

# **2015 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 2015. This report covers the calendar year of 2015 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 not recruiting for officers. We currently have two cadets in the academy who will transition to police officers once they have successfully completed that training.

### **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. He has authored 8 search warrants during this period and handled 20 cases. NTF, as a whole, seized a total of \$3,609,427.55 worth of drugs in 2015. Approximately \$381,834 of that was from Corcoran. The majority of the drugs seized was methamphetamine and marijuana. However, we are seeing heroin becoming more of a problem.

**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 2015 our GTF investigator completed a total of 24 Gang Enhancements and authored 32 search warrants behind a variety of gang related investigations. GTF continues to be a key component in addressing gang crimes.

**CPD Investigations Unit:**

Our local investigations unit has been very busy. We continue to operate with only one investigator having had to pull the second investigator back to patrol due to staffing levels. During 2015 there were 13 search warrants authored. Some of the cases Investigations have worked include identity theft, assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, attempted homicide, child molestation, robbery and rape. Detectives carried a total of 74 cases during 2015, clearing 69, an approximate 93% clearance rate.

## K-9 Unit:



Our K9 program began April 16, 2002. In March of 2015 the Gibby family, who own several Jack in the Box restaurants in the valley, held a fundraiser for the replacement of our K9. They raised nearly \$17,000 which allowed us to purchase a dog, the equipment and complete all of the initial training with no negative impact on our budget. We also received a donation from a local community member in the amount of \$1,200 for a ballistic vest for our K9. We are thankful for the amazing support that our K9 unit has received and appreciative of the generosity. With a need to purchase and train a new dog it was an ideal time to change our K9 program by transitioning to a dual purpose dog; one that detects drugs and also acts as a protection / apprehension K9. Our newest K9 was named “Jacki” after Jack in the Box. She is a Belgian Malinois, has completed all required training and certification and has been deployed since July of 2015.

Along with her Handler, Corporal McAlister, Jacki has conducted several presentations throughout the year and has been active with a variety of searches. Jacki was utilized for 9 searches which resulted in the location of a total of 36.3 grams of marijuana and 366.4 grams of methamphetamine. Jacki was utilized 22 times for patrol purposes which resulted in 9 surrenders. The K9 team also conducted 5 demonstrations for community groups and schools. Jacki and her Handler have completed nearly 300 hours of training

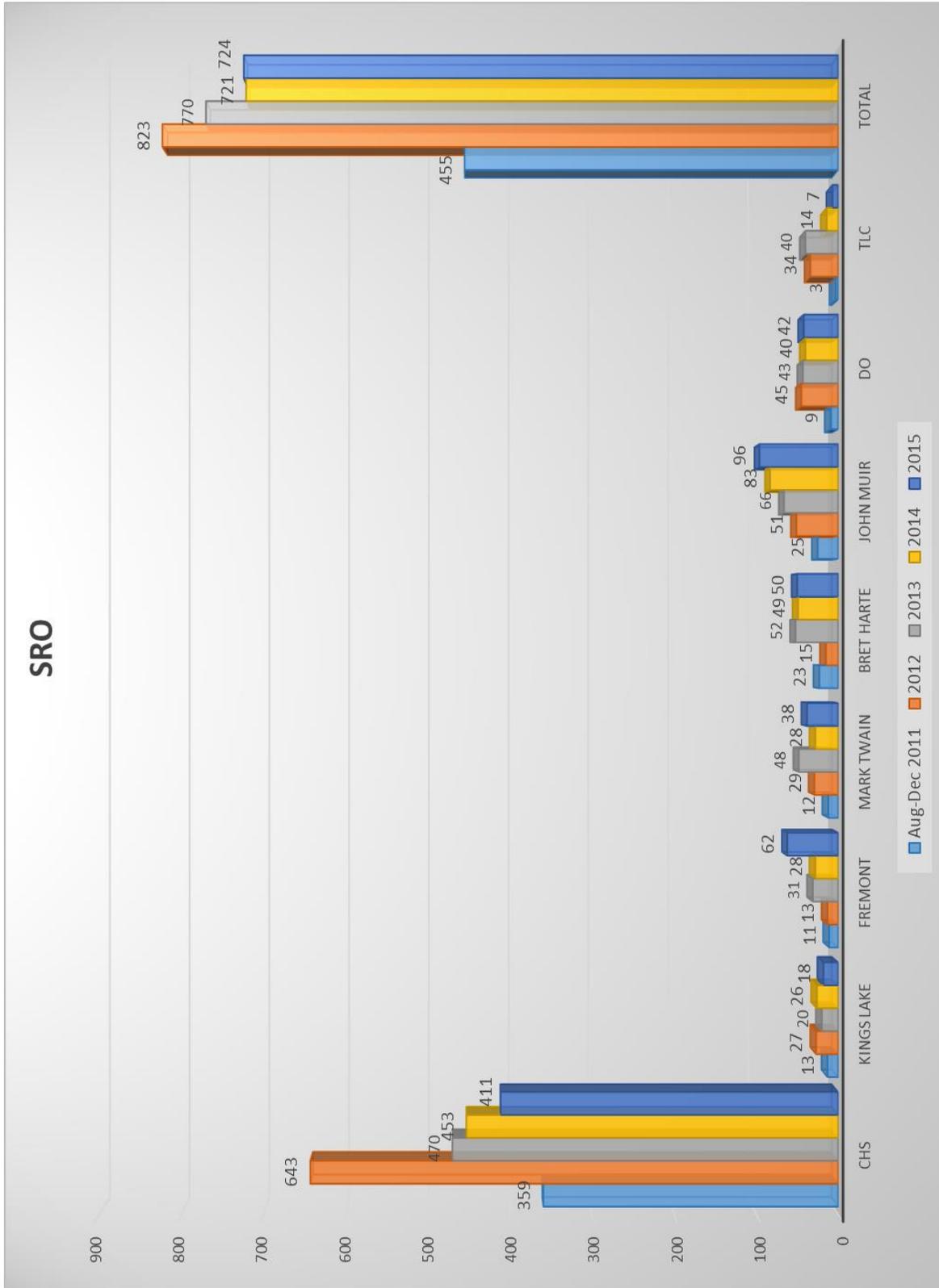
to date and were also certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. Jacki has been a tremendous addition to the Corcoran PD team and has contributed to the safety of all those who live and work here.

**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 2015 the SRO responded to 724 Calls for Service on school campuses (details illustrated on next page). 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 in a positive environment.

**SRO Activity Detailed:**



## Police Explorer Program:



Beginning in the early 1970's, the Corcoran Police Explorer Post 1500 is open to young men and women ages 14 through 21 years of age with an interest in learning more about careers in the law enforcement field. The program provides leadership and community service opportunities. Corcoran Police Explorers are provided a combination of classroom and practical training with Ride-Alongs in police vehicles and community policing activities. Explorers develop leadership skills, respect for community members, police officers and other explorers as well as learn law enforcement protocols. In 2015 Corcoran Police Explorers had an opportunity to participate in the Kings-Tulare Police Academy Explorer Day, Corcoran Christmas Parade, Animal Vaccination Clinic, CHS Career Day, Corcoran Rotary with the Stuff the Bus event, helped raise donations for a Canned Food Drive for Christmas and Relay for Life. These are but a few of the events that they have participated in. Since the program was rejuvenated in 2009 the Explorers have invested thousands of hours in training and community service. These young men and women have raised over \$1,000 during 2015 to offset competition costs and costs of uniforms etc. The Explorers have participated and placed in many competitions throughout the region but most recently brought home a 4<sup>th</sup> place trophy for a crisis negotiation scenario in the Riverside competition. The Corcoran Police Explorer Post had 12 youth participating during 2015 led by their advisors; Sgt. Pedro Castro, Ofcr. Yvette Galutira, Cpl. Curt Haug, Ofcr. Natalia Camarena, CSO Jimmy Roark and Records/Communications Mgr. Kathy Gibson.

## Community Oriented Policing:



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. Our Community Relations and Community Policing efforts go a long way towards preventing crime and solidifying partnerships with community members and groups. We participate in many events throughout the year and take advantage of opportunities to connect with people and find common goals to keep our community safe. Coffee with a cop, National Night Out, coaching youth sports are just a few. Citizen Ride-Along is a part of this effort as well. In 2015 we had a total of 34 individuals that rode with various officers.

## **Chaplain Program:**

The Chaplain Program began April 3, 2001 as an approach to meeting needs in our community. Chaplains work with law enforcement personnel on a professional level by making themselves immediately available as trained and caring professionals who can assist in times of loss, confusion, depression, or grief to people in crisis situations. The Chaplains provide this service not only to the community, but also to all department employees and their families as well.

The Chaplain Program is coordinated by department personnel and the Chaplain must be ordained or commissioned. He or she must attend specialized training for law enforcement chaplaincy.

We have one volunteer Chaplain, Jason Mahill (Harvest Community Baptist Church), who participates in the program. He is provided with necessary training and resources in return for many hours of volunteer service.

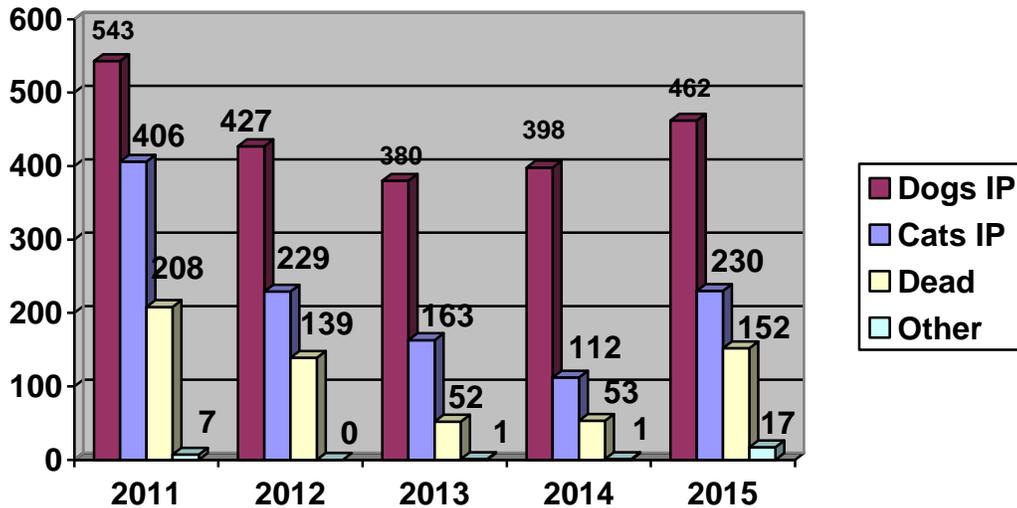
The duties of the Police Chaplain may include, but are not limited to:

- Riding along with officers on routine patrol on various shifts.
- Accompanying a police officer to assist with notification of any death or serious injury.
- Working with police officers to assist in any kind of crisis situation where the presence of a trained chaplain might help.
- Counseling Department members in response to stress or family crisis problems.
- Visiting with sick or injured members of the Department at their home or in the hospital.
- Offering invocations at special occasions such as recruit graduations, award ceremonies and dedications of buildings, etc.
- Serving on appropriate committees.
- Act as liaison with local ministerial associations and on matters pertaining to the moral, spiritual, and religious welfare of community members and police personnel.
- Assisting the Police Department in the performance of appropriate ceremonial functions.
- Providing practical assistance to victims.

**Animal Control:**



Our Animal Control Officer continues to be very busy. He responded to 2,084 Calls for Service. He investigated 16 dog bites, issued 9 citations and issued 84 warnings. We have held clinics to make it convenient for the community to get their dogs licensed and vaccinated, one of which was held in 2015. We licensed a total of 174 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 “other” category represents animals such as coyotes, rabbits, snakes etc.

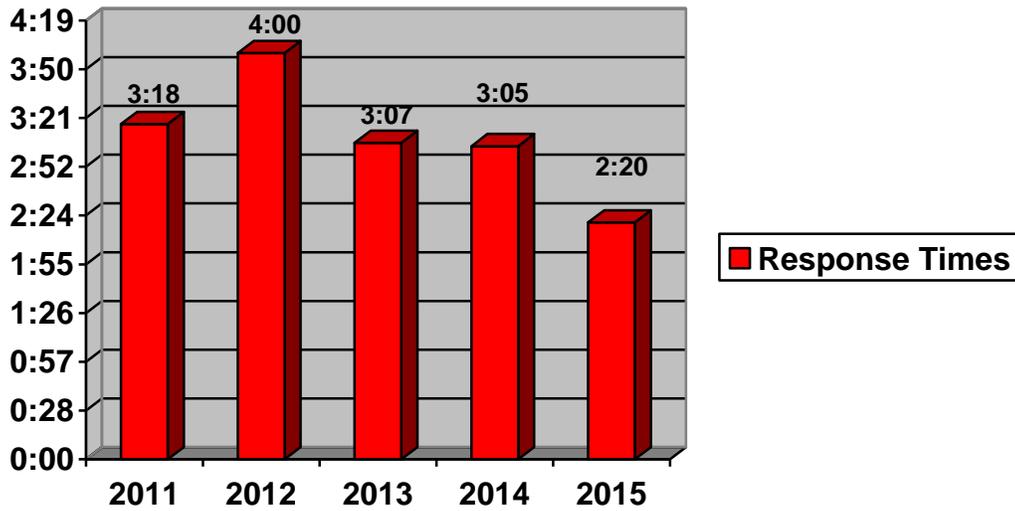


## Training:



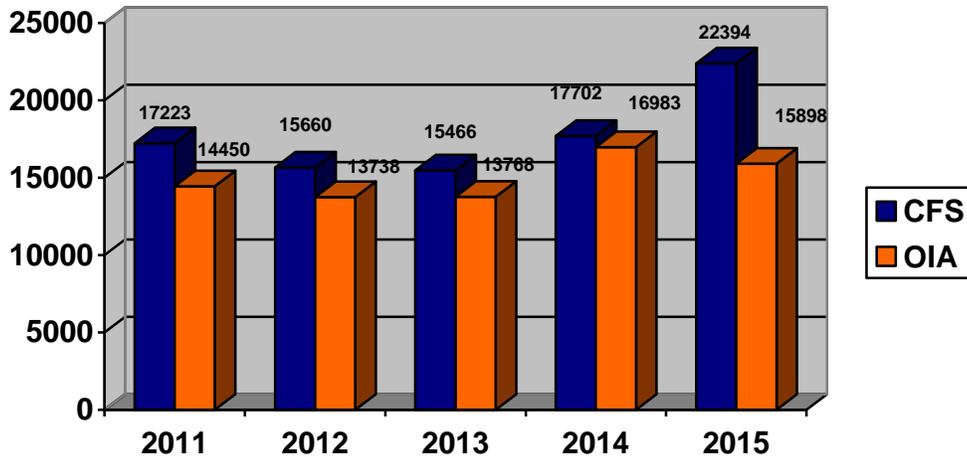
It is important for us to maintain our skill level and expertise in a variety of areas so that we are prepared to respond to and address any incident that may develop. The quality of the training that we receive directly impacts the quality of service that our community receives. During 2015 department personnel completed over 1,700 hours of training in various topics. Some of the training topics include: Terrorism, Extraction Lab Safety, SWAT, Officer Involved Shooting, Field Training Officer, Legislative Update, Stalking, Team Building, Records Detention, Public Records Act and Active Shooter.

**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.

**Calls for Service / Officer Initiated Activity:**

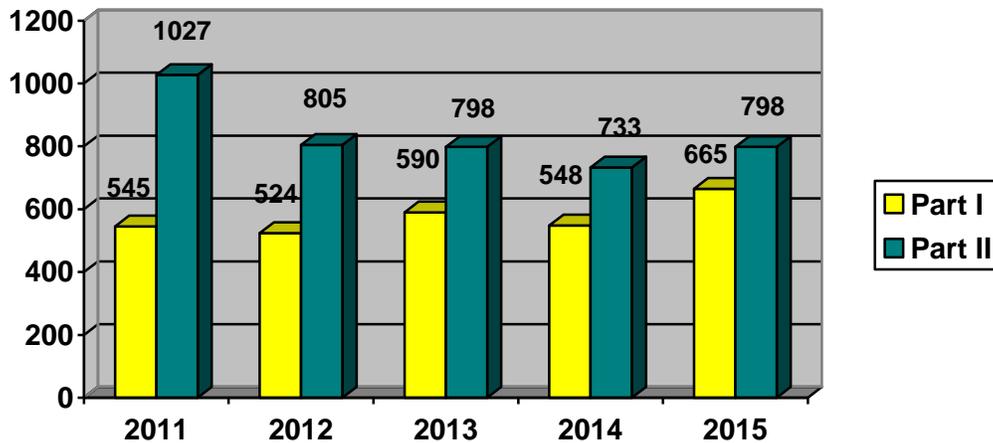


Calls for Service (CFS) over the past several years have increased steadily. Although there will be some fluctuation, these numbers will continue to increase with the impact of AB 109 and Prop 47. There was an increase in CFS from 2014 to 2015 of 26.5%.

## CRIME STATS

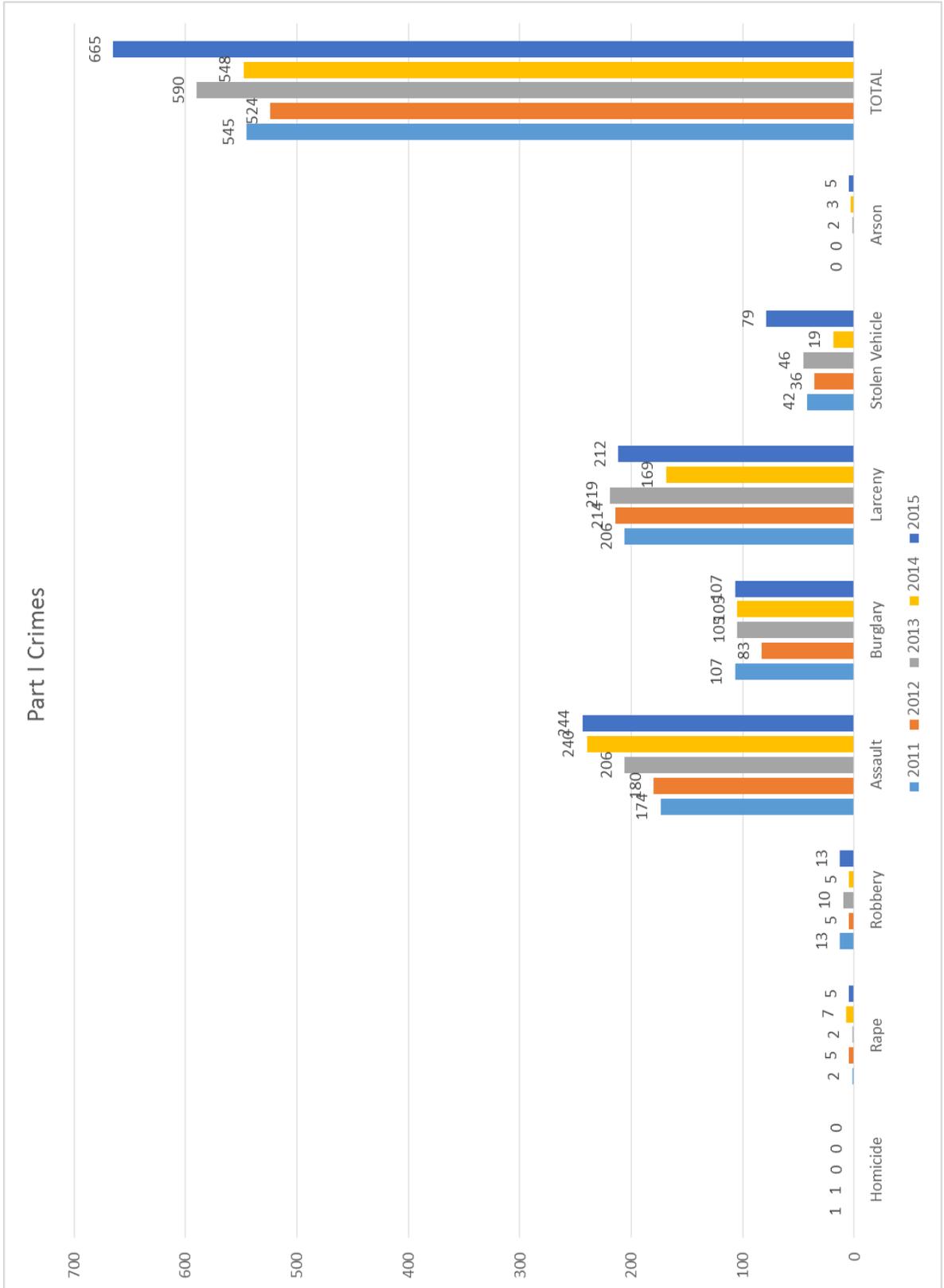
Much of our focus continues to be on Part I crimes. These are the more serious crimes and are represented in the following categories: homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, burglary, assault, larceny and arson. Part II crimes are crimes such as embezzlement, vandalism etc. You can see in the illustration below that our Part I crimes have been consistent over the past few years. However, we have seen an increase compared to 2014. These numbers will fluctuate from time to time for a variety of reasons. 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 overall, I anticipate that our Part I crimes and Part II crimes will continue to increase. These categories are directly impacted by changes in the economy, AB 109 and Prop 47. On the following page 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 most significantly impact quality of life.

### **Part I / Part II Crimes:**

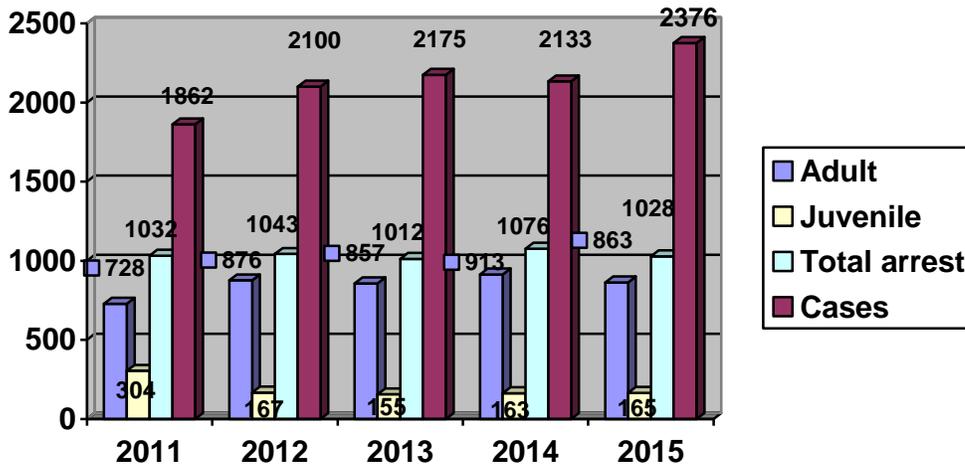


There is a 21.35% increase in Part I crimes compared to 2014. This is primarily due to the significant spike in stolen vehicles. In 2015 we had a 315% increase in stolen vehicles. We are shifting resources to address this. We had an 8.7% increase in Part II crimes compared to 2014. Although we are working hard to prevent it, I believe we will see Part I and Part II crimes continue to increase with the ongoing impact of AB 109 and Prop 47.

**Part I Crimes detailed:**



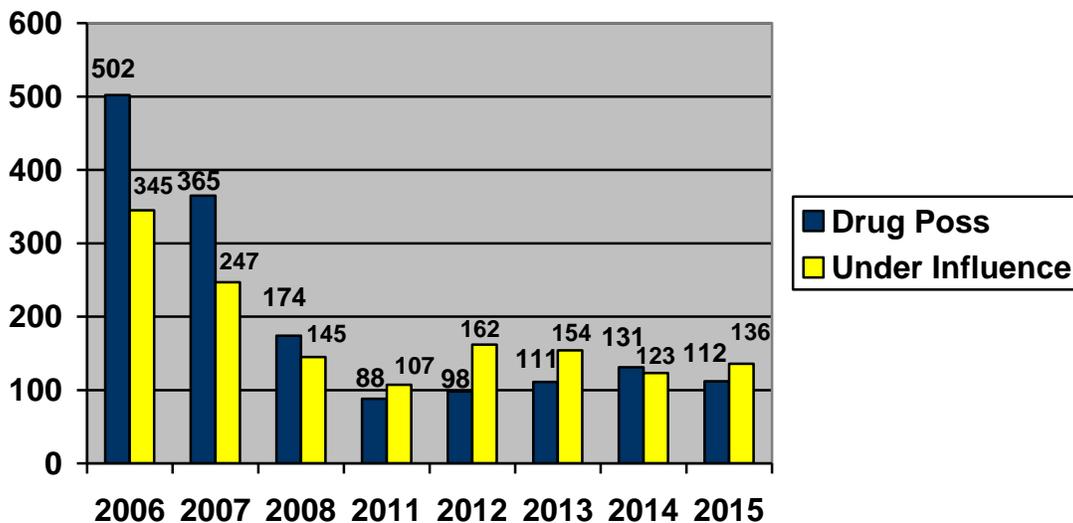
**Arrests / Cases:**



Arrests are down slightly with an 11.39% increase in total cases. Adult arrests are down by 5.5% compared to 2014 and juvenile arrests are essentially the same with just over a 1% increase.

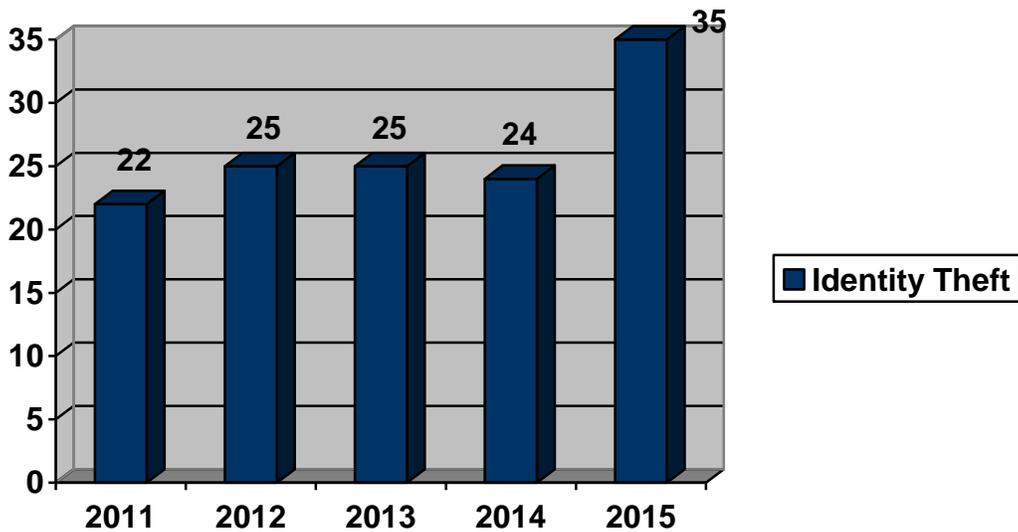
**DRUG ENFORCEMENT**

**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. Prop 47 has changed the way we address some drug crimes. These changes will have an impact on our drug enforcement efforts.

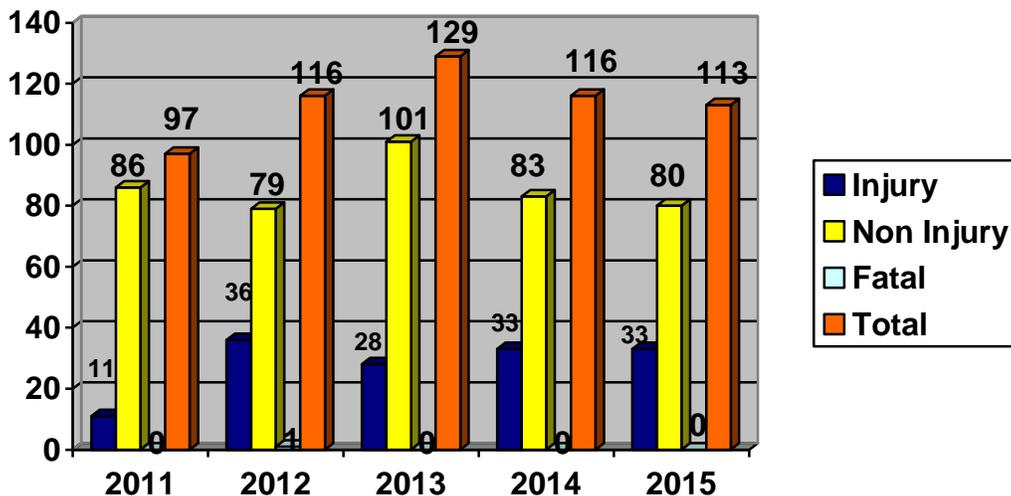
### Identity Theft:



We have seen a spike in 2015 in identity theft cases. I suspect this trend will continue. More and more criminals are taking advantage of technology and have been more successful at capturing personal information. We will be doing more public awareness / education in the coming year and we will continue to aggressively investigate these cases. The impact of these crimes on victims can be significant.

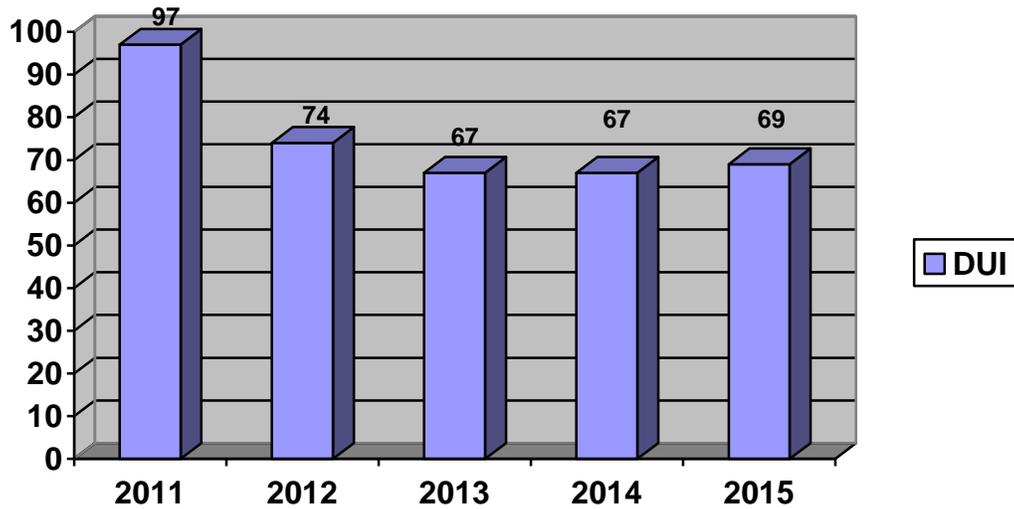
### TRAFFIC

#### 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 are the primary cause for accidents and a significant part of our enforcement efforts.

## Driving Under the Influence:



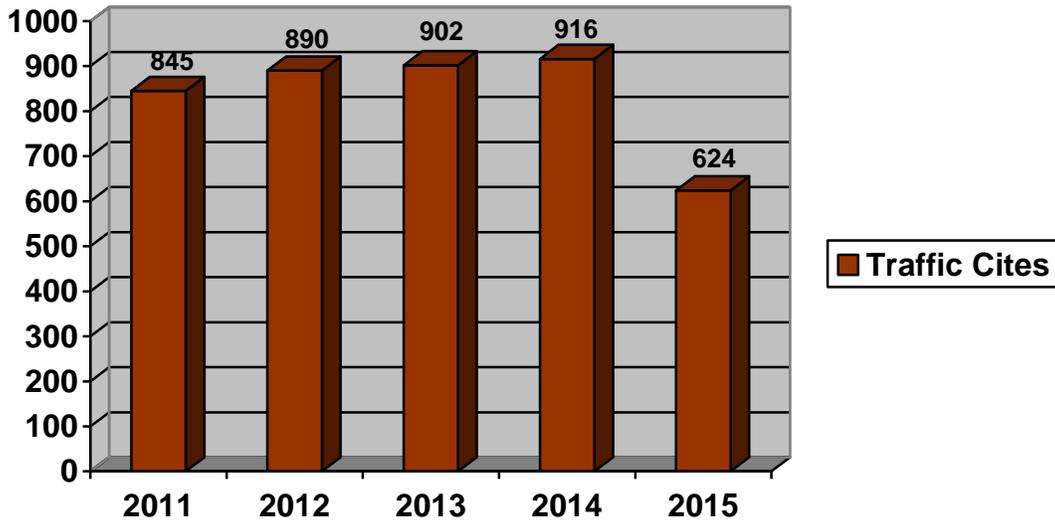
Our DUI arrests are fairly consistent. We have been a part of the “Avoid the 18 Task Force”, a DUI enforcement grant. We have conducted DUI Checkpoints and “saturation patrol” during this period and contribute the decline over the last few years to this effort. This grant is now coming to an end and most likely won’t be available in the near future.

### 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 a variety of traffic issues and concerns. We are sensitive to complaints such as u-turns, speeding, loud music and right of way violations. We concentrate a lot of our effort in school zones. Our goal is to keep our pedestrians and motorists safe while being responsive to traffic related complaints.

**FINAL COMMENTS**

To be a professional police organization in today’s society requires us to be the best that we can be when it comes to proactive policing. We must be responsive to issues that impact your safety and we must engage the community in a way that they become our partners in finding long-term solutions to problems.

Our mission will always be the protection of life, property and the prevention of crime. I am very proud of the men and women of the Corcoran Police Department. They work hard every day to live up to this challenge and to keep the community safe. While we continue to face challenges in accomplishing this, we are determined more than ever to exceed expectations. AB 109 and Prop 47 remain a significant challenge in meeting our goals for public safety. However, we will find solutions. Our pledge to the community is to always work towards the improvement of quality of life.

Thank you Corcoran City Council and the entire Corcoran community for supporting your police department. It is truly our pleasure to serve you.