



2023
Annual Report

MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Modesto Police Executive Staff

Pictured: L to R Captain Chris Adams, Police Administrator Jessica Smart, Chief Brandon Gillespie, Assistant Chief Ivan Valencia, Captain Robert Reyna, and Captain Bobby Meredith

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

As we present the 2023 Annual Report for the Modesto Police Department, it is an honor to reflect on a year of dedicated service, resilience, and innovative approaches to community safety and engagement. The past year has been a transformative period for our department, marked by significant advancements and sustained efforts to enhance the quality of life in Modesto.

In 2023, we continued to build on our commitment to Intelligence-Led Policing, a strategy that has been instrumental in the marked reduction of crime rates across our city. Our data shows a 22% decrease in homicides, a 6% reduction in auto theft, and significant drops in property and violent crimes. These outcomes not only reflect the effectiveness of our strategic initiatives but also underscore the dedication of our officers and staff who work tirelessly to maintain public safety.

This year, we also saw the successful expansion of our Area Command Division. This strategic initiative has enabled us to deploy resources more efficiently and foster a proactive approach to problem-solving that positively impacts our community. The introduction of non-sworn personnel in roles such as civilian investigators and outreach specialists has allowed us to provide more professional staff opportunities and specialized care, resulting in significant cost savings and more appropriate responses to various community needs.

Our community engagement has been vibrant and impactful, with the Modesto Police Department leading the way in California for National Night Out participation and launching several community-centered events that have strengthened our bond with the residents we serve. These efforts are vital in building trust and fostering a collaborative environment where community members feel valued and safe.

The achievements of the past year are not just metrics of success but are a testament to the spirit of collaboration that thrives between the Modesto Police Department, our community partners, and the citizens of Modesto. We are grateful for this continued partnership and the community support that is essential to our success.

Looking forward, we remain committed to enhancing our operational effectiveness, exploring new technologies, and increasing our engagement efforts to ensure Modesto remains a safe place to live, work, and play. Our mission to drive down crime and improve the quality of life for all who call Modesto home continues to be at the forefront of our efforts.

Thank you for your unwavering support and trust. Together, we are making Modesto a stronger, safer, and more vibrant community.

Brandon Gillespie, Chief of Police

Mission • Vision • Values



Vision

- The City of Modesto is a safe place to live, work, and play.
- The Modesto Police Department is a leader in Intelligence-Led Policing
- The Modesto Police Department is a learning organization.

Values

- Servant's Heart
- Courageous Spirit
- Relentless Drive

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.

MODESTO, CA

The City of Modesto is located in the heart of the Central Valley and spans 37 square miles. The City was established in 1884, and the population has grown to over **218,464** according to the 2020 Census.

The Modesto Police Department is dedicated to partnerships with local allied agencies and our community. Modesto is well known for its annual Graffiti Parade and many car shows, and is home to a wide variety of art and entertainment venues. Modesto is proud of its timeless traditions and hometown values as well as bringing exciting and new opportunities for family fun.

Median Household Income \$73,275

Median Age 36

Demographics

| | |
|-------|----------|
| 42.9% | Hispanic |
| 38.7% | White |
| 8.0% | Asian |
| 4.1% | Black |
| 6.3% | Other |



*Data pulled from U.S. Census Bureau

Staffing

The Modesto Police Department is comprised of sworn and non-sworn personnel who work diligently across multiple divisions to safeguard the safety and well-being of our community. From the dedicated individuals in our Operations Division to the relentless investigators in our Investigative Services Division, and the invaluable support provided by our Support Services Division, we are committed to serving Modesto. With the recent establishment of our Area Command Division, we continuously adapt to the evolving needs of our city, aiming to create a safer and more secure community for everyone.



Sworn Demographics



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| Sworn Personnel..... | 210 |
| White..... | 57% |
| Hispanic..... | 24% |
| Asian..... | 7.5% |
| Black..... | 3.5% |
| Other..... | 8% |

Professional Staff Demographics



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|-------------------------|-------|
| Professional Staff..... | 110 |
| White..... | 44.5% |
| Hispanic..... | 38% |
| Asian..... | 4.5% |
| Black..... | 3% |
| Other..... | 10% |

Volunteers & Police Explorers

Our volunteers and Police Explorers play a crucial role at our department. With 30 dedicated volunteers contributing over **3,700** hours and 17 Explorers volunteering over **4,500** hours, their commitment is truly commendable. We are immensely grateful for their valuable contributions to our department and community.

Data & Statistics

Traffic



Traffic Safety Unit

The Modesto Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit plays a crucial role in safeguarding our community. With their dedicated efforts, this unit diligently follows up on and reviews traffic collisions, ensuring that necessary actions are taken to prevent future incidents. They also coordinate initiatives to combat impaired driving, responding promptly to major injury or fatal crashes and enforcing traffic laws. Securing parade routes and road closures for community events are additional responsibilities that contribute to maintaining order and safety on our roads.

Moreover, the unit actively engages in educating our community about bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic safety, fostering a culture of awareness and responsible behavior. The hard work and commitment of both the Traffic Safety Unit and its auxiliary members have made a significant impact on our community, and we take pride in their accomplishments throughout the past year.

Traffic Statistics



Total Collisions



Total Citations



Total DUI Arrests



Total Fatal Collisions

| 2023 | 2022 |
|-------|-------|
| 1,912 | 1,064 |
| 5,170 | 7,115 |
| 473 | 655 |
| 21 | 23 |

Air Support Unit



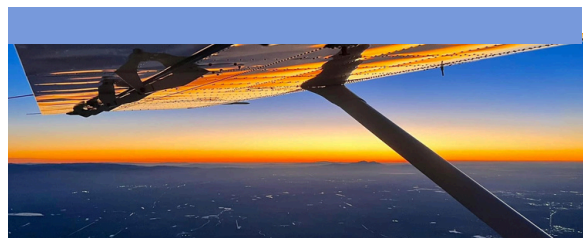
The Modesto Police Department's Air Unit, led by its flagship aircraft Sky 1, a Gipps Aero Air van, has been a transformative force in protecting our community. Since its launch on May 11, 2023, Sky 1 has logged 506 flight hours, swiftly responding to 1,289 service calls and being first on the scene in 1,007 instances. Comprising of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 3 pilots, and a team of Tactical Flight Officers, the MPD Air Unit has not only assisted in numerous arrests and pursuits but has also emerged as an essential asset in upholding the safety and well-being of Modesto residents.

To view Sky 1 in action , click [here](#).



Sky 1 Statistics

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|-------------------------|------|
| Total Flight Hours | 506 |
| Total Calls for Service | 1289 |
| First on Scene | 1007 |
| Assist with DUI Arrests | 19 |
| Felony Arrests | 77 |



Data & Statistics

Crime Data

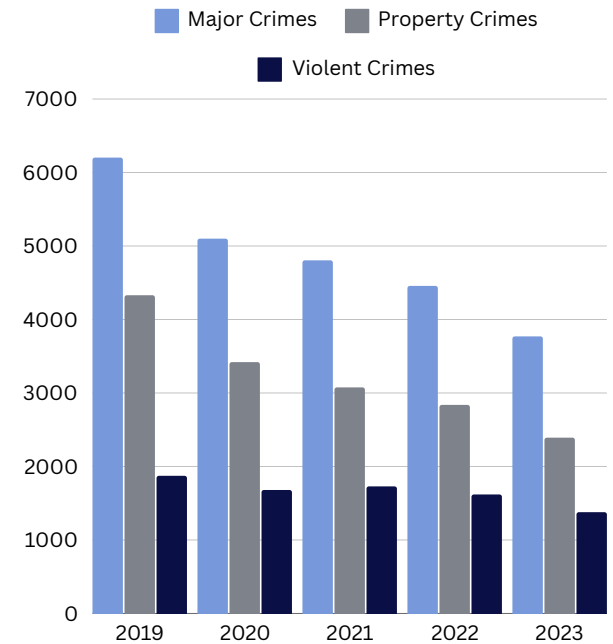
FIVE YEAR CRIME TREND 2019 - 2023

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| Calls for Service | 137,021 | ↑ -23% |
| Quality of Life | 9,939 | ↓ -10.5% |
| Homicides | 7 | ↓ -22% |
| Rapes | 110 | ↑ 3.8% |
| Robberies | 242 | ↓ -19.9% |
| Aggravated Assaults | 400 | ↓ -21% |
| Burglaries | 588 | ↓ -1.8% |
| Vehicle Larceny | 1,045 | ↓ -27% |
| Auto Theft | 759 | ↓ -6.1% |

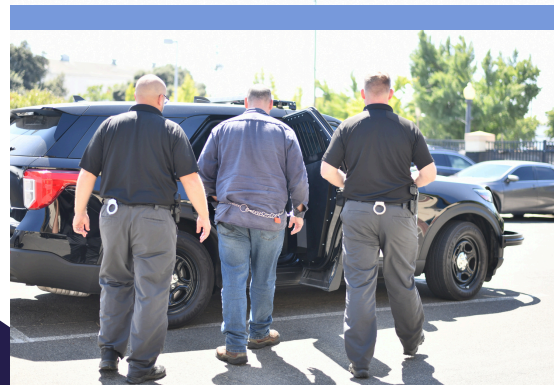
View the crime statistics presented in the Modesto Police Department's 2022 Annual Report [here](#).

*Arrows indicate change in statistics from 2023 to 2024, with green indicating a decrease and red indicating an increase.

This year, our collective efforts have resulted in a significant decrease in crime rates across the board. Homicides have decreased by 22%, auto theft by 6%, property crime by 16%, and violent crime by 15%. These impressive statistics highlight the unwavering commitment and hard work of our officers, as well as the strong partnership between law enforcement and the community. Together, we have made our city safer and more secure for all residents.



• **Major Crimes** (Robbery, Sex Offense, Aggravated Assault, Homicide, Vehicular Man-slaughter, Vehicle Larceny, Burglary Auto Theft) **Major Property Crimes** (Burglary, Vehicle Larceny, Auto Theft) **Major Violent Crimes** (Robbery, Sex Offense, Aggravated Assault, Homicide)



Internal Affairs

The Modesto Police Department is committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and professionalism among our department members. With this dedication in mind, we are pleased to present our Internal Affairs and Use of Force data for the year 2023. This comprehensive report includes detailed information on citizen complaints, administrative complaints, as well as the types of use of force deployed by our department and the demographics of subjects involved.

This information is intended to provide transparency into our use of force policies, procedures, and training efforts. By doing so, we aim to foster public trust, maintain positive relationships with our community, and ensure that our actions align with our core values.

57 Internal Affairs Investigations

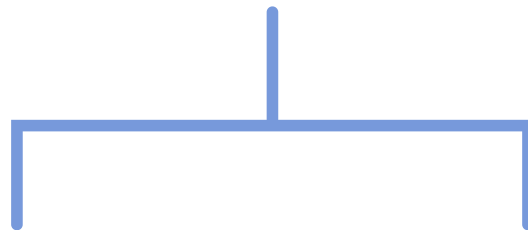
- Complaints may have multiple types and multiple officers per complaint

Administrative Complaints 5

- 2 are in progress, 3 have received dispositions

Citizen Complaints 52

- 17 are in progress, 35 have received dispositions



Types of Administrative Complaints

- Complaints can be for both conduct and performance

Conduct 5

Performance 4

Types of Citizen Complaints

- Complaints may have multiple types and multiple officers per complaint

Performance 55

Conduct 41

Policy 19

Force 4

Disposition of All Citizen and Administrative Complaints

- 19 complaints are still under investigation

Unfounded 101

Sustained 11

Exonerated 11

Not Sustained 3

Other 1



Complaints are divided into four categories

Conduct – These include allegations regarding attitude, ethical conduct, harassment, bias, and rudeness

Policy – These include allegations regarding civil rights violations, false arrest, procedural violations, and unlawful detentions

Performance – These include allegations regarding efficiency, false statements, and overall performance issues

Force – The include allegations regarding the use of force

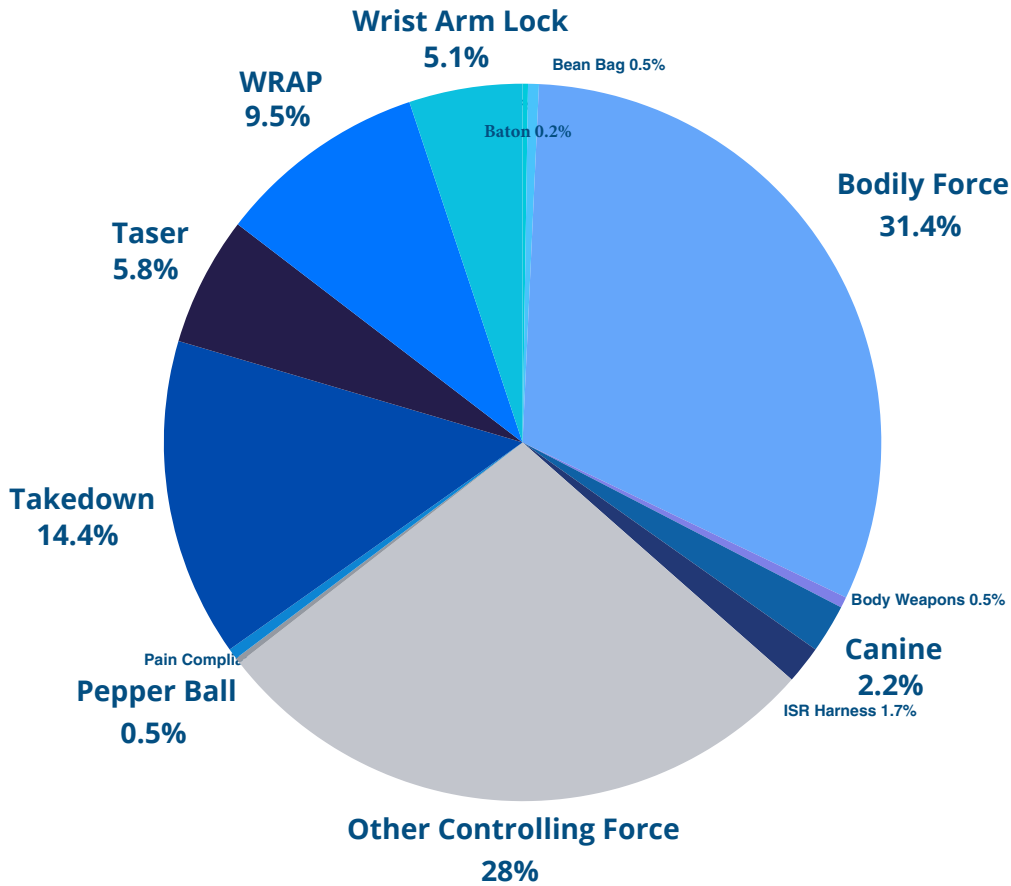
Use of Force

Force Used in 195 Incidents in 2023

Origination of Incident in Which Force was Used

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| Calls for Service | 122 |
| On View Investigations | 64 |
| Warrant Service | 9 |

Types of Force Used



OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS 1

View video release here:

[June 3, 2023 OIS Video](#)

Demographics of Subjects Where Force was Used

| | | | |
|----------|----|---------------|---|
| White | 71 | Asian | 6 |
| Hispanic | 83 | Indian | 3 |
| Black | 28 | Other/Unknown | 4 |

NEW

MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Area Command Division Modesto Police Department



Area Command Division

In August of 2023, the Modesto Police Department introduced the Area Command Division, a strategic initiative aimed at fostering comprehensive and thoughtful problem-solving approaches with enduring positive outcomes. This division leverages timely and accurate information to swiftly deploy resources, employing effective tactics and follow-up to ensure favorable results. Under the umbrella of the Area Command Division, a diverse range of units collaboratively address challenges, enabling the seamless provision of assistance and enforcement as required.

One innovative aspect of this division is the implementation of the Alternative Response concept. Recognizing the need for specialized care in certain situations, non-sworn personnel skilled in mental health and resource navigation are utilized. These professionals, part of units such as the Homeless Engagement and Response Unit (HEART), Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT), and Crime Reduction Team (CRT), are adept at understanding available resources and diverting individuals in mental crisis or experiencing homelessness away from the criminal justice system. This approach not only provides appropriate care but also results in cost savings, as police officers can focus on their core duties while still being available to assist when necessary.

Overseeing this division are the Division Commander, Captain Bobby Meredith, and two Area Commanders, Lieutenant Michael Hammond and Lieutenant T.J. Moffett. Their diligent management ensures the seamless coordination of units within their responsibility, allowing for efficient and effective responses to community needs.

The Area Command Division, with its collaborative units and innovative approaches, stands as a testament to the Modesto Police Department's commitment to comprehensive problem-solving and providing the best possible service to the community.



Area Command Statistics



✓ C.H.A.T.

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| • Total Calls | 4,917 | • Services Accepted | 3,519 |
| • ESRI Completed | 3,490 | • Services Refused | 139 |
| • Shelter Placement | 1,214 | • Housed | 30 |

✓ H.E.A.R.T.

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|---------------------|-----|------------------------|---------|
| • Services Offered | 530 | • Camps Removed | 527 |
| • Services Accepted | 100 | • Park Clean-Ups | 400 |
| • Sheltered | 70 | • Trash Removed (lbs.) | 603,919 |



✓ PARK RANGERS

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|------------------------|-------|
| • Parks Visited | 3,469 |
| • Verbal Warnings | 152 |
| • Citations | 404 |
| • Educational Contacts | 49 |
| • Camps Removed | 378 |
| • Referrals | 46 |

✓ CRIME REDUCTION TEAM

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|--------------------|-----------|
| • Arrests | 455 |
| • Narcotic Sales | 42 |
| • Firearms Located | 8 |
| • Search Warrants | 3 |
| • Asset Seizures | \$112,693 |



What's New in 2023

- 1. Organized Retail Theft Program:** The City of Modesto was awarded an Organized Retail Theft grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) worth \$6,003,419. The grant will fund Modesto's Retail and Motor Vehicle Theft Program, focusing on community outreach, collaboration with retailers, equipment, and directed enforcement to combat current and emerging trends.
- 2. Helen Putnam Award:** The City of Modesto received the 2023 Helen Putnam Award for Excellence in recognition of its exceptional efforts to address homelessness in the community.
- 3. *National Night Out*:** Modesto ranked 1st in California and 5th in the Nation for National Night Out, showcasing community engagement and support for this annual event organized by the Modesto Police Department.
- 4. CSI Camp:** The 8th annual CSI Camp hosted by MPD in partnership with Modesto Parks and Recreation provided students with hands-on experience in crime scene investigations, fostering interest in law enforcement careers.
- 5. Stolen Vehicle Rankings:** Modesto's efforts in reducing auto thefts led to a significant improvement in national rankings, dropping to #54 in the latest release by the National Insurance Crime Bureau.
- 6. Air Unit:** MPD's Sky 1 played a crucial role in ensuring community safety, with a significant number of flight hours, calls for service, arrests, and pursuit assists throughout the year.
- 7. Hiring and Promotions:** Record hirings and promotions within the department reflect ongoing efforts to recruit and retain top talent, ensuring the best service for the community.
- 8. Code Enforcement Integration:** The City of Modesto Code Enforcement Unit joined MPD's Area Command Division, enhancing coordination in addressing community needs across various units.
- 9. New Area Command Division:** Introduced in August 2023, the Area Command Division focuses on comprehensive problem-solving approaches through collaboration among diverse units within MPD.
- 10. Innovative Fleet Additions:** The addition of the Mach E vehicle demonstrates MPD's commitment to innovation and environmental sustainability in law enforcement operations.
- 11. Community Engagement Events:** From derby car competitions to Coffee with a Cop, *Healthy Room Projects*, and the *10K with a Cop* program, MPD actively engages with the community to foster positive relationships and support local youth.
- 12. The addition of Civilian Investigators** to our department has proven to be a valuable asset in assisting with investigations and supporting our officers and detectives. Their expertise enhance our investigative capabilities, allowing us to more effectively serve our community.



MACH E



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MPD DERBY CAR










10K with a COP

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Modesto Police Department believes that social media is an excellent platform for connecting with our community. We take pride in sharing the exciting events and developments taking place within our department and our beautiful city with everyone who follows us. Through our social media channels, we aim to foster open and transparent communication, building trust and strengthening the bond between law enforcement and the community we serve.



Modesto Police Department's Social Media

- Go to each social media platform by clicking on usernames
-  Facebook [@modestopolice](https://www.facebook.com/modestopolice)
 -  Instagram [@modestopolicedept](https://www.instagram.com/modestopolicedept)
 -  X (Twitter) [@modestopolice](https://twitter.com/modestopolice)
 -  LinkedIn [Modesto Police Department](https://www.linkedin.com/company/modesto-police-department)
 -  Next Door [Modesto Police Department](https://www.nextdoor.com/modesto-police-department)
 -  Tik Tok [@modestopolicedept](https://www.tiktok.com/@modestopolicedept)
 -  Website : [Modestopolice.com](https://www.modestopolice.com)



Commendations

Gerald L. McKinsey Achievement Award

Detective Josh Grant

Life Saving Award

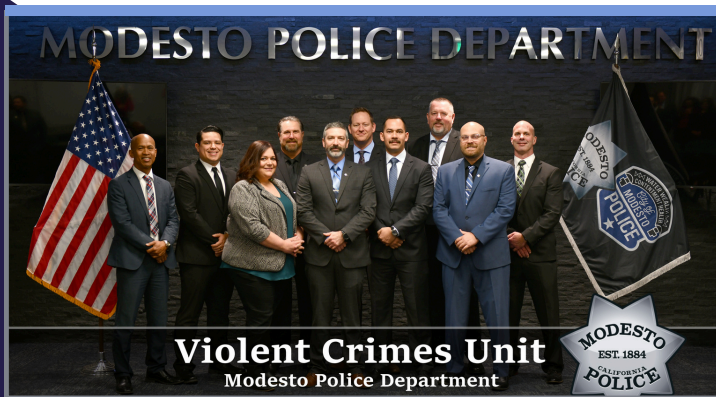
Officer Christian Guerra
Sergeant Orrin Nelson

Cynthia Fuzie Civilian Employee of the Year Award

Jeremy “Jake” Dayton

Meritorious Service Award

Detective Greg Booza
Detective Michael Rokaitis



Division Commanders Unit Citation

Violent Crimes Unit

Sergeant Sean Martin
Detective Randall Bolinger
Detective Gregory Booza
Detective Aaron Caldera
Detective Josh Grant
Detective Joshua Lawrence
Detective Ra Pouv
Detective Douglas Ridenour Jr.
Reserve Officer Mark Homa
Analyst Nicole Stone
Analyst Chylo Williams
Police Civilian Investigator Bonn Panyanouvong

Distinguished Service Medal

Police Civilian Supervisor - Carol Castillo
Detective Josh Lawrence
Detective Randy Bolinger
Officer Jorge Cabrera
Officer Cameron Greener

Critical Incident Award

Officer Raihil Sharma

Stolen Vehicle Award

Officer Justin Beverson
Officer Kyle Seese
Officer Tyler Eppler

DUI Award

Officer Ivan Salamanca
Officer Nicholas Haro
Officer Elias McKnight
Officer Jesus Padilla

Police Leadership Award

Detective Sean Dodge



NEW HIRES



As we reflect on the past year, the Modesto Police Department is proud to announce significant growth within our agency. In 2023, we welcomed 44 new dedicated individuals to our team, including Police Officers, Support Specialists, Community Service Officers, Police Cadets, Park Rangers, Animal Control Officers, Property and Evidence Technicians, Civilian Investigators, and Police Recruits. Each new hire brings a unique set of skills and experiences that contribute to the strength and diversity of our department.

In addition to the new hires, we were pleased to see the return of valued employees to our agency. Their rejoining of the team demonstrates a commitment to our mission and a belief in the work we do to serve and protect the community of Modesto. With the support of our elected officials, City Leadership, and, most importantly, our community, we continue to expand our capabilities and enhance our ability to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.



Career Opportunities



The Modesto Police Department is continuously seeking motivated and professional individuals to join our department. We offer a wide range of career opportunities, including lateral transfers, Academy Recruits, Community Service Officers, Police Support Specialists, Police Park Rangers and Outreach Specialists.

Our department upholds high standards of professionalism and is dedicated to recruiting candidates who embody these qualities. We provide awesome hiring incentives, specifically tailored for veterans, lateral officers, Police Trainees, Police Recruits, Community Service Officers, Police Support Specialists and Animal Control Officers, to attract top talent to our team, along with great benefits and advancement opportunities.

We are actively searching for qualified individuals who are ready to embrace the challenge of working for one of Northern California's premier law enforcement agencies. If you are looking for the opportunity to truly make a difference in our community, please contact the MPD Recruitment Team at 209-572-9523 or email us at MPDRecruitment@modestopd.com. We look forward to hearing from you and discussing the exciting career opportunities that await you at the Modesto Police Department.

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