

Tehama County Sheriff's Office



2005 ANNUAL REPORT & STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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County of Tehama



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As Sheriff, I take a great deal of pride in serving the citizens of Tehama County. Likewise, I take pride in my greatest asset...the 110 loyal and dedicated men and women of the Sheriff's Department; who are committed to the community and to keeping our quality of life in Tehama County one to be admired and revered.

On the eve of an unprecedented residential development in northern Tehama County, I stand ready to address the need for additional personnel and resources. Continuous meetings with developers and County officials have successfully identified projected population growth and the corresponding need for additional law enforcement services. Through pre-planning, it is our goal to have personnel and resources in place prior to the development being occupied. By doing so, the citizens of Tehama County should realize no difference in available law enforcement services or response times.

In this, my 7th Annual Report as your Sheriff; I have summarized the 2005 accomplishments of the department and provided data relating to crime statistics and calls for law enforcement services. Also included are descriptions of each of the department's divisions, along with pertinent statistics and data from a number of the units.

As in previous years, I wish to thank the Board of Supervisors, Chief Administrator Bill Goodwin, his staff; and above all, the citizens of Tehama County for their support and assistance. This truly makes my job a pleasure.

Sincerely,

Clay D. Parker, Sheriff

Undersheriff's Message

Undersheriff Dennis Garton is a 36- year law enforcement veteran, having served the citizens of Tehama County for the past 26 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

"In 2005, I had the good fortune to oversee a number of major projects, to include the Dispatch Center remodel, the Jail Security and Electronics Upgrade, and the completion and activation of our new Mobile Command Vehicle. The most gratifying; however, was my involvement in the inaugural Extended Format California Police Officer Standards and Training Academy; which was sponsored and facilitated by Butte and Shasta Colleges. Where a traditional police academy holds classes 8 hours per day, 5 days per week for 13 weeks; the extended concept academy holds classes on weekends and some evenings until all State requirements are met."

"As an instructor in this academy, I witnessed the dedication, commitment and sacrifices put forth by the 13 students who graduated from the course. These students, most of whom had full-time jobs, spent 47 consecutive weekends completing the 749 hours of instruction necessary to receive their certification, and during this time, not one student missed a single class. With the tremendous support of their husbands, wives, mothers and fathers; along with that of their employers and co-workers; these students set aside birthday celebrations, holidays and other family events; and worked and attended school 7 days per week for 47 weeks in order to obtain their law enforcement certificates."



Chris Edwards, Chris Thomas,
Undersheriff Dennis Garton,
Shelly King, and Chris Pflager

"Assisting these students in attaining their basic law enforcement certificates, which qualifies them for a Deputy Sheriff or Police Officer position anywhere in California, has been one of the highlights of my career. The fact that three of the students were Correctional Officers from this department only enhances this satisfaction. The fact that one of these students was my daughter makes the reward of my involvement insurmountable."

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.

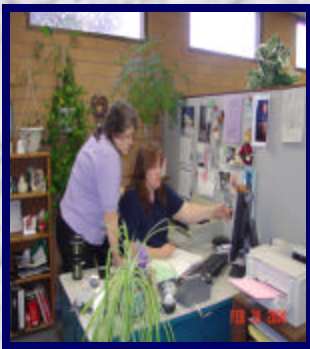
Captain Hosler is a 29-year law enforcement veteran and a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy at Quantico, Virginia.

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.



Captain Paul Hosler

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.



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 2005.

Evidence

The Sheriff's Evidence Unit is charged with storing and maintaining evidence gathered in criminal investigations. Regardless of importance, 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 2005, a total of 3,191 separate pieces of evidence from 1,066 cases were logged into the facility, adding to the hundreds of thousands of items currently stored there.



S.T.A.R.S (Sheriff's Team Active Retired Seniors)

The Sheriff's Team Of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) is coordinated through the Auxiliary Services Unit. In 2005, these dedicated and invaluable volunteers donated 8395 hours to the citizens of Tehama County, patrolling neighborhoods (56,503 miles driven) performing vacation house watches, 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.

Boating Division

The Tehama County Sheriff's Department Boating Safety and Enforcement Unit is funded through a \$136,000 grant from the State Department of Boating and Waterways. Officers assigned to this unit patrol 81 miles of the Sacramento River, in addition to Black Butte Lake and Lake Red Bluff.



In 2005 boating officers investigated 3 boating accidents and 2 drownings. Patrolling over 600 hours on county waterways, officers issued 397 warnings, 12 citations, and inspected 373 vessels. 33 vessels in distress were assisted, and 80 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, the National Championship Boat Drags 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. These divers have since acquired their Rescue Diver certification. They have been 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 2005 this office served 2,520 subpoenas and processed another 1,755 cases, to include wage garnishments, evictions, restraining orders, and other court-ordered processes. Additionally, the Civil Unit processed and distributed nearly \$393,000.00 in garnishments and settlements on behalf of the courts, businesses and individuals.



Sergeant Milt Bruner and
SSO, Margie Edwards

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



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 28 months of operation, Tehama County parents have voluntarily registered 57 vehicles with the Sheriff's Office. During that time, (4) enforcement stops were made on vehicles registered in the **STOPPED** program. Three of the drivers stopped were 16 year old females, and the fourth was a 17 year old female; all of whom had provisional licenses. The violations noted by the officers were (1) unsafe speed, (1) lane violation, (1) for having passengers in the vehicle and (1) for a passenger not wearing a seat belt. **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 taught an approved anti-drug, alcohol, gang and violence curriculum to students in four Tehama County schools in 2005. The program will be expanded to more classrooms in additional schools in 2006

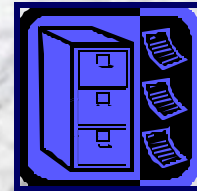
Personnel

The Administrative Division is charged with recruitment, testing, pre-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 2005, the department conducted several recruitment sessions and tested hundreds of applicants. As of December the department had 6 vacancies, (3) Correctional Officer, (1), Sergeant, (1) Deputy and (1) Sheriff Service Officer.

Sixteen Citizen Complaints were investigated in 2005; and of these, one employee was found to have committed a policy violation. Three Internal Investigations were initiated, resulting in disciplinary action being taken in 1 case. Fourteen traffic accidents were investigated, and it was discovered that the employee was at least partially at fault in ten instances.

Records



In 2005, officers and staff created over 16,761 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 compiled 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

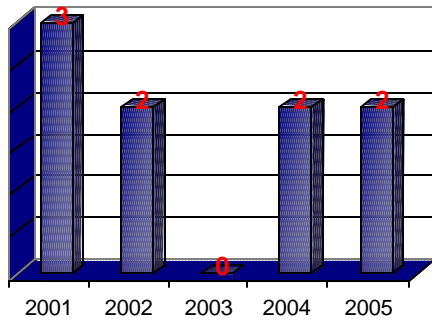
** Arson cases in the Tehama County Sheriff's jurisdiction are investigated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or by the State Fire Marshall.

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Homicide	3	2	0	2	2
Rape	8	5	5	4	5
Robbery	4	4	6	7	11
Assault	454	421	553	256	385
Burglary	226	266	303	170	290
Theft	339	328	439	188	187
Vehicle Theft	4	1	0	0	1
Total UCR Stats	1038	1027	1306	627	881

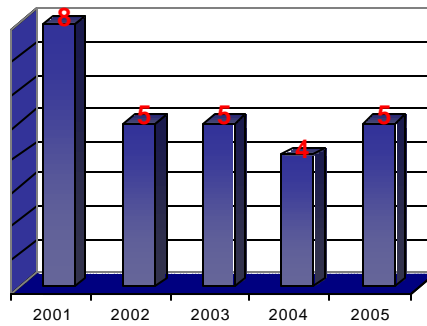
*Total Calls
for Service
for 2005
16,671*

Crime Analysis

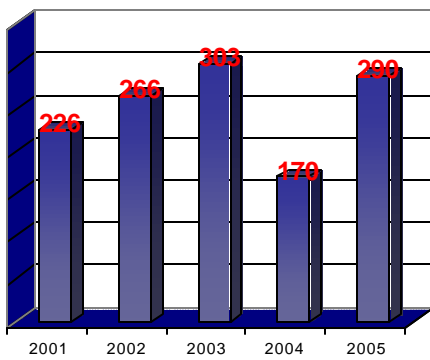
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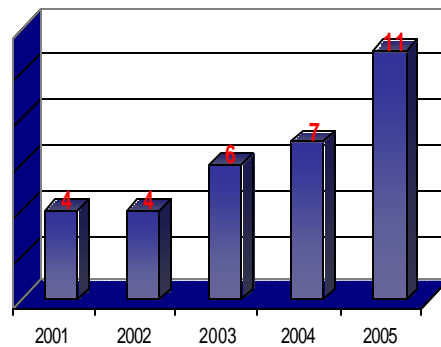
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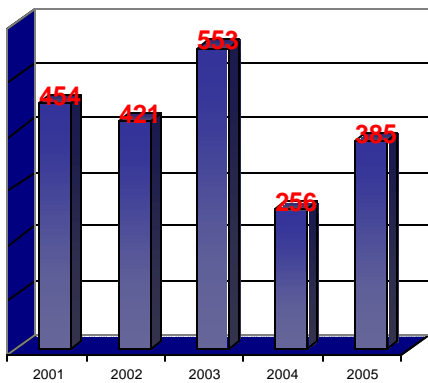
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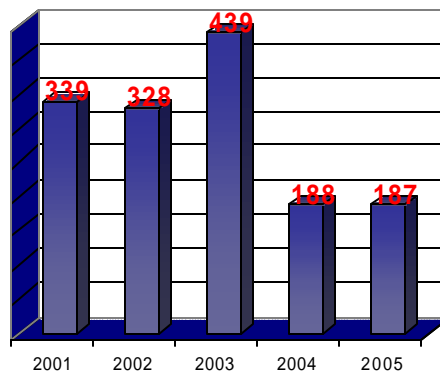
Robbery



Assault



Theft





Operations Division

Captain Danny Rabalais, a 22-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 and Search & Rescue.

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 page now has hits throughout the world. Due to new technology, the public can easily and readily obtain information regarding high-risk sex offenders, in-custody inmates, and can file a report, commendation or complaint. The media also accesses the web site on a daily basis to obtain information and photographs of arrestees.



Livestock Investigator

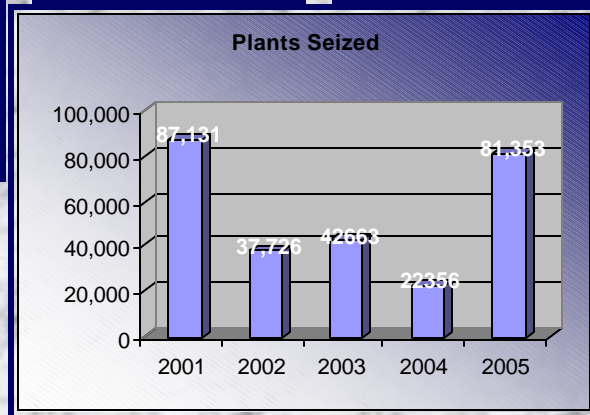
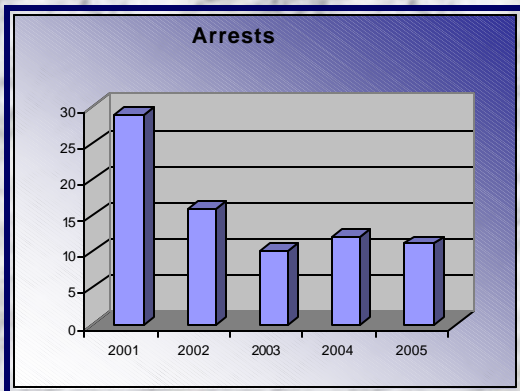


Detective Rich Davidson has been Sheriff's Livestock Investigator for the past seven years. He is responsible for all livestock and farm related crimes, and is also charged with providing educational programs to officers and citizens alike. He can be reached at 529-7920, or e-mailed at rdavidson@tehamaso.org.



Marijuana Eradication Team

The following charts provide 5-year statistics.



K-9 Program



Newest addition "Dark"



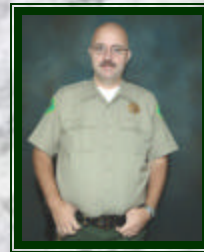
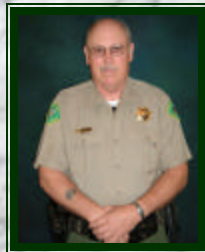
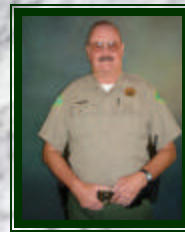
Deputy Rich Ryan and "Dark"

The Sheriff's K-9 program is funded by grants, donations, and monies collected in fund raising events throughout the county. Three specially bred and trained Belgian Malinois dogs make up this unit; with the newest addition being "Dark", who was purchased in 2005. He replaces "Bart", who has since retired.

Reserve Deputy Sheriff's

In 2005, the Sheriff's Reserve Unit donated over 4200 hours to the citizens of Tehama County.

These dedicated volunteer officers, at no cost to the taxpayers; work as second-man backup to Deputy Sheriff's in patrol units, assist in the jail, perform search and rescue, and provide security at special events. In addition, Reserve Officers conduct background investigations on candidates who have applied for employment in various positions within the Department.



Search and Rescue

The Tehama County Search & Rescue Unit is comprised of 71 volunteer members, who responded to 10 missions in 2005. During these search missions, 11 victims were successfully located. The unit also assisted in the recovery of 4 drowning victims. Search and Rescue members volunteered 1258 hours in 2005.

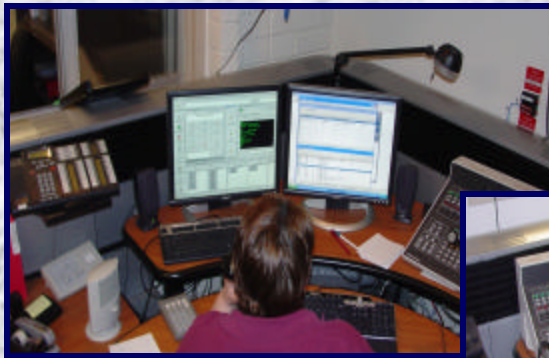
In addition, the unit responded out-of-county to two mutual aid requests, and completed 760 hours of training



Dispatch Remodel

In 2005, through a \$210,000 grant from the California State 911 Program, the Sheriff's Dispatch Center was completely demolished and upgraded with a state-of-the-art 911 system, new computers and radio equipment, and three functional workstations.

The new system now allows a dispatcher to pinpoint the location of a cellular 911 caller through GIUS mapping technology. The system also allows the dispatcher to transfer 911 calls to any number of agencies, and to instantly determine the origin of any 911 telephone call.



Tehama County Police Activities League

The Tehama County Police Activities League (PAL) was created to reduce juvenile crime by providing guidance, role models and life perspective through activities, sports and adventures in a safe, supervised environment. The PAL programs are designed to promote and enhance the development of our youth by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness and belonging.

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

- ?? Adventure Club
- ?? Backpacking/Camping
- ?? Basketball
- ?? Bowling
- ?? Junior/Senior Giants Baseball
- ?? Martial Arts
- ?? School Safety Patrol
- ?? Sharks in the Parks Street Hockey
- ?? Soccer
- ?? Woodcarving
- ?? Youth Director's Council



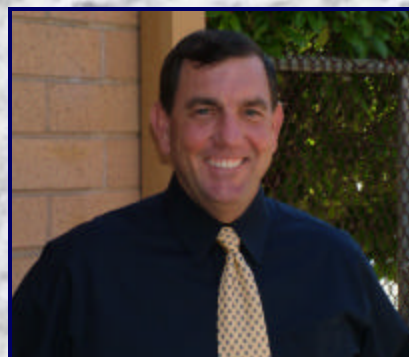
Chaplain Corps



Formed in 1999, the Sheriff's Chaplain Corps consists of six 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.



Custody Division



Captain Ron Dodd

The Custody Division is commanded by Captain Ron Dodd. A graduate of California State University Sacramento, Captain Dodd is a 27-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.

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 to 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 efficiently and effectively 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.

Jail Remodel Project

A \$300,000 remodel project was completed in May of 2004, which increased the jail capacity to 224 inmates. The security and electronics upgrade project, in planning stages since 2002, went out to bid in December of 2004, with an anticipated completion date of May, 2006. 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 2005, the jail booked 4,396 persons into the facility. Of those booked, the average inmate was in custody for 15 days. The jail held an average daily population of 179 prisoners in 2005, a 3.7% decrease over 2004's average daily population of 186.



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 and Domestic Violence.



Inmates granted trustee status may elect to participate in work programs within the jail and in specific areas outside the facility. In 2005, inmates performed over 14,138 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 and Garbage Cleanup for Special Events.

Alternatives

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 560 individual meals per day, 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.

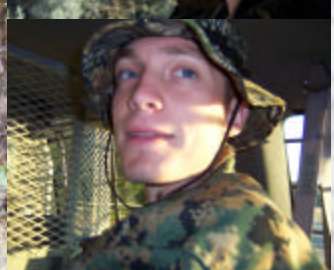
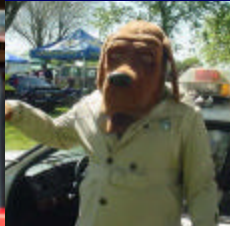
2005 RECOGNITIONS

Corning Exchange Club
Officer of the Year
Richard Knox





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“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 or purpose of evasion; and that I will and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.”

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