

2011 Annual Report



Lemoore Police Department

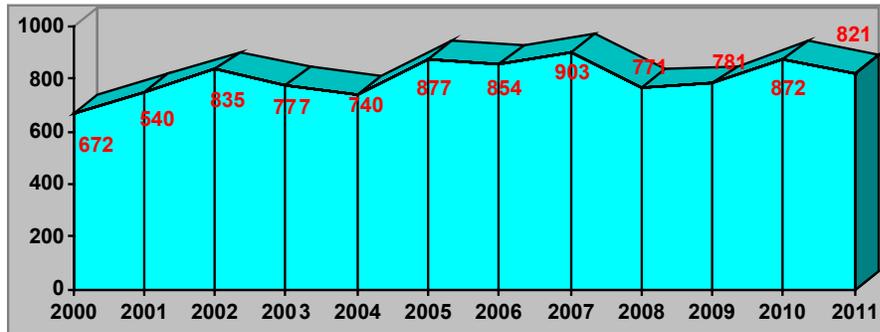
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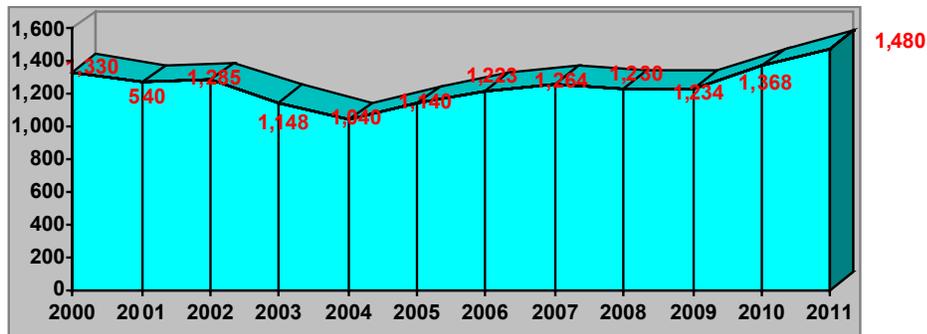
Crime:

Felony crimes decreased from 2010, down **5.84 %** to **821**. Misdemeanor crimes increased, up **8.18 %** with **1,480** misdemeanors being reported. The Police Department responded to **30,984** calls for service in 2011. This represents a **9.61 %** increase in calls for service compared to 2010.

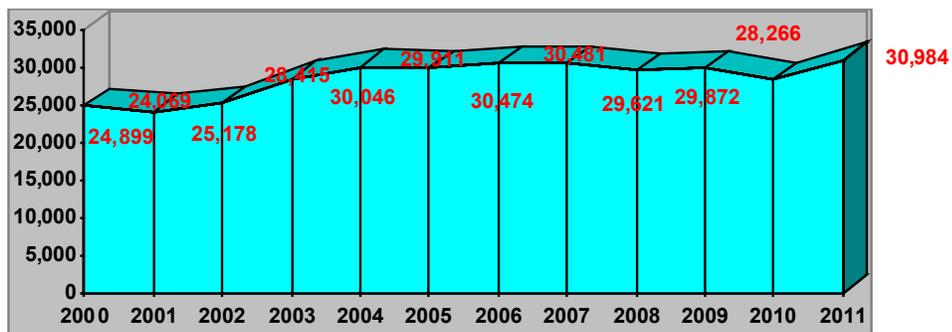
**Felony Calls for Service
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**Misdemeanor Calls for Service
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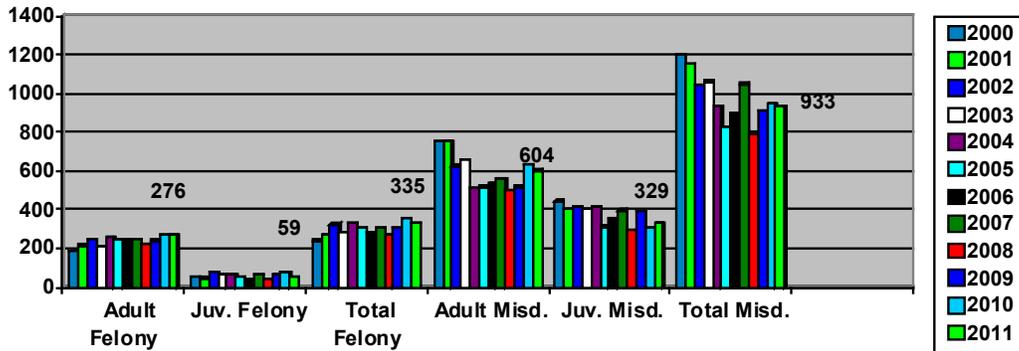


**All Calls for Service
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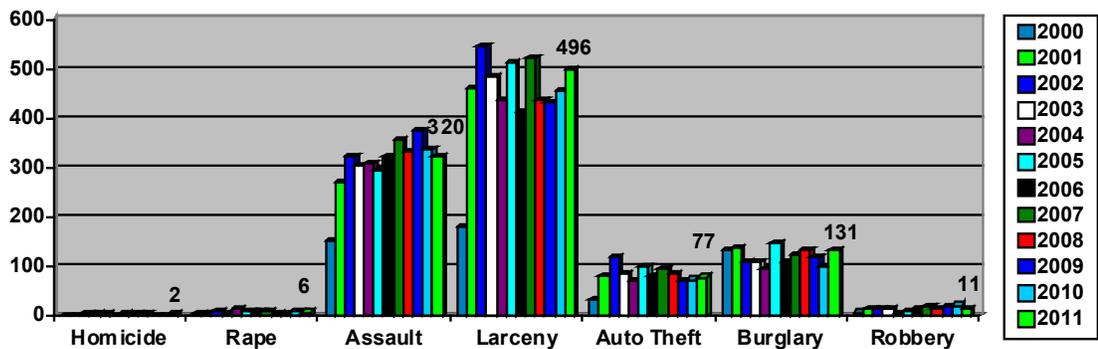
It is significant to note that both felony arrests and misdemeanor arrests decreased. Adult arrests outpaced juvenile arrests **880 to 388**; adults decreased by **2.43 %** and juvenile arrests decreased by **1.52 %**.

Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests Annual Report 2011



The following chart reflects the number of crimes committed, which falls within the Seven Major Crimes Classification as specified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This year, major crimes included 2 homicides, 6 rapes, 11 robberies, 320 assaults, 496 larcenies, 77 auto thefts and 131 burglaries.

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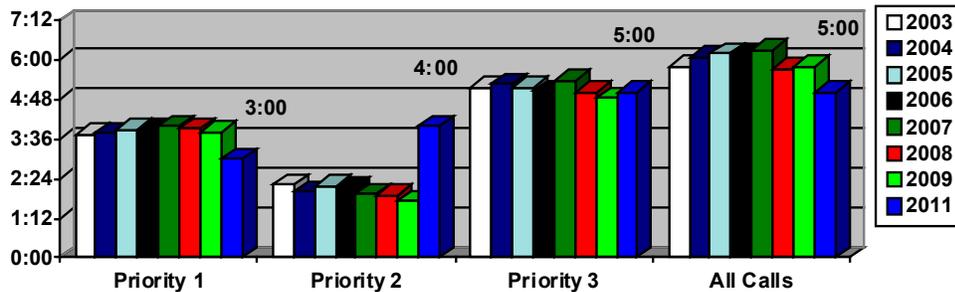


Over \$350,679.00 in stolen property was recovered by officers in 2011. The most common type of stolen property continues to be electronic equipment, jewelry and precious metals. Officers of the Lemoore Police Department recovered 13 stolen vehicles and recovered an additional 8 stolen vehicles inside the City of Lemoore for allied agencies.

Response Time:

This is only 6 months worth of data regarding response times because the department went live with our new records management system on July 1, 2011 and the records management system that we replaced was unable to give us response times.

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Priority 1 Call for Service Immediate Response / Life Threatening Call
Priority 2 Call for Service In Progress Call
Priority 3 Call for Service Quick Response Call

Detectives:

Our Detective Bureau was assigned 420 cases for follow-up investigation and, of these cases, the detectives cleared 382 with a solution rate of 90.00%.

During 2011, there were a number of major crimes which required extensive investigation and consumed a significant amount of time from the investigations division.

In March of 2011, Officers arrested Juan Martel and Adilio Lopez for burglary after officers were dispatched to the 800 Block of Lemoore Ave at the new church construction site. Officers arrested the two (2) suspects and recovered thousands of dollars worth of stolen property.

In April of 2011, Officers arrested Titus Bujdei when he was found attempting to steal 530 gallons of diesel from the Chevron Gas Station on 19 1/2 Avenue in Lemoore. Bujdei was identified as a suspect in other diesel thefts in Kings County. Bujdei was booked in the county jail and is awaiting court proceedings.

In May of 2011 we started a lengthy embezzlement case involving the City of Lemoore Finance Department. During this two month investigation, detectives discovered that two (2)

current City of Lemoore employees had been embezzling public monies. Both employees were arrested and are awaiting court proceedings.

In September of 2011 the Lemoore Police Department was dispatched to Par Drive in Lemoore where they found that two roommates had been in a verbal disturbance. While inside the garage, Chasety Reynolds poured a flammable liquid on her victim and set her on fire. Reynolds was arrested and remains in custody pending her court proceedings.

On September 4, 2011, Officers were dispatched to Chimney way for a report of an attempted murder. While officers were responding, a citizen stopped an officer and pointed out a vehicle that the suspect was driving. Officers stopped the vehicle and took Eric Youngblut into custody. Youngblut has pled guilty to attempted murder and remains in custody.

On September 27, 2011, the Detectives were given an embezzlement case involving a City employee who had taken monies from the G.A.S.E. Union. An investigation was started and an individual was taken into custody for embezzling money from the G.A.S.E. Union. She is out of custody awaiting court.

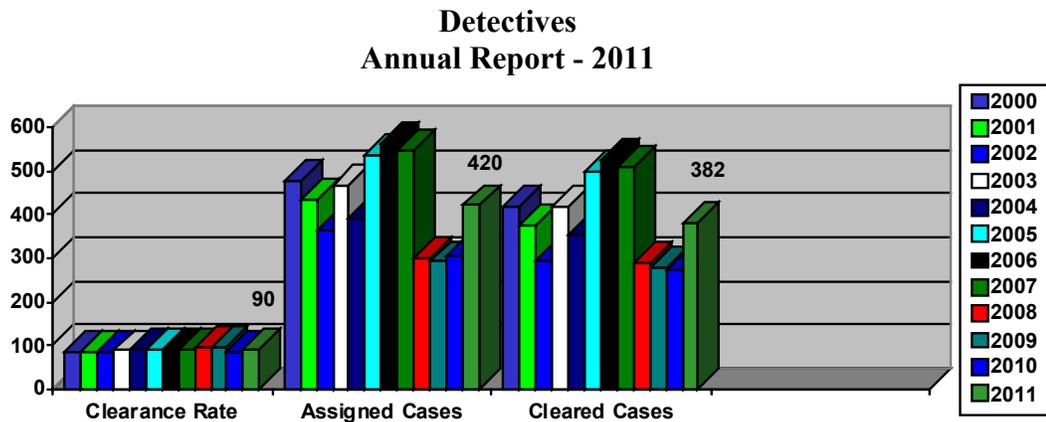
In November of 2011, Lemoore had the first homicide in two years on Meadow Place. Detectives worked this case and obtained a warrant for Santiago Zamora’s arrest for murder. Zamora has been on the run ever since. The Lemoore Police Department contacted the U.S. Marshalls office and they have agreed to help in the search for Zamora.

In December of 2011, Lemoore had the second homicide of the year. Detectives investigated and found that this was a murder / suicide.

One extradition was conducted from Arizona involving a child sex case. The defendant is currently awaiting trial.

Several suicides and suspicious deaths were investigated during the year.

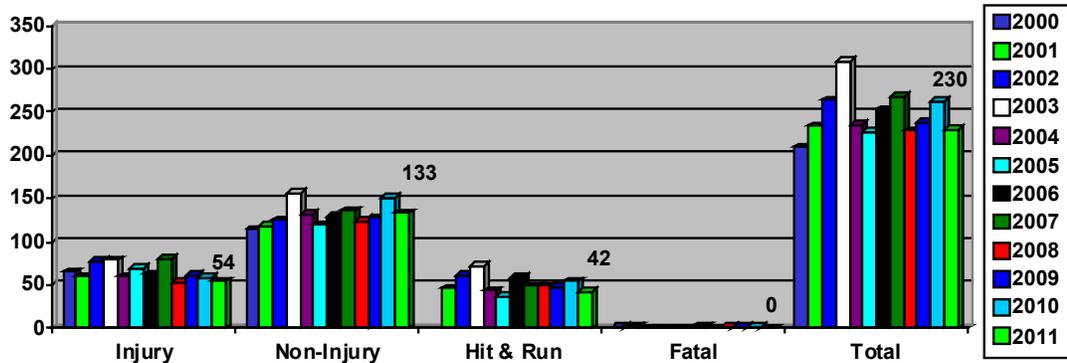
Detectives also investigated six reported rapes and several child abuse cases during the year that lead to several arrests.



Traffic:

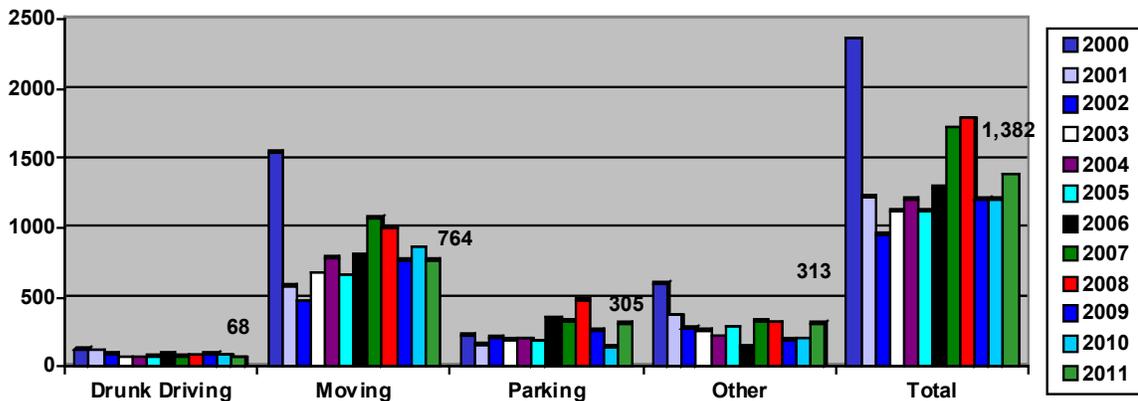
Traffic safety continues to be an area of public concern. Our Department is sensitive to this issue and sets a high priority on responding to concerns and inquiries generated by the public. The Speed Display Boards continue to be one of our most popular tools for promoting traffic safety awareness and are often requested by the public. There were 230 traffic accidents reported in 2011 as compared to 263 in 2010, a 12.54% decrease in accidents. There were 0 fatal accidents in 2011 and we investigated 133 non-injury and 54 injury traffic accidents.

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Officers issued 1,382 traffic related citations in 2011, an increase of 14.78% over 2010. Over 50% of these citations were for moving violations. Lemoore officers made 68 drunk driving arrests, compared to 81 drunk driving arrests in 2010, which is a decrease of 16.04%.

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Narcotics Task Force:

The Police Department dedicates two full-time sworn officers to the Kings County Narcotics Task Force. During 2011, the task force arrested 99 suspects for narcotics violations. This represents a 13.91% decrease in arrests in 2011. The total street value of all illegal controlled substances seized by the Kings County Narcotics Task Force during 2011 was \$12,775,480.00. Total asset forfeiture funds seized during 2011 was \$343,658.59.

This program continues to meet our expectations.

Elementary Youth Development Officer Program:

We continue to be very pleased with the success of our Youth Development Program. This program has been enthusiastically received at the Lemoore Elementary School District.

During 2011, Officer Reynolds and Corporal Ochoa served as the department's Youth Development Officer at Liberty Middle School. They made 57 arrests and conducted 111 investigations. In addition to the above duties, the Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the elementary and middle schools and the Police Department.

Gang Task Force:

The Gang Task Force was originally formed by local law enforcement agencies in November of 1993 to combat increasing gang problems in communities throughout Kings County. The Gang Task Force identified three main objectives for 2011:

1. Maintain a high level of presence and enforcement activities directed at gang activity.
2. Establish and maintain an information system on gang activity and membership.
3. Develop an "At Risk" prevention program.

The Gang Task Force was successful in meeting all three of these goals.

The Gang Task Force continues to have a significant impact on gangs by maintaining a heightened awareness of gang activity, assertively pursuing prosecution in incidents of gang violence and providing alternatives for gang members.

This program continues to exceed expectations and remains effective in keeping the gang problem in Kings County within manageable proportions.

High School Youth Development Officer Program:

We continue to be very pleased with the success of our Youth Development Program. This program has been enthusiastically received at Lemoore High School, Jamison Continuation School and the Lemoore Middle College High School.

During 2011, Senior Officer Lucio and Officer Cooper served as the Department's Youth Development Officer at Lemoore High School. They made 135 arrests and conducted 218 investigations. In addition to the above duties, the Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the schools and the Police Department.

The Youth Development Officer attends the School Attendance Resource Board Meetings, Expulsion hearings, and conducts home visits on truant students.

The Youth Development Officer organizes security for all school events i.e. football games, rallies, parades and graduation. They also participate in the Gang Resistance and Education Program, Sober Grad, and attend field trips.

Community Service / Crime Prevention Program:

Our Community Relations / Crime Prevention Program continues to be a successful program. The Community Service Officer is actively involved in community projects and events. Much of her attention is focused on the Neighborhood Watch Program. The Department has focused on bringing new enthusiasm to the Neighborhood Watch Program as part of our community oriented policing efforts and to combat the rise in burglaries. We have 82 active Neighborhood Watch Groups / Crime Free Multi-Housing Managers. This represents a 5.12% increase as comparable to last year's 78 active Neighborhood Watch Groups. Introduction of the Program to new home development areas coupled with the revitalization of former participating neighborhoods will, without a doubt, improve our overall participation. The monthly Neighborhood Watch Newsletter continues to be a popular item with our Watch Groups and is published by an all-volunteer group.

While Lemoore is not devoid of criminal activity, our Police Department continues to hold the opinion that the quality of life in our community is certainly higher than many surrounding communities and our citizens enjoy an extra margin of safety that might not be experienced in other communities. We take a proactive approach to law enforcement and work as partners with the community in solving crime problems. This is evidenced by such programs as Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Red-Ribbon Week, Explorers, Citizens' Academy and our Volunteers in Policing. The City Council continues to be supportive of crime prevention efforts and this has helped a great deal in our crime reduction efforts.

The Lemoore Citizens' Police Academy started in March of 1997 and gives members of the community a better understanding of the criminal justice system. The Citizens' Academy has been tailored to the philosophy of community policing embraced by members of the Lemoore Police Department. It is our goal to provide two sessions a year of the Citizens' Police Academy.

The purpose of the Lemoore Citizens' Police Academy is to provide responsible citizens with a deeper understanding of how our Police Department operates and to convey the Department mission of community service.

In October of 1997, we started the Volunteers in Policing Program, where graduates of the Citizens' Academy volunteer hours to make patrol checks, to clerical work, work radar, finger printing and other tasks as required. The Volunteers in Policing donated 5,144 hours of volunteer time during 2011 to their community. This brings the total number of hours donated by members of the Volunteers in Policing to 57,858 hours since the start of the program.

This year the Red Ribbon Week celebration was very successful. Activities included various local, county and state presentations and demonstrations for over 2,000 children attending all five local elementary schools. The highlight of the week was the Red Ribbon Week Opening Ceremony held at Lions Park, with participation by over 10 vendors and 1,000 people in attendance.

Other activities that our Community Relations / Crime Prevention Bureau is involved with include:

Child Identification Cards	Crossing Guard Coordination
Red Ribbon Committee	Citizen of the Year Kings County
4th of July Committee	Kings County Fair
National Night Out	Bicycle Registration Program
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	Drug & Safety Presentations at Schools
Police Department Tours	Downtown Merchant Meetings
Christmas Parade Committee	Stranger Danger Classes
Citizens Academy	Neighborhood Watch Block Parties
Presents on Patrol	

This program continues to be a vital part of our law enforcement efforts within the community.

Police Explorer Program:

The Lemoore Police Explorer POST #1097 was started in May of 1997 to develop the youth within our community. The overall mission of this program is the development of a mature, logical mind in a healthy body. We hope to train young people who will remain calm and rational in any situation. Through membership with the Post, each member will be given the opportunity to exhibit his/her solution to particular problems involving multi-question situations, command decisions, movement of the Post and many other instances requiring quick, logical thought.

The Lemoore Police Explorer POST had 6 youth participating during 2011.

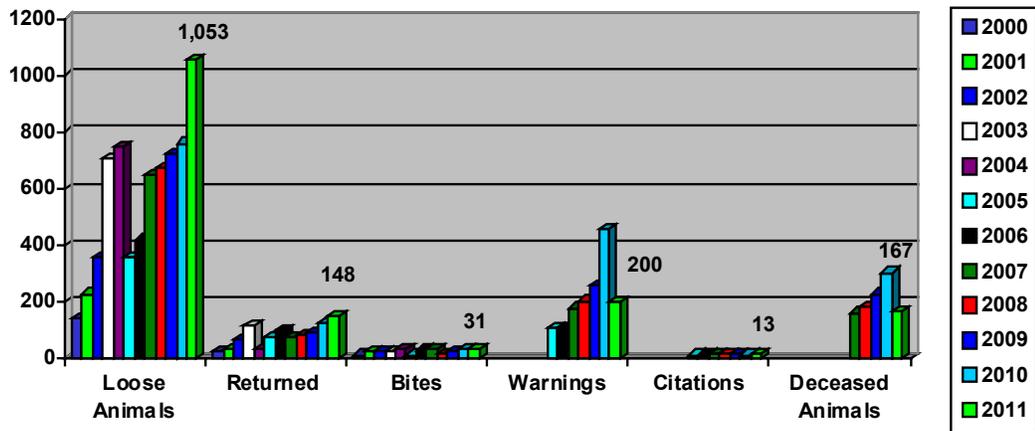
Chaplain's Program:

Our Police Department is pleased to offer officers, staff, and the citizens of Lemoore the services of our chaplains, Pastor Gene Pensiero of Calvary Chapel in Hanford, Father Richard Smith of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Laton, and Chaplain Joshua Rees of Calvary Chapel in Hanford. The chaplains and officers can make an important difference in the lives of persons touched by tragedy. Entering that saddest of moments is no easier for the chaplain, but he brings the pastoral experience, training and skills that can mitigate the effects of tragedy. Our chaplains are volunteers who respond to calls, donating their talents to respond to special law enforcement needs. They stand ready to help, console, and support by offering real answers to those facing the toughest times in life.

Animal Control:

We experienced an increase in Animal Control calls for service. Our Community Service Officers responded to 1,524 calls. This represents a 0.92 % increase over calls for service in 2010.

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Training:

Lemoore Police Department personnel continue to receive quality training necessary to maintain policing skills and provide the highest level of service to the community. During 2011, personnel received 2,122 hours of training. This training included:

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| Perishable Skills Update | Supervisor Course |
| Active Shooter Response | DEC Investigations |
| ARPOC Conference | K-9 School |
| SEMS/NIMS/ICS Course | DUI Checkpoint Management |
| Sexual Assault | Animal Disease Response Training |
| Basic Traffic Collision | Radar Certification |
| Gang Conference | Emergency Vehicle Operator Course Update |
| Basic Motorcycle Training | Public Records Act |
| Drug Influence Course | Taser Instructor Update |

Interview and Interrogation
Drug Recog. Eval. Course
Child Abuse Course
Baton Instructor Update
Internal Affairs Course
Tactical Cmdr. Course
Harassment Training

School Resource Officer
Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course
E.O.C. Training
Management Course
Pursuit Training
Armorer Certification
Sherman Leadership Institute

Police Reserve Program:

Currently the Lemoore Police Department has two Level 1 officers within the Police Reserve Program. (Level 1 officers are able to function independently without being teamed with a regular officer and Level 2 officers require constant supervision when on duty). The unit is supervised by a Reserve Officer.

The Police Reserve Program volunteered over 665 hours during 2011.

In addition to supplementing the Patrol Division, Reserve Officers also provide police service at Lemoore High School activities, the July 4th activities, carnivals and city parades.

We continue to be very proud of the dedicated officers that make up our Police Reserve Unit.

Motor Unit:



The Lemoore Police Department's Motor Unit was formed in September 1999. The main goals of the program are to reduce fatal and injury collisions through various means, and to increase bicycle helmet, seat belt, and child safety seat compliance.

The motor unit consists of two motorcycle officers using state-of-the-art laser and radar hand-held units to enforce speed laws. They detect and intercept DUI drivers, respond quickly to traffic situations, and concentrate on enforcing the laws prohibiting driving while unlicensed, on a suspended license, or on a revoked license.

The motorcycle officers also actively participate in outreach education to students and civic groups.

K-9 Unit:



Officer Kendall and his dog "Kimo"

The Lemoore Police Department started with its first police service dog in 2006. This police service dogs primary purpose and training is the use of its nose for tracking purposes. The second purpose is to protect the handler or others from assault by attacking the suspect.

The mere presence of police dogs on the street may possibly be their greatest value. The psychological effect is tremendous and their deterrent to crime cannot be measured.

Conclusion:

The Lemoore Police Department continues to work hard to provide the citizens of Lemoore with a safe community to live in. We truly appreciate the support given to us by the Lemoore City Council and the citizens of Lemoore. I believe that the goal of improving our quality of life is best achieved by working through many community partnerships.