

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**



## SHERIFF

Brandon Barnes

## UNDERSHERIFF

Scott Smallwood



## ASO

Kim Randhawa



## OPERATIONS

Captain Chad Niswonger

## OPERATIONS

Lt. Rav Mann

## LIVE OAK

Lt. Craig Hungrige

## DETECTIVE

Lt. Steve Grossi



## JAIL DIVISION

Captain Jason Piazza

## JAIL

Lt. Kristie Garza



## SUPPORT SERVICES MANAGER

Tabatha Lopez

## TRAINING

Lt. Matt Maples







**PEACE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
Andre Licon



**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**  
Dori Montgomery



**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR**  
Daniel Sheahan

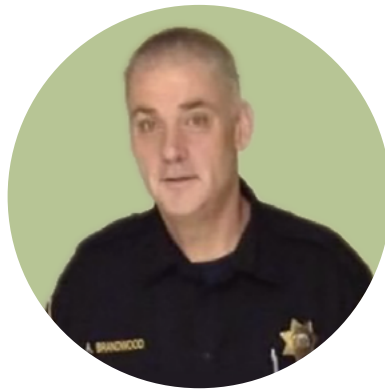


**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
Sandy Quihuis

# 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.

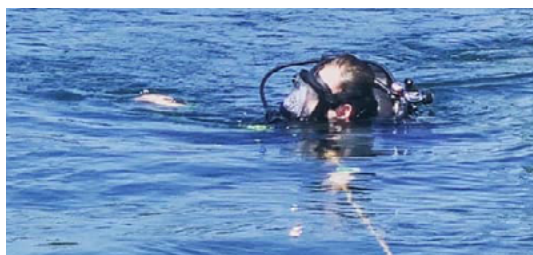
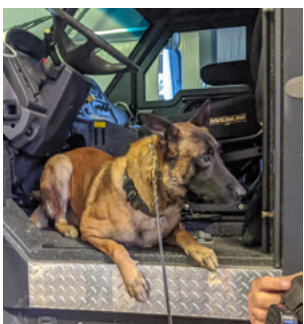
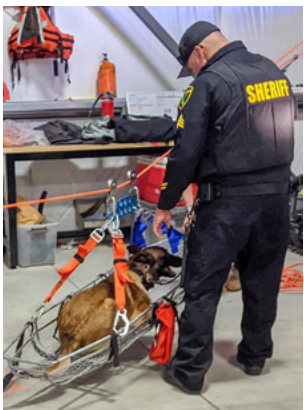


**ART  
BRANDWOOD**

September 21, 1938 -  
May 23, 2020



# SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE





## BOATS



## DISPATCH





CORRECTIONS





## COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM



## VOLUNTEERS



## EVIDENCE TECH



ANAHI DURAN

## CHAPLINS



DAN CALLAGHAN



DAVE KUGELMAN





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.





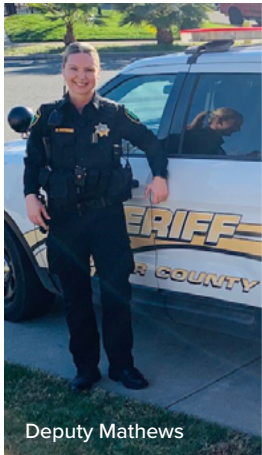


## HOMELESS PROJECT A SUCCESS STORY

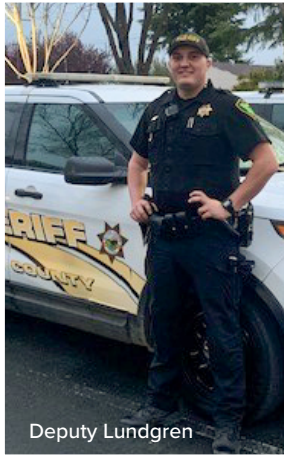
Casey Morgan and Colleen Brock's experience with homelessness started in Richmond California. After spending approximately 3 years "on the streets" and alternately staying with others, they made their way to Yuba City to be closer to friends and family. They spent the next year living at the Yuba City 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

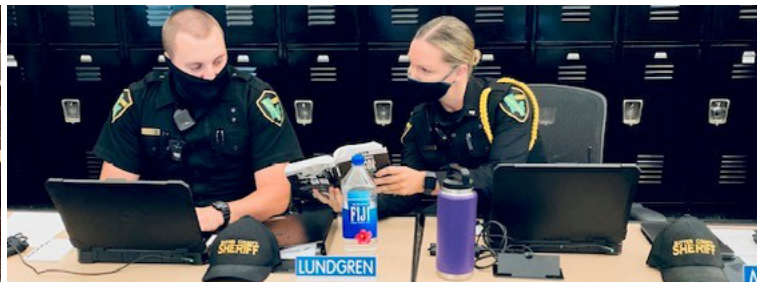


Deputy Mathews



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

**535**

MISDEMEANOR 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.

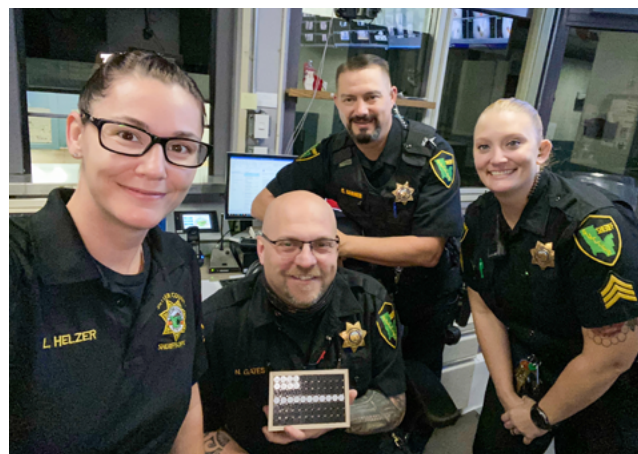
**189**  
AVERAGE  
DAILY POPULATION

**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



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.

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

# 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





## 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.







## 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.

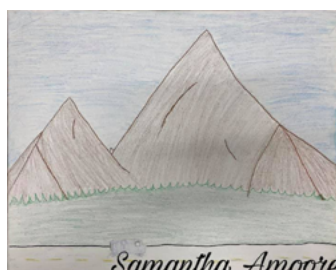
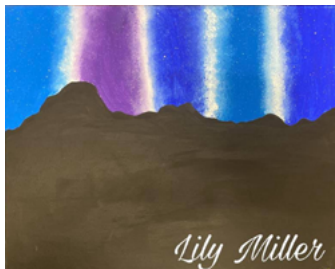






## Paint the Buttes Project

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!





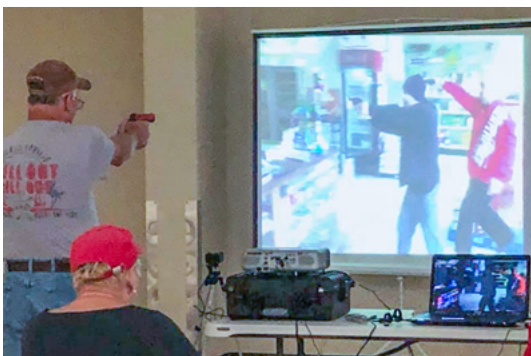
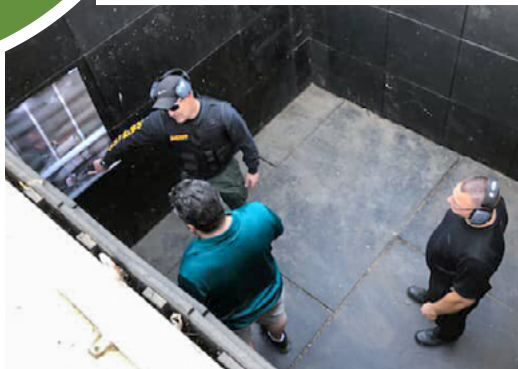
## Virtual Town Hall Meetings

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."





Say Love



No Shave November



## Cub Scouts

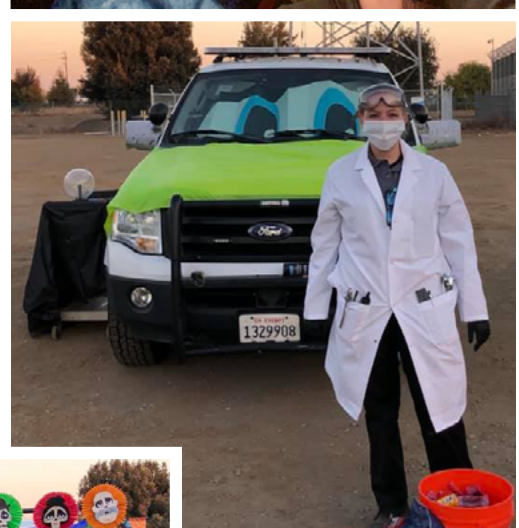
Sutter County Sheriff's Office had the pleasure to host local Cub Scout Pack 219 from Sutter County. The class was able to tour the department, check out some SED equipment, see our K9's in action and much more. The Sheriff's Office had a blast with this great group of kids.





## 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.







## 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

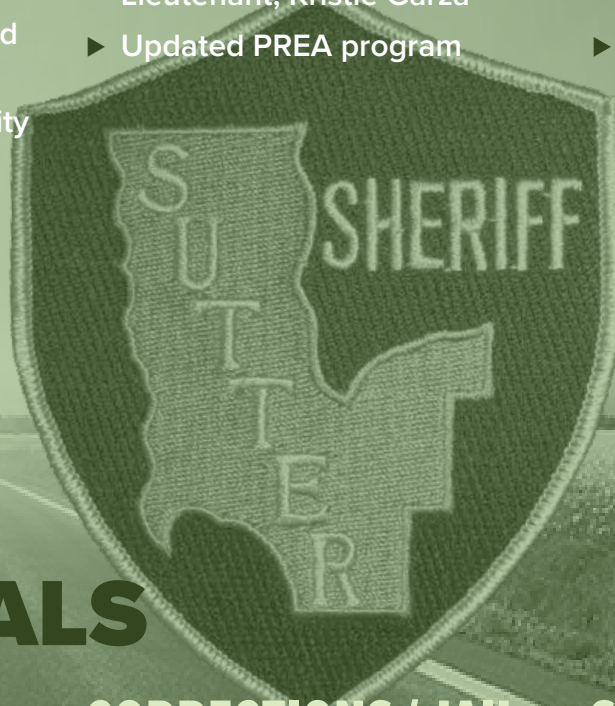
- ▶ Implemented of the Deputy Trainee Recruit Position
- ▶ Upgraded / Updated patrol equipment and capabilities (vehicle computers, radios, investigation equipment)
- ▶ Improved Reserve / Cadet programs: Increased staffing and pay
- ▶ Implemented Neighborhood Watch Programs
- ▶ Implemented the Community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





**Brandon Barnes**  
Sheriff-Coroner

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