

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

2020

SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF 'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT



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This past year presented challenges not previously faced in public safety. The pandemic challenged us to find innovative ways to accomplish our goals and I am so proud of the way the Sheriff's Office responded to provide enhanced services.

-Sheriff Barnes

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COMMAND STAFF



Left to right:

Captain Jason Piazza, Lt. Steve Grossi, ASO Kim Randhawa, Lt. Rav Mann, Sheriff Brandon Barnes, Support Services Manager Tabitha Lopez, Undersheriff Scott Smallwood, Lt. Craig Hungrige, Lt. Kristie Garza, Lt. Matt Maples, Captain Chad Niswonger

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MOTTO

Serving and Protecting Your Community

VALUES

FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

Treat all with candor, empathy and respect
Be accountable to the public trust
Develop strength through partnerships and collaboration

FOR OUR DUTIES:

Lead through exemplary conduct, demeanor and appearance
Maintain order and custody of inmates in a safe, professional fashion
Encourage excellence through self-improvement, education and training
Recognize our actions today will have everlasting effects on those we serve

FOR OUR FELLOW EMPLOYEES:

Treat each other with respect, courtesy and fairness
Appreciate and accept our differences
Ensure positive recognition and encouragement of all employees
Work as a team to accomplish our goals

MISSION

The Sutter County Sheriff's Office will strive to enhance public safety while remaining loyal to the principles of the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of California. We will champion the civil liberties afforded to our citizens. We will celebrate our diversity and strive to improve the quality of life to those we protect and serve.

LETTER FROM SHERIFF BRANDON BARNES

Greetings from the Office of the Sheriff. My name is Brandon Barnes and I am the 24th Sheriff elected to Sutter County. My wife Jennifer and I continue to make our home in the community of Live Oak. Personally, we have had an amazing year as our children continue to prosper in their educations and work experiences. I also became a grandfather this year with the birth of my grandson, Liam Barnes. I am sincerely thankful for all the blessings in my life and I consider being our elected Sheriff one of those blessings. I remain committed to challenging myself and this office to provide innovative methods for providing services to our communities

This report marks the end of my second year as your Sheriff. This report is designed to inform the Board of Supervisors, as well as the public, about what goes on in “their” Sheriff’s Office. There have been a lot of successes this year and this report will highlight some of those examples for you. The most significant change is the implementation of our software solution that manages the Sheriff’s Office. We began the implementation of Central Square’s “One Solution” which puts all three of our divisions on the same system, allowing for efficiencies and a greater sharing of information.

In this report, you will get an overview of our three main divisions within the department: Operations, Corrections, and Support Services. Each division is unique and serves the community in a variety of ways.

This past year will forever be defined as the year Covid-19 dramatically impacted our lives. To put it into perspective, it is the largest pandemic in the past 100 years, which means no other law enforcement professionals in our lifetime had to manage public safety under such circumstances. The pandemic challenged our community, or civil liberties, and our resolve. However, despite all the challenges this office chose to focus on positive outcomes within our organization. The previously mentioned Central Square program was implemented and we enhanced technology in other areas of the office as well. A full body scanner was purchased to ensure jail security. Also, there were several key promotions including a new Jail Commander and a new Jail Lieutenant.

We value our relationships with our community and that is highlighted throughout this report. The Sheriff’s Office expanded on our Community Response Team, which now consists of a Sergeant, Deputy, and two Community Service Officers. This unit is specifically dedicated to meeting the needs of our community. Tremendous strides were made with our compassionate but firm approach to addressing the homeless issue in our county. Additionally, we hosted several community meetings and events. As Covid-19 challenged our capabilities, we hosted the first ever virtual “Town Hall” meetings for each district, further proving our unwillingness to be deterred from our mission.

I hope you will find this report useful and I hope it gives you some insight to the men and women behind the badge. This office employs dedicated and thoughtful professions and I am honored to stand beside them as we represent each of you.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Brandon Barnes



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

OPERATIONS
Captain Chad Niswonger

OPERATIONS
Lt. Rav Mann

LIVE OAK
Lt. Craig Hungridge

DETECTIVE
Lt. Steve Grossi



JAIL DIVISION
Captain Jason Piazza

JAIL
Lt. Kristie Garza



SUPPORT SERVICES MANAGER
Tabatha Lopez

TRAINING
Lt. Matt Maples



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



PEACE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Andre Licon



EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Dori Montgomery



CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Daniel Sheahan



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

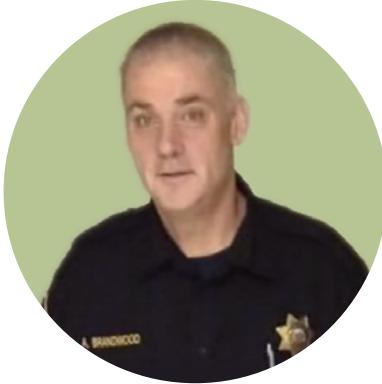
Sandy Quihuis



RETIREMENTS



20 YEARS
Dan Buttler



21 YEARS
Arthur Brandwood Jr.



21 YEARS
Norman Bidwell



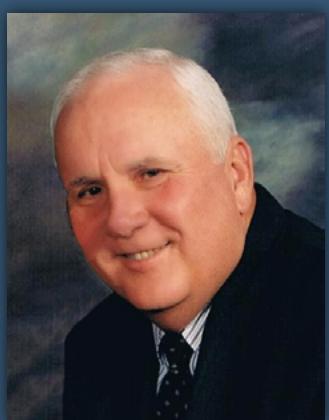
19 YEARS
Anthony Gates



20 YEARS
Roderick Wilson

The Sutter County Sheriff's Office was sad to mourn the loss of Retired Sutter County Sheriff Art Brandwood on May 23rd, 2020.

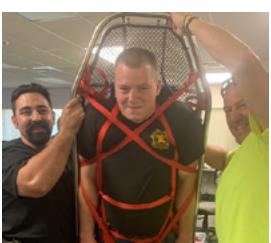
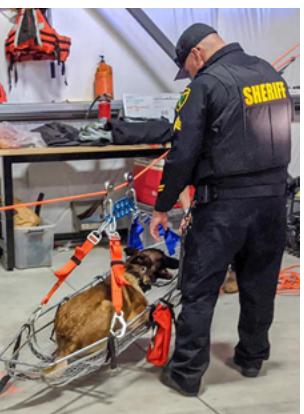
Sheriff Brandwood began his career in Oakland in 1965 where he took a job with the Oakland Police Department (OPD). He was promoted to Sergeant with OPD in February of 1969. Sheriff Brandwood remained at OPD until 1980 when he decided to make a change and accepted a position as a Lieutenant and then Captain with the Yuba City Police Department. He quickly made lifelong friends and established himself as a dedicated public servant and pillar of his new community in Yuba City. Sheriff Brandwood ran for the Office of Sutter County Sheriff in 1989. He was elected to the position and was sworn into office in 1990. Sheriff Brandwood retired as the Sutter County Sheriff in 1998 after serving two terms. He continued to volunteer for many positions and roles within the California law enforcement community, including holding a critical role with the California Police Memorial Foundation. In retirement, Sheriff Brandwood was called to bear witness to the men and women of the Yuba City Police Department in 2005 and was sworn in as the Police Chaplain. Sheriff Brandwood left a lasting impact on the County of Sutter and those he mentored through the years.



**ART
BRANDWOOD**

September 21, 1938 -
May 23, 2020

SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



SEARCH & RESCUE



SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

BOATS



DISPATCH

SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



RECORDS

CORRECTIONS





VOLUNTEERS



EVIDENCE TECH

ANAHÍ DURAN



CHAPLINS



HOMELESS PROJECT



SECOND STREET CLEANUP



The Sheriff's Community Response Team is committed to finding effective and long term solutions to our local homeless challenges. Our efforts consist of supporting other county departments in finding services and placement for the homeless population before taking any enforcement action. We routinely work with the HEART Team, Health and Human Services, and several non-profit organizations to connect the homeless population with services. The Sheriff's Office continues to have a good working relationship with Better Way, and this year assisted in developing an overnight camping location on Second Street. This allowed for clean-up efforts along Second Street and enforcement of the camping ordinance, as well as the no parking ordinance along the same street. In recent months, the county assisted Habitat for Humanity secure Project Homekey to provide additional low-income housing for those in need. This is another tremendous step towards helping resolve homelessness in Sutter County.





HOMELESS PROJECT A SUCCESS STORY

Casey Morgan and Colleen Brock's experience with homelessness started in Richmond California. After spending approximately 3 years "on the streets" and alternately staying with others, they made their way to Yuba City to be closer to friends and family. They spent the next year living at the Yuba City Boat Dock, followed by a nearly 18 month stay on Second Street. After contacts by Deputy Licon and the HEART Outreach Team, Casey and Colleen decided they were ready to transition into shelter and housing services provided by Sutter County. As a multi-level process, they spent 3 months as Project Roomkey participants, before transitioning to a 4 month residency at The Better Way facility. Casey and Colleen now have permanent housing and have been residents for 10 months at Richland Housing on Garden Highway.

When asked if they had anything to say regarding the experience: "I just want to personally thank you for believing in us! You guys were always professional, honest and a big help. We are continuing to move forward and also want to thank Karen, Hugo and the staff at Better Way."



ACADEMY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM GENERATION NEXT



Deputy Mathews



Deputy Lundgren

The Sutter County Sheriff's Office implemented a new recruiting tool by creating a Deputy Sheriff Trainee position. We created an opportunity for those vested in our community who needed some assistance in furthering their careers. This position is one that the Sutter County Sheriff's Office sponsors for those who have successfully passed an oral panel, Pellet B Test, physical agility test, background, and medical. We kicked off this program at the beginning of 2020 and have sponsored two amazing employees through the police academy. Deputy Mathews and Deputy Lundgren successfully passed the academy with honors and are now serving our community.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BREAKING NEW GROUND

The Sutter County Sheriff's Office took great strides in re-establishing our Neighborhood Watch Program in 2020. Sutter County is built on the strength of partnerships and support from our community members. Having members of our communities serve as our "eyes and ears" is essential for deputies to receive timely information and resolve issues they are called to investigate. The Sheriff's Office was able to add seven vital Neighborhood Watch groups, which are comprised of 332 members. These are primarily in our south county and have proven to be a great asset to the office. The development of these programs led to various meetings and open dialogue about some of the challenges we face as a county. Deputy Licon was instrumental in helping to establish these groups and ensuring the groups received proper signage and support from the Sheriff's Office. As a result, several Neighborhood Watch groups assisted with National Night Out reinforcing our commitment to one another and the role the public plays in supporting safe communities.





OPERATIONS

535MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS
MAIN OFFICE PATROL**200**MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS
LIVE OAK PATROL**210**FELONY ARRESTS
MAIN OFFICE PATROL**54**FELONY ARRESTS
LIVE OAK PATROL**2,000**PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS
MAIN OFFICE PATROL**1,200**PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS
LIVE OAK PATROL**3,800**TRAFFIC STOPS
MAIN OFFICE PATROL**2,300**TRAFFIC STOPS
LIVE OAK PATROL**7,300**PATROL CHECKS
MAIN OFFICE PATROL**131**TRAFFIC COLLISIONS
LIVE OAK PATROL**3,800**PATROL CHECKS
LIVE OAK PATROL

DETECTIVES & NET5

532

NEW CASES

**CLOSED
394**

CASES

MADE
65

ARRESTS



The Sheriff's Office patrols approximately 604 square miles of unincorporated Sutter County as well as a portion of Yuba City's incorporated area under contract.

The Sheriff's Office is also the County Coroner and responsible for determining the circumstances, manner, and cause of all deaths reportable to the Coroner. Field death investigations, postmortem examinations, and related forensic tests are used to establish a medical cause of death. Autopsies are provided to the Coroner through a contract with Sacramento County Coroner, based in Fairfield, while morgue services are provided via contract by three local mortuaries.

The Sheriff's Office has added two Community Service Officers to relieve sworn deputy sheriffs of time consuming non-hazardous police-related duties; acts as a liaison between the Sheriff's Office and the public to promote positive public relations for the Office; establish public contacts to aid in crime prevention, community-based policing activities; and serve as a liaison for the upcoming homeless shelter. The CSO position will be a non-sworn position who will perform a variety of duties in support of law enforcement activities. In addition, the position will handle crime report calls that are not in progress during peak hours of the day. This will free the patrol deputies to engage in proactive law enforcement maximizing our impact on crime.

Over the last several years the community population has steadily grown. Many of the in-service calls to the Sheriff require more time in writing and investigating cases. Due to Proposition 47, many felonies have been reduced to misdemeanors, requiring more time for patrol deputies to investigate and write reports.

The City of Live Oak contracts with Sutter County to provide law enforcement services to approximately 8,500 citizens in Live Oak. Sheriff's personnel operate out of a substation staffed by seven patrol deputies, one sergeant, and one lieutenant.



CORRECTIONS



The Sheriff's Jail Division operates the Main Jail and the adjacent Medium Security Facility. This budget unit funds the jail staff and operates the County's 394-bed Correctional Facility. The Division is divided into two programs: (1) jail security and support; and (2) transportation. The Jail Division provides a secure, sanitary, and habitable setting for those in custody who are either accused and awaiting trial or sentenced. The jail staff also transports prisoners to courts and other facilities. The Sheriff also manages and operates the Alternative Sentencing and Outside Work Release Programs.

The Sheriff's Court Bailiffs unit provides security services for courtrooms in the Sutter County Superior Court. One Deputy Sheriff, one Correctional Sergeant and seven Correctional Officers are assigned to this unit. Majority of funding for this budget unit is provided by the State through the Public Safety Realignment 2011 funds. The funding for one Deputy Sheriff position is provided through an agreement between Sutter County and the Superior Court.

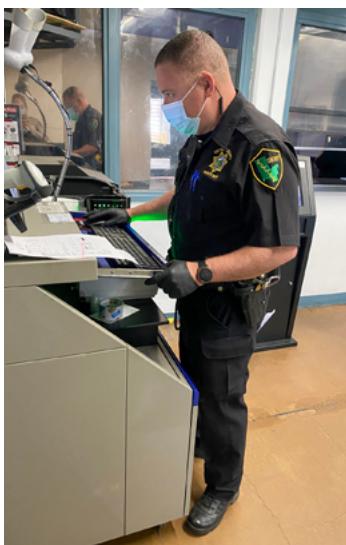
189
AVERAGE
DAILY POPULATION

207,050
TOTAL MEALS SERVED

\$1.70
AVERAGE COST
PER MEAL

2,800
TOTAL BOOKINGS

28,293
TRANSPORTATION
GROUND MILES





SUPPORT SERVICES

DISPATCH

5,800
PRIORITY 1
CALLS FOR SERVICE

7,067
PRIORITY 2
CALLS FOR SERVICE

4,061
PRIORITY 3
CALLS FOR SERVICE

25,246 
PRIORITY 4 CALLS FOR SERVICE



ANSWERED
11,750
CALLS

ANSWERED
69,321
NON-911 CALLS

46,072
CALLS MADE /
TRANSFERRED



SUPPORT SERVICES: RECORDS / CIVIL

PROCESSED
1,469
LIVE SCANS

SERVED
512
PAPERS 

519
ATTEMPTED SERVICE



37
FULL-TIME
BACKGROUNDS

22
SECURITY
CHECKS

24
VOLUNTEER
BACKGROUNDS



PROCESSED
190
NEW CCW PERMITS

COMPLETED
848
CCW RENEWALS

MADE
87
CCW MODIFICATIONS

The Communications Center has the responsibility of answering both incoming 9-1-1 calls and non-emergency calls for service. Radio-dispatching services for the Sheriff's Office and the Fire Department are also provided. At times the Communications Center also assists and communicates with Animal Control, Public Works, and Fish & Game field personnel. The Communications Center is staffed 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, with a minimum of two dispatchers on duty at all times.

The Criminal Records Technicians provide a wide range of functions including fingerprinting, permit issuance, criminal offender registration, records release requests, and maintenance of agency reports and records including court mandated functions.

The Civil Unit is charged with handling civil process as prescribed by law. It is the goal of the Civil Unit to serve all received process in a reasonable and timely manner, while maintaining an impartial stance between all parties involved. The civil process includes summons and complaints, small claims documents for a civil lawsuit, restraining orders, and any other notice or order from the courts. The civil unit is also charged with placing a levy on bank accounts, wages, vehicles, or any asset of the judgment debtor.



2020-21

BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS



BAILIFFS
\$1,137,908

SHERIFF NET5
\$204,327

15
SHERIFF SPECIAL
REVENUE FUNDS

10
SEPARATE OPERATING
DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

SHERIFF BOAT PATROL
\$493,384

SHERIFF LIVE OAK CONTRACT
\$1,723,455

INMATE WELFARE
\$278,092

SHERIFF CORONER
\$9,994,940

SHERIFF TRAINING CENTER
\$27,748

COUNTY JAIL
\$14,301,260

SHERIFF COMMUNICATIONS
\$3,054,752

\$31,215,866 TOTAL BUDGET

DOJ COVID GRANT
\$58,008

BOOKING FEES
\$64,180

SMALL COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT
\$500,000

SCAAP GRANT
\$42,000

TRAIL COURT SECURITY
\$747,443

CALMMET
\$139,593

BOAT PATROL GRANT
\$214,800

DOJ JAG GRANT
\$6,903

SAFE GRANT
\$20,000

DOJ TOBACCO GRANT
\$55,866

CDPH TOBACCO GRANT
\$71,413

CCP-AB109
\$1,486,233

\$3,406,440
TOTAL GRANTS / LEGISLATIVE PMTS

2020 IN REVIEW

SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Coffee with a Cop

It seems like a lifetime ago, but just before the pandemic we co-hosted a coffee event with one of our great community partners. We are always honored to share our time, some good conversation, and a great cup of coffee.



Need A Mask, Just Ask Campaign

The Sheriff's Office joined with neighboring agencies, and other county departments, to provide face coverings for those in need. Our "Drive-thru" event was a positive way to support and educate our community on the importance of face coverings.

2020 IN REVIEW



COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic provided several challenges in the way the Sheriff's Office provided services to the community. The members of the Sheriff's Office worked diligently to stay safe, remain healthy, and hold the line for those we serve.





Paint the Buttes Project

Paint the Buttes was an awesome project for our local students to participate in. This year we had 20 students between the grades of 6th-12th paint the Sutter County Buttes. We are excited to annually host this event and see what kind of amazing paintings our youth paints!



Virtual Town Hall Meetings

The Sheriff's Office hosted our first ever virtual town hall meetings for each of our five districts. Even though there were restrictions on large gatherings, it was important to share information with our communities and hear their concerns.



Shoot with the Sheriff

Every year Sutter County Sheriff Brandon Barnes and the SCSO invites Sutter County CCW holders to join in a day of shooting at the Sutter County Sheriff's Office range. We have Range Masters, SED team members and other staff on hand to allow participants to shoot on the range, go into our "Shoot House," practice on our visual simulator and some class instruction. It's a day of laughs, instruction, competition, and "Shooting with the Sheriff."



2020 IN REVIEW

Say Love



No Shave November



Cub Scouts

Sutter County Sheriff's Office had the pleasure to host local Cub Scout Pack 219 from Sutter County.

The class was able to tour the department, check out some SED equipment, see our K9's in action and much more. The Sheriff's Office had a blast with this great group of kids.



2020 IN REVIEW



Trunk or Treat
Thanks to the generous candy donations we received the children of Sutter County got to enjoy a candy filled drive through Trunk or Treat held at the Sheriff's Office on Halloween. Members of the Sheriff's Office got to dress up and decorate their vehicles while handing out candy.



2020 IN REVIEW



National Night Out

The Sutter County Sheriff's Office participated in a socially distanced National Night Out where we invited the community to come visit and learn about the Sheriff's Office. National Night Out is an event held annually and is a community-police awareness raising event.



Shop with a Cop

Shop with a Cop is one of our favorite annual events, which was cancelled last minute due to COVID state guidelines. Officers quickly sprung together to make a wish list and bought gifts for the children and later set up our very first "Shop with a Cop drive-thru event."



2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

OPERATIONS

- Implemented of the Deputy Trainee Recruit Position
- Upgraded / Updated patrol equipment and capabilities (vehicle computers, radios, investigation equipment)
- Improved Reserve / Cadet programs: Increased staffing and pay
- Implemented Neighborhood Watch Programs
- Implemented the Community Resource Officer

CORRECTIONS / JAIL

- Obtained a Body Scanner
- New Jail policy's: ADA, Suicide Prevention, Mental Health
- Additional equipment for the jail/courts: Tasers, Pepper Spray, Batons, Narcan, Rifles
- Promoted a New Jail Lieutenant, Kristie Garza
- Updated PREA program

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Dispatch Phone System improvements, including the implementation of TEXT 911
- Implemented the Soft Code Civil program
- Improved Staffing Levels in Records / Civil
- Records / Civil are now taking Credit Cards
- Public Safety Dispatchers were certified as First Responders



2021 GOALS

OPERATIONS

- Central Square implementation and training (including evidence tracking)
- Complete another Citizen Academy
- Lexipol implementation and training
- Improve Staffing Levels
- Prepare for Implementation of the State RIPA program

CORRECTIONS / JAIL

- Implement Medication Assistant Treatment (MAT) program
- Increase Staffing
- Additional education opportunity for inmates, tablets based and classrooms
- Lighting Project in the Medium Facility
- Improving Jail food services for our inmates

SUPPORT SERVICES

- Implementation of Central Square CAD/RMS system
- Improve staffing levels in the Dispatch Center
- NIBERS and Report Writing Training
- Prepare for Implementation of the State RIPA program
- Improve the understanding and usage of the Command Van: Training, Call Outs, Staffing



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