



PACIFICA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ANNUAL REPORT 2014



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Message from Chief Joe Spanheimer

I am pleased to present the Pacifica Police Department Annual Report for the year 2014. I hope you find this annual report to be informative as you gain a glimpse of your department.

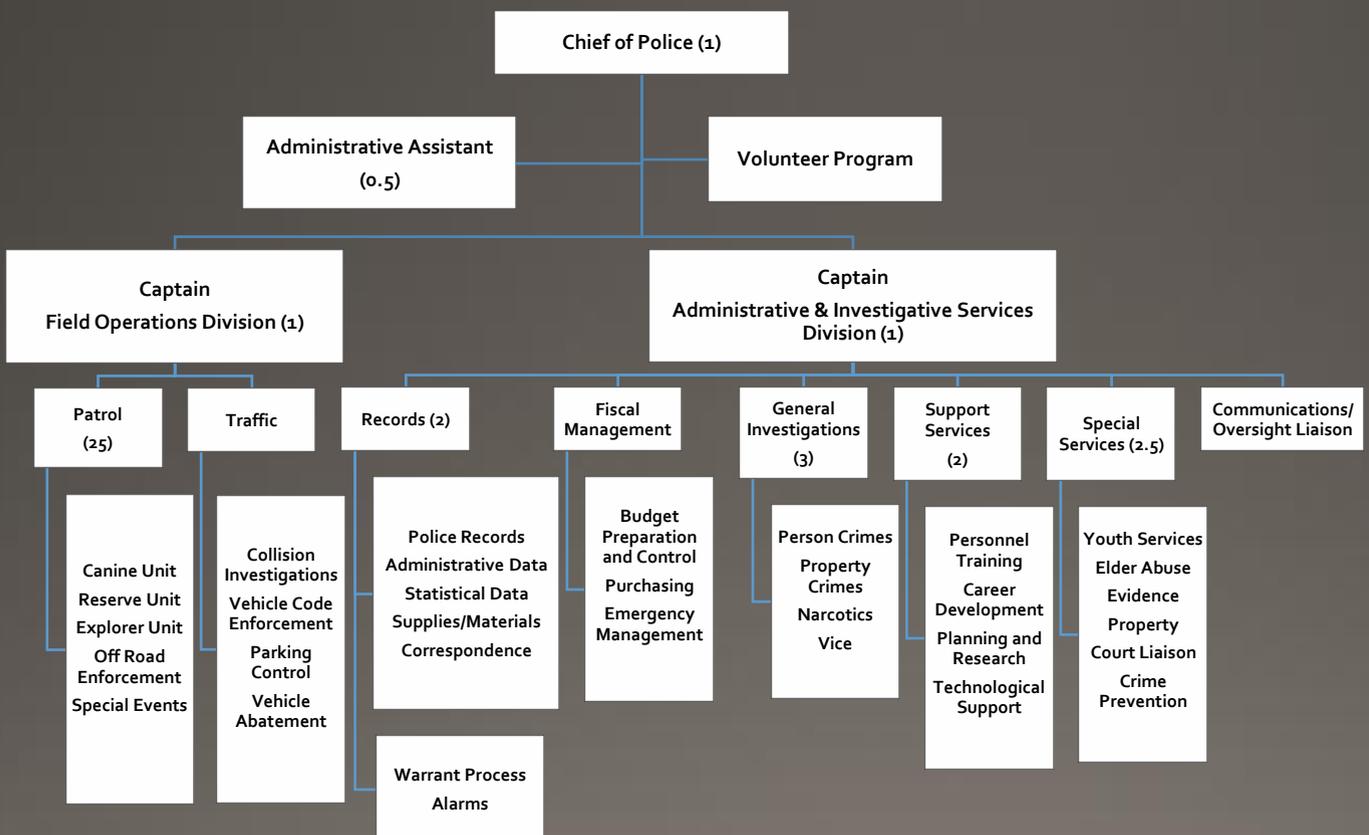


I am honored to serve alongside the men and women of the Pacifica Police Department, where our people are our greatest resource. Their combined efforts throughout the year allow us to provide a level of service that exemplifies our motto ... **a tradition of community service.**

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

Joe Spanheimer

Organizational Chart





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 five Preliminary Alcohol Screening (PAS) devices and two portable lighting stands to assist officers with grant funds from OTS. These items will assist officers while conducting DUI investigations in the field.
- The California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) awarded Pacifica PD a grant of \$40,000 for the enforcement of underage drinking and other related laws. Pacifica PD is also the lead agency coordinating enforcement in a total of 3 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. This year, Evidence Tech Mondragon received the Lions Club Award in the area of Community Service for her work with the Forensic Club.

Corporal Serrano and K9 Janyk had a total of 28 street deployments in 2014. The deployments include, but are not limited to tracks and searches for armed robbery suspects, bank robbery suspects, alarm calls, residential and commercial burglaries, suspects in stolen vehicles, mutual aid to outside agencies, and handler protection.

Of special note, Corporal Serrano located a suspect wanted on several felony warrants. The suspect became combative and attempted to assault Serrano. During the altercation the suspect, grabbed for and removed Serrano's police radio from his uniform, and he could not request for emergency cover. K9 Janyk was deployed from his vehicle and engaged and apprehended the suspect. Due to the K9 presence, no further use of force, including lethal force was needed.



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 three Pacifica Police officers for their DUI enforcement efforts in 2014. Officer Alan Dong received the Avoid the 23 Silver Award for making 18 arrests. Corporal Dominic Albanese and Officer Matt Sheedy also received the Avoid the 23 Silver Award for making 14 arrests each.

Employee Recognition in 2014

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 2014 recipients!

Employees of the Year

2014



Officer
Ryan Bianculli



Corporal
William Glasgo

Employees of the Quarter

2014

First Quarter



Officer
Scott Avilla



Sergeant
Chris Clements

Second Quarter



Evidence Technician
Melissa Mondragon

Third Quarter



Officer
Jesus Aranda

Fourth Quarter



Corporal
Dominic Albanese

Patrol & Investigative Services

Collision Investigation C.R.A.S.H. Team

The Pacifica Police Department major collision investigation team, also known as the CRASH TEAM, is a team of officers who have advanced training in collision investigation. The CRASH TEAM responds to major collisions involving loss of life or potential loss of life, as well as other collisions that are complicated in nature. Much like a criminal detective, it is the responsibility of the CRASH TEAM to collect and analyze evidence at a scene. Once processed using advanced equipment and mathematical formula, the CRASH TEAM can use evidence to determine speeds of involved vehicles, as well as other factors that led to the collision. Data collected from these collisions can also be used to identify areas in our city where traffic safety needs improvement.

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

Crisis Intervention Training is presented in a week long academy where officers and dispatchers learn to better respond to situations involving community members diagnosed with mental illness, Alzheimer's disease, autism, post traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, and other disorders. The instructors come from an assortment of fields and organizations including the National Alliance on Mental Illness, San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery, The U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), and Swords to Plowshares. CIT trained officers are better prepared to de-escalate potentially violent situations and better ensure the safety, and the referral, of mental health consumers to treatment centers. This past year four members of the Pacifica Police Department completed this course, earning the distinction of "CIT officers." There are currently 15 CIT officers serving in the Pacifica Police Department.

School Resource Partnership

The Pacifica Police Department is committed to working with all schools within the City of Pacifica. While the department does not have a specifically assigned School Resource Officer (SRO), each officer checks in with schools in their assigned patrol area on a daily basis. The department also participates in other activities such as conducting emergency drills, career fairs, and read aloud days.



Patrol & Investigative Services

Investigations Division



The Investigative Services Division supports our officers working on patrol. This division is currently staffed by two detectives, an evidence technician, and a detective sergeant. They are responsible for conducting investigation into serious felony crimes and complex or involved cases including homicides, aggravated assaults, rape, sexual assaults, child abuse, robberies, burglaries, fraud, and arson. Detectives are on call and available to respond 365 days a year. Our evidence technician is capable of responding to a crime scene to document and search for evidence, and is also able to process evidentiary items at the police department's lab. In some instances evidentiary items are sent for further analysis which cannot be conducted at the police department. The evidence technician is our liaison with the San Mateo County Forensics Laboratory and the Silicon Valley Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory.

The Investigative Services Division is also responsible for overseeing registered sex offenders who live in the community and ensure they comply with applicable legal requirements. We work closely with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, as well as the San Mateo County Probation Department to help supervise convicted offenders when they are released back into our community.

Detectives working in this division also act upon information submitted by members of the community regarding criminal activity in our city. Our detectives will open new cases or disseminate this information to officers working in the field. They also act as the police department's liaison with the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force and Vehicle Theft Task Force, as well as other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

This past year the Investigative Services Division worked on a number of significant and noteworthy cases, few of which garnered media attention, both locally and nationwide. Our detectives and evidence technician became part of a task force examining what the media in 1976 had labeled the Gypsy Hill Murders. Two of these five murders had occurred in Pacifica, and the victims and their families had lived in our community. This past year a likely suspect was identified with the assistance of DNA technology. Together with the efforts of the task force investigators, this suspect was charged with murder in this case. Although it will likely take several years for this case to be adjudicated, there was some small sense of satisfaction in notifying the families of these deceased girls that the man responsible was now behind bars.

2 Slain in Pacifica, San Mateo

Two persons were found stabbed to death Thursday — the body of a young woman was discovered at a golf course in Pacifica and the lifeless body of a man was found inside a San Mateo motel.

The Pacifica woman was found in a creek at Sharp Park Golf Course. She was partially nude and had suffered some 30 stab wounds of the neck, chest and abdomen. Coroner's investigator Steve Horin said.

The victim was identified as Veronica Anne Cascio, 15, who resided with her parents at 296 Seaside Drive, Pacifica.

Capt. Tony Guardino, in charge of the investigation, is attempting to retrace the young victim's activities between the time she was last seen and when her body was found, it was learned.

The San Mateo man was found stabbed to death inside his apartment at Casa Mateo Inn, 350 No. Bayshore Blvd.

Police identified the victim as Benito "Benny" Navarez, 43, unemployed and a resident of the inn for the past eight months.

A large hunting knife was embedded in the chest

Pacifica TRIBUNE
January 28 - February 3, 2015

Suspect linked to two Gypsy Hill murders

Halbower charged in homicides

Merchants seek



Volunteers

Reserve Officer Program

Reserve police officers are volunteers who supplement our full time police officers. They are sworn peace officers, and must be certified prior to their appointment by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training; the same state organization which trains and certifies our full time officers. This past year reserve officers supported our full time officers working a variety of events and details, as well as working routine patrol. These volunteers allow the police department to better serve our community. Their assistance in the field allows other full time officers to respond to emergencies and calls for service. Reserve officers work events such as the July Fourth holiday, a variety of special details such as sobriety checkpoints, and they can respond to assist during critical incidents such as fatal traffic collisions. Reserve police officers are also required to complete continued professional training throughout the year, just as our full time police officers. This past year our reserve officers volunteered over 2600 hours working patrol, special events, details, completing training, and responding to call-outs. Our reserve officer program is as old as our police department, and continues to serve as a vital part our organization.

Police Explorer Program

The police explorer program allows youth ages 14-21 to learn about the law enforcement profession. Our post is currently comprised of nine high school and college students. They attend an academy, receive training in a variety of topics related to law enforcement, participate in competitions, and serve our community. This past year the Pacifica Explorer Post raised funds and attended the National Law Enforcement Exploring Conference in Indiana. The explorers attended courses and competitions at the conference. Police explorers also assist the police department in a very limited capacity. These explorers volunteered over 2300 hours in 2014, working crime prevention events as well as the annual Fog Fest and July Fourth festivities. This past year one of our explorers earned the distinction as the Top Student for the fall class of the San Mateo County Basic Police Explorer Academy.

Citizen Volunteer Program

The department has a number of citizen volunteers that help us to enhance our day-to-day activities. Volunteers assist the department with parking enforcement, records management, evidence and property management, crime prevention, and disaster management.



Disaster Preparedness

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.

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.



In 2014, the City of Pacifica participated in:

- San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day
- Operation Silver Dragon VIII
- West Coast Tsunami Exercise



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.

The Pacifica Police Department conducts CERT training and hosts regular quarterly meetings. In 2014, 39 Pacificans took the Basic CERT class. CERT members were also utilized in the December 2014 storm to assist other first-responders.



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

CERT@pacificapolice.org

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

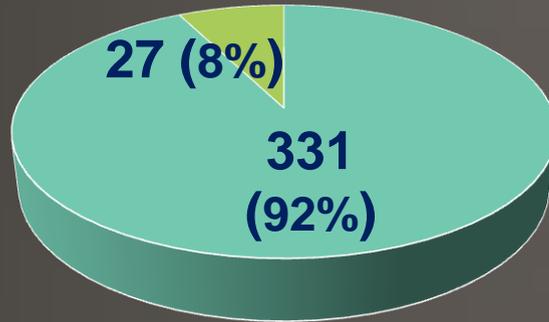
Crime Prevention email: crimeprevention@pacificapolice.org



A Tradition of Community Service

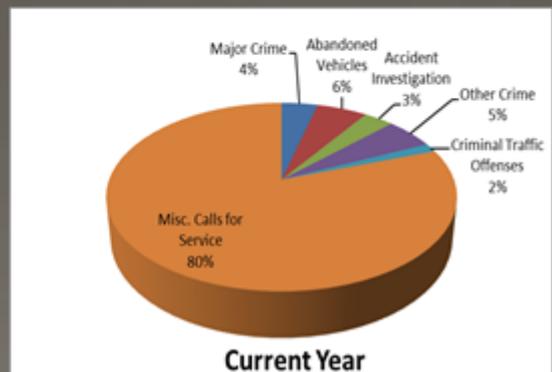
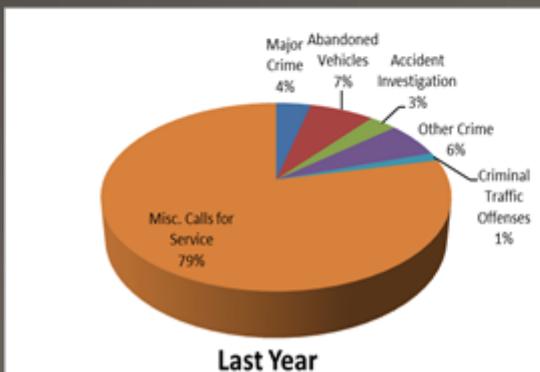
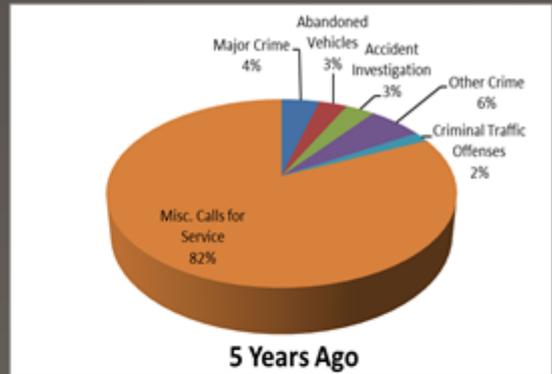
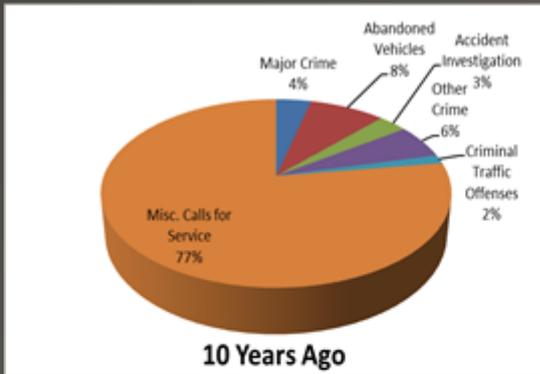
This has been the motto of the Pacifica Police Department since it was founded, but just how does the department determine its level of service? Every month, Patrol supervisors contact citizens who have been involved in our calls for service and conduct surveys into how we've done our job. In 2014, police supervisors contacted 358 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 2014 can be seen below.

2014 Customer Survey Results



■ Excellent
 ■ Good
 ■ Poor

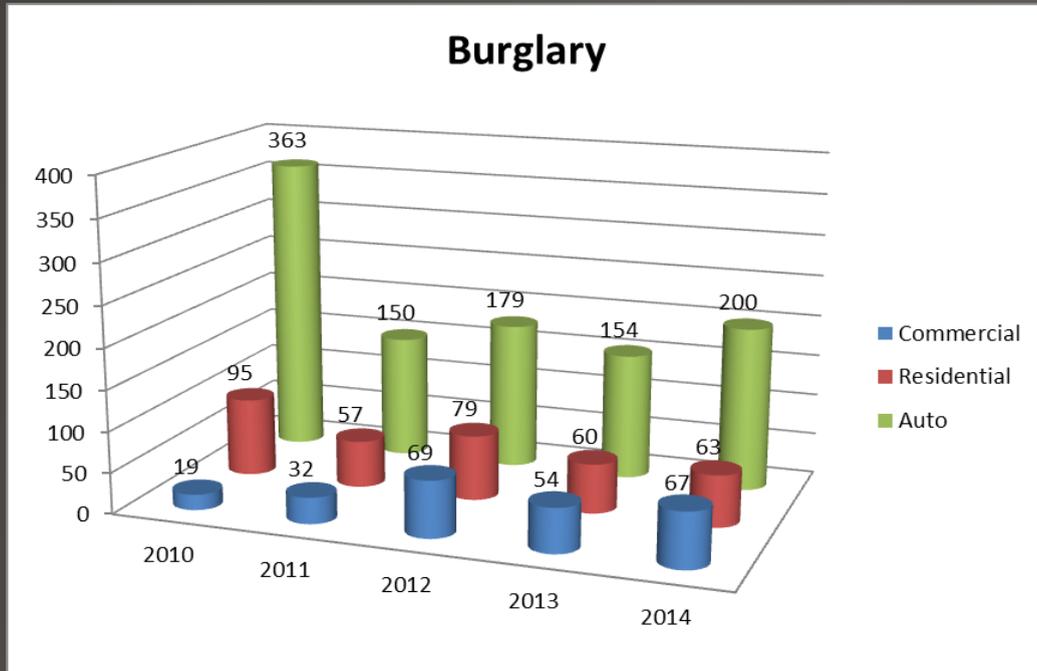
Types of Calls for Service



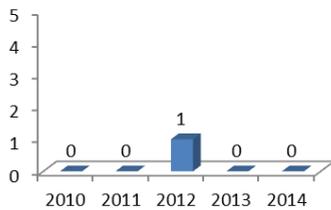
Five Year Comparison

In 2014 the City experienced an overall increase in crime. Part I crimes increased by 19.1%. The three areas that showed the largest impact on the overall increase were: Robbery, up 114.3%, Rape*, up 37.5%, and Auto Burglary, up 29.9%. We had a significant decrease in Auto Thefts, 23.9%. Part II crimes remained fairly consistent with an overall increase of 1.1%. Arrests were up 8% for the year. Total Calls for Service increased by 15% in 2014.

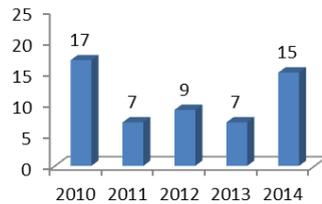
*In January 2014 the DOJ revised the definition of Rape for statistical reporting purposes.



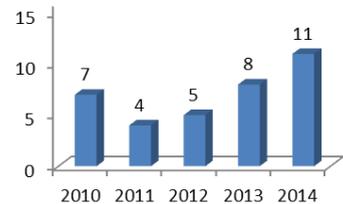
Homicide



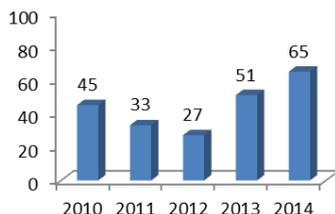
Robbery



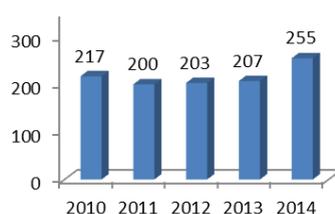
Sexual Assault



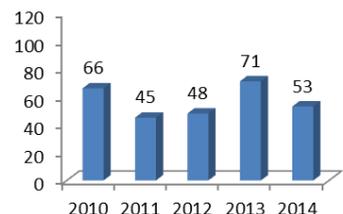
Aggravated Assault



Larceny



Auto Theft



Five Year Comparison

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
PART I CRIMES:					
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0
Rape	7	4	5	8	11
Robbery	17	7	9	7	15
Aggravated Assault	45	33	27	51	65
Res. Burglary	95	57	79	60	63
Comm. Burglary	19	32	69	54	67
Auto Burglary	363	150	179	154	200
Larceny	217	201	203	207	255
Auto Theft	66	45	48	71	53
Total:	829	529	620	612	729
PART II CRIMES:					
Arson	6	3	3	3	5
Assault/All Other	210	215	217	171	212
Vandalism	238	216	227	242	201
Neglect/Abuse, Child or Elder	25	13	25	19	22
Other Felonies	138	157	141	151	158
Other Misdemeanors	273	212	362	381	380
Total:	890	816	975	967	978
ACCIDENTS:					
Property Damage	336	245	259	271	335
Hit & Run	108	97	133	114	123
Injury	101	87	132	96	137
Fatal	0	3	0	0	1
Total:	545	432	524	481	596
Total Less Property Damage:	209	187	265	210	261
ARRESTS:					
Adult - Felony	168	98	137	155	166
Adult - Misdemeanor	575	531	535	499	558
Warrant - Criminal	105	73	78	113	114
Warrant - Traffic	1	1	1	0	2
Juvenile - Felony	52	23	13	8	12
Juvenile - Misdemeanor	79	90	40	37	27
Total:	980	816	804	812	879
CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE					
Moving	3066	2660	2880	2966	2703
Non-Moving	2844	1990	1829	3652	5713
14601's	106	130	109	117	147
Drunk Driving	138	167	123	115	126
Total: (Citations Only)	5910	4650	4709	6618	8416
MISCELLANEOUS					
Alarms False	477	431	429	447	461
Auto - Towed	37	40	62	84	63
Auto - Marked	443	347	627	1043	951
Commitments	106	111	132	141	147
Marijuana Cites	38	14	12	5	3
Narcotics Violations	62	47	91	103	93
Cases Issued	6679	5201	3709	3950	4449
Total Service Requests	17577	15293	15467	15912	18294

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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