

A gold police badge with a central seal. The seal features a landscape with a sun, mountains, and a bay, surrounded by the text "GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA". The badge has "POLICE OFFICER" at the top, "LEMOORE" in the middle, and "POLICE" at the bottom.

Lemoore Police Department

Annual Report
2013

Lemoore Police Department
Chief of Police
Darrell Smith

Chiefs Message

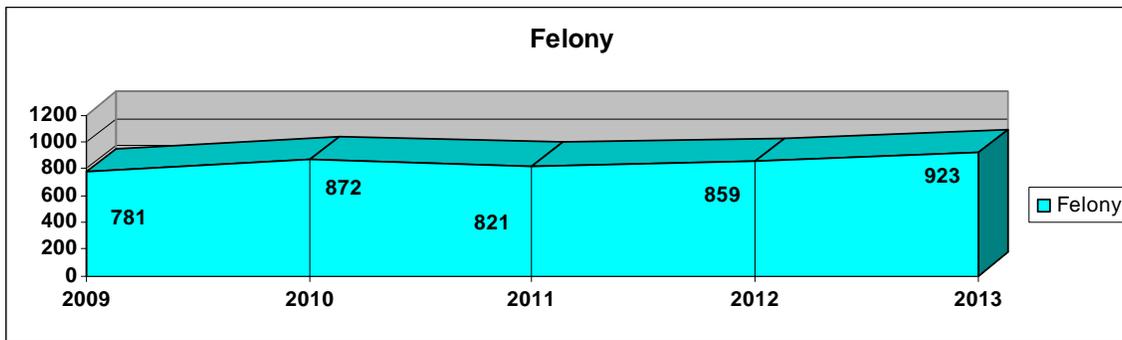
The Lemoore Police Department is pleased to present our Annual Report for calendar year 2013. The purpose of the Annual Report is to highlight the Department's significant achievements in serving our community and to present information and crime statistics in order to keep our community members informed and involved. The active partnership of our residents and businesses is critical to our mission and to the safety of our community. By sharing this information we hope to strengthen these partnerships and identify ways to continually improve our service.

Lemoore Police Department Mission Statement: The Men and Women of the Lemoore Police Department are dedicated to preserving the peace of our City through proactive problem solving and community partnerships.

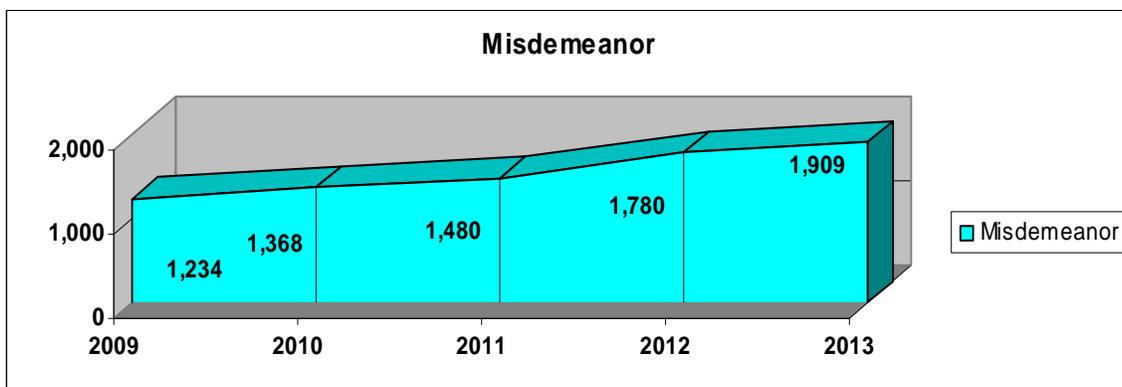
Crime

Felony crimes increased from 2012, up 7.45% to 923. Misdemeanor crimes increased up, 7.25% with 1909 misdemeanors reported.

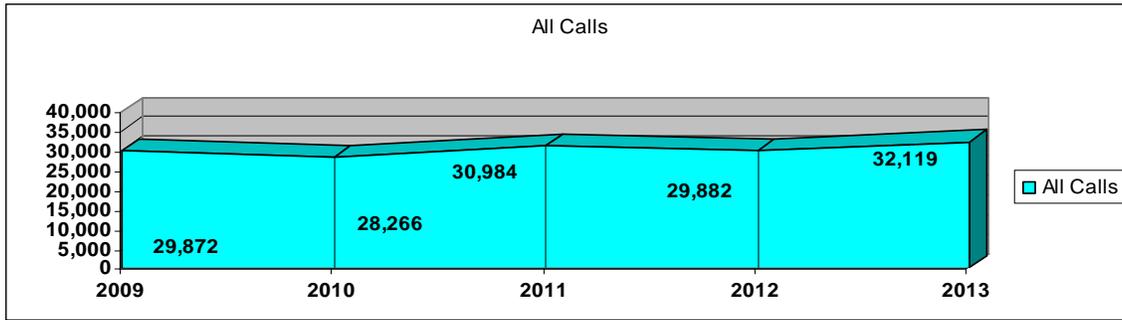
The police department responded to 32,119 calls for service in 2013. This results in an increase of 7.49%.



Misdemeanor calls for Service



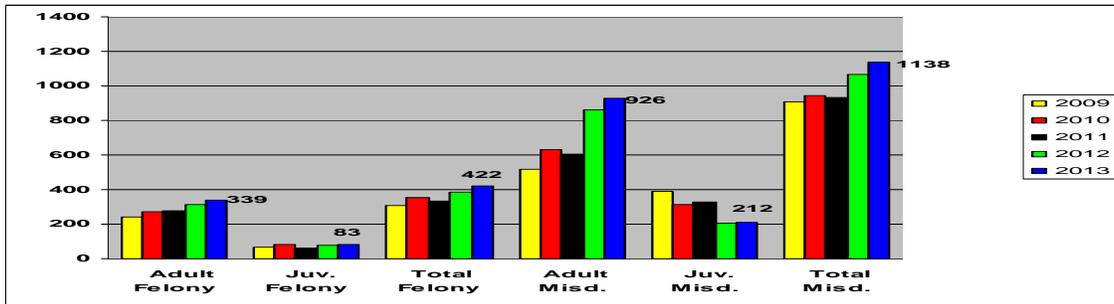
All Calls for Service



Arrests

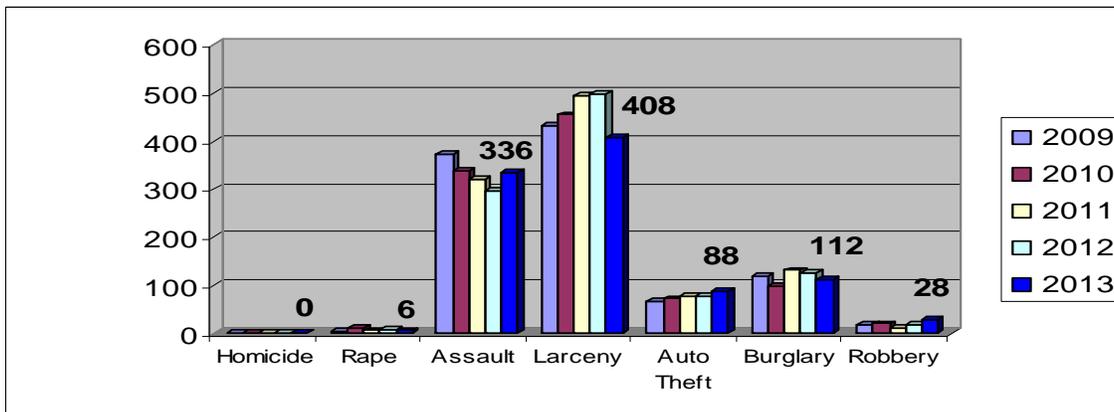
It is significant to note that both felony arrests and misdemeanor arrests increased.

Adult arrests outpaced juvenile arrests 1,265 to 295; adult arrests increased by 16.30% and juvenile arrests increased by 14.59%.



Major Crimes

The following chart reflects the number of crimes committed, which falls within the Seven Major Crimes Classification as specified by the FBI. This year, major crimes included 0 homicides, 6 rapes, 28 robberies, 336 assaults, 408 larcenies, 88 auto thefts and 112 burglaries.

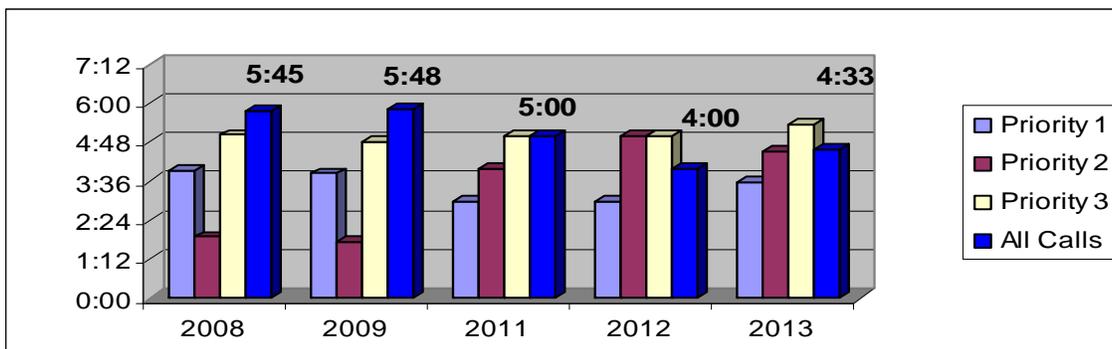


Recovered/Stolen Property

Over \$616,519.00 in stolen property was recovered by officers in 2013. This is an increase of 99.82% over 2012. The most common type of recovered stolen property continues to be electronics, jewelry and precious metals. The Lemoore Police Department recovered 25 stolen vehicles and an additional 14 stolen vehicles inside the City of Lemoore for allied agencies.

Response Times

- Priority 1 Immediate Response/Life Threatening.
- Priority 2 In Progress Call
- Priority 3 Quick Response Call



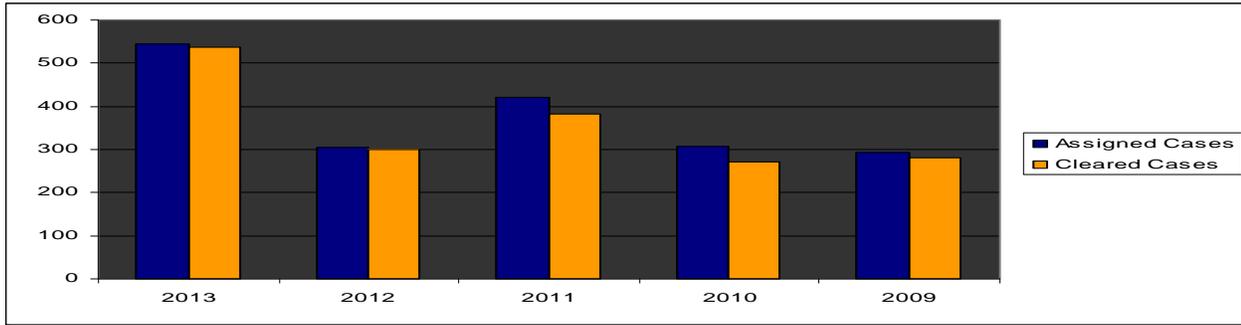
Kings County Narcotic Task Force

The Police Department dedicates one full-time sworn officer to the multi jurisdictional task force. During 2013, the task force arrested 171 suspects for narcotics violations. The total street value of illegal controlled substances seized by the task force during 2013 was \$2,594,004.00. Asset forfeiture seized during 2013 was \$88,278.75. The unit served as co-case agents with Kings County GTF on Operation Red Raider, resulting in 24 arrests, over 25 pounds of methamphetamine seized, hundreds of pounds in marijuana, and seizure of numerous illegal assault rifles.



Detective Unit

Our Detective Bureau was assigned 544 cases for investigation or follow-up and, of these cases; the detectives cleared 537 with a solution rate 98%. During 2013, there were a number of major crimes which required extensive investigation and consumed a significant amount of time from the investigative division.



<u>Number of Cases</u>	544
Cases Cleared -	537
Solution Rate -	98%

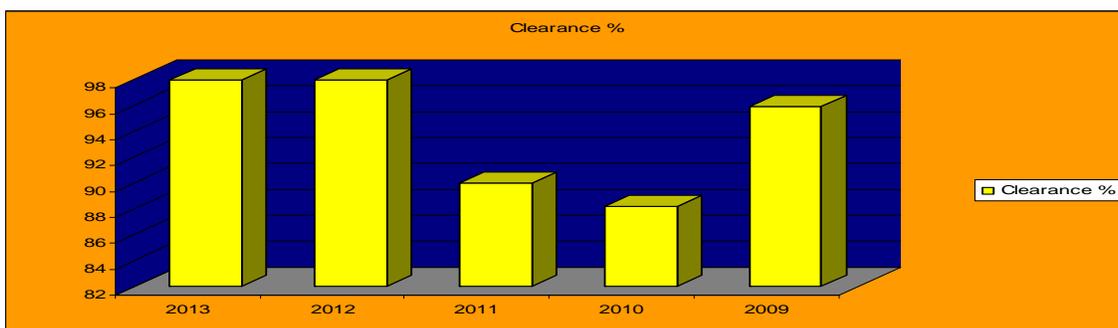
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Investigations -	55
Arrests -	6

Detective Sgt. Gonsalves

Investigations -	62
Arrests -	3

Detective Unit Clearance Rates



Noteworthy Cases 2013

On January 1, 2013, at approximately 1:30 A.M. the Detectives were called out for a subject who was stabbed multiple times while attending a New Years Eve party where numerous gang members were

present. The victim survived the incident and was transported to the Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno. After a lengthy investigation the victim refused to cooperate with law enforcement by not giving a statement or identifying his attackers. This case was suspended.

On March 1, 2013, at approximately 1:00 A.M. the Detectives were called out regarding a subject who sustained a knife wound to the head. The victim survived the assault and was transported to the Community Regional Medical Center in Fresno where the knife was successfully removed from his skull. Detectives were able to obtain surveillance video and obtain statements that positively identified the two assailants. The two assailants were taken into custody with the assistance of the Kings County Gang Task Force and await the court process for their crimes.

On May 16, 2013, at approximately 3:00 P.M. the Detectives assisted Patrol in an armed robbery at Roza's Jewelry. The Lemoore Police Department with the assistance of the Kings County Narcotic Task Force was able to apprehend the suspect several hours after the crime had been committed in an orchard east of town. Almost all jewelry taken in this incident was recovered and returned to the owner. The suspect pled guilty.

On July 28, 2013, at approximately 10:30 P.M. the Detectives were called out regarding the shooting at an inhabited dwelling. One of the three persons inside the residence was struck in the abdomen with a shotgun pellet. The victim survived the injury and was transported to Kaweah Delta Hospital in Visalia. After a lengthy investigation of interviewing neighbors, witnesses and reviewing surveillance videos there is no workable leads. Case open.

On September 14, 2013, at approximately 5:00 P.M. the Lemoore Wells Fargo bank was robbed at gunpoint. The Detectives spent many hours interviewing witnesses, reviewing surveillance videos and working numerous leads. Approximately one week after the robbery, Lemoore PD Detectives received information that a possible suspect in the robbery was arrested by Santa Anna Police Department. The suspect admitted to the Santa Anna Police Department of his involvement in the Lemoore robbery plus, 4 bank robberies in Visalia, 2 robberies in Bakersfield and six in the Santa Anna area. The Lemoore Detectives drove to Santa Anna and interrogated the suspect, who admitted to the crime in great detail. Federal Bureau of Investigation took jurisdiction over the case.

Traffic

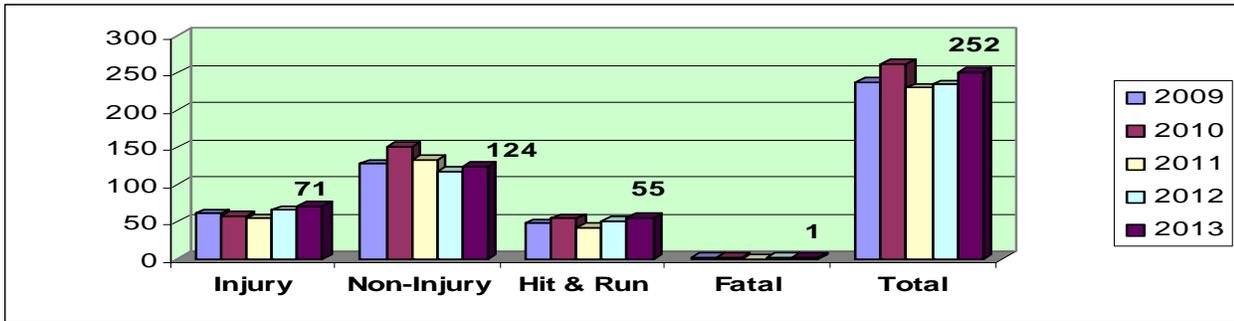
Traffic safety continues to be an area of public concern. Our Department is sensitive to this issue and sets a high priority on responding to concerns and inquiries generated by the public.

The Speed Display Boards continue to be an important tool for promoting traffic safety awareness.

Traffic Accidents

There were 250 traffic accidents reported in 2013 as compared to 235 in 2012, a 7.23% increase in accidents.

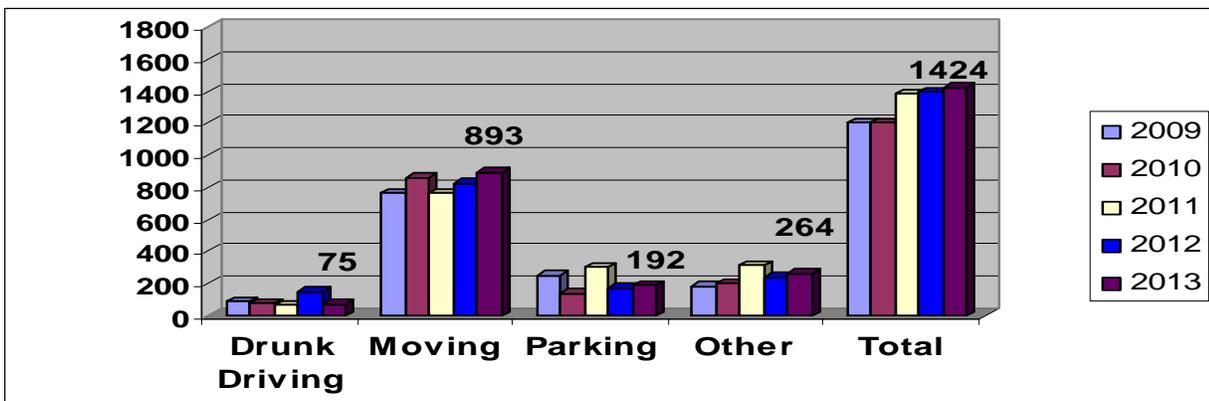
There were 0 fatal accident in 2013 and we investigated 124 non-injury, 71 injury, and 55 hit and run traffic accidents.



Traffic Enforcement

Officers issued 1,424 traffic citations in 2013, an increase of 2.23% over 2012. Moving violations again exceeded 50% of total cites issued. Lemoore officers made 75 Drunk driving arrests.

Citations Issued 2013



Youth Development Program

We continued 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 2013, Officer Wallace served as the departments Youth Development Officer at Liberty Middle School. Officer Wallace made 55 of arrests and conducted 128 investigations. In addition to the above duties, the Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the elementary and middle schools and the Police Department.

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

During 2013, Officer Cooper and Reserve Officer Landrus served as the Departments Youth Development Officer at Lemoore High School. They made 103 arrests and conducted 179 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 the 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.

YDO Cases Overview

Elementary YDO – Wallace

Arrests - 55
Investigations - 128

HS YDO – Cooper

Arrests - 58
Investigations - 101

HS YDO – Landrus

Arrests - 45
Investigations - 78

Community Service/Crime Prevention

Our Community Relations / Crime Prevention Program continue 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 as part of our community oriented policing efforts and to combat the rise in burglaries.

We have 103 active Neighborhood Watch Groups / Crime Free Multi-Housing Managers. This represents a 5.01% increase as comparable to last year’s 98 active Neighborhood Watch Groups.

We continue to take a proactive approach and work as partners with the community in solving crime and disorder issues that affect our quality of life.

Community Based Programs

Neighborhood Watch	National Night Out
Red Ribbon Week	Explorers
Citizen’s Academy	Volunteers in Policing

The Lemoore City Council continues to be supportive of crime prevention efforts which have helped a great deal in our crime reduction efforts.

Volunteers in Policing

The program was implemented in 1997. Graduates of the Citizen Academy volunteer hours to make patrol checks, to do clerical work, work radar, finger printing and other tasks as required.

In calendar year 2013 LPD VIP'S donated 5,683.5 hours of service to the Department and our community. Since its inception in 1997, LPD VIP'S have donated 64,332.5 hours of service.

This years Red Ribbon week was very successful. The event was held in Lions Park, with participation by over 16 vendors and 1,000 people in attendance.

Evidence Technician

Cases 120



Training

The 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 2013, personnel received 1,584 hours of training.

Training Courses Attended 2013

Advanced Gang Investigation
Advanced Impaired Driving
Amber Alert
Arrest and Control
Assertive Supervision
Bath Salts
Build A Box-Computer Forensics

Honor Guard
ICI Core Course
ICI Homicide
Interview and Interrogation
Leadership Training
Legislative Update
Motorcycle Mystery School

CA Gang Investigators Conf.
CA Sexual Assault
CA Sex and Arson Registration
RIMS Conf.
Sex Offender Supervision
SWAT Basic
Taser Instructor
Traffic Collision Investigation-Basic
Traffic Collision Investigation-Intermediate

Patrol Rifle
Perishable Skills
Radar Operator Child Abuse
CLEARS
Computer Digital Evidence
Critical Incident and Response
Drug Influence and Recognition
Field Training Officer
Terrorist Liaison Officer

Motor Unit

Motor Officer Alvaro "Danny" Santos was raised in southern California. When he was four years old his parents gave him a toy motorcycle police officer. He was fascinated with toy and grew up wanting to be a motorcycle police officer. He attended Sylmar High School, College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, and Fresno State University receiving a Bachelor Science degree in Criminology. In 2006 he was hired by City of Lemoore hired as a police officer and in 2008 he was selected to replace Sergeant Matt Gonsalves as a Motor Officer.

Officer Santos is married, with two children. He still has the Police Motorcycle that he received as a gift from his parents. The 27 year old toy has now been passed on to his son and it sits on the dresser of his bedroom. Officer Santos is a critical part of the traffic unit. He believes that the unit is an essential part of the public safety system. It is important because the Motor Officer can focus on traffic issues such as reckless drivers, distracted driving, and infractions. This specialized unit also deals with all of the traffic collisions that occur in the city. This is important because the Motor Officer gets first hand information of where and what kind of violations are being committed. They can focus on the problem and have a direct impact in reducing the number of traffic collisions and increasing the level of safety in the city.

As a result of Officer Santos DUI enforcement efforts he has received the Mother's Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) award for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2013.

Officer Kyle Reynolds was born and raised in a Kings County law enforcement family. His father Lee Reynolds is a retired Kings Co. Commander. Reynolds graduated from Kings Christian in 2002 and from Fresno Pacific University with a degree in Business Administration. He resides in Kings County with his wife and son.

In 2011, Reynolds replaced Sergeant Mundy as a Motors Officer in the Traffic Division. Noticing that the number of collisions increase when there is a decrease in traffic enforcement, Reynolds focuses on violations that contribute to accidents such as unsafe speed, distracted driving, failure to yield to pedestrians, and unsafe turning movements. The more visible and active the traffic unit is, the safer the roads are for drivers.

Police Reserve Unit

The Lemoore Police Department Reserve Unit was established to supplement and assist regular, sworn police officers in their duties. This unit provides professional, sworn volunteer reserve officers who can

augment regular staffing levels. The LPD Reserve Program can also be a stepping stone into a regular full time police officer position.

Reserve officers assist regular officers in the enforcement of laws and in maintaining peace and order within the community. Assignments of reserve officers will usually be to augment the Operations Division. Reserve officers may be assigned to other areas within the Department as needed. Reserve officers are required to work a minimum of 16 hours per month.

Currently the Lemoore Police Department has two Level 1 Reserve Police Officers. During the past year the officers volunteered over 200 hours of time. Their time included augmenting patrol, assisting the evidence technician with property room maintenance while he was on vacation and assisted in purging over property from over 800 cases. The Reserve Officers have been called out to assist in the investigation of major traffic collisions, and assist the investigations division as well.

One of the Officers has been placed on contract and is working patrol. This officer was assigned as the Lemoore High School Youth Development Officer for the time period of August thru November of 2013. During this time he insured the safety of the campus and was responsible for all law enforcement issues that occurred. The unit is supervised by a Lemoore Police Department Sergeant.



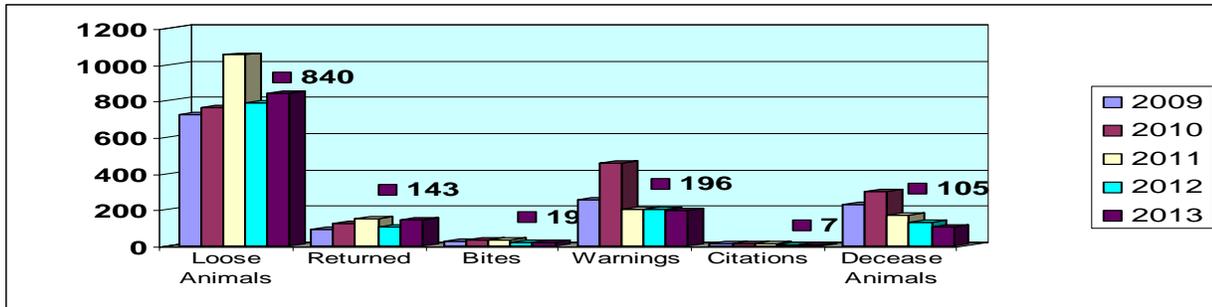
Police Explorer Program

Lemoore Police Explorer Post #1097 is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old with an interest in learning more about the careers in the field of Law Enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities.

Lemoore Police Department combines classroom and practice training with Ride-Alongs in police vehicles and Community Policing. Explorers develop leadership skills, respect for police officers and other explorers, new personal skills, and learn Law Enforcement Protocols. In 2013 Lemoore Police Explorers had an opportunity to participate in Kings-Tulare Police Academy Explorer Day, Officers active shooter training, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Lemoore Christmas Parade, and Presents on Patrol. The Lemoore Police Explorer Post had 13 youth participating during 2013.

Animal Control

We again experienced a slight increase in Animal Control calls for service. Our Community Service Officers responded to 1310 calls for service in 2013, compared to 1251 for 2012.



Chaplain's Program

In January 1996 Chief Bob Carden started the Lemoore Police Chaplains program with the help of Pastor Buck Dikes (Lemoore Assembly of God) and Pastor Gene Pensiero (Calvary Chapel of Hanford). These volunteers began providing 24/7 chaplaincy services to 25 officers, civilian employees, and family members of the Lemoore Police Department.

Our Chaplains have:

- Responded to unattended deaths
- Delivered death notification
- Responded to house and apartment fires
- Helped with coordinating Red Cross services
- Visited sick and injured officers and their family members
- Counseled and made referrals
- Helped with end-of-life care and decisions
- Helped arrange assistance for those terminally ill
- Supported the survivors of officers killed in the line of duty
- Officiated over police wakes and funerals
- Hosted official functions, e.g. the Annual Volunteers Banquet
- Given the invocation at various official events

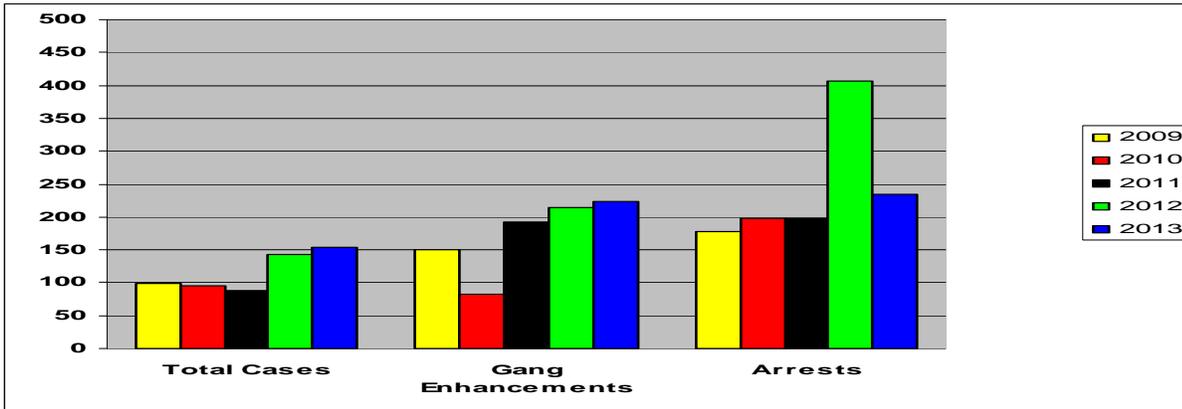
Chaplains also assist officers in dealing with the incredible stress that comes from taking a life in the line of duty. The Chaplain's are also proactive - meeting with the officers at roll calls, as well as being present on the street with the officers in their daily realm. By spending time with the officers in their element, Chaplains gain "Street Credibility" and are able to better connect with and relate to those whom they serve.

Gang task Force

Lemoore Police Department dedicates two full time officers to the multi-jurisdictional gang unit.

2013 Stats

- Total Cases 153
- Gang Enhancements 223
- Arrests 235
- FI'S 64



Operation Red Raider

On November 20, 2013 Kings County Gang Task Force culminated a lengthy investigation of the Norteno Gang members in Kings County. As a result of the investigation, over 20 arrests were made for various charges such as possession of illegal weapons, possession of narcotics for sales, and many gang enhancements. Seizures in this operation yielded in excess of a hundred pounds of marijuana, over 20 pounds of methamphetamine, and several illegal assault rifles.



K-9 Unit



The Lemoore Police Department began its Canine Unit in 2006 and has continued to maintain the highest standards for a Canine unit since its inception. The canine unit serves many purposes ranging from tracking wanted or missing persons to protecting the handler and other officers from assaults by subjects attacking the handler and fellow officers.

During 2013 the canine unit, composed of the handler, Corporal Mike Kendall, and his canine partner "Kimo" served the citizens of Lemoore as the Lemoore Police Department Canine Unit.

The canine unit had one physical apprehension of a suspect as well as 20 non-physical apprehensions of suspects. Our canine unit located a total of 18.3 ounces of methamphetamine and 63.6 ounces of marijuana in 2013. The canine unit additionally provided 5 canine demonstrations at local schools/businesses. The unit also participated in Red Ribbon Week where they conducted several more canine demonstrations. The canine unit, on a daily basis, served as a deterrent to criminal activities, officer assaults, as well as fleeing arrest by their mere presence at the scenes of criminal activities which can not be defined in numbers for statistical purposes.

On December 11, 2013 the Lemoore Police Department added "Ares", a 2 year old Belgian Malinois from Holland to our unit to replace "Kimo" who will retire after 8 long and productive years of service. "Ares" is scheduled to complete 8 weeks of training with Canine handler Mike Kendall in February and March of 2014 before hitting the streets to continue the tradition of service to the citizens of Lemoore and the various agencies in Kings County.

In 2013 the Lemoore Police Department Canine Unit also served the citizens of Kings County and various law enforcement agencies as follows:

- Kings County Sheriff's Office: 6 narcotic related searches and 2 patrol related assists.
- Hanford Police Department: 1 patrol related assist.
- California Highway Patrol: 1 narcotic related search and 1 patrol related assist.
- Corcoran Police Department: 1 narcotic related search
- Central Valley Regional SWAT: 4 assists during tactical operations
- Kings County Narcotic Task Force: 5 narcotic related searches
- Kings County Gang Task Force: 7 narcotic related searches and 12 protective/cover assists

The Lemoore Police Department Canine Unit has met the challenge and proven to be an asset to our community, our officers, and our fellow law enforcement agencies.

Code Enforcement

The Lemoore Police Department Community Service Officer assumed Code Enforcement responsibilities in May of 2013. CSO Soledad Perez is a people person, who knows how to deliver when it comes to customer service. Perez has the ability to analyze situations and develop solutions to deal with them in a tactful and respectful manner. She truly is a problem solver!

Code Enforcement is in charge with helping to control community and neighborhood nuisance such as illegal dumping, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, and zoning violations.

The Code Enforcement Officer works to improve quality of life issues in Lemoore's neighborhoods and business district through awareness, education and enforcement. Removal of illegally dumped debris or accumulated trash and junk.

Code Enforcement stats from May 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013

Abandoned Vehicles, Closed cases	17
Pending	1
Property Maintenance, Closed Cases	96
Pending	6

Conclusion

It's time to look forward, evaluating current and future law enforcement trends that will impact what the City of Lemoore Police Department priorities will be through calendar year 2014.

While our mission of protecting people and crime prevention remains the same, like all organizations, we are facing many new challenges in accomplishing that mission. To ensure the Lemoore Police Department adapts to these new realities, we will engage in regular strategic planning to continuously assess the external environment for emerging challenges and enhance our capacity to respond effectively to these challenges.

We believe in fostering open lines of communication with our citizen partners, and in being accountable to the public we serve. We believe it's important to be transparent and accountable for our level of customer service.

With the impacts of AB 109 and jail overcrowding, and early prison releases, we will continue to strive to enhance public safety and protect our community through three main actions: enforcement, education, and community involvement. We will provide pro-active patrol techniques with an emphasis on prevention of violent crimes, gang related incidents, and narcotics enforcement.

We will work together with people and organizations in our communities to promote community policing as it connects to all aspects of quality of life issues in our daily lives.

The people we serve continue to be the key to our success as an organization. Whether it's by being vigilant and reporting violators, partnering with us in educational endeavors, working together to solve problems or supporting us through your willingness to volunteer, together we can ensure Lemoore continues to be one of the safest places in the Central Valley to raise our families.

Darrell Smith
Chief of Police