

2013 Annual Report



Corcoran Police Department

Chief of Police

Reuben P. Shortnacy

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 2013. This report covers the calendar year of 2013 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 police officer position. After this recruitment there will be three 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 2.6 million dollars worth of drugs in 2013. Approximately 1.6 million of that was from Corcoran. The primary problem continues to be meth and marijuana. However, we are also seeing a rise in the abuse of heroin and a slight decrease in the abuse of prescription drugs.

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.

In 2013 our GTF investigator completed a total of 25 Gang Enhancements for Corcoran. A big part of the effort during this period was Operation Red Raider. At the conclusion of that operation there were a total of 34 arrests, 7 of which were in Corcoran and 21 enhancements on that case alone. GTF continues to be 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, burglary, drug sales, robbery attempted homicide, rape and kidnapping. Detectives carried a total of 163 cases during 2013 with an approximate 97% clearance rate.

K-9 Unit:



Our K-9, “Ollie” is doing well along with his Handler, officer McAlister. They have conducted several presentations through the year and have been active with a variety of searches. There were a total of 33 searches conducted, 30 of those being vehicle searches and 3 building searches.

School Resource Officer:

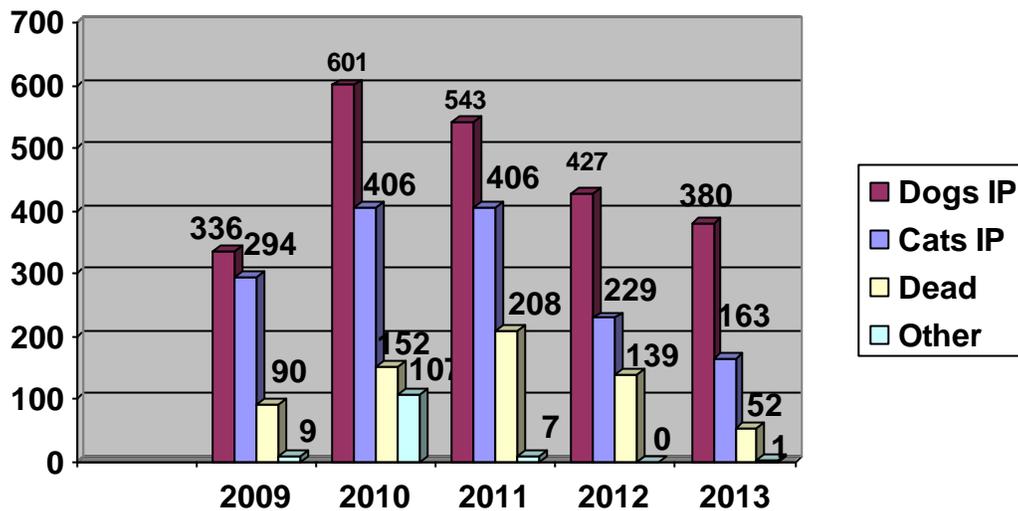


Most would agree that a community's most precious asset is its children. We believe that and make their safety a priority. The SRO's presence alone is a crime deterrent on campus to include sporting events. We continue to enjoy success with our School Resource Officer (SRO) program. So much of the success 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 2013 the SRO responded to 770 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 interacting with students.

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 1,553 Calls for Service. The statistical information is reflected in the chart below. We have held clinics to make it convenient for the community to get their dogs licensed and vaccinated, two of which were held in 2013. We licensed a total of 112 dogs and many of those were vaccinated. We will continue to introduce more animal care education to the community in the coming years as well as host clinics for vaccination, licensing and “chipping.” The number of animals we impound has been significant. However, as we address the problems we are seeing a decline in that number. I believe we will continue to see these numbers go down. The “other” category represents animals such as coyotes, rabbits, snakes etc.

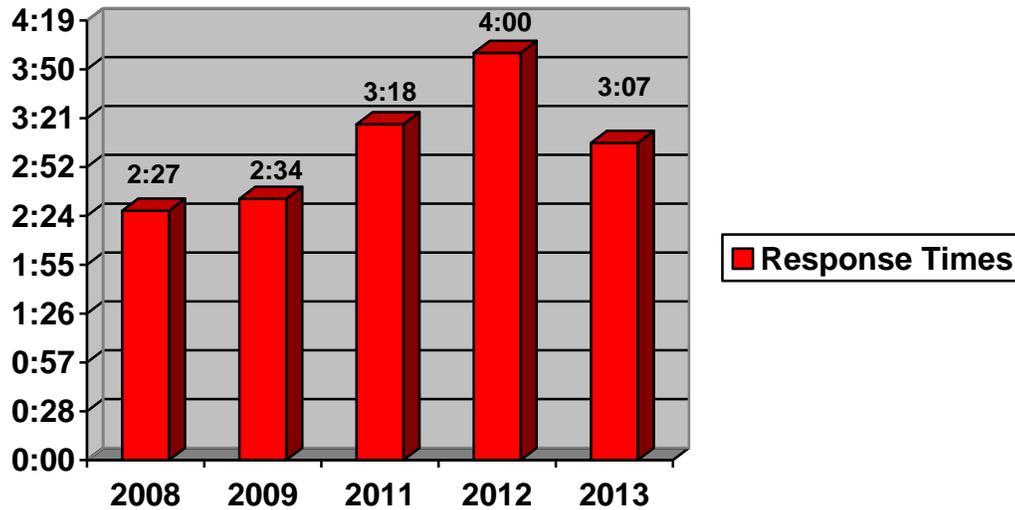


Training:



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. The quality of the training also directly impacts the quality of service that our community receives. During 2013 department personnel completed over 1,800 hours of training in various topics. Some of the training topics include: Arson, Drug Investigation, Human Trafficking, Sexual Abuse, Supervisory, Officer Involved Shootings, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Active Shooter, Gang Investigation, Police Liability, and Perishable Skills.

Response Times:

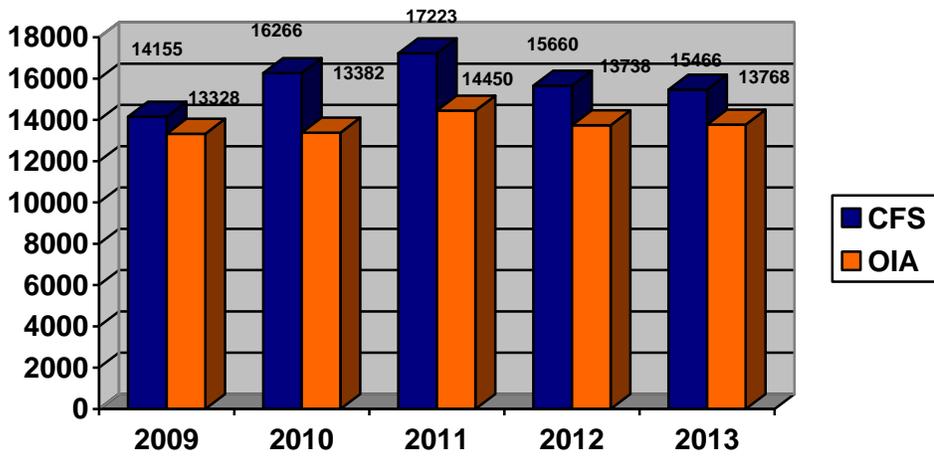


These numbers represent an average response time for all priority-1 calls. There are a lot of things that impact this number such as staffing, call volume etc. However, we maintain a good average response time overall. Because of problems with our CAD /RMS software we were not able to collect this data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

CRIME STATS

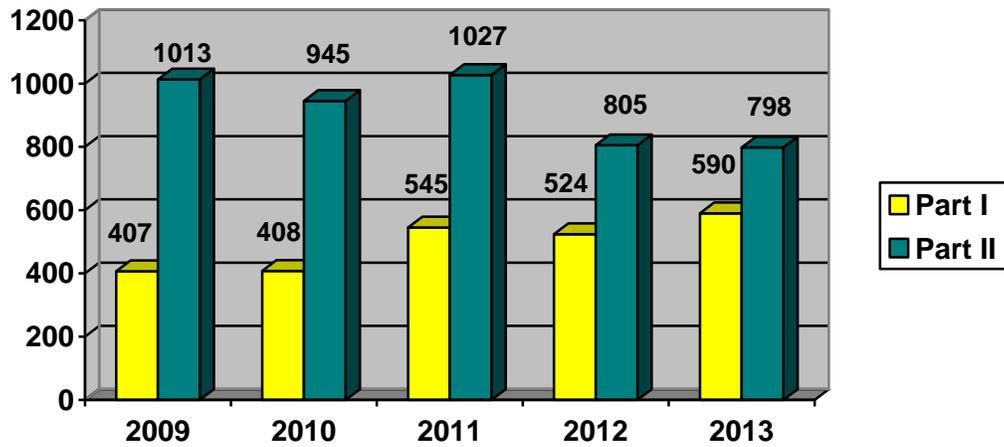
Much of our focus continues to be on Part I crimes. These are the more serious crimes and are represented in the following categories: homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, burglary, assault, larceny and arson. You can see in the illustration on page 11 that our Part I crimes have increased over the past few years. We have seen an increase 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. On page 12 there is a chart that reflects a more detailed breakdown of Part I crime. 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:



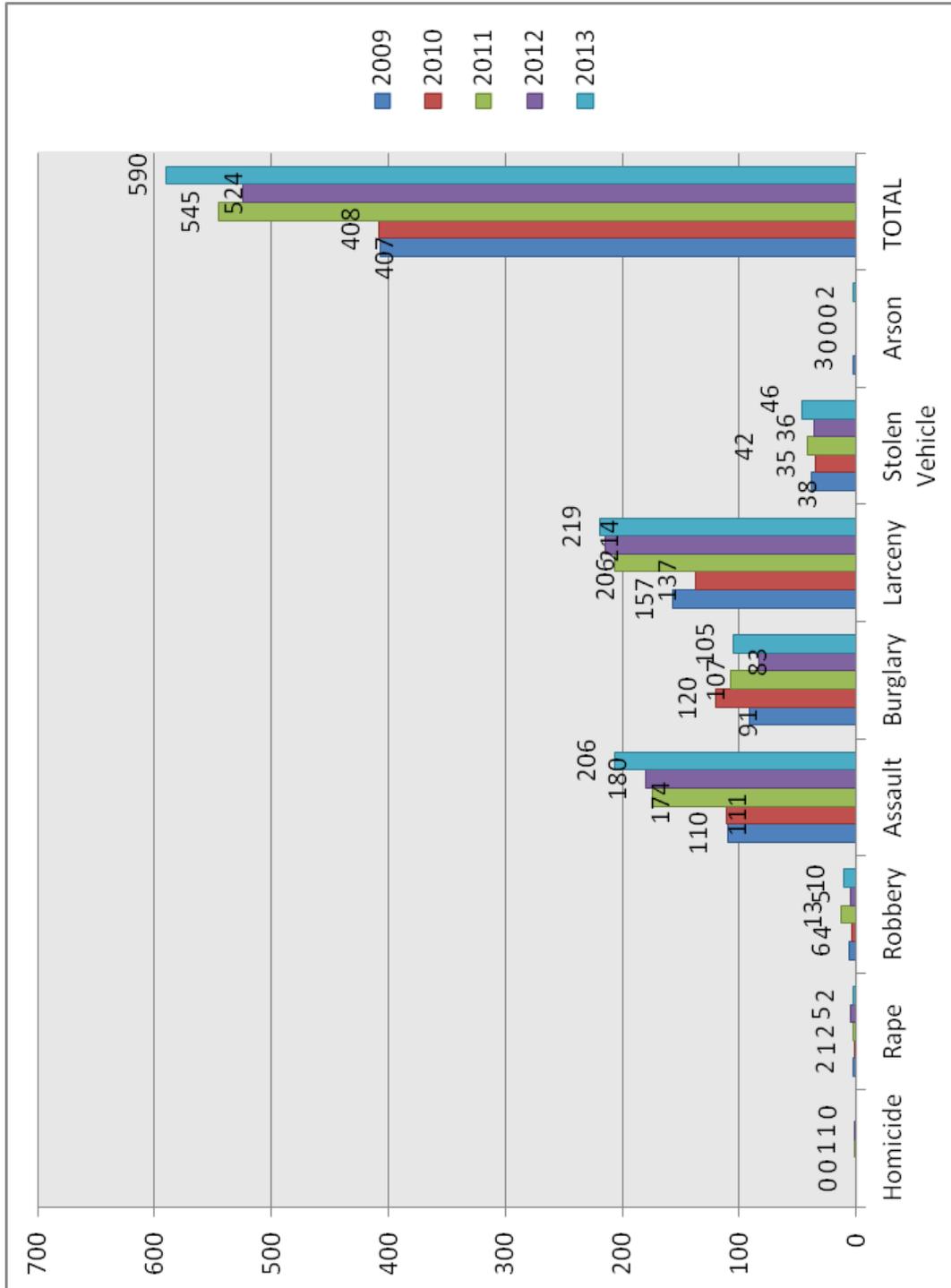
Calls for Service (CFS) over the past several years have increased steadily. Although there will be some fluctuation, these numbers will continue to increase with growth and with the impact of AB 109.

Part I / Part II Crimes:

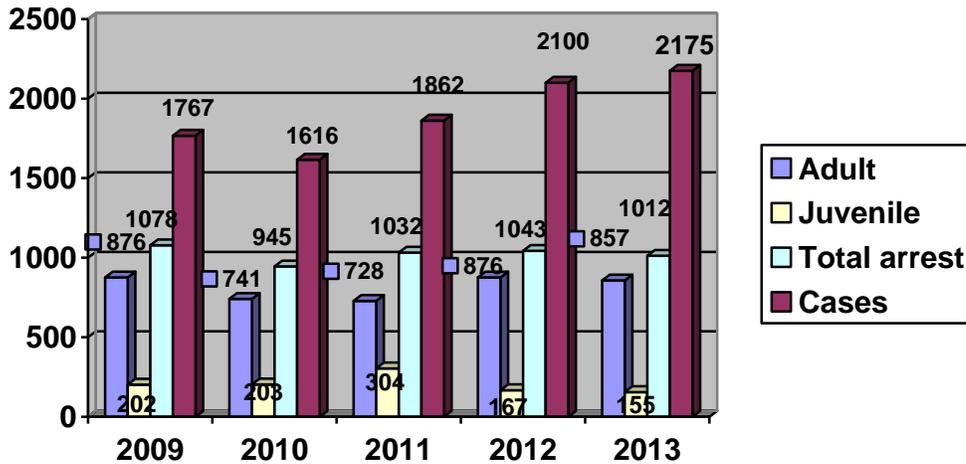


Part I crimes are the more serious crimes. These include homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, burglary, serious assault, larceny and arson. Part II crimes are crimes such as embezzlement, vandalism etc. We have been successful keeping serious crime down overall. There is a 12.5% increase compared to 2012. This is due to assaults and thefts primarily. I believe we will continue to see Part I crimes increase with the impact of AB 109.

Part I Crimes detailed:



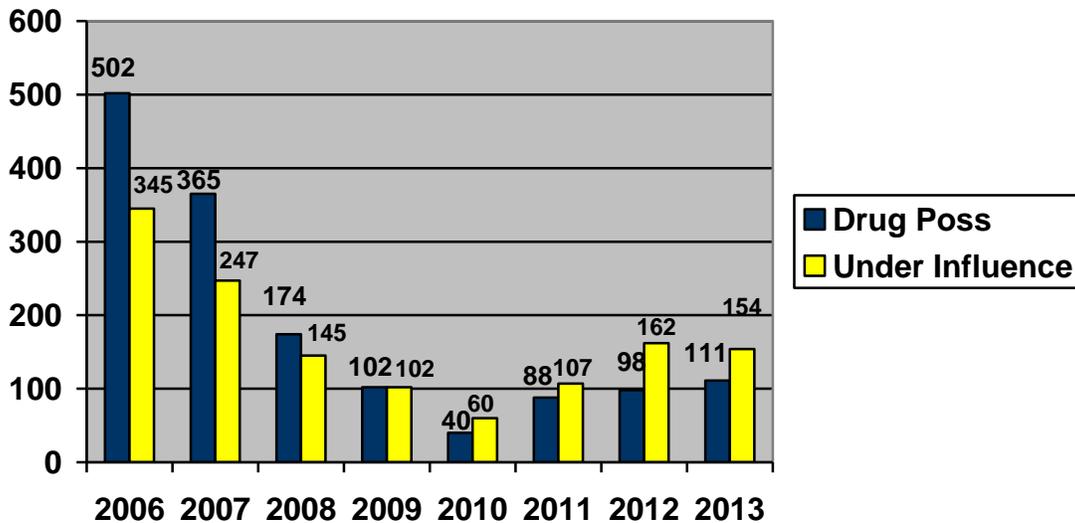
Arrests / Cases:



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 assaults and thefts, to include vehicle thefts. We have also seen an increase in robbery over last year.

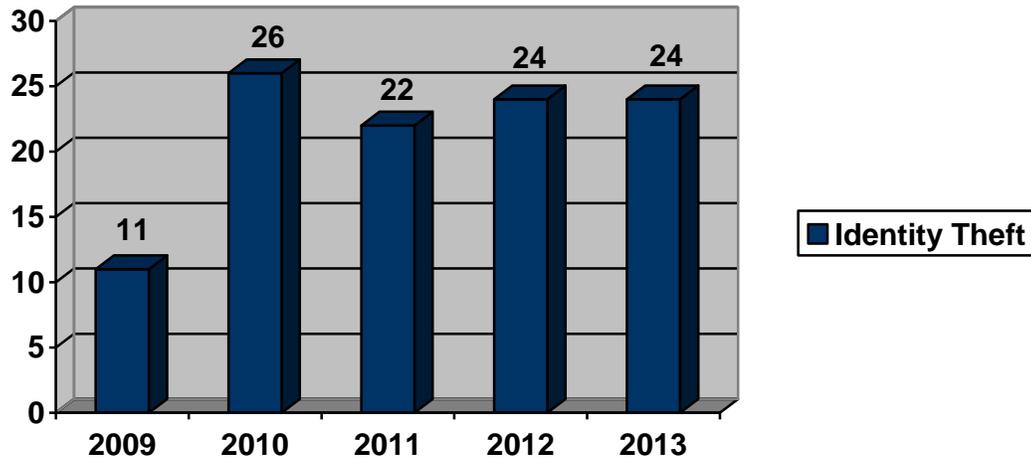
DRUG ENFORCEMENT

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 have seen and will likely continue to see these cases increase over the next few years. The primary problem continues to be meth and marijuana. However, we are also seeing a rise in the abuse of heroin and a slight decrease in the abuse of prescription drugs.

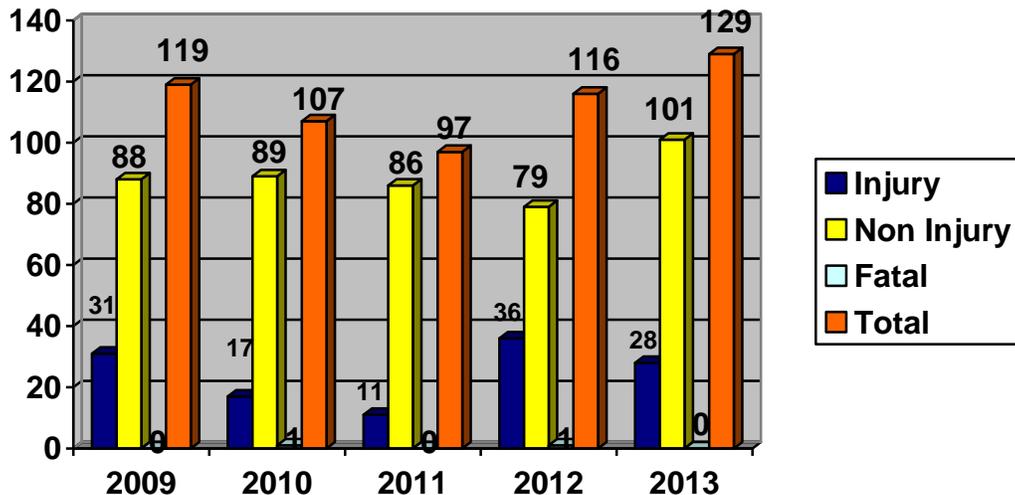
Identity Theft



There hasn't been any significant change in the reporting of Identity Theft in the past few years. However, we will continue to track these cases separately considering the resources that are required to investigate these crimes. It isn't uncommon for detectives to work for months on these types of investigations. The impact of these crimes on victims can be significant.

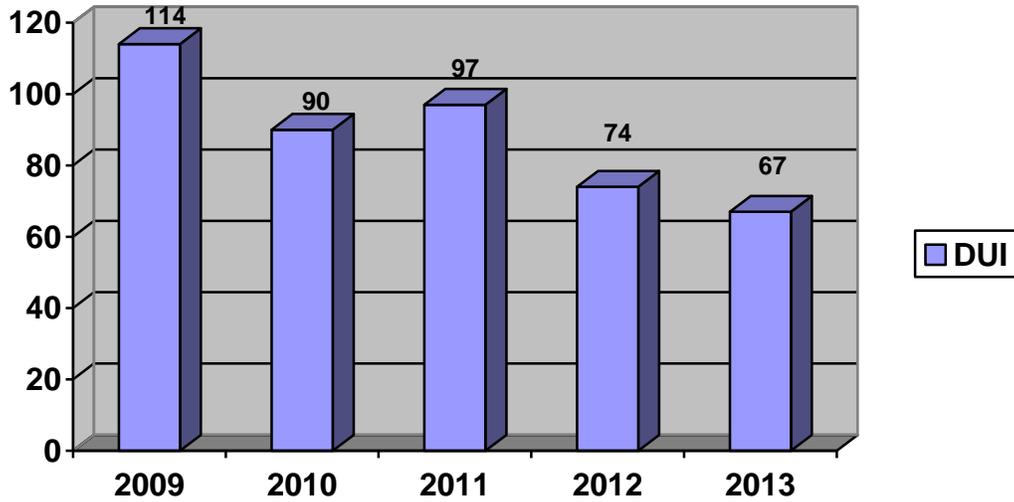
TRAFFIC

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. Right of Way violations is a big part of our enforcement efforts.

Driving Under the Influence:



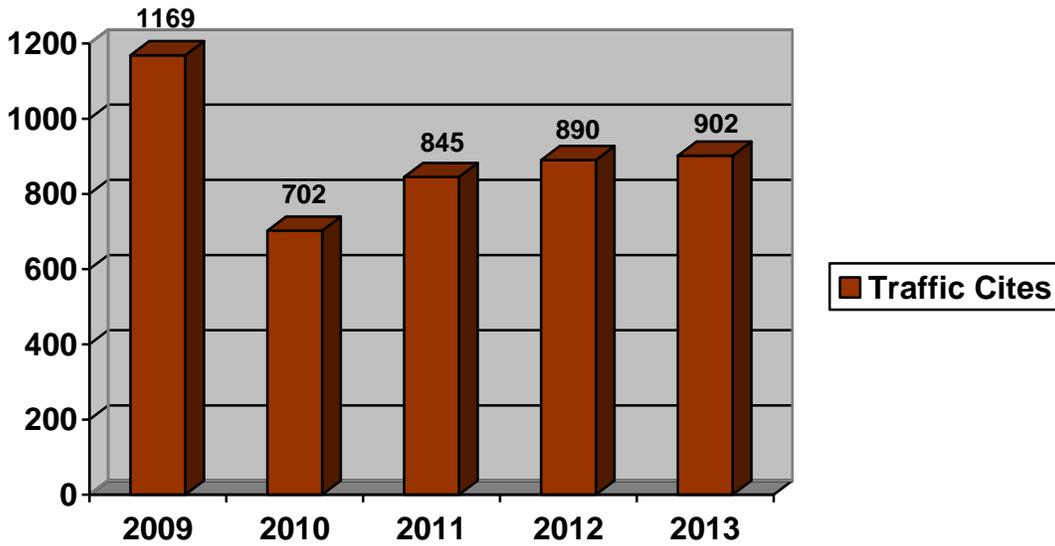
Our DUI arrests are fairly consistent with the exception of the last couple of years. We have been a part of the “Avoid the 18 Task Force”, a DUI enforcement grant. We have conducted DUI Checkpoints and “saturation patrol” during this period and contribute the decline over the last few years to this effort.

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 while being responsive to traffic related complaints.

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.

You have our commitment that 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.