

2017 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 2017. This report covers the calendar year of 2017 and contains statistical information from previous years for review and comparison. I hope you find the report informative and invite any comments and/or questions.

PERSONNEL/STAFFING

As of this report we have one police officer vacancy with an anticipated second vacancy.

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 worked diligently on several long term drug related investigations. He has authored 5 search warrants during this period, handled 19 cases with 5 arrests. Drug seizures totaled over \$84,000 in street value. 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 continue to drop with the changes in the law. Our NTF investigator was reassigned to patrol in October 2017 due to staffing levels.

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 2017 our GTF investigator completed a total of 12 Gang Enhancements, authored 15 search warrants behind a variety of gang related investigations and conducted several presentations. GTF continues to be a key component in addressing gang crimes. Our GTF investigator was reassigned to patrol in October 2017 due to staffing levels.

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 2017 there were 12 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 47 cases during 2017, clearing 45, an approximate 96% 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.

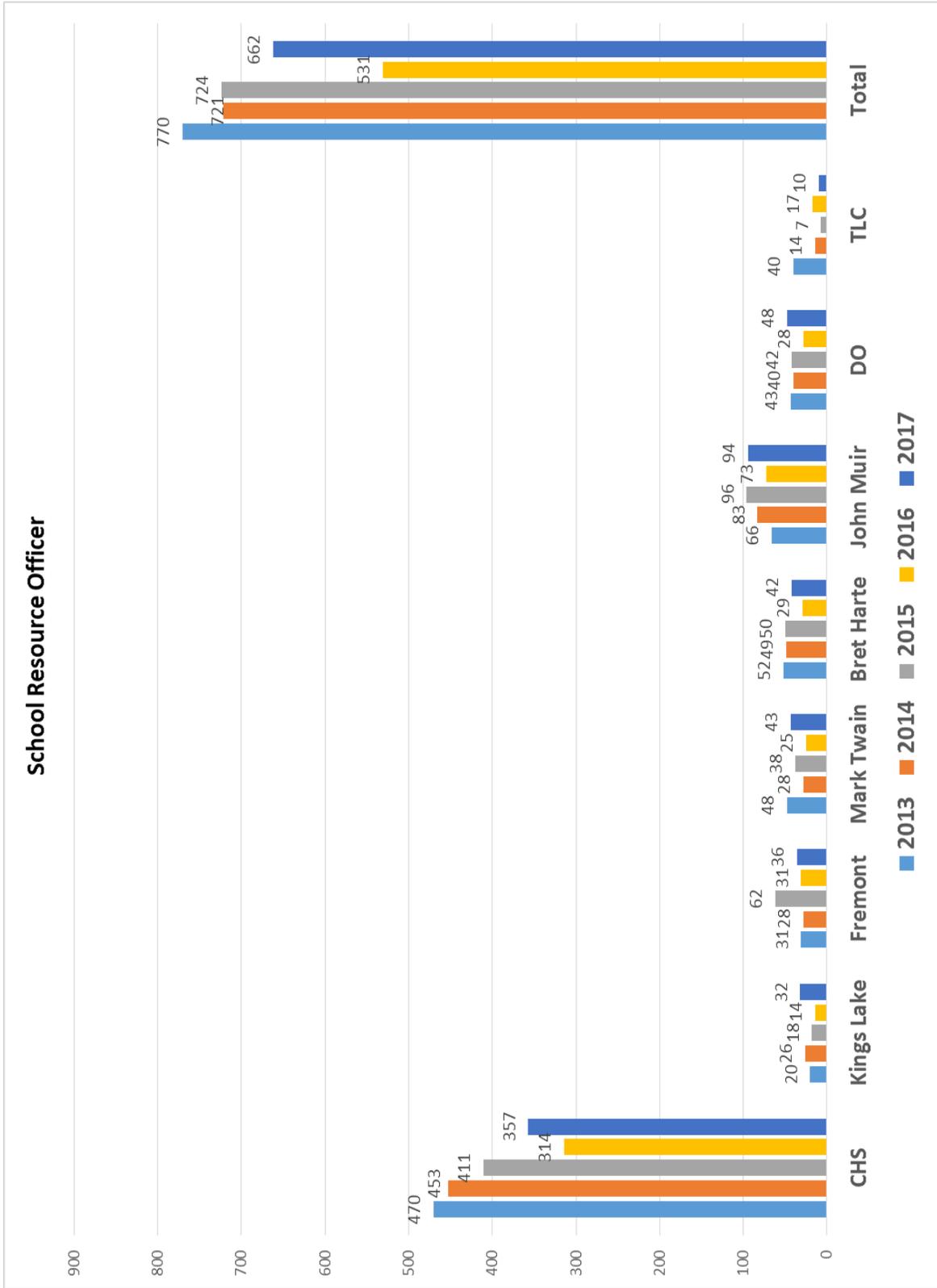
Along with her Handler, Corporal Daniel McAlister, Jacki has conducted several presentations throughout the year and has been active with a variety of searches. Jacki was utilized for 19 drug searches yielding 66.9 grams of marijuana, 5.5 grams of meth and .3 grams of cocaine. She was utilized 11 times for patrol purposes which resulted in 2 surrenders. The K9 team also conducted 4 demonstrations for community groups and schools. Jacki and her Handler have completed 48 hours of training during 2017 and re-certified on 12-10-17 by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. 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:



I hope that we can agree that one of a community's most precious assets 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 and special 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 2017 the SRO responded to 662 Calls for Service on school campuses (details illustrated on the next page). He investigated a variety of crimes/incidents to include: battery, suspected child abuse and student attendance. 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 2017 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. These are but a few of the events that they have participated in. These young men and women have raised over \$3,000 during 2017 to offset competition costs and costs of uniforms etc. The Corcoran Police Explorer Post had 17 youth participating during 2017 led by their advisors; Sgt. Pedro Castro, Cpl. Curt Haug, 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 2017 we had a total of 20 individuals that went on a Ride-Along 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.

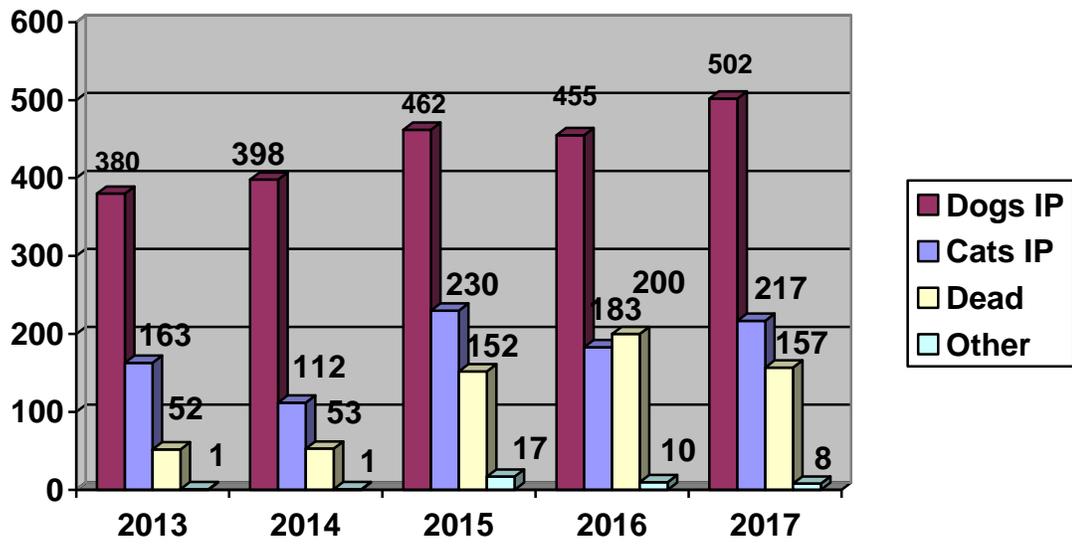
The duties of the Police Chaplain may include, but are not limited to:

- 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 2017 he responded to 2,104 Calls for Service, investigated 6 dog bites, issued 1 citation 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 2017. We licensed a total of 76 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.



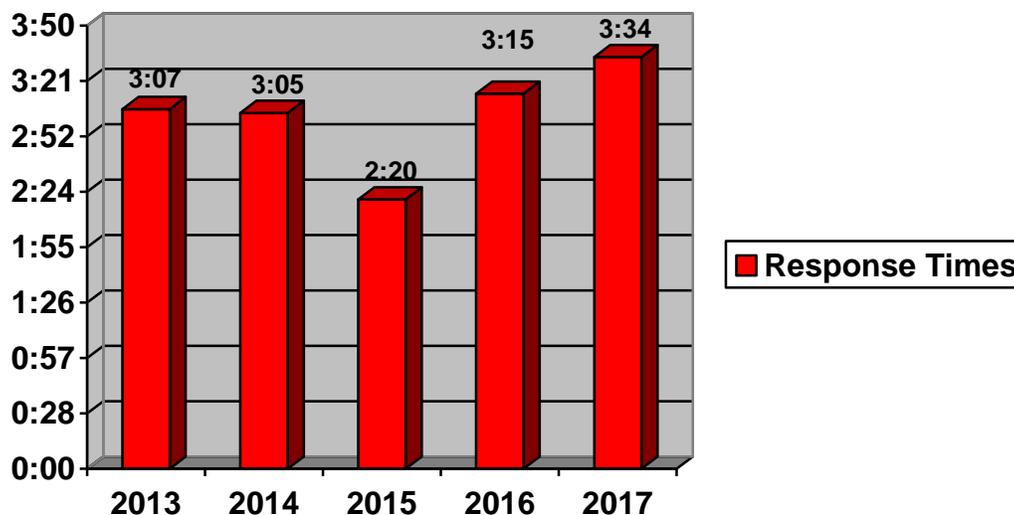
Training:





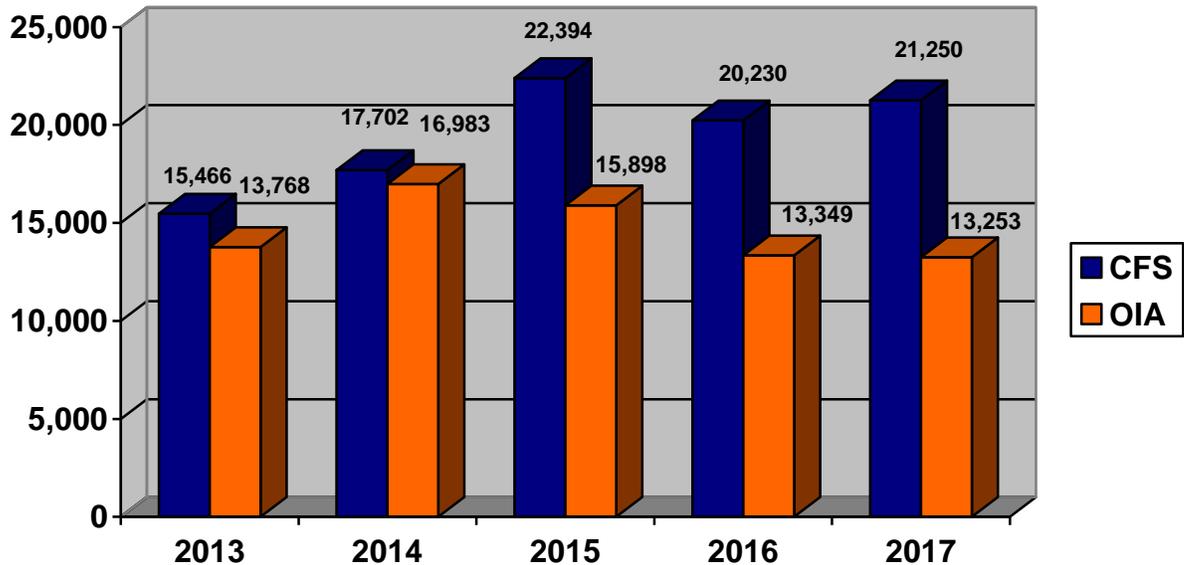
It is important for us to maintain our skill level and expertise in a variety of areas so that we are prepared to respond to and address any incident that may develop. The quality of the training that we receive directly impacts the quality of service that our community receives. During 2017 department personnel completed over 1,200 hours of training in various topics. Some of the training topics include: Internet Crimes, Crisis Intervention Training, Leadership, Management, Gang, SWAT, Officer Involved Shooting, Public Records Act, Records Supervision, Hostage Negotiation, Use of Force and Driving 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 have maintained a good average response time overall.

Calls for Service / Officer Initiated Activity:

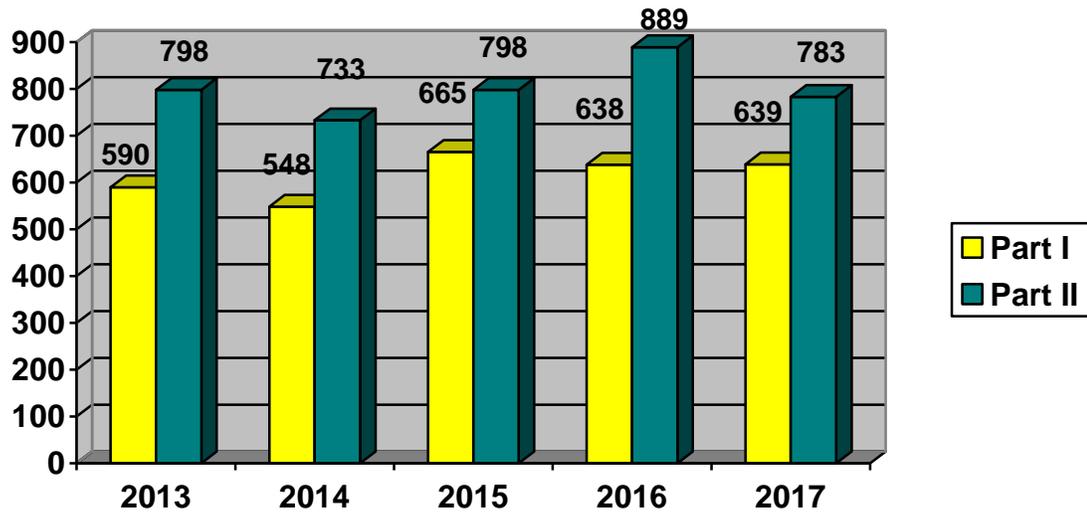


Calls for Service (CFS) over the past several years have increased steadily. Although there will be some fluctuation, these numbers will continue to increase with the impact of AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57. There was a slight increase in CFS from 2016 to 2017 of 2.75%.

CRIME STATS

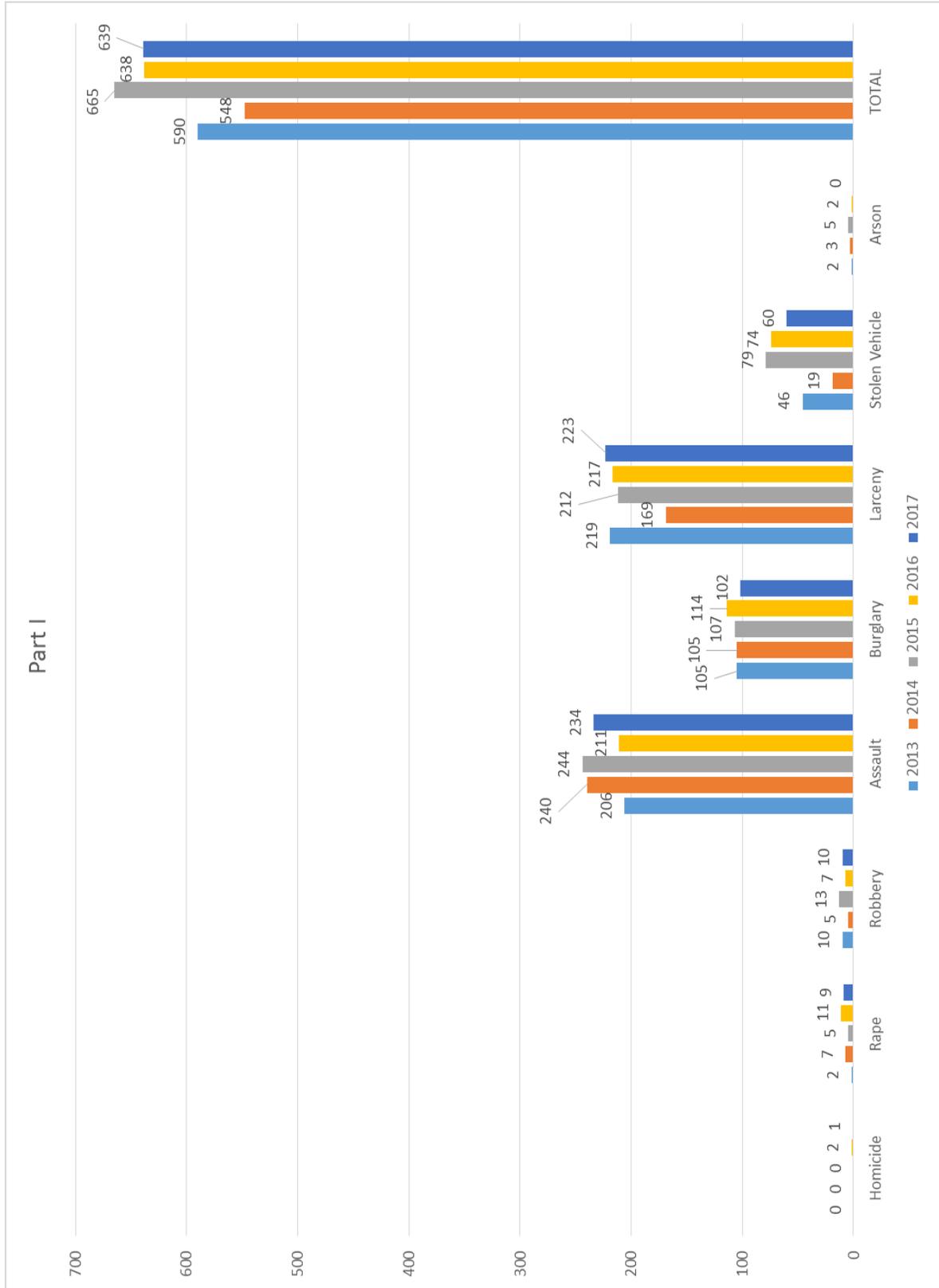
Much of our focus continues to be on Part I crimes. These are the more serious crimes and are represented in the following categories: homicide, rape, robbery, vehicle theft, burglary, assault, larceny and arson. Part II crimes are crimes such as embezzlement, vandalism etc. You can see in the illustration below that our Part I crimes have been consistent over the past few years. Part I crimes are essentially the same compared to 2016. Part II crimes have dropped 11.9%. Some of this is due to the changes / decriminalization of some laws and less officer initiated activity due to staffing. 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 we may see some increase in our Part I crimes. These categories are directly impacted by changes in the economy, and changes in the law such as AB 109, Prop 47 and Prop 57. On page 17 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:

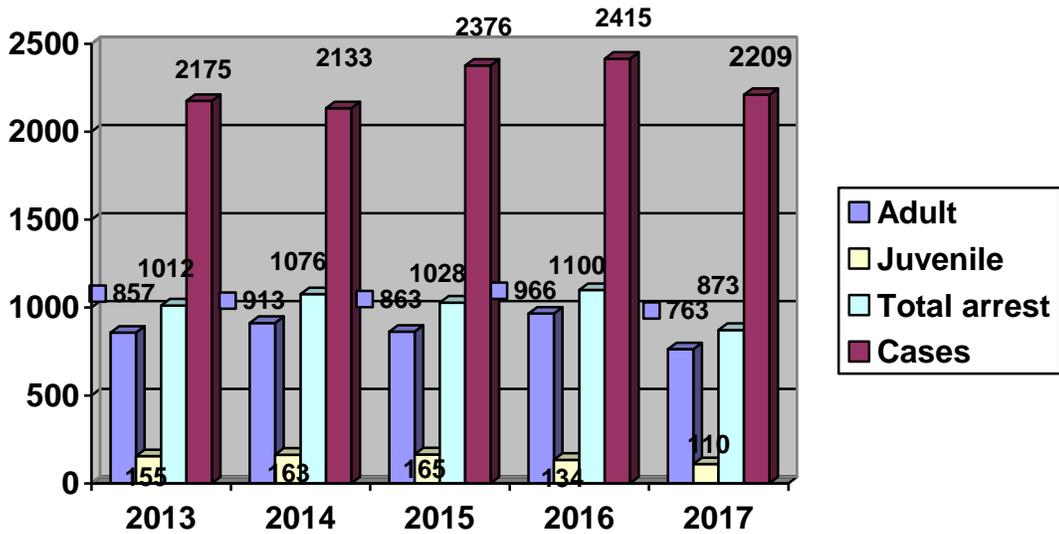


There is less than a .25% decrease in Part I crimes compared to 2016. In 2017 we had an 11.9% decrease in Part II crimes compared to 2016.

Part I Crimes detailed:



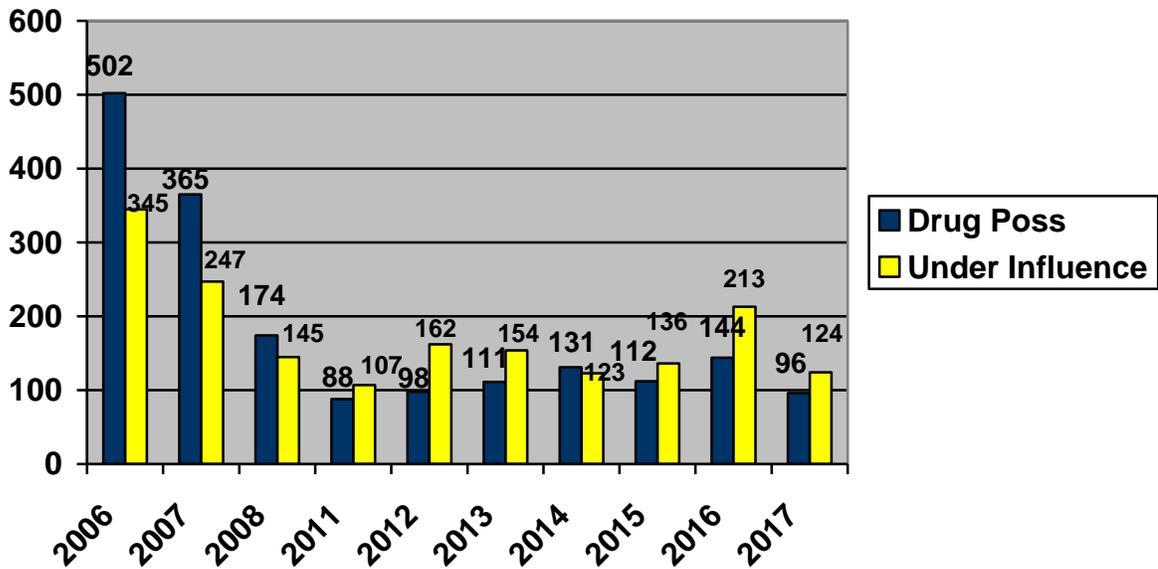
Arrests / Cases:



Arrests have decreased by 20.6% overall with an 8.5% decrease in total cases. Adult arrests are down by 21% compared to 2016 and juvenile arrests are down by 17.9%.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

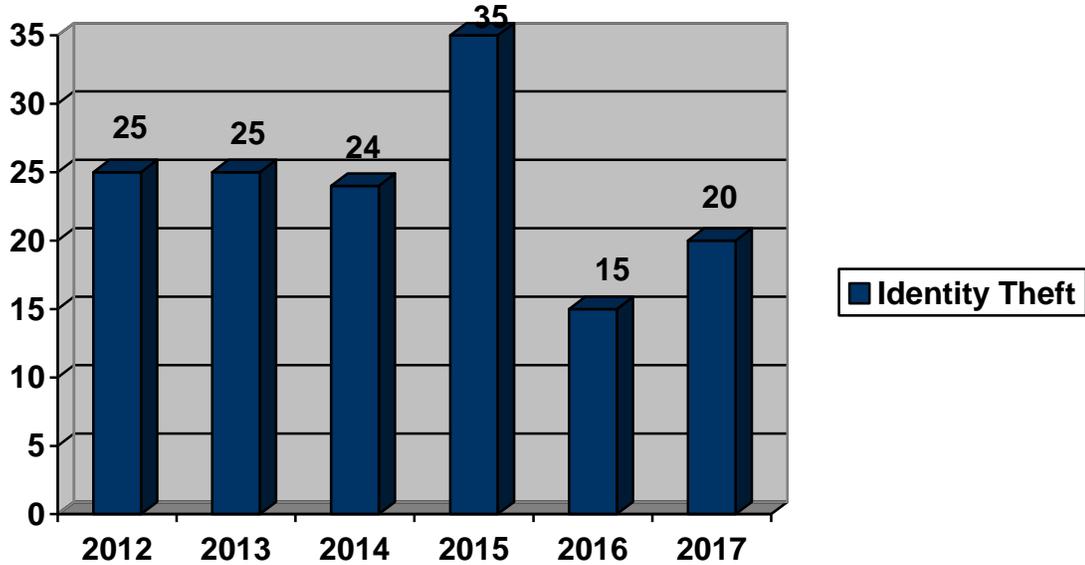
Drug possession / under the influence of drug arrests:



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 may likely experience crime and incidents related to drug use but with statistical drops in arrests. Many drug crimes have changed recently from felony to misdemeanor. The primary problem continues to be

meth and heroin. Heroin has become much more dangerous as a result of the use of fentanyl.

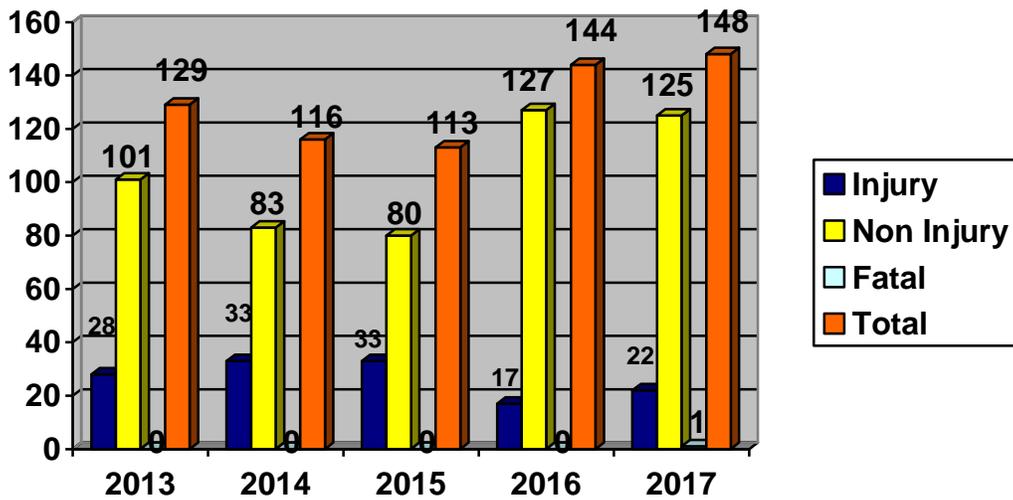
Identity Theft:



We have seen an increase in identity theft cases of 33% compared to 2016. These crimes are often directly connected to drug crimes / use. We will continue to aggressively investigate these cases. The impact of these crimes on victims can be significant.

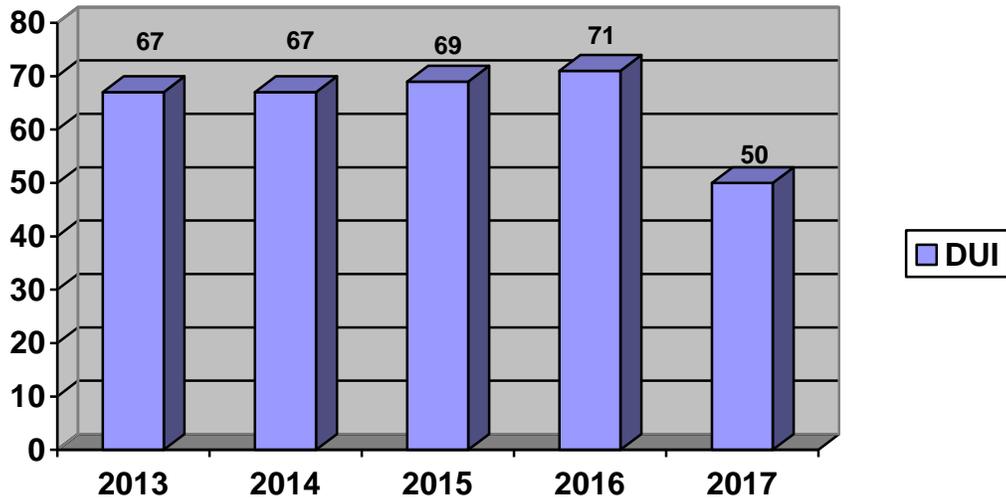
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Traffic Accidents:



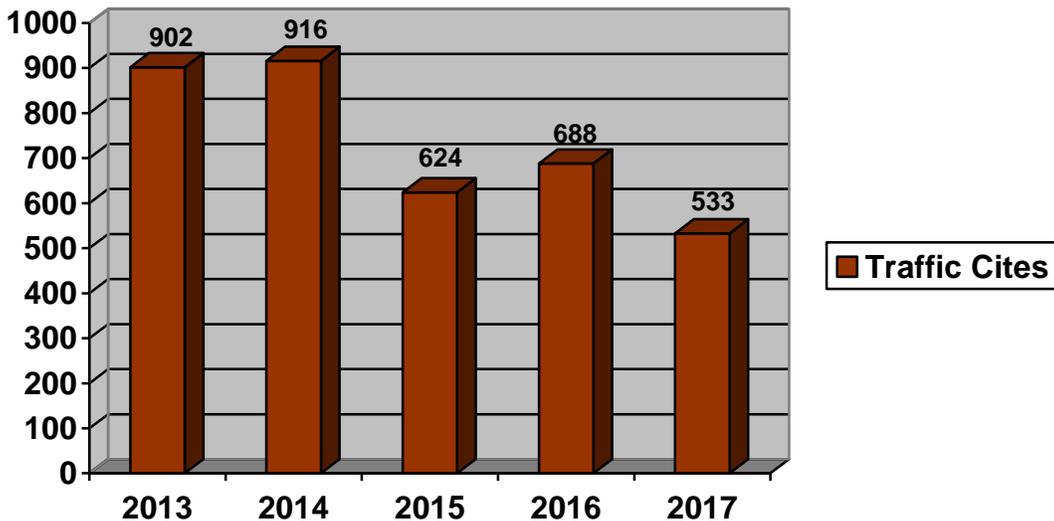
Traffic safety is consistently an area of public concern. We are sensitive to this, especially as it relates to our schools and business district and set it as a high priority. Right of Way violations are the primary cause for accidents and a significant part of our enforcement efforts. Total accidents have increased 2.7% compared to 2016.

Driving Under the Influence:



DUI arrests are fairly consistent although we have seen a 29.5% drop in arrests compared to 2016. Staffing impacts this number significantly as most DUI arrests are officer initiated opposed to reported. The end of the AVOID grant last year impacts this as well.

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

I can never say enough what an honor and a privilege it is to lead and serve with the men and women of the Corcoran Police Department as well as working with all of our stakeholders who make Corcoran such a great community. We remain committed to using proactive and innovative approaches to reduce crime in our community so we may keep businesses, schools and neighborhoods as safe as they can be. We constantly look for ways to improve our service to those who live, work or visit Corcoran. Becoming more efficient and continuously improving is a priority. We value the relationships that we have with those we work with and work for.

Our mission will always be the protection of life, property and the prevention of crime. While there are challenges in meeting our goals, it doesn't change our tenacity or commitment. Our pledge to the community is to always work towards improving and maintaining quality of life.

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