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Coalinga Police Department

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To the City Council and Residents of the City of Coalinga

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to maintain peace and order through the provision of police services that are of the highest quality and responsive to the needs of the community. We will contribute to the safety and security of the community by apprehending those who commit criminal acts, by developing partnerships to prevent, reduce, or eliminate neighborhood problems by providing police services that are fair, unbiased, judicious, and respectful of the dignity of all individuals.

VALUES STATEMENT

Dedication to timely, excellent, and efficient service to the community.

Honest and ethical behavior by the members of this agency.

Having the upmost integrity and professionalism for the position in which we hold.

Using innovative, creative and proactive approaches in meeting the demands of crime prevention and law enforcement responsibilities.

Engaging in strategic and future planning and to keep abreast of the latest in law enforcement technology and techniques.

Sensitivity is the key quality that we should bring to our interaction with the public and other agencies in the criminal justice system with whom we interact with.

Chief's Message

It is a privilege and an honor to present this annual report of the activities of the men and women of the Coalinga Police Department during the Calendar Year 2019. This was a year of transition internally and required the Department to adapt to a new law enforcement paradigm. The Department has met the challenges presented during 2019 and delivered a high level of service to the community.

On February 21, 2019, I took over as the Interim Police Chief and began a slow change within the police department. I have always known how dedicated the men and women of this department are to the city and to each other and they continue to grow as one team.

I came into my new position with my own philosophy and how I wanted this department to conduct themselves. My philosophy is simple; "We are family and have a special bond and a duty to protect the community we serve and one another. All police department personnel are to treat everyone with dignity and respect, treat others as you would want to be treated, Coalinga Police Department staff are to do their very best every day and do the right thing at all times. I expect everyone to do what's expected of them, do their job and always display a professional appearance and attitude. I want the community to feel as they can approach any employee of this department and receive satisfactory service. I want all my staff to stay safe and go home to their families at the end of every shift."

The primary goal for 2020 is to continue to improve the Coalinga Police Department and meet the challenges of a new year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darren L. Blevins

Darren Blevins
Chief of Police
February 6, 2020

State of the Department

The Coalinga Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency conducting operations 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The Department has units providing service in records, and general law enforcement. The Police Department provides primary 911 communications responsibilities for the City of Coalinga and the City of Parlier.

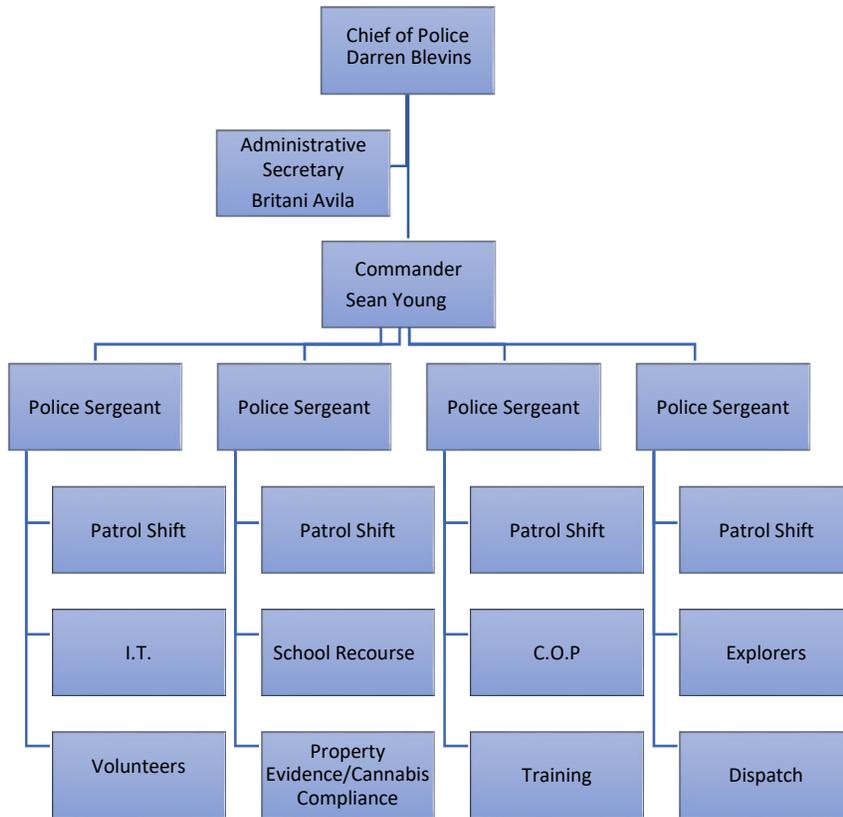
In February 2019 Chief Salvador accepted a new job in Atwater. Under the direction of Interim Chief Blevins, the Police Department reorganized their staffing and patrol functions after reductions caused by budgetary constraints. The year began with 13 full time sworn officers. FY 2018-2019 was funded with 15 sworn officers and with the passing of Measure J in November 2018 it funded two additional police officers' positions and by end of 2019, the 16 sworn position was in the process of being filled. The ratio of sworn personnel to population is 1 officer per 1000 residents. This is less than the nationwide rate of 1.8 officers per thousand population for Group V cities (10,000 to 24,999 population). (FBI, 2014) The status of personnel is always a concern or challenge facing the Department. The Department lost 2 sworn officers and 3 non-sworn personnel over the past year. The main reason for officers and dispatchers leaving the Department are for economic reasons.

To support sworn operations, the Department employs a mixture of part time and full-time civilian positions. The non-sworn provide Dispatch and Clerical services. The non-sworn staff also decreased during 2019 calendar year. The Department had six full time dispatchers and was reduced to 4 full time Dispatchers. The Department also had 6 part-time dispatchers and was reduced to 4 part-time dispatch positions. At the end of 2019, 3 of the 4 full time dispatch positions were filled. The fourth position is currently being covered by the secretary to the chief of police.

The current staffing level of the police department is:

- 1 Police Chief
- 1 Police Commander
- 4 Police Sergeants
- 2 Police Corporals
- 8 Police Officers (1 officer is assigned to the schools; 2 officers are currently in the 16 week FTO program and 1 is out on medical).
- 3 Public Safety Dispatchers
- 1 Part-time Dispatcher
- 2 Record Clerks
- 1 Secretary to the Chief of Police

Coalinga Police Department's Organizational Chart



Budget:

The Police Department is a general fund department. Due to the nature of Law Enforcement, it is a resource consumer not a self-sufficient activity. The adopted FY 19-20 budget of the Police Department is 3,246,688 million dollars. This constitutes 37% of the City's General Fund Budget. The adopted FY 19-20 budget for animal control was \$35,100.00, which pays Gimme love for care and welfare of the animals and shelter. This constitutes 0% of the City's General Fund Budget.

Revenues to support law enforcement activities come from a variety of sources. The main source of income is the City's General Fund. Supplemental funding from cooperative agreements with West Hills College and Coalinga Huron Unified School District fully pay for 2 police officer positions. Cannabis licensing fees and taxes pay for one police officer position and one non-sworn position. The Department participates in several grant programs to provide needed equipment. The Department receives SLESF grant funding from the State of California, Body Armor funding from the Federal Government. This year the Department received a grant from Homeland Security to go towards the purchase of additional equipment. The Department is expected to receive approximately \$4200.00 from this grant.

Facilities:

The Police Department is located at 270 N. Sixth St. in a wing of City Hall. This facility was constructed in 1995 and houses 911 communications center, patrol operations, investigations, administration, and a 24-hour holding facility. The Police Department has two satellite locations that supports its mission. The Police Department also continues to utilize a portion of the old police department headquarters, in the courthouse, as an evidence storage facility.

In 2019, the police department, purchased the buildings new Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) and had the access control system inside the department upgraded. The Police Department also had negative air and filtration system installed in the departments evidence prep and adjoining evidence rooms.

Fleet:

The Police Department uses a mixture of unmarked and marked vehicles to accomplish its various missions. There are 22 vehicles in the Department's fleet. This allows for personally assigned vehicles to sworn personnel. In my experience, having personally assigned vehicles allows for greater longevity of the asset. Employee have a pride of ownership and take better care of the equipment when they know that their efforts only affect them. This has allowed the department to improve reliability and fuel economy with the goal of reducing fuel and maintenance costs. The average age of fleet assets is 6 years.

Fleet reductions were completed to mirror the Departments reduced staffing. With grant funding, the Department purchased an electric motorcycle and a load bearing electric vehicle to improve short range capabilities.

Other Equipment:

The Police Department possesses a wide range of equipment to fulfill its mission. It has enough variety of weapons and surveillance technology to accomplish any task needed. The Department also purchased a new firearms simulator to help with continual use of force training scenarios.

Calls for Service Statistics:

The best way to analyze the activity of the Police Department is using raw calls for service data. This data over time shows both activities generated by the public and activity generated by preventative patrol activities. In 2018, the Department handled 15,967 incidents and in 2019 the Department handled 15,559 incidents, for a 2.55% decrease in incidents handled compared to 2018. In February 2019, the police department began dispatching for the city of Parlier. In addition to Coalinga's activity, Dispatch handled an additional 18,407 calls for service and officer-initiated activity for the City of Parlier.

The following charts and tables break down the total number of incidents by month. Priority one calls are considered emergencies and should be dispatched within a 3-minute time frame. Priority two calls are normally where most citizen-initiated activity is found, however in 2019 the shift was to Priority 1 calls. Priority three calls are mostly officer initiated. For 2019 Priority 1 calls were dispatched within 1min and 23sec of receiving the call and entering it into CAD.

CALLS FOR SERVICE 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Incidents	1387	1065	1119	1167	1457	1266	1251	1413	1358	1394	1221	1461

Patrol Statistics	
Officer Initiated Incidents	4819
Traffic Stops	1316
Other OIA Incidents	3503
Bus/Building checks	259
Veh/Ped Check	618
Total Officer Reports	1445
Collision	87
Courtesy	14
Criminal Collision	14
Felony	277
Information	356
Infraction	36
Misdemeanor	625
Voided	19
Unclassified Reports	17
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	463
Misdemeanor Arrests	339
Felony Arrests	124
Total Citations	570
Admin Cites	5
Infraction	207
Misdemeanor	28
Moving Vehicle	43
Muni Code	5
Parking	263
Unclassified	19
FIs	9

CALLS FOR SERVICE 2018

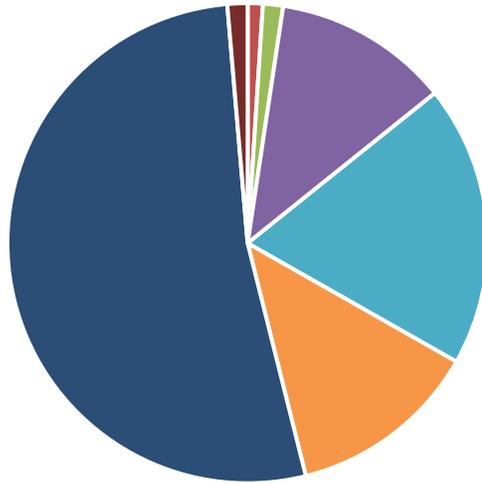
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Incidents	1370	1502	1237	1396	1466	1237	1146	1393	1305	1342	1373	1200

Patrol Statistics		-	□
Total Incidents		15967	
Calls for Service		9027	
Officer Initiated Incidents		6940	
Traffic Stops		1812	
Other OIA Incidents		5128	
Bus/Building checks		196	
Veh/Ped Check		1007	
Total Officer Reports		1627	
Collision		106	
Courtesy		21	
Criminal Collision		3	
Felony		324	
Information		367	
Infraction		75	
Misdemeanor		694	
Voided		20	
Unclassified Reports		17	
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests		528	
Misdemeanor Arrests		384	
Felony Arrests		144	
Total Citations		574	
Admin Cites		18	
Bicycle		2	
Infraction		181	
Misdemeanor		82	
Moving Vehicle		106	
Muni Code		4	
Parking		168	
Unclassified		13	

UCR Crime Statistics

The UCR is the oldest measure of crime reporting in the United States. Developed in the 1920's by the FBI, the report receives its data from victim's reports of crime to law enforcement. The statistics give only general information on crime trends. They can be affected by several variables from the definitions of the categories themselves to human error in crime report completion by law enforcement. Year to year analysis is the most accurate way to use the UCR to predict crime trends. Comparing 2018 to 2019 there was a decrease in the total UCR reportable crimes to the Coalinga Police Department. This decrease is attributed to a decrease in all categories except for homicides, thefts and arsons. The below are month to month tables and graphic representations of the UCR statistics. Crimes against property have now passed persons crimes to be the number one issue facing the citizens of Coalinga today.

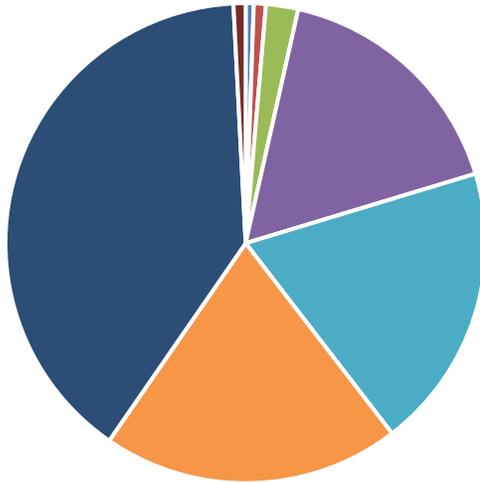
2019



■ Homicide ■ Rape ■ Robbery ■ Felony Assault ■ Misd. Assault ■ Burglary ■ Theft ■ Arson

2019	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Totals
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	3	0	0	0	3
Robbery	1	1	0	2	4
Felony Assault	7	9	14	5	35
Misdemeanor Assault	14	10	20	12	56
Burglary	11	10	7	10	38
Theft	35	38	31	51	155
Arson	1	1	2	0	4
Total					295

2018



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2018	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Totals
Homicide	0	0	2	0	2
Rape	2	1	0	0	3
Robbery	3	2	2	1	8
Felony Assault	13	18	17	14	62
Misdemeanor Assault	17	18	16	20	71
Burglary	12	13	21	28	74
Theft	30	36	40	40	146
Arson	1	0	0	2	3
Total					369

The number of reported property crimes represent a large share of the UCR Statistics. Although the total number of reportable UCR offences are down, which over the past 12 months was a reduction of 20.05%, we are still experiencing a high number of property crimes, even though over the past 12 months this category is down 12.27%.

The Department has taken an aggressive stance to attempt to lower the numbers by proactive patrol and apprehension activities, the department has conducted operations that have targeted gang members, persons on probation and persons on parole. Due to budget cuts the Investigations Unit of the department has been disbanded and their personnel sent back to patrol. I am hoping to have this unit back up and running with at least 1 officer by July 2020.

Filing Rate

When I assumed the role of the Police Chief, I had a meeting with the sergeants within the department. I asked the sergeants to work on improving the filing rate with the district attorney's office. In 2018 the police department had a 54% overall filing rate and in 2019 the department worked hard and improved the filing rate to 78%.

Traffic Accident Statistics

The Coalinga Police Department is responsible for traffic enforcement for the City of Coalinga. Besides the common writing of citations for traffic violations, the Department responds to and investigates all the traffic accidents that occur in the city. In 2019, the total number of investigated traffic collisions in Coalinga declined approximately 37.70% from 61 in 2018 to 38 in 2019.

Animal Control Statistics

In July 2019 the Coalinga Police Department turned the Animal Shelter over to Gimme Love a non-profit organization that is now responsible for the care and welfare of the animal shelter. The police department uniformed patrol officers responded to 62 animal complaints and issued 8 citations in 2019.

School Resource Officer Program

The Department partners with both Coalinga Huron Unified School District and West Hills Community College District to provide law enforcement services to both entities. Since both educational institution's cross jurisdictional lines, the Police Department personnel team up with law enforcement officers from Huron and Lemoore to accomplish the mission. Some of the services provided to the Districts were:

- Criminal Investigations
- Outreach to Students
- School Safety Presentations
- Attendance at Sporting Events
- Attendance at other District Events
- Traffic and Patrol functions around the Schools
- Presentations to the Governing Boards

This program is 100% funded by both the districts that services are provided to. Unfortunately, due to staffing levels being low in the department during the first part of the school year and one of the officers being out injured, we were unable to staff either position until December 2019. This officer is now covering both WHCC and CHUSD sites.

Canine Program

On May 15, 2019, the Coalinga PD Canine Supporters donated \$28,288.75 to be put towards the purchase and training of a Canine to get the Coalinga Police Department K9 program up and running. Since then, the Coalinga Police Department purchased K9 Officer Eli, equipped a patrol car for K9 use and sent Eli and Officer Francisco Ybarra to a POST Certified Canine Officer Course. As of today, the police department has spent \$21,061.45 of that money to pay for the initial and continual training, needed vehicle and training equipment, medical expenses (check-ups) and dog food, leaving \$7,227.30. With the auctioning of the old ACO truck there is an additional \$4000 for a total of **(11,227.30)** left in the K9 expenditure account. The current amount in the K-9 fund is enough to finish off the rest of this fiscal year and almost half of next year. To continue the program for year 2, the department will need approximately \$12,000.00 to operate with. In year 2, I would like to purchase a bite suit for our program.

Since deploying K9 Officer Eli onto the streets, he has had 5 apprehensions based off his presence alone, meaning that just by him being on the call, or the advisement of him being deployed, was enough to end the situation without any physical force being used. Eli has been used to search 25 vehicles for narcotics, assisted the Fresno County Sheriff's Office on a vehicle search when their K-9 was not available and has searched 20 buildings, several alarm calls and the others were probation compliance checks. Of those vehicle and probation searches, Eli has successfully located methamphetamine, cocaine and narcotic paraphernalia, which lead to arrests. Eli has assisted on 6 search warrants, acting as a perimeter unit to prevent anybody from fleeing and then searching the interior of the locations to locate any hiding subjects and then for narcotics.

Eli has completed presentations at the schools during Red Ribbon Week and has done several educational presentations for different classrooms and teachers at Sunset Elementary and at the Greenfield High School in the City of Greenfield. Eli has also participated in several of the parades within Coalinga, including the Christmas Parade, the Horned Toad Derby Parade as well as community events.

Department Goals

After being becoming the Chief of Police in February 2019, I had several things that it wanted to accomplish. In facilities, with the passing of Measure J, the department's security was our most important issue. During 2019, we completed the upgrade to the department's access control system, installed a much-needed UPS for the building and a negative air solution system for the evidence room.

The Coalinga Police Department will strive to be a leader in law enforcement technology. One of the ways to meet this goal is by continuing the project to upgrade the IT infrastructure.

In 2020 the police department plans on implementing an online police reporting system, improve on department training, complete the remodel of the dispatch center and install the video policing center. The department will implement a city-wide video surveillance camera registration program. Even though the Department has some of the latest in computer equipment, we will continue to pursue the newest technology available to be more efficient and better serve our public.

The Department will also continue to be an aggressive player in the grant arena.
