

CITY OF MARINA

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHIEF'S WELCOME



Welcome and thank you for taking time to read the Marina Police Department's 2009 Annual Report. We pride ourselves on being a transparent organization that is accessible and responsive to the needs of the residents and visitors of the City of Marina. The Annual Report provides insight into the inner-workings of the Department and how we provide the many police services you have come to expect and deserve.

The Department views residents and visitors as customers and we endeavor to provide the best possible customer service we can. A large part of what a police department does is problem solve and we welcome our "customers" feedback.

An important key to a successful police department is the relationship with the community it serves. The Marina Police Department is fortunate to enjoy a positive, trusting relationship with the residents of the City of Marina. The willingness of residents to get involved is invaluable and citizen involvement is directly responsible for the arrest and conviction of many criminals who have victimized fellow residents and visitors.

Crime affects all people in one way shape or form. Shoplifting affects the price of goods we purchase. And, burglaries, vandalism and violent crimes lead to a sense of fear and distrust that affects the populace and businesses within a city. We experienced a reduced crime rate this past year and citizen involvement and hard working officers are to be commended for this decline.

The Police Department remains committed and poised to continue to provide the best possible service possible through citizen involvement and interaction and by following the most up to date law enforcement crime reduction and prevention strategies available.

On behalf of the men and women of the Marina Police Department and myself, I thank you for your support and confidence. We will continue to well and faithfully serve the residents and visitors of the City of Marina and relentlessly pursue those who would victimize the innocent.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Edmundo Rodriguez, Chief of Police



Marina Police Department Mission Statement



“To establish and maintain a safe environment in our community by providing efficient and professional law enforcement services. We will provide these services with an attitude consistent with the idea that every contact with our community members must be helpful, courteous, and professional. We view the public as our customer and believe we are successful when a customer feels they have been well and fully served.”

MARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT VALUES STATEMENT



WE PROVIDE THESE SERVICES BY BASING OUR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS ON THESE VALUES:

- **SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY:** We value providing service in a manner which is fair, courteous, responsive and efficient. We demonstrate an attitude of respect for, and the protection of, the DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF ALL.
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- **INTEGRITY:** We value candor, honesty, and ethical behavior in the members of our department. We are committed to the law enforcement CODE OF ETHICS.
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- **RESPONSIBILITY and ACCOUNTABILITY:** We value responsibility and accountability to ensure the support and trust of our community.
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- **PROFESSIONALISM:** We value TEAMWORK, INNOVATION and CONSTANT EVALUATION OF OURSELVES.
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- **PRIDE IN AND ENJOYMENT OF OUR PROFESSION:** We believe our work to be a source of enjoyment and satisfaction. We are proud of our unique accomplishments as an integral part of our community.

OUR DEPARTMENT

OUR MOTTO IS: “SERVING A WORLD CLASS COMMUNITY”

The Marina Police Department if fully staffed consists of forty-five full time employees. Thirty-six are sworn police officers consisting of one Chief of Police, one Captain, four Lieutenants, six Sergeants and twenty-five Officers. Non-sworn employees consist of one records supervisor, three records technicians, four community service officers, one administrative assistant and one part time training manager. In addition, Department volunteers consist of one police chaplain, two Reserve Officers and one citizen volunteer assigned to the Records Unit.



The Department is divided into 4 divisions each of which is managed by a lieutenant. The divisions are the Office of the Adjutant Commander, Administrative Services Division, Operations Division and the Support Services

Division. The Police Department is housed in the Marina Public Safety Building, which also houses the Fire Department, is located at 211 Hillcrest Avenue.

SERVICE AREA

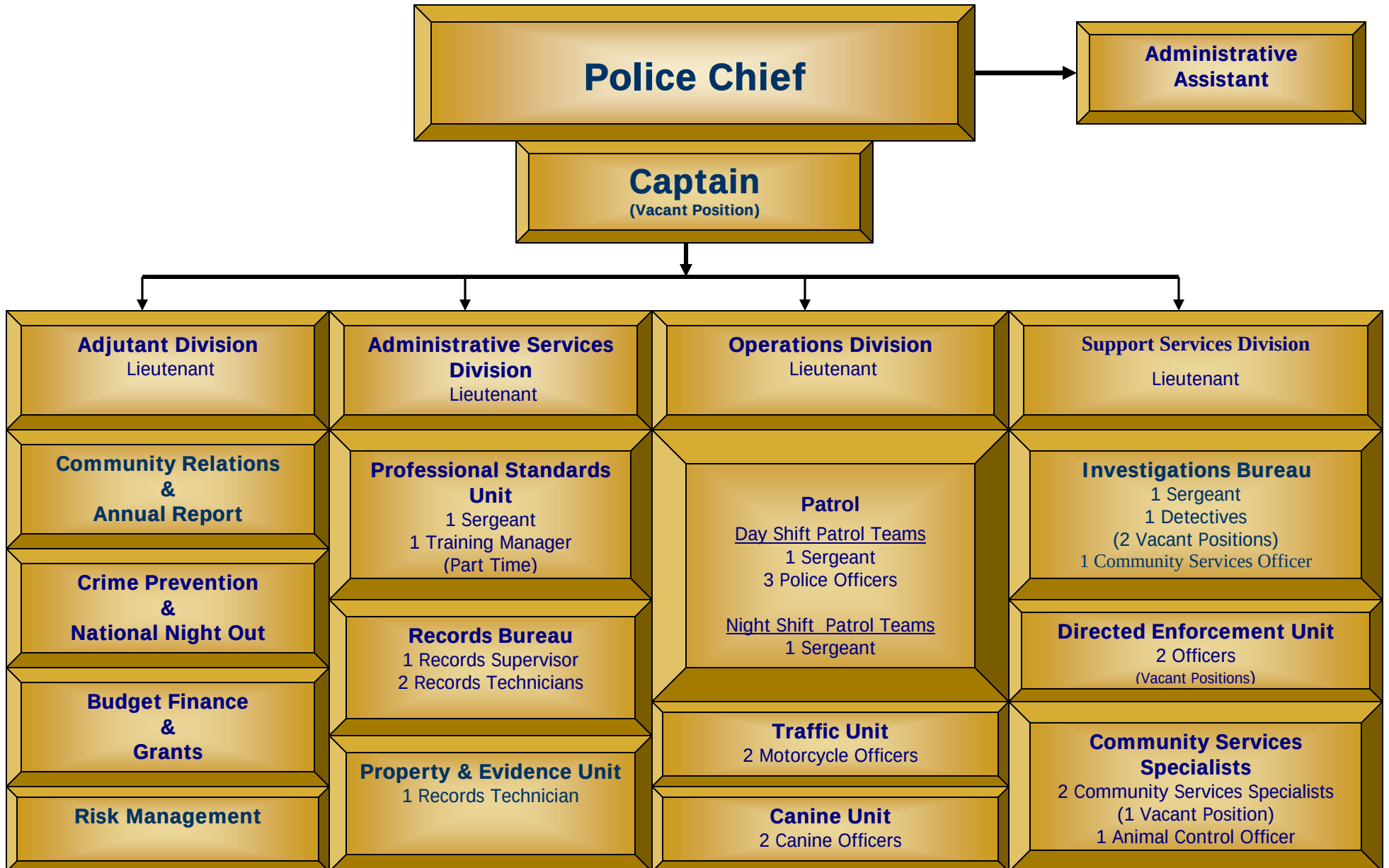


The City of Marina is located on the east side of the historic and scenic Monterey Bay adjacent to Highway 1 in Monterey County. Known for its culturally diverse population, the City is in the midst of numerous economic projects consisting of commercial and residential development.

Our service area is 9.5 square miles and is bordered on the west by Marina State Beach, on the south by California State University Monterey Bay and the City of Seaside and on the north by lush agricultural fields of artichokes and various other crops. The cities of Watsonville and Santa Cruz are located twenty and forty minutes, respectively just further north.

The City, incorporated in 1975 has a population of 18,023 as reported by the U.S. Census. The City is the home of the Marina Air Faire, which is held at the Marina Airport and features vintage aircraft that includes World War II fighters and includes an ever growing car show. The City also hosts the Marina Wind Festival that celebrates everything to do with the wind. Kites, hang gliders and other wind related activities highlight this event.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Administration

Chief of Police

Edmundo Rodriguez

Lieutenants

Rick Janicki
Bruce Martin
Tom Melendy
Bob Nolan

Administrative Services

Sergeant

George Duffey

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ellis

Training Manager

Mike McMillan

Reserve Officers

John Martin
Steve DeVencinzi

Patrol Bureau

Sergeants

Eddie Anderson
Margaret Basa
Scott Clegg
Aaron Widener

Police Officers

Pablo Andrade
Eddie Bachtel
Adam Balesteri
Mike Ball
Octavio Barocio
Toney Canty
Jeff Cattaneo
Jennifer Corso
Richard Cox
Justine Hamer
Deb Kobayashi
Alex Magana
Oliver Minnig
Richard Moreno
Andy Rosas
Steve Russo
Bryan Whitaker

Motorcycle Unit

Clyde Daniels
Robin Nowak

K-9 Unit

Richard Moreno
Steve Russo

Investigation Bureau

Investigations Bureau

Sergeant

Jeff Carr

Detective

Jay Thorson

Support Services

Community Services Officers

Rachel Anderson
Neola Barnet
Joanne Ford
Barbara Patchin

Records Unit Supervisor

Maria Esparza

Records Clerks

Christina Feige
T.J. Maudlin
Maryann Adams

BUDGET

The Police Department budget is compiled yearly by Police Department staff reviewed by the Finance Department, the city manager and then as with all City departments, is approved by the City Council. This is a serious task that requires the Police Department to analyze past years expenditures to determine expenditure patterns, expected economic forecasts for the upcoming year and anticipating equipment needs based on age of equipment and equipment that may need or needs replacement. Additionally, the Department does generate revenue via services we provide and grants. The City of Marina works on a fiscal year budget that runs from July 1st to June 30th, which results in two years overlapping, i.e. Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010, Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 et cetera.

The Police Department is cognizant that the money it spends comes directly from the residents and visitors of the City of Marina. As such we are careful to ensure that your money is spent wisely and purposefully with your welfare in mind.

The following is a breakdown of the Police Department budget:

General Fund: Police Department

	Adopted Budget 2008-2009	Adopted Budget 2009-2010	Percentage Change
Salaries & Benefits	\$5,432,908	\$5,889,200	+8.4%
Services & Supplies	\$790,516	\$865,000	+9.4%
Capital Outlay	\$6,080	\$150,000	+236.7%
Department Total	\$6,229,504	\$6,904,200	+10.8 %

General Fund: Animal Services & Vehicle Abatement

	Adopted Budget 2008-2009	Adopted Budget 2009-2010	Percentage Change
Salaries & Benefits	\$76,243	\$91,300	+2.7%
Services & Supplies	\$44,226	\$59,900	+3.5%
Capital Outlay	\$14,400	\$37,000	+15.7%
Department Total	\$134,869	\$188,200	+3.9 %

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Expenditures:

Police Department expenditures are broken down into various line item accounts with designated spending purposes. These line item accounts do not comingle and a running spending history is kept to manage the funds to keep us within the adopted budget.

The Department makes every effort to save funds during every fiscal year. We purposefully do the following:

- Minimize overtime costs via the constant monitoring of employee schedules.
- Monitor and review all purchases to ensure items purchased are necessary, that costs of items are explored to guarantee best purchase prices and the item to be purchased fits into the budget.
- Employee training, whenever possible, is kept local and training is reimbursable through State of California's Peace Officers Standards and Training is aggressively sought.

Revenues:

Many people do not realize the Police Department does receive revenue via services via tax allocations, grants and specified services it provides. For Fiscal Year 2009- 2010 it the Department generated \$156,833 in revenue for the City.

Police Department Revenues 2009 – 2010

	Projected 2009 – 2010 Revenues	Actual 2009 - 2010 Revenue
Taxes	\$70,000	\$54,943.59
Licenses & Permits	\$10,000	\$13,375
Fines & Forfeitures	\$195,000	\$165,642.60
Grants & Reimbursements	\$232,276	\$212,235.73
Charges for Services	\$97,500	\$101,807.18
Other Revenues	\$22,500	\$10,244.30
Fund Transfers	\$169,000	\$156,833.27
Revenue Total	\$796,276	\$715,081.67

BUDGET

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An important part of the revenue generating process is the acquisition of grants to augment the funding for officers, equipment, training and overtime. This Department has been very aggressive and successful in acquiring grants. Below is a listing of current grants and their purpose. (Funds designated < > are funds set to be used in FYI 2010 -2011.)

Grants Revenues 2009 – 2010

	Life of Grant	Grant Award 2009 - 2010
Federal Universal Hiring Grant (Used to augment officers salaries)	Three Years	\$18,750
California COPS Grant (Used to augment School Resource Officer's salary)	Indefinite	\$105,394.01
Federal Bullet Proof Vest Grant (Funds ½ the cost of body armor for officers.)	Two Years	\$793.81
Federal COPS Hiring Grant (Fully funds one officer position)	Three Years	\$45,558.73
California Avoid the 18 Grant (Funds special DUI enforcement activities.)	Three Years	\$924.83
Federal Secure Our Schools Grant (Will fund security efforts of MPUSD)	Three Years	<\$25,000>
Federal Edward Byrne DOJ Grant (Will fund technology needs of the Department.)	Three Years	<\$29,200>
Grant Funds Utilized 2009-2010	-----	\$171,142.38

Department Motorcycle:

Paid for by a 2006 California Office of Traffic Safety Grant



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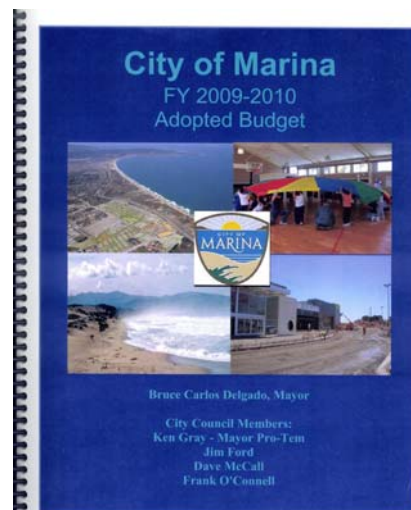
The Animal Services & Vehicle Abatement portion of the Police Department generates revenue for the City through the issuance of dog licenses, animal control fees and fines. Not reflected in the Animal Control & Vehicle Abatement revenues, but reflected in the Police Department revenues is "Abandoned Vehicle Services" which is money gained through the State of California for the towing and impoundment of abandoned vehicles. The duty to locate and identify these vehicles falls on the community service officers. Through their efforts \$24,321.47 s generated this last year. Below is the breakdown of the Animal Services & Vehicle Abatement revenues for this year.

Animal Services & Vehicle Abatement Revenues 2009 – 2010

2009 -2010 Revenues

Charges for Services	\$2,236
Other Revenues	\$8359.80
Fund Transfers	\$37,000
Revenue Total	\$47,595.80

The Police Department budget, in essence, is a living organism that requires constant care. Responsible and constant monitoring is a must to keep it healthy and functional. The Police Department owes it to the people it serves to be caretakers of these funds in order to provide the most efficient and professional service possible.

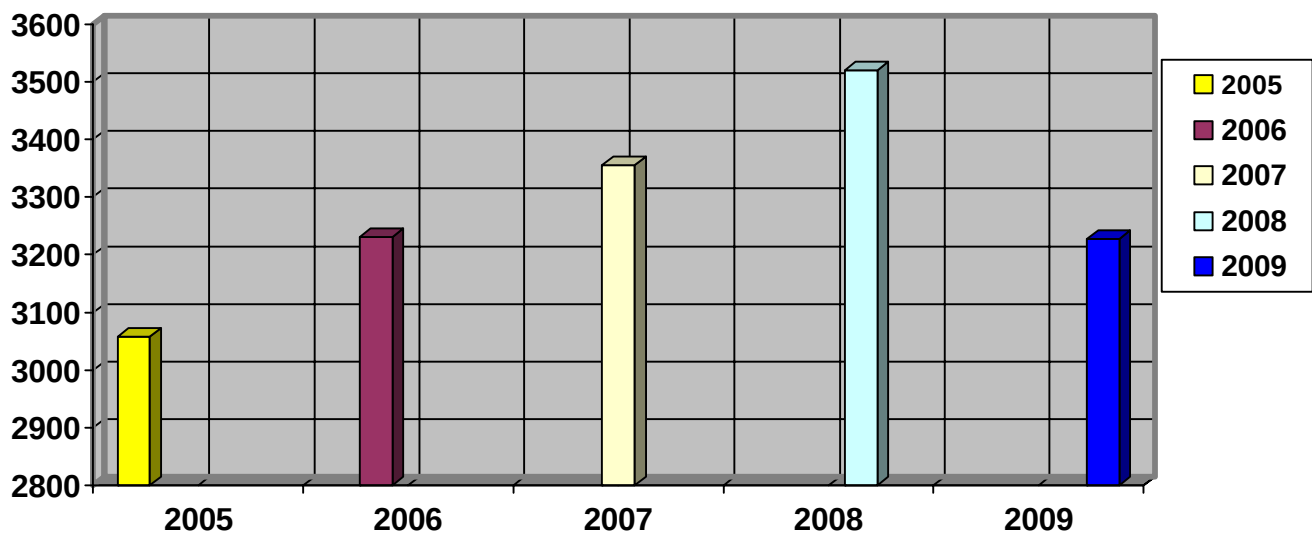


CRIME ANALYSIS

The Police Department utilizes crime statistics to evaluate crime trends and potential crime trends in order to identify and plan enforcement actions to not only prevent them but to solve and stop a series of crimes. Analysis of crime provides information regarding areas being targeted by criminals and to forecast where they may strike next and to predict future criminal activity. This allows the Police Department to implement strategic planning processes directed towards maximum usage of police resources.

The information furnished below will provide you with information for 2009 and how it relates to increases and decreases in criminal activities in the City.

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CRIMINAL AND NON-CRIMINAL REPORTS TAKEN BY THE
MARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT
YEARS 2005 THROUGH 2009**



LEGEND: TOTAL REPORTS PER YEAR

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
3,058	3,231	3,356	3,520	3,228

CRIME ANALYSIS Continued

Each month law enforcement agencies, the Marina Police Department included, report the number of known index crimes in their jurisdiction to the FBI. This is known as a UCR or “Uniform Crime Report”. The report mainly includes crimes reported to the police by the general public, but may also include crimes that police officers uncover, and known through other sources. Law enforcement agencies also report the number of crime cases cleared.

The UCR is broken down into Part I and Part II crimes. In Part I crimes, the UCR indexes reported incidents in two categories: violent and property crimes, aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, and robbery are classified as violent while arson, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft are classified as property crimes. Part I crimes are collectively known as Index crimes, this name is used because the crimes are considered quite serious, tend to be reported more reliably than others, and are reported directly to the police.

In Part II crimes, the following categories are tracked: simple assault, curfew offenses and loitering, embezzlement, forgery and counterfeiting, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drug offenses, fraud, gambling, liquor offenses, offenses against the family, prostitution, public drunkenness, runaways, sex offenses, stolen property, vandalism, vagrancy, and weapons offenses.

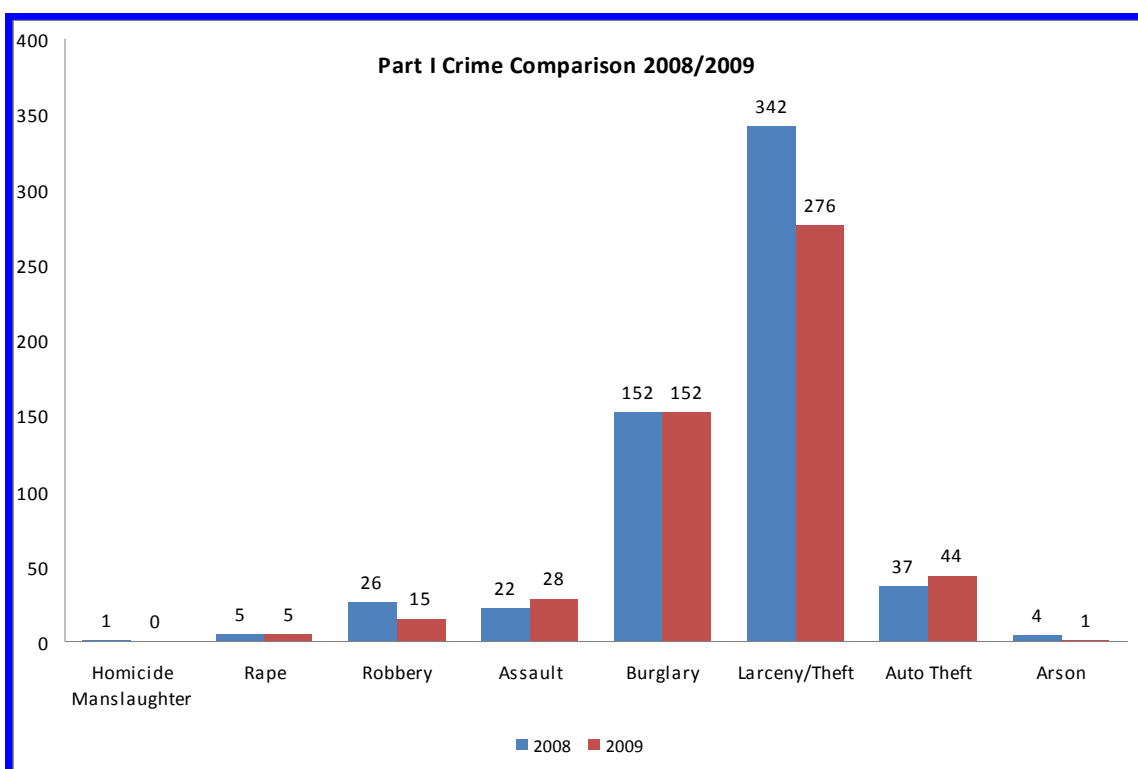
The following series of tables and graphs provide Part I and Part II UCR report statistics for 2009 and comparisons of 2009 to 2008 and for the prior five years.



CRIME ANALYSIS Continued

PART I CRIME COMPARISONS YEAR END 2008 - 2009

Part I Crime	2008	2009	Change	Percent Change
Homicide				
Manslaughter	1	0	-1	-100.0%
Rape	5	5	0	0.0%
Robbery	26	15	-11	-42.3%
Assault	22	28	6	27.3%
Burglary	152	152	0	0.0%
Larceny/Theft	342	276	-66	-19.3%
Auto Theft	37	44	7	18.9%
Arson	4	1	-3	-75.0%
<i>Total</i>	589	521	-68	-11.5%

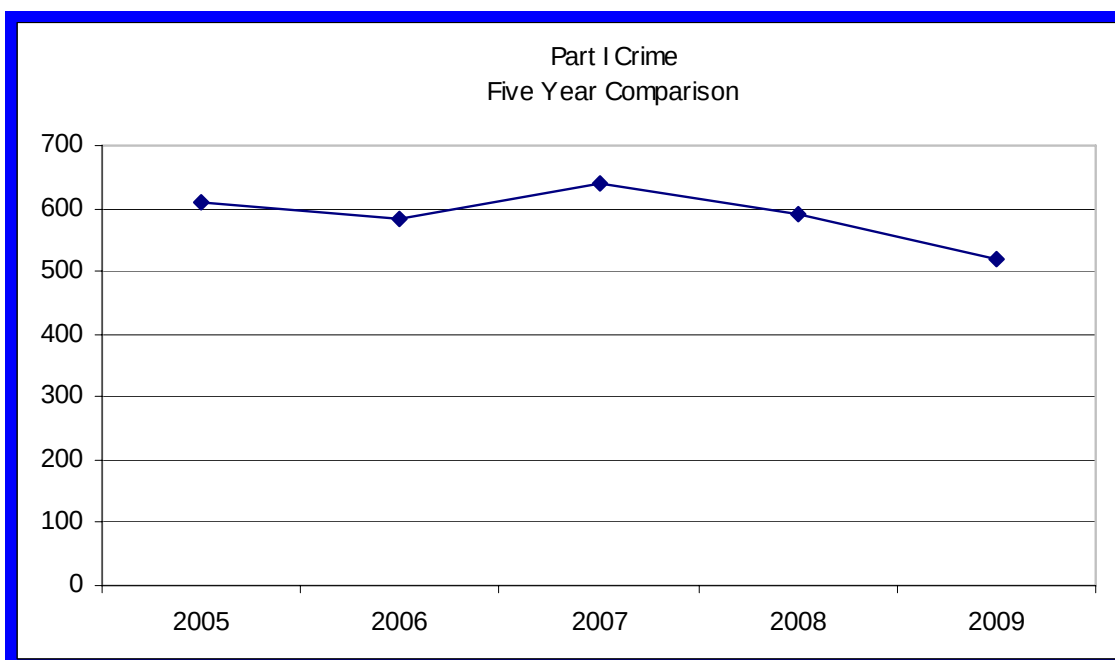


CRIME ANALYSIS

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PART I CRIME COMPARISONS FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

Five Year Comparison	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change 2008/2009	Five Year Percent Change
Homicide Manslaughter	0	0	0	1	0	-100.0%	N/C
Rape	9	3	5	5	5	0.0%	-44.4%
Robbery	28	14	16	26	15	-42.3%	-46.4%
Assault	53	48	29	22	28	27.3%	-47.2%
Burglary	113	145	134	152	152	0.0%	34.5%
Larceny/Theft	355	323	376	342	276	-19.3%	-22.3%
Auto Theft	50	46	76	37	44	18.9%	-12.0%
Arson	2	6	4	4	1	-75.0%	-50.0%
<i>Total</i>	610	585	640	589	521	-11.5%	-14.6%

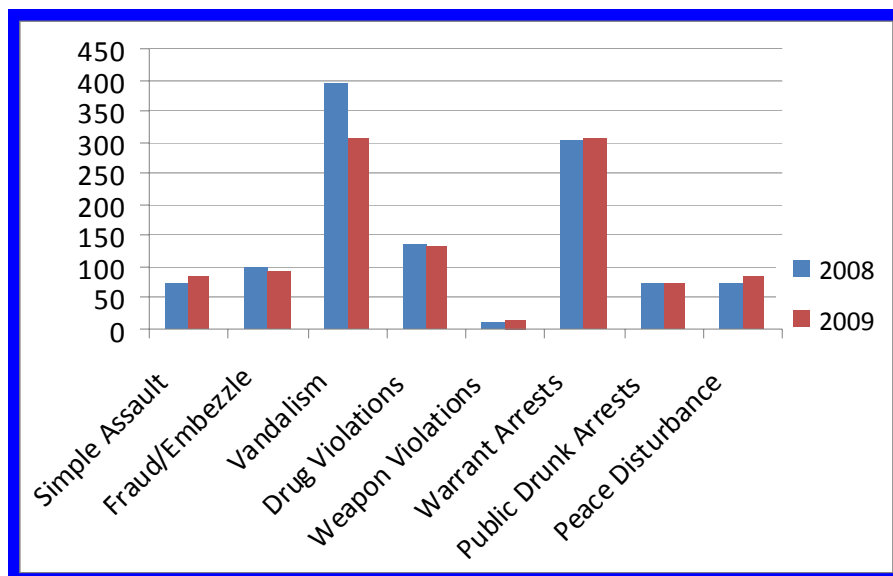


CRIME ANALYSIS

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PART II CRIME COMPARISONS YEAR END 2008 - 2009

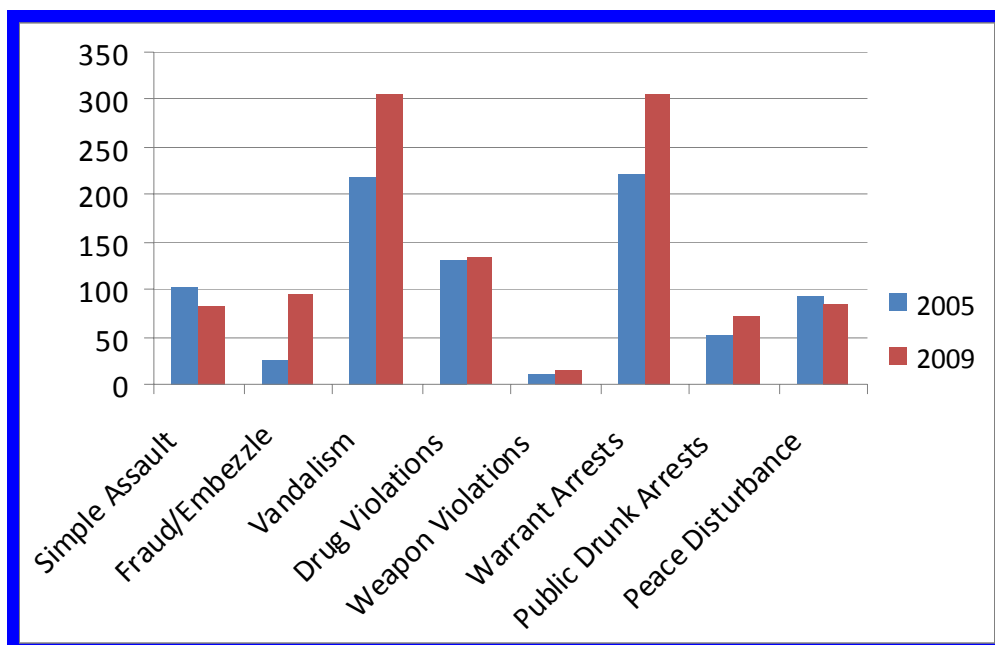
Year Comparison	2008	2009	Change	Percent
Simple Assault	74	83	9	12.2%
Fraud/Embezzle	98	94	-4	-4.1%
Vandalism	393	306	-87	-22.1%
Drug Violations	135	134	-1	-0.7%
Weapon Violations	12	15	3	25.0%
Warrant Arrests	304	306	2	0.7%
Public Drunk Arrests	72	72	0	0.0%
Peace Disturbance	73	86	13	17.8%
Total	1161	1096	-65	-5.6%



CRIME ANALYSIS Continued

PART II CRIME COMPARISONS FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

Five Year Comparison	2005	2009	Change	Percent
Simple Assault	104	83	-21	-20.2%
Fraud/Embezzle	27	94	67	248.1%
Vandalism	218	306	88	40.4%
Drug Violations	131	134	3	2.3%
Weapon Violations	10	15	5	50.0%
Warrant Arrests	222	306	84	37.8%
Public Drunk Arrests	51	72	21	41.2%
Peace Disturbance	92	86	-6	-6.5%
Total	855	1,096	241	28.2%



CRIME ANALYSIS Continued

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

Five Year Comparison		2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2008/2009 Change	2008/2009 Percent	Five Year Change	Five Year Percent
Accidents	Fatal	0	2	2	1	2	1	100.0%	2	N/C
	Injury	53	56	47	43	54	11	25.6%	1	1.9%
	Non Injury	241	257	265	266	224	-42	-15.8%	-17	-7.1%
	<i>Total</i>	294	315	314	310	280	-30	-9.7%	-14	-4.8%

Vehicle Code Citations	<i>Total</i>	1,159	2,180	2,486	2,292	2,276	-16	-0.7%	1117	96.4%
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Driving Under the Influence	Arrest	55	52	95	88	106	18	20.5%	51	92.7%
	Collision	8	9	19	9	12	3	33.3%	4	50.0%



CRIME ANALYSIS Continued

MARINA CRIME RATES PER 1,000 POPULATION

Year Ending Comparison Five Year Span

Crime Rates Per 1,000 Population	2005	2009	Change	Percent Change
Homicide Manslaughter	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/C
Rape	0.46	0.26	-0.20	-43.8%
Robbery	1.44	0.78	-0.66	-45.8%
Assault	2.72	1.46	-1.27	-46.5%
Burglary	5.81	7.91	2.10	36.1%
Larceny/Theft	18.25	14.4	-3.89	-21.3%
Auto Theft	2.57	2.29	-0.28	-11.0%
Arson	0.10	0.05	-0.05	-49.4%
Total	31.36	27.1	-4.26	-13.6%

*N/C = Not Calculable

Population Figure 2009 Est. (19,224); 2005 (19,452)



CRIME ANALYSIS Continued

The following table provides an analysis of Part I crime rates per population for the Monterey Peninsula cities of Marina, Carmel, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City and Seaside for the last five years.

PART I CRIME COMPARISON MONTEREY PENINSULA CITIES (Population estimates from California Department of Finance)

YEAR 2009

CITIES	Population	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total	Crime Rate Per Population
Carmel	4,028	0	0	3	10	36	77	3	0	129	3.2%
Marina	19,224	0	5	15	28	152	276	44	1	521	2.7%
Monterey	29,187	1	15	49	123	187	766	46	6	1,193	4.1%
Pacific Grove	15,506	1	6	3	13	120	315	14	2	474	3.1%
Sand City	312	0	0	4	0	3	105	7	0	119	38.1%
Seaside	34,175	1	13	48	105	172	467	75	11	892	2.6%

YEAR 2008

CITIES	Population	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total	Crime Rate Per Population
Carmel	4,049	0	0	0	9	35	102	2	0	148	3.7%
Marina	19,171	1	5	26	22	152	342	37	4	589	3.1%
Monterey	29,322	0	11	38	116	184	796	52	4	1,201	4.1%
Pacific Grove	15,472	0	3	7	11	94	250	15	3	383	2.5%
Sand City	298	0	0	1	3	4	118	1	0	127	42.6%
Seaside	34,194	1	13	43	129	167	401	57	3	814	2.4%

CRIME ANALYSIS Continued

YEAR 2007

CITIES	Population	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total	Crime Rate Per Population
Carmel	4,041	0	0	3	6	25	123	11	0	168	4.2%
Marina	18,914	0	5	16	29	134	376	76	4	640	3.4%
Monterey	30,057	0	17	34	115	228	962	87	4	1,447	4.8%
Pacific Grove	15,408	1	4	4	14	146	222	20	1	412	2.7%
Sand City	300	0	2	2	4	9	118	1	0	136	45.3%
Seaside	33,306	1	11	53	153	126	505	81	8	938	2.8%

YEAR 2006

CITIES	Population	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total	Crime Rate Per Population
Carmel	4,030	0	2	1	4	38	104	6	0	155	3.8%
Marina	19,177	0	3	14	48	145	323	46	6	585	3.1%
Monterey	29,480	0	19	31	131	230	819	90	4	1,324	4.5%
Pacific Grove	15,227	0	2	6	10	83	311	9	4	425	2.8%
Sand City	306	0	1	0	3	5	98	4	0	111	36.3%
Seaside	34,522	0	12	41	136	114	556	72	6	937	2.7%

YEAR 2005

CITIES	Population	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson	Total	Crime Rate Per Population
Carmel	4,095	0	2	2	4	32	95	4	0	139	3.4%
Marina	19,452	0	9	28	53	113	355	50	2	610	3.1%
Monterey	29,866	0	16	31	125	245	977	73	1	1,468	4.9%
Pacific Grove	15,381	0	0	5	13	75	243	7	0	343	2.2%
Sand City	309	0	0	3	5	2	141	2	0	153	49.5%
Seaside	34,357	0	10	42	119	129	545	64	9	918	2.7%

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT COMMANDER



The Office of the Adjutant Commander is commanded by Lieutenant Rick Janicki. The Office of the Adjutant consists of the following responsibilities:

- Risk Management
- Budget & Finance
- Grants
- Crime Prevention
- National Night Out
- Police Department Annual Report
- Community Relations
- Permits
- Airport Liaison



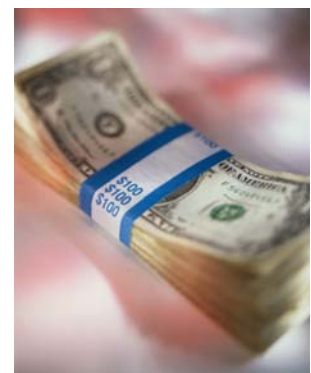
Department History Note:
The badge and patch above were adopted by the Department in 2006 and are currently in use.

Risk Management

The Adjutant Commander is the Department's risk manager and works in conjunction with the City's Human Resources and Risk Management Department and coordinates, monitors and provides direction to Department employees in regards to on-duty injuries, illnesses, and long term non-duty related injuries and illnesses. The Adjutant Commander also identifies any environmental hazards that may occur or be identified in relation to the police facility, vehicles or equipment.

Budget & Finance

The planning and supervision of the Department budget is overseen by the Adjutant Commander. All purchasing and use of Department funds is controlled, i.e. approved or disapproved, by the Adjutant Commander; it includes oversight and monitoring of Department accounts payable and accounts receivable to ensure purchases being made are in compliance with City policies and procedures.



OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT COMMANDER continued

Grants

A critical part of municipal law enforcement is to identify state, federal or private grants that can augment a police department budget. Research into prospective grant opportunities is on-going and each grant is evaluated to ensure the Department is eligible for a grant award. Grants can be utilized for various purposes such as support for a program, funds for equipment or to augment a law enforcement position. Grant management can be very rigorous and is set to timelines with financial reports and program up-date reports being required throughout the life of a grant.



***DUI Checkpoint Sponsored by a grant
from the California Office of Traffic
Safety***

During 2009 the Department received a total of \$469,507 in grants and continues to manage grants totaling \$103,925 received in prior years. In total the Department utilizes \$573,432 to offset various cost. A full listing of the aforementioned grants is located below and those received in 2009 are denoted by an asterisk:



OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT COMMANDER continued

1. United States Dept of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Grant \$3,925 – These funds offset half the cost of bullet proof vests purchased for our officers.
2. *COPS Secure Our Schools Grant \$25,000 – This grant was a collaboration of efforts by Marina PD, Monterey PD, Seaside PD and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to provide a comprehensive school safety and vulnerability assessment of MPUSD schools to improve school safety.
3. *U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \$29,240 – This grant will provide much needed funds for a Public Safety building security system.
4. Citizens Option for Public Safety \$100,000 – Funds received are directed for use in partially funding the Department's School Resource Officer position and to provide for non-programmed overtime costs for special enforcement events.
5. *U.S. Department of Justice COPS Hiring Recovery Program \$415,267 – The COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire career law enforcement officers and preserve jobs, and to increase their community policing capability and crime prevention efforts. Marina PD received funding for one police officer position.

Crime Prevention

The Police Department is currently expanding its crime prevention activities within the City. For a number of years Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) has been utilized to design crime prevention measures into all new construction projects throughout the City.

The Unit is now being expanded to include all phases of Crime prevention. Outreach to the community will be at the forefront of our activities. Public education will be a major focus and it will take many forms such as pamphlets, public presentations and via the media, i.e. public service messages. There is one officer and one community service officer assigned to the unit and all will be provided with training specific to crime prevention and will interface with various state and local law

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enforcement agencies and groups to stay abreast of the most up-to-date crime prevention tactics and to evaluate and become aware of any specific crime trends.

CPTD Lighting Evaluation: What are the lights illuminating?

What is Being Wasted?

- A Safety Issue? Aesthetic One?



National Night Out



National Night Out is a nationally known event held the first Tuesday of August every year wherein hundreds of law enforcement agencies from all over the United States host on the same night this event to promote crime and drug prevention, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

In 2010 the Police Department will be hosting a National Night Out and you can expect it to be a spectacular event showcasing services and programs the Police Department offers, and from various local groups and non-profit organizations. National Night Out is not only educational but entertaining and fun for the whole family.

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Police Department Annual Report

The Annual Report is an informational document produced to inform and educate the public about their Police Department. It provides descriptions of the various divisions and units, special units, programs and a detailed crime analysis for the year. The report is important to provide transparency and answer questions as to how the Department is run and who is responsible for the various functions. It is hoped the report will generate questions from the public and foster greater understanding.

Community Relations

The Adjutant Commander is responsible for evaluating and working to improve the Police Departments relationship with the public. It is important to ensure accurate and clear information is transmitted and passed along to media and community. As important is the monitoring of the public's perception of the Department so that misconceptions can be corrected to modify Department procedures and practices and improve its relationships with the community.

Officer Andy Rosas reading to local school children.





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Community relations are integral to the Department's ability to perform as the community is a valuable resource and community trust and involvement with the Department is a valuable crime prevention tool.

Permits

The Police Department issues a number of permits through the Adjutant Commander. Permits issued include card room employees and card room businesses, taxi drivers and taxi businesses, special events, dance permits, massage permits (employees and businesses) and bingo permits. While this is a regulatory function, it is also important to ensure that persons and businesses operating within these businesses are properly licensed, have required credentials and meet state requirements. Of utmost concern is for the welfare, wellbeing and safety of the public who utilize these services. The Police Department takes the issuance of permits very seriously and works hard to ensure legitimate businesses have a venue to operate and dubious operators and persons do not.

Airport Liaison

The Marina Municipal Airport is managed by the City of Marina Community Development Department and the Police Department is working closely with them to provide guidance in relation to general crime prevention and crime prevention specific to airport facilities. The airport, by Federal Aviation definition, is a general aviation facility with aviation and non-aviation business operating in the footprint of the airport.

Liaison activities are growing. A temporary Police Department substation has been established at the airport business office until the permanent office at the airport fire station is completed. An airport security plan has been completed as well as a crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) review. Both reports deal with security and crime prevention activities and actions that will further enhance airport safety and security.

Long range plans include the formation of an airport parking district that will assist in controlling transient vehicle traffic and parking, further securing airport runway areas, establishing an Airport Watch, which is very similar to a Neighborhood Watch and instituting a runway access identification system for pilots and others with need to enter runway areas.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION



The Administrative Services Division is commanded by Lieutenant Bob Nolan whose primary responsibility is to provide general management, direction and control for the Administrative Services Division. The Administrative Services Division consists of the following:

- Professional Standards Unit
 1. Internal Affairs
 2. Recruitment & Hiring
 3. Training
 4. Policies & Procedures Manual
- Records Bureau
- Evidence & Property Unit
- Police Activities League
- Police Cadet Program
- Canine Program



History Note:
The badge and patch above were used by
the Department from 1979 to 2005

Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit is staffed by a sergeant and a part-time civilian training manager, whose primary focus is to ensure all Department employees are provided proper direction, information and training in order to perform their assigned functions and duties. Areas of responsibility of the Professional Standards Unit are Internal Affairs, Recruitment, Training and maintenance of the Policy & Procedures Manual.

- (1) Internal Affairs: The purpose of internal affairs is to investigate complaints and or concerns regarding officer and civilian employee conduct as it relates to the performance of their duties. These investigations determine the facts of the complaints and results are forwarded to the Chief of Police for possible action.
- (2) Recruitment: The Marina Police Department has made a commitment to hire only the most qualified people in order to provide residents and visitors to the City the best possible service. The Professional Standards Unit uses the most up to date recruitment techniques and methods to draw qualified candidates. They carefully screen applicants through all phases of the testing process in order to evaluate applicants suitability, ability to succeed, their ethical standards and sense of commitment to the law enforcement profession.

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- (3) Training: Training is an integral part of law enforcement. Every police officer is required to attend specialized training on an annual and bi-annual basis. This training ranges from defensive tactics, driving, firearms, Tasers, and impact weapons like batons.



Officer Octavio Barocio



Sgt. Margaret Basa



Officer Tonev Cantv

Department civilian employees are also provided training for their prescribed duties. An important function of training is the maintenance of training records so the Department retains its certification through the State of California and to ensure all employees are familiar with changes in law, policies and procedures and equipment.

- (4) Policies and Procedures Manual: The Police Department operates via the use of policies and procedures that dictate and guide employees so as to provide a consistent level of service, adherence to law and uniform direction so the Department can ensure the consistency in its mission of providing for the safety and security of its “customers”. All policies and procedures are evaluated on a consistent basis to guarantee their compliance with law and best practices. The policy and procedure manual is the document that guides the actions of its employees.

Records Bureau

Records and information is a critical function for the effective delivery of law enforcement services. Maintaining the security and integrity of police records is an essential component of the record function. The Records Bureau provides assistance to the public. Hours are: Monday thru Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



RECORDS STAFF

TJ Maudlin, Christina Feige, Maria Esparza

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They assist citizens in obtaining information, direct them to available resources within the department and refer them to the appropriate City agencies and services. Records personnel provide a variety of public safety support services to citizens and officers including:

- Maintain and secure police records
- Fingerprinting services
- Provide information and copies of requested reports to authorized persons including victims, their representatives and insurance companies
- Coordinate officer subpoenas and respond to subpoenas for records
- Collect statistical data for submission of the Uniform Crime Report and the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register to the Department of Justice
- Authorize vehicle releases
- Working hand-in-hand with the District Attorney's Office, Municipal Court, Department of Justice, and other law enforcement agencies, Records oversees dissemination of confidential information for appropriate disposition of cases and statistical purposes. The Records Bureau efficiently accomplishes its primary goal of community service and the Security of all records.

Evidence & Property Unit

The Property & Evidence Unit is responsible for the safekeeping, cataloging, release and destruction of all property and evidence acquired by the Department. The disposition of all evidence and property is governed by law and stored in a high security facility under tightly controlled conditions. Access to the property facility is limited to the Administrative Division commander and the Property Technician. As prescribed by law, the Department legally disposes of property via destruction, return to owner or via public sale. The Department facilitates the sale of items through a private company, PropertyRoom.Com.

*Just two of the many firearms
seized in 2009.*



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Police Activities League (PAL)

The Police Department has joined with the City of Marina Recreation and Cultural Services Department to provide a wider array of activities for participants. This joint venture is currently in its organizational stages and it is projected PAL will begin operations in the near future.

Police Cadet Program

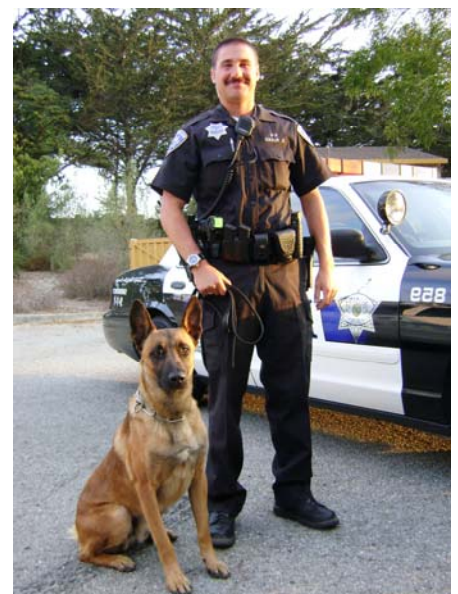
The Police Cadet Program is on its way back after a hiatus. Officers have been handpicked to reorganize and recruit participants from City of Marina schools. Cadets will be afforded the opportunity to learn about law enforcement through participation in various Department activities. Cadets will learn the basics of law enforcement through training provided by the department and have the opportunity to apply their newfound knowledge through practical application. To apply as a cadet you must be between the ages of fourteen (14) years of age and eighteen (18) years of age.

Canine (K-9) Program

The Police Department has one of the oldest canine programs in Monterey County and continues to provide this unique and valuable law enforcement tool. Currently, the Department fields two canines, Sammie and Thunder, both Malinois. Canine officers are most often assigned to “overlap shifts” (3 PM to 3AM) in order to provide services during the times with the highest calls for service.



*Officer Steve Russo
&
K-9 Sammie*



OPERATIONS DIVISION



The Operations Division is commanded by Lieutenant Tom Melendy whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Operations Division. The Operations Division consists of the following:

- Patrol
- Traffic Unit
- Traffic Accident Investigations Unit
- Bicycle Unit
- Fleet Management
- Technology
- Building Security



Patrol

Marina PD Patrol Unit

Officers will generally patrol in clearly marked police vehicles, patrol assigned geographic areas (beats) within the City of Marina, respond to citizen calls for assistance, act as a deterrent to crime, enforce local ordinances as well as state and federal laws, and respond to emergencies 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Officers assigned to patrol will generally provide the following services within the limits of available resources:

- (a) Patrol that is directed at the prevention of criminal acts, vehicle code violations and collisions, the maintenance of public order, and the discovery of hazardous situations or conditions.
- (b) Calls for service, both routine and emergency in nature.
- (c) Investigation of both criminal and non-criminal acts.
- (d) The apprehension of criminal offenders.
- (e) Community Oriented Policing activities such as citizen assists and individual citizen contacts of a positive nature.
- (f) The sharing of information between officers assigned to patrol and other divisions within the department, as well as outside and other governmental agencies.
- (g) The application of resources to specific problems or situations within the community which may be improved or resolved by Problem Oriented Policing Strategies.
- (h) Traffic direction and control.

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Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is staffed by two officers who have received specialized training in police motorcycle operation and in advanced traffic collision investigation. Officers assigned to the Traffic Unit are responsible for providing intensive traffic enforcement activities to reduce the incidents of traffic collisions and fatalities. They are also tasked with the investigation of traffic collisions.



Motor Officer Robin Nowak

Traffic Accident Investigations Unit

When a major traffic collision occurs wherein there is a fatality or the possibility that an injured party may die as a result of the collision, the Traffic Accident Investigations Unit, which includes the Traffic Unit, are called out to conduct the investigation. These highly complex investigations often require many days if not weeks of investigation and follow-up. Members of this unit are provided with specialized traffic collision investigation training. Unit members are often called out at odd times of the day and night requiring them to come in on their days off or other off duty times.

Bicycle Unit

The Bicycle Unit is a recent addition to the Department and came on line in late 2008. Team members utilize the bicycles special attributes to move silently and through areas not accessible to vehicles. The speed and silence of the bicycles allows officers to “sneak up” on crimes in progress and make arrests. The bicycles are also very valuable during the holiday seasons to patrol large parking areas to deter thefts from persons and vehicles.



***Bicycle Officers
Andy Rosas & Adam Balesteri***

Fleet Management

Fleet management is the oversight of all vehicles used by the Police Department. Management of the vehicles of the fleet consists of monitoring the mileage of vehicles to ensure maximum longevity of vehicles, monitoring the physical condition of each vehicle and the equipment contained within or on. Modern police vehicles are technologically complex as they contain mobile dispatch computer

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system that allow officers to be dispatched via an onboard computer, perform license plate, drivers license and wants and warrants checks. These vehicles also contain an onboard audio/video system that is activated whenever the officer turns on the emergency lights or exceeds specified miles per hour, and has a manual activation button in case the officer wishes to activate it manually. The vehicles also are equipped with state of the art radio communications and emergency lighting system.

The monitoring of the fleet is not only to ensure the vehicles are running and operating at full capacity, but to also make sure they are safe and that routine maintenance and repairs are completed in a timely fashion.

An important part of fleet maintenance is being involved in the purchasing of new vehicles and ensuring all vehicles are set up the same, and coordinating the purchase of specified equipment that is not stock to the vehicle.

Technology

As in any profession in this day and age, technology is always changing and improving. The Department is committed to providing officers with up-to-date, efficient and reliable technology. New technology most examined and researched is computer systems, vehicle technology, cameras, digital voice recorders and less than lethal weaponry. As new law enforcement technology is produced the Department does extensive research to see if the technology is useful to the Department and is user friendly and economical.



Typical interior of a Marina PD patrol unit

Building Security

Law enforcement facilities are the repository for many confidential records and items taken as evidence, as well as being a facility where arrestees are held for various periods of time. Additionally, law enforcement facilities and employees working within them have been the target of various types

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of attacks by disgruntled persons, groups and organizations. In order to provide protection for all areas mentioned above, it is important to constantly evaluate the physical security of the City of Marina Public Safety Building. The rotation of locking systems, maintenance of security camera systems, monitoring of visitors and being aware of and tracking information regarding threats made to officers.

Department employees and to law enforcement in general are monitored to assess possible attacks. Building security is a constant evaluation of threat assessment and policies and procedures evaluations.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



The Support Services Division is commanded by Lt. Bruce Martin whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for that division. The Support Services Division consists of the following:

- Investigations Bureau
- Directed Enforcement Unit
- Monterey Peninsula Regional Special Response Unit
- School Resource Officer
- Community Services Unit



History Note:
The first badge and patch used by the Department.
Circa 1976 to 1978

Investigations Bureau

The primary goal of the Marina Police Department Investigative Bureau is to investigate highly complex criminal cases like homicides and sexual assaults and examine/evaluate crime trends and initiate special operations to curtail such trends/crimes.

Preliminary investigations begin when a responding officer or detective arrives at the scene of an incident and verifies a crime may have been or is being committed. Initial investigations are generally initiated by a patrol officer and continued by them until they have exhausted their ability to investigate due to expertise or the investigation requires investigation outside the Police Department's jurisdiction, or the nature of the crime is such that investigation requires specialized investigative expertise or the case is extremely complicated. At this point the investigation is transferred to the Investigations Bureau.



Detectives are selected for the Investigations Bureau after an internal application process. Generally, detective applicants show exemplary investigative skills and possess a high level of organizational and report writing skills. If selected, detectives are provided a specific course of study through the California Peace Officers Standards and Training where they receive certification through the Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigations.

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Directed Enforcement Unit

This group has been designed to be a problem oriented policing unit that will concentrate efforts towards repeated public order issues such as serial criminal activities such as bank robberies, sexual assaults, gang activity, burglaries or any other crime that require intense, coordinated attention to stamp out the activity and arrest the violator or violators. In essence, the unit will exclusively target those crimes or criminals that pose the greatest threat at any given time to the public with the goal of eradicating those high priority threats to public safety and well being for the long term.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Special Response Unit (SRU)

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Special Response Unit is made up of law enforcement officers from the Cities of Marina, Seaside, California State University Monterey Bay, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel who have formed a partnership to share resources and personnel to provide the residents of the Monterey Peninsula with a highly trained group of law enforcement officers to handle high risk situations that are beyond the scope and training of patrol officers and of individual law enforcement agencies. The SRU is a combined special weapons and tactics team, a crisis negotiations team and tactical medical team. The members of the various teams have received special training in each of their areas of expertise and as a combined unit they provide a state of the art unit capable of handling the most dangerous, critical and sensitive situations that might occur. Funding for the unit is provided through grants and donations.



SRU Uniform Designation Patch

School Resource Officer (SRO)

In cooperation with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, the Marina Police Department fields one school resource officer (SRO) to serve City of Marina schools. The SRO works cooperatively with the School District acting as a liaison between the Police Department and the School District. The SRO's duties include, being the principal law enforcement officer for school related enforcement duties, performing public relations, student mentoring, crime prevention, providing educational programs for students and generally providing a visible presence on school campuses.

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School Resource Officers are chosen via an interview process conducted through the School District and through an evaluation process administered by the Police Department.

Desirable attributes for an SRO include possessing superior communication skills, the ability to relate to persons of all ages, able to work independently, create educational programs for children of all ages and present a profession approachable image.



School Resource Officer Pablo Andrade

Community Services Unit

The Community Services Unit is made up of four Community Services Officers (CSO) who perform specialized duties for the Police Department. Community Services Officers are assigned to three areas of operation, Animal Services, Investigations Bureau and the Operations Division. Though assigned to various areas, all are cross-trained to assume any duty assignment they are assigned to.



CSO Neola Barnet processing a baseball bat for latent fingerprints.

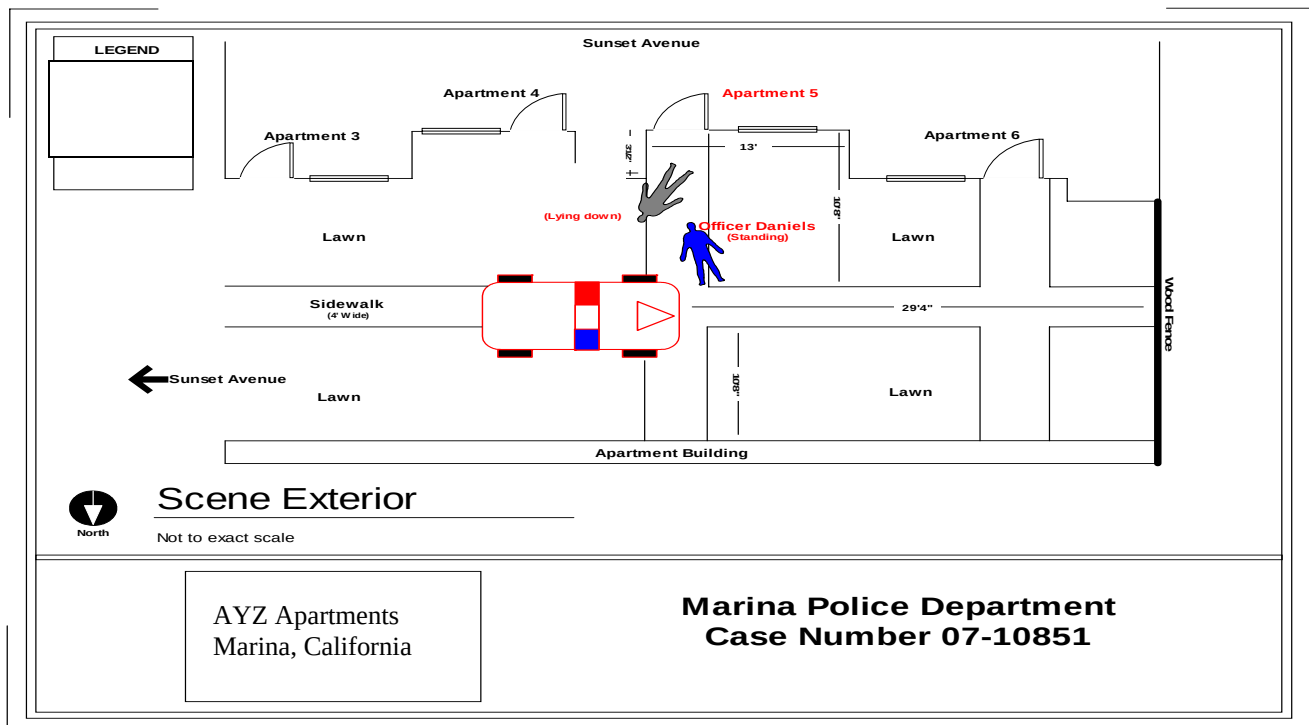
- Animal Control: One CSO is assigned to provide Monday through Friday coverage for the City. During weekends, CSOs assigned to other duties provide this service. The CSO assigned to animal control is responsible for providing care for animals that are found running at large, are turned in by owners, injured animals, providing medical care for injured animals found at large, control of feral cats and providing educational information to the public in regards to a

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variety of animal related issues and concerns. Sheltering of animals is provided by Monterey County SPCA.

- Investigations Bureau: One CSO is assigned to the Investigations Bureau where they track and register sex offenders, drug offenders and arsonists and follow-up on missing person and domestic violence cases. This CSO acts as a victims liaison providing support and assistance to victims as they go through the court process. The CSO often directs victims to organizations that offer various victim assistance programs ranging from monetary support to mental health assistance. Additional duties include crime scene processing and non-violent crime case follow-up.
- Operations Division: Two CSOs are assigned to the Operations Division where they are responsible for taking non-violent non-hazardous crime reports such as vandalism, burglaries and non-crime reports like lost property and found property; are trained crime scene investigators and are responsible for processing crime scene of all types. In the event of a traffic collision the CSOs are tasked with providing traffic control and setting cone patterns. Another important role is identifying and abating abandoned vehicles, issuing parking citations and providing animal control services on the weekend.





YEAR IN REVIEW

The Police Department responds to numerous types of calls for service every year. Below you will find a month by month listing of various high profile incidents that occurred during the 2009 year. The listed incidents are a small fraction of the number of calls we receive every year for a multitude of different incidents and situations.

JANUARY

January 13, 2009, approximately 1918 hours, a 16-year-old female reported that she was abducted and sexually assaulted near the Marina State Beach while jogging near the south end of Marina Drive.

Preliminary investigation has revealed two suspects worked together in committing this crime and both suspects were in possession of a handgun. Further investigation revealed the incident was falsified.

January 7, 2009 at 1311 hours, the Marina Police Department was dispatched on a report of a burglary to a classroom at the Los Arboles Middle School in Marina. On arrival, responding units found fifteen laptop computers had been stolen from one of the classrooms at the school.

Subsequent investigation by the responding officer, Officer Justine Hamer, and Detective Jay Thorson, led to the discovery that several of the laptops had later been pawned at local pawn shops in Seaside and Salinas. Follow-up investigation identified three suspects in this case. The first suspect was identified as Elizabeth Stevens, Age 19, of Seaside. Stevens was determined to be a program leader for the after school program at the school where the laptops were stolen. Her boyfriend, Denzell Jackson, Age 19, also of Seaside, was also identified as a suspect in the burglary. Stevens and Jackson were both arrested for the burglary. Arrest of the third suspect is still pending.

A total of fifteen laptops valued at \$18,800 were stolen from the school. Ten of those laptops have been located. The remaining laptops are still outstanding

FEBRUARY

February 15, 2009, approximately 2223 hours, Marina Police Officer Amanda Kirby spotted a Jeep Liberty in the parking lot of Wal-Mart that matched the description of Jeep Liberty stolen the day before in the City of Morgan Hill. Officer Kirby ran a license plate check through Dispatch which resulted in a confirmation that the vehicle was stolen. Marina Police had received an informational flyer produced by Carmel PD earlier in the day that a male by the name of John Eason, 45 years-old, was a suspect in multi-city vehicle burglaries and had a active warrant for his arrest by California State Parole. Eason was believed to have stolen the Jeep Liberty as well as committing thefts from vehicles.

A felony vehicle stop was initiated on the Jeep in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Two occupants were removed from the vehicle, the driver being suspect Eason along with an adult female who was in the front passenger seat. Items from several, local vehicle burglaries were recovered, including property from two recent thefts in Marina. Carmel PD was notified and is continuing their investigation regarding the related crimes committed in their city. At the time of this release, Monterey PD confirmed property recovered in the Jeep was related to one of the recent thefts in their city as well.

The adult female was questioned by police and eventually released without criminal charges being filed at this time.



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Suspect Eason was arrested for the active Parole warrant and numerous other crimes which include being in possession of stolen property, falsely identifying one-self to a police officer and possession of marijuana.

February 15, 2009, approximately 2238 hours, Marina Police responded to an apartment complex located at 3114 Crescent Avenue on a report of an injury traffic collision. When emergency personnel arrived on scene they discovered a 60-year-old male subject lying under a vehicle he'd been a passenger in and run over by the vehicle he'd been riding in.

The Marina Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team investigated the incident. Their investigation revealed that the vehicle was being backed into a parking stall at the apartment complex and the victim attempted to exit the vehicle while it was still moving. The driver, a 62-year-old woman from Pajaro and friend of the victim, accidentally stepped on the vehicle's accelerator and the victim was dragged under the vehicle where he was run over. The victim was identified as 60-year-old Craig Wirth of Marina.

MARCH

March 3, 2009, approximately 10:14 PM, the Marina Police Department was dispatched to a report of a vehicle collision on Imjin Parkway south of Preston Drive.

On arrival, responding units found two vehicles, a Toyota sedan and an Acura sedan, had collided head-on on Imjin Parkway south of Preston Drive. The female driver of the Acura was pronounced dead at the scene. The female driver of the Toyota was transported to Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital (SVMH) for treatment of her injuries.

Preliminary investigation of the collision indicates the Toyota may have drifted into on-coming traffic, striking the Acura. There were no passengers in either involved vehicle. The upset in the case was later arrested and was convicted of vehicular manslaughter and is serving prison time.

March 6, 2009 at 1919 hours, the Marina Police Department was dispatched to a report of a "Hit & Run" Collision that had just occurred on Imjin Parkway near 2nd Avenue. The victim involved in this collision followed the suspect while providing detailed information to a 911 Dispatcher.

Marina Police Officers ultimately located the suspect vehicle in the area of California Avenue and Reservation Road. The driver failed to yield to the Police and led Officers on a short vehicle pursuit. The pursuit was terminated on Nicolas Lane and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. Thankfully, no one was injured as a result of this incident.

The suspect was identified as Henry Acosta, 29 years old. Acosta was arrested and booked into the Monterey County Jail for "Hit & Run", Evading Police, and for Driving Under the Influence of an Alcoholic Beverage.

March 9, 2009, approximately 10:00 am, a 49 year old adult female was kidnapped from her residence in the Preston Park housing area in the City of Marina. The victim was taken by the suspect via vehicle towards the City of Gilroy on Highway 101. About 2:30 pm, while on Highway 101 just north of Highway 25, the victim began struggling with the suspect, forcing him to pull over to the side of the highway. The victim escaped from the vehicle and continued struggling with the suspect. An unidentified Good Samaritan stopped to check on the victim and the suspect drove away.

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APRIL

No notable activity this month.

MAY

May 9, 2010 at 2034 hours, Marina Police Officers were dispatched to Target in response to two adults, one male and one female, attempting to return stolen Gift Cards. Upon police arrival, the male and female were immediately detained. The male was identified as Kyle Robinson and the female was identified as Charlene Hansen.

After further investigation, it was determined that Robinson and Hansen used a stolen credit card to purchase a large amount of Gift Cards. Robinson and Hansen were attempting to return the Gift Cards in exchange for cash.

Shortly after the arrest of Robinson and Hansen, Marina Police began to receive calls from other peninsula agencies, to include The Monterey Sheriff's Office and Carmel Police Department. Robinson and Hansen were suspects in a series of burglaries in multiple police jurisdictions.

In a collaborative effort to work closely with our fellow Law Enforcement Agencies, Robinson and Hansen were turned over to Monterey County Sheriff's Deputies for questioning in other related crimes.

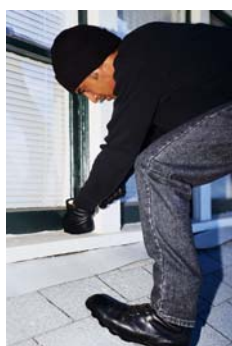
Kyle Robinson and Charlene Hansen, were booked into the Monterey County Jail for Burglary, Possession of Stolen Property, Conspiracy, and Possession Heroin.

May 13, 2009, approximately 9:30 PM, the Marina Police Department was dispatched to a report of an in-progress armed robbery at Round Table Pizza, 3120 Del Monte Boulevard.

On arrival, responding officers learned that a male subject entered the business, brandished a black semi-automatic handgun at employees, and obtained an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival. No one was injured as a result of this incident.

May 21, 2009, approximately 9:01 PM, the Marina Police Department was dispatched to a home invasion robbery. Two suspects entered the residence and violently assaulted three male occupants. One victim suffered minor injuries. The other two victims suffered major injuries and they were transported to a local hospital for medical attention.

Suspect #1 was armed with a shotgun. He was described as a Hispanic male adult in his late 20's, dark hair and eyes, possibly had a goatee, 5'8" to 6'-0" tall, and 200 to 210 pounds. His hair was flattened forward and he had a spike to the front.



CRIME PREVENTION TIP!

**Always lock your doors & windows!
Be sure to keep bushes and shrubs
trimmed so they don't block your
windows.**

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Suspect #2 was armed with a baseball bat. He was possibly a White or Hispanic male adult in his late 30's, bald head, dark eyes, 6'5", and 350 pounds. Both suspects fled the scene prior to police arrival. This case is under investigation and there is no further information available at this time.

JUNE

June 7, 2009 at 0036 hours, a Marina Police Officer, Edward Bachtel, and a California State University Police Officer, Matthew Dasilva, witnessed a motorcyclist traveling at a high rate of speed on Imjin Parkway. As the Officers attempted to locate the motorcyclist, they lost site of it in the area of Imjin Parkway and Abrams. When the Officers arrived in this area, parts from the motorcycle were found in the roadway. The motorcycle was later found crashed and off of the roadway and in the brush.

Based on the damage to the motorcycle, we believing it was likely that the motorcyclist may have been injured and in need of medical care. California State University Police Officers continued to assist Marina Officers with this investigation.

On several occasions, a male was scene hiding in the brush. When Officers would attempt to contact the male, he fled from them on foot. After and extensive search was conducted, the male was located on the 500-block of Ingman Court. Based on the visible injuries to the male, it was determined that he was the rider of the crashed motorcycle.

The male was identified as David Ayotte (DOB 08-27-82). David Ayotte was subsequently arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Fleeing from Officers.

June 11, 2009 at 2138 hours, Marina Police Officers were dispatched to a report of burglary alarm activation at a local Electric Company. When Officers arrived on scene, three suspects with flashlights were seen in the rear corporation yard of the business.

As Officers attempted to establish a perimeter, the suspects became aware of Police presence and began to flee the scene on foot. Officers gave chase and two of the suspects were quickly apprehended. The outstanding suspect was seen fleeing into a wooded area that was not easily accessible.

A perimeter was established and a Salinas Police Officer and his K-9 partner arrived on scene for assistance. Although an extensive search was conducted for the outstanding suspect, the suspect was not located.

Officers later discovered that the suspects had gathered a large amount of miscellaneous electrical supplies and equipment. Almost \$5,000 of stolen property was recovered and returned to the business.

The suspects in this investigation were identified as Justin Wolf (DOB 02-06-87) and William Dolan (DOB 06-20-85). Both Wolf and Dolan were arrested and booked into the Monterey County Jail for Grand Theft, Trespassing, Possession of Burglary Tools, and for Resisting Arrest.



DRIVING SAFETY TIP!

**Distracted Driving Injures & Kills.
Keep Your Eyes On The Road.
When driving... don't perform other
tasks!**





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June 15, 2009, about 10:30 AM, the Marina Police Department was dispatched to multiple reports of graffiti around the City. The vandalisms consisted of graffiti type writing spray painted in green on numerous walls and other objects. In all fourteen (14) separate acts of vandalism were reported and all occurred during the night of June 14, 2009 in the areas of Reservation Road, Del Monte Boulevard, Carmel Avenue, De Forest Avenue and Hillcrest Avenue.

Subsequent investigation by the responding officer and investigators led to the discovery of video surveillance footage of the suspect as he was spray painting in the area of one of the vandalisms. The subject in the video was identified by officers as Christopher Reign Hernandez, age 24, of Marina.

Hernandez was contacted by officers on 6/16/09 and found to be wearing the same clothing he had been wearing at the time he was captured on video, which was stained with green paint. Hernandez was also found to be in possession of drawings similar to the graffiti found at the vandalism scenes.

Hernandez was taken into custody and booked into Monterey County Jail for felony vandalism.

June 19, 2009, approximately 10:30 AM, officers from the Marina Police Department arrested 38 year old Danny Reyes Barcinas of Marina and 37 year old Nathan Allen Smith, also of Marina for charges related to the cultivation and sales of marijuana. Their arrests came after a lengthy investigation stemming from them reporting being victims of a home invasion robbery on May 21, 2009 about 9:00 PM.

Barcinas and Smith reported that two suspects had entered their residence on Andrew Circle in Marina armed with a baseball bat and a handgun, assaulted them with the baseball bat and stole money, firearms and marijuana.

As the investigation into the robbery progressed, investigating officers discovered evidence that Barcinas and Smith were dealing in the sale of marijuana and other drugs. The Marina PD Investigations Bureau served two search warrants on May 22, 2009 and June 4, 2009 at Barcinas and Smith's residence and found packaging materials used in the sales of illegal drugs, approximately 10 pounds of marijuana and 120 pounds of illegal fireworks.

Further investigation led to the service of a third search warrant on a separate residence on Andrew Circle believed to be connected with the sale of marijuana at Barcinas and Smith's residence. Upon service of the third search warrant, officers found evidence of an illegal in-door marijuana growing operation. Hydroponic grow lamps, fertilizer and other items indicative of an in-door growing operation were located inside the residence.

As a result of the investigation on June 19, 2009, Marina Police obtained arrest warrants for Barcinas and Smith. Both suspects were arrested without incident the night of June 19 and booked into Monterey County Jail.

June 28, 2009, about 8:40 PM, the Marina Police Department was dispatched to the area of Zanetta Drive and Carmel Avenue on a report of a woman who had been shot. On arrival, officers located a 38 year old Marina woman who had been shot in the face. The woman was able to tell officers that her ex-boyfriend, Jose Tejeda 38 years old of Marina, had shot her while they argued in her car in the area of Zanetta Drive and Weber Circle. The woman was ultimately flown via Life Flight to San Jose Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Marina officers began a search of the area for Tejeda and found him being detained by citizens, who had chased and physically detained him on Weber Circle. Tejeda was booked into Monterey County Jail on a charge of attempted homicide.



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June 28, 2009, Officer Andrade with the Marina Police Department contacted 38 year-old Harvey Blackburn, a known parolee, as he stood outside of Mortimer's Bar, located at 3104 Del Monte Boulevard. Blackburn was accompanied by a female companion who is known by police to be on probation.

Shortly after the initial contact, Officer Andrade moved towards Blackburn in an attempt to search him. Blackburn began running from Officer Andrade, leaving the female behind. Officer Andrade gave chase as Blackburn ran westbound across the four-lane roadway of Del Monte Boulevard towards Marina Drive. Officer Andrade quickly captured Blackburn and held him at gunpoint until other officer's arrived moments later.

Blackburn was found to be in possession of a loaded .22 caliber handgun, black handgun, as well as two loaded magazines. Blackburn was placed on a parole hold and lodged at Monterey County Jail for numerous criminal charges including: Felon in possession of a concealed firearm, Felon in possession of a loaded firearm and Obstructing or resisting law enforcement.

JULY

July 8, 2009, Officer Andrade with the Marina Police Department was on patrol when he spotted an adult male known to him as 48 year-old Max Weems driving a black Honda. Officer Andrade knew Weems had numerous outstanding warrants for his arrest. When Officer Andrade attempted to stop Weems on California Avenue, just south of Carmel Avenue, Weems sped to his residence located at 414 Tamara Court, in an attempt to evade Officer Andrade.

Weems parked the vehicle he was driving in the driveway, exited his vehicle and fled into the residence, locking the front door behind him. Marina Police Officers converged on the scene and gained quick assistance from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the California State University of Monterey Bay Police Department. A perimeter was successfully established, and after approximately 45 minutes of ordering Weems from the residence over a police car loudspeaker, Weems surrendered without further incident and was taken into custody in his driveway.

Weems had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. The most serious warrant, a no-bail felony warrant, originated from the City of Salinas and the other two were out of the City of Monterey and Marina. Weems was booked into Monterey County Jail for the warrants and for obstructing police officers in their course of duty.

AUGUST

August 3, 2009 at 1248 hours, Marina Police Officers were dispatched to a report of suspicious circumstances at a residence in the 100 block of Lakewood Drive. A citizen in the area reported seeing at least three males pull up to a residence and disappear into the back yard. A few minutes later, the witness saw the males exit the back yard carrying items under a blanket. The citizen was able to provide a license plate number to police of the vehicle that the suspect drove away. Officers arrived on scene to discover the residence had been burglarized.

Investigators from the Marina Police Department and deputies from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office followed up on the information provided. They were able to locate the suspect vehicle at an address in Prunedale. Three suspects were contacted. A search of the suspect vehicle revealed property that was taken from the residence in Marina during the burglary. The three suspects that were contacted, two juvenile males and one adult male, were taken into custody for possession of the stolen property. The male that was arrested was identified as Henry Ysidro Lachuga, Age 19, of Prunedale. The two juveniles were booked into Monterey County Juvenile Hall and the adult male was booked into Monterey County Jail.



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August 5, 2009 at 2151 hours, a Marina Officer was on routine patrol in the 100-Block of Beach Road. The Officer, who is very familiar with his assigned area, noticed a conversion van parked in a large parking lot. Because he did not recognize the van a registration check was conducted. It was then that he learned that the van was stolen from the City of Sunnyvale.

Additional Marina Officers quickly responded for assistance and a High Risk Felony Car Stop was initiated. While attempting to remove the unknown occupants from the vehicle, an adult male exited the passenger side of the vehicle and fled from the scene on foot. Because of the direction that the suspect ran, two of the officers that were on scene were able to safely pursue the fleeing suspect. Shortly after, he was captured and arrested. An adult female was also removed from the vehicle.

The adult male was identified as Justin Hardin (DOB 7-15-76). Hardin was booked into the Monterey County Jail for Possession of Stolen Property, Resisting Arrest, and for his Violation of Parole.

The adult female was identified as Karen Martinez (DOB 9-30-74). Martinez was found to be in Possession of a Controlled Substance and was also booked into the Monterey County Jail.

SEPTEMBER

No notable activity this month.

OCTOBER

October 9, 2009 Marina Police Officers responded to a report of a burglary that had just occurred at the Target Store on General Stillwell Avenue. The suspect had stolen a television and fled prior to officer's arrival on scene. The investigating officer obtained surveillance photos of the suspect and the suspect vehicle. It was determined that the same suspect had stolen a television from the same Target Store a month earlier. Based on the suspect's modus operandi, the officer believed the same suspect could be responsible for a recent burglary at the Wal-Mart Store on Beach Road.

On October 10, 2009, the investigating officer saw and recognized the suspect vehicle. The officer initiated a traffic stop. The driver, George Stucker (31 years old) of Marina, was positively identified as the suspect in both burglaries from Target through photo comparison and in-field show-up. Stucker admitted to both burglaries from the Target Store, the recent burglary at the Wal-Mart Store, and numerous prior burglaries from the Wal-Mart Store.

Stucker was booked into the Monterey County Jail for three counts of burglary, committing a felony while released on bail, violation of parole, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and traffic violations.

October 13, 2009, Marina Police Officers were dispatched to the area of Cosky Drive and Del Monte Blvd. for numerous reports of light colored Ford Mustang driving slowly down the street as it's occupants were breaking windows to parked vehicles, possibly with an unknown type of firearm. Marina Police quickly responded and located three vehicles with shattered, driver side windows. Officers began canvassing the area for the suspect vehicle.

Officer Thorson initially stayed on scene with one of the citizens who reported this crime. As the officer was obtaining information about the incident, he saw a Ford Mustang matching the description drive eastbound on Cosky Drive. Shortly thereafter, Officer Thorson caught up with the Mustang near Del Monte Blvd. and Lapis road and conducted a traffic stop.

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The male driver was identified as 19 year-old Colton Holloway and the male passenger as 19 year-old Maximiliano Cuevas. Both suspects were ultimately arrested for numerous crimes including, vandalism, attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools, shooting at an unoccupied vehicle, possession of stolen property and conspiracy.

It is believed these two suspects are responsible for numerous car burglaries and vandalisms that have occurred recently in various Central Coast cities. The suspects were in possession of many items believed to be stolen and were taken for safekeeping by Marina PD. California State University of Monterey Bay PD was notified and recovered stolen items from some of their recent burglaries – some as far back as May 2009. This case is currently under further investigation.

October 30, 2009, Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that Charles George, age 32, of Seaside, has been found guilty of the 1996 murder of Victor Manuel Gutierrez in Marina. The shooting of Gutierrez occurred during a drug deal involving a half of a kilo of Cocaine on June 9th, 1996. Marina Police believed George to be a prime suspect throughout its investigation in 1996, however many witnesses were uncooperative with law enforcement, not wanting to admit their involvement with the drug transaction.

Investigator Margaret Basa of the Marina Police who worked on the original homicide investigation reopened the investigation in 1997. Through the efforts of Marina Police Detectives Basa, Whitaker, and Moreno, numerous witnesses were re-contacted, several of whom were more cooperative after the passage ten years. Additionally Detective Richard Cohen of the Seaside Police Department was instrumental in securing additional evidence including several damning admissions.

The Jury was unable to come to an agreement as to a Special Circumstance and Gun use enhancement.

The defendant will be sentenced by Judge Robert Moody on December 4, 2009. The sentence for First Degree Murder is 25 years to life.

NOVEMBER

November 27, 2009 at 1745 hours, Marina Officers responded to burglary alarm at the Marina High School. On their arrival, officers heard movement in one of the classrooms. Two suspects were located hiding in the classroom. The suspects had burglarized three classrooms prior to the officers arriving on scene. Suspect one is a 15 year old male resident of Marina. Suspect two is a 17 year old male resident of Marina.

Both suspects admitted to a prior burglary at Marina High School which occurred on November 26, 2009. All stolen property was recovered. Both suspects were booked into Juvenile Hall.



CRIME PREVENTION TIP! **TELEMARKETING FRAUD**

Telemarketing fraud is a scam where the caller attempts to steal your money using deception. It can be difficult to discern legitimate telephone vendors and the “con artists”. NEVER wire or send money to someone you don’t know, NEVER play a foreign lottery over the phone or by mail, NEVER be pressured into making a decision, NEVER give out personal information and DON’T be afraid to hang up the phone.

Some Examples of common schemes:

Phony Prize Promotions

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DECEMBER

December 10, 2009 at 1008 hours, Marina Officers responded to the El Rancho Market on report of an armed robbery that had just occurred. Three suspects entered the store, brandished a firearm, and battered the clerk. The suspects fled with an undetermined amount of cash and beer. The suspects were chased by store employees, but were able to flee the area.

Suspect #1 – HMA, early 20's, 5'08"-6'00", very thin build, medium complexion, mustache, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with the hood over his head. This suspect was armed with a silver handgun.

Suspect #2 - HMA, 5'04"-5'06", husky build 180-200 lbs, light to medium complexion, short brown wavy hair, thick black mustache, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with the hood over his head.

Suspect #3 - HMA, 5'06", 180 lbs, wearing a white or light blue surgical mask over his mouth and a gray hooded sweatshirt with the hood over his head.

December 22, 2009, about 10:00 PM, Marina Police Officers were dispatched to the area of Shuler Circle and Crescent Avenue for a report of a reckless vehicle. Shortly thereafter, police units were given an update that a man was down in the street. A police sergeant was the first to arrive on scene and discovered a 45 year-old Marina man, Mark Auria, lying in the roadway. Mark Auria was not responsive and had received serious injuries to his head. He was treated on scene by emergency personnel and transported by American Medical Response to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP).

The scene quickly turned hostile as numerous subjects in a residence on Shuler became uncooperative during the investigation. Two adult males were arrested for various crimes including battery and delaying or obstructing a police officer. Another adult male, identified as Michael Minafo, a 48 year-old Marina man, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and delaying or obstructing a police officer.

Marina PD had requested emergency outside agency response due to several uncooperative people on scene. Officers from California State University of Monterey Bay Police Department (CSUMB) and Deputies from the Monterey County Sheriff's Department (MCSO) quickly responded and provided much needed assistance.

On January 5, 2010, during the early morning hours, 46 years old, passed away at the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula following him being assaulted on December 22, 2009.

On January 6, 2010, Michael Minafo, 48 years-old of Marina, was arrested for Mr. Auria's death and booked into Monterey County Jail on a charge of homicide after further investigation and receipt of Mr. Auria's autopsy results. During the initial December 22, 2009 assault investigation, Minafo was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and delaying or obstructing a police officer. He was later released and charges were dropped pending further investigation.

CRIME PREVENTION TIP!

Don't Be A Victim Of Car Burglary

One way to stop vehicle burglaries is to take away the attraction to your car. Burglaries are in part due to "Supply & Demand". Clean out your vehicle. Take out all loose items! This means garbage, spare change, CDs, lap tops et cetera. AND don't forget to lock the doors!





Community Involvement

The Marina Police Department is always eager and looks forward to ways to involve itself in the community. It is important to the Police Department to allow itself to be seen in nontraditional roles so residents and visitors get to see and become acquainted with the officers and staff. We value community service and seek out venues where we can interact and hear what you have to say in a relaxed atmosphere.

Christmas and Thanksgiving Holiday Dinner Deliveries

During the holiday season officers and staff volunteer to deliver holiday meals to elderly residents who might not have family with them or a meal for the holidays. Officers and staff have partnered with the Monterey County food bank to deliver a hot meal on Christmas day and Thanksgiving to those elderly folks in need. The officers and staff take great pride in this service and realize that for some of the elderly, they will be the only people they have contact with on these days.

Friday Night Live

The Department works closely with the Recreation and Cultural Services Department to assist at risk youth to change behaviors that are leading or will lead them into acts of criminal behavior. The Friday Night Live Program is aimed at assisting at risk youth in changing their behavior so they succeed in school, at home and in their future. This six week intervention provides mentoring, counseling and behavior modification programs aimed at providing at risk youth a forum to change their lives for the better.

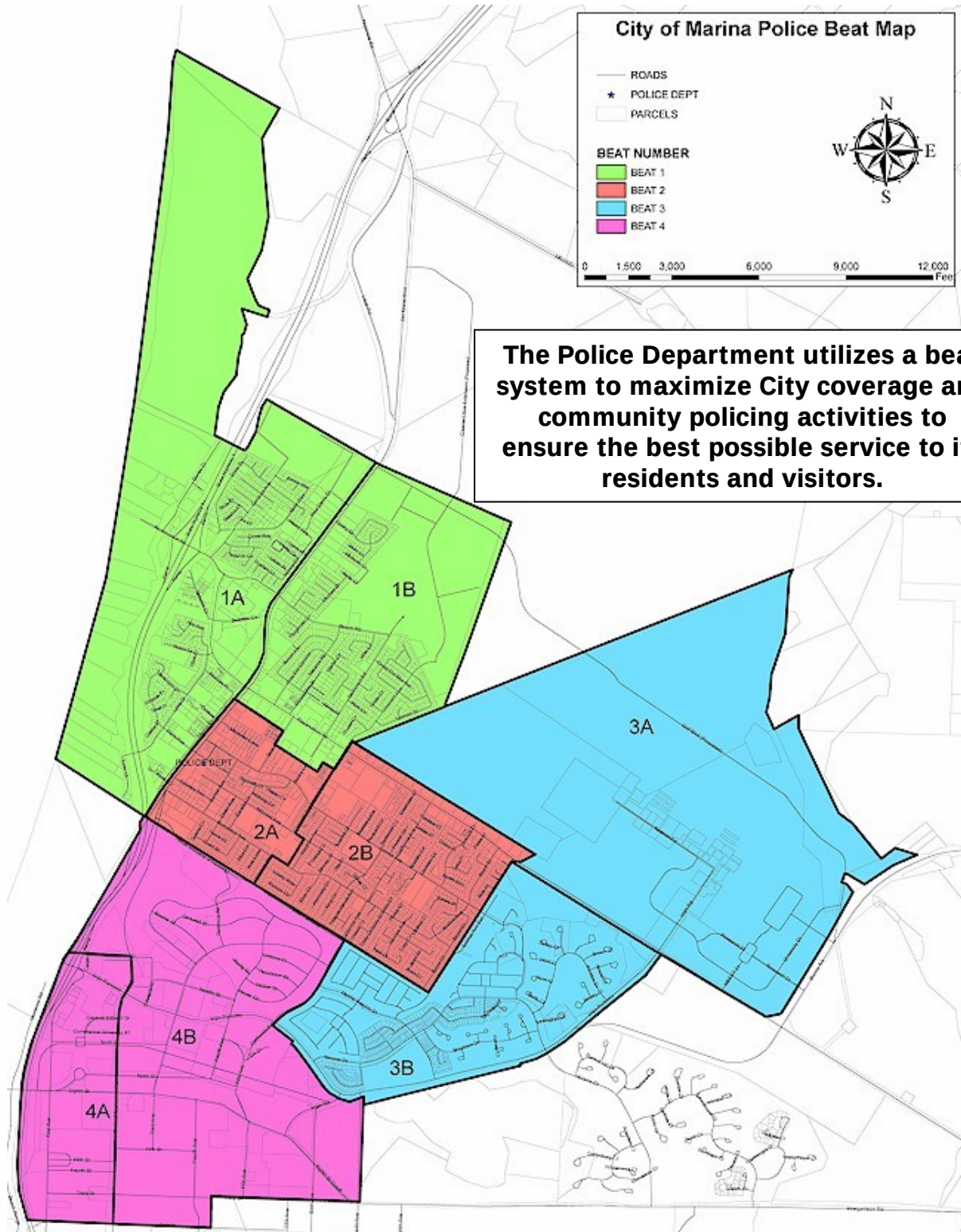
School Resource Officer Program

Through a cooperative agreement with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, the Department assigns a School Resource Officer (SRO) to the schools in Marina. This officer is selected via an interview and review process involving both the Department and the School District. Serving a two year term, the officer is the primary law enforcement contact for school personnel and students. The SRO not only exclusively patrols the schools, but

Marina Reads Program

Reading is an extremely important life skill that is essential to living a successful life. The Marina Police Department, in an effort to encourage reading and the development of reading skills, has officers who regularly visit Marina elementary schools and read to the children during class time. This positive interaction between children and officers not only encourages reading and reading skills but opens up positive lines of communication between officers and our youngest residents.

MARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY BEAT MAP





DEPARTMENT AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

The Marina Police Department established an awards criteria, which values extraordinary efforts displayed by its officers and non-sworn staff. To that end, an awards schedule was created that includes various levels of awards, their description and criteria required for award.

The Marina Police Department Awards and History Committee is charged with examining incidents, events and situations that could or would rise to the level of reception of an award. Additionally, the Awards Committee is charged with ensuring that awards presented meet the criteria for which the award is presented. The credibility and meaning of the various awards depends heavily on decisions made by the committee and how true they stay to the criteria set forth. Awards become meaningless when given randomly and without forethought.

Any Police Department employee may nominate an officer or civilian employee for recognition. The method of and determination of level of award for the following recognitions is based on recommendation and evaluation as set forth below:

The following is a listing and description of all Marina Police Department awards.

OFFICER AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD **SELECTION PROCESS**

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

The officer of the year award is presented to that officer who is chosen by a prescribed selection and secret ballot process by all Police Department personnel. An officer so honored may be recognized as a result of a singularly important or notable event, for overall performance during the year or a combination of both.

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

The civilian employee of the year award is presented to that civilian employee who is chosen by a prescribed selection and secret ballot process by all Police Department personnel. A civilian



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employee so honored may be recognized as a result of a singularly important or notable event, for overall performance during the year or a combination of both.

POLICE MEDAL OF HONOR

To be awarded to:

- a. Any officer killed in the line of duty, or
- b. An officer who displays extreme courage, bravery, and devotion to duty while exposing him or herself to grave danger in the face of a seemingly hopeless situation notwithstanding his/her own imminent peril. The Police Medal of Honor recipient must have demonstrated that there was a conscious awareness of the imminent threat to physical safety at the time the action was performed.

POLICE MEDAL OF VALOR:

To be awarded:

For conspicuous bravery wherein great personal risk has been taken, above and beyond the call of duty, that has placed an officer's life in great peril, which could and or did resulted in injury or wounds to the officer involved; or where great personal risk has been taken above and beyond the call of duty in the rescuing or aiding of another, which could have resulted in wounds to the officer.

CHIEF'S AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

To be awarded:

For any performance by any person which exemplifies superior performance through his/her deeds which benefits law enforcement and/or the community, as determined by the Chief of Police.

POLICE WOUNDED IN ACTION (PURPLE HEART)

To be awarded:

A wound received in the line of duty, inflicted intentionally or unintentionally by an armed or unarmed adversary and resulting in severe puncture wounds, lacerations, avulsions, fractures, heart failure or concussions being suffered by nominee, as determined by the Chief of Police.



DEPARTMENT AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

To be awarded:

To members of the department for outstanding police service accomplishments in the following areas:

- a. Employee made correct decision with very limited information in dangerous or high-risk situation.
- b. Tenacious follow-through to successful conclusion in high-risk, dangerous or extremely complicated case investigation.
- c. Employee was subjected to direct hazard that could not be avoided to complete his/her duties.
- d. Employee was involved in life saving or life threatening situation where severe hazard to the employee was imminent.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

To be awarded for:

Routine work completed under unusual or out of the ordinary circumstances. May include:

1. Employee showed special persistence or initiative.
2. Coordination of varied sources to solve case.
3. Employee showed creativity with limited information.
4. Employee showed initiative while off-duty.
5. Excellent observation and follow-up to a successful conclusion.
6. Truly professional behavior shown by employee.
7. Excellent decision in unusual circumstances.
8. Situation that involves saving a life.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

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LETTER OF ACHIEVEMENT

To be awarded:

To any police officer or support personnel who have performed efficient and valuable service to the department, either in carrying out a specific task, or in the performance of general duties over an extended period of time. This may include outstanding contributions to law enforcement through the success of difficult police programs, projects or situations, such contributions being made at a high degree of professional excellence. Or, other outstanding actions of a nature that bring positive credit to the department and its members.

LETTER OF RECOGNITION

To be awarded for:

1. Excellent work within job description.
2. Good investigation resulting in a successful conclusion.
3. Significant improvement in job performance.

THE PURPLE HEART

Awarded to an officer who is wounded in the line of duty as outlined in the award criteria.



DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR **DETECTIVE CLARENCE “JAY” THORSON**

Detective Jay Thorson was selected as Marina's Officer of the Year for his dedication to duty, impressive body of work, willingness to support fellow officers and non-sworn staff, and his investigative tenacity. It is important to reflect on the fact that his peers chose him. It is a true testament to one's performance when those you work with, depend on trust and honor you in this fashion.

To illustrate Jay's effectiveness, we can point to 2004 when he was assigned to the Investigations Bureau for six months. During that short time he took the lead in several investigations that led to convictions, and prison sentences in excess of 180 years.



Officer Jay Thorson

He returned to the Investigations Bureau in August of 2006 and is still assigned there. He has written numerous search warrants, and supervised groups of officers in the service of warrants, surveillance operations, controlled narcotic purchases and arrests.

Jay has received several service commendations over the past year as well as many others over the nine years since he was hired in 1998.

Among his other duties, Jay is assigned to the Monterey Peninsula Special Response Unit, is a tactical firearms instructor, Field Training Officer, drug recognition expert and Colt and Glock Armor.

Jay, a Marina Corp veteran, saw service in both the 1990 Gulf War in Kuwait and in 2004 served in Iraq. While in Kuwait, as an active duty Marine, Jay trained and supervised Marines in tactical operations both while in garrison and combat situations.

In 2004, now Staff Sergeant Thorson was deployed to the City of Ramadi and Indar Province assigned to Civil Affairs, where he led 200 missions as a Team Leader.

The Department is extremely proud of Jay. He is a person you go to when you need a task completed and Jay eagerly takes these tasks on.

DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS continued

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2009 **THOMAS "TJ" MAUDLIN**

Thomas "TJ" Maudlin was selected as the Civilian Employee of the year for his diligence, dedication to duty and superior performance as a Records Technician.

TJ was hired by the Police Department as a Records Technician in April 2009. It was immediately apparent he was a person of integrity, honesty and loyalty.

His hard work and diligence has been recognized by all our Department employees and by the public he serves.



Sworn staff is especially grateful for his expert handling of subpoenas. TJ's meticulous attention to detail has greatly improved communication of court dates and court date cancellations, resulting in reduced frustration by officers and overtime fund savings.

In addition to his regular duties, TJ has volunteered to assist and learn other aspects of the Department. He has been integral in assisting with the management of Department grants, crime analysis and assisting the Investigations Bureau.

TJ is also known for his great interpersonal relationship skills. He has a natural ability to interact with people and creates a friendly and business like atmosphere when civilians come to the Department needing assistance.

Department staff and sworn personnel have expressed their pleasure at working with TJ. He extends the same friendliness and willingness to help to all.

TJ is a model employee and we are honored and privileged to have him as a part of the Marina Police Department team.

DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS continued

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

AWARDEES: Officers Bryan Whittaker and Richard Cox

On the 26th of November, 2009 Officers Whittaker and Cox at great risk to themselves, took into custody a suspect wanted by the Salinas Police Department for armed robbery. Information had been forwarded to Marina police that the suspect resided in Marina and that the suspect was at his residence. Due to the dangerous nature of the wanted person, law enforcement personnel from the Marina Police Department, Salinas Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office converged on the suspect's residence. This very hazardous situation was complicated as other persons were known to be in the residence. Officers did not know if the persons inside were innocent bystanders; or suspects who would be a threat to them. Acting as perimeter officers, covering the front of the residence, Officers Whittaker and Cox saw the suspect exit the front of the home, apparently attempting to reach his vehicle to escape. They broke cover and took the suspect safely into custody, as they feared the suspect would see the police action. The option to not take the suspect into custody could have lead to a deadly confrontation or a hostage situation if he re-entered the residence.

Officers Whittaker and Cox are recognized for their bravery, professionalism and dedication to duty in the highest tradition of law enforcement. They have brought credit upon themselves, the Marina Police Department and the law enforcement profession.



***Award of Excellence:
Award bar presented to recipients' and displayed on the
left side of the awardees uniform under their badge.***

2009 Marina Police Department Award Winners

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

Awardee: Officer James “Bryan” Whittaker

On October 15, 2009, officers were dispatched to a report of a subject breaking a plate glass window in the area of 248 Carmel Avenue. On arrival, Officer Whittaker and other responding officers encountered a subject known to suffer from a mental health condition. The subject was wielding a stick, which he was holding over his head. Officer Whittaker calmed, disarmed and took the individual peacefully into custody on a psychiatric hold so he could receive the mental health assistance he required. Officer Whittaker's skillful intervention diffused a potentially dangerous situation that could have ended in injury to the subject in question, bystanders or the officers themselves.

Officer Whittaker's dedication to duty, professionalism and utilization of specialized training and natural skills have brought credit to himself and the Marina Police Department in the highest tradition of law enforcement.

Awardee: Officer Richard Cox

On September 22, 2009, while on patrol in the late evening hours Officer Cox noticed what appeared to be smoke coming from the front porch of a Reindollar Avenue residence. Though visibility was obscured by heavy fog Officer Cox searched for the origin of the smoke and discovered a vehicle parked in the carport was on fire. The fire quickly spread engulfing the engine compartment and the flames began threatening the carport and residence. Officer Cox, sacrificing his own personal safety, evacuated three adults, a 2 ½ year old child and the family dog from the residence. Officer Cox's actions undoubtedly, at least, saved a home from being completely destroyed; and, at most, saved a family from personal tragedy.

Officer Cox's dedication to duty, professionalism and utilization of specialized training and natural skills have brought credit to himself and the Marina Police Department in the highest tradition of law enforcement.



INTEGRITY: We value candor, honesty, and ethical behavior in the members of our department. We are committed to the law enforcement CODE OF ETHICS.

MARINA POLICE DEPARTMENT VALUES STATEMENT

DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS continued

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

Officer Robin Nowak

On October 9, 2009, officers responded to a report of a burglary at the Target store on General Stillwell Avenue. On arrival, officers found the suspect had fled the scene with stolen property. Officer Nowak obtained surveillance photos of the suspect and the suspect vehicle. On October 10, 2009, while on patrol Officer Nowak recognized the suspect vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. He positively identified the driver as the suspect from the surveillance photos and arrested him. While interviewing the suspect, the suspect admitted to two burglaries at Target as well as a recent burglary at the Marina Wal-Mart.

Officer Nowak's dedication to duty, professionalism and utilization of specialized training and natural skills have brought credit to himself and the Marina Police Department in the highest tradition of law enforcement.

Officer Edward Bachtel

On November 7, 2009, officers were advised of a gathering at Shoreline Theatre. Due to prior disturbances at this location Officer Bachtel went to the facility to insure the instructions listed in their event permit were being followed. Upon entering the facility, Officer Bachtel became overwhelmed with a strong odor of smoke and propane gas. Based on his training and experience Officer Bachtel became concerned the occupants inside the facility were being exposed to breathing conditions that were hazardous to their health. Officer Bachtel requested assistance from the Marina Fire Department who determined the air being breathed was toxic. Officer Bachtel's actions prevented those inside the facility from further exposure to a life threatening condition.

Officer Bachtel's dedication to duty, professionalism and utilization of specialized training and natural skills have brought credit to himself and the Marina Police Department in the highest tradition of law enforcement.



**"I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith,
and I accept it as a public trust"**

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS



DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS continued

CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION

Detective Clarence “Jay” Thorson

On October 13, 2009, officers were dispatched to the area of Cosky Drive for numerous reports of occupants of a Ford Mustang vandalizing parked vehicles. While investigating the incident, Detective Thorson saw a Ford Mustang matching the suspect vehicle description driving eastbound on Cosky Drive. Shortly thereafter, Detective Thorson conducted a traffic stop on the Ford Mustang where his investigative skills led to his discovering the weapon used to vandalize the vehicles, and property stolen during various burglaries. These discoveries led to the suspects arrest on scene.

Detective Thorson's dedication to duty, professionalism and utilization of specialized training and natural skills have brought credit to himself and the Marina Police Department in the highest tradition of law enforcement.

Officers Pablo Andrade, Andreas Rosas, and Richard Cox

On June 11, 2009, Officers Andrade, Rosas and Cox responded to a silent burglary alarm at Collins Electrical Company. These officers' outstanding coordinated police response led to the capture of the suspects who fled on foot; but were ultimately apprehended because sound tactics were deployed.

Officers Andrade, Rosas and Cox dedication to duty, professionalism and sense of teamwork have brought credit to themselves and the Marina Police Department in the highest tradition of law enforcement.

Lieutenant Bruce Martin

On February 18, 2009, Lieutenant Martin became involved in an investigation involving the kidnapping and robbery of two individuals living in an apartment on Reservation Road. Through “tireless hours of operation” Lieutenant Martin was able to identify and locate the suspects. Lieutenant Martin obtained arrest warrants for them and a search warrant for their residence where additional incriminating evidence was located. In May 2009, the suspects were convicted by a jury on multiple counts of kidnapping, robbery and assault causing great bodily injury. Lieutenant Martin's personal involvement and coordination of the investigation led to the successful completion of the case.

Lieutenant Martin's dedication to duty, professionalism and utilization of specialized training and natural skills have brought credit to himself and the Marina Police Department in the highest tradition of law enforcement.

DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS continued

SPECIAL RECOGNITION **MADD RECOGNITION FOR DUI ENFORCEMENT**

Officer Andy Rosas

Every year Mothers Against Drunk Driving recognizes and honors officers from law enforcement agencies who have excelled in the area of DUI enforcement. This year Officer Andy Rosas was recognized for his outstanding efforts, which resulted in his arrest of 20 DUI drivers in 2009. Officer Rosas was honored by MADD in Sacramento along with officers from all over the State of California and again on May 12.

The Marina Police Department is proud of Officer Rosas efforts and his commitment to keeping the roadways of the City of Marina safe.





DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS continued

ROD ARNALDO MEMORIAL **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

Mike Mast

This special recognition is awarded each year to a community member for outstanding service to the public safety community in memory of Rod Arnaldo. Rod was a beloved and respected local businessman known for his philanthropy, generous nature and service to the community. In a random act of violence, Rod's life was cut short when he was murdered on January 28th, 1998 while working in his jewelry store in the Marina Village Shopping Center.

Mr. Mast is being recognized for his years of dedicated service to the youth of the City of Marina and his community involvement. His involvement with youth began in 1978 when he started coaching baseball. His commitment to coaching local youth sports has continued throughout the years.

To his credit and to the betterment of youth, Mr. Mast has coached 6 years of Pony Baseball, Notre Dame JV softball, and North County High School baseball. He is now coaching the Marina High School women's softball team.

In addition to coaching, Mr. Mast is a charter member and past president twice of the Marina Rotary Club. He is also a past president of the Marina Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Mast has been active as a Parks and Recreation commissioner. He has been an ardent supporter and contributor to the senior's luncheon and Christmas party. He volunteers at the Monterey County Food Bank and is an organizer of the Marina Air Faire. Mr. Mast was also a member of the selection committee to choose the Athletic Director at California State University at Monterey Bay.

A question could be asked as to how coaching and public service contributes to public safety and the general public. Via coaching, Mr. Mast has guided youth onto positive life paths that lead to eventual success and away from negative lifestyles, such as involvement in drugs and gangs.

Whether he realizes it or not, Mr. Mast is a role model, mentor and crime fighter, as his efforts have and continue to directly reduce youth-related crime in our City. He has done all of this quietly and without fanfare, making his actions even more admirable.

DEPARTMENT AWARD & RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS continued

Mr. Mast is owner of Mike Mast State Farm Insurance Agency in Marina. Anyone who has ever owned a business can tell you it is time consuming; spare time is always at a minimum. It is a testament to his dedication to his community and its youth that he is able to share his valuable time. It is equally important to recognize Mr. Mast's family, as family support is critical to his success.

It is a great honor for us to award the Rod Arnaldo Memorial Outstanding Public Service Award to Mike Mast; a simple man living in a small but progressive community dedicated to its youth.



LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

