

# ANNUAL REPORT

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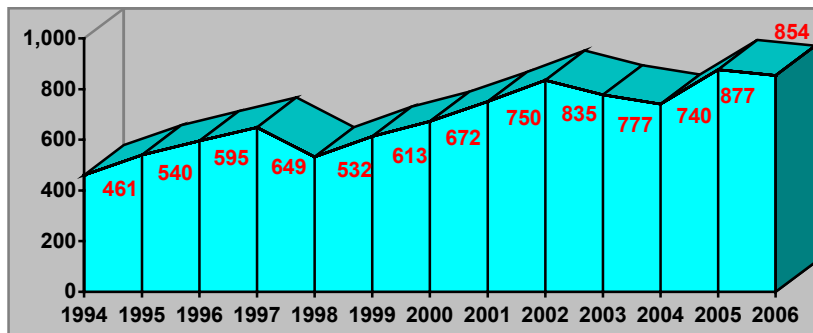
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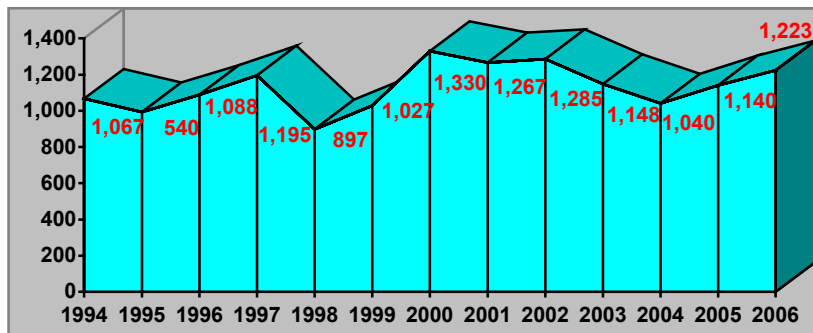
### CRIME:

Felony crimes decreased, down **2.69 %** to **854**. Misdemeanor crimes increased **6.78 %** with **1,223** misdemeanors being reported. The Police Department experienced a **1.88 %** increase in calls for service in 2006. Officers responded to **30,474** calls for service, a **563** call increase over last year.

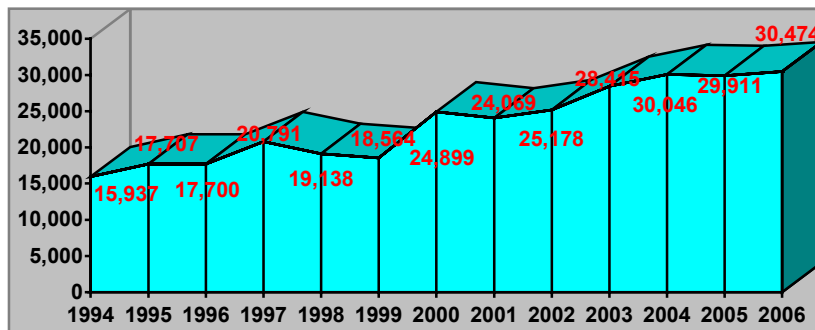
#### Felony Calls for Service Annual Report - 2006



#### Misdemeanor Calls for Service Annual Report - 2006

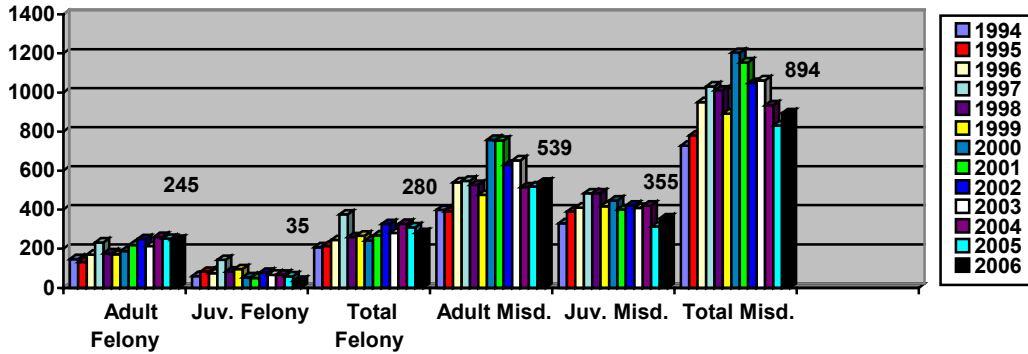


#### Annual Report – 2006 All Calls for Service



It is significant to note that both felony arrests and misdemeanor arrests decreased. Adult arrests outpaced juvenile arrests 784 to 390, increasing 1.95 % and juvenile arrests increased 5.12 %.

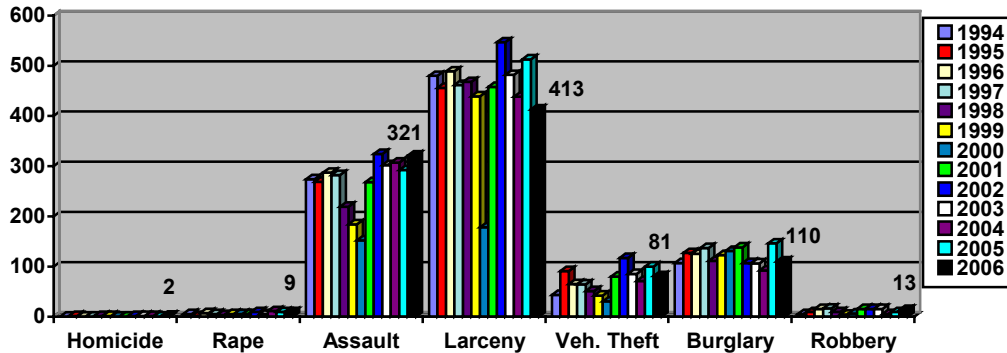
### Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests



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The following chart reflects the number of crimes committed, which falls within the Seven Major Crimes Classification as specified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This year major crimes included 2 homicide, 9 rapes, 13 robberies, 321 assaults, 413 larcenies, 81 auto thefts and 110 burglaries.

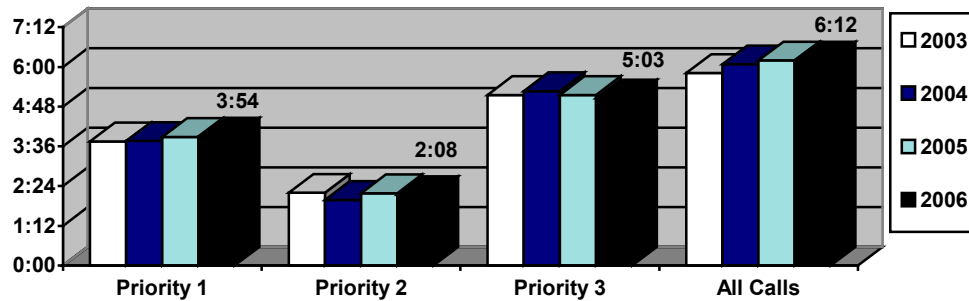
### Annual Report - 2006 Major Crimes



Over \$446,083.00 in stolen property was recovered by officers in 2006. The most common type of stolen property continues to be electronic equipment, jewelry and precious metals. Officers of the Lemoore Police Department recovered 79 stolen vehicles and recovered an additional 23 stolen vehicles inside the City of Lemoore for allied agencies.

**RESPONSE TIME:**

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Priority 1 Call for Service      Immediate Response / Life Threatening Call  
 Priority 2 Call for Service      In Progress Call  
 Priority 3 Call for Service      Quick Response Call

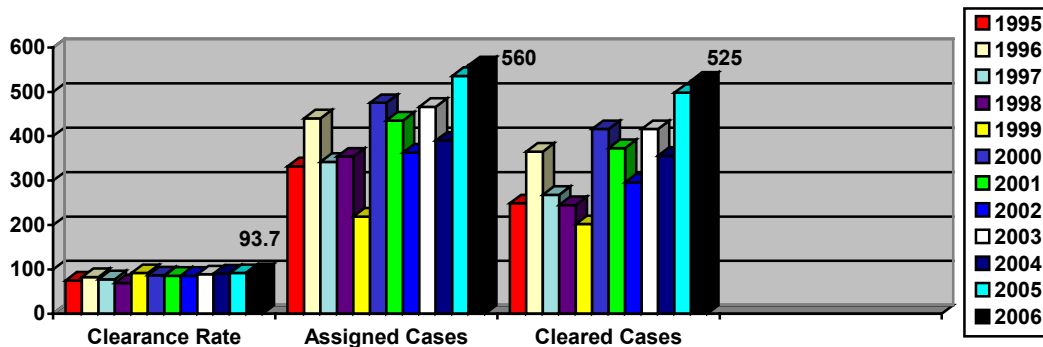
These times are from the time the call is dispatched to the time of arrival of the officer to the call.

**DETECTIVES:**

Our Detective Bureau was assigned 560 cases for follow-up investigation and of these cases, the detectives cleared 525 with a solution rate of 93.7%.

During 2006 there were two major crimes which required extensive investigation and consumed a lot of time from the investigations division. The first was a double homicide that occurred in March. This crime was originally reported as a murder / suicide, however, through investigation it was determined the 14 year old daughter of the female victim had perpetrated this crime. This investigation culminated in a life sentence. In October we investigated a gang related attempted murder. With the assistance of the Kings County Gang Task Force, the investigations division made 6 arrests in connection with this crime. The court process is still under way for all 6 defendants.

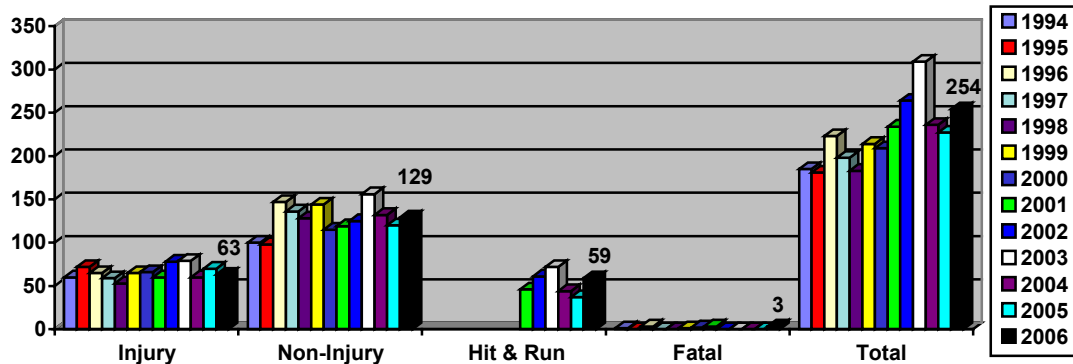
**Detectives  
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**Traffic:**

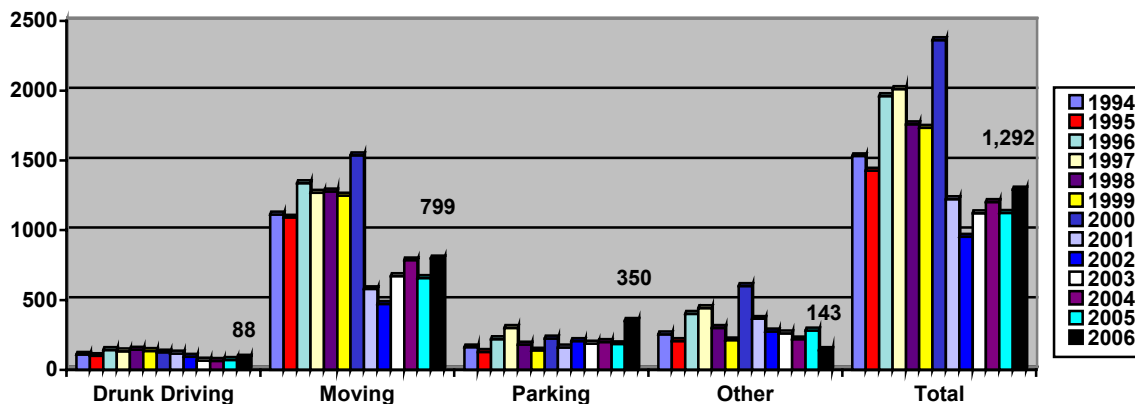
Traffic safety continues to be an area of public concern. Our Department is sensitive to this issue and sets a high priority on responding to concerns and inquiries generated by the public. The Speed Display Board continues to be one of our most popular tools for promoting traffic safety awareness and is often requested by the public. There were 254 traffic accidents reported in 2006 as compared to 227 in 2005, an 11.89% increase in accidents. There were 3 fatal accidents in 2006 and we investigated 129 non-injury and 63 injury traffic accidents.

**Traffic Accidents  
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Officers issued 1,292 traffic related citations in 2006, an increase of 14.84% over 2005. Over 50 % of these citations were for moving violations. Lemoore officers made 88 drunk driving arrests, which is a increase of 22.22% over 2005.

**Traffic Citations  
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### **Narcotics Task Force:**

The 2006 crime statistics are not available at this time.

### **Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program:**



DARE is a drug prevention program which primarily concentrates on the upper elementary school students. The concept is to educate students about the dangers of drug usage and addiction. The program, which runs from September to April, includes classes for all grades, Kindergarten through Sixth.

During 2006, Officer Lucero and Officer Hanes taught in the DARE Officer position. Officer Lucero and Officer Hanes taught 13 core classes to 390 students.

In addition to teaching DARE Officer Lucero and Officer Hanes made 33 arrests and conducted 53 investigations. In addition to the above duties, the Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the school and the Police Department.

The School District has continued to participate in this very rewarding and effective program. In addition, we receive donations from a number of concerned community organizations that help offset some of the program expenses.

### **Gang Task Force:**

The Gang Task Force was originally formed by local law enforcement agencies in November of 1993 to combat increasing gang problems in communities throughout Kings County. The Gang Task Force identified three main objectives for 2006:

1. Maintain a high level of presence and enforcement activities directed at gang activity.
2. Establish and maintain an information system on gang activity and membership.
3. Develop an "At Risk" prevention program.

The Gang Task Force was successful in meeting all three of these goals.

The Gang Task Force continues to have a significant impact on gangs by maintaining a heightened awareness of gang activity, assertively pursuing prosecution in incidents of gang violence and providing alternatives for gang members.

This program continues to exceed expectations and remains effective in keeping the gang problem in Kings County within manageable proportions.

### **Youth Development Officer Program:**

We continue to be very pleased with the success of our Youth Development Program. This program has been enthusiastically received at Lemoore High School.

During 2006, Senior Officer Lucio served as the departments Youth Development Officer at Lemoore High School. Senior Officer Lucio made 234 arrests, conducted 259 investigations, and completed 10 field interview reports. In addition to the above duties, the Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the school and the Police Department. He arranges for security at all sporting events for the High School.

### **Community Service / Crime Prevention Program:**

Our Community Relations / Crime Prevention Program continues to be a successful program. The Community Service Officer is actively involved in community projects and events. Much of his attention is focused on the Neighborhood Watch Program. The Department has focused on bringing new enthusiasm to the Neighborhood Watch Program as part of our community oriented policing efforts and to combat the rise in burglaries. We now have 79 active Neighborhood Watch Groups. This represents a 139.39 % increase over last year's 33 active Neighborhood Watch Groups. Introduction of the Program to new home development areas coupled with the revitalization of former participating neighborhoods will, without a doubt, improve our overall percentage. The monthly Neighborhood Watch Newsletter continues to be a popular item with our Watch Groups and is published by an all-volunteer group.

While Lemoore is not devoid of criminal activity, our Police Department continues to hold the opinion that the quality of life in our community is certainly higher than many surrounding communities and that our citizens enjoy an extra margin of safety that might not be experienced in other communities. We take a proactive approach to law enforcement and work as partners with the community in solving crime problems. This is evidenced by such programs as the Anti-graffiti Task Force, Neighborhood Watch, Lemoore Night Out, Red-Ribbon Week, Explorers, Citizens' Academy and our Volunteers in Policing. The City Council continues to be supportive of crime prevention efforts and this has helped a great deal in our crime reduction efforts.

The Lemoore Citizens' Police Academy started in March of 1997 and gives members of the community a better understanding of the criminal justice system. The Citizens' Academy has been tailored to the philosophy of community policing embraced by members of the Lemoore

Police Department. It is our goal to provide 2 sessions of the Citizen's Police Academies a year.

The purpose of the Lemoore Citizens' Academy is to provide responsible citizens with a deeper understanding of how our Police Department operates and to convey the Department mission of community service.

In October of 1997, we started the Volunteers in Policing Program, where graduates of the Citizens' Academy volunteer hours to make patrol checks, to clerical work, work radar, finger printing and other miscellaneous tasks as required. The Volunteers in Policing donated 5,092 hours of volunteer time during 2006 to their community. This brings the total number of hours donated by members of the Volunteers in Policing to 38,349 hours since the start of the program.

This year the Red Ribbon Week celebration was very successful. Activities included various local, County and State presentations and demonstrations for over 3,400 children attending all five local elementary schools. The highlight of the week was the Red Ribbon Week Opening Ceremony held at the Lemoore Sports Complex, with participation by over 13 vendors and 2,000 people in attendance.

Other activities that our Community Relations / Crime Prevention Bureau is involved with include:

Fingerprinting of juveniles	Crossing Guard Coordination
Red Ribbon Committee	Citizen of the Year Kings County
4th of July Committee	Kings County Fair
Lemoore Night Out	Bicycle Registration Program
Community Policing Appreciation Dinner	Drug & Safety Presentations at Schools
Police Department Tours	Cars in the Park Committee
Christmas Parade Committee	Graffiti Removal
Lemoore Teen Center	Citizens Academy
Presents on Patrol	Neighborhood Watch Block Parties
Downtown Merchant Meetings	Stranger Danger Classes
Yard Sale Sign Removal	

This program continues to be a vital part of our law enforcement efforts within the community.

### **Police Explorer Program:**

The Lemoore Police Explorer POST #1097 was started in May of 1997 to develop the youth within our community. The overall mission of this program is the development of a mature, logical mind in a healthy body. We hope to train young people who will remain calm and rational in any situation. Through membership with the Post, each member will be given the opportunity to exhibit his/her solution to particular problems involving multi-question situations, command decisions, movement of the Post and many other instances requiring-quick, logical thought.

The Lemoore Police Explorer POST had 10 youth participating during 2006.

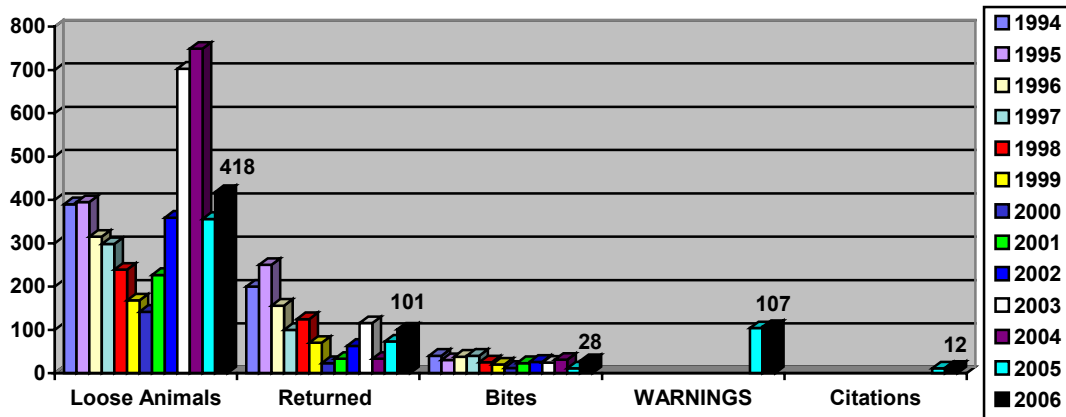
### **Chaplain's Program:**

Our Police Department is pleased to offer officers, staff, and the citizens of Lemoore the services of our chaplain, Pastor Gene Pensiero of Calvary Chapel and chaplain Ronald Ringo Jr. of the United States Navy. The chaplain and officers can make an important difference in the lives of persons touched by tragedy. Entering that saddest of moments is no easier for the chaplain, but he brings the pastoral experience, training and skills that can mitigate the effects of tragedy. Our chaplain is a volunteer who responded to calls, donating his talents to respond to special law enforcement needs. He stands ready to help, console, and support by offering real answers to those facing the toughest times of life.

### **Animal Control / Code Enforcement:**

We experienced an increase in Animal Control calls for service. Our Community Service Officer responded to 1,432 calls. This represents an 8.23 % increase over calls for service in 2005.

**Animal Control  
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### **Training:**

Lemoore Police Department personnel continue to receive quality training necessary to maintain policing skills and provide the highest level of service to the community. During 2006, personnel received 4,702 hours of training. This training included:

Driving Force Simulator  
Police Academy  
Supervisory Course  
Traffic Collision Course  
Forensic Interviewing  
Arrest & Control Techniques  
Terrorism Response  
Management Course

Arrest Control / Tactical Communications  
Internal Affairs Investigations  
Field Training Officer  
Long Rifle Instructor Course  
K-9 School  
Canine Program Management  
Communications  
Under the Influence of Controlled Substance

## Sex Offender Tracking Course

### **Police Reserve Program:**

Currently the Lemoore Police Department has one Level 1 officer currently staff the Police Reserve Program. (Level 1 officers are able to function independently without being teamed with a regular officer and Level 2 officers require constant supervision when on duty). The unit is supervised by a patrol Sergeant.

The Police Reserve Program volunteered over 455 hours during 2006.

In addition to supplementing the Patrol Division, Reserve Officers also provide police service at Lemoore High School activities, the July 4th activities, carnivals and city parades.

We continue to be very proud of the dedicated officers that make up our Police Reserve Unit.

### **Bike Patrol Unit:**

The Lemoore Police Department's Bike Unit operates on a part-time basis. The program went into operation on April 4, 1998 during the Krazy Daze Festival. Bike Officers are assigned to special events like Lemoore Night Out, the 4th of July Celebration, and Cars in the Park. The goal of the department is to deploy the officers in various neighborhoods on their bikes to increase police visibility. The bicycle team will be particularly effective in the downtown area when there is extensive congestion from vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

### **Motor Unit:**



The Lemoore Police Department's Motor Unit was formed in September 1999. The main goals of the program are to reduce fatal and injury collisions through various means, and to increase bicycle helmet, seat belt, and child safety seat compliance.

The motor unit consists of motorcycle officers using state-of-the-art laser and radar hand-held units to enforce speed laws. They detect and intercept DUI drivers, respond quickly to traffic situations, and concentrate on enforcing the laws prohibiting driving while unlicensed, on a suspended license, or on a revoked license.

The motorcycle officers also actively participate in outreach education to students and civic groups.

**Conclusion:**

It is with great pride in the men and women of the Lemoore Police Department, this report reflect the hard work that they have preformed during the last year. The calls for service have increased again this year. The Lemoore Police Department has provided quality service to the citizens of Lemoore. They were able to reduce felony crimes during a year that the crime rate is on its way up nationwide. The Lemoore Police Department has faced several challenges during the last year, we worked, solved and helped successfully prosecuted a double homicide. The biggest challenge we face is the recruitment and retention of sworn officers, this unfortunately is a state wide problem which challenges us to compete for the most qualified candidates. The employees and volunteers involved in the Police Department are top quality employees and people who I am very proud to have the honor to serve as the Chief of Police.