enforcement to achieve crime reduction. See the description of the program in this section.

positive impact on our community and the level of service we provide.

Our goal is to integrate the community policing philosophy into all aspects of our service so we may work toward long-term and meaningful solutions rather than take a short-term approach. Patrol staff is expected to identify and initiate COPPS projects in all areas of the county to help address neighborhood problems.

Patrol staff worked on a number of different projects this past year. Examples of those projects include the following:

**Country Club Court:** The improvement to the quality of life for residents on Country Club Ct. became a stated department objective through COMPSTAT. The Sheriff’s Department recognized that there were issues on Country Club Ct. that extended beyond the capabilities of residents or law enforcement alone.

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*This collaborative effort resulted in the removal of nearly 8,000 pounds of trash from the area.*

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Through a combined community consortium it was decided that pooled resources would be committed to improve the community on Country Club Ct. In August, members of the Sheriff’s Department worked with YSDI, Code Enforcement, Harmony Health, Domain Property Management, and the citizens on a clean up day for Country Club Ct. This collaborative effort resulted in the removal of nearly 8,000 pounds of trash from the area.

The clean up event was followed up by a meeting in September with the property owners responsible for the various properties on Country Club Ct. This meeting was the first of its kind in terms of our community policing efforts. Specific goals and a commitment from all those involved were achieved at this meeting. A second meeting was held that resulted in Sheriff’s Office staff conducting site assessments for the properties located at 1957, 1961, 1965, and 1969 Country Club Ct. The assessments also included the College Manor

Apartments and 5959 Woodland Dr. The focus of these assessments was Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Several issues were identified and recommendations were submitted to the property owners/managers.

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The pro-active efforts of the Sheriff's Department and others in the community with a vested interest on Country Club Ct. has resulted in a reduction in crime and calls for service in the area. For example, in the six month period following the clean-up, we realized an 18% reduction in reported crime over the preceding six month period.

**5550 Alicia Ave:**

Deputies focused on 5550 Alicia Ave. as part of a community policing project. This property has been vacant for several years and was a blight issue. Several drug labs had been removed from the residence over the years and the property was uninhabitable. The residence was boarded up and the grass was overgrown. In December of this year the Sheriff's Department teamed with Code Enforcement and arranged for the property to be demolished through G&W Demolition.



**9159 Nero Rd:** Deputies initiated a project on Nero Rd. regarding blight and excessive dogs being on the property. This case resulted in a search warrant execution in October of this year. Fifty dogs were seized by ACS from the property and the residence was determined to be uninhabitable by Code Enforcement. Code

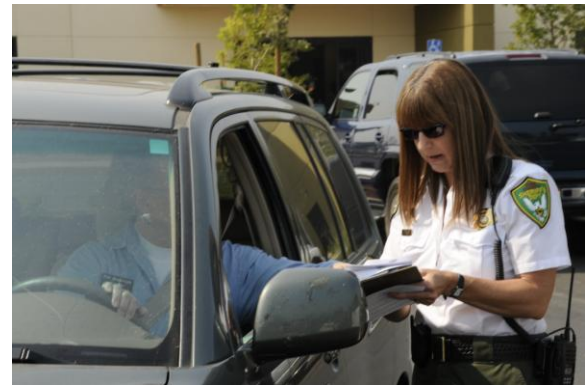
Enforcement abated the property in November and the sole resident is now residing with a family member.

**4559 Arboga Rd:** The vacant residential property at 4559 Arboga Rd. was identified as a community policing project. This property was attracting trespassers who were committing various criminal acts on the property. The building was determined to be a fire hazard and there were several other safety concerns associated with the property. In July of this year the Sheriff's Department teamed with Code Enforcement and arranged for the property to be demolished through G&W Demolition.

**Crime Prevention**

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Crime prevention is another vital component of community policing. It is always preferable to prevent crime as opposed to reacting to crime after it has taken place. The Sheriff's Department has a number of programs designed to educate and work with the community so we may curtail crime.



The crime prevention officers have been busy throughout the year in a variety of areas. Their efforts are an integral part of community policing. Below are some of their contributions:

- Children's Fingerprinting – Crime Prevention Officers were able to fingerprint 656 children throughout 2008.
- CPTED Site Surveys – Six written site surveys were completed along with numerous informal business surveys.
- CPTED Plan Reviews – Thirty-three plans were reviewed. Twenty-nine responses were

- submitted for potential projects in Yuba County.
- Seventy businesses were contacted in Linda and Olivehurst regarding how to identify potential safety concerns and 9-1-1 procedures during emergency situations.
  - Brochures/Flyers – Several informational brochures were revised and updated. Event flyers were created for specific events. Two newsletters were created; one for general crime prevention and the other focusing on small business crime prevention. Several of these documents have been posted on the Department’s website.
  - The Crime Prevention Officers were sent to Basic Crime Prevention School as well as attending the California State Crime Prevention Officers Association’s annual convention. They also went to Contra Costa County to observe that agency’s Crime Prevention Unit. As a result of their training, we the Sheriff’s Office has implemented several new programs (If I Were a Thief, door hangers, etc.) that have helped prevent crime.
  - The department established a customer survey form which was distributed to victims of thefts. One hundred and eight surveys were sent out.
  - Public Events – The Crime Prevention Officers attended numerous public events throughout the year. The highlights include:
    - American Red Cross Health & Safety Fair
    - Parades: Marysville, Olivehurst Christmas, Veterans Day, Bok Kai
    - Dobbins School/Assembly of God Harvest Festival
    - Colusa Farm Show
    - Yuba Sutter Farm Day
    - National Night Out
    - Smartsville Historical Days
    - Brownsville Community Clean Up Day
    - Sheriff Durfor’s Town Hall meetings (Six separate meetings)
    - Gold Sox Emergency Responder Game
    - Vintage Tractor Days
    - Red Ribbon Week - planting tulips
    - Career Day – Covillaud School
    - Dr. Seuss Reading Day
    - North Yuba Little League
    - Victim Witness Candlelight Vigil
  - Domestic Violence Prevention Activity
  - Olivehurst Cleanup
  - Spring Fling
  - Health Fair Senior Center
  - Community Family Day at Olivehurst Community Park
  - Country Club Court Cleanup
  - Lake Francis Boat Races
  - Senior Safety Fair at Olivehurst Community Center
  - Cedar Lane Elementary Safety Fair
  - Feather River Men’s Center Fundraiser
  - Safety presentations for various organizations, schools, and events
  - Represented the Sheriff’s Department at various community meetings including Levee Commissions, Code Enforcement, Foster Youth, Homeless Summit, Yuba Mission, Tobacco Prevention, Domestic Violence Prevention, Friendly Visitor-Shut In Committee, targeted blight projects, outreach projects, etc.
  - Neighborhood Watch - Crime Prevention Officers attended thirteen neighborhood watch meetings as well as promoting the program to numerous neighborhoods and areas throughout the County.
  - Business Watch – This is a new program. Crime Prevention Officers were able to set up one group in the Browns Valley area.
  - Return Home Registry Program – aka “At Risk ID Program.” This program was restructured, including changing the name of the program. Several home visits were conducted to gather information.
  - Door Hangers - An informational door hanger was developed containing crime prevention tips to be distributed in neighborhoods to reduce the incidence of crime through education. This program was initialized in October. To date there have been 1,669 flyers distributed to homes in Yuba County.
  - “If I Were a Thief Program”- Crime prevention officers inspect parked vehicles for weaknesses that may make them a target of crime. This program was initiated in June. Since that time a total of 2,313 vehicles have been examined by Yuba County employees. In addition, several other neighboring

agencies have followed our lead and created their own “Thief” programs.

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**1,669**

***The number of crime prevention flyers distributed to homes***

**656**

***The number of children fingerprinted***

**2,313**

***The number of vehicles assessed in the “If I Were a Thief” program***

**70**

***The number of businesses trained for emergency calling procedures***

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### ***COMPSTAT***

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After many months of planning and development, the Yuba County Sheriff’s Department implemented a new process for combating crime in Yuba County with the launch of its COMPSTAT program in 2008. COMPSTAT, short for computer statistics, is a strategic management philosophy used by law enforcement to achieve crime reduction. COMPSTAT was originally created in 1994 by the New York City Police Department under the leadership of then Commissioner William Bratton. Its success in reducing crime and improving quality of life, in what was once known as one of America’s most crime ridden cities, has gained national recognition. Simple but effective, the four principles of COMPSTAT are as follows:

1. Accurate and Timely Intelligence
2. Effective Tactics
3. Rapid Deployment
4. Relentless Follow-Up and Assessment

Deputies are assigned to a beat for focus and patrol, and are encouraged to take on their beat as their own “neighborhood” by getting to know the specific crime trends in that beat. The patrol deputies regularly meet with their beat partners from different shifts and share information about specific beat activity with one another. This structure provides a continuum of information and familiarity that better equips deputies with the ability to address crime and quality of life issues in their beat. This same beat structure is then used in analysis of crime patterns and trends in the COMPSTAT meetings, where each beat is combined into a total jurisdictional review of crime in the county each week.

The Yuba County Sheriff’s Department began holding official weekly COMPSTAT meetings in June of 2008. Crime statistics are compared on a week to week, month to month, and year to year basis, so that the department has a constant picture of what general crime rates are for specific classifications of crimes in the county. The crime statistics provide a measuring device to detect spikes or drops in activity levels. Specific crime types are also individually reviewed every week in each beat and any crime trends or patterns are discussed in the meeting. In addition to general crime statistics and beat crime reviews, the COMPSTAT report provides information on specific hot spot locations, potential suspect information and crime details which are discussed and analyzed openly in the meetings. Follow up is regularly assigned and readdressed the following week for results. By constantly reviewing, assessing, and acting on COMPSTAT information, we are able to be more **proactive** rather than **reactive** in our methods to reducing crime and allocating our resources. COMPSTAT is not a one size fits all approach. We have tailored the COMPSTAT process to best suit the needs of Yuba County and will continue to evolve the program as needed in order to be as effective and efficient as possible.

### ***Patrol Reserve Deputy Program***

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The Reserve Deputy Program supplements Patrol Operations. Sheriff’s Reserves are citizens who have an interest in serving their

community by assisting the Sheriff's Department. The Reserve Deputy Program offers the department a cost-effective method to enhance patrol capabilities and reduce overtime requirements. Reserve Deputies work directly alongside full-time Deputies and expose themselves to the same dangers.

The Sheriff's Department regularly employs between 20-25 Reserve Deputies. In 2008, they worked in excess of 7,000 hours. Although Reserve Deputies work special assignments and events, the vast majority of their time is committed to patrol work.

### ***Sheriff's Cadet Program***

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The Cadet Program continued to be an important program in helping shape the future law enforcement employees of our community. The Cadet Program currently has five patrol advisors. The program added two jail advisors and two dispatch advisors to the program in 2008. This has assisted in exposing cadets to other job functions within the department.

Cadets range in age from 16 to 22 and are required to volunteer a minimum of 16 hours per month. Cadets assist in a variety of ways, but primarily ride alongside Patrol Deputies to see how law enforcement works firsthand.

In July, the department hosted the second annual Cadet Competition for Yuba and Sutter Counties. Cadets were challenged on a variety of scenarios that tested their job skills. The overall winner for the Sheriff's Department was Yuba County Cadet Henry Abe.

### ***STARS Volunteer Program***

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The Sheriff's Department is fortunate to have a dedicated and active citizen volunteer group called the Sheriff's Team of Active Residents in Service, or STARS. The STARS Program is a non-profit organization comprised of citizens who are interested in serving their community by donating time to the Sheriff's Department. STARS help in a variety of ways, including citizen patrols, public events, crime prevention,

vehicle maintenance, and assisting full-time staff throughout the department. The needs of the department are paired with the talents of the volunteers.

The STARS Program has been an integral part of the department for over 11 years. There are currently 38 members. Our volunteers donated 9,110 hours this past year. Since the inception of the program our STARS members have donated in excess of 187,000 hours.

### ***Sheriff's Poses***

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The Sheriff's Department boasts both a men's and women's posse. These citizen volunteers are active in the community as they participate in a number of community events and functions throughout the year. The poses also receive training in search and rescue operations and they are an important resource for our Technical Search and Rescue Team. They have assisted in countless search and rescue operations over the years.



### ***Coroner***

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The Coroner function for Yuba County is combined with the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sheriffs assigned to Patrol Operations are also Deputy Coroners.

Pursuant to §27491 of the California Government Code, the Coroner has the responsibility and obligation to investigate the cause and manner of all sudden, unusual and unattended deaths. The responsibility to investigate any criminal act associated with death is the responsibility of the law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the criminal act occurred.

In 2008, there were a total of 531 deaths in Yuba County. It was necessary to perform autopsies in 125 of those cases to determine the cause of death.

### ***Investigations Unit***

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The Investigations Unit is comprised of Sergeants and Deputy Sheriffs who are highly trained and experienced in criminal investigations. They are responsible for investigating the more serious crimes such as homicides, robberies, burglaries, serious physical assaults and sexual assaults.

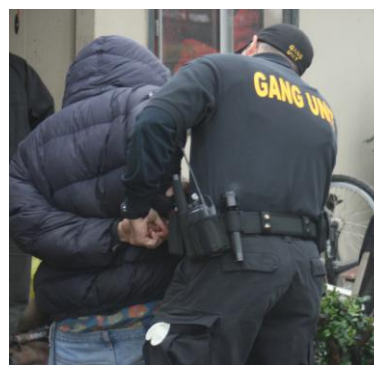
Our detectives are adept at interviewing, report writing, crime scene investigation and meeting the challenge of solving crimes. The unit also provides assistance to patrol personnel in conducting follow-up investigation of open cases that require more in-depth or specialized expertise.

The detectives investigate hundreds of cases annually. In 2008, the unit closed out 313 cases, made 257 arrests and recovered more than \$40,000 worth of stolen property.

### ***Gang/Intelligence Unit***

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The Sheriff's Gang Unit is a component of the Investigations Unit. We have a Sergeant and a Deputy assigned full time to combat and investigate criminal street gangs. This past year the Gang Unit took an aggressive stance against gangs that resulted in hundreds of homes searched and dozens of arrests made. Validating street gang members is an important part of the unit's intelligence gathering so it may use that information for criminal prosecutions and sentence enhancements. Community meetings, school presentations and other forums are used to educate and inform parents, teachers and community members on the signs and dangers of gang activity.



The Yuba County Sheriff's Department was also instrumental in developing the Yuba Sutter Area Gang Enforcement Team, or YSAGE. This task force combines local law enforcement agencies in a multi-jurisdictional approach to combating street gangs. YSAGE members deployed a total of 21 times into the Yuba-Sutter communities with the specific goal of targeting gang members. This past year the task force was responsible for 133 arrests, 110 gang validations, and more than 350 searches. Combining forces and crossing traditional jurisdictional lines has been an extremely successful approach to fighting this important community problem.

### ***Sexual Offender Program***

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The Yuba County Sheriff's Department has a very proactive program dedicated to monitoring sexual offenders who reside in our community. Investigators and department staff ensure offenders meet the legal requirements of registration and compliance with statutory law. Those who have additional restrictions because of parole or probation terms are closely checked to ensure they do not violate those terms. Violators are arrested and prosecuted.

As part of our efforts the Sheriff's Department applied for and received the Sexual Assault Offender, or SAFE, grant. This grant allows for a multi-jurisdictional task force whose sole purpose is the monitoring of sexual offenders. Agencies from as far away as Butte, Colusa and Sutter Counties joined forces to conduct compliance checks of registrants. The SAFE grant provided funds for needed equipment, as well as personnel costs that allowed for stronger

enforcement. In 2008 the SAFE program conducted 11 deployments that resulted in the search and compliance checks of 608 sex offenders and 21 arrests.

### ***Narcotics Enforcement Team***

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The Department is a member of a joint narcotics task force called NET-5, contributing two full-time deputies to the unit. The task force serves the Yuba-Sutter area and includes the Yuba and Sutter County Sheriff's Departments, Yuba City and Marysville Police Departments, California Highway Patrol and the State Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement.

The NET-5 task force had many successful investigations in 2008, but one in particular had a major impact on not only Yuba County, but the surrounding area. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, NET-5, working closely with the Yuba County Sheriff's Department and other local law enforcement agencies, executed "Operation Showdown" in both Yuba and Sutter Counties, including the Cities of Marysville and Yuba City. Operation Showdown was the culmination of months of undercover work by local law enforcement aimed at illegal narcotics trafficking, gun sales and possession, and criminal street gang activity.

More than 100 officers from 14 agencies participated in the operation. Armed with 33 arrest warrants and 12 search warrants, officers arrested a total of 33 people for various charges. Almost 6 pounds of methamphetamine, 40 pounds of marijuana, and smaller amounts of cocaine and heroin were seized during the course of the investigation. In addition, eight guns, including two assault rifles, were seized. The operation was yet another example of the excellent working relationship between local law enforcement agencies in our fight against crime.

### ***Marine Enforcement***

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The Marine Enforcement Detail is responsible for patrolling the lakes and rivers in Yuba County. The unit is staffed year-round with a Sergeant and a Deputy Sheriff. During the summer months a third person is added to the

unit and is assigned exclusively to Bullard's Bar Reservoir. In addition to Bullard's Bar, the unit divides its time on Camp Far West Lake, Englebright Lake, Collins Lake, and the Yuba and Feather Rivers.



**Collins Lake, Yuba County, CA**

### ***Technical Search and Rescue***

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It is the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department to coordinate search and rescue efforts in the County of Yuba as well as responding to mutual aid requests in the region. To achieve this goal the department has established a Technical Search and Rescue Team (SAR) that is trained to perform search and rescue missions on both land and water.



The team is comprised of 8 full-time members of the Sheriff's Department who are trained in swift water rescue, underwater rescue and

recovery, as well as the latest techniques and strategies for search operations on land.

### ***SWAT Team***

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The Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team is comprised of a team commander, eight operators, two sniper/observers, a tactical medic, and four Crisis Negotiators. 2008 was a productive year for the S.W.A.T. Team. The team executed seven search warrants for high risk suspects that resulted in thirteen arrests. The S.W.A.T. Team also assisted on two separate marijuana eradications in the Foothill Beat. This resulted in excess of 12,000 plants being seized. The S.W.A.T. Team trains on a monthly basis and meets or exceeds state standards in all areas.



### ***Canine Program***

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Canines and their handlers are a valuable resource for the Sheriff's Department. They assist in building searches, criminal apprehension, search and rescue, crowd control, community events, and personal protection for the handler or other Sheriff's personnel.

Canines and their handlers are available for call out when not on duty and are also available to assist other law enforcement agencies if needed.



***K9 Yeager***

The Canine Program operated with two canines for most of the year. One of the handlers was re-assigned to Investigations leaving one vacancy in the program. The canine units were used in thirty-nine deployments during 2008. These deployments consisted of searches and suspect apprehension. The Canine Unit performed eight outside agency assists and nine public demonstrations throughout 2008.

### ***Sleep Train Amphitheatre***

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The Sleep Train Amphitheatre is a live entertainment venue located in the southern portion of Yuba County. This outdoor amphitheatre has a capacity of approximately 18,500. This past year marked its 9<sup>th</sup> year of operation. The venue is owned and operated by Live Nation which is one of the largest promoters of live entertainment in the country.

Since the amphitheatre first opened in 2000, it has been home to 139 concerts - 10 of which were held in 2008. Over the years more than 1.3 million people have enjoyed concerts from some of the largest names in the music industry. The Yuba County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol have contracted with amphitheatre management to provide law enforcement personnel on site at each event. The cost for this law enforcement service is fully reimbursed by the amphitheatre so there is no impact on the county budget.

The Sheriff's Department Support Services Division is responsible for providing support service to units and divisions within the Department through a variety of programs and services.


### ***Communications & Records***

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The basic function of the Yuba County Sheriff's Office Communications Center (Dispatch) is to satisfy the immediate information needs of the law enforcement agency in the course of its normal daily activities and during emergencies. Our Communications Center is also the primary access center for local fire and medical services within our jurisdiction.



The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days per year and is the Primary Service Area Provider (PSAP) for Yuba County, except for the City of Marysville. The ability of citizens to telephone quickly and easily for emergency service is critical. The Communications Center provides access to the "911" system for a single emergency telephone number. Two-way radio capability provides continuous communications between the Communications Center and the Deputies on duty.


 In 2008, Yuba County Dispatchers handled 13,457 '911' calls, up 9% from the 2007 total of 12,127.


The Communications Unit is comprised of 15 Dispatchers, a Communications Records Supervisor, and one Records Clerk. Numerous STARS (Sheriff's Team of Active Residents in


Service) volunteers assist on a rotational basis with Records duties.

Communication Dispatchers are fully trained to perform sheriff, fire and medical emergency communications and dispatch work. Dispatchers are trained to make decisions quickly and act appropriately in stressful situations. Dispatchers work in cooperation with various public safety agencies located throughout the County to coordinate the most effective response to requests for assistance from the public.

The Communications Center utilizes a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software program which offers a wide variety of options and ease of use. CAD simplifies the call taking and dispatching functions. All radios are multi-capable. Dispatchers have the ability to talk to Yuba County deputies and other local law enforcement agencies, fire agencies, local government, and state agencies directly through radio communications. Dispatchers also have the ability to talk to Fire Rescue and Medical responders directly through radio communications. Fire agencies include Wheatland/Plumas Brophy FD, Olivehurst FD, and Linda FD. Dispatch also can request, and pass on information to the CALFIRE (formerly CDF) communications center in Grass Valley.

 In 2008, Yuba County Dispatchers received 35,201 calls for service from the public, which represents a slight increase of approximately 1% over the 2007 total of 34,841. Self-initiated calls by Deputies using Dispatch rose 1% in 2008.

 The average daily number of active warrants on file with Yuba County Dispatch for 2008 was approximately 1,400 which is consistent with the 2007 average.

 Yuba County records and dispatch personnel processed 847 live-scan fingerprinting for the public in 2008, slightly down from the 2007 total of 922.

In cases of emergency, the Sheriff's Office can notify residents of information via the "WARN" (Wide Area Rapid Notification) system which is an automated telephone notification system.

Emergency messages can be simultaneously sent to multiple households via telephone in a specific or non-specific area. This system has automatic redial and will "roll-over" and redial any numbers where a person did not pick up the telephone. It does not recognize answering machines.

The Records Unit is responsible for maintaining an extensive records section, which includes criminal arrest warrants, criminal reports, permits, criminal arrest records, crime statistics, Live Scan fingerprinting, arrest records and a variety of other documents. In addition, the Unit provides mandated data collection for domestic violence orders and the data integrity of the 9-1-1 databases. The record clerk is usually the first point of contact for citizens who come into the Sheriff's Department.

### ***Animal Care Services***

Animal Care Services (ACS) is a unit of the Yuba County Sheriff's Department. ACS provides service for the unincorporated areas of Yuba County. Animal Care Services provides a variety of contract services to the City of Wheatland, City of Marysville, and Beale Air Force Base.

ACS does far more than caring for lost, injured and abandoned animals in our community. ACS provides a variety of services that protect both citizens and animals including:

- Transporting stray injured animals to veterinarians for emergency care.
- Rescuing animals from locked vehicles and abusive or neglectful conditions.
- Providing assistance locating services for wild animal removal.
- Impounding loose and stray animals.
- Administering a rabies control program.
- Helping citizens resolve nuisance problems such as complaints about barking dogs.
- Investigating dog bite complaints.
- Assisting other agencies such the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and California Highway Patrol.
- Educating pet owners on the importance of spaying or neutering their cats and dogs.

- Addressing and responds with regards to animals in disaster situations.



*An adopted dog is brought out by ACS staff member Joe Hilliard to meet his new family*

ACS keeps lost pets safe until they can be reunited with their owner or adopted into a new family.

After-hours service is restricted to emergencies and responses are made to the following incidents:

- Pick up injured animals from their owners, from public roads, streets, etc.
- Pickup and quarantine strays or unidentifiable animals involved in biting incidents. Identifiable animals will be quarantined the next workday.
- Pick up animals from any law enforcement agency or fire fighting agency within our jurisdiction.
- Whenever the Animal Care Services Officer determines that the public's health or safety is involved.

*In 2008, the Yuba County ACS Shelter took in 2,131 Dogs, 2,114 Cats, and 187 "other" animals; for a total of 4,432 intakes for the year. This is a 22% increase over the 2007 Total of 3,456.*

*ACS licensed 6,538 dogs in 2008, up 1.5% from the 2007 total of 6,440.*

*ACS responded to 5,774 Calls for Service in 2008, compared to 5,289 in 2007. This is an increase of 8%.*

***Technical Support***

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The Technical Support Unit maintains a strong working relationship with the County Information Technology Department. The assigned liaison is responsible for the daily operation of computers and the computer programs associated with the Sheriff's Department.

Deputies in the field utilize Mobile Data Browsers (MDBs) which allows them computerized connectivity to Yuba County computer systems including the Dispatch Center as well as state and federal databases. Deputies are able to send and receive criminal reports from the field. Software and hardware are currently being installed in all patrol cars which allow Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking on each vehicle.

***Web site***

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The Yuba County Sheriff's Office website serves an important role in sharing information with the citizens in and outside of Yuba County. The website is proving to be a valuable tool for the public. We will continue to add features to our website that allow us to better serve the citizens of Yuba County.

- *In 2008 we had 44,409 visitors come to our site 84,026 times.*
- *In 2008 the most used feature of the site was Jail Booking Records.*
- *Visit us on the web at:*  
<http://sheriff.co.yuba.ca.us>

***Fleet and Facilities***

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The Support Services Division is responsible for vehicle and facility maintenance. They assist in the procurement of vehicles for all three Divisions, maintain the Sheriff's Department fleet (maintenance, repairs, and service), and

ensure building maintenance for the main Sheriff's Department, substations, and range facilities.

***Special Projects***

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The Special Projects sections assists with any Sheriff's Department project which may affect any of the three Divisions or which may require a coordinated approach with other Yuba County Departments or outside agencies.

***Training***

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The Training Unit identifies, schedules, coordinates, trains, and maintains the records for training for the Operations and Support Services Divisions of the Sheriff's Office including all State of CA Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) and in-house/perishable skills training.

***Crime Analysis***

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A Crime Analyst position was added to the support services team in late 2007. Crime Analysis is a set of systematic, analytical processes directed at providing timely and pertinent information relative to crime patterns and trends. Information is designed to assist the operational and administrative personnel in planning the deployment of resources for the prevention and suppression of criminal activities, aiding the investigative process, and increasing apprehensions and the clearance of cases. Crime Analysis is typically broken down into three categories:

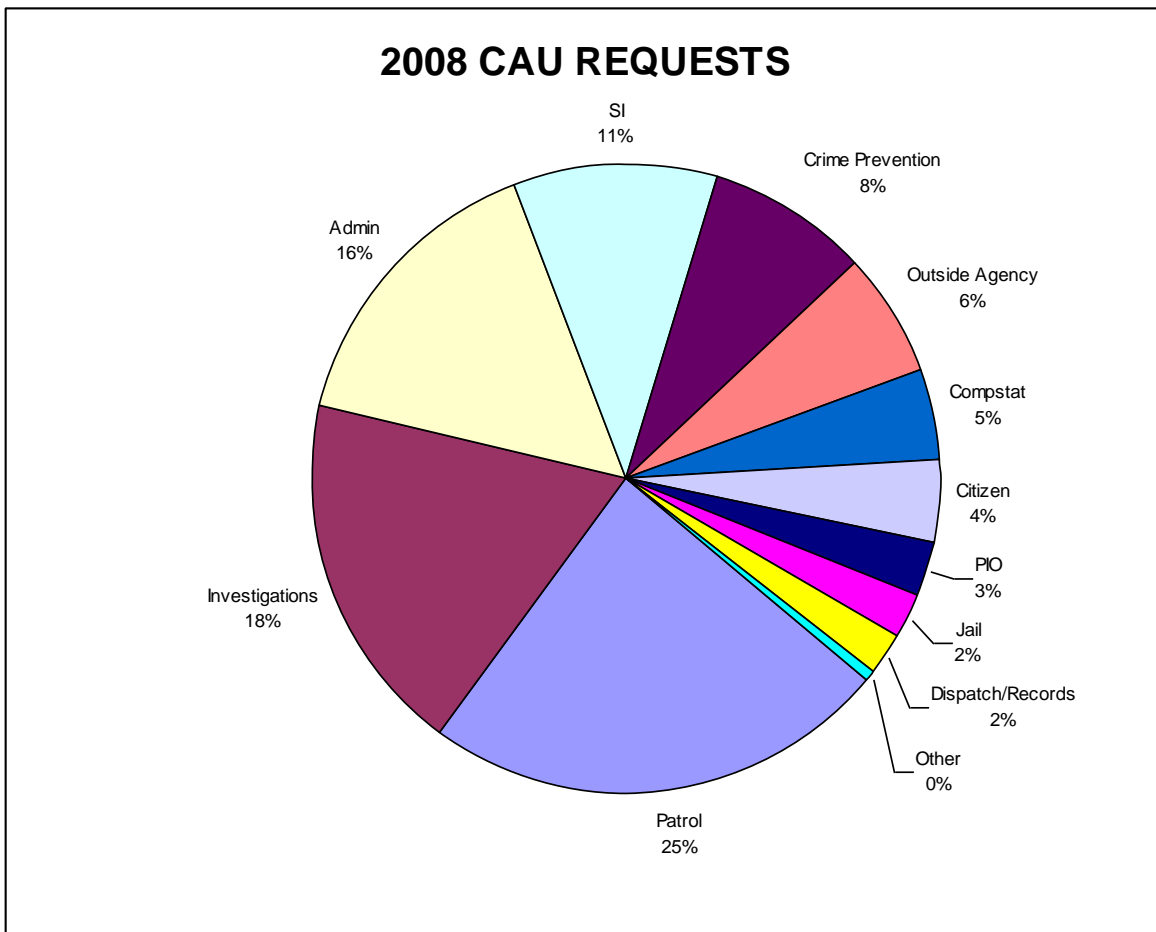
1. Tactical Analysis – Dealing with immediate crime problems such as an active residential burglary series, most often used by patrol deputies and detectives for current crime issues.

2. Strategic Analysis – Often statistical in nature, this type of analysis is used most often with long range planning issues, such as how to effectively impact rising assault rates.

3. Administrative Analysis – Dealing with jurisdiction demographics, focusing on economic, geographic and social information for administration. This type of analysis is often used in conjunction with strategic analysis for tasks such as resource planning and budgeting.

⊕ The Crime Analysis Unit completed a total of 217 requests for service in 2008

Below is a graph depicting the distribution of 2008 requests among the various divisions within the department as well as outside agencies and the public.



*Jail*

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The Jail Division is responsible for the administration and operation of our 428 bed jail. The jail staff is charged with maintaining the safe and secure confinement of persons placed in their custody. In addition, the jail houses Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees on a contract basis to generate revenue for the county. The jail provides programs for inmates to facilitate their rehabilitation and successful reintegration into the community upon release.

In 2008 the average daily population was 376 inmates which were comprised on average of 175 ICE contract prisoners and 201 county prisoners. The county prisoner population is made up of those who are sentenced to county jail and those who are awaiting trial or sentencing. The jail generated \$4.7 million in 2008 which is an eight percent increase when compared to 2007.



The jail is a necessary link in the criminal justice system. There are a variety of programs operating in the jail including medical, kitchen, recreation - exercise, commissary, visiting, law library, inmate education, work programs, work furlough program, weekender program, and inmate classification. The jail operates under the guidelines set forth in Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations.

The jail remained a very busy division of the Sheriff's Office in 2008. Bookings increased by 5 percent from 9,664 in 2007 to 10,120 in 2008. The number of meals prepared and served in the

jail increased from 424,408 in 2007 to 428,107 in 2008.



Emphasis is placed on offering rehabilitative training to inmates. Vocational training courses are offered in janitorial services, construction, and life skills. Other programming includes alcohol and drug counseling, General Education, anger management and stress management.

In 2008, Yuba County Jail inmates received 14,416 instructional hours in vocational education. "Instruction hours" are calculated by multiplying the number of inmates receiving instruction by the number of hours each received. Inmates also received 4,514 instructional hours in General Educational Development (GED) preparation studies.

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***Jail Facts at a Glance***

<b><i>Number of jail beds</i></b>	<b>428</b>
<b><i>Number of bookings</i></b>	<b>10,120</b>
<b><i>Average Daily Population</i></b>	<b>376</b>
<b><i>Average number of contract inmates</i></b>	<b>175</b>
<b><i>Revenue from contract inmates</i></b> <i>(in millions)</i>	<b>\$4.7</b>
<b><i>Number of meals served</i></b>	<b>428,107</b>
<b><i>Hours of vocational education</i></b>	<b>14,416</b>
<b><i>Hours of general education</i></b>	<b>4,514</b>

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***Civil***

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The Sheriff has the responsibility to serve civil processes and execute certain civil actions. There are a wide variety of processes served from the simple subpoena to the more complex civil actions such as garnishments, evictions,

bank levies, personal property levies, and real property levies. The civil office serves or enforces approximately 6,000 civil actions per year.

The Civil Division personnel accept civil actions and processes at the public counter or by mail. They set up and track each action via a specialized civil computer system. The system also tracks monies held in trust or collected as fees. Community service officers serve the majority of actions. The patrol personnel assist with process service in the outlying areas of the

county and when night service is required. The civil function is governed by law established in the Civil Code and the California Code of Civil Procedures.

***Court Security***

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The department is responsible for providing security in the five Superior Courts in the County. In addition, bailiffs provide security for other proceedings handled by visiting judges, commissioners and referees.



**Historic Courthouse & Hall of Records**  
Located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and D Streets, Marysville,  
The courthouse was razed in 1963 after completion of  
the current courthouse pictured lower left.



**Current Courthouse, 215 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville**



**Richard Schoenig Court Annex, 120 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville**

A light gray map of Yuba County, California, with a black outline. The text "ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008" is centered over the map. The words "ACCOMPLISHMENTS" and "2008" are in a large, bold, black serif font. The words "Yuba County" are in a smaller, green, italicized serif font, positioned below the main title and to the left of the map's center.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
**2008**

*Yuba County*

One of our greatest accomplishments in 2008 was maintaining all that was accomplished in 2007 and not resting on our prior accomplishments. The following is a list of accomplishments for 2008. This list is not all-inclusive but provides an overview of new programs and projects as well as modifications to existing programs. All were implemented in order to better serve the citizens of Yuba County.

**Management Issues**

- Changed the format for Department Meetings to be held at briefings without Command Staff. This has been more successful for reaching staff.
- A concerted effort has been made to recognize, acknowledge and reward staff for superior service to the community.
- Budget was approved as submitted.
- Completed and distributed the first Department Annual Report in several years.
- Several positions were the subject of a classification study resulting in the positions being more appropriately classified and salary adjustments made as necessary.
- Completed the re-organization of the Department hiring procedures for all classifications to increase efficiency.
- The addition of an official Public Information Officer (PIO) has not only alleviated that responsibility from others, but has enhanced the department's professional public image.
- Developed a strategic plan for 2008 and completed 75% of stated objectives, deferred 18% of the objectives to the 2009 strategic plan and determined 7% of the objectives to be infeasible or undesirable upon further examination.
- Developed a separate strategic plan for recruitment and retention efforts.
- Completed emergency power upgrades within the Sheriff's Department to ensure that critical functions would be maintained during power outages.
- Completed quarterly divisional reports containing statistical information and progress toward meeting stated objectives as well as reporting other significant happenings/issues.
- Completed the centralization of personnel files and other personnel records for better efficiency and accountability.
- Completed a recruitment video to showcase the department to potential job candidates.
- Participated in a two-day team building exercise for management staff to improve the team effectiveness and communication.
- Completed a staffing analysis as part of our strategic plan.

**Crime Analysis Unit/COMPSTAT**

- Finalized the duties and responsibilities for the Crime Analyst position.

- COMPSTAT (see explanation on page 12) was implemented in May 2008.
- The implementation of COMPSTAT as a policing model was a significant change to how we conduct business. Along with much improved crime analysis, COMPSTAT has allowed us to focus our resources more effectively, and develop strategies to combat crime related problems and issues.
- Developed and implemented a weekly COMPSTAT report for the department, used to track crime trends and coordinate follow up action on critical cases as well monitoring targeted COPPS project locations and providing direction for crime prevention efforts.
- Obtained training for Cognos Impromptu “Q-rep” Software that is used regularly for retrieval of data from our record system for crime and statistical analysis.
- Arranged to receive free training and acquisition of Cal JRIES Groove software from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to allow interactive exchange of information between our department, DOJ, and other law enforcement agencies involved in the investigation of a violent triple homicide in early 2008.
- Developed and implemented a monthly patrol statistics report for Operations Division.
- Obtained training and access to WSIN-Riss Net, a secure intelligence database used by drug, gang, and violent crime task forces across the country.
- Attended training and granted access for the department on FBI’s VICAP database web application, used for query and input of violent serial crime across the United States, allowing for cross country case matching and FBI Violent Crime analysis.
- Updated the County’s GIS information with new beat and map reference structure to coincide with the shift to COMPSTAT.

**Crime Prevention**

- Re-located Community Services Officer from Dan Avenue to the main office in order to consolidate our crime prevention efforts.
- Enhanced our crime prevention efforts. Received extensive crime prevention training including shadowing crime prevention officers at Contra Costa County’s successful crime prevention program.
- CSOs are providing extensive crime prevention to the Hills and Valley areas, including the “If I Were a Thief” and “Door Hanger” program.
- Added a second Community Services Officer to Crime Prevention. This has allowed us to greatly expand our crime prevention programs and take a more proactive approach to our crime prevention efforts.
- We have updated much of our crime prevention literature and made it available on the department website.

- With the assistance of the Sheriff's Office, the county enacted an ordinance aimed at reducing metal theft cases.
- Developed a rural area and agricultural crime prevention program.

**Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS)**

- The Patrol Unit continues to emphasize a Community Policing philosophy that enables us to work a number of productive projects in the community. It is not only a proven alternative approach to law enforcement, but is an effective public relations tool.
- Sheriff's Office staff participated in the annual Olivehurst clean up day.
- Sheriff's Office staff coordinated and participated in a clean up of the Country Club Court area.
- Conducted customer surveys to gauge our effectiveness in delivering services to our citizens.
- Established a tip line to accept crime tip information from the public either anonymously or from identified sources.
- Established a local number for citizens in the 675 exchange to call the Sheriff's Office toll-free.
- Completed outfitting the Plumas Lake Field Station in a building shared with the Linda Fire Department to better serve the citizens of the south county.

**Jail/Civil Division**

- Courthouse security system was installed to monitor public hallways, the main lobby, the courthouse entrance and the juvenile court holding cells to enhance the safety of the public, juvenile detainees, court and Sheriff's Office staff.
- The jail division worked towards fulfilling the mission of providing the safe, efficient, humane and secure custody of persons incarcerated while preparing them mentally and physically for their successful reintegration into society.
- The division was successful in the goal to have zero in-custody deaths and zero escapes.
- Maximized revenues by contracting surplus bed space to Immigration and Customs Enforcement service (formerly INS). We had historically high numbers of contract prisoners in final quarter of 2008.
- Negotiated a new daily rate of \$71.58 per inmate day, effective 1-1-09. The previous rate was \$60 per day.
- Implemented a plan to report to ICE all foreign born criminals who were booked on local charges, to determine if they were in the country legally. This has led to the eventual deportation of a number of local violators.

- Continued to develop the correctional staff through training including: the training of new staff in the JTO program, daily roll call training, and monthly training. The total number of certified training hours was 5,298.5 or 74 hours per officer. The division exceeded STC standards.
- The operation and facility was inspected extensively by both ICE and the Grand Jury. Each was complimentary of staff and facility operation.
- Staffing was improved in 2008. At the end of 2008 there were only two unfilled Deputy I vacancies.
- Continued career advancement opportunities for the correctional officers by sponsoring officers in the POST modular academy.
- Relocated the jail industrial education instructor and his operation into a portion of Miller Day Hall which allowed him to continue provide training to jail inmates. He has made several improvements in the facility including the heating and cooling systems and a rebuild of the restrooms.

**Technology**

- Continued to improve the Website.
- Developed Intranet sites to increase efficiencies.
- Purchased new lap tops and modems for half the patrol fleet. Once installed, this will not only partially update an aging system, but it should improve the reliability of the technology.
- Installed new equipment in the foothill beat to enhance the computer connectivity with our headquarters and to increase the efficiency of the staff in this beat.
- The Brownsville Sub-Station received a satellite antenna for better Internet connection.
- Worked with County IT to upgrade 27 desktop computers in the Operations, Support Services and Jail Divisions.
- Worked with IT to upgrade or purchase many hardware and software components including ALPS, Field Based Reporting, Mobile Data Browser, Community Connect Software and others.
- The Support Services Division Sergeant invested over 600 hours maintaining departmental computer systems

**Operations**

- During the early part of 2008 we added a sixth patrol deputy to the Foothill Patrol Unit. The Sergeant and six Deputies assigned to the foothills is the largest group we have ever had assigned to the foothill region.
- The SWAT Team became fully operational in 2008. The team is well trained and well equipped and is capable of responding to any type of incident.
- 2008 saw a realignment of patrol beats and a more strict enforcement of beat integrity. This

allowed assigned deputies to more frequently handle calls for service in their beats, which in turn helped with beat knowledge and investment.

- We have added several new reserves to the reserve program. We have made a strong improvement in both quantity and quality in the program last year.
- The same holds true for the cadet program. We added several new cadets in 2008 and made the program stronger than the previous year.
- We inserted new energy into the aero squadron in 2008. Our new liaison has done a solid job interacting with the members and we have begun utilizing the squadron more than in previous years.
- Developed a critical response manual for patrol supervisors to better prepare them to manage such incidents.
- In cooperation with the Marysville School District, developed a plan for the smooth transition for the closing of the Alicia Intermediate School and its integration into the Yuba Gardens Intermediate School to ensure the safety of the students, staff and the public.

**Training**

- We have continued a strong training program for Operations Division staff in 2008. This includes weekly roll call training on department policy and current case law, daily bulletins through Lexipol, periodic handout material, and our continued effort in sending staff to Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) certified courses.
- In order to enhance succession planning, we sent staff to the P.O.S.T. Command College and Supervisory Leadership Institute.
- YCSO provided over 2,500 hours of in-house training and over 3,000 hours of POST training for the Operations and Support Services Division personnel.

**Grants**

- The Enforcement of Under-age Drinking Laws (EUDL) Grant had a successful year, performing shoulder-tap, sting and DUI check-points in the community. The efforts are paid through a federal grant, administered at the state level by the California Bureau of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- Successfully applied and received a Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) Grant.
- Reapplied for and received funding for the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Grant, a state grant administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.
- Completed a video security monitoring project at the Bullards Bar Dam through a Homeland Security Grant. Bullards Bar Dam is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security as part of the state's critical infrastructure.

**Investigations**

- The Investigations Unit investigated 6 homicides in 2008. One incident was a triple homicide and yet another one was gang-related. All six homicides were solved with either arrests made or arrest warrants obtained. The following summarizes the major accomplishments of the Investigations Unit:
  - ◆ A triple homicide at an apartment complex in East Linda was the most notorious case of the year. Four suspects were identified in the case and have active wants for their arrest. This case took the unit all over northern and central California, and included strategic sessions with fifteen different law enforcement agencies. The investigation tied the local murders to about sixteen other killings nationwide. Each member of the unit played a role in the investigation due to the size, complexity and sophistication of the case. The investigation was efficient and successful in identifying all but one suspect.
  - ◆ On the heels of the triple homicide the unit was pressed into action again due to a gang-related vehicle to vehicle murder. The Gang Unit took the lead in this investigation and three suspects are in custody and awaiting trial. Due to their knowledge of the local gang element, members of the Gang Unit were able to identify the suspects based on physical descriptions given by witnesses and the color, make and model of the suspect vehicle. A search of areas known to be frequented by the suspects led to the quick capture of those responsible.
  - ◆ A fatal shooting in the foothills was another case that taxed the unit due to the remoteness of the crime scene. While the suspect in the case was in custody early in the investigation, there was still cause to write a search warrant for the property and attempt to locate the victim and vital pieces of evidence. All members of the unit came together again to successfully obtain statements, locate the victim and the alleged murder weapon.
  - ◆ A robbery/homicide under the E St. bridge was also an efficient and successful investigation. Multiple details were pulled together as the department sought to locate potential suspects and evidence. The investigation produced many leads and several subjects were interviewed as to their possible participation in the crime. The case led to the identification of two principals in the crime and the arrest of several more affiliates.
  - ◆ The successful investigation of the robberies of the Sierra Super Stop and a woman pedestrian several nights later displayed great teamwork between the investigations unit and the patrol division. A potential suspect was identified by the alert patrol staff. The investigations unit located the suspect and interrogated him. The interrogation and investigation led to the arrest of the suspect in both robberies, as well as a few other burglaries in the area.
  - ◆ The unit has successfully implemented the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The program has already been used for print comparison on a few cases and will be used much more extensively in future investigations.
  - ◆ The monitoring and investigating of sex offenders has been in full force, thanks in part to the Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Grant. There were over 600 visits to registrants'

homes to ensure their compliance with the law. In one investigation the offender was arrested on Federal charges related to the Adam Walsh Act.

- ◆ A Community Services Officer (CSO) was assigned to the Investigations Unit to perform tasks that were previously performed by a peace officer. The civilianization of these duties saves money and allows the Sheriff's Office to better serve the community. Further, this CSO is a skilled crime scene processor / investigator and will greatly enhance certain functions in the unit and provide specialization.
- ◆ We made tremendous progress with our Marijuana Eradication Team (METYU) in 2008. It was one of our more productive years in terms of plants seized with over 12,000 plants pulled.
- The Gang Unit has had several accomplishments during the year that will set a good foundation for the unit to grow on.
  - ◆ Both members of the unit have testified as experts in court in relation to gangs and they have successfully adjudicated over twenty gang related cases. Gang officers also participated in Yuba Sutter Area Gang Enforcement (YSAGE) details, investigating all gang-related felonies that were forwarded to the unit, and conducted several school and community presentations on gangs.
- The work of the narcotics unit culminated in a late year operation that targeted almost fifty suspects in the Yuba-Sutter area. Some of those arrested in the operation were active gang-members. The gang unit played a substantial part in several cases worked by the Investigations Unit. The narcotics agents had vital contacts and information that were used to stimulate investigations.

### **Support Services**

- Four dispatchers attended P.O.S.T. Basic Dispatch School for a total of 480 hours of training. Additionally numerous dispatchers completed dispatch update courses throughout the year.
- Many dispatchers contributed to the success of special teams operating under YSAGE, VSET, 290 compliance checks, concerts, and EUDL Grant events. Dispatchers assigned as designated dispatchers for these various events attend briefings, assist in pre-event data collection, and work the event directly until the operation is completed.
- All dispatchers were fully trained in the operations and activations of the W.A.R.N. System (geographically specific, reverse 911 system for alerting residents of serious situations occurring in the county).
- We purchased, completed set up, and put on the road 4 Crown Victorias for valley patrol, 1 Expedition for the Foothills, 2 Explorers for the Community Service Officers, a new vehicle for Detective Unit, and upgraded the STARS program with used Crown Victorias.

**Animal Care Services**

- Animal Care Services (ACS) Unit began its volunteer program early in the year. By the end of the year, 15 volunteers were helping the full-time staff with many components of the shelter including office work, shelter assistance, and direct assistance with the animals.
- Volunteers provided many hours of labor in building the new “dog walk” area at the shelter and have continued to improve this area with landscaping and other improvements. The volunteers also help provide exercise to the dog population and they continually interact with the pet population to help them socialize and become adoptable.
- ACS staff has continued its relationship with “Petharbor.com” which is a website that assists local animal care facilities with lost and found pets as well as showing and describing adoptable pets.
- ACS maintained its up-to-date website (associated with the Sheriff’s website) which allows citizens to view services, lost and found animals, office hours, and other information as well as a link to other pertinent sites.
- Donations from citizens to ACS increased in 2008 including items such as blankets, toys, towels, newspapers and other pet supplies.
- Two new ACS vehicles replaced two vehicles with over 200,000 miles.

# **AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS**



**YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
PEACE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008  
TOMMY OAKES**



Tommy Oakes once made – and lost – a bet that he could sit still and be quiet for one minute. Properly channeled, this limitless energy has made him one of Yuba County's most productive narcotics agents in recent history, and earned him recognition as Yuba County's Peace Officer of the Year.

Thomas Oakes, or Tommy, as everyone knows him, joined the Yuba County Sheriff's Department in 1994 as a reserve deputy on patrol. After a few months, he began working full time as a jail deputy in March 1995. Tommy left Yuba County to move to El Paso County, Colorado in 1997, where he also worked as a jailer for a couple years.

In July 1999, Tommy returned to Yuba County as a jail deputy. He applied for a patrol position, and was accepted. Tommy began work as a patrol deputy in June 2000. He quickly distinguished himself as an enthusiastic and energetic worker who kept the dispatch center busy with numerous traffic stops and vehicle pursuits.

Tommy's hard work and attention to officer safety paid off when he was selected for the department's SWAT team in 2001, and his proficiency in firearms earned him the department's "Top Gun" award in 2002. He also spent time working in boat patrol, bike patrol, and as a deputy assigned to the foothill region of Yuba County. In 2002, Tommy transferred to Yuba County's Community Oriented Policing division, where he learned to work cooperatively with other agencies and businesses to prevent crime and improve the quality of life for Yuba County's citizens.

In 2003, Tommy suffered a torn ACL while chasing a suspect who had tried to stab him. After knee surgery and intense postoperative training, he returned to work in late 2004 determined to outsmart the bad guys rather than chase them down. During this time, he mentored many young deputies and led the department in monthly arrest statistics for most of 2005. His accomplishments earned him a spot as a narcotics agent in NET-5, fulfilling a lifelong ambition.

Tommy's three-year assignment to NET-5 was a natural fit, and one of the most productive on record. His gift of gab, coupled with his tenacity and ceaseless energy, helped him successfully cultivate more informants and cases than most people in their right minds would take on. Tommy received recognition for two major cases he initiated and helped orchestrate: Operation Triple C, and Operation Showdown. Over 20 individuals were arrested during Triple C, many of whom were subsequently convicted of federal drug charges. In 2007, Tommy was awarded Yuba County's bronze medal for his outstanding achievement in Operation Triple C, and in 2008 he received a letter of commendation from the Yuba County District Attorney's office applauding his hard work in this and other cases.

In November 2008, Operation Showdown brought about the arrests of 51 people for drug, weapons, and gang charges. In his role as lead agent in this case, Tommy was part of the execution of 18 search warrants and 33 arrest warrants, which led to the seizure of 2,500 grams of methamphetamine, 19,000 grams of marijuana, 22 firearms, 186 marijuana plants, and over \$100,000 in drug proceeds. Despite Tommy's busy caseload, he also managed to earn a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2007.

Tommy returned to patrol in December 2008, where he continues to entertain his coworkers and be extremely proactive. He was recently promoted to a Field Training Officer position, and will begin training new deputies in 2009.

Tommy lives in Loma Rica with his wife, Melanie, their three children, Kaitlan, Jacob, and Sophie, and an ever-growing herd of animals. When he's not working, he enjoys hunting, World War II history, and rooting for the San Francisco 49ers.

**YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008  
MARCEL VAN DE BRUINHORST**



Marcel van de Bruinhorst left a successful law enforcement career in Holland and moved to Yuba City in 1998 – because he fell in love. In the ten years since he arrived, Marcel has gotten married, received an American high school diploma, graduated from the police academy, and received several promotions and special assignments in his new career at the Yuba County Jail, all culminating with his recognition as the Correctional Officer of the Year.

Marcel was hired by the Dutch Federal Military Police at the age of 17. He completed their academy in December 1986, and became one of the youngest Federal Military police officers in the country. In 1987 he was assigned to an 18-month detail providing protection services for Queen Beatrix at The Hague. After this assignment, Marcel worked for four years in the patrol and detective divisions at the Rijswijk AFB Police Department, followed by five years in the same roles at a police department in Gouda. During this time, he also accepted special assignments as a motorcycle officer and a member of the Crowd Control Squad, and received a college degree in Commercial Security.

In 1993 and 1994, Marcel spent 18 months as part of the Multinational Forces and Observers, a detail which provided police services for the military forces stationed in the Sinai Desert in Egypt. He returned home to Gouda, and in 1995 was transferred to Rotterdam International Airport, where he worked in Customs Enforcement. In 1996 he was trained as a member of the Explosives Search Squad, a team specializing in searching buildings for explosive devices. Marcel resigned in 1998 to move to the United States.

Marcel began working at the Yuba County Sheriff's Department in 2000 as a jail deputy. He also worked part time as a reserve patrol deputy for Sutter County Sheriff's Department, and a reserve police officer for Marysville Police Department. Marcel completed both his high school diploma and the police academy during his first two years of employment in the jail, a testament to his work ethic. Despite the long hours and multiple schedules he juggled during this time, Marcel was known by everyone at the department for being constantly pleasant, a reputation he maintains to this day. In May 2003 Marcel was promoted to a Jail Training Officer position. In March 2006, he became a Jail Corporal, and was responsible for first-line supervision of jail employees.

Marcel quickly distinguished himself in a supervisory role and was promoted to Sergeant in October 2007. The following November, he was given the job of Administrative Sergeant in the jail, the position he currently holds. As such, he is responsible for overseeing the reserve and extra help deputies, and the Jail Training Officer program. Marcel supervises the department's maintenance division, and the various inmate programs in the jail, as well as assisting the Jail Captain with numerous other duties. Marcel is seen as a "go-to" employee by his superiors, who know that they can rely on him to get the job done. He has proven himself as hard-working, reliable, and ethical; but more importantly, he is always a pleasure to deal with. He uses his upbeat personality and contagious energy to help tackle any challenge that is set before him.

Marcel lives in Yuba City with his wife Cathy and her son Taylor.

**YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2008  
JENNY MERVINE**



Jennifer Mervine is the first Yuba County employee to formally request a jetpack, a hovercraft, and a bloodhound to assist her in her work. She is also the only employee innovative enough to conceive of – and successfully use – a stun gun in capturing fingerprints. A hard worker, creative thinker, and true original, Jennifer Mervine is Yuba County Sheriff's non-sworn employee of the year.

Jennifer started work with the Yuba County Sheriff's Department in April 2002. She was originally employed as the department's Records Technician. As such, she was responsible not only for maintaining crime reports, but also assisting with other tasks such as sex and drug offender registration, applicant fingerprinting, and concealed weapons permits. While working full time in records, Jennifer successfully obtained her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration.

In February 2006, Jennifer was promoted to Community Service Officer, a position she attacked with her characteristic enthusiasm. Jennifer's love of processing crime scenes soon earned her a reputation for being thorough, persistent, and creative in this area. On one occasion she used a ladder to collect fingerprints from a hidden second story window at a home that had been burglarized. The prints she collected enabled investigators to solve a string of burglaries in the area, during which over \$20,000 worth of property had been stolen.

Jennifer also took the initiative to create tools for collecting evidence when she did not have the equipment. When she heard about an electrostatic dust impression lifter used for capturing fingerprints left on dusty surfaces, Jennifer researched it and found the price tag was well beyond the department's budget. Instead of being deterred, Jennifer used a stun gun and Mylar window tinting to create her own very effective fingerprint lifting technique. She has since put this technique to use on several cases, enabling her to preserve fingerprints which would have previously been considered unliftable.

In November 2008, Jennifer took on a new role in the Investigations Unit. Her job, a new one in the department, was designed to assist the detectives with a variety of tasks, including electronic fingerprint identification, missing persons cases, stolen property recovery, and major case crime scene investigation. Jennifer has already dived headlong into her new position, using her unique combination of intelligence, energy, and tenacity to expand the boundaries of her position and redefine the role of a Community Service Officer.

Jennifer lives in Yuba County with her husband, Kyle. She has three sons: Jeremy, who is enlisted in the Army and currently serving in Iraq; Corey, who is a high school senior and a member of the Army reserves; and Drake, who is in the first grade. When she's not busy coming up with inventions to help her on the job, Jennifer also enjoys her reputation as a talented amateur beermaker.

**YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008  
GARY DAMRON**



Gary Damron began work as a Reserve Deputy at the Yuba County Sheriff's Department in 1996. After only one year as a reserve, he was chosen as the 1997 Reserve of the Year, an award he received again in 2003. Gary is the department's first reserve deputy to be selected three times for this honor, a testament to the high regard that he is held in by coworkers and supervisors alike.

Both animated and opinionated, Gary rarely leaves others in the dark as to his thoughts and feelings on issues. He challenges deputies to think about officer safety, something he takes seriously. Gary often throws out "what would you do if..." scenarios when he rides with newer deputies. After 12 years at the sheriff's department, Gary has assumed the role of father figure to many of the younger deputies, and has unofficially helped train many people in the department. He is a force to be reckoned with, and a welcome addition to any shift he works. As one deputy said, "I always feel better when Gary is in my car."

Gary's supervisors mention his dedication, reliability, and work ethic. Gary is always willing to work when asked, and it is very seldom that he cannot fulfill a request to help with special assignments. As a reserve, Gary stands out because of his initiative. When he sees something that needs to be done, he doesn't wait to be asked to help.

Gary lives in Yuba City with his wife, Nancy. He is an avid outdoorsman, and a proud father and grandfather.

**YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2008  
EDDIE NORRIS**



Eddie K Norris, or “The Colonel,” as he was affectionately known to many at the Sheriff’s Department, served as a STARS (Sheriff’s Team of Active Residents in Service) volunteer from 1999 to 2008. During that time, he logged in excess of 7,000 hours serving the sheriff’s department and the community.

Eddie’s primary duty was providing support for the Records Division. He assisted in a variety of records functions, such as registering drug offenders and maintaining their files, providing quality control by checking reports for errors, and other miscellaneous duties. He excelled at customer service and represented the sheriff’s department well in his interactions with the public. Eddie also participated in many community events and helped in a support services role for a number of department operations. He served as the STARS Valley Watch Commander, which made him responsible for coordinating volunteers with activities.

Eddie’s most important role as a STARS volunteer was an unofficial one. He boosted the spirits and morale of everyone around him with his hugs and ability to listen. It was not uncommon to walk through the Records Department and hear Eddie telling stories about his last cross-country trip, wild “bronc-busting” days, or his square dancing get-togethers – all told in his inimitable Texas twang. Eddie and his wife, Fannie Bess, unofficially adopted many of the sheriff’s department employees and their families. He loved to see and hold any new babies born into the department, and many became like grandchildren to him and Fannie Bess.

Eddie was given his award by Sheriff Durfor in a private ceremony at his home on December 12, 2008. He passed away the next afternoon, finally at peace after a long and difficult battle with cancer.

**SHERIFF'S COMMENDATION  
DEPUTY SCOTT ROUNDS  
DEPUTY CHARLES JOHNSON**

The Western States Police and Fire Games, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest amateur athletic event in the world, was held in Boise, Idaho the week of August 17-23, 2008. A tremendous number of competitors participated in over forty-five different events over the course of the Games. We were fortunate to have two of our members participate in the Games, representing themselves, the County and Department in a truly outstanding fashion.

Deputy Charles Johnson placed 1<sup>st</sup> for his age group in the 100, 200 and 400 meter races bringing home a gold medal for each one. He then competed with a Relay Team in a 4 x 100 race. The Team placed second in this race allowing Deputy Johnson to bring home a silver medal.

Deputy Scott Rounds placed 1<sup>st</sup> for his age group in the triathlon bringing home a gold medal.

We are very proud of their accomplishments and join with their friends and family in extending our warm congratulations on their achievements.

**SHERIFF'S COMMENDATION  
DEPUTY KAI JAHNSEN  
DEPUTY PHILLIP BRONSON**

On Saturday July 19, 2008, Deputies Kai Jahnsen and Phillip Bronson were on a camping trip at Little Grass Valley Lake in Plumas County. At approximately 4:00 pm Jahnsen and Bronson were alerted to a possible drowning by Jahnsen's 17 year old nephew Cody Tom. Tom explained that a few peninsulas from their campsite, the victim, a 17 year old boy, had been swimming and fatigue set in. A 13 year old friend tried to help, but began being pulled under as well. Tom noticed what was going on and drove his jet ski to the victim. He was able to pull the victim from the water, place him on his jet ski and transport him to a nearby boat. The victim was then transported by boat to the boat ramp.

Jahnsen and Bronson responded via jet skis to the boat ramp where the victim was being tended to by fire personnel. Jahnsen and Bronson immediately began exchanging chest compressions while fire personnel tended to breathing. This went on for approx. an hour, until the Enloe Hospital helicopter arrived. The paramedics were preparing to pronounce death when a pulse was located. Jahnsen and Bronson assisted with loading the victim in the helicopter.

Although the victim subsequently died at the hospital, the efforts of Deputies Jahnsen and Bronson and Jahnsen's nephew, Cody Tom, clearly increased the victim's chances for survival. We are proud of their willingness to become "involved" in their off duty time to assist those in need. Their actions are a positive reflection of their character and on the Yuba County Sheriff's Department.

**SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR  
DEPUTY TENG SAECHAO  
(Awarded February 13, 2008)**

On November 20, 2007 Deputy Teng Saechao responded to a call involving the rescue of a woman who had maneuvered herself to the outside of the chain-linked fencing of the McGowan Parkway overpass and was threatening to jump. The situation quickly became a multi agency rescue operation. In order to

effect a rescue, Deputy Saechao volunteered to be secured to the end of the fire department's ladder and elevated up to the victim. With the assistance of others working from the overpass, he secured the woman and held her safely until they were both lowered to the ground.

Deputy Saechao's actions that night displayed exceptional bravery as he unselfishly risked his own life to save the life of another. Deputy Saechao's actions that day exemplified the extensive training and skill acquired by a veteran officer. Deputy Saechao honored his fellow officers and brought pride to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department.

It is an honor to present Deputy Teng Saechao with the Silver Medal of Valor for his outstanding performance on November 20, 2007 and his continuing dedication to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

**SERGEANT MIKE WILLIAMSON**

**SERGEANT JOE MILLION**

**SERGEANT ALLAN GARZA**

**DETECTIVE BRETT FELION**

**DETECTIVE JOE POMEROY**

**DETECTIVE NELSON MAGANA**

**DETECTIVE SCOTT ROUNDS**

**DEPUTY TOMMY OAKES**

**DEPUTY JOSH JELLSEY**

**CSO JENNY MERVINE**

**CSO ROSA LEON**

On March 13, 2008, during a suspected drug transaction, a robbery attempt occurred at 1485 North Beale Rd. #E-5. Involved parties exchanged gun fire resulting in three deaths. The Investigations Unit worked feverishly over the next week and identified the three victims as well as five other involved parties, including suspects. The identification of the suspects was made possible by extreme dedication and extraordinary effort of the entire unit.

Every member of the unit worked hard, often acting on their own initiative, to investigate every detail of the case. Specifically, Det. Brett Felion did a fine job of the crime scene investigation, including the coordination with the Department of Justice. Sgt. Joseph Million was the catalyst in terms of identifying the suspects. Det. Joseph Pomeroy oversaw all of the autopsies and forensic follow-up. Det. Nelson Magana conducted the key interview with the lone witness. He established a great rapport with the subject, leading to the major breaks in the case. Sgt. Allan Garza conducted many follow-up and peripheral interviews. Det. Scott Rounds was somewhat of the glue of the investigation, conducting many of the smaller, mundane, details that were vital to the investigation. Dep. Oakes and Dep. Jellsey focused on warrants, records and pen registers providing crucial information from the victims and suspects phones. Sgt. Mike Williamson was the lead investigator on the case and has continued to show good leadership of the case throughout the investigation and follow-up. This was a complex case and all deserve recognition for a job well done.

In addition to those in the Investigations Unit, two Community Services Officers (CSO) provided a great deal of assistance in this investigation. CSO Jenny Mervine contributed her expertise in crime scene processing and the collection and processing of evidence during the investigation. She worked alongside members of the Investigations Unit not only providing her valuable experience, but allowing other detectives to use their time in other areas of the investigation.

Community Services Officer Rosa Leon was also tasked with assisting the Investigations Unit during the investigation. She assisted detectives with a variety of tasks, and her bi-lingual skills were invaluable in many of the interviews conducted by the unit.

Both Jenny and Rosa showed once again how their skills and talents can be utilized in ways that benefit the Investigations Unit and their commitment to teamwork is appreciated by everyone.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
**BUDDY McGARITY**  
**JOY McGARITY**  
**MARY EVERETT**  
**LLOYD BURKHAM**

On April 12, 2008, Joy McGarity was home in Plumas Lake when she observed 4 subjects standing in front of her neighbor's house. They seemed suspicious so she kept watching and saw them enter the backyard of the residence. She immediately called 911 and reported the incident while maintaining watch.

At that time, Joy's husband, Buddy McGarity, arrived home and she told him what she observed. Buddy went to the neighbor's house and observed the subjects. He confronted them and they ran. Buddy quickly got into his vehicle and was able to catch up to two of the suspects and detain them until the arrival of Sheriff's Patrol Units.

Mary Everett and her children were at a nearby park when she observed the 4 suspects exit their car. She didn't recognize it as belonging to the neighborhood so after the subjects walked away she had one of her children obtain the license number. After the suspects fled, she remained to provide the plate number to Deputies. That information was used to locate the two suspects who fled the area in the car.

Lloyd Burkham was at home when he observed the suspects parked car and then observed two of the suspects get into it and start to drive away. He then observed Buddy McGarity driving after two additional subjects who were running to catch up to the suspect's vehicle. The suspect vehicle fled the area and Lloyd joined Buddy in detaining the two suspects who were fleeing on foot.

All four citizens of Plumas Lake not only recognized suspicious activity in their neighborhood, but they took swift action to report the matter, and then were pro-active in assisting with the capture of the suspects. They chose to get involved and became excellent witnesses to help law enforcement serve their community. As such they should be recognized for their actions.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
**SERGEANT MELFORD "KIP" DUNCAN**

Sgt. Duncan has many skills not normally found in a peace officer. Besides having recent Patrol Supervisor and Detective experience, Sgt. Duncan has a great knowledge of computers, including hardware/software and programs that the Sheriff's Office uses. His automotive experience was heavily utilized in his building of the Command Post. He possesses his contractor's license and there is literally nothing he can't fix. It is rare to find someone with one of these abilities much less someone with all of them.

Over the last year, Sgt. Duncan has been of great help in getting the Sheriff's web site up and running. He has spent hundreds of hours on this and the result is a web site we are proud to mention to the public. He spends time every week updating components of the site and deleting stale information, thereby keeping the site relevant to the citizens of Yuba County.

Overall, Sgt. Duncan's abilities and his devotedness to YCSO deserve recognition.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
DEPUTY KARL COZAD**

Several months ago, Deputy Cozad presented Sheriff's Management with the idea to create a division intranet site on the county network. His proposal was approved and he developed a site which conveniently and efficiently holds information relating to division operations. The site includes electronic versions of the department and division manuals, all division forms, the inmate handbook, training and work schedules, information bulletins and the special inmate log. Jail staff may now conveniently access this information from any computer work station in the department. This has been a fantastic efficiency improvement for the division and Deputy Cozad deserves recognition for his efforts.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER LAURA MILLER**

Since the inception of the STARS program in October of 1996, the STARS Volunteers have donated more than 178,000 hours of service to the Yuba County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Yuba County. During those eleven years, Community Services Officer (CSO) Laura Miller has been their coordinator, working along side them at each event and also their friend. She has been there for them during happy times as well as seeing many of them through very difficult times. With her leadership abilities she has shown how teamwork can be the key ingredient to a successful outcome of any event and has proven this through the many events that the STARS have been involved in over the last eleven years.

CSO Miller's contributions to this program have been more than exemplary. Her efforts have greatly benefited not only the STARS and her co-workers, but most importantly the Sheriff's Department as a whole, which in turn has benefited the citizens of Yuba County.

It is an honor to present CSO Laura Miller with the Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding performance on the STARS Program and her dedication to the Yuba County Sheriff's Department.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
SR. ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN BECKIE HOWARD**

Beckie Howard deserves special recognition for taking a lead position during an extended leave of absence of her supervisor and demonstrating an outstanding work ethic, attitude, initiative and dedication to her job, the fiscal unit, and the Sheriff's Department.

Beckie dealt with and handled issues that were unfamiliar and out of her comfort zone, and responded without hesitation to all requests from co-workers and management, often with little or no direction. Beckie continued to train and provide guidance to new staff, keeping morale positive and took charge of the day-to-day activities of the unit. Beckie did what it took to get the job done, coming in early each day, skipping lunch, and working evenings and weekends when necessary. She made independent decisions, maintained the integrity of the fiscal activities and kept the office running efficiently.

Beckie is an invaluable asset to the Sheriff's Department, and consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. Her outstanding performance, hard work, initiative and selflessness during this difficult time is sincerely appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
SERGEANT CLEOTHA ADAMS**

Sergeant Cleotha Adams was recently honored with a second governor's appointment to the Corrections Standard Authority as a board member. He has served as a Board member since February 2006 and has served as co-chair to the executive steering committee for Title 15 and Title 24 revisions. As a board member he is involved in executive policy and decision making for state adult and juvenile corrections. Sgt. Adams' service is a positive reflection of his dedication to the citizens of the State of California and the County of Yuba.

**SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR  
DEPUTY JOE DaBRANCA****SHERIFF'S COMMENDATIONS  
DEPUTY JASON STOCKBRIDGE  
DEPUTY CURTIS TAYLOR**

On 06-01-08, Deputy Jason Stockbridge initiated an investigation of a 17 year old Olivehurst girl who had reportedly run away. Through the course of the investigation it was learned that the girl was possibly a victim of a sexual assault and as a result, was suicidal. As the investigation progressed, it was learned that the girl was on the southbound lane of the E St. Bridge and was standing outside the guard railing. Deputies Stockbridge, Joe DaBranca and Curtis Taylor all responded and began to close down the southbound lane to traffic.

Deputy DaBranca initiated conversation with the girl and was able to get within several feet of her. At one point the girl said she was not "playing chicken" and let go of the guard rail. She began to fall backward and Deputy DaBranca grabbed the girl as she was falling, at great peril to himself. Deputy Taylor grabbed the girl around her mid section as she continued to struggle with Deputy DaBranca. Deputy Stockbridge noticed Deputy DaBranca beginning to lose his balance over the guard rail, grabbed on to Deputy DaBranca and assisted in pulling the girl over the railing and to safety.

It is clear that the assistance of Deputies DaBranca, Taylor and Stockbridge ensured that all involved left the incident unharmed. Their actions are worthy of this recognition.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
DEPUTY PHILLIP BRONSON**

On March 14, 2008, after going in service from his residence, Dep. Bronson received a radio call of a robbery at the Gold Country Bank in Brownsville. Being familiar with the main roads the suspect could take to escape, Dep. Bronson began traveling east on LaPorte Road from the Bangor area. While in route, Deputy Bronson received the vehicle description over the radio, a gray older model Honda with a primer hood. Approximately two miles out of Bangor, Deputy Bronson met the suspect vehicle headed west. Deputy Bronson turned around and attempted a stop on the vehicle. The driver (Raymond Moulder) fled resulting in a vehicle pursuit continuing west on Lower Honcut Rd. toward Highway 70. Dep. Bronson notified Butte County Sheriff's Office and the CHP and began coordinating the setting of a spike strip. The suspect vehicle's right front tire struck the spike strip and began to smoke and come apart. CHP took over as the primary pursuer on Lower Honcut Rd. with Dep. Bronson and Dep. Kardatzke following. The suspect vehicle turned south on Highway 70 in heavy traffic. While the suspect was maneuvering through traffic, CHP successfully implemented a PIT maneuver, resulting in the suspect vehicle spinning around. Units boxed the suspect in. Deputy Bronson approached the vehicle and was unable to open the door. Deputy Bronson used his ASP Baton and broke the glass from the door. CHP and Deputy Bronson

physically removed the suspect from the vehicle taking him into custody. Deputy Bronson later wrote a search warrant on the vehicle and interviewed the suspect. The pursuit traversed 16.3 miles in 14 minutes. Dep. Bronson did an exemplary job of communicating with dispatch, his supervisor and other units as well as conducting the pursuit. His efforts on March 14, 2008 are worthy of recognition.

**SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
YUBA SUTTER DISPOSAL INC.  
DOMAIN REALTY  
HARMONY HEALTH  
SYLVANA GRISSO**

On August 23, 2008, a community clean-up day took place in the Country Club Court area, a cul-de-sac of East Linda. This area was recognized as becoming blighted by Yuba County Deputies Karen Johannes and Willie Kardatzke. The deputies had volunteered to take this area as a Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) project. With the assistance of several Sheriff's Office staff, residents, property owners and local businesses were alerted to the clean up and their help was enlisted.

Among the few dozen people who participated, we would like to acknowledge some of those involved for their on-going commitment to the community and assistance in performing the clean up:

*Yuba Sutter Disposal Inc.* donated a 4 yard dumpster, transported it to the site and removed it to their facility to dispose of the collected garbage.

*Domain Realty* manages a number of properties in the area and provided labor, support and doughnuts for the crews.

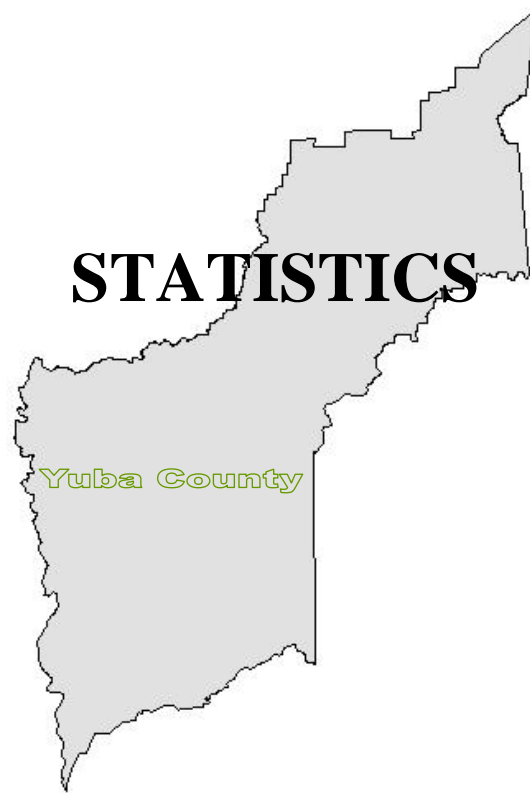
*Harmony Health* did face painting for area children and provided work crews with drinking water.

*Sylvana Grisso* who owns a few properties in the area helped with coordination and labor.

At the end of the day, workers had collected 7,560 pounds of debris. The appearance of the area was greatly enhanced, improving the safety and quality of life in the area and the efforts of all are greatly appreciated.

**SHERIFF'S COMMENDATION  
DEPUTY KEITH LITTLE  
CRAIG ROBERTSON  
JERRY HAWKINS**

On June 14, 2008 at approximately 1:45 pm, Craig Robertson and Jerry Hawkins assisted Deputy Keith Little in the successful rescue of two swimmers at Bullard's Bar Reservoir. The swimmers, an adult male and his 9 year old son, became imperiled when the son took off his personal flotation device, leaving the pair with only an inflatable toy to keep them afloat. Deputy Little, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Hawkins heard yells for help from the pair and Mr. Robertson and Mr. Hawkins got into the Sheriff's Patrol boat which was fueling at the nearby marina. Deputy Little piloted the boat to the two swimmers, who were at this point exhausted and nearly giving up hope. Mr. Robertson and Mr. Hawkins jumped into the water, and with Deputy Little's help, lifted the boy onto the patrol boat then worked to rescue the man and assist him into the patrol boat. Without the swift and heroic efforts of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hawkins and Deputy Little, two lives would have surely been lost to the lake that day. You are all commended for your swift and courageous actions during the rescue.



The following data is collected in accordance with the FBI’s National Uniform Crime Reporting requirements. These crimes, known as Part 1 Crimes, are defined as violent and property crimes. Violent crime classifications included in the Part 1 Index are homicide and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault (with weapon or resulting in severe injury). Property crime classifications include burglary, larceny (theft), vehicle theft, and arson.

Reported property crime was up **1.5%** in 2008 over 2007. Arson, burglary and vehicle theft all decreased; however, larceny or theft cases realized a sharp increase. An analysis of the theft reports showed a dramatic increase in metal theft cases in the first and second quarters of the year when metal prices skyrocketed. Several key arrests and the stabilization of scrap metal prices resulted in fewer cases as the year progressed.

Violent crime numbers increased by just over **10%** in 2008. The primary cause for the rise in violent crime was an increase in aggravated assaults. An analysis of these cases did not indicate a particular reason and it could not be attributed to a specific group or groups in the area. The increase in homicide cases was also an anomaly and was driven in part by a triple homicide case in March of this year.

When combined, total Part I crime was up **2.9%**. When calculated as a crime rate per 1,000 residents, the total crime rate per thousand population was up only 0.6%.

<b>UCR CRIME CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>*RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION</b>		
				<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
Arson	12	21	-9	0.2	0.4	-44.1%
Burglary	503	521	-18	9.0	9.6	-5.6%
Larceny	658	610	48	11.8	11.2	5.4%
Vehicle Theft	16	19	-3	0.3	0.3	-17.7%
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>1189</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Aggravated Assault	179	163	16	3.2	3.0	7.3%
Homicide	6	0	6	0.1	0.0	n/c
Rape	18	17	1	0.3	0.3	3.5%
Robbery	36	37	-1	0.6	0.7	-4.9%
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1428</b>	<b>1388</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

*\* Based on State of California, Department of Finance, E-1 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State with Annual Percent Change — January 1, 2007 and 2008. Sacramento, California, May 2008.*

### Incident Reports

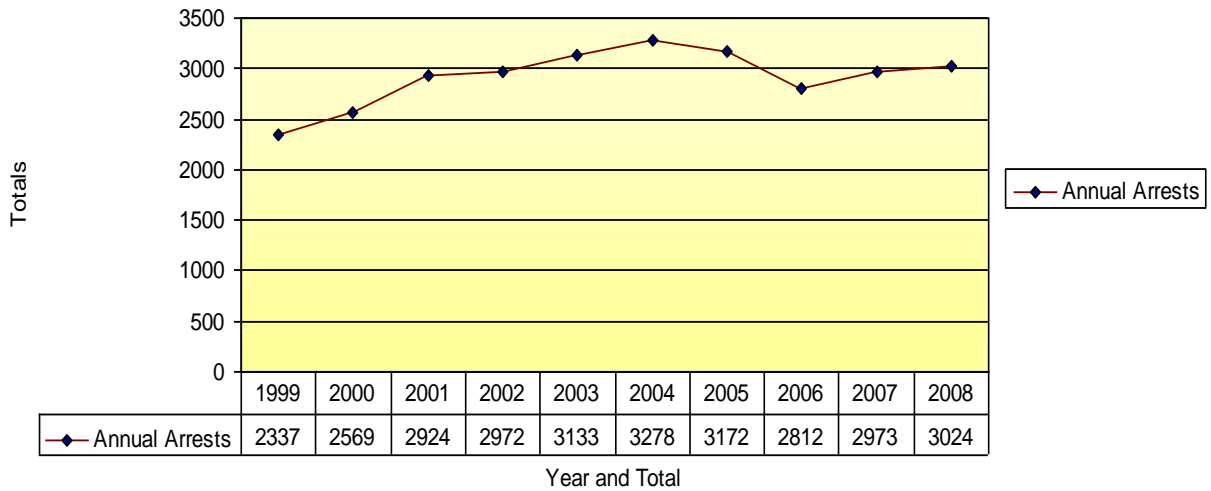
In 2008, Yuba County Deputies and Community Service Officers completed a total of 6,635 incident reports; a decrease of 5.1% over 2007. The chart below represents the 5 year incident report totals with percentage of change from prior years.

Year	Incident Reports	% Change from prior year
<b>2008</b>	6635	-5.1%
<b>2007</b>	6994	2.4%
<b>2006</b>	6832	4.0%
<b>2005</b>	6568	-9.7%
<b>2004</b>	7277	10.6%
<b>2003</b>	6577	

### Arrests

In 2008, Yuba County Sheriff Deputies made a total of 3024 arrests which represents an increase of 2% from 2007. The graph below displays the arrest totals over the past ten years.

**Total Arrests 10 Year Trend**



Below is a map of the Yuba County Sheriff Department's patrol beat structure for the unincorporated areas of Yuba County. The jurisdiction is broken down into four distinct beats consisting of Hills, North, Central, and South Beat. The adjoining graph represents the percentage of 2008 incident reports taken in each beat within the jurisdiction.


### YUBA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT BEAT MAP

**Legend**


— Highways

**BEATS**

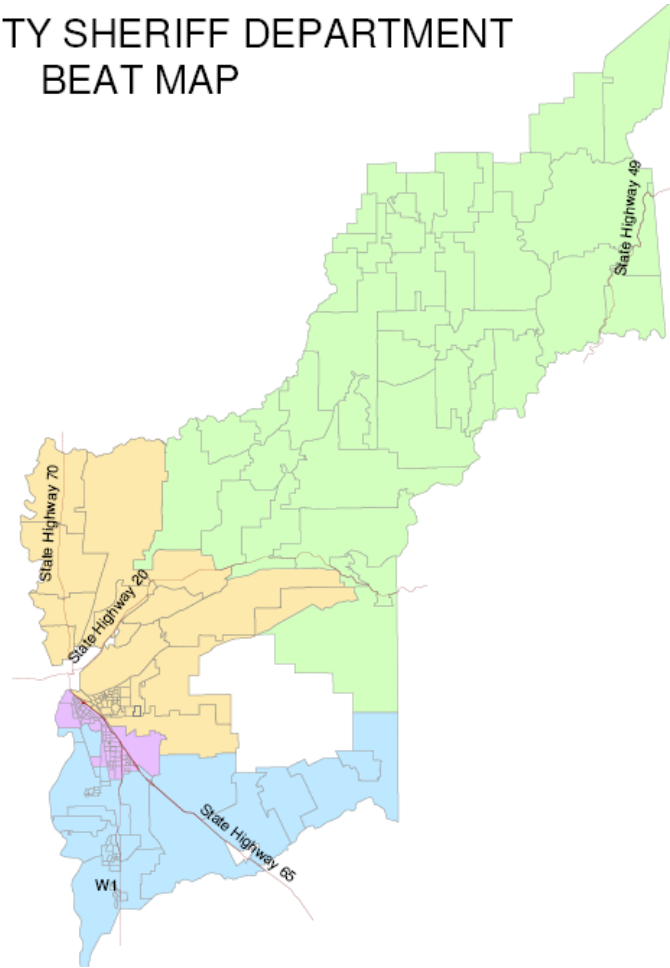
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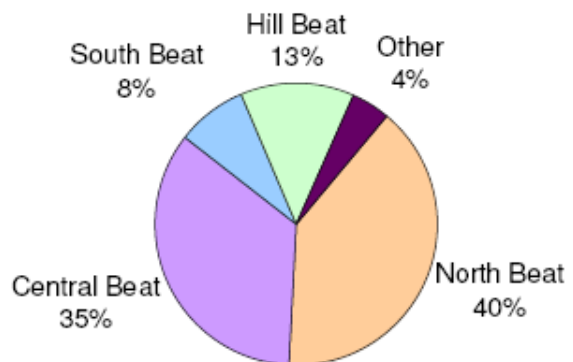
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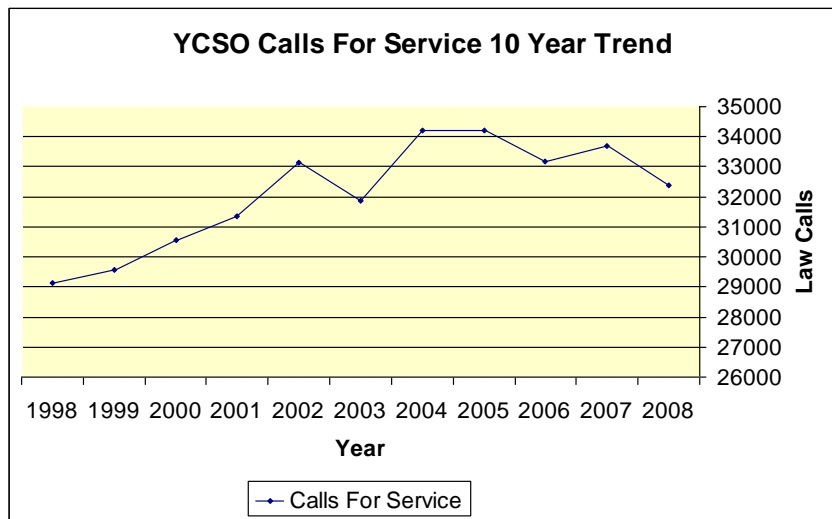


2008 Incident Reports  
by Beat



### Law Enforcement Calls for Service

The chart at right shows the number of calls for service requesting law enforcement assistance for the past 10 years. After a steady increase in calls from 1998 to 2002, the number of calls has remained relatively stable. The calls noted here are requests for Sheriff's Office assistance and do not include Wheatland Police Department calls or fire/rescue calls for Linda, Olivehurst or Wheatland Fire Departments for whom we dispatch.



### Call for Service Types

The top 15 types of Calls for Service for Yuba County Sheriff's Department made up approximately 50% of all of the calls received for the year. At right is a list of those call types in order of most frequent.

CALL TYPE	COUNT
ALARM SOUNDING	1651
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	1387
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	987
REQUEST CLOSE PATROL	895
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	743
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	722
DISTURBANCE-LOUD MUSIC	663
JUVENILE PROBLEM	631
CITIZENS ASSIST	581
DISTURBANCE VERBAL	572
VANDALISM REPORT	564
CIVIL PROBLEM	545
INFORMATION REPORT	510
PETTY THEFT	493
CIVIL STANDBY	473

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