



Redding Police Department

2010: A Year in Review



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Message From Chief Hansen

I would like to thank you for taking the time to review the Redding Police Department's annual report for 2010.

This past year has been a challenge for our department. We have continued to make many difficult decisions as a result of the economic downturn that many Americans are facing. With the loss of approximately 25 percent of our workforce, our employees have been asked to do more with less as the budget constraints have negatively impacted available resources. The total loss of 21 sworn positions is the equivalent of closing two fire stations. Our ability to be proactive in our enforcement efforts has been severely impacted. Response times for both high-priority emergency calls and low-priority non-emergency calls have increased and will most likely worsen. Our department will continue to examine day-to-day procedures to determine what reductions will be necessary in order to maintain essential services. This will include limiting and/or eliminating certain services traditionally offered to the public that are not mandated or required by law. Individual employees have faced an increased workload as duties and tasks have been shifted to meet the requests for service from residents, which have remained constant. Our top priority will continue to be to provide excellent public safety service to our community.

We continue our commitment to be proactive in our policing efforts by looking at other means to streamline operations and to bring in additional revenues. We are currently researching different ways to save staff time through technological advances, such as online report systems, and by evaluating the types of calls for services to which we respond. It is anticipated these changes will not only be beneficial during this current financial crisis, but will expand our ability to be more responsive to our citizens when the economy improves. With technology comes certain advantages; however, you cannot replace human contact when you are the victim of a crime.

We have been actively pursuing outside sustainable funding sources to augment our ability to provide community services. We recently received two important grants, including a federal stimulus grant which will allow us to keep four sworn officers from being laid off. In addition, we received a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety which funds a full-time officer to enforce driving-under-the-influence laws as well as overtime for additional traffic enforcement activities. We recently received a grant from the State of California to increase our anti-gang enforcement efforts.

During these difficult times, it is essential we work together to find solutions. The Redding Police Department continues to work in partnership with other local law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations to collaborate our efforts to provide education and fight crime in our community. We have outstanding employees who work hard to provide for your safety and protection.

You will see as you read through these pages and evaluate the statistics that overall our crime rate has increased. By working together, we can minimize the negative effects of increasing crime on those of us who choose Redding as a place to live, work, and play.



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Peter Hansen
Chief of Police



2010 - The Excellence Continues

Informed leaders in our community often speak about the high caliber of Redding police officers and the overall high quality of the Redding Police Department (RPD). What does that mean? RPD is a full-service police agency, which requires having officers qualified to accomplish a full range of law enforcement missions, above and beyond just the enforcement of laws. The most concrete evidence of the good judgment and skill that RPD officers use is this: Our rate of complaints, lawsuits, settlements, and injuries associated with police use of force is much lower than most police agencies our size. The Shasta County Grand Jury has praised the Redding Police Department for its transparency and recognized the thoroughness and quality of its internal affairs investigations, and Shasta County Citizens Against Racism (SCCAR) has recognized a number of RPD officers for their professional conduct and service to the community.



“Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

— Vince Lombardi



Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Division includes four sworn officers, 24 full-time, and three part-time civilian support staff. Administrative Services conducts the hiring and training of employees and volunteers, grant-writing procedures and the normal business operations of the Department. This includes police report processing, Information Technology, property and evidence processing (and storage), equipment procurement, statistical recordkeeping, legal research, budgeting, and internal investigations.

In these times of limited resources, automation continues to be a priority within the Police Department. Now in progress is an update as to how traffic collision reports are processed and disseminated. Currently, information is entered and imaged into the Records Management System. Copies are made and distributed to other departments and the State. Insurance companies and citizens must request reports from Police Services where personnel must manually print copies. Working with Crossroads Software, Inc, electronic reports will soon be made available online to the public via the internet, and will automatically be routed to the State on our behalf.



The first phase of the project will be completed by January 1, 2011. Other phases of this automation process will be the electronic retrieval of information from the Crossroads Traffic Collision Database directly into the local Records Management System eliminating data entry currently done by Police Records Technicians.

We are also reviewing traffic collision reporting in the field where traffic officers will enter required information into handheld devices which will automatically upload to the Record Management System, providing a true paperless process. There is no cost to the City for this update, which will result in workload and cost reduction for all.

Through IPSS (Integrated Public Safety Systems), the Redding Police Department is moving forward with plans to implement a web-based crime reporting system. This system will provide citizens with the ability to file certain types of crime or incident reports through any computer connected to the internet, any time, day or night.

Online Reporting should become available prior to the summer of 2011. In addition to keeping police officers available to respond to higher priority emergency calls, this development will help reduce paper and printing costs, as well as processing and data entry time required by Records Technicians.

Field Operations

The Field Operations Division (Patrol) is the largest and most visible division of the Department, with 76 sworn officers and additional support personnel including cadets and clerical staff. This division has been affected greatly by the recent budget cuts, as all but two of the Community Service Officers assigned to Patrol were laid off. Compared to just two years ago, our team of law enforcement first-responders—the individuals who handle your call when you dial 911—has been reduced by more than 13%.

The emergency services team within the Police Department has been working diligently with the City Planning Department, Redding Fire Department and other local agencies to update a mitigation plan for the City. Earthquakes, fires, floods, terrorism, and other potential catastrophes are concerns that have been identified and addressed via this new mitigation plan. Protecting the citizens of Redding and Shasta County are the highest priority, which requires we do everything possible to plan and prepare together, and to ensure a prompt and effective response when large-scale emergencies occur.



The Redding Police Canine Unit had a very productive year and was very fortunate to add a fifth canine team. Officer Ryan Ellis and canine Tarro joined the Canine Unit in early 2010. The cost for Tarro and all associated training costs were offset by very generous community donations to the Canine Unit.

Officer Jeff Schmidt and canine Yari successfully completed drug detection certification and have been working hard to keep drugs out of our community.



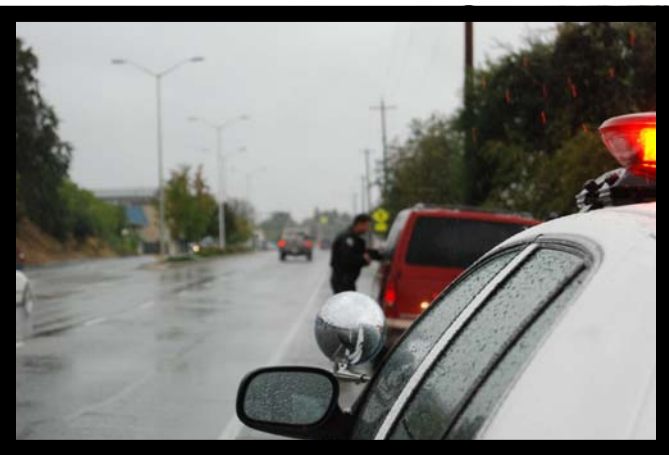
In September 2010, canine Carr received the Animal Hero Award from the American Red Cross. The award was for the successful tracking and apprehension of a violent homicide suspect in the Bella Vista area by Carr and his handler, Officer Jason Rhoads.



Field Operations (con't...)

The Shasta County Bomb Squad (a collaborative unit with the Shasta County Sheriff's Department and the Redding Police Department) has been very active in training and in responding to calls for service. The team responded to more than 25 calls this year in Shasta, Trinity, and Tehama Counties. It has trained with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms in explosive breaching techniques and participated in numerous drills with other agencies.

The Bomb Squad continues to acquire state-of-the-art equipment, such as a new robot, which not only increases overall safety and efficiency, but helps to bring RPD into compliance with federal standards. This year, as a result of a Homeland Security grant, the team was able to purchase a trailer to transport equipment. Team members spent countless hours customizing the trailer before its deployment in October.



In 2010, the Bomb Squad added another member to the team, bringing the total to five members. Redding Police Investigator Scott Hyatt joined the team in January of 2010. Scott brings a wealth of knowledge to the team with his extensive military background.

On Nov 17th, the Bomb Squad participated in a regional disaster drill with local, state and federal agencies at Shasta Dam to ensure that our personnel will be ready when faced with a catastrophic event.

Community Service Officer Bob Brannon continues to manage keeping our community clean by working in partnership with various law enforcement and community groups to remove trash and debris. In 2010, approximately 86,000 pounds (43 tons) of trash were removed from Redding's waterways, greenbelts and streets. In addition, CSO Brannon and his crews diligently clean unsightly graffiti from locations throughout the city.

Due to budgetary deficits, the School Resource Officer Program has been reduced, requiring the Enterprise and Redding school districts to share one officer. The SRO program is extremely valuable to the goals of the Redding Police Department and the educational community in our area. The School Resource Officers are working diligently to combat gang activity, to provide safe school programs, and to offer strategies to thwart bullying in the schools.



Investigations

The Investigations Division consists of 22 employees which includes one Captain, three Sergeants, 14 Investigators, one Community Service Officer, one crime scene technician, and two clerical support staff. The Division is divided into sub-units specializing in major crimes (robbery & homicide), sex crimes, burglary, financial crimes, computer crimes, gangs, parole/probation, missing persons, and the Shasta Inter-Agency Narcotics Task Force (SINTF). Investigators were also assigned to the California Multi-Agency Methamphetamine Eradication Team (CaMMET), which was temporarily shut down in December due to budget cuts.



In March 2010, investigators were notified by the California Department of Justice that a DNA sample collected at the scene had finally been matched in a 1991 murder case. The victim's body was found in a field near Cypress Avenue on August 10, 1991. A number of investigators have worked the case over the years, and the DNA hit led a team of Investigators to Iowa where the suspect was serving a sentence for rape.

Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for the suspect on August 10, 2010. The date marked the 19th anniversary of the victim's death. The Investigations Division has an outstanding history of solving homicide cases with only five cases still classified as "unsolved" in the history of the agency.

The Financial Crimes Unit investigated more than 100 cases in the past year involving identity theft, financial elder abuse, real estate fraud and embezzlement. Greater access to computers and the internet have allowed suspects to perpetrate a wider variety of these crimes in the Redding area. Despite the heavy case load, Investigators assigned to the Financial Crimes Unit have identified many repeat offenders and have been proactive in arresting these offenders.

In August 2010, Investigators arrested a suspect and two of her associates for identity theft. The suspect and her associates used a computer to manufacture fraudulent checks and used the checks at numerous local businesses. All three were arrested. The main suspect was charged with over 100 felony counts. She is now serving a ten year prison sentence.

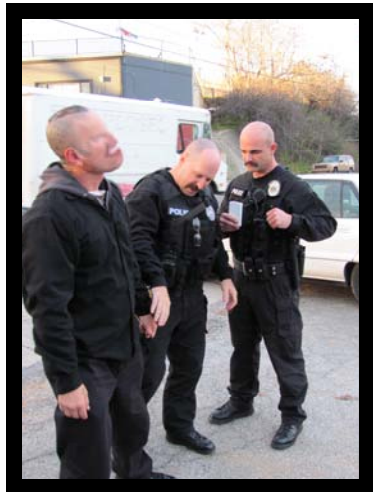
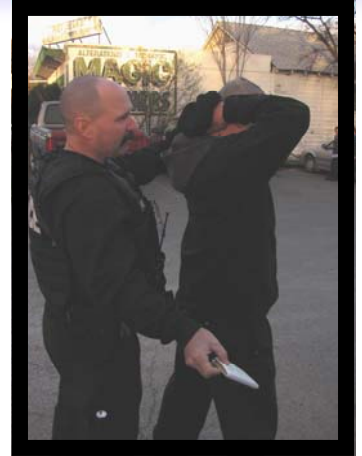
In February 2010, a suspect from Redding was arrested for estate fraud and financial elder abuse. His fraud schemes included incidents in Texas, California and Oregon dating back to 2005. The suspect's most lucrative scheme involved portraying himself as a large golf course developer from the east coast. He is now serving a lengthy jail sentence and has been ordered to pay restitution.



Gang Unit

The Redding Police Department Gang Unit consists of two full-time Investigators who conduct proactive enforcement, gather intelligence and investigate gang-related offenses. The Gang Unit is supplemented by an additional Investigator assigned to the Probation/Parole Unit, a police Sergeant and two Special Agents from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Special Service Unit (SSU).

The Gang Investigators also coordinate weekly Shasta Anti-Gang Enforcement (SAGE) operations throughout Shasta County. These operations are made possible by utilizing personnel from 19 allied law enforcement agencies within the county. This concerted effort is extremely beneficial in maintaining a safe community for all of us.



The Redding Police Department Investigations Division also coordinates the North State Anti-Gang Enforcement (NSAGE). This grant-funded Intelligence Led Policing (ILP) Program covers 13 Northern California counties. These counties range from Yuba and Sutter counties to the south all the way to the Oregon border in the north. NSAGE conducts regional meetings, coordinates regional anti-gang enforcement operations, provides gang-related training and shares intelligence throughout the region.

During 2010, Redding suffered a severe spike in gang violence, including attempted murders, kidnapping, drive-by shootings, violent assaults, robberies and witness intimidation. Investigators were able to make numerous arrests and obtain valuable intelligence in relation to these crimes and were able to stem this surge of violence.

In November, one of the gang members believed to be responsible for orchestrating much of this violence was convicted of attempted murder, kidnapping and being a member of a criminal street gang. Investigators also arrested another gang member for a violent gang-related assault inside a convenience store. While he was a fugitive from this assault, this gang member and another juvenile gang member from Redding traveled to Stanislaus County and committed a murder during a violent carjacking. Both of these gang members were later found in Redding and were arrested by RPD Investigators.

Due to Investigators' in-depth knowledge of local gang members and their associates, these and other violent criminals were located and taken off our streets. Arrests like these are a testament to the dedication and hard work by Redding Police Department Gang Investigators.



Crime Scene Unit

The Crime Scene Unit at the Redding Police Department consists of one full-time Crime Scene Technician and fifteen ID Technicians. ID Technicians are officers who are specially trained in crime scene processing. The Crime Scene Unit has an in-house laboratory for processing evidence, including the chemical development of fingerprints on evidence and comparing crime scene fingerprints to suspect fingerprints.

The Shasta County Remote Access Network (RAN) Board, which represents local law enforcement agencies including the Redding Police Department, is in the process of obtaining an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) — a biometric database containing electronic fingerprint records.

A scanned fingerprint and palm print along with basic information about the individual being fingerprinted is entered and stored in AFIS. Other information, such as facial or tattoo photos, can also be associated with the registered fingerprint record.



The primary application for an AFIS is to search the database using prints found at crime scenes to determine if they match any of the registered prints. The AFIS will return a list of potential matches, ranked in order of probability, for further comparison by a trained latent examiner. These automated results are typically available within 60 seconds. If no match is found, the AFIS will continue to compare each set of newly registered fingerprints and report whenever a potential match is found.



Other applications for an AFIS include identity verification using fingerprint images captured on a portable scanning device. By using two or more fingerprint images, the AFIS will report a positive match if contained in the database, and report specific information contained in the matching record in less than two minutes, including a photograph of the subject.

The ability to quickly identify fingerprints from a crime scene or to verify an unknown person's identity will assist law enforcement in solving crime, increase officer resource efficiency and safety and protect the community we serve.

The AFIS system will include four portable units at RPD, four at the Sheriff's Office and two at the Anderson Police Department. These first 10 are being purchased as part of an overall contract package to ensure the system will properly support their usage. Funding for this project comes from DMV fees through the RAN board.

Traffic Unit

The Redding Police Department Traffic Unit is composed of one Sergeant, three Motorcycle Officers, one Traffic Car, one DUI Enforcement Officer, one Community Service Officer, and three part-time Red Light Camera Photo Enforcement Specialists. In addition to basic traffic enforcement, the Traffic Unit is responsible for the investigation of all significant major injury and fatal collisions, abandoned vehicle abatement, vehicle lien sales and the coordination of all police resources at significant special events such as Kool April Nites, the 4th of July Freedom Festival, and more.

Over the course of the past year, the Redding Police Department received two grants from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). One grant funds the Shasta AVOID the Six DUI Task Force. This task force is composed of six law enforcement agencies within Shasta County, with RPD being the lead agency for the grant. It funds saturation patrols, DUI checkpoints, warrant sweeps, court stings and media outreach operations.

The second grant had the expressed goal of lowering injury and fatal collisions as well as lowering the number of impaired drivers. The initial goal was to have 96 patrols targeting impaired drivers. The Traffic Unit was able to exceed that goal by completing 164 patrols—47% beyond the grant goal.

In an effort to support Patrol after recent layoffs of RPD personnel, the Traffic Division has shifted the deployment of Traffic Officers, who are now handling the vast majority of all traffic collisions Monday through Friday during the daytime hours. Previously, the majority of these collisions were handled by Community Service Officers, who have since been laid off. Traditionally, the primary duty of the Traffic Unit has been the enforcement of vehicle code violations. This shift has caused traffic officers to change their focus from proactive traffic enforcement to reactive traffic collision reporting.

It is not anticipated that the Traffic Division will return to a purely traffic enforcement role any time soon. Fortunately, an additional—and substantial—“Selective Traffic Enforcement Program” OTS grant was awarded in October which allowed the Redding Police Department to bring back a full-time DUI enforcement officer. In addition to this position, the grant provides funding for operations to address red light violations, excessive speed, and enforcement near intersections with a disproportionately high number of collisions.



This OTS grant also made it possible for the Traffic Division to purchase new handheld citation devices and printers. This will allow officers to continue to use the automated citation system and will also be able to complete traffic collision investigation and reporting in the field using Crossroads software. This advancement should reduce the time needed by officers to complete the report and eliminate the need for data entry by Police Records Technicians.

The Traffic Unit continues to host the Police Motorcycle competition during Big Bike Weekend. This year Sgt. Casey Bokavich won top prize in his division.

Red Light Cameras

Since the first cameras went into operation in the fall of 2007, the Red Light Camera Program has seen a remarkable success with reducing traffic collisions. Fines received from the citations generated by red light violations help defray the cost of the program. While not a revenue-generating program, it has proven to be successful in increasing traffic safety.

Although data for 2010 is available only through November as of this writing, when compared with information from the calendar year 2009, the Red Light Camera Program has helped to bring forth the following changes:

- City-wide Collisions: down 7.35%
- Collisions at all monitored locations (combined): down 23.38%
- Collisions at Cypress/Bechelli: up 50%
- Collisions at Market/Shasta: 0% — no change
- Collisions at Cypress/Churn Creek: down 51.85%
- Collisions at Market/Lake: up 5.88%



Community Involvement - Spouses Behind The Badge

The Spouses Behind the Badge program has been busy this year! The program was pioneered in 2009 by Alysha Barner, the wife of Sergeant Brian Barner, after watching a television show on the large number of children staying in homeless shelters. Mrs. Barner felt there was a need to assist local children who are temporarily or permanently displaced from their homes due to domestic violence and other social disturbances.

In 2010, they also created a program called "Meals 4 Mommies." For seven days, they cooked meals for families of RPD personnel who had new babies. They have also helped out some officers who were recuperating from surgeries and needed some extra help.

They have continued their tradition of Operation Blue Birthday, by organizing birthday parties throughout the year—providing children with toys, school supplies and personal care products during times when these kids would otherwise not have any special celebration on their birthday. They also helped four families acquire beds for their children to sleep on.



The biggest project this year was "Back to School Kids Kuts," where Spouses Behind the Badge provided 45 children with free haircuts and free backpacks filled with school supplies. There were two RPD vehicles, the SWAT van and one Sheriff car for the kids to look at after they got their hair cut. There was a great response from the community, and the kids loved the fun-filled day.

Also, the Spouses were able to help an Enterprise High School senior who could not afford to purchase senior portraits. This well-deserving student started out the day with a free haircut and makeup. It was followed by picking out new winter clothes and a day of getting portraits taken.

In early November, Spouses Behind the Badge were able to present a single mother who was fleeing from a dangerous domestic violence situation with a safe, working used car.

With the continued support of our community and the dedication to making lives better for all, Spouses Behind the Badge hopes to make some of these projects annual events. All services and products provided by Spouses Behind The Badge were donated by community members and local businesses—thanks to all who participated.



Community Involvement - Operation Blue Santa

The year 2010 marked the Redding Police Department's 20th year for Operation Blue Santa. Operation Blue Santa is a program that assists local families in need during the holidays. The program provides a grocery gift certificate, gifts for the children, stockings filled with candy, and stuffed animals. In its first year, the program assisted three families, and over the years has grown to an average of 25 to 30 families each year. The families are suggested to Santa by officers, chaplains, schools, and Children and Family Services.

Money to purchase gifts for the children is donated by the Redding Peace Officers' Association and other personnel of the Redding Police Department. Donations from outside the Department are also accepted and are very much appreciated. These generous donations have allowed the program to expand so that more gifts can be provided, including some practical items such as clothing and diapers. Monetary donations, instead of toys, are appreciated so that Santa can shop for each individual child in response to their interests and needs.

A few days before Christmas every year, a caravan of police cars and vans leaves the compound of the Redding Police Department. In one police car is Santa, dressed in a blue suit trimmed with white fur. He likes to tell the children that for just that one day, he is wearing blue to honor his friends in law enforcement. Escorting Santa in the other vehicles are McGruff the Crime Dog, uniformed officers, chaplains, cadets, other police personnel and family members. The caravan stops at Mercy Medical Center Pediatrics Ward and hands out stuffed animals and gifts. Then Santa visits the homes of all the families on his list and hands out lots of presents and hugs. It makes for a very rewarding day for all.

Operation Blue Santa is such a wonderful experience. It emphasizes the joy of giving to those less fortunate and allows a positive interaction between law enforcement and the public, especially the children.



Chaplains



There are eleven volunteer Redding Police Chaplains. They meet monthly to discuss the program, debrief call-outs, and receive continuing education. They work tirelessly serving the needs of Redding Police families and members of our community. A few examples of Chaplains' duties are: death notifications, officiating at weddings and funerals, attending hospital visits, Blue Santa and Blue Birthday, facilitating critical incident stress debriefings, and conducting training on topics such as suicide intervention, grief and trauma, and stress management.



Our Senior Chaplain, Cyndee Thomas, is the President of the International Conference of Police Chaplains, and is the first woman to hold that position—a high honor. As ICPC President, Senior Chaplain Thomas has a tremendous workload and responsibility to facilitate training seminars and unite Chaplains at the national and international level.



The Redding Police Chaplaincy is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that receives donations from individuals and organizations to help support Chaplains' training opportunities and uniform supplies.

Volunteers



The City of Redding Volunteer Program was started in 1988. Their contributions ensure that many essential police services are conducted in a timely and efficient manner.

We have had more than 20 volunteers serve at the Police Department this past year. New roles have included assisting in our evidence department and ID lab, and placing SMART trailers in the community to aid in traffic control.

Volunteers have also stepped up to help with the Neighborhood Watch Program, including events such as National Night Out. We have had volunteers assist the Gang Unit with data entry, which has become an essential element in combating gangs in our community.

Another project our volunteers assisted with this year was serving our youth at Shasta Youth Leadership Camp.



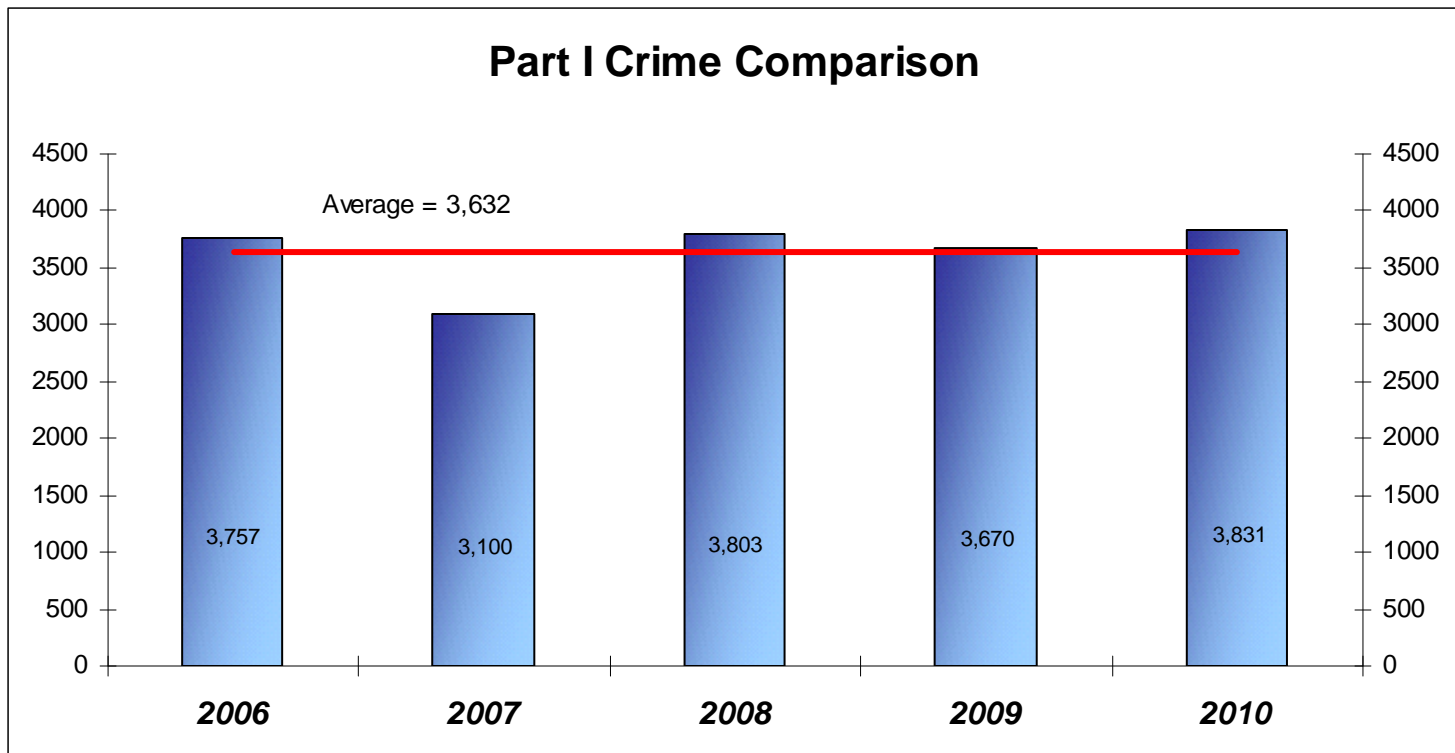
In addition to the more traditional volunteer roles, including assisting the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program, pawn entries, citations, FI cards, working in Records, assisting the Court and Alarms Officer, the Ride Along Program and vehicle maintenance, the Volunteer Program has contributed a great amount of time and effort to assist our Officers and staff to continue to provide essential services to the community. They also assisted with Blue Santa and several other special events throughout the year.

It cannot be said enough—the work done by these generous individuals is outstanding, and we thank you, Volunteers, for all that you do.

For more information on the City of Redding Volunteer Program, please contact Volunteer Program Coordinator Shawn Avery by calling (530) 225-4524.

Crime Statistics

The following charts present a snapshot look at crime statistics for our community. There are many factors that contribute to crime in any community, including unemployment rates, early release of prisoners due to budget constraints or full jail facilities, overall community economics, changes in local population demographics, and more. Please note: these, and all other statistics presented in this report, are current as of the date of this printing, and may be subject to change as updated information becomes available.

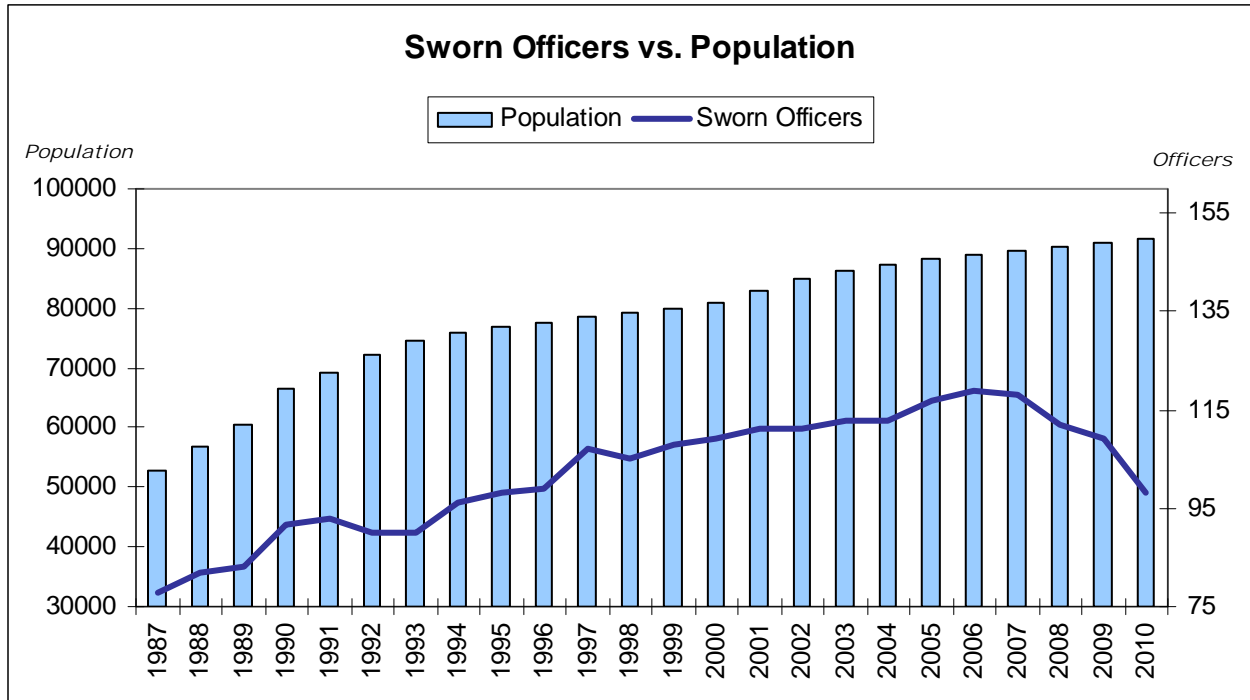


The year 2010 saw an overall increase in crime of 4.39%. With the economic troubles facing the community and fewer resources with which to fight crime, it is not surprising to see these increases.

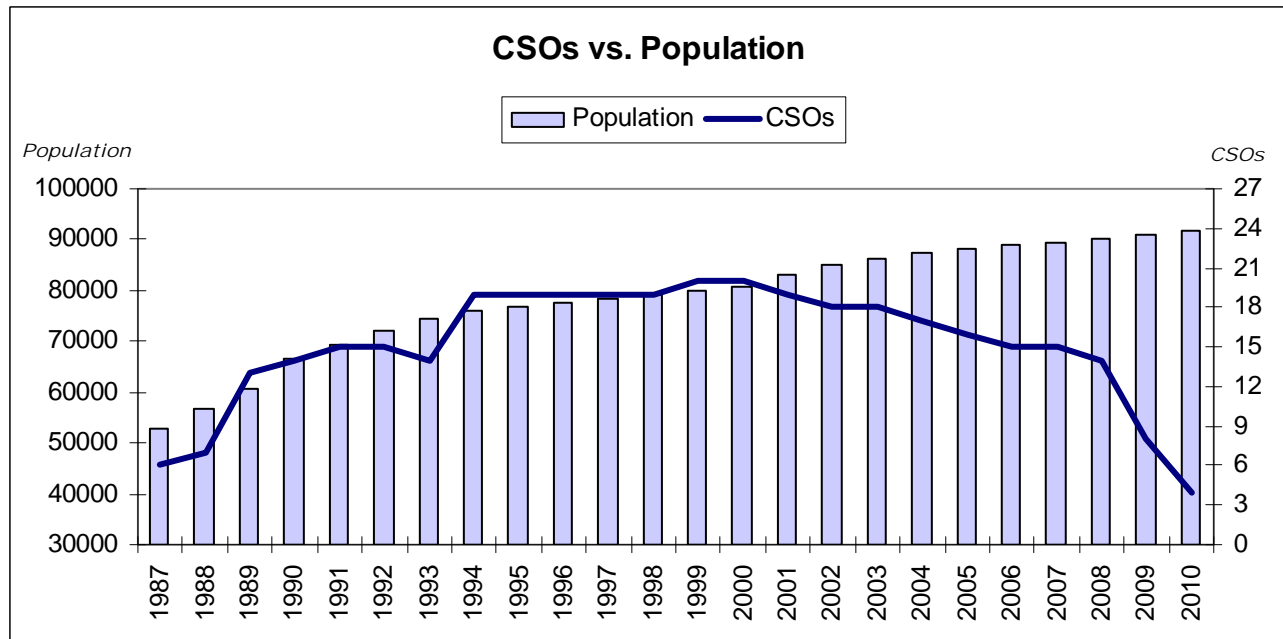
As more cuts loom on the horizon, it should be expected that crime rates will continue to rise.

PART 1 CRIMES	2009	2010	% Change	Raw Change
Homicide	2	2	0%	0
Rape	65	61	-6.15%	-4
Robbery	83	105	+26.51%	+22
Aggravated Assault	539	625	+15.96%	+86
VIOLENT CRIME	689	793	+15.09%	+104
Burglary	784	849	+8.29%	+65
Larceny	1,993	1,947	-2.31%	-46
Vehicle Theft	204	242	+18.63%	+38
PROPERTY CRIME	2,981	3,038	+1.91%	+57
TOTAL Part 1 Crimes	3,670	3,831	+4.39%	+161

Crime Statistics (con't.)



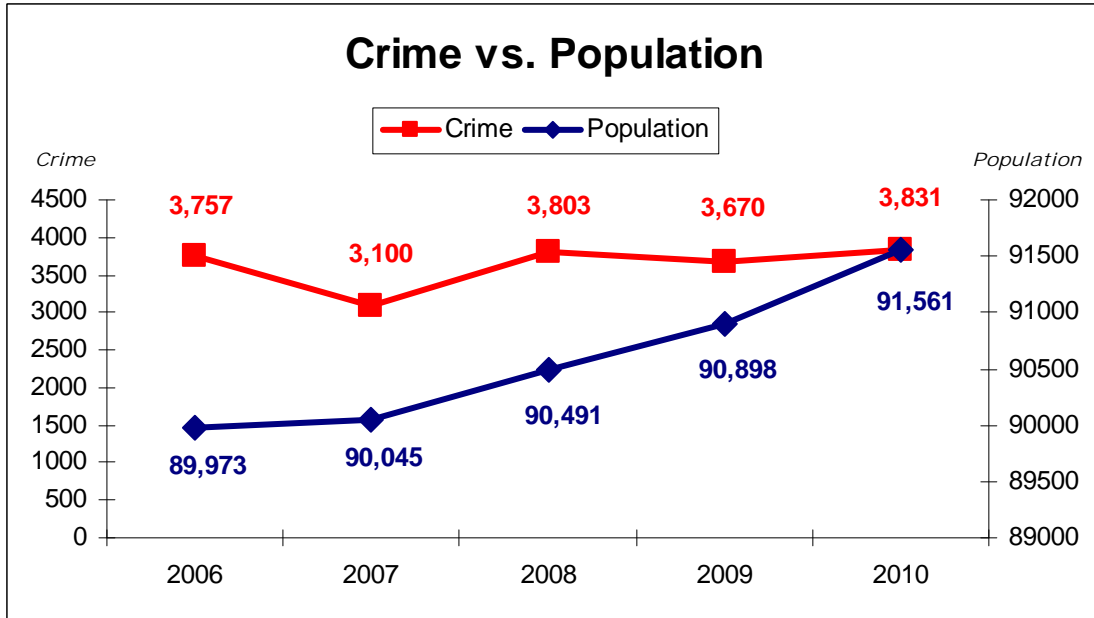
With the changes to staffing levels that have recently been made, RPD has been reduced to the same levels that were maintained more than a decade ago—back to 1995 for sworn officers, and in the case of CSOs, back to the same levels as in the early 1980's.



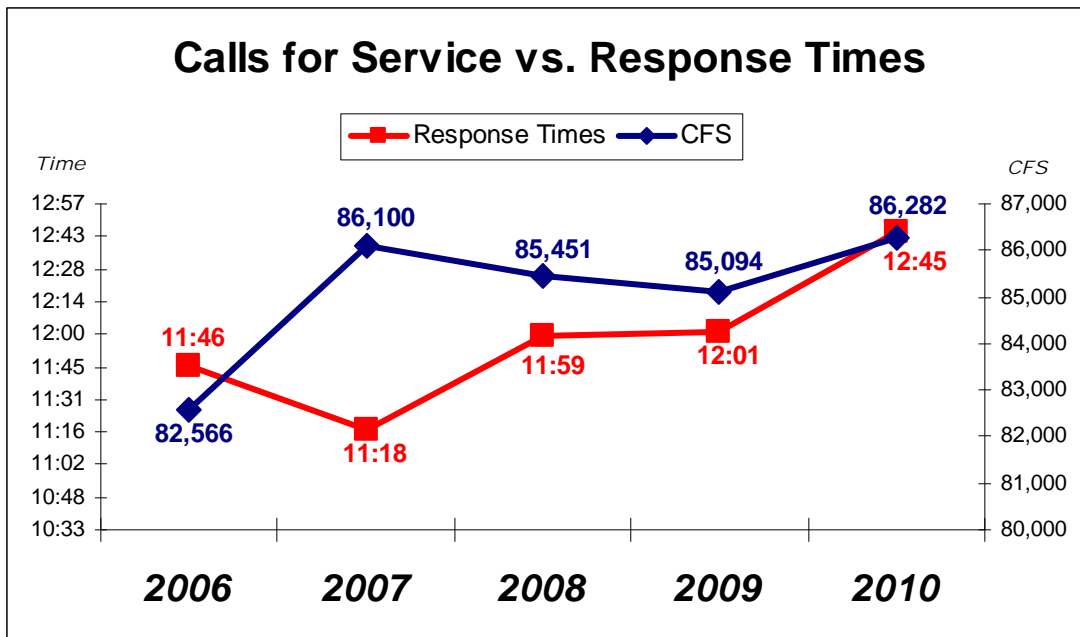
These reductions, compounded by a consistently growing population and always-increasing needs for police services shows quite clearly that staffing levels have been going in the least effective direction for crime control in our community for the past several years.

Crime Statistics (con't.)

Redding's population remained relatively stable in 2010, but even with a small increase of new residents, the demand on public services tends to increase. The chart below illustrates how Part I Crimes can be compared with the population of our city.

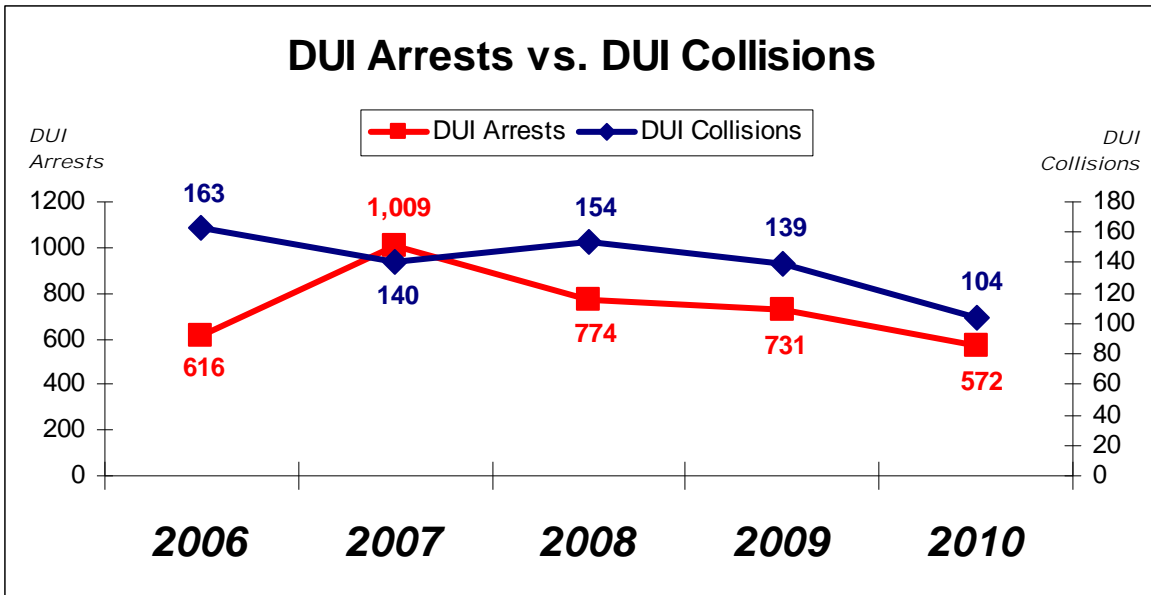


Calls for Service portray a more comprehensive representation of the activity of Patrol Officers. These numbers include Part I Crimes as well as other types of incidents (i.e., Part II Crimes, traffic collisions, advice calls, etc.). The average response time for the highest priority calls (priorities 0, 1, and 2) in 2010 was 12:45 in contrast to the average response time of 12:01 for 2009. This is believed to be due primarily to fewer police personnel being on staff to respond to the increasing needs of our community—and an increase of 45 seconds can seem like much longer when a citizen is in need of assistance.

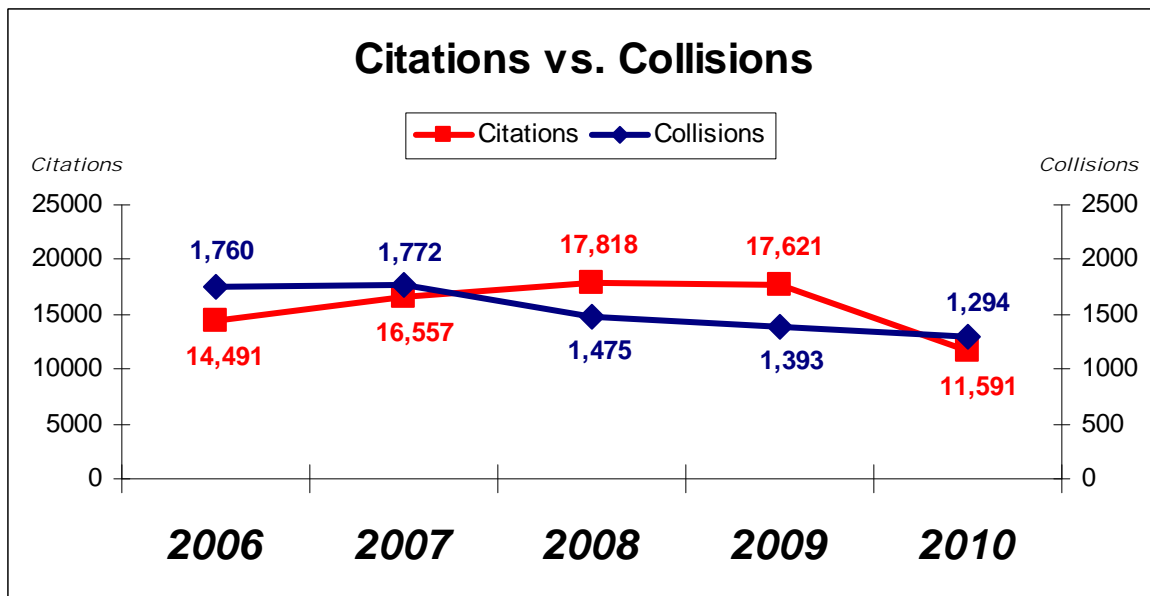


Crime Statistics (cont.)

DUI enforcement has been a high priority for the past several years. In 2010, with 572 total DUI arrests, we have seen a significant decrease in the number of drivers being arrested for being under the influence. This decrease could be at least partially related to fewer people driving while impaired; however, a more likely cause is the simple fact that fewer officers are available to dedicate time to actively patrolling for these dangerous drivers. The good news is that drug and alcohol-related collisions are also down for the second year.



It has long been the philosophy of the Redding Police Department that increasing citations contributes to increased driver awareness, eventually lowering the overall number of collisions. With the recent reduction in staffing, fewer citations are now being issued by officers in the field. It is believed that the enforcement from the Red Light Camera Program is helping to continually reduce the collision numbers—a trend seen by many other agencies employing the same enforcement strategy.



Crime Statistics (con't.)

With fewer officers on the street, arrests have noticeably declined in 2010. Vigilant proactive patrols and special community-enhancing projects are being replaced by an immediate need for officers to respond to one incident immediately after another.

Arrest Statistics – All Crimes	2009	2010	Change
Felony Arrests (Adult & Juvenile)	2,294	2,504	+9.15%
Misdemeanor Arrests (Adult & Juvenile)	6,265	5,371	-14.27%
Other Juvenile Arrests (Delinquent)	191	110	-42.41%
Arrests by Sex – Male	6,317	5,708	-9.64%
Arrests by Sex – Female	2,433	2,277	-6.41%
Total Booked (Taken to jail or juvenile hall)	5,822	5,538	-4.88%
Total Cited (Arrest citations; not traffic)	2,803	2,363	-15.70%
Other (Turned over to other jurisdictions)	125	84	-32.80%
Total Arrests	8,750	7,985	-8.74%

Another high-priority goal involves keeping gangs from becoming as established in Redding as they are in neighboring communities. The table below depicts a statistical summary of the activities of the Shasta Area Gang Enforcement (SAGE) task force, as well as efforts made more specifically by RPD's Anti-Gang enforcement measures. Police use proactive methods to continuously seek out potential problems and correct them before more serious crimes can be committed.

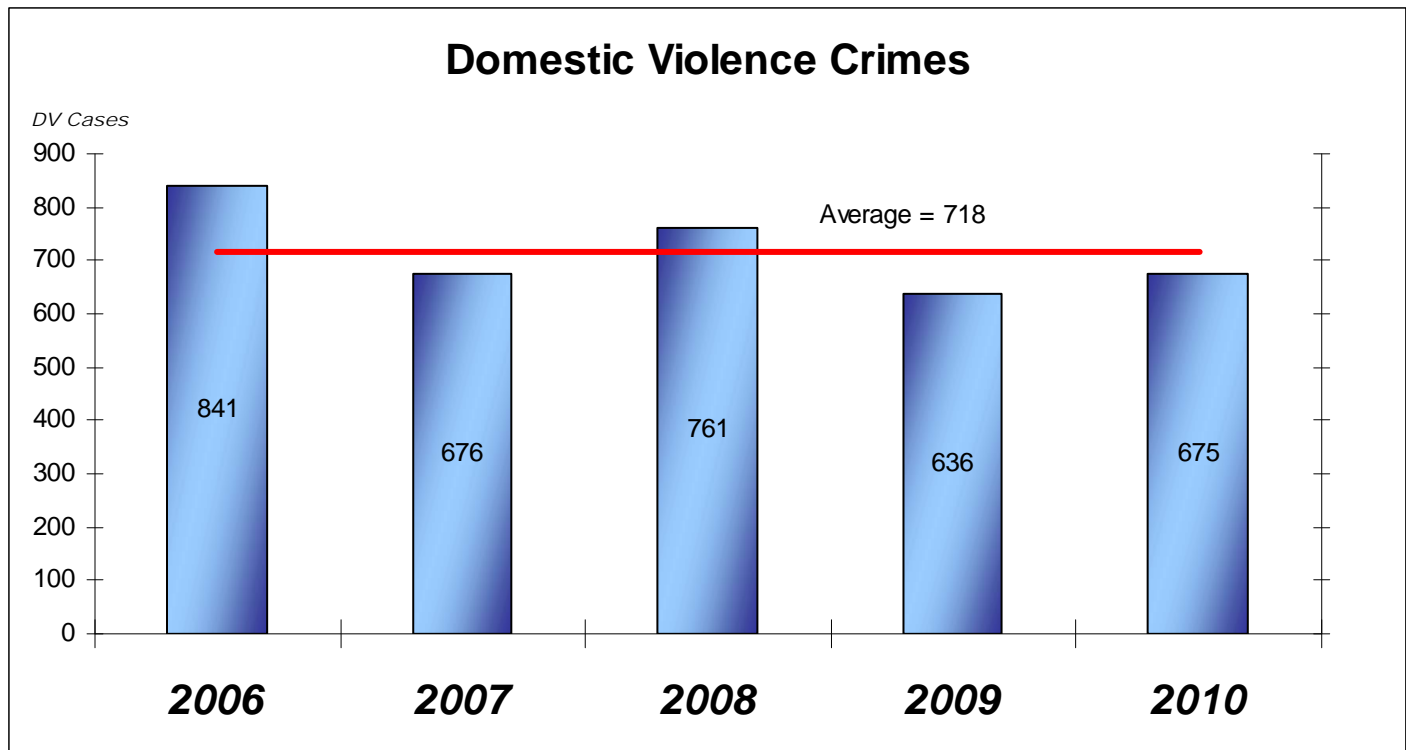
S.A.G.E. Activity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Searches	899	958	799	1205	594	366
Arrests	299	283	239	204	90	80
Overall Contacts (proactive contacts)	2,089	2,828	3,043	3,609	1,872	716
Redding Police Anti-Gang Activity	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
New gang members documented*	n/a	7	31	39	42	18
Gang Contacts	n/a	68	99	70	123	81

**"Documented" gang member = a subject who meets criteria as set forth by Cal-Gang, as maintained by the California Department of Justice. Although it is a felony to be involved in gang activity, gang documentation is not necessarily conclusive that any other crime has occurred.*

Domestic Violence Statistics

Domestic violence is any abuse—physical, emotional, verbal or sexual in nature—committed by one person against another person with whom an intimate relationship has been established. Typically, batterers have learned that they can control people through violence, and they have become accustomed to getting what they want by manipulating the situations around them.

The chart below illustrates the total number of domestic violence cases reported over the years.



Verbal Domestic Incidents (VDI)

When an officer clears the scene of a call where the potential for violence exists, or there is a history of several calls for service to the location as a result of verbal disturbances between domestic partners, the officer will designate the call a Verbal Domestic Incident. *These incidents do not represent crimes where actual physical violence has occurred.* The goal is to identify situations and/or locations which may be expected to escalate to violence if the problem is not solved. When identified, local service agencies may be used to provide intervention and prevention counseling to avoid further incidents.

Total 2010 Verbal Domestic Incidents: 692



If you or someone you know needs help, please call 1-800-799-SAFE for the National Domestic Violence Hotline or call 530-244-0117 for the Shasta Women's Refuge Crisis Line.



In Closing...

For the past two decades, the City of Redding has built one of the leading police agencies in the North State. Shasta County and Anderson have regularly welcomed RPD Parole/Probation detectives coming into their jurisdictions to help enforce the terms of parole and probation. Outlaw motorcycle gangs have repeatedly tried to establish a stronger presence in Shasta County, but have been kept at bay through a collaboration of local law enforcement officers. Criminal street gang members are now trying to establish dominance in Shasta County. Through the efforts of S.A.G.E., officers have thus far been successful in deterring their advances.

Proactive policing is the kind of policing which involves more than just handling calls for service as they come in. It involves focusing on emerging crimes before they occur. Many police agencies are forced to take a reactive approach, because they lack the resources which successful proactive policing requires. It takes teams of officers who are highly motivated, experienced, skilled, and innovative; who take initiative and who are committed to teamwork; and who are directed and supported by community leaders with vision. We continue to work closely with the Shasta County Sheriff's Office, the Anderson Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, and other Northern California law enforcement agencies to provide quality law enforcement services.

Unfortunately, in the past two years the Neighborhood Police Unit has been completely eliminated, along with the popular Crime Prevention Unit (which facilitated the Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and other programs). All field Community Service Officers have been laid off, requiring patrol officers to increasingly handle non-emergency calls. SAGE and NSAGE operations have been cut significantly. The Traffic Unit has been reduced. The School Resource Officer Unit has been reduced, taking officers away from our kids. The Records Unit operates at minimum staffing on a continuous basis because of the layoff of many Records Technicians. The Investigations Division has been reduced significantly, losing nearly a quarter of the investigators who handle the most serious crimes.

Police service is not just another business venture. Our mission is to defend our society and uphold the Constitution. Redding police officers devote their lives as well as their careers to this community.

This is our community, and we care deeply about keeping it safe. With the resources we have available, we stand firm in our commitment to the citizens we've sworn to protect.

