

Tehama County Sheriff's Office



2004 ANNUAL REPORT & STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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County of Tehama



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It is my pleasure to present to you the 2004 Tehama County Sheriff's Office Annual Report. On the following pages, you will not only see data relating to criminal activity and calls for law enforcement service in Tehama County, but will learn about our agency, the command staff, and our many accomplishments.

Despite the continuing budget crisis, my staff and I are committed to meeting the many obstacles that face law enforcement in this county head-on, with the dedicated spirit and commitment to excellence that this department has demonstrated since you elected me to office 7 years ago.

Of course, I owe a great deal of gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their continued support. I would especially like to thank former Supervisors Barbara McIver and Bill Borrer for their service to the County, and welcome Ron Warner and Greg Avilla to the Board. Additionally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to former Chief Administrator Rick Robinson for his many years of hard work and dedicated service, and likewise thank interim C.A.O. John Blacklock for his invaluable assistance during the transition period.

Finally, I would like to thank the citizens of this wonderful county for their support and understanding during these difficult fiscal times. I assure you that the men and women of this department will continue to be proactive in their efforts to keep our communities safe and comfortable, and will rise to meet whatever challenges that lie ahead with the highest level of professionalism and integrity.

Sincerely,

Sheriff

Undersheriff's Message

Undersheriff Dennis Garton is a 35- year law enforcement veteran, having served the citizens of Tehama County for the past 25 years.

He assumed his current position in 1996, and as second-in-command of the department, his primary function is to oversee the day-to-day operations of the agency. As a secondary duty, Undersheriff Garton researches and develops new programs.

Residing in Dairyville with wife Jeannie, Garton is an avid horseman and enjoys touring the western states on his motorcycle and spending time with his 11 grandchildren.



Undersheriff Dennis C. Garton

"As we enter our third year of unprecedented budget shortfalls, I am faced with daily decisions that impact even the most basic of services that we are able to provide to the citizens of Tehama County. From our ability to respond to burglar alarms to police presence at special events; each day brings a new challenge. It is only through the dedication and hard work of our 113 remarkable employees that we have been able to continue with some invaluable community service programs. As an example; when his program was slated for elimination; D.A.R.E. Deputy Jason Moore continued teaching his curriculum on his days off! Special Events booths have been manned by Records and Evidence personnel during their nights and weekends; and countless other employees have volunteered their time and services for a myriad of functions and activities that should have been sent to the budget chopping block long ago. I personally could not be more proud, and these employees make by job a pleasure."



"In 2004, we completed our Jail Remodel Project, which increased our inmate capacity to 224. We also began a long-awaited electronics upgrade, which will enhance our closed circuit inmate monitoring system and update all jail door controls. We also secured grant funding through the Office of Homeland Security and the State Office of Emergency Services for the purchase of a Mobile Command Vehicle. This \$179,000 unit will be utilized by all public safety agencies in the county to respond to floods, fires, or law enforcement situations requiring mobile dispatch capabilities and a command post. In addition, through these

grants we are in the process of upgrading our radio capabilities, which will allow us to remotely exchange data with the Red Bluff and Corning Police Departments."

"It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to continue serving as Undersheriff of Tehama County. I welcome ideas, comments and criticism from the public ,and welcome you to stop by my office at any time."

Dennis C. Garton
Undersheriff

Administrative Division



Captain Paul Hosler commands the Sheriff's Administrative Division, overseeing budgeting and finance, contracts and grants, media and public information, personnel, internal affairs, special events, fleet management and the Civil, Boating, Records, Training, Emergency Services, Evidence, Court Security, D.A.R.E, and Auxiliary Services offices.

Captain Hosler is a 28-year law enforcement veteran and a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

In his off duty time, he is the National Rescue Director and a member of the Executive and Competition Committees for the International Hot Boat Association, spending his spring and summer weekends traveling to sanctioned drag boat races throughout the United States. He also serves as Ski Patrol Director at the Mt. Shasta Ski Park, spending weekends there from Thanksgiving through Easter. He and his wife Joy reside in Red Bluff.

Fiscal

The Administrative Division prepares and oversees the Department's \$10 million budget. The accounting unit pays over 1,000 separate vendors for services and supplies, and submits bills to a variety of agencies and entities for booking fees, contracted services and federal and state reimbursements.



Office of Emergency Services

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is charged with responding to floods, fires, disasters and unusual events where there is a potential loss of life or property. Sheriff's Department personnel and resources are utilized first, and, in the event of a large-scale event, outside assistance is requested through the State of California Office of Emergency Services.



Administrative Division

Training

Mandated training for all officers and department personnel is scheduled and coordinated through the Administrative Division. The Training Unit coordinated over 1800 hours of P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training and S.T.C (Standards and Training for Corrections) certified training in 2004.



*Patty Luther,
Administrative Secretary and
Training Coordinator*

Evidence

The Sheriff's Evidence Unit is charged with storing and maintaining evidence gathered in criminal investigations. From microscopic DNA to a recovered stolen helicopter, and from evidence taken in minor traffic offenses to that seized in three separate murder cases; each item collected in 2004 varies in size and importance and is individually unique. Regardless, each item of evidence must be meticulously packaged, secured and preserved for an indefinite time period.

Once items are logged and received at the evidence facility, personnel assigned to the unit are charged with maintaining the evidence, transferring it to various laboratories for analysis, transporting it to court for the judicial process, and returning or disposing of the property pursuant to the orders of the court.



In 2004, a total of 4,431 separate pieces of evidence from 1,124 cases were logged into the facility, adding to the hundreds of thousands of items currently stored there.

Stars

The Sheriff's Team Of Active Retires Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) is coordinated through the Auxiliary Services Unit. In 2004, these dedicated and invaluable volunteers donated 8,970 hours to the citizens of Tehama County, patrolling neighborhoods, performing vacation housewatches, manning command posts and assisting with traffic control during special events, performing clerical functions, and assisting with a variety of other functions throughout the county.



Administrative Division

Boating Division

The Tehama County Sheriff's Department Boating Safety and Enforcement Unit is funded through a \$135,000 grant from the State Department of Boating and Waterways. Officers assigned to this unit patrol 45 miles of the Sacramento River, in addition to Black Butte Lake and Lake Red Bluff.



In 2004 boating officers investigated 4 boating accidents and 3 drownings. Patrolling over 600 hours on county waterways, officers issued 439 warnings, 5 citations, and inspected 389 vessels. 39 vessels in distress were assisted, and 63 presentations were made to over 500 boaters and other interested persons. Additionally, the unit patrolled and protected boaters, rafters and swimmers at numerous special events, including the 4th of July fireworks event at City Park in Red Bluff, the Black Butte Sailing Regatta, several fishing tournaments, and a number of organized rafting and canoe trips.

In late 2004, a \$16,500 grant was received, also from the Department of Boating and Waterways, which allowed the department to form a dive team. Through this funding, state-of-the-art equipment was purchased for four scuba divers, and they began their training in early 2005. When the divers acquire Rescue Diver status and receive their certification, they will be utilized for search and rescue purposes, as well as underwater evidence recovery.

Civil Division



The Sheriff's Civil Unit is comprised of a supervising Sergeant, two Deputies, a Civil Clerk, and a half-time Service Officer.

In 2004, this office served 3,600 subpoenas and processed another 2,010 cases, to include wage garnishments, evictions, restraining orders, and other court-ordered processes. In addition, the Civil Unit processed and distributed nearly \$700,000 in garnishments and settlements on behalf of the courts, businesses and individuals.

Administrative Division



S.T.O.P.P.E.D.

Sheriffs **T**elling **O**ur **P**arents & **P**romoting **E**ducated **D**rivers

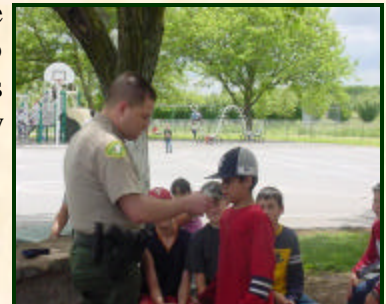
In January 2004, Sheriff Parker introduced a voluntary parental notification program dealing with teenage drivers. This program is designed to allow law enforcement to notify a parent if their teenage driver is stopped for committing a traffic violation, for unsafe driving, or for any other reason. This gives the officer an alternative to issuing a citation, and allows a parent to become involved if the child is in need of remediation, discipline or parental counseling. This program is also designed as a deterrent to unsafe driving; whereas teenage drivers having knowledge that they are a part of this program are more likely to obey traffic laws and drive safely. Parents or legal guardians of teenage drivers can register for the program and obtain a free **STOPPED** sticker from the Tehama County Sheriff's Office. This numbered, registered sticker is affixed to the vehicle's windshield. If the vehicle is stopped while being operated by a teenage driver, the parents are notified.

In the first 16 months of operation, Tehama County parents have voluntarily registered 54 vehicles with the Sheriff's Office. During that time, (3) vehicle enforcement stops were made on vehicles registered in the **STOPPED** program. All three of those drivers stopped were found to be 16 year old females with provisional licenses. The violations noted by the officers were (1) unsafe speed, (1) lane violation and (1) for having passengers in the vehicle. **Most notably, none of the 54 vehicles or the teenage drivers registered in this program were involved in traffic collisions!**

For more information on this successful program, feel free to contact Sheriff Parker at 529-7950, cparker@tehamaso.org or check our web site at www.tehamaso.org.

D.A.R.E.

The Sheriff's D.A.R.E. unit was nearly eliminated in 2003 due to budget cuts; however through a generous grant from the Tehama County Department of Education, the department has been able to maintain the program on a limited basis. Deputy Jason Moore, continues to teach his anti-drug, alcohol and violence curriculum, on his days off, to 286 students in 11 classrooms in four Tehama County schools.



Administrative Division

Personnel

The Administrative Division is charged with recruitment, testing, per-employment background investigations, and the eventual hiring of new employees; and also prepares and monitors all promotional examinations. Likewise, this division conducts all internal investigations, which are initiated when a citizen files a complaint regarding the conduct of an employee, or when it is suspected that an employee's on or off-duty conduct is a violation of law or department policy, or any time an officer is involved in an on-duty traffic accident, or any time an officer discharges his/her weapon in the course of his/her employment.

During 2004, the department conducted several recruitment sessions and tested hundreds of applicants for as many as 13 vacant positions. As of December of 2004, the department had vacancies in Dispatch (3), Correctional Officer (9), and Sergeant (1).

Twelve Citizen Complaints were investigated in 2004; and of these, three employees were found to have committed policy violations. Eight Internal Investigations were initiated, resulting in disciplinary action being taken in 5 cases. Fourteen traffic accidents were investigated, and it was discovered that the employee was at least partially at fault in twelve instances. One on-duty shooting was investigated, and the involved officer was found to be justified in the shooting of an armed suspect.

Records



In 2004, officers and staff created over 16,000 separate documents and reports; each of which were computerized, indexed and filed by the records unit. Annually, personnel in this division must also locate, copy and distribute thousands of reports and records from the millions of documents currently on file; both in paper form and in computer files.

The records unit is also charged with processing and administering permits for bingo, dances, firearms sales, explosives storage and transportation, special events, and Christmas tree transportation. They also prepare, review and issue concealed weapons permits to qualified county residents.

Likewise, this unit registers and tracks those convicted of specific sex, arson and drug violations, and fingerprints over 3,000 citizens per year.

Crime Analysis

ABOUT INDEX CRIMES

Since 1930, The FBI has collected and compiles data to use in understanding and improving law enforcement administration, operations and management; and to indicate fluctuations in the level of crime in America. The crimes selected for data by the FBI are the four most serious violent crimes (offenses against the person) and the four most serious property crimes. The Tehama County Sheriff's Department reports these eight index crimes to the California Department of Justice on an annual basis, who, in turn, forwards the information to the FBI.

VIOLENT CRIME

Murder. The willful killing of a person, or causing the death of a person through a criminal act.

Criminal Sexual Assault. Broader than the traditional definition of "rape", this category includes any sexual assault, aggravated or non-aggravated, committed against any victim, female or male.

Robbery. The taking of, or attempted taking of anything of value from the care or custody of a person; through the use of force or fear.

Aggravated Assault/Battery. The intentional causing of serious bodily harm, or assault with the intent of causing serious bodily harm; to include aggravated assault, assault with a deadly weapon, and attempted murder.

PROPERTY CRIME

Burglary. The entry of a structure with the intent of committing a theft or a felony.

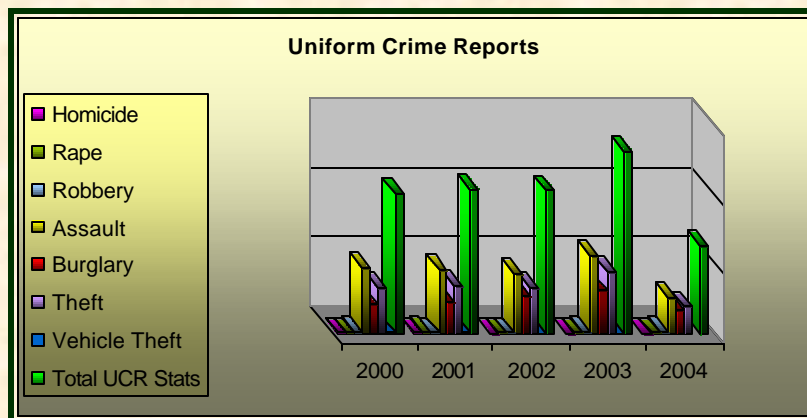
Theft. The unlawful taking of property without the use of force, violence or fraud.

Motor Vehicle Theft. The unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.*

Arson. The willful or malicious burning of any building, motor vehicle, aircraft, or property of another.**

* Motor Vehicle Thefts in the Tehama County Sheriff's jurisdiction are investigated by the California Highway Patrol, unless the vehicle was stolen during the commission of a burglary

** Arson cases in the Tehama County Sheriff's jurisdiction are investigated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or by the State Fire Marshall.



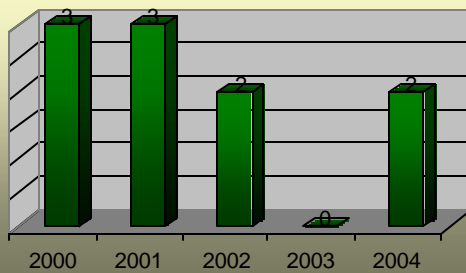
**Total Calls for
Service 16,677**

Crime Analysis

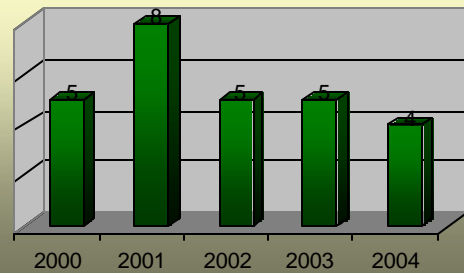
Major Crimes

A "Major Crime" includes murder, assault, rape, robbery, burglary, and theft. The following charts provide 5-year statistics

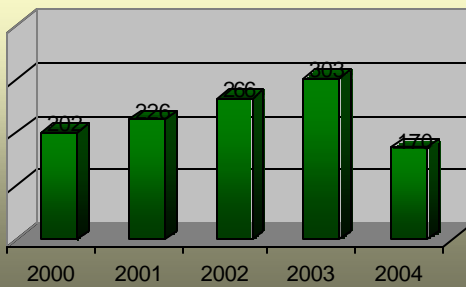
Homicide



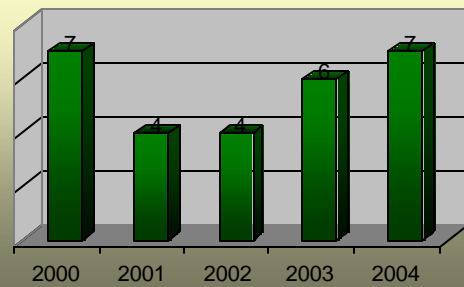
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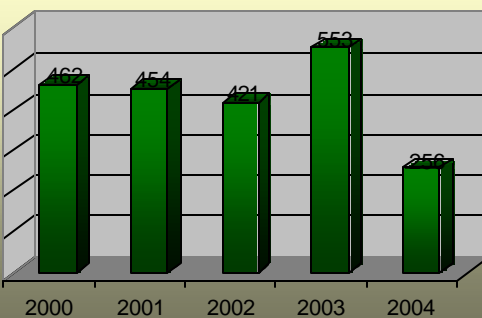
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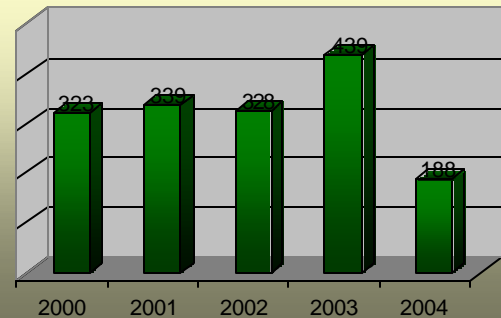
Robbery



Assault



Theft



Operations Division



Captain Danny Rabalais, a 21-year law enforcement veteran who started his career in Orange County, commands the Operations Division. He began his tenure in Tehama County in 1992, promoted to Sergeant a short time later, and attained his current rank in 1999.

As Captain of this division, Captain Rabalais oversees patrol, investigations, dispatch, and a number of special services units, to include Reserves, Search & Rescue, and the Chaplain Program.

Captain Rabalais serves on the Children-Family Leadership Team through the Department of Social Services, and sits on the Child Abuse Council, the Tehama County Health Partnership, the Family Resource Center Advisory Board, and the Child Death Review Team.

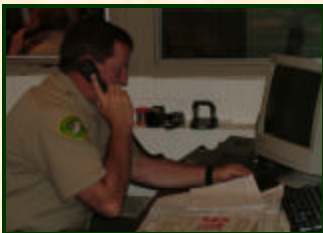
In his off-duty time, he is an elected member of the Tehama County Board of Education, is the Assistant District Commissioner of the California Youth Soccer Association, a committee chairman with the Kiwanis Club, President of the Tehama County Peace Officer's Association, and Vice President of the Tehama County Police Activities League.

He and his wife Dianne have three children and reside in Red Bluff.

Sheriff's Web Page

Made fully operational in 2000, our web site is now viewed by people from throughout the world. Check us out at www.tehamaso.org

Livestock Investigator



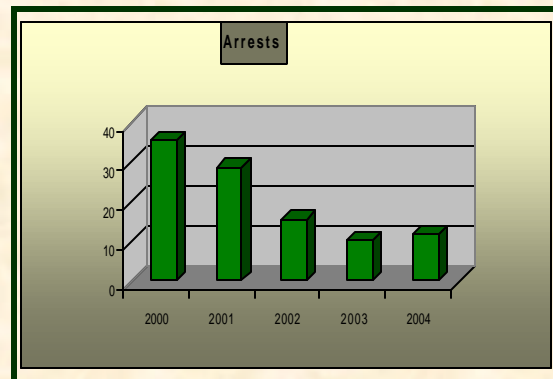
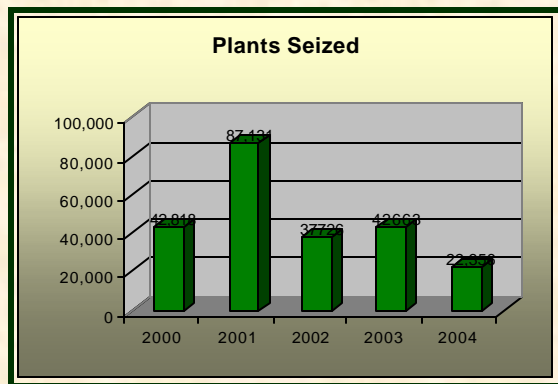
Detective Rich Davidson has been the Sheriff's Livestock Investigator for the past six years. He is responsible for all livestock and farm-related crimes, and is also charged with providing educational programs to officers and citizens alike. He may be reached at 529-7920, or by e-mail at rdavidson@tehamaso.org.



Operations Divisions

Marijuana Eradication Team

The following charts provide 5-year statistics.



K-9 Program

The Sheriff's K-9 program consists of two Belgian Malinois and one German Shepherd, purchased through donations and monies collected in fund raising events throughout the county. The department has also acquired state-of-the-art equipment for the K-9 program, such as the "Hot Dog" device. This is installed in the K-9 patrol vehicle, and activates an alarm if the temperature exceeds a pre-set level that is determined to be dangerous or uncomfortable for the dog.



Deputy McCoy with his dog Roy, Deputy Knox with his dog Yori, and Deputy Ryan with his dog Bart.

Operations Divisions

Reserve Deputy Sheriff's

In 2004, our Reserve Deputy Sheriffs donated 3500 hours on patrol, at special events, and in the jail.

In 2004, the Tehama County Sheriff's Department had 10 active Reserve Deputy Sheriffs.

Pictured left to right are Tehama County Sheriff's Department Reserve Deputies Harry Johnson, Lawrence Castillo, and Michael Kain.



Chaplain Corps



Formed in 1999, the Sheriff's Chaplain Corps consists of five certified chaplains. Under the direction of Pastor Ron Fortenberry, chaplains respond 24 hours per day to counsel victims, witnesses and officers, assist with death notifications, and provide support in a variety of functions. They are an invaluable resource to the citizens of this county.

Search and Rescue

The Tehama County Search & Rescue Unit is comprised of 65 volunteer members, who responded to 13 missions in 2004. During these search missions, all 15 victims were successfully located. The unit also assisted in the recovery of one drowning victim.

In addition, the unit responded out-of-county to two mutual aid requests, and completed 742 hours of training.



Operations Division

Tehama County Police Activities League



The Tehama County Police Activities League (P.A.L.) recognizes the need to provide a safe environment for children in which to seek guidance from role models that they can trust. P.A.L. programs are designed to promote and enhance the development of our youth by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness and belonging. It is believed that this program will ultimately reduce juvenile crime in Tehama County by offering youth an alternative.

Sheriff Clay Parker, Captain Danny Rabalais, Deputy Mark Levindofske and Administrative Secretary Kathy Hausman serve as members of the P.A.L. Board of Directors, and along with other off-duty Sheriff's personnel, volunteer their time to develop, coordinate, coach and officiate activities such as:



- Adventure Club
- Backpacking/Camping
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Boxing
- Junior / Senior Giants Baseball
- Martial Arts
- School Safety Patrol
- Sharks & Parks Street Hockey
- Soccer

In 2004, the Tehama County Police Activities League applied for and was granted a \$30,000 grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues. The grant funds were utilized to expand a number of P.A.L. programs, including basketball, bowling, martial arts and woodworking.

In September, The San Francisco Giants awarded Administrative Secretary Kathy Hausman a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication as a coach and mentor for the P.A.L. sponsored Junior Giants baseball program.

And congratulations to graduating senior Anai Abarca, of Corning High School; who was selected as the recipient of the 2004 Officer David Mobilio memorial P.A.L. Scholarship!



Custody Division

The Custody Division is commanded by Captain Ron Dodd. A graduate of California State University Sacramento, Captain Dodd is a 26-year veteran of the Tehama County Sheriff's Department.

Serving as a Deputy Sheriff in the jail and on patrol for the first ten years of his career, Captain Dodd promoted to Sergeant in 1989. In 1995, he attained his current rank, and commands a staff of 1 lieutenant, 4 sergeants, 29 correctional officers, and 7 auxiliary personnel.



Captain Ron Dodd

In his off-duty time, Captain Dodd is involved in his church and enjoys golf, fishing, tending to his garden and traveling. He and his wife Becky reside in the Antelope area.

Tehama County Sheriff's Department ***Jail Division*** ***Mission Statement***

To provide a safe and secure environment where all concerned are treated in a fair and consistent manner and provide the inmates the opportunity to depart our facilities in a condition equal to, or better than when they arrived.

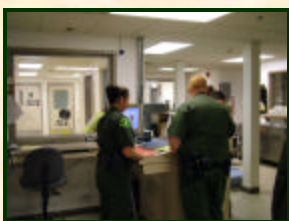
Staff is trained to perform their assigned duties and will strive to achieve the highest professional standards for the benefit of the community in which they serve. The Jail will be run as efficient and effective as possible while treating staff, inmates, and the public with courtesy and respect.

Our goal is to achieve 100% compliance of all Federal, State and Local regulations relating to our facilities and to provide a safe work environment that promotes a fair and equal opportunity for career development through continuous training and education.

Custody Division

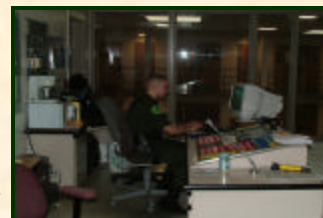
JAIL REMODEL PROJECT

A \$300,000 remodel project was completed in May of 2004, which increased the jail capacity to 224 inmates. The grant-funded security and electronics upgrade project, in planning stages since 2002, went out to bid in December of 2004, with an anticipated completion date of December, 2005. This project will upgrade the remote door locks in the jail, as well as enhancing the video and audio monitoring of areas inside and outside the jail.



JAIL STATISTICS

In 2004, the jail booked 4,066 persons into the facility. Of those booked, the average inmate was in custody for 17 days. The jail held an average daily population of 186 prisoners in 2004, a 5% increase over 2003's average daily population of 178.



INMATE PROGRAMS

Inmates confined to the jail are offered a number of religious, health and educational programs; to include:

- Church
- Bible Study
- Drug & Alcohol Education
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Mental Health Counseling
- Scared Straight
- High School Diploma/GED
- Educational Programs
- AIDS/HIV Awareness

Inmates granted trustee status may elect to participate in work programs within the jail and in specific areas outside the facility. In 2004, inmates performed over 17,000 hours of labor in projects such as:

- Jail Kitchen
- Janitorial Services to County buildings and facilities
- Roadside Cleanup
- Parks and Recreational Area Cleanup
- Fairgrounds maintenance
- Vehicle Maintenance at the Sheriff's Department
- Car Wash for public agency vehicles
- Landscape maintenance on public lands
- Garbage cleanup for special events



Custody Division

As an alternative to incarceration, the Courts or the Probation Department may order one of the following programs for non-violent first-time offenders who qualify.

- Pre-trial release
- Electronic Home Surveillance
- Sheriff's Parole
- Work Release
- School Release
- Sheriff's Alternative Work Program

FOOD SERVICES



The Jail prepares an average of 600 individual meals per day, or nearly ¼ million meals per year; each of which must meet strict nutritional mandates. This is accomplished through the efforts of a supervising cook and three full-time cooks, who are assisted by carefully selected and screened inmate workers.

TRANSPORTATION UNIT

The Jail Transportation Unit is charged with the safe and secure transportation of inmates from one facility to another. This includes delivering inmates to California State Prison facilities, extraditing fugitives from throughout the United States, and transporting inmates to and from court appearances, medical and dental appointments, and a variety of other approved locations for various reasons.

In 2004, due to budget cuts and a reallocation of resources, the jail discontinued picking up or delivering misdemeanor arrestees from and to out-of-county locations. Officers still traveled an average of 3,014 miles per month during these out-of-county transports.



2004 RECOGNITIONS

Deputy Sheriff's Association
Officer of the Year
Chris Niederberger



Corning Exchange Club
Officer of the Year
Martin Perrone



Tehama County Sheriff's Office



"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely and without any mental reservation of purpose of evasion; and that I will and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter."

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