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GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT



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 Gang Suppression Unit Otto Escalante
 Hostage Negotiation Team Craig McIver
 Honor Guard John Reynolds

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 Canine Ray Bex
 Mounted Enforcement Unit Jim Holder
 Neighborhood Traffic Unit Jim Fischer
 Property & Evidence Carl Whitney
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 Patrol - West Division Chris Lawton
 Planning & Research Jim Colegrove
 Professional Standards Division Mike Johnson
 Records - Front Desk - Court Liaison Vicky Lawton
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 Resort Services Unit Bill Allison
 Special Investigations Unit Jeff Hutchins
 Special Weapons And Tactics Team Otto Escalante
 Volunteers In Policing Cindy Nagamatsu Hanlon
 Youth Services Unit John Reynolds

THIS REPORT IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF



Sergeant
**MYRON L.
TRAPP**

End of Watch
October 6, 1959



Reserve Officer
**ANDY R.
REESE**

End of Watch
May 30, 1970



Officer
**DONALD F.
REED**

End of Watch
June 7, 1980



Officer
**MICHAEL L.
RAINFORD**

End of Watch
November 7, 1980



Master Officer
**HOWARD E.
DALLIES, JR.**

End of Watch
March 9, 1993



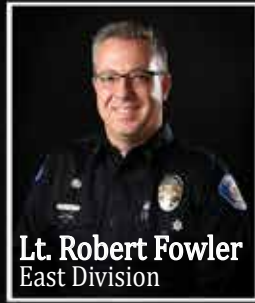
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**CAPTAIN
TRAVIS WHITMAN
COMMUNITY POLICING**



Lt. Robert Fowler
East Division

CRIME ANALYSIS • PATROL FLEET
MOUNTED UNIT • NIC
RESORT SERVICES UNIT



Lt. Jeff Nightengale
West Division

CSOs • EXPLORERS



Lt. Chris Lawton
West Division

JAIL • IVS • NIC



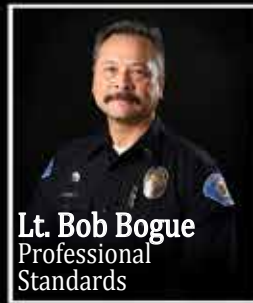
Lt. Tom DaRe'
East Division

CANINE • SCHEDULING



Lt. Ed Leiva
Special Services

INTELLIGENCE • GSU
SIU • SWAT • HNT • NTU



Lt. Bob Bogue
Professional
Standards

CADETS • CHAPLAINS
INTERNAL AFFAIRS
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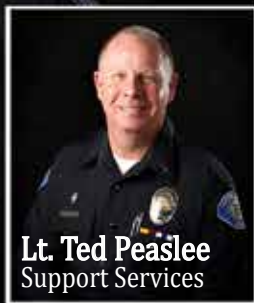
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**CAPTAIN
KEVIN BODDY
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**



**CAPTAIN
BEN STAUFFER
SUPPORT SERVICES**



Lt. Ted Peaslee
Support Services

CCAT • PROPERTY CRIMES
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
FORENSIC SERVICES (FSU)
YSU • PROPERTY & EVIDENCE



Vicky Lawton
Records

COURT LIAISON
FRONT DESK
RECORDS • STATS



Rebecca Meeks
Communications

ALARM COORDINATOR
COMMUNICATIONS
MOBILE COMPUTERS



Cindy Nagamatsu
Community Liaison

CITIZEN ACADEMY
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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the over 250 dedicated members of the Garden Grove Police Department, I am privileged to present to you our 2015 Annual Report. This annual report is a reflection of the work we completed this past year and a brief look into your police department.


Having worked my way through the ranks for nearly 30 years, I was honored to be chosen as Chief of Police in January 2015. I have always been very proud and humbled by the accomplishments of the men and women of this Department, and even though 2015 proved to be a very challenging year, our sworn and civilian staff addressed the needs of our diverse community with professionalism and determination.

In 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Assembly Bill 109 (AB109) - The Public Safety Realignment Act. This Act has resulted in the early release of thousands of offenders into communities throughout California, including Garden Grove. Then, in 2014, California voters approved Proposition 47 (Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act), which reduced many felony charges to misdemeanor charges and means no jail time if convicted. The impact of Proposition 47 was felt immediately by all law enforcement, as jails stopped accepting bookings for crimes such as possession of drugs and certain property crimes. At the same time, the state prison system had to reevaluate its population and release thousands of prisoners serving time for crimes now classified as misdemeanors under the newly-enacted Proposition 47. These pieces of legislation have contributed to a substantial increase in calls for service and a 40% increase in crime in Garden Grove, our first overall increase in more than 10 years.

During 2015, the Department responded to more than 74,000 calls for service and made more than 6,200 arrests. Crimes related to the mentally ill and/or homeless population saw a noticeable increase over past year. In spite of the substantially increased workload, we continued to participate in many community-based activities, including community cleanup days, mental health/homeless outreach, and the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

In the fall, we deployed a new department-wide software system to replace the existing 20-year old computer aided dispatch and records management system. The new system offers completely integrated, real-time data to every division in the Department, and contains a crime statistics component which the public will be able to access through the department web page.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as your Chief, and I would like to thank the Department and the community for your support. Moving forward into 2016 and beyond, it is critically important to grow the ranks of the police department to keep pace with residential redevelopment, increased tourism and changes in legislation. No matter what challenges lie ahead, the Garden Grove Police Department will continue to work closely with community leaders and residents to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life in the city.



Todd D. Elgin

CHIEF OF POLICE
TODD D. ELGIN

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GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council, led by Mayor Bao Nguyen, focuses the City's resources and energy on maintaining and enhancing a safe, attractive and economically vibrant city with an informed and involved public. The high quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Garden Grove is directly related to the Police Department's commitment to serving and protecting the community. The City Council looks forward to providing support and leadership that will help the Police Department continue to provide a sense of safety and security to community members.

BAO NGUYEN
Mayor



STEVEN R. JONES
Mayor Pro Tem



CHRISTOPHER V. PHAN
Council Member



PHAT BUI
Council Member



KRIS BEARD
Council Member

ABOUT THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE



Garden Grove is a mid-sized metropolitan city of approximately 17 square miles, centrally located in Orange County. When Orange County incorporated in 1889, the Garden Grove area had a population of about 200. When residents formally decided to incorporate their town on June 18, 1956, Garden Grove had a population of nearly 44,000. Today, the population is over 170,000, making Garden Grove the fifth largest city in Orange County and the 18th largest in the State.

Garden Grove is home to several annual cultural festivals that celebrate the city's diverse heritage. Garden Grove's Strawberry Festival is the largest community-based Memorial Day event in the western United States. Garden Grove is conveniently located less than one mile from Disneyland, seven miles from Knott's Berry Farm, nine miles from local beaches, and 10 miles from John Wayne Airport.

The City of Garden Grove has many services to offer its community, including employment assistance, educational programs, recreational programs, and family entertainment. Garden Grove has seven fire stations and several police field offices helping to make the city one of the safest places to live in California. The City's staff of over 600 full-time employees is supported by more than 100 community-minded volunteers.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Garden Grove Police Department, through a Community Policing Partnership, is to improve the quality of life in the city and provide a sense of safety and security to the community members.

WE VALUE EMPLOYEES, THE DEPARTMENT'S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

We are dedicated to building the foundation of the Police Department through fairness, respect, and equal opportunity provided to all employees. We are dedicated to providing an enjoyable work environment through open and honest communications, quality leadership, up-to-date training, and mutual support.

WE VALUE OUR COMMITMENT TO PROTECT LIVES AND PROPERTY

We are dedicated to providing the highest quality of service to protect the citizens of Garden Grove.

WE VALUE HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND TRUTHFULNESS

We recognize that honesty, integrity, and truthfulness are the foundations of our profession. We will constantly strive to maintain the highest standards recognizing their importance in upholding our credibility within the law enforcement profession and the community we serve.

WE VALUE PROFESSIONALISM, CULTURAL DIVERSITY, AND THE RIGHTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS

We are dedicated to performing our duties in accordance with the Constitution, State laws, and City ordinances, while protecting the rights of all individuals. We will build from the strength provided by cultural diversity within the Department and the community to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of all.

WE VALUE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ON ALL ISSUES

RELATING TO A SAFE AND SECURE CITY

We respond to the needs of the community; therefore the community should have significant involvement in achieving a secure and safe city. Using Community Policing, we will continuously seek mutual cooperation on all community-related problems, reducing the threat of crime and enhancing the quality of life.



CODE OF ETHICS

AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life. I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever so secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feeling, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held as long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession ... **LAW ENFORCEMENT.**



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TIP-A-COP

On October 22nd, members of the Garden Grove Police Department participated in the annual Tip-A-Cop fundraiser for Special Olympics, assisting the Red Robin staff in taking orders, delivering food, and refilling drinks. The Garden Grove Police officers and employees explain to the diners that all the tips raised during the evening go to benefit Special Olympics of Southern California, sending athletes to the Special Olympic Games held in June at California State University Long Beach.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Held on the first Tuesday evening in August, National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Celebrated in Garden Grove since 1988, NNO has enhanced the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, bringing back a true sense of community and providing a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The collective goals are to heighten crime prevention awareness, build support and participation in local anti-crime programs and, most importantly, send a message to perpetrators that Garden Grove neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!



PETSMART TOY DRIVE

PetSmart conducts a national Christmas toy drive in all of their stores called "Chance and Lucky." Chance is an adorable stuffed puppy and Lucky is a cute stuffed kitten that the stores make available for their customers to purchase for a mere \$5 each. The toys are then donated to a local organization that each individual store chooses at their discretion. The selected organization then distributes the stuffed animals to low-income families for Christmas.



In 2014 and 2015, the local PetSmart store chose the Garden Grove Police Department to be the recipient of all the toys they would collect during their annual Christmas toy drive. The very friendly and enthusiastic PetSmart staff have made it possible for the Department to receive several hundred stuffed animals that were in turn donated to: individual families in need that were brought to our attention; children of military fathers who were killed in action; children of active military personnel; and low-income families chosen for the city's Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. For their continuing efforts and community support, the PetSmart store manager and salon manager were both awarded the Chief's Coin for Merit.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH

In a season of giving for law enforcement, when police agencies in Orange County and around the country deliver gifts to needy members of the community, a visit to the Barragan family was extra special. Erika Barragen died unexpectedly in early December, only days after the birth of her third child with husband Luis; the couple also have a five-year old girl and three-year old boy. When the Department heard about what happened we decided to help the Barragan family out in any way we could, said Cindy Nagamatsu Hanlon, manager of the Community Liaison Division. Officer Mitch Mosser and his patrol partner, who asked to remain anonymous, delivered gifts just before Christmas. "The Garden Grove PD does what it can to come together for the community," Mosser said. "It's an honor and a privilege, and we're the ones who appreciate them."

Officers working on Christmas Day brightened up the day for children living in motels and in neighborhoods filled with families struggling to make ends meet. Every year a group of officers dig into their own pockets to purchase dozens and dozens of toys. The Christmas day toy delivery operation was managed by Corporal Tim Kovacs, the senior officer on duty that night, and a total of 12 officers participated. They initially planned to deliver gifts to four families, but added several more after being swarmed with kids as soon as they arrived. At one point, Officer Ben Elizondo was talking to a 15 year-old girl who mentioned she loved to read, but the officers had not purchased any books as gifts. Elizondo raced to a Walmart and bought her a Barnes and Noble gift card. "It was awesome," Kovacs said of the experience. "We all had a great time and were happy with how well this was received. It made working on Christmas Day a lot more bearable, and it's the least we could do to do some good for the community."



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

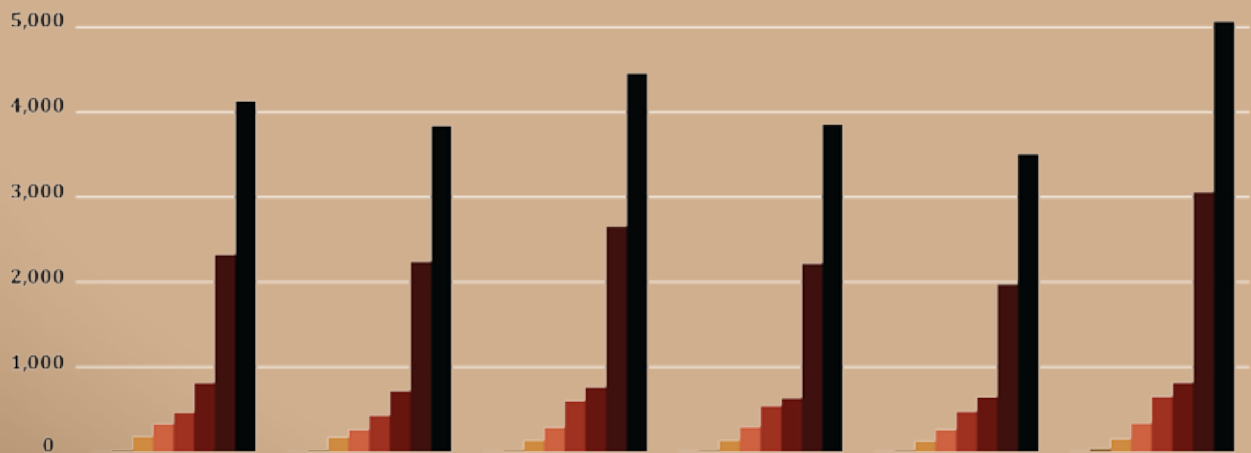
The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics is the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle. At its most basic level the Torch Run is an actual running event, in which officers and athletes run the Flame of Hope™ to the Opening Ceremonies of local Special Olympics competitions and State and National Games. Annually, more than 85,000 dedicated, compassionate and volunteer law enforcement officers participate in the torch run throughout 46 nations, 12 Canadian provinces and 50 US states, raising more than \$560 Million since its inception in 1981. Members of the Garden Grove Police Department have participated in this event for many years, as well as other Special Olympics fundraising events.





CRIME DATA

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
CRIME STATISTICS 2010-2015



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
■ Homicide	3	3	1	5	6	6
■ Forcible Rape	22	19	16	17	17	42
■ Robbery	184	171	135	137	124	153
■ Felony Assault	330	257	287	297	260	338
■ Auto Theft	462	427	601	539	476	653
■ Burglary	810	717	761	637	646	815
■ Theft	2,318	2,242	2,655	2,221	1,976	3,057
■ TOTALS	4,129	3,836	4,456	3,853	3,505	5,064

PATROL WEST DIVISION

COMMUNITY POLICING BUREAU



IN MARCH, officers responded to the 13900 block of Brookhurst for an “at risk” missing teenager. The subject was a seventeen year old with severe autism and developmental issues. He was with his mother shopping in a large grocery store when she discovered he had walked off. After searching the store and the surrounding area she called the police to report her son missing. Standard protocol is to bring as many officers as possible into the area and begin a systematic search of the surrounding neighborhood. A photo of the subject was obtained and sent to the responding officer’s mobile phones. While searching one of the neighboring areas, an officer approached one of the local transients and showed him the picture of the subject. A little bit later the transient saw the missing teenager and approached him. He was able to convince a customer at a store to use her mobile phone and called the police to report subject was found. The teenager was reunited with his mother and the transient was issued a Chief’s Coin for Merit. This is a great example of the members of the Department working with all members of the community to achieve a goal.

IN APRIL, officers were spot-checking the residence of a known parolee who was wanted for an assault with a deadly weapon that had occurred a week prior, along with several outstanding warrants. This suspect has a lengthy criminal record and extensive history with the department, and is known to flee the residence when officers arrive by jumping over fences and running through neighbor’s yards. As officers approached the front of the house they saw the suspect standing outside. As they got closer, the suspect saw them and ran into the residence and attempted to hide in the attic. Officers spent several minutes trying to convince the suspect to give up and exit the attic, however, he refused to do so. A plan was developed to utilize the new “pepper ball” air gun. The Department had recently added the “pepper ball” gun to the arsenal of less lethal weapons. The weapon is similar to a paintball gun, but shoots a plastic ball of concentrated capsicum. Several pepper balls were shot into the attic near where the suspect was hiding. Within seconds, the suspect surrendered and exited the attic.

2015 WEST DIVISION CALLS

Beat	Calls for Service	% of City Total
1-1	11,047	14.93%
1-2	10,731	14.50%
1-3	10,973	14.83%
Total	32,751	*44.26%



IN APRIL, officers were sent to Kerry St .and Garden Grove Blvd. regarding a carjacking that had just occurred. A male subject was sitting in his parked vehicle in a public parking lot waiting to go to his job. A male suspect approached the vehicle and opened the driver’s door and violently pulled the victim from the vehicle. The suspect got in the vehicle and drove off. Due to a language barrier with the victim, it took several minutes for him to inform the police what had happened and even longer for the description of the vehicle to be broadcast. While in the area of Euclid and Garden Grove Blvd., an officer observed a vehicle matching the description of the carjacked vehicle. As the officer positioned himself behind the vehicle and confirmed it was the correct plate, the suspect began to flee at a high rate of speed. The officer initiated a vehicle pursuit and was soon joined by additional officers. Seeing that he was out numbered, the suspect yielded and was arrested without incident.

IN MAY, officers were sent to a residence for a baby that was not breathing. The first officer arrived on scene and located an infant lying on the living room floor. The infant was not breathing and the officer was unable to find a pulse. The officer immediately began CPR and lifesaving treatment on the baby. While he was completing this on the infant in the living room, he heard the fire department arrive on scene. The officer picked up the infant and ran outside to meet the paramedics and expedite the transportation of the baby to the hospital. Once the baby was given to the paramedics, they immediately transported the infant to a local hospital. The fire department credited the officer with saving the baby's life.

IN AUGUST, a male subject was walking in the area of Dale and Garden Grove Blvd. when he was approached by a male suspect on a bike. The suspect engaged the victim in conversation as he approached him then, without warning, punched the victim in the face and knocked him to the ground. The suspect then forcibly stole money from the victim and fled on foot. Officers were called to the area to complete a robbery report and attempt to locate the suspect. After the call was cleared, one of the officers observed a subject that matched the suspect description. This subject was several miles from the location of the robbery. The officer was able to detain the suspect while another officer contacted the victim of the robbery. The officer met with the victim and completed an in-field show up with the detained suspect. The victim was able to positively identify the subject as the one who had robbed him.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR there were numerous complaints about the plight of the homeless population in Garden Grove, particularly in the the areas of the 14200 block of Brookhurst St., and Knott St and Garden Grove Blvd. In both of these areas, homeless people set up encampments in the county flood control channel. Although they are within Garden Grove city limits, the flood control channels are county property and within county jurisdiction. However, since the homeless issue is a city issue, enforcement responsibilities fall back on the Garden Grove Police Department. The beat officers assigned to these locations organized special effort enforcement and outreach days. In July and November, the officers partnered with local churches as well as the Orange County Sherriff's Department, Orange County Mental Health, Veterans Administration, Volunteers of America, and the Orange County Public Works department. Officers went into the flood control channels and located numerous individuals who had set up homes in the channel. They were provided with information on mental health, veteran affairs and other information on where to seek help for any problems, should they require that. They were instructed to retrieve their personal property from the flood channel and warned of subsequent trespassing charges should they return. The flood channel was cleared of all debris that was left behind. This was especially important for their safety, as we have all heard about the coming El Nino storms. It was also a chance for the county to clear the channel of debris and avoid any possible blockage.



PATROL EAST DIVISION

COMMUNITY POLICING BUREAU

2015 EAST DIVISION CALLS

Beat	Calls for Service	% of City Total
2-1	16,028	21.66%
2-2	10,056	13.59%
2-3	10,591	14.31%
Total	36,675	*49.56%



*East and West Division Patrol officers responded to 4,574 out-of-jurisdiction calls for service, accounting for 6.18% of the City total.

IN FEBRUARY, an officer contacted several homeless people in the area of Haster and Chapman and learned that the Shepard's Grove church, located at Lewis St. and Garden Grove Blvd., feeds the homeless every Monday from 9am to noon. The officer invited the homeless liaison supervisor to visit the church one Monday and introduce themselves to the church staff. They located the program director who was more than happy to educate them about their program. The director stated that every Monday, the homeless and hungry are welcome to visit the church for a free meal. She stated that church members donate their time by providing free haircuts to anyone in need of one.

IN APRIL, the Department received a bulletin regarding a kidnapping and carjacking which had occurred in another city. An East Patrol officer located the suspect in a vehicle near Newhope and Trask, but when the officer attempted to stop him the driver fled and a pursuit ensued. The officer chased the suspect into the city of Santa Ana where the driver abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. The suspect barricaded himself in a trailer. After a three-hour standoff with officers, the suspect surrendered. The suspect was arrested and is a "third strike" candidate.

AN OFFICER attempted to stop a suspicious male riding his bicycle in the area of Clinton St. and Trask Ave. The subject jumped off his bicycle and began running away when the officer attempted to contact him. After a brief foot pursuit, the subject was apprehended. While recovering the subject's bicycle, the officer located a black handgun and loaded magazine near the bicycle. The subject was arrested and later admitted to possessing the handgun.

AN OFFICER IDENTIFIED an overgrowth problem and lighting issues at Haster Basin Park and contacted the Parks and Recreation supervisor for the county. The issues were beginning to cause enforcement problems and increase graffiti issues. The supervisor had a crew respond to cut down all of the overgrown areas that needed attention and repair lights that were not functioning.

OFFICERS WERE SENT to a residential burglary in progress in the area of Gilbert and Chapman. Officers arrived on scene and observed suspects fleeing the area. The officers established a perimeter and began searching for the suspects. An arriving officer observed a male crossing the street from the area where the burglary occurred. The officer detained the subject and he was later positively identified by a witness as one of the burglary suspects.

AN OFFICER NOTICED a male who had been standing at the intersection of Euclid St and Acacia Parkway for several hours, and seemed to have signs of mental illness. Several community members began to call regarding the welfare of the person. The officer was able to get a phone number to a family friend from the subject. This led to contacting a social worker who is familiar with the subject. The subject was kicked out of his board and care due to being disruptive with other residents and had been living on the street for several weeks. The officer met with the social worker, who then picked up the subject and was able to place him in a new home.

IN MAY, officers responded to a residence in the 12500 block of Volkwood St. regarding a residential burglary that just occurred. The officers arrived and found the suspect had entered through an unlocked sliding glass door. The suspect was inside the residence for approximately 30 to 40 minutes before he was detected. The suspect walked into the bedroom of the young daughter and made physical contact with her. The daughter confronted the suspect and he fled from her bedroom. The daughter then told her father who called the police department.

While investigating this crime scene, one of the officers walked outside to his police car and heard a disturbance from the home directly next door to the first burglary. Two residents exited and said a suspect was in their house. The homeowners provided the same description of the suspect as the first victims. Additional resources were requested to secure the surrounding area to prevent any escape and officers established a perimeter to contain the suspect. While doing yard to yard searches the suspect was located hiding in the backyard of a nearby residence. The suspect failed to comply and the police K-9 was used to take him into custody. The suspect fought with the K-9 and an officer deployed a taser to take the suspect into custody. The suspect was treated for his injuries and was later transported to the Orange County Jail on multiple charges.

IN JULY, an officer was working patrol when he was dispatched to a shots fired call to the rear of Rancho Way. The calling party witnessed a male suspect fire a series of rounds into the air and then leave the scene. The officer interviewed the witness who provided him with a possible suspect vehicle license plate. The officer also obtained a suspect description. The suspect vehicle was located and occupants of the car were detained. A search of the vehicle revealed a shotgun, as well as shell casings and brass knuckles. Two suspects were arrested and a loaded firearm was safely taken off the streets. Due to the witnesses' quick thinking and detailed observation which resulted in the seizure of a firearm, the officer issued the witness a Chief's Coin for Merit.

IN JULY, officers responded to an audible alarm at the Red Lobster on Harbor Blvd. Upon arrival, an officer observed a suspicious subject leaving the area of the business and entering a vehicle. The officer followed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop a short distance away. The officer noticed prying tools wedged in between the center console and front passenger seat. The officers at the restaurant confirmed there was an attempted burglary to the business. A search of the vehicle revealed two prying tools and two sets of gloves. Two suspects were arrested and charged with conspiracy and attempted burglary.

AN AREA BEAT OFFICER stopped a vehicle in the area of Harbor and Trask. The officer made contact with the adult male driver and located a juvenile female in the vehicle. The juvenile had been reported missing by her mother. An investigation was initiated and it was discovered the female was being held against her will and forced into prostitution. The adult male had prior arrests for pimping and pandering. After several interviews, it was discovered the juvenile was a victim of human trafficking. The male adult was arrested and booked into Orange County Jail for related charges.





THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU) consists of undercover investigators who target community problems that relate to vice and narcotics. Each investigator receives extensive training and develops expertise in narcotics, vice and organized crime. SIU officers often coordinate efforts with other units within the Department, as well as other federal, states and local agencies.

Early in 2015, SIU began to investigate a property that was operating an illegal marijuana dispensary and three massage parlors that were fronts for houses of prostitution. Over the past three years, the police have responded to this location over 100 times for various crimes that had occurred. The owner of the property was aware of the criminal activity and allowed it to continue. The SIU first executed a search warrant at the marijuana dispensary and 150 pounds of marijuana was seized from the business. Next, three more search warrants were executed at the massage parlors, where five people were arrested for prostitution violations. Lastly, two more search warrants were served on the owner of the property and evidence of his involvement in the prostitution was located along with over \$700,000 cash, which was seized. The owner of the property was also arrested for prostitution violations.

In another case, SIU received a complaint from a citizen about people dealing drugs from his residence. SIU conducted surveillance and was able to obtain a search warrant. SIU executed the search warrant and located an active marijuana “wax” lab in the garage. As these types of labs are extremely flammable, the county hazardous materials (hazmat) team was called in to assist in taking down the lab. The hazmat team said this was the largest “wax” lab they had ever seen, and if it had caught fire it would have caused an explosion that would have destroyed several area houses. A total of 200 pounds of marijuana was located, along with a pound of concentrated marijuana known as “wax.” Inside the residence an ounce of heroin was located and about \$12,000 was seized. The street value of the “wax” that was seized was approximately \$300,000.

In yet another case, SIU learned of a subject dealing methamphetamine in both Santa Ana and Garden Grove. A search warrant was obtained for the subject and his residence in Santa Ana. SIU executed the search warrant and located one-half pound of methamphetamine along with a firearm that belonged to the suspect. Both of these items were found under a bed that the subject was sharing with his infant son.

Investigators learned of a subject who was dealing MDMA (“ecstasy”) to kids in the Garden Grove area. Surveillance was conducted on the subject over several days and investigators were able to determine where he lived. A search warrant was obtained and executed on the subject. Over 7,000 ecstasy pills were located in the subject’s room, which had a street value of over \$100,000.

2015 STATISTICS

Arrests	250
Search Warrants	140
Labs	3
Guns	4
Cash	\$850,000
Methamphetamine Seized	2.3 pounds
Cocaine Seized	4 pounds
Marijuana Seized	4,350 pounds
MDMA Seized	7,750 pills
Heroin Seized	4 pounds

THE GANG SUPPRESSION UNIT (GSU) plays a vital role in keeping the citizens of Garden Grove safe. The unit's success relies on a two-fold process, which combines suppression on the streets with an aggressive prosecution/ investigation unit. The Department is fortunate to have assigned, from the Orange County District Attorney's office, an investigator and a probation officer to assist in the prosecution of arrested gang members. Through aggressive teamwork, communication, and a dedicated group of investigators, the unit has had a positive impact on gang-related crimes in Garden Grove.

Graffiti continues to be a big issue for the gang unit as numerous new tagging crews pop up on a weekly basis. A Gang Suppression officer is assigned to work all the gang and tagging crew graffiti that appears throughout the city. That officer works closely with the officer who is assigned to the Youth Services Unit that works all the other graffiti issues within the city limits. The gang unit routinely attends school district meetings and works with the various high schools and junior high schools within the Garden Grove Unified School District. All the information handed out at these meetings assists the gang unit in locating the new tagging crews and new gang members in their areas.

Throughout the year, GSU provides gang awareness training sessions for civic groups, community meetings and school programs for the students. The gang unit



has also participated in the GRIP (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership) program run by the District Attorney's Office. The program involves working closely with the middle school children and their parents to keep them from becoming involved in gangs. This year the entire gang unit participated in a week-long soccer camp with most of the kids involved in the GRIP program.

During 2015, GSU made over 400 arrests, served 15 search warrants and recovered 12 handguns. GSU also assisted other units in the Department with their search warrants and surveillances. Even with the unit working shorthanded for most of the year, they still made a deep impact on various gang issues throughout the city and surrounding cities.



THE MISSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC UNIT (NTU) is to improve quality of life by providing the safest and most efficient flow of vehicle and pedestrian traffic throughout the city. The NTU enforces traffic laws and educates the community, in an effort to accomplish their mission.

The NTU targets areas in the city where traffic problems are prevalent. Traffic issues at schools are always a priority of the NTU. Calls come in from both parents and school officials about the flow of traffic during drop-off and pick-up times. Throughout 2015, members of the NTU educated parents by conducting high visibility enforcement, meeting with school officials for redirection of vehicles and adding new signs. The NTU works to keep the school zones safe for all students and parents.

In 2015 there were five fatal traffic collisions. Fatalities have decreased year after year since the 2012 record high. The NTU and police department committed officers to the Drug Recognition Expert program. This intense training and certification program trains officers in the detection of people who are driving under the influence of prescribed medication, drugs and/or a combination of drugs and alcohol.

The NTU received funding FROM the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), which allowed the unit to conduct traffic-related enforcement programs regarding impaired driving, primary collision factor and motorcycle safety. In 2015, OTS funded eight checkpoints and several hours of impaired driving saturation patrols. The NTU was asked to attend a forum with OTS on innovative ideas for future funding for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

In 2015 the NTU and other police department personnel coordinated with city officials to host major events in the city, including two Disney Marathons and the city sponsored Re-Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets Event.

Several representatives from nearly all city departments planned several months in advance to close the downtown area of Garden Grove for a bicycle event/festival. Included with the festival was the annual open house for public safety and public works personnel. In the extreme heat and humidity, nearly 2,000 people throughout the day joined Garden Grove in the festival and Open Streets theme. Bicycle safety along with live music, several arts and crafts, and games for children were hosted. Even though the weather was a challenge, the Garden Grove Police Department insured the safety of all who attended, while maintaining the highest quality of service to the rest of the community.





THE GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CANINE UNIT consists of canine handler Corporal Jon Bankson and his partner, police service dog Strauss. They have been in service since July 2015, searching large buildings, residences and outdoor locations for outstanding suspects who committed felonies and other serious crimes. Corporal Bankson and Strauss located

and apprehended several hidden suspects and were responsible for the seizure of various amounts of heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, and ecstasy. In addition to these responsibilities, Corporal Bankson and Strauss also visit local schools, attend community meetings and participate in the annual Orange County Canine Officer's Association benefit show.

In October 2015 the Department received a generous donation for the canine program from long-time Garden Grove resident Kay Parcel. Mrs. Parcel was gracious enough to donate money for the purchase of a new police dog, which is expected to occur in 2016. The addition of another police dog to the canine program will provide yet another valuable resource for the Department, assisting officers in critical incidents and saving countless hours.

RESORT SERVICES TEAM

THE RESORT SERVICES TEAM is a specialized team of officers dedicated to tourism safety and security in the Grove District, Garden Grove's tourism area adjacent to Disneyland and the Anaheim Convention Center. The Grove District has nine resort hotels and five restaurant chains within its 520 acres, which will soon be expanding to 10 hotels and almost 700 acres. In 2015, over 25 million visitors came to the Anaheim/Garden Grove resort area, accounting for over \$7 billion in spending, which generated more than \$15 million in tourism occupancy tax for the city's general fund.

The Resort Services Unit is comprised of one full-time officer, one part-time master reserve officer and a sergeant who supervises the unit. A large portion of what the team does involves direct contact with resort area management staff. Team members share information regarding current crime trends and provide safety and security training for hotel personnel, to help them prevent guests from becoming victimized. In 2015, the resort unit presented credit card fraud training for hospitality industry employees because it is the number one crime in the industry. In an effort to combat this fraud, the resort unit worked with the hotel general managers and the city attorney to amend the city municipal code, which took effect in December. These partnerships pay off as arrests of suspects looking to take advantage of our traveling guests increase, and the reports of crimes decrease.

COMMUNITY POLICING BUREAU

The unit has already set the groundwork for their latest partnership with the incoming Great Wolf Lodge Resort. Based upon their experience in this unique venue, Great Wolf's national security director reached out to the team for their advice and to consult on security issues for their new property. In 2015, the team was recognized for its innovative philosophies and proactive training programs in tourist oriented policing by being invited to speak at the International Tourism Safety Conference in Las Vegas. Team members are highly regarded within the tourism safety industry, and currently serve as president and advisory board members for the California Tourism Safety and Security Association. The team also partners with the Anaheim Tourism Policing Team to facilitate regional Crime Alert Network meetings and conduct training for the Orange County Visitor and Convention Bureau's Certified Tourism Ambassadors program.



THE SWAT TEAM consists of 20 specially selected officers who have been trained in the use of special weapons and tactics to handle high risk situations, barricaded suspects, hostage takers, high risk warrant service, or other situations requiring training and expertise beyond that of the regular police officer. Officers assigned to the SWAT team are required to pass a physical agility test, a strength test, and a psychological examination. Components of the SWAT team include a chemical agent unit, entry teams, the Hostage Negotiation Team, and sniper teams. All members of the team are also trained on a myriad of less than lethal weapons.

During the month of July, for six straight days, the SWAT team was asked to assist in the protection of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. It began with a full escort from LAX to a local hotel. SWAT worked closely with the Department of Security Services on perimeter walks and full police escort of the motorcade. The Mayor, other dignitaries and more than 1,000 guests attended a welcome prayer for His Holiness at the Hyatt, and the SWAT team provided security both before and after the prayer meeting. The SWAT team was given a great compliment by the Department of Security Services senior agent in charge.



"The GGPD SWAT team is one of the most professional teams I have ever worked with, and they made it easy for us to protect his holiness during his birthday celebration."

- Department of Security Services Senior Agent

Several SWAT team members are certified instructors in various patrol tactics. Throughout 2015, they taught active shooter tactics to Garden Grove officers before deploying the training to officers throughout Orange County. The instructors taught more than 150 officers over the course of six days at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. This new tactic will have officers entering buildings to search for active shooters in a safer and more dynamic way.

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM HNT

THE HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM (HNT) was originally formed in 1978. The unit is comprised of 12 experienced officers from Patrol and Investigations, who operate from a specially equipped room in a state-of-the-art mobile command post. The HNT is deployed to de-escalate critical incidents before they turn into barricaded suspect or hostage situations. HNT officers also respond with SWAT officers on all high-risk search warrants and dynamic entries involving active suspects.



The primary function of the negotiator is to de-escalate the situation through active listening and calm communication skills. The officers who are assigned to intelligence gathering often utilize their investigative abilities to develop information on both suspects and victims. Additionally, officers assigned to the team can be required to write both arrest and search warrants should the situation arise.

Each member of the team cross-trains in all functions of the unit, such as primary negotiator, secondary negotiator and intelligence gathering. In addition to mandatory monthly training, all members of HNT belong to the California Association of Hostage Negotiators (CAHN). This is an association where many police agencies throughout California gather to share valuable training scenarios and experience. The HNT also participates in an annual full deployment exercise each year with the SWAT team.

THE MOUNTED ENFORCEMENT UNIT (MEU) works with the Orange County Regional Mounted Enforcement Unit, which is composed of mounted units from Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Anaheim, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach and Buena Park Police Departments and the Orange County Sheriff's Department. The agencies involved share resources to staff a variety of events in the various jurisdictions for which each agency provides police services.

The MEU is composed of officers who, in addition to their regular duty assignments, work as a mounted officer. Officers who work the unit provide their own horse, trailer and tack (saddles, bridles and bits) and the Department provides the officer with specialized equipment, such as distinctively marked saddlebags, reflectors and a protective face shield for the horse.

Officers are required to train a minimum of 10 hours per month but usually spend many more hours training on their own, working with their equine partners to ensure they can perform safely and effectively together. The demands placed on a police horse are high as they are often placed in situations that would cause a horse of ordinary temperament to get startled and flee. Members of the MEU spend extensive hours training their horses to overcome a multitude of situations that could cause this response in their horse were it not properly trained.

In 2015, the MEU worked the Strawberry and Tet Festivals, as well as the Open Streets event in Garden Grove, with assistance from mounted officers from all over the county. Garden Grove MEU officers also worked events in other cities, including Knott's Berry Farm Halloween Haunt, the US Open of Surfing in Huntington Beach, and the Supercross in Anaheim.

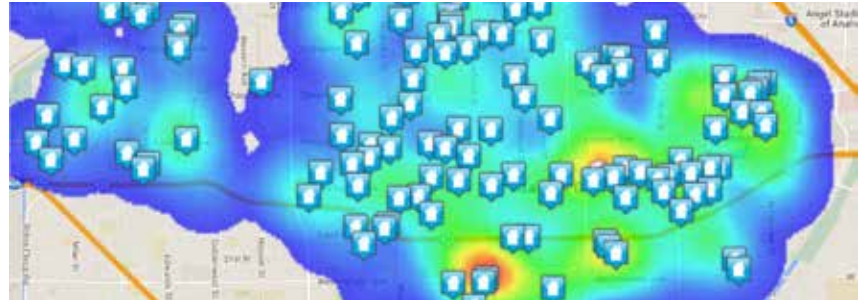


THE GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD is a prestigious ceremonial unit comprised of 20 full-time and reserve police officers. These men and women are volunteers who respectfully and professionally represent the lives and history of Garden Grove police officers, past and present. The Honor Guard also performs as color guard for many important ceremonies and events, such as special graduations, city events and congressional presentations. Each May, the Honor Guard represents the Department's professionalism and storied history at the annual Call to Duty police memorial service. Standing with the Honor Guard is the 21-gun salute team, which punctuates the memorial service each year with the presentation of a 21-gun salute. Included in this year's honor guard events was the dedication of the Bruce Beauchamp Juvenile Justice Center. Sergeant Beauchamp was a founding member of the Garden Grove Police Department and was honored posthumously for his dedication to the youth of Garden Grove.

THE CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT (CAU), comprised of one full-time certified crime analyst, is responsible for forecasting future crime occurrences, analyzing crime trends, comparing suspect modus operandi, providing investigative leads, providing statistical crime data, and assisting in the deployment of resources through the use of systematic and analytical processes. Crime Analysis processes tactical, strategic, and administrative analysis.

Crime Analysis functions are to identify evolving or existent patterns and series, forecast future crime occurrences, and initiate target profile analysis. The Crime Analysis Unit also provides support data for community oriented policing/ crime prevention, assists with case clearance, and provides support data for department planning. To achieve their goals, CAU analysts collect data and disseminate monthly beat activity, traffic analysis, and parolee reports. The unit also produces special bulletins on wanted suspects and crime information to further assist officers throughout the department. Finally, the CAU is responsible for responding to both internal and external requests for statistical data and for conducting administrative, strategic, and tactical analysis of crime data.

After extracting relevant crime data, the crime analyst tracks the criminal activity in a database or by computer mapping software.



Tactical crime analysis is used to: concentrate on crimes that are an immediate threat to the community such as rape, burglary, robbery, and serial murders; detect a pattern from crimes by studying and linking common factors together such as method, suspect physical description, and weapon used; and disseminate information regarding the anticipated crime to patrol officers and to detectives to provide suspect leads and to prevent the crime.

A cornerstone of the CAU is its geographical information systems (GIS), which enables analysts to identify and map “hot spots”, and overlay this crime activity with the known presence of parolees and criminal offenders. This software also uses probability to help forecast future crime activities. Another tool used by the CAU is geographic profiling software, which enables the analyst to pinpoint crime problem areas in which potential arrestees live, work, or frequent and correlate those findings with information about known offenders.

The CAU analyst has also developed and maintained communication with other analysts and investigators throughout the county and surrounding counties. These alliances with other crime analysis organizations are important for sharing crime information, identifying regional crime patterns and series, and keeping abreast of new developments in technology and training.



JAIL OPERATIONS

The Garden Grove Police Department contracts the operation of its jail facilities with the GEO Group Inc. (GEO). GEO employees working in the Garden Grove facility are supervised by a city-employed part-time jail/fleet supervisor who has many years’ experience supervising all levels of jail operations. In mid-2015, the jail service contract expired and a formal bid process was conducted, where qualified vendors submitted proposals to provide jail services. After a lengthy and involved process, GEO was determined to be the most qualified and most competitively priced vendor and a new contract was put in place. Contracting out these services allows the Department to concentrate more of it’s resources on community safety instead of expending energy and resources on jail operations. By utilizing GEO personnel, sworn police officers are able to process arrestees in a timely manner and return to their field duties in as little as 20 minutes. This, in turn, has decreased officer response times by increasing their availability to handle additional calls for service. In 2015, GEO jail staff processed 408 registrants and 5,921 arrestees, allowing officers to return to their patrol areas faster to provide quality service to the community.

THE COMMUNITY LIAISON DIVISION facilitates the Department's Crime Prevention programs, the VIP (Volunteers in Policing) corps and the annual Citizen Academy, and also maintains an ongoing partnership with the Fire Department regarding the city's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program. The Division's primary focus is to provide comprehensive safety and crime prevention education for the entire community, including Neighborhood Watch, Commercial Watch, and child safety, to name only a few. The Division is also responsible for facilitating most of the Department's major community outreach efforts and events.

The Division staff includes a manager and five full-time community service officers (CSOs). Two CSOs serve as general community liaisons for the city's East and West Divisions, and two are assigned to field offices within the heart of the vibrant Korean and Vietnamese business districts. These sites provide a vital link in maintaining ongoing communication and rapport with the Department, as residents and merchants can go in person to receive assistance from bilingual Division staff. The fifth CSO serves as the VIP program coordinator.

In 2000, Community Liaison Division CSOs became certified child safety seat technicians as part of a comprehensive, multi-faceted traffic safety outreach program. Today, Garden Grove is one of only a few law enforcement agencies to have certified technicians. Over the years, the Department has hosted many training events and has been awarded several grants for child safety seats and bike helmets. To date, the Department has given away more than 1,200 free helmets to low-income youth and nearly 1,000 child safety seats to low-income families, and conducted hundreds of safety seat inspections for parents who already own a car seat. These giveaways and inspections have undoubtedly helped save lives and prevent horrific injuries, but they have also helped establish and maintain positive relationships with the city's culturally diverse communities.

When time and space permit, Division CSOs stage the Safe City program at community events and schools, with the most recent event being the Open Streets event in downtown Garden Grove. Safe City is an interactive educational display comprised of a miniature "town" with several stations/routes that staff physically walk

participants through. Participants have to make safe and legal pedestrian/bicycle/driver-related decisions, given the set of circumstances that are presented throughout the course. These scenarios include a four-way stop, a car backing out of a driveway and a school bus stopping to pick up/drop off students. This program has proved to be a very powerful and effective tool in educating both parents and children on how to keep themselves safe while walking, cycling, skateboarding, and driving.

In January of 2014, the Division manager was asked to establish contact with the city's largest Neighborhood Watch Facebook group. After meeting with their page administrators to discuss collaborating Community Policing/ Neighborhood Watch efforts, Division staff began attending and presenting information at their monthly zone meetings and joining their Facebook page. This has evolved into joining/interacting with three other major Neighborhood Watch Facebook groups, and the combined membership of all four has doubled to over 9,000 citizens. Utilizing these social media resources has enabled the Department to connect with several thousand Garden Grove residents at once to share information relevant to their community, such as crime alerts, safety tips and community events.





THE GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS UNIT (CAP)

is the detective unit tasked with handling the most serious crimes that occur in the city of Garden Grove. Detectives assigned to this unit handle homicides, robberies, sexual assaults, child abuse, missing persons, domestic violence and felony assaults.

The CAP unit is one of the largest units in the police department with one sergeant, eleven detectives, three master reserve officers and one investigative aid.

The unit includes a master reserve officer who is assigned to the Orange County cold case homicide task force which is based at the Santa Ana Police Department. This unit is investigating all the unsolved homicides that have occurred in Orange County. This task force is staffed by veteran investigators from several of the major police departments in the county, along with investigators and prosecutors from the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Despite working short handed during 2015, the unit had several notable successes, including solving a 1985 cold case murder. A veteran detective in the unit re-opened the case based on new evidence, a person coming forward, and the District Attorney's Office willingness to take on the case.

The investigation required several resources, additional GGPD unit's assistance, and an organized plan. All of the officers involved did an outstanding job. Thirty years after the crime was committed, 60 year old Jesse Menchaca was arrested for the murder and the District Attorney's Office

filed homicide charges against him. During 2015, the homicide detectives handled three different homicides, clearing two with arrests the same day they occurred.

The unit worked a series of residential robberies and utilized the media to identify one of the suspects, who has been arrested and robbery charges filed. Although the case is continuing, the robbery detectives were able to make a great case against the suspect and, by working with outside agencies, are close to locating and identifying the other suspects. A series of 7/11 robberies took place towards the end of the year and by working with outside agencies the series was successfully ended. In another residential robbery investigation, detectives worked the case shortly after it occurred resulting in three arrests the same day it occurred and a fourth arrest the next day.

During 2015, sexual assaults increased, which was attributed to more incidents being reported. The sexual assault unit did a good job investigating the cases, resulting in several arrests and clearing several others as the victims recanted their stories. As a result of the increase, four sex registrant programs were conducted utilizing parole and probation, targeting the registrants who live in and/or frequent Garden Grove. The programs were successful and resulted in several arrests. In addition, the unit attended an internet child pornography training conference focusing on predators who use the Internet to lure young boys and girls for sex. The unit is in a partnership with LAPD ICAC and has conducted several investigations leading to the arrest of suspects, who use the Internet to target young victims.

DETECTIVES ASSIGNED TO THE PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT

are responsible for investigating most property-related crimes, including burglaries, fraud, forgery, vandalism, auto and identity theft, and other theft investigations. The unit consists of one sergeant, seven detectives, one civilian investigator, one part-time community service officer and one police cadet. The responsibilities for each detective are divided by crime types and geographical areas. Two detectives are assigned to investigate all burglaries, two detectives are assigned to fraud and identity theft investigations, one civilian investigator handles financial and check fraud, one detective is assigned to citywide auto theft investigations, and two detectives are assigned to general investigations which include thefts, minor assaults, and other miscellaneous crimes.

In 2015, the Property Crimes Unit saw a dramatic increase in property crimes across the city. Detectives investigated several significant crimes and arrested numerous felons. One example occurred in April when detectives were called in for a major burglary/auto theft investigation. A family was in the process of moving out of state when their moving van and a family car loaded with all their personal belongings were stolen while staying overnight in the city of Cypress. The suspects drove the vehicles to Garden Grove and were seen off-loading the stolen property into two self storage lockers. A concerned citizen saw this suspicious activity and called the police department. Patrol officers responded and quickly arrested three suspects. The victim family arrived and identified their stolen property but said a lot of things were still missing. The outstanding property consisted of electronics, jewelry and irreplaceable family heirlooms. The family was emotionally upset that many items of sentimental value and family photos were gone and may never be found.

Detectives worked tirelessly through the night following up on leads, and recovered more of the family's property from different locations across Orange County. The next morning, detectives met with the victims and returned their stolen property and family heirlooms. After working all night and into the next day to recover the family's property, detectives spent several hours helping the family load their belongings from the suspect's storage lockers into the moving van, so they could get back on the road to move out of state. The entire unit was recognized

and received the "Above and Beyond" award from Crime Survivors, Inc. for helping this family in their time of need.

Another example of outstanding teamwork demonstrated by the Property Crimes Unit involved a series of restaurants burglaries. This crime spree involved more than 30 burglaries across five different counties in Southern California. The suspects were seen entering the restaurants by removing windows, avoiding alarm sensors, and cutting open floor safes. The total cash loss exceeded \$200,000 with property damage reaching about \$175,000. After developing a few leads, the Property Crimes detectives teamed up with a burglary task force from L.A. County Sheriff's Department. Surveillance was conducted and the suspects were caught in the act of burglarizing a restaurant. Garden Grove Detectives wrote numerous search warrants for different locations. Automatic assault rifles, stolen handguns, narcotics, cash, and other stolen property were recovered. The investigation revealed that the suspects were part of a sophisticated burglary team. The suspects often conducted covert surveillance of the target businesses and used different tactics to avoid police detection. All the suspects had significant criminal history and were career criminals.

These two examples show the complexity of the crimes being committed by career criminals and the resources needed to solve them. Garden Grove Police Department believes in partnering with citizens and allied agencies to combat crime and arrest those who choose to victimize innocent people.



THE PURPOSE OF THE CAREER CRIMINAL APPREHENSION TEAM (CCAT)

is to assist and support patrol and other units with the Department, and to address emerging crime trends or problems that appear to be citywide. CCAT also continues to take a proactive approach to address the increase in crime the city has experienced since implementation of the California Public Safety Realignment program (AB109), which caused the early release of prisoners throughout the state. CCAT performed two sweeps every month with members of the Orange County Probation Department, and Garden Grove officers. In these sweeps approximately 386 locations were targeted and 37 arrests were made.

Throughout 2015, CCAT used information obtained from confidential informants to identify and arrest suspects wanted for a variety of crimes, including robbery, fraud, counterfeiting, commercial burglary, and auto theft. For example, CCAT received information that a subject was offering to sell a handgun to anyone who wanted it. Through an informant, the suspect was told to bring the gun to a location where a potential buyer was waiting. When the suspect arrived, he was detained. After a search of his vehicle, a loaded Glock handgun was located and the subject was arrested on several charges.

CCAT also addresses crime trends or problems that appear to be citywide. For example, the 24-Hour Fitness and Walmart parking lots near Gilbert and Chapman experienced an increase in vehicle burglaries and bicycle thefts. In response to this, CCAT conducted surveillance operations in the area several times over the course of a month, and eventually observed a subject break the lock

on a bike that was secured to a bike rack. The subject was taken into custody and admitted to stealing numerous bikes from the area.

CCAT routinely locates and arrests wanted parolees-at-large, "second strike" criminals and violent offenders.

In early July, a street robbery occurred on Belfast St, where a suspect grabbed a purse from an elderly women's arm and fled the scene. Patrol asked CCAT to assist in locating the suspect, which they did within 30 minutes of arriving on scene. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

Patrol was sent out several times to a residence on Aberdeen Lane, to deal with a subject who had been harassing his mother. The subject also had an active assault warrant so, every time patrol officers responded, he would run and evade them. The beat officers asked CCAT to surveil the subject's residence and attempt to arrest him on the warrant. Within ten minutes of responding, CCAT located the suspect in his front yard and arrested him without incident.

CCAT was on an unrelated surveillance in the area of Blossom Ave and Ditmore Dr. when they heard what sounded like a domestic violence-related argument coming from a vehicle parked near their surveillance. The vehicle drove off but CCAT followed the vehicle until a marked unit could respond to stop it. Prior to the marked unit arriving, the driver stopped in a residential area and ran off but two passengers were detained. After a search of the vehicle, two loaded handguns and a large amount of drugs were located. The driver was eventually located in a nearby back yard and taken into custody.



THE YOUTH SERVICES UNIT (YSU) is responsible for addressing issues related to school, families and at-risk youth within the city of Garden Grove. On a daily basis, four school resource officers provide police services to approximately 20,000 students and staff at eight intermediate school and seven high school campuses.

While student and staff safety is always a priority, the school officers are also responsible for providing juvenile offender education and make approximately fifteen presentations to students each year. The school officers, YSU detectives and YSU sergeant work with every school on safety planning. In 2015, YSU completed all of the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center's (OCIAC) safety plans and submitted them to OCIAC. YSU partnered with 15 assigned schools and conducted safety lock down drills alongside each school's administrators. Over the past three years, each school has demonstrated significant improvement following these drills. These efforts have underscored the high level of cooperation between the GGUSD staff, students and the police department.

During 2015, YSU handled several trending, but serious, cases. Students posting threats on social media with photos of replica firearms resulted in three separate cases where juveniles were booked into juvenile hall. YSU was also drawn into a few "sexting" cases, which resulted in school disruption and cases being sent to the district attorney's office. One student was booked in juvenile hall for a "sex-torsion" case.

YSU consistently partnered with the OC District Attorney's Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership (GRIP I and GRIP II) programs. All of the school officers, YSU detectives and

the YSU sergeant actively supported the GRIP programs at Lawrence, Wakeham, Bryant, and Eisenhower elementary schools and Alamitos intermediate school, by giving presentations and assisting parents. In 2015, the school officers committed even more time to the students by doing one-to-one mentoring at the GRIP schools.

The YSU sergeant held quarterly communication meetings with GGUSD, YSU and the GGPD Gang Unit. These meetings allow the principals and assistant principals to exchange tagging and gang trend information with GGPD personnel. According to data from the Public Works department, graffiti cases have gone from a high in 2010 of approximately 9,500 cases per year to 6,500 cases in 2015.

The Youth Services Unit is housed next to the main police department in a building known as the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). The Juvenile Justice Center houses the Youth Outreach Program, a collaboration between the City of Garden Grove and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove. To date, the center has served more than 8,000 at-risk youth and their families through counseling, intervention programs and educational classes.

On October 29th, dozens of people gathered for the dedication of the newly christened Bruce Beauchamp Juvenile Justice Center. Bruce's 30-year career with the Garden Grove Police Department began in 1957, two months after it was formed, and he worked tirelessly — even years after retirement — to better the lives of Garden Grove youth. A 14-by-20-inch bronze plaque with a likeness of Bruce Beauchamp wearing his vintage 1957 GGPD uniform is now mounted on the front wall of the JJC.



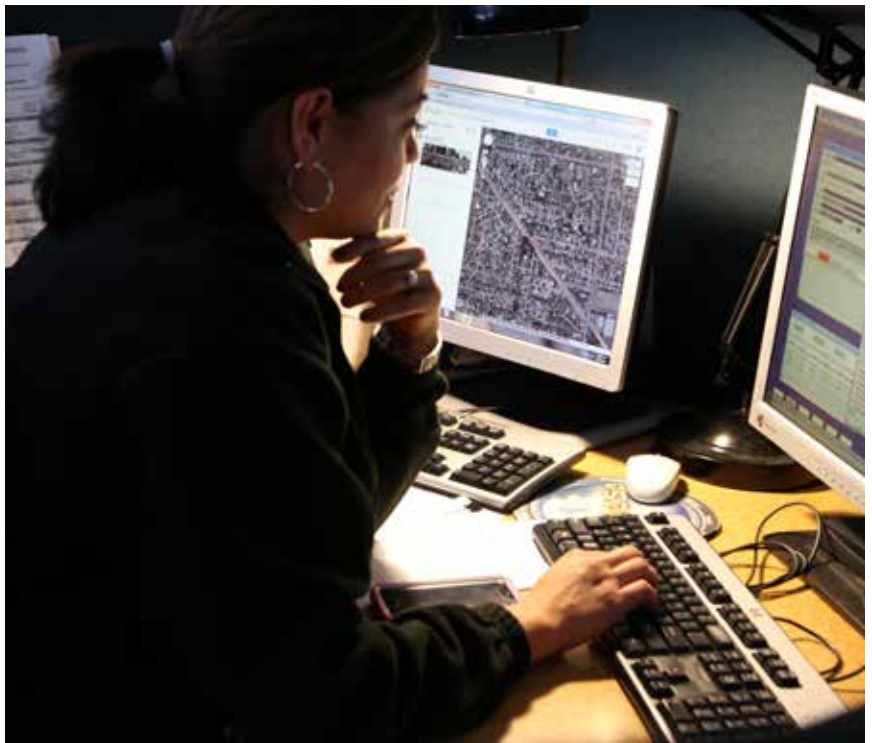
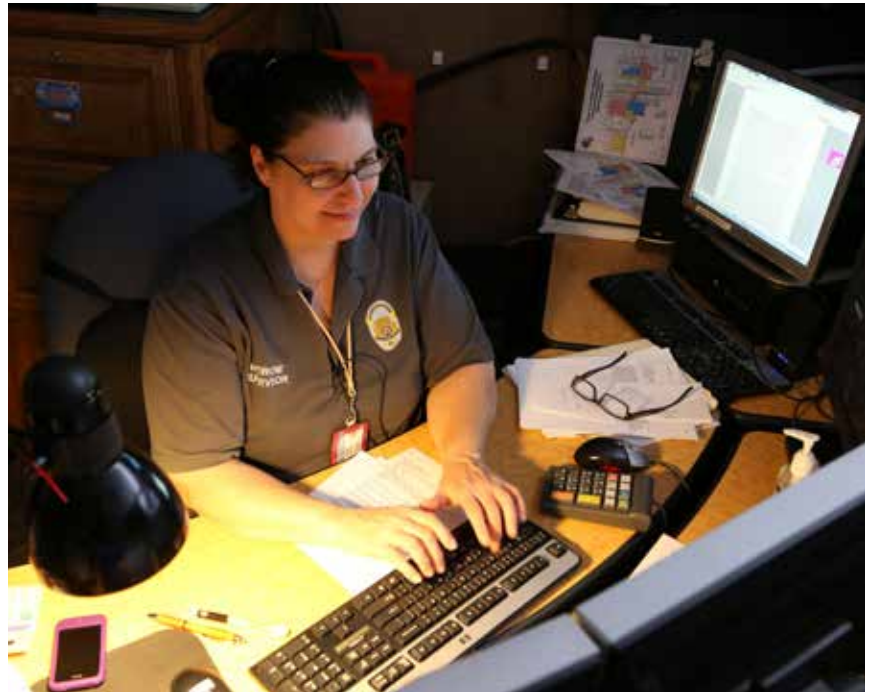
IN 2015, THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION answered more than 163,000 incoming phone calls. Of those calls, approximately 61,500 were received on 9-1-1. As part of the department-wide software replacement, Communications now operates on the Spillman Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. This system gives the dispatchers the ability to dispatch field units to calls for service, and view the status and location of each of those units and calls. The CAD also has an integrated map that shows the actual location of each call for service and police unit, whether assigned to a call or not.

In addition to updating older technology, the Communications Division is committed to ensuring that the existing technology works as it should. As part of the ongoing testing and training effort, the Communications Division participated in the annual Multi-Agency Regional Radio Interoperability Training Exercise (MARRITE). This exercise brings command vehicles from many different agencies to a central location where they have the opportunity to deploy and test their public safety interoperable radio communications equipment. It also provides an opportunity for agencies to test their emergency procedures in an environment that simulates actual incidents.

Having the proper technology is an important part of dispatching, however, dispatch personnel are the people that make the communications center run smoothly and efficiently. Dispatchers provide an extremely specialized type of service to field officers and citizens. Each member of the Communications staff is highly trained and dedicated to their career. The primary goal of each dispatcher is to provide excellent customer service while serving as a link between the community and the police department. Four communications shift supervisors, ten dispatchers and three community service officers currently staff the communications center. Two of the Community service officers serve as call takers, while the third handles the administration of alarm permits and fee recovery.

2015 TOTAL CALLS

	9-1-1 Lines	Non-Emergency	Total Calls
INCOMING	61,502	101,965	163,467
OUTGOING	0	49,866	49,866
TOTAL	61,502	151,831	213,333
% ANSWERED WITHIN 2 RINGS	97.2%	96.9%	



THE YEAR 2015 brought with it the implementation of a new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatching) and RMS (Records Management System). The go-live date for the new system was September 1, 2015 and because the Records Unit is comprised of report writers and report processors, all areas of daily tasks were impacted. Getting data into the new system proved to be challenging as personnel learned to navigate through the various tables and data fields. In addition to providing a wide range of data search methods, the system also offers numerous types of statistical reports to capture specific crime data. As processes were modified to improve efficiency and productivity, the Unit acclimated to the changes and soon began to enjoy the many benefits of the new system.

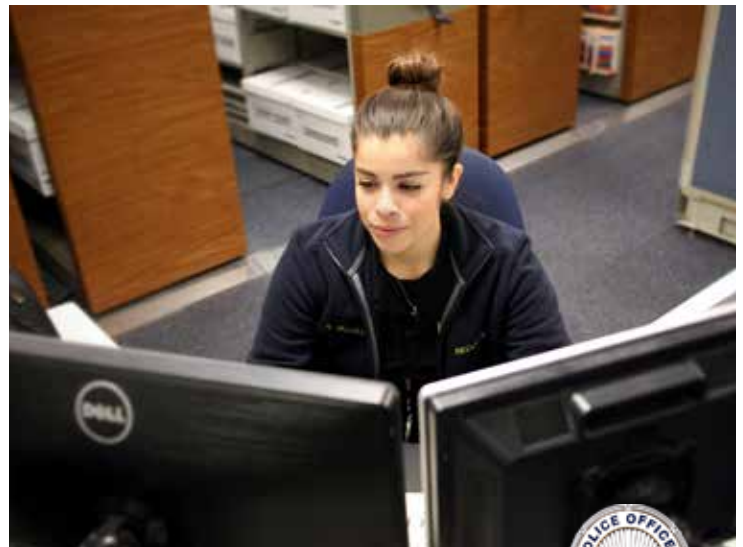
Records also began the process of preparing archived (non-electronic) files for scanning and loading onto the new system. This was an arduous task that required boxing, labeling, cataloging and preparing transmittal sheets for the scanning company to upload the files and then having the files loaded onto the new Records Management System. Also in process is the building of an interface for the new system to integrate with two other electronic systems that were implemented in 2015; BRAZOS, the electronic citation system and EDC, the electronic direct complaint filing system used for processing court packages with the West Justice Center.

The Records Division operates 24/7, with a staff comprised of two shift supervisors, fourteen full-time and two part-time records specialists. Records maintains the security and integrity of over 200,000 records.

Records is responsible for quality control of data, processing court packages, dissemination of reports, CLETS data entry of stolen/recovered/repossessed/impounded vehicles and property, and missing/located persons.

The front desk operates Monday through Saturday, 8 AM to 6 PM and is staffed by three full-time community service officers, one part time Master Reserve Officer, and up to three part time Cadets. Duties of the front desk include taking reports for citizens via phone and lobby walk-ins, processing vehicle releases for impounded vehicles and processing fingerprint cards and electronic LiveScan fingerprinting via the automated biometric identification system. Fingerprint appointments are made in advance for employee applicants whose employer requires it.

The court liaison position is held by a full time community service officer who works directly with investigators, deputy district attorneys and Orange County court personnel. The court liaison reviews and makes corrections to in-custody court filings before approving and submitting via the electronic direct complaint system to the District Attorney's office for filing. This is accomplished using various databases. The court liaison also confirms availability of personnel to appear in court when subpoenaed and/or when a case is trailed, maintains a subpoena log and ensures timely filing of court cases, monitoring the court's disposition. Carefully balancing the needs of the court with the operations of the Department, this position requires excellent communication skills.



THE FORENSIC SERVICES UNIT of the Garden Grove Police Department is staffed by highly trained technicians employed by the Orange County Crime Lab. Garden Grove has contracted with the Orange County Crime Lab for forensic services since 1996, and receives state-of-the-art services at a much lower cost than if the Department ran it's own crime lab. The current contract provides for a lead forensic specialist to be stationed at the Garden Grove Police Department on a full-time basis. A second forensic specialist and a DNA scientist in the Orange County Crime Lab work exclusively on cases that originate in Garden Grove.

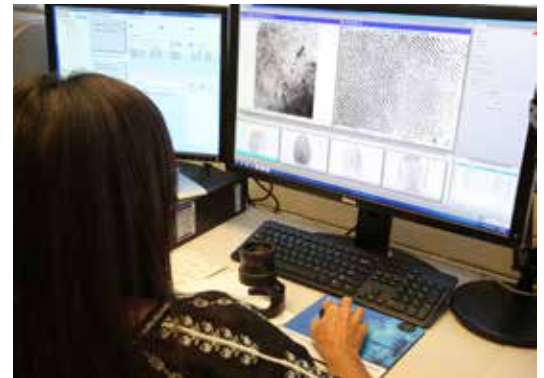
As part of the contract, a forensic specialist is also on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for major or serious crime scenes such as felony

assaults, homicides or incidents that require significant forensic follow up investigation.

The Orange County Crime Lab is accredited through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors - Laboratory Accreditation Board, and maintains ISO Accreditation through the International Organization for Standardization.

FORENSIC SPECIALIST SERVICES PROVIDED IN 2015

Field Call Responses	88
Evidence Processing Work Requests	90
DNA Cases Analyzed	419
Codis Matches	74
Number Of Evidence Items Received	4182
Latent Prints Searched Through ALPS	391
Prints Identified Through ALPS	93
Photos Uploaded In 2015	43,810 (2,237 Sets)



PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE P&E

THE PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE UNIT (P&E) is responsible for controlling and maintaining security of all property and evidence seized and retained by the Department. This includes all evidence, found property, bicycles, and items that are booked for safekeeping. P&E must follow strict state and federal protocols for the handling and storage of evidence. The unit also issues and maintains all equipment that is needed by police department employees. This includes everything from uniforms and firearms, to road flares and narcotics testing kits.

The P&E Unit consists of two specially trained full-time community service officers and two part-time police cadets. They play a very important role in the criminal justice process by documenting of the chain of custody, preparing and transferring evidence to court and the crime lab, and the disposition of evidence after the investigation has been adjudicated.

The P&E facility has two large walk-in, zero degree freezers that store biological evidence, including a large amount of DNA evidence which proves to be valuable in solving the most serious of crimes. For additional storage of items, personnel also maintain a secured 5,000 square foot off-site facility.

The P&E facility underwent renovation this year to add additional security and create more storage space. During the summer months, two officers were assigned to P&E to help organize evidence and oversee the disposition of items from older cases that had been cleared through the courts. The reorganization helped free up much needed space for additional evidence.



PROPERTY & EVIDENCE 2015

Total Items Booked.....	13,632
Total Cases Booked	3,986
Total Cases to/from Lab	2,948
Total Items to/from Lab	4,356
Hours for Lab	637
Items Released	875
Items Destroyed	2,033

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION (PSD) is responsible for conducting several tasks within the Garden Grove Police Department. Some of those tasks include organizing the Department's annual training, the recruitment and hiring of both sworn and non-sworn personnel, and overseeing the newly hired police officers' field training program.

During the recruitment process, PSD works closely with the city's Human Resources department to complete the process. A recruitment process is very detailed and usually includes events such as a physical agility test, a written test, oral boards, and an extensive background check. On average, the Department receives more than 100 applications for each police recruit job opening, making the process very lengthy and labor intensive.

During 2015, the Professional Standards Division conducted six recruitment events at several locations, including local colleges/universities, local public events, Camp Pendleton, and GGUSD high schools. As a result, several new employees were hired, including six police recruits, three records specialists, one dispatch supervisor, three community service officers, three cadets/police office aides, one vehicle expediter, and one police chaplain.

Some of the training courses conducted during 2015 were driver simulator/pursuit training, active shooter training, and baton/carotid/pepper spray and taser update training.

The Professional Standards Division is also responsible for conducting internal affairs investigations, and the PSD lieutenant is the Department's public information officer, responsible for generating press releases and dispersing them to the media. During 2015, the PSD Lieutenant conducted numerous press conferences about significant events that occurred in the city of Garden Grove, and released approximately 70 press releases.



THE PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION handles several administrative duties. During 2015, the Planning and Research Division continued the transition of the Department to a completely electronic means of performing its accreditation processes. The Division also conducted a review of the Department's General Orders (policies) making changes to nearly 50 policies and procedures, which brought the General Orders current with the standards set forth by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

The Planning and Research Division's primary function is the oversight of the accreditation process. The Garden Grove Police Department was first granted accredited status by CALEA in 1988. This improves the delivery of public safety services, primarily by: maintaining a body of standards, developed by public safety practitioners, covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives; establishing and administering an accreditation process, and; recognizing professional excellence.

Accreditation is a continuous process, requiring constant vigilance and attention to detail. The Department spent 2015 evaluating 477 separate standards, ensuring it was in compliance with each, in preparation for its ninth re-accreditation on-site evaluation, scheduled for March 2016.

The true value of accredited status is that it allows the city to demonstrate to its citizens that their police department continually meets professionally recognized standards that were carefully developed by national law enforcement organizations.



Other benefits that CALEA accreditation includes:

- **Controlled liability insurance:** Accredited status makes it easier and less costly for the City to purchase liability insurance, allowing for increased coverage limits for a lower cost.
- **Stronger defenses against lawsuits and citizen complaints:** Accreditation helps participating agencies to be better able to defend themselves because they follow nationally approved standards and practices.
- **Greater accountability within the Department:** CALEA provides agency command staff with a proven system of written directives, sound training, and routine reports that support decision-making and resource allocation.

RESERVE & MASTER RESERVE OFFICERS

RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS AND MASTER RESERVE OFFICERS (MROs) work part time but while on duty have the same policing powers as any full-time officer. Reserve officers receive specialized law enforcement training as mandated by the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST); select MROs are required to receive continuing POST training to maintain their "perishable skills," such as firearms and tactics.

Reserve police officers are men and women who either work full time in another profession or were once full-time peace officers who now wish to work only part-time. Some may work in the field performing various duties, such as patrol, DUI checkpoints, gang suppression, and prisoner transportation, while others are specially trained to conduct background investigations for new employee applicants. Reserve officers also help to provide security at many community events, including the Strawberry and Tet festivals and the West Garden Grove Little League parade.

Master Reserve Officers are peace officers who retired from a full-time career in law enforcement, and bring with them years of expertise. The Department presently employs 13 MROs who are assigned various tasks, including range officer,

armory, front desk, cold case investigations, CALEA accreditation, and mobile computer support.

Reserve officers and MROs have been called upon to perform an increasing number of tasks through the years, and have become an integral part of the Department's Community Policing philosophy. Their many years of experience and dedication to the Department are a great asset and they set an excellent example for newer officers.



SPECIAL RESOURCE TEAM SRT

IN 2015, the Garden Grove Police Department experienced a 35% increase in calls for service involving homeless/transient and mental health issues. In response to this increase, the Department implemented a new Special Resource Team (SRT), whose goal is to improve the quality of life for citizens and patrons of Garden Grove. Through civic and community resources, the SRT will provide an individualized approach toward solving community issues. As a support element to patrol activities, the SRT will respond to various types of service calls, such as transient/homeless issues, vagrancy, and mental health issues. To address the specific needs of a culturally diverse community, the SRT will specialize in creating a partnership with organizations dedicated to assisting persons with situations that require specific needs.

THE COLD DECEMBER DAY started early for about 20 members of the Garden Grove Police Department, en route to the Orange County flood control channel on the east side of Brookhurst Street. With El Niño's dangerous release of rainfall likely to hit soon, the flood control channel was the place to be - and not to be - certainly not for a number of homeless, living within the channel's cold, dark underground tunnels. Vast water highways fed by El Niño's storms will carry hundreds of thousands of gallons of rain water and debris through a dangerous, high-speed course.

At the channel the officers, part of the Garden Grove Police Department's Homeless Task Force, are met by members of the department's Community Liaison Division, along with representatives from five local social service agencies. For all of them, this would be one of many efforts to locate, identify, and offer shelter and services to those willing to accept help. This time, however, there was an urgency in an effort to beat El Niño.

Within moments of arrival, police officers scaled down the rocky embankments and into the dry channel. Identifying themselves as Garden Grove police officers, they removed cardboard boxes blocking the tunnel entrances and made entry into the dark passageways. Meanwhile, the social services group and bilingual community liaison officers were setting up a temporary staging area where the transients would be personally interviewed and offered services, ranging from temporary shelters to veteran's assistance.

One by one, occupants were led out of the tunnels by the officers and escorted to the staging area. Other transients in known areas were also brought to the area to be provided help and services. Many of the individuals were identified as "regulars" who, despite having already received services, returned to the streets, mainly as a result of drug addiction. Of the dozen homeless that were brought to the area and offered services, only two accepted assistance. With the tunnels now unoccupied, the channels would be cleared out of all trash and debris by County crews in preparation for the El Niño storms.

KNOTS OF LOVE

On Tuesday, December 8, the Garden Grove Police Department, a local non-profit organization called Knots of Love, and the First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove provided hand-made blankets and clothing for the city's homeless population.

In 2013, Knots of Love, in partnership with the City's "Re:Imagine Downtown" campaign covered trees, statues, waste containers, and bus shelters in Civic Center Park with multi-colored knit and crocheted yarns as part of a temporary art display. Yarns taken from the Civic Center display were cleaned and re-used to create colorful blankets and shawls for the homeless. Eleven blankets, 17 caps and beanies, seven jackets, and a shawl were presented to the First Presbyterian Church of Garden Grove for distribution to those in need.



THE VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING (VIP) program is comprised of nearly 30 volunteers, including several who have been with the program since its inception in 1994 - that's 21 years of dedicated service and commitment! The VIPs provide both primary and support services for more than 20 different regular assignments, including: Alarm Coordinator; Community Liaison Division, first aid, forensics, Gang Suppression Unit, Investigations, Juvenile Justice Center, police memorial plaza maintenance, Records, Resort Team, Special Investigations, vacation checks, victim assistance, VIPER team, and the city hall reception desk.

The VIPs continue to 'stand in the gap' during these economically challenging times, when staff positions have been eliminated and vacant ones remain unfilled, donating their time and myriad talents to save the Department thousands of dollars in manpower hours. Several of units in the Department have benefited greatly from the VIPs handling clerical/data support services (Gangs, Investigations, Special Investigations, Records) and would find it difficult to operate without their assistance. Field volunteers continue to enhance the Department's visibility within the community, strengthening and maintaining relationships by conducting commercial patrol and resort area checks. To date, the VIPs have contributed more than 100,000 hours to the Department and Garden Grove community, which translates into \$2.7M dollars!



CHAPLAINS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE has nearly 100 places of worship, representing many different faiths. Realizing there was a need to develop a partnership with the community religious leaders and groups, the Garden Grove Police Interfaith Volunteer and Chaplain Program was established in 1992.

The Police Interfaith Volunteer and Chaplain Program is designed to offer professional spiritual assistance to members of the community and police personnel faced with crisis situations. The Chaplain selection criteria requires them to be licensed or ordained ministers of the clergy, or be active in the pastorate within their denomination for at least one year, and to have a minimum of one year experience in family counseling. In their assignment as a volunteer police chaplain, members are asked to donate six hours each month to a ride-along program, counseling community members, responding to call-outs in crisis situations, or by representing the Department at community functions. In 2015, Garden Grove police chaplains donated over 1,000 hours of service to the Department and community.

The Chaplain program reflects the various cultures found in the City of Garden Grove and its' members represent a multitude of faiths. Several members possess bilingual capabilities and speak Spanish, Vietnamese, Hebrew, and German. The different faiths and backgrounds of the chaplains have allowed closer interactions with a greater number of citizens in the community.

Another important part of the Chaplain program is the service its members provide to the members of the police department family. The chaplains establish close ties with officers and civilians and make themselves available for counseling or other spiritual needs. Chaplains have had the honor of officiating weddings for officers and have provided funeral services for employees that have passed away. The chaplains are an integral part of the Garden Grove Police family.



THE POLICE CADET AND OFFICE AIDE PROGRAM offers college students the opportunity to work in various non-enforcement uniformed positions that allow them to assess their further interest in law enforcement. At the same time, the Department is given the opportunity to evaluate them for potential future full-time sworn or civilian positions. In 2015, the Department hired several cadets to fill community service officer and police recruit positions.

The job duties and responsibilities are similar for both police cadets and office Aides. The cadet position, however, is reserved for those interested in becoming a full-time police officer. In 2015, PSD conducted police cadet and office aide recruitments, bringing new highly motivated young individuals into the program.

Cadets and office aides change assignments every year, so they can become familiar with a variety of Department operations. The year-long assignment gives them enough time to become proficient in their duties but allows them time to rotate assignments and grow in the Department during their employment. While employed with the Department, cadets are required to be enrolled in college on a full-time basis, and make satisfactory progress towards a degree. Examples of assignments police cadets and office aides may have include: Crime Prevention, Front Desk, Communications, Property and Evidence, Forensic Services Investigations, Traffic, Juvenile Justice Center, Gangs, and Professional Standards.

In addition to their regular duties, cadets and office aides also help provide staffing for DUI checkpoints, parking control for the community's annual Strawberry and Tet festivals, and other city events. We are currently accepting applications from young men and women who want to be part the program.



GARDEN GROVE POLICE EXPLORER POST 1020 is made up of young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who serve the community by volunteering thousands of hours every year. In 2015, Post 1020 donated over 9,100 hours of service to the community. The explorers are mentored by a staff of volunteer explorer advisors, a dedicated group of both sworn and civilian Garden Grove Police employees. Many community events in Garden Grove, including the Strawberry Festival, West Garden Grove Little League parade, Summer Concerts in the Park, the Garden Grove Open Streets event and, new this year, two Disney half-marathons, could not be done without the tireless efforts of the explorers. The explorers and advisors are counted on to work various events for local civic organizations, such as the Kiwanis and Lions clubs, and to assist the Neighborhood Traffic Unit with every DUI checkpoint throughout the year.

The explorers also train hard to prepare for competitions against other Posts. In 2015, the Post brought home first place and fourth place awards in the burglary and domestic violence scenarios, respectively, from the Orange County Law Enforcement Advisors Association (OCLEEAA) competition. The advisors are also very active with OCLEEAA and participate in the biannual explorer academy, which trains hundreds of explorers from posts around Southern California.

The Garden Grove Police Explorer program takes prides in being the first step in the Department's "farm system" philosophy. The advisors work hard to train the explorers in the areas necessary to fulfill their responsibilities, and to prepare them to eventually get hired as cadets and police recruits. Post 1020 has been very successful in this regard, as evidenced by the number of former Explorers who are now working as Garden Grove police officers.



CHIEF'S COIN FOR MERIT PROGRAM

FOR FIVE YEARS, the Garden Grove Police Department has been awarding Good Samaritans in the community with a special "Chief's Coin for Merit." In early 2016, Police Chief Todd Elgin hosted a recognition dinner at the Embassy Suites honoring all 109 coin recipients for 2015.

Each year, the 200-plus members of the Garden Grove Police Department are issued one coin, with instructions to award the coin to an individual demonstrating an exceptional act of kindness or heroism.

Over 500 coins to date have been awarded to community members that provide exceptional community support and/or have gone above and beyond to assist individuals and the police. The circumstances range from assisting a lost individual, giving first aid, and providing key evidence in an investigation plus numerous other acts of courage and selflessness.

Honorees for 2015 included recipients who helped identify a suspect in a burglary; a passer-by who saved a 1-year-old boy from being run over in the street; and a citizen who helped assist a female trapped in a drainage ditch by calling 911, keeping her calm, and remaining on scene.

"It's an incredible opportunity to honor those who help, not only the Garden Grove Police Department, but their community, with their selfless acts and assistance," says Chief Elgin.



CITIZENS ACADEMY



IN THE FALL OF 2006, the Police Department conducted its first Citizen Academy class for Garden Grove residents, designed to teach citizens about the philosophy, policies, and guiding principals of law enforcement, and ethical conduct governing police services in any given community. The "students" become more aware of how the Department functions in its daily operations, and they learn how they can play an integral role in helping to keep our communities safe (i.e. Neighborhood Watch, Commercial Watch) through community policing partnerships. The Academy also allows the Department to become more aware of the feelings and concerns of the community, helping to build positive interactive relationships between citizens and police personnel.

Since the Academy began, graduates have been uniform in their enthusiasm and feedback regarding their Academy experience. Several participants said the experience changed their previous perceptions in a very powerful way and gave them a much deeper appreciation for what patrol officers deal with on a daily basis. In 2009, the first Citizen Academy "graduate alumni" classes were held, whose purpose is to offer Academy graduates an opportunity to stay in touch with the Department on a regular basis and provide them with timely information. To date, graduates have observed at DUI checkpoints, participated in shooting exercises in an indoor range, and watched special presentations on a high profile homicide case, illegal gambling machines, and medical marijuana dispensaries. The 2015 Citizen Academy class graduated 16 participants who joined 148 past graduates to serve as well-informed "citizen ambassadors," educating their peers on how to work together with their neighbors and the Police Department to keep Garden Grove safe.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

OFFICERS OF THE QUARTER

Officer Brian Hatfield
Officer Jason Johnson
Officer Ryan Lux
Master Officer Robert Stephenson

CIVILIANS OF THE QUARTER

Community Service Officer Kris Backouris
Sr. Community Service Officer Ryan Berleth
Community Service Officer Jesenia Campos
Department Secretary Carole Kanegae

CLASS A COMMENDATIONS

Master Officer Kevin Dinh
Master Officer Ralph Loera
Officer Ryan Lux

LIFESAVING MEDAL

Officer Vanessa Brodeur
Officer Nate Cox
Corporal Mark Lord
Officer Bryan Meers (2)
Officer Sindy Orozco
Officer John Raney
Officer Dan Villegas

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Master Officer Robert Stephenson

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Sr. Community Service Officer Ryan Berleth

SERVICE RETIREMENTS

Sergeant Mike Smith
Communications Shift Supervisor MaryAnn Tirone
Corporal Paul Chambers
Master Officer John Maciel
Community Service Officer Sherry Hess
Community Service Officer Tekyung Yu

PROMOTIONS

Sergeant Rich Burillo
Communications Shift Supervisor Archie Guzman
Corporal Pedro Arellano
Corporal Jim Franks
Master Officer Lea Kovacs
Master Officer Josh Olivo

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

SR. COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER RYAN BERLETH

Ryan Berleth is an outstanding employee. He is well respected by his peers and patrol officers for his outstanding work ethic and willingness to help. Ryan handles an average of 70 crime report calls per month, and collects evidence, DNA and fingerprints from crime scenes. His crime scene investigation work is stellar and has resulted in the identification of several unknown suspects.

The Department went live with a new fully integrated software system on September 1, 2015. Ryan received extensive training beforehand and played an indispensable role in the successful deployment of the system, most especially for patrol officers. Ryan is also trained as a call taker in Communications, and he often steps in to help cover gaps in staffing.

Ryan is truly a team player who goes out of his way to assist officers and others when needed. Because of this and many more reasons, Ryan Berleth was chosen as Civilian of the Year.

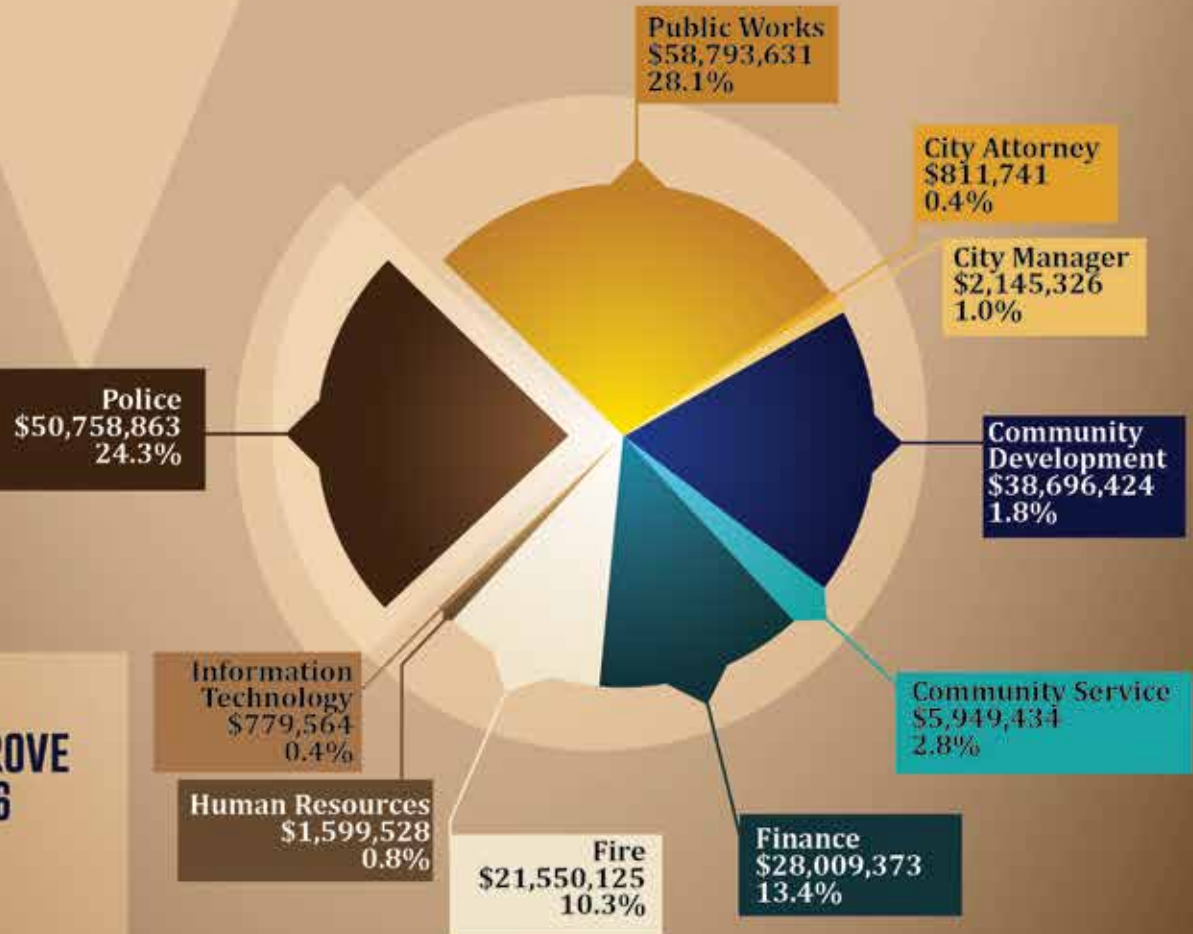
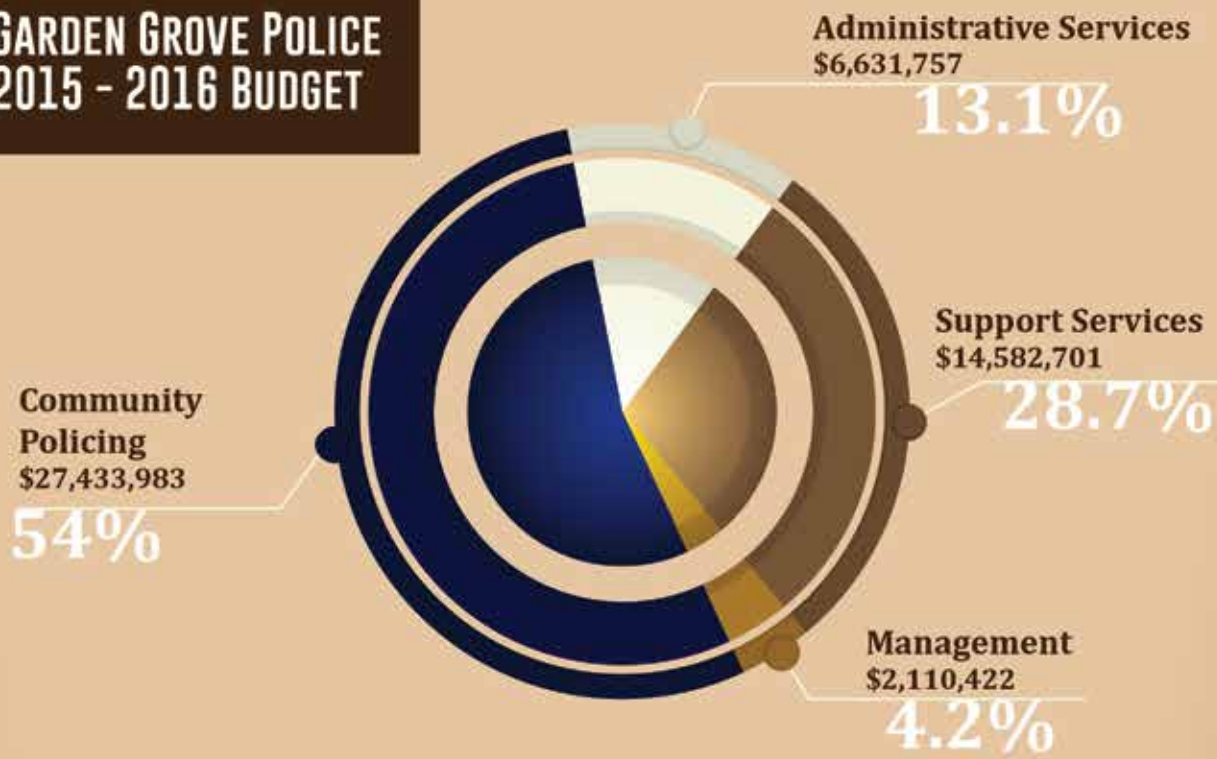
OFFICER OF THE YEAR

MASTER OFFICER ROBERT STEPHENSON

For the past five years, Master Officer (MO) Robert Stephenson has been a driving force within the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), where he has conducted numerous outstanding investigations. For example, MO Stephenson was instrumental in shutting down several problem business in an office building and seizing from them a large amount of illegal drugs and cash. Several massage parlors, actually fronts for prostitution, and a marijuana dispensary were allowed to operate in the building because the property owner took bribes from the businesses. MO Stephenson took a new approach to this long-standing problem, focusing on the property owner. After working many hours on the case and serving several search warrants on the businesses, SIU seized more than 150 pounds of marijuana from the dispensary, approximately \$700,000 from the prostitution-related business, and arrested the property owner for prostitution violations. Since then, the property owner evicted the businesses and has put the building up for sale. It was MO Stephenson's "out of the box" thinking and investigation that solved this crime problem. Based on his work on this case, and many others throughout the year, MO Robert Stephenson has been chosen as Officer of the Year for 2015.



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