There is no denying that 2016 has been an especially challenging year for law enforcement agencies in America. While reflection is important in times such as these, we are now tasked with figuring out how to move forward; learn from these incidents, and turn a moment of frustration into an opportunity to make positive changes within our community.

El Dorado County is unique in that we are not affected by a society that is seemingly trying to divide communities from their local law enforcement. Over the past year, our agency has received numerous reminders that our community stands behind us. Although stability and security might feel threatened, we come together and work collaboratively with our citizens to address serious crimes and social issues.

We are no stranger to this; choosing to be a public servant means that we will always be held to a higher standard and that the community will look to us for leadership and direction when they are in their most desperate hour. That's what we do and it defines who we are. We would like to express our extreme gratitude to the citizens of El Dorado County, who constantly express their continued support of our agency.

Thank You!
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This past year, law enforcement across the country faced many challenges and changes. I am proud to report your Sheriff’s Office has put a strong effort into identifying the trends that drive these changes and how best to manage them.

Our crime rates have remained low and our patrol deputies and detectives continue to be as efficient as possible in addressing neighborhood crimes.

Your Sheriff’s Office continues to use social media to report on incidents and crime trends within the county. Through the use of Facebook we have been able to dispel rumors while providing accurate information to our citizens.

Your Crisis Intervention Team continues to serve our mentally ill and homeless citizens through regular visits, and we work closely with our partners from the Health and Human Services Department to mitigate related issues.

During the summer of 2016, our county experienced the Trailhead Fire in the Volcanoville/Georgetown area. Your Sheriff’s Office worked around the clock to successfully evacuate residents and secure their property while the fire was being contained.

Our Resident Deputy program, which was expanded in 2016, has continued to be a major success in addressing neighborhood issues and crime in the rural parts of our county.

In 2016, the County secured a loan of $57 million from the United States Department of Agriculture to fund the Public Safety Headquarters project. This loan was secured at a fantastic rate of 2.375% over 40 years. This loan will allow our project to move forward so that your Sheriff’s Office will have adequate facilities to more efficiently serve our communities.
Our Jails continue to be impacted with long term inmates who had previously served their sentences in state prisons. Our Custody staff has identified services such as medical, mental health care, education, and job skills that will need to be expanded to continue to meet the levels of care necessary for our inmates. To assist in these efforts the Sheriff’s Office in partnership with over eleven other agencies and citizen groups has applied for $25 million in grant funding from the State of California for jail expansion space for programming and services.

Your Sheriff’s Office continues to make the most of our resources while remaining within our budget. I am deeply humbled and honored to lead the Sheriff’s Office and provide quality service to our citizens.

Thank you for your interest in our 2016 Annual Report.

Sincerely,

John D’Agostini
Sheriff - Coroner - Public Administrator
Command Staff

(From Left to Right)

Captain Bryan Golmitz - Support Services
Captain Jackie Noren - Custody
Sheriff John D’Agostini
Undersheriff Randy Peshon
Chief Fiscal Officer Jon DeVille
Captain Andy Wishart - Operations
2016 Awardees

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR
Greg Almos

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR
David Day

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR
Sara Dougherty

TEAM OF THE YEAR
Honor Guard

DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR
Shelli Sherwood

SWORN MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Lt. Matt Foxworthy

CIVILIAN SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR
Jeff Britton

CIVILIAN MANAGER OF THE YEAR
Phil Dold

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
Explorers and Advisor Monica Ferguson

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Rochelle Franco

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR
Mike Dennis, Ron Thompson & Foothill 7 TV

GOLD LIFESAVING MEDAL
Greg Almos

SILVER LIFESAVING MEDAL
David Isham
Les Lovell

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR
John Wagner – Folsom PD

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR
Blake Alvarez John Moniz, FPD
Dan Fulton Brandon Monsoor, FPD
Brian Shelton Lou Wright, FPD

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
EDSO SWAT
Folsom PD SWAT
The goals of the Professional Standards and Training unit are to provide the best training possible for Sheriff’s Office employees and to ensure professional law enforcement conduct is maintained throughout the agency. Often times, there is a strong correlation between professional standards and training. When an employee does make a mistake, it presents a training opportunity to reinforce and strengthen that component so that it does not reoccur.

The investigation of personnel complaints is one of the primary functions of the Professional Standards unit. In 2016, the number of Service Complaints has slightly decreased and the number of Internal Affair Investigations has slightly increased. Service Complaints are those complaints made against a Sheriff’s Office employee by a citizen. All Service Complaints are investigated and determined to be sustained or not sustained. Of the 16 Service Complaints received this year, 1 was determined to be sustained and 9 were determined to be not sustained (6 are still pending investigation). The number of sustained cases reaffirms the high standard of professional conduct that Sheriff’s Office employees exhibit on a daily basis. Even though an investigation is not sustained, it can still provide insight into where training can be improved.

The Sheriff’s Training Unit handles all training for Sheriff’s Personnel and ensures that all sworn and civilian employees are in compliance with either the California Peace Officer Standards and Training or Standards and Training for Corrections. El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office employees are always above minimum standards when it comes to training and they are always looking for new and exciting training opportunities to enhance service to the community.

The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office Training Section fully supports the Sheriff’s Vision of “Total professionalism, through training and by example.” The Training Section provided 8,470 hours of in-house training to include topics such as firearms, less lethal, Taser, first aid/CPR and Public Law 280 as it relates to the Shingle Springs Rancheria. The Sheriff’s Office also sent employees to 16,867 hours of training from various conferences and workshops hosted by other departments and/or organizations. These outside training opportunities included specialized topics such as homicide, robbery, gang, sexual assault and child abuse investigations. Sheriff’s Office employees also received 354 hours of online training including domestic violence response and communication updates.

The Sheriff’s Vision also includes professionalism by example. The Sheriff has emphasized the importance of creating great leaders within the Sheriff’s Office and made it a priority to send our personnel to work with and learn from other agencies. Women Leaders in Law Enforcement Symposium has brought together up to 1,000 law enforcement professionals from all over the nation each year over the last eleven years. This training focuses on how to be a successful leader while mentoring the upcoming leaders in the industry. Law enforcement professionals from Sheriff’s Deputies to department technicians, collaborate and learn from each other in this wonderful opportunity.

The Sheriff’s Office also introduced a 6 month intensive leadership academy for employees to practice becoming better leaders and law enforcement professionals. The students met once a month for six months and completed readings and assignments between classes. Classmates taught one another through discussions, presentations and written assignments, different ways to approach situations and problem solving skills as a leader. Leadership skills such as integrity, approachability, dedication, motivation, empathy, humbleness and having a vision were emphasized throughout the class.
In 2015 and 2016, the Sheriff’s Office (as well as many California agencies) saw a decline in Deputy Sheriff applicants. To be considered for the position of a Deputy Sheriff, an applicant must have graduated from a California Law Enforcement Academy. Being faced with the drop in applicants, Sheriff D’Agostini decided the best course of action would be to promote internally to fill several open Deputy Sheriff Positions. The Sheriff’s Office is already staffed with a vast pool of qualified employees looking to advance their careers.

The promotional process for Deputy Sheriff consists of a physical abilities test, a written test and an oral board examination. Those applicants that successfully pass each step move on to a stringent background process, above and beyond what they had experienced when they were originally hired. Once all of these processes are completed successfully, employees are selected and promoted to the rank of Deputy Sheriff I.

The selected applicants are then sent to the Sacramento County Sheriff Law Enforcement Academy, where they spend the next 6 months in an intensive training program. The entire promotional process lasts nearly a year. Most recently, three Correctional Officers successfully graduated from the Academy on January 24th, 2017, Katie Ragan, Chelsie Tate and Jeff Whitlock. They were sworn in with the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office and promoted to Deputy Sheriff II.

If you or someone you know is interested in working for the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office, please email us at recruitment@edso.org for more information on the hiring process and the status of future job postings.

This year the Sheriff’s Office completed the modernization of the patrol unit with next generation in-car video and mobile computers. The new forward facing camera has a rotatable HD lens that can be positioned to record activity occurring on either side of the patrol unit. The camera mounts behind the rear view mirror to avoid any visual obstruction.

In addition, approximately 70 fixed mounted cameras have been installed in and around the jail facilities to increase safety and accountability and to reduce liability. The newly installed cameras have directly attributed to jail staff’s ability to solve crimes that have happened within the jail.

Placing data in a geographic context has become increasingly important when leveraging limited resources. The new 911-phone system’s mapping program better allows emergency dispatchers to visualize the location of cellular calls. Renewed emphasis on mapping historical calls for service allow deputies to visualize where more patrols are needed and may assist in linking crimes to improve solvability. A new software system called CopLink provides a powerful investigative tool to the Sheriff’s detectives by allowing them to research possible links between suspects and crimes across many regional law enforcement agencies. Oftentimes, detectives will come across suspects who are linked to similar crimes in neighboring counties. Sharing this information increases public safety for not only El Dorado County, but neighboring agencies as well.

Information Technology helps bring the Sheriff’s vision, "A modern approach to traditional law enforcement values" to life.

**OBJECTIVES FOR 2017**

IT takes great pride in the security of the Sheriff’s Office technologies; however, they are always looking to increase security. IT will continue to harden their firewall with new technology to maintain confidentiality for all parties involved. They also hope to bring more advanced analytical programming into use to help with the Sheriff’s directed patrol initiative to help deter crime before it happens.
The Records Unit provides several services to the Sheriff’s Office, private citizens and other law enforcement agencies. The Records Unit is considered the administrative hub of the Sheriff’s Office. They are available 24 hours a day to provide other agencies with criminal records research, warrant and restraining order information and law enforcement background checks. They also assist community members with obtaining incident reports, county restraining orders, concealed carry permits and a variety of other needs while maintaining the security and confidentiality of the information according to local, state and federal laws.

One of the main functions of the Records Unit is handling all CCW appointments and background checks, as well as issuing licenses. Early in the year, our agency implemented changes to the Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) application process to provide better service to those seeking a new permit or renewing their existing permit. With the demand for CCW licenses growing, the Sheriff’s Office modified the application process from 3 total appointments down to 2 in order to reduce the processing time by an average of 8 weeks. Thirty two additional appointment slots were added to the schedule each week allowing Records to service as many community members as possible. This year, the Records Unit received several notes of appreciation in regards to the level of service provided by the employees.

These notes are valued by the Records Unit and reaffirm their goal of fulfilling the vision of “total care for victims, witnesses and the community.”

“I had the pleasure to conduct business with some of your staff recently to obtain my CCW license. I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to you and the staff for a very positive and professional experience. The excellent attention to detail and care I received was beyond my expectations. I wanted to thank you today for these valuable employees.”

ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- Serviced 5,263 front counter customers
- Processed 3,242 arrest/crime report requests
- Successfully passed the California Law Enforcement Telecommunication System Policy and Security Audit and the Criminal Justice Information System Database Audit conducted by the California Department of Justice.
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

“Responsible for preserving evidence for all criminal cases and cataloging those items for safekeeping and evidentiary integrity.”

The Sheriff’s Office established a Drug Take Back Program and receptacle at its main office and South Lake Tahoe Sub Station during 2016. The public can now drop off any unwanted or expired prescriptions and over the counter drugs for safe disposal.

The Property and Evidence Section provides tours and training for new deputies and correctional officers. Property and Evidence is located at the main Sheriff’s Office in what was previously the jail. Converted cells are not ideal for secure storage and there is still not enough room to comfortably store all items. With the advent of the new building looming, Property provided many more tours this year to county and public officials who were hoping to gain some insight as to what’s needed for the new building design.

The team of Property Technicians at the Sheriff’s Office have adapted well to their limited space and have utilized their available resources to build a reliable and smooth running operation. The staff is highly motivated and continually focused on their goal to meet the Sheriff’s vision of, “Total Service” for the citizens of El Dorado County.

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE OVER 35,000 ITEMS BEING STORED IN PROPERTY

DURING 2016...

8,938 ITEMS RECEIVED
7,175 ITEMS DESTROYED
5,763+ LBS. MARIJUANA & OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS DESTROYED
250 LBS. BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSED OF
182 LBS. OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DESTROYED
Central Dispatch is the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) for the entire county and is generally the public’s first point of contact when calling 911 within the County. The 911 calls within the cities of Placerville and South Lake Tahoe and from major highways like 50 and 49 first go to answer points within the cities or California Highway Patrol.

When a 911 call is placed on a cell phone, cell towers play a significant role on which agency receives the call. Central Dispatch oversees approximately 40 cell towers within the county, which were formally the responsibility of the CHP. Often times, a caller does not know their location. Cell towers often provide the dispatcher with a GPS position that can narrow down a caller’s location.

Our dispatchers strive to provide excellent public service. When you call 911, Central Dispatch understands that you or someone you are helping is having an emergency and requires immediate assistance. At times, a Dispatcher might sound a bit abrupt or perhaps “too assertive” on the phone; however, please remember that this is because they are trained to gather vital information so help can be provided quickly and safely.

The Dispatcher’s first priority is to determine where you are and what is happening. As soon as they can record that information, another dispatcher can send appropriate resources even while the first dispatcher continues to gather essential information. If you concentrate on answering the dispatcher’s questions, they will gather and send the most important information to first responders much more quickly.

Dispatchers handle all types of calls. Some may be as benign as a child asking for help with homework, while others are high priority calls in which life may be threatened.

Central Dispatch is also responsible for all radio communications with patrol deputies; helping them respond to calls and monitoring their activity to help ensure officer safety. Specially trained tactical dispatchers work in the field to assist with SWAT calls and other major incidents to help manage communication and provide vital documentation.

The Sheriff’s Dispatch Unit works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and every holiday. When you call 911, a team of highly trained dispatchers will always be there to assist you. They strive to fulfill the Sheriff’s vision of, “Total Care for Victims, Witnesses and the Community.”

This year, Central Dispatch received dozens of letters and cards expressing the appreciation of their work by citizens of El Dorado County. One citizen sent a small card thanking the dispatcher who assisted her for helping her through one of the “scariest experiences of her life.” On this particular call, an intruder had entered the victim’s home in the middle of the night and was rummaging through her belongings. The dispatcher who took the call stayed on the phone and provided reassurance that help was on the way as the victim hid in her closet. This is just a small example of how Dispatch serves and provides support to the community.

**124,987 CALLS FOR SERVICE**
**4,577 MORE CALLS THAN 2015**
**156,878 TOTAL CALLS TAKEN**
FISCAL UNIT

The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office Fiscal Year 2016 Revenue Budget was $19,075,129 and our Budgeted Expenditures were $63,555,492. In governmental accounting, the difference between an agency’s budgeted Revenue and budgeted Expenditures is the budgeted Net County Cost. Therefore, El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office’s Budgeted Net County Cost in FY 2016 was $44,480,363.

The Sheriff’s Office Revenue in FY 2016 came in slightly under budget, yet, the vital revenue streams that the Sheriff’s Office depends on were healthy for the year ending on June 30, 2016. Although, we brought in $2,827,774 less than what we budgeted, $2,513,794 of that shortfall was due to how the County budgets. Despite the shortages on several revenue funds, the Fiscal unit was within 1.9% of the original budgeted revenue amount at the end of the 2016 Fiscal Year.

The Sheriff’s Office Expenditures during FY 2016 were significantly under budget. Due to an industry standard vacancy rate of nearly 6%; we consistently see fund balances in our Salaries and Benefits Cost Centers. Our fund balance in Salaries and Benefits in FY 2016 was $2,183,632. We also did a fantastic job staying under budget in our services, supplies and large equipment purchases, coming in $1,755,795 under budget.

“\text{The Sheriff’s Office takes great pride in spending only what we need in a given Fiscal Year, not spending all we have.}”

Fund Balances that we have achieved through fiscally conservative spending has allowed the County to offset costs for other important projects, like the new Public Safety Facility.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Enhanced the Inventory Certification Database used to manage the Sheriff’s Office inventory, resulting in 25% more capture than previous years.
- Achieved considerable savings on day to day purchases made by the Fiscal Unit.
- Maintained an open door policy to internal Sheriff’s Office clients and other County Departments with professionalism and courtesy.

OBJECTIVES FY 2017

- Complete a 3 year strategic plan for the Fiscal Unit.
- Achieve a cost avoidance of $45,000 on supply purchases through efficient buying, bidding and negotiations.
- Implement Credit Card Acceptance for CCW, Live Scan Finger Printing and Civil Fees throughout the Sheriff’s Office.

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The Sheriff’s Communications unit has been working hard at updating the repeater system within the County this year. They have added two radio towers, one in El Dorado Hills and one in North County. The El Dorado Hills tower improves coverage in the Town Center area and has connected El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office with the Sacramento area radio system. This will allow Sacramento and Folsom agency radios to access El Dorado County’s radio system, in the event that we work collaboratively on a major incident. The additional site in North County improves coverage in Cool and Auburn Lake Trails area.

The Lake Tahoe system was rebuilt last summer and changed the input frequency to help reduce interference that the old channel was receiving. In addition, the unit added another new repeater next to the South Lake Tahoe Sheriff’s Office to improve handheld coverage when officers work in the downtown South Lake Tahoe area.

In the next year, the Radio and Communications unit hopes to improve infrastructure by adding two more repeater sites within the county. One will be located on Highway 50 to bridge the gap between the Tahoe system and the Placerville system.

The second repeater will be at the top of Iron Mountain Road in an effort to improve coverage in the area of Grizzly Flats and upper South County.

**CIVIL & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR**

The Civil Unit processes and serves documents and puts into effect civil court orders. Civilian staff process and sworn staff serve court ordered evictions, wage garnishments, bank levies, real and personal property levies, restraining orders and other miscellaneous civil court paperwork. In 2016, the Civil Unit helped creditors retrieve approximately $550,000 dollars from defaulted loans and other financial obligations.

The Public Administrator investigates and administers estates of persons who have passed away with no will or without an eligible person able to act as an administrator of their estate. The Public Administrator’s primary duties are to protect the decedent’s property from waste, loss or theft; make appropriate burial arrangements; conduct a thorough investigation to discover all assets; liquidate those assets at a public sale or distribute those assets to heirs; pay the decedent’s bills and taxes; and locate persons entitled to inherit from the estate to ensure these individuals receive their inheritance. Currently, the Public Administrator is investigating and/or administering 87 estates.

**VEHICLE ABATEMENT**

The vehicle abatement program is modeled after the State statute authorizing cities and counties to adopt their own ordinances to remove certain vehicles from public and private property. Patrol Deputies respond to citizen’s complaints about vehicles that are possibly in violation of the County Ordinance. The responding deputy evaluates and works together with community members and property owners to try and mitigate these cases.

If the vehicle is found to be in violation of the County Ordinance, the deputy places a tag on the vehicle, noting the violation. If the vehicle in violation has not been addressed to comply with the County Ordinance, it is subject to be removed. Our contract tow companies remove and dispose of the vehicles in accordance with State law.

**84 PUBLIC VEHICLE ABATEMENTS**

**27 PRIVATE VEHICLE ABATEMENTS**

**111 TOTAL ABATEMENT CASES**

**588 EVICTION SERVICES**

**1,590 LEVIES**

**FUNDS GENERATED**

**GENERAL FUND: $65,331**

**SHERIFF’S FUND $47,871**

**TOTAL $113,202**
CORONERS

El Dorado County Coroner Detectives work under statutory duties of the Coroner which includes investigating the circumstances surrounding all suspicious or unexpected deaths including homicides, suicides, accidental, unattended or unexplained deaths. They are also responsible for establishing the identity of the decedent, notifying the next of kin and safeguarding personal property. Coroner Detectives work closely with the Public Administrator when next of kin cannot be located, with the ultimate goal to bring closure to the family.

The Coroners Unit participates in various programs throughout the county to raise awareness of youth drunk driving and drug use, identifying consumer products causing fatal injury, and prevention of domestic, elder and drug abuses. The Coroner participates with non-profit organ and tissue donation agencies as well.

Coroner Detectives participate yearly in the Every 15 Minutes program which visits one of the local high schools. The program lasts two days focusing on high school juniors and seniors, and challenges them to think about drinking, driving, personal safety and the impact their decisions have on family, friends and their community. The El Dorado County Coroners participate in this program along with the California Highway Patrol, Marshall Hospital and local emergency medical responders. Coroner detectives participate in both the live re-enactment of the investigation at a staged car crash scene and the subsequent investigation at the hospital.

-480 TOTAL REPORTABLE DEATHS
-147 NATURAL DEATHS
-204 DOCTOR’S CASES
-34 ACCIDENTAL DEATHS (VEHICLE/DROWNING)
-29 ACCIDENTAL DEATHS (DRUG RELATED)
-41 SUICIDES

PEER SUPPORT

The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office’s most valuable resource is its employees. The Peer Support Program was developed in 2009 to assist personnel with stress created in their personal and/or professional lives, so they can continue to be productive members of this agency.

The Peer Support Program is a voluntary and confidential program. Peer Support consists of employees representing our Custody, Operations, and Support Services Divisions. The program is supported by 15 members, two chaplains and three counselors. Members receive formal training for peer assistance. The training provides members with the necessary information and referrals to assist colleagues during crisis or just a need for assistance during stressful times. One of the aspects of a peer support program is its versatility of employees, counselors and the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. Members have numerous resources readily available to assist with a one on one incident up to and including large events where it is recognized to be a traumatic event.

Peer Support provides assistance with critical incident stress debriefings. Stress debriefings are designed to mitigate the physical impact of a traumatic event, prevent the subsequent development of post-traumatic stress disorder, and serve as an early identification mechanism for individuals who may require professional mental health follow-up. Debriefings are a structured group meeting of discussion during which personnel are given an opportunity to discuss their thoughts and reactions concerning a traumatic event in a controlled environment under the direction of a mental health professional, peer support personnel and Chaplaincy. Peer assistance or support is a necessary adjunct to professional mental health guidance and leadership in trauma support services. Peer assistance is not a replacement for the department’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

“Servicing and Supporting the Sheriff’s Office most valuable resource, it’s employees.”
The Custody Division is responsible for the safety and security of inmates awaiting trial or serving sentences; operating two facilities for a total rated capacity of 469 inmates. With that many people, the jails must operate like a small city with strict schedules and requirements. The jails truly are cities that never sleep and are in operation every hour of every day. State regulations mandate daily procedures such as meal service, religious options, medical treatment, educational services, phone availability, exercise and mail services. Above state mandated services, the Placeville Jail also provides a bi-weekly dental care program to those in custody.

In 2016, the Sheriff’s Office made an effort to make the aging Placerville Jail more energy efficient and environmentally sound. The largest project of this goal was replacing over 126 toilets throughout the facility. This project was deemed necessary due to the droughts that have been declared in the State over the past few years. This remodel became possible through a State grant aimed at conserving California’s water. The new system reduced the amount of water needed per flush from 3.5 gallons to 1.2 gallons, that’s two-thirds less water than previously.

Since AB 109 – Public Safety Realignment was implemented in 2011, the Custody Division has changed many operational and procedural policies to adjust to the new challenges. One continuing challenge is the increase in the female offender population. Since 2012, there has been 159% increase in this population. The number of male beds had to be decreased to accommodate the increase in female beds. The daily challenges of keeping male and female offenders separate and managing classifications such as type of offender, gang affiliation and co-defendants are compounded; creating obstacles such as organizing programs, yard times, classroom schedules and preventing communication between the various populations.

Taking account of the challenges above, the Culinary Arts Program was able to become Co-Ed. The program was formed in 2007 with the Lake Tahoe Community College and has been running out of the South Lake Tahoe facility. Recently the Culinary Arts Program was offered in the Placerville facility as well. This program doesn’t just teach cooking; it offers life skills, how to obtain and maintain employment after incarceration and pride and self-esteem in the work done. Every year the inmates have amassed over 70 first, second and third place ribbons. This program is one the staff and inmates can come together and be proud of.

-6,291 INMATES BOOKED
-25,916 INMATE VISITATIONS
-450,728 MEALS PREPARED & SERVED
-9,626 MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED
-13,434 INCIDENT REPORTS WRITTEN

TRANSPORTATION

Within the Custody Division is the Transportation unit, responsible for all inmate movement outside the facilities. Their primary goal is to ensure the safe and secure movement of all inmates. This includes more frequent trips due to housing, classification and medical needs for each inmate. With the increased population challenges, our Transportation unit made frequent transports between the two facilities and the various courthouses.

In addition to inmate movement, they also delivered and extradited inmates to outside agencies. This included 35 out of state extraditions, 25 transports to various state hospitals and 127 transfers to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. This unit is comprised of two Deputy Sheriffs and 23 Correctional Officers, and overseen by one Sheriff’s Sergeant.
INMATE SERVICES

While incarcerated, inmates are provided many programs and services for re-entry and self-improvement. Although given this opportunity, inmates must have the determination to succeed. It is important that the programs are designed to meet the basic needs of the inmate population. The successes of these programs are dependent on the volunteers and paid instructors that teach and counsel the inmates. Correctional education and programming can be a very effective tool to aid in changing offender behavior and reducing recidivism. The programs offered include Health Education and Addiction Recovery Through Self Responsibility (HEARTS), Crisis Intervention, Anger Management, Moral Recognition Therapy, Parenting classes and much more.

In addition to these programs, the Inmate Services Officers help connect inmates to various county offered programs in Health and Human Services, Veteran’s Services and Public Guardian Services with the ultimate goal to reduce recidivism and assist the inmate in becoming self-sufficient after release.

COURT SECURITY

The Sheriff’s Office provides security for court operations within El Dorado County. These positions are funded through the state under the MOU between the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office and the El Dorado County Superior Court. This agreement includes services such as traditional bailiff services for judicial officers, facility security, inmate and staff security while in the facility and identification of potential threats to the security of the Court. There are nine full time courtrooms in five different locations throughout the county. These locations are secured by two Sheriff’s Sergeants, ten Deputy Sheriff’s and 10 Sheriff’s Security Officers.

In September 2016, an employee of the Main Street courthouse reported a suspicious looking backpack outside the courthouse. The backpack had been fastened to a post located by the Memorial Cannon in front of the building.

Bailiffs and Sheriff’s Security Officers quickly examined the backpack and made the immediate decision to evacuate the courthouse. Bailiffs worked with the Placerville Police Department in blocking off the surrounding streets and with the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Explosives Ordinance Detail for a quick response and assessment of the backpack. The suspicious item was x-rayed by the EOD unit and ultimately deemed non-threatening. The quick action by sheriff’s personnel is one more example of their commitment to striving for the gold standard in public service.
PATROL

The patrol section falls under the Operations Division of the Sheriff’s Office. Due to the size and terrain of the County, the patrol section operates out of two offices, Placerville and South Lake Tahoe. The Placerville Office is responsible for patrolling the unincorporated areas of the County from Strawberry to the Sacramento County line and from Placer County south to Amador County. The Lake Tahoe Substation is responsible for patrolling the unincorporated area of the County from Strawberry east to the Nevada Stateline and from Placer County to Alpine County lines. Sheriff’s Deputies work closely with Placerville and South Lake Tahoe Police Departments to ensure the needs of El Dorado County are being addressed appropriately.

Currently, The Sheriff’s Office has 78 Deputies assigned to Patrol, 4 Deputies assigned to residential areas, 14 Patrol Sergeants, 3 Lieutenants and 1 Operations Captain who oversees all of them. Patrol Deputies work 12 hour shifts that are staggered to ensure the appropriate number of Deputies are available to assist the community in a timely manner.

Many Patrol Deputies also have collateral assignments within the Operations Division. Some of those collateral duties include SWAT, Dive team, Search and Rescue, Crisis Intervention Team, and Off-Highway Vehicle Unit.

One of the biggest changes that occurred this year within patrol was the disbanding of the Special Enforcement Detail. Previously, Special Enforcement Detail was tasked with addressing specific issues within the community mainly performing probation and parole searches, serving warrants, and conducting surveillance operations. The deputies that were previously assigned to this detail have been reabsorbed into the general patrol staff shifts and these duties are now distributed across all shifts to better meet the needs of the community. In doing so, Patrol has actually seen an increase in warrants served and reports taken as we have more staff available to address citizen concerns.

IN 2016, PATROL MADE 3,702 ARRESTS AND TOOK 11,209 REPORTS.

RESIDENT DEPUTY PROGRAM

The Sheriff’s Office currently employs 4 resident deputies throughout the county. The Tahoma/ South Lake Tahoe Resident Deputy, Josh Bisantz, has been in place and active for many years.

In March of 2016, the West Slope, or Placerville area was first introduced to their Resident Deputy Sheriffs. The West Slope assignments are located in Georgetown or North County, Pollock Pines and Camino and another assigned to South County/Fairplay. All of these Resident Deputies cover a large service area and, in doing so, agree to take on a large case load of community issues.

In addition to their normal patrol assignment, each Resident Deputy is also assigned to attend weekly public meetings and events. Together the Resident Deputies attended over 100 combined meetings, special details, and events during this calendar year. This program has been very successful and welcomed by the community. Because of its success, the Sheriff’s Office has plans to expand this program to other remote areas of the county during the next calendar year.
RESERVE DEPUTY PROGRAM

Reserve Deputies are volunteers who donate their time to both the community and Sheriff’s Office by working in patrol or other assignments such as special events and traffic control. Currently, The Sheriff’s Office is in the process of hiring more unpaid Reserve Deputies which will increase the patrol presence in the community and staffing levels with minimal cost to the taxpayer.

Reserve Deputies undergo the same extensive field training program that our deputies participate in to ensure that the citizens of El Dorado County get the same level of service that they are accustomed to from this volunteer force.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

The Field Training Program is responsible for molding new employees into knowledgeable, effective, and professional deputies who meet the standards of our program and our office. This is accomplished through extensive training and evaluation. New hires may join our agency as experienced (lateral) officers from another department or as academy graduates just beginning their career in law enforcement. Although lateral deputies often require less specialized training, academy graduates with no field experience receive training in all aspects of law enforcement to include a full 880 hours of one-on-one training.

The Field Training Program is highly structured beginning with one week of orientation of the County and the Sheriff’s Office. Next, trainees receive training in specialized areas such as weaponless defense, firearms, TASER, and constitutional law. Academy graduates will then begin a minimum of twelve weeks of intensive field training. Each trainee is assigned to a number of different Field Training Officers (FTO) throughout each of the four training phases. Each phase can last four to six weeks and gradually introduces an increased level of responsibility to the trainee. Trainees are routinely quizzed, tested, and evaluated daily to ensure they are adequately progressing and are aligned with the expectations for knowledge, attitude, and performance of the Sheriff’s Office. If they prove they are capable of meeting these expectations, the final two weeks, also known as the “shadow phase” are initiated. This final phase is of great importance, as it is the trainee’s opportunity to display that they can sufficiently perform the duties of a Deputy Sheriff. Mediocrity can be harmful in this profession, and these strict standards ensure that excellence is the only acceptable standard for Deputy Sheriffs entrusted to serve our community.

“Field Training Officers are those patrol deputies who have proven to be trustworthy, patient, skilled, and have displayed an extreme commitment to the quality of service they provide to their community.”

FTOs attend a certified course in leadership, training, and liability to ensure all standards of training are being met. These certifications are updated every three years. This year, FTOs increased their contribution to in-service training. FTOs are now called to provide in-service training to other deputies on high risk tactics, patrol procedures, legal updates, and much more. FTOs meet regularly with their FTO supervisor to foster a cohesive and collaborative program.

-16 ACTIVE FTO’S
-15 NEW DEPUTIES PARTICIPATED IN THE FTO PROGRAM
-6 ACADEMY RECRUITS MENTORED WHILE ATTENDING THE POST ACADEMY
K9 UNIT

-$22,100 US CURRENCY RECOVERED
- 1 LB. CONCENTRATED CANNABIS
- 800+ LBS. MARIJUANA
- 3.4 G. METHAMPHETAMINE
- 9 NARCOTIC FINDS

- 10 PILLS OXYCODONE
- 30 PILLS MORPHINE
- 7.5 G. HEROIN

STEVE COBURN
K9 EROS

TEAM LEADER
JEFF TUCKER
K9 CARLY
- 4 ASSAULT RIFLES RECOVERED
- 60 NO-BITE APPREHENSIONS
- 3 BITE APPREHENSIONS
The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office offers a ride along program to provide our citizens the opportunity to better understand the challenges, risks and rewards our Deputies encounter on any given day. When we have our community members ride in the passenger seat, they witness firsthand what a Patrol Deputy encounters; the most transparent view of the agency that a person could receive.

People request a ride along for a wide variety of reasons, including members of the Explorer Post, Citizen's Academy attendees, Chaplains, Deputy Sheriff applicants, students and interested members of the community.

Anyone interested in a career in law enforcement is encouraged to utilize this program when deciding if this is the type of occupation they could make a career out of. Applications for a ride along may be obtained from the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office website www.edsoc.org. Applications may be submitted to either the Placerville or South Lake Tahoe Patrol Office.

In 2016...
- 27 Applicants
- 11 Explorers

The El Dorado Gang Enforcement (EDGE) was established in 2004 and is a unit designed to investigate gang activity in El Dorado County. The gang unit is a multi-agency task force comprised of 1 Sergeant, 7 deputies, 4 probation officers, 1 supervising probation officer, 2 correctional officers, and 1 District Attorney Investigator. The group of law enforcement professionals involved is diverse in an effort to gain all types of intelligence. The gang unit has three primary functions: intelligence, enforcement, and education. The unit identifies and validates gang members and associates, investigates crimes committed by gang members, and provides educational presentations to the community to assist in identifying and curtailing gang activity.

THE GANG UNIT PERFORMED...
- 22 INVESTIGATIONS
- 11 ARRESTS

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CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is the implementation of the concept that repetitive incarceration of mentally ill persons in the County Jail is non-productive, expensive, and does not serve either a justice or wellness benefit to the community. There are currently 14 Deputies and 3 Sergeants assigned to the CIT program under the direction of a Lieutenant. Each CIT Deputy Sheriff receives 32 hours of advanced training in recognizing symptomology of mental illness and how to properly deal with mental health consumers.

CIT Deputies are dedicated to helping the mentally ill of El Dorado County receive mental illness resources rather than incarceration for a sustainable means to long term mental health. The CIT Deputies balance an ongoing CIT caseload along with their regularly assigned duties within the Sheriff’s Office. All deputies conducting CIT follow-up work a regular patrol shift and manage their caseload as a collateral assignment.

A large part of the CIT program is ongoing collaboration with several other departments and agencies in our County. This collaboration, called a Multi Discipline Team (MDT), meets monthly to discuss the needs and issues facing mentally ill persons in our community. Some members of the MDT are County Mental Health, EDSO Patrol and Corrections, Placerville Police, South Lake Tahoe Police, Public Guardian, CHP, Adult Protective Services, The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), local hospital representatives, and County Probation. The MDT evaluates the needs of consumers, develops solutions, and strengthens working relationships between participating agencies with a goal of providing better services to consumers.

2016 was a year of positive decline in the amount of people being detained for mental health evaluations within the Sheriff’s CIT program. In 2015, The Sheriff’s Office detained 502 persons for mental health evaluations. In 2016, 485 persons were detained for mental health evaluations. The CIT program has achieved this decline by making connections with consumers and their families. In 2016, 185 cases were assigned to CIT Deputies for personal contact and follow up, 203 cases were mailed informational resource packs, and 97 cases closed out because the consumer had stabilized.

After a mental health contact with EDSO, a partnership is created between the individual and our CIT Deputies. A trust based connection is established between CIT and the mental health consumer. The goal of this partnership is to link the consumer to resources and services designed to help them establish stability and health. By helping the consumer stabilize through available mental health resources, the consumer is able to avoid future incarceration while improving their quality of life.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

There are sixteen different school districts that oversee fifty-nine individual schools in El Dorado County. The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office serves the majority of these schools with two full time deputies assigned to the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The SRO Deputies respond to all calls for service at the high schools located in the County along with most middle and elementary schools. Their duties include providing general law enforcement services, criminal investigation follow-ups, public presentations, and security for athletic and special events at the schools.

They also work with the El Dorado County Office of Education to present educational opportunities to faculty and parents regarding the growing trends of student behavior and to help deter students from engaging in criminal activity. SRO’s regularly attend meetings such as Student Attendance Review Board and school district meetings for expulsion hearings or if a controversial topic is being discussed. They also participate in the annual “Every Fifteen Minutes” event where high school students are educated on how to combat drunk driving.

THIS YEAR SRO’S CONTRIBUTED TO:

- 304 INVESTIGATIONS
- 165 CITATIONS/ARRESTS
The Sheriff’s Office has the privilege of serving the county’s exceptional trails. Two of the main trails we patrol are the Rubicon and El Dorado Trails. The historic Rubicon Trail has been used since the mid-1800’s and has become one of the most famous off-highway vehicle trails in the West. The trail brings visitors from all over the world to this scenic county every summer. The Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor, also known as the El Dorado Trail, is a multimodal transportation corridor planned to extend from the western county line to the Lake Tahoe Basin as a Class I Bike Trail. All through the summer, deputies are patrolling these areas to ensure the safety of the people on the trails and the environment around them.

**THE RUBICON TRAIL**

The Rubicon Trail is 60 miles long through the El Dorado and Tahoe National Forests. Deputies patrolling the trail are typically in one of two fully marked patrol Jeeps. During the summer, the deputies assigned to this detail are present when groups of 50 to 500 participate in organized runs just about every weekend. Rubicon Patrol deputies contacted 2,654 vehicles and 7,158 Rubicon Trail users in 2016. 90 warnings were given to trail users for problems such as trespassing, alcohol related violations and illegal campfires. 7 citations were issued for violations including registration, illegal campfires and resource damage. Every year, the deputies respond to major incidents that range from vehicle rollovers to lost or injured persons. 10 incident reports were taken including one fatality and multiple search and rescues.

**OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE UNIT**

In 2016, the OHV Unit added the Motorcycle Patrol. In cooperation with El Dorado County Parks, we provide the enforcement component for the Sacramento Placerville Transportation Corridor (SPTC). The county purchased two 510cc dual sport motorcycles for this task. While there are paved sections of the trail closer to Placerville, about 26 miles from Missouri Flat Road to the county line in Latrobe is natural terrain. It is in this area where the county seeks to maintain a quality trail, free from vandalism, trespassing and other misuse.

To start, a selection process took place to find the most skilled riders within the Sheriff’s Office. A team of 8 deputies were selected to patrol the rail corridor. This season, they logged 174 hours of patrol time. Deputies made 157 personal contacts and located 4 vehicles while on patrol this season. The Sheriff’s Office handled 5 calls for service and 7 requests for extra patrol. The calls were centered around vandalism, trespassing and illegal motorized use.

At times, the motorcycles were used for other events like National Night Out, Red Ribbon Week and Toys for Tots. They were also used at events like the fireworks display in El Dorado Hills Town Center and for perimeter security for President Obama’s visit to South Lake Tahoe in August.

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El Dorado County offers an array of waterway activities, from a relaxing day floating on Jenkinson Lake to an exciting run down one of our Class IV rapids on the American River. The Marine Unit is staffed with welcoming and experienced deputies to help keep the waterways safe; protecting the lives on the water and environment around the water. While the deputies are present to enforce county, state and federal boating laws, they are also available to provide education on boating and water safety.

The Sheriff’s Office is extremely fortunate to have a group of deputies, both full-time and extra-help, that truly understand the importance of education and enforcement. Boat patrol deputies have extensive law enforcement experience and love the job they do. The unit is comprised of one full-time sergeant, two seasonal full-time deputies and ten extra-help seasonal deputies. These deputies man a variety of vessels throughout the season to effectively patrol all waterways.

El Dorado County shares the law enforcement responsibilities on Folsom Lake with two neighboring sheriff’s offices and the State Park patrol. Lake Tahoe is bordered by two states which include four counties, two cities and State Parks. Lake Tahoe also has an active U.S. Coast Guard station located on the North Shore. The Boating Unit is funded entirely from a California State Parks, Department of Boating and Waterways grant and boat registration fees.

Due to the increased precipitation in the 2015/2016 winter, the 2016 boating season saw a significant increase in the amount of traffic on the water. While the 2015 season saw tightly controlled water releases, the 2016 season saw a normal river flow of between 1300 to 2000 CFS on a daily basis and lake levels remained high enough for boating through the summer.

El Dorado County Parks installed new signage along the river banks at most launching spots along the American River. These signs contributed to greater awareness and a decrease in the number of tubers not wearing personal flotation devices compared to previous years. The county also implemented an enforceable glass bottle ban along the river banks and on the water. The Sheriff’s Office was able to patrol and enforce these ordinances using inflatable kayaks. These patrols were well received by both private and commercial rafters.

Lieutenant Les Lovell retired from the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office in 2012. Shortly after, he returned to work, serving the Lake Tahoe area as an Extra Help Boat Deputy. Deputy Lovell earned the Boat Patrol Deputy of the Year for 2016 from the State of California. The award was received for his search and rescue efforts and heroic actions during a tragic boating accident on Lake Tahoe this summer.

**DURING THE 2016 SEASON:**

- **470 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE WARNINGS**
- **77 CITATIONS WRITTEN**
- **174 VESSELS ASSISTED**
- **47 SEARCHES/RESCUES**
- **5 DROWNINGS**
- **12 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS**
- **2,411 ON WATER HOURS**
- **4,160 TOTAL BOAT PATROL HOURS**
The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services and Search and Rescue completed another busy year in 2016, conducting a total of 160 missions within the County. During the year, Search and Rescue volunteers donated over 15,000 hours of volunteer services during deployments both in county and while assisting other counties. Volunteers not only donate their time during missions, they also maintain a robust training schedule throughout the year that requires them to participate in both training and team meetings. During 2016, volunteers logged more than 500 hours of training in an effort to maintain and enhance their skills in a variety of areas.

The Office of Emergency Services coordinated two major wildland fires within El Dorado County. The Emerald Fire burned in South Lake Tahoe threatening a number of homes and businesses. The fire was contained after three days and no structures were lost. The second fire, the Trailhead Fire, burned in both El Dorado and Placer Counties. The Office of Emergency Services activated the Emergency Operations Center and maintained resource coordination, evacuations and logistics for a total of fifteen days. No structures were lost in this fire and all evacuees were able to return to their homes.

West Slope Search and Rescue responded to 24 missions. One of the most time intensive and resource consuming searches was conducted at the North Fork of the Cosumnes River. This search was conducted for twenty-six consecutive days and ended in the recovery of a 16 year old boy that had fallen into the river and drowned. West Slope Search and Rescue continues to grow in size and maintains approximately 200 volunteers. Their dedication to the community provides countless volunteer hours and provides both residents and non-residents with quality services during their time of need.

South Lake Tahoe Search and Rescue also provided services to county residents and non-residents throughout the year with the completion of 136 missions in a variety of different weather and land conditions. South Lake Tahoe Search and Rescue maintains approximately forty volunteers. One of the many notable searches involved all Search and Rescue resources from both offices and the National Guard.

This search was conducted during one of several extremely strong storms to hit El Dorado County. A missing plane was reported near the Desolation Wilderness and the family of the pilot reported that he had been returning home during the storm. Resources were deployed and ultimately the plane was located. This search provided another opportunity for Search and Rescue to bring a relative home to their families so that they could begin the healing process.

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Continued hard work has allowed volunteers the opportunity to travel to and provide assistance to other counties. During the year, volunteers traveled to six other counties to assist with extensive searches. Through the hard work of search and rescue volunteers countless lives were saved during extremely difficult times.
DIVE TEAM

The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Dive Team is responsible for the rescue or recovery of persons or evidence in the various waterways around the county. This includes underwater searches, swift water rescues, high-angle cliff operations and recovery of drowning victims. The Dive Team is trained to operate in the diverse waterways in El Dorado County, from the deep cold waters of Lake Tahoe to the shallower, warmer waters of Folsom Lake and the swift and unpredictable waters of the American and Consumnes Rivers. Being trained in El Dorado County’s various waterways better prepares the Dive Team to respond when assisting allied agencies.

The Dive Team responded to eight separate incidents, five of which were in El Dorado County. The local incidents varied from a successful evidence recovery in a wetlands area in El Dorado Hills to recovering a drowning victim from a summer rafting accident on the American River near Kyburz. In January, two felons fled a traffic stop on Highway 50 and crossed the snowy river to escape capture. During the night, the two felons called 911 requesting help after being wet and cold for several hours during the night. Along with SWAT and Search and Rescue, the Dive Team assisted in the capture of the two suspects, getting them to a warm bed in the Placerville Jail.

This year, the El Dorado County Dive Team along with Yuba and Santa Clara Sheriff’s Offices, assisted Placer County with a Memorial Day boating accident. Due to the depth of the lake and lack of visibility, the victim was recovered ten days after the accident. The Dive Team also responded to Mono County to search for a missing person believed to have been lost in the water. The search was suspended after all efforts to locate the victim were exhausted. The MCSO Undersheriff Michael Monarty expressed his gratitude, and stated our dive team was “the gem of altitude diving.” MCSO Sheriff Ingrid Braun followed up the appreciation by writing a letter to Sheriff D’Agostini and expressed the Dive Team was “awesome” and “very professional”.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

In the event a disaster overwhelms or delays the community’s professional response, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members are available to assist others with basic response and organization. These skills can help save and sustain lives immediately following a disaster until professional help arrives. The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office oversees CERT teams in 3 specific areas of the county; Georgetown (17 volunteers), Pollock Pines (21 volunteers) and Rescue (21 volunteers) for a total of 59 volunteers throughout the county. In the event of an emergency to one of these rural areas, these volunteers are able to respond promptly and appropriately to assist the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office.

CERT volunteers complete a background investigation, an academy, and maintain their status through monthly meetings and trainings, conducted by OES personnel. The training focuses on partnering efforts between emergency services and the people they serve. CERT members maintain and refine their skills by participating in exercises and activities throughout the year. They can attend supplemental training opportunities offered by the local emergency service agencies and groups that further their skills base. CERT members may also implement projects in an effort to improve community emergency preparedness.
INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigations Unit puts in the long hours investigating the most complex crimes, keeping the patrol deputies available to respond to calls for service. There are 14 detectives assigned to caseloads such as Property crimes, Elder Abuse and Financial crimes, High Technology, Sex and 290 Registrants, as well as Homicide/Person and Cold Case Crimes. These crimes are typically felony level crimes that may require a large amount of time and resources to solve. It is the highest priority of the Sheriff’s Office to uncover all evidence in order to bring closure to a case. Detectives work collaboratively, regardless of case assignment, to solve the complex cases. They also work cooperatively with other agencies within and outside the county along with other governmental and community based organizations.

In February 2016, Sheriff’s Deputies took multiple reports of burglaries to recreational vehicles in the Diamond Springs area. Around the same time, Deputies also took numerous reports of Commercial Burglaries, Petty/Grand Theft reports in the Diamond Springs area. There was little to no evidence left behind during the commission of these crimes. In March, a break in the case occurred when Deputies took a report of a Vehicle Theft which consisted of a $180,000 Class A motorhome. The vehicle was recovered about one week later in Yolo County. Property Crime Detectives were called during the recovery of the vehicle. During the investigation, several thousand dollars’ worth of tools, electronics, jewelry, and stolen mail was recovered. The suspect was linked to the series of vehicle burglaries, commercial burglaries, petty/grand theft, and theft of mail. The suspect was also tied to multiple and similar burglaries in Amador, Sacramento, and Yolo Counties. He was subsequently convicted of his crimes and currently has been sentenced to State Prison.

In November, the Investigations Unit had the task of investigating a 20-hour standoff between an armed man and both the El Dorado County SWAT and the Folsom SWAT teams. During the standoff the suspect fired dozens of shots at both SWAT teams. The standoff ended with an officer shooting and injuring the suspect, an event classified as an “officer involved shooting.” The magnitude of this investigation and the number of witnesses is unmatched in recent years. The Investigations Unit worked closely with the El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office and other local agencies to complete a thorough and neutral investigation of the entire 20-hour event. Through this investigation, the suspect has been charged with attempted murder on Folsom Police Officers and

El Dorado County Sheriff’s Deputies. The suspect is in custody awaiting trial.

Also during 2016, Patrol was dispatched to an attempted sex crime involving a younger victim and a teenage suspect. This incident occurred while the victims were being cared for at a daycare/foster home where the suspect lived. Due to the circumstances, the suspect was booked into the El Dorado County Juvenile Treatment Center.

Sheriff’s Office detectives along with the assistance of the El Dorado County District Attorney’s Office, Child Protective Services (CPS), and the California Department of Social Services (Community Care Licensing Division) conducted further follow-up with other children that have been cared for in this home, uncovering numerous victims. During the interviews, multiple victims disclosed the abuse had been ongoing for years. It was estimated the suspect had access to approximately 50 children over the last few years, not all of which were victimized. Detectives are continuing to reach out and identify potential victims and their families. The suspect still remains in custody and is awaiting trial.

2016 MAJOR CRIMES IN EL DORADO COUNTY

-2 HOMICIDES
-54 RAPE CASES INVESTIGATED
-37 ROBBERIES
-915 ASSAULTS
-1,547 LARCIENY CASES
-512 BURGLARIES
-42 AUTO THEFTS
The EOD unit is a 24 hour response capable team, trained to FBI standards and singularly capable of handling any manner of call type or threat.

EOD responds to any calls for service involving explosives from magazine inspections related to permits issued, to found explosives, whether they be deteriorated blasting agents up to improvised explosive devices. EOD personnel are trained to disable improvised explosive devices as well as incendiary devices, weapons of mass destruction (WMD’s) and respond to Haz-Mat situations.

EOD may also be called out to help with other specialty unit operations. The robot can be used to assist SWAT by remotely entering and clearing a building, forward observation, vehicle disabling, and downed officer retrieval. The robot sends a video feed to the technicians which can be recorded for documentation of critical incidents where there is no need to put additional personnel in harm’s way.

The robot can assist the Crisis Negotiation Team with delivery of throw phones or negotiations can be carried out directly through the robot. EOD can assist Patrol, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators and outside agencies with investigations in this particular field of expertise, to include post-blast investigations.

EOD unit is part of the regional Sacramento Area EOD Unit (SAEODU) made up of local, state and federal agencies with regular input from military and private sector resources. This keeps the unit and the Sheriff’s Office up to date on current trends in terrorism mitigation, hazardous devices and technological advancements. Additionally, the regional unit is there to provide an immediate support network for additional resources and expertise when needed.
The Sheriff's Office is committed to resolving difficult situations using strategies and tactics that emphasize control, containment and resolution with the goal of protecting all life and property. This commitment is carried out by the Crisis Response Unit, comprised by the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) and Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT). Both teams utilize developed skills, tactics and specialized equipment and capabilities to resolve situations typically outside the realm of the ordinary patrol response. Members of SWAT and CNT are committed to maintaining the highest levels of professionalism, service and training.

**SWAT**

During 2016, SWAT was called upon a total of 13 times. In January they responded to assist in locating two wanted men who were at large in the wooded canyon area near Kyburz. These men were wanted for felony crimes and suspected of being armed. In freezing temperatures during the middle of the night, SWAT searched the snow covered area for nearly 7 miles before locating and safely apprehending the two men in the snow. This is an example of the dedication that deputies have to resolve situations regardless of weather, time or terrain.

In August, the team was called to assist the Secret Service when then Presidential Candidate Donald Trump and President Barack Obama visited South Lake Tahoe in consecutive weeks. El Dorado County SWAT worked alongside other local agencies to help support a safe and successful visit to the county for both men. This included patrolling the entire Lake Tahoe Basin in marked and unmarked patrol units, motorcycles and marine units. It was an honor and highlight of many careers for the team to be able to work together with the Secret Service.

SWAT consists of 13 Entry Team Members, four Sniper Team Members, one Canine, five Tactical Medics and five Tactical Dispatchers. El Dorado County SWAT Team members train an average of 15 hours per month. Each member must pass strenuous firearms, tactical and physical fitness proficiency tests to remain on the team. EDSO SWAT also participates in numerous public events throughout the year in a continued partnership with the members of the community. SWAT participates in parades, school functions, safety fairs, Red Ribbon Week and annual Placerville Christmas Parade. If you see them out at one of these events, please come say hello and ask any questions you have!

**CNT**

The Crisis Negotiation Team is a specialized team within the Crisis Response Unit and responds to many calls with SWAT. The team includes seven skilled verbal communicators who are often used to de-escalate a situation. Their ultimate goal is to conclude tense situations with a safe surrender in which all parties walk away un-harmed.

CNT is often called in to situations where suspects have hostages, barricaded themselves or have suicidal tendencies. Negotiators build rapport with persons in crisis by demonstrating empathy and active listening. They make a conscious effort to hear the words a person in crisis is saying and understand the complete message and path to resolve.
NARCOTICS

The Western El Dorado Narcotics Enforcement Team diligently and covertly investigates narcotics related criminal activity in El Dorado County. Two of the detectives are assigned to task force agencies which investigate large scale narcotics cases throughout California and the United States, in addition to cases in El Dorado County. Our detectives participate in joint investigations with the Drug Enforcement Administration and a California HIDTA regional task force. In the fall of 2016, the Sheriff’s Office withdrew the detective position from DEA and reassigned it back at WENET due to overall staffing levels and an increase in local drug cases.

“WENET also partners with members of our community to help educate the public and our youth.”

WENET is responsible for investigating mid to high level narcotics investigations within El Dorado County. These investigations often take detectives out of county in order to identify and apprehend the source of the narcotics coming into El Dorado County. 2016 was a busy year for the narcotics unit even with changes in the law such as decriminalization (CA Proposition 47) and the legalization of recreational marijuana (CA Proposition 64). The narcotics unit served over 30 search warrants, wrote 112 reports and made 72 arrests in 2016.

Through the numerous investigations conducted by WENET in 2016, there are emerging drug trends in the county. These include the rise in use of cocaine, heroin, and pharmaceuticals. The drug that has had the most dramatic impact on the county this year was fentanyl. WENET continues to work with state and federal agencies to locate and bring to justice the source and supply of these drugs.

In the spring of 2016, WENET investigated the tragic death of a young man. This case was found to be linked to counterfeit fentanyl-laced pills. With the assistance of the Sacramento Office of the DEA, numerous search warrants were served and interviews conducted in a short time period. As a result various illegal pharmaceutical pills were collected along with several illegal weapons. The case continues to be federally investigated, identifying several large-scale traffickers of illegal fentanyl-laced pills.

-1,500 PHARMACEUTICAL PILLS
-4.5+ LBS. HEROIN
-60 LBS. METHAMPHETAMINE
-3 BHO LABS

-15,000+ MARIJUANA PLANTS
-365+ LBS. PROCESSED MARIJUANA
-$100,000+ ILLEGAL DRUG SALE PROCEEDS
-18 ILLEGAL FIREARMS
The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office Public Information Unit is comprised of 6 Sergeants and 1 Lieutenant. This unit manages all information released to the public regarding cases and current conditions in the county. It is especially useful in times such as road closures during intense weather conditions and evacuation orders during wildfires. Before July of 2016, the PIO unit was staffed as a collateral duty, in which the officers responded during the course of their normal duties.

The Sheriff’s Office is always looking for ways to enhance our communication and outreach as keeping the public informed is a top priority. The need for a full time Public Information Officer was apparent as the following and outreach related to Sheriff’s Office Facebook page became more prolific. A new full time position was established in July and includes outreach opportunities such as social media, public relations and community support.

One of the top priorities was to manage and promote the Sheriff’s Office Facebook page. With assistance from the entire Sheriff’s Office staff, the number of followers had tripled to nearly 15,000 at the end of 2016. The Sheriff’s Office is able to utilize Facebook as a resource to provide the community with public service announcements and highlight the great working relationship between the Sheriff’s Office and community members, in addition to serving as a tremendous crime fighting tool.

**FACEBOOK OUTREACH**

- 201 POSTS
- 8,523 COMMENTS
- 28 TIPS ON WANTED SUSPECTS
- 9 ARRESTS

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The Sheriff’s Honor Guard team consists of 9 deputies, 2 sergeants and 1 lieutenant. The primary role of the Honor Guard is to honor all fallen officers (active and retired), but they also participate in the presentation of colors at various community events. Every year in May, the Honor Guard team is present at the Peace Officer’s Memorial dedication held in Sacramento, California.

The Honor Guard uniform differs from the traditional El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office uniform. Honor Guard members wear a uniform similar to the Marine Corps dress blues uniform, utilizing the traditional Sheriff’s Office colors. The team members also proudly wear a badge designed especially for Honor Guard members.

During 2016, the Sheriff’s Honor Guard team traveled up and down the state of California several times and twice to Nevada. The team also made one long and sorrowful trip to the state of Texas when five peace officers were senselessly murdered. All of these trips were made to pay homage to those men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. The team attended and assisted with a total of 13 law enforcement funerals, several of them occurring within just days of each other. They also presented the colors at 6 ceremonies this year.
SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

AIR SQUADRON
The El Dorado Sheriff’s Air Squadron has been serving the county since 1985. The Squadron is an all-volunteer group consisting of pilots and observers. The missions flown fall into five general categories: transport, orientation, surveillance, emergencies and search/ rescue.

The Squadron is called upon to transport the Sheriff, deputies, witnesses or other personnel for a variety of reasons. There is also a formal flight orientation program which familiarizes new and existing employees with the county by providing a birds-eye view of the road network and land forms. Finally, the squadron is utilized for surveillance activities, often related to drug cases. In addition, the squadron is available for use during emergencies or natural disasters, and for select search and rescue operations.

The Squadron consists of 19 members, 15 of whom are active pilots. Six pilots have private certificates and nine have commercial certificates. Thirteen pilots have instrument ratings.

The Squadron consists of 11 fixed wing aircrafts. The Squadron flew 6 missions in 2016, which were flown by four different pilots. The Air Squadron provides a valuable service to the Sheriff’s Office and their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

SHERIFF’S POSSE
The Sheriff’s Posse of El Dorado County is a 501(C)3 charitable organization. They currently have over 125 members and are always accepting new membership applications. Since its inception in 2001, the Sheriff’s Posse has evolved into an organization that assists the Sheriff’s Office in a variety of ways. The Posse offers a scholarship program that is open to graduating seniors whose parents are employed by the Sheriff’s Office. They also assist with specialty law enforcement items when needed, and host an annual picnic for all personnel and their families.

The Posse also makes an annual donation to the Explorer Post #457, the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy and the Peace Officer’s Memorial Fund; each of these organizations serves law enforcement and the community.

The Posse is an integral part of the support mechanism for the Sheriff’s Office and the Posse members are very proud of their organization and what it represents.

SAFETY PUP
In 2011, Sheriff D’Agostini brought Safety Pup out of retirement and reinstated his tenure with the Sheriff’s Office. Safety Pup has become a well-known canine within the community, making frequent appearances at a variety of school and community functions. Safety Pup’s goal is to remind the children of El Dorado County to be mindful of all types of safety rules, including home safety, personal safety, animal safety, internet safety, firearms safety, and many other safety topics.

Safety Pup typically attends over 25 community events each year such as Red Ribbon Week, National Night Out, the County Fair, Safe Trick or Treat Streets, Toys for Tots and much more. Safety Pup is solely funded from donations sent to the Sheriff’s Office for the National Child Safety Council. These donations allow the Sheriff’s Office to purchase the items that are handed out to children during these events such as coloring books, crayons, stickers, pencils, and bracelets. Any person or business who donates funds, is advertised on the back of the coloring books that are distributed by Safety Pup. This is a wonderful and beneficial program for the county’s youth to become acquainted with all types of safety situations.
STARS PROGRAM

"The Sheriff’s Team of Active Retirees, or STAR’s, is a volunteer organization whose function is to assist and support the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office."

The nearly 100 volunteers, provide a broad spectrum of community services which capitalize on the skills, aptitudes and preferences of its members to support the Sheriff’s mission throughout El Dorado County. STAR volunteers are used to enhance vital crime prevention services and community awareness. Each day, STAR volunteers can be seen throughout the county, patrolling, deploying the radar trailer, performing vacation checks, special community events, the You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program, manning the Sheriff’s Office Substations, Neighborhood Watch, graffiti reporting and clean up, vehicle abatement checks, helping out with CCW processing, along with assisting almost every unit within the Sheriff’s Office.

In 2016, STAR volunteers donated over 27,000 hours. The STAR volunteers show up for duty with a smile on their faces and a willingness to help in any capacity needed.

STAR volunteers come from all walks of life which help to build such a strong and successful program. Each team member must attend a two week STAR Training Academy as well as the Citizen’s Academy. These well trained volunteers do all they can to be an asset, not only to the Sheriff’s Office, but for the community as well. Their efforts never go unnoticed or unappreciated. The STAR volunteers inspire us each day on how to have a major impact in the lives of those we encounter.

In April 2016, Sheriff D’Agostini awarded Jack Pratt and Jerry Fenno each with a 20 Year Service Award. Between these two STARS alone, over 19,000 hours have been volunteered to the Sheriff’s Office and to the community.

SECRET WITNESS PROGRAM

The Secret Witness Program has been in place in South Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas for over 30 years. This program is designed to provide incentives for community members in exchange for providing tips that may lead to crime prevention or resolution. Reward money is funded by donations from local businesses and individuals. Secret Witness funds are disbursed and monitored by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of the Lake Tahoe Community members.

The Secret Witness Program relies on the anonymous tips of community members. When a citizen or visitor to the community becomes aware of criminal activity, that individual can make an anonymous phone call to a 24-hour, 7 day-a-week hotline and provide that information. Sheriff’s Office personnel will directly contact the appropriate law enforcement agency responsible for acting on that tip. In the event that a tip leads to the arrest of a criminal, the reporting person will be contacted and offered a reward. This program has led to countless arrest and is extremely beneficial to preventing crime within our county.

To become a secret witness please call the Secret Witness Hotline at: (530) 541-6800
CITIZEN’S ACADEMY

The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office Citizen’s Academy is one of the most valuable programs that is offered to the community. This program allows our agency to showcase all of the primary functions associated with the Sheriff’s Office. It puts the participants behind the scenes, and gives them hands on experiences that engage and educate. This very popular and unforgettable program runs 14 consecutive weeks, twice a year, and covers many topics, including: Crime Scene Investigation, Patrol Functions, K-9 Program, SWAT and much more. The weekly classroom setting builds momentum and becomes more intriguing as the participants meet the various instructors and eventually end with an opportunity to play the role of these everyday heroes. A bonus of this program includes an opportunity to take a ride-a-long with a Deputy and an in depth tour of the Placerville Correctional facility. Many of the past participants have expressed that this program was an incredibly valuable life experience and some have even found a passion for law enforcement that encouraged a substantial life change.

This past year, a Citizens Academy graduate found her calling in a life of service and made the decision to pursue a career in law enforcement. Sarah Schwabe became so interested in law enforcement after attending the academy that she elected to put herself through the 6 month, intensive Law Enforcement Academy in the hopes of obtaining a Deputy Sheriff position with El Dorado County. Deputy Schwabe was successful in her endeavors and is one of the newest members of the Sheriff’s Office.

If you would like more information on the Citizen’s Academy or our hiring process, please email us at recruitment@edso.org.

THRIVE WITH 10-35

Thrive with 10-35 was established at the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office in 2011. The mission of the organization is to promote the well-being of all Sheriff Office members and their families. They provide information, support and practical assistance to help law enforcement families successfully survive and thrive during the employee’s law enforcement career and beyond. Their hope is to better equip employees and their families to manage the challenges of law enforcement, so spouses and partners will feel more secure and connected to their loved ones, and law enforcement marriages and relationships will be more stable.

A representative from Thrive can be found at all Welcome Ceremonies. There, they meet with the families of our new employees and welcome them to the Sheriff’s Office and answer any questions they may have. The volunteers of Thrive may offer assistance such as mentoring and support groups and also hands-on assistance such as transportation, delivering meals and child care as needed during difficult times. They also have a Critical Incident Protocol that assists in getting accurate and timely information to families in the event we have tragedy within our office.

In 2016, Thrive hosted a “Night in New Orleans” fundraiser benefitting the Sierra Law Enforcement Chaplaincy. That event alone allowed Thrive to donate $11,000 to the Chaplains. This year, Thrive also hosted the first office-wide holiday party at the Sequoia House, which brought personnel together to celebrate the end of a challenging and rewarding year.

In 2017, Thrive with 10-35 hopes to offer additional services to the families of Sheriff’s Office employees such as a CCW Class, Spouse’s Academy and Self Defense Class.

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El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 457 is a Law Enforcement career exploring program that is open to young men and women ages 14 to 20 with an interest in learning more about career opportunities in Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement Exploring is a well-established and highly respected program that has served as a platform from which countless young adults have launched a successful career with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Post provides youth with an insight and a vast array of hands-on training programs related to the functions of the Sheriff Office.

In 2016, the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office Explorers provided over 4,939 hours of community service work. They assisted with many county events, including the Search and Rescue Crab Feed, County Fair, 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular, National Night Out, Toys for Tots, County Career Fairs, Kids Expo, Friends of the NRA Dinner, Under Aged Drinking Prevention, and Club Live.

Post 457 has been awarded a grant from the NRA Foundation Grant Program “Teach Freedom,” for the second year in a row. This grant was instrumental in funding supplies, equipment and firearms for the explorers to be provided the best firearm education possible. NRA’s goal is to provide funding for firearm education that promotes safe and responsible firearm ownership. Explorers are provided firearm training to help develop knowledge, skills, and techniques vital to becoming law enforcement officers and responsible gun owners.

Individual competitions are designed to teach Explorers the importance of being self-reliant and how to motivate themselves. The individual competitions that the Post participated in were air pistol competition, physical fitness, pistol championship, and bike policing. The proctors were incredibly impressed with the Post’s performance throughout the competition as both a team and individuals. The post participated in several team scenarios, where they were able to showcase their excellent teamwork. During debriefing of the scenarios, the proctors consistently commented on the effective communication, observation of small details, and understanding of the law displayed by the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office Explorers.

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NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER CONFERENCE
Explorer Post 457 attended the 2016 National Conference at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. The National Law Enforcement Explorer Conference is conducted every other year and is attended by thousands of Law Enforcement Explorers and their adult leaders throughout the country. The conference program provides a week of team and individual competitions, seminars, demonstrations, exhibits and training.

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SGT. GRACE HUNTER, 19

“I have been a member of POST #457 for almost three years and have served as Sergeant for more than one year. I joined explorers to learn more about the challenges and opportunities in law enforcement. The POST has provided several such opportunities including classroom training, tactical training, competitions, and the explorer academy in Lake Havasu, AZ. I have also had the honor of running the explorer color guard which consists of 6 members. Leading color guard has given me the chance to train and present colors with my fellow teammates. These leadership opportunities have given me a tremendous amount of life experience for personal and professional growth. I am incredibly thankful to the POST and POST advisors for their commitment to the program and for providing me these experiences. My career goals, after earning my college degree, are to join the FBI or another law enforcement agency.”

CA HIGHWAY PATROL EXPLORER III ACADEMY

The El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office Explorer POST sent 6 explorers to the CHP Explorer Level III Academy. This academy is designed for Explorers, ages 16 to 21, who have an interest in exploring Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement career opportunities. The Explorer Academy is an abbreviated replica of the actual CHP Academy, and is designed to familiarize explorers with course curriculum, academic standards, law enforcement, professionalism, esprit de corps and teamwork.

This intense seven day training course located at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento is incredibly demanding both mentally and physically. The program is designed to test the strengths and limitations of a person’s intelligence, personality, demeanor and physical abilities, as well as their dedication and conviction to the Explorer Program. This Academy is challenging, exciting, fulfilling and one that the explorers take pride in upon successful completion.

For more information on the Explorers Post 457, please visit our website at:
www.service-life.com/1697/
Thank you for your continued support...

Citizen of the Year Rochelle Franco receiving her plaque from the Sheriff at the 2016 Annual Awards Ceremony.

This year, Mr. Leconte participated in a solo 65 mile Fundraiser Run for Law Enforcement. This run began at the Sheriff’s Office in Placerville and ended at our South Lake Tahoe Office. 50% of proceeds went to the Sheriff’s Posse for any Law enforcement family emergencies within our county and 50% of the funds went to support the families of the 5 fallen police officers in Dallas.

Sgt. Leikauf had the pleasure of meeting a little girl and her family who always keep a stack of special handmade cards, in the hopes that they will encounter a law enforcement officer that they can share their support with.

Peter and Laurel Tyner saw one of our deputies eating lunch at a local restaurant. They didn’t want to disrupt his lunch but they wanted to express their gratitude. Laurel gave the deputy this note without saying a word. The deputy tracked them down in the restaurant to thank them.
Our Mission...

The mission of the El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office is to uphold the law through the investigation and enforcement of criminal and civil law, to provide leadership and law enforcement support to allied law enforcement agencies, to deliver consistent and humane treatment to those placed in our care and custody, and to perform these responsibilities in a manner that is responsive to the needs of our community and faithful to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California.

The Sheriff's Vision...

A modern approach to traditional law enforcement values; total enforcement on crime and criminals; total care for victims, witnesses and the community; total professionalism, through training and by example.