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The Lemoore Police Department is a professional agency which inspires trust and confidence of our community. We will work through partnerships within our community to improve the quality of life in the City of Lemoore and provide a safe community.



The men and women of the Lemoore Police Department are dedicated to preserving the peace of our City and the protection of our citizens through proactive problem solving and community partnership.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

The Lemoore Police Department is pleased to present our Annual Report for calendar year 2022. 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 Lemoore Police Department continues to be committed in building relationships with community members while providing the highest level of service to keep our citizens safe. Community Oriented Policing through partnership with the community in identifying problems is at the heart of our organization and is emphasized at every level. The active partnership of our residents and businesses is critical to our mission and to the safety of our community. Our top priorities at the Lemoore Police Department is to foster relationships through dignity and respect, mentor young people and to solve neighborhood problems that affect the quality of life of our residents. By sharing this information we hope to strengthen these partnerships and identify ways to continually improve our service.



Chief of Police



Traffic Citations 2021 2022 Difference

	Traffic Citations	2021	2022	Difference
	Moving Violations	508	650	28%
	Parking	133	601	352%
	Other Violations	115	224	95%
Section 1	Warnings	333	409	23%
1	TOTAL	1089	1884	73%

YEAR	INJURY	NON- INJURY	HIT & RUN	FATAL	TOTAL
2018	50	56	62	1	169
2019	39	106	22	0	167
2020	29	40	28	1	99
2021	27	41	26	0	95
2022	39	37	31	1	112

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. Dedicated school patrol is used during the school season, including enforcement and fixed traffic control during peak times at West Hills College.

The Lemoore Police Department Traffic Unit is made up of two officers and overseen by a sergeant. The unit is Officer Steven McPherson and a vacant position at this time. Traffic enforcement officers receive extensive training in Traffic Accident Investigation, taxi cab inspections, child car seat installation and inspection, radar usage, conducting speed surveys, and motorcycle operation.

QUICK STATS

Traffic Citations Issued: 1,884 Traffic Accidents Reported: 112

DUI's: 145

Felony Arrests: 351

Misdemeanor Arrests: 1,385







CRIME STATISTICS

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Homicide	0	2	1	1	0	3
Rape	20	23	15	17	18	20
Assault	416	326	295	320	303	308
Larceny	292	350	253	263	264	267
Auto Theft	75	76	49	37	52	75
Burglary	57	60	61	71	69	93
Robbery	7	13	12	14	20	21



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REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS						
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018		
51	49	60	60	52		

Lemoore Detectives are responsible for sex registrations and monitoring of the registrants and their compliance to the registration requirements within the City of Lemoore. Sex Offenders are constantly registering in and out of our city limits. The City of Lemoore currently has approximately 51 registered sex offenders living within our city. In 2022, Detectives conducted compliance checks on all registrants.

ARREST & CONTROL

At this time the Lemoore Police Department has 4 POST certified Arrest & Control Instructors and 4 POST certified Impact Weapons Instructors. Two of our instructors were able to attend the Gracie Survival Tactics Instructor training this year. This program is a POST approved Jiu Jitsu based arrest and control training that the instructors will be incorporating into future LPD training sessions.





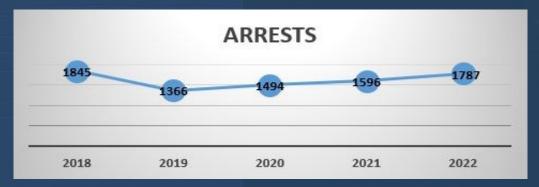
The Lemoore Police Department is very fortunate to have employee's specifically trained in weaponless defense and arrest and control tactics beneficial to law enforcement. Each of these trainers/instructors are passionate about their specialized knowledge or ability and are enthusiastic to teach other officers in the Department.

Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) does not mandate training for law enforcement in arrest and control or impact weapons to maintain proficiency as it does with firearms training. Considering that each arrest involves some type of physical interaction with the person being arrested, officers need to be well versed in handcuffing, joint lock manipulation, pugilistic skills and ground submissions. POST does mandate officers attend a 24-hour Perishable Skills training every two years. Four of those hours are designated to the area of arrest and control. Every arrest has the potential to turn violent, requiring officers to rely on their training and experience. Not all arrests end in the usage of a firearm but do end in the officer controlling the subject with their hands.

The Lemoore Police Department currently conducts 8 hours of training as part of the orientation of new hired officers. The new hired officers spend 8 hours with the arrest and control instructors and the 8 hours is broken up into two segments. The first four hours of arrest and control consist of; joint lock manipulation, pugilistics and ground fighting. The second segment is 4 hours of impact weapons, straight baton, side handle baton and expandable baton.

In March of this year, the Lemoore Police Department conducted a department wide arrest and control training consisting of real-life scenarios the officers may encounter on the street. Multiple scenarios were set up which included the use of simunitions, alongside arrest and control techniques, in the training. Simunitions are paint marking firearm rounds that allow officers to experience realistic firearms situations safely.

Consider these statistics for the Lemoore Police Department:



DETECTIVES

The Detective Division consists of Sgt. John Henderson, Detective Cpl. Tanner Jacques, Detective Katarina Escobar, Lemoore High School Youth Development Officer Daniel Ortega, Liberty Middle School Officer Nicholas Gonzales, West Hills College School Resource Officer Steve Rossi, and POP Officer Zachary Rogers-Jones. There was a change of detective's mid way through the year as Corporal Maldonado left our department and Detective O'Barr was promoted. The clearance rate for cases was 98 percent.

In 2022, there were a number of major crimes which required extensive investigation and consumed a significant amount of time from the investigations division. Detective investigations entailed interviews, identifying witnesses, suspect interrogations, search warrants, arrest warrants, forensic interviews (MDICS), evidence preservation/collection, surveillance, and undercover operations. The purpose of the detective division is to investigate serious crimes that need investigative expertise and require a large amount of time. Detectives attend extensive additional training and schools such as Core Investigation, Search Warrant School, Homicide School, Sexual Assault School, Interview and Interrogation School, Child Endangerment/Abuse School, Officer Involved Shooting School, and Sex Offender/Registrant School. Most Detective courses are put on by the Institute of Criminal Investigations known as ICI. The majority of detective cases include rapes, lewd acts against children, shootings, stabbings, robberies, burglaries/thefts, stolen vehicles, homicides and attempted homicides, suspicious deaths, fraud, assaults w/ great bodily injuries, assault with deadly weapons, embezzlements, and stolen property reports. The following are just a few examples of the investigations that the Detectives and Youth Development Officers solved:

Throughout the year the team investigated numerous child pornography cases with the assistance of the ICAC task force (Internet Crimes Against Children) resulting in the arrest of suspects in possession of child porn. The team also participated in a prostitution sting targeting Lemoore that resulted in several arrests.

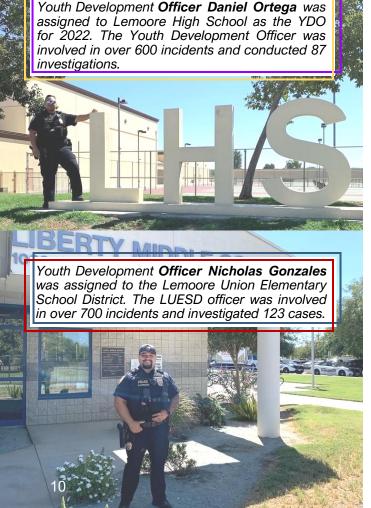


- May 22, 2022 The team responded to the scene of a drive by shooting in the 700 block of N. Lemoore Ave. where a victim had been shot and wounded. The team identified a suspect and he was placed under arrest.
- May 29, 2022 The team responded to the 600 block of Sonoma Ave. for a report of a subject being shot.
 Detectives responded and through the investigation they located a suspect and placed him under arrest.
- July 27, 2022 The team responded to the 1200 block of Sierra Cir. for a report of a subject who had been shot. Detectives immediately identified a suspect, and he was taken into custody for attempted murder approx. 2 hours later.



The Lemoore Police Department has one Youth Development Officer assigned to Lemoore High School, one YDO assigned to Liberty Middle School and Lemoore Elementary School District, and one School Resource Officer assigned to West Hills College. The School Officers are the liaisons between the elementary schools, middle schools, high school, and community college, with the Police Department.

The school officers also assisted the schools by ensuring the safety of the students and the public during special events such as graduations, sporting events, parades, and other events that required a team effort between the school staff and the police department.



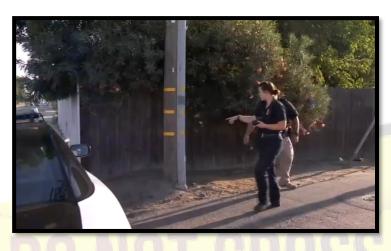
CAMPUS OFFICER

Officer Steve Rossi has been the Campus Officer for West Hills College since August of 2022. There were a total of 104 incidents and 9 cases that were investigated.



EVIDENCE

The Lemoore Police Department has one full time Evidence Technician, **Elizabeth Halstead**. She is responsible for receiving and storing all evidence seized by members of the department. She also handles found property turned in by citizens. Some additional responsibilities include federal firearm traces, major crime scene processing, evidence collection, and the proper disposal of evidence and found property items.



In 2022, our Evidence Technician processed over six thousand items of evidence. This evidence ranged from recovered firearms to narcotics turned in by Officers. Evidence Technician Halstead assisted LPD Detectives and patrol by processing crime scenes and numerous vehicles involved in major crimes. She also collected numerous sexual assault evidence kits and sent them off to the lab for DNA processing.

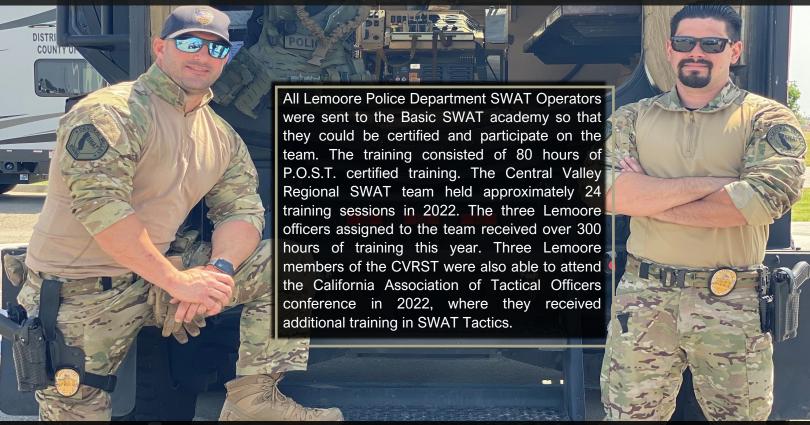
Evidence Technician Halstead responded to scenes where latent prints were recovered and collected other items that needed to be fumed for latent prints or processed for DNA. She worked closely with the Kings County District Attorney's Office by ensuring that all evidential items were made available for discovery for legal proceedings.



SWAT

The Central Valley Regional SWAT team consists of designated police officers from three different agencies. These officers are chosen, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team and respond to critical incidents. Hanford, Lemoore, and Corcoran all provide officers to the team so that if the need arises in the region, the team can respond and handle the situation by focusing on the protection of life and property.

The Lemoore Police Department currently has three police officers assigned to the Central Valley Regional SWAT team. These officers train with the SWAT team twice a month for six hours at a time. Training includes and is not limited to handling barricaded subjects, hostage rescue, vehicle assaults, dignitary protection, range, and high-risk search warrants.



One of the greatest benefits of having SWAT officers in the department is that these officers share their training with the rest of the officers in the department. Some of the training that is shared includes individual movement techniques, weapon manipulation, team communication, tactical decision making, and leadership skills.

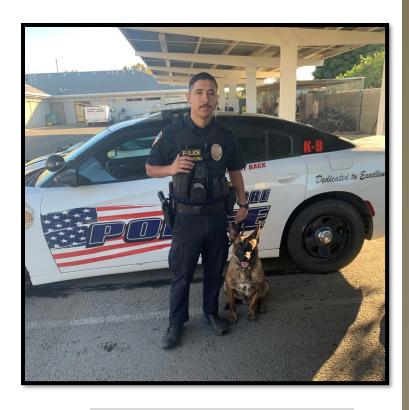
In 2022, the Central Valley Crisis Negotiation Team responded in conjunction with the Central Valley Regional SWAT Team to 8 Callouts. Three of those callouts were in the City of Lemoore.

ENT

The Central Valley Regional Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) provides skilled verbal communicators who are utilized in an effort to de-escalate and effect safe surrender in critical situations where individuals have taken hostages, barricaded themselves, or have suicidal ideations. The team consists of law enforcement officers from the Hanford, Lemoore, and Corcoran Police Departments. CNT complements the SWAT team during high risk operations and is also used as a resource during other critical situations. CNT employs crisis intervention tactics, including de-escalation efforts, to peacefully resolve dangerous events.

CNT members train on a monthly basis and attend annual conferences to maintain their skillset and ensure that every effort is made to preserve life and safely resolve each situation.

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In 2022, the K9 unit logged over 250 hours of training and had over 60 K9 utilizations.

CAUTION-STAY BACK
Dedicated to Excellence
LENDORS
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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 and has many capabilities. These capabilities include searching for lost or missing children, searching for and apprehending wanted violent criminals, sniffing out illegal narcotics, searching for evidence or other articles in large open areas, and serving as a first line of defense when an officer or the K9 handler is violently attacked.

The K9 Unit consists of two teams. Corporal Trevino and his partner, "Rocket" and Corporal Ferreira and his partner, "Kilo."

In December of 2021, Corporal Jacques' K9 partner, "Diesel" retired after several outstanding years of service.

In August of 2022, Corporal Ferreira was selected as the next K9 handler. In October, Corporal Ferreira and his partner Kilo attended a 6-week K9 course and successfully graduated from the program. Corporal Ferreira and Kilo are now protecting the citizens of Lemoore.

In December of 2022, K9 Rocket successfully completed his yearly recertification for patrol and narcotic related functions. The K9 unit attended numerous community functions and conducted K9 demos at various events throughout the year to include National Night Out, and Red Ribbon Week.

K9 Kilo and Rocket recovered more than 50 grams of methamphetamine, 7 grams of heroin, and 2 grams of cocaine. They also had more than 10 arrests and surrenders.

The canine unit, on a daily basis, serves as a deterrent to criminal activities, officer assaults, as well as fleeing arrest by their mere presence at the scenes of criminal activity which cannot be defined in numbers for statistical purposes. The Lemoore Police Department Canine Unit has met the challenge and has proven to be an asset to our community, officers, and fellow law enforcement agencies.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Community Service Officers respond to public nuisance complaints such as yard maintenance, abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, weed abatement, property maintenance, and animal control related issues. They educate the public and enforce municipal codes regarding these violations. Their primary goal is to gain voluntary compliance from the public or businesses. CSO's also manage crime prevention programs such as Crime Free Multi Housing and Neighborhood Watch programs. Furthermore, CSO's play a major role in organizing Community Oriented Policing events such as Red Ribbon Week and National Night Out.

In 2022, the Lemoore Police Department had three full time Community Service Officers. One of the CSO's primarily focuses on Animal Control to handle the following calls for service: Animal abuse, animal neglect, municipal code violations, barking dogs, loose animals, and sick/injured/dead animals. The Animal Control CSO is cross-trained in code enforcement and will fill that role when necessary. They also manage the Citizen's Academy, help with the Volunteers in Policing Program and other community oriented policing programs.

Community Service Officers handled a total of <u>3,506 Calls for Service</u> in 2022.



CALLS FOR SERVICE



Property Maintenance 301



Vehicle Abatement 69



Weed Abatement 375



Compliance/Follow-Up 939



Animal Control

DRONE

The Lemoore Police Department Drone Program was established in 2018 and went live in 2019. The program consists of 6 drone operators. The drone is equipped with night vision capabilities. In 2022, a smaller drone was acquired with the capability of flying indoors. The drone was activated a total of 7 times in 2022. It assisted the police department and other agencies in multiple ways. The following are some calls for service where the drone was used in order to promote the safety of the public and the officers:

- Document crime scene of major incident
- Suspect fleeing from Officers after a vehicle pursuit
- Suspects fleeing from Officers.
- Locating missing persons



PROBLEM ORESTS POLCING

On May 1, 2015, the Lemoore Police Department formed the Problem Orientated Policing (POP) team to further the mission and address the needs of the community. In 2022, Officer Rogers-Jones was assigned as the POP officer. He has assisted in covering Lemoore area schools including West Hills College, Lemoore High School, Liberty Middle School, and the surrounding elementary schools. His availability in covering the Lemoore schools ensures patrol units are available to handle calls for service and provide the citizens of Lemoore a safe community. Officer Rogers-Jones also assisted the Detectives Bureau on multiple high-profile cases including attempted homicides, shootings, stabbings, and various major burglaries. Officer Rogers-Jones also solved 40+vandalism reports through proactive policing and late-night patrol rotations.

Officer Rogers-Jones worked with Kings County Probation, California Parole, Hanford Police Department and Kings County Jail Classifications to conduct Probation/ Parole compliance sweeps in the City of Lemoore. In doing so, he is ensuring those parties involved understand their requirements and are maintaining compliance with their respective agents. Officer Rogers-Jones also planned and coordinated a Sex Registrant compliance check to ensure all registrants are following their terms and conditions of release.

Furthermore, Officer Rogers-Jones also continued his role as the community liaison officer, which includes events such as Coffee with a Cop at the Lemoore Senior Center and assisting with Red Ribbon week.



The program's goal is to prepare new officers to perform in a patrol assignment and to posses all skills needed to operate safely and in a professional manner. A new officer will typically take 4 months to complete the program and be able to operate as a solo officer. Some of the topics that are covered during the training are the following:

- Officer Safety Procedures
- Search and Seizure
- Patrol Procedures
- Report Writing

- Investigations
- Agency Policy
- Traffic
- Community Relations

The Lemoore Police Department currently has 8 field training officers and one field training program coordinator. In 2022, the field training program had 5 trainees.

RESERVE PROGRAM

The Lemoore Police Reserve Unit was established to supplement and assist full time sworn police officers in their duties. The unit provides professional sworn reserve police officers who can augment full time police officers to meet and maintain staffing levels. The Reserve Program can also be a stepping stone into a full time police officer position. Other than the lateral position filled in 2018, full time police officer positions are hired from our Reserve pool. Reserve officers assist full time officers in the enforcement of laws and maintaining peace and order within the community making them a valuable asset to our community.



IN 2022, LEMOORE RESERVE OFFICERS:



Worked 3,618.5 hours



Responded to 3,564 Calls for Service



Took 401 cases



Made 792 Traffic Stops



Issued 228 citations



Made 248 arrests

Reserve police officers are required to work a minimum of 16 hours per month and are generally assigned to the Operation's Division to supplement patrol in various aspects of their day-to-day operation. Reserve officers may also be assigned to assist in the property room with evidence maintenance, assist in the investigation of major traffic collisions or major crime trends as well. The Reserve Unit is supervised by a Lemoore Police Department Sergeant who serves as the Reserve Coordinator. During 2022 Lemoore Police Department had 9 Level I Reserve Police Officers.



In 2022, The Lemoore Police Department actively conducted recruitment efforts by holding presentations at the Tulare-Kings Counties Basic Peace Officer Academy. The department held 6 different testing sessions for open full time and Reserve Officer Positions. A total of 37 candidates were interviewed for reserve officer positions and 9 officers were interviewed for full time positions.

Four reserve officers were hired in 2022. Three reserve officers were hired as full-time officers and 1 reserve officer is currently going through the field training program. The Recruitment and Retention team had two officers assigned to the Tulare-Kings Counties Basic Peace Officer Academy as Recruit Training Officers. The Recruit Training Officers assist academy instructors by training the cadets and providing leadership for the class. The RTO's have done a great job recruiting talented individuals and providing insight on the training provided for cadets.





Are you ready to pursue your passion and make a difference in our community?

Apply at: www.lemoore.com

TRAINING

During 2022, personnel received **3,912** hours of training with over 60 courses of instruction. This is a **26% increase** compared to the 3,105 hours in 2021. This number also includes over 400 hours of in house Firearms training as well as over 130 hours of Taser training. Other courses include but are not limited to:

as possible.

· Extra teams as needed

POST Supervisory CONTACT TEAM Internal Affairs Investigations Perishable Skills ICI Core ICI Homicide ICI Child Abuse Drug & Alcohol Influence Recognition Sexual Assault for First Responders Domestic Violence for Crisis Negotiator Records Supervisor Standard Field Sobriety Crime Scene Investigation Behavioral Analysis Training Institute (BATI) Improvised Explosive Device Recognition **Active Shooter** Fentanyl Safety & Awareness **Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs** Field Training Officer Update K9 Case Law Update Legislative Update **Drone Training** Traffic Collision Interview and Interrogation Campus Law Enforcement Less Lethal Instructor



Use of Force

Terrorism Liaison Officer

EXPLORERS

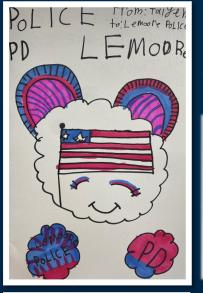
Lemoore Police Explorer Post #1097 is open to young men and women between the ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) and not yet 21-years-old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of Law Enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. Lemoore Police Department combines classroom and practical training with Ride-Alongs in police vehicles and exposure to Community Policing. Explorers develop leadership skills, interpersonal communication skills, respect for police officers and other explorers, and learn Law Enforcement Protocols.

The Lemoore Police Explorers have been actively recruiting new members from Lemoore High School to recruit during their freshman orientation as well as the public safety classes. We also actively recruit at West Hills College for incoming students who are interested in a career in Law Enforcement. We have done several presentations to the Law Enforcement club and several of our Explorer's are currently active members.

This year we had the opportunity to participate in several activities which assisted the Lemoore Recreation Department's Shamrock Shuffle, 4th of July and Veterans Day 5K runs. We have assisted with traffic control at the Turkey Trot and Kings Fair in Hanford in partnership with other local Explorer posts. Explorers in Post 1097 have also participated in Reason for the Season and Presents on Patrol.

This fall, through recruitment efforts, the post has maintained a roster of 10-15 Explorers and we expect to continue growing with community support. Most recently the Post has gone international with the addition of three foreign exchange students from Armenia, Serbia, and Pakistan.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Our Community Relations/Crime Prevention Program continues to be a successful part of our law enforcement efforts within the community. The Community Service Officers are actively involved in the community projects and events.

Much of our attention is focused on the Neighborhood Watch Program. We currently have **99** active Neighborhood Watch Groups and Crime Free Multi-Housing Managers. 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.

















Social Media posts include community events, traffic alerts, press releases, major arrests as well as staff recognition and accomplishments.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Lemoore Police Department takes pride in connecting with those we serve and recognizes the importance of strong community relations. Our success relies on a partnership with the community in hopes of improving trust and identifying the needs and concerns of our citizens. In 2022, community outreach efforts included events such as National Night Out, Red Ribbon Week, Lemoore PD Shoe Drive, Santa for Seniors, and most notably Reason for the Season and Presents on Patrol.



IN 2022

Reason for the Season donated to

67 FAMILIES 210 CHILDREN

Presents on Patrol

donated to

12 FAMILIES

33 CHILDREN









CHAPLAINS

The Lemoore Chaplains Program was established in 1996 to provide aid and comfort to those in need and to provide a calm and thoughtful presence in times of stress, hardship, and grief. These volunteers provide 24/7 chaplaincy services to officers, civilian employees, and family members of the Lemoore Police Department.

Chaplains also assist officers in dealing with the incredible stress following critical incidents and other traumatic events on or off-duty. The Chaplains are very proactive meeting with the officers at roll calls, as well as being present on the street with the officers in their daily realm.

Our Chaplains continue to offer the following services:

- Respond to unattended deaths
- Deliver death notification
- Respond to house and apartment fires
- Help with coordinating Red Cross services
- Visit sick and injured officers and their family members
- Counsel and make referrals
- Help with end-of-life care and decisions
- Help arrange assistance for those terminally ill
- Support the survivors of officers killed in the line of duty
- Officiate over police wakes and funerals
- · Provide the invocation at various official events





to pick up and deliver mail, drive patrol cars for service or repair, make patrol checks, perform clerical work, work radar, finger printing, provide traffic control at crime scenes and support functions with special enforcement operations, and other tasks as required. Currently there are 17 Lemoore Police Department

Since its inception in 1997, Lemoore Police Department VIPs have donated 113,335.5 hours of service.

Volunteers in Policing.









In May 2022, the Lemoore Police Department hosted the Kings County Peace Officers' Memorial in Hanford.

CONCLUSION



It is with great pride that this annual report reflects the hard work that the employees of the Lemoore Police Department have preformed during the 2022 year. We continue to work hard to achieve the goal of quality of life improvement for our citizens. We truly appreciate the support given to us by the Lemoore City Council and the citizens of Lemoore. We will continue to work hard and ensure the City of Lemoore remains a safe community to live, work, and enjoy.

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.



LEMOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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