

**2008
Annual Report**



Lemoore Police Department

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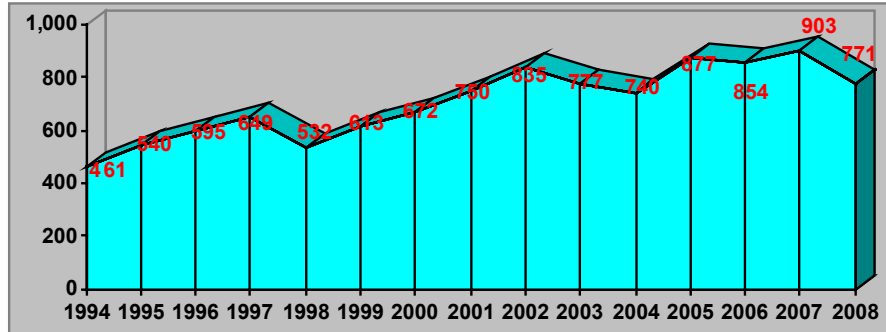
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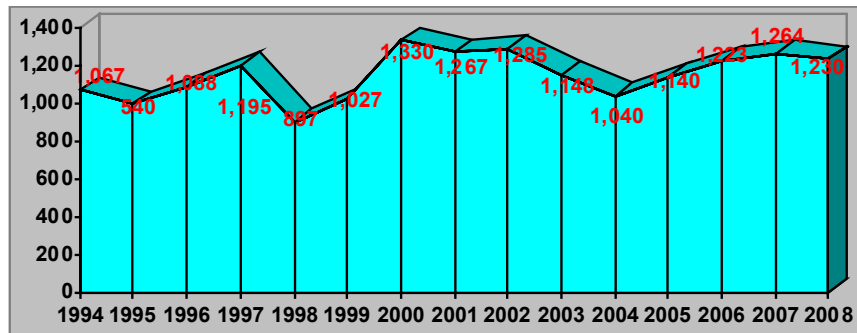
Crime:

Felony crimes decreased, down **14.61 %** to **771**. Misdemeanor crimes decreased, down **2.68 %** with **1,230** misdemeanors being reported. The Police Department responded to **29,621** calls for service in 2008. This represents a **2.82 %** decrease over calls for service in 2007.

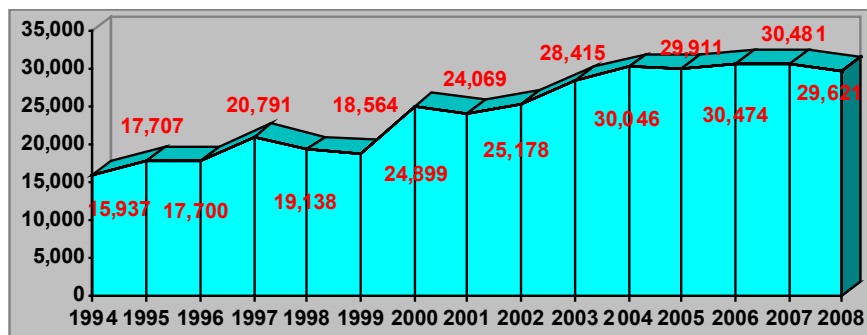
**Felony Calls for Service
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**Misdemeanor Calls for Service
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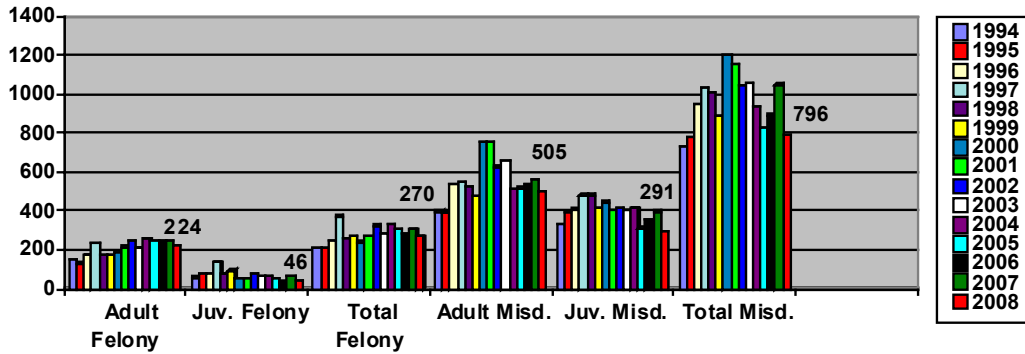


**All Calls for Service
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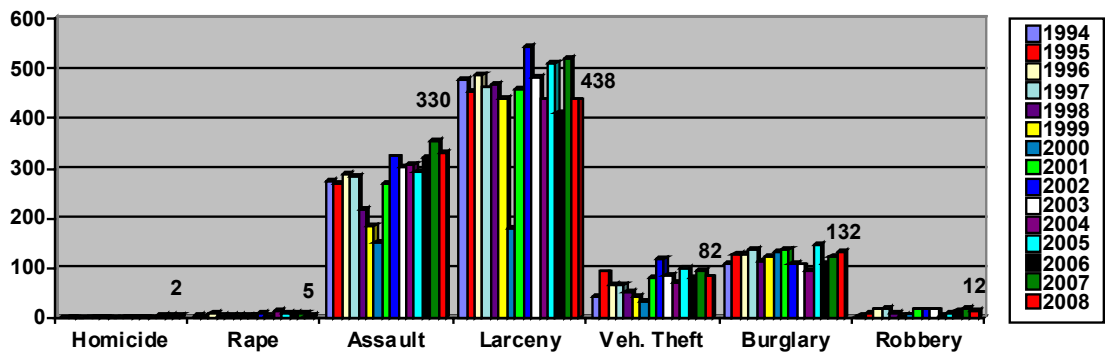
It is significant to note that both felony arrests and misdemeanor arrests decreased. Adult arrests outpaced juvenile arrests 729 to 337, decreasing 9.44 % and juvenile arrests decreased 27.3 %.

Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests Annual Report - 2008



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 homicides, 5 rapes, 12 robberies, 330 assaults, 438 larcenies, 82 auto thefts and 132 burglaries.

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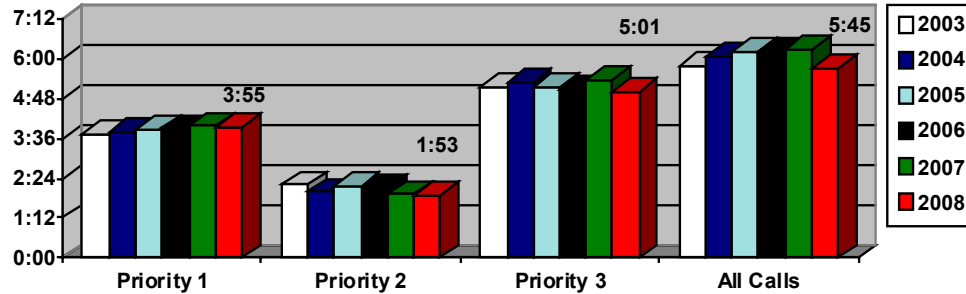


Over \$502,494.00 in stolen property was recovered by officers in 2008. The most common type of stolen property continues to be electronic equipment, jewelry and precious metals. Officers of the Lemoore Police Department recovered 82 stolen vehicles and recovered an additional 10 stolen vehicles inside the City of Lemoore for allied agencies.

Response Time:

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

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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

Detectives:

Our Detective Bureau was assigned 299 cases for follow-up investigation and of these cases, the detectives cleared 290 with a solution rate of 96.98%.

During 2008, there were seven major crimes which required extensive investigation and consumed a lot of time from the investigations division.

The first was a arson case that happened in January of 2008 and the suspect was sentenced to 8 years in state prison.

The second was the murder of a 2 1/2 year old boy in January of 2008. The suspect was arrested and is awaiting court on murder charges.

The third was a drowning victim in the ponding basin at Heritage Park in March of 2008.

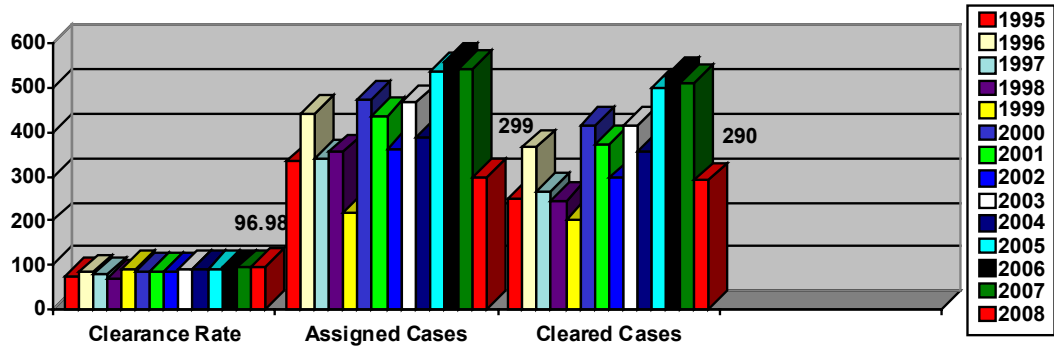
The fourth was a 3 year old drowning victim in March of 2008.

The fifth was a child molest case of an Maricopa Police Department Officer in June of 2008. The suspect was sentenced to 9 years in state prison.

The sixth was a murder investigation that happened in the parking lot of Adolpho's in October of 2008. The suspect in this case has been arrested and is awaiting court proceedings.

The seventh was an attempted murder / child abduction that happened in October of 2008. The children in this case have been returned to their mother and the suspect in this case fled the area and has an active warrant for his arrest.

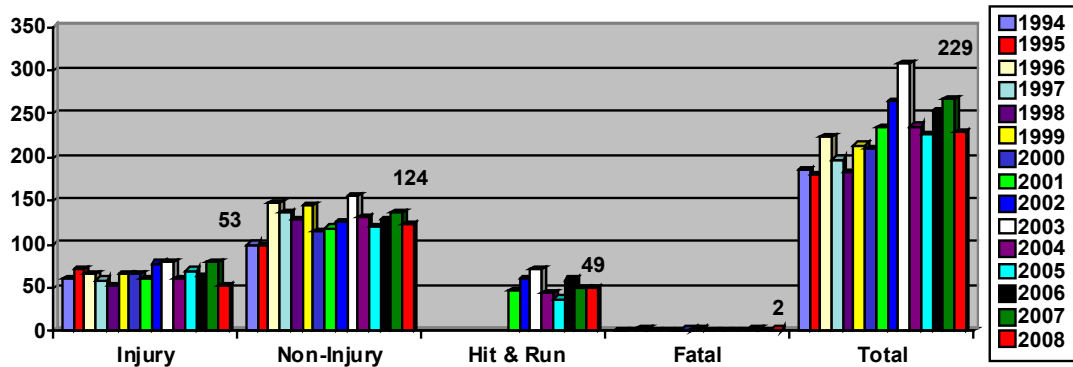
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Traffic:

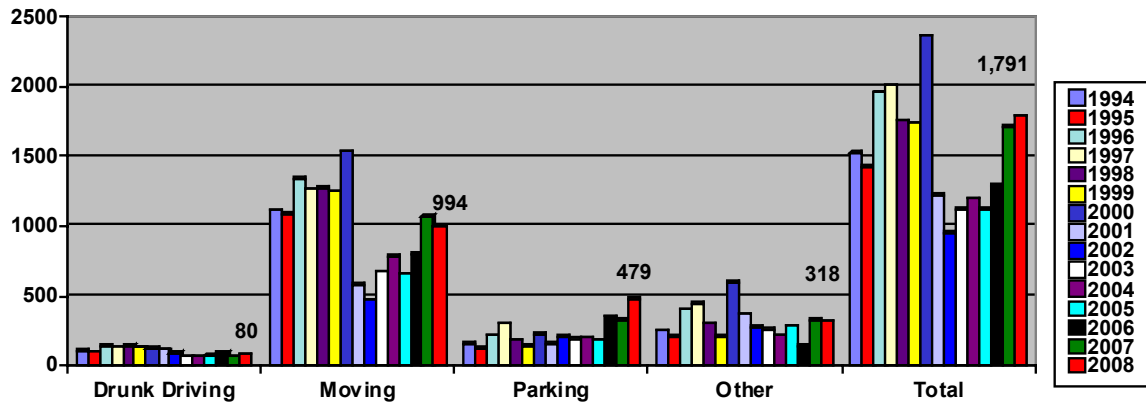
Traffic safety continues to be an area of public concern. Our Department is sensitive to this issue and sets a high priority on responding to concerns and inquiries generated by the public. The Speed Display Board continues to be one of our most popular tools for promoting traffic safety awareness and is often requested by the public. There were 229 traffic accidents reported in 2008 as compared to 268 in 2007, a 14.55% decrease in accidents. There were 2 fatal accidents in 2008 and we investigated 124 non-injury and 53 injury traffic accidents.

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Officers issued 1,791 traffic related citations in 2008, an increase of 4.24% over 2007. Over 50 % of these citations were for moving violations. Lemoore officers made 80 drunk driving arrests, compared to 69 drunk driving arrests in 2007, which is a increase of 15.94% compared to 2007.

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Narcotics Task Force:

The 2008 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 2008, Officer Hanes taught in the DARE Officer position. Officer Hanes taught 13 core classes to 400 students.

In addition to teaching DARE, Officer Hanes made 27 arrests and conducted 92 investigations. The Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the school and the Police Department as well.

The School District has continued to participate in this very rewarding and effective program. We also 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 2008:

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 2008, Senior Officer Lucio served as the departments Youth Development Officer at Lemoore High School. Senior Officer Lucio made 125 arrests, conducted 176 investigations, and completed 3 field interview reports. In addition to the above duties, the Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the school and the Police Department. He also 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 her 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 84 active Neighborhood Watch Groups. This represents a 1.20 % increase over last year's 83 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 participation. 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 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 (of one), Neighborhood Watch, National 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 two sessions a year of the Citizens' Police Academy.

The purpose of the Lemoore Citizens' Police 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 4,634 hours of volunteer time during 2008 to their community. This brings the total number of hours donated by members of the Volunteers in Policing to 42,993 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 park, 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:

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| 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
Downtown Merchant Meetings

Neighborhood Watch Block Parties
Stranger Danger Classes

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 2008.

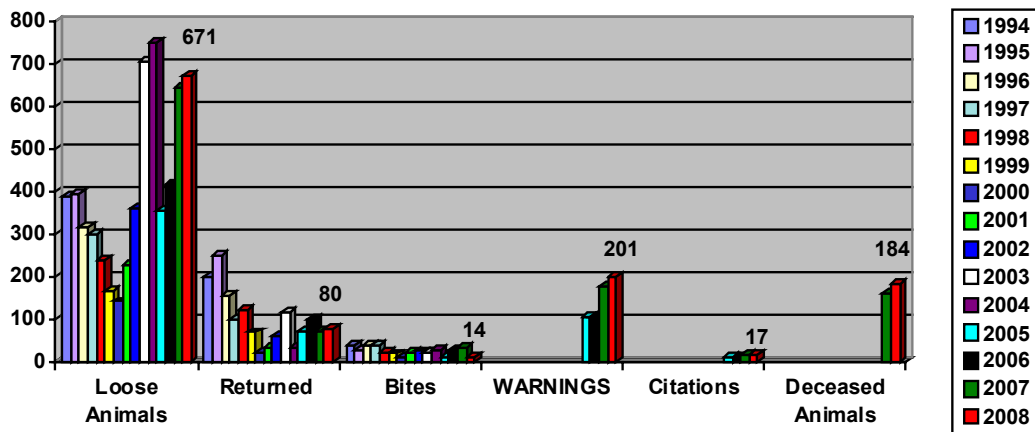
Chaplain's Program:

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. 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:

We experienced an increase in Animal Control calls for service. Our Community Service Officer responded to 1,472 calls. This represents a 1.30 % increase over calls for service in 2007.

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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 2008, personnel received 2,644 hours of training. This training included:

Perishable Skills Update	Arrest Control / Tactical Communications
Police Academy	Field Training Officer
Forensic Interviewing	K-9 School (Narcotic)
Arrest & Control Techniques	Officer Involved Shooting
Sexual Harassment Training	Canine Handler Update
Motorcycle Safety Summit	Radar Certification
Anti-Terrorism Workshop	Fingerprint Pattern Recognition
Child Abduction Investigation	Women Leaders in Law Enforcement
Computer Forensics Class	Computer Crimes Class
Interview and Interrogation	Gang Conference

Police Reserve Program:

Currently the Lemoore Police Department has one Level 1 officer within 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 161 hours during 2008.

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 National 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 a motorcycle officer using state-of-the-art laser and radar hand-held units to enforce speed laws. He detects and intercepts DUI drivers, responds quickly to traffic situations, and concentrates on enforcing the laws prohibiting driving while unlicensed, on a suspended license, or on a revoked license.

The motorcycle officer also actively participates in outreach education to students and civic groups.

K-9 Unit:



Officer Kendall and his dog "Kimo"

The Lemoore Police Department started with its first police service dog in 2006. This police service dogs primary purpose and training is the use of its nose for tracking purposes. The second purpose is to protect the handler or others from assault by attacking the suspect.

Possibly the greatest value of police dogs lies in their mere presence on the street. The psychological effect is tremendous and their deterrent to crime cannot be measured.

Officer Kendall and Kimo completed the drug portion of there training during 2008. Kimo can track, attack, find evidence, locate persons within a building, and find narcotics in a residence or vehicle.

In 2008 Kimo has been used 15 times to search a building, help with crowd control, search for drugs, or give a K-9 demo to kids. Kimo has been a great addition to our department.

Conclusion:

This is the first year in approximately 10 years, which takes us back to the late 1990s, that the city of Lemoore has recorded a reduction in most of our crime statistics. We had a reduction in felony, misdemeanor and over all calls for service. We also recorded a reduction in six of the major seven crime categories that are classified by the FBI. I am not optimistic that this trend will continue, as fiscal times become more difficult in this next year, crime usually increases.

This year was the first time in over five years that we were fully staffed with sworn officers. Again, I believe our current economy is responsible. The reduction to most of our response times to our citizen's request for service is the availability of patrol units.

We have added to the annual report a section for Kimo, our canine. Officer Kendall has worked very hard to train and build Kimo's versatility on the street. Kimo is now cross trained in narcotics along with tracking and protection I am very proud of the work that all members of the Lemoore Police Department have accomplished this year. Officer Kendall and Kimo have an outstanding reputation for excellent work and other agencies continue to request their assistance when needed.

The Lemoore Police Department is staffed by quality employees and volunteers and I am extremely proud of each and every one of them. I would also like to give credit where it is deserved, and thank Commander Jeff Laws for all the hard work he puts into the every day operation of the Police Department. It is also his work that you see displayed in this annual report.