A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

As my second year as Police Chief comes to a close, I am pleased to present the Ventura Police Department 2021 Annual Report. After a couple of decades of absence, the annual report is being brought back in continuance of our commitment to transparency and enhancing police and community collaboration. This report is intended to present a brief snapshot into police operations and bring awareness of local crime trends, public safety and problem-solving strategies, as well as information about organizational operations, crime reporting, arrest information, calls for service, response times, and community outreach. Staffed with nearly 250 sworn, professional staff, and volunteers, the men and women of the Ventura Police Department pride themselves on serving and protecting this community.

As we moved into the second year of a global pandemic, everyday responses to community concerns, proactive policing efforts, and quality of life issues related to vagrancy continued to account for a significant number of calls for service. Our nation experienced concerning surges in violent crime this last year, especially in larger cities. In Ventura, the crime rate remained relatively stable, with an overall reduction in Part 1 Crime of 3.5 percent; however, we did experience an increase in some violent crimes. The year ended with a 5 percent reduction in property crime and a 15 percent increase in violent offenses like robberies, sexual assaults, and aggravated assaults.

As I look at the changing landscape ahead, I see a lot of hope and promise. The dedicated men and women of the Ventura Police Department will continue to serve with the utmost professionalism and integrity. As we move forward in 2022 and beyond, we will continue to forge new partnerships and will approach each day with community service at the forefront of what we do. A big thank you to every member of our talented team for another year of selflessness and excellence in serving the community.

Darin Schindler, Police Chief
OUR MISSION
To protect, serve, and problem solve with our community

OUR VISION
Great people, providing exceptional service

OUR VALUES
Excellence, Integrity, Professional, Respect, Transparent

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

CHIEF OF POLICE

ASSISTANT CHIEF

BUSINESS / ACCOUNTING

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

RECORDS

FIELD OPERATIONS

PATROL COMMANDER

PATROL

COMMAND CENTER

FRONT DESK

PATROL COMMANDER

PATROL

VCMC

PATROL COMMANDER

PATROL

FOCUS PATROL

VCMC

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMANDER

TRAFFIC / PARKING

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT

PATROL TASK FORCE

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

INVESTIGATIONS COMMANDER

INVESTIGATIONS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMANDER

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

VOLUNTEERS

ACADEMY
SWORN POLICE OFFICERS

FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF

PART-TIME PROFESSIONAL STAFF

VOLUNTEERS

AROUND THE CLOCK COVERAGE FOR THE SAFETY OF VENTURA

Evidence shows the individual actions of police officers have the greatest impact on a community’s perception of police legitimacy. When officers are equipped to deal with adverse reactions to stress, they are better prepared to handle situations fairly, respectfully, empathetically, and calmly. Additionally, 7 in 10 first responders say they’d be more likely to seek professional counseling if a leader in their organization spoke openly and encouraged it. By creating a culture of mental, physical, and spiritual wellbeing and by investing in our officers, we can improve health and trust. In turn, this leads to more positive contacts, fewer negative interactions, and less stress, ultimately resulting in increased job satisfaction, a higher quality work environment, and better service to our community.

In 2021, our Wellness Program expanded even further and in addition to the on-duty exercise program, our strong peer support, and critical incident debriefings, we now have a mental health and wellness component requiring all officers, dispatchers, and crime scene investigators to complete an annual check-in with a mental health clinician. The program is also available to all non-mandated employees.
The Ventura Police Department serves the City of Ventura, which is home to over 100,000 residents. Additionally, the city has a variety of offerings bringing tourists and visitors on a daily basis. Downtown Ventura, the Ventura Community College District, the Ventura County Jail and Government Center, and the Ventura County Medical Center are just a few of the large draws for visitors. Beyond that, Ventura is home to state beaches, trails, parks, and thriving businesses.

Our Communications Center operates around the clock with 3 sworn, 2 Senior Dispatchers, 1 Training Coordinator, and 14 Dispatchers. Ventura PD is the Public Safety Answering Point in Ventura for all emergency calls (Police, Fire, EMS). In 2021, we received a grant allowing us to upgrade our phone systems, bringing them in compliance with NextGen 911. Our center also offers "Text to 911" for residents in a scenario where they're unable to make a phone call.

**Priorities**

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**Target Response Time**

Our target response time to Priority 1 calls is **less than 5:00 minutes**.
To strengthen community partnerships, increase collaboration, and streamline problem solving efforts in each area of town, a VPD Commander has been assigned to work with each councilmember and Neighborhood Community Council to better serve residents and businesses.

**UNIT RESPONSES**

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**DISTRICT COMMANDERS**

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As part of our three-year Strategic Plan to focus on our most important resources, our Team, we committed to: maintaining 100% compliance with the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) requirements, increase statewide POST training courses hosted at VPD, and maintain POST certified instructors in key training dimensions.

In 2021, we were 100% within POST compliance, increased the hosting of POST training courses at VPD by 300%, and maintained POST certified officers as training instructors in critical perishable skills areas. These include Emergency Vehicles Operations, Force Options, Defensive Tactics, De-escalation, and Tactical Firearms.

**ANNUAL OFFICER TRAINING: 50-60 hours**

Sworn officers attend an 8-10 hour in-service training day once every two months. Training topics include a legal update, implicit bias, defensive tactics, firearms training, defensive driving, use of force, de-escalation, active shooter, scenario-based training, less lethal munitions, CPR, tactical communications, and much more.

**WEEKLY OFFICER TRAINING**

Sworn officers engage in a 15-30 minute training three times per week during patrol briefing covering topics such as officer safety, officer rescue, searching techniques, emergency casualty care, case law, and more.

**SPECIALIZED TRAINING: 7,378 total hours**

Specialized training hours cover officers that were sent to specialized training in addition to VPD’s required on-going trainings.

Areas of training include, but are not limited to: radar and lidar operator course, interview & interrogation, crisis intervention, homicide investigations, narcotics investigations, survival tactics, firearms instructor, drug abuse recognition, hostage rescue, tactical dispatch, traffic collision investigation, assertive supervision, women leaders in law enforcement, school campus safety, force options, de-escalation, range master, field training officer, supervisor course, advanced roadside impairment enforcement, gang investigations, peer support, and more.

**SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS (SWAT): 192 hours minimum, annually**

Members of our SWAT team complete 80 hours of initial SWAT School training and a required 16 hours per month of ongoing team training. Specialty SWAT training includes 80 hours of sniper school, 32 hours of breaching tools instructor training, 16 hours of chemical agent instructor training, 16 hours of Diversionary Distraction Device instructor training, 16 hours of flashbang instructor training, and 32 hours of hostage rescue training.
INVESTIGATIONS

MAJOR CRIMES UNIT- investigates homicides, major felonies, officer involved shootings, incidents with injured or threatened officers, and gang-related crimes.

SPECIAL VICTIMS’ UNIT- investigates sex crimes, domestic violence, child abuse, elder/dependant adult abuse, missing persons, human trafficking, and sex offender registration compliance. These detectives are also specially trained in Child Forensic Interview skills.

STREET CRIMES UNIT- investigates residential and commercial burglaries, stolen vehicles, street robberies, fraud, and engage in undercover operations, high-risk arrests, and surveillance.

NARCOTICS UNIT- investigates narcotics sales, overdose deaths, narcotics manufacturing, and engage in high risk arrest operations and undercover surveillance.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE TECHNICIANS- handle red-light photo enforcement, body-worn video evidence, larceny, vandalisms, fraud, missing persons investigations, sex offender registration and compliance, evidence disposal, and follow-ups. In 2021, our 5 CITs completed 450 investigations.

BY THE NUMBERS

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FINAL PART ONE UCR CRIMES - 2021

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2021 DDF Population E-1 Table: 105,415
CRIME_SCENE
INVESTIGATIONS

Our two crime scene investigators are on call 24/7, 365 days a year. They respond to crime scenes in Ventura and primary field duties include photography and documenting and collecting all evidence like fingerprints, DNA, shoe wear impressions, and ballistics. In addition to responding to crime scenes and conducting follow-up, with the department’s own Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), they were able to provide additional in-house services to increase efficiency in investigations.

82 CALLS FOR SERVICE
1,400 LATENT PRINT COMPARISONS
46 AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM SUBMISSIONS
42 LATENT PRINT IDENTIFICATIONS

PROPERTY

Our two police services officers in our Property Room handle intake, storage, preservation, and organization of all property and evidence. They also prepare evidence disposition paperwork, items for auction, narcotics and weapons for destruction, and coordinate evidence viewings.

BOOKED INTO PROPERTY

$93,417.06 CASH ONLY

10,695 TOTAL ITEMS, NOT INCLUDING NARCOTICS AND MONEY

285 FIREARMS

REPORTED STOLEN

$3,610,687.57 BOTH CASH AND FRAUDULENT CHARGES

13,224 TOTAL ITEMS, NOT INCLUDING NARCOTICS AND MONEY

25 FIREARMS

270 BICYCLES

351 BICYCLES
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Our three School Resource Officers help ensure a safe and secure environment for Ventura’s students. They are assigned full time to Ventura, Buena, Pacific and Foothill High Schools and also work with staff and students at the District’s middle and elementary schools to address issues and concerns as they arise. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic impacting the ’20-’21 school year, SROs were on site upon request. In April 2021, they returned to campus full-time. In 2021, they spent 4,440 hours supporting school district needs.

School Resource Officers handle hundreds of calls ranging from social media campus threats and suspicious individuals on campus to traffic concerns, lockdowns, and smaller requests on a case by case basis. They also train VUSD staff on proper lockdown and active assailant procedures to keep students safe. Finally, they engage in dozens of safety presentations and educational campaigns on campuses all across Ventura.

Our five K9 teams provide protection to our community 24/7. All canines past and present have been paid for through the generosity of our community donors, which helped pay for the canines, their training, medical bills, protective gear, and much more! In July 2021, Officer Devon Anderson was partnered with K9 Defender when they entered training together. Defender was purchased through a generous donation from Land Rover Jaguar and specializes in Urban Tracking and Narcotics Detection.

Our K9 Unit assisted multiple local agencies with explosives and narcotics detection, tracking of wanted suspects, aided the Sheriff’s Office with clearing a Ventura County high school and in clearing the Reagan Library prior to a large political event. In 2021, the canines located dozens of pounds of illegal narcotics and firearms. In some instances, the firearms were tossed and may not have been found without the assistance of the K9. Finally, they were also used to locate at-risk missing children and elderly individuals with dementia.

In 2021, the unit engaged in:

- 2,400 HOURS OF TRAINING
- 1,895 TRAINING EXERCISES
- 20+ COMMUNITY EVENTS
The Patrol Task Force (PTF) was formed to address crime trends and problem areas with the goal of restorative policing and street outreach with unhoused individuals.

PTF officers do not handle everyday calls for service, but in turn, have the time and flexibility to address identified quality of life issues. They work with chronic vagrancy offenders or displaced people by uniting them with friends, family, or services that can help with medical attention and customized recovery plans. As part of our Strategic Plan to increase and strengthen partnerships with local community stakeholders, we’ve been actively working with Backpack Medicine, the Community Intervention Court, Downtown Ventura’s Family Reconnection Program, the Salvation Army’s Safe Sleep Program, various Ventura County Behavioral Health clinicians and crisis team members, and the ARCH, a low-barrier shelter located in the City of Ventura to serve those in need.

We also have a goal of decreasing community complaints related to vagrancy. Measuring calls for service related to vagrancy helps to define the scope and depth of the problem and serves as an indicator of the success of citywide strategies implemented to address the issue.

- 11 river bottom clean-ups
- 117 roll-off dumpsters filled
- 997,100 lbs of trash removed
- 34 homeless individuals reunited with family

732 reports
270 citations
365 arrests
The Ventura Police Traffic Unit provides proactive enforcement of vehicle code laws, completes traffic collision investigations and reconstructions, manages special event traffic safety, and aims to reduce the number of traffic collisions in Ventura by making recommendations for traffic control improvements. Proactive enforcement is also provided by Traffic cadets who manage downtown parking enforcement, parking structures, over-sized vehicles, and towing abandoned vehicles.

**TRAFFIC UNIT**

Grant funding through the California Office of Traffic Safety allows us to host DUI checkpoints (education), DUI saturations (enforcement), bike and pedestrian safety presentations, and upgrade safety equipment. In 2021, we made 3,121 contacts through OTS funded operations focusing on changing driving behavior to reduce collisions. Our Traffic Unit by the numbers:

- **5,427 citations issued**
- **1,012 total traffic collision investigations, including 386 injury & 5 fatal collisions**
- **4 DUI checkpoints** resulting in 1,676 drivers contacted, 62 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, 48 citations issued, and 2 DUI arrests
- **17 DUI saturation events** resulting in 271 stops, 167 Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and 26 DUI arrests
- **131 grant funded events** resulting in 1,857 driver contacts and 848 citations issued

**USE OF FORCE**

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We are committed to the sanctity of life for all persons and our policy requires officers to use only the amount of force that reasonably appears necessary in any given situation. If an officer is faced with an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury, the officer may not have the time to attempt to exhaust lower levels of force. Our officers are trained to go immediately to the most appropriate level of force. (Policy 300.3)

Our policy also requires officers to document all uses of force promptly, completely, and accurately. These reports are approved by a supervisor and then reviewed by our Tactical Review Committee. Additionally, our patrol officers are required to wear body worn cameras and activate them whenever enforcement action is anticipated. (Policy 300.5)
Our Records Unit, comprised of a manager, supervisor, and 6 technicians, complete critical tasks like public records requests, authenticating and processing reports, entering stolen vehicles and missing persons into statewide databases, responding to subpoenas, completing uniform crime reporting, and supporting a central repository for records. They also store, maintain, and retrieve all crime, traffic accidents, vehicle, and arrest reports. In 2021, we went live with a field-based reporting program, Versaterm Records Management System, and Records team members have remained flexible as we move to a nearly paperless system.

**Attachments scanned** 35,747  
**Reports Processed** 16,024  
**Report Releases** 12,779  
**Citations** 6,117  
**External Requests** 6,093  
**Arrest Reports** 4,895  
**Online reports** 1,043

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

- **7,706 MILES TRAVELED**
- **2,250 HOURS DONATED**
- **871 FOCUS PATROLS**
- **647 CITATIONS ISSUED**

A special thank you to our 40 wonderful volunteers for their service to our community. We couldn’t do what we do without their dedication.
Our 25 cadets help to maintain police vehicles, and work in parking enforcement, assist at checkpoints, direct traffic for special events and help out as needed. We’re always in need of cadets to join our team. Learn more and apply today: www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/Cadets.

It’s with heavy hearts we share the passing of K9 Yoschi. All VPD K9 handlers, Yoschi’s trainer, and Yoschi’s best friend, Officer Keith Therrien, were with him as he passed away peacefully. Yoschi retired in March of 2021 after a life of service and set the bar high for future K9s. He is deeply missed.

The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team provides specialized support in handling critical field operations where rescue response and tactical communications and deployment methods are necessary for a peaceful resolution. Our Crisis Negotiations Team is also deployed to many of these incidents.

Six Ventura Police officers work as Enhanced Patrol, with two assigned daily during peak calls for service hours. Their focus is on Strategic Plan goals of Crime Control and Safe Neighborhoods by reducing responses times to priority calls and patrolling areas impacted by quality of life concerns.

Our Ventura Police K9 Unit is funded solely through local community donations and is utilized to keep schools safe and help locate criminal offenders, evidence, explosives, narcotics, missing individuals, and to connect with residents at community events. Make a donation at www.VenturaPDK9.com.

Come 2022, we are excited to announce new community oriented initiatives including the launch of an Explorer Program for local teens to learn more about law enforcement, a new and improved neighborhood watch program with increased officer participation, and our 10-week Community Academy aimed at increasing transparency with residents.

Ou new Alcohol Enforcement Officer, Tyler Buck, oversees all Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) licenses, alcohol sales permits, and compliance in the city. Ventura has over 350 alcohol establishments, the most in Ventura County, and he also educates those local businesses on underage drinking and sales to minors concerns.

In 2021, we welcomed 10 new officers to our Ventura PD team. Congratulations Lateral Officer Justin Fernandez, and Officers David Anderson, Jerred Bartmann, Nicholas Gendreau, David De La Garrigue, Chris Gomez, Joshua Ming, Lilliana Zarate, Tristan Cullum, and Nicholas Nunez. Eight of them have completed their six month academy and six month field training program and are proud to protect and serve Ventura! Our newest officers are still completing their field training and will be on their own come April 2022!

In 2021, we shared over 415 messages on our social media platforms, reaching over 1.7 million people. Follow along for important crime stats, and safety, crime prevention, and community engagement information.

CONNECT WITH US:
www.VenturaPD.org

Ventura Police
43,100 followers

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OUR COMMUNITY

In May, 3 VPD officers met a local cardiac arrest survivor and his family. They wanted to meet the first responders who saved their dad’s life. It’s incidents like these where seconds truly count. Officers Orozco, Tovar, and Utermohlen were instrumental in performing CPR and saving a life.

In partnership with the Ventura Police Community Foundation, we hosted the 23rd annual PAL Golf Tournament honoring Retired Chief Ken Corney; funds raised go toward youth programs in Ventura. It’s these programs that allow us to build relationships and strengthen bonds with our young residents!

Our three School Resource Officers participated in dozens of school and daycare safety presentations for local elementary school kids. They talked about community helpers, traffic safety, bike safety, and answered many creative questions.

In October, we joined a fall festival and trunk-or-treat events and enjoyed sharing Halloween safety tip and handing out Junior Crimefighter stickers, pencils, bike lights, and candy!

On November 11, our officers who’ve previously served in the U.S. military spent a special afternoon kayaking in the Ventura Harbor with local kids from the City’s after-school programs. They paddled into open water, met sea lions, and enjoyed a day of exploration together!

After more than a year with no Coffee with a Cop events, we were able to host our first one since the start of the pandemic at Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf! These smaller, more intimate engagement opportunities allow us to slow down and have more relaxed, valuable conversations with residents. At this event specifically, we hosted a toy drive supporting VCMC kids receiving cancer treatment.

Shoutout to our sworn, professional staff, and family members for volunteering their time to make the 2021 Shop with a Cop a success! Officers were paired with 22 local kids in need and enjoyed hot cocoa, shopping for family members, and wrapping gifts with their little buddies.

We hosted a holiday toy drive supporting the Castro Family Toy Drive serving kids receiving cancer treatment at the Ventura County Medical Center. In 2021, we collected so many toys they couldn’t take them all! We also assisted with their drive-thru toy distribution event and were able to meet some families receiving gifts. This is one of our favorite initiatives.

For the first time, we partnered with Peirano’s Market to host Culinary with Cops. Our team was paired with a local girl and enjoyed an evening chatting, learning about the restaurant industry, and making flower centerpieces and charcuterie boards! Just another way our team goes above and beyond!
THANK YOU, VENTURA, FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!