

# **City of Modesto POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**Honoring the Past  
Preparing for the Future**



## **2014 Annual Report**

## Message from the Chief

As Modesto's Police Chief, it is with pleasure that I present the Modesto Police Department's 2013-14 Annual Report. The purpose of this report is to provide a snapshot of information and statistics affecting our city and the Department including crime, traffic, our staffing and budget, and what's new in our Department. Multi-year statistics are provided in many categories to show where we've been and where we are now.

The Department continues to progress and evolve by implementing new technology and innovative crime-fighting initiatives. The Department has also refocused on the importance of community partnerships by re-implementing Area Command Policing and making officers, supervisors and managers more accountable for addressing neighborhood problems.

In May 2014, the men and women of the Modesto Police Department changed their look to new badges and patches. The new 7-point star badge is a modern replica of the first Modesto Police badge worn by officers in the late 1800's to early 1900's. The new patch change is only the color; from blue and gold to grey and black.

With recent internal changes, along with the challenges of reduced budgets and staffing, it is essential for our men and women to never lose focus of the Department's core fundamental reason for its existence; and that is providing professional and quality service to our community. I believe the change in our badge will be a true reminder to our current and future officers of why the Department was created and why we continue to exist today.

In 1884, the first City Marshall was sworn in to serve the City of Modesto, which then had a population of 2,500. The first police officers to serve the city wore silver star shaped badges similar to the one pictured below. Sometime during the 1920's, Modesto Police officers transitioned to the gold-colored eagle top shield badge. In the law enforcement community, a police badge has significant meaning. It is a symbol of honor, integrity, public trust and justice. Officers wearing the badge are reaffirming their oath to uphold the law and to protect and serve all those who live, work and visit the city of Modesto.

**Galen L. Carroll, Chief of Police**



**Historic Police Badge Makes a Comeback**



**Replica of Badge from  
Late 1800's to Early 1900's**

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## Administration

The Office of the Chief is responsible for developing and communicating the vision of the Department. This office plans, organizes, and directs Departmental policies and activities. Fiscal and Personnel operations are overseen by this office as well as Internal Affairs, Professional Standards, Criminal Intelligence, Crime Analysis, and the Public Information Office.

Modesto Police Department is understaffed by almost 100 personnel. In 2011, staffing level per capita was one of the lowest statewide at 16% below average. That same year, 229 sworn police officers served over 203, 530 citizens – a rate of 1.07 per capita. To match the statewide per-capita average, Modesto PD would have to employ 312 officers. Today, the current number of sworn officers serving the Modesto community is even less at 209.

### SERVICE LEVEL COMPARISONS:

Source FBI Unified Crime Report 2012, based on 208,000 population.

Modesto	State	National
1.1 Per 1,000 Residents	1.5 Per 1,000 Residents	2.4 Per 1,000 Residents
Allocation of <b>229</b> Sworn Officers	Equivalent to 312 Sworn Officers	Equivalent to 499 Sworn Officers

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## THE DEPARTMENT

The Modesto Police Department is charged with the maintenance of law and order and protection of life and property. The Department currently has over 209 sworn officers and over 79 professional staff serving in three divisions: Operations, Investigations, and Support Services. Each division is supervised by a Police Captain.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Modesto Police Department is to drive the crime rate down and improve the quality of life in the city of Modesto.

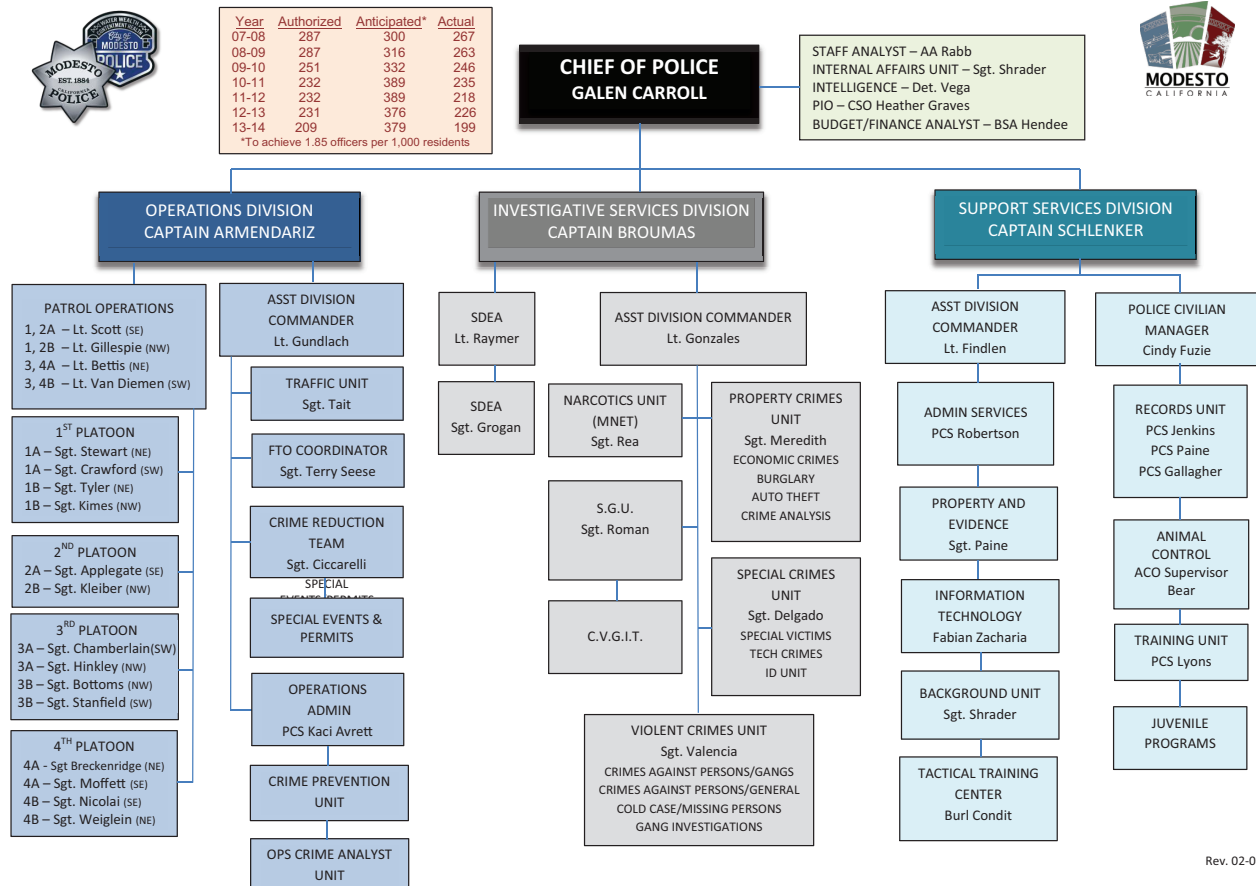
## VISION STATEMENT

The city of Modesto is a safe place to live, work and play. We proactively enforce laws, develop long-term solutions to problems and engage in crime prevention in partnership with the community.

The Modesto Police Department is a leader in Intelligence Led Policing. We maximize the use of technology, innovative ideas and crime analysis in the deployment of our resources.

The Modesto Police Department is a learning organization. We are constantly striving to excel and grow by learning from our experiences, tactics and careful examination of events in the public and private sectors. We embrace new ideas and concepts in providing safety and service to our community.

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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

It is the policy of the Modesto Police Department to recognize sworn and non-sworn police employees, police units, and citizens who perform outstanding acts of heroism or quality service delivery by recognizing individuals with an award. A ceremony was held in May 2014 to recognize the following personnel.

The **Medal of Valor** is the second highest medal awarded for bravery.

- Officer John Wesley
- Officer Mark Ulrich
- Officer Evan Swearingen
- Officer Mark Starr
- Officer Dave Lewellen
- Officer Joseph Lamantia
- Sergeant Brian Kleiber
- Officer Gerald Bohanan
- Officer Romel Cuellar

The **Meritorious Service Award** is awarded for acts of exceptional performance that positively reflects upon the department or City.

- Officer Daniel Starr
- Officer Caelli Koehler

The **Distinguished Service Medal** is awarded for exceptional performance, which is above that normally expected.

- Officer Todd Musto
- Detective Ray Bennett
- CSO John Paul Moua

The **Gerald L. Kinsey Award** is awarded for continuous commitment, dedication, loyalty and service to the Modesto Police Department and its goals, objectives, vision and values.

- Officer Frank Inacio

The **Police Leadership Award** is awarded annually to any sworn or civilian member of the department who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment to service.

- Sergeant Robert Reyna

### 2013 Governor's Medal of Valor Award

The Governor's State Employee Medal of Valor Award is the highest honor California bestows on its public servants.

### Modesto Police Department Recipients of the 2013 State Governor's Medal of Valor:

From left: Gary Guffy, Frank Inacio, John Griffith, Rich Rodarte, Eric Beffa, Pat Kimes, Chief Galen Carroll, Joe Bottoms, Rick Applegate, Ivan Valencia, Scott Myers, Robert Reyna



## Patrol Operations Division

The Modesto Police Department Operations Division provides the core police services to our community. Uniformed officers responding to 911 calls for help, patrolling our streets 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and developing strong partnerships with the citizens we serve is how the Operations Division works to accomplish its top goal of reducing crime and the fear of crime in Modesto.

The Operations Division is the largest of the three divisions of our department and is staffed by approximately 115 personnel including the lieutenants, sergeants, officers, community service officers, an administrative office assistant, police assistants, a crime analyst, and a captain. The division's primary function is to provide uniformed patrol services, but it is also comprised of several special units. The Crime Reduction Team, Traffic Unit, Crime Prevention Officers, and our Special Permits Unit are all designed to enhance the effectiveness of the Operations Division in accomplishing its goal of reducing crime.

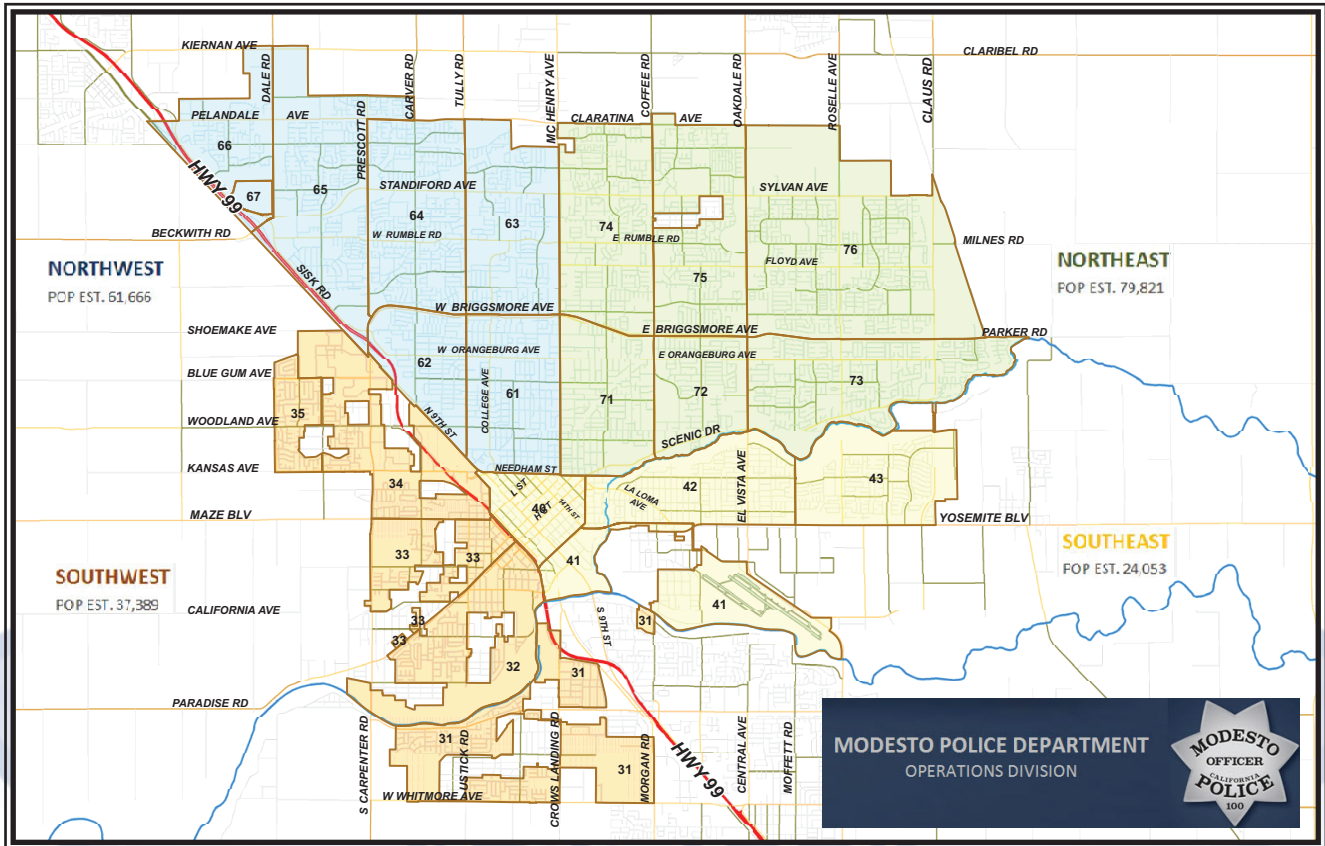
Major changes and accomplishments have occurred in the Operations Division over the last year. In July 2013, Chief Carroll implemented an Area Command model for our department and emphasized patrol resource allocations based on crime data and statistics. Modesto was divided into four Area Commands each with an assigned lieutenant who takes responsibility for reducing crime and building partnerships within the area. Sergeants and officers are also assigned to the area commands and utilize a problem solving approach to issues that develop in the communities. Additionally, the Operations Division Crime Analyst works to identify crime trends, neighborhoods experiencing high crime rates, and suspect information to help Area Commanders focus patrol resources where they are needed most.

Cutting edge software and technology has also played a significant role in our crime reduction efforts. During this fiscal year the department purchased Predictive Policing software that uses 10 years of crime data in our community to help predict where crime will occur in our city. Area Commanders and patrol supervisors use this information to deploy resources, conduct focused enforcement operations, and work with neighborhood leaders to identify solutions. While the software cannot identify people or suspects, or duplicate an officer's experience and training in identifying crime, it does help to create focus and allows the department to use our limited resources more effectively.

Crime data for the first half of 2014 compared to data for the same time periods since 2011 indicate a significant decrease of major crimes in Modesto such as assaults, burglaries, and thefts. In addition, despite serious declines in police staffing, officers are making hundreds more arrests each month compared to the last two years. These department wide accomplishments highlight the dedication of the officers serving Modesto and the effectiveness of our newly-implemented strategies.

As the Operations Division looks to the coming year, we are committed to accomplishing three important goals: reduce crime and the fear of crime, increase community engagement, and promote organizational excellence. Presently, the Operations Division is working with new technologies to analyze our staffing allocations, patrol areas, and calls for service in order to find more efficient ways to use our resources.

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## Area Command Map

The Operations Division is exploring community based programs such as a Citizen Advisory Board to increase the transparency of our department and ensure we are meeting the needs of our citizens, and we will be continuing with outreach projects such as Public Safety Fairs, Coffee with Cops, and Town Hall Meetings.

Through the changes, challenges, and accomplishments of the last year, members of the Operations Division have remained positive and dedicated to providing exceptional service to the citizens of Modesto. We are committed to continue forward with the same success in the coming year as we work to accomplish our goals.

**Modesto Clergy Council  
pictured with Chief Carroll,  
Sergeant Kelly Scott, and  
Sergeant Rigo DeAlba**



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## ARRESTS

MONTH	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	962	965	1192
FEBRUARY	992	886	1201
MARCH	1097	1095	1441
APRIL	977	933	1275
MAY	1030	1244	1279
JUNE	1044	1166	1137
JULY	1025	1111	1174
AUGUST	1069	1231	1268
SEPTEMBER	1122	1291	1258
OCTOBER	1013	1342	1374
NOVEMBER	934	1192	1009
DECEMBER	965	1347	933
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12230</b>	<b>13803</b>	<b>14541</b>

Officers made 738 additional arrests this year, compared to last year.

## PART I

MONTH	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	1177	1081	1074
FEBRUARY	1097	920	906
MARCH	1076	924	1060
APRIL	1090	1117	1086
MAY	1235	1250	1052
JUNE	1197	1143	1129
JULY	1237	1199	1059
AUGUST	1237	1245	1044
SEPTEMBER	1220	1083	1026
OCTOBER	1265	1122	920
NOVEMBER	1098	1035	931
DECEMBER	1300	1048	1152
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14229</b>	<b>13167</b>	<b>12439</b>

## COMMERCIAL BURG

MONTH	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	75	48	48
FEBRUARY	42	64	36
MARCH	41	57	59
APRIL	39	43	73
MAY	64	66	79
JUNE	45	75	57
JULY	61	66	37
AUGUST	87	64	31
SEPTEMBER	66	44	37
OCTOBER	59	61	41
NOVEMBER	60	48	59
DECEMBER	57	42	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>605</b>

## RESIDENTIAL BURG

MONTH	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	197	146	138
FEBRUARY	136	126	96
MARCH	147	119	130
APRIL	152	123	106
MAY	170	130	95
JUNE	153	123	92
JULY	121	147	98
AUGUST	126	138	105
SEPTEMBER	154	136	94
OCTOBER	157	135	60
NOVEMBER	165	129	62
DECEMBER	197	121	73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1875</b>	<b>1573</b>	<b>1149</b>

## YTD Comparison (2013 to 2014)

Crime Type	Over/Under	% Change
Part I	-728	-6%
Auto Theft:	-194	-14%
Commercial:	-73	-11%
Larceny:	-185	-3%
Residential:	-424	-27%
Robbery:	-65	-14%

## AUTO THEFT

MONTH	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	138	105	99
FEBRUARY	130	67	83
MARCH	122	95	112
APRIL	115	102	118
MAY	172	129	76
JUNE	190	89	100
JULY	152	119	109
AUGUST	190	159	86
SEPTEMBER	147	136	99
OCTOBER	135	119	75
NOVEMBER	158	141	92
DECEMBER	150	128	146
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1799</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>1195</b>

## LARCENY

MONTH	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	528	556	525
FEBRUARY	521	449	452
MARCH	555	422	492
APRIL	534	564	491
MAY	578	622	535
JUNE	555	560	571
JULY	627	572	501
AUGUST	552	586	511
SEPTEMBER	620	494	509
OCTOBER	658	524	480
NOVEMBER	489	476	478
DECEMBER	689	524	619
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6906</b>	<b>6349</b>	<b>6164</b>

## ROBBERIES

MONTH	2012	2013	2014
JANUARY	43	44	38
FEBRUARY	50	32	28
MARCH	27	36	42
APRIL	38	39	35
MAY	46	27	26
JUNE	35	33	35
JULY	41	48	35
AUGUST	38	39	34
SEPTEMBER	26	38	26
OCTOBER	31	42	27
NOVEMBER	38	36	32
DECEMBER	37	36	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>385</b>

## Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Officers will serve as the community education arm of the Police Department. The unit provides the following programs to the community: Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, CPTED inspections, the Crime Free Multi-Housing Programs, Safety Fairs, Fingerprinting and National Night Out.

While in house we are tasked with coordinating specialized units for Safety Fairs, and community outreach programs. Plus, our unit gives information to the Area Commanders when we have been notified of an existing problem in their area.



**Crime Prevention Booth**

### Goals and Accomplishments:

- Increased Neighborhood Watch Groups by 5%.
- Increased Crime Free Multi-Housing properties by 10%.
- CPTED inspections have increased over the last year.
- National Night Out Parties increased from 112 to 120.
- Hosted 4 Town Hall Meetings, one for each area of command.

### Current and Future Challenges:

- Implement Business Watch Groups. We are currently working with 5 Business Watch Groups as we continuously look at new areas for this program.
- Increase Neighborhood Watch Groups while strengthening our partnership with the coordinators.
- Increase Crime Free Multi-Housing Properties.



**National Night Out Block Party 2014**

## Crime Reduction Team

The Crime Reduction Team (CRT) is tasked with Alcohol Beverage Control investigations, Vice, Graffiti, Restorative Policing, Nuisance Abatement, Permits and Special Events, Housing Authority, and Crime Prevention.

In the past year we have added an outreach program for the Habitual Transient Offender population that is a collaborative effort between officers and City and County agencies that help these individuals receive services. We created a pamphlet that describes all of the services provided throughout the city and county for mental health, food, shelter, clothing and medical care. During this time, we have implemented a foot patrol assignment specifically directed towards downtown to help distribute information and education in regards to these issues. We have continued to be the facilitator for conferencing between Behavioral Health, the DA's Office, the City Attorney's Office, and SMART meetings to help to combat nuisance properties and individuals in our city.

CRT has recently reinvigorated the bike patrol unit by securing funding which is specifically directed towards bike patrols downtown. We are providing officers with a fresh look and a hospitality directive to help bolster the confidence citizens have in our department. This approach is also to help the citizens of our city feel comfortable in utilizing downtown Modesto for business and entertainment.

The Crime Reduction Team has helped to provide a secure and positive environment during some of the largest events Modesto has to offer. CRT prepared the deployment and operational planning in regards to security for Graffiti Night, SKUSA Kart Races, and X-Fest. During these events we have seen in excess of several thousand people converge on the downtown streets of Modesto. By police standards, these events have proven successful as there have been few arrests and or complaints, with hospitality and security being our main goals.

CRT has conducted several operations to combat underage drinking, including but not limited to party patrol, shoulder tap operations, and decoy operations. These operations have proven successful as we have seen a very high compliance rate, showing us the business owners and citizens are aware we are taking a proactive stance on underage drinking.

We are in daily contact with City services to help mitigate the issues of graffiti and unlawful camping and curfew violations in the park. We conduct weekly cleanups in and around the parks and post "no camping" signs when an illegal camp is identified. After the postings are completed, we contact City services for the cleanup process. This cleanup process also includes concerned citizens who are provided our contact information so they can contact us with concerns and complaints. Because of this, we are able to quickly respond to requests, thus leading to a shared goal of combating these quality of life issues. As a team, we are doing an excellent job helping to achieve the goals of the Operations Division of the Modesto Police Department. By deploying our officers in a hospitable fashion downtown, we are helping to reduce the fear of crime and crime itself.

We are continuing to be involved in several community groups including the Downtown Business Watch, DID, DED, and Neighborhood Watch. These meetings are extremely important in facilitating strong community relationships. We also have maintained a dedication to projecting a professional and courteous demeanor both in the community and within our organization. This helps to create a level of organizational excellence that resonates within our organization and amongst the citizens we serve.

## Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit currently consists of four Motor Officers and one Motor Sergeant. Support staff includes one Community Service Officer who manages Office of Traffic Safety Traffic Grants, and one part-time Officer who reviews Traffic Collision Reports and investigates Hit and Run Traffic Collisions.

Each of the four Traffic Officers is assigned to an Area Command and Downtown Modesto, and will work traffic complaints for that area as well as focus on safety around the schools in that area. Traffic complaints can be called in to the Traffic Unit at (209) 572-9592 or emailed to the Traffic Unit at [traffic\\_complaints@modestopd.com](mailto:traffic_complaints@modestopd.com).

In addition to our regular traffic enforcement duties, the Traffic Unit is responsible for investigating all traffic collisions in the city of Modesto involving a fatality, and is available to investigate major collisions as directed by the Watch Commander.

**Goals and Accomplishments:** The primary goal of the Traffic Unit is to increase the safety of those who utilize our roadways.

As of June 2014, there has been a 5% decrease in Injury Traffic Collisions. We continue to receive Traffic Safety Grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety which provide funding to conduct DUI Saturation Patrols, DUI Checkpoints, and extra Traffic Safety Enforcement Operations.

It is with great pride that the Traffic Unit participates in nearly 40 community events, including “Love Modesto,” Cinco de Mayo Parade, Modesto Marathon, Kiwanis Graffiti Parade, and the 4th of July Parade. The Motor Officers are always a crowd-pleaser at the 4th of July Parade, as we lead the Parade out of the starting gate and impress the crowds with precise riding skills during tight formation patterns.



**Illegal Camp Cleanup**



**Traffic Unit in New Uniforms and Badges**



**School Safety Fair**

We interact with the community in efforts to educate them regarding traffic safety at numerous community events, including:

- “Every 15 Minutes” programs at area high schools
- Juvenile Traffic Diversion
- Salvation Army Kid’s Days
- City of Modesto Family Cycling Event
- Public Safety Fairs
- Area Command Town Hall Meetings
- Media Releases related to DUI Checkpoints/Saturation Patrols, and other Traffic Safety events

**Current and Future Challenges:** The Traffic Unit takes a balanced approach to Traffic Safety in the city of Modesto. Enforcement, Education, and Engineering are just some of the factors we utilize while working to improve the safety of our citizens who use the public highways in Modesto.

Currently, two of our biggest challenges seem to be gaining compliance with the Distracted Driving laws and Pedestrian Safety. In just 10 Distracted Driving Enforcement Operations this year, we have issued nearly 200 citations to motorists for Distracted Driving violations. While the current Distracted Driving laws allow the use of a GPS or music app on your phone, officers can issue a moving violation if that device interferes with a motorist’s ability to safely operate a motor vehicle at any speed.



**DUI Checkpoint**



**Fatal Traffic Collision Investigation Scene**

Pedestrian safety continues to be a daily struggle as we attempt to lower our pedestrian fatality rate. Pedestrians are always encouraged to utilize crosswalks, yield to vehicles that are approaching, and never assume that the driver of any vehicle sees a pedestrian in the street.

## Investigative Services Division

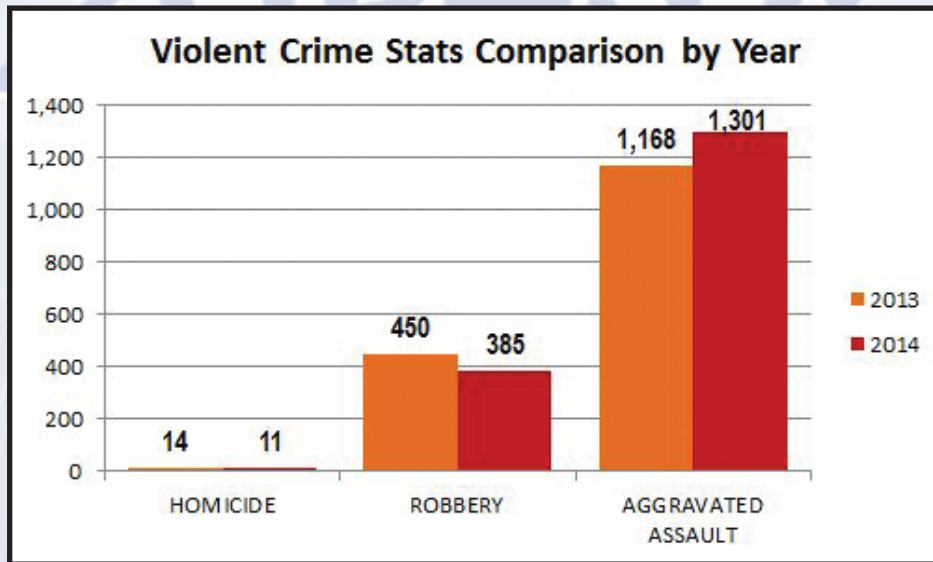
### Violent Crimes Unit

**Homicides:** In 2013, the Violent Crimes Against Persons Unit investigated 14 homicides. This was a 30 percent drop from 2012. A total of 24 arrests were made in relation to the 14 cases.

**Robbery:** There were 450 reported incidents of robbery with a clearance rate of 133.

**Aggravated Assaults:** The 2013 clearance rate for aggravated assaults was 834. There were 1,168 reported cases of aggravated assault which consist of the following:

- 91 incidents with a firearm
- 135 incidents with a knife
- 423 incidents with other weapon(s)
- 519 incidents with a person



### Special Victims Unit

**Human Trafficking:** The Modesto Police Department continues its partnership with the Stanislaus Family Justice Center (SFJC). The SFJC provides services to the victims of domestic violence, crimes against children, human trafficking, and elder abuse. The center provides legal help for restraining orders, forensic interviews of children, victim advocates, investigators from multiple agencies, and mental health. Modesto Police Department also partners with “Without Permission,” a non-profit organization that specializes in assisting victims of human trafficking, and educating the community on the subject. “Without Permission” has assisted investigators with housing victims and, in some cases, removing them from the area to protect them or to get them home. There have been 5 human trafficking cases from 2012-2013.

**Domestic Violence:** There were 879 reported incidents of domestic violence in 2013 compared to 763 in 2012. Of the 879 incidents in 2013, 410 involved the use of a weapon. In 2012, there were 374 reported domestic violence incidents involving the use of a weapon.

**Child Abuse:** Law enforcement may be involved in certain types of child abuse and neglect investigations such as sexual abuse, severe physical abuse or neglect, or child deaths.

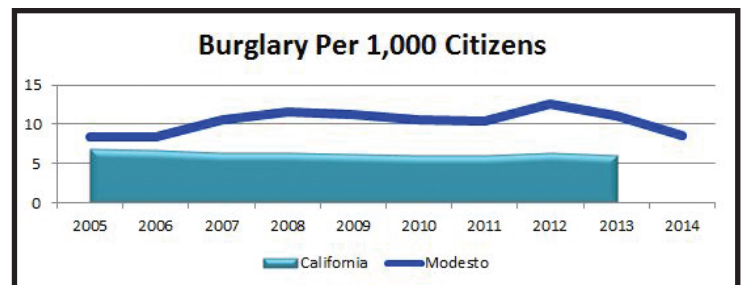
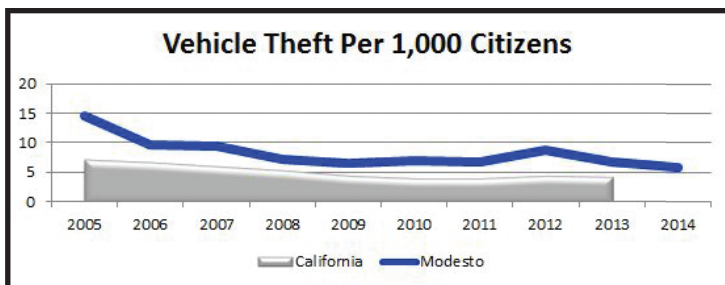
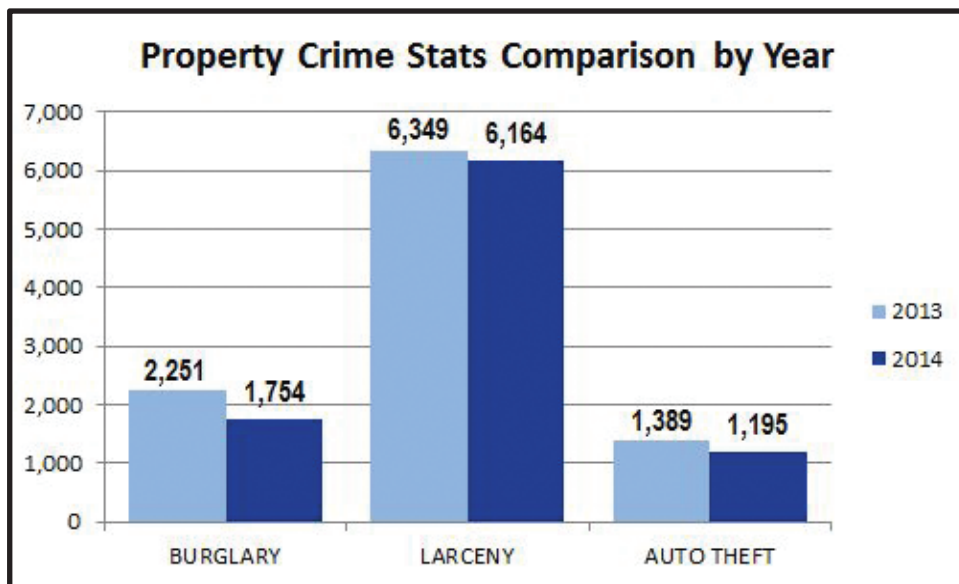
**Property Crimes Unit:** In 2013, the Property Crimes Unit received over 4,000 cases for investigation, which included a large identity theft ring investigation. The primary suspect and several of his accomplices were arrested for a variety of identity theft charges. Over 500 victims were identified during the investigation.

**Burglary:** The 2013 clearance rate for burglaries was 21%. There were 2,251 reported incidents of burglary:

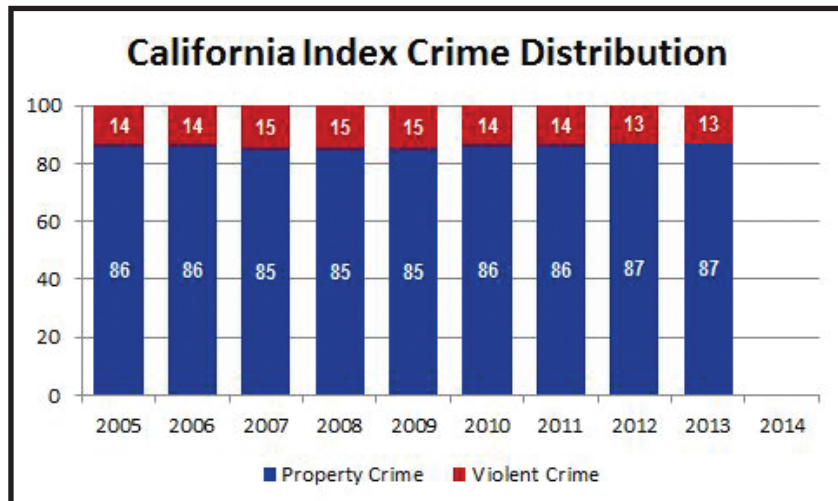
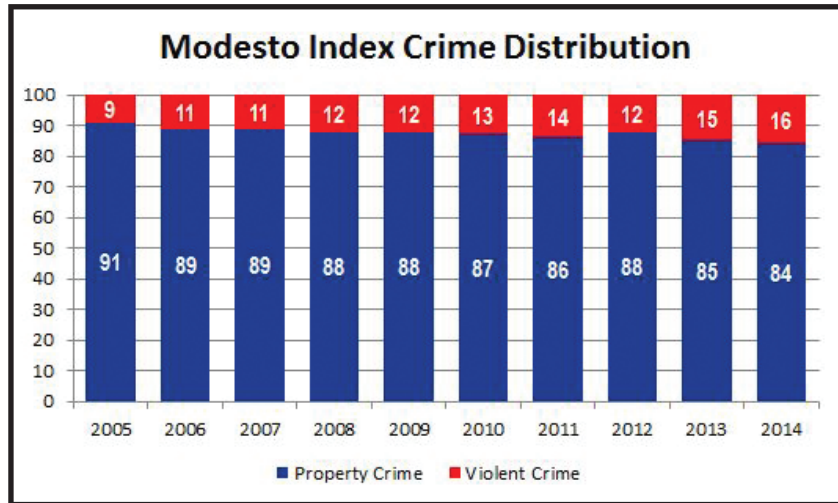
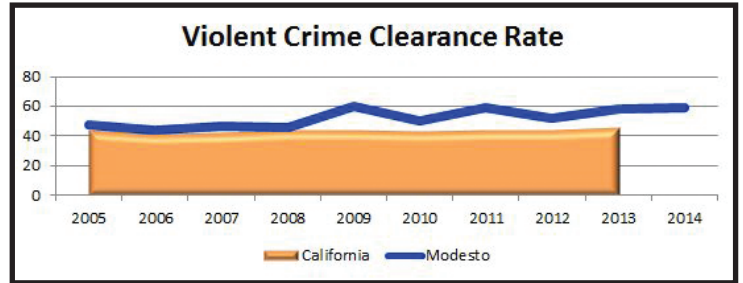
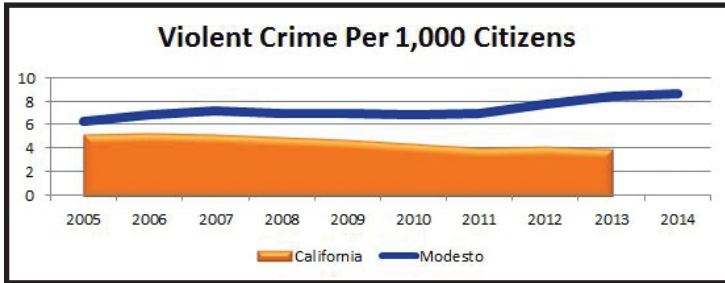
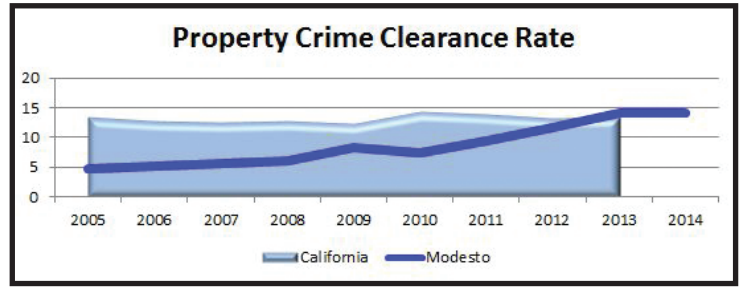
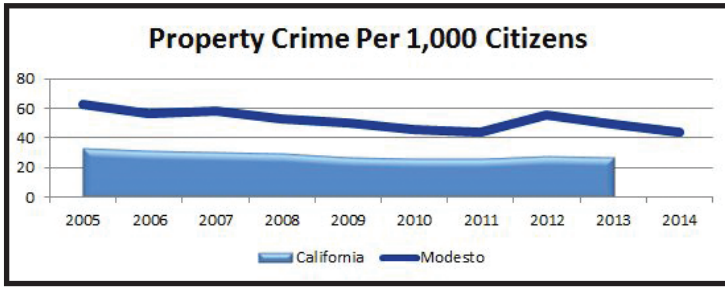
**Residential burglaries:** 1573

**Commercial burglaries:** 678

**Auto Theft:** In 2012, Modesto ranked #1 in auto theft, but dropped to #3 in 2013. There were 1,389 reported incidents of auto theft in 2013 and a clearance rate of 14%.



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## Modesto Narcotics Enforcement Team (MNET)

Statistics for 2013 include:

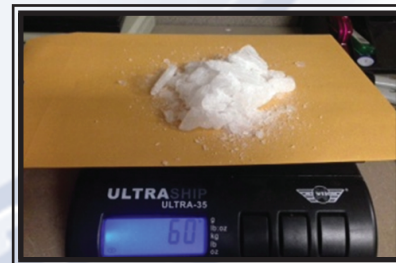
- 210 Arrests
- 69 Firearms Recovered
- 84 Search Warrants Served
- 9 Parole/Probation Searches
- 55 Undercover Operations
- \$150,091.17 in US Currency Seized



## Stanislaus Drug Enforcement Agency (SDEA)

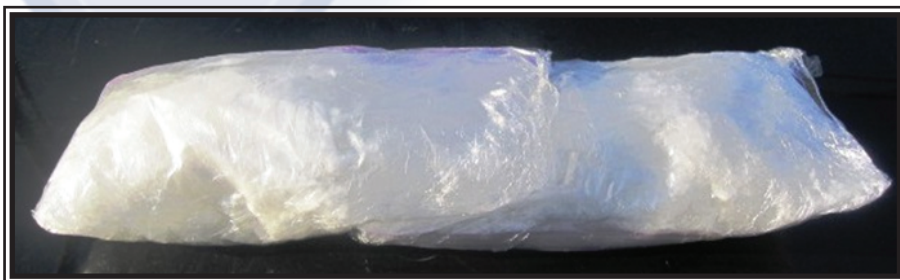
Statistics at a glance include:

- 176 New Cases
- 93 Arrests
- 26 Drug Endangered Children
- 1 Methamphetamine Lab (20+ lb. capacity)
- \$494,420 seized (\$459,020 cash, \$35,400 property)
- 40 Firearms Seized
- 292 lbs. Crystal Methamphetamine
- 8.6 Gallons Meth in Solution
- .27 lbs. Cocaine
- .78 lbs. Heroin
- 491 lbs. Marijuana
- 78,573 Marijuana Plants (71,068 were outdoor)



**Case Highlights:** The cases below illustrate a few examples of the complex cases investigated by SDEA during 2013.

**Modesto Airport Drug Seizures:** SDEA handled two cases a few weeks apart where subjects attempted to board a plane while body packing methamphetamine and cocaine. The final destination for both travelers was Hawaii. The first seizure resulted in 2.68 lbs. of methamphetamine and 1 arrest. The second one resulted in 2.6 lbs. of methamphetamine and 3.1 oz. cocaine with 1 arrest.



**Parcel Interdiction:** SDEA agents intercepted a parcel destined for Alaska. A search warrant was obtained, resulting in the seizure of 5 pounds of processed marijuana and 77 Hydrocodone pills.



**Parcel Interdiction:** Another case resulted in the seizure of over 2,000 Ecstasy pills destined for Arkansas. Arkansas authorities filed a complaint against the subject receiving the package.

**Marijuana Eradication:** SDEA agents eradicated a large marijuana grow in the middle of an almond orchard. A total of 39,432 immature plants were removed. Three separate campsites were located in the orchard. The subjects had televisions mounted in the trees. Three subjects were arrested for this illegal operation.

**Marijuana Grow/Hash Oil:** Agents served a search warrant at a Modesto warehouse and located an indoor grow with marijuana separated in rooms in every phase of the growing cycle. A total of 280 plants were seized, in addition to 2 ounces of hash oil and a loaded weapon. Three subjects were arrested.



### **Weapon/Methamphetamine Seizure:**

SDEA agents participated in a multi-state investigation. A search warrant was served in our county resulting in the seizure of 23 weapons and 14.56 grams of methamphetamine. One subject was arrested.



**Cocaine Purchase:** SDEA arrested three subjects who arrived at a location with \$130,000 to purchase 5 kilos of cocaine. One of the subjects was carrying a loaded 30 Super Colt.

**Methamphetamine Seizure:** Agents from SDEA assisted a southern California law enforcement agency and identified a residence in our area where methamphetamine was being received. A search warrant was served, resulting in 216 pounds of crystal methamphetamine and 8.5 pounds of methamphetamine in solution (in the crystalized stage). Agents seized \$66,291 in cash and arrested two subjects.



**Methamphetamine Seizure:** Agents served a search warrant at a residence and seized 3.6 pounds of crystal methamphetamine. An additional 2.3 pounds of methamphetamine was located in a hidden compartment of a vehicle. One subject was arrested on federal charges.

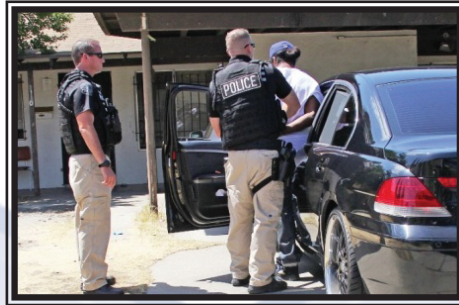


**Methamphetamine Investigation:** Agents conducted a long-term investigation of a drug-trafficking organization operating in Stanislaus County. At the conclusion of the cases, agents seized 7 pounds of methamphetamine, 7 pounds of processed marijuana, a handgun, and arrested four subjects.

## Street Gang Unit

The Modesto Police Department's Street Gang Unit (SGU) had a very productive year battling Modesto's street gangs. They arrested over 775 gang members and/or associates, confiscated approximately 125 firearms, conducted nearly 200 probation searches, and authored and served over 50 search warrants.

# MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT



## Case Highlights:

In June 2013, SGU Officers authored a search warrant for a warehouse/living space of a Hells Angel associate who had a prior conviction which prevented him from owning any firearms. During the service of the search warrant, the following items were located: 16 firearms, including an inoperable Tec 9; a sound suppressor; three bullet proof vests, including one which had Department of Corrections patches on it; and two stolen motorcycles which were stolen during commercial burglaries at the local BMW and Honda dealerships. The subject was arrested on a variety of felony charges.



In February 2014, SGU Officers made a traffic stop on a couple who were both Norteno gang members. A search of the vehicle incident to arrest revealed two loaded handguns, one of which was reported stolen, and narcotics packaged for sales. A probation search was then conducted at their residence and additional narcotics for sale and ammunition was located. Both were booked on numerous drug and weapons charges. Through further investigation, SGU learned the two were involved in the sales of firearms. A search warrant was written for a storage unit and four additional firearms were located.



## Collaborations:

SGU's collaboration with Patrol and other specialized units in the Modesto Police Department has also been very productive. In February 2014, a simple traffic stop by a patrol officer led to the discovery of a large quantity of crystal methamphetamine hidden in a coffee pot inside the subject's hotel room. This led the Modesto Narcotics Enforcement Team (MNET) to write several search warrants, and with the help of SGU Officers, the search warrants were served at three locations. In all, approximately nine pounds of crystal methamphetamine was seized, along with approximately \$30,000 in U.S. currency, which was found to be the proceeds of drug sales, two handguns and one AK-47 rifle.



Collaboration with the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force (CVGIT) and the US Attorney's Office in Fresno has allowed for numerous federal indictments of dangerous gang members who have been arrested by SGU for various firearms charges. The "shot caller" for one of Modesto's prominent Sureno gangs was arrested by SGU for being a felon in possession of a firearm three times within a three month period. After reviewing the cases, the US Attorney's Office issued a federal indictment for his arrest and most likely prevented a future homicide.

## Support Operations Division

The Support Division is a vital component of the Modesto Police Department and is responsible for much of the behind-the-scenes work necessary to support visible enforcement operations regularly seen by the public. The division is home to various units, including:

### Records

The men and women of the Records Unit are responsible for processing reports and records requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Last year, the Records Unit processed approximately 125,000 police reports.

### Property/Evidence

The Unit is supervised by a Sergeant and staffed by one Police Sergeant, two full-time Evidence Technicians and two part-time staff members who oversee the intake of approximately 180,000 pieces of evidence on an annual basis. Additionally, personnel assigned to the Unit are tasked with ensuring that evidence is provided to officers and detectives for court proceedings and for the disposition of evidence no longer needed for judicial processes.

### Youth Services

The Youth Services Unit houses the School Police Officers and support staff that are responsible for intervention programs for at-risk youth in our community. Members of this Unit work closely with school administrators and other community leaders to foster the best possible relationship with our agency.

### Animal Control

Two full-time Animal Control Officers and one supervisor respond to animal related patrol calls and also investigate and enforce City municipal code violations pertaining to animals.

### Administrative Services

The Unit is responsible for Police Fleet Services, Building Maintenance, Parking Enforcement, the department's Telephone Reporting Unit and customer service counter.

### Training

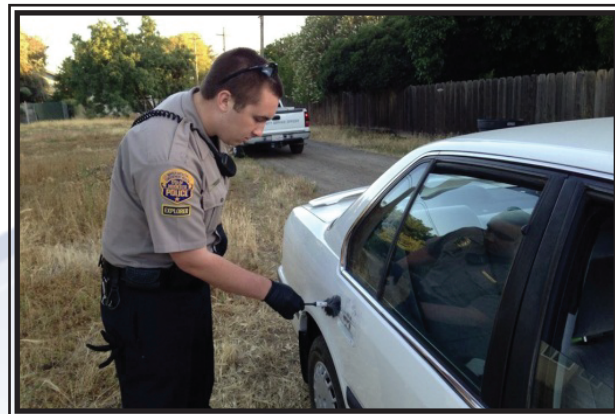
The Training Unit is responsible for scheduling and organizing training for agency personnel. Law enforcement is a dynamic profession that requires continuous training to keep abreast of changes in law and procedure. Our agency takes pride in being a training hub for our region, allowing other agencies to receive the same high-quality and innovative training provided to our officers. The Training Unit also oversees the department's multi-function training facility located on Main Street near the city of Patterson. Range training, equestrian training and K-9 training occurs there regularly and the facility is also used by other law enforcement agencies as well.

### Reserves

Officers assigned to this Unit have full police officer powers and are tasked with providing enforcement and security services in a wide array of circumstances to support the full-time staff of the agency. The Unit consists of 21 Reserve Police Officers who assist with assignments which include uniformed patrol, prisoner transportation, special event security and other tasks that arise requiring a uniformed police officer.

## Explorers

The Modesto Police Department is proud to mentor young men and women ages 16-21 to prepare them for the law enforcement profession. As a component of the Boy Scouts of America, the Unit's members are exposed to many functions of the department and also provide volunteer services at large events. The Explorer Post is currently comprised of approximately 20 members. We are looking for other ambitious young men and women who are interested in serving their community while learning the fundamentals of the law enforcement profession. Interested candidates can inquire by contacting the lead Explorer Post Advisor Officer Chris Adams.



**Police Explorer**

## Volunteers

The Volunteer Unit is currently comprised of 51 non-sworn volunteers that provide high-visibility patrols of the city's neighborhoods. The generous members of the unit also assist with special event staffing as a way to "give back" to the community. Those wishing to join the Modesto Police Department Volunteer Unit can contact volunteer coordinator Community Service Officer Heather Graves.



**Police Volunteers**

## Background Investigations

A staff of active police officers and part-time investigators are tasked with completing in-depth investigative inquiries into potential candidates for police officer and other support positions. The functions of this unit are supervised by the Internal Affairs Unit.

Another critical function of the Support Division is the recruitment of talented individuals. As the largest municipal police agency in Stanislaus County, the Modesto Police Department offers a multitude of job opportunities. As a result of the faltering economy, the recruitment of qualified sworn and non-sworn positions has become one of the Department's biggest challenges. The Support Division has continued to aggressively seek highly motivated individuals eager to be part of the Modesto Police Department family.

## Support Operations Goals:

- Encourage the use of alternative reporting methods for non-emergency calls for service.
- Promote, develop, and encourage on-going education and training for personnel.
- Maintain outreach with at-risk youth.
- Provide opportunities for citizens to become involved in public safety awareness and public service.
- Promote efficiency in evidence processing.
- Enhance the records management of the department through technology.
- Enhance department efficiency, appearance, and safety.
- Maintain maximum staffing levels for all classifications and minimize vacancy levels.
- Improve our tactical training facility.

## Internal Affairs Unit

The Internal Affairs Unit investigates any citizen complaint alleging members of the Modesto Police Department did not equally enforce the law, and/or service was not provided in an equal manner, based solely upon the person's race, color, creed, religion, political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, age or physical or mental disability. Executive staff members, including the Chief of Police, conduct a thorough review of each completed investigation and determine a proper disposition.

Modesto Police Department's General Order 1.05, Equal Enforcement of the Law, clearly defines racial profiling, the policy of the Modesto Police Department, the manner of making arrests and detentions, recording citizen encounters, training of employees, and corrective action for sustained allegations of policy violations.

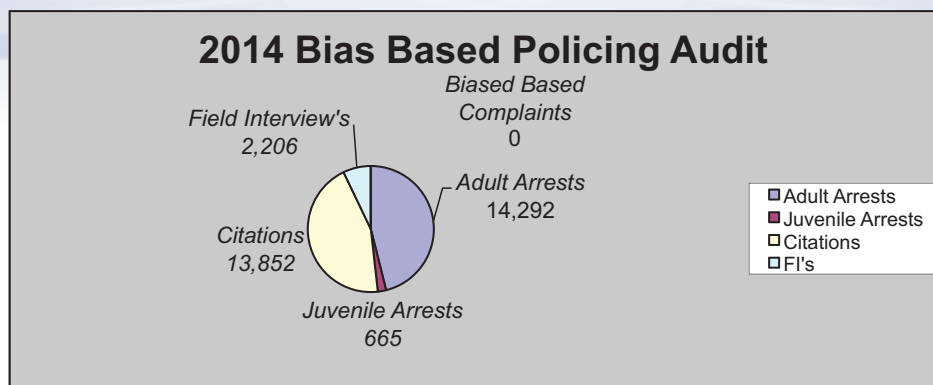
In 2013, the Internal Affairs Unit conducted an annual review of the Department's practices regarding Equal Enforcement of the Law, specifically in regard to recording citizen encounters, training, and administrative review, and found the Department to be in compliance with all requirements.

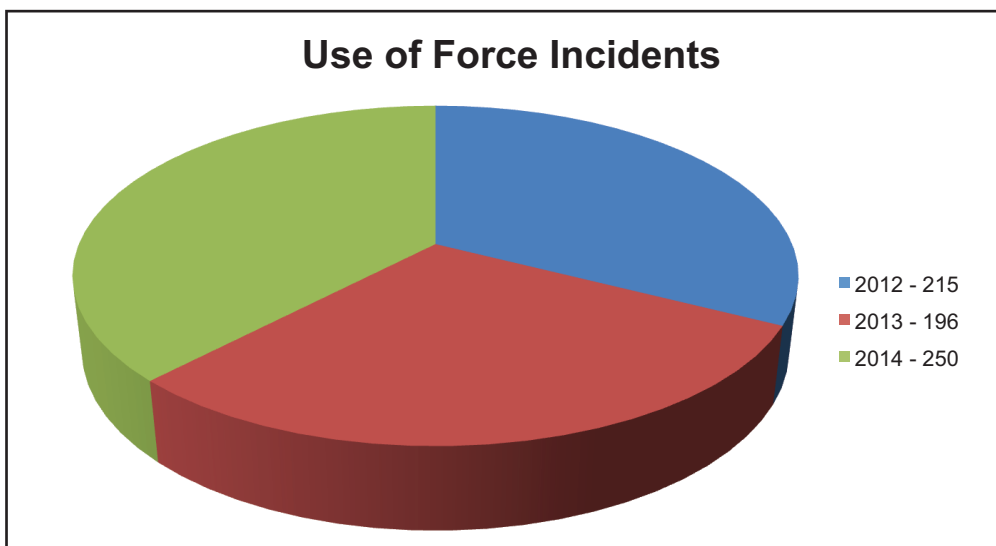
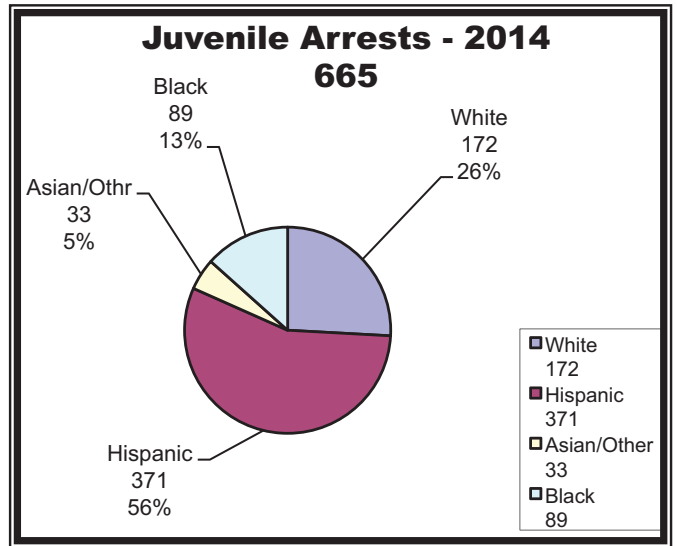
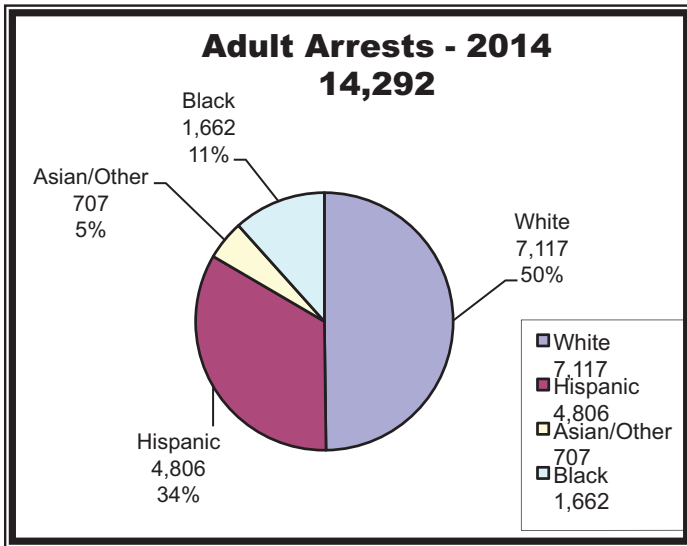
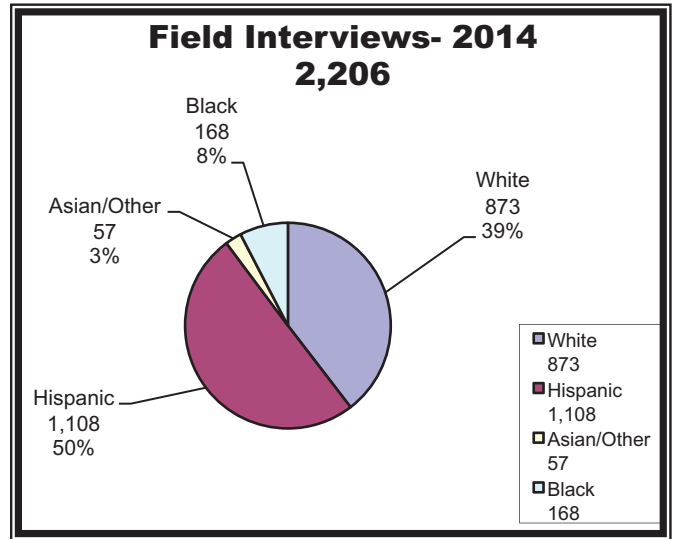
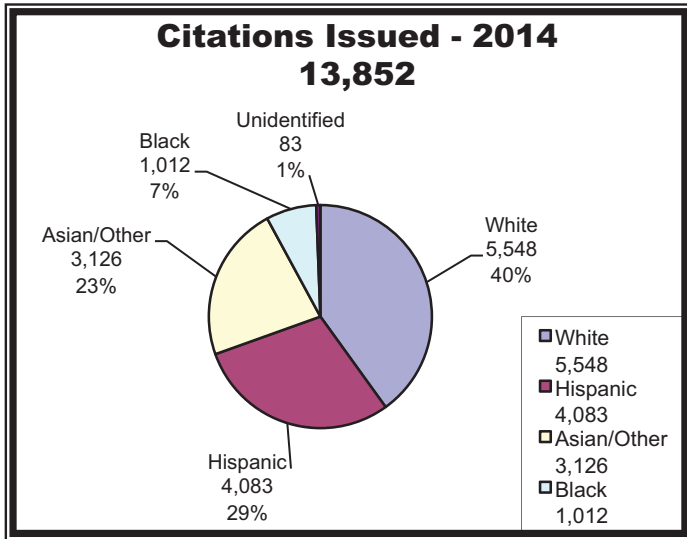
### 2014 Bias Based Profiling Administrative Review

The Modesto Police Department had a total of 33,065 enforcement contacts, (i.e., Citations, Arrests and Field Interviews). Also in 2014, the Modesto Police Department issued 122,968 case numbers. During contacts made by officers, no formal complaints were filed with the Modesto Police Department specifically alleging bias based actions. This complaint was investigated by the Internal Affairs Unit and determined to be Unfounded (Without Basis).

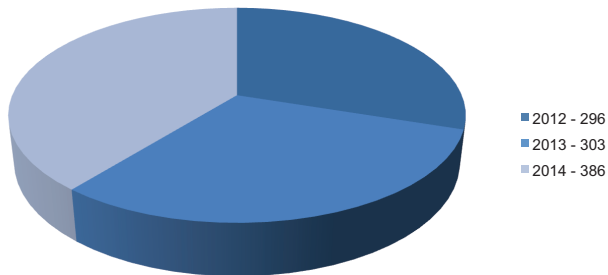
The complexity in measuring whether or not all contacts between the police and the community are racially biased must consider a number of different factors not included in this audit. This audit is solely intended to compare the Modesto Police Department's demographic reports of adult and juvenile arrests, citations, and field interviews to Modesto's actual population demographic percentages.

2014 Census Data	
Race	% Population
White	49%
Hispanic	36%
Asian/Other	10%
Black	5%

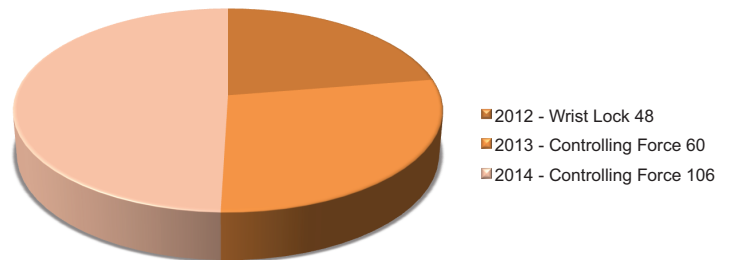




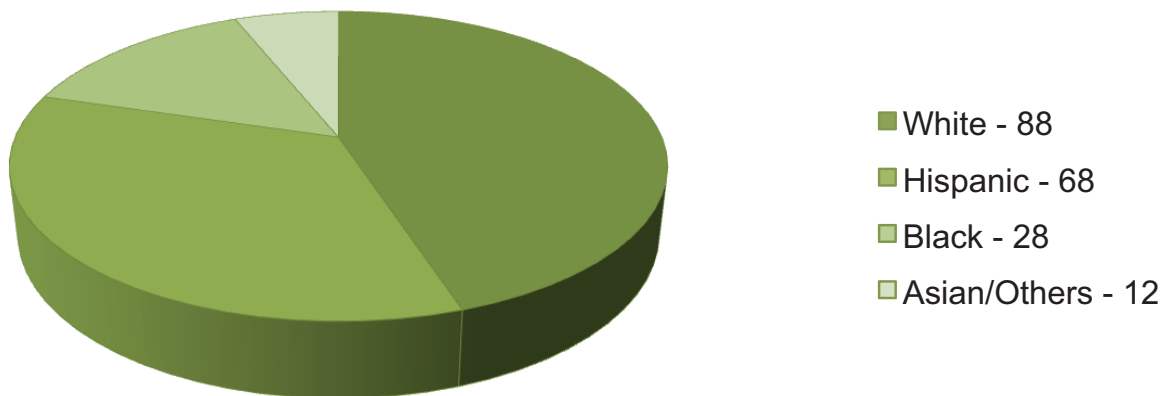
**Officers Involved in Use of Force Incidents**



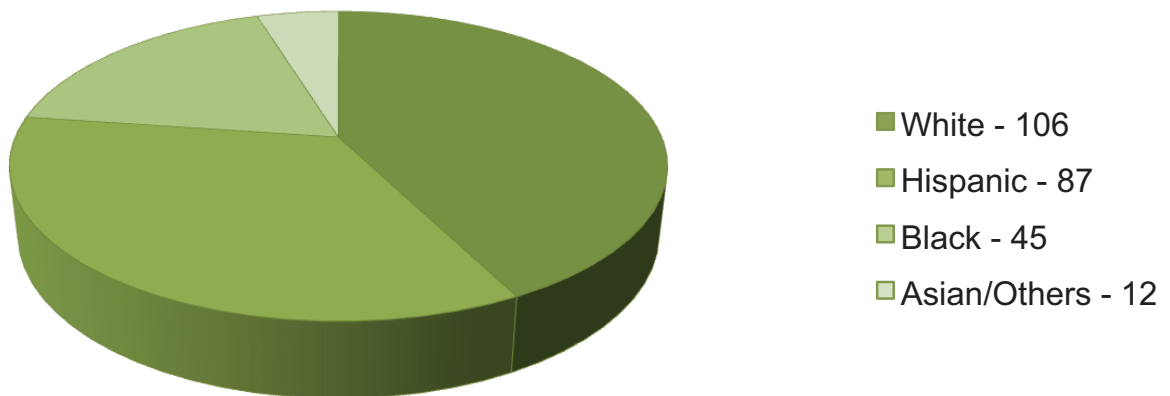
**Type of Force Most Frequently Used**



**Involved Race Comparison - 2013**



**Involved Race Comparison - 2014**



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Equestrian Unit and K-9 Team



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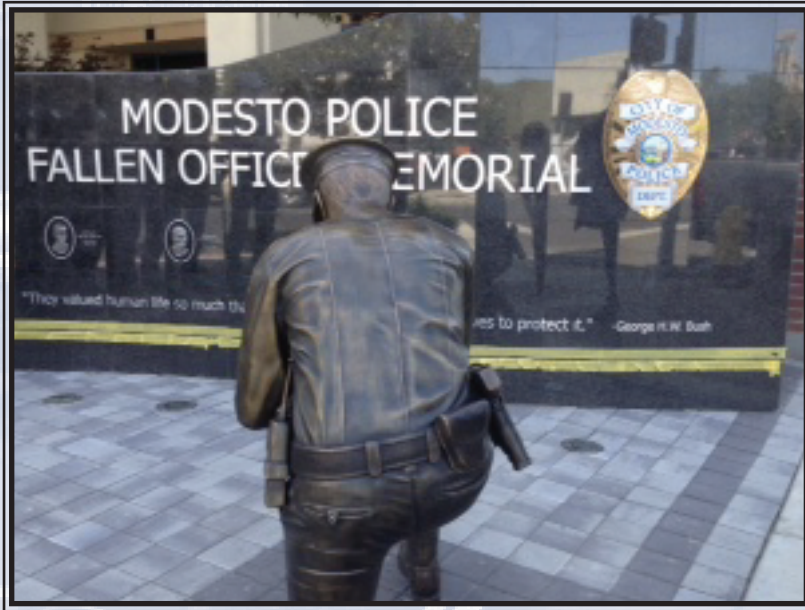


Traffic Enforcement Operation on Scenic Drive



Equestrian Unit

# Fallen Officer Memorial



The last phase of the Fallen Officer Memorial monument was put in place on May 29, 2014. It is a bronze statue of a kneeling officer paying respect to those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Every year in the United States, over 100 police officers die in the line of duty serving their communities. The loss of these officers not only devastates local communities but also the lives of their friends, families and co-workers. Our own community has felt this devastation.

On May 21, 1973, Modesto Police Officer Leo “Bobby” Volk was in pursuit of a fugitive vehicle when a car pulled out in front of him. He swerved to avoid a collision, losing control of the vehicle. He died later at the hospital.

On July 29, 2002, Modesto Police Sergeant Steve May was assisting other officers in searching for a stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle suddenly rammed Sergeant May’s vehicle. Sergeant May was catastrophically injured and died seven years later, never having regained consciousness.

This monument honors both Officer Leo Volk and Sergeant Steve May. The Modesto Police Department honors these men and women and our hearts go out to their surviving family members and their law enforcement families.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, we were able to raise enough money to complete both phases of the monument.

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