# RED BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence.

Sir Robert Peel

### Message from the Chief

A once-in-a-century pandemic coupled with extraordinary staffing challenges provided the backdrop for 2021. Our department's resiliency was consistently tested as we adapted to the countless guidelines, executive orders, and staffing shortages that accompanied the pandemic. If 2021 proved anything, the men and women who represent the City of Red Bluff Police Department were ready to take on the challenge. These men and women are dedicated public servants who take great pride in serving our community everyday with honor, professionalism, and integrity.

On behalf of the members of the Red Bluff Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2021 annual report. In addition to offering a glimpse into some of the fine work performed by Department personnel, this report provides an overview of Police Department activity during 2021. It also includes local crime data and information regarding the various units within the Department.

As mentioned above, the police department was fraught with staffing challenges throughout the year, some due to Covid-related quarantines while other shortages were the result of vacant positions and multiple officers out with work related injuries. In fact, at one point during the year, our sworn staff was short 11 of the 26 allocated positions for one reason or another; a whopping unavailability rate of 42%. This meant many of our members had to work excessive hours and forgo well-deserved vacation time. Despite such challenges, our members worked diligently to respond to the needs of our community.

The employees of the police department handled 34,982 incidents during 2021, a 7.2% increase over the previous year's total of 32,633. For the second year in a row, our total Part 1 Crimes saw a notable reduction with 996 such crimes, a 14% decrease compared to 2020's total (1163). While some crime categories realized notable reductions, others, such as arson, had significant increases. In fact, with 38 total arsons in 2021 (a 27% increase over 2020), it was by far the highest number ever recorded in our City. This increase of arsons led to investigative partnerships with the Red Bluff Fire Department and several convictions of those responsible for the fires.

In addition to the statistical data mentioned above, while reviewing this report you are likely to note a variety of images reflecting our ongoing community involvement and connection. True public safety requires considerable and consistent collaboration between law enforcement and the community we serve. Our hope is through these ongoing efforts we will continue working together to reduce crime and to make Red Bluff a great City to live, to work, and to play.

I want to encourage you to explore the entirety of this report as I believe it will lead you to conclude that we have some of the very finest sworn and civilian staff in law enforcement today; men and women who serve our community with pride and integrity every single day.

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# **Our Motto**

Service with Integrity

# **Our Mission**

We, the members of the Red Bluff Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods throughout the city.



# **Our Team Vision**

We are committed to integrity, trust, and respect through teamwork and accountability in support of our mission.

# **Our Values**

#### **Integrity:**

Above reproach. Recognize and maintain the highest ethical standards.

#### **Commitment:**

Resolve to support the department mission and each other.

#### Courage:

Having the inner strength to do the right thing in the face of adversity,

irrespective of the consequences.

#### **Communication:**

Honest, respectful, and understood communication delivered in a timely manner.

### Loyalty:

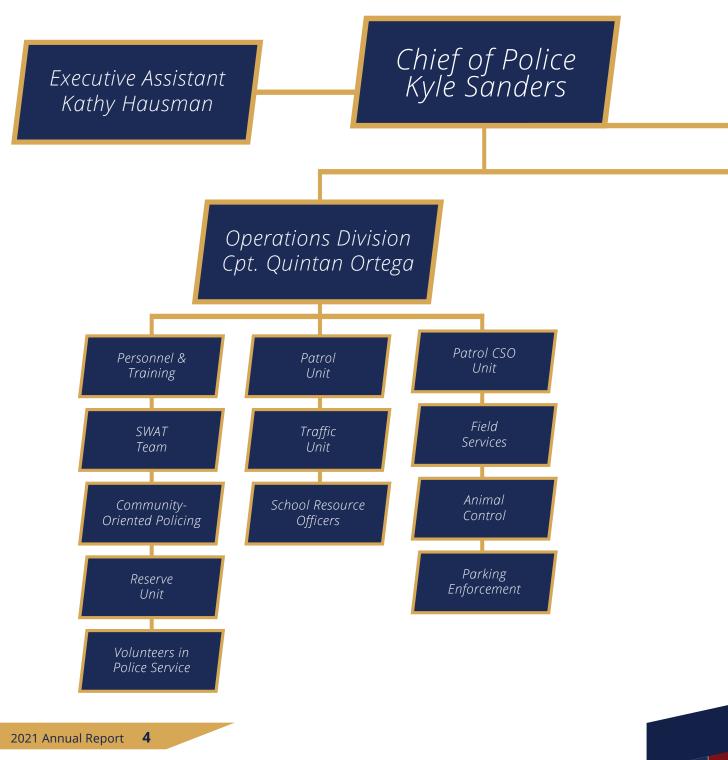
Always following department philosophy.

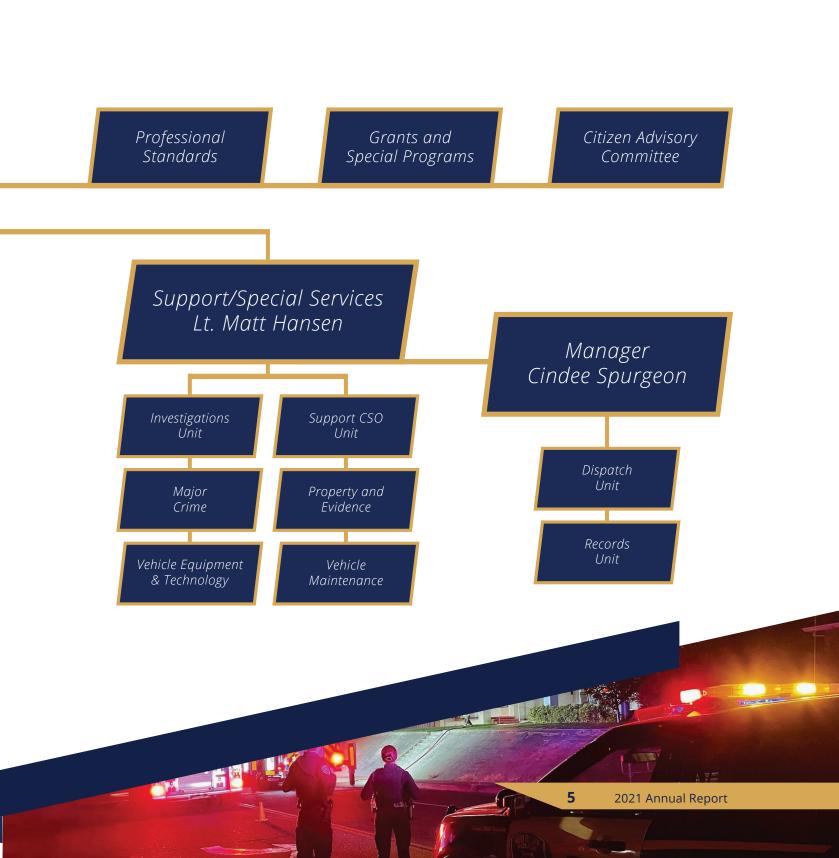
#### **Empower:**

Enabling team members to make decisions, to have input over their

work, and openly share suggestions and ideas







## **Department Statistics**

Crime Counts by Offense	2020	2021	Change
Homicide	1	2	100%
Rape	22	19	-14%
Robbery	20	26	30%
Assault - Simple	378	239	-37%
Assault - Aggravated	80	78	-3%
Burglary	112	137	22%
Larceny	440	351	-20%
Motor Vehicle Theft	80	106	33%
Arson	30	38	27%
Total	1,163	996	-14%

Arrests	2020	2021	Change	Parking Citations	2020	2021	Change
Adults	1,143	1,173	3%	Registration	43	131	205%
Juveniles	62	65	5%	Other	27	32	9%
Total	1,205	1,238	3%	Total	70	163	133%

Domestic Violence	2020	2021	Change	Written Reports	2020	2021	Change
Calls	158	288	82%	Original	3,348	3,861	15%
Arrests	71	76	7%	Supplemental	2,432	2,601	7%





Citations/Arrests	2020	2021	Change
DUI (Drunk Driving)	63	94	49%
Hit and Run	29	55	90%
Speeding	24	32	33%
Reckless Driving	2	7	250%
Stop Sign	17	36	112%
Traffic Light	19	12	-37%
Failure to Yield	5	7	40%
Turning Movement	4	5	25%
Wireless Device	15	77	413%
Misc. Moving Violation	8	36	350%
Non-Moving Violations	0	0	N/A
4000(a) VC	56	204	264%
Safety Belt	3	7	133%
License Violation	105	180	71%
Equipment VIolation	20	51	155%
Bicycle Violation	8	0	-100%
Child Safety Seat	1	1	N/A
Total	379	804	112%
Total Traffic/Criminal	1,132	1,444	28%

Traffic Collisions	2020	2021	Change
Fatal	2	1	-50%
Injury	58	72	24%
Property Damage Only	98	135	38%
Total	158	208	51%

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# **Operations Division**

The Operations Division is comprised of Sergeants, Corporals, Officers, and Community Service Officers (CSO) whose primary function is to deliver initial police services to the community.

These uniformed personnel provide response to calls for service as well as the initial response to an emergency 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Other personnel within the Operations Division include two full-time School Resource Officers (SRO) and one traffic officer, when available. The Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) also fall within the Operations Division. Programs associated with this division not previously mentioned include K-9, COPPS, Field Training, Special Events, Professional Development, SWAT, and G.R.E.A.T.

The Operations Division accounts for most of the department's measurable workload and is the most visible in the community as they are usually the primary contact for persons seeking police services. All personnel within the Operations Division worked persistently throughout 2021 to address another year filled with challenges. These men and women routinely made sacrifices for the betterment of the Department and to improve the quality of life within the City of Red Bluff.

### K-9 Unit

K-9 Many (top right) retired this year after 9.5 years of service with the Red Bluff Police Department. Many has been working with Sergeant Michael Brown since 2011. K-9 Aries (bottom right) has been partnered with Sergeant Kevin Bowen since late 2019, though has been part of the department since 2016.

K-9 Teams undergo 16 hours of training each month, in addition to annual P.O.S.T certifications. Our K-9 teams are assigned to patrol and assist in a variety of ways. K-9s are trained for narcotics detections, apprehension, and evidence searches.

Due to K-9 Many retiring, the Red Bluff Police Department went to the community for support in raising funds for our next K-9. In a short time, the community came together and donated enough funds to purchase the K-9 and a new patrol vehicle for the K-9 teams. Officer Lampron has been selected to be the next K-9 handler and is expected to receive his new partner and begin training in 2022.



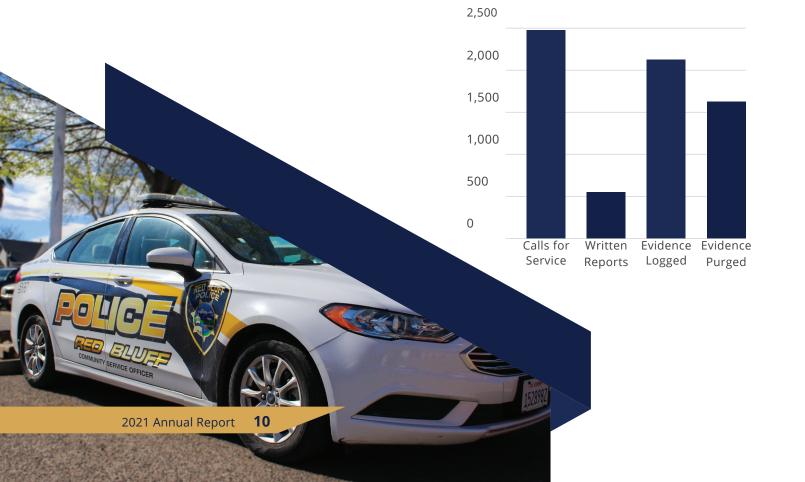
## **Community Service Officers**

The Community Service Officer (CSO) Unit is committed to supporting the mission of the Red Bluff Police Department.

Operationally, the non-sworn CSO Unit is divided into two sections: a patrol unit which is overseen by the Operations Division Commander, and the support unit overseen by the Support/Special Services Commander.

Patrol CSOs are responsible for taking "after-the-fact" reports and incidents where a suspect is not on-scene. Patrol CSOs also respond to minor traffic collisions, conduct their own follow-up investigations, and prepare their own reports. The contributions of the patrol CSO cannot be overstated, as many of the cases and reports they handle would otherwise be assigned to a sworn officer.

Support/Special Services CSOs are tasked with other essential duties necessary to the daily functions of the police department. Some of these duties include animal control, city-wide parking enforcement, and fleet vehicle maintenance. Additionally, one full-time CSO is assigned to the department's Property and Evidence Unit.



### **VIPS:** Volunteers in Police Service

The Red Bluff Police Department volunteers (VIPS) helped the community in many ways during 2021, donating more than 450 hours of service. In total, volunteers have contributed 9,864 hours of service since 2013 when the program was first created.

VIPS contributed in a number of key ways. Below is a brief list of only a few of the tasks completed by our volunteers during 2021.

### Achievements

- Graffiti Abatement
- Parade Details
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Crime Scene Containment
- Property and Evidence

- Records
- Parking Enforcement
- Community Patrol
- Traffic Control

### **Current Roster**

- Felicia Gould
- Clay Parker
- Tim Weatherson
- Polly Poerink

- Kim Ochoa
- Lilly Parker
- Maureen Greer

## School Resource Officers and the G.R.E.A.T. Program

During the 2021 school year, Officer Lela Rosas served as the Red Bluff High School Resource Officer. While in her roles as the School Resource Officer, she has participated in scheduled school events, and initiated bridging relationships with students, school staff, and the community.

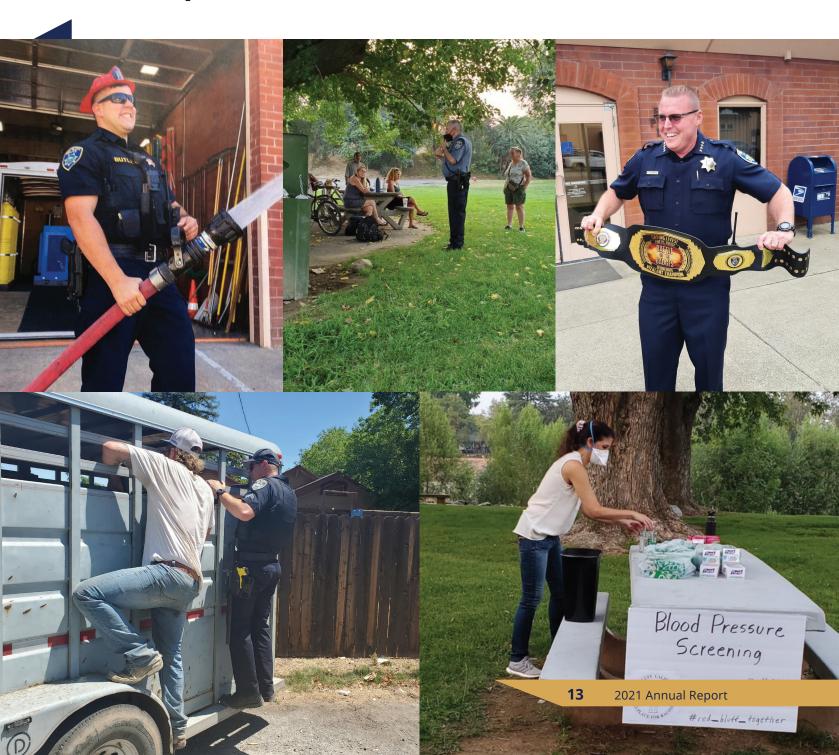
SRO Rosas partnered with Empower Tehama to create a filmed presentation on human trafficking, *Tricks of a Traf-ficker: Warning Signs for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children*, and the importance of parent involvement. This recorded presentation was later released on YouTube for broad audience education.

SRO Rosas has worked with the Red Bluff High School administration and Tehama County Juvenile Probation to continue coordinating juvenile diversions, such as RBHS's Restorative Justice Program and Juvenile Peer Court. These diversions offer our juveniles with the opportunity to accept responsibility, correct their actions, and learn healthy and appropriate behaviors, as well as conflict resolution. SRO Rosas has worked hand-in-hand with Tehama County's Project RESTORE to provide additional supports and services to juveniles such as individual therapy, access to mental health, substance use recovery, anger management services, and one-on-one-mentorship.

While performing her duties as the School Resource Officer, Officer Rosas participated in the Tehama County Department of Education's Career Day. This provided students with knowledge about career opportunities and benefits offered by the Red Bluff Police Department, and created positive and encouraging contact with SRO Rosas.

In addition to providing services to Red Bluff High School, SRO Rosas also provided support to Vista Preparatory School and the schools within the Red Bluff Elementary School District. SRO Coker and SRO Rosas worked together to maintain and develop positive relationships and diversion for middle and elementary school youth.

## Community Involvement and Special Events





## New Assignments, Hires, and Departures

New Employees	Month	Position
Jarrett Butler	February	Police Officer
Jase Northup	April	Police Officer
Jeffrey Mayberry	April	Police Officer
Kathy Hausman	April	Executive Assistant
Sue Leitem	May	Community Service Officer
Zack DeRego	May	Dispatcher
Makyla Alarid	July	Police Officer
Dean Yingst	August	Community Service Officer
Nancy Mojica	November	Records Specialist
Promotions	Month	Position
Nate Benton	March	Corporal
Cameron Ortega	December	Police Officer
Stephen Harper	December	Sergeant
Departures	Month	Status
Exec. Asst. Farrah Morris	February	Resigned
Officer Cameron Zerbel	March	Released
Officer Ronald Johnson	March	Resigned (Redding PD)
CSO Russ Tyndall	May	Retired
Officer Heidi Curtis	May	Medically Retired
CSO Abbie Fambrough	June	Resigned
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Records Specialist Jessica Agius	September	Resigned (Redding Fire)
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# Support and Special Services Division

In addition to participating in major case investigations, Lt. Matt Hansen is responsible for managing the Support Services Division, consisting of DIspatch, Property and Evidence, Fleet Operations, Grants, concealed weapons licensing, and other logistical needs of the Red Bluff Police Department.

In 2021, the Red Bluff Police detectives investigated:

- 44 Runaway Juveniles
- 15 Child Sex Crimes
- 1 Arson
- 1 Child Abuse
- 1 Attempted Kidnapping
- 1 Attempted Homicide
- 18 Missing Persons
- 7 Adult Sex Crimes
- 5 Child Pornography
- 5 Assaults with a Deadly Weapon
- 2 Robberies
- 2 Homicides

## Investigations

Since early 2020, the Red Bluff Police Detective Unit was only staffed by full-time detective Sean Baxter and reserve detective Rich Davidson. As staffing improved, in October 2021, Sgt. Michael Brown was transferred to the unit. Reserve Community Service Officer Russ Tyndall was also added to the unit, assigned to investigate missing persons, after retiring as a full-time employee.

Detective Sergeant Brown's collateral duties include RBPD drone pilot/team leader, chemical weapons instructor, impact weapons instructor, K9 training officer, and defensive tactics supervisor.

Detective Baxter serves as the Assistant Team Leader on the Tehama County Interagency SWAT Team, Department Armorer, and Firearms Instructor. Reserve CSO Russ Tyndall serves as a crime scene investigator, media production specialist, and drone pilot.

Some notable cases in 2021 include:

#### 21-436

37-year-old Red Bluff Resident, Ray Cain, was arrested for torturing and killing a 62-year-old neighbor. Cain was arrested by Red Bluff Police after fleeing from police, while dragging the victim down the street behind his motorcycle.

#### 21-1112

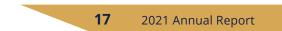
A 15-year-old Red Bluff juvenile was identified in the shooting of a 32-year-old homeless man and for armed robbery in the city. The firearm the juvenile was found in possession of was a "ghost gun," manufactured by the juvenile.

#### 21-1307

40-year-old Red Bluff resident, Troy Zimmerman, was identified and arrested for killing his neighbor with a baseball bat whom he suspected of stealing from him.

#### 21-1697

Red Bluff Police Detectives worked cooperatively with detectives from Florida and Oregon to arrest 24-year-old Eduardo Martinez for possession of child pornography and child molestation. Martinez was extradicted to Florida to face charges.



## **Communications Center**

The Red Bluff Police Department's Communications Center consists of seven dispatchers, two reserve dispatchers, and a Manager.

The center is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. There are usually one or two dispatchers on duty at any time.

The dispatchers' primary responsibilities include answering emergency and non-emergency phone lines, keeping track of all on-duty personnel, and monitoring the department's primary radio channel and allied agency radio channels.

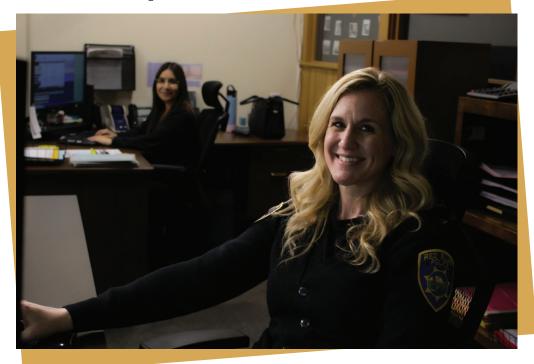
Dispatchers use a Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to input calls for service and keep track of all units. They prioritize these calls for service quickly and efficiently, and then dispatch the appropriate units. For these reasons, the Communications Center is considered the hub of the department.

During 2021, the Red Bluff Police Department dispatchers also assisted the Tehama County Sheriff's Office by taking over their overnight responsibilities when staffing levels were unsufficient to cover their center at all hours of the day. The added duties to our dispatchers included tracking their on-duty personnel, answering their emergency phone calls, and monitoring their primary radio channel. Our dispatchers provided this service each night between July and October, adding to the number of incoming calls to our center.

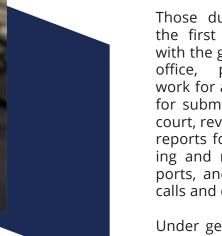
Calls by Type	2020	2021
Incoming	45,086	47,834
Outgoing	12,160	13,534
Total	57,256	61,368
Total 911 Calls	11,213	12,692
% of 911 Calls Answered in 0-10 Seconds	98%	97%



### **Records Specialists**



The job duties of a Records Specialist at the Red Bluff Police Department are varied, but vital for the department to function.



Those duties include being the first line of interaction with the general public in the office, processing paperwork for all arrested persons for submission to the DA or court, reviewing citations and reports for accuracy, preparing and releasing police reports, and answering phone calls and counter inquiries.

Registration Type	2020	2021	Change
Arson	7	6	-14%
Gang	0	0	N/A
Sex	345	308	-11%
Total	361	314	-13%

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Under general supervision, records specialists maintain police records and provide information and assistance to department personnel, allied agencies, and the general public.

### **Department Personnel**



Chief Kyle Sanders



Captain Quintan Ortega



Lieutenant Matt Hansen







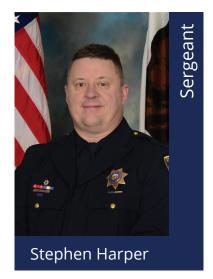








Kevin Bowen



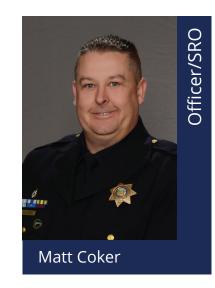




























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Charles Lampron





Hunter Davidson



Jarrett Butler







Makyla Alarid













Dean Yingst









 Bessica Agius









Amber Dulle



**Quenton Mullins** 





Zack DeRego





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#### Not Pictured:

- Heather Vance Reserve Officer
- Joyce Jackson Reserve Dispatcher
- Felicia Gould VIP
- Tim Weatherson VIP
- Maureen Greer VIP
- Dan Jackson Chaplain



## **Award Recipients**

### Officer of the Year

Sergeant Ruben Murgia

### Civilian of the Year

Dispatcher Stephanie Mangum

### Volunteer of the Year

Polly Poerink





#### Letter of Commendation

- CSO Suzette Leitem
- Executive Assistant Kathy Hausman
- Reserve Officer Rich Davidson
- Dispatcher Janee Hoover
- Dispatcher Amber Dulle
- Dispatcher Stephanie Mangum
- Reserve Dispatcher Brittany Bickley

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#### **Good Conduct**

- Captain Quintain Ortega 5th Award
- Sergeant Kevin Busekist 5th Award
- Records Supervisor Cindee Spurgeon 5th Award
- Dispatcher Janee Hoover 5th Award
- Chief Kyle Sanders 4th Award
- Lieutenant Matt Hansen 3rd Award
- Sergeant Kevin Bowen 3rd Award
- Sergeant Ruben Murgia 2nd Award
- Officer Colin Dahlberg 2nd Award
- Dispatcher Quenton Mullins 2nd Award
- Reserve Dispatcher Brittany Bickley 2nd Award
- Reserve Officer Rich Davidson 1st Award
- VIP Clay Parker 3rd Award
- VIP Lilly Parker 3rd Award
- VIP Tim Weatherson 3rd Award
- VIP Felicia Gould 3rd Award
- Chaplain Dan Jackson 3rd Award

#### FTO Ribbon

- Corporal Nate Benton
- Officer Colin Dahlberg

#### Longevity

- Chief Kyle Sanders 25 Years
- Dispatcher Janee Hoover 15 Years
- Corporal Jerold Gallegos 5 Years

#### Range

- Det. Sean Baxter Expert (retained)
- Sgt. Michael Brown Expert
- Sgt. Ruben Murgia Master (retained)
- Lt. Matt Hansen Marksman
- Sgt. Stephen Harper Marksman
- Reserve Ofc. Rich Davidson Marksman

#### Honor Guard

Sergeant Darren Holman



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## **Officer David Frank Mobilio**









# PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU SAID, PEOPLE WILL FORGET WHAT YOU DID, BUT PEOPLE WILL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

- Maya Angelou