

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE





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2021 AT A GLANCE



349
EMPLOYEES

SERVING
136,463



RESIDENTS



6,654
INMATES BOOKED



RESPONDED TO
48,743
CALLS FOR SERVICE

116
SHERIFF'S
DEPUTIES

109
CORRECTIONAL
DEPUTIES



75%
MALE



25%
FEMALE



\$48.7 M
OPERATING BUDGET



17,198
DEPUTY INITIATED
INVESTIGATIONS



214
TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING
ORDERS SERVED



1,885
ARRESTS



766
CITATIONS



6,673
CRIME REPORTS
WRITTEN

10,286 LBS
OF PRODUCE GROWN
AT THE SWAP FARM

100.8K LBS
OF ILLEGAL DRUGS SEIZED
AND DESTROYED

338
CORONER DEATH
INVESTIGATIONS



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF

It is an honor to serve our county as your elected Sheriff. It is often said that the Sheriff's Office responds to our citizens' worst day every day. People ask, 'how does the Sheriff's Office accomplish this overwhelming task?'. I simply say, it is our incredible team.

While this profession certainly comes with many daily challenges, the men and women of this office continue to take these obstacles and turn them into opportunities to show compassion and make a difference. In addition to the daily difficulties that come with this job, our organization has faced many other challenges this year, including short staffing, pandemic restrictions and fatigue, wildfires, and rising crime. Despite these adversities, our dedicated staff have continued to step up, allowing our office to maintain 24-hour communications, patrol coverage, and jail services, all while consistently providing a high level of service in all of our many other functions. Through it all, the men and women of the Sheriff's Office continue to exemplify our mission, to protect and serve our community and to earn the public's trust through compassion and accountability. I want to thank them for their daily sacrifice.

Of course, we can't do this job alone. We recognize it takes a team of volunteers to assist us with carrying out our goals. Our dedicated volunteers and community partnerships are a critical component to the success of this organization. We want to thank those volunteers that assist us with Neighborhood Watch, Search and Rescue, our Sheriff's Citizens on Patrol, Community Emergency Response Teams, Coroner assistants, Animal Shelter volunteers, and our beloved chaplains.

In the 2021 Annual Report you will find information on every division of the Sheriff's Office. However, this publication is only a snapshot of what the Sheriff's Office accomplishes daily throughout the county. There are things that our personnel do every day to make a difference that go unnoticed, and we pride ourselves on that. The Sheriff's Office is blessed to have the community's trust and support. We recognize there is always room for improvement, and we continue to look for ways to be better.

As we welcome 2022 in anticipation of whatever this year may bring, we have confidence that one thing will remain the same: our commitment to you, our community. We look forward to continuing our pursuit to build trust and relationship with our community, to solve problems together and make Humboldt County a safe place to live, work, and play. If you are interested in learning more about the Sheriff's Office or serving our community through a paid or volunteer position, please visit our website, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

Thank you again for entrusting your Sheriff's Office to serve our community.



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To **protect** and **serve** our community and earn the public's trust through **compassion** and **accountability**.

MISSION

Dedication
Excellence
Professionalism
Unity
Trust
Integrity
Engagement
Service

CORE VALUES

PRINCIPLES

Prepared

to do what is necessary every day

Protection

of our community above all else

Prevention

of crime and abuse of all types

Problem Solving

being innovative and solution driven

Partnership

with our employees and community

VISION

To be the safest rural community in California where **peace, justice, and freedom** thrive.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



WILLIAM F. HONSAL
Sheriff

Sheriff William "Billy" Honsal was appointed unanimously to the position by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in April 2017 and was elected into office by Humboldt County voters in June 2018. He has been in the law enforcement field for over 26 years and has had a variety of assignments during this time including Patrol Operations, Fire Operations, Field Training Officer, H&K / Colt Armorer, SWAT Team Leader, Bike Patrol, Child Abuse / Homicide Investigator, Gang Task Force, Recruit Training Officer and Undersheriff.

Sheriff Honsal holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and has other certifications including: Fire Fighter I, Emergency Medical Technician, Police Officer Standards and Training Advanced, and supervisory, management and executive certificates.



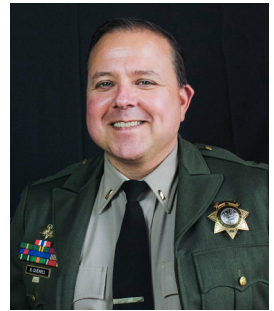
JUSTIN BRAUD
Undersheriff



REGINA FULLER
Financial Director



DUANE CHRISTIAN
Corrections Captain



BRYAN QUENELL
Operations Captain



JESSE TAYLOR
South Patrol
Operations Lieutenant



KEVIN MILLER
North Patrol
Operations Lieutenant



GREG ALLEN
Professional Standards
Lieutenant



SAM WILLIAMS
Major Crimes
Lieutenant



DENNIS GRIFFIN
Operations Lieutenant
Corrections



CHELSEY CAMILLI
Staff Lieutenant
Corrections



JASON BENGE
Administrative Lieutenant
Corrections



RYAN DERBY
Emergency Services
Manager



SAMANTHA KARGES
Public Information
Specialist


2021 IN REVIEW | A Timeline of Significant Events

MARCH

- 4 | Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) launches an Auxiliary Communications (AuxComm) Team of local amateur radio operators who can be activated during an emergency incident when normal modes of communication are disrupted.
- 8 | Correctional Deputies Jakob Heckert and Jennifer Hudson administer the Heimlich Maneuver, saving a choking inmate's life.



MAY

- 1 |  HCSO staff observe Mental Health Matters Month with green ribbon pins.
- 6 | Sheriff Honsal coordinates the donation of 3,000 COVID-19 vaccines from the Fresno County Sheriff's Office.

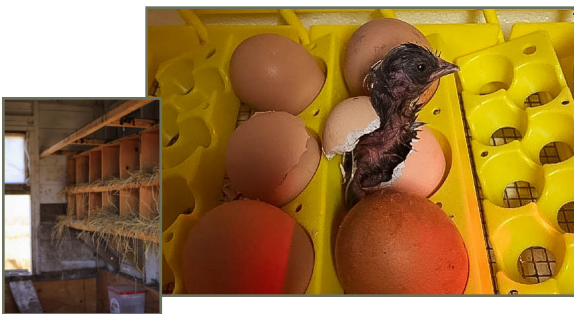


- 17 | Chelsey Camilli promoted to Correctional Lieutenant, the first female to hold the title in the last 20 years for the facility.

JAN
FEB

JUNE

Less lethal shotguns issued to all patrol deputies for use during crisis situations. | 01



First successful chick hatch at the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) Farm. In 2021, the chicken project at the farm continued to grow, producing over 7,000 eggs. | 24

HCSO Lieutenant Kevin Miller presented with the Purple Heart Award. | 29

APRIL

New HCSO and County website launches creating a more user-friendly experience for web visitors. | 15

Newly formed Disaster Animal Response Team volunteers sworn in to serve HCSO during emergencies. | 16

HCSO Marijuana Enforcement Team multi-agency operation serves 23 search warrants, eradicating over 35K cannabis plants and documenting 97 environmental violations in one week. | 22

County of Humboldt reinstates mask mandate inside county facilities.




HCSO wins Battle of the Badges Blood Drive with 44 staff members donating blood.

JULY

AUGUST

- 4 | OES launches the Restricted Area Access Pass Program allowing enrolled agriculture producers access into evacuation zones to tend to crops and/or livestock.
- 11 | HCSO SWAP Farm featured in American Whiskey Magazine for partnership with Alchemy Distillery feeding pigs with spent grain mash.
- 19 | Deputies deployed to Trinity County to assist with evacuations and looting prevention for the Monument Fire.
- 24 | Unsolved Cases Database goes live on the HCSO website featuring information regarding 57 unsolved missing persons and suspected homicide cases dating back to the 1950's.
- 30 | Knob Fire prompts evacuations near Willow Creek, initiating OES response.

OCTOBER

- 6 | Sheriff Honsal and OES staff coordinate the purchase of 90 generators for schools in the county's unincorporated area. 
-  13 | New HCSO Garberville Station opens to members of the public. 
- 21 | OES and partner agencies participate in the Great ShakeOut Drill, testing Humboldt Alert and the new AuxComm Team.
- 31 | HCSO raises over \$1,200 for the Humboldt County Breast and GYN Health Project through the Pink Patch Project.

NOV

KNOB FIRE RESPONSE

OES coordinates resources and the establishment of two American Red Cross evacuation centers for Monument and Knob Fire evacuees, maintains public information phone line and provides information updates to the community. **1** THROUGH **11**

Special Services deputies secure evacuation zones and assist members of the public within the wildfire's vicinity.



SEPTEMBER



Second K9 Officer joins our K9 Unit, named "Uno" following a community voting opportunity. **07**

New evacuation mapping platform, Zonehaven Aware, launches for Humboldt County. **15**

Magnitude 6.2 earthquake strikes near Petrolia causing minor damages to Eel River Valley homes/businesses. **20**

Sheriff Honsal declares a local emergency following a severe winter storm in Northeast Humboldt County that left thousands without power, arterial roadways closed and numerous fallen trees. **27**

DECEMBER



Sheriff Spotlight

EQUIPPED FOR CRISIS

For Humboldt County Sheriff's deputies, responding to people in crisis has become more common than ever before.

"We're seeing over and over again our deputies responding to people in crisis. We have people who are suffering from mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and are under the influence of alcohol or drugs," Sheriff William Honsal said. "The more options we can provide our deputies to assist with de-escalation, to rapidly get people the help they need and keep our deputies safe, the better."

Two new pieces of equipment introduced to sheriff's deputies this year are meant to do just that, providing more options to help deputies bring a situation under control quickly and safely.

OLD TECH, NEW USE

The equipment may look a little familiar. The first, a less lethal shotgun, is equipped to shoot bean bag rounds at a violent and/or non-compliant individual. The shotguns are the Remington 870 shotguns previously carried in deputy patrol cars that have been re-purposed to discharge bean bag rounds instead of traditional ammunition.

"They fit in the same mounts in all the patrol vehicles," Sheriff Honsal said. "We have painted the butt-stock and fore-grip orange and there will only be less lethal rounds carried with the shotgun in the patrol cars. So, we're doing this for really next to nothing and equipping every one of our deputies with an option for less lethal force."

The second new tool, called the BolaWrap, is reminiscent of the traditional bolas (or boleadora) and uses a 380 blank cartridge to propel an almost 8-foot Kevlar cord to wrap a person's legs or arms. Unlike other less lethal tools, the BolaWrap does not use pain to gain compliance. Rather, the device restrains an individual, eliciting a startled reaction and distracting the individual long enough for deputies to move in and make an arrest safely.

"The more options we can provide our deputies to assist with de-escalation, to rapidly get people the help they need and keep our deputies safe, the better."

As with any law enforcement encounter, the use of both the BolaWrap and Less Lethal Shotgun is situational, as each incident requiring de-escalation is unique. Deputies have and will continue to receive training on the proper use of both tools and how to effectively employ de-escalation techniques, to help create safer interactions for deputies and the community.

WATCH

Scan this QR code for a closer look at the BolaWrap and Less Lethal Shotgun.



Garberville Station moves to new location

On October 13, 2021, the County of Humboldt held a grand opening ceremony for the new Garberville Campus Complex. As part of this complex, the Sheriff's Garberville Station found a new home, providing deputies and staff stationed in Southern Humboldt County with much needed updated facilities. The new station includes an improved office layout and design, an ADA accessible public lobby, an interview room, and enhanced features that promote the safety of the public and deputies. An on-site generator will provide emergency power should an outage occur.

Adjacent to the new Sheriff's station is the new Garberville library and a multi-purpose conference room. The Garberville Campus Complex project is the first in the county's efforts to move more of its services to the campus-style model, an effort termed the "Facilities Master Plan." Well-planned projects like this can better and more efficiently

serve county residents and businesses while also advancing community resiliency, creating environmentally friendly transportation options and improving workforce retention. Additional benefits of combining more public services into single locations includes building facilities according to the needs and values of residents, saving money from utility costs and building maintenance, reducing the amount of time spent traveling to access services, and improving energy efficiency of county buildings.



New K9 Deputy brings depth to the K9 Program



K9 Uno and his handler, Deputy Meghan Hwang.

In December 2021, K9 Uno and his handler, Deputy Meghan Hwang, joined the HCSO's K9 Unit. Because we believe that this is the community's K9 Deputy, just as much as he is ours, Humboldt County residents were given the opportunity to vote on the new K9 Deputy's name. Name ideas were submitted by HCSO staff members, with the top names selected by the K9 Unit. Then, the names were put up for a vote through the county's Open Town Hall platform.

The community voted to stick with a board game theme in naming our newest K9 "Uno". K9 Uno joins K9 Yahtzee, bringing the number of HCSO K9 deputies to two. Both K9 Uno and K9 Yahtzee are trained in narcotics detection and suspect apprehension. Their presence alone during investigations has proven to be an effective crime deterrent and criminal apprehension tool.



K9 Yahtzee and his handler, Deputy Hal Esget.



A FOCUS ON PREPAREDNESS

Over the course of the last 12 months, time and time again our community has stepped up to help their neighbor in the face of disaster.

In spring of 2021, the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) established a Drought Task Force to help find solutions and encourage conservation due to the concerning drought conditions being experienced across the state. As the drought drew on, water theft quickly became a rising issue. The Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team began aggressively investigating and combating water theft being committed by illegal cannabis cultivation grows.

During the summer of 2021, our community once again experienced the impact of wildfire. Sheriff's deputies were deployed to assist our neighbors in Trinity County with evacuations and security for evacuated neighborhoods due to the Monument Fire. As the Monument Fire grew, a new fire emerged in Humboldt County. The Knob Fire, originating just south of the town of Willow Creek, prompted the Sheriff's Office to issue evacuation orders for hundreds of residents in Northeast Humboldt County. With fire along Highway 299 in both Humboldt and Trinity Counties, many residents of Northeast Humboldt were left without power for several days.

OES activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), coordinating resources to assist the community and providing a steady stream of information to the public regarding the wildfire and required safety actions. Due to the extended evacuations, agriculture and livestock producers

were able to utilize OES' Restricted Area Access Pass Program to gain entrance into the evacuation zones in order to provide food, water, medical treatment or other care to commercial livestock, and/or to tend to crops.

In the winter of 2021, a 6.2 M earthquake struck the county causing minor damages to homes and businesses, with the majority of impacts experienced in the Eel River Valley. Just days after, Northeast Humboldt residents again experienced a disaster in the form of a severe winter storm. The storm, which lasted for several days, caused widespread power outages and closed main thoroughfares due to fallen trees and power lines. During this storm, conditions were so hazardous that even emergency crews were unable to access some areas to respond to calls for service. In the days that followed, Sheriff's deputies were deployed to assist in clearing roadways and helping community members stranded in their homes due to storm debris. The American Red Cross opened an emergency shelter for residents whose homes were destroyed by fallen trees and those who were without heat in the freezing weather. Recovery from this event continued into the new year.

Despite the many challenges of 2021, our residents have prevailed, a testament to the resiliency of the people of Humboldt and the power of being prepared. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office continues to promote and educate the community on disaster preparedness, and as always, continues to be ready to respond when the next disaster strikes.

EVACUATION MAPPING WITH ZONEHAVEN

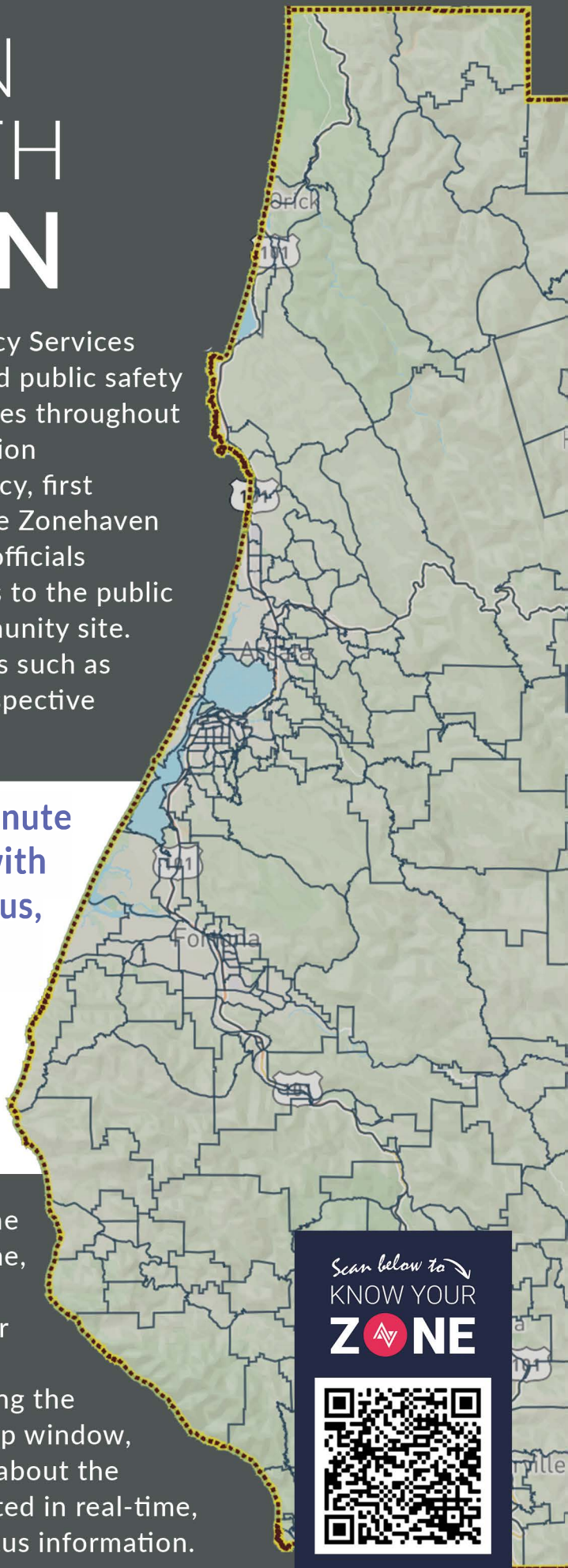
The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES), in collaboration with local governments and public safety partners, has established over 300 emergency zones throughout Humboldt County utilizing Zonehaven, an evacuation management platform. In the event of an emergency, first responders and emergency service officials will use Zonehaven to determine necessary evacuations. From there, officials communicate evacuation orders and zone statuses to the public through Humboldt Alert and the Zonehaven community site. Local cities utilizing other emergency alert systems such as Nixle or Code Red will also issue alerts to their respective zones should an emergency occur in that area.

“When it comes to evacuations, every minute counts. Being able to provide residents with real time information regarding zone status, evacuation routes, shelter options, and more will help us to get accurate, life-saving information out to our community quickly and consistently.”

-OES MANAGER RYAN DERBY

Residents are encouraged to look up and record the names of all the zones they frequent—such as home, work, school, or homes of loved ones—and keep them in an easily visible place. In order to find your zone, residents should enter their address into the interactive map at community.zonehaven.com using the search bar in the upper left. This will open a pop-up window, which includes your zone's name and information about the zone and its emergency services. The map is updated in real-time, so residents should check it regularly for zone status information.

Scan below to
KNOW YOUR
ZONE





RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Public safety agencies across the country are facing unprecedented challenges in hiring and keeping recruits. Local agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, are also feeling this strain. Recognizing the need to stand out in such a competitive environment for talented employees, Sheriff Honsal instituted a series of changes to help with the retention of current employees and entice recruits to choose Humboldt and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. Those changes included:

- Obtaining significant raises in compensation from the Board of Supervisors for both correctional and patrol deputies.
- Creating a designated space on our website outlining the recruitment process, incentives for working at the Sheriff's Office, and the many employment opportunities available.
- Utilizing social media and online outlets to share the great things happening at the Sheriff's Office and allow potential recruits to get to know our department before applying.
- Utilizing innovative digital strategies to advertise vacancies and recruit employees on the platforms they access most.



MEET RECRUITMENT SERGEANT KYLE HOLT

As part of the Sheriff's Office's focus on recruitment, in 2021 the department created a Recruitment Sergeant position to specialize on the recruitment of personnel and assist deputy recruits with the lengthy process of becoming a sheriff's deputy. In August, Patrol Sergeant Kyle Holt was selected for the position. Sgt. Holt's position is unique to the department and critical to providing job candidates with a consistent point of contact and a personalized hiring experience.

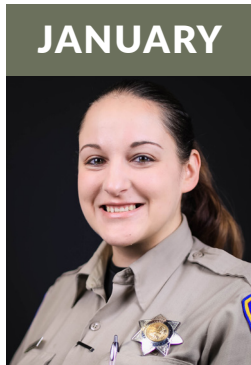
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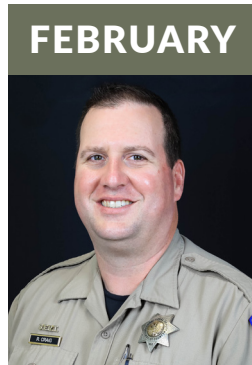
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Recognizing staff for outstanding work

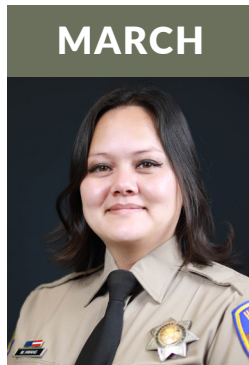
As part of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Employee of the Month Program, employees are given the opportunity to nominate a co-worker for the Employee of the Month award all year long. On the first week of each month, one employee is selected and recognized. Employee of the Month honorees are selected for their positive embodiment of the HCSO's Mission, Vision, and Values, and their dedication to the service of our community.



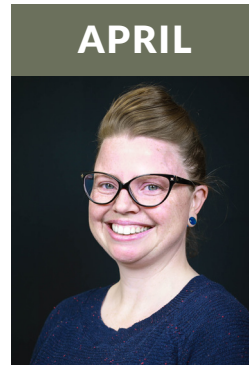
SAMANTHA FREESE
Corrections Corporal



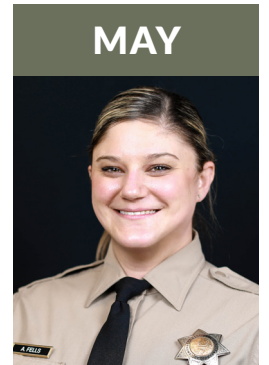
RYAN CRAIG
Corrections Corporal



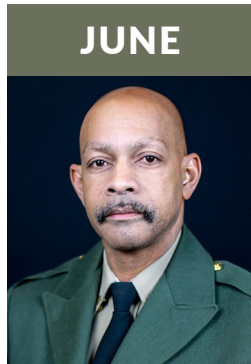
MEGHAN HWANG
Deputy Sheriff



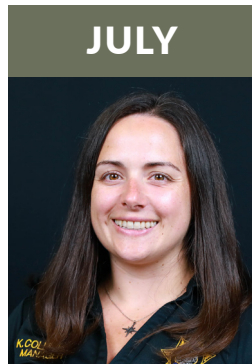
LINDSEY ESH
Senior Dispatcher



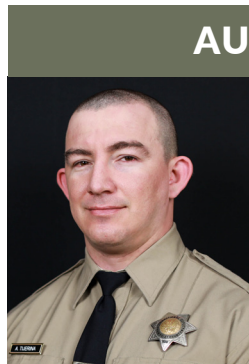
ASHLEE FELS
Correctional Deputy II



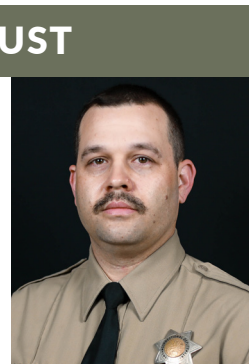
GREG ALLEN
Lieutenant
(formerly Sergeant)



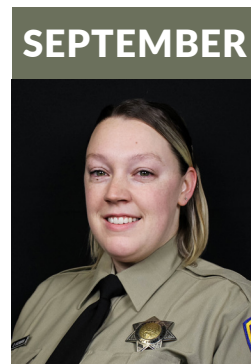
KATIE COLENDER
Senior Admin Analyst



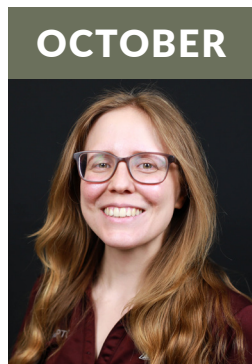
AUSTIN TIJERINA
Correctional Deputy



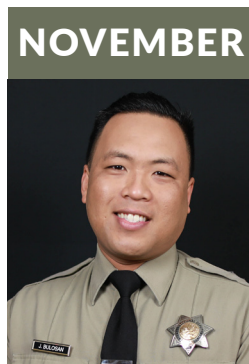
JUSTIN ROCHE
Correctional Deputy



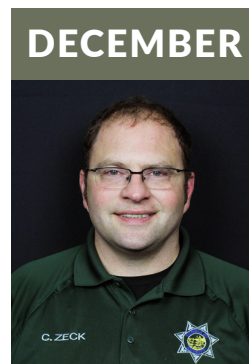
DANIELLE VICKMAN
Deputy Sheriff



SARAH HAMPTON
Property Technician



JEROME BULOSAN
Correctional Deputy



CHAD ZECK
Deputy Coroner

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RECOGNIZING BRAVERY

HCSO Lieutenant presented with Purple Heart Award



Over 14 years ago, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Kevin Miller was seriously injured in the line of duty by a drunk driver on U.S. Highway 101. On April 29, 2021, he was honored with the HCSO Purple Heart Award.

On October 21, 2006, Lt. Miller responded to assist with a domestic violence incident occurring near Trinidad. While investigating the incident, an uninvolved drunk driver traveling at highway speeds collided with the patrol vehicles parked on the shoulder of the road. The patrol vehicles

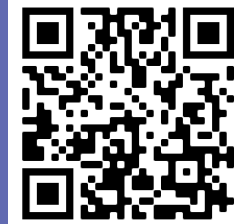
were forced forward by the collision, striking Lt. Miller. He was knocked unconscious for several minutes and sustained serious injuries requiring hospitalization.

Lt. Miller returned to work nearly a year later, following reconstructive surgery and extensive physical therapy. Today, he oversees the North Area Command for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.

Over the past 14 years, the requirements of the HCSO Purple Heart Award have changed and in re-reviewing Lt. Miller's nomination, the department's award committee found recognition for Lt. Miller to be long overdue. In a small ceremony in late April, surrounded by staff and loved ones at the McKinleyville Station, Lt. Miller was honored for putting his life at risk to serve the community all those years ago.

WATCH

Scan this QR code to watch the Purple Heart Presentation Ceremony.



Correctional Deputies save choking inmate's life

On March 8, 2021, during dinner service in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, Correctional Deputy Jakob Heckert was working in a male housing unit and noticed an inmate who appeared to be choking. Deputy Heckert called for backup and immediately began administering the Heimlich Maneuver on the choking inmate. Correctional Deputy Jennifer Hudson responded to the call for backup and assisted Deputy Heckert with life-saving efforts.

The deputies were able to successfully dislodge the obstruction from the inmate's airway, saving the inmate's life.



WATCH

Scan this QR code to hear from Deputies Heckert and Hudson and see their life-saving actions.





SAFER COMMUNITIES

2021 at a Glance

1,885
Total Arrests

766
Total Citations Issued

48,743
Total Calls for Service

6,673
Total Reports Taken

17,198
Total Deputy Initiated
Investigations



PATROL ACTIVITY: 2021

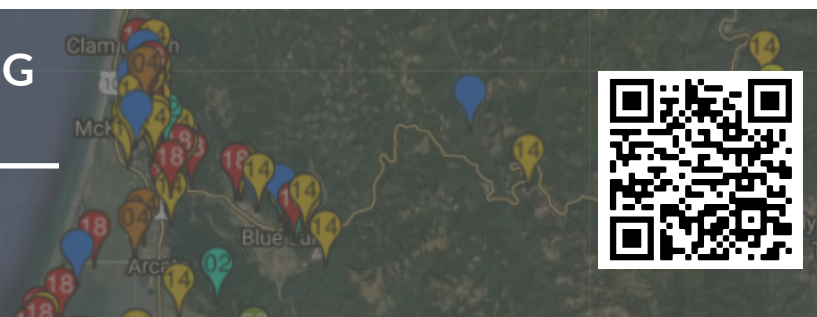
Service Area	Total Incidents	Deputy Initiated Actions	Felony Arrests (Adult & Juvenile)	Misdemeanor Arrests (Adult & Juvenile)	Total Reports
Main Station	29,358	7,428	232	492	2,578
Garberville Station	7,984	1,962	76	104	690
McKinleyville Station	20,097	5,120	167	387	1,869
Willow Creek Station	6,880	1,998	152	113	597
Trinidad - Contract City	2,417	618	15	49	244
Blue Lake- Contract City	2,150	722	25	58	256
Total	68,886	17,848	667	1,203	6,234

YTD January - December 2021

Statistics do not include arrests, incidents, or reports made by correctional staff, Drug Task Force, Special Services or other specialty divisions.

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Humboldt County Sheriff's Emergency Communications Dispatchers are the nucleus of any emergency event and continually display a service above self-attitude. In 2021, dispatchers answered and assisted hundreds of callers who were in distress and required de-escalation and intervention by the dispatcher.

In the fall of 2021, Emergency Communications Dispatchers were deployed to the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office to provide Mutual Aid during a devastating fire season. Dispatchers in all of California are now recognized at the state level as First Responders, under AB 1945, for the invaluable and instrumental role they play in public safety. Continuing with this trend, HCSO dispatchers are now part of the Humboldt Deputy Sheriff's Organization.



11
Dispatchers
(including Part Time and
Extra Help)

3
Senior
Dispatchers

1
Supervisor

26,236
9-1-1 Calls
Received

150,665
Total Calls
Received

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) TEAM



The Sheriff's EOD Team, commonly referred to as "Bomb Squad", responds to all calls involving potential explosives, including bomb threats suspicious packages, and explosions.

21
Call-Outs

14
Explosives
Rendered Safe

~ 750
Training Hours

3
Certified
Bomb
Technicians

1
Apprentice
Bomb
Technician

6
Suspicious
Package
Investigations

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT)

Humboldt County SWAT responds to barricaded suspects who refuse an order to surrender, incidents where hostages are taken, arrests of dangerous persons, and any situation that could enhance the ability to preserve life, maintain social order, and ensure the protection of property.

14
Operators

1
Arrest

2
Operations

240
Training Hours





FIGHTING THE FENTANYL EPIDEMIC

Like many counties across the state, Humboldt has seen a substantial increase in illicit Fentanyl distribution, possession and overdose cases, including an alarming number of overdose deaths. In 2020, the Humboldt County Coroner's Office investigated nine Fentanyl related deaths; in 2021, that number swelled to 34 - accounting for almost 10% of all deaths recorded by the Humboldt County Coroner's Office for the year.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid and a Schedule II narcotic that is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times more potent than heroin.

"What we are seeing currently are products that contain larger doses of Fentanyl, especially in pill form," Sergeant Matt Tomlin with Humboldt County Drug Task Force said. "Fentanyl is being transported to Humboldt County in a raw form and is used by dealers as a cutting agent to produce more product."

In 2021, Humboldt County Drug Task Force Agents seized over 13 pounds of Fentanyl. In comparison, agents seized just 3 grams of Fentanyl in 2020 and three Fentanyl patches in 2019.

Fentanyl is often added to heroin and other drugs to increase their potency, however, because the quantity of Fentanyl added to drugs is unknown to the user, accidental overdoses are becoming much more common.

According to the Drug Enforcement Administration, a lethal dose of Fentanyl consists of two milligrams, equal in size to a few grains of salt. The DEA's Fentanyl Signature Profiling Program found that 26 percent of illicit Fentanyl pills examined in 2019 contained potentially lethal doses of Fentanyl. Counterfeit pills can be difficult to distinguish from legitimate medications and are often marketed as M30s, Perc30s, Blues, or Mexican Oxy.

"One of my biggest concerns is that our teenagers and young adults are taking pills from these dealers that are laced with Fentanyl," Sheriff William Honsal said. "The chances of overdose is very high."

Fentanyl dealers and distributors appeal to youth by disguising Fentanyl with many colors (blue, orange, purple, and others). They also use social media such as Snapchat, Facebook, and Instagram to reach children and young people.

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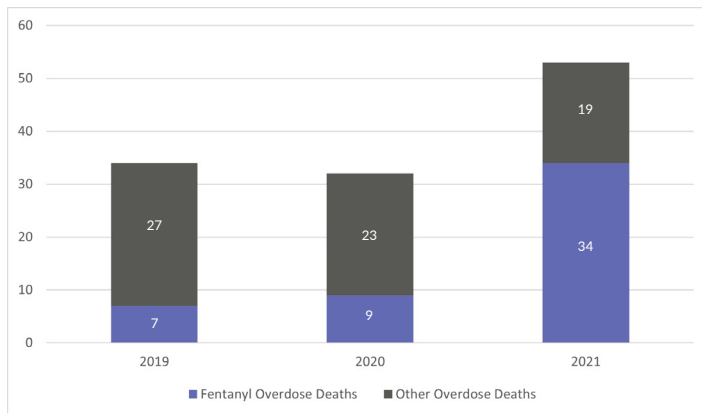
- Sheriff William Honsal

Not only is Fentanyl found in pill form, deputies are also increasingly finding Fentanyl in powder form which, if improperly handled, can be absorbed through the skin or accidentally inhaled. Due to the rising threat of Fentanyl exposure, Sheriff's deputies have been equipped with NARCAN®, a nasal spray designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose.

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In the event of an overdose, NARCAN® can be administered and can prevent death.

In California, residents can purchase NARCAN® Nasal Spray without a prescription, directly from a pharmacist, and those locally struggling with addiction are highly encouraged to carry NARCAN® in case of overdose emergency. NARCAN® is also available to the public at no cost from the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), the Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction, and the Redwood Rural Health Center.



An Overdose Emergency

The above graph depicts the growing trend of Fentanyl related overdose deaths as compared to all other overdose deaths between 2019-2021.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and Drug Task Force is aggressively investigating the sale and distribution of Fentanyl in our community. **Those who sell Fentanyl can be charged with murder.**

"We are working with both our state and federal law enforcement partners to hold those persons accountable that are pushing Fentanyl in our community," Sheriff Honsal said.

Anyone with information regarding narcotics-related crimes are encouraged to contact:

**Humboldt County Drug Task Force:
707-267-9976**

**Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Crime Tip Line:
707-268-2539**

DRUG TASK FORCE

The Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDTF) is a multi-agency narcotics task force whose mission is to disrupt or dismantle mid-to-upper level drug trafficking organizations. The HCDTF is operationally run under the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. Each participating law enforcement agency is responsible for supplying a task force agent to HCDTF.

84
Arrests

\$956,975
U.S. Currency Seized

90
Firearms Seized

162
Search Warrants Served

Illegal Drugs Seized in 2021

28.16 lb Methamphetamine

13.95 lb Fentanyl

12.39 lb Heroin

10.6 lb Prescription Narcotic Pills

8.1 lb MDMA

335 g Anabolic Steroids

134 g Psilocybin Mushrooms

132 g Cocaine

43 g Acid



SEEKING JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS AND FAMILIES

New Online Unsolved
Cases Database Seeks
to Spark New Leads in
Cases Gone Cold

Scan the
QR code below
to visit the
Unsolved Cases
Database.



In August of 2021, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office launched a new online database of unsolved missing persons and suspected homicide cases. The Unsolved Cases Database features information regarding 57 unsolved missing persons and suspected homicide cases dating back to the 1950's held by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The database includes victim photos and information, case summaries, and an interactive map plotting the general location of each case.

In addition to the new database, Sheriff Honsal created a new Cold Case Unit within our Major Crimes Division and appointed two deputy sheriffs to exclusively review these unsolved cases for new leads.

"Our Cold Case Unit deputies have been in contact with friends and family of the victims in these cases and are working to develop new leads and suspect information," Sheriff Honsal said. "But we can't do this without the public's help and that's why this new database is crucial. We hope seeing the faces of these victims and reading the summaries of their cases will help jog a memory or some information that might lead to a resolution."

A case is considered unsolved and eligible to be placed in this database if:

- There are no known suspects or suspects have been identified but the case lacks sufficient evidence needed to meet probable cause requirements for prosecution;
- The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is the primary investigating agency on this case;
- The case occurred in 2019 or earlier.

This database does not include all homicides or missing persons cases for Humboldt County and will be updated as new information is received or progress is made on a case. Some information and/or cases may not be available or listed due to the investigative status of a case.

"We urge the community to review the database and contact us if you have information to share about any of these cases," Sheriff Honsal said. "Even information that may seem insignificant can lead to the next big break on a case."

MAJOR CRIMES DIVISION

The Major Crimes Division (formerly known as the Criminal Investigations Division) works to piece together crime scenes and find justice for victims of major crimes.

7 Staff Members

(including detectives/investigators, evidence technicians and supervisors)

485

New Cases

460

Cleared Cases

3

Critical Incident Response Team Activations

82+

Search Warrants Authored/Served

2

Major Crimes Task Force Activations

74

Items Fingerprinted

98 Forensic Data Extractions Performed



2021 Major Crimes Investigations

by the numbers

- 18** Homicide/Attempted Murder/Suspicious Death
- 46** Sex Crimes/Internet Crimes against Children
- 140** Missing Persons/Runaway Juveniles
- 281** General Investigations

CORONER DIVISION

The Humboldt County Coroner's Office provides decedent collection and death investigation services to the entire county. The office consists of two deputy coroners, one deputy sheriff, one coroner sergeant, and one legal office assistant. The office is also assisted by over two dozen volunteers. Volunteers help schedule autopsies and assist with the entire autopsy process.



2021 Coroner Death Investigations

by the numbers

185 Natural Causes

11 Homicide

34 Suicide

89 Accidental

19 Under Investigation

338
Death Investigations

211
Autopsies & External Exams

4,255
Volunteer Hours



SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

The Sheriff's Special Services Division serves the residents of Humboldt County through several specialty positions and units. Special Services deputies support patrol staff day-to-day and during special operations.

Serving our community and our neighbors

In 2021, Special Services deputies conducted five search and rescue missions for lost persons or individuals who were stranded and needed rescue. Additionally, deputies assisted our neighbors in Mendocino County with a search and rescue for a missing person from Humboldt County.

During the summer months, Special Services deputies were deployed for several days in Trinity County to assist with evacuations due to the Monument Wildfire, then again in the Willow Creek area for the Knob Fire.

In late December, deputies were once again deployed to Willow Creek in response to a major

Better equipped to save lives

Over the last year, the Special Services Division procured 25 water rescue kits through the California State Parks Department of Boating & Waterways Grant. These kits contain a throw bag with a rope, a throw stick (throwable inflatable device) and an inflatable personal flotation device (inflatable life vest). The easy to use and deploy devices will be placed in every patrol car as our patrol deputies are often the first on scene in water emergencies. These tools will allow deputies to attempt to effect rescues on our rivers and other near shore water emergencies instead of having to wait for more specialized equipment to arrive.

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The Special Services Division includes Boating and Livestock deputies, Search and Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Unit, and Public Demonstration Peace Keepers.



HCSO Volunteer Search and Rescue Posse assists with a search mission.

winter storm. The storm caused many residents to become trapped on their properties without power and in some cases, running water, due to downed trees and power lines. Deputies spent several days assisting with clearing roadways and driveways in the area to allow for emergency services to access those stranded individuals.



New water rescue kit obtained through a California State Parks grant.

In 2021, the division also secured grant funding for a new ocean patrol boat. This new vessel will be better equipped for functioning in the harsh conditions often experienced on the bay and ocean waters of the North Coast. The vessel is expected to be larger than our current by 5-7' in length, have more power and an enclosed cabin, which will allow for response in conditions that would currently prevent or limit our ability to respond.

Our OHV Unit also received much needed new equipment. In 2021, the division used OHV grant funding to purchase an enclosed trailer for our tracked UTV (side by side). This trailer will help

protect the UTV during storage and transport, which will help increase its service life. Through this grant the division also obtained two new ATVs. These new vehicles replaced aging ATVs that had reached the end of their service life and provide us with two more reliable and functional machines to be used in OHV patrol activities.

Finally, the division also acquired SARTopo, a web-based mapping program that can be used for the planning and tracking of search and rescue, and disaster response and recovery missions.

MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT TEAM (MET)

Protecting our environment

The fight against illegal cannabis cultivation is bigger than cannabis. Time and time again HCSO Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) deputies and Fish and Wildlife Wardens have observed and documented egregious environmental crimes being committed at illegal cultivation sites. Deputies have observed instances of severe pollution to streams, rivers and the surrounding environment, poaching and poisoning of protected animals, illegal deforestation and land grading, and much more.

Over the past few years, deputies have also regularly observed and documented water theft from our local streams and rivers through water diversion and other methods. In some cases this year, deputies have seen wells and streams run dry as a result of illegal cultivation and persistent drought conditions, with evidence of cultivators trucking in water due to the depleted water supply. In June 2021, California declared a state of emergency due to the drought and as conditions become more severe, illicit cannabis grows continue to threaten diminished watersheds already impacted by the drought.



2021 MET Operations *by the numbers*

464,312	Cannabis Plants Eradicated
100,726.27 lbs	Processed Cannabis Destroyed
\$1.8 M	U.S. Currency Seized
565	Environmental Violations Identified
131	Firearms Seized
114	Search Warrants Served
35	Arrests

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is the primary local coordination agency for emergencies and disasters affecting residents, public infrastructure, and government operations in the county. OES staff coordinate and participate in emergency planning, response, and recovery under the direction of Sheriff Honsal and in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners.



Sign up for HUMBOLDT ALERT

Humboldt Alert is a county-wide Emergency Notification System utilized to notify local residents of severe weather, wildfires, evacuations, and more. Residents must sign up to receive these notifications.

Remember, we can't alert you, if we can't reach you!

Scan the QR code below with your phone to sign up for Humboldt Alert today!



2021 was yet another active year for our Office of Emergency Services. In total, OES responded to six incidents of varying levels of complexity, providing for alert and warning services, public information, logistical support, advanced planning, and operational coordination. In addition to the frequent emergency activations or monitoring events, OES continued to prioritize facility upgrades to our main office/Emergency Operations Center (EOC). In 2021, OES procured new whiteboards to line our office walls, new chairs for the EOC, new laptops and monitors to increase the number of functional workstations in the EOC, and a large smart board for event monitoring, training, and information sharing.

Two of the most significant projects that OES undertook in 2021 were the Restricted Area Access Pass Program and the development of county-wide evacuation zones in partnership with Zonehaven ([read more about these projects on pages 9 and 10 of this publication](#)). Additionally, the Office established two new volunteer teams to assist with emergency response. The first of these, the Humboldt County Auxiliary Communications (AuxComm) Team, is comprised of amateur (HAM) radio operators. In an emergency in which traditional methods of communication are not functioning, AuxComm Team members will assist emergency responders to communicate important information including current hazards, road information, injuries or casualties, and other safety information. The second new volunteer team, the Disaster Animal Response Team, works in cooperation with local agencies to ensure the best possible outcome for animals in Humboldt County and other areas who need assistance during an emergency.



HCSO coordinates the donation of 90 generators to the Humboldt County Office of Education.

OES staff meet with community members during a Coffee with a Cop event in Garberville.

AuxComm Team conducts Great Shakeout Drill.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

The Animal Control Division responds to all animal-related calls for service and oversees the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, which houses and provides medical care for stray and abandoned animals. In 2021, Animal Control bolstered its disaster response capabilities through disaster response training for Animal Control Officers, obtaining a trailer to transport emergency supplies, and working to further develop the new Disaster Animal Response Team.

Additionally, in 2021 the Animal Shelter implemented new technology to begin accepting credit and debit cards for payments. In December, the Shelter raised over \$16,500 through their annual fundraiser for the Emergency Medical Fund.



Animal Control *by the numbers*

2,330

Animal-Related
Calls for Service

475

Pets Returned
to Owner

1,305

Animals Processed
into the Animal
Shelter

6,022

Volunteer Hours
Served at the
Animal Shelter

460

Pet Adoptions

59

Volunteers

3

Animal Control
Officers

14

Staff Members

ADOPT FROM THE SHELTER

Scan the QR code with your phone to see all adoptable pets at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter or visit humboldtsheriff.org/adopt.



COURT PROTECTION / CIVIL DIVISION

Court Protection deputies provide courthouse security, courtroom order and security, protection of the judges, court staff, public and prisoner handling, and movement between the Correctional Facility and operating courts. Meanwhile, civil deputies and staff process and serve all civil process paperwork.



2
Criminal
Subpoenas
Served

214
Temporary
Restraining
Orders Served

131
Eviction
Orders
Enforced

PROPERTY DIVISION

The Property/Evidence Division accepts, catalogs, processes and stores all evidence collected from crime scenes, found or abandoned property, and items taken for safekeeping.

In 2021, the Property Division hired two new Property Technicians to supplement existing staff. Property staff have been working diligently to digitize property records into the Sheriff's Office's records system, RIMS.

7,474
Items Received

348
Item's Returned
to Owner

1,313
Drug/Narcotics Items
Processed

5
Property Technicians
(including Extra Help)

276
Reported Stolen Items
Recovered

482
Guns Processed

52,163
Average Total Items in
Property

2,500%
Increase in Amount of
Fentanyl Booked
into Property



FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

The HCSO's Financial Services Division provides budget and payroll, accounts payable and receivable, central purchasing and supply, data services, and inventory control. The division also oversees the administration and coordination of multiple grants awarded to the department. Visit page 37 in this report for more information about the Sheriff's Office's budget and grants.



RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division is the county repository for criminal records, including criminal offender registrations. Records staff process deputy reports, maintain the automated want/warrant system, and provide Live Scan fingerprinting services. The Records Division also processes business licenses and Concealed Carry Weapons Permits.

In 2021, a new position for a Legal Office Assistant Supervisor was created to assist with the oversight of the division. With the creation of this position, staff began cross-training in the Records and Civil Divisions, so that Legal Office Assistants can serve in either capacity should the need arise.

The Records Division has also played a large role in the shift to begin collecting and reporting Stop Data, in compliance with the Racial Identity and Profiling Act (RIPA). Records staff ensures that this information is completed and submitted timely to the California Department of Justice.

Additionally, the staff worked to prepare for the April 2022 transition to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) from the Uniform Crime Reporting System. Unlike data reported through the UCR Program's traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS)—an aggregate monthly tally of crimes—NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident, as well as on separate offenses within the same incident, including information on victims, known offenders,



relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes. Because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared, NIBERS provides more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing.

Transparency Portal

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has established an online transparency portal to help our community access public records, department policies and more.

Scan the QR code to access the portal or visit:
humboldtsheriff.org/transparency.





PUTTING THE PUBLIC FIRST

New Sheriff's Office website makes accessing services even easier

In July 2021, the HCSO unveiled a new look for the public facing website and a new, easier to remember web address: HumboldtSheriff.org.

The website, which is tied into the County of Humboldt's web system, previously did not offer the most user-friendly experience. Following the "three-click rule," the new website was designed to get members of the community where they need to go quicker, requiring less steps to find and access information. The new website quickly connects the community with the latest Sheriff news and press releases, forms and permits, inmate information, and more.

The re-design was done with accessibility in mind and all county web pages offer alternative access means through the AudioEye plug-in. Community members who prefer to access content in another language also have the option to translate pages using a Google Language plug-in which is available at the bottom corner of every web page.

Connecting with the community in new ways

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued through 2021, in-person gatherings and events were few and far between. During a typical year, Sheriff's Office staff attend dozens of events, providing safety services, sharing information about our office, and meeting members of our community.

While staff were able to do limited outreach, such as through Coffee with a Cop, the meaningful connections weren't happening at a rate they used to in the past. Enter social media. Some love it, some hate it.

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NEW WEBSITE

Live Now

We've got a new look! Find the information you are looking for easier on the new HumboldtSheriff.org.



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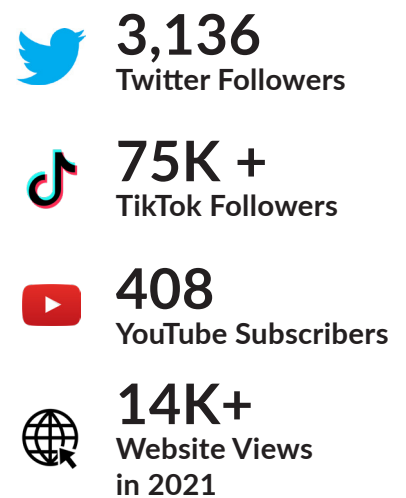
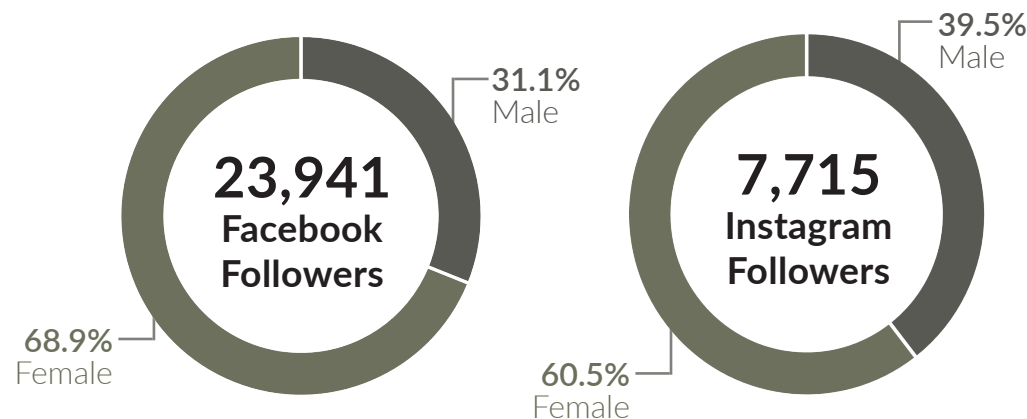


At the HCSO, we see social media as a way to meet our community where they are at, to have dialogue and connect with people who may never otherwise speak to a law enforcement officer. The office has made great strides to improve our online presence and build a following on multiple social channels.

Not only do our social media platforms allow for better community connections, they also help the office disseminate important safety information

quickly. Deputies have used social media to generate leads and solve crimes. Our office has also used our social channels to communicate evacuation information and public safety threats. We have the ability to reach more people now than ever before with just the click of a button. In an age of fake news, our office strives to be the source of accurate information shared consistently to our community.

HCSO Social Reach



Going beyond the call

In addition to their daily service to our community, HCSO deputies and staff continue to go above and beyond, donating time, money and energy to make our community a better place to live.

Pink Patch Project

In October, HCSO staff took part in the Pink Patch Project to raise funds for the Humboldt County Breast and GYN Health Project in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In total, staff raised over \$1,200 to go toward supporting our local cancer fighters through the sale of custom pink patches, stickers and paracord bracelets.

No Shave November

Throughout November, staff were given the chance to opt out of dress code, growing out their facial hair and/or coloring their hair and nails blue, for a donation of \$30 to Humboldt CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) or Wild Souls Ranch as part of "No Shave November." In total, we raised \$3,000 which was split between the two organizations.



Battle of the Badges

In July, the Sheriff's Office captured first place at the Eureka Police Department's annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive, a competition between local public safety agencies to donate the most blood.



Halloween Outreach

Getting into the Halloween spirit, a small group of Sheriff's Office staff worked together to get donations from several local businesses in order to assemble and distribute Halloween treat bags to children in our community. HCSO staff attended Halloween events in both Garberville and Eureka, handing out hundreds of bags.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SCOP

The year was 1995. Crime was rising in the small town of McKinleyville and Sheriff Dennis Lewis, who had been elected the year prior, was operating a department in the midst of a budget crisis. As the budget shrunk, forced cuts were made, and the pressure for better public safety built, Sheriff Lewis began seeking creative ideas to both save money and provide the public with the services they needed. In December 1995, the **Sheriff's Citizen's On Patrol (SCOP)** program was born.

The concept was simple: recruit community volunteers to conduct uniformed patrols of the county in marked Sheriff vehicles. Not only would the volunteers serve as a visual crime deterrent but essentially, they would be the "eyes and ears" of the department. Also seeking innovative ways to do more for the county with less, the Board of Supervisors agreed with the concept, allocating over \$11,000 in October 1995 to get the program up and running. Supplemented by community donations, the first SCOP Academy began that December with 14 volunteers. The SCOP members underwent a 40-hour training program over the course of 10 weeks and began the first patrols of the program in early spring of 1996 in McKinleyville.

25 years later, SCOP continues to thrive; now serving McKinleyville and Greater Eureka. While the volunteers may be new, the job remains the

same: to reduce and prevent crime. SCOP volunteers conduct high visibility patrols, vacation house

checks, traffic control, and more. Over the years, SCOP has also become a champion of community improvement, helping identify and lobby for projects such as safer crosswalks, better signage, and more. Their hard work for the McKinleyville community was recognized formally in 2017 when the program was chosen for the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Community Builder's Award.

As the program looks toward the next 25 years, they are actively seeking more volunteers to help make a difference in our community.



Citizens on patrol
 Humboldt County Sheriff Dennis Lewis, left, announces the start of the Sheriff's Citizens on Patrol program in McKinleyville at Opie's Fine Cars on Tuesday. Program coordinator Don Fleese, second from left, acknowledges a \$1,500 contribution by owner Opie Hendricks, right, in support of the program. The sheriff also thanked Hank Pearson, center, for a \$1,500 contribution and donation of office space to the department's crime prevention office in McKinleyville. Some of the program's first group of volunteers stand at rear. The group will provide voluntary citizen law enforcement assistance to supplement Sheriff's Department.

SCOP by the Numbers

3,900
 Volunteer
 Hours Served

130
 Patrols
 Conducted

3
 Special Events
 Assisted

VOLUNTEER WITH SCOP

Scan the QR code with your phone to learn more about SCOP and download an application, or visit humboldtsheriff.org.





CUSTODY SERVICES

2021 at a Glance

109

Correctional Deputies

280

Average Daily Population

6,654

Inmate Bookings

18

Average Number of Days Spent In Custody

PROGRESS DESPITE A PANDEMIC

A year of improvements in the face of restrictions

Though the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on our correctional facility, our staff quickly adapted to comply with restrictions to keep inmates and employees safe. As the facility entered into a second year of mandatory masking and canceled in-person programming, staff turned to innovative solutions to keep up morale.



Body Worn Camera Upgrades

The facility also upgraded all body cameras worn by Correctional Deputies to the Axon Body 3. The new cameras are a big improvement, with enhanced low-light performance, reduced motion blur, and clearer audio.

Facility Upgrades

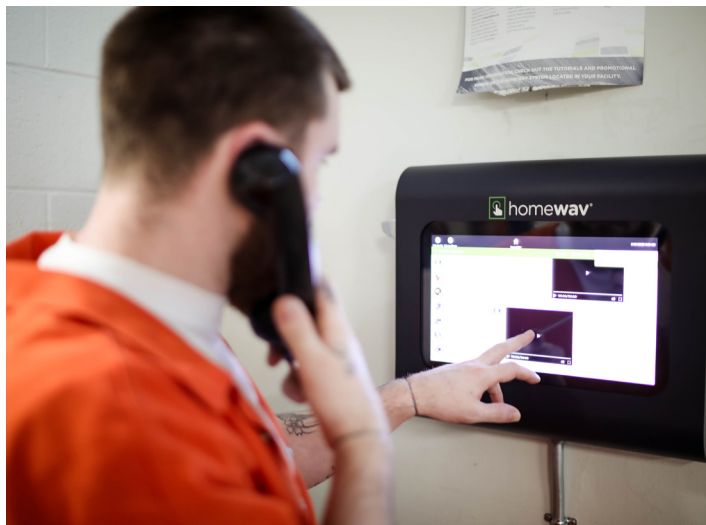
Over the course of the year, four housing units were retrofitted to be more accessible for all persons, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, the facility installed new security cameras in and around the building, and made improvements to sobering cells.

NARCAN® Training

Due to the increased amount of Fentanyl in our community, all correctional deputies underwent training on the use of NARCAN®, a nasal spray designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. All deputies now carry NARCAN® in each unit. In July, correctional staff saved four inmates from potential overdose in one of the dormitory-style housing units.

Recruiting and Retaining Employees

In 2021, the county Board of Supervisors authorized a \$9,000 hiring bonus for lateral Correctional Deputy hires. Additionally, the Board approved highly sought after raises for our correctional staff. A recruitment team was formed to explore ways to further find and hire great employees.



HomeWav Video Visitation

In spring of 2021, the Correctional Facility went live with HomeWav, a video visitation system available to inmates in all of the facility's dorms. The new system allows inmates to visit with friends and family without the in-person risk of spreading COVID.

Prioritizing Wellness

Due to the growing need for increased mental health services within our facility, corrections staff worked with our medical provider and the county's Department of Health and Human Services to expand mental health services within the facility to six days a week.

The facility has also made great strides to prioritize staff wellness, implementing feedback systems to identify improvements to work spaces and processes, and offering additional avenues of support for employees struggling mentally or emotionally.

SHERIFF'S WORK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

The Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) is an alternative to incarceration for low-risk offenders. Offenders are able to work off their time at the Sheriff's Wood Lot, Farm, Animal Shelter, the County Garage, the McKinleyville Community Services District, or the Hoopa Food Distribution Center. Our SWAP program also partners with local cities, agencies, and airports, providing work crews to attend to those organizations' maintenance needs. This reduces overcrowding inside the jail and allows individuals to remain productive members of society.

SWAP Location	Hours Served
Animal Shelter	872
Sheriff's Farm	9,048
Hoopa Foods	280
MCSO	1,624
Motorpool	2,056
Wood Lot	4,640
County (other)	632
Cities	2,336
Botanical Gardens	1,616
Schools	256
All Others	560
TOTAL HOURS:	23,920

143
Average
Number of
SWAP
Participants

153
Program
Completions
in 2021

137
Cords of Wood
Provided to
Seniors

Sheriff's SWAP Farm

The SWAP Farm grows produce, harvests eggs, and raises livestock to supply food to our Correctional Facility. Excess produce is regularly donated to local non-profits to help feed our low income and houseless communities. The farm has a thriving pig project which not only supplies pork to our Correctional Facility, but provides low-cost meat to local citizens. The farm also supports our local 4-H/FFA by providing show pigs at a reduced cost to students.

1,319 lbs
Produce Donated
to the Community

7,980
Eggs Collected
from the Farm

195
Pigs Born
at the Farm

430+
Pumpkins Donated for
Local Fall Festivities



PROGRAMS-BASED CORRECTIONS

COVID-19 has continued to impact the Programs Division by preventing volunteers from meeting with inmates in person. As the COVID restrictions have continued, all volunteer programs are being facilitated through ZOOM. ZOOM programs are available five days a week and currently offer Meditation, AA meetings, NA meetings, and

religious programs from multiple denominations. Additionally, new this year, the Programs Division now offers a six-week ZOOM theatre class with staff from Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre, a weekly watercolor art class, an interactive journaling class, and a book club.

131

Inmates Enrolled in College Courses

8,082

Total Class Hours Completed

465

Successful Course Enrollments

22

Jail-Based Competency Treatment Graduates

Rehabilitation through art

It started with an idea: a mural to brighten up an area of the Humboldt County Correctional Facility that nearly all inmates visit during their stay.

“I was having a group chat in our Medical Unit with some of the nurses about how it would be nice to have something on the wall because this is where inmates come and sit down when they are waiting to be seen for medical treatments,” Correctional Deputy Samantha Sentic said.

After getting approval from Administrative staff, Deputy Sentic put out a call for artwork samples to those incarcerated in the facility. Inmates interested in the project were asked to submit a rough draft drawing that featured an ocean theme.

“Once we narrowed it down to a couple inmates, we asked them to do a larger size with actual paints to see how they did with a bigger medium instead of just a normal piece of paper,” Deputy Sentic said.

Despite never before doing a painting or an artwork to this scale, HCCF Inmate Jackson Parrott was selected and accepted the challenge. Parrot said painting the mural “was a big learning



process.” In total, the mural took him about four months to complete.

For Parrott the opportunity meant something to look forward to while serving his time incarcerated.

“It’s definitely opposite of how I usually do my time and so it’s been pretty cool,” Parrott said. “I think there are a lot more people in here that can probably do some cool stuff too if given the opportunity.”

With a lot of blank walls in the facility, Deputy Sentic says staff are open to the idea of another mural contest in the future, seeing it as an opportunity to reduce recidivism and help inmates develop skills to use after release.

“It makes them feel like they have something to offer,” Deputy Sentic said. “It keeps them out of trouble and on the right path, so hopefully when they get out they can continue to push with what their talents are and bring some good and beauty to the community.”

WATCH

Scan this QR code to see more of the Medical Unit mural.





APPENDIX

Department
Organization Chart

Department Budget

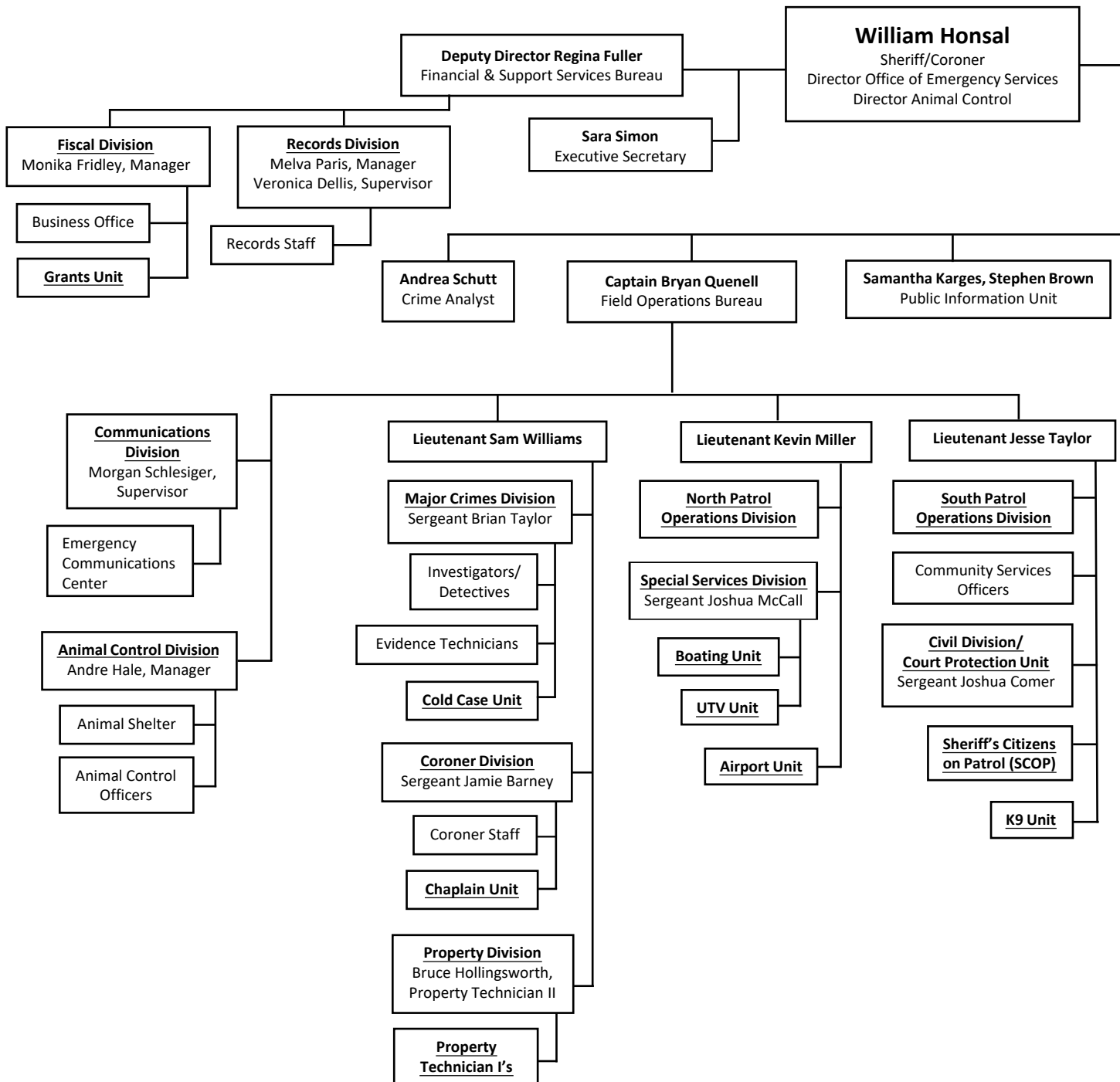
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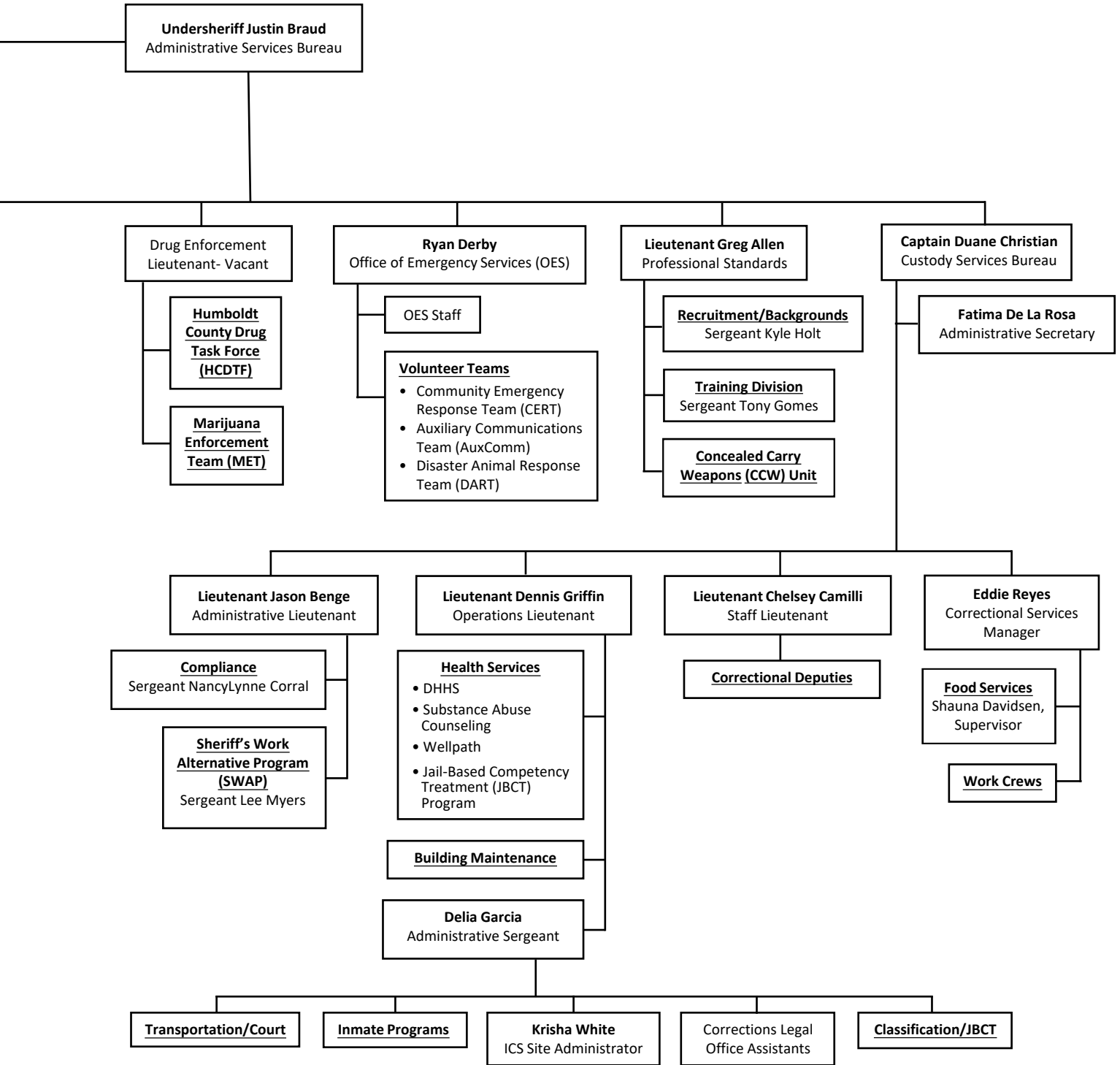
UCR Part I Crimes

Coroner's Office
Statistics

Employee Recognition

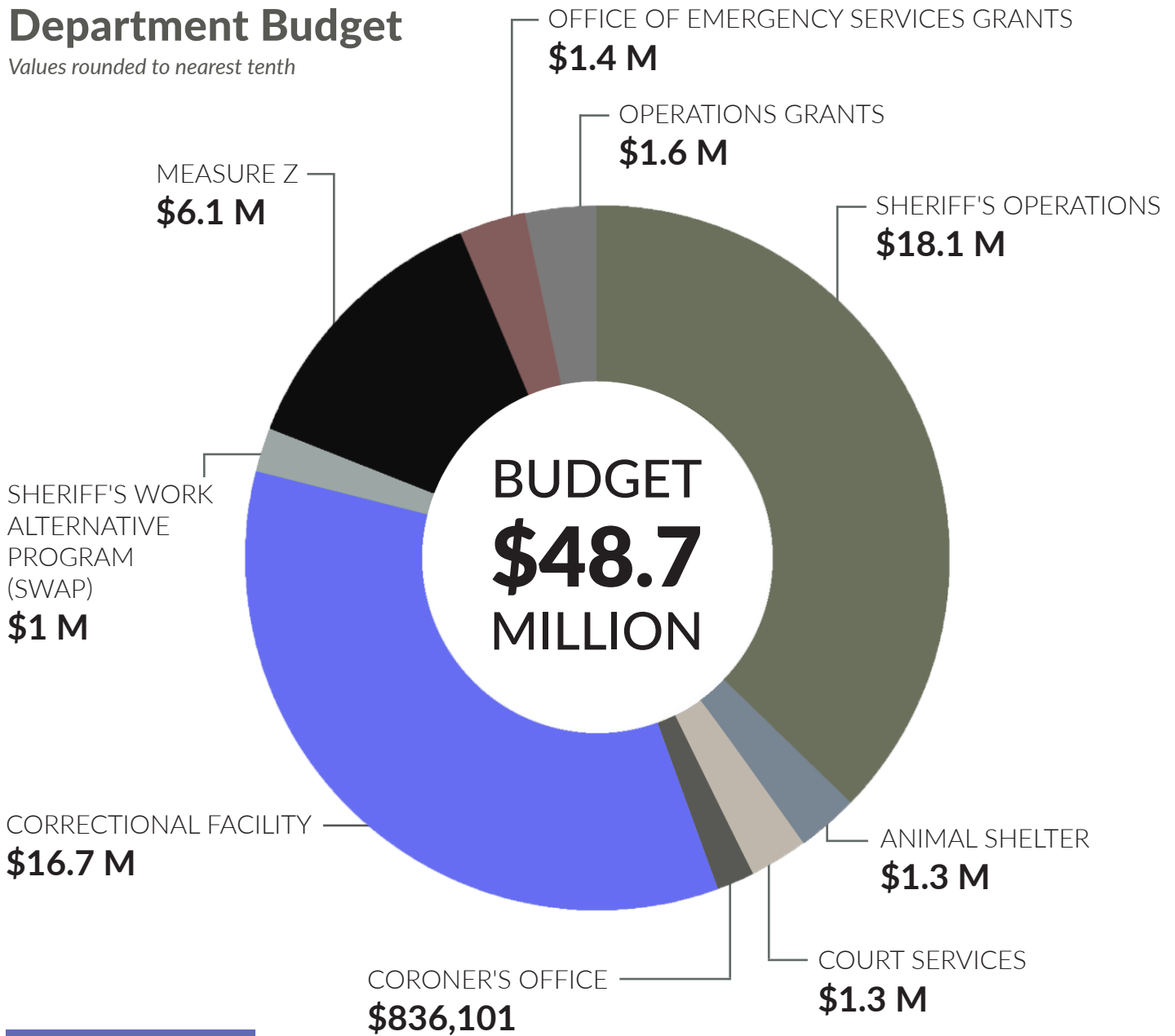
Department Organization Chart





Department Budget

Values rounded to nearest tenth



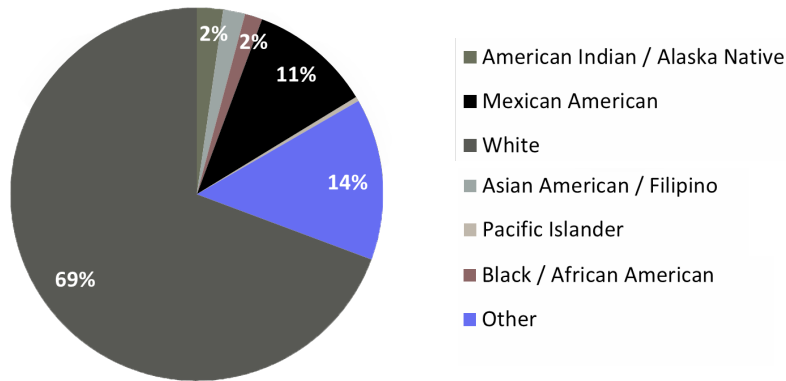
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GRANTS AWARDED TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	
Sheriff Operations	Office of Emergency Services
Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement Grant	Homeland Security Grant (3)
USDA Forest Services Grants (2)	Hazard Mitigation Grant
Boating Safety Grant	EMPG Grant (2)
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (Byrne JAG) (3)	Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant
Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program Grant (2)	Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Grant
Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Grant (2)	COVID-19 Funding
Proposition 64 Grant	
Bulletproof Vest Grant	

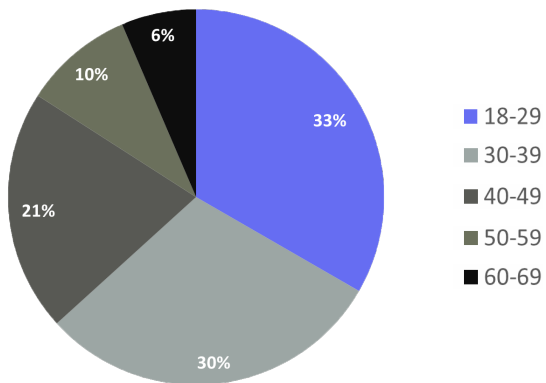
Department Demographics

All Full-Time Staff



RACE	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
American Indian / Alaska Native	6	2%
Asian American / Filipino	5	2%
Black / African American	4	2%
Mexican American	28	11%
Pacific Islander	1	less than 1%
Other	37	14%
White	183	69%

*Percentages rounded to nearest whole number



AGE	COUNT	PERCENTAGE
18-29	88	33%
30-39	79	30%
40-49	55	21%
50-59	25	10%
60-69	17	6%

*Percentages rounded to nearest whole number



Male Employees

166
62.9%



Female Employees

98
37.1%

UCR Part I Crime

Violent Crime

Homicide

↑ 43%

2020 | 7
2021 | 10

Rape

↑ 52%

2020 | 25
2021 | 38

Robbery

↑ 9%

2020 | 32
2021 | 35

Assault

↑ 20%

2020 | 732
2021 | 882

Property Crime

Burglary

↑ 10%

2020 | 373
2021 | 410

Larceny

↓ 2%

2020 | 606
2021 | 597

Vehicle Theft

↑ 11%

2020 | 28
2021 | 31

Other Crime Types

Domestic Violence

PC 273.5, PC 243(e)(1)

↑ 15%

2020 | 271
2021 | 311

Arson

↑ 15%

2020 | 13
2021 | 15

Assaults on Deputies

PC 243(C)(2), PC 243(b), PC 243.1

↑ 22%

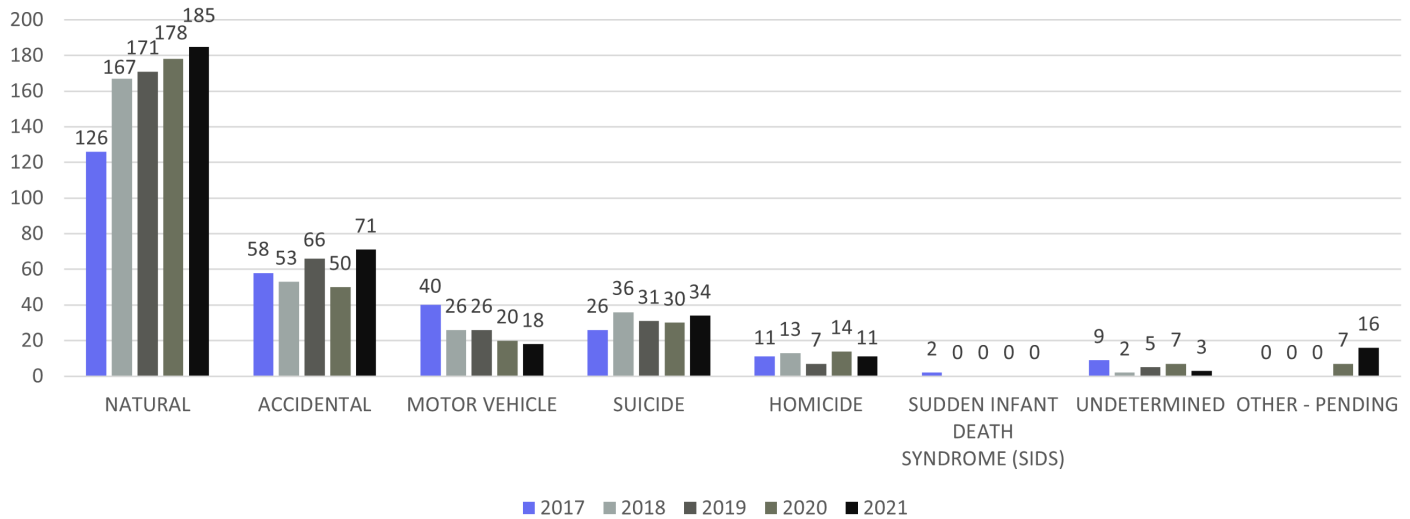
2020 | 18
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Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

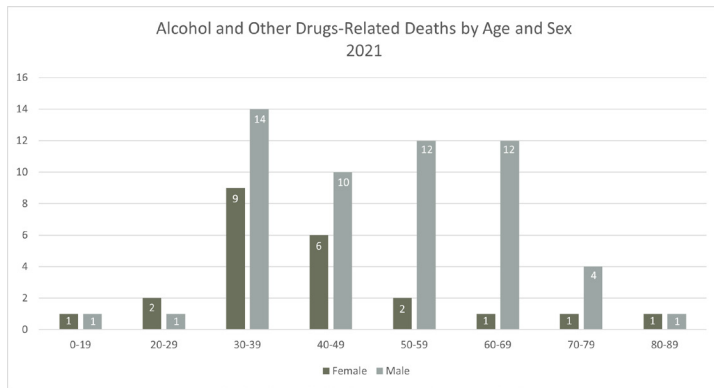
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Coroner's Office Statistics

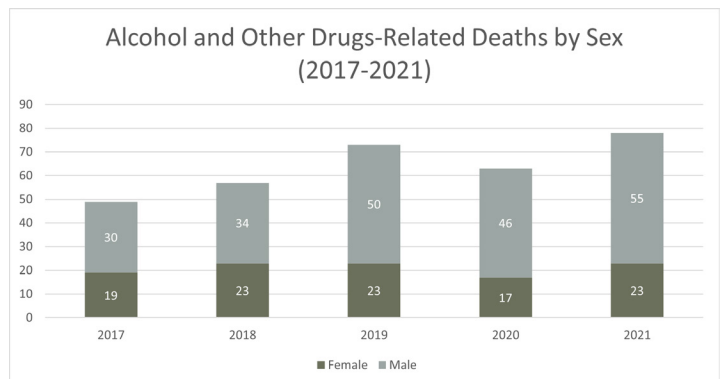
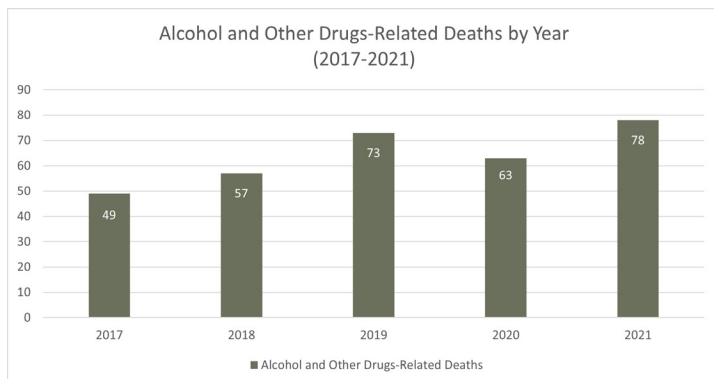
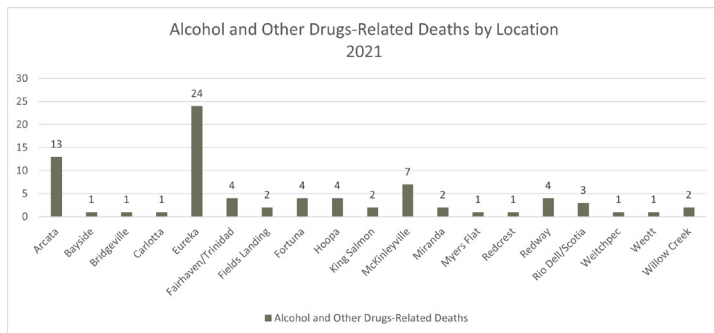
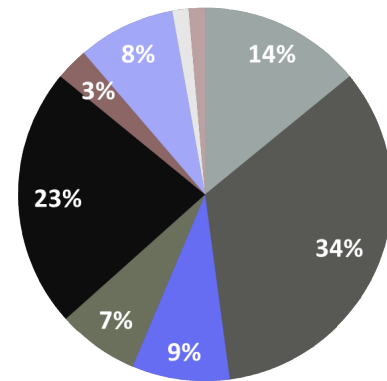
Humboldt County Recorded Manners of Death (2017-2020)



Alcohol and Other Drugs-Related Deaths



Alcohol and Other Drugs-Related Deaths by Substance in 2021



Staff Spotlight

Employee Promotions

- **Joshua Comer**
Promotion to Sheriff's Sergeant,
Head Range Master
- **Amy Demant**
Promotion to Administrative Secretary
- **Travis Rogers**
Promotion to Special Services
- **Karl Norton**
Promotion to Corporal
- **Tim Jones**
Promotion to Corporal
- **Chelsey Camilli**
Promotion to Correctional Lieutenant
- **Hal Esget**
Promotion to K9 Handler
- **Kyle Holt**
Promotion to Recruitment Sergeant
- **Veronica Dellis**
Promotion to Legal Office Assistant Supervisor
- **Miguel Martinez**
Promotion to Senior Emergency
Communications Dispatcher
- **Meghan Hwang**
Promotion to K9 Handler
- **Brandon Head**
Promotion to Sheriff's Investigator
- **Anthony James**
Promotion to Supervising Correctional Deputy
- **Julia Rutledge**
Promotion to Senior Correctional Deputy
- **Monika Fridley**
Promotion to Business Manager
- **Andrea Sherrod**
Promotion to Sergeant
- **Greg Allen**
Promotion to Administrative Lieutenant
- **Eric Losey**
Promotion to FTO Sergeant

Employee Awards and Commendations

- **Deputy Hal Esget**
CVC 10851 Recovery Award
- **Deputy Nathan Cumbow**
CVC 10851 Recovery Award
- **Deputy Foy Melendy**
Humboldt Heroes Award
- **Lieutenant Kevin Miller**
Purple Heart Award
- **Deputy Kellen Brown**
Special Commendation
- **Legal Office Assistant Brittany Miller**
Special Commendation
- **Deputy Justin Pryor**
Special Commendation
- **Deputy Meghan Hwang**
Special Commendation
- **Sergeant Jamie Barney**
Special Commendation
- **Chaplain Bryan Morse**
Special Commendation
- **Deputy Julian Aguilar**
Special Commendation

Employee Retirements

- **Sergeant Kerry Ireland**
18 years in Law Enforcement
- **Deputy Martin Perrone**
23 years in Law Enforcement
- **John Wilson, Legal Office Assistant II**
20 years with the County of Humboldt
- **Deputy Michael Coonfield**
26 years in Law Enforcement
- **Deputy Bryan Maus**
19 years in Law Enforcement
- **Elisa Girsback, Legal Office Assistant**
23 years with the County of Humboldt
- **Alisa Cudney, Executive Secretary**
13 years with the County of Humboldt



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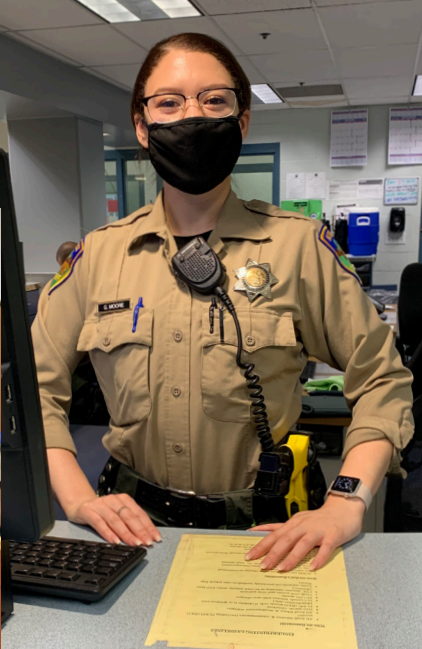
Deputy Sheriff I \$4,401+ /month

Emergency Communications
Dispatcher \$3,943+ /month

Correctional Deputy \$3,396+ /month

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