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Felton Covered Bridge





Deputy Cesar DeSantos at National Night Out

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

2012 proved to be a challenging and constructive year as the Sheriff's Office made a successful transition to the sweeping changes brought on by state prison realignment. In a year when an additional population of non-violent offenders was sentenced to our custody, the non-violent crime rate in the unincorporated areas declined.

School safety continues to be a priority, and our in-service training for school staff and students is expanding. Plans for the new Sheriff's Center for Public Safety in Live Oak forge ahead; construction began in January of 2013 and our first move from downtown Santa Cruz will begin in the fourth quarter, 2013.

This report includes a 2012 Year in Review and a two-page spread spotlighting employee award recipients. These features highlight some of our accomplishments and a selection of employees who work diligently to ensure safety in our community. The Sheriff's Office is proud of the heroic work all of our talented staff does every day while serving our community.



## CHALLENGE COINS CARRY ON A PROUD TRADITION OF SERVICE

Every active member of the Sheriff's Office received a "challenge coin" from Sheriff Phil Wowak in 2012. Challenge coins are a United States military tradition dating back to World War II. Members of elite military units designed and carried custom coins to prove their membership and allegiance to their unit. "We are an elite team of law enforcement professionals, and every member of our organization contributes daily to our success and can display this coin with pride," said Sheriff Wowak.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to ensure public safety in Santa Cruz County. We accomplish this through open communication and collaboration with our community as well as continuous professional development of staff to address crime and promote innovative corrections solutions.

### INNOVATING SOLUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO PRISON REALIGNMENT

The Public Safety Realignment Act (Assembly Bill 109) was implemented in October 2011. Despite the sentencing of more than 170 non-serious, non-violent, non-sexual offenders to the Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau in 2012, we have been able to operate with no increased cost to the county, and maintain the same average daily jail population. This has been accomplished as the result of a paradigm shift in how we view corrections and public safety. The mandates of AB109 and discussions at Smart on Crime community meetings have changed our focus from keeping offenders locked away, to providing innovative programs that keep offenders once released from ever returning.

The Custody Alternatives Program (CAP) Team has done an outstanding job developing and implementing new programs that are generating good results to date without jeopardizing public safety. For example, about 95% of inmates in the Electronic Monitoring program have successfully completed their sentences, and inmates are doing community service at dozens of sites throughout the county. R.I.S.E. (Reclaiming Integrity, Self-Awareness, and Empowerment) is another new program that helps incarcerated men take responsibility for changing behaviors that caused harm by addressing anger management, self-esteem issues, and addiction. In 2013 and beyond we will continue to carefully monitor and assess progress in reducing recidivism and promoting public safety.

### REINFORCING SCHOOL SAFETY

The tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut in December brought school safety to the forefront of every community in the nation. School safety has always been a top priority of the Sheriff's

Office, and we work closely with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (SCCOE) and the Safe School Consortium to help maintain safety at all public and private schools throughout the county. Discussions during 2012 led to an expansion of our collective efforts.

In addition to being the first responder to any school security incident within the county, the Sheriff's Office has a physical presence on the largest school campuses in the unincorporated areas of the county. A Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer is on campus throughout every school day at Aptos High School and Soquel High School, as well as the Aptos and Watsonville campuses of Cabrillo College.

Every school in the county has a safety plan that includes prevention, intervention, and security. The Sheriff's Office provides on-site safety training on a regular basis for staff, teachers, and students. Training for staff and teachers focuses on the identification of risks, risk reduction best practices, safety protocols, and crisis/emergency response. Training for students is developmentally appropriate and helps them to be prepared for certain situations. The Sheriff's Office also participates in an annual Safe Schools Training hosted by SCCOE for school personnel where lockdown procedures and intruder on campus response are reviewed.

### LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

After several years of planning, construction is now underway for our new facility in Live Oak. The first of three phases will be completed by November 2013, and final phase in the fall 2014. We look forward with great excitement to the opening of the new Center. Efficiencies gained from the consolidation of all operations in a modern, centrally-located facility will enable us to work more effectively to ensure public safety on your behalf.

## ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff-Coroner is an elected official and the county's Chief Law Enforcement Officer. Sheriff's Office employees are responsible for law enforcement services including patrol and criminal investigations in the county's unincorporated areas, operating the adult jail system, providing court security for the Superior Court, and Coroner and Civil Service throughout the county. The Sheriff's Office consists of three bureaus: Operations, Corrections, and Administration. Each bureau is overseen by a Chief Deputy who is assigned Lieutenants, Sergeants, Deputies, civilian employees, and community volunteers.



### SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY

Santa Cruz County is 441 square miles with 29 miles of beaches, and has a resident population of 264,298 (2011 U.S. Census Bureau estimate). About half of the population lives in 13 unincorporated areas which are served by the Sheriff's Office: Aptos, Ben Lomond, Bonny Doon, Boulder Creek, Brookdale, Corralitos, Davenport, Felton, Freedom, La Selva Beach, Rio Del Mar, Soquel, and Zayante. The other half lives in the four incorporated cities of Santa Cruz, Capitola, Watsonville, and Scotts Valley.

The county has many qualities that make it a very popular place to live and visit. Its natural beauty, sandy beaches and scenic parks, free-spirited surf culture, major entertainment attractions, thriving art and music scene, and rich agricultural bounty attract people from around the world. When the population swells during the summer months, holidays, and large sporting and cultural events, all of the resources of the Sheriff's Office are engaged to ensure the safety of residents and tourists.

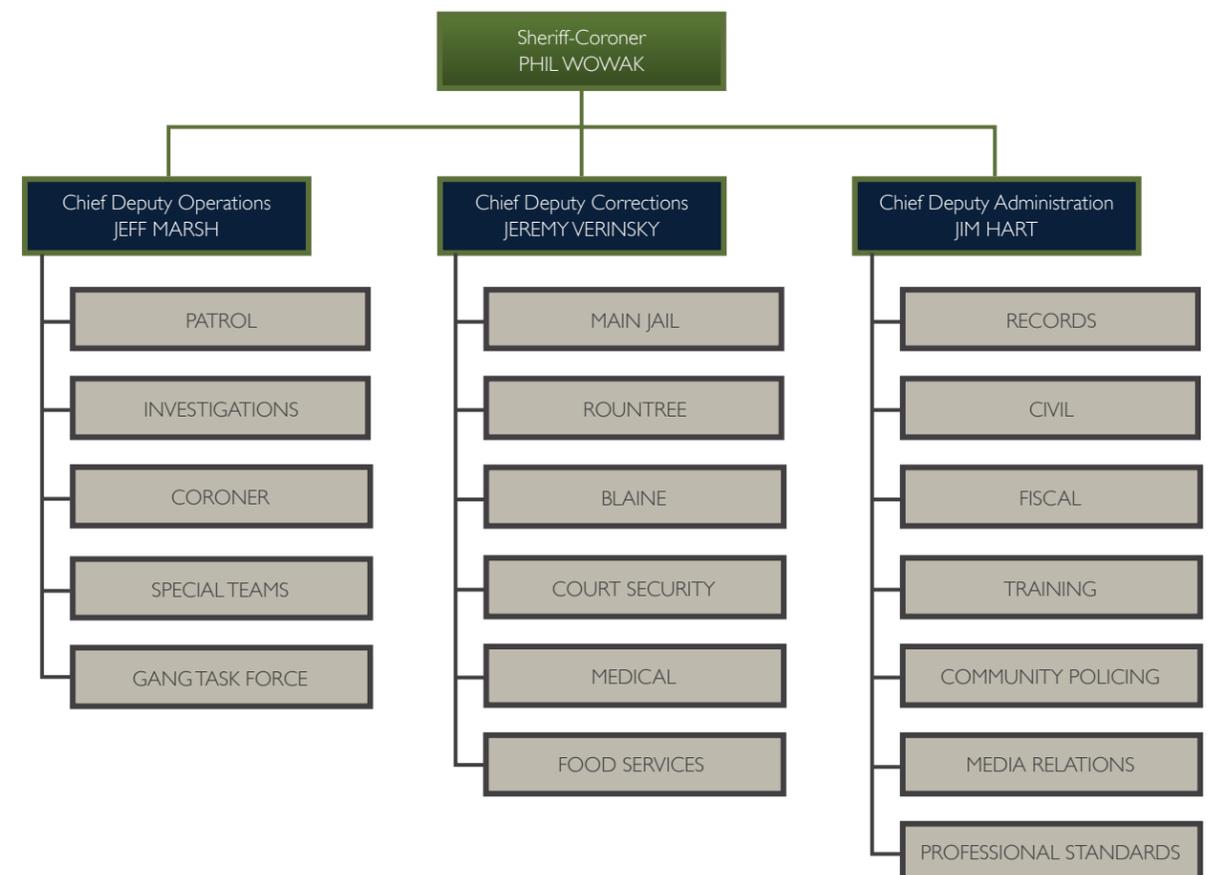
## BUDGET AND ORGANIZATION CHART

### FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 BUDGET

Operations	\$31,941,813
Corrections	\$30,699,301
Court	\$5,708,704
Total	\$68,349,818

### AUTHORIZED POSITIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2012

Sworn	161
Corrections	112
Civilian	65
Total	338



## OPERATIONS BUREAU

In 2012, the Operations Bureau diligently patrolled our neighborhoods and strengthened relationships with the community at our four main Sheriff's Office Service Centers. The Patrol Division responds to emergency 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls for service, and provides general law enforcement in the unincorporated areas of the County. A Sheriff Office Sergeant oversees each shift, directing activities and coordinating enforcement assignments. In 2012 the Sheriff's Office received over 96,000 calls for service which were handled by the Patrol Division.



Deputy Russ Skelton on Bike Patrol

The Operations Bureau investigated several major cases with the support of the Special Operations Groups, which includes: Canine Unit, Coast Patrol, Air Squadron, Bomb Team, Search and Rescue, Motorcycle Team, Mounted Horse Team, Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Crisis Negotiation Team, Tactical Team, and Reserve Duties.



Sheriff's Patrol

### PATROL DIVISION SERVICE CALLS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA 2012

AREA	CALLS	% OF TOTAL
NORTH COAST	1,558	2%
SAN LORENZO VALLEY NORTH	8,103	8%
SAN LORENZO VALLEY SOUTH	11,141	11%
LIVE OAK EAST	9,528	10%
LIVE OAK WEST	14,413	15%
SOQUEL	12,841	13%
SUMMIT	2,092	2%
APTOS NORTH	12,631	13%
APTOS SOUTH	6,286	7%
PAJARO VALLEY NORTH	8,392	9%
PAJARO VALLEY SOUTH	3,509	4%
MISCELLANEOUS	6,056	6%
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	96,559	100%

## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION: TACKLING MAJOR, COMPLEX CASES

In 2012, the Criminal Investigation Division successfully investigated a number of major crimes that required advanced training, technical skills, specialized resources, and close cooperation with other agencies.

This Division is managed by one Lieutenant who supervises seven Sergeants, each of whom is assigned one of the following sections: Coroner, Crime Scene Investigation, Crimes against Persons: Robbery/Homicide/Domestic Violence, Crimes against Persons: Sexual Assault/Child Abuse, Gang Task Force, Narcotics Enforcement Team, and Property Crimes. Sergeants review and evaluate preliminary reports, direct and conduct investigations, and assign cases to Deputies. The Division Secretary provides clerical, statistical, transcription, telephonic, and investigative support.

Crime rates fell in the unincorporated areas in 2012 for robbery, assault, burglary, and rape as shown in the following chart.

### SHERIFF'S OFFICE CRIMINAL TRENDS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

	2010	2011	2012
ROBBERY REPORTS	37	36	32
ROBBERY ARRESTS	4	14	7
ASSAULT REPORTS	691	708	654
ASSAULT ARRESTS	334	373	348
BURGLARY REPORTS	837	917	723
BURGLARY ARRESTS	43	61	57
RAPE REPORTS	19	34	20
RAPE ARRESTS	3	9	2

#### OTHER 2012 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 98 arrests were made by the Division.
- 10,989 crime reports and 3,740 supplemental reports were generated by Sheriff's Office personnel. Of these, 178 felony and 44 misdemeanor cases were assigned to Detectives for follow-up investigation.
- 140 felony and 41 misdemeanor investigations were initiated by Detectives.
- 218 arrest warrants were requested, and 150 search warrants were served by Detectives.

## CORONER SECTION

Comprised of one Sergeant and three Deputies, the Coroner's Section investigates all sudden and unexpected deaths. Responsibilities include the identification of decedent, securing of decedent's personal property pending legal disposition, notification of next-of-kin, and determination of cause and manner of death.

The Coroner Section works closely with the office of the Public Administrator to handle indigent burials, funded by a budget for indigent persons residing within Santa Cruz County at the time of death. Local mortuaries provide transportation, death certificates, and temporary body storage.

#### 2012 HIGHLIGHTS:

- 831 death investigations were conducted by Coroner personnel.
- 214 autopsies were conducted by the Pathologist, including 10 homicides, 40 suicides, 78 accidents and eight traffic-related deaths.
- 35 visual inspection cases were conducted by the Forensic Pathologist.
- 44 indigent burials were handled by Coroner Detectives.
- 346 missing persons reports, both adult and juvenile, were received. All but five individuals were located.
- 16 forensic anthropological cases were handled that involved known or suspected human remains. These cases included crime scene investigation, forensic skeletal analysis, bone/dental histological analysis, non-human bone determination, and the examination of historic/archaeological remains.
- 8 of the 16 forensic anthropological consultations were conducted for outside agencies.





## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS: SEXUAL ASSAULT/PHYSICAL CHILD ABUSE SECTION

This section consists of one Sergeant and two Deputies who investigate sexual assaults involving children and adults in addition to physical child abuse. Investigative responsibility is broken down into four primary areas: sexual assault committed against adults, sexual assault committed against children, physical assault committed against children, and registration and investigation of convicted sex offenders.

The Sexual Assault Unit is responsible for the registering, tracking, and monitoring of approximately 240 sex offenders residing in the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. The Sheriff's Office oversees the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) program for all law enforcement agencies in the county. The SAFE program consists of a team of trained medical professionals on contract to conduct forensic physical examinations in sexual assault cases.

### 2012 HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Sexual Assault Unit investigated:
  - 34 sexual assault cases involving adult victims.
  - 35 sexual assault cases involving child victims.
  - 73 cases of physical abuse involving child victims.
- 14 sex offenders for possible compliance violations were investigated by Deputies, resulting in 13 arrests.
- 74 sexual assault forensic exams were performed by SAFE.

## NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET) is staffed by one Sheriff's Sergeant and two Deputies to investigate street-level narcotics sellers, unlawful commercial marijuana cultivations and traffickers, and methamphetamine manufacturers and sellers.

### 2012 HIGHLIGHTS:

NET seized:

- 855 grams of methamphetamine.
- 172 grams of heroin.
- 30 grams of cocaine.
- 296 pounds of unlawfully processed marijuana.
- 8,919 unlawful marijuana plants.
- 52 firearms.
- \$173,033 in currency associated with unlawful activity.



Vandalism

## PROPERTY CRIMES SECTION

One Sergeant and two Deputies in this section investigate residential, commercial, and automobile burglary, grand theft, arson, identity theft, and financial crimes.

### 2012 HIGHLIGHTS:

The Property Crimes section reviewed:

- 478 residential burglaries.
- 182 commercial burglaries.
- 417 burglaries of automobiles.
- 392 cases of identity theft.
- 9 cases involving financial elder abuse.



## SPOTLIGHT ON FOUR SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAMS

### SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM

Search and Rescue (SAR) is a non-profit organization with a team of 60 dedicated people who respond to calls as soon as someone is reported missing. The team includes: 26 Deputies, eight mounted horse team members, 15 motorcycle team members, eight technical ropes team members, one canine handler certified in wilderness searches, and two canine handler teams in training, as well as nine volunteers with specialized training in swift water rescue.

#### SEARCH AND RESCUE ACTIVITIES IN 2012

Total Volunteer Hours	3,506
Searches Conducted	17
Lost Persons Located	10
Bodies Recovered	1
Mutual Aid Activities	5
Evidence Searches	1

### BOMB TEAM

The Sheriff's Bomb Team is the only one of its kind in Santa Cruz County, and is utilized by all law enforcement agencies within the county. 2012 was an eventful year for team members who responded to several suspicious devices while working their respective jobs. The team's capabilities were enhanced by the addition of two rapid deployment mini-robots acquired with government grants. Training continues to be a major focus for the team. 400 hours of basic training is required for entry level Hazardous Devices Technician status. Skills must be refreshed every three years by the FBI and in-house training.

### AIR SUPPORT UNIT

The Sheriff's Air Support Unit has been in existence for over 30 years and flies an average of 65 missions annually. The unit consists of two separate teams, the Aero Squadron of civilians and the Air Support Unit of sworn Deputies. In 2012, this unit assisted in the rescue of missing persons and the capture of wanted felons, photographed major incidents, and conducted surveillance. The pilots operate Cessna 172 aircraft that are located at Watsonville Municipal Airport, and receive quarterly training from the team's commander who is an FAA Certified Flight Instructor.

### TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

The Sheriff's Office places a high value on communication skills; research shows that 97% of police contacts are successfully resolved through personal communications. This Team provides ongoing professional training to Deputies so that they can be effective with persons who are agitated, mentally ill, suicidal, under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or have other problems that may result in negative outcomes.

## GANG TASK FORCE : GETTING DANGEROUS GANG MEMBERS OFF THE STREETS

Established in 2010, Santa Cruz County Gang Task Force (GTF) is a regional, multi-jurisdictional law enforcement and prevention team whose mission is to investigate, apprehend, and prosecute criminal street gang members for violation of state and federal law. GTF consists of two Sheriff's Office Deputies, a Sheriff's Office volunteer, the Probation Department, six peace officers from the Office of the District Attorney, as well as the Santa Cruz Police Department, Watsonville Police Department, and State Parole.

Combining the proactive enforcement efforts of the GTF with that of the Sheriff's Office Investigation Division has resulted in extraordinary levels of communication, collaboration, and results. In addition to getting dangerous gang members off the street, GTF helps to lower the fear of crime in certain communities, and empower citizens to stand up to gang violence. When citizens are less fearful, they are more likely to cooperate with police and report criminal activity.

GTF's Commander plays a leadership role in gang suppression in the North County-based program, BASTA (Broad-based Apprehension Suppression Treatment and Alternatives). This collaborative proactively works to keep schools and communities safe by reducing and preventing youth gang violence, school truancy, suspensions, expulsions, and alcohol and drug abuse.

#### 2012 HIGHLIGHTS:

- GTF provided critical intelligence and investigative assistance in 213 gang-related cases in the unincorporated areas.
- 266 gang members were identified by the GTF.
- 307 arrests were made.
- 421 searches were made based on probation or parole terms.
- 25 firearms were seized.
- 1,711 grams of heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine were seized.



Gang Task Force Member

## JANUARY

Deputy **Dan Brierley** and Sunnyvale Police Officer Joe Marines solved a case of credit card fraud. The suspect obtained credit card information from customers at Radio Shack where he worked, made purchases, and shipped the merchandise to different locations. The pair collected enough evidence to make an arrest.



The Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team (SAR) completed two separate searches in the Mount Madonna and Highland areas for two at-risk individuals who were returned home safely.

## FEBRUARY

On Valentine's Day, Deputy **Pat Dimick** interrupted a homicide in progress and saved the lives of two women. The suspect was strangling his wife after stabbing her and his daughter. Deputy Dimick tased the subject and took him into custody, and secured medical attention for the women. In July, Pat received a Silver Medal of Valor for his handling of this case.

## APRIL



A fundraiser for the Sheriff's Activity League (SAL) held at Pizza My Heart on April 18 raised \$1,300. SAL provides a variety of free activities to 800 at-risk youth of Santa Cruz County annually: SAL Junior Giants baseball, soccer, surfing, and indoor soccer programs. Most programs include meals, education, equipment, and transportation.

Deputies **Jason Dunn** and **Paul Van Horsen** apprehended two men who broke into the home of an elderly woman in Corralitos and then fled the scene. Deputy Dunn pursued one suspect in a car and apprehended him after a foot chase. Deputy Van Horsen located the second suspect hiding in a creek bed. Both suspects were arrested and the stolen property returned.

## MAY

Prison Realignment has been in effect seven months and positive results have been generated. The Electronic Monitoring program saved 7,883 bed days so far, and 300 low-end offenders have served their sentences in part by performing community service at 53 job sites in the county.

## JUNE

The identity of a body of a male that was in dispute was resolved. His fingerprints were collected by **Forensic Autopsy Technician Dave Cutter** and submitted to **Latent Print Examiner Julie Taurac**. Julie searched a local fingerprint database, and the FBI's national federal database with 72 million prints, and found a match within 30 minutes.



After serving a warrant for marijuana at a residence in Aptos, Sheriff's Office Deputies found \$33,000 in cash, (\$20,000 of which was hidden within the house), 270 plants, and two pounds of processed marijuana buds. The Deputies secured a confession from the suspect that he sold marijuana, then took the suspect into custody.

## JULY

Deputies **Matthew Pursley** and **Bill Burnett** conducted a search of a known gang member's car and person and seized 1.1 grams of methamphetamine, 35 grams of heroin, a Smith and Wesson 40 caliber hand gun which had been stolen during a Sacramento burglary in 2004, and several loaded magazines, as well as stolen jewelry.

**Forensic Anthropologist Dr. Lauren Zephro** was awarded a PhD in Anthropology from UCSC. Her role includes forensic anthropology, latent print examination, and the management of the County's Automated Fingerprint Identification System database and the Santa Cruz County Latent Print Program. Lauren has been an employee since 2008.



## SEPTEMBER

The Sheriff's Office was called to check on the welfare of an individual in his home who had a history of depression and attempted suicide. Deputies **Don Laycock** and **Daren Kerr** entered the home and found the man unconscious and bleeding profusely from the neck and wrist. The Deputies rendered first aid and saved his life.



Deputy **Wes Grant** and Fire personnel responded to a house fire caused by a grow lamp that fell into a marijuana growing operation below the garage of a Santa Cruz house. The residence was processed in total darkness after the main electrical breaker was flipped to make the scene safe. With the assistance of Sheriff's Office personnel, the suspect was taken into custody. \$1,600 in cash, \$4,500 in counterfeit bills, 359 marijuana plants, and 22 pounds of marijuana were seized.

## OCTOBER

After 20 years of service within the Sheriff's Office, **Lieutenant Amy Christey** was hired as Chief of Police for the City of Morro Bay. Prior to this honor, she worked in Corrections, Operations, and Community Policing. Amy also served as the head of field training and was Commander of the Bomb Squad. Amy is an example of the caliber of personnel within the Sheriff's Office and a testament to the excellence of its recruiting and development programs.

On October 22, a pregnant woman who was being released from custody for lewd or dissolute conduct in public, went into active labor in the lobby of the Main Jail. Within minutes, Sheriff's Office medical staff and Corrections Officers worked together to deliver a baby girl. The baby needed immediate basic life-saving care which was provided until the paramedics arrived.



## NOVEMBER

**Extra-Help Deputy Steve Plaskett** and several radio technicians reprogrammed every portable, mobile, and band radio station owned and operated by the Sheriff's Office ahead of schedule. The team touched every radio, transmitter, receiver, and radio tower in the county to ensure uninterrupted radio traffic on the Sheriff's primary radio frequency.



## DECEMBER

**Chief Deputy Don Bradley**, second in command to the Sheriff, retired after nearly 30 years of service. A highly competent and respected Chief Deputy, Don was second in command for three different Sheriffs. Don worked in every area of the Sheriff's Office and held every rank. He was promoted to Chief Deputy in 2003.

## CORRECTIONS BUREAU

The Corrections Bureau consists of six Divisions: Main Jail Operations, Rountree Jail Operations, Medical Services, Food Services, Court Security/Transportation, and Work Release/Reception. The three adult jail facilities are the Main Jail on Water Street, the Rountree Correctional Facility providing medium and minimum security facility for men on Rountree Lane near Watsonville, and the Blaine Street women's facility in the City of Santa Cruz.



Santa Cruz County Main Jail

### SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS 2012

BOOKINGS	9,953
MAIN JAIL INMATE POPULATION	356
BLAINE STREET JAIL INMATE POPULATION	21
ROUNTREE INMATE AVERAGE MONTHLY POPULATION	104
WORK RELEASE AVERAGE MONTHLY POPULATION	256
DNA COLLECTED	69

### ROUNTREE JAIL STATISTICS 2012

AVERAGE MONTHLY POPULATION	104
LENGTH OF STAY	5 TO 1,750 DAYS
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY	236 DAYS
NUMBER OF GED SUBJECT EXAMS TAKEN	92
PERCENTAGE OF SUBJECT EXAMS PASSED	93%
RESULTING GED COMPLETIONS	7



Counselor Works with Inmates

## IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES IN RESPONSE TO PRISON ALIGNMENT

The Corrections Bureau made a smooth transition in response to the sweeping changes brought on by Public Safety Realignment Act (AB 109) in 2012 while continuing to provide secure confinement of inmates and protect public safety. AB 109 changed the sentencing laws for 170 specified lower level inmates and parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, incarcerating them in the Santa Cruz County Jail.

In preparation for AB 109, starting in 2011, the Corrections Bureau began developing innovative strategies to accommodate and manage the additional inmates, while holding inmates accountable and still promoting the highest possible level of long-term public safety. The Custody Alternatives Program Team worked diligently in their efforts to assess inmates, place them into the appropriate custody alternative program, manage clients outside of jail facilities, and help former inmates receive services. In recognition of the success of their work, the Custody Alternatives Program Team was honored with the Gold Award in the Justice Category of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Annual Employee Recognition Awards in 2012.

## CUSTODY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM: BENEFITING OFFENDERS AND THE COMMUNITY

In 2012, the Custody Alternatives Program (CAP) continued to expand to provide work release and electronic monitoring alternatives to inmates coming under our supervision as a result of AB 109, and other non-violent offenders who posed minimal risk to the community. Offenders receive close supervision while completing their court-ordered sentences.

The Electronic Monitoring Program is appropriate for offenders who have special situations or needs that are better handled in their home environment. Participants are allowed to work and attend school, counseling, and other necessary appointments, while under close supervision by Corrections Bureau personnel. Depending on their case, they may be required to remain in restricted areas.

Participants in the Work Release program pay a nominal fee to support the program. These participants are assigned to duties such as landscaping, light maintenance, or picking up litter at one of 52 sites throughout the County and the Rountree facility. In cooperation with the Santa Cruz County Public Works Department, Rountree Jail inmates also began working at additional off-site work locations this year.



Correctional Officer Applying Ankle Bracelet

## CUSTODY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM



## CUSTODY ALTERNATIVES RESULTS 2012

NUMBER PARTICIPATING IN WORK RELEASE PROGRAM	962
NUMBER PARTICIPATING IN ELECTRONIC MONITORING	256
BED DAYS SAVED	23,650
BED DAYS DOLLARS SAVED*	\$1,858,366
JOB SITES WHERE COMMUNITY SERVICE WAS PERFORMED	53

\*Savings generated by inmates participating in the Custody Alternative Program as opposed to being in jail.



Rountree Medium Security Facility

### EXPANDING PROGRAMS TO PREPARE INMATES FOR RELEASE AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM

The Rountree Correctional Facility provides many educational programs and services to help inmates prepare for a successful transition to the community, and to reduce recidivism.

In 2012, the Rountree facility introduced a new 10-week program for male inmates called R.I.S.E. (Reclaiming Integrity, Self-Awareness, and Empowerment). This program, created by the non-profit Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, was modeled after the Gemma program for women. Gemma has helped over 200 women in Santa Cruz County transition from custody to life beyond incarceration. The focus of R.I.S.E. is to help incarcerated men take responsibility for changing behaviors that caused harm to themselves, their families, and their communities, by addressing anger management, self-esteem issues, and addiction. 35 inmates graduated from the program in 2012.

Inmates are offered programs on a daily basis, and are expected to participate. The Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) provides the resources for programs at no cost to the general public by collecting inmate telephone use and inmate commissary sales. Over 100 program volunteers and instructors facilitate the following programs:

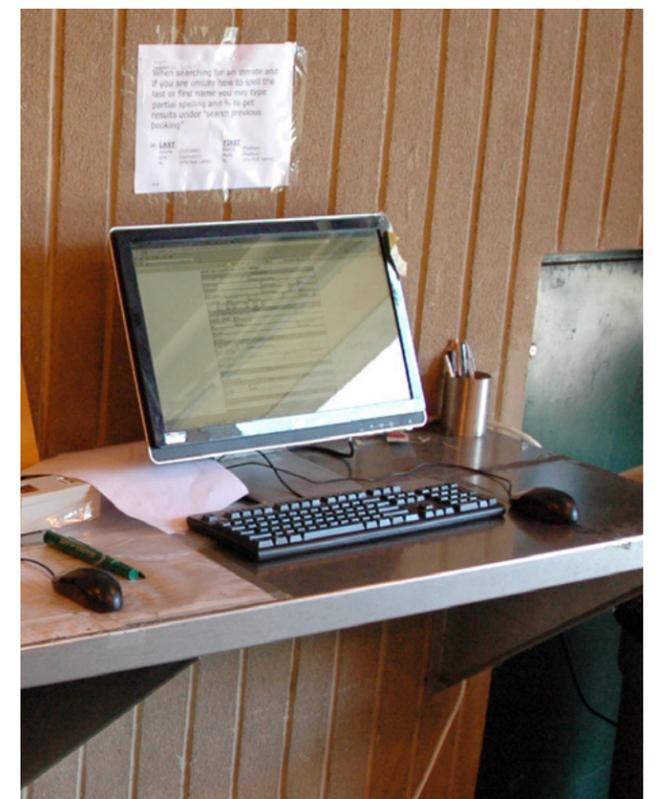
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE - ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
- GED CLASSES
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS CLASSES
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION CLASSES
- LIFE SKILLS CLASSES
- PARENTING CLASSES
- COMPUTER CLASSES AT BLAINE STREET
- RELIGIOUS SERVICES

AB 109 inmates serving time in custody at Rountree receive additional services through the Correction Division's partnership with Friends Outside. This local non-profit provides re-entry programs that focus on transportation assistance, food and clothing cards, basic life services, reconnecting with family, and accessing employment and education resources. Friends Outside programs have demonstrated a 60% reduction in recidivism.

Rountree inmates with green thumbs grow some of the biggest pumpkins in the county, and then donate them to the Boy Scouts or the community.

### INCREASING JAIL MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY

A new electronic pre-book module was implemented as part of the Jail Management System in 2012, increasing the efficiency and accuracy of jail records, and reducing the time Deputies spend at the jail after an arrest. When an arrest is made and entered into the system, all of the demographic info from the arrestee is instantly transferred and accessible to Sheriff's Office personnel.



## ADMINISTRATION BUREAU

The Administration Bureau supports and oversees Community Policing, recruitment, records management, media relations, civil services, financial accounting, and professional standards for the entire Sheriff's Office. Operating 24/7, the Bureau also provides a variety of in-house training curriculums for all levels of personnel, which include pre-service, in-service, and specialized trainings to enable employees to perform their varied job tasks effectively and safely.



Sheriff's Administration

## PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE SAFETY

The Community Policing Division works closely with citizens to provide long term solutions to the causes of crime and issues that influence citizens' sense of security. Community Policing Officers personally interact and build relationships with individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations throughout the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County. These relationships are vital to achieving the Sheriff's Office mission: to be united with local communities to make Santa Cruz County a place where all people can live safely.

## RECORDS DIVISION: SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

The Records Division provides customer service to the public and support to law enforcement personnel throughout the entire county. It provides data entry and maintenance of all county-wide wanted persons, missing persons, and stolen property items in the California Department of Justice and National Criminal Information Center systems. The Records Division also handles public record requests, maintenance of all the agency law enforcement report files, missing person reports, all warrants issued by local magistrates, restraining order system entry, and data entry into the Sheriff's Office Records Management System.

Deputies received over 6,000 hours of training in 2012.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECORDS DIVISION 2012 STATISTICS

Crime Reports	10,453
Supplemental Reports	3,745
Teletypes Sent	45,321
Teletypes Received	35,114
Phone & In Person Contacts	45,691
Total Warrants Received	6,422
Restraining Orders	1,738



Cabrillo College Campus

## CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING AT CABRILLO COLLEGE

Cabrillo College contracts with the Sheriff's Office to provide crime prevention and law enforcement services on its three campuses in Aptos, Watsonville, and Scotts Valley. The Community Policing Officers' role is to make the campus a place where everyone can attend safely without fear. Our staff continues to handle a large number of demands through the dedication of one Sergeant, one Deputy, one full-time Security Officer, and one part-time Security Officer.

WALK-INS	5,112
PHONE CALLS	5,276
CALLS FOR SERVICE	3,380
LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTS	4,492
PARKING CITATIONS	2,102
CRIME REPORTS	92
CITATION APPEALS	458
TOTAL SERVICE CALLS	20,912

## VOLUNTEERS PLAYING A VITAL ROLE AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE SERVICE CENTERS

The four Service Centers that were opened in Live Oak-Soquel, Aptos, San Lorenzo Valley, and Watsonville by the Sheriff's Office in 1996 enhance our ability to form partnerships with the citizens in these areas and deliver services. The Centers provide a convenient meeting place for residents and law enforcement staff to discuss neighborhood issues. The Centers also serve as critical incident coordination centers during emergencies.

A Sheriff's Office Sergeant oversees the daily operations of each center which is staffed by Community Service Officers and community volunteers. We can't thank our volunteers enough for their invaluable help with tasks including neighborhood watch, bicycle registration, vehicle abatement, vacation watch, and community events. These dedicated volunteers play a vital role in the success of the Service Centers.

## SERVICES PROVIDED AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE SERVICE CENTERS

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE	8,956
SECURITY CHECKS CONDUCTED	9,702
TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED	6,914
WALK-IN CLIENTS	3,770
VEHICLES TAGGED/REVIEWED	383
CHILD FINGERPRINTING	638
COMMUNITY MEETINGS/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH	364
SHERIFF'S REPORTS WRITTEN	465
MISSING PERSONS FOLLOW-UP	484

Sheriff's Office volunteers put in over 8,900 hours of service in 2012.



### ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT STATISTICS 2010-2012

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	2010		2011		2012	
	TOTAL INVESTIGATED	VEHICLES TOWED	TOTAL INVESTIGATED	VEHICLES TOWED	TOTAL INVESTIGATED	VEHICLES TOWED
DISTRICT 1	684	42	457	24	333	12
DISTRICT 2	203	4	157	5	126	1
DISTRICT 3	57	5	80	2	20	1
DISTRICT 4	102	4	82	3	33	0
DISTRICT 5	195	37	147	21	99	14
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>28</b>

### ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

The Sheriff's Office Facebook page has become an important way to communicate and interact with some segments of the community. The page is used to let people know about timely news and events such as road closures, at risk missing persons, rapidly evolving criminal investigations, or other events that require the assistance or education of Santa Cruz citizens.

Like Us on Facebook at [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SANTACRUZSHERIFFSOFFICE?REF=TN\\_TNMM](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SANTACRUZSHERIFFSOFFICE?REF=TN_TNMM)  
 Visit us online at [WWW.SCSHERIFF.COM](http://WWW.SCSHERIFF.COM)



**In response to the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting**

Heidi Henderson: I was happy to see Sheriff's vehicles at my son's school in Aptos this morning. It actually made me have a warm calm feeling. Because usually I am a nervous wreck while dropping off my son at school. Thank you Santa Cruz County Sheriffs.

Like • Comment • Unfollow Post • Share • 12/17/12



**In response to information a successful search and rescue mission**

Chrissy Brown: safe and sound....pheww...God bless all the Sheriffs who came in from all over the bay area!!!

Like • Comment • Unfollow Post • Share • 6/29/12



**In response to story about Doug Smith resuscitating an infant with CPR**

Deb Wood: Your story made it all the way to Northeastern, PA. Thank you for your amazing service, it takes a special person to do your job, you saved a little one's life, i would hope that if one of my children needed help, you'd have a twin here in PA.

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**In response to a remembrance of Deputy Gray**

San Lorenzo Valley News Network: Thanks for sharing this and for remembering one of SLV's finest. I shared it on our page and expect many locals will appreciate the sentiments expressed.

Like • Comment • Unfollow Post • Share • 1/20/12



**Regarding deputies visiting the fallen officer memorial in Sacramento**

Adifah Crista Kelly Sadler: To those who have fallen. I salute you. Its not how you died but rather its how you lived that made you heros and heroines. Godspeed.

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New Center for Public Safety

## CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY: CENTRALIZING RESOURCES TO ENHANCE SERVICES

The Center for Public Safety will consolidate all of our operations in one location, increasing our efficiency in many areas, and enhancing our ability to serve our community and promote safety. Our mid-county address in Live Oak, where the majority of calls for service are generated, will improve our ability to respond to county-wide calls for service. The modern infrastructure of the facility will have a positive impact on the number and speed at which cases can be investigated. The Center will also provide a convenient and comfortable place for community meetings.

### TARGET COMPLETION DATES:

- NOVEMBER 2013  
PHASE 1: SCIENCES BUILDING
- APRIL 2014  
PHASE 2: OPERATIONS BUILDING
- FALL 2014  
PHASE 3: ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



## RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

The Sheriff's Office is very proud of all of our dedicated and talented staff who work tirelessly for the well-being of our community. We congratulate the following individuals who have been recognized with awards in 2012.



### SERGEANT PAT DIMICK

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR - Sheriff's Office

Pat was recognized for his heroic and decisive actions when he interrupted a homicide in progress. Pat saved the lives of a woman under lethal attack by her husband, and her daughter who had also been stabbed. His quick response, accurate assessment of risk, excellent decision making, and appropriate use of force are exemplary.



### CORRECTIONS OFFICER JIM BATES

BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL - Sheriff's Office

While assigned as the South Housing Officer at the Main Jail, Jim was alerted that an inmate was in medical distress. He responded quickly and found the inmate unconscious and not breathing. Jim gave clear directions to responding officers, and then provided life saving measures for approximately 15 minutes until he was relieved by EMS personnel. The award honors Jim for his calm and skillful response.



### DEPUTY ROGER GALVIN

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR - Aptos Post 10110 VFW

Every year a deputy is recognized by the Aptos Post 10110 Veterans of Foreign Wars for his or her outstanding work and dedication. Roger was one of five outstanding nominees. Roger was instrumental in solving a rash of residential burglaries that occurred in the Aptos part of the county. He was honored with the award for his passion and dedication to serving the public.

## AB 109 CUSTODY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM TEAM

GOLD AWARD in the Justice Category - Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Annual Employee Awards



ANDREW LERIOS



MICHELLE TAYLOR



ADRIANA ZARAGOSA



JAVIER ROBLES



RICHARD GALLARDO



DAKOTA CLARK



### SERGEANT JOE CLARK

SILVER AWARD in the Justice Category  
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Annual Employee Awards

Joe has been a volunteer member of the Sheriff's Activity League (SAL) for 17 years, and has held the position of president for the past four years. Under his dedicated and inspired leadership, SAL has expanded greatly, and now provides positive role models, leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship to over 800 boys and girls county-wide.



### GERI CORALLES

BRONZE AWARD in the Justice Category  
Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Annual Employee Awards

Geri stepped forward when the Sheriff's office was without a Volunteer Coordinator for over a year. Not only did she do an excellent job of seeing that all volunteer work was completed while handling her regular work duties as an Account Technician, she made improvements in the program's systems and process. Her caring and can do attitude and commitment to helping others to do their best is extraordinary.

Deputy Mike Gray



IN OUR HEARTS WE HONOR  
THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES  
– FOR WE CAN DO NO LESS

FROM THE CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL

### REMEMBERING MIKE GRAY (1942 – 1983)

This annual report is dedicated to the memory of Deputy Mike Gray, who was shot and killed in the line of duty 30 years ago on January 13, 1983. Born and raised in Felton, Mike attended Holy Cross High School and Cabrillo College and served in the army before realizing his lifelong dream of becoming a deputy in 1975. Mike found his true calling in public service as a law enforcement officer and he served with distinction.

Mike's compassion and dedication to the welfare of the community won the hearts and respect of everyone with whom he came in contact. For many of his younger peers, he was a role model, big brother, or father figure. Mike's intelligence, sense of humor, and community spirit are missed by those who served with him, and will forever be remembered by those who serve after him.

In 1984, a year after Mike's tragic passing, the Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriff's Association built and dedicated the Michael Gray Memorial sports field at the Juvenile Probation complex in Felton in his memory.





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