



Sutter County Sheriff's Office ANNUAL REPORT

2023





SUTTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Sheriff's Office
CORRECTIONAL
OFFICER



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Our 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

Our 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.

Our MOTTO

Serving and Protecting Your Community



“Sutter County is a great place to live and work. I am amazed by the level of dedication our staff demonstrates daily to provide quality services for our communities. We value our relationships with the public and know what an honor it is to be called a public servant.”

Letter from SHERIFF BRANDON BARNES

Greetings and welcome to our annual report for 2023. My name is Brandon Barnes and I am the 24th Sheriff elected to Sutter County. I am a long time Sutter County resident and consider my appointment to the Office of Sheriff a true honor and blessing.

This report marks the beginning of my second term in office as your elected 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. In 2023, we strived to build upon the successes and the foundation we built during my first four years in office. I believe you will see those efforts throughout this report.

One of the highlights from 2023 was the implementation of an anti-bullying campaign brought to our schools’ courtesy of our new mascot, Justus. Justus assisted our Community Response Team with presentations throughout the county and was deemed a huge success. We had improvements throughout the organization, but I want to highlight a couple additions to our Jail Division. We added K9 Bailey to our team to assist with drug and article detections, helping reduce contraband coming into the facility. Additionally, the Jail Division implemented the “Guardian” system to electronically track and enhance the safety of incarcerated persons. We pride ourselves on being innovative and efficient with the services we provide.

We continued to recruit for various vacancies throughout the year. We pride ourselves on being the type of office others actively seek out because they want to be a part of the culture we have created. Throughout this report, you will see several examples of academy recruitments, corrections academy graduations, promotions, and supervisors attending the prestigious Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute. I am proud of my staff and know their professional successes only enhance Sutter County as an organization.

As in year’s past, we remained dedicated to our community by participating in events such 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, the Jail, and Support Services. Each division is unique and serves the community in a variety of ways. I would be remised 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

Command STAFF



Brandon Barnes
Sheriff-Coroner

Years of Service: 5

Oversees all of the divisions and is the Public Administrator and the Coroner for the county.

email: bbarnes@co.sutter.ca.us



Jessalynn Ray
Administrative Assistant

Years of Service: 3

Assistant to Sheriff Barnes, HR liaison between the employees of the office and HR.

email: JRay@co.sutter.ca.us



Scott Smallwood
Undersheriff

Years of Service: 5

Oversees the operations of all the divisions of the office and reports directly to the Sheriff. Oversees the hiring and the testing process for all positions as well as overseeing the background unit.

email: SSmallwod@co.sutter.ca.us



Sierra Pedley
Sheriff Media Relations

Years of Service: 8 months

Sierra is responsible for all social media, volunteer program, and community outreach.

email: SPedley@co.sutter.ca.us



Chad Niswonger, Captain
Jail Division

Years of Service: 22

Oversees and manages the jail operations to ensure the safety and security of the staff and inmates, compliance with Title 15 and Title 24 requirements, program implementation, budgeting, equipment procurement, and personnel management.

email: CNiswonger@co.sutter.ca.us



Jason Piazza, Captain
Operations Division

Years of Service: 4

Oversees and manages all of the patrol operations, responsible for main patrol, Live Oak patrol, investigations, evidence, and boat patrol.

email: JPiazza@co.sutter.ca.us



Tabitha Lopez
Communications Manager
Support Division

Years of Service: 14

Manager Lopez has the responsibility of overseeing and managing the daily operations of the Communications, Civil, and Records units.

email: TLopez@co.sutter.ca.us



Craig Hungrige, Lieutenant
Training

Years of Service: 27

Lt. Hungrige oversees all of the agency's training programs to ensure compliance with the California Peace Officer Standards of Training and the Board of State and Community Corrections. Additionally, he manages the Concealed Weapons Permit program and conducts interviews with Sutter County citizens who have applied for their CCW permit.

email: CHungrige@co.sutter.ca.us

Command STAFF



Kim Randhawa
ASO

Years of Service: 5

Fun Fact or other info:

Kim is responsible for preparing, monitoring, and balancing the office's budget. Kim also investigates, prepares, and applies for various grants the office may be eligible to receive.

email: Krandhawa@co.sutter.ca.us



Kristie Garza, Lieutenant
Corrections Section
Court Bailiff Services
Transportation Unit

Years of Service: 26

Oversees all of the divisions of corrections including the jail, bailiffs, transport, and the kitchen.

email: KGarza@co.sutter.ca.us

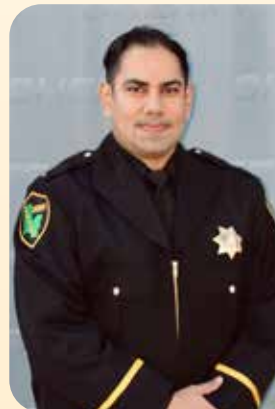


Matt Maples, Lieutenant
Patrol

Years of Service: 14

Lt. Maples oversees the main office patrol as well as Boat Patrol, Search and Rescue, and POSSE.

email: MMaples@co.sutter.ca.us



Rav Mann, Lieutenant
Detective Unit

Years of Service: 15

Lt. Mann is in charge of the investigation unit, which includes overseeing child abuse investigations, sex-based crimes, and homicide cases.

email: RMann@co.sutter.ca.us



Raj Gill, Lieutenant
Live Oak Operations

Years of Service: 15

Lt. Gill oversees the law enforcement operations for the City of Live Oak and serves as the conduit between the Sheriff's Office, the Live Oak City Council, and City Officials.

email: RGill@co.sutter.ca.us



Employees of the YEAR



Volunteer of the Year
Sheriff's Posse Member
Dennis Bell



Sworn
Employee of the Year
Jeff Kohler



Non-Sworn
Employee of the Year
Elisa Garcia



Correctional Officer
of the Year
Bryan Read-Khan



Staff RETIREMENTS

Sgt Charles Green – 24 Years of Service

Deputy Joe Gutierrez – 16 Years of Service

Deputy Kimber Middleton – 24 Years of Service

Correctional Officer Toby Antrobus – 21 Years of Service



Generation Next ACADEMY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



The Sutter County Sheriff's Office continues to implement our recruiting tool of sponsoring Deputy Sheriff Trainees at the Butte Police Academy. Those that are sponsored must successfully complete an oral panel, Pellet B Test, physical agility test, an extensive background and medical screening. Since 2020 we have sent 19 including the 5 pictured. All 19 have successfully completed and graduated from the police academy. The 5 pictured below are Serinity Gilbert, Christopher Bottoms, Jesus Cisneros, Blake Putman and Joseph Putney.



*Photo to the left: Serinity Gilbert pictured with Undersheriff Smallwood, Lt. Maples, and Capt. Piazza.
Photo above: Christopher Bottoms, Jesus Cisneros, Blake Putman, and Joseph Putney.*

Backgrounds



New HIRES



Dispatcher Jessica Garcia, Dispatcher Danielle Allen, Sheriff Barnes, Records Technician Shawn Nelson and CSO Robert Tan



Dispatch Supervisor Kayla McHone and Dispatcher Felicia Bardwell



Dispatchers Katie Boyd and Jag Samra



*– Correctional Officers –
Justin Lockhart, Anthony Crabtree and Wyatt Hancock*



Correctional Officer Alondra Gonzalez, Dispatcher Katie Miller and Correctional Officer Keiry Miller



Deputy Kenneth Combs and Media Relations Sierra Pedley



Correctional Officers Celina Ramirez and Calvin Lutgens



Lateral PROMOTIONS

*Records Technician Jessica Gonzales promoted to Records Supervisor
Correctional Officer Daniel Inguanzo promoted to Correctional Sgt.*

Gary Criddle AWARD

Gary has been an educator for years and transferred to Sutter County Probation through the One Stop Adult Education program in 2019. Since 2020, Gary has assisted over 388 incarcerated individuals in the Sutter County Jail and has issued over 850 educational milestones. To give an idea of what this entails, one milestone is equivalent to 15 hours of educational instruction (12,750 hours).



Sherman Block Leadership

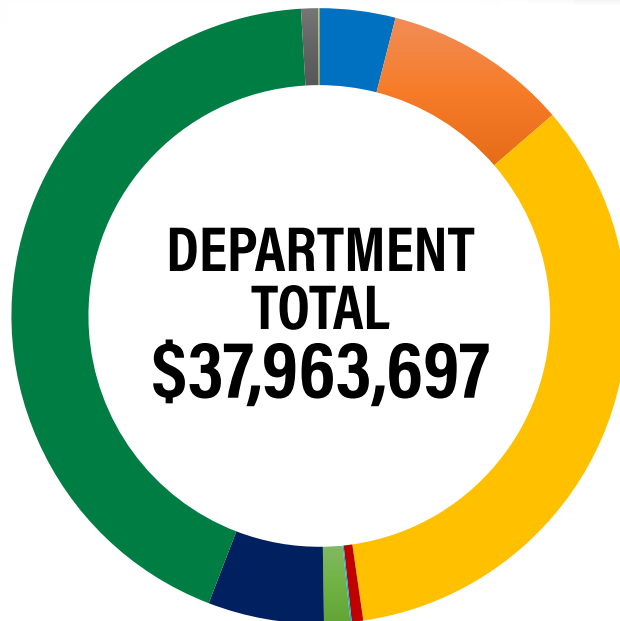
This year we had the privilege of sending Patrol Sgt Zachary Berg and Patrol Sgt Steven Traynor to the Sherman Block Leadership Institute (SLI). SLI is a leadership program developed by the California Commission on Peace Officers

Standards and Training and is an intense program based on experiential learning techniques. Participants are challenged to learn new ways to resolve issues through group and individual work.



2023-2024

BUDGET



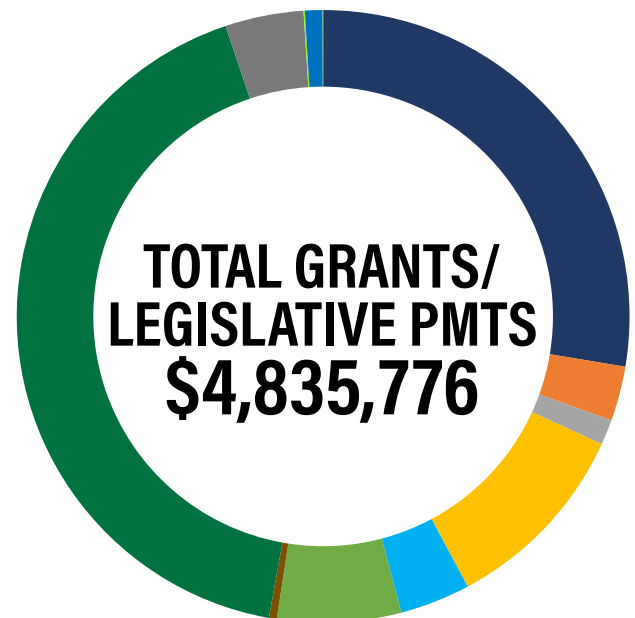
Bailiffs	1,512,949
Sheriff Communications	3,680,482
Sheriff Coroner	12,921,639
Sheriff NET5	227,698
Sheriff Training Center	27,466
Sheriff Boat Patrol	519,127
Sheriff Live Oak Contract	2,312,796
County Jail	16,400,635
Inmate Welfare	345,805
Public Administrator	15,100

SHERIFF SPECIAL
REVENUE FUNDS

15

SEPARATE OPERATING
DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

10



Trial Court Security	1,335,961
CalMMET	139,593
Booking Fees	64,180
Small County Law Enforcement	500,000
SCAAP Grant	179,487
Boat Patrol Grant	315,800
SAFE Grant	20,000
CCP-AB109	2,031,361
Jail EASS Services	199,920
OES SARC Exam Grant	3,381
OTS Traffic Enforcement Grant	45,000
DOJ BVP Bulletproof Grant	1,093



* OT Grant Funds utilized to train staff at California Traffic Safety Summit

* DUI Saturation Patrol Operations Conducted with OTS Grant

* Collaborative DUI Endorecement Operations Conducted along with YCPD with OTS Grant Funds

* Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Operations conducted with SAFE Grant

ET BY THE NUMBERS

OPERATIONS

MAIN OFFICE
PATROL

692

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

280

FELONY ARRESTS

3,400

PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS

6,020

TRAFFIC STOPS

9,800

PATROL CHECKS

165

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

LIVE OAK
PATROL

320

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS

85

FELONY ARRESTS

2,100

PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS

3,700

TRAFFIC STOPS

5,000

PATROL CHECKS

35

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

CORRECTIONS

4,900

TOTAL BOOKINGS

\$1.70

AVG. COST PER MEAL

28,293

TRANSPORTATION
GROUND MILES

230,050

TOTAL MEALS SERVED

235

AVG. DAILY POPULATION

DETECTIVES & NET5

660

NEW CASES

590

CLOSED CASES

70

ARRESTS MADE

40

SEARCH WARRANTS SERVED

SUPPORT SERVICES

DISPATCH

7,800

PRIORITY 1
CALLS FOR SERVICE

5,600

PRIORITY 3
CALLS FOR SERVICE

52,091

CALLS MADE /
TRANSFERRED

78,931

ANSWERED
NON-911 CALLS

8,120

PRIORITY 2
CALLS FOR SERVICE

27,320

PRIORITY 4
CALLS FOR SERVICE

15,720

ANSWERED
911 CALLS

PRIORITY 1 calls are generally 911 calls and immediate response calls with life-threatening circumstances.

PRIORITY 2 calls are generally immediate response calls with property threats or potential of escalation.

PRIORITY 3 calls are non-immediate response calls such as counter calls.

PRIORITY 4 calls are generally routine response calls such as traffic stops and civil problems.

SUPPORT SERVICES: RECORDS / CIVIL

1,700

LIVE SCANS PROCESSED

610

PAPERS SERVED

540

ATTEMPTED SERVICE

480

NEW CCW PERMITS

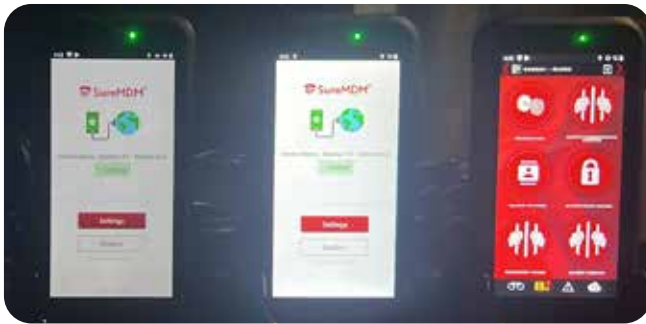
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CCW MODIFICATIONS

1,125

CCW RENEWALS

Technology / SOCIAL MEDIA



Property / EVIDENCE

In Custody (all physical evidence)	8,526
Property Destroyed	858
Pounds of Medication Taken In	346.5
Pounds of Medication Destroyed	346.5



Kitchen STAFF



The Sutter County Sheriff's Office employs 4 full time kitchen workers and 1 part time kitchen worker, our kitchen workers are responsible for preparing and serving 3 meals a day to the incarcerated population in the Sutter County Jail. Our kitchen workers help to provide incarcerated persons with the skills and knowledge required, to assist them in finding employment after incarceration.

These are the number of meals served each month in the jail to the incarcerated persons during 2023

Jan	14,715
Feb	13,459
Mar	16,868
Apr	16,819
May	17,836
Jun	17,227
Jul	17,722
Aug	18,019
Sep	19,055
Oct	19,108
Nov	18,606
Dec	19,097
TOTAL	208,531

Bailiffs



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. 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.



Correctional Officer Anyssa Castillo



Correctional Officers Kayla Corbella & Anthony Calderon

OTS GRANT

Through grant funding made available to California by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), our office applied and was awarded monies through the OTS Grant. With this grant we are able to work in the community and hold events such as the sobriety check points, educating our citizens on the importance of traffic safety.



Live Oak SPECIAL EVENTS



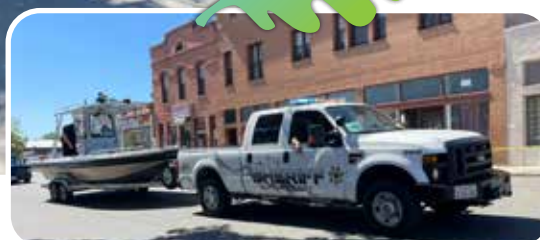
LEO / FIRE
BASKETBALL
GAME



FALL
FESTIVAL



MIDDLE SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS

Corrections



Being a Correctional Officer takes an unyielding daily commitment to professionalism, integrity, and strength to be successful in the face of a difficult and often dangerous work environment.

Patrol



Boats



Search and Rescue



Records and Civil



New K-9's

During this year we had the amazing opportunity to bring an additional 3 K-9's to the Sutter County Sheriff's Office to serve our community. We are pleased to introduce you to K-9 Bailey, K-9 Cheeto and K-9 Hitch!

K-9 Hitch and his handler Deputy Hayes work in our main division and K-9 Cheeto and his handler Deputy Beauchamp work in the City of Live Oak, which contacts services through the Sutter County Sheriff's Office. Both Hitch and Cheeto serve the community in apprehensions and narcotic detection.

K-9 Bailey is the first K-9 to work in the jail in the history of the Sutter County Jail! K-9 Bailey is trained to detect contraband inside the jail.



Special Recognition



Deputy Evans – Life Saving Award



US Smallwood Second in Command Award



*Deputy Aguilar
VFW Award*



*Deputy Licon
Community Outreach*



Deputy Anub – Sheriffs Commendation



Deputy Kasch – Commanders Commendation



Years of Service – Lt. Garza and Captain Niswonger

High WATER

Massive Pacific storms in January through February unleashed days of high winds, torrential rains, and heavy snow in Northern California. These storms caused many areas of Sutter County to flood as rivers swelled and roadways became flooded with the down pours. Residents of Lovey's Landing had to be evacuated due to the rising river, boat ramps were shut down due to the debris of high water levels. After the water receded there was plenty of clean up around the county.






SHOOT WITH THE SHERIFF



The CSSA is a nonprofit organization comprised of the 58 sheriff's along with thousands of law abiding citizens throughout the state, and was formed in 1894 for the purpose of giving California sheriffs a single effective voice. CSSA functions as a legislative watchdog for the county sheriff and sheriff's personnel as well as for citizens on professional law enforcement issues. This year, Sheriff Barnes was elected as the 2nd Vice President of the CSSA.



California State Sheriffs' Association

Organization Founded by the Sheriffs in 1894

Officers

President
Mike Boudreaux
Sheriff, Tulare County

1st Vice President
Don Barnes
Sheriff, Orange County

2nd Vice President
Brandon Barnes
Sheriff, Santa Clara County

Secretary
Chad Bianco
Sheriff, Riverside County

Treasurer
Ian Parkinson
Sheriff, San Luis Obispo County

Sergeant-at-Arms
Shannon Moon
Sheriff, Nevada County

Immediate Past President
Kory Henne
Sheriff, Butte County

Directors

Ingrid Braun
Sheriff, Mono County

Tom Ferrera
Sheriff, Solano County

Billy Honsal
Sheriff, Humboldt County

Oscar Ortiz
Sheriff, Napa County

Patrick Withrow
Sheriff, San Joaquin County

Presidents' Counsel

Bill Brown
Sheriff, Santa Barbara County

Dean Growdon
Sheriff, Lassen County

David Livingston
Sheriff, Contra Costa County

David Robinson
Sheriff, Kings County

Donny Youngblood
Sheriff, Kern County

M. Carmen Green
Executive Director

James R. Touchstone
General Counsel

Cory Salzillo
Legislative Director

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**CALIFORNIA STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION
ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024**

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023, the California State Sheriffs' Association (CSSA) held its 129th Annual Conference Installation Banquet in Ventura County. CSSA was honored to have California Senator Shannon Grove swear in CSSA's new slate of officers for 2023-2024.

CSSA is pleased to announce that the following Sheriffs will lead the organization in 2023-2024:

President:	Sheriff Mike Boudreaux, Tulare County
1st Vice President:	Sheriff Don Barnes, Orange County
2nd Vice President:	Sheriff Brandon Barnes, Sutter County
Secretary:	Sheriff Chad Bianco, Riverside County
Treasurer:	Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo County
Sergeant-at-Arms:	Sheriff Shannon Moon, Nevada County

"I want to extend my warmest congratulations to the newly elected Officers of the California State Sheriffs' Association," said Sheriff Mike Boudreaux. "Their election is a testament to their dedication to the law enforcement community and their commitment to protecting the people of California. Serving as the CSSA President is truly a privilege. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to work in partnership with my fellow Sheriffs, who are great leaders, and our law enforcement partners to address challenges facing public safety, public trust, and legislative hurdles."

The California State Sheriffs' Association is a nonprofit professional organization comprised of California's 58 elected sheriffs. The mission of CSSA is to support the role of sheriff as the chief law enforcement officer in each California County and to speak as a collective voice on matters of public safety.

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Yuba-Sutter Fair



Sheriff Barnes with Scott Montefusco, a retired U.S. Marine captain, during his two-month cross-country trip from San Francisco to Setauket, New York. Captain Montefusco made the trip to raise money for the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, an organization created in tribute to New York City firefighter Stephen Siller, who died during the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center. Montefusco drove his 1952 Korean War Jeep for the entirety of the trip, which he auctioned off at the fire department. He also had a 1973 Winnebago RV follow him from San Francisco, driven by different first responders, veterans and volunteers.



Citizens Academy



This year marked the first citizen's academy held since the Covid 19 shut downs. Citizens participated in a 9-week program where they learned first hand the ins and outs of the Sheriff's Office and how we work during emergencies as well as day to day operations.



Community Appreciation



Meridian and Nicolaus Parades





Water Safety Day



Sutter Community Water Fight



National Night Out



Art Contest



Justus

This year we introduced our new anti-bullying mascot to the community. In August we invited community members to assist us on naming our new mascot, the votes were tallied, and Justus was chosen! Justus made his debut appearance during National Night Out and attended his first of many anti-bullying campaigns October 3rd at Marcum-Illinois Elementary School.



Sikh Parade

Sutter County is said to have the largest Sikh population outside of India and this year marked the 44th annual Sikh Parade, where an estimated 300,000 people came to celebrate the Sikh Nagar Kirtan. Preparation for this annual event begins almost as soon as the previous years concludes. Celebrations for this event begin on Thursday and conclude with the Sikh Parade on the first Sunday in November. During these 4 days, a total of 150 personnel are used from various agencies consisting of approximately 1000 man hours. The Sutter County Sheriff's Office along with the following agencies work collaboratively to ensure the massive event is safe and fun for all of those whom attend;

- Yuba City Police Department
- Gridley Police Department
- Sutter County DA's Office
- Sutter County Probation
- Butte County Sheriff's Office
- Cal OES
- FBI
- California Highway Patrol
- Yuba City Fire Department
- Sutter County Fire Department
- Sutter County Office of Emergency Services
- SCSO Posse
- SCSO Cadets
- Volunteers



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