

2012 Annual Report



Corcoran Police Department

Chief of Police

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Mission Statement

To provide quality law enforcement services to the community while maintaining the trust of those we serve.

Vision Statement

To effectively work with the community to provide safe and secure neighborhoods

Values

Integrity - Do what is right

Loyalty - To the community and to CPD

Teamwork - working together

Accountability - Holding ourselves responsible

It is my pleasure to present to you the Corcoran Police Department Annual Report for 2012. This report covers the calendar year of 2012 and contains statistical information from previous years for review and comparison. I hope you find the report informative and I invite any comments and/or questions.

PERSONNEL/STAFFING

As of this report we are recruiting for one Clerk/Dispatcher position. There are four police officer positions that remain vacant.

INVESTIGATIONS

Narcotics Task Force (NTF):

The Kings County Narcotics Task Force initially started in 1978 under a federal grant program. Following the termination of the grant, NTF continued to operate by a formal agreement between Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore Police Departments, Kings County Sheriff's Office and the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. In May of 1985, the California Highway Patrol (Hanford Office) joined NTF. In 1987, the Kings County Probation Department went to a full contribution with the assignment of a Deputy Probation Officer. In 2006 the Highway Patrol was forced to discontinue their participation with the task force, due to traffic responsibilities they needed to fulfill with their limited staffing. In February of 2012, the California Department of Justice Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, discontinued with NTF as a result of cuts at DOJ.

NTF continues to operate under the direction of a multi-agency Board of Directors, which is responsible for establishing investigative priorities, policy decisions and general operating procedures of the unit. The Board is comprised of the Chief Administrator from each participating agency, as well as the District Attorney of Kings County.

Our Narcotics Task Force representative continues to work diligently on long term drug related investigations. NTF, as a whole, seized a total of nearly 4.5 million dollars worth of drugs in 2012. Approximately \$220,000 of that was from Corcoran. The primary problem continues to be meth. However, we are also seeing a rise in the abuse of prescription drugs and the use of heroin.

Gang Task Force (GTF):

The Gang Task Force was originally formed by local law enforcement agencies in November of 1993. This was an effort to combat increasing gang problems in communities throughout Kings County. GTF operates under the direction of a multi-agency Board of Directors, which is responsible for establishing investigative priorities, policy decisions and general operating procedures of the unit. The Board is comprised of the Chief Administrator from each participating agency, as well as the District Attorney of Kings County.

We currently do not have a full time investigator in the Gang Task Force (GTF) due to staffing levels. However, we do have a reserve officer working two days a week in GTF. In 2012 the GTF investigators completed a total of 25 Gang Enhancements for Corcoran. Of the 25 enhancements 14 were completed by the investigator we have assigned part time. GTF is a key component in addressing gang crimes.

CPD Investigations Unit:

Our local investigations unit continues to be extremely busy. Both Investigators maintain a significant caseload. They have authored several search warrants during this year and cleared a number of cases. Some of the cases they have worked include identity theft, embezzlement, elder abuse, burglary, drug sales, robbery and attempted homicide.

K-9 Unit:



Our K-9, “Ollie” is doing well. We made a handler change during this year. As a result of that change the dog was not in service for a period of time. Officer Galutira completed K-9 handler training in September and has bonded well with Ollie. They have conducted several presentations through the year and have been active with a variety of searches.

School Resource Officer:



Most would agree that a community's most precious asset is its children. We believe that and make their safety a priority. The SRO's presence alone is a crime deterrent on campus to include sporting events. We continue to enjoy success with our School Resource Officer (SRO) program. So much of the success of an SRO program depends on the relationship between the police department and the school district. We have enjoyed an exceptional relationship with our school district and see them as a principal partner in our joint effort to keep our students safe and in an environment that is conducive to learning. During 2012 the SRO responded to 823 Calls for Service on school campuses. When the SRO is not handling incidents at the schools he spends time working with staff on campus safety, focusing on crime prevention/community relation efforts and developing a rapport with students. He also teaches an elective class on law enforcement topics. This class most likely will be approved for college credit.

Animal Control:

As you are aware, we took over Animal Control Field Services in May of 2009. Our Animal Control Officer continues to be very busy. He responded to 2,173 Calls for Service. The statistical information is reflected in the chart on page 12. We have started holding clinics to make it convenient for the community to get their dogs licensed and vaccinated. We held our most recent clinic in October of 2012. We licensed a total of 40 dogs and an equal number were vaccinated. We will continue to introduce more animal care education to the community in the coming year as well as host clinics for vaccination, licensing and "chipping." The number of animals we impound is significant.

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Training:



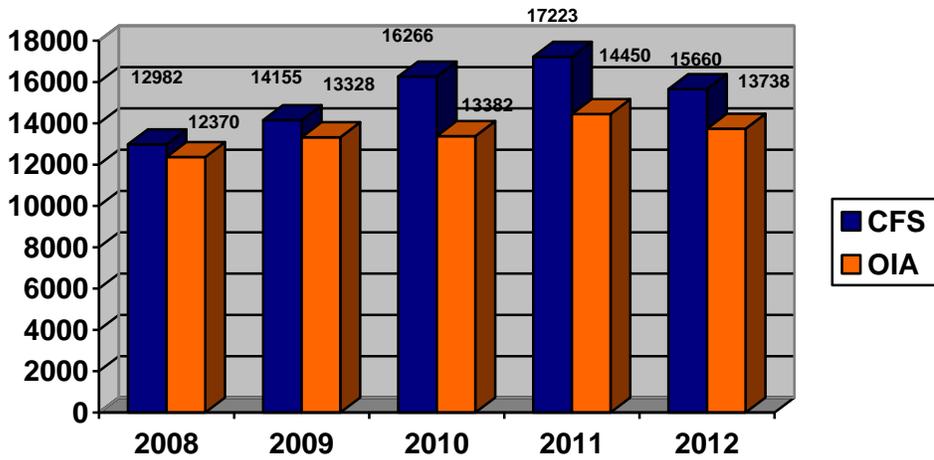
It is important for us to maintain our skill level and expertise in a variety of areas so that we are prepared to respond to and address any incident that may develop. Quality training also directly impacts the quality of service our community receives. During 2012 department personnel completed over 2,100 hours of training in various topics. Some of the training topics include: Risk Management, Performance Management, Asset Forfeiture, Field Training Officer Update, Drug Endangered Children, Defensive Tactics, Active Shooter, Computer Crimes Investigations, Gang Investigation, Police Liability, and Perishable Skills.

CRIME STATS

Our focus continues to be on Part I crimes. These are the more serious crimes and are represented in the following categories: homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, burglary, assault, larceny and arson. You can see in the illustration on page 8 that our Part I crimes have increased over the past few years. However, we have seen a slight decrease from the previous year. These numbers will fluctuate from time to time for a variety of reasons. However, the source of the increase is attributed to the increase in thefts and assaults. There are many variables that affect this number to include staffing levels, trends etc. Although we have had much success in keeping Part I crime down over the past years, I expect our Part I crimes and Part II crimes to increase. This is a direct impact

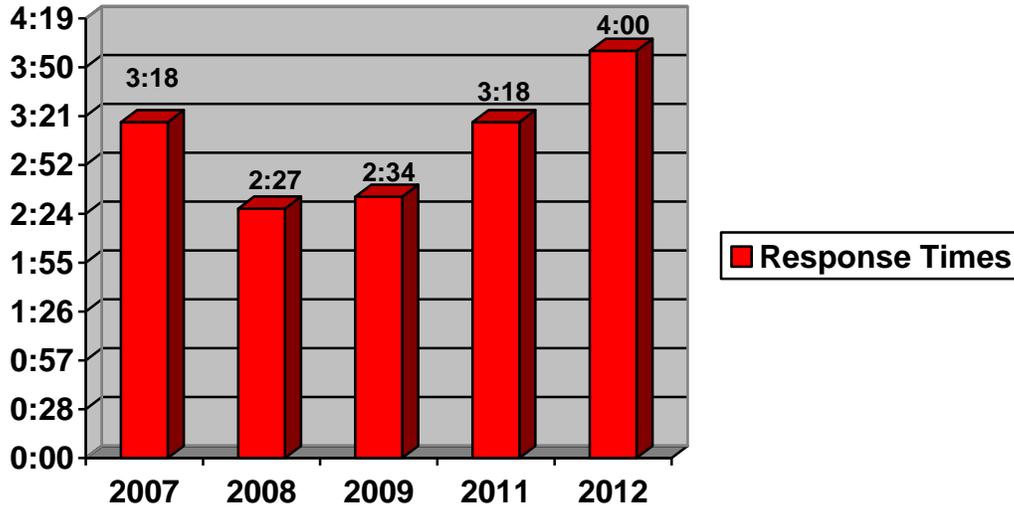
of the economy and AB 109. Preventing and addressing Part I crimes will continue to be our priority, as these are the crimes that directly impact quality of life.

Calls for Service / Officer Initiated Activity:



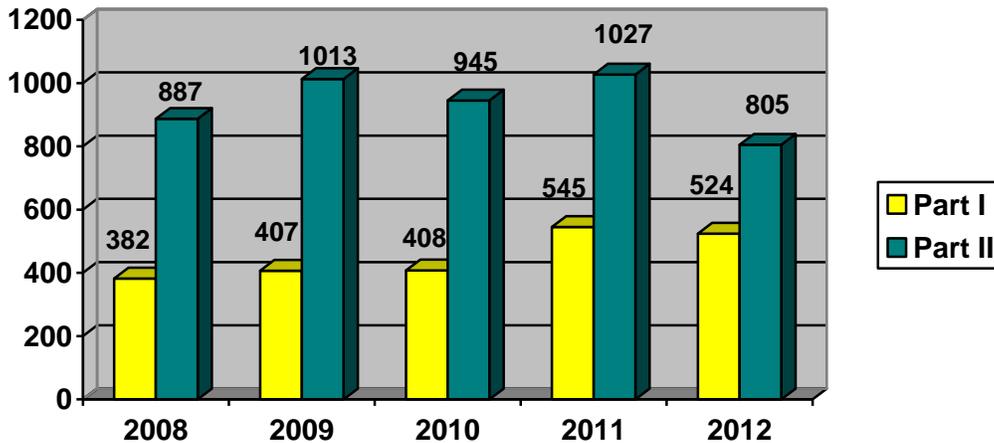
Calls for Service (CFS) over the past several years have increased steadily. Although there will be some fluctuation, these numbers will continue to increase with growth and with the impact of AB 109.

Response Times:



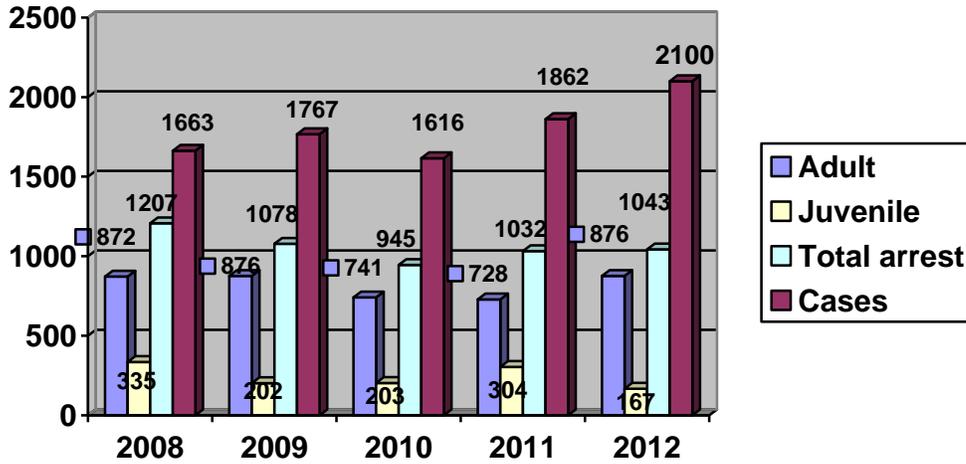
These numbers represent an average response time for all priority-1 calls. There are a lot of things that impact this number such as staffing, call volume etc. However, we maintain a good average response time overall. We will likely see response times continue to increase with vacant officer positions. Because of problems with our CAD /RMS software we were not able to collect this data for 2010.

Part I / Part II Crimes:



Part I crimes are the more serious crimes. These include homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, burglary, serious assault, larceny and arson. Part II crimes are crimes such as embezzlement, vandalism etc. We have been successful keeping serious crime down. There is a slight decrease compared to 2011. However, I believe we will continue to see Part I crimes increase with the impact of AB 109 as well as the result of a sluggish economy.

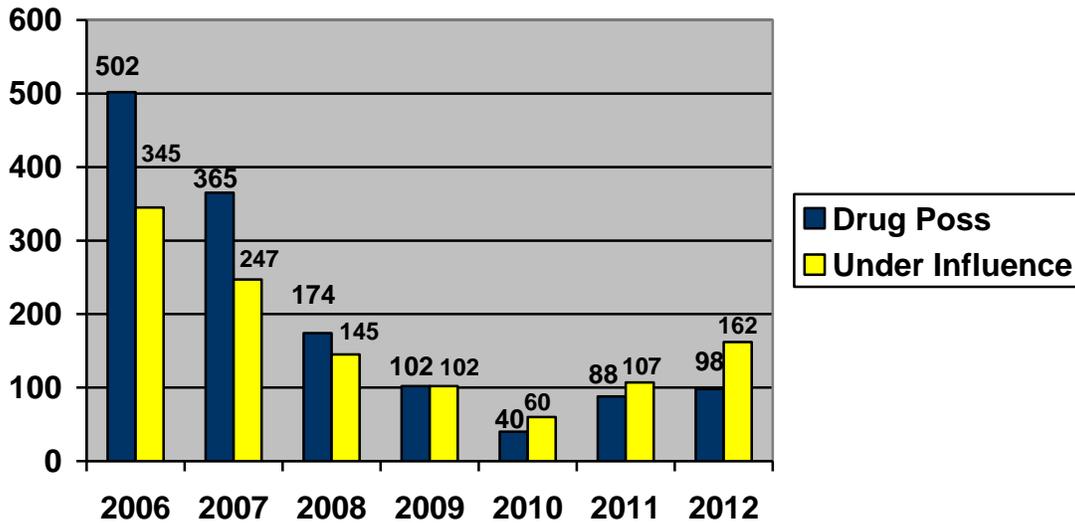
Arrests / Cases:



Arrests and cases are up. Again, we attribute this to AB 109 and the economy. A significant portion of our increase is due to a spike in thefts and assaults. We have also seen an increase in warrant arrests.

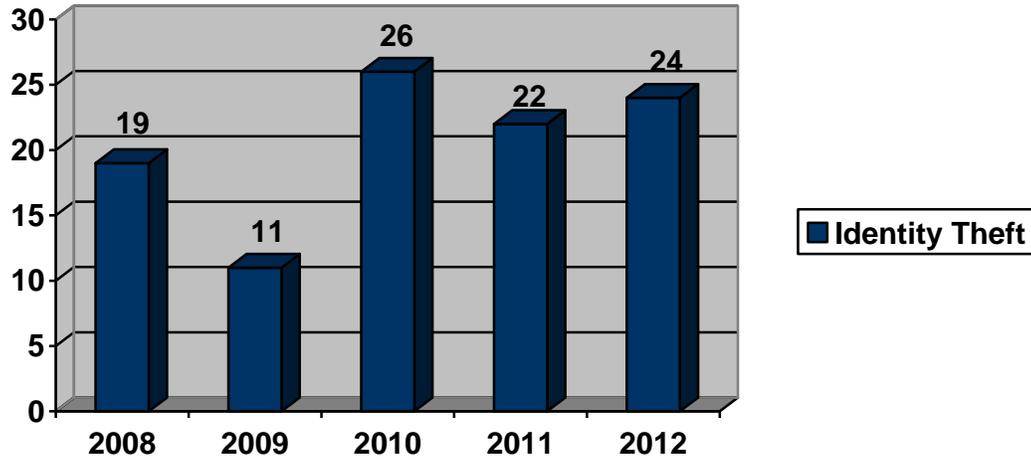
DRUG ENFORCEMENT

Drug possession / under the influence of drug arrests:



As you are aware drug interdiction has been a council and police priority. We have enjoyed a decline in drug arrests for several years. However, we will see these cases increase over the next few years. Methamphetamine continues to be a significant problem for law enforcement. There is also an upward trend in prescription drug abuse and heroin use.

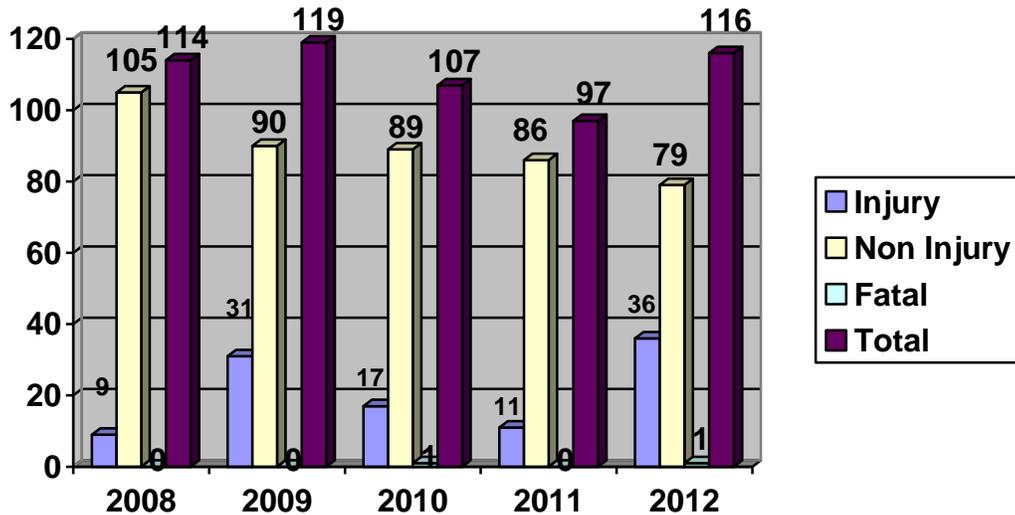
Identity Theft



We have tracked these cases separately considering the resources that are required to investigate these crimes are significant. It isn't uncommon for detectives to work for months on these types of investigations. The impact of these crimes on victims can be immense.

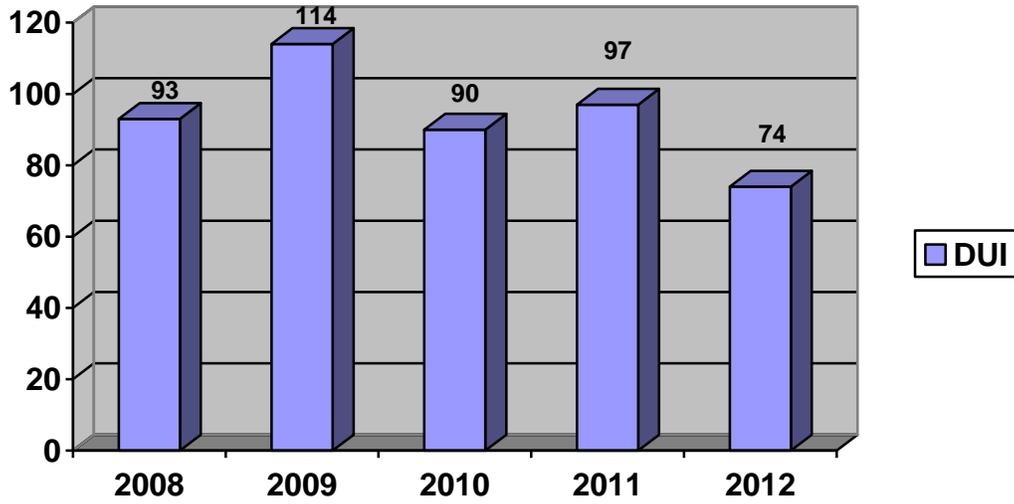
TRAFFIC

Traffic Accidents:



Traffic safety is consistently an area of public concern. We are sensitive to this, especially as it relates to our schools and business district and set it as a high priority. Of the 36 injury accidents "Failure to Yield" was the Primary Collision Factor for the majority.

Driving Under the Influence:



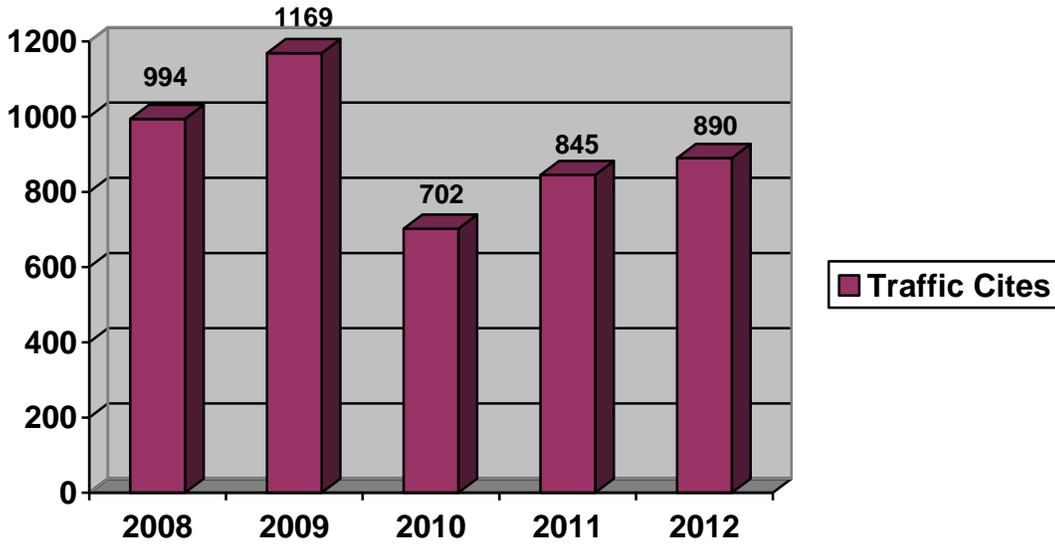
Our DUI arrests are fairly consistent. We have been a part of the “Avoid the 18 Task Force”, a DUI enforcement grant. We have conducted two DUI Checkpoints during this period.

Agencies Participating in the “Avoid the 18” Task Force

Visalia Police Department
Porterville Police Department
Farmersville Police Department
Exeter Police Department
Tulare County Sheriff’s Department
Hanford Police Department
Lemoore Police Department
Avenal Police Department
California Highway Patrol Hanford/Visalia

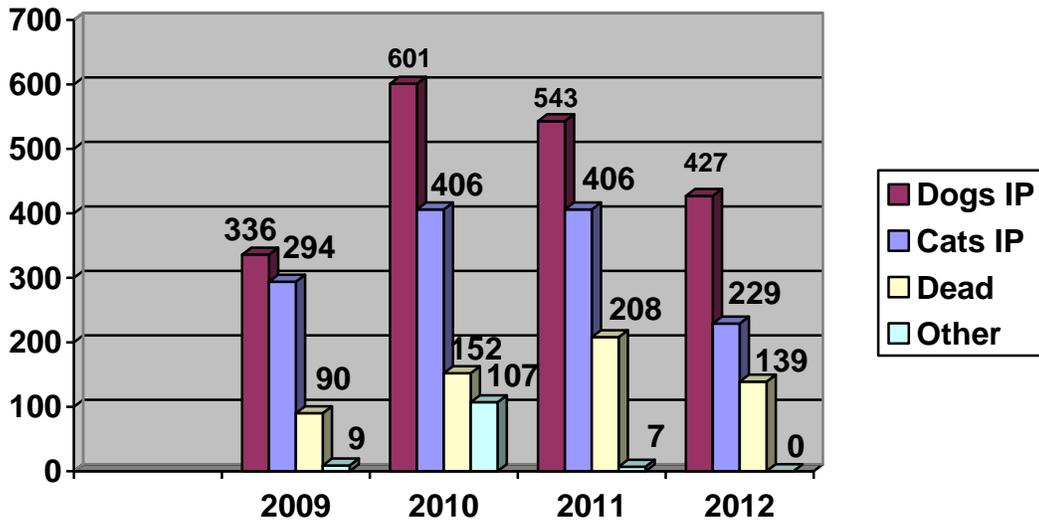
Tulare Police Department
Dinuba Police Department
Woodlake Police Department
College of the Sequoias
Tulare County Probation
Kings County Sheriff’s Department
Corcoran Police Department
Kings County Probation

Traffic Citations:



We continue to address traffic issues and concerns. We are sensitive to complaints such as u-turns, speeding, loud music and right of way violations. Our goal is to keep our pedestrians and motorists safe and be responsive to traffic related complaints.

Animal Control:



We are beginning to see some success with our animal control efforts. The numbers continue to decline. During this reporting period we conducted a dog license/vaccination clinic. It was very well attended and we are currently planning another clinic for spring. We licensed a total of 63 dogs in 2012, 40 of which were licensed at the clinic. The “other” category represents animals such as coyotes, rabbits, snakes etc.

FINAL COMMENTS

Our dominant philosophy continues to be that of Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P). Our primary goal and commitment is to find long-term solutions to problems in our community. I would like to thank the council and the community for their continued support. I would also like to thank each of the Corcoran Police Department staff for all of the hard work during the past year.

We will continue to work hard to keep Corcoran safe and continue to look for efficient and effective ways to accomplish this. We constantly challenge ourselves to be better and we truly enjoy serving the community. Despite the changes and circumstances that impact public safety, we will not shy away from those who would victimize our community. Our number one priority and responsibility is to keep our community, and those who visit, safe.