

# 2016 Annual Report



*Corcoran Police Explorer Post 1500*

## 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 2016. This report covers the calendar year of 2016 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 any positions with the exception of the Executive Assistant.

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

### **Narcotics Task Force (NTF):**



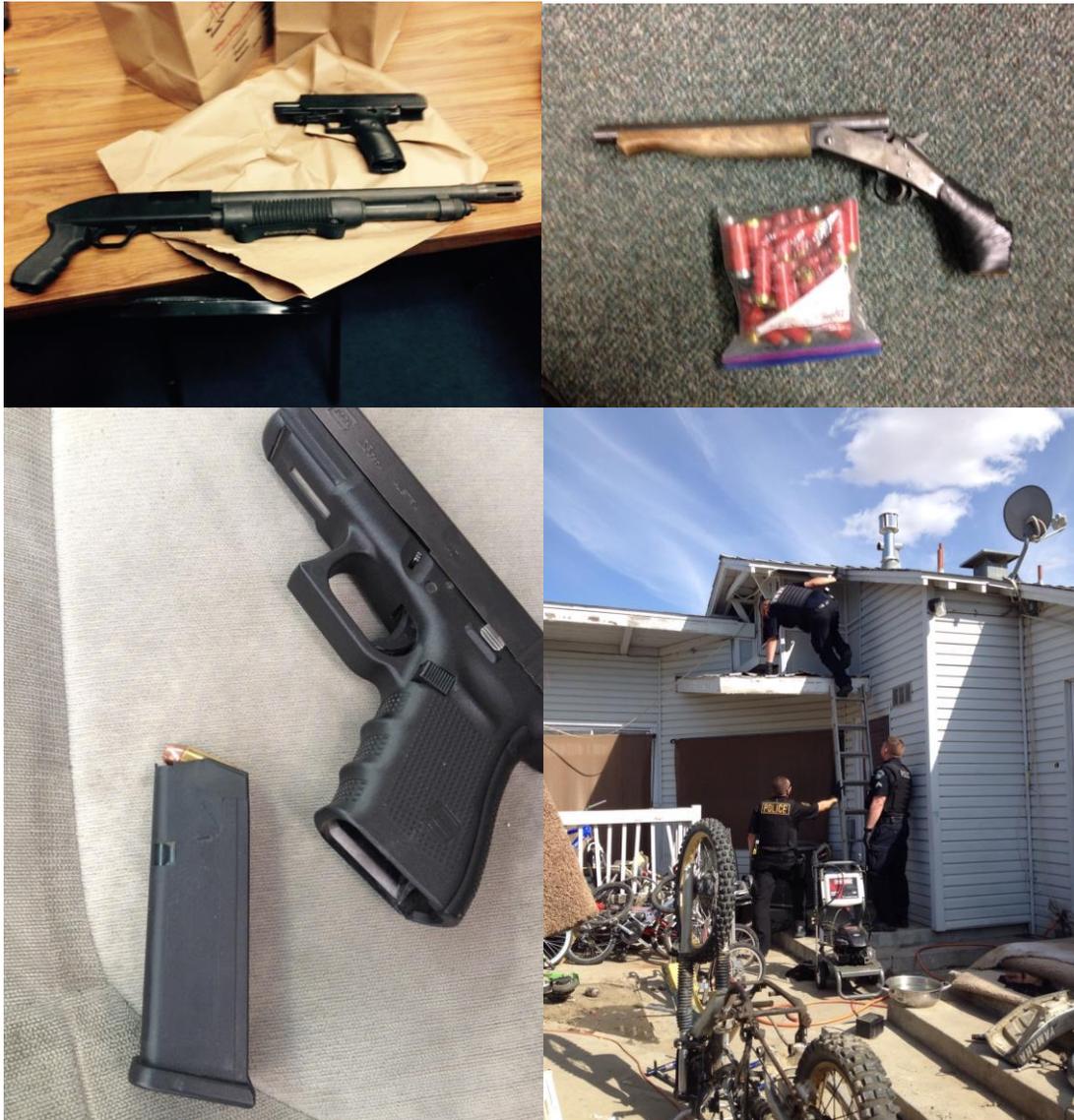
The Kings County Narcotics Task Force initially started in 1978 under a federal grant program. Following the termination of the grant, NTF continued to operate by a formal agreement between Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore Police Departments, Kings County Sheriff's Office and the California Department of 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 5 search warrants during this period and handled 26 cases. NTF, as a whole, seized a total of \$11,776,713.00 worth of drugs in 2016. Approximately \$2,480,029.50 of that was from Corcoran. The majority of the drugs

seized was methamphetamine, marijuana and heroin. We continue to see heroin becoming more of a problem. We expect marijuana seizure totals to drop drastically with the changes in the law.

**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 2016 our GTF investigator completed a total of 8 Gang Enhancements, authored 17 search warrants behind a variety of gang related investigations and conducted 7 presentations. GTF continues to be a key component in addressing gang crimes.

**CPD Investigations Unit:**

Our local investigations unit continues to be very busy. We are still operating with only one investigator having had to pull the second investigator back to patrol due to staffing levels. During 2016 there were 9 search warrants authored. Some of the cases that Investigations have worked include identity theft, assault with a deadly weapon, attempted homicide, homicide and child molestation. Detectives carried a total of 59 cases during 2016, clearing 52, an approximate 88% 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 we are appreciative of the generosity. 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.

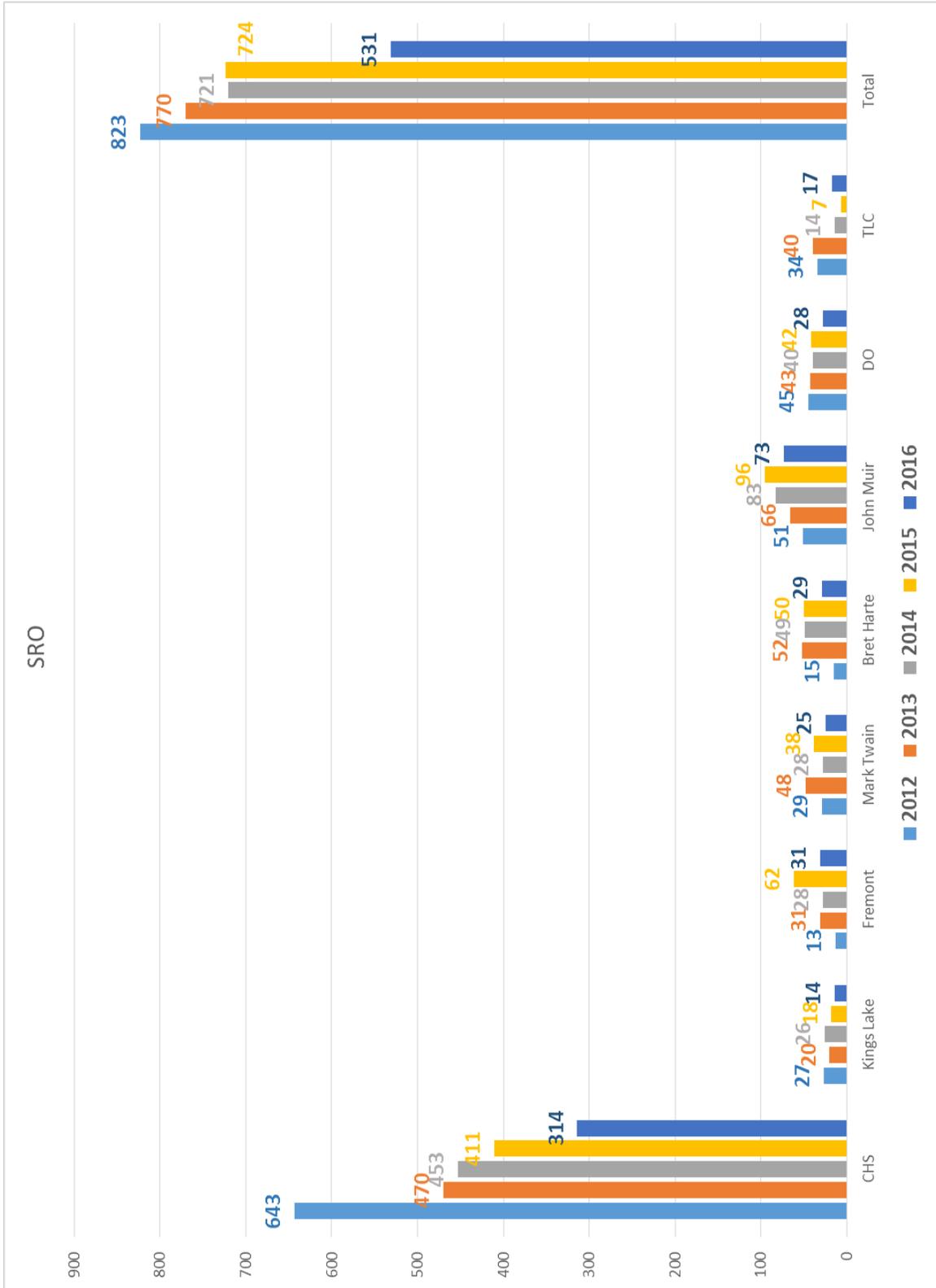
Along with her Handler, Corporal Daniel McAlister, Jacki has conducted several presentations throughout the year and has been active with a variety of searches. Jacki was utilized for 37 drug searches. She was utilized 64 times for patrol purposes which resulted in 42 surrenders. The K9 team also conducted 11 demonstrations for community groups and schools. Jacki and her Handler have completed 126 hours of training during 2016 and remain certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. During 2016 Jacki placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in vehicle narcotic search at the Sierra K9 Trials in Visalia. She has been a tremendous addition to the Corcoran PD team and continues to contribute to the safety of all those who live and work here.

## School Resource Officer:



Most would agree that one of a community's most precious asset is its children. We believe that and make their safety a priority. The School Resource Officer's (SRO's) presence alone is a crime deterrent on campus to include sporting events. We continue to enjoy success with our 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 2016 the SRO responded to 531 Calls for Service on school campuses (details illustrated on the 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 2016 Corcoran Police Explorers had an opportunity to participate in the Tulare County Central Valley Explorer Competition as well as the Central Coast Police Explorer Competition. The Explorers placed in several categories in these competitions. They assisted with Relay for Life, Cotton Festival, Corcoran Rotary Stuff the Bus, the Christmas Parade, and assisted with a canned food drive during Christmas. The group was also invited to the US Naval Base in Lemoore where they were given a special tour of the NCIS Investigations Division and were able to participate in some of the Base training scenarios held that day. These are but a few of the events that they have participated in. These young men and women have raised over \$3,000 during 2016 to offset competition costs and costs of uniforms etc. The Corcoran Police Explorer Post had 17 youth participating during 2016 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’s” is also a part of this effort. In 2016 we had a total of 32 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.

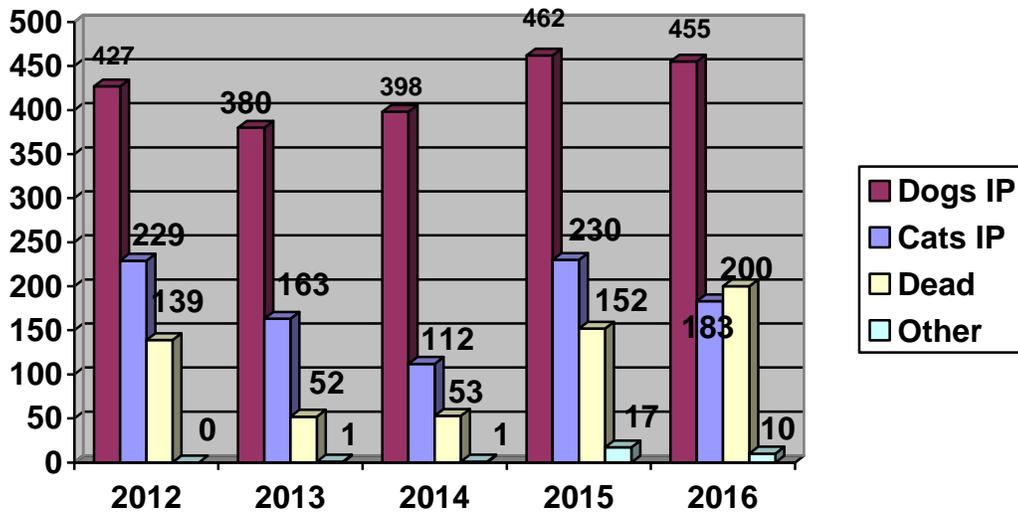
The duties of the Police Chaplain may include, but are not limited to:

- 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. In 2016 he responded to 1,603 Calls for Service, investigated 8 dog bites, issued 8 citations and issued 60 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 2016. We licensed a total of 103 dogs and many of those were also 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.

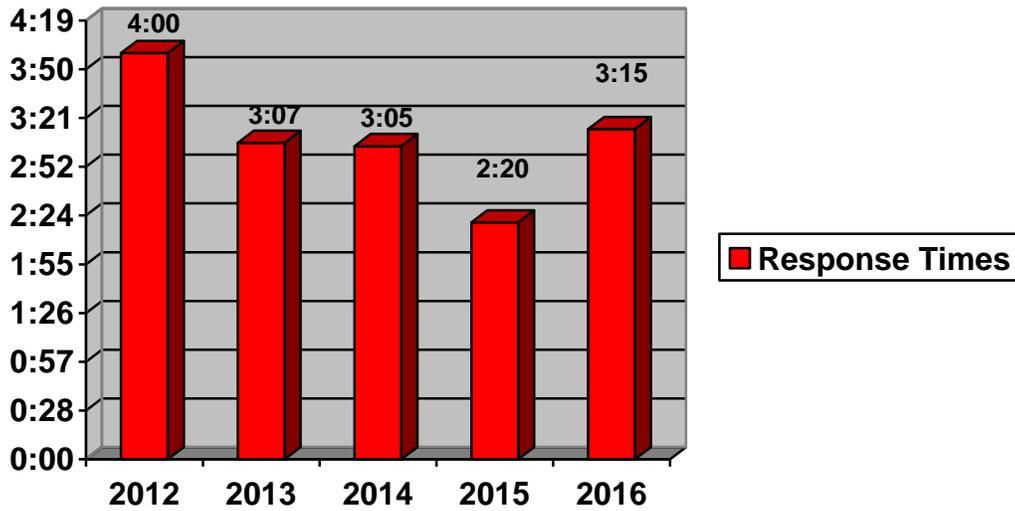


## Training:



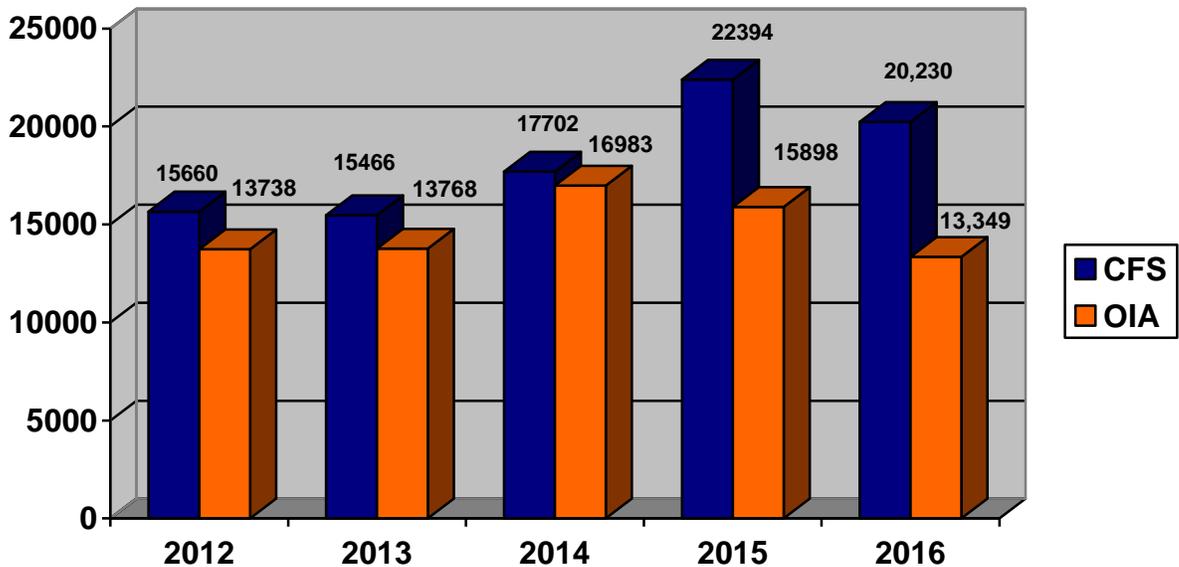
It is important for us to maintain our skill level and expertise in a variety of areas so that we are prepared to respond to and address any incident that may develop. The quality of the training that we receive directly impacts the quality of service that our community receives. During 2016 department personnel completed over 1,600 hours of training in various topics. Some of the training topics include: Terrorism, Crisis Intervention Training, Marijuana Regulation, Leadership, Civilian Management, Human Trafficking, SWAT, Officer Involved Shooting, Public Records Act, Records Supervision, Hostage Negotiation, Breaching, Use of Force and Chemical Agent Instructor.

### 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:

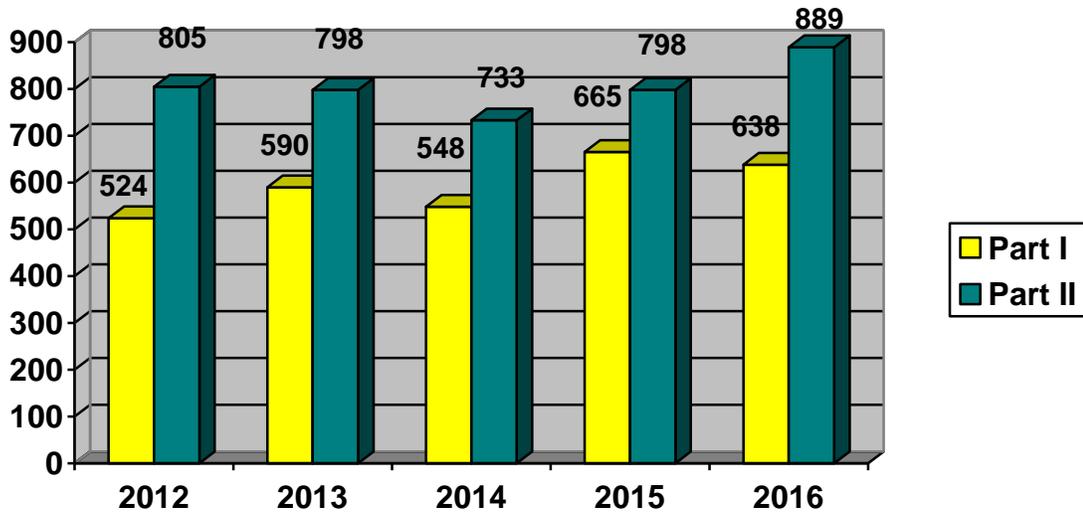


Calls for Service (CFS) over the past several years have increased steadily. Although there will be some fluctuation, these numbers will continue to increase with the impact of AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57. There was a decrease in CFS from 2015 to 2016 of 9.7%.

## CRIME STATS

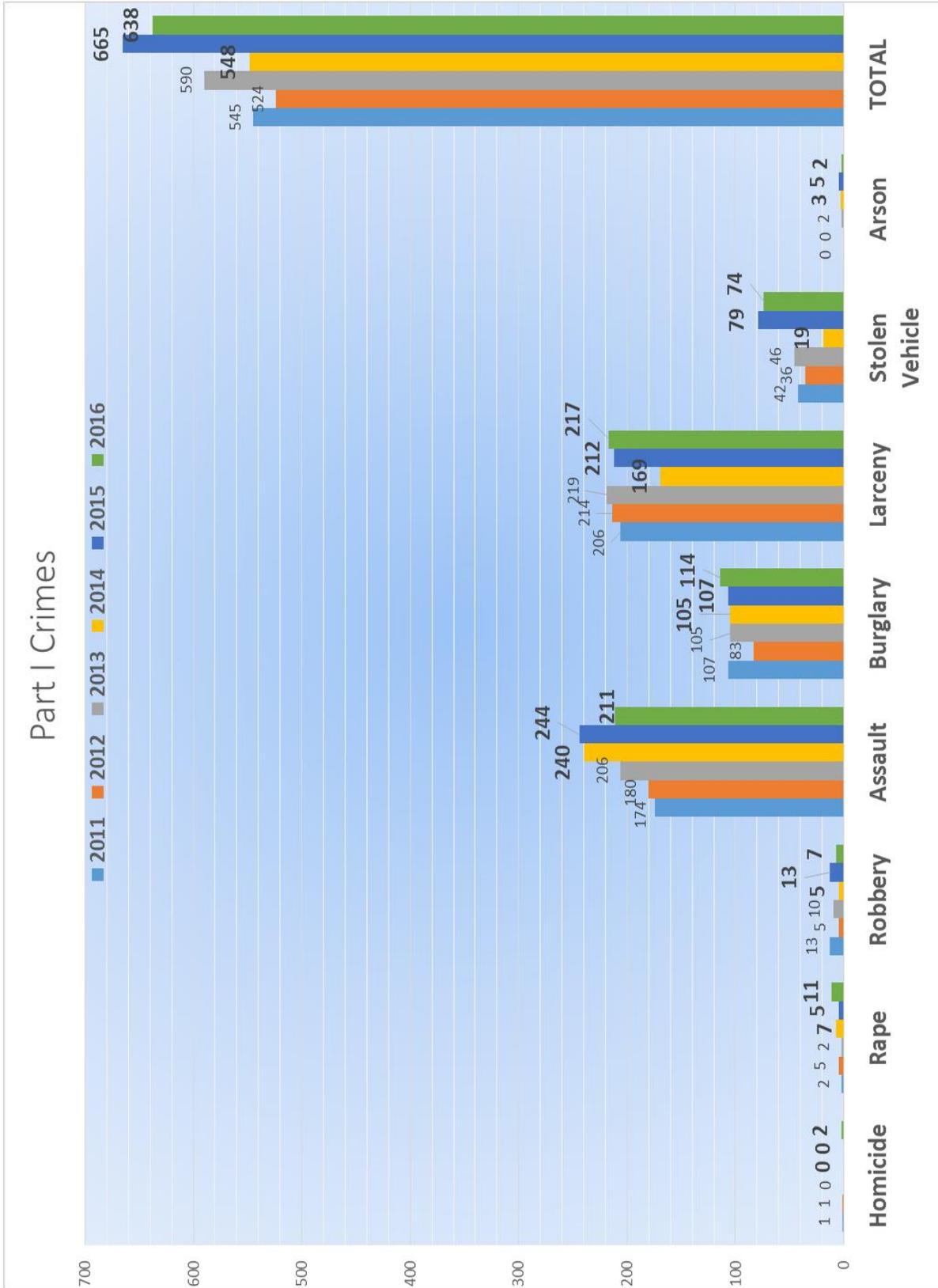
Much of our focus continues to be on Part I crimes. These are the more serious crimes and are represented in the following categories: homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, burglary, assault, larceny and arson. Part II crimes are crimes such as embezzlement, vandalism etc. You can see in the illustration below that our Part I crimes have been consistent over the past few years. However, we have seen a slight decrease in Part I crimes compared to 2015 as well as an increase in Part II crimes. 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 and changes in the law. 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, Prop 47 and Prop 57. 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:**

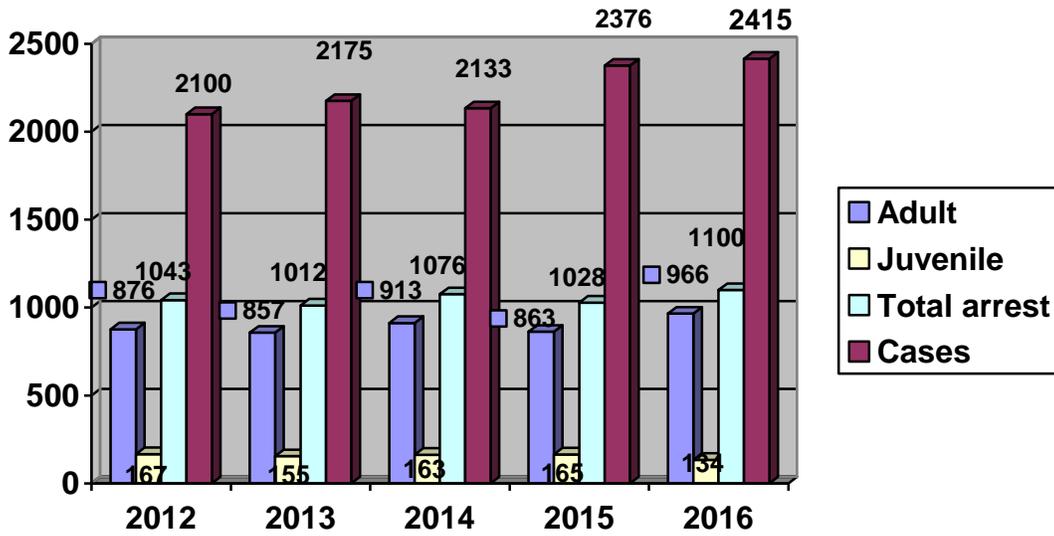


There is a 4% decrease in Part I crimes compared to 2015. This is primarily due to the changes in some laws from felonies to misdemeanor. In 2016 we had an 11.4% increase in Part II crimes compared to 2015. This is also due to changes in some laws from felony to misdemeanor.

**Part I Crimes detailed:**



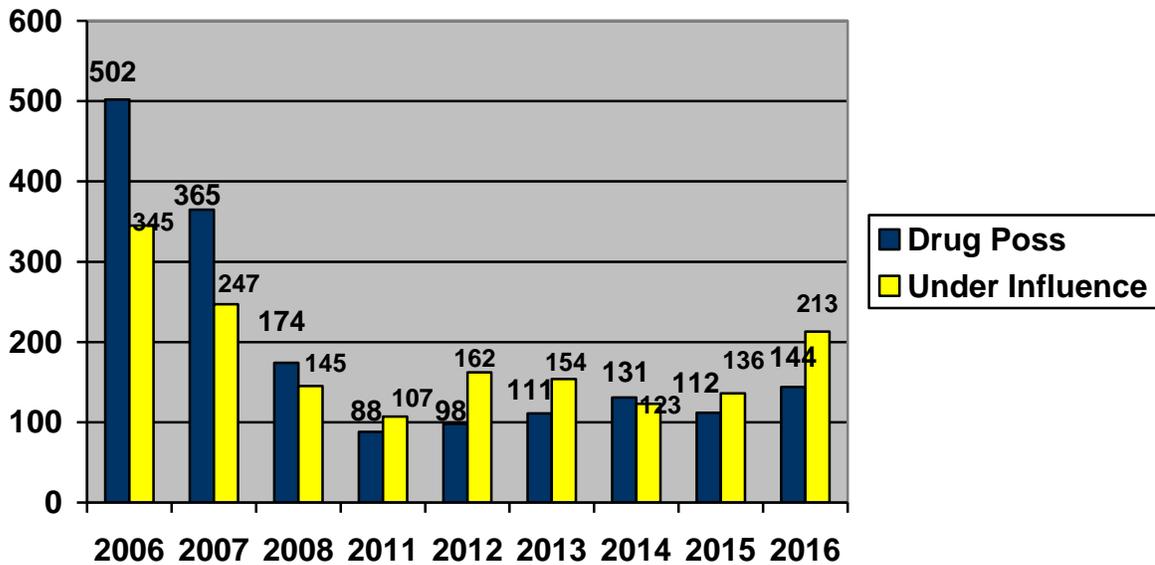
**Arrests / Cases:**



Arrests are up by 7% with a 1.6% increase in total cases. Adult arrests are up by 11.9% compared to 2015 and juvenile arrests are down by 18.8%.

**DRUG ENFORCEMENT**

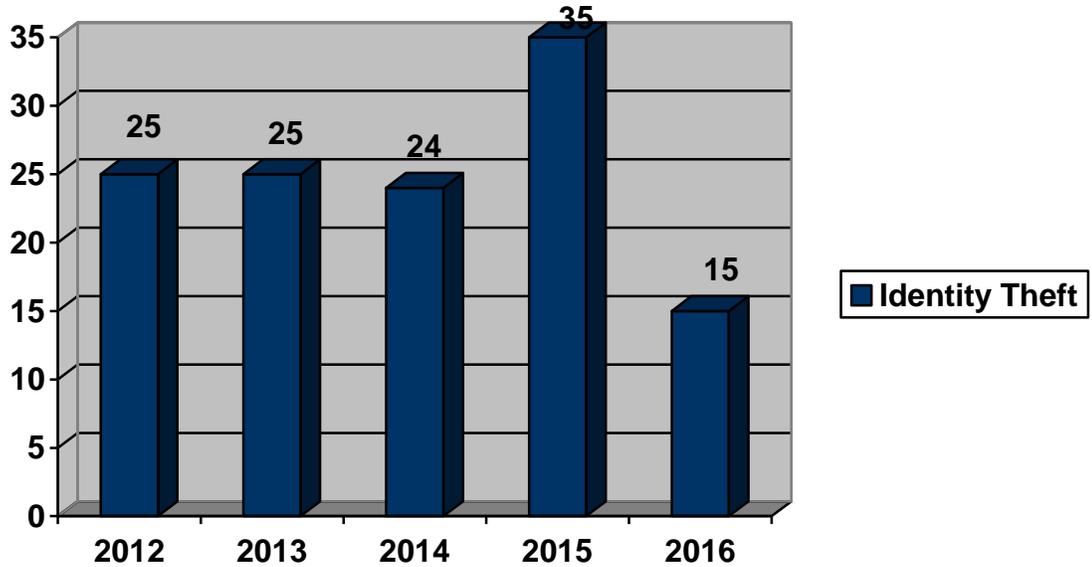
**Drug possession / under the influence of drug arrests:**



Over the years 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 in the coming years. The primary problem continues to be meth and marijuana. However, we are seeing a significant increase in the prevalence of heroin. Heroin has become much more dangerous as a result of the use of

fentanyl. Prop 47 and Prop 57 has changed the way we address some drug crimes. These changes will continue to have an impact on our drug enforcement efforts as well.

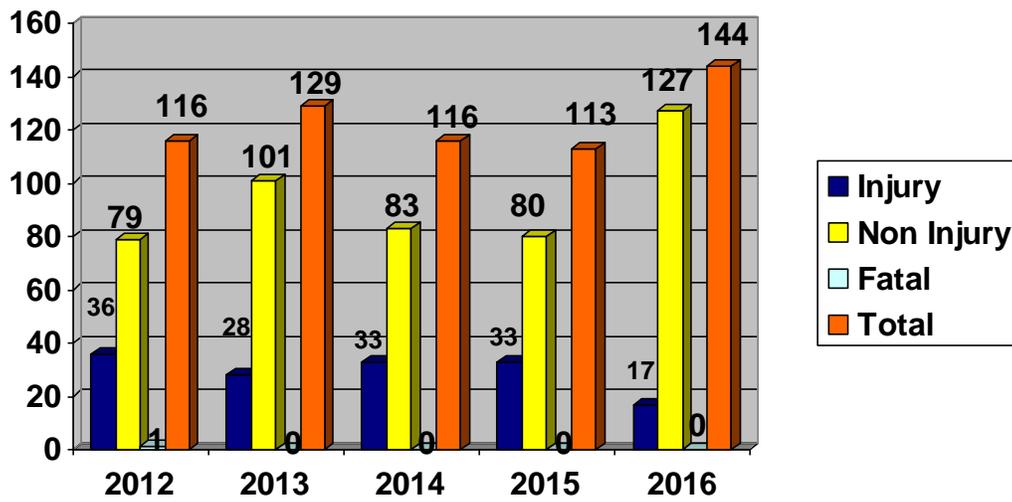
**Identity Theft:**



We have seen a drop in identity theft cases of 57.14% compared to 2015. These crimes are often directly connected to drug crimes. We will continue to aggressively investigate these cases. The impact of these crimes on victims can be significant.

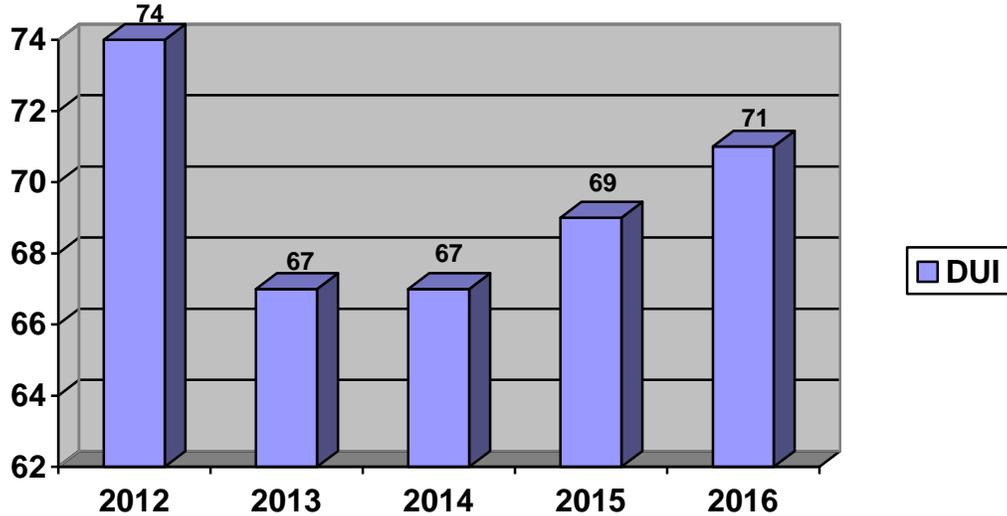
**TRAFFIC**

**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:**



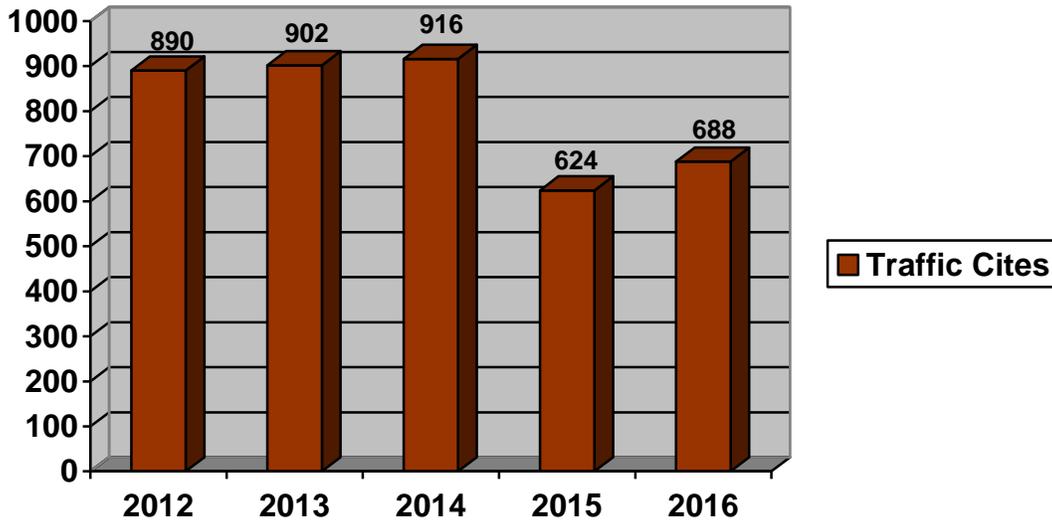
Our DUI arrests are fairly consistent. We have been a part of the “Avoid the 18 Task Force”, a DUI enforcement grant. This grant has now ended and most likely won’t be available in the near future.

**Agencies that participated 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**

It is an honor and a privilege to lead and serve with the men and women of the Corcoran Police Department and to work with all of our stakeholders who make Corcoran a great place. The members of our department are committed to using proactive and innovative approaches to reduce crime in our community so we may keep our streets, schools and neighborhoods safe. We work hard to understand the needs of our residents and meet those needs by finding long-term solutions to problems. We always work to prevent crime and apprehending criminals in a manner which is consistent with the law. We value the relationships we have with our city officials, school district, business community and residents.

Our mission will always be the protection of life, property and the prevention of crime. AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57 remain a significant challenge in meeting our goals for public safety. However, we will continue to find solutions. Our pledge to the community is to always work towards improving and maintaining 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.