



CITY OF PLACENTIA
POLICE
DEPARTMENT

BIENNIAL REPORT



2021-2022

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OUR COMMUNITY





Thank you to our community who continues to support us. We pride ourselves on serving the residents and business owners of Placentia. Your true generosity does not go unnoticed. We appreciate the friendly waves, handshakes, kind letters, and warm meals brought to our station for our staff.

MISSION / VISION / VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

The Placentia Police Department is dedicated to improving the quality of life through proactive criminal enforcement, education and community partnerships. We act with integrity and accountability to reduce fear and crime, while treating all with respect, compassion and fairness.

VISION STATEMENT

Through the delivery of professional law enforcement services, we work to safely reduce crime in our community while building on a trusting partnership with the community and one another.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

Professionalism – Building partnerships with our community through respectful communication and providing the highest level of customer service.

Commitment to Excellence – Striving to achieve the highest standards of ethics, performance, teamwork and ongoing professional development in all aspects of modern-day policing.

Pride – We have pride, both individually and for our department, through outstanding policing and safeguarding the reputation of our profession.

Courage – Sharing a strong sense of duty to take corrective action in confronting problems both within the department and within the community.

A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF BUTTS



I am proud to present the 2021-2022 Placentia Police Department's Biennial Report. Working alongside community members, City staff, and elected officials, our staff is committed to providing a safe environment and a high quality of life for those who live, work, and visit our vibrant city. This report highlights our exceptional work and the services we provide.

We responded to over 56,000 calls for service and made 2,850 arrests and took 29,824 reports during this reporting period. Our department response times to emergencies averaged under 5 minutes.

We authored a new mission statement, vision statement and organizational values. We also created a strategic plan, which covers a three-year operational period, from 2021 through 2023. Having already met the main goals of the plan, we are working on a completely new strategic plan for the next three years.

Our exceptional staff are our most valuable resource. Understanding that we cannot accomplish our goals without proper staffing, employee recruitment and retention have been a primary focus. We re-vitalized our recruitment team and created an incentive package for improved recruitment and retention. During this reporting period, we hired 13 police officers, 5 full-time professional staff, and 4 part-time staff. We also made 9 promotions, which included a Chief, Captain, 2 Lieutenants, 3 Sergeants, a Records Supervisor and a Management Analyst.

We completed the first all-hands meeting since 2014. I shared my vision for the department with all team members. Focus areas included goals and expectations for overall stability, improved performance, and employee development for succession planning. I included my expectations for continual positive culture change, and we have adopted a shared mantra where "all department members are leaders."

Maintaining a culture of accountability and fostering partnerships with our community is the foundation of the department. I want to thank all who worked alongside and supported us in accomplishing our mission. We will continue leading with conviction and professionalism.

Lastly, I want to express how proud I am of our staff and all we have accomplished. I am honored to serve as Police Chief and I could not be more pleased with the service our men and women provide to benefit our community. I look forward to continuing to lead our committed staff.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Butts".

Brad Butts
Chief of Police



PLACENTIA CITY COUNCIL 2023



**MAYOR
WARD SMITH, DISTRICT 5**



**MAYOR PRO TEM
JEREMY B. YAMAGUCHI, DISTRICT 3**



**COUNCIL MEMBER
RHONDA SHADER, DISTRICT 1**



**COUNCIL MEMBER
KEVIN KIRWIN, DISTRICT 2**



**COUNCIL MEMBER
CHAD P. WANKE, DISTRICT 4**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR: DAMIEN R. ARRULA

CITY TREASURER: KEVIN LARSON

CITY CLERK: ROBERT S. MCKINNELL

STRATEGIC PLAN

The department's leadership relies on formal strategic planning in both operational and administrative management of the department. In 2021, the department created a three-year strategic plan (2021-2023) outlining broad goals and objectives for the entire department. The strategic plan includes goals and objectives, measurable outcomes, projected personnel, and capital expenses, all with the end goal of reducing crime and increasing the quality of life in the City of Placentia. There were twelve (12) goals and objectives in the strategic plan as follows:

- 1. PREVENT AND SUPPRESS CRIME.**
- 2. REBUILD AND MAINTAIN ADEQUATE STAFFING.**
- 3. INCREASE EMPLOYEE MENTORING AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT.**
- 4. REDUCE HOMELESSNESS COMPLAINTS AND SUPPORT THE NAVIGATION CENTER.**
- 5. IMPROVE TRAFFIC SAFETY.**
- 6. MAINTAIN RESPONSE TIMES UNDER 5 MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE.**
- 7. RESEARCH A BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM AND PRESENT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**
- 8. IMPLEMENT A NEW FIELD TRAINING MANUAL.**
- 9. EXPAND PEER SUPPORT TEAM.**
- 10. REVIEW PATROL BEATS AND RECOMMEND CHANGES BASED UPON CALL VOLUME.**
- 11. MAINTAIN FISCAL EFFICIENCY.**
- 12. MAINTAIN PANDEMIC READINESS.**

This detailed strategic plan enabled the department to work with city leadership to determine priorities and funding. We are happy to report that 10 of the 12 goals have already been accomplished and remain an ongoing priority for our department.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Senior
Administrative
Assistant

Administrative
Division

Captain

Lieutenant

IT Sergeant

PSB
Sergeant

Investigations

Records

Property &
Evidence

Sergeant

Crimes Against
Person

Property Crimes

Gang Detective

Civilian
Investigators

Crime Analyst

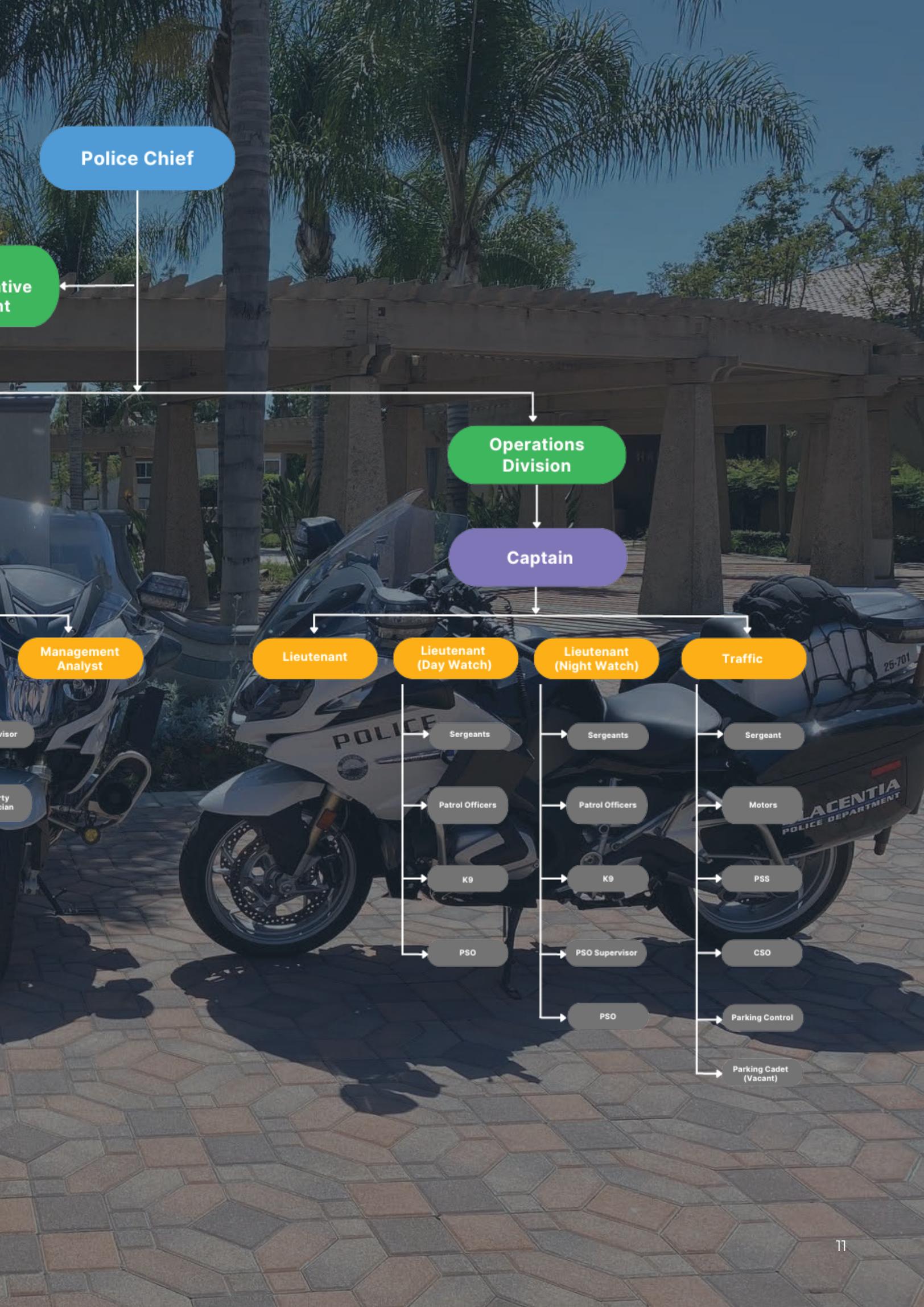
Supervisor

Records
Specialist

Records
Cadets

Supervisor

Property
Technician



Police Chief

Administrative

Operations Division

Captain

Management Analyst

Lieutenant

Lieutenant (Day Watch)

Lieutenant (Night Watch)

Traffic

Sergeants

Patrol Officers

K9

PSO

Sergeants

Patrol Officers

K9

PSO Supervisor

PSO

Sergeant

Motors

PSS

CSO

Parking Control

Parking Cadet (Vacant)



PLACENTIA POLICE

DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF

Our Command Staff consists of the Chief, two Captains and three Lieutenants. Together, the team facilitates all matters for the Police Department. They are responsible for procuring and finalizing contracts, preparing items that go before City Council, maintaining community relations, managing staffing levels and decision making for the entire organization.



**ADMINISTRATIVE
LIEUTENANT**

CHRIS
ANDERSON



**PATROL
LIEUTENANT**

ADAM
GLOE



**PATROL
LIEUTENANT**

SCOTT
MILLSAP



CHIEF OF POLICE

BRAD BUTTS

Chief Brad Butts has led the Placentia Police Department since October of 2021. He is a 28-year sworn law enforcement veteran and he began his service with Placentia as a police officer in 2001. He has worked at every rank that Placentia Police Department employs. He holds a graduate degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego.



CAPTAIN

JAMES MCELHINNEY

Captain James McElhinney is currently the Administrative Division Commander, overseeing Investigations, Professional Standards, Property & Evidence, Records, Fleet, and Facilities. Captain McElhinney is a 35-year veteran of the Placentia Police Department, having worked as a Police Cadet and Reserve Police Officer before being promoted to Police Officer in 1993. He earned his BS in Criminal Justice Management and MS in Organizational Leadership from Union Institute & University. He is also a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute.



CAPTAIN

BRIAN PERRY

Captain Brian Perry is currently the Operations Division Commander, overseeing all field operations. He is a 28 year sworn law enforcement professional and he began his service with the Placentia Police Department as a police officer in 2001. He earned his graduate degree in Organizational Leadership from Union Institute and University and he is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute.



POLICE ADMINISTRATION

2021 AND 2022 PROMOTIONS

2021

LIEUTENANT ANDERSON
SERGEANT MACCUBBIN
SERGEANT GARZA
SERGEANT GILLIS
RECORDS SUPERVISOR GRIFFITH

2022

CHIEF BUTTS
CAPTAIN PERRY
LIEUTENANT MILLSAP
SERGEANT HERREN

OPERATIONS

Division

The mission of the Operations Division is to ensure the safety and security of those who live, work, and visit the City of Placentia. This mission is accomplished by providing timely and professional police services to the community through community policing oriented philosophies and by utilizing a problem-solving approach in partnership with the community through prevention, suppression, and apprehension strategies. The Operations Division is also known as the "field services" division and it is overseen by the Operations Division Commander and two Patrol Lieutenants. Operations consists of the Patrol Division, Traffic Bureau, K-9 Unit, School Resource Officer Detail, and Police Service Officers, Police Reserves, and the Police Chaplain Program.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

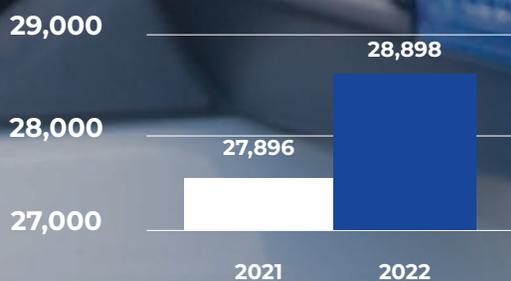
Priority 1 (P1) incidents – This is the highest priority incident. P1 are calls where the physical well-being of a person is in jeopardy, disasters, or crimes in progress. Examples would include injury traffic accidents, suicide attempts, domestic disputes, any call involving the use of weapons, including fights and robberies. Also included in P1 calls, but to a lesser degree, are calls in which property is in jeopardy and the crime is in progress or just occurred and the suspects are still in the area.

Priority 2 (P2) incidents – These calls for service do not require an emergency response but are dispatched as soon as units are available. Examples would be when no lives are in immediate danger.

Priority 3 (P3) incidents – These incidents are informational in nature, or the time element indicates that no person or property is in jeopardy or incidents that are not in progress reports.

EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Placentia Police Department proudly serves the 51,000 plus residents of the City of Placentia. Emergency calls for service are our highest priority incidents. These calls range from the physical well-being of a person in jeopardy, disasters, or crimes in progress. Some examples would include injury traffic collisions, suicide attempts, domestic disputes, any call involving the use of weapons, including fights and robberies.



CALLS FOR SERVICE
YEAR 2021 COMPARED TO YEAR 2022

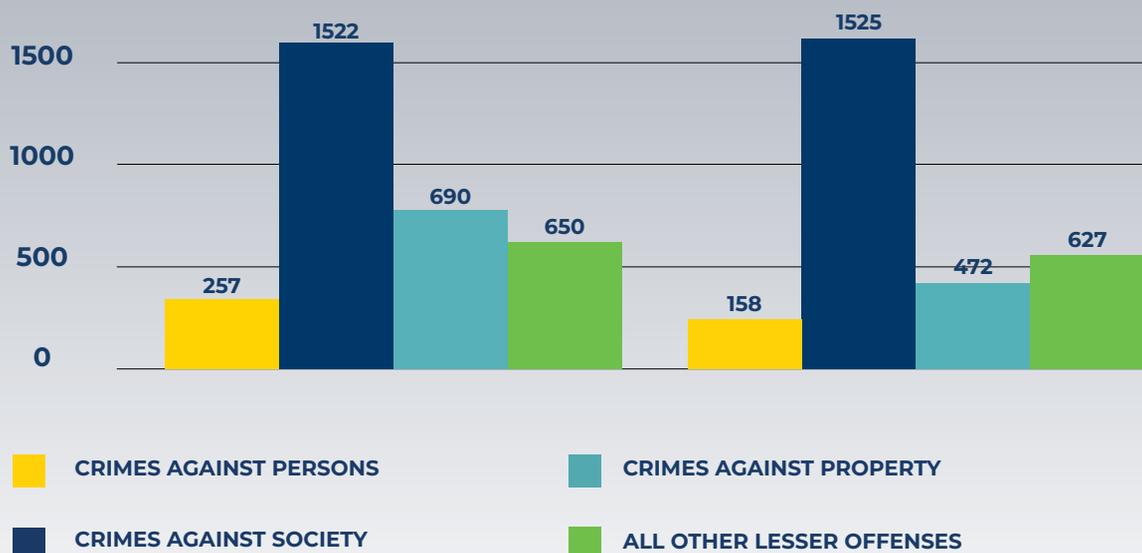


AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES FOR EMERGENCY CALLS FOR SERVICE
YEAR 2021 COMPARED TO YEAR 2022 (MIN/SEC)

CRIME STATISTICS

As of January 1, 2021, the Placentia Police Department collects and reports crime data based on the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which is an incident-based reporting system used by law enforcement agencies in the United States for collecting and reporting data on crimes. Local, state, and federal agencies generate NIBRS data from their records management systems. NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident.

NIBRS CRIMES YEAR 2021 COMPARED TO YEAR 2022



2021

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS - 257

HOMICIDE - 0
RAPE - 35
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - 222

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY - 1522

ROBBERY - 28
ARSON - 8
BURGLARY - 269
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - 124
FORGERY - 62
EMBEZZLEMENT - 5
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY - 44
VANDALISM - 277
THEFT/LARCENY - 469
FRAUD - 236

CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY - 690

WEAPONS OFFENSES - 80
DRUG OFFENSES - 610

GROUP B CRIMES - 650

CURFEW - 9
DISORDERLY CONDUCT - 31
DUI - 100
DRUNKENNESS - 11
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/
CHILDREN - 2
LIQUOR LAWS - 23
RUNAWAYS - 58
ALL OTHER OFFENSES - 416

2022

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS - 158

**DECREASE OF 39%
COMPARED TO 2021**

HOMICIDE - 0
RAPE - 21
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - 137

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY - 1525

**INCREASE OF LESS THAN 1%
COMPARED TO 2021**

ROBBERY - 31
ARSON - 4
BURGLARY - 298
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - 128
FORGERY - 62
EMBEZZLEMENT - 1
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY - 43
VANDALISM - 241
THEFT/LARCENY - 534
FRAUD - 236

CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY - 472

**DECREASE OF 32%
COMPARED TO 2021**

WEAPONS OFFENSES - 53
DRUG OFFENSES - 419

GROUP B CRIMES - 627

**DECREASE OF 4%
COMPARED TO 2021**

CURFEW - 9
DISORDERLY CONDUCT - 14
DUI - 93
DRUNKENNESS - 2
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY/
CHILDREN - 2
LIQUOR LAWS - 2
RUNAWAYS - 79
ALL OTHER OFFENSES - 426

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of our policing service. Patrol officers work around the clock to safeguard our community. The Patrol Division includes the Traffic Bureau, K9 Unit, School Resource Officers, Police Service Officers, and Reserve Officers.

Patrol Officers handle the first response to all crimes, they patrol for criminal activity and take the lead on criminal enforcement. They also work with residents, business owners, educational partners, and other community partners in reducing public safety problems, including quality of life issues that concern our community or impact the safety and living conditions of the public.

The Patrol Division is made up of two Police Lieutenants, six Police Sergeants, twenty-four Police Officers (including K-9 Officers, SROs, and HLOs), one Police Services Supervisor, and two Police Service Officers.

TOTAL ARRESTS

2021

TOTAL ARRESTS 2021 = 1,405

Top 3 Arrests

Possess Controlled Substance, HS 11377(a) = 123 arrests

Possess Drug Paraphernalia, HS 11364(a) = 91 arrests

DUI Alcohol, VC 23152(a) = 48 arrests

2022

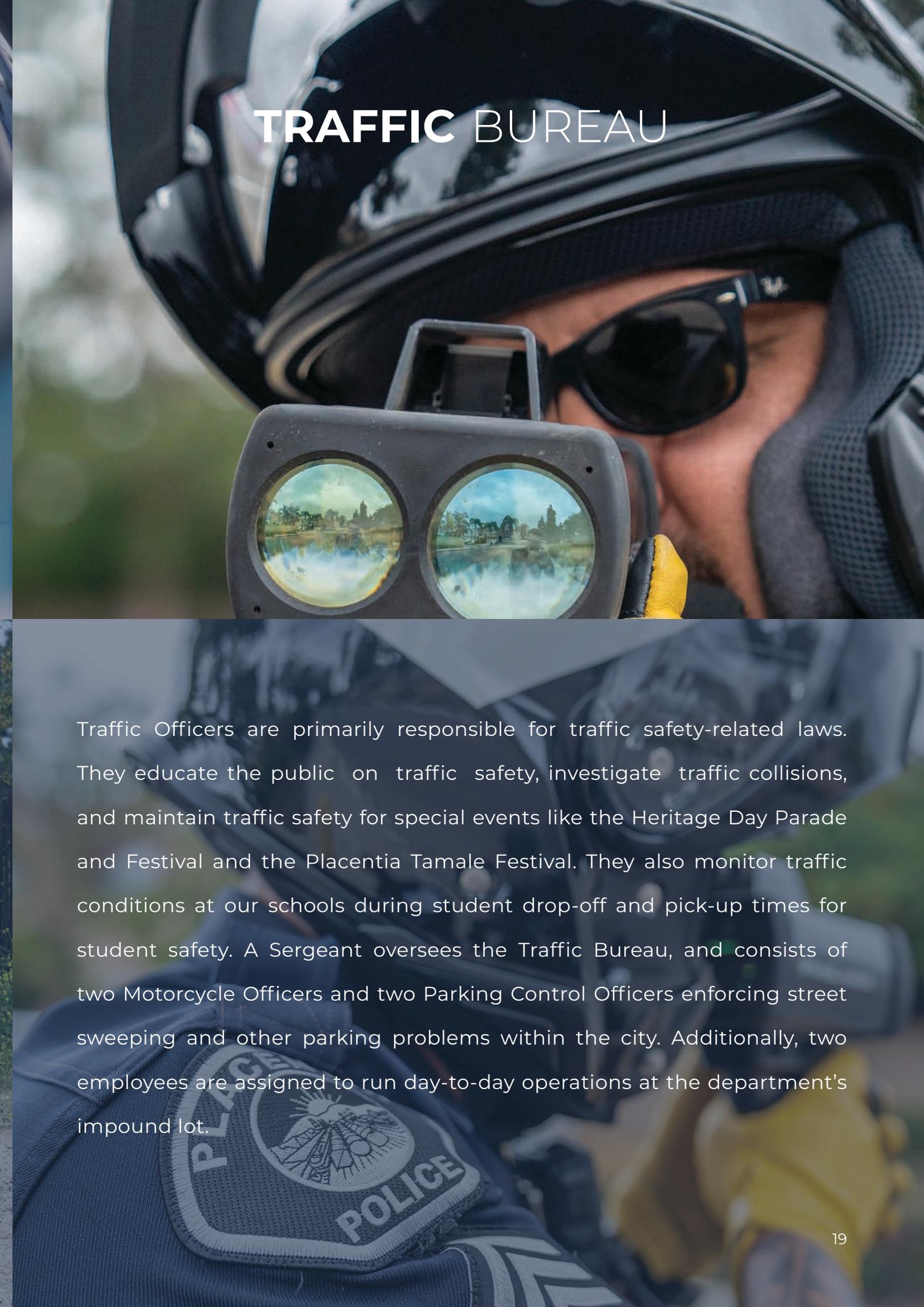
TOTAL ARRESTS 2022 = 1,446

Top 3 Arrests

Driving Without a License, VC 12500 = 87 arrests

Possess Controlled Substance, HS 11377(a) = 85 arrests

Possess Drug Paraphernalia, HS 11364(a) = 68 arrests



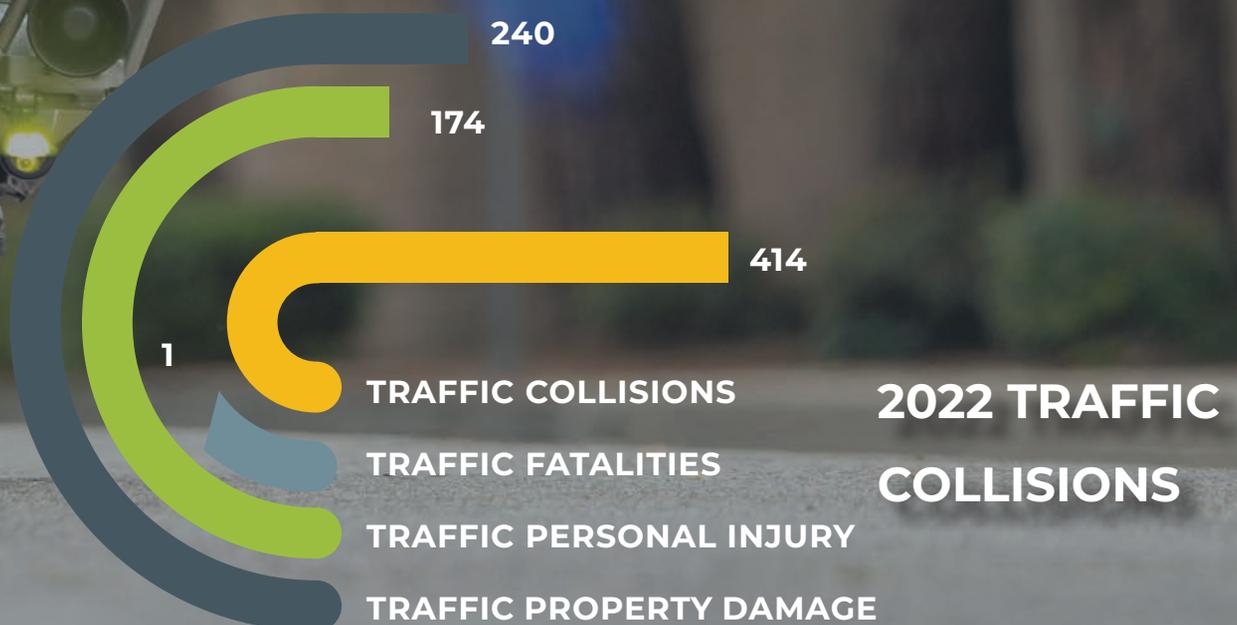
TRAFFIC BUREAU

Traffic Officers are primarily responsible for traffic safety-related laws. They educate the public on traffic safety, investigate traffic collisions, and maintain traffic safety for special events like the Heritage Day Parade and Festival and the Placentia Tamale Festival. They also monitor traffic conditions at our schools during student drop-off and pick-up times for student safety. A Sergeant oversees the Traffic Bureau, and consists of two Motorcycle Officers and two Parking Control Officers enforcing street sweeping and other parking problems within the city. Additionally, two employees are assigned to run day-to-day operations at the department's impound lot.

TRAFFIC CITATIONS



TRAFFIC COLLISIONS



K-9 UNIT

The Placentia Police Department Canine (K9) Program began in 1988 with its first dog, K9 Nanto. The K9 Program was established to augment police services and is an essential tool in the fight against crime, providing protection for the officers and the community at-large. The unit is comprised of skilled officers partnered with highly trained canines. The K9, specifically chosen for their intelligence and keen sense of smell, are used to supplement police operations to locate weapons, contraband, and to apprehend criminal offenders. When K9 officers are not responding to calls for service, they patrol the business and residential areas of the city to deter and detect crime. K9's Kyra and Champ currently serve the City of Placentia.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



In partnership with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD), the Department currently has two School Resource Officers (SROs), both of which have officers located on their respective campus. One Officer is assigned to El Dorado High School, and another is assigned to Valencia High School. Both SROs perform the same functions as our patrol officers. However they also perform several other functions unique to schools. Our SROs become an integral part of their school sites and work in collaboration with school staff to keep our students safe.



SROs provide school staff with training on active shooters, gangs, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, bullying, and other school related concerns. SROs also make lasting connections with students by educating them on the issues they face, as well as providing mentorship and counseling. Placentia's SROs are more than just police officers, they are an integral resource for our schools and their students.



POLICE SERVICE

OFFICERS (PSO)

The Police Service Officer (PSO) is comprised of two non-sworn PSOs and one non-sworn Police Services Supervisor (PSS). PSOs support sworn Police Officers by performing a combination of field, office, and jail duties. Their duties include responding to low risk calls for service, taking reports, and managing jail operations.

JAIL

OPERATIONS

The Placentia Police Department's Jail Facility is a Temporary Holding Facility. The jail is only certified to hold arrestees for up to 24 hours due to the classification status with the California Department of Corrections. If an arrestee stays longer than the booking process, the arrestee will receive meals every 6 hours provided by the Jailer or Watch Commander.

Arrestees are brought into the jail for general booking procedures which include processing, fingerprinting, and photos. Once the booking process is complete the arrestee is then transported to the Orange County Jail facility for housing. The Placentia Jail Facility has 4 holding cells that will accommodate 8 arrestees with an additional sobering cell for intoxicated subjects. The Placentia Police Department also allows for juvenile arrestees to be placed in a non-secure holding cell for up to 6 hours, which is separate from the jail. Juveniles must be released to a parent or guardian within the 6-hour limit or will be transported to a county facility for housing.

RESERVE POLICE OFFICER

PROGRAM

Reserve Officers assist full-time officers in the enforcement of laws and in maintaining peace and order within the community. Reserve Officers usually are assigned to augment the Operations Division, but they may be assigned to other areas within the Department as needed. Reserve Officers are required to work a minimum of 16 hours per month.

VOLUNTEERS IN

POLICE

For nearly 40 years, the Volunteers in Police (VIP) have provided dedicated support to the members of the Placentia Police Department. The primary goal of the VIPs is to further the partnership between the Police and the community by developing a spirit of cooperation and establishing collaborative relationships. Volunteers assist in specified duties which create efficiencies for the Department, improving our service delivery to the community. Some of the volunteer duties are reporting crime, assisting with police responsiveness, information input, performing vacation home checks, and involvement in various community outreach activities. Volunteers meet bi-monthly to coordinate events. Interested candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma. Commitment, dedication and regular attendance are required in the program.

CHAPLAINS

The Police Department has a team of Chaplains who serve our community. The Chaplains are fully ordained with the churches and synagogues in our city and represent a variety of faiths. They are an integral part of the department and available around the clock to assist members of the community in time of crisis or need.





POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Placentia Police Explorer Program is designed to give young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 opportunities to develop leadership skills and team-building concepts. The members of the Explorer Post are provided with an insight into law enforcement as a career. Explorers attend a training academy within one year of joining the Post and receive year-round instruction and training at the police station. This training includes inspections, physical development, and a basic understanding of police service. The Explorer Post provides thousands of service hours to the city and local community. The lessons in leadership, responsibility, and service to the community provide a life-long benefit to each member.

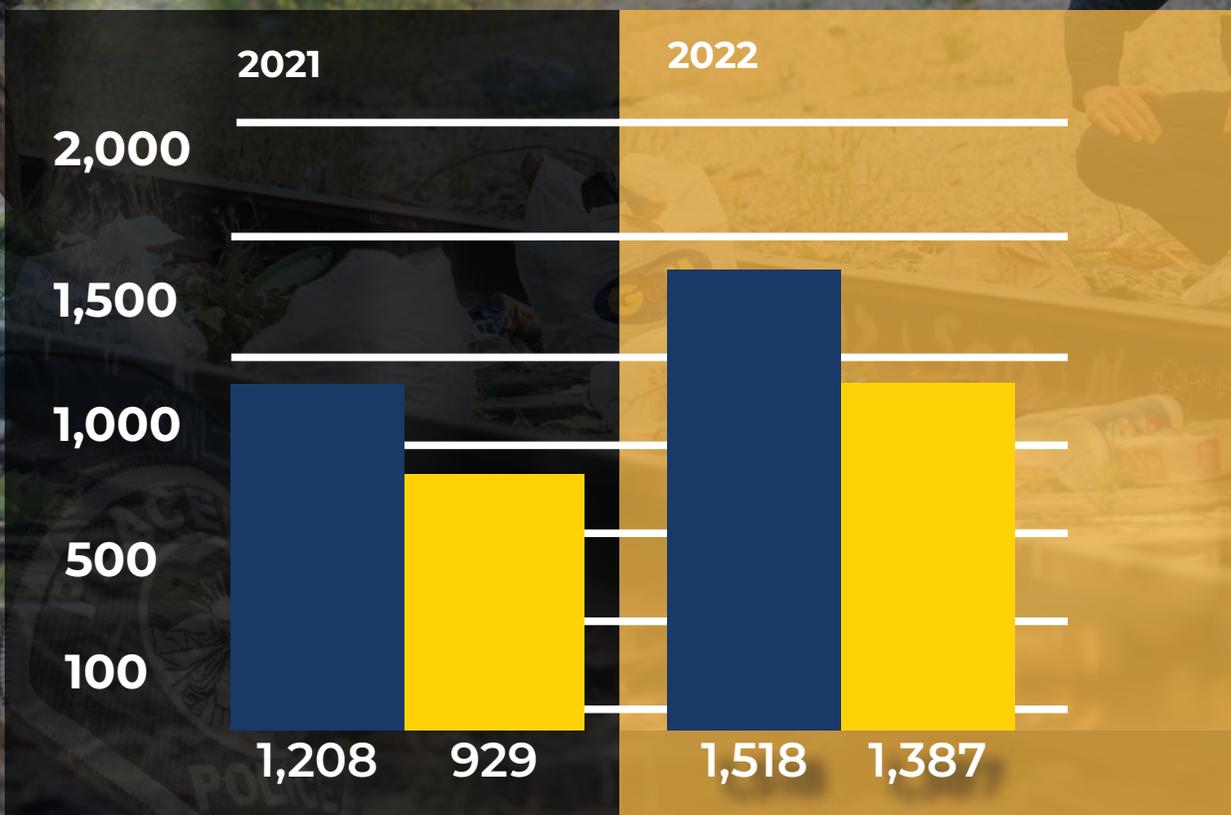
HOMELESS LIAISON OFFICER (HLO)

The Homeless Liaison Officer program is assigned within Patrol. HLOs attend meetings with collaborative groups, Placentia Police Administration, Placentia City Staff, City Council Members, and outside law enforcement agencies. Their goal is to place homeless individuals in designated shelters, providing wraparound services for permanent housing, and to address community homelessness concerns. HLOs stay up - to - date on current laws and work to navigate this difficult issue by knowing what kind of resources are available to our homeless population. HLOs work collaboratively with staff members of the Navigation Center. PPD has two HLOs who are specifically trained to deal with homeless related issues.

Homeless-Related Calls for Service and Officer-Initiated Activities

Year 2021 compared to Year 2022

Citizen-Initiated
Officer-Initiated





ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative/Support Services Division is one of two divisions within the Police Department and is overseen and managed by a Police Captain. Each Division has one or more “Bureaus” within it that are uniquely designed to handle specific duties within the department.

The Division consists of Administration, Professional Standards Bureau, Investigations Bureau, Property & Evidence Bureau, and Information Technology. Administrative staff consists of the Division Captain, Administrative Lieutenant, Professional Standards Sergeant, IT Sergeant, Management Analyst, and Senior Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. In addition, all internal affairs investigations are handled through the Division Commander’s office and assigned to supervisory staff members.

Administrative staff is tasked with preparing and managing the department budget, purchasing and requisitions of equipment and supplies, personnel selection, policy, and procedures, grant management, contract services, and human resources liaison. Each bureau supervisor within the division report directly to the Administrative Division Commander who is responsible for the division’s daily activities and long-term strategic goals.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BUREAU

The Professional Standards Bureau is responsible for many police administrative duties. These include employee recruitment, pre-employment background investigations, new hire processing, and first week orientation. This also includes the ongoing professional training that our department personnel must attend throughout their career, which can equate to thousands of hours for an individual. This training varies from complying with ever changing state mandates, to maintaining department and industry standards. Also allowing for the development of expertise in a certain field by permitting our individual sworn and professional staff to request training courses that are in a desired dimension. Additionally, complaints against police personnel, whether generated from an external source or internally, are thoroughly investigated through this office. Investigations of our personnel are taken seriously and are of the highest importance to ensure we maintain trust with the community we serve.



When Placentia Police Officers attend the Basic Police Academy, they are required to receive over 1,000 hours of training prior to graduation. After the academy, ongoing professional training continues throughout their careers. Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) requires officers in this state to complete at least 24 hours of advanced training every 2 years. Most of our officers exceed this minimum standard every year. Advanced officer training is vital and allows our officers to remain professional and be some of Southern California's best officers. Some examples of the training our officers receive are, effective policing of the homeless, community relations, cultural diversity, peer support, local, state, and federal law changes, proper use of force applications, pursuit driving updates, arrest and control techniques, first aid CPR / AED, drug recognition expert (DRE) DUI investigations, de-escalation techniques, and investigative techniques.

In addition to POST advanced officer training, our officers have received hundreds of hours of training through the department in range training, policy and procedure updates, and briefing training. Placentia Police Officers who are members of the North County SWAT team received approximately 500 hours of SWAT related training in 2021 and 2022. Our K9 officers received approximately 700 hours of K9 related training in 2021 and 2022.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

The Placentia Police Department takes all complaints seriously regarding the service provided by the department and the conduct of its members. The department will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with policy and applicable federal, state, and local law. It is also the policy of this department to ensure that the community can report misconduct without concern for reprisal or retaliation.

Each personnel complaint is classified with one of the following dispositions:

UNFOUNDED – When the investigation discloses that the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve department members. Complaints that are determined to be frivolous will fall within the classification of unfounded.

EXONERATED – The investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred but that the act was justified, lawful, and/or proper.

NOT SUSTAINED – The investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.

SUSTAINED – A final determination by an investigating agency, commission, board hearing officer, or arbitrator as applicable, following an investigation and opportunity for an administrative appeal pursuant to Government Code 3304 and Government Code 3304.5 that the actions of an officer were found to violate law or department policy (Penal Code 832.8).

INTERNAL – Investigations are initiated at the direction of the Chief.

EXTERNAL – Investigations are complaints received by members of the community.

TRANSPARENCY

In 2021, the Placentia Police Department responded to **27,896** calls for service and made **1,405** arrests. There were nine (9) internal affairs investigations for the year. Five (5) of these investigations were generated internal and four (4) were external. The investigations were thoroughly investigated, and the findings were as follows:

2021

2 UNFOUNDED 3 NOT SUSTAINED 4 SUSTAINED

In 2022, the Placentia Police Department responded to **28,898** calls for service and made **1,445** arrests. There were six (6) internal affairs investigations for the year. Three (3) of these investigations were generated internal and three (3) were external. The investigations were thoroughly investigated, and the findings were as follows:

2022

1 EXONERATED 2 UNFOUNDED 2 NOT SUSTAINED 1 SUSTAINED

INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Investigations Bureau is comprised of General Detectives (one Crimes-Person and one Property Crimes), two Gang Detectives, one Task Force Officer (DEA), one Crime Analyst, and three Civilian Investigators. The bureau is supervised by a Sergeant and overseen by the Administrative Lieutenant and Administrative Division Captain.

ACTIVE – An investigation that is being conducted with a reasonable, good faith belief that it could lead to the filing of administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings, or that is ongoing and continuing and for which there is a reasonable, good faith anticipation of securing an arrest or prosecution.

INACTIVE – An investigation where there is little evidence to work with, or follow-up on, but is available to reopen if further information comes to light.

CLEARED – An offense that is cleared by arrest but have exhausted all leads and/or have done everything possible to clear a case, the case is cleared exceptionally.

UNFOUNDED – False or baseless complaints.

2021



ACTIVE



INACTIVE



CLEARED



UNFOUNDED

2022



ACTIVE



INACTIVE



CLEARED



UNFOUNDED

NOTABLE INVESTIGATION

On April 25, 2021, at approximately 3:40 AM, Placentia Police Officers responded to a report of a stabbing that had just occurred in an apartment in the City of Placentia. Officers arrived and learned that there were two victims with multiple stab wounds. The victims of the stabbings were an adult father and his juvenile son. It was learned that the two unknown suspects wore face masks and had forced their way into the apartment to commit the stabbing. Both suspects fled the apartment prior to officers' arrival. Both victims were treated at a local trauma center and survived after a lengthy recovery.

Placentia Detectives were called in and took over the investigation. Since the victims did not know the suspects and there was no evidence located at the crime scene, detectives had their work cut out for them. Detectives spent several days combing the area for video surveillance and ultimately located footage of a possible suspect vehicle in the area. Detectives spent countless days investigating the incident and were able to identify the suspects involved in the crime.

Detectives obtained and served several search warrants arresting the two suspects. Through further investigation, Detectives learned that the wife of the stabbing victim was having an affair with one of the suspects and had conspired with him to murder her husband.

After learning of the information, Detectives arrested the victim's wife on numerous felony charges, including conspiring to murder her husband.

Despite no initial evidence or leads, Detectives worked countless hours to bring justice to the victims.

GANG UNIT

Since the incorporation of the City in 1926, three of the oldest gangs in Orange County were formed within the borders of the City of Placentia. Each of these gangs are traditional Turf Street Gangs as defined by the Street Terrorism Enforcement and Prevention Act, commonly referred to as the STEP Act under California Penal Code section 186.22. The three gangs have tremendous negative impact on the City of Placentia. They commit a large number of reported and unreported crimes in the City and a majority of them are being committed by the younger members of the gang. This information comes from numerous investigations, arrests, and information from citizens.

DEA TASK FORCE

The Placentia Police Department currently participates in a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force and has done so for over two decades by dedicating an officer to serve on the team. Currently, five police departments dedicate officers to the DEA Task Force. The DEA Task Force is charged with the enforcement of the Controlled Substance Act as well as investigation of the highest level of domestic and international narcotics traffickers. During 2021 and 2022, the DEA Task Force seized over 12 million dollars and over 200 kilograms of various narcotics (including cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and fentanyl).



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SERGEANT

In December of 2019 staff created the position of IT Sergeant to manage the workload of the Department's rapidly increasing digital footprint. The position is responsible for maintaining all systems in the span and control of Placentia Public Safety and the Placentia Communications Center. The IT Sergeant also serves as the Department's liaison with all local, county, and state partners to maintain operational connectivity, including the 800Mhz radio system, 911, NG-911, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS), Placentia Fire & Life Safety systems, and EMS provider support. Additionally, the

IT Sergeant serves as the Department's Body Worn (BWC) and Fleet (MVS) camera coordinator. All BWC and MVS discovery requests are also processed through the office of the IT Sergeant. In addition, the IT Sergeant is responsible for all Assembly Bill 953 (RIPA), NIBRS offense data submission, and all other mandated data reporting. Lastly, current and new special projects involving Public Safety technology are managed by the IT Sergeant. Placentia makes every effort to be a leader in technology-based solutions that create an actionable data-driven service model.



CRIME ANALYST

Crime analysis is a law enforcement function that involves systematic analysis for identifying and analyzing patterns and trends in crime and disorder. Placentia PD has one full time crime analyst.

CRIME ANALYSIS

Crime Analysis is defined as the systematic study of crime and disorder problems as well as other police-related issues – including socio demographic, spatial, and temporal factors – to assist the police in criminal apprehension, crime and disorder reduction, crime prevention, and evaluation. – University of Maryland

ADMINISTRATIVE

Deals with long-range comparisons (quarterly, semi-annually, or annually), typically requested by Police Management.

STRATEGIC

Operational strategies, seeks solutions to ongoing problems (weeks, months, quarters, or years). The purpose is to perform police services more effectively and efficiently by matching service delivery to demand.

TACTICAL

Deals with recent criminal offenses (immediate, hours, days, or weeks). It promotes a quick response to offenses, such as burglaries and robberies. Provides information to assist operational personnel identify crime trends and arrest offenders.



RECORDS BUREAU



The Placentia Police Department Records Bureau is staffed by one Records Supervisor, two full-time Records Specialists, five Police Cadets and is managed by the Administrative Division Captain. The Records Bureau performs a vital function by working closely with all members of the Police Department to ensure timely processing of reports and ensuring the service standards are met.

RECORDS BUREAU

Utilizing a sophisticated records management system, the Records Bureau collects, maintains, and distributes all police reports and related records. Some responsibilities and duties of our records personnel consist of :

- Assisting the public at the front counter
- Answering business and non-emergency phone calls
- Filing reports
- LiveScan (Electronic Fingerprinting)
- Background checks
- Records requests
- Non-suspect info reports
- Citation sign-off
- Vehicle release forms
- Sex, arson, and narcotic registrants
- Scan police reports into Laserfiche for records retentions and accessibility
- Placing calls for service
- Process arrest reports to be electronically filed with the District Attorney's Office
- Using software such as Elete, Records Management System, Computer Aided Dispatch, and Electronic Direction for Complaint

CATEGORY	2021	2022
PARKING PERMITS ISSUED	1,014	968
CASES SUBMITTED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY	1,407	1,088
CITATION SIGN OFFS	209	240
STOLEN VEHICLES ENTERED	165	196
MISSING PERSONS ENTERED	157	244
RELEASED VEHICLES	579	670
CITATIONS PROCESSED	3,613	2,569

PROPERTY & EVIDENCE DIVISION

The Property and Evidence Division is staffed by a Police Services Supervisor and one full-time Property Technician and is managed by the Administrative Division Captain. Property personnel are tasked with the proper handling, storage, transportation, release, and/or disposal of all items seized by the Placentia Police Department. Property assists the courts by providing copies of case documents, audio and video, surveillance, interviews, photographs, 911 dispatch tapes, and physical evidence as requested. Some evidentiary items handled by this division include firearms, narcotics, currency, sexual assault kits, DNA swabs, blood/urine samples, photographs, audio, video, and much more.

The primary goal of this division is to store and dispose of evidentiary items in accordance with the law and directions of the court. Our property personnel are responsible for safeguarding all evidence until the case has been completed and adjudicated.

2021

2022



DEPARTMENT BUDGET & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UNIT

The Department's Budget & Administrative Services Unit is responsible for a multitude of fiscally minded functions. The primary being the preparation and daily oversight of our department's annual budget. This sets the fiscal direction for our department and establishes goals and objectives for each division to work within. Additional duties include creating and maintaining contracts with outside service providers, fleet services, false alarm management, grant overview, and agency surveys/analysis when needed.

TOTAL BUDGET

FY 21/22

FY 22/23

12,654,799

11,925,425

ANCILLARY ASSIGNMENTS

NORTH COUNTY SWAT

The North County Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) was incorporated in 2001 and is comprised of individual agency SWAT teams, Crisis Negotiation teams, and Tactical Dispatchers.

Along with Placentia, other assigned agencies include Brea, California State University-Fullerton, Fullerton, La Habra, and La Palma Police Departments. The team provides support in critical field operations where negotiations or special tactical deployment methods are required. Placentia's allocation commitment to the team is six officers, two sergeants, two crisis negotiators, and two tactical dispatchers.

The SWAT team supplies specialized support in handling critical field operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactics deployment methods exceed the capacity of field officers. Though the team is part-time, each member is on-call 24/7. They train monthly, conducting over 250 hours of specialized training per year. The selection process includes a memorandum of interest, scoring above 90% on the SWAT firearms qualification, completing the SWAT obstacle course under the strict time limit, and completing an oral interview with the Team Leaders. Once selected, officers must pass the obstacle course twice a year and a quarterly weapons qualification. This detail takes a tremendous amount of commitment and a high level of firearms proficiency and physical fitness.

BODY WORN CAMERA AND MOBILE VIDEO SYSTEM (MVS)

In December 2019, after significant testing and evaluation, the Department began deployment of body-worn cameras for all enforcement operations. In January 2021, the fleet mobile video system was deployed in the field. The system has been a success and has greatly aided in routine investigations, minimizing citizen complaints, and has even expedited the discovery process for the video evidence custodians. The purpose of the

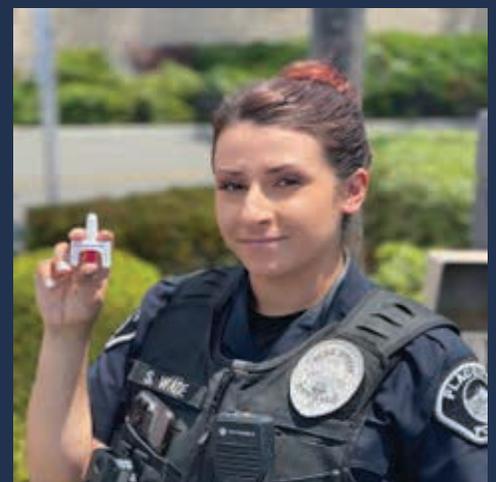


MVS and the BWC system is to provide an accurate, unbiased audiovisual record of enforcement-related and non-criminal incidents that will enhance criminal prosecutions. The Placentia Police Department recognizes that audio and video recording of contacts between departmental personnel and the public provides an objective record of these events, and the use of a recording system complements field personnel in the performance of their duties by providing a digital record of enforcement and investigative field contacts. Additionally, the use of MVS and BWC will aid the department in

areas of public safety and department transparency, and accordingly, should be considered with all other available evidence, including witness statements, officer interviews, and forensic analysis. The systems and program are overseen and managed by the IT Sergeant.

NALOXONE/NARCAN

All officers are trained to administer the nasal spray Naloxone/Narcan, which blocks and reverses the effects of opioids (including heroin, methadone, morphine, opium, codeine, fentanyl, oxycodone, and hydrocodone). The officers can also use the nasal spray if they are exposed to an opioid in powder form. Placentia Police officers have had several successful saves with the Naloxone/Narcan.



LIVES SAVED

2021

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2022

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RECRUITMENT TEAM

The Placentia Police Department's Recruitment Team is made up of officers and detectives who assist with the recruiting of new officers to join the department. They go to police academies throughout Southern California and talk with academy recruits who are not yet hired by a police department about the Placentia Police Department and all we have to offer. They have also gone to military bases to recruit service members whose military commitment is coming to an end. The Recruitment Team will also assist with the testing to become a Placentia Police Officer. This includes proctoring the written and physical agility tests as well as being a panel member for oral interviews.

2021

21 Applicants processed

7 Sworn Officers hired

9 Civilian staff hired

2022

42 Applicants processed

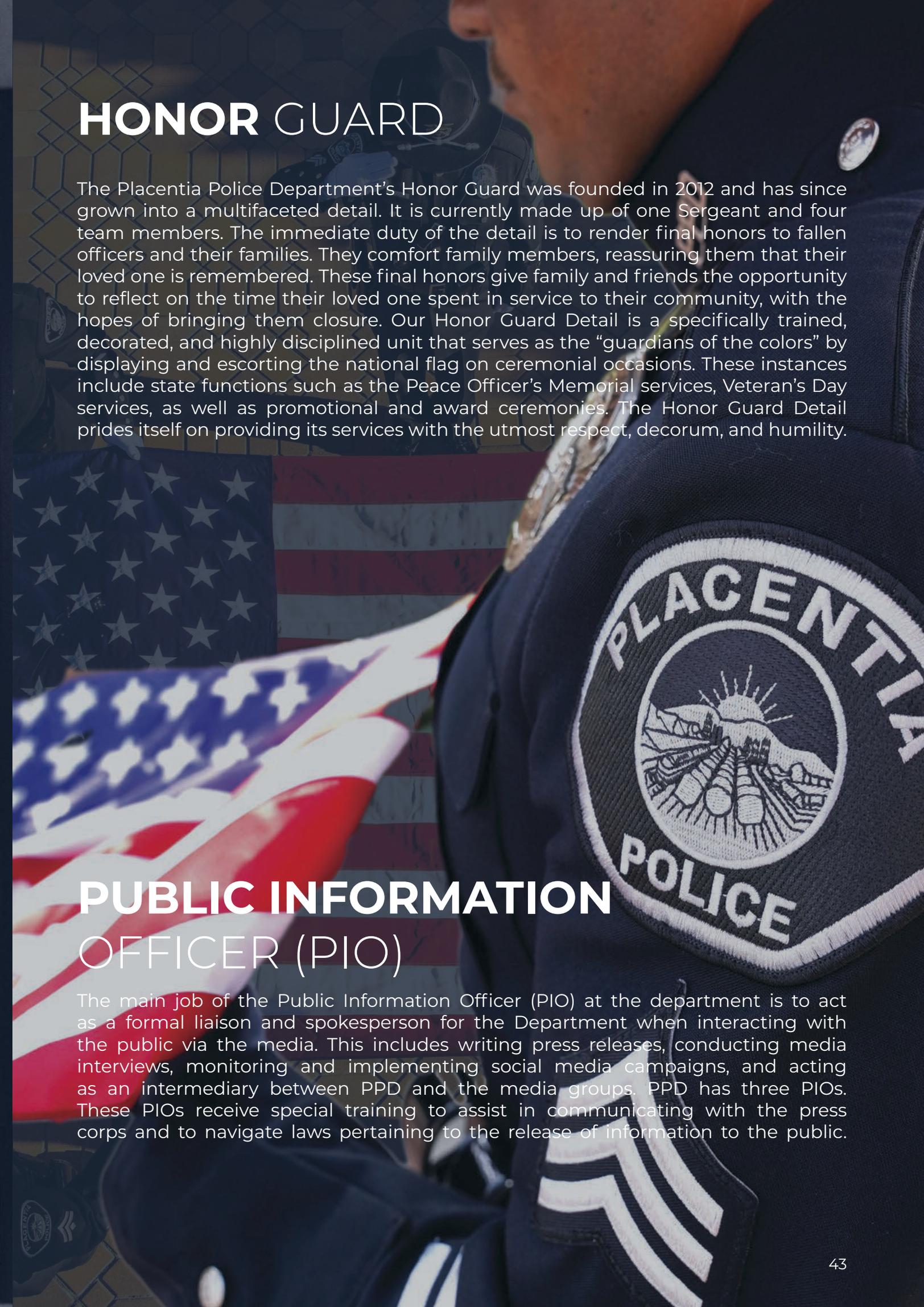
6 Sworn Officers hired

7 Civilian staff hired

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION (CSI)

Placentia Police Department's Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) Unit is staffed by the Property Police Services Supervisor and the Property Technician. All CSI Technicians are certified Field Evidence Technicians that respond to crime scenes and assist Patrol and Detectives in their investigations. Our CSI Technicians are on call 24/7. While out at crime scenes, our CSI Technicians photograph, document the scene and collect evidence. Our CSI Technicians are trained to process items from DNA and/or fingerprints as needed. They also process in-house evidence previously collected by officers.

*Minor CSI is conducted by Police Officers and PSOs not included in the above activities.



HONOR GUARD

The Placentia Police Department's Honor Guard was founded in 2012 and has since grown into a multifaceted detail. It is currently made up of one Sergeant and four team members. The immediate duty of the detail is to render final honors to fallen officers and their families. They comfort family members, reassuring them that their loved one is remembered. These final honors give family and friends the opportunity to reflect on the time their loved one spent in service to their community, with the hopes of bringing them closure. Our Honor Guard Detail is a specifically trained, decorated, and highly disciplined unit that serves as the "guardians of the colors" by displaying and escorting the national flag on ceremonial occasions. These instances include state functions such as the Peace Officer's Memorial services, Veteran's Day services, as well as promotional and award ceremonies. The Honor Guard Detail prides itself on providing its services with the utmost respect, decorum, and humility.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PIO)

The main job of the Public Information Officer (PIO) at the department is to act as a formal liaison and spokesperson for the Department when interacting with the public via the media. This includes writing press releases, conducting media interviews, monitoring and implementing social media campaigns, and acting as an intermediary between PPD and the media groups. PPD has three PIOs. These PIOs receive special training to assist in communicating with the press corps and to navigate laws pertaining to the release of information to the public.



SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

The Social Media Team's main goal is to improve communication and public relations with the community in which we serve. The department uses social media platforms for external purposes including community engagement and public notifications, and internal purposes, including investigations and recruitment. Enhanced communication, facilitated by social media engagement, leads to greater community cooperation and understanding.

RANGE TRAINING UNIT

The Range Training Unit consists of one Range Master and five Firearms Instructors. The unit trains and mentors all sworn PPD Officers in the use, functionality, and decision-making processes involving various assigned weapons. The unit conducts bi-monthly live-fire qualification and simulation exercises.

PEER SUPPORT

The Peer Support Team provides assistance, support, and resources to employees and direct family members during difficult times in their personal or professional lives. This program is designed to provide emotional support during and after times of personal or professional crisis to other employees who need assistance, ongoing follow-up support, promote trust, allow anonymity, and preserve confidentiality for persons using peer support within the guidelines of the program.

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TERRORISM LIAISON OFFICER

Terrorism Liaison Officers are specially trained to be a point of contact in matters related to terrorism and they maintain a relationship with local fusion center. They receive and disseminate terrorism-related information. They educate other agency personnel about suspicious activity, enhancing situational awareness, early warning, and operational readiness.

UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (DRONES)

In 2022, Placentia PD became fully operational with the Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) team. All team members have passed and obtained their remote pilot certificates from the FAA. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly referred to as drones, have proven to be a valuable resource for law enforcement and first responders during emergency operations, supplanting the helicopter as a more efficient and cost-effective alternative for small-scale missions. Drones are an efficient way of providing law enforcement critical information when responding to calls for service, including providing an overhead view of an area or incident for ground personnel, providing detailed documentation of crime and accident scenes, and searching for lost or missing persons - to name a few.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Placentia Police Department Citizens Academy is designed to teach citizens about the philosophy, policies, and guiding principles of law enforcement, and ethical conduct governing police services in any given community. This allows the “students” to become more aware of how the Department functions in its daily operations, and they learn how they can play an integral role in helping keep our communities safe through community policing partnerships. The Academy also allows the Department to become more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community and helps build positive and interactive relationships between citizens and police personnel. The Department also launched its first Spanish Citizens Academy in 2022, with much success.



GUN BUYBACK EVENT

In 2022, County Supervisor Doug Chaffee approached the North OC Public Safety Collaborative and offered funding to complete a gun buyback event. County Supervisor Chaffee offered funds for gift cards in exchange for unwanted weapons and full reimbursement for personnel. Chief Butts volunteered Placentia PD to host the event, in conjunction with partnering local law enforcement agencies. The goal was to collect unwanted firearms before they ended up in the wrong hands. This voluntary event was an opportunity for those who had unwanted and operable firearms and were looking for a way to dispose of them safely and responsibly.

Our officers often encounter criminals possessing firearms, and many times we learn of firearms being stolen from family members and through residential burglaries. This event provided a service to persons who already wanted to dispose of firearms, either because they are not comfortable possessing them, or they are concerned of a loved one or others coming into possession of firearms. This was a “no questions asked” event, meaning there were no recording license plates or the IDs of persons wanting to dispose of firearms. The event was held in October of 2022, and over 400 guns were collected.

Guns will be destroyed in accordance with state law unless they are found to be stolen or evidence of a crime. If they were reported stolen, they will be returned to the owner. If they are found to be evidence, they will be forwarded to the appropriate agency.

ORANGE COUNTY GANG REDUCTION AND INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP

The Placentia Police Department participates in the Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (“OC GRIP”). This program involves multiple organizations, agencies, and volunteers to prevent kids from participating in gang activity and enhances the relationship between the Orange County District Attorney’s office, local law enforcement, and community policing. OC GRIP has set out to provide education and recreational opportunities for students who struggle with attendance, academics, and attitude.





JUSA TOPSOCCER

TOPSoccer is a modified version of the game of soccer. It was designed to provide opportunities for athletes with disabilities. It provides an affordable opportunity for fitness, fun, and building self-esteem. Modifications are made to the game to allow for full participation and enjoyment for each athlete. One-on-one assistance is available to those who are in need of it, and the Placentia Police Department is proud to partner with the organization.



COFFEE WITH A COP

Placentia PD is proud to participate in Coffee with a Cop that brings police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

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 feeling, 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.





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