Tehama County Sheriff's Office

Clay D. Parker Sheriff-Coroner



2008 Annual Report & STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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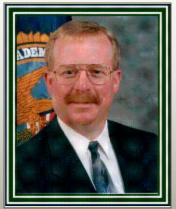
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Message from Sheriff Clay D. Parker

As Sheriff-Coroner of Tehama County, I proudly present my 10th Annual Report. On the following pages, you will find data and statistics relating to criminal activity and calls for law enforcement services in Tehama County; and will likewise learn about our agency, our many accomplishments, and some professional and personal information on my command staff.

First and foremost, I must recognize the heroic efforts of Sheriff's Office personnel during an officer-involved shooting incident that occurred on December 2, 2008. Deputy Dada, Deputy Hopton and CHP Officer Madrigal responded to a reported domestic dispute at a residence in the Gerber area; and upon arrival, were immediately fired upon by a male suspect. Dozens of shots were fired at the officers, and Officer Madrigal was struck and sustained life-threatening injuries. Deputies Dada and Hopton valiantly protected Officer Madrigal until additional personnel arrived and evacuated Officer Madrigal to an awaiting ambulance. Dozens of personnel from multiple agencies assisted with this incident, protecting those who were in the line of fire and ensuring that no citizens and no other officers were injured. As the Sheriff of Tehama County and as a career law enforcement officer, I could not be more proud of the way our personnel reacted to this event.

Our most notable project in 2008 was the lengthy installation, programming and activation of the countywide Telephonic Emergency Notification System. This sophisticated computer system operates by interfacing the best and most current mapping technology with statewide telephone data. Our office, upon the request of a law enforcement, fire or official governmental agency, is now able to alert any designated number of homes, businesses, neighborhoods or entire communities of an occurring or pending emergency event or situation. To assist you in understanding the full capability of this system, I've dedicated a full page of this year's Annual Report to this invaluable program.

As in years past, I owe a great deal of gratitude to the Board of Supervisors for their continued support, and equally thank the citizens of Tehama County for their sustained encouragement and patronage.

Sincerely,

Clay D. Parker, Sheriff-Coroner



Undersheriff Dennis Garton

A 1998 graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and 39-year law enforcement professional, Undersheriff Dennis Garton begins his 13^{th} year as second-in-command of the Sheriff's Office.

Letter from the UnderSheriff

With primary responsibilities of overseeing the day-to-day operations of the 122member department, Undersheriff Garton also researches new programs and manages the county Office of Emergency Services.

" It is an honor and privilege to serve as Undersheriff of Tehama County. Under the leadership of Sheriff Clay Parker, we have accomplished more in the last 10 years than I could have ever imagined. Although we have seen a 44% increase in calls for service since 2005, during that same 4 year time period, we have realized a reduction in major reportable crime. This comes as a direct result of the enthusiastic support and endless devotion of our entire command staff, as well as the tireless dedication of every member of this wonderful organization."

"I am proud to be a part of the Sheriff's Office, and even more proud to be a part of the team that is committed to making Tehama County a safe and secure place to live and raise our families".



Telephonic Emergency Notification System (T.E.N.S.)

Funded by a \$120,000.00 Homeland Security grant, the T.E.N.S. project took nearly a year to complete. Testing was completed in November, and the system was declared fully-operational on November 15, 2008.

The T.E.N.S. system works like this:

A law enforcement, fire or other approved government entity determines that there is an existing or pending emergency situation that requires public notification. This could be as a result of a flood or fire, a chemical or hazardous materials spill, a lost or missing child, a criminal-at-large, or a variety of other situations or events.

A representative from that agency outlines the area to be notified. By viewing our T.E.N.S. maps, the agency representative can select anything from an individual street or neighborhood to an entire community.

The agency representative then prepares a recorded statement or warning. An example would be:

"This is an emergency notification on December 1, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. The Sacramento River is predicted to crest at 2 ft. above flood stage in the City of Tehama at 9AM tomorrow. Residents of the Riverside Mobile Home Park and other low-lying areas are advised to evacuate their homes until further notice. A shelter has been established at the Los Molinos High School. For additional information please call 529-7900."

Our T.E.N.S. operator then selects the designated area, inputs the message, and the system calls every registered telephone in the selected area and plays the recorded warning or message. The system simultaneously calls up to 14 telephones, and as each connection is made, another number is dialed.

The system provides the operator with a printout of all of the telephone numbers that received the message, as well as the registered address of the telephone number. Door-to-door notifications by officers, fire fighters or volunteers will follow as necessary.

Updates will be recorded as necessary, and at the conclusion of the event, an "all clear" message will be sent to all telephones that received the initial warning.

During 2008, the system was activated nine (9) times. This included 5 tests and 4 activations for actual emergency notifications. During these nine activations, the system called 6,604 separate telephones.

Administration Division

The Administrative Division is comprised of the following units:

Coroner's Office Office of Emergency Services Personnel **Civil Division Boating Safety & Enforcement** Budget & Finance **Grants & Contracts** Records Evidence **Court Security** Training **Crime Prevention Internal Affairs** Media & Public Relations Special Events Fleet Management



Captain Paul Hosler commands the Sheriff's Administrative Division. A 32-year law enforcement veteran and a graduate of the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia, he has served as a street cop, supervisor and administrator in virtually all areas of law enforcement; to include jail, patrol, investigations, boating, narcotics, training and administration.



Lt. Don Thomas, a 22-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, is second-in-command of the Administrative Division. In addition to overseeing the day-to-day operations of the division, Lt. Thomas directly commands the Coroner's Office, is the Commander of Tehama County's S.W.A.T. team, is the department's range master, and supervises the Sheriff's dive team.



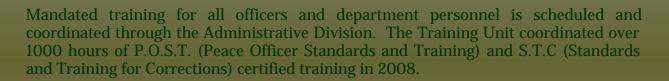
Office of Emergency Services



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 Emergency Agency.

Training

California Commission on PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING



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 2008, 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 2008 this office served 1627 subpoenas and processed another 1,590 cases, to include wage garnishments, evictions, restraining orders, and other court-ordered processes. Additionally, the Civil Unit processed and distributed nearly \$475,000 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 2008, the department conducted several recruitment sessions and tested hundreds of applicants.

Eight Citizen Complaints were investigated in 2008; and of these, no employees were found to have committed a policy violation. Four Internal Investigations were initiated, resulting in no disciplinary action. Seven traffic accidents were investigated, and it was discovered that the employee was at fault in 3 of these cases.

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D	etectives-6
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D	ispatch Supervisor-
D	ispatchers-6
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D	eputy Coroner-2
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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 2008, these dedicated and invaluable volunteers donated 5716 hours to the citizens of Tehama County, patrolling neighborhoods (44,071 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.



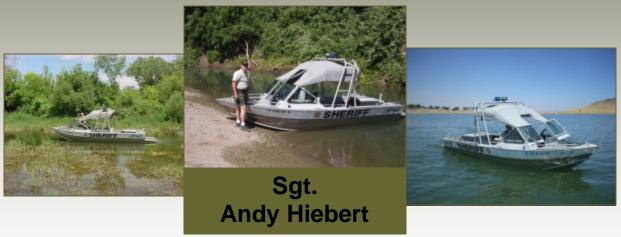
Sergeant Rod Daugherty Crime Prevention Coordinator with Volunteer

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 and Black Butte Lake.

In 2008, boating officers investigated 5 boating accidents. Patrolling over 479 hours on county waterways, officers issued 164 warnings, 33 citations, and inspected 148 vessels. 38 vessels in distress were assisted, and 60 presentations were made to boaters and other interested persons. Additionally, the unit assisted various organized groups, including canoeists and tubers on the Sacramento River. Other events that occurred on Tehama County waterways included the Memorial Day Boat Drags, and the annual canoe races.

In 2008, a \$20,000.00 grant was also received from the Department of Boating and Waterways, that allowed the department to purchase dive gear, and rescue equipment.





In 2008, officers and staff created over 24,000 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 1536 citizens in 2008.

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 2008, the Coroner's Office investigated 262 deaths. 210 of these were determined to be from natural causes, such as advanced age or illness. 30 were the result of accident (15 being from automobile accidents), 17 by suicide and 2 by homicide. In three 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 262 deaths, complete or partial medical examinations were performed on 82 decedents.

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.

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. 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	52,276
Alarms	17,551
Prohibited Items Found	2,059
Knives	1,304
Other Items	755
Total Items Confiscated	5

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 of 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 Vabials Theft.** The unlawful taking of a motor vabials *

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

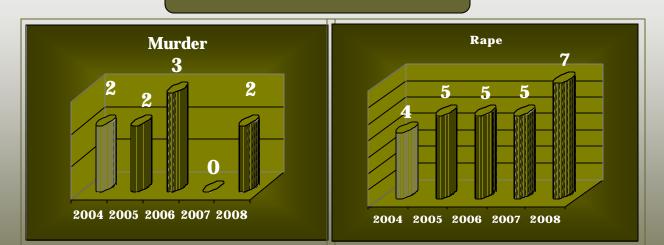
Arson. The willful or malicious burning of any building, motor vehicle, aircraft, or property of another.**

* 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.

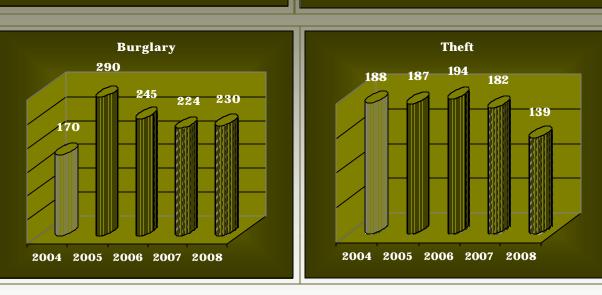
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Murder	2	3	0	2
Rape	5	5	5	7
Robbery	11	6	4	7
Assault	385	399	349	322
Burglary	290	245	224	230
Theft	187	194	182	139
Vehicle Theft	1	0	0	0
Total Uniform Crime Reporting Stats	881	849	774	707
Total Calls For Service	16,671	17,429	20,131	24,000

Crime Analysis









Operations Division



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.

Captain Danny Rabalais, a 25 year law

Captain Danny Rabalais



Lieutenant David Greer

Lieutenant Dave Greer has been a law enforcement officer for over 22 years. He began his career with the Corning Police Department in 1987.

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.

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.

The Sheriff's Operation Division is comprised of the following units:

Patrol

Investigations

Dispatch

Animal Regulation

Narcotics

Reserve Program

Chaplain Corps

Search & Rescue

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 <u>caparker@tehamaso.org or</u> <u>cknight@tehamaso.org</u>.



Marijuana The following charts provide 5-year statistics for Eradication Marijuana Eradication and suspect arrests in **Tehama County Plants Seized** 150,000 120,457 81,353 100,000 65,624 33,617 50,000 22.356 0 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008





K-9 Division



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 Office 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.

Deputy Nunes and Rosco

> **Reserve Deputies**

In 2008, the Sheriff's Reserve Unit donated over 1100 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.

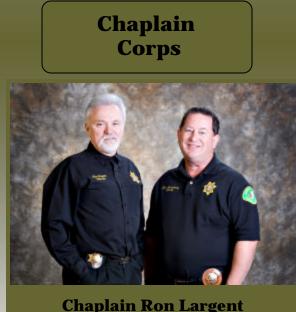


Search and Rescue

The Tehama County Search & Rescue Unit is comprised of 46 volunteer members, who responded to 22 missions and volunteered 1,796 hours in 2008. During these search missions, 21 victims were successfully located. The unit also assisted in the recovery of 1 drowning victim.







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 three full-time Animal Regulation Officers assigned to this detail are responsible for enforcing state and local animal regulations, investigating criminal complaints (such as fighting animals), handling animal neglect and cruelty cases, and educating the public.

In 2008, the Sheriff's Animal Regulation Unit investigated 2,197 cases, which included 129 animal bite reports.







Made fully operational in 2000, and updated in the year 2007, our web page now has hits from throughout the world. Due to new technology, the public can easily and readily obtain information regarding high-risk sex offenders and in-custody inmates. 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. He is a graduate of California State University Sacramento and a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Captain Dodd is a 31-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.

Lt. Yvette Clay is a 20-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

Jail Statistics





In 2008, the jail booked 4,494 persons into the facility. Of those booked, the average inmate was in custody for 14.4 days. The jail held an average daily population of 177 prisoners in 2008.





Inmate Programs

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

Inmates granted "trustee" status may elect to participate in work programs within the jail and in specific areas outside the facility. In 2008, inmates performed over 5,523 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 550 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. During 2008 the transportation unit moved an average of 31 per month and traveled a total of 12,791 miles. 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 California and 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 <u>MISSION STATEMENT</u>

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.

2008 RECOGNITION



Deputy Chris Benson

Corning Exchange Club Officer of the Year

Deputy Chris Benson was selected by the Sheriff's Administrative Staff as the 2008 Officer of the Year, as awarded by the Corning Exchange Club. Described by his supervisors as "driven", Deputy Benson has a distinguished and unmatched history of service to his community and his country.

Chris Benson graduated from Red Bluff High School in 1998, and immediately joined the United States Army. Upon his honorable discharge in 2001, Chris began his career with the Tehama County Sheriff's Office, with his first assignment as a Correctional Officer. Shortly after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Officer Benson was called to active duty, and was deployed to Iraq. 1 year later, he returned to his job as a Tehama County Correctional Officer. After 6 months; however, he was again called to active military duty, and returned to Iraq for his second combat deployment. A year later, in February of 2004, Officer Benson returned to his Correctional Officer position.

In 2006, Chris made the commitment to devote nearly 100% of his time off to complete the Basic Police Academy at Butte College. He set himself apart from his classmates by being selected as the Class Commander, and graduated later that year. Chris then tested for a Deputy Sheriff position, and was subsequently promoted to and transferred to patrol. Described by a Patrol Sergeant as being "proactive" and "the driving force behind a very productive team", Deputy Benson serves on the SWAT team and is a highly-trained scuba diver on the Tehama County Dive Rescue Team. His short career is already adorned by selfless actions on a late Saturday night, which bear out his devotion to service.

On November 22, 2008, a 51 year-old Tehama County man fell from a 400ft cliff in a very remote area. Deputy Benson was the first to arrive on scene. Medical units would not arrive for another 45 minutes due to the remote and inaccessible terrain. In complete darkness and without regard for his own safety, Deputy Benson climbed down the treacherous and unstable cliff and rendered care and comfort to the dying man. Unfortunately, the victim succumbed to his injuries prior to the arrival of medical personnel; however the actions of Deputy Benson are deemed heroic.

Deputy Benson is a role model and inspiration to all, and we are proud to name him "Officer of the Year".

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

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