
Tehama County Sheriff's Office



2006 ANNUAL REPORT & STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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Parker
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On the following pages, you will find data and statistics relating to criminal activity and calls for service in Tehama County, and will likewise learn about our agency, our many accomplishments, and some professional and personal information on my command staff.

In 2006, I had the pleasure as serving as the President of the Western States Sheriffs' Association which gave me the opportunity to learn about issues in the 13 western states as well as the 756 Sheriffs Offices in those states.

We began consolidating the Coroner's Office with the Sheriff's Office and in January 2007, a seamless transition will take place and I'll be proud to be the first Sheriff-Coroner in Tehama County.

Most importantly, I owe a great deal of gratitude to the members of our department who have diligently served our citizens in the face of recruiting and retention issues.

If you ever need anything from our office, please feel to call at any time.

Sincerely,

Clay D. Parker, Sheriff

Undersheriff's Message



Undersheriff Dennis C. Garton

Undersheriff Dennis Garton is a 37 year law enforcement veteran, having served the citizens of Tehama County for the past 29 years. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and has many years experience instructing college-level law enforcement courses.

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. Undersheriff Garton also researches and develops new programs, and manages the county Office of Emergency Services.

Undersheriff Garton is the President-elect of the Red Bluff Rotary Club, and is also very involved in the "Blue Knights", an international social and fraternal group of law enforcement officers with an interest in motorcycles. He and his wife Jeannie reside on a small ranch in Dairyville and recently opened an embroidery shop in Red Bluff, which Jeanne is managing.

Dennis C. Garton
Undersheriff

Administrative Division

Captain Paul Hosler commands the Sheriff's Administrative Division, overseeing the Coroner's Office, budgeting and finance, grants & contracts, press relations, boating, civil, court security, records, crime prevention, internal affairs, special events and the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services.



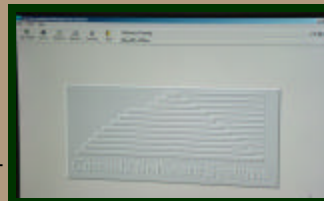
Captain Paul Hosler

Captain Hosler is a 30-year law enforcement veteran and a graduate of the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. He has served in virtually all areas of law enforcement; to include jail, patrol, investigations, boating, narcotics, training and administration. He serves as President of the Tehama County Peace Officer's Association, and is likewise involved in special events coordination in the community.

In his off duty time during the winter months, Captain Hosler is a fully-sponsored snowmobile drag racer, and is also the Ski Patrol Director at the Mt. Shasta Ski Park. During the summers, he spends his weekends as the National Rescue Director for the International Hot Boat Association, taking his crew paramedics, rescue divers and firefighters to championship drag boat races throughout the United States. He and his wife Joy live in Red Bluff, and enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

Fiscal

The Administrative Division prepares and oversees the Department's \$13 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 1000 hours of P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training and S.T.C (Standards and Training for Corrections) certified training in 2006.

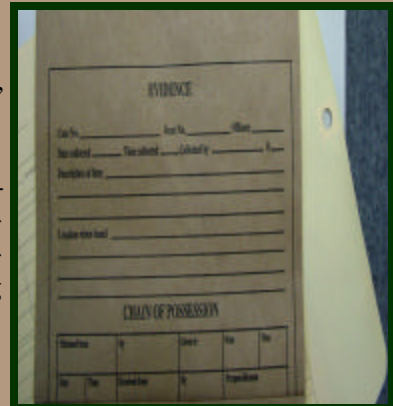


Evidence

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 2006, a total of 3,689 separate pieces of evidence from 1,223 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 2006, these dedicated and invaluable volunteers donated 6816 hours to the citizens of Tehama County, patrolling neighborhoods (67,697 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 \$154,000.00 grant from the State Department of Boating and Waterways. Officers assigned to this unit patrol 82 miles of the Sacramento River, in addition to Black Butte Lake and Lake Red Bluff. Also, in 2006 was the first year that the Sacramento River national Wildlife Refuge was opened up to the public with the majority of access being allowed by boat only. The boating unit assisted the United States Fish and Wildlife Service with enforcement in this area

In 2006 boating officers investigated 5 boating accidents and 1 drowning. Patrolling over 689 hours on county waterways, officers issued 171 warnings, 26 citations, and inspected 103 vessels. 57 vessels in distress were assisted, and 33 presentations were made to 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. The boating Unit contacted 3,672 individuals

In late 2006, a \$25,000.00 grant was also received from the Department of Boating and Waterways, which allowed the department to purchase a Specialized Low-Draft rescue boat to access flooded areas whereas the full sized boats are prevented from access due to water depth.



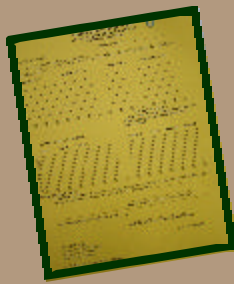
Civil Division

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

In 2006 this office served 3,500 subpoenas and processed another 1,676 cases, to include wage garnishments, evictions, restraining orders, and other court-ordered processes. Additionally, the Civil Unit processed and distributed nearly \$60,472.00 in garnishments and settlements on behalf of the courts, businesses and individuals.



Margie Edwards
S.S.O



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 2006, the department conducted several recruitment sessions and tested hundreds of applicants. As of December the department had 9 vacancies, (7) Correctional Officers, (1) Deputy and (1) Sheriff Service Officer.

Thirteen Citizen Complaints were investigated in 2006; and of these, no employees were found to have committed a policy violation. Five Internal Investigations were initiated, resulting in disciplinary action being taken in 4 cases. One traffic accident was investigated, and it was discovered that the employee was found to be at fault in that instance.



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



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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 40 months of operation, Tehama County parents have voluntarily registered 63 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 63 vehicles or the teenage drivers registered in this program were involved in traffic collisions!**

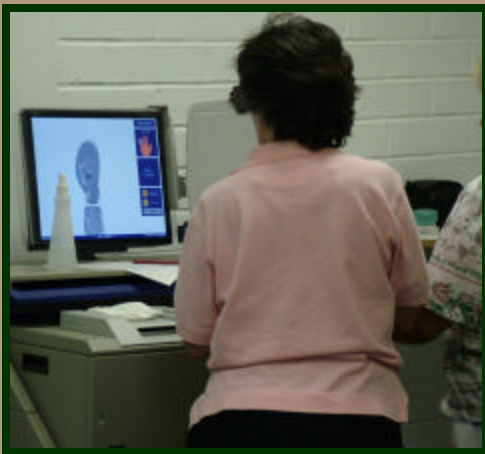
For more information on this successful program, feel free to contact Sheriff Parker at 529-7950, cparker@tehamaso.org or check our web site at www.tehamaso.org.

Records

In 2006, officers and staff created over 17,400 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

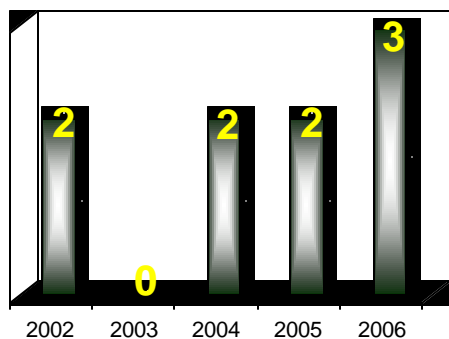
** Arson cases in the Tehama County Sheriff's jurisdiction are investigated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or by the State Fire Marshall.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Homicide	2	0	2	2	3
Rape	5	5	4	5	5
Robbery	4	6	7	11	6
Assault	421	553	256	385	399
Burglary	266	303	170	290	245
Theft	328	439	188	187	194
Vehicle Theft	1	0	0	1	0
Total UCR Stats	1027	1306	627	881	849

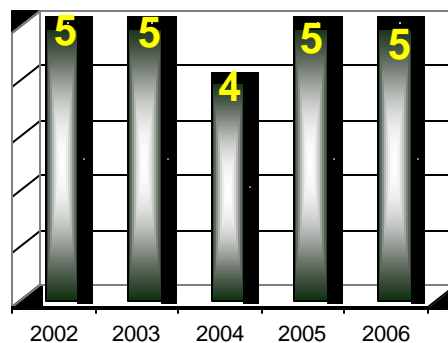
*Total Calls
for Service
for 2006
17,429*

Crime Analysis

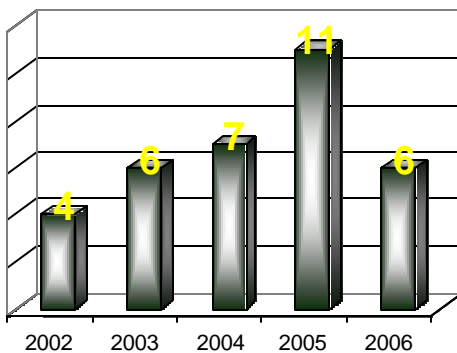
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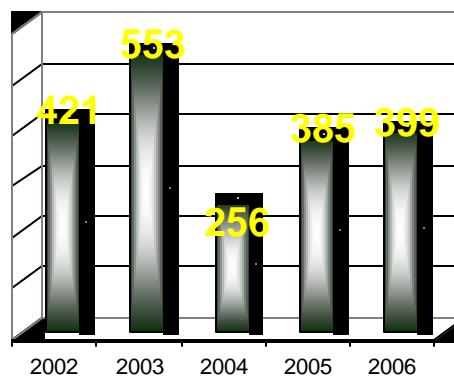
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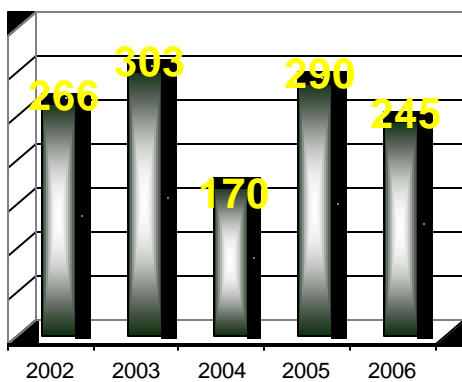
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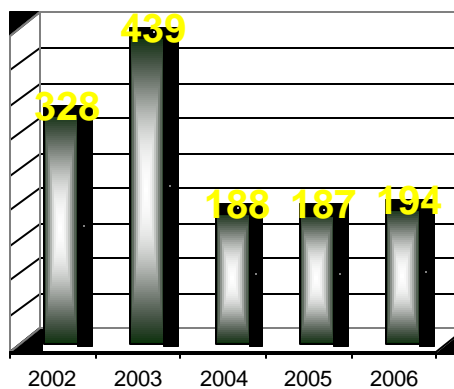
Assault



Burglary



Theft





Operations Division

Captain Danny Rabalais, a 23-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, animal regulation, 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, and is the Assistant District Commissioner of the California Youth Soccer Association, a committee chairman with the Kiwanis Club, and President of the Tehama County Police Activities League.

He and his wife Dianne operate a photography business and own a local studio in downtown Red Bluff. They 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.



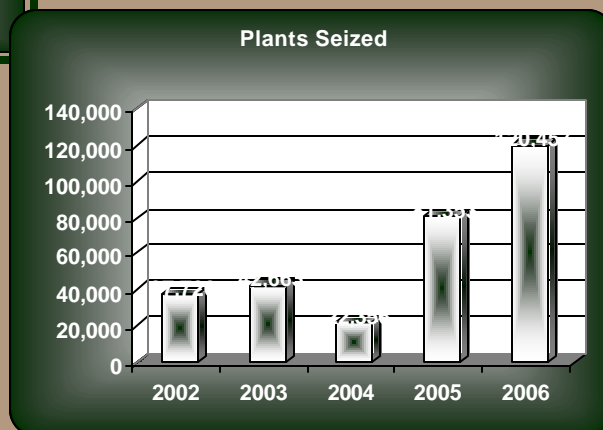
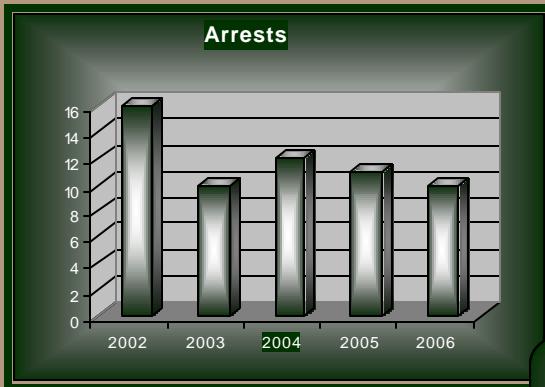
Livestock Investigator

Detective Rich Davidson has been Sheriff's Livestock Investigator for the past eight 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

The following charts provide 5-year statistics.



K-9 Program



The Sheriff's K-9 program is funded by grants, donations, and monies collected in fund raising events throughout the county. Two specially bred and trained Belgian Malinois dogs make up this unit. Rico is our newest dog.

Reserve Deputy Sheriff's

In 2006, 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.

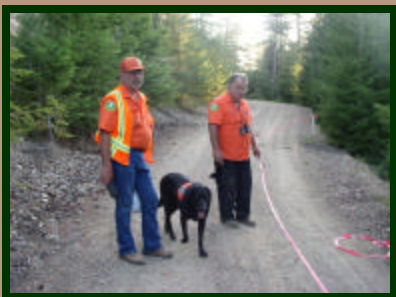


Reserve Deputy
Larry Castillo on patrol to a
snake call with Deputy Ryan

Search and Rescue



The Tehama County Search & Rescue Unit is comprised of 80 volunteer members, who responded to 19 missions in 2006. During these search missions, 24 victims were successfully located. The unit also assisted in the recovery of 1 drowning victim. Search and Rescue members volunteered 1,152 hours in 2006.



Missing person Search
August 2006

In addition, the unit assists in special events such as: SAR Dive Team at the Memorial Day Boat Drags, Parking detail at the Fair, Rodeo, Boat drags, Motorcycle Races and the Bull Sale.

The volunteer completed 2235 hours of training.



Tehama County Police Activities League



The Tehama County Police Activities League (PAL) was created in 1995 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.

After 11 years as the PAL President/Director, Jim Ainsworth retired in November of 2006, at which time Captain Danny Rabalais took over as president of the board. Sheriff Clay Parker, Deputy Mark Levindofske, and Administrative Secretary Kathy Hausman also 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, Boxing, Flag Football, Junior/Senior Giants Baseball, Martial Arts, Sharks in Parks, Street Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball, Woodcarving, Youth Director's

On August 26, 2006 over 5,000 Junior Giants from around the state and beyond attended Junior Giants at A.T. & T. Park in San Francisco. Six youth (Hillary Gomez, Olivia Gomez, Jessica Taylor, Valerie Taylor, Katie Taylor, and Allie Taylor) from the Los Molinos Junior Giants program sang the national anthem prior to the game.

Tehama County PAL is continuing to grow by adding new programs and expanding their programs already in place. Currently there are programs in Red Bluff, Cottonwood, Corning, Los Molinos, and Rancho Tehama.

PAL is committed to move forward to build the bond between "cops and kids" and see to it that "every" child has an opportunity to partake in positive after school activities.



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

The Custody Division is commanded by Captain Ron Dodd. A graduate of California State University Sacramento and a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia, Captain Dodd is a 28-year veteran of the Tehama County Sheriff's Department.



Captain Ron Dodd

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 riding his motorcycle, playing golf, fishing, tending to his garden and traveling. He and his wife Becky reside in the Antelope area and have five children and are the proud grandparents of 1 month-old Trevor, their first grandchild.

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 Statistics

In 2006, the jail booked 4,271 persons into the facility. Of those booked, the average inmate was in custody for 15 days. The jail held an average daily population of 182 prisoners in 2006, a 3.7% increase over 2005's average daily population of 179.



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 2006, 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 570 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.



2006 RECOGNITION

**Corning Exchange Club
Officer of the Year
Sgt. Milton Bruner**



2006 RECOGNITION

Deputy Sheriff's Association
Officer of the Year

Deputy Dale Eddy





***Tehama County Sheriff's Office
In Memory of
Reserve Deputy
Harry A. Johnson
April 27, 1939– October 31, 2006***



“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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