

# Tehama County Sheriff's Office

Clay D. Parker Sheriff-Coroner

2009 Annual Report &
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

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To The Citizens of Tehama County:

The catastrophic and unprecedented financial crisis that has impacted our County, State, and Country has affected every level of government. Public safety is not immune. Throughout California, we see agencies laying off law enforcement officers and fire fighters as they struggle to balance waning budgets. In Tehama County, four full-time Sheriff's Office position allocations were lost and our combined budgets were decreased over \$465,000. Forward thinking, anticipation of budget shortfalls and the responsible allocation of resources; however, have allowed us to avoid employee furloughs, office closures and across-the-board reductions in public services that are now commonplace throughout the nation.

When I took office in 1999, my staff and I set very high standards for integrity, professionalism and service to the community. Despite these new and seemingly insurmountable budgetary obstacles, I am proud to report that we are still able to keep our doors open 5 days per week and are continuing to provide the service and protection that you, as taxpayers, deserve. I am committed to continue to uphold these standards for as long as I am fiscally able to do so.

In a continuing effort to do what I believe is best for the County, the taxpayers and the Department, I accepted the honor of being elected to the office of President of the California State Sheriff's Association this year. In this capacity, I was instrumental in assisting the Governor in the blockage of a court order that would have released 40,000 state prison inmates into the counties of California. Additionally, I have continued the fight for public safety funding which appropriates \$600,000,000.00 to Law Enforcement, Prosecution and Probation services throughout the State.

The fight is not over but I can assure you that the men and women of the Tehama County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide you with the best service and protection available.

Sincerely,

Clay D. Parker, Sheriff-Coroner



**Dennis Garton** 

A 1998 graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and 40-year law enforcement professional, Undersheriff Dennis Garton begins his 14<sup>th</sup> year as second-in-command of the Sheriff's Office.

With primary responsibilities of overseeing the day-to-day operations of the 115-member department, Undersheriff Garton also researches new programs and manages the county Office of Emergency Services.

### 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 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.



Since the early 1970's, the Sheriff's Office has been located in a building attached to the Jail and Courthouse in downtown Red Bluff. Over the years, the department outgrew the tiny office, and various divisions were moved to other county-owned buildings. Patrol, Detectives and Operations staff were moved into an old bank next door to a downtown bar. Animal Regulation, the Coroner's Office, Emergency Services, and Boating were moved into converted jail cells in the old Juvenile Hall. Evidence was stored in an auto shop building and an airport hangar. The Jail Captain's office was in a refurbished janitor's closet.

Concerns over the cost of operating and maintaining 5 separate buildings, combined with the confusion and inconvenience created for the citizens of Tehama County, prompted Sheriff Parker to begin a 2-year search for a building that could house the entire department. In December of 2008, Tehama County Chief Administrator Bill Goodwin notified Sheriff Parker that the county-owned building at 22840 Antelope was available. This 23,000 sq. ft. facility was constructed for Blue Cross in 1983, and housed their regional processing center for nearly 10 years. When Blue Cross vacated the building, it was purchased by the County and remodeled for the Department of Social Services, who maintained offices in the building from 1995-2006. Also occupying the building during this time was Tehama County Drug and Alcohol Services.

Once the Department of Social Services moved into their new facility in 2006, the Antelope building became a storage site for archived county records, antiquated office furniture, and items that were no longer needed by other government agencies.

Determining that the location was a suitable and convenient site, Sheriff Parker and his staff began an exhaustive 6-month endeavor to prepare the building for occupancy. Truckloads of records were redistributed to County agencies. Chairs, desks, telephones and other items that had been discarded and in storage for many years were offered to other departments. Broken and excess items were removed to the County landfill for recycling. The entire building was rewired for modern telephone and computer systems. Heating, air conditioning, septic and plumbing systems, which had not been used for over 3 years, were repaired and serviced. Walls were patched and painted, and carpets and floors had to be cleaned and re-cleaned. Years of accumulated debris, weeds and overgrown vegetation was removed from the parking lots and property, and finally in May of 2009, staff began the 6-week process of moving into the facility. The doors were opened to the public in July.

#### **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

Captain Paul Hosler commands the Sheriff's Administrative Division. A 33-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.



Lieutenant Don Thomas

Lt. Don Thomas, a 23-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.



### California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA)



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 Management Agency.

### **Training**



Mandated training for all officers and department personnel is scheduled and coordinated through the Administrative Division. The Training Unit coordinated over 6000 hours of P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) and S.T.C (Standards and Training for Corrections) certified training in 2009.

#### **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 2009, a total of 4,388 separate pieces of evidence from 977 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, a Civil Officer and a Sheriff's Service Officer.

In 2009 this office served 1885 subpoenas and processed another 1,746 cases, to include wage garnishments, evictions, restraining orders, and other court-ordered processes. Additionally, the Civil Unit processed and distributed nearly \$452,000.00 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.

#### Sheriff's Office Personnel Includes:

**Sheriff** 

**Undersheriff** 

Captains-3

Lieutenants-3

**Sergeants-11** 

**Detectives-5** 

**Deputy Sheriff's-28** 

Correctional Officers-28

**Dispatch Supervisor-1** 

Dispatchers-6

Administrative Secretaries-4

Accountant-1

**Deputy Coroner-2** 

Animal Regulation Officers- 3

**Support Personnel-18** 

# 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 2009, these dedicated and invaluable volunteers donated 5064 hours to the citizens of Tehama County, patrolling neighborhoods (36,443 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 81 miles of the Sacramento River and Black Butte Lake.

In 2009 boating officers investigated 12 boating accidents. Patrolling over 700 hours on county waterways, officer's contacted and inspected 1,266 boaters, issued 99 warnings, and 11 citations. 42 vessels in distress were assisted along with 101 operators and passengers. Additionally, the unit patrolled and protected boaters, rafters and swimmers along the Sacramento River, Lake Red Bluff and Black Butte Lake.









In 2009, a grant was received from the California State Department of Boating and Waterways that allowed the department to purchase a new 23 ft. patrol vessel that is equipped with a boom winch and litter basket for water rescues. Also included in the grant was the cost of equipment, which included floodlights, personal flotation devices, GPS unit, communication radio and thermal imaging for night operations.



In 2009 officers and staff created over 25,000 separate documents and reports; each of which was computerized, indexed and filed by the records unit. Annually, personnel in this division must 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 charged with processing and administering permits for 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 1,564 citizens in 2009.

#### **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 2009, the Coroner's Office investigated 261 deaths. 218 of these were determined to be from natural causes, such as advanced age or illness. 25 were the result of accident (12 being from automobile accidents), 11 by suicide and 5 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.

#### **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.

### **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.

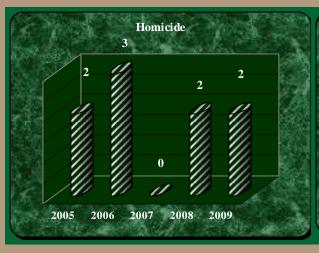
**Motor Vehicle Theft.** The unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.\*

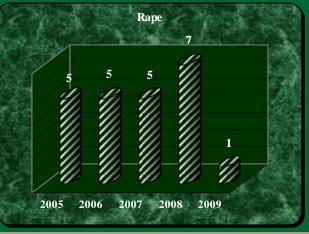
Arson. The willful or malicious burning of any building, motor vehicle, aircraft, or property of another.\*\*

- \* 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>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Murder	3	0	2	2
Rape	5	5	7	1
Robbery	6	4	7	5
Assault	399	349	322	288
Burglary	245	224	230	176
Theft	194	182	139	123
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0

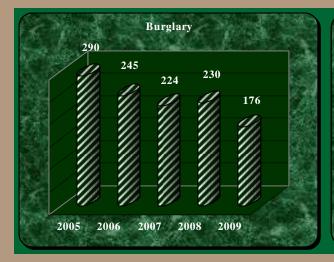
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### **Operations Division**

Captain Danny Rabalais, a 26 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.

Captain Danny Rabalais

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

Patrol

**Investigations** 

**Dispatch** 

**Animal Regulation** 

**Narcotics** 

**Reserve Program** 

**Chaplain Corps** 

Search & Rescue



Lieutenant David Greer

Lieutenant Dave Greer has been a law enforcement officer for over 23 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.

### Livestock Investigator

Curtis Knight has been Sheriff's Livestock Investigator for the past 2 years. He is responsible for all livestock and farm related crimes, and is charged with providing educational programs to officers and citizens alike. He can be reached at 529-7920, or E-mailed at <a href="mailto:cknight@tehamaso.org">cknight@tehamaso.org</a>.



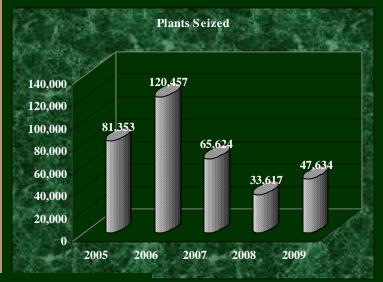


### Marijuana Eradication

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











### Reserve **Deputies**



Reserve **Deputy** Omar Farmer



Reserve **Deputy** Larry Hopper



Reserve Coordinator **Andy Hiebert** 



Reserve **Deputy** Larry Castillo



Reserve **Deputy Clint Weston** 







Reserve **Deputy** Al Blomquist



Reserve **Deputy** 

**Curtis Knight** 

### **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 2009, the Sheriff's Animal Regulation Unit investigated 2093 cases, which included 73 animal bite reports.





#### **Search and Rescue**

The Tehama County Search & Rescue Unit is comprised of 54 volunteer members, who responded to 14 missions and volunteered 1,506 hours in 2009. During these search missions, 17 victims were successfully located. The unit also assisted in the recovery of 2 Fatalities.





### Chaplain Corps



Back Row: Chaplain Ron Largent and Chaplain D. Posey Front Row: Chaplain Gilbert De La O, Jr. and Chaplain Ron Fortenberry

Formed in 1999, the Sheriff's Chaplain Corps consists of four 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 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 32-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. He commands a staff of 1 lieutenant, 4 sergeants, 5 Deputies, 31 correctional officers, and 7 auxiliary personnel.

Lt. Yvette Borden is a 21-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, Borden 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 Borden

# **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	51,646
Alarms	14,500
Prohibited Items Found	1,229
Knives	907
Other Items	315
Total Items Confiscated	0



#### **Jail Statistics**



In 2009, the jail booked 4,525 persons into the facility. Of those booked, the average inmate was in custody for 14.5 days. The jail held an average daily population of 188 prisoners in 2009.



### **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 2009, inmates performed over 5,016 hours of labor in projects such as:

Jail Kitchen, Janitorial Services to County Buildings and Facilities, 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, the Probation Office or the Sheriff 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**

The Transportation Unit is responsible for the safe and secure transportation of inmates. During 2009 the transportation unit moved an average of 42 inmates per month between Tehama County and other Federal, State and County Jails; traveling a total of 11,926 miles. These transports included extradition of interstate fugitives wanted by Tehama County law enforcement agencies, transportation of inmates to and from prison, and the return of inmates arrested in California and wanted by Tehama County. The unit also assists 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.

### 2009 RECOGNITION

# Corning Exchange Club Officer of the Year

Deputy Lovelady has been employed by the Tehama County Sheriff's Office since 2005; first as a Correctional Officer, then upon graduating from the police academy in 2006, as a Deputy Sheriff. He accelerated through the field training program and quickly became an active member of the patrol staff.

#### His Lieutenant describes him as follows:

"Deputy Lovelady has become quite proficient in his patrol responsibilities and is known as being very proactive, yet fair. He is an active member of his patrol team and his patrol sergeants consistently speak highly of him, describing him as "enthusiastic" and "eager to assist his patrol team and his community". He exhibits an excellent attitude and demeanor, is friendly with the public, and is respected by his peers and supervisors".



**Deputy Kyle Lovelady** 



# 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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