

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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# VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

The Lemoore Police Department is a professional agency which inspires the 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.

# VISION



# MISSION

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 partnerships.



The Lemoore Police Department is pleased to present our Annual Report for calendar year 2023. 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.

**Michael Kendall**

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**Chief of Police**





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 was Officer Steven McPherson until October 2023 when Officer Kyle Reynolds was selected. The other motor position is vacant this time. Traffic enforcement officers receive extensive training in traffic collision investigations, taxi cab inspections, child car seat installation and inspection, radar usage, conducting speed surveys, and motorcycle operation.



## QUICK STATS

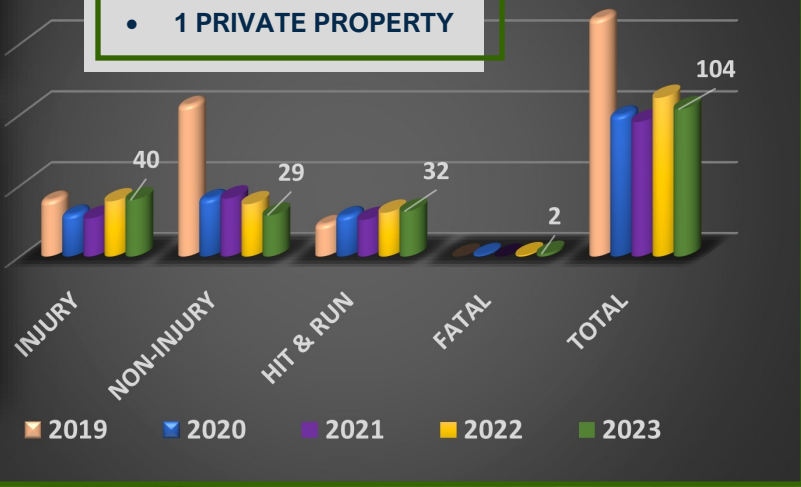
- Traffic Citations Issued: 1,732
- Traffic Accidents Reported: 104
- DUI's: 188

Traffic Citations	2022	2023	Difference
Moving Violations	650	<b>513</b>	<b>-21%</b>
Parking	601	<b>325</b>	<b>-46%</b>
Other Violations	224	<b>324</b>	45%
Warnings	409	<b>570</b>	39%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>1732</b>	<b>-8%</b>

YEAR	INJURY	NON-INJURY	HIT & RUN	FATAL	TOTAL
2019	39	106	22	0	167
2020	29	40	28	1	99
2021	27	41	26	0	95
2022	39	37	31	1	112
<b>2023</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>104</b>

2023 totals include

- **6 DUI INJURY**
- **14 DUI NON-INJURY**
- **1 PRIVATE PROPERTY**





## CALLS FOR SERVICE

 41,782

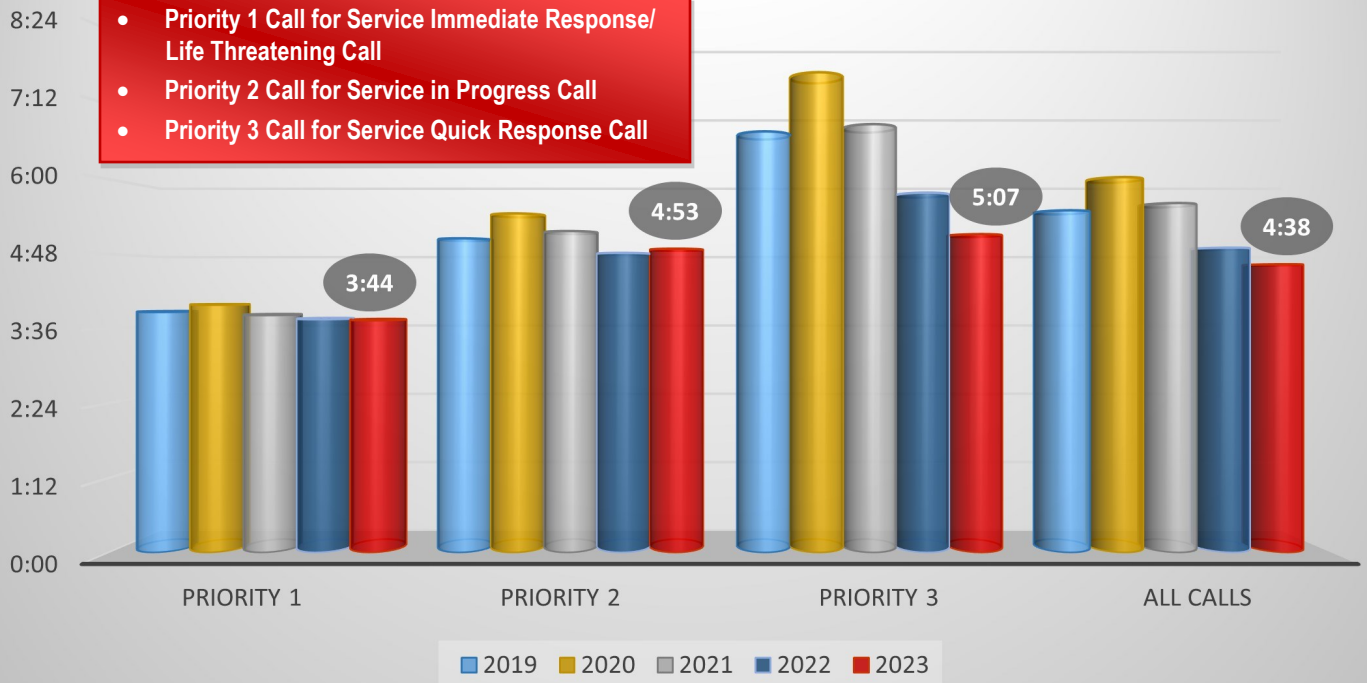
With the assistance of the Records Unit, the Lemoore Police Department fielded 41,782 calls for service in 2023. About a 3% decrease compared to the 43,105 calls for service in 2022.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE



## 2023 RESPONSE TIME

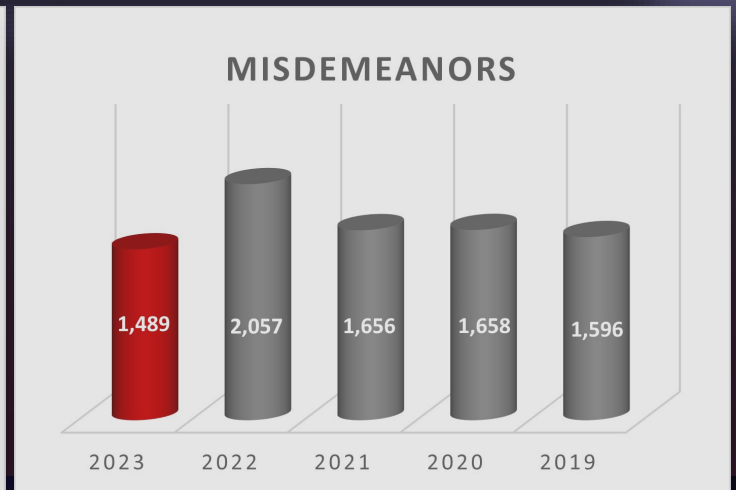
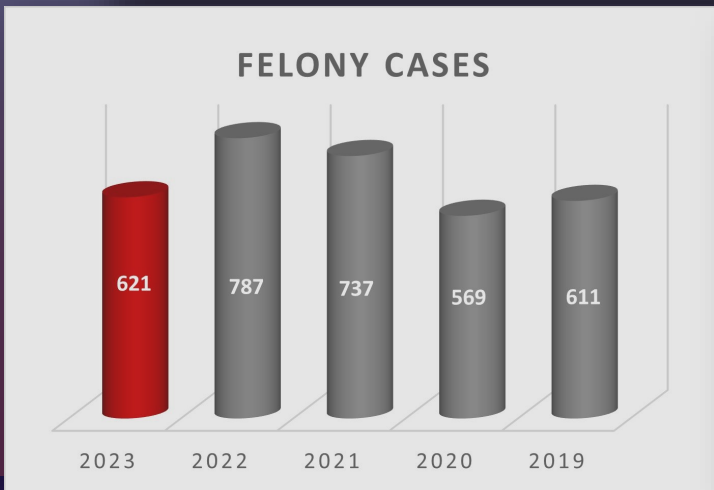
- Priority 1 Call for Service Immediate Response/ Life Threatening Call
- Priority 2 Call for Service in Progress Call
- Priority 3 Call for Service Quick Response Call





# CRIME STATISTICS

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Murder</b>	2	0	2	1	1
<b>Rape</b>	32	20	23	15	17
<b>Assault</b>	349	416	326	295	320
<b>Larceny</b>	214	292	350	253	263
<b>Auto Theft</b>	100	75	76	49	37
<b>Burglary</b>	43	57	60	61	71
<b>Robbery</b>	4	7	13	12	14



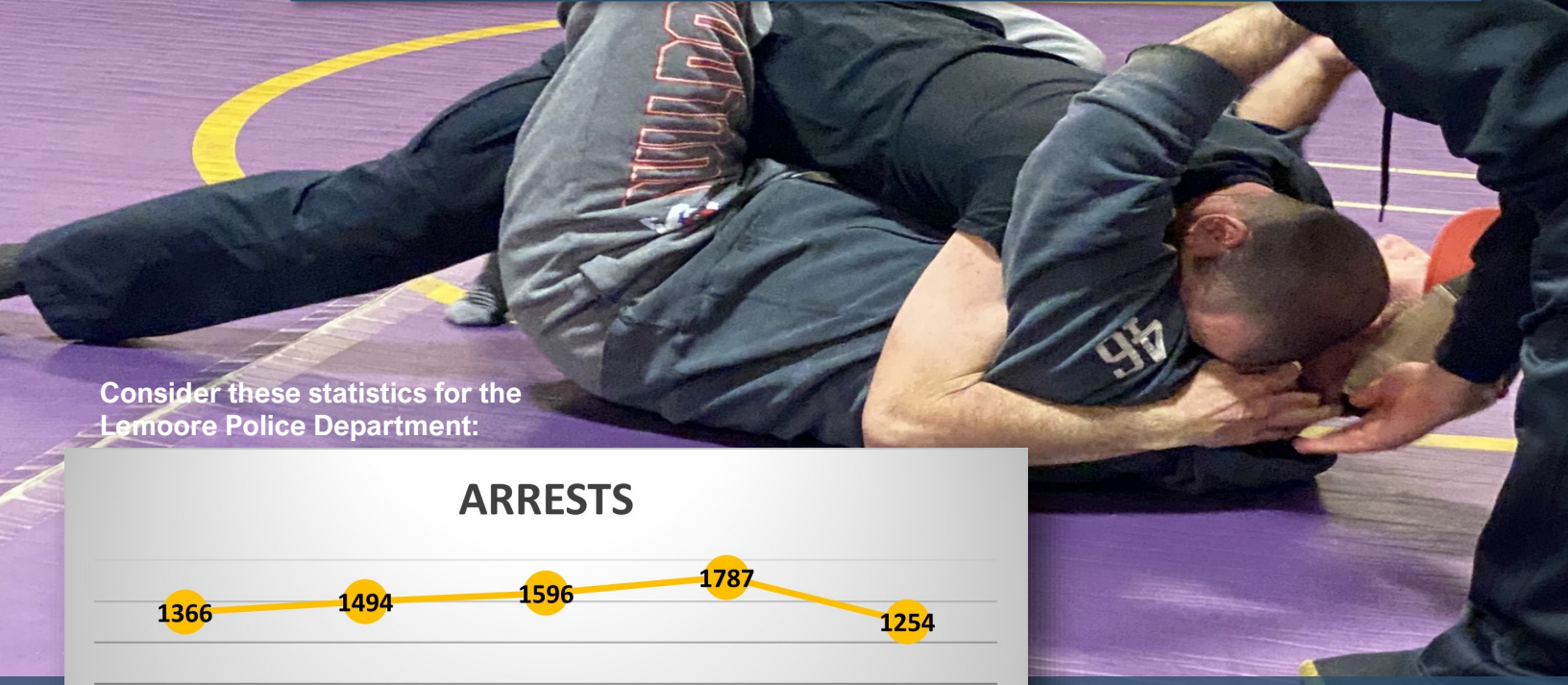
### REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
74	51	49	60	60

There are currently 74 registered sex offenders in the city limits of Lemoore. Sex offenders register in and out of our jurisdiction on a weekly basis. The Lemoore Police Department Investigations Division is responsible for monitoring the sex offenders in our city and ensuring that they are following their registration conditions. In 2023, the Investigations Division conducted a compliance check on each and every sex offender living in our city.

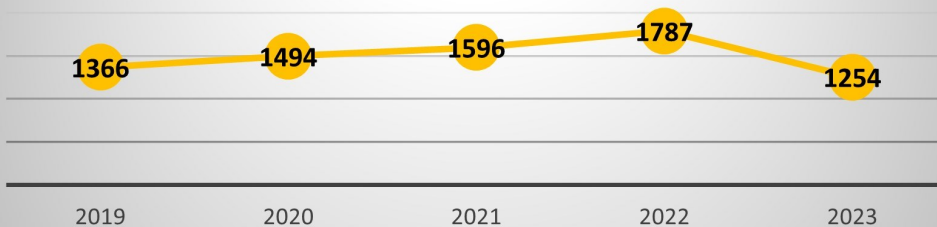


*At this time the Lemoore Police Department has 5 POST certified Arrest & Control Instructors and 5 POST certified Impact Weapons Instructors. All of our instructors were able to attend the Gracie Survival Tactics (GST) Level 1 course. This year 3 of our instructors were able to attend and complete the Gracie Survival Tactics Level 2 course. The GST program is a POST approved Jiu Jitsu based arrest and control training that instructors will be incorporating into future Lemoore PD training sessions.*



Consider these statistics for the Lemoore Police Department:

## ARRESTS



The Lemoore Police Department is very fortunate to have employees 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 newly 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 2023, the Lemoore Police Department Arrest and Control team conducted three separate training sessions focusing on Gracie Survival Tactics. Some of the techniques learned by our officers include ground control techniques, handcuffing, and take downs.





**Detectives were assigned approximately 215 cases for investigation or follow up in 2023.**

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, School Resource Officer Steve Rossi, KCMCTF Investigator Brandon Gresham, and POP Officer Zachary Rogers-Jones.

In 2023, 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 or are currently investigating:

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 pornography. The team also participated in an undercover operation with several agencies targeting adults who solicited minors for sex.

- June 18, 2023—The team responded to the 200 block of E. Spring Ln. regarding a subject who had been stabbed. The team immediately identified a suspect and arrested him within days in the City of Hanford for attempted homicide.
- July 18, 2023—The team responded to the scene of a homicide in the 500 block of Beech Ln. The case is currently being investigated.
- September 22, 2023—The team responded to the scene of a homicide in the 300 block of N. Olive. Within hours, the team had a suspect in custody who was also wanted out of Fresno for homicide.
- September 24, 2023—The team responded to the 700 block of Carla Dr. after a subject was shot. Through a lengthy investigation, the team identified and arrested five subjects for various charges including attempted homicide.
- November 28, 2023—The team responded to the 1600 block of Redbud St. after an adult was attacked inside of the residence and severely stabbed. After an investigation, the team identified a suspect and arrested him in the City of Selma after a pursuit for attempted homicide.



# LEMBOORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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.

Youth Development **Officer Daniel Ortega** was assigned to Lemoore High School as the YDO for 2023. The Youth Development Officer was involved in over 550 incidents and conducted 102 investigations.

Youth Development **Officer Nicholas Gonzales** was assigned to the Lemoore Union Elementary School District. The LUESD officer was involved in over 930 incidents and investigated 118 cases.



**Officer Steve Rossi** has been the Campus Officer for West Hills College since August of 2022. There were a total of 64 incidents and 12 cases that were investigated.

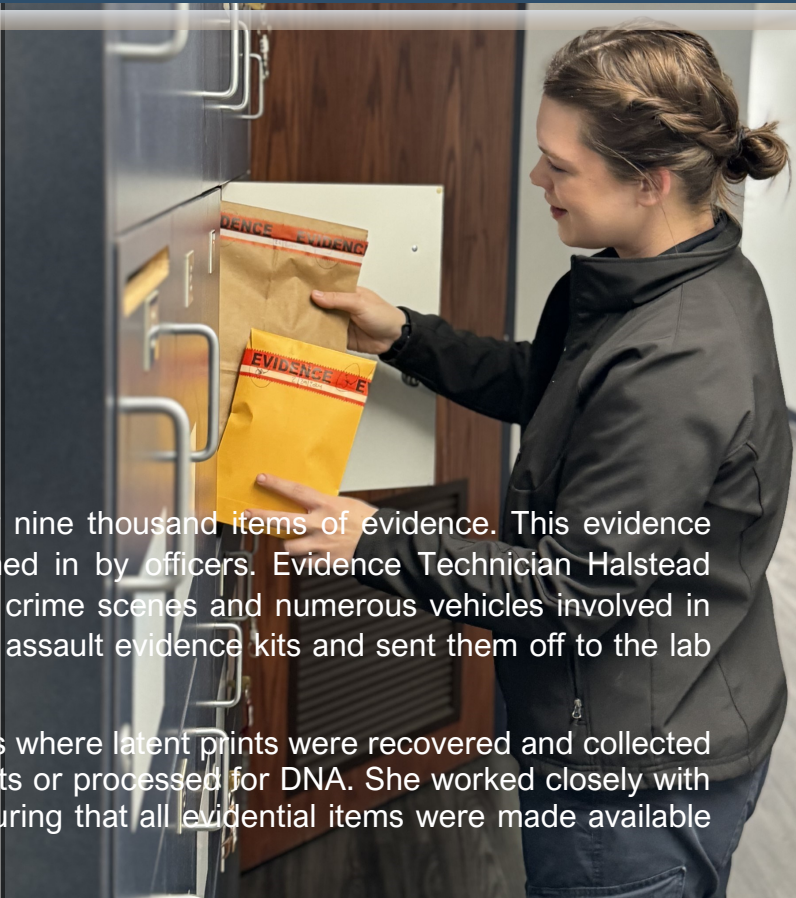


# EVIDENCE

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.

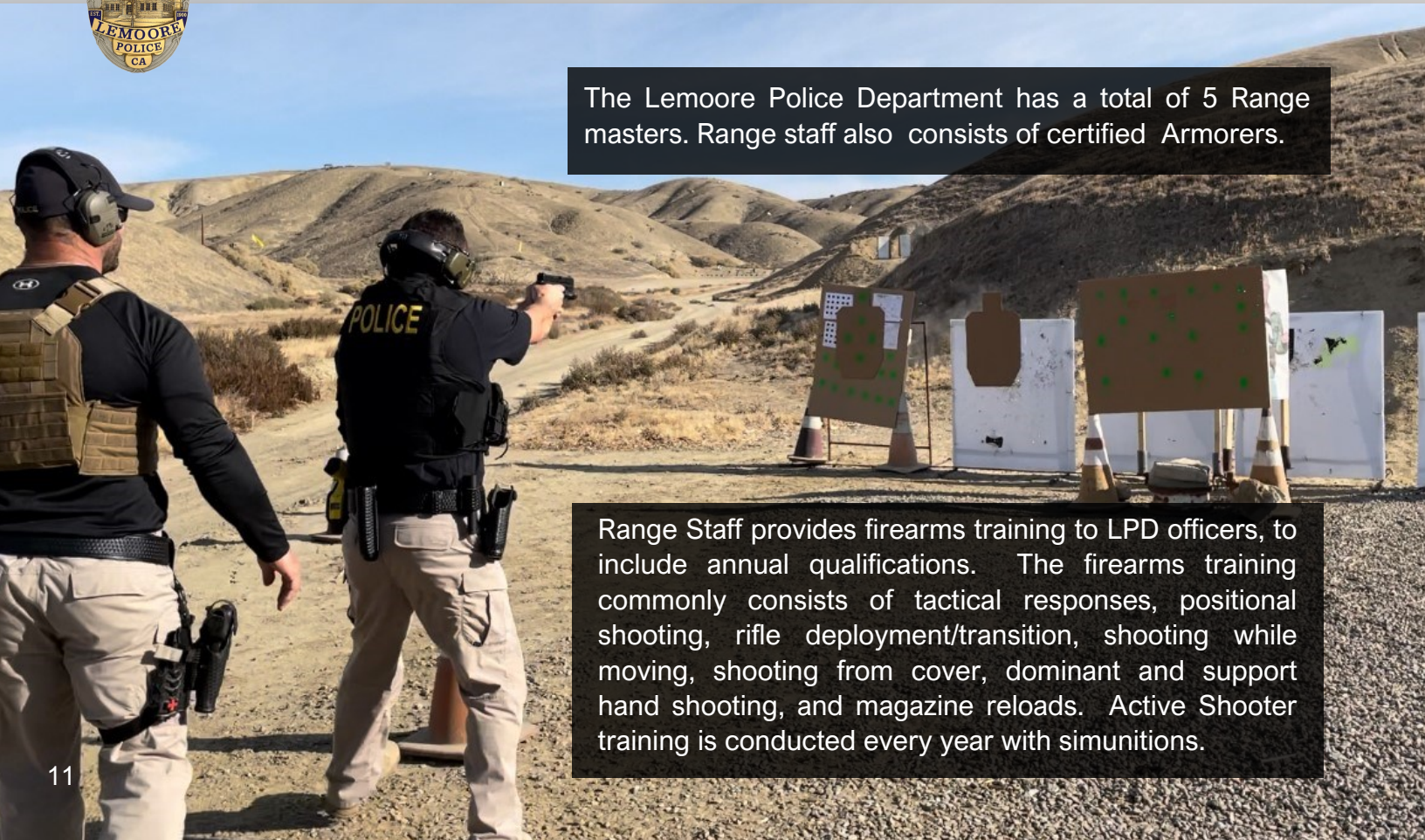
In 2023, our Evidence Technician processed over nine thousand items of evidence. This evidence ranged from recovered firearms to narcotics turned in by officers. Evidence Technician Halstead assisted LPD Detectives and patrol by processing crime scenes and numerous vehicles involved in major crimes. 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.



# RANGE

The Lemoore Police Department has a total of 5 Range masters. Range staff also consists of certified Armorers.



Range Staff provides firearms training to LPD officers, to include annual qualifications. The firearms training commonly consists of tactical responses, positional shooting, rifle deployment/transition, shooting while moving, shooting from cover, dominant and support hand shooting, and magazine reloads. Active Shooter training is conducted every year with simunitions.



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.



All Lemoore Police Department SWAT Operators were sent to the Basic SWAT academy so that they could be certified and participate on the team. The training consisted of 80 hours of P.O.S.T. certified training. The Central Valley Regional SWAT team held approximately 24 training sessions in 2023. The three Lemoore officers assigned to the team received over 300 hours of training this year. One Lemoore Operator was able to attend Flashbang Instructor Training and another was able to attend Breacher Training in 2023.

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 2023, the Central Valley Crisis Negotiation Team responded in conjunction with the Central Valley Regional SWAT Team to 11 callouts. Of these callouts, 9 were in Hanford, 1 in Kings County, and 1 in Visalia. Three of these callouts were suspect initiated and required an immediate response from SWAT and CNT. The rest were planned operations to serve arrest or search warrants. Two were in support of large scale planned arrests using multiple teams at multiple locations throughout the valley. One was in support of the Kings County SWAT team in county jurisdiction.

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. This year the team trained in unison with the Central Valley Regional SWAT Team and the Madera County Regional Crisis Negotiation Team to further build their skillset.



**In 2023, the K9 unit logged over 300 hours of training and had over 45 K9 utilizations.**

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 2023, 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 numerous amounts of illegal narcotics and paraphernalia and had more than 15 arrests and surrenders.

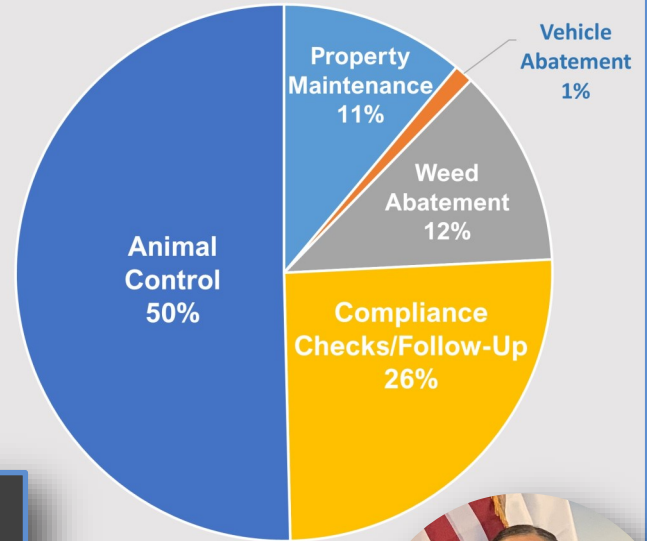
The canine unit, on a daily basis, serves as a deterrent to criminal activities, officer assaults, as well as fleeing arrest by their mere presence at the scenes of criminal activity which cannot be defined in numbers for statistical purposes. The Lemoore Police Department Canine Unit has met the challenge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



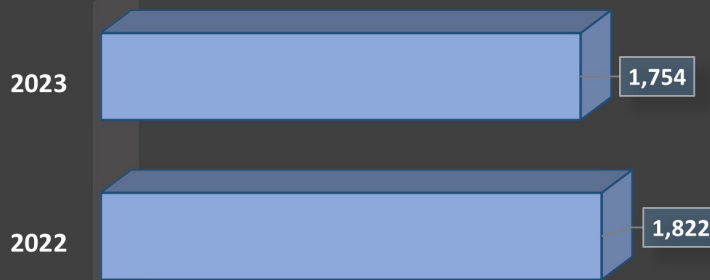
# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS



Community Service Officer Calls for Service



## ANIMAL CONTROL CALLS








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 2023, 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 3,482 Calls for Service in 2023.

## CALLS FOR SERVICE

-  **Property Maintenance**  
387
-  **Vehicle Abatement**  
40
-  **Weed Abatement**  
416
-  **Compliance/Follow-Up**  
885
-  **Animal Control**  
1,754



## DRONE

The Lemoore Police Department Drone Program was established in 2018 and went live in 2019. The program consists of 5 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 11 times in 2023. 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 scenes and major incidents
- Homicide suspect fleeing from Officers after a vehicle pursuit
- Suspects fleeing from Officers
- Locating missing persons
- Flooding concerns

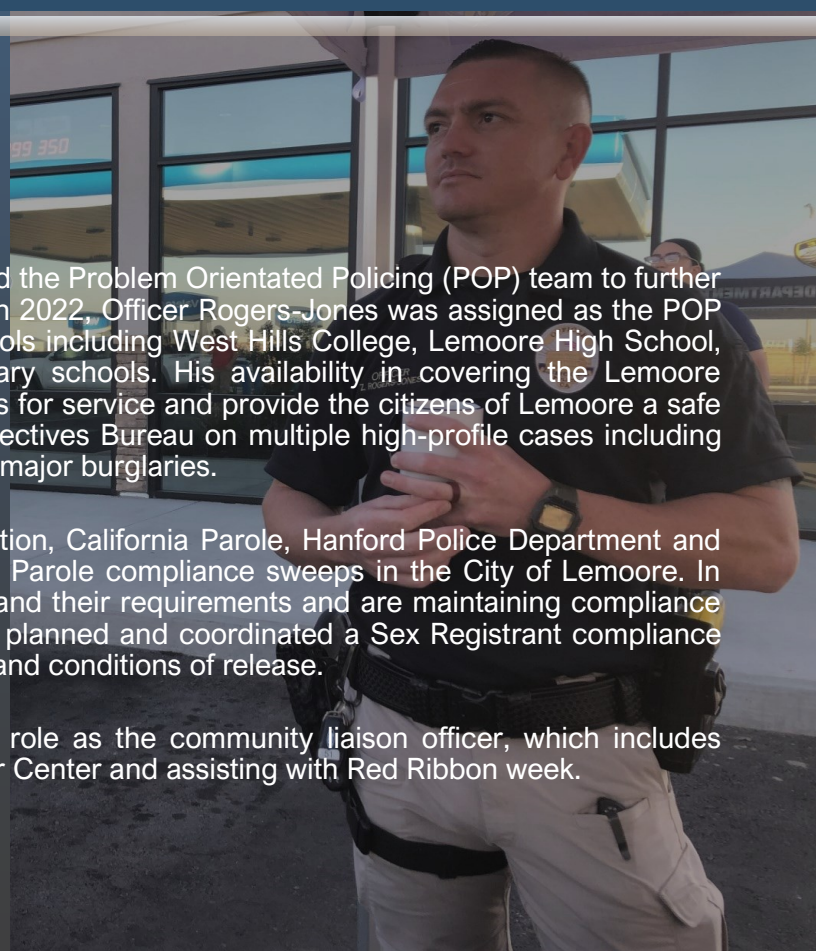


## PROBLEM ORIENTED POLICING

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 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.





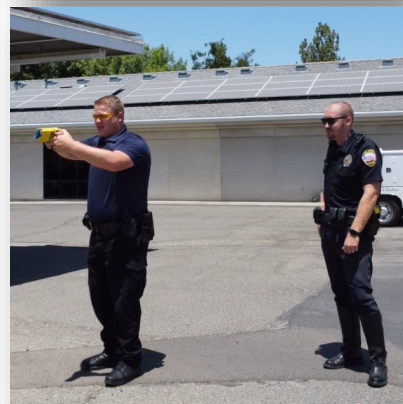
# FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Lemoore Police Department Field Training Program provides a standardized program to facilitate the transition from an academic setting obtained in the police academy to the actual performance of general law enforcement duties.

The program's goal is to prepare new officers to perform in a patrol assignment and to possess 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 2023, the field training program had 2 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. 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 2023, LEMOORE RESERVE OFFICERS:

-  Worked 2,496 hours
-  Responded to 2,392 Calls for Service
-  Took 295 cases
-  Made 651 Traffic Stops
-  Issued 169 citations
-  Made 152 arrests

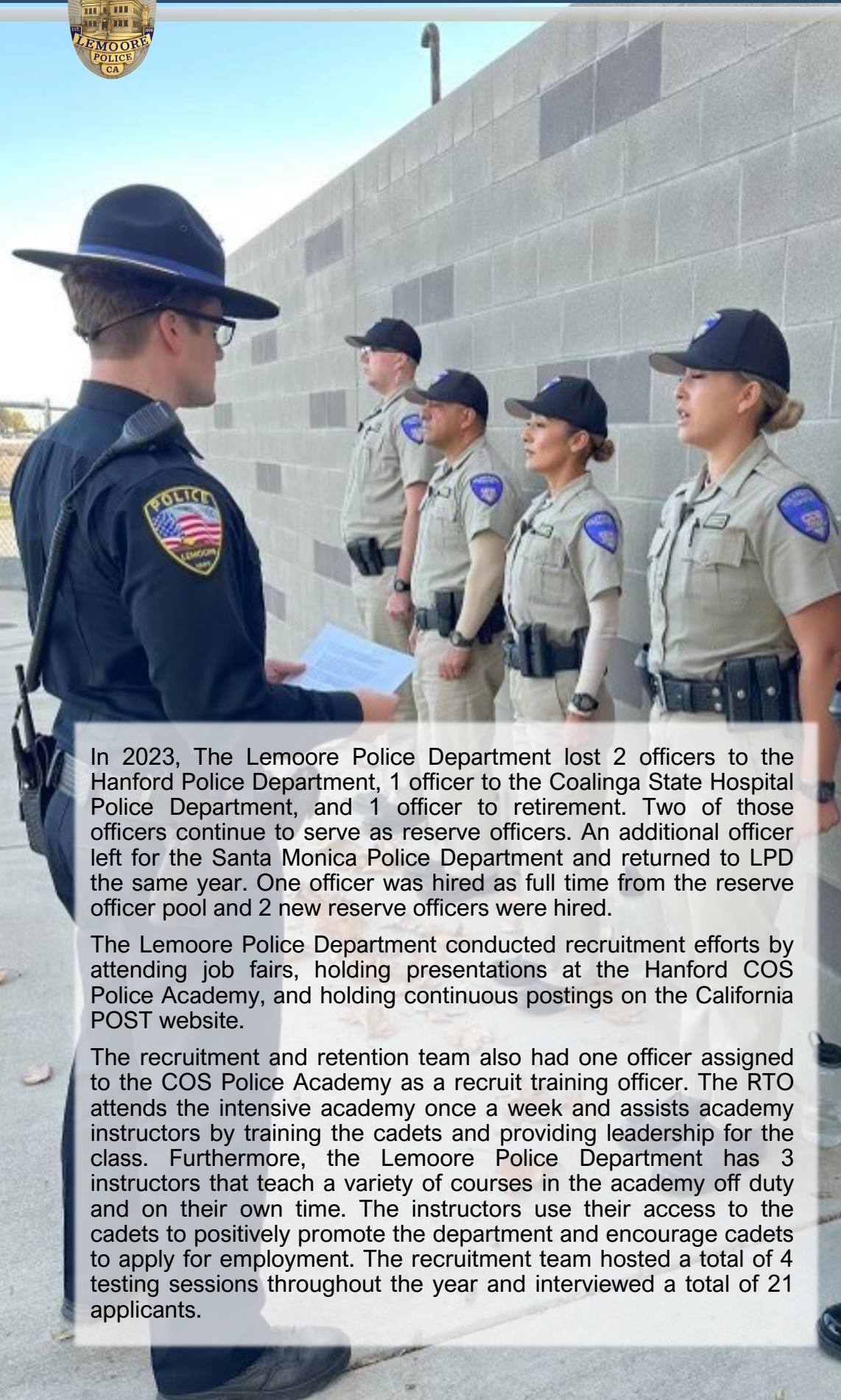


Reserve police officers are required to work a minimum of 16 hours per month and are generally assigned to the Operation's Division to supplement patrol in various aspects of their day-to-day operation. Reserve officers may also be assigned to assist in the property room with evidence maintenance, assist 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 2023 Lemoore Police Department had 6 Level I Reserve Police Officers.





# RECRUITMENT



Officer Chase Ellsworth



Officer Joshua Smith



Officer Roy Bohannon

In 2023, The Lemoore Police Department lost 2 officers to the Hanford Police Department, 1 officer to the Coalinga State Hospital Police Department, and 1 officer to retirement. Two of those officers continue to serve as reserve officers. An additional officer left for the Santa Monica Police Department and returned to LPD the same year. One officer was hired as full time from the reserve officer pool and 2 new reserve officers were hired.

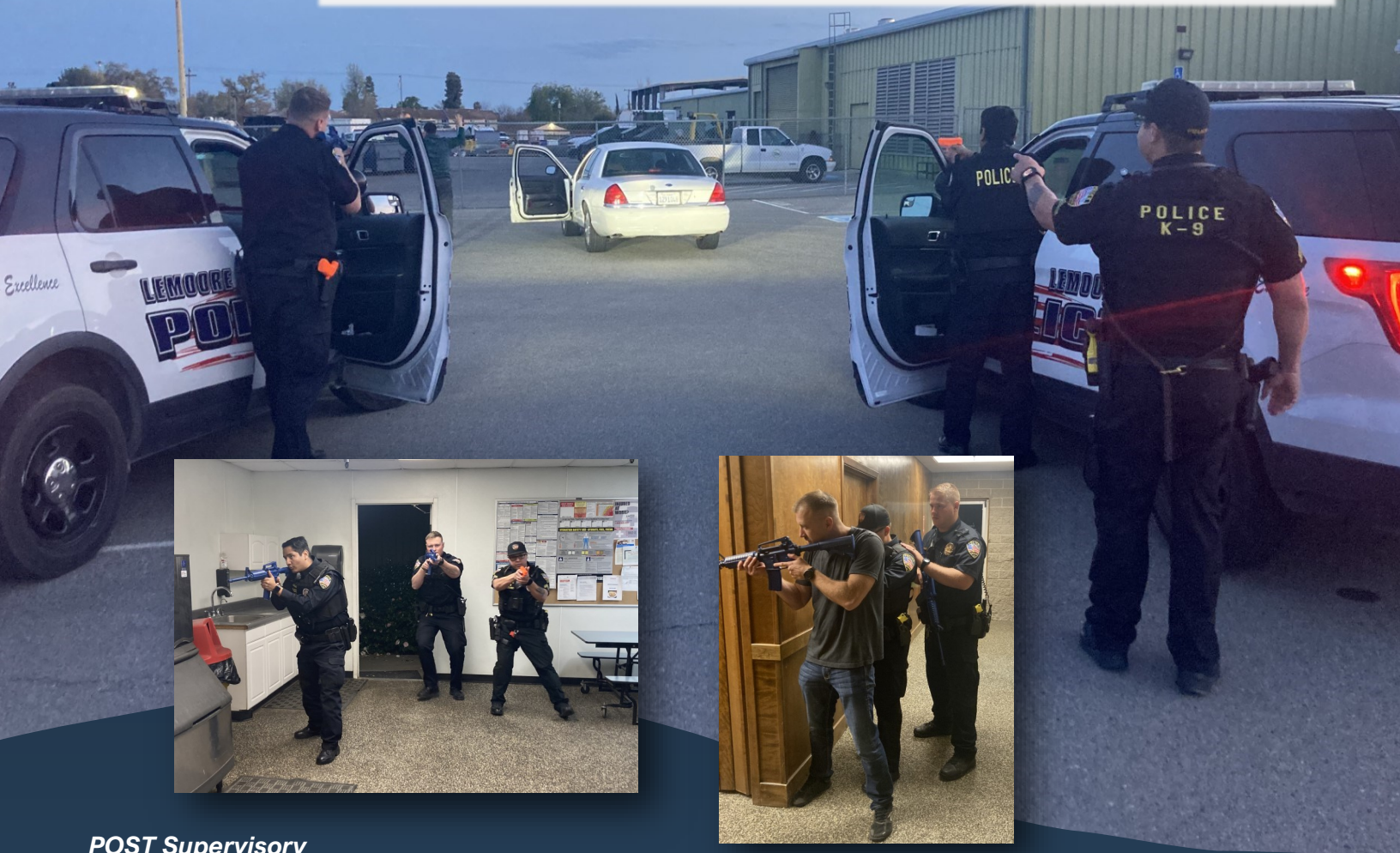
The Lemoore Police Department conducted recruitment efforts by attending job fairs, holding presentations at the Hanford COS Police Academy, and holding continuous postings on the California POST website.

The recruitment and retention team also had one officer assigned to the COS Police Academy as a recruit training officer. The RTO attends the intensive academy once a week and assists academy instructors by training the cadets and providing leadership for the class. Furthermore, the Lemoore Police Department has 3 instructors that teach a variety of courses in the academy off duty and on their own time. The instructors use their access to the cadets to positively promote the department and encourage cadets to apply for employment. The recruitment team hosted a total of 4 testing sessions throughout the year and interviewed a total of 21 applicants.

**Are you ready to pursue your passion and make a difference in our community?**  
**Apply at: [www.lemoore.com](http://www.lemoore.com)**



During 2023, personnel received **3,826** hours of training with over 60 courses of instruction. This is a **2% decrease** compared to the 3,912 hours in 2022. 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:



*POST Supervisory*

*Perishable Skills*

*ICI Homicide*

*ICI Sexual Assault*

*ICI Narcotics*

*Drug & Alcohol Influence Recognition*

*Computer Crimes*

*Building Searches*

*Tackling Abandoned Properties*

*Records Clerk*

*Standard Field Sobriety*

*Tactical Breacher*

*Behavioral Analysis Training Institute (BATI)*

*Sport and Special Event Evacuation*

*Active Shooter*

*Fentanyl Safety & Awareness*

*DUI Detection*

*Field Training Officer Update*

*Diversions Device Instructor*

*Legislative Update*

*Drone Training*

*Traffic Collision*

*Interview and Interrogation*

*Street Cop Case Law*

*Less Lethal Instructor*

*Arrest & Control*

*Use of Force*



This year the Lemoore Police Explorer Post underwent an exciting change. After being under the umbrella of the Boy Scouts of America for multiple years, our POST separated and is now part of our outstanding Police Athletic League (PAL) Program. This change has been very beneficial for the youth in the program as well as for the department.

The Lemoore Police Explorer Post is still 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 careers in the field of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The Lemoore Police Department combines classroom and practical training with Ride-Alongs in police vehicles and 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 both the Lemoore High School to recruit during their freshman orientation as well as the public safety classes. We also have been actively recruiting 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 Explorers are currently active members.

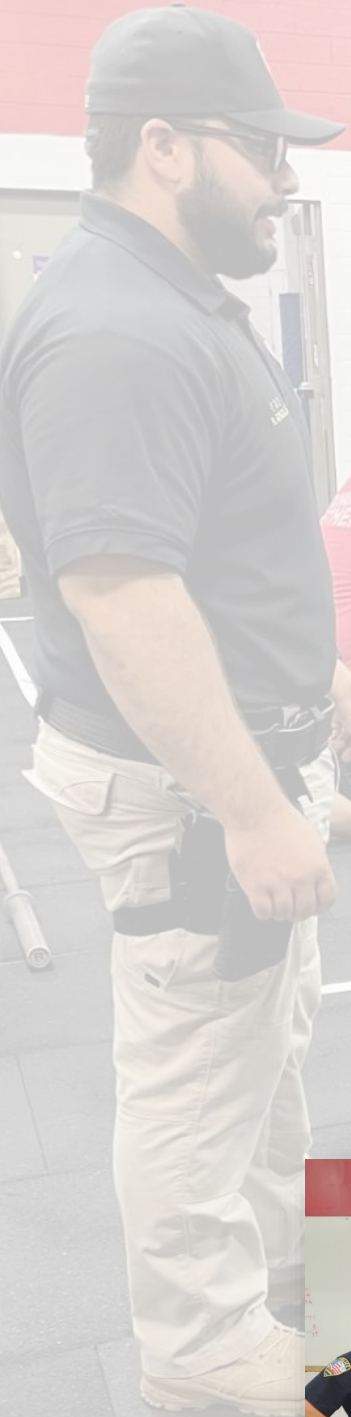
This year we have had the opportunity to participate in several activities and to assist the Lemoore Recreation Department Shamrock Shuffle, 4th of July and Veterans Day 5K runs. We have assisted with traffic control at the Turkey Trot in Hanford and Kings Fair in Hanford in partnership with other Explorer local posts. We also assisted with the Jingle and Mingle program and the Lemoore Christmas Parade. Explorers in the post 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.



# POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL)

The Lemoore Police Department's Police Activities League began in June of 2015. Lemoore PAL programs include a CrossFit Kids and Afterschool Program. PAL also partners with our local Boxing and Wrestling programs. All of our PAL programs have the same mission, which is as follows; PAL is aimed at reaching out to teenagers and young adults providing them with direction. The program also builds relationships between police officers and the youth. Lemoore PAL has not only seen a success from the participants in the program but from the community volunteers who have logged countless hours with the program to ensure it is a successful one. Lemoore Police Officers volunteer their personal time to assist as coaches, mentors, and board members.



• TRIMMY  
25  
• DRINKS  
FALL 1  
MAY 1





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



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 **93** 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.



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 2023, 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.

## Reason for the Season

donated to  
**59 FAMILIES**  
**210 CHILDREN**

## Presents on Patrol

donated to  
**10 FAMILIES**  
**26 CHILDREN**





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 notifications
- 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





# VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING



The department is truly fortunate to have the free services from a few dozen Volunteers in Policing. The Volunteers in Policing program was implemented in 1997. Graduates of the Citizens Academy volunteer hours 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 **22** Lemoore Police Department Volunteers in Policing.

Since its inception in 1997, Lemoore Police Department VIPs have donated **116,695.3** hours of service.

In 2023, the Lemoore Police Department VIPs donated 3359.8 hours of service to the Department and our community.







# GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



**CORPORAL JONATHAN GILES**  
EOW: NOVEMBER 7, 2018



**OFFICER JONATHAN DIAZ**  
EOW: NOVEMBER 2, 2019



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 2023 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.



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