

# Visalia Police Department

2008 Annual Report



Promoting Partnerships

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# Mission Statement and Values

## **Mission Statement**

The City of Visalia Police Department has been established to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, detect and arrest violators of the law, protect life and property, and enforce criminal laws of the State of California and the Ordinances of the City of Visalia.

## **Organizational Values**

The Visalia Police Department has a recognized set of values that operate within the organization. We see these not as the dictate of one individual group, but as a set of shared common beliefs; these shared values provide a common cause for all employees in the organization.

**Integrity** – Professionalism requires impeccable honesty, integrity, and respect. As a practical matter, ethical conduct cannot be assured by written policies, codes or oaths. It must be an integral part of the organization, a deeply ingrained tradition that assures citizens that questionable practices do not exist.

**Service** – Quality delivery of service is both a personal and organizational commitment. The Department will make every effort to deliver professional, quality service to its citizens as it deals with problems of crime and public safety. We are committed to working toward improving the quality of life for our families and our community.

**Fiscal Responsibility** – The Department is dedicated to managing its resources in a careful and efficient manner so that there is maximum return from each dollar spent.

**Our People** – The Department must strive to attract and maintain high quality personnel capable of working in the highly complex area of law enforcement.

The organization wants employees to enjoy their work and to be proud of their achievements. We are proud of the people we have in our organization, their performance, and their dedication to their jobs. Success within the organization depends upon relationships based on dignity, mutual respect, support, and accountability among all individuals.



# Word From Chief Bob Carden

Thank you for picking up a copy of the 2008 Annual Report. It is with sincere pride that we present to you a summary of the Department's accomplishments for 2008.

As you have already noticed by glancing at the front cover of this report, the theme for this year's annual report is "Promoting Partnerships". Inside you will find many stories and photos of members of our community interacting with Police Department employees, supporting programs that help strengthen our community and the quality of life we all enjoy.

We are fortunate to work in a city where residents, businesses and various organizations take such an active part in finding solutions to community problems. I continue to be amazed at the spirit of this community in stepping up to meet various challenges.

If we are to make a real difference in addressing some of the more serious issues we face, such as gang violence, it will be through our shared efforts and partnerships that our most significant and long lasting resolutions will come. This year's annual report is not just about the Police Department; it is about the Police Department, allied agencies, and members of the community working together to make a difference.

I sincerely hope you enjoy reading this report and join with us in celebrating our successes and recognize that together, we are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Bob Carden  
Chief of Police



Chief Carden welcomes the public to the PAL Center grand opening.

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## On the Cover

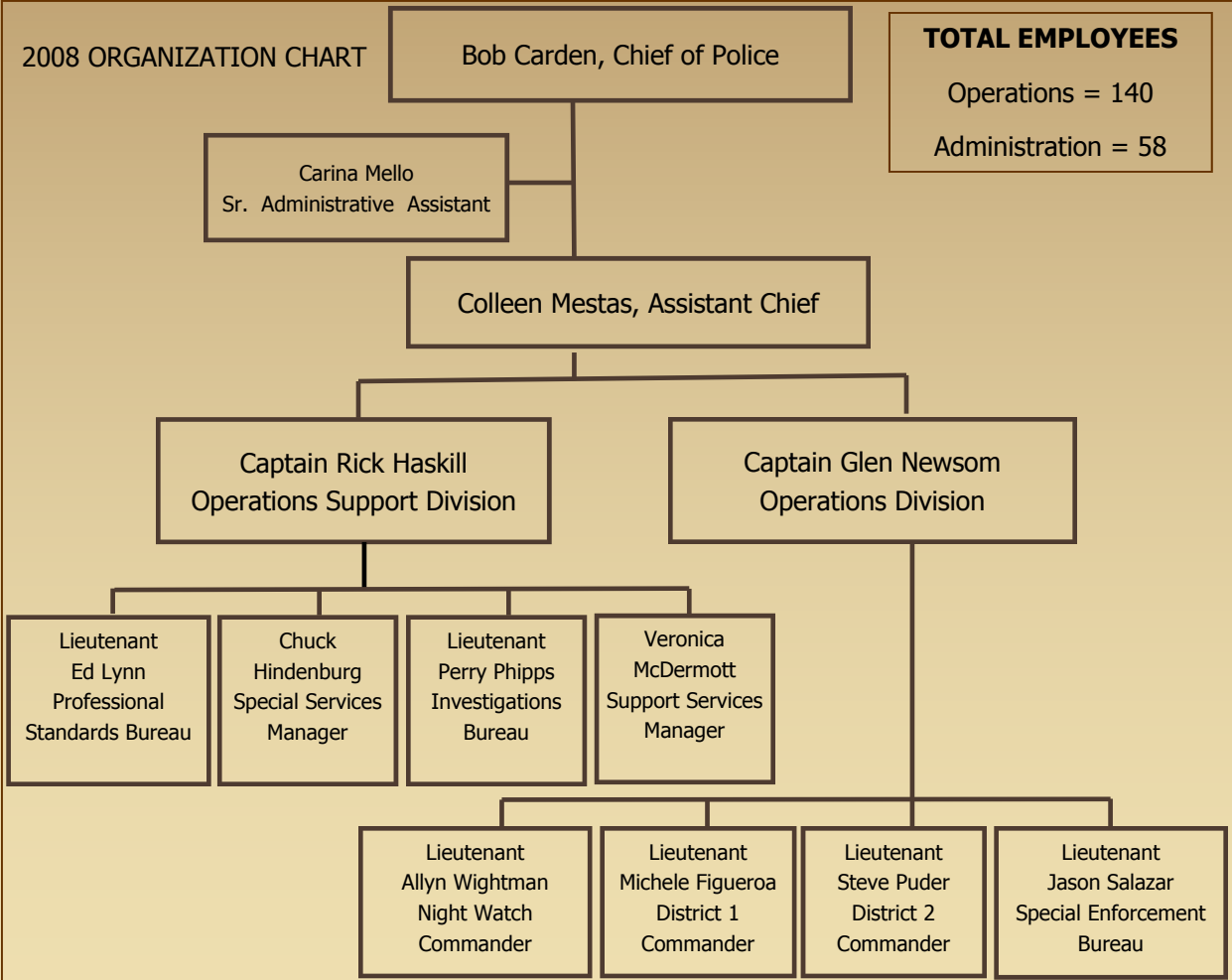
Rudy Vargas' painting,  
"Medicine for the Spirit"

# About the Department

## Colleen Mestas Welcomed as Assistant Chief of Police

Colleen Mestas was sworn in as the Assistant Chief of Police on July 7, 2008. Previously, she was with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department and had worked there since 1988. In 2004, she was promoted to Captain and had oversight for the entire Patrol Operations Bureau including SWAT, K9, Patrol Detectives, Ag-Task Force and Mounted Patrol.

Assistant Chief Mestas holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco and a Masters degree in Organizational Behavior from the California School of Professional Psychology. She is also a graduate of the prestigious Senior Management Institute for Law Enforcement taught by Harvard University Scholars based in Boston, Massachusetts. Assistant Chief Mestas graduated from the Marion Bergeson series in public service and received certification from the Josephson Institute on ethics in law enforcement and police administration.



# Districts 1 and 2

Districts 1 and 2 provide highly visible, 24-hour patrol focusing on the preservation of public peace, crime prevention, protection of life and property, and developing and maintaining partnerships with the community.

## Lt. Michele Figueroa District 1 Commander

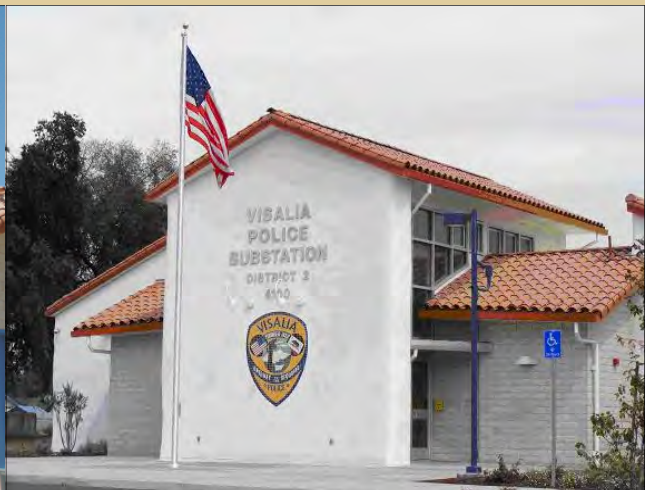
### Two Substations Open

In June 2007, Lieutenant Michele Figueroa was assigned to the new District 1 substation, 204 N.W. 3rd Ave. and Lieutenant Steve Puder was assigned to the new District 2 substation, 4100 S. County Center Drive.

Both substations officially opened to the public in August, 2007, and became fully functional in 2008. As is the case with any new building, over the next several months both District Commanders worked closely with contractors to ensure that these facilities were functioning properly. Initially, walk-in traffic was light, but eventually citizens realized the convenience of having these two new full-service substations out in the community and walk-in traffic started to increase significantly.

Currently, there are 50 sworn police officers, along with additional support staff, that work out of each substation.

## Lt. Steve Puder District 2 Commander



# Accomplishments

The Visalia Police Department's successes in 2008 are plentiful.

We believe in using best practices and strong leadership.

Find out more about these accomplishments throughout this document.

## Department Best Practices

- Principles of Management practiced and proven successful
- Leadership of the organization is strong
- Assistant Chief of Police hired
- Budget managed effectively
- Press relations are good
- Increased certified in-house trainers
- Response times are less than 15 minutes on 85% of all calls
- Average response time for Priority 1 calls is 4.2 minutes
- Officers more accessible to the public through service sector assignments and at the new substations

## Police Team Up With Other Agencies

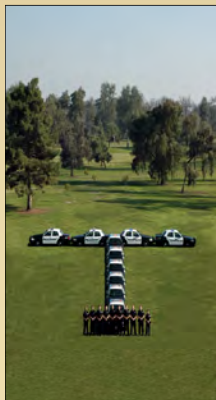
- C.I.T. – Crisis Intervention Team
- District Attorney's Office Liaisons
- M.A.G.N.E.T. – Multi-Agency Gang Enforcement Team
- Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force
- SPCA - Dispatch Unit taking animal control calls
- Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force
- Tulare County Gang Suppression Task Force
- T-RATT – Tulare – Regional Auto Theft Team

## Youth Programs

- CalGrip Neighborhood Youth Counselors
- Gang Watch
- G.R.E.A.T. Program
- Junior Police Camp
- Step Up Jobs Programs
- Police Activities League opened a youth center
- L.O.O.P. bus transports kids to youth centers

Commercial Policing Officers receive new police cars with Measure T funds.

Commercial Policing Officer Richard White



# The Future

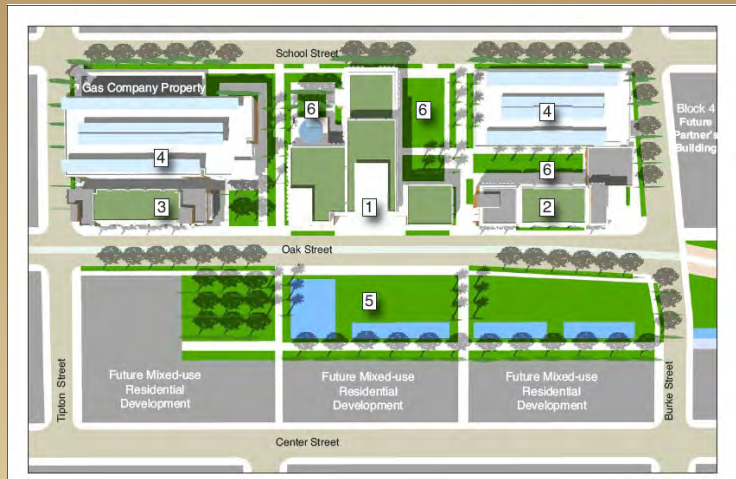
The Police Department is looking to build a new headquarters in the future.

The graphics represent an idea of what the proposed civic center block will look like.

The potential Civic Center site is bounded by Tipton, Center, Burke, and School Streets.

## Civic Center Plan

1. Joint-use Administrative Building
2. Public Safety Building
3. City Hall/ Commercial
4. Parking Structure
5. Civic Center Park
6. Courtyards



# Recognition



## Captain Haskill Completes Command College

The 18-month program is designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for the challenges of the future by focusing on the most effective methods, skills and strategies needed to confront tomorrow's issues. Captain Haskill completed a research project on future educational and law enforcement partnerships.

## Carina Mello, Senior Administrative Assistant to Chief Carden Recognized

Carina graduated from the Sequoia Regional Leadership Class of 2008 and was also awarded the Excellence in Business Values by the Tulare County Workforce Investment Board and Community Services Employment and Training Inc.



Visalia Police Department's Employees of the Year are recognized during a City Council meeting. From left: Judy Morgan-Ronding - Civilian Employee of the Year, Andrew Lockman - Communications Operator of the Year, Chris Wilson - Reserve Officer of the Year, Robert Gonzales - Latino Officer of the Year, and Joe Paddock - Officer of the Year.

Picture by Visalia Times-Delta



# Recognition

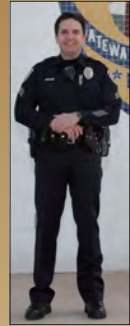
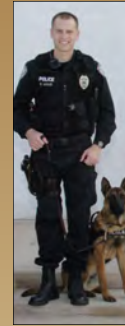
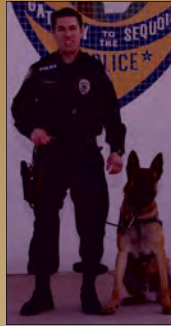
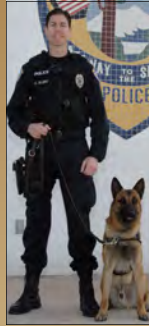
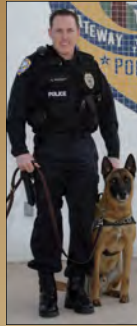
## VIPs

**Marvin Shields** and **Ray Moore** were honored as "Volunteers of the Year" at the annual Volunteers in Policing banquet.



## K-9 Unit Officers Win at Kingsburg and Petaluma Competitions

## K-9 Competitions



## Police Cruiser Wins "Best of Show" in Five Competitions

## Car Shows



## Corporal Wightman Honored



## Corporal Matthew "Casey" Wightman

Son of Lt. Allyn Wightman

This flag was flown over the Base Defense Operations Center in Iraq in honor of the Visalia Police Department. Lieutenant Colonel M.M. Sieber of the United States Marine Corps 2d Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion signed the certificate.

# Outreach Programs



**The Local Organizational Outreach Program, L.O.O.P.**, began in 2007 after the Tulare County Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force Committee found that students wanted safe transportation to youth service centers. More than 200 students rode the L.O.O.P. bus in 2008.



## United Way of Tulare County — First Call Referral Program

The Visalia Police Department worked jointly with the United Way of Tulare County and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency to enhance the "First Call" program that acts as a social services referral clearinghouse. The program provides a toll free number to obtain assistance from a multitude of resources available through the United Way's Community Resource Directory.



## The California Law Enforcement's Wish Upon a Star Organization - "Shave the Brave" Fundraiser

supports wishes for children who are afflicted with high-risk and life-threatening illnesses. Over \$82,000 was raised, of which, Lt. Michele Figueroa, Sgt. Jim Carr and Officer Dustin Thompson raised more than \$4,400.



Sgt. Carr and Officer Thompson



**Visalia Senior Pride** donated \$6,000 to purchase Project Life-saver wrist bands. This is a public safety program using electronic technology to locate missing persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related dementia-type disorders.



**Farmers Insurance** has a nationwide program where agents provide local law enforcement agencies with teddy bears. They donated 150 uniformed bears to the Visalia Police Department.



# Gang Education Programs



CalGRIP  
Neighborhood  
Youth  
Counselors

Police partnered with Proteus, Visalia schools, community youth centers, and other agencies to implement the CalGRIP "Stepping Up for Visalia's Youth" project. The city received a grant for \$280,417.

Gang  
Watch

Officers educate the community about the history of gangs and how to recognize signs of gang involvement in a new program, Gang Watch. More than 75 Gang Watch presentations were conducted.

G.R.E.A.T.  
Program

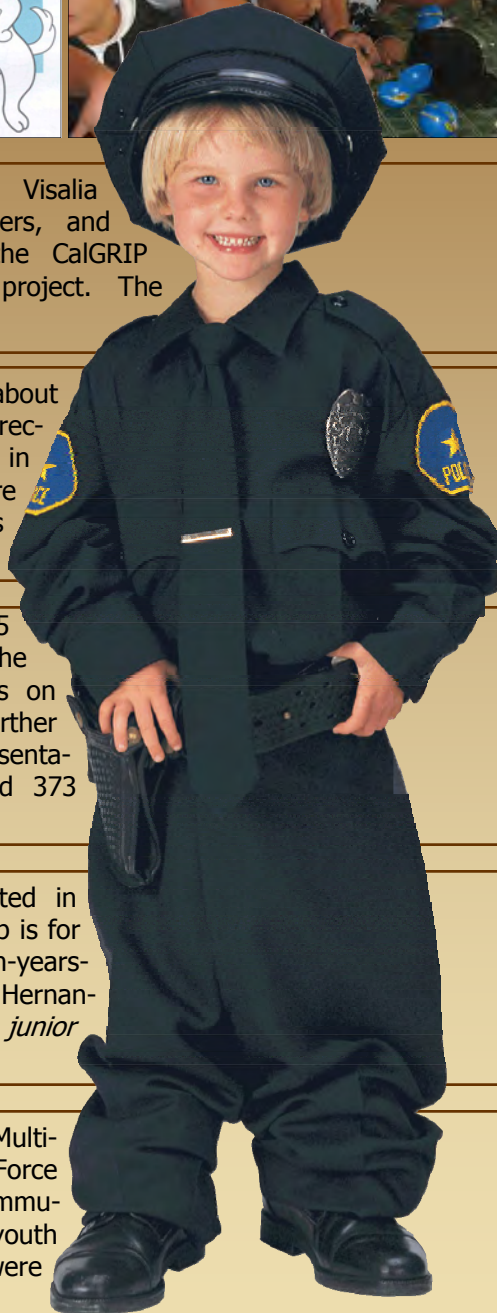
Officer Rob Zeig works with 25 elementary schools teaching the G.R.E.A.T Program which focuses on gang prevention. Officer Zeig further emphasizes his message with presentations to parents. He conducted 373 classroom presentations in 2008.

Junior Police  
Camp

Youth Services Officers participated in the Junior Police Camp. This camp is for boys and girls between six and ten-years-of-age. It was held at the Manuel Hernandez Community Center and 30 *junior police officers* participated.

Step Up  
Jobs Program

This program was initiated by the Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force with support from the business community, which pays a stipend for youth workers. Over 40 applications were processed.



Additional gang prevention strategies and programs are discussed throughout this report.

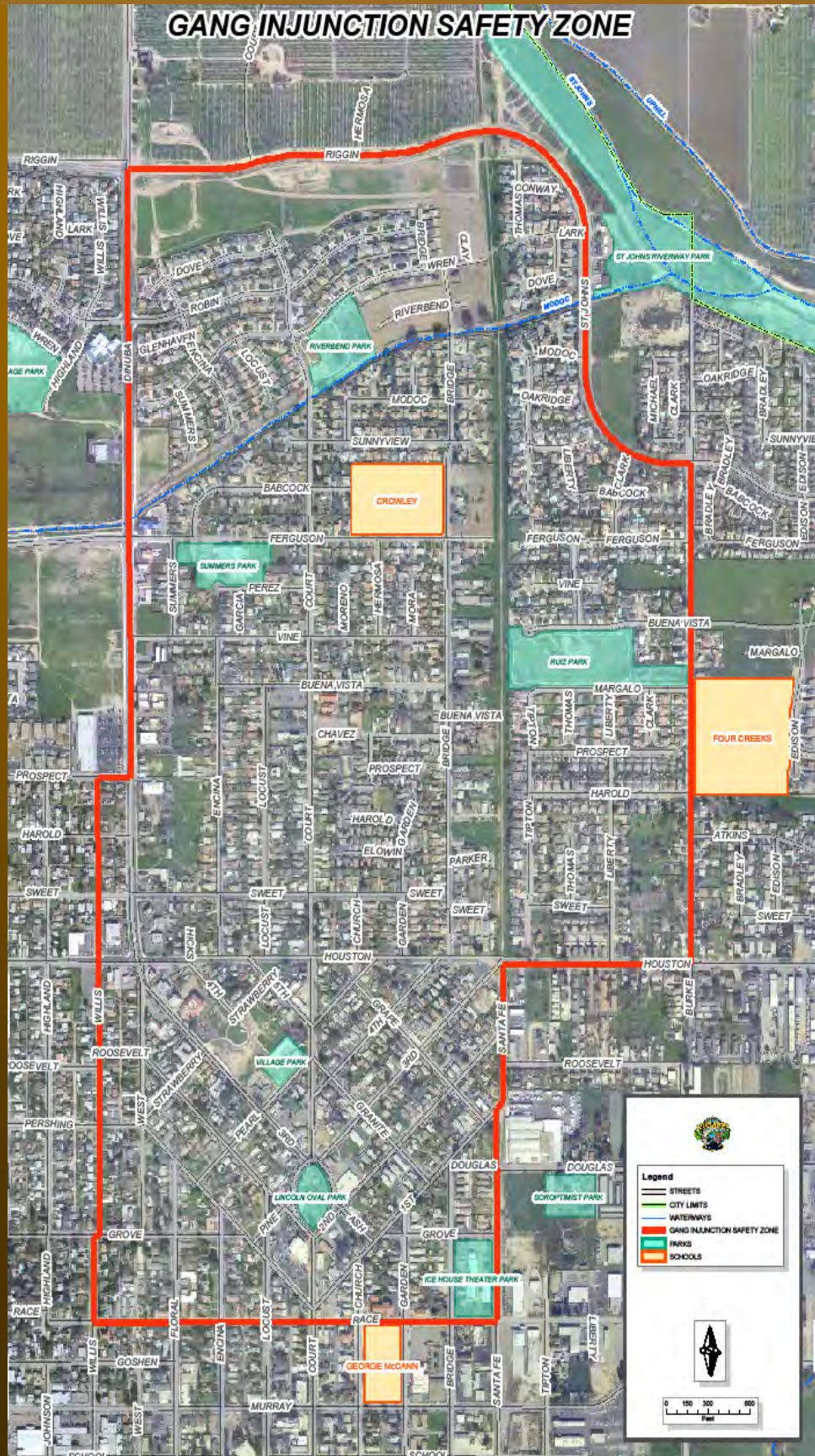
## Gang Injunctions

Civil gang injunctions against two very active and violent criminal street gangs were obtained in cooperation with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office.

A permanent civil gang injunction was issued against Nortenos and Oriental Troop.

Injunctions were served on more than 150 validated gang members resulting in eight arrests for injunction violations. While arrests are not high, the injunction has had a significant impact on gang members who reside and operate within the "safe zone."

The "safe zone" is within the red outlined area.



# About Gang Injunctions

What is a gang injunction?

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A civil gang injunction is a civil action, filed by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office on behalf of the City of Visalia, against criminal street gangs in Visalia. The injunction identifies the criminal street gang as a criminal enterprise whose activities have endangered the safety of the public and have created a public nuisance. Issuance of a civil gang injunction against a street gang provides relief for the City of Visalia and its citizens through the declaration of specific prohibited activities on the part of the gang and its membership within a defined "safe zone" (geographic area where the gang's activities have created such a nuisance). These restrictions include, but are not limited to: curfews, limitations on gang member association, prohibited to possess drugs/alcohol/weapons, prohibited from displaying gang colors/gang-related clothing/signs, and prohibited from intimidating residents. Violation of the injunction prohibitions are a violation of a court order and the offender is subject to misdemeanor arrest.

How do they help?

## **How do they help?**

Civil gang injunctions are a means for the government, on behalf of its citizens, to seek relief from the activities of criminal street gangs that are not otherwise allowed in existing statutes. The restrictions placed on gang membership, as a result of the civil gang injunction, are intended to minimize the impact of the gang and its activities within the designated safe zone. The injunction impacts gang activities by impacting the gang's ability to associate with each other, reducing their ability to intimidate witnesses against the gang, by prohibiting the demonstration of gang colors, and providing law enforcement an additional means of suppressing the activities of criminal street gangs. Gang injunctions are also seen as a means of ensuring a safer environment within an at-risk neighborhood to allow intervention and prevention activities to occur in those locations.

How are they obtained?

## **How are they obtained?**

Civil gang injunctions require a great deal of investigation into gang activities and membership, documentation to support the civil court filing against the gang's enterprise, and the resources to identify, serve, and enforce the injunction. Documentation must pertain not only to the gang's activities and membership, but also in support of an identified safe zone where the injunction will be in effect. The District Attorney's Office then takes the case before the Tulare County Superior Court through the civil court process to seek issuance of the injunction against the gang on behalf of the City of Visalia. This process was facilitated by Visalia Police gang investigators in cooperation with the Tulare County District Attorney's Office. The existing civil gang injunctions against the Norteno and Oriental Troop criminal street gangs are the first such injunctions in Visalia. The Visalia Police Department will monitor the effectiveness of these two injunctions, monitor gang crime trends, and evaluate the use of future injunctions in the City of Visalia.

# Partnerships with Law Enforcement Agencies

## Tulare - Regional Auto Theft Team

### Tulare County Regional Law Enforcement Agencies

**Tulare-Regional Auto Theft Team, T-RATT** was founded on April 1, 2008, and the Visalia Police Department became a founding member.

T-RATT is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement program that combines the resources and personnel of law enforcement agencies in Tulare County. Through this partnership with allied agencies, information and knowledge have been shared resulting in a 7% decrease in auto theft in Tulare County for 2008.

Detective Dale Rush represents the Visalia Police Department on this task force. He received a commendation for his role in recovering stolen vehicles and investigating multiple chop-shops.

T-RATT End-of-Year Stats	2008
Stolen Vehicle Recoveries	218
Stolen Vehicle Arrests	138
Other Arrests	45
Chop Shops Closed Down	20
Warrant Arrests	38
Parole / Probation Searches	70
Auto Shop Inspections	24
Assist Other Agencies	60
Complaints Filed	34
Bait Vehicle Arrests	3
Reduced Countywide Auto Theft Crime Rate	7%

Vehicles being dismantled are discovered by T-RATT officers.



# Partnerships with Law Enforcement Agencies

## Multi-Agency Gang Task Forces

### M.A.G.N.E.T.

The Gang Suppression Unit continues to commit two gang officers to **M.A.G.N.E.T.** This is a partnership between the Visalia Police Department and Tulare County Sheriff's Department to provide gang suppression efforts to the "greater Visalia" area. There is also representation from Tulare County Probation, California Highway Patrol, State Parole, and the District Attorney's Office.

### Tulare County Gang Suppression Task Force

The **Tulare County Gang Suppression Task Force** is coordinated through the District Attorney's Office and meets bi-monthly. Its focus is on gang suppression and gang intelligence. It is represented by many Tulare County law enforcement agencies (VPD, TCSO, DA's Office, Probation, State Parole, CHP, and the following police departments: Exeter, Farmersville, Tulare, Porterville, Dinuba, Woodlake, and Lindsay). It is operated by the Tulare County District Attorney's Office and serves as a rapid response resource for gang suppression details throughout the county.

### Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force

The **Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force** was formed in late 2006 to focus on gang prevention and intervention strategies within the City of Visalia. Projects resulting from the task force's efforts are: LOOP Bus, CalGRIP Grant Neighborhood Youth Counselor Program, and the Step Up Jobs Program. This task force partnered with the Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force to host the Step Up Gang Summit and the Step Up Youth Summit. This task force is co-chaired by Chief Bob Carden and Stan Carrizosa from the Visalia Unified School District.

There are five disciplines represented in the Multi-Agency Gang Intervention Task Force:

1. Law Enforcement Agencies
2. Education (VUSD and Tulare County Office of Education)
3. Community Based Organizations (Example organizations: Proteus, CSET, Boys & Girls Club, Parks and Recreation, Big Brothers / Big Sisters, Grace Homes, YMCA)
4. Business Community
5. Faith-Based Organizations

### Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force

The **Tulare County Gang Prevention Task Force** is a countywide task force represented by many of the groups in other gang task forces. It is chaired by Phil Cox on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors. The task force is working on a countywide gang strategic plan. They are also conducting mini-gang summits in the communities throughout Tulare County.

# Special Enforcement Bureau

## Gang Suppression and Narcotics Units

### Probation Department

In May of 2008, the Probation Department assigned Ignacio Alcocer full-time to the Special Enforcement Bureau. Probation Officer Alcocer maintains a caseload of hand selected high-risk offenders that he monitors closely. He meets with his probationers and helps them through their probation period by providing advice and, at times, assists in job placement. Probation Officer Alcocer frequently accompanies GSU on probation searches and search warrants. He made more than 600 home visits in 2008.

GSU End-of-Year Stats	2008
Arrests	602
Assist Other Units	118
Firearms Recovered	73
Gang Expert Reports	69
Gang Expert Testimony	18
Gang Field Interviews	360
Probation / Parole Searches	366
Search Warrants Served	49
Search Warrants Written	62
Special Details	101

### City of Visalia Code Enforcement

The Narcotics Unit and Code Enforcement partnership was successful in fighting drug crimes by serving warrants and investigating marijuana grows. In 2009, they will expand the use of a City Ordinance dealing with residences associated with drug activity.





# Investigations Bureau

## Violent and Property Crimes Units

Child Deaths Review Committee

Visalia police officers, the District Attorney, and other local law enforcement agencies sit on the Child Deaths Review Committee. This committee reviews all deaths involving children under the age of 18. Deaths may be from still born, SIDS, suicide, homicide, and accidents.

A.P.S.

Adult Protective Services and Visalia police officers work jointly to protect our senior citizens. They investigate fraud and abuse.

S.A.F.E.

Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Team is a Tulare County group that works with Visalia police on PC 290 - sex registrant details.

S.A.R.T.

The Sexual Assault Response Team consists of SART nurses, rape and crisis workers, the District Attorney, and officers from other countywide agencies.

ID Theft Detail

Property Crimes Unit detectives worked several identity theft details. During an investigation of a large scale identity theft ring, officers arrested several suspects. During this operation, more than 800 victims were identified.

Youth Services Unit

Youth Services Unit	YSO End-of-Year Stats	2008
Sgt. Ernie Villa	Cases Investigated	1,168
Nine Youth Services Officers	Court Appearances	56
	Expulsion Hearings	122
One PAL Officer	Field Interview Cards	189
	Gang Related Crimes	121
One PAL Resource Specialist	Home Visits	285
	Juvenile Arrests	641
	Student Contacts	4,418
	Traffic / Parking Citations	68



Crime Lab

Senior ID Technician Bob Douglas teaches the Volunteers in Policing class of 2008 about fingerprints.



# Traffic Enforcement

## GRANTS

Click it or Ticket

Avoid the "11"

DUI Mini-Grant

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program

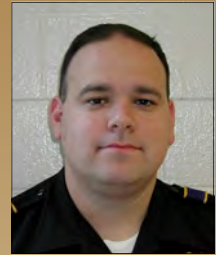
DUI Enforcement

**Sergeant Bill Blankenship** received the Office of Traffic Safety Outstanding Achievement Award for his participation, leadership and performance on OTS grants and for his history of traffic safety with the Visalia Police Department.

Sgt. Blankenship retired in December 2008, after 32 years of service.



**Officer Marc Gonzales** was recognized for his efforts in DUI enforcement twice in 2008. One was by the California State Assembly and the second by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the Avoid the "11" enforcement program for making the most DUI arrests by Visalia police.



The **DUI Multi-Agency Task Force** (Avoid the "11") is comprised of eleven law enforcement agencies within Tulare County. A major component of these operations is to increase awareness of the dangers of impaired driving and to encourage sober designated drivers. Funding for this operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety.

## Motorcycle Rodeo - Traffic Officers Compete With Other Agencies



# Support Services Bureau - Dispatch and Records

## District Attorney's Office and Police Partnership

The District Attorney and Visalia Police Department partnered to improve efficiency and expedite the processing of criminal cases. The District Attorney's Office provides two on-site personnel who review cases for prosecution and provide witness coordination services for officers subpoenaed to court. This process streamlines the complex process of in-person delivery of documents, phone call exchanges, and reducing the wait time for officers at the courthouse. This pilot program has proven to be a success.

Pictured at right are Velquita Payne and Stacy Farmer



The two substations, one in north Visalia and the other in the south, are fully staffed. The facilities offer police services to citizens in the surrounding areas.

The Dispatch Unit had their CAD system upgraded, and GPS offers safety for our officers. A consolidated dispatch center is being considered.

## Crime Prevention



Officer Feierbach shows K-9 Timber while Lt. Figueroa talks with City Manager Steve Salomon at a community event.



VIP Rose Orosco and McGruff visit nursing homes. Sunny is 100-years-young.



Angie de Alba, Crime Prevention Coordinator, leads the Crime Prevention Unit.

# Police Activities League - Opens Youth Center

## PAL Activities

- Boxing
- Basketball
- Christmas Party
- Honor Camp
- Youth Leadership
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Outdoor Adventures
- Field Trips
- Computer Lab
- Homework Club
- Arts and Crafts



The **Police Activities League** was established in 1991 and is dedicated to serving the youth of our community through quality activities designed to enhance self-worth and community involvement. In 2008, over 3,000 kids participated in PAL events.



Police opened the new PAL Center at 701 E. Race Street



## Explorer Program

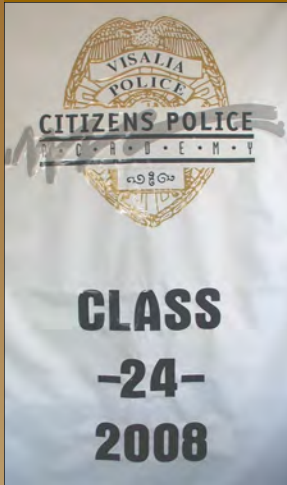
During competitions, Explorers test their skills.

- DUI Investigations
- Crisis Negotiations
- Traffic Stops
- Medical Calls
- Shooting Skills
- Tug-of-War
- Obstacle Course
- Relay Race

The **Explorer Program** teaches youth about law enforcement. Explorers serve the community by helping at area events. They provide traffic control and have participated in annual competitions. Currently, 25 youth participate in this program.



# Citizens Academy and Volunteers - VIPS



The purpose of the ten week Visalia Citizens Academy is to enhance police and community relationships by inviting the community to partner with the staff of the Visalia Police Department. This academy is designed to give interested members of the community an overview of what police work is really like as it trains prospective volunteers to serve their community as a "Volunteer In Police Service."



PAL Holiday Party

Bike Rodeo, Academy, K-9 BBQ



Volunteers participate in community outreach events, Child ID, Neighborhood Watch, Gang Education



# Year-at-a-Glance

Population

Part 1  
Crimes

Arrests

Gang  
Crimes

## Calls for Service

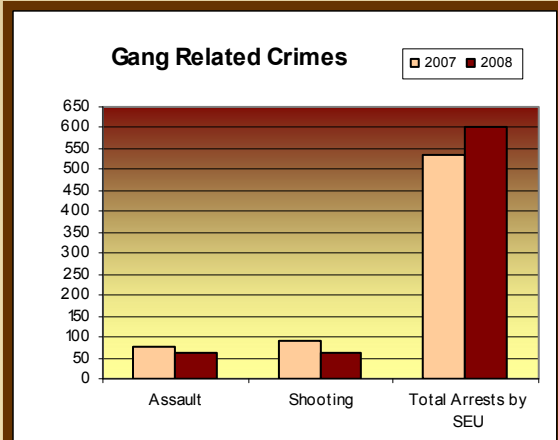
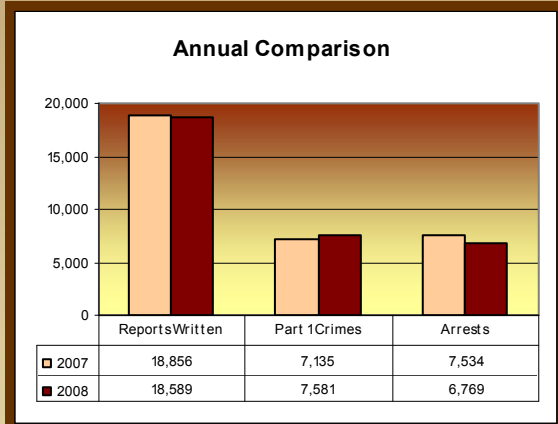
There were 119,942 CFS in 2008, of which 7,778 were animal control calls for SPCA. That is a 6% increase compared to 2007.

End-of-Year Stats	2007	2008	% DIFF
Population	117,744	121,498	3%
Offense Classification - Part 1 Crimes	2007	2008	% DIFF
Criminal Homicide	12	10	—
Forcible Rape	38	48	—
Robbery	157	194	24%
Assault	1,719	1,609	-7%
Burglary	1,109	1,238	12%
Larceny - Theft	3,339	3,775	13%
Motor Vehicle Theft	761	707	-7%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7,135</b>	<b>7,581</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Crime Comparison 2007 to 2008** - In 2008, there was a 6% increase in overall crime compared to 2007. There was a 3% decrease in violent crimes and a 10% increase in property crimes. There was a 10% decrease in arrests.

**Gang Crime** - The Gang Suppression Unit entered 2008 with the goal of utilizing directed and focused suppression activities as a means of reducing gang violence. Some of the tactics employed were civil gang injunctions, narcotics and weapons investigations, saturation details, probation and parole searches, and through collaborative efforts with other agencies.

Gang violent crimes consist of homicide, assault, and drive-by shootings. Compared to 2007, there was a 22% overall decrease. There were six gang related homicides in 2007 and eight in 2008. There was a 16% decrease in assaults and a 30% decrease in shootings. There was a 13% increase in arrests by the Unit.



# Budget and Funding

## Measure T

### Public Safety Tax—Measure T

Measure T is a voter-approved 1/4 cent sales tax assessed to expand the City's public safety efforts. We are adding new sworn personnel and supplementing a percentage of the cost of two new substations and a new administration / dispatch building with this fund.

## Forfeiture

### Narcotics Forfeiture Fund

Holds in trust assets seized in connection with the sale of illegal drugs.

## Federal and State

### Community Oriented Policing Funds

Federal grant provided partial funding for two patrol officers to specialize in community oriented policing for a three-year period. The State grant was used to fund one property crimes detective, two crime prevention technicians, one police records specialist, and crime analysis software.

## Impact Fees

### Public Safety Impact Fees

Fees assessed on new development are based upon the impact that new development will have on public safety services.

## Two-Year Budget Expenditures for 2008-09 and 2009-10

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Projected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>						
Administrative Services	\$9,028,953	\$9,151,114	\$9,191,255	\$8,209,919	\$8,494,500	\$8,594,471
Patrol	8,601,053	8,990,544	9,614,195	9,924,126	11,076,010	11,843,810
Traffic Bureau	1,540,025	1,638,861	2,016,725	1,735,798	1,469,070	1,521,850
Investigations	2,907,738	2,960,242	3,009,216	4,130,219	4,631,640	4,770,110
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$22,077,769</b>	<b>\$22,740,761</b>	<b>\$23,831,391</b>	<b>\$24,000,062</b>	<b>\$25,671,220</b>	<b>\$26,730,241</b>
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>						
Public Safety Tax	\$976,102	\$1,483,023	\$2,220,042	\$2,025,128	\$2,799,660	\$3,131,080
Narcotics/Assets Forfeiture	37,645	7,311	112,279	3,000	36,600	20,000
COPS	23	(2)	210,411	161,650	216,796	-
Federal COPS	-	5,769	183,909	173,302	62,184	-
<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>\$1,013,770</b>	<b>\$1,496,101</b>	<b>\$2,726,641</b>	<b>\$2,363,080</b>	<b>\$3,115,240</b>	<b>\$3,151,080</b>
<b>POLICE EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,091,539</b>	<b>\$24,236,862</b>	<b>\$26,558,032</b>	<b>\$26,363,142</b>	<b>\$28,786,459</b>	<b>\$29,881,321</b>

# Visalia Police Department



To Serve and Protect

## **Visalia Police Department**

Headquarters - 303 S. Johnson Street - (559) 713-4257

District 1 Substation - 204 N.W. Third Street - (559) 713-4150

District 2 Substation - 4100 S. County Center - (559) 713-4080

Website - [www.vpd.ci.visalia.ca.us](http://www.vpd.ci.visalia.ca.us)

Crime Report Online - Visit Our Website

Email - [vpdhome@ci.visalia.ca.us](mailto:vpdhome@ci.visalia.ca.us)

PAL Center - 701 E. Race Avenue - (559) 732-2233

## **24-Hour Crime Hotline**

Spanish-speaking - (559) 713-4728

English-speaking - (559) 734-5302

Check Fraud Hotline - (559) 713-4179

Gang Hotline - (559) 713-4737

Graffiti Hotline - (559) 713-4451

## **School Youth Services Officers**

Officer Arjona - Divisadero Middle School - (559) 730-7405

Officer Cantu - Valley Oak Middle School - (559) 730-7681

Officer Collins - Mount Whitney High School - (559) 730-7644

Officer Doherty - La Joya Middle School - (559) 730-7921

Officer Howerton - Sequoia High School - (559) 730-7696

Officer Lozito - Redwood High School - (559) 730-7707

Officer Pasillas - Green Acres Middle School - (559) 730-7672

Officer Thompson - El Diamante High School - (559) 735-3531

Officer Weaver - Golden West High School - (559) 735-8024