

Pacifica Police Department

2013
Annual Report



A tradition of community service

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Message from Chief Jim Tasa



I am pleased to present the Pacifica Police Department Annual Report for the year 2013. This report will provide some of the highlights of the police department for the past year.

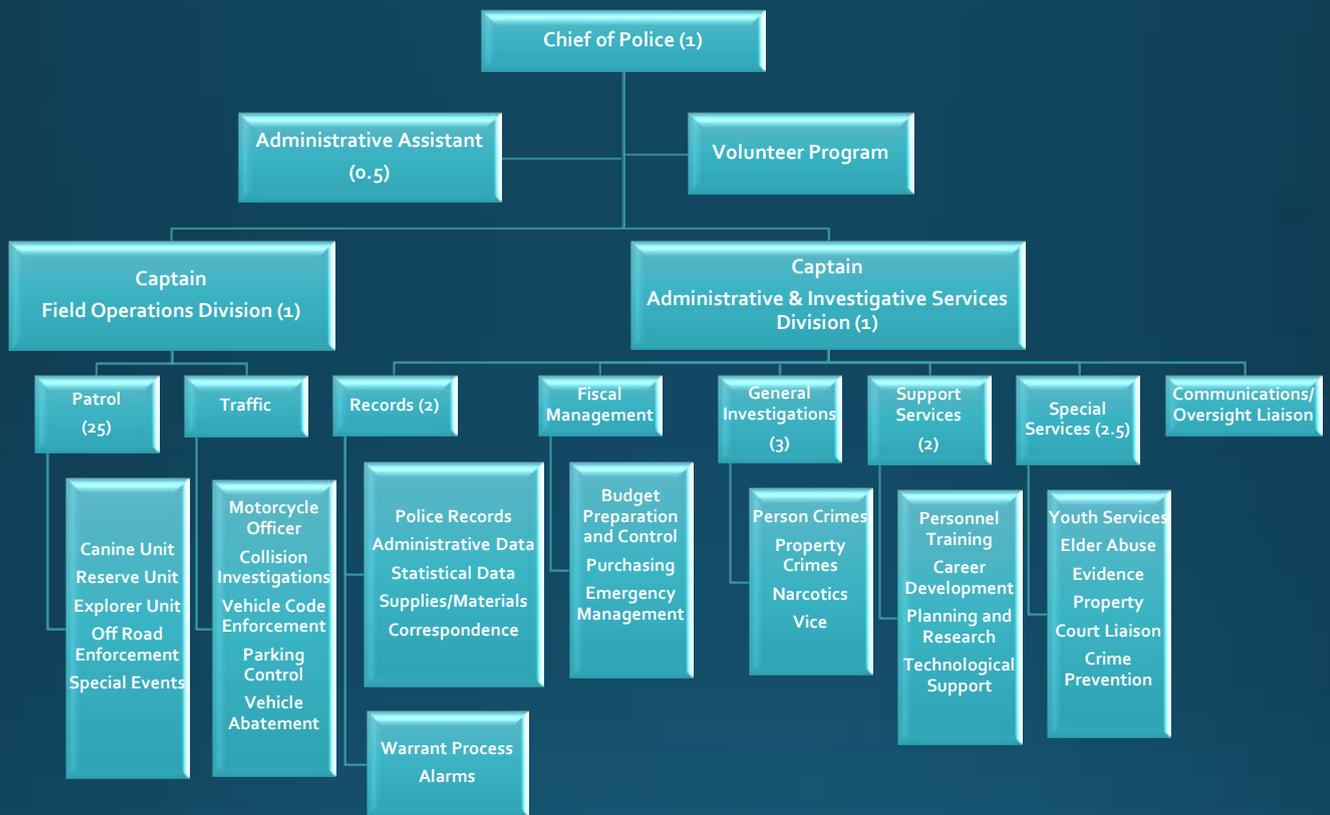
The department remains committed to improving the quality of life within the City and providing effective, efficient and professional services to the community we serve.

The accomplishments of the police department are a direct result of the quality and dedication of the personnel that make up the organization. Overall, they, collectively, represent over 400 years of historical knowledge and service to the City of Pacifica. Their combined efforts throughout the year allow us to provide a level of service that exemplifies our motto ... **a tradition of community service.**

I hope you find this annual report to be informative as you gain a glimpse of your department. Thank you for your continued trust and support in our agency and for allowing me to serve as your Police Chief.

Jim Tasa

Organizational Chart



Major Accomplishment

Pacifica receives recognition as 23rd safest city in California

By Pacifica Tribune

Pacifica is once again the recipient of recognition as a safe city. Safewise, a private home security provider, analyzed data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to rank the safest cities in California. In this study, Pacifica was ranked 23rd safest city in California in cities with a population greater than 20,000. The report touted Pacifica for "a rewarding quality of life that includes an abundance of community related family programs and events."

Pacifica was the recipient of a similar accolade in early 2013 when it was recognized by Location Incorporated, a national residential and commercial data tracking company, as the 90th safest city in America with a population greater than 25,000. "The safety of our residents, businesses and visitors is of paramount concern to the City," added City Manager Lorie Tinfow. "This recognition is a wonderful validation that we are doing things right and makes me very proud to lead the city organization and be part of this special community."



Image courtesy of Safewise®

More Accomplishments

The department has received grants from various agencies:

- The Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) awarded grants of \$18,320 and \$49,000 for traffic Enforcement.
- The department was able to purchase a radar trailer/message board with grant funds from OTS.
- The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) awarded Pacifica PD a grant of \$100,000 for the enforcement of underage drinking and other related laws. Pacifica PD is also the lead agency coordinating enforcement in a total of 13 jurisdictions.

Evidence Technician Melissa Mondragon formed the Forensic Science Club at Terra Nova High School. Students are taught a variety of topics regarding evidence collection and they're able to tour different criminal justice facilities.

Captain Dan Steidle received the Lions Club Award in the area of Community Service for his work in grant writing.

Officer Serrano and K-9 Janyk competed in the Witmer Tyson Working Police K9 trials. K-9 Janyk took 1st in obstacles, 6th in search, 6th in protection, and 9th in obedience.

Avoid the 23



Drivers who are intoxicated or impaired cause many accidents on California's roads and highways. Several years ago, the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in conjunction with organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) teamed up to create a public awareness campaign to bring DUI driving to the forefront of the driving public's minds. The "Avoid" program was started, which takes a many-pronged approach to the problem of drunk and impaired driving, including education through public service campaigns in the media and in schools, special enforcement of DUI laws and enhanced penalties through the courts.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) recognized two Pacifica Police officers for their DUI enforcement efforts in 2013. Officer David Evans received the Avoid the 23 Gold Award for making 25 arrests. Corporal Dominic Albanese received the Avoid the 23 Silver Award for making 17 arrests.

Employee Recognition in 2013

As an organization, the Pacifica Police Department recognizes the importance of acknowledging employees for the excellent work they do. Initially the program began with an Employee of the Month, but evolved into an Employee of the Quarter and Employee of the Year system. Employees are nominated by their peers and supervisors. The final selection is made by the department's command staff. Congratulations to the 2013 recipients!

- Employee of the Year
2013



Sergeant
Robert Londerville

- Employee of the Month

January



Officer
Max Reising

February



Reserve Officer
Greg Graziani

March



Officer
Ryan Bianculli

April



Sergeant
Robert
Londerville

- Employee of the Quarter
Second Quarter



Officer
Cris Serrano

- Employee of the Quarter
Third Quarter



Officer
Matt Smith

- Employee of the Quarter
Fourth Quarter



Officer
Steve Stump

Disaster Preparedness

Personnel assigned these responsibilities prepare and maintain an operational emergency management plan for all city departments for use in managing a major disaster. Disaster exercises are conducted within the city in conjunction with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services. Personnel assigned to emergency preparedness are trained in the Standard Emergency Management System (SEMS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) used throughout the State of California.

The police station will serve as the main command center for the City of Pacifica in the event of a major emergency. Representatives from the city's various departments will set up operation in the room designated as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is equipped with dedicated emergency phone lines, computer/audio-visual equipment, mini-kitchen, amateur radio operator space, city maps and operations plans, among other resources.



In 2013, the City of Pacifica participated in:

- American Red Cross Shelter Training
- Operation Silver Dragon VII
- Exercise Golden Guardian

The **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

The Pacifica Police Department conducts CERT training and hosts regular quarterly meetings.



Residents interested in becoming CERT members should contact the Emergency Manager at:

CERT@pacificapolice.org

More Disaster Preparedness

In 2013, Police Department personnel received Train-the-Trainer training in CERT. The training was provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The department is now able to provide its own training to the community.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the State of California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) gave the City of Pacifica the distinction of being Tsunami Ready. This rating was earned by the city for its staff work in the area of tsunami and storm preparation and community education.



Crime Prevention

The crime prevention officer position has experienced fluctuations in staffing levels, generally based on grant funding. In the mid 1970s, officers were part of an integrated North County program to lower the burglary rate. In the late 1970s, the department had six Crime Prevention/Suppression Officers funded by a federal grant, with directions to lower the burglary rate and narcotics use. Several officers served throughout the years, only to have the programs cut more than once for fiscal reasons. In the early 1990s the program started again, including new curriculum such as the Citizen Academy and Crime Watch on the local TV channel, along with traditional programs. In the mid 1990s, the program was once again cut out of the budget due to fiscal reasons.

Currently, the crime prevention volunteer is responsible for coordinating all crime prevention programs within the City of Pacifica. These programs include Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Red Ribbon Week, home/commercial security inspections and plan review.



Citizens have several ways in which to report criminal activity and other information to the Crime Prevention Office. Please keep in mind that crimes in progress should be reported immediately using 911 for emergencies, or (650) 738-7314 for non-emergencies.

Crime Prevention Office: (650) 738-7324

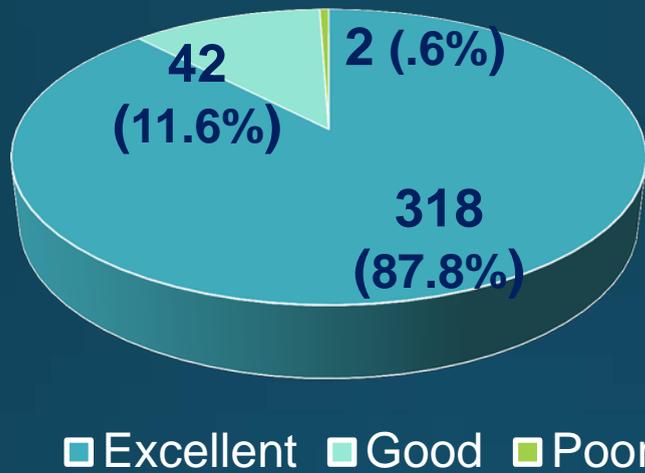
Silent Witness Hotline: (650) 359-4444

Crime Prevention email: crimeprevention@pacificapolice.org

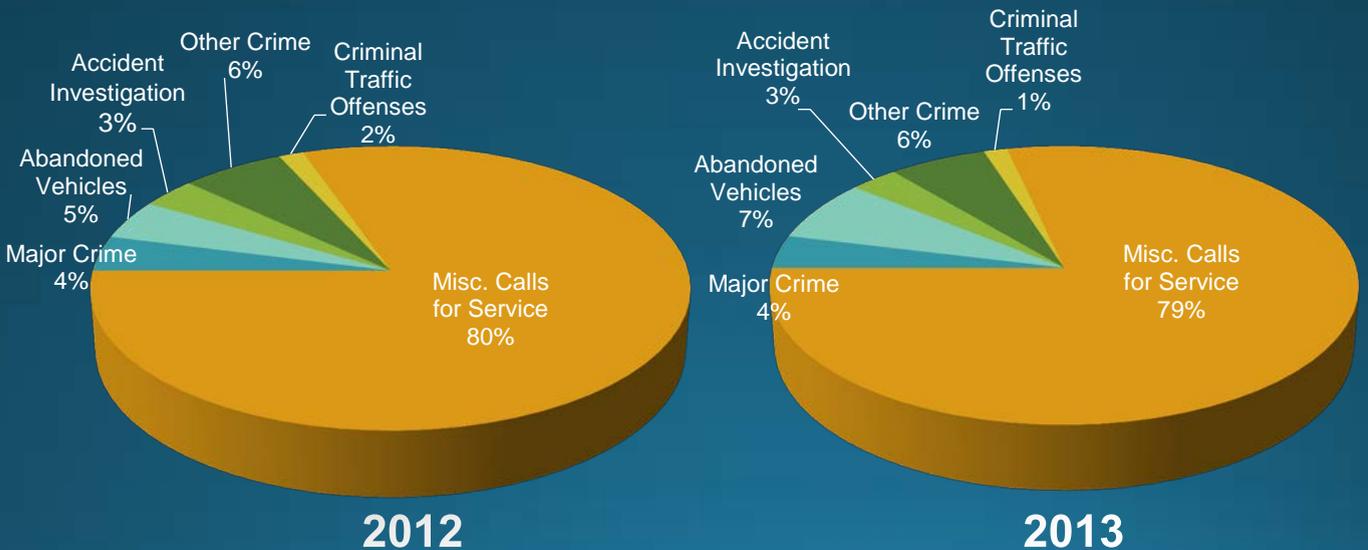
A Tradition of Community Service

This has been the motto of the Pacifica Police Department since it was founded, but just how does the department determine its level of service? Every month, Patrol supervisors contact citizens who have been involved in our calls for service and conduct surveys into how we've done our job. In 2013, police supervisors contacted 362 citizens and asked how they would rate the dispatchers, our front office staff, and our officers in the areas of demeanor and handling of calls. The survey results for 2013 can be seen below.

2013 Customer Survey Results



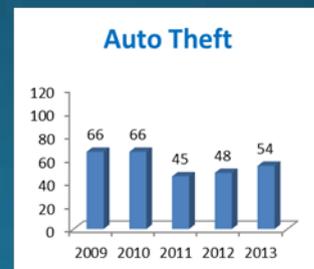
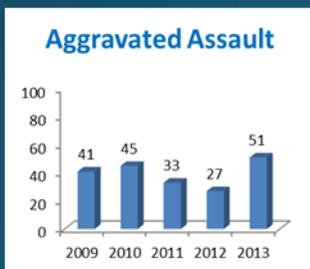
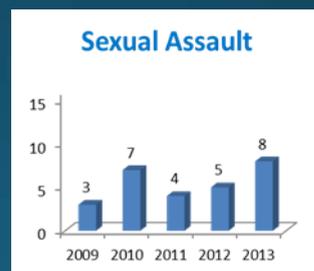
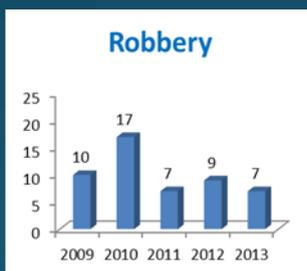
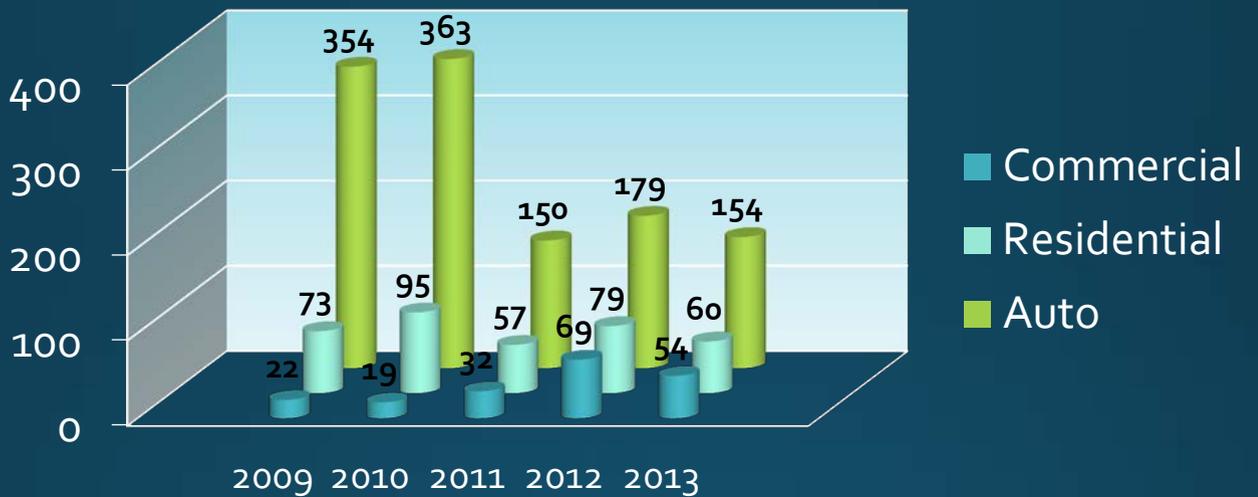
Types of Calls for Service



Five Year Comparison

In 2013, the city experienced an overall decrease in crime. Part I crimes were reduced a total of 1.8%. The three areas that showed the largest impact on the overall decrease were Robbery, 22.2% decrease, Auto Burglary, 14% decrease, and Residential Burglary, 22.8% decrease. There was however, a 27.5% increase in Commercial Burglary. Part II crimes showed an overall decrease of 0.8%. The largest decrease was in the area of Child Abuse/Neglect, which was 24%.

BURGLARY



Five Year Comparison

PART I CRIMES	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0
Rape	3	7	4	5	8
Robbery	10	17	7	9	7
Aggravated Assault	41	45	33	27	51
Res. Burglary	73	95	57	79	60
Comm. Burglary	22	19	32	69	54
Auto Burglary	354	363	150	179	154
Larceny	213	217	201	203	207
Auto Theft	66	66	45	48	71
TOTAL	782	829	529	620	612

PART II CRIMES					
Arson	6	6	3	3	3
Assault/All Other	238	210	215	217	171
Vandalism	322	238	216	227	242
Neglect/Abuse, Child or Elder	38	25	13	25	19
Other Felonies	157	138	157	141	151
Other Misdemeanors	350	273	212	362	381
TOTAL	1111	890	816	975	967

ACCIDENTS					
Property Damage	343	336	245	259	271
Hit & Run	128	108	97	133	114
Injury	120	101	87	132	96
Fatal	2	0	3	0	0
TOTAL	593	545	432	524	481
TOTAL less Property Damage	250	209	187	265	210

Five Year Comparison

ARRESTS	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Adult - Felony	178	168	98	137	155
Adult – Misdemeanor	700	575	531	535	499
Warrant – Criminal	117	105	73	78	113
Warrant - Traffic	1	1	1	1	0
Juvenile - Felony	60	52	23	13	8
Juvenile - Misdemeanor	133	79	90	40	37
TOTAL	1189	980	816	804	812

CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE					
Moving	3971	3066	2660	2880	2966
Non-Moving	4073	2844	1990	1829	3652
14601's	138	106	130	109	117
Drunk Driving	184	138	167	123	115
TOTAL (Citations only)	8044	5910	4650	4709	6850

MISCELLANEOUS					
Alarms False	488	477	431	429	447
Auto – Towed	119	37	40	62	84
Auto – Marked	462	443	347	627	1043
Commitments	120	106	111	132	141
Marijuana Cites	61	38	14	12	5
Narcotics Violations	83	62	47	91	103
Cases Issued	7239	6679	5201	3709	3950
TOTAL Service Requests	18693	17577	15293	15467	15912

PACIFICA POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the men and women of the Pacifica Police Department to protect and serve the members of the community with the highest level of commitment, ethics and professionalism

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