

2009 Annual Report



ANIMAL CONTROL



DUI CHECKPOINT



APPRECIATION DINNER AWARDEES



KINGS COUNTY FAIR EXHIBIT



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



Motor Unit/Traffic

Lemoore Police Department

Chief of Police

Jeff Laws



PRESENTS ON PATROL



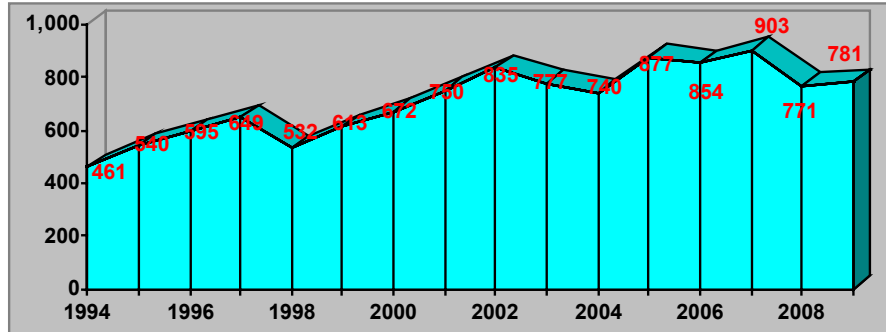
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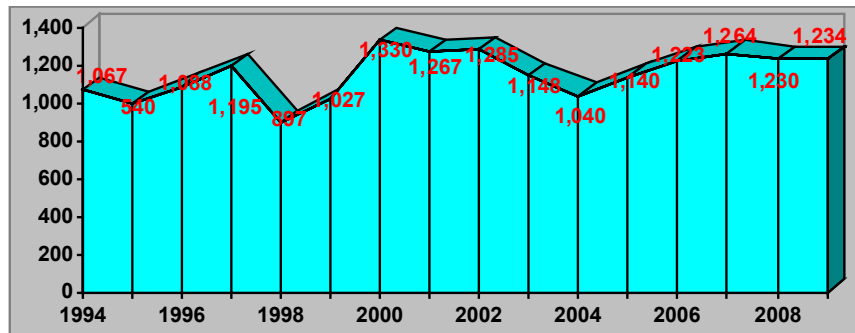
Crime:

Felony crimes increased, up **1.29 %** to **781**. Misdemeanor crimes increased, up **.32 %** with **1,234** misdemeanors being reported. The Police Department responded to **29,872** calls for service in 2009. This represents a **.84 %** increase over calls for service in 2008.

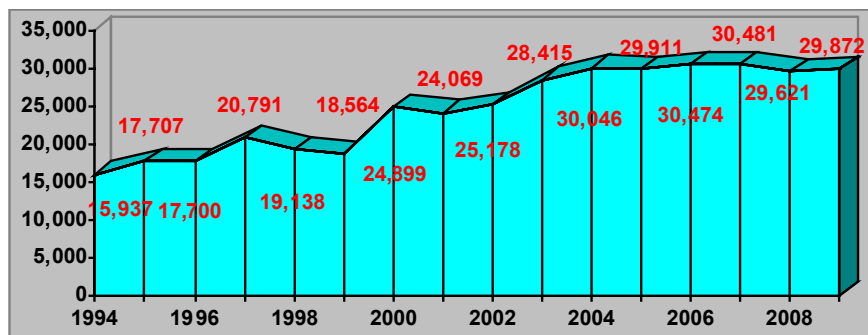
**Felony Calls for Service
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**Misdemeanor Calls for Service
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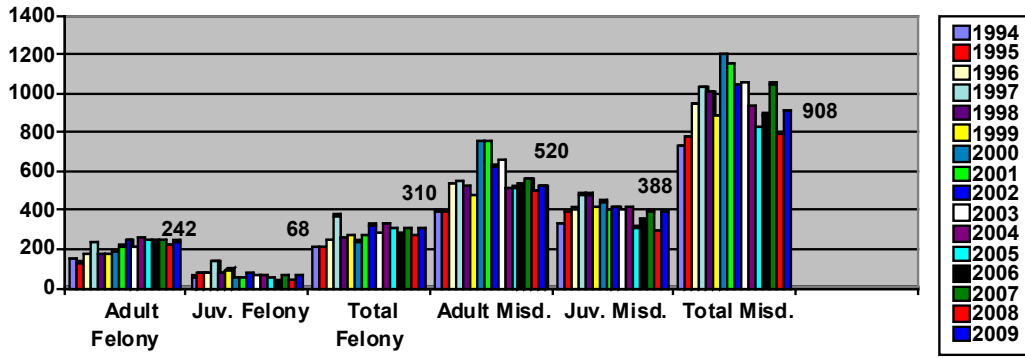


**All Calls for Service
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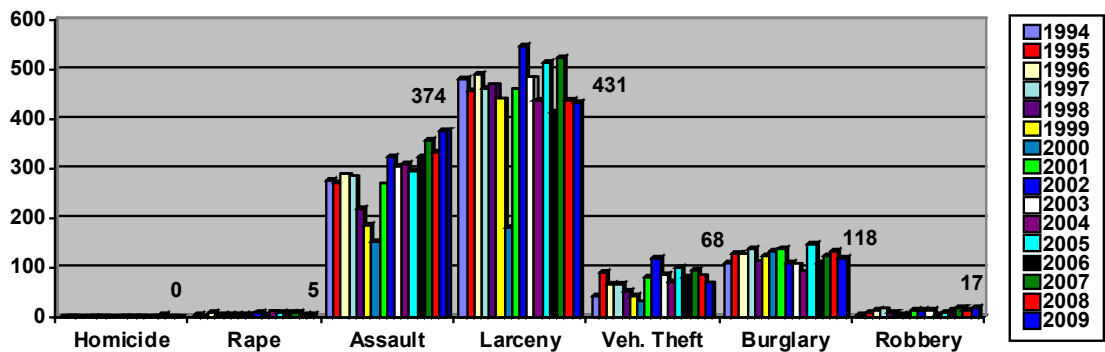
It is significant to note that both felony arrests and misdemeanor arrests increased. Adult arrests outpaced juvenile arrests 762 to 456, increasing 4.52 % and juvenile arrests increased 35.3 %.

Felony and Misdemeanor Arrests Annual Report 2009



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 0 homicides, 5 rapes, 17 robberies, 374 assaults, 431 larcenies, 68 auto thefts and 118 burglaries.

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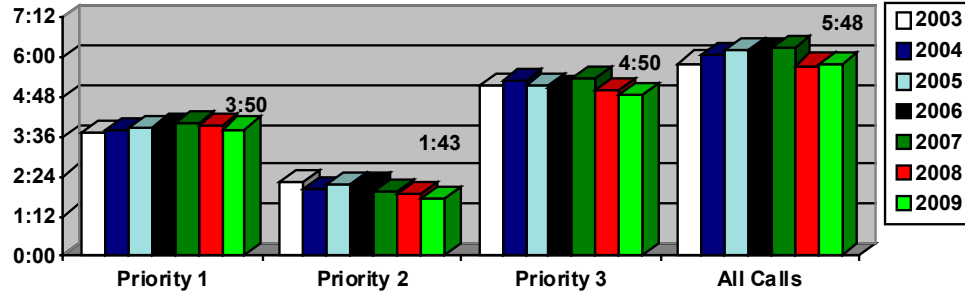


Over \$331,799.00 in stolen property was recovered by officers in 2009. The most common type of stolen property continues to be electronic equipment, jewelry and precious metals. Officers of the Lemoore Police Department recovered 48 stolen vehicles and recovered an additional 6 stolen vehicles inside 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.

**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

Detectives:

Our Detective Bureau was assigned 292 cases for follow-up investigation and of these cases, the detectives cleared 280 with a solution rate of 95.9%.

During 2009, there were four major crimes which required extensive investigation and consumed a significant amount of time from the investigations division.

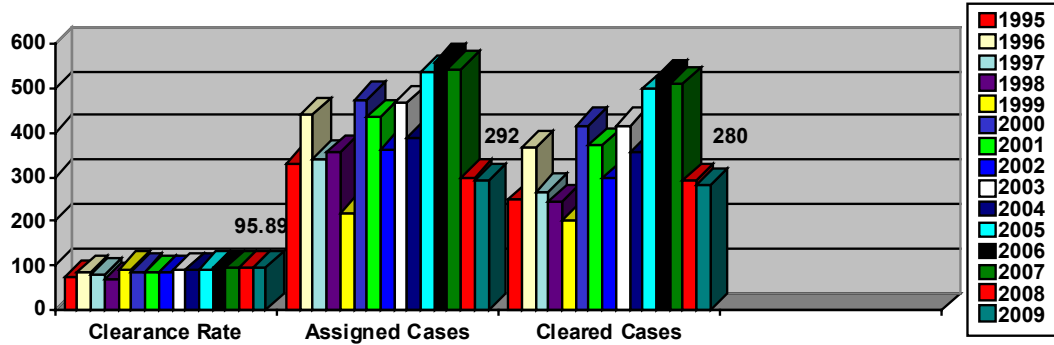
The first was a child molest and rape of a spouse case that happened in April of 2009 and the suspect was arrested and is awaiting court proceedings.

The second was a carjacking that happened in May of 2009. The suspect was arrested and was sentenced to 3 years and 8 months in state prison.

The third was an armed robbery in June of 2009. The suspect was arrested within an hour of the crime. The suspect was found guilty and is serving 45 years in state prison.

The fourth was child abuse case that happened in October of 2009. The suspect in this case has a warrant out for his arrest.

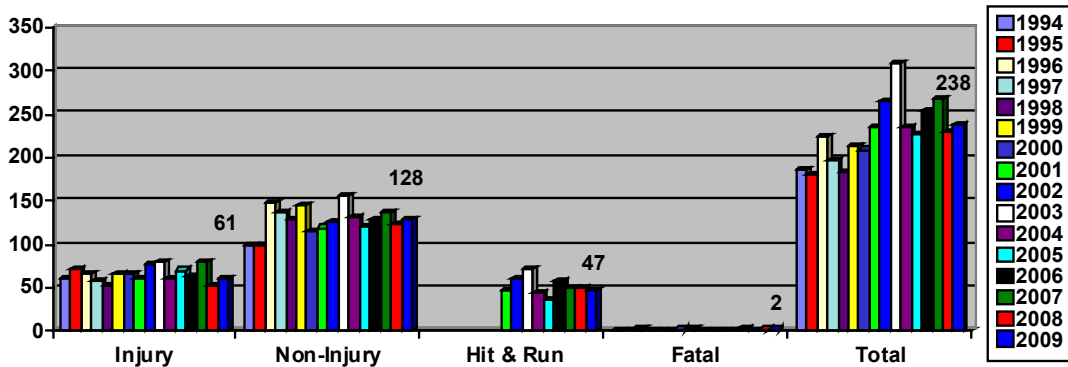
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Traffic:

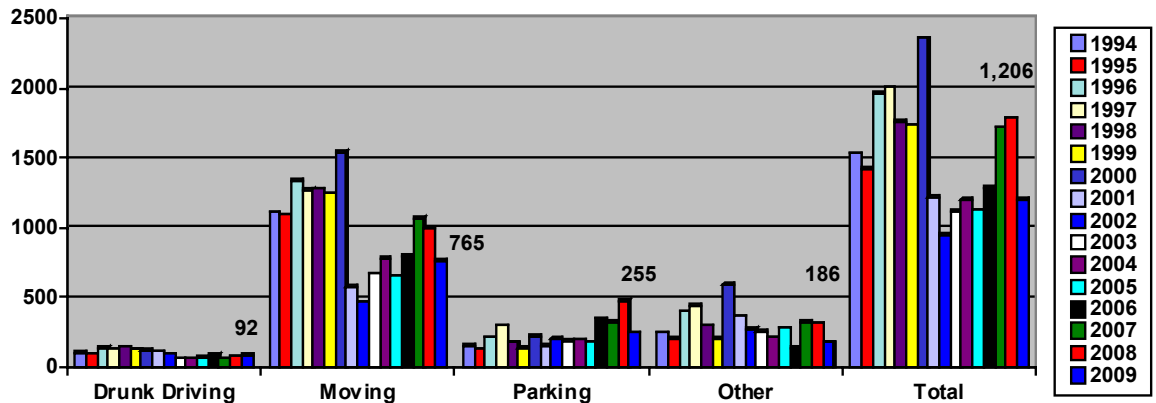
Traffic safety continues to be an area of public concern. Our Department is sensitive to this issue and sets a high priority on responding to concerns and inquiries generated by the public. The Speed Display Boards continue to be one of our most popular tools for promoting traffic safety awareness and is often requested by the public. There were 238 traffic accidents reported in 2009 as compared to 229 in 2008, a 3.93% increase in accidents. There were 2 fatal accidents in 2009 and we investigated 128 non-injury and 61 injury traffic accidents.

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Officers issued 1,206 traffic related citations in 2009, a decrease of 32.66% over 2008. Over 50 % of these citations were for moving violations. Lemoore officers made 92 drunk driving arrests, compared to 80 drunk driving arrests in 2008, which is a increase of 15 % compared to 2008.

Traffic Citations Annual Report - 2009



Narcotics Task Force:

The Police Department dedicates two full-time sworn officers to the Kings County Narcotics Task Force. During 2009, the task force arrested 127 suspects for narcotics violations. This represents a 69.33% increase in arrests in 2009. The total street value of all illegal controlled substances seized by the Kings County Narcotics Task Force during 2009 was \$975,083.00. Total asset forfeiture funds seized during 2009 was \$31,445.00.

This program continues to meet our expectations.

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 2009:

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.

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.

Elementary 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 the Lemoore Elementary School District.

During 2009, Officer Hanes, Henderson, and Williams have served as the departments Youth Development Officer at Liberty Middle School. They made 44 arrests and conducted 55 investigations. In addition to the above duties, the Youth Development Officer is the liaison between the school and the Police Department.

High School 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 2009, Senior Officer Lucio served as the departments Youth Development Officer at Lemoore High School. Senior Officer Lucio made 151 arrests and conducted 156 investigations. 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 82 active Neighborhood Watch Groups / Crime Free Multi-Housing Managers. This represents a 2.38% decrease over last year's 84 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 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 4,622 hours of volunteer time during 2009 to their community. This brings the total number of hours donated by members of the Volunteers in Policing to 47,615 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 2,000 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 10 vendors and 1,000 people in attendance.

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

Child Identification Cards	Crossing Guard Coordination
Red Ribbon Committee	Citizen of the Year Kings County
4th of July Committee	Kings County Fair
National 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	Presents on Patrol
Neighborhood Watch Block Parties	Downtown Merchant Meetings
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 9 youth participating during 2009.

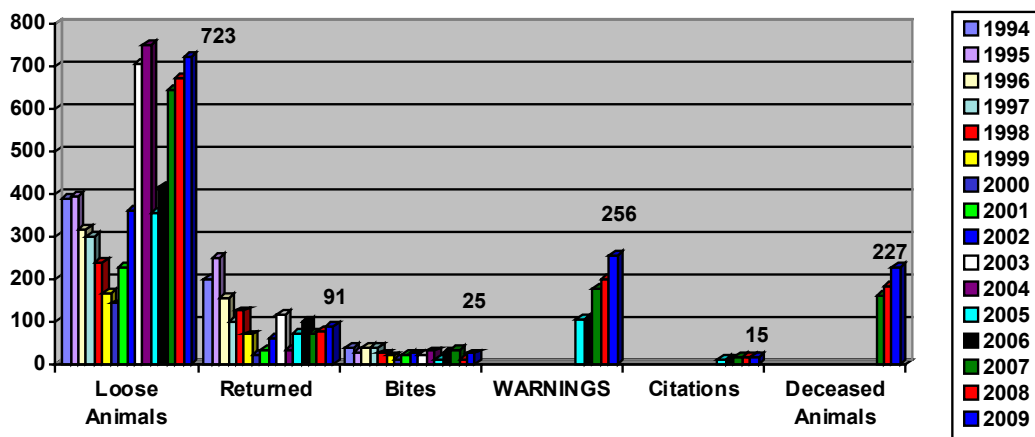
Chaplain's Program:

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 a decrease in Animal Control calls for service. Our Community Service Officer responded to 1,440 calls. This represents a 2.17 % decrease over calls for service in 2008.

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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 2009, personnel received 2,223 hours of training. This training included:

Perishable Skills Update	Taser Technician Course
Narcotic Investigation	Field Evidence Technician Course
Forensic Interviewing	K-9 School
Search Warrant Course	Homicide Course
Sexual Assault	Cellular Phone Forensics
Traffic Collision	Radar Certification
Amber Alert	First Aid / CPR Instructor Course
Basic Traffic Collision	Basic Motor Training
Drug Influence Course	Basic DNA Course
Interview and Interrogation	Gang Conference
Earthquake Exercise	Enhanced Threat / Risk Assessment

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 Detective Sergeant.

The Police Reserve Program volunteered over 176 hours during 2009.

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 officer that makes up our Police Reserve Unit.

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 two 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.

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.

The mere presence on police dogs on the street may possibly be their greatest value. The psychological effect is tremendous and their deterrent to crime cannot be measured.

Conclusion:

I am very proud of the men and woman of the Lemoore Police Department. The Police Department continues to receive support from the City Council and the City Manager. This support is essential in providing the highest quality policing service to residents of this great community and is instrumental in achieving our goal of improving the quality of life in Lemoore.