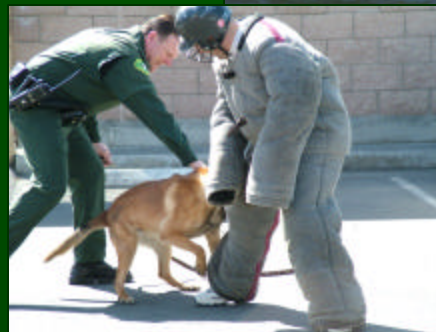
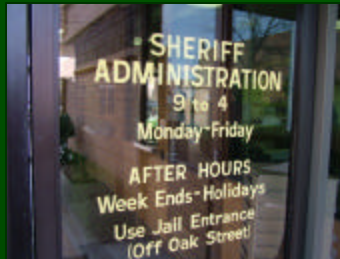


Tehama County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Clay D. Parker

2007 Annual Report & STATISTICAL ANALYSIS



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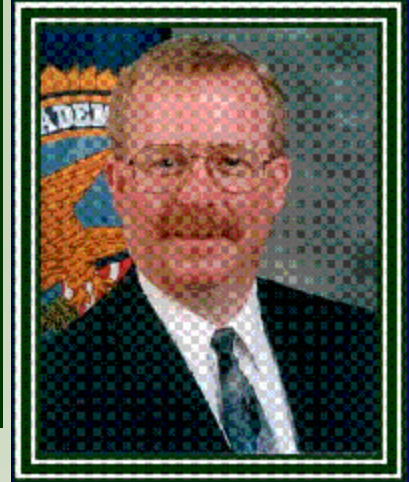
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Message from Sheriff Clay D. Parker

As I begin my 9th year as Sheriff, I am proud to announce that crime in unincorporated Tehama County is down for the second straight year! And although this is an outstanding accomplishment in itself, our 2007 Annual Report will show that your Sheriff's Office has made great strides in all areas.

The Animal Regulation Unit, which completed its first complete year under our command in 2007, has performed in an exemplary manner and set new standards in the field. Our Coroner's Office, which has been under the umbrella of the Sheriff's Office for just over a year, has also been completely revised and restructured in a manner that offers better accountability and service to the community.

I welcomed three new Lieutenants to my command staff in 2007; Lt. Don Thomas, who is second-in-command of the Administrative Division, Lt. Yvette Clay, who is assigned to the Custody Division, and Lt. David Greer, who is assigned to Operations. These three officers, along with the other 117 full-time members of this agency, have committed themselves to excellence and dedicated their lives to making Tehama County a safer place for us all to live and raise our families. I am humbled and honored to serve alongside each and every one of them.

As I present the 2007 Annual Report, I would once again like to offer my most sincere gratitude to members of the Board of Supervisors for their assistance, and to the citizens of Tehama County for their continued support.

Sincerely,

Clay D. Parker, Sheriff-Coroner

Message from the Undersheriff



Undersheriff Dennis Garton

Undersheriff Dennis Garton is the senior law enforcement officer in Tehama County, having just completed his 38th year on the job! A graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and a 29-year Tehama County employee, he has been second-in-command since 1996.

Undersheriff Garton's primary responsibility is to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office. He also researches new programs and manages the county Office of Emergency Services. During 2007, he devoted a great deal of time developing the new "911 Mapping" upgrade, which provides state-of-the-art technology that enables dispatchers to pinpoint the location of emergency callers. Once the system is activated, when a person dials "911" on his or her cellular telephone, their exact GPS coordinates will be displayed on a computer screen in dispatch. This will allow medical, fire or law enforcement to immediately respond to the caller's location. This innovative and exciting program will undoubtedly save lives and property.

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



Administration 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 Hosler is a 31-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.

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 of paramedics, rescue divers and firefighters to championship drag boat races throughout the United States.



**Captain
Paul Hosler**



**Lieutenant
Don Thomas**

Lt. Don Thomas is a 21-year law enforcement veteran who is second-in-command of the Administrative Division. Aside from overseeing the day-to-day operations of the division, he heads up the Coroner's Office. Lt. Thomas is also the commander of Tehama County's SWAT team, is the Department's range master, and leads the dive team. In his off-duty time, he is a rescue diver with the International Hot Boat Association, and enjoys snowmobiling and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

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 Office 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



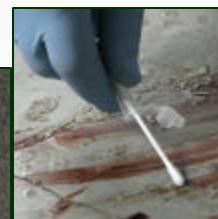
Mandated training for all officers and department personnel is scheduled and coordinated through the Administrative Division. The Training Unit coordinated over 1000 hours of P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) and S.T.C (Standards and Training for Corrections) certified training in 2007.

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 2007, a total of 3,621 separate pieces of evidence from 1,151 cases were logged into the facility, adding to the hundreds of thousands of items currently stored there.





Civil Division

The Sheriff's Civil Unit is comprised of a supervising Sergeant, two Deputies, an Authorized Agent, and a full time Sheriff's Service Officer.

In 2007 this office served 2,112 subpoenas and processed another 1,539 cases, to include wage garnishments, evictions, restraining orders, and other court-ordered processes. Additionally, the Civil Unit processed and distributed nearly \$315,000.00 in garnishments and settlements on behalf of the courts, businesses and individuals.

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, when it is suspected that an employee's on or off-duty conduct is a violation of law or department policy, 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 2007, the department conducted several recruitment sessions and tested hundreds of applicants. As of December the department had 9 vacancies, to include (7) Correctional Officers, (1) Deputy (1) Sheriff Service Officer, a Jail Cook and an Animal Regulation Officer

Thirteen Citizen Complaints were investigated in 2007; 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 at fault.

Sheriff's Office Personnel Includes:
Sheriff
Undersheriff
Captains-3
Lieutenants-3
Sergeants-11
Detectives-7
Deputy Sheriff's-29
Correctional Officers-26
Dispatch Supervisor
Dispatchers-7
Administrative Secretaries-3
Account Clerk Supervisor
Sheriff Service Officer's-13
Support Personnel-16

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

The Sheriff's Team Of Active Retired Seniors (S.T.A.R.S.) is coordinated through the Auxiliary Services Unit. In 2007, these dedicated and invaluable volunteers donated 6505 hours to the citizens of Tehama County, patrolling neighborhoods (62,772 miles driven) performing vacation house watches, manning command posts, assisting with traffic control during special events, performing clerical functions, and assisting with a variety of other functions throughout the county.



**Sergeant Rod
Daugherty
Crime Prevention
Coordinator with
Volunteer**

Boating Division

The Tehama County Sheriff's Office Boating Safety and Enforcement Unit is funded through a \$133,000.00 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.

In 2007, boating officers investigated 8 boating accidents and 2 drownings. Patrolling over 902 hours on county waterways, officers issued 234 warnings, 28 citations, and inspected 502 vessels. 71 vessels in distress were assisted, and 29 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.

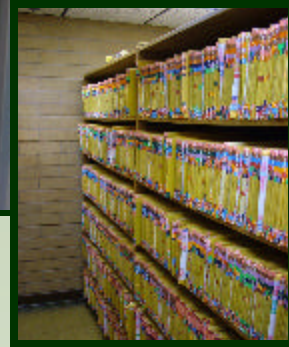
In 2007, a \$7,200.00 grant was also received from the Department of Boating and Waterways, which allowed the department to purchase GPS units and upgrade the radios in two of the patrol boats.



**Sgt.
Andy Hiebert**



Records



In 2007, officers and staff created over 21,000 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. Livescan Fingerprinting was done for over 2800 citizens in 2007.

Coroner's Office

The Tehama County Coroner's Office investigates all deaths in Tehama County, to include those occurring within the City limits of Red Bluff and Corning.

When a person dies while not under the immediate and direct care of a physician, the Coroner's Office conducts an investigation to determine the cause of death.

In 2007, the Coroner's Office investigated 273 deaths. 234 of these were determined to be from natural causes, such as advanced age or illness. 21 were the result of accident (10 being from automobile accidents), 15 by suicide and one by homicide in Red Bluff Police Departments Jurisdiction. In two cases, the cause of death was undetermined. (In these cases, there were multiple causes of death; such as advanced age, illness, and other factors that prevented investigators from pinpointing a single cause of death. There was no foul play or suspicious circumstances involved in either death.)

Of the 273 deaths, complete or partial medical examinations were performed on 63 decedents.

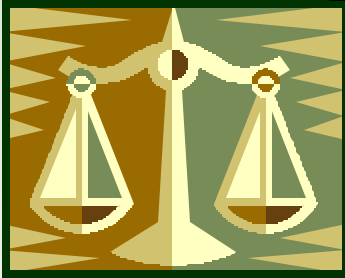
Fiscal



Carla Aldridge
Accountant II

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.

Tehama County Court Security



In 2007, the Sheriff entered into an agreement with the courts to provide additional screening and security, through a state-funded grant. This program provides three screening officers and equipment at the main court building. The equipment was installed and personnel were assigned to the unit in November. For the months of November and December, the following statistics were gathered. Of note was the fact that over 8% of the persons passing through the screening station were found to be in possession of items, such as firearms and weapons, that are prohibited in the courts.

Individuals Scanned	7,656
Alarms	1,491
Prohibited Items Found	293
Knives	137
Other Items	49
Total Items Confiscated	0



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

Sheriffs Telling Our Parents & Promoting Educated Drivers

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 48 months of operation, Tehama County parents have voluntarily registered 68 vehicles with the Sheriff's Office. Several **STOPPED** registered vehicles have been pulled over by Officers for violations, such as unsafe speed, lane change violations, seat belts and having passengers in the vehicles. **Most notably, none of the 68 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.

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 Office 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

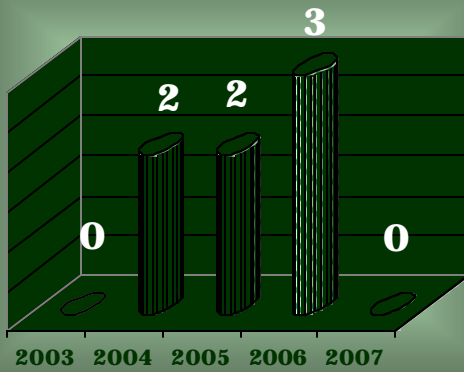
** Arson cases in the Tehama County Sheriff's jurisdiction are investigated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, or by the State Fire Marshall.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Homicide	0	2	2	3	0
Rape	5	4	5	5	5
Robbery	6	7	11	6	4
Assault	553	256	385	399	349
Burglary	303	170	290	245	224
Theft	439	188	187	194	182
Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	0	0
Total UCR States	1306	627	881	849	774

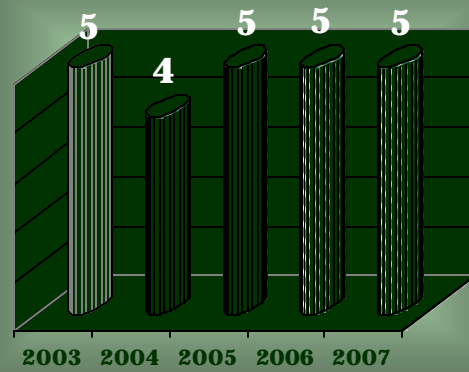
**Total
Calls for
Service
for 2007
20,131**

Crime Analysis

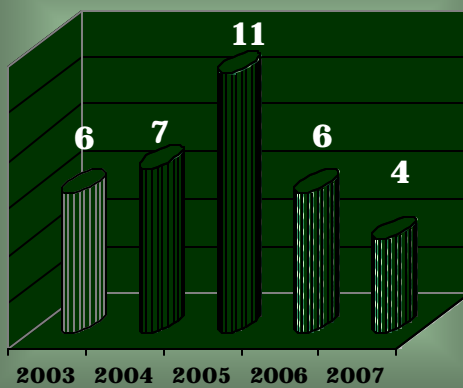
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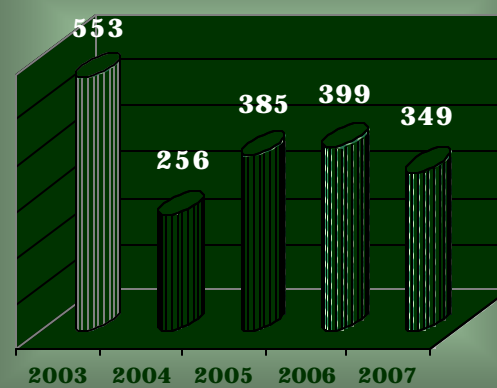
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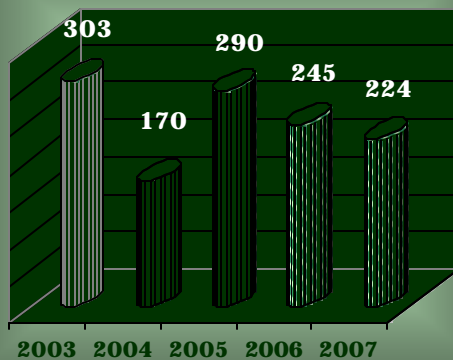
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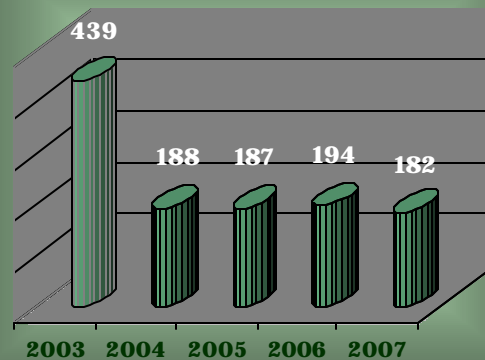
Assault



Burglary



Theft





**Captain
Danny Rabalais**

Operations Division

Captain Danny Rabalais, a 24 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.

Lieutenant Dave Greer has been a law enforcement officer for over 21 years. He began his career with the Corning Police Department in 1987, where he served as a patrol officer, detective and patrol sergeant. He then obtained a position as a special investigator with the Tehama County District Attorney's Office, and in 1999, transferred to the Sheriff's Office. His initial assignment was as a detective in charge of investigations involving property crimes and crimes against the person. He was later given the additional responsibility of tracking gang members and investigating all gang-related crimes in Tehama County.

Greer promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in January of 2007, and is currently second-in-command of the Operations Division. He also serves as a Computer Voice Stress analyst, and is a range officer charged with teaching and maintaining firearms proficiency for department members.



**Lieutenant
David Greer**

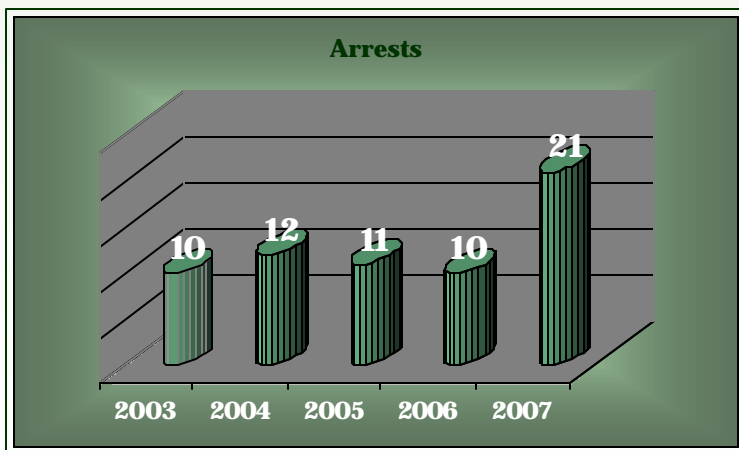
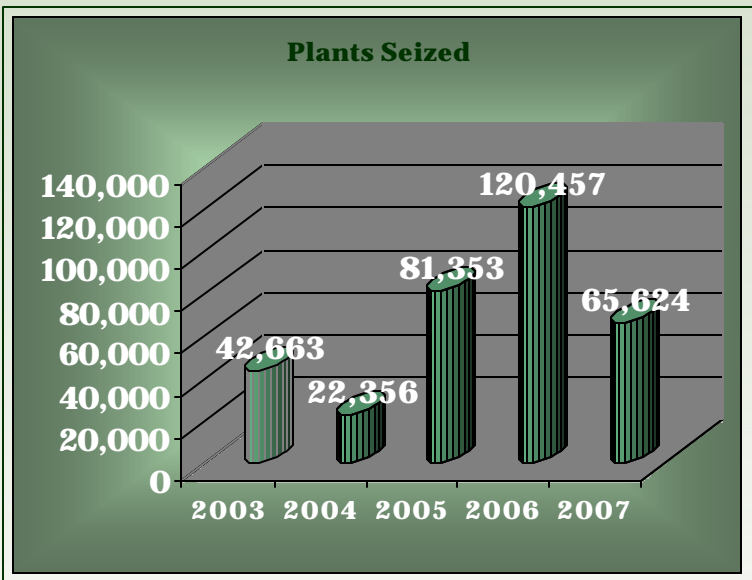
Livestock Investigator

Deputy Chad Parker and ARO Curtis Knight have been Sheriff's Livestock Investigators for the past year. They are responsible for all livestock and farm related crimes, and are also charged with providing educational programs to officers and citizens alike. They can be reached at 529-7920, or e-mailed at caparker@tehamaso.org or cknight@tehamaso.org.



Marijuana Eradication

The following charts provide 5-year statistics for Marijuana Eradication and suspect arrests in Tehama County



K-9 Division



**Deputy Nunes
and
Rosco**

Rosco is the newest addition to the Tehama County Sheriff's K-9 Team. Rosco is a 20-month-old, male, Belgian Malinois. He joined the Tehama County Sheriff's Department in November of 2007, after receiving his training at Master K-9 in San Bernardino, California.

Rosco is trained in both patrol work and criminal apprehension and is partnered with Deputy Justin Nunes.

Rico has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2006. Rico is trained in both patrol work and criminal apprehension and is partnered with Deputy Rich Ryan



**Deputy Ryan
and
Rico**

Reserve Deputies

In 2007, the Sheriff's Reserve Unit donated over 2800 hours to the citizens of Tehama County.

These dedicated volunteer officers, at no cost to the taxpayers; work as second-man backup to Deputy Sheriffs in patrol units, assist in the jail, perform search and rescue, and provide security at special events.



**Reserve Deputy
Omar Farmer**



**Reserve Deputy
Larry Hopper**



**Reserve Deputy
Larry Castillo**



**Reserve Deputy
Al Blomquist**



**Reserve Deputy
John Thomas**



**Reserve Deputy
Michael Kain**

Search and Rescue

The Tehama County Search & Rescue Unit is comprised of 58 volunteer members, who responded to 13 missions and volunteered 1,238 hours in 2007. During these search missions, 17 victims were successfully located. The unit also assisted in the recovery of 2 drowning victims.



Chaplain Corps



**Chaplain Ron Largent
and Chaplain Ron Fortenberry**

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.

Animal Regulation

The Sheriff's Office assumed responsibility for Animal Control and Regulation in March of 2007. Three full-time and one extra-hire Animal Regulation Officers were hired to patrol Tehama County in order to enforce animal regulations, investigate criminal activity involving animals (such as fighting dogs or roosters; and cruelty or neglect incidents), and to educate the public.

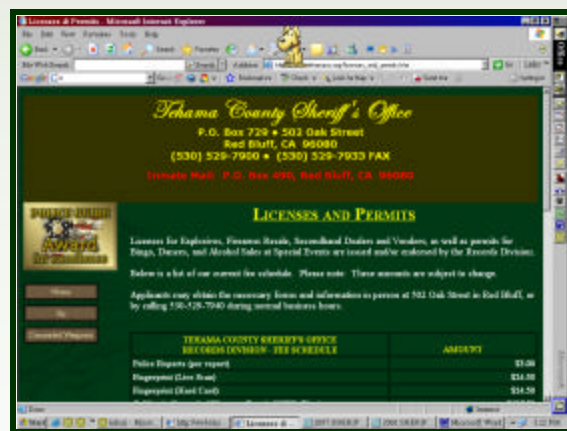


Between March and December of 2007, the unit investigated 319 cases. Of note were three "Cock Fighting" cases. Subsequently, 140 fighting roosters and breeding hens had to be euthanized.



Sheriff's Web Page

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Made fully operational in 2000, and updated in the year 2007, 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 and 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.

Custody Division



**Captain
Ronald Dodd**

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 29-year veteran of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office.

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.

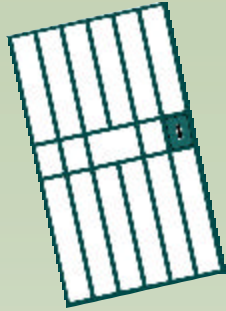
In his off-duty time, Captain Dodd is involved in his church and enjoys riding his motorcycle, playing golf, fishing, tending to his garden and traveling. He and his wife Becky reside in the Antelope area and have five children and are the proud grand parents of 1 month-old Trevor, their first grandchild.

Lt. Yvette Clay is an 18-year law enforcement veteran. She graduated from high school in Willows in 1984, obtained her Associate's Degree from Butte College in 1986, and graduated from the Butte Police Academy in 1989. After a short stint as a Correctional Officer with the Glenn County Sheriff's Office, she came to Tehama County. Serving as a Deputy Sheriff in the jail and on patrol, she promoted to Detective in 1993. Working mainly child abuse and sex-related crimes, she was the first-ever female Detective in Tehama County. In 2000, Yvette promoted to Sergeant, once again becoming the department's first female to attain this rank. In her 8 years as a Sergeant, she held several assignments in the jail and on patrol. In June of 2007, Clay once again distinguished herself by becoming the department's first female Lieutenant. Assigned to the custody division, she serves as second-in-command of the jail.



**Lieutenant
Yvette Clay**

Lt. Clay lives in Red Bluff with her 13 year-old son. In her off-duty time, she volunteers at St. Elizabeth's Hospital with the "Care Net" program, providing services in the pregnancy clinic.



Jail Statistics



In 2007, the jail booked 4,429 persons into the facility. Of those booked, the average inmate was in custody for 15 days. The jail held an average daily population of 185 prisoners in 2007.



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 2007, inmates performed over 5,281 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 Office, 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 Service

The Jail prepares an average of 580 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 Transportation Unit is responsible for the safe and secure transportation of inmates. These transports include, extradition of interstate fugitives wanted by Tehama County law enforcement agencies, transportation of inmates to and from prison, the return of inmates arrested in all counties of California wanted by Tehama County, and assisting the jail in transporting inmates to and from court and medical/dental appointments.



Tehama County Sheriff's Office 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

2007 RECOGNITION

**Deputy Sheriff's Association
Officer of the Year**

Dispatcher Wilma Gillette



Tehama County Deputy Sheriff's Association "Officer of the Year" Wilma Gillett has been a dispatcher with this agency since May of 1999. In addition to her assigned dispatch duties, she has taken on the additional responsibilities of being the lead training officer for new dispatchers. The California Department of Justice regulates and controls access to computerized information relating to persons and property. Wilma is the designated Sheriff's official for ensuring compliance with these regulations, and likewise is charged with conducting new and annual training for all Sheriff's Office personnel. She was nominated for this prestigious award by her supervisor, who indicated that Wilma is a dedicated and loyal employee who consistently pitches in, is always available for overtime when dispatch is short staffed, and is selfless in her willingness to help others. Congratulations Wilma! You are a credit to your department and your profession!

2007 RECOGNITION

Corning Exchange Club Officers of the Year



Sergeant Frank Bachmeyer



Deputy Chad Parker

Sergeant Frank Bachmeyer and Deputy Chad Parker are assigned to our patrol division and have shown themselves to be dedicated, hard-working public servants. Each has been a member of this department for over ten years, and each has contributed to each of the Department's 3 divisions.

The defining moment of each officer's career; however, occurred on July 8, 2007, when both became real-life heroes during an unforeseen emergency. As the officers were patrolling the Sacramento River in a Sheriff's patrol boat, they witnessed a vehicle drive off of Interstate 5 and land upside down in the river. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was pinned inside. The officers jumped into the water, and with the assistance of a CHP Officer and her husband, who were riding with them, Sgt. Bachmeyer and Deputy Parker were able to force open the driver's door and cut his seatbelt, freeing him from the vehicle. Had the officers not acted immediately, the driver would have drowned.



***Tehama County Sheriff's Office
In Memory of
Deputy David Allen Atkins
July 2, 1954 – April 30, 2007***





“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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