



# SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT





# COMMAND STAFF



**Left to right:** Captain Jason Piazza, ASO Kim Randhawa, Lt. Rav Mann, Administrative Assistant Jessalynn Ray, Undersheriff Scott Smallwood, Sheriff Brandon Barnes, Lt. Craig Hungrige, Support Services Manager Tabitha Lopez, Lt. Matt Maples, Lt. Kristie Garza, Captain Chad Niswonger



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# 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. I am a long time Sutter County resident and live in Live Oak with my wife Jennifer. Together, we have four children, a grandson and a granddaughter. We take great pride in being involved in our community and setting an example for others. We have instilled these beliefs in each of our children and collectively have dedicated ourselves to making Sutter County a great place to live and recreate.

This report marks the end of my third full year in office, and is designed to inform the Board of Supervisors, as well as the public, about what occurs in “their” Sheriff’s Office. The year 2021 presented a fair number of challenges but also opportunities for growth as an organization.

We had great success this past year in several key areas of the organization. The Jail Division implemented a Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program, which combines counseling and behavioral therapies to provide treatment of chemical substance use disorders. Our Operations Division implemented a new electronic policy manual to ensure best practices and compliance with case law decisions. Additionally, we added perimeter security fencing around the Sheriff’s Office to ensure the safety and security of our staff and the facility.

The COVID Pandemic continued to provide challenges throughout 2021, specifically in our corrections setting. We managed the pandemic in a manner that ensured best practices for the safety of our staff and incarcerated population. We were also careful to recognize individual choices, while protecting the Constitutional Rights we took an oath to uphold.

As always, we remained dedicated to our community by participating in such events as National Night Out, the Yuba-Sutter Fair, the Yuba City Annual Sikh Parade and the Christmas Stroll. We value our relationships with the community and consider this one of our greatest accomplishments.

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. I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation to my command staff, as well as our line staff. 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 professionals and I am honored to stand beside them as we represent each of you.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Brandon Barnes







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*Calendar year 2021 saw us climb out of the COVID pandemic and a return to more traditional law enforcement challenges. I could not be more proud of our employees and their dedication to providing outstanding services to our diverse communities.*

”

— Sheriff Brandon Barnes

## 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.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**SHERIFF**  
Brandon Barnes



**ADMIN. ASST.**  
Jessalynn Ray



**UNDERSHERIFF**  
Scott Smallwood



**ASO**  
Kim Randhawa



**JAIL DIVISION**  
Captain Jason Piazza



**OPERATIONS DIVISION**  
Captain Chad Niswonger



**SUPPORT DIVISION**  
**COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER**  
Tabatha Lopez  
Communications Unit  
Civil Unit  
Records Unit



**TRAINING**  
Lt. Matt Maples  
Background Investigations  
Training Unit  
CCW Permits



**CORRECTIONS**  
Lt. Kristie Garza  
Corrections Section  
Court Bailiff Services  
Transportation Unit



**PATROL**  
Lt. Rav Mann  
Patrol Section  
Special Units



**LIVE OAK**  
Lt. Craig Hungrige  
Live Oak Substation



**INVESTIGATION**  
Lt. Steve Grossi  
Investigations Section





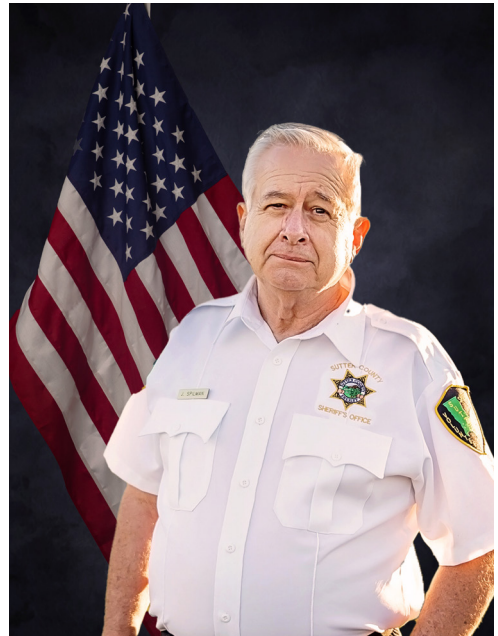
**PEACE OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
Deputy Brandon Pope



**NON-SWORN  
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**  
Anahi Duran Benites



**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER  
OF THE YEAR**  
Kaitlyn Olson

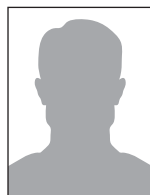


**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
James Spilman





**20 YEARS**  
Maria Snyder



**24 YEARS**  
Michael Weatherup



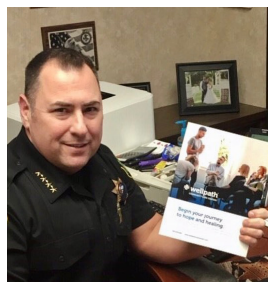
**30 YEARS**  
Cliff Bowman



## WELLPATH AWARD SUTTER COUNTY

While the rest of the region is seemingly falling apart, we hear or see little about Sutter County. The team at the county has reduced turnover to near zero, has not had a single "staffing crisis" in the quarter, the site has a great relationship with custody and consistently receives a NPS of 10, most recently when Ben Slocum visited the site.

The county runs like a well-oiled machine. The staff gets along and works together to accomplish the mission during a time when the rest of the region struggles to string two good weeks together. The site has achieved a 100% vaccination rate among staff and as of August 2021, outperformed EBITDA by nearly \$300,000.

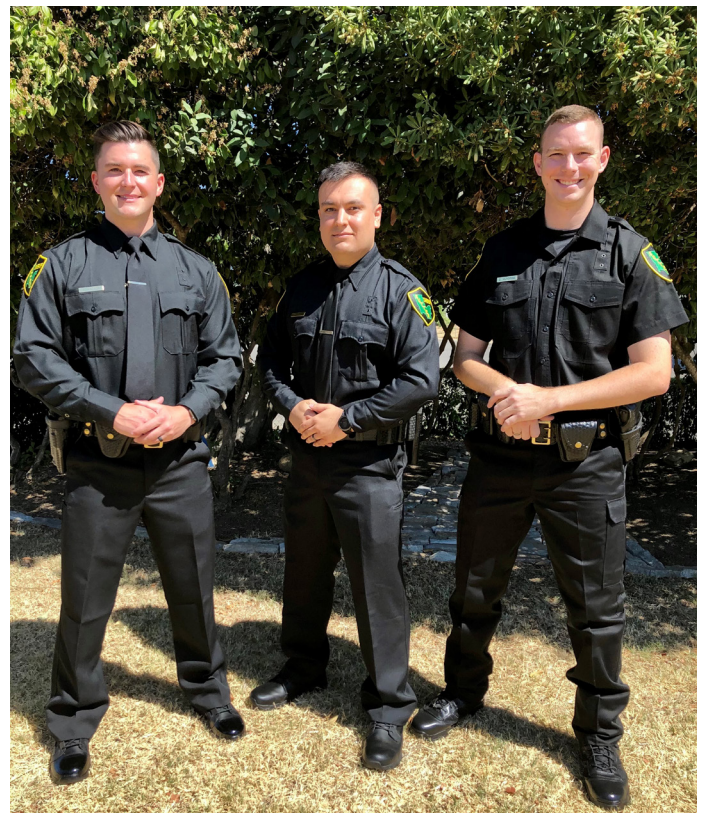




# ACADEMY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM GENERATION NEXT



The Sutter County Sheriff's Office is continuing to implement a new recruiting tool by sponsoring Deputy Sheriff Trainees at the Butte Police Academy. We are continuing to create an opportunity for those vested in our community who need 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 screening. Since 2020 we have sent 8 trainees that all have successfully passed the police academy and their Field Training Program. Out of the 8, 6 of them were sent in 2021, 3 in January and 3 in July. July's Police Academy Graduation was the first academy since COVID that Sheriff Barnes and his staff were able to personally attend. Sheriff Barnes was a key note speaker at this event. The Sutter County Sheriff's Office is currently sending 6 trainees to the July 2022 Butte Police Academy.





# CORE ACADEMY



Correctional Officers are enrolled in the academy for five weeks with members of agencies from around the northern state. Throughout the academy officers are trained and educated on the principles of working in a correctional facility. Education includes Title 15 (Minimum Standards For Local Detention Facilities), Title 24 (Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Local Detention Facilities), California Penal Code, legal and civil liability, and many other topics covering the vast knowledge needed to be a correctional officer. Officers are trained on use of force, defensive tactics, hand cuffing, and cell extraction. Officers are required to complete an STC (Standard and Training for Corrections) Certified Correctional Academy within one year of employment. The academy, paired with on-the-job training, prepares officers for what to do and provide expectations for working in a correctional facility.

# SLI PROGRAM



The Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute (SBSLI) is a program designed to stimulate personal growth, leadership, and ethical decision-making in California law enforcement front-line supervisors. Designed and implemented in 1988 through the efforts of California law enforcement professionals and top educators and trainers, the SBSLI is an intense program based on experiential learning techniques. Students are challenged to learn new ways to resolve issues through group and individual work.

The curriculum takes students through an analysis of management (planning, organizing, directing, etc.) and leadership (inspiring, challenging, developing, etc.) and how each discipline compliments the other. The course progresses from self-evaluation, to interpersonal evaluation, to organizational relationships.





# We the People

## SHOOT WITH THE SHERIFF



### CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS

CCW New Permits: 501  
CCW Renewals: 1,015  
CCW Modifications: 142



A well regulated  
militia, being  
necessary to the  
security of a  
free state,



the right of the  
people to keep  
and bear arms,  
shall not be  
infringed.







# ***SECOND BEACH PROJECT***

Working with our partners at Sutter County Health and Human Services, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and Reclamation District 1500, we performed outreach services for unhoused individuals living in the area of Cranmore Road commonly known as Second Beach. This was followed by a multi-step clean-up process which included the removal of abandoned automobiles, travel trailers, and RVs. Additionally, several hundred cubic yards of assorted trash and debris were removed to prevent it from entering the waterway. With the process completed, the area has been returned for recreational day use and its role as a historically popular fishing area.





# 2021-22

## BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS



**15** SHERIFF SPECIAL  
REVENUE FUNDS

**10** SEPARATE OPERATING  
DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

### DEPARTMENT

Bailiffs	1,277,259
Sheriff Communications	3,179,228
Sheriff Coroner	10,027,219
Sheriff NET5	210,238
Sheriff Training Center	83,366
Sheriff Boat Patrol	518,965
Sheriff Live Oak Contract	1,688,388
County Jail	14,445,791
Inmate Welfare	299,213
Public Administrator	20,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$31,752,667</b>

### TOTAL GRANTS / LEGISLATIVE PMTS

Trial Court Security	934,414
CalMMET	139,593
Booking Fees	64,180
Small County Law Enforcement	500,000
SCAAP Grant	42,000
Boat Patrol Grant	214,800
DOJ JAG Grant	7,000
SAFE Grant	20,000
CDPH Tobacco Grant	21,081
CCP-AB109	1,564,287
CDCR Housing Pmt	707,817
Jail MAT Grant	50,000
<b>Total Grants/Legislative Pmts</b>	<b>\$4,265,172</b>

## KIM RANDHAWA

Named California State  
Sheriffs' Association  
Financial Manager of the Year

Kim is the sole finance employee currently working for the Sheriff's Office and helps prepare, and manage, a budget of more than 32 million dollars. The Sheriff's budget is complex and consists of 10 separate budget sections. In addition to the budget, Kim handles billings, payments, and tracks capital assets for the Sheriff's Office. She is selfless and a true professional in every aspect of our daily operations.

Kim manages 16 separate grants for the Sheriff's Office and recently assisted in completing a grant for the purchase of body worn cameras.

The Sheriff's Office provides contracted law enforcement services to the City of Live Oak. This is approx.

1.6 million dollars a year and Kim is responsible for overseeing the financial aspects of this contract.

This past year, Sheriff Barnes requested an internal financial audit from the County Auditor-Controller's Office. Kim played a vital role in providing requested information and working with the Auditor's Office.

It's worth noting over the past three budget cycles, Kim has assisted in finding funds in excess of 1.8 million dollars for improvements, without impacting the county's general fund. Some examples of the upgrades



include new handguns, radios and a drone for patrol operations.

Additionally, Kim found funding for a body scanner, new food carts, and new dryers for jail operations.

Kim is universally respected throughout the organization and county government alike.





# OPERATIONS

**550**

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS  
MAIN OFFICE PATROL

**280**

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS  
LIVE OAK PATROL



**210**

FELONY ARRESTS  
MAIN OFFICE PATROL

**72**

FELONY ARRESTS  
LIVE OAK PATROL

**2,700**

PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS  
MAIN OFFICE PATROL

**1,400**

PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS  
LIVE OAK PATROL

**4,900**

TRAFFIC STOPS  
MAIN OFFICE PATROL



**2,700**

TRAFFIC STOPS  
LIVE OAK PATROL

**8,000**

PATROL CHECKS  
MAIN OFFICE PATROL

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

**20**

MAIN OFFICE  
PATROL

**235**

LIVE OAK  
PATROL

**4,000**

PATROL CHECKS  
LIVE OAK PATROL

## DETECTIVES & NETS

**532**

NEW CASES

CLOSED

**394**

CASES

MADE

**65**

ARRESTS

SEARCH  
WARRANTS

**30**

SERVED

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 Bailiff's 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.

**220**  
AVERAGE  
DAILY POPULATION

**210,050**  
TOTAL MEALS SERVED

**\$1.70**  
AVERAGE COST  
PER MEAL

**3,600**  
TOTAL BOOKINGS

**28,293**  
TRANSPORTATION  
GROUND MILES







# SUPPORT SERVICES

## DISPATCH

**6,200**

PRIORITY 1  
CALLS FOR SERVICE

**7,620**

PRIORITY 2  
CALLS FOR SERVICE

**4,200**

PRIORITY 3  
CALLS FOR SERVICE

**25,960**

PRIORITY 4 CALLS FOR SERVICE



ANSWERED

**12,750**

CALLS



ANSWERED

**70,321**

NON-911 CALLS

**47,072**

CALLS MADE /  
TRANSFERRED

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.

## SUPPORT SERVICES: RECORDS / CIVIL

PROCESSED

**1,500**

LIVE SCANS

SERVED

**512**

PAPERS



**519**

ATTEMPTED SERVICE





# MAKING A DIFFERENCE REVIVING BRODY

On January 9th, the Sutter County Sheriff's Office received a 911 transfer from Yuba City regarding a 3 year old who was found unresponsive in the pool. EMS personnel and deputies from the Sutter County Sheriff's Office responded to the 500 block of Gabriel Avenue. Deputy Manion was one of the first to arrive on scene and located 3 year old Brody Drumheller who had been removed from the pool. Deputy Manion immediately performed life saving measures (CPR) on Brody continuously until paramedics arrived and transported Brody to Rideout Hospital. Deputy Manion's quick response, calm demeanor during a high stress situation and training played a vital role in Brody's survival due to the initial and continuous life-saving procedures. Deputy Manion's efforts gave Brody a chance to survive until more advanced medical treatment could be provided. These are very difficult calls to respond to due to the nature of the call, and even before arriving, a deputy will run through numerous scenarios in their mind so they are prepared for what they may encounter. Even though you run through scenarios, it never prepares you for what you see, hear or feel when it involves a child. Deputy Manion performed admirably during this difficult event and should be commended for his actions which helped save the life of Brody.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

With over 300 active members and always growing, our Neighborhood Watch program has become a model of what the relationship between law enforcement and the community it serves, should be. Our citizens are truly the eyes and ears of the community and the ability to have clear, concise two-way communication has been invaluable. We support this with quarterly newsletter updates from the Sheriff, sharing of statistical data and attendance at all Neighborhood Watch monthly meetings. The increased community trust and reduction in criminal activity has been the greatest measure of success anyone could hope for.





# BOATS



# CHAPLAINS

Dan Callaghan and Dave Kugelman



# CIVIL

Kathy Boune, Deputy Gutierrez  
and Suzanne Balzi





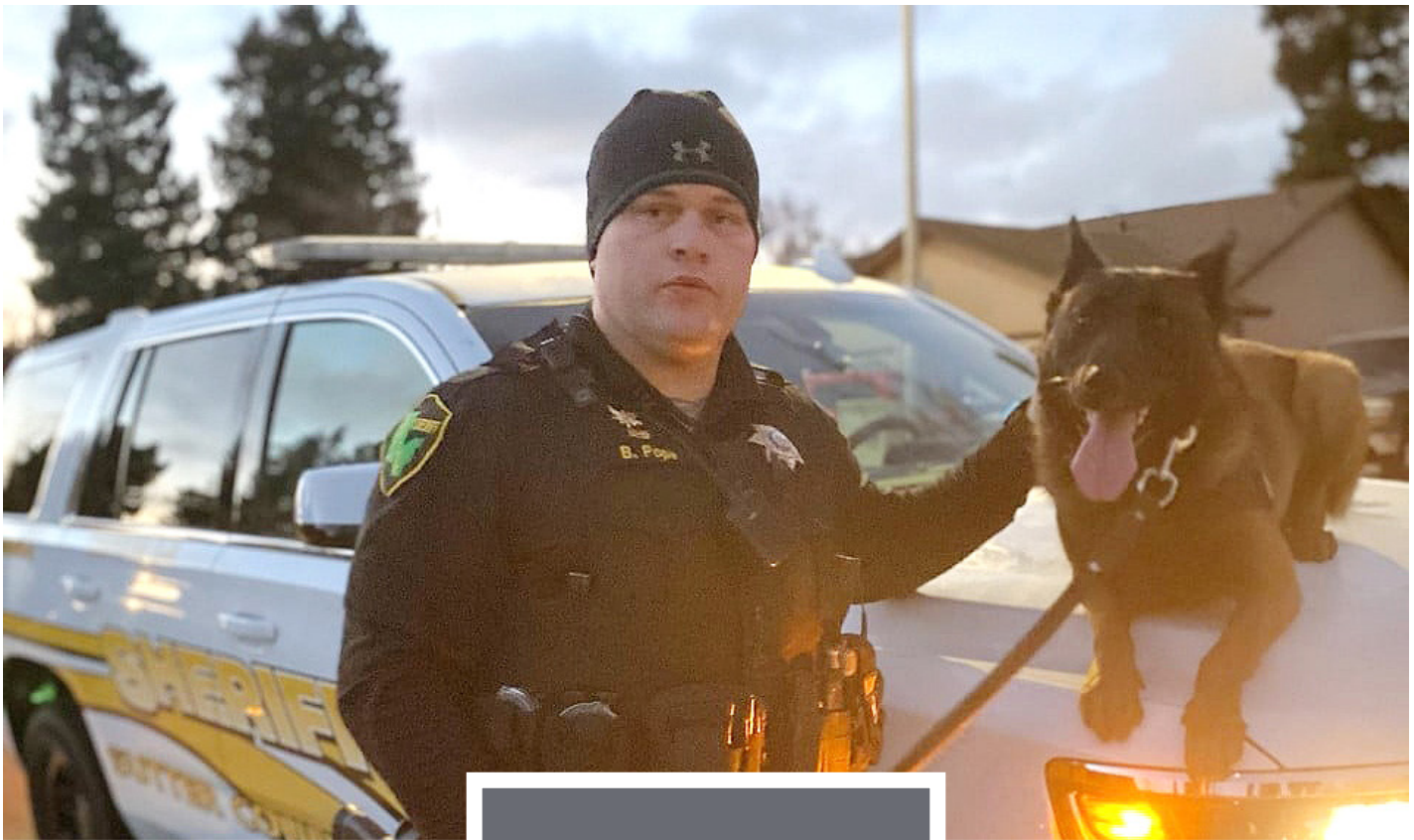
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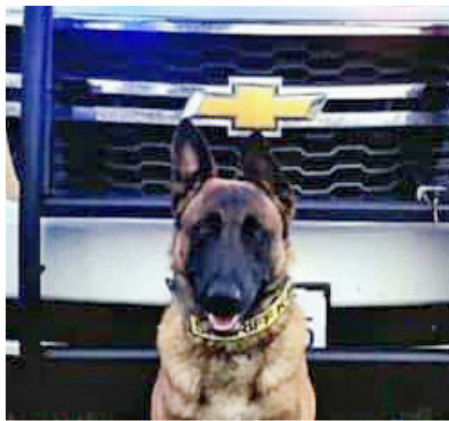
## EVIDENCE TECH







## K9's



## LIVE OAK Motor Unit



## SEARCH & RESCUE



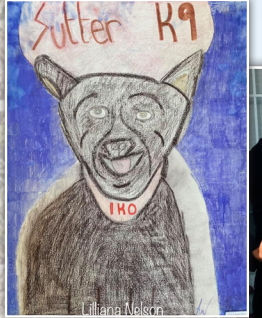
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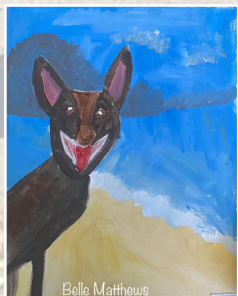




# PAINT THE K9s ART CONTEST

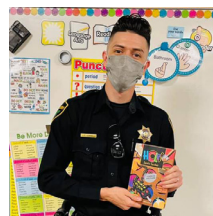


Paint the K9s Art Contest was an incredible project for our local students to participate in. This year we had 15 students between the grades of 6th-12th get involved. We are excited to annually host this event and see what kind of amazing paintings our youth paint!





# 2021 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT











**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

*Torch Run*

**Special Olympics Northern California**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23RD AT 9AM**

YUBA SUTTER CHP OFFICE  
LOCATED AT  
1619 POOLE BLVD. YUBA CITY

Cheer on SCSO, YCSO, CHP, & YCPD personnel as they carry the torch for Special Olympics Northern California.

*Route* POOLE BLVD. TO CIVIC CENTER TO COLUSA HWY. OVER INTO MARYSVILLE. TO 7TH ST. ENDING AT YCSO LOCATED AT 720 YUBA ST.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO DONATE: [WWW.SONC.ORG/LETORTORCHRUN](http://WWW.SONC.ORG/LETORTORCHRUN)













# **2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

## **OPERATIONS**

- ▶ Implemented Lexipol and training
- ▶ Improved Reserve / Cadet programs: Increase staffing
- ▶ Increased Evidence and Property Management functions and training
- ▶ Increased subordinate development and continuous improvement opportunities

## **CORRECTIONS / JAIL**

- ▶ Updated PREA forms and processes
- ▶ Offering Inmate Handbook in Punjabi and Spanish
- ▶ Implemented MAT Program

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

- ▶ Brought up and are maintaining staffing levels
- ▶ Transitioned to SB384 for Sex Registrant Tiering
- ▶ Improved the understanding and usage of the Command Van: Training, Call Outs, Staffing
- ▶ Found a solution for radio encryption to maintain required CLETS requirements outlined in the 20-09-CJIS Bulletin



# **2022 GOALS**

## **OPERATIONS**

- ▶ Focus on new employee mentoring (decrease knowledge gap)
- ▶ Minimize impact on services due to staffing levels
- ▶ Recruit, assign and train K9 handlers and their partners
- ▶ Training in traffic enforcement with focus on PCF's, Radar, LIDAR, etc.
- ▶ Increase certified boat operators and presence on waterways

## **CORRECTIONS / JAIL**

- ▶ Jail K9 Program
- ▶ Total Jail TV programming
- ▶ Cedar Grove for IST Training
- ▶ TV/Computer in Arraignment Room for programming
- ▶ Intercom system for the Block
- ▶ Correctional Staff to Start Writing Criminal Reports/ Central Square
- ▶ Education on Tablets

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

- ▶ Take over Robbins Fire dispatching
- ▶ Update Records Retention Policy
- ▶ Continue to simplify paperwork: file purging, report processing, restraining order entry, etc.
- ▶ Maintain staffing levels
- ▶ Transition to Next Gen 911
- ▶ Simplify paperwork: file purging, report routing, restraining order entry, etc.





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