

### **CLOVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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# A Message from the Chief

Clovis Police Department strives to serve the citizens of the community and provide law enforcement services to everyone who comes to our city. The men and women of this organization continued to perform at the highest level; the following information is the highlights of the activity and accomplishments by our agency for the past year.

The department's staffing of personnel averaged 55 sworn officers over the twelve-month period. The dispatch center continues to function with an average staff of 11 Telecommunicators handling 131,656 incoming and outgoing calls to the center. A total of 5,007 calls were received thru the E-911 lines and 28,037 calls were received by the wire-less (cell phone) 911 system.

In 2019, the department responded to a total of 33,343 calls for service and we completed 6,533 incident reports. In 2019, the department responded to 35,509 calls for service and completed 6,630 incident reports. This reflects a -6% decrease in the calls for service and -14.6% decrease change in the number of incident reports from the previous year.

The officers made a total of 1,611 arrests for 2019. Of these arrests, 725 of them resulted in felony charges.

The department has had a very challenging year, but has worked diligently in taking care of cases. In 2019, we saw a decrease in our Indexed crimes. This includes the categories of Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Thefts. The 2019 Index Crimes decreased 6% in comparison to 2018. This decrease was due to the decreases in several of the categories, and the total number of homicides in the city was two compared to one in 2018.

The Special Operations Unit (SOU) produced a 55% clearance rate for 2019. The SOU was assigned 685 cases in 2019. The Detectives cleared 377 of these cases by arrest or other exceptional means. With the team work of Patrol and Investigations, these numbers are well above the national average.

The Major Crimes Unit was activated on two occasions in 2019. These incidents both occurred in the city.

The department organized and implemented two community events, National Night Out and Kops-n-Kids Christmas. None of these events would have been achievable without the men and women of the Clovis Police Department.

Therefore, I want to say "Thank You!", to all the employees for their hard work and dedication to providing ethical and professional policing services to our citizens and community.

This year has been a very tough one for our department. Captain Roger Dial was diagnosed with cancer in March and he began treatment to beat this horrible disease. Capt. Dial came back to work in the fall and after a month began feeling bad again. He found out the cancer was not totally gone. We lost him December 6<sup>th</sup> and put a huge void in our police department family. This has been a very tough loss for me, I have spent my entire career with this department serving with him. We have worked shoulder to shoulder in some very intense situations.

The toughest situation as a Chief of Police you will ever deal with, is the funeral of an officer. I miss Capt. Dial tremendously; he was an extremely dedicated police officer, father, husband and citizen. I miss you daily Roger; your smile, desire to come in and serve and of course my hand going numb when you would shake it with that grizzly grip. We faced many life and death situations together; but you faced the biggest one with the confidence, dignity and faith like no other person I know.

Douglas R. Ford Chief of Police

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Clovis Police Department's mission is to provide professional and ethical police services in partnership with our citizens; to identify and solve the problems of crime, to reduce the fear of crime and prevent social disorder, thereby making Clovis a safer community to live, work and play in.

# VISION STATEMENT

As an organization, it is our vision to be leaders in the police profession where we demonstrate through our partnership with the community our commitment to a high standard of quality of life for the citizens of Clovis. Therefore:

- We value human life and dignity.
- We believe integrity is the basis for community trust.
- We believe in the principles embodied in our Constitution.

# AWARDS AND COMMENDATIONS



**Police Medal**: Awarded to any departmental employee who rendered services beyond the ordinary course of duty with alertness, perseverance, or timely judgment in the protection of life, the prevention or solving of a major crime, or the apprehension of an armed or dangerous person. The recipients were:

Lt. Trevor Thron

1st Medal

Sgt. Rodriguez 1st Medal

Det. Sandoval 1st Medal

Det. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> Medal

**Life Saving Medal**: Conferred upon any employee of the department whose actions directly contributed to saving or significantly prolonging human life. The recipients were:

MPO Sanford Wagner 1st Medal
Capt. Roman Romero 4th Medal
Off. Timo Rosenthal 1st Medal

**Meritorious Service Medal**: Presented for acts of bravery, meritorious service, and unusual attention to duty, outstanding performance of assigned functions, or community service, which reflected favorably on the department and/or promoted public safety in the community. The recipients were:

Det. Rick Smith	1st Medal
Det. Randall Pitcock	2 <sup>nd</sup> Medal
Det. Dale Rice	1st Medal
Det. David Sandoval	2 <sup>nd</sup> Medal
Sgt. Louis Riddle	3 <sup>rd</sup> Medal
Capt. Roman Romero	1st Medal

**Distinguished Service Award:** Awarded to any employee of the department for an outstanding accomplishment, that has contributed to a more effective and efficient police department. The recipients were:

2 <sup>nd</sup> Medal
1st Medal
1st Medal
1st Medal

Military Service Award: Awarded to all members of the department who loyally served in any branch of the United States Armed Service and received an Honorable Discharge or retirement after a distinguished and faithful service. The recipients were:

Officer Clinton Cope-Army

5 Vears of Service.

Officer Nicholas Jackson-Army

Educational Achievement (specific commendation bar for level of degree completed): Presented in recognition of completing a secondary education program through an accredited college or university and having received the confirmed degree for a specified course of study. This is awarded to departmental personnel who have met the criteria, will wear the commendation bar for the highest level of degree which they have been confirmed with. A copy of the degree will be reviewed by the Chief of Police or his designee and kept in the Officer's personnel file. Had no personnel who obtained degrees this year.

### **Years of Service**

5 Tears of Service.	
OFC Brice Stacy	04/14/2014-04/14/2019
MPO Joseph Settle	05/12/2014-05/14/2019
MPO David Sandoval	09/29/2014-09/29/2019
SGT. Moe Parker	09/29/2014-09/29/2019
10 Years of Service: Adriana Corrales -TC	06/15/2009-06/15/2019
25 Years of Service: SGT. Antonio Bosque	06/27/1994-06/27/2019

# IN THE NEWS

*January 21, 2019* – On Monday, January 21, 2019, at about 5:44 p.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to the 1000 block of North Thornton Street in reference to a motor vehicle accident versus pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene, and noted Angel Solis-Loya (82 years of age) on the ground on the roadway, midway between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on Thornton Street. Solis-Loya died from his injuries.

April 9, 2019 – On Tuesday, April 9, 2018 at approximately 6:00 a.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department, Portales Police Department, Region V Narcotic Task Force, New Mexico State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, United States Marshals Office and Office of US Customs Air and Marine Operations; began "Operation Street Sweeper". This operation was the result of a joint investigation between local and federal law enforcement agencies, involving the ongoing criminal actions of numerous defendants. The crimes investigated involved violations of illegal narcotics, sale of illegal firearms and possession of firearms by prohibited persons. This operation was successful in the arrest of nine of the eleven subjects who had warrants under both state and federal indictments.

April 14, 2019 – On Sunday, April 14, 2019, at about 4:09 p.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department encountered a black in color Volkswagen Jetta in the area of 13<sup>th</sup> and Lea Streets, Clovis, New Mexico. The vehicle and its occupants, including Manuel Silva (23 years of age) were wanted in reference to an ongoing homicide investigation in Portales, New Mexico. A Clovis Police Officer in a marked Police Unit engaged their emergency lights in effort to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle and its occupants. The vehicle came to a stop and as the Officer approached the vehicle it fled. A pursuit of the vehicle ensued. The driver of the vehicle, Manuel Silva, fled from Officers, endangering the motoring public. Silva ultimately crashed the vehicle into a gas meter and continued to flee on foot.

Officers chased Silva on foot, capturing him in the 1100 block of North Prince Street. As this pursuit was proceeding, an Officer of the Clovis Police Department driving to the area of the pursuit was involved in a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> and Gidding Streets. The Officer and the occupants of the other vehicle involved in the crash were transported to Plains Regional Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. Manuel Silva was charged with Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer, and was also taken into custody for an outstanding felony arrest warrant. Silva was transported to Plains Regional Medical Center and once he was cleared medically, he was transported to the Curry County Adult Detention Center.

May 2, 2019 - On Thursday, May 2, 2019, at about 1200 p.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department working with member of the Region V Task force responded to the area of 9th & Prince for an attempt to locate a wanted subject. Officers had spent several days attempting to locate Alfonso Rodriguez (39), wanted for aggravated assault and outstanding warrants from De Baca County, New Mexico. Undercover Officers in the area were able to positively identify Alfonso Rodriguez and as a result he was successfully apprehended in the parking lot of the Chevron Gas Station located at 901 N. Prince St, in Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico. Alfonso was taken into custody for the outstanding warrants and taken to the Curry County Adult Detention Center where he has been booked. A second male identified as Daniel Harrison (38) was also contacted by Officers during this incident. Daniel Harrison had outstanding warrants for his arrest and was found to be in possession of a firearm and methamphetamine. Daniel Harrison has been arrested for felon in possession of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine and possession of a stolen firearm. Harrison was armed with a handgun that had been previously reported stolen.

May 3, 2019 – On Friday, May 3, 2019, at about 5:11 p.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department and Emergency Medical Services of the Clovis Fire Department were dispatched to the 3500 block of North Prince Street in reference to a motor vehicle crash with injuries involving a motorcycle and a sports utility vehicle. On arrival, Officers and EMS encountered the motorcycle driver, a 27-year-old male who had a significant head injury and was lying in the roadway. The male, identified as Javier Saavedra, was transported to Plains Regional Medical Center.

The Clovis Police Department Major Crash Team was activated to conduct the investigation into this crash. Saavedra subsequently died of his injuries.

May 10, 2019 - On Friday, May 10, 2019, at about 10:43 a.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department, Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to 1500 North Prince Street, Payment 1 Financial, for a report of an armed robbery. On contact with the victims, Officers were given a description of the suspect, and were told the suspect had stolen money and property and had fled the area. Neither of the victims sustained any injuries during the robbery. Detectives of the Clovis Police Department Special Operations Unit were dispatched to investigate the crime. The suspect walked into the business, demanded money and threatened to "shoot" the workers. During the robbery, the suspect was brandishing what appeared to be a black in color semiautomatic handgun. The suspect is described as a light complected male subject, who was wearing a dark blue jacket, light blue button up shirt, gray dress slacks, black dress shoes, wearing a glove on his left hand, and a light gray in color "newsboy" style flat cap hat. The suspect is further described as being approximately 5'08" tall, weighing about 200 pounds. Officers and Detectives searched the area for the suspect, but were not successful in locating him. No one has been arrested for this crime.

June 21, 2019 – On Friday, June 21, 2019, at about 2:25 a.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to 515 North Prince Street, Martin Enterprises, for a burglary. The suspect, identified as Derrick Morales (34 years of age) had left the area following the burglary but Officers were able to track his movements due to a blood trail. Officers located Morales and detained him. He was transported to the Clovis Police Department as Officers began investigating multiple crime scenes associated to Morales. While at the Clovis Police Department, Morales damaged an interview room. He was transported to Plains Regional Medical Center for a foot injury he had incurred during the burglary and other criminal damages that had been committed. Derrick Morales was ultimately transported to the Curry County Adult Detention Center to be booked on the following charges; Aggravated Burglary; for entering Martin Enterprises, 515 N. Prince Street, where he armed himself with a firearm, Larceny over \$500.00; for taking property valued over \$500.00 from Martin Enterprises, 515 North Prince Street, Criminal Damage to Property: for damaging property belonging to Martin

Enterprises, 515 North Prince Street, Criminal Damage to Property: for damaging a vehicle belonging to Curry County at 417 Gidding Street, Criminal Damage to Property: for damaging the building at 417 Gidding Street, Criminal Damage to Property: for damaging the interview room at the Clovis Police Department, Criminal Damage to Property: for damaging the building at 521 Pile Street, Eastern New Mexico News.

July 14, 2019-On Sunday, July 14, 2019 at approximately 5:17 a.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department and firefighters from the Clovis Fire and Emergency Medical Services department were dispatched to 815 ½ Wallace for a structure fire. Upon the arrival of police and fire personnel, they found a residence fully involved with fire and a female subject who had been brought out of the residence. The female was transported to Plains Regional Medical Center-Clovis for treatment for smoke inhalation by Clovis Fire/EMS personnel. Clovis Fire Department personnel were informed another subject was inside the residence but were unable to get to the other individual due to the intensity of the fire. Once the fire was out, they did locate a subject inside the residence who was deceased. Clovis Police Department detectives were contacted to respond, along with Clovis Fire Department fire investigators. The New Mexico State Fire Marshal's Office was also contacted to send investigators to assist with this incident. The deceased subject, Alfred Tacorante (50 years of age) was removed from the residence by Office of Medical Investigations personnel and is being sent to their office in Albuquerque for autopsy.

July 29, 2019- On Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at around 8:35 a.m. Officers with the Clovis Police Department along with Clovis Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services were dispatched to a fatal crash at the intersection of Ross St. and Commerce Way. The motor vehicle accident involved a motorcycle versus a City of Clovis garbage truck. Officers and EMS personnel arrived on scene and noted there were two occupants on the motorcycle; both occupants were on the ground, in the roadway when emergency personnel arrived. One of the occupants of the motorcycle was transported to Plains Regional Medical Center, and then later transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock Texas. The other occupant, identified as Patricia "Nettie" Trujillo (62 years of age), died at the scene. The driver of the trash truck had no apparent injuries, but was transported to Plains

Regional Medical Center. The Clovis Police Department's Major Crash Team was activated and to investigate this incident.

*August 1, 2019* – On Thursday, August 1, 2019, at about 7:32 p.m., Clovis Police Department Dispatch received multiple 911 calls in reference to shots fired and a vehicle in the ditch in the area of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Pinon Streets, Clovis, New Mexico. Callers reported a male subject armed with a shotgun, was standing in the roadway and had been picked up by a gold colored "suburban", sports utility vehicle (SUV). Officers of the Clovis Police Department responded to the area and were able to locate the vehicle. Officers conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle. Two persons ran from the vehicle and a third person drove the gold SUV from the scene. Based on the initial call for service, shots fired, an armed person, and a crashed-out vehicle, Officers pursued the vehicle. In the area of Grand Avenue and Thornton Street, Officers deployed "stop sticks", a tire deflation tool, into the roadway. The driver of the gold SUV attempted to evade the deflation device, but was unsuccessful. With a flattened front tire, the driver continued fleeing law enforcement. In the area of the 2100 block of Grand Avenue near an apartment complex, the driver abandoned the vehicle as it was still moving. The gold SUV ultimately crashed into other vehicles at the apartment complex. The driver of the SUV, identified as Bryson Campos (26 years of age), was chased on foot by Officers through the apartment complex, and was captured. Campos was taken into custody for outstanding arrest warrants for Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer. Search warrants were generated to search the gold Chevrolet Suburban. Within the vehicle, Detectives recovered a sawed-off shotgun. Bryson Campos has also been charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer, Resisting, Evading, or Obstructing an Officer, and multiple traffic infractions.

October 19, 2019- On Saturday, October 19, 2019, at about 1:49 p.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department and the Clovis Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle crash near the intersection of Llano Estacado Boulevard and Shady Lane. Upon arrival, Officers observed that a silver in color 2015 Harley Davidson motorcycle and a red in color 2014 Mazda 6 had been involved in the crash. EMS personnel contacted the driver of the motorcycle, Michael Burrell (51 years of age), who was severely injured. The male was immediately transported to Plains

Regional Medical Center. The driver of the red Mazda was not injured. At approximately 4:42 p.m., Michael Burrell died as a result of his injuries. The Clovis Police Department's Major Crash Team was activated and investigated this incident.

November 7, 2019 - On Thursday, November 7, 2019, at about 6:41 p.m., Clovis Police Department Dispatch received a 911 call from the 1000 block of North Lea Street, Clovis, New Mexico. The caller relayed that a male subject had been shot multiple times. Clovis Police Officers arrived on scene, where they were directed to a deceased male in the kitchen of the residence. The male appeared to have received gunshot wounds and was no longer alive. The deceased male has been identified as Jahmall Burge, 36 years of age. The Clovis Police Department Special Operations Unit and the Major Crimes Unit were activated to investigate this homicide. Information was developed on the suspect in the homicide and an arrest warrant for Murder was drawn up for the suspect, Johnny Rae Vigil, 26 years of age. On Friday, November 8, 2019, at about 7:03 a.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to a residence in the 500 block of West 10th Street in Clovis, New Mexico. Johnny Rae Vigil was contacted at the home and was taken into custody without incident.

November 22, 2019 - On Friday, November 22, 2019, at about 10:20 p.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to the 1300 block of West 8<sup>th</sup> Streets for a shots-fired call. Shortly after the initial call, Clovis Police Department dispatch received a call about a male subject being shot. Upon arrival, at the steps to a residence, Officers encountered a male who had no signs of life. The victim has been identified as William Romero (28 years of age). The Clovis Police Department Special Operations Unit and the Major Crimes Unit were activated to investigate this incident. During the course of the investigation, Steven Hogues (34 years of age), was identified as the suspect of the homicide. There is an active arrest warrant for Steven Hogues on an open count of Murder. On November 24, 2019, at about 3:21 a.m., the Randall County Sheriff's Office confirmed Steven Hogues was taken into custody in Amarillo, Texas.

# UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

The Uniform Crime Reporting Program classifies offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II crimes. Each month, the department submits information on the number of Part I offenses (Crime Index) reported to the Police Department. Those offenses are cleared by arrest or exceptional means, and the age, sex, and race of person (s) arrested. We provide only arrest data for Part II offenses.

The Part I offenses, which comprise the Crime Index because of their seriousness and frequency, are defined below:

**Criminal Homicide**- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, and accidental deaths are excluded.

**Rape/CSP of Minor**- The carnal knowledge of a female/male forcibly and against her/his will. Rapes by force and attempts or assaults to rape, regardless of the age of the victim, are included. Statutory offense (no force used, victim is under age of consent) are excluded.

**Robbery**- The taking, or attempting to take, anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

**Aggravated Assault**- An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Simple assaults are excluded.

**Burglary**- The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a (breaking or entering) theft. Attempted forcible entry is included.

**Larceny-Theft-** The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of (except motor vehicle theft) property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Examples are thefts of bicycles or automobile accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article which is not taken by force and violence or by fraud. Attempted larcenies are included. Embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, worthless checks, etc. are excluded.

**Motor Vehicle Theft-** The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. A motor vehicle is self-propelled and runs on the surface and not on rails. Motorboats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment are specifically excluded from this category.

The following is a breakdown of the Index Crimes the Clovis Police Department recorded for 2019:

Murder	2	Up from 1 in 2018
CSP (Rape)/CSP of a	45	Up from 33 in 2018
Minor		
Robbery	29	Up from 23 in 2018
Aggravated Assault	82	Up from 67 in 2018
Burglary	342	Up from 331 in 2018
Larceny/Shoplifting/Auto	961	Down from 1,170 in
Burglary		2018
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	184	Up from 149 in 2018
Felony Arrests	725	Up from 520 in 2018

### 5 YEAR

### COMPARISON

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change %
Calls for Service	41,092	40,863	39,238	35,509	33,343	-6%
Offense Reports	8,157	7,866	7,251	6,630	6,533	-14.6%
Crash Reports	1,376	1,231	1,181	1,192	1,082	-9.2%

<b>Persons Crimes</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change %
Murder	0	2	6	1	2	+100%
Rape/CSP Minor	37	23	49	33	45	+36.3%
Robbery	27	46	16	23	29	+26%
Aggravated Assault	63	154	102	67	82	+22.3%

<b>Property Crimes</b>	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change %
Burglary	725	529	639	331	342	+3.3%
Theft and Larceny	1,137	1,695	813	1,170	961	-17.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	105	169	140	149	184	+23.4%

Crime numbers are based on those reported to UCR (Uniform Crime Index) by the Records Unit

# 911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



50,450 CAD Calls were generated by CPD Dispatch in 2019, DOWN 2,855. The average times for all dispatched calls (Police and Fire) was 4 minutes and 26 seconds. Averaging Clovis Police Department only calls, Officers arrived on scene within 4 minutes and 43 seconds after they were dispatched.

CAD CALLS	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
GENERATED	DISPATCHED	ENROUTE	ARRIVAL
33,343 (CPD)	4 min 43 sec	1 min 3 sec	3 min 46 sec

CPD Dispatch is responsible for dispatching calls for service to the Clovis Police Department, the Curry County Sheriff's Office, the Texico Police Department, The Clovis Fire Department, and rural Fire Departments in Curry County.

DEPARTMENT	CAD STATISTICS
Clovis Police Department	33,343
Curry County Sheriff's Office	6,715
Texico Police Department	297
Melrose Marshal's Office	1
Clovis Fire Department	9,181

Broadview Fire Department	11
Field Fire Department	2
Grady Fire Department	45
Melrose Fire Department	134
Pleasant Hill Fire Department	15
Texico Fire Department	1,149
TOTAL	50,450 Calls

### **Administrative Calls per Line**

ADMIN LINE	CALLS	ALTERATION
7639472	38,789	DN 1,290
7639473	8,710	DN 1,002
7639474	6,854	DN 686
7639475	3,929	DN 397

### **Call Information**

LINE	CALLS	ALTERATION
Administrative Lines	58,293	DN 2,767
E-911 Calls	3,409	DN 1,762
911 Wireless Calls	25,783	DN 180
Inbound Calls	88,761	DN 3,762
Outbound Calls	20,260	DN 1,570
Abandoned Calls	2,424	UP 1,208

CALLS	INBOUND	OUTBOUND	INTERNAL	TOTAL
911 Voice	30,468	0	0	30,468
ADMIN	58,293	20,260	964	79,517
TOTAL	88,761	20,260	964	109,985

YEAR	2018	2019
TOTAL CALLS	152,781	109,985 (-28%)

### RECORDS UNIT



The Records Division had a busy year. Throughout the year, the Records Section struggled with manning and has gone through two Records Supervisors. Nancy Longo was hired as the Records Supervisor on October 28, 2019 and has been serving in that capacity since. Prior to Nancy, we had hired Kevin Keith on February 25, 2019. Due to low manning, Records has operated with about three people throughout the year of 2019.

The Records Unit acted on 9,478 requests for services during this past year. Records entered 651 incident reports (324 in 2018), 1,111 crash reports (1,204 in 2017), 7,262 citations (8,234 in 2018), and 2,386 supplemental reports (1,949 in 2018) for entry into the CAPERS Records Management System Database for 2019. Records generated \$23,876.79 in revenue for 2019, a \$6,820.78 decrease compared to 2018.

ACTION	NUMBER	ACTION	NUMBER
Reports Entered	651	Crash Logic Reports	Uploaded
Supplements Entered	2,386	Crash Logic Reports	Purchased 680
Citations Entered	7,262	Crash Logic Revenue	\$1,370.00
Warrants Entered	1,421		
Booking Sheets Entered	1,665	Request for Records	3,895
Dispositions Entered	926	Background Checks	3,155
Crashes Entered	1,111	Fingerprints	2,428
Arrests Entered	1,375		
Discovery Entered	359		
Triple I's	0		
Requests for Services	9,478		
Scans into Capers	4,844		
		Total Revenue	\$23,876.79

# PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE UNIT



On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Evidence Custodian Trina Murry resigned from her position with the Clovis Police Department and went to work at the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. A testing process was conducted and Melissa Coppotelli, who was a Records Clerk, was transferred to Evidence upon selection to the position.

The total number of physical property type items received into evidence in 2019 was 6,463, which is a 1.6% decrease from 2018's total of 6,570. The Evidence

Unit destroyed 1,356 items through court orders in 2019, a 78.8% decrease from last year's total of 6,386 items.

ACTION	AMOUNTS
Item Collected	6,474
Stored in Location	11,559
To Santa Fe Lab	324
From Santa Fe Lab	194
To Hobbs Lab	263
From Hobbs Lab	104
To Court	101
From Court	49
Returned to Owner	304
Retained for Department Use	1
Transferred to Other Agency	20
Out for Discovery	1,476
In from Discovery	1,472
Out for Review	31
In from Review	31
Out for Investigation	135
In from Investigation	132
Destroyed	1,356
Retained by Court	0
Transferred to Another Case	0
Received in Evidence	33
Mailed to SLD	20
Submitted into Evidence	6,494
To Lab LC	0

From Lab LC	0
Transferred to OSI	33
Transferred to ATF	1
Transferred to HSI	1
Evidence in Evidence	0
SUBTOTAL	30,646

# Supply Unit



The supply unit is manned by Sgt. Bosque. Sgt. Bosque is responsible for outfitting and supplying the men and women of the Clovis Police Department with the equipment they need to serve and protect our city. Sgt. Bosque also supervises the Records Unit along with the Property and Evidence Unit.

### ANIMAL CONTROL UNIT



### Animal Control Unit:

Animal Control was fully staffed at the end of 2019.

Animal Control took 4,683 calls for service in 2019, (up 579 from 2018's 4,104, a change of +14%) and had 2,395 intakes (down 76 compared to 2,319 intakes in 2018, a change of +3%). There were 290 total animals adopted (up from 2018's 205). There were 278 reclaims (down from 2018's 336). 1,029 animals were euthanized during 2019 (up from 808 in 2018), and 798 Rescues in 2019.

Stray Dogs	1,356
Stray Cats	537
Stray Others	23
Donated Dogs	294
Donated Cats	39

Expired Dogs	128
Expired Cats	209
Expired Others	43
Euthanized Dogs	609
Euthanized Cats	400
Euthanized Others	20
Adopted Dogs	268
Adopted Cats	22
Reclaimed Dogs	272
Reclaimed Cats	6
Bite Dogs	107
Bite Cats	13

Monies Collected	\$71,702.00
Calls Received	4,683
Calls Answered	4,683
Verbal Warnings	213
Written Warnings	679
Citations Issued	251
City Tags Issued	1,065

### FIELD SERVICES DIVISION

The Clovis Police Department's Field Services Division is comprised of Patrol, Dispatch, Traffic and Major Crash Unit, K-9, Gang Unit and Animal Control. There are 32 officers and 15 supervisors responsible for the day-to-day response to calls for service. These are the men in women you see every day in the marked Police Units, patrolling our neighborhoods.

Over the years the markings on the cars, the technology we use, and the tools on the average Patrol Officers' belt have changed. Some things stay the same. Clovis has always had men and women who are willing to take on certain responsibilities that help keep our community safe. These men and women patrol our neighborhoods, answer the 911 call in the middle of the night, and keep our animals safe. This team has a challenging job, but our community is worth it.



### PATROL SERVICES



### **Patrol**

The Field Services Bureau or Uniformed Division of the Clovis Police Department, are the men and women our community see, daily patrolling the streets of the City of Clovis. In 2019, the uniformed Officers of the Clovis Police Department fielded calls for service in support or our Department's Mission to; "make Clovis a safer place to live, work and play in."

Years ago, the tools an Officer was required to carry were below minimum by the standards we expect today. Wits, a belt with a gun, handcuffs, some reloads, a pen

and paper were enough. Today, our men and women carry the same thing and more; from less lethal options to tourniquets, Narcan, and camera's, the gear loaded on our average Officer can seem immense. Each of these tools can help save a life.

	2018	2019
Calls for Service	35,509	33,343
Incident Reports Taken	6,630	6,533
Citations	7,842	7,126
TOTAL Arrests	2,030	1,611

### TRAFFIC UNIT



### **Traffic Unit**

The Traffic Unit is staffed with 2 Officers, MPO Kroeger and MPO McPherson. In 2019, MPO McPherson and Officer Sarabia were trained as Drug Recognition Experts (DRE), and multiple Officers attended ARIDE school. 2019 statistics involving traffic related incidents and the break down is with the yearly report:

Traffic Citations	4,856
Traffic Citations, Warnings	2,069
Non-Traffic Citations	196
Parking Citations	5
<b>TOTAL Citations for Entire Department</b>	7,126

	CALLS	REPORTS
Non-Injury Crash	472	396
Crashes with Injury	136	130
Crashes Blocking	181	171
Private Property	184	78
Hit and Run	375	307
TOTAL	1,348	1,082

#### **DWI Statistics**

Officers of the Clovis Police Department made 75 DWI Arrests in 2019, a decrease of 21 DWI arrests from 2018's 94, or a change of -22%. The average BrAC for the year was .156, of the breath samples taken. The DWI's broke down as 45 Aggravated DWI, 30 Non-Aggravated DWI, 2 DRE, and 2 DWI Arrests were felony level. There were 24 refusals for DWI related offenses, and 6 blood drawn. 144 additional citations were issued with DWI's. There were 19 alcohol related crash reported.

Magistrate Court	75
District Court	0
TOTAL DWI ARRESTS	75

Aggravated	45
Non-Aggravated	30
DRE	2
Refusals	24
Felony	2
Citations with DWI	146
Average BrAC of Samples Taken	.156
Blood	6
Alcohol Related Crashes	19

### **Crash Team Activations**

January-Fatal Crash at 10<sup>th</sup> and Thornton, vehicle versus pedestrian. Case number 19-00373.

February-partial activation for a vehicle versus train crash at MLK and Grand, case number 19-00700.

April-PD unit involved in crash at 7th and Gidding, case number 19-01888.

May-Motorcycle versus car crash in front of Taco Villa, case number 19-02229.

July-Fatal crash at Commerce and Ross involving a city trash truck and motorcycle, case number 19-03854.

September-Partial callout for crash at 133 Torreon, case number 19-04794.

October-Fatal at Llano Estacado and Shady Lane, a motorcycle versus car, case number 19-05314.

### MAJOR CRASH TEAM

### **Crash Team Activations:**

The Clovis Police Department Crash Team was activated on 7 occasions in 2019, up 5 activations (+250%) from 2 occasions in 2018.

The Major Crash Team was activated on Monday, January 21, 2019, at about 5:44 p.m. Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to the 1000 block of North Thornton Street in reference to a motor vehicle accident versus pedestrian. Officers arrived on scene, and noted Angel Solis-Loya (82 years of age) on the ground on the roadway, midway between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Street on Thornton Street. Solis-Loya was transported to Plains Regional Medical Center with life threatening injuries, and died from his injuries. The incident occurred in the roughly in the middle of the block. At each intersection, there is a streetlight, thought the night was slated for a full moon, it was very overcast and dark. Mr. Solis-Loya had reportedly been suffering from Alzheimer's, and had walked away from his home on more than one occasion. His condition was noted in a call for service in August 2015 (C15-037589). The driver whose vehicle struck Mr. Solis-Loya was very cooperative and willingly gave a blood sample. No citations or charges issued in this event.

The Major Crash Team was activated on Friday, February 8, 2019, at about 10:22 p.m. Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to the Martin Luther King Boulevard railroad crossing. A motor vehicle being driven carelessly by Harvey Bailon, crashed onto the railroad tracks. The vehicle was subsequently struck by an eastbound train. No injuries were reported. The vehicle was pushed over 1000 feet by the slow-moving train. Bailon was cited. This crash impacted BNSF, as trains were stalled to the west coast (eastbound) and from Amarillo, TX (westbound).

The Major Crash Team was activated on April 14, 2019, for a crash involving a Clovis Police Department unit at 7<sup>th</sup> and Gidding Streets. The crash occurred

while the Officer was responding to a pursuit of suspects in a Portales, NM homicide. Citations were issued to both drivers in reference to this crash.

The Major Crash Team was activated on May 3, 2019, for a crash involving a motorcycle on North Prince Street, in front of the Taco Villa restaurant. The motorcyclist, Javier Saavedra, succumbed to his injuries, dying on 051419 at 0610 hours. Saavedra did not have a license to operate a vehicle or have a motorcycle endorsement, and we could not confirm if Saavedra was wearing a helmet. No citations or charges issued in this event.

The Major Crash Team was activated on Monday July 29, 2019, at around 8:35 a.m. Officers with the Clovis Police Department along with Clovis Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services were dispatched to a fatal crash at the intersection of Ross St. and Commerce Way. The motor vehicle crash involved a motorcycle versus a City of Clovis sanitation truck. The driver and occupant of the motorcycle; Bobby Trujillo (51 years of age), and Patricia Trujillo (61 years of age), were on the ground, in the roadway when emergency personnel arrived. Bobby Trujillo was transported to Plains Regional Medical Center, and was ultimately flown to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas. Patricia Trujillo had succumbed to her injuries and died on scene. The driver of the trash truck was also transported to Plains Regional Medical Center. The investigation into this incident was completed. A citation was issued to the City of Clovis sanitation truck driver.

There was a partial activation of the Major Crash Team on September 19, 2019, when a vehicle crashed into a residence at 133 Torreon. This is connected to the incident where MPO Hernandez had been injured. The driver of the truck, Sarah Chavez (36 years of age) was arrested.

The Clovis Police Department Crash Team was activated once in October for a vehicle versus motorcycle crash. On Saturday, October 19, 2019, at about 1:49 p.m., Officers of the Clovis Police Department and the Clovis Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle crash near the intersection of Llano Estacado Boulevard and Shady Lane. Upon arrival, Officers observed that a silver in color

2015 Harley Davidson motorcycle and a red in color 2014 Mazda 6 had been involved in the crash. EMS personnel contacted the driver of the motorcycle, a 51-year-old male, who was severely injured. The male was immediately transported to Plains Regional Medical Center. The driver of the red Mazda was not injured. At approximately 4:42 p.m., the 51-year-old male succumbed to his injuries. The deceased male was identified as Michael Burrell (51 years of age) of Clovis, New Mexico. He was not wearing a helmet. Mike was a friend and work colleague. He would attend Detective briefings once a week as a liaison for Cannon Air Force Base Security Forces, and our department had interacted with him for many years. He will be missed.

## K9 UNIT



The Clovis Police Department K9 Unit has gone through changes in 2019. Police Service Dog (PSD) Leo was retired from service and his handler, MPO B. Aguilar resigned from the Clovis Police Department to pursue a military contract. MPO B. Wanzor, who had been assigned PSD Castor, left the Clovis Police Department in early 2019 because of medical issues. PSD Castor was reassigned to MPO J. Riddle.

#### **Training Hours for 2019**

TRAINING	PSD CASTOR / RIDDLE
Obedience	4
Area Searches	26
Apprehension	234
K9 Monthly	72
Narcotics	37
Firearms	1
Miscellaneous	4

#### **Duty Activity Report 2019**

ACTIVITY	PSD CASTOR / RIDDLE
Alarms	50
Open Doors	8
Res. Bldg. Searches	6
Comm. Bldg. Searches	4
Vehicle Search	4
Traffic Stops	127
Citations	61
Handler Arrests	18
Assisted Arrest	2
Area Search	2
Narcotics Search	7
Call Outs	3
Outside Agency Assists	2
K9 Apprehension / Bite	0
Officer Request	5
Demonstrations	7
Offense Reports	52
K9 Activity Reports	18
Calls for Service	552

## SWAT / CNU



The Special Response Team of the Clovis Police Department consists of the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) unit and the Crisis Negotiation Unit (CNU). SWAT/CNU help keep our community safe using Time, Talk, and Tactics.

The SWAT Team is mostly staffed and is only short 3 members. SWAT Training has been altered into "Alpha" (A) and "Bravo" (B) training cycles. Sgt. Gurule is the Team Leader for the "A" Team and Sgt. Rodriguez is the Team Leader for the "B" Team. We have begun a mirrored training regimen because of the many new operators.

### The Clovis Police Department SWAT Team was activated on 4 occasions in 2019 (down 42%), compared to 7 activations in 2018.

On Monday, April 8, 2019 at 1900 hours, all members of the Clovis Police Department SWAT Team were activated and responded to Cannon Air Force Base for a pre-operational briefing. The Team was briefed on Operation Street Sweeper. CPD SWAT was activated at 0800 hours on April 9<sup>th</sup>, to a residence located at 977 County Road D, in Curry County, New Mexico. The team responded to this

location to hold a perimeter. With a perimeter established the SWAT Team assisted ATF with a plan for Gas deployment (if needed), a plan to deploy diversionary devices and provide any equipment and support needs of the ATF. After deployment of flash bangs, contact was made with the target (Donald Gibson) who was taken into custody. The Team moved back to the Police Department. At 1450 hours the team was deployed to 112 Gary for a warrant service on Dennis Pate. Pater was wanted for felony warrants. On arrival to the residence as a perimeter was established contact was made with Pate who submitted to arrest.

On May 14, 2019, at about 1330 hours, Members of the Clovis Police Department SWAT Team were called in by Chief Ford in reference to a hostage situation in Tucumcari, NM. NMSP/Quay County Sheriff's Office had requested the Clovis Police Department SWAT Team to be deployed to assist with a hostage situation. Officers in Quay County had engaged in a vehicle pursuit that ended in a crash. The suspect of the pursuit reportedly engaged Officers with gunfire and was holding his passenger hostage. The suspect was identified as Scott Sherbondy and the female may be a Brandy Campbell who was reportedly with him. Sherbondy was wanted for Parole violation out of the Colorado Department of Corrections and was suspected of being armed. SWAT was briefed and sent in multiple units with the SWAT MRAP following behind. As lead Team Members arrived near Ragland, NM, NMSP relayed that the subject had surrendered. Officers turned back to Clovis for a SWAT activation that was at its inception.

On May 14th, 2019 Clovis Police Department SWAT was commanded to return to the Clovis Police Department because there was an emergency tone for a suicidal subject at 1116 Calhoun. Upon SWAT's arrival to Clovis Police Department they were briefed in the Chiefs conference room about a Timothy Batchelor inside the residence wanting to kill himself. Timothy was currently in possession of a loaded AR-15 rifle along with a 12-gauge shotgun while under the influence of alcohol. During this incident Timothy made multiple threats he wanted to commit suicide by police officer and refused to come out of his residence. After many attempts to talk Timothy out of his residence by negotiations Clovis Police Chief D. Ford had the SWAT team began preparation to initiate a gas plan on the residence to deny Timothy access to the front of his home where he had the front door barricaded. Upon permission of the Chief the gas plan was put into effect which pushed

Timothy out the back of his residence where he was taken into custody by SWAT members and PSD LEO. Once Timothy was taken into custody his residence was cleared were his loaded shotgun and AR-15 rifle where located in his home.

On July 6, 2019, at about 1658 hours, Officers of the Clovis Police Department were dispatched to 2720 Wallace Street in response to a 911 caller, who refused to leave their name, who advised they heard a shot, gunfire, coming from this address. The female caller advised dispatch that she could hear arguing and that the arguing had been going on for the last thirty minutes. On arrival, Officers Sarabia, Orozco and Rosenthal attempted to make contact with subjects at the front door. Officer Rosenthal knocked on the door, it swung open. A male subject began yelling at Officers, telling Officers "fuck you", and "come around." Sgt. Loomis arrived on scene, identified his self, and instructing the subject, later identified as Damon Smith, to come out with his hands up. Damon Smith told Sgt. Loomis to come around the corner. Sgt. Loomis saw a female in the back of the home who was told to get out of the home. She left the home and made contact with perimeter Officers, Officer Lopez. Sgt. Loomis moved from the front door to recover a bullet resistant shield from his unit when shots were fired.

As Sgt. Loomis returned to his unit to recover the shield, Officers Sarabia and Officer Rosenthal were still in between the two doors. Officer Sarabia watched Damon Smith, who came around the corner with a shotgun. Officer Sarabia engaged Damon Smith, firing his sidearm at Damon Smith, believing he was in imminent jeopardy of death or great bodily harm. Officers moved from the open front area to cover. At about 1710 hours, Clovis Police Department SWAT was activated and deployed. Crisis Negotiation Unit, Lt. Roach reported he made contact Lacy Smith, Damon Smith's wife. Lacy stated to Lt. Roach that Damon Smith had done this back in December. Damon had quit drinking, but had started up again about three weeks ago. Lacy said Damon and her had been arguing for the last few days, and today was a boiling point. According to Lacy, she heard gunfire come from the bathroom. She left the home. Lacy said he had a rifle, shotgun, and handgun out. This information was relayed to the Immediate Action team. Negotiations commenced with Damon Smith immediately over a public address system and further negotiation was continued by Clovis Police Department SWAT Crisis Negotiations Unit. Negotiations continued via phone and Damon Smith was taken into custody at about 1917 hours.

## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division of the Clovis Police Department includes the Special Operations Unit (SOU), the Region 5 Drug Task Force (R5DTF), the Department's commitment to the Major Crimes Unit (MCU), Quartermaster / Supply, Evidence Unit, Records Unit, and Facilities.



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNIT



The Detective Unit is slotted for six Detectives, a Detective Sergeant, a Lieutenant, and Captain who oversees the entire division. At the first of the year in 2019, Captain Dial and Captain Romero switched divisions, and Captain Dial was put in charge of the Support Services Division. At that time, we had four detectives. Shortly after, Officer Haley Levy was promoted to MPO and was moved to the Detective Unit. Toward the end of February, Officer Francisco Hernandez was promoted to MPO and was also moved to the Detective Unit. With these moves, our Detective Unit was staffed with six Detectives, minus a Detective Sergeant.

The Special Operations Unit worked with outside agencies including Cannon Air Force Base Office of Special Investigations (CAFB OSI), CCSO, NMSP, FBI, and

other Law Enforcement agencies. The following is a small example of the cases worked by SOU or worked jointly with outside agencies.

**February, 2019** - We had two juvenile suicides during the month of February. The first incident involved 17-year-old male juvenile who shot himself in the head in front of officers and his grandparents using a gun, which had been reported stolen from a John Mares back in 2017 here in Clovis. The second juvenile was a 16-year-old female. This female jumped from the 9<sup>th</sup> story window of the Hotel Clovis Apartments. Due to these two deaths being in close proximity of each other, rumors began swirling at the schools about how a suicide pact had been formed between numerous students. The Special Operations Division investigated several of these rumors and found they had no merit to them.

**February, 2019** - At the end of February, a subject who was identified as Eric Garcia, stole three vehicles within our jurisdiction and disposed of a fourth stolen vehicle. Garcia also attempted to break into Red Rock Oil, R&S Gun Shop, M&L Mechanical and a fenced in structure at Century Link. Garcia successfully broke into Zia Power Sports and stole a motorcycle. During the early morning hours of February 26<sup>th</sup>, Garcia led officers on three different vehicle pursuits within the city limits and a fourth pursuit which occurred in the county with State Police and the Sherriff's Department, that ultimately lead to Garcia's capture and arrest. Garcia had committed crimes in Roosevelt Co., Curry Co, and within the city limits of both Portales and Clovis. Five different law enforcement agencies were involved in this case, and it was ultimately decided to consolidate all cases and hand them over to the New Mexico State Police.

March, 2019 - On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 officers responded to the 2400 block of Williams in reference to a robbery that had just occurred. When officers arrived on scene it was noted that it was a hair salon that had been robbed. The suspect was described as wearing all black, had his face covered and had brandished a firearm. Victims stated the suspect racked the gun and ejected a live round which was a .45 caliber round. The suspect made off with money and took the victims' cell phones. The suspect fled west down the alleyway from the business. No one was physically harmed during the incident. The cell phones were located in a back yard approximately 100yrds west of the business. During the investigation, it was discovered the address at 1216 W. Yucca had security cameras that overlooked the

alleyway the suspect traveled down. Contact was made at this residence and it was discovered it was the residence of Dante Dowdy and his grandfather Waymond Dowdy. During our investigation, we developed enough probable cause to write a search warrant for the Dowdy's security system. The Dowdy's claimed they didn't know the password for the system so it was sent off to RCFL in Albuquerque for processing. RCFL was unable to retrieve any usable video from the surveillance system and the case is still unsolved at this time.

March, 2019 - Detective Levy had been working on trying to solve some of our vehicle thefts this month, and located a suspect who was identified as Dean Anderson. During her investigation, Dean was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and consequently brought into the Clovis Police Department where he was interviewed. During the interview, Det. Levy was able to ascertain that Dean had been heavily involved in a number of other thefts. As a result of her interview, she was able to solve a second stolen vehicle case along with a shoplifting that had occurred earlier in the month, both of which Dean Anderson had been identified as a possible suspect. Shortly after Dean was incarcerated, we saw a decrease in the number of our vehicle thefts for a short time.

April, 2019 – On April, 2019 Det. Hernandez worked a kidnapping/ CSP case (19-01633). The initial call came in third party. When police arrived on scene the suspect, Damien Lopez, fled the area. The residence where the victim was being held captive was in the 300 block of Rencher St. A foot pursuit ensued and Damien broke through the back door of an address in the 300 block of Merriwether, where he then attempted to hide from police. The residents on Merriwether didn't know Damien and allowed police access to their residence where Damien was subsequently apprehended. It was discovered shortly after, Damien had possibly consumed narcotics while running from police, so he was transported to PRMC where he was then transported to Southwest Medical in Amarillo TX. A warrant was obtained for Damien and he was arrested in Amarillo once he was discharged from the hospital.

May, 2019 - On May 10, 2019 at around 1043 hours, the employees at Payment 1 Financial located at 1500 N. Prince were robbed at gun point. The victims described a white male in his mid-40's, entered the business armed with a pistol. The suspect demanded the employees give him all their money. The suspect made

off with approximately \$300.00 in cash. Security video was recovered from inside the business and from across the street at El Gauchos Beef Jerky store located at 1421 N. Prince. Unfortunately, the suspect in this case has yet to be identified.

**July, 2019** - On July 23, 2019 a storage building belonging to Clovis Cycle and RV was broken into and five side by side UTV's were stolen totaling around \$70,000.00. On July 24, 2019, Deputy Cawrse with the Curry County Sheriff's Department responded to a call-in reference to a white in color Kawasaki UTV found abandoned on a dirt road. The caller stated she observed several subjects take off from the UTV when they observed the caller. Deputy Cawrse ran the UTV and it came back stolen.

Detective Levy responded to Deputy Cawrse's location and assisted him with this case. During their investigation, they were able to locate a suspect and interview him. During Detective Levy's interview, they were able to locate the remaining four stolen UTV's out in the county and they were returned back to Clovis Cycle and RV. Arrest were ultimately made in reference to the thefts.

**August, 2019** - On August 18, 2019 at around 0850 hours an 88-year-old female was robbed at gun point in the church parking lot of Parkland Baptist Church. Through video surveillance, the suspects in this case were identified as Jamie Vega and Cherry Anaya. A third suspect, Delilah Kerby was seen on video with the other two suspects using the victims stolen debit card. With all the video collected along with interview statements from Delilah, warrants were issued for all three suspects, which did lead to their arrest.

September, 2019 - On September 2, 2019 at around 0328 hours, officers were dispatched to 110 Pile St. for a report of shots being fired. Officers arrived and made contact with Savanah Sena and Breanna Devou. Savanah and Breanna stated they were asleep in bed when they heard a knock at their front door and a male's voice say, "Clovis Police". Both females described the sound of the door being broken open shortly after. Breanna reported running and hiding while Savanah confronted the suspects. Savanah described the suspects as being in their late teens. Savanah described one of the males having a pistol and another armed with a shotgun. Savanah stated the males began demanding money, and when she refused to cooperative with them, they began battering her. During the course of the battery

one of the suspects had fired multiple shotgun rounds in the building as Savanah struggled with the suspect over the gun. Several spent shotgun casings were found along with a loaded magazine and a live 9mm round.

All three suspects fled from the scene. Savanah had to get multiple stitches in her head due to the battery she received. Detective Sandoval was called out due to this extremely violent incident. During the course of his investigation he was able to identify one of the suspects who has been arrested at this time. The other two suspects are still unknown and the case is still ongoing pending lab results.

**October, 2019** - On Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at around 1609 hours, officers were dispatched to Bella Vista Elementary in reference to playground equipment being on fire. Det. Rice was assigned to investigate this case. The total value of the damage to the playground was estimated to be \$150,000.00.

Det. R. Smith assisted with the case and was able to obtain security video of the incident from Bella Vista. On October 16, 2019 Det. R. Smith interviewed a juvenile who ended up confessing to starting the fire along with three of his friends. All four juveniles were identified. The juveniles involved were all around 12 years of age.

A warrant for their arrest for arson was taken to the District Attorney's Office, however the warrant was declined and a lesser charge of improper handling of fire was approved instead. All four juveniles were issued juvenile citations for the aforementioned charge.

November, 2019 – On November 7, 2019 officers responded to the 1000 block of N. Lea St. for a gunshot victim. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered 36- year-old Jahmall Burge had been shot multiple times at this residence and had died due to his injuries. A Springfield 9mm XD pistol was found lying next to the victim. Detective Levy was assigned as case agent to investigate this case. With the assistance of the Major Crimes Unit, the suspect was identified as 26-year-old Johnny Rae Vigil. The following day Johnny Ray Vigil was located and arrested for murder.

**November, 2019 -** On November 22, 2019 Officers responded to the 800 block of West St. in reference to a gunshot victim. The victim/ decedent was identified as

28-year-old William Romero and the suspect was identified as 34-year-old Steven Hogues. Romero was shot once and consequently died due to his injuries. Lt. Thron was assigned case agent on this case, and with the assistance of the Major Crimes Unit, a warrant was issued for Hogues. Hogues was located in Amarillo Tx. a few days after the incident where he was arrested on the above-mentioned warrant along with additional charges, which stemmed from police contact in Texas.

**December, 2019 -** On December 30<sup>th</sup> at around 1530 hours, an 18-year-old male identified as Dominick Smith was sitting at a picknick table at Dennis Chavez Park. Dominick described two Hispanic male suspects, who he identified as Dylan Garcia and Isaiah Vega, both 18 years of age. Dominick stated Dylan produced a small black pistol from his person and pointed it at him, then demanded his cell phone and bluetooth headphones. Dominick stated Dylan attempted to strike at him with the pistol, but he was able to lean backwards, however the pistol still caught him in his neck as Dylan swung it. He stated Dylan then forcefully took his bluetooth headphones along with the charging dock for the headphones from his person. Both suspects then fled the scene. Detective Levy worked this particular case and was ultimately able to obtain warrants for both Dylan and Isaiah for robbery.

In 2019, Detectives were assigned 685 cases (471 in 2018). Of the 685 assigned cases, Detectives cleared 377 cases, a 55% clearance rate. The clearance is based on arrests, warrants for arrest, cases that were exceptionally cleared, and cases that were unfounded.

For 2019, there were 220 Residential Burglaries compared to 215 last year, (up 2.3% from 2018), 72 Commercial Burglaries compared to 80 last year, (down 10% from 2018), 46 Aggravated Burglaries compared to 32 last year, (up 43.7% from 2018), 4 burglaries categorized as All Other Burglaries compared to 4 last year, (no percentage change), and 246 Auto Burglaries compared to 214 last year, (up 15% from 2019).

The following UCR reportable crimes affected our community (See Attached Statistical Data):

(up from 1 in 2018) **Murder:** 2 **CSP** (Rape)/CSP of a Minor: 45 (up from 33 in 2018) **Robbery:** (up from 23 in 2018) 29 **Aggravated Assault:** (up from 67 in 2018) 82 **Burglary:** 342 (up from 331 in 2018) Larceny/Shoplifting/Auto Burglary: (down from 1,170 in 2018) 961 **Motor Vehicle Theft:** (up from 145 in 2018) 184 **Felony Arrests:** 725 (up from 520 in 2018)

## MAJOR CRIMES UNIT

The Clovis Police Department provides Officers to staff the Major Crimes Unit. From SOU; Lieutenant Thron and Sergeant Riddle along with Sgt. Loomis from CPD Patrol. The Major Crimes Unit is also made up of officers from the Curry County Sherriff's Department, Roosevelt County Sherriff's Department, and the Portales Police Department.

There were two cases the Major Crimes Unit were called out for to help investigate in Clovis during 2019. These cases were the two murders that occurred in November of 2019.



## REGION 5 DRUG TASK FORCE



The Region 5 Drug Task Force (R5DTF) Agents worked confidential informants to develop search warrants and arrests in Eastern New Mexico in 2019. Agents have been working cases with other Agents in Curry County, Roosevelt County, Tucumcari, Santa Rosa, Portales, FBI, DEA, and HSI. During the entire year of 2019, Sgt. L. Riddle was the only agent from the Clovis Police Department assigned to R5DTF.

Portales Police Department provided one full time agent. Between Sgt. Riddle and Portales' Agent, the two of them worked in the communities of Clovis and Portales. The Clovis Police Department is slotted to have two Narcotics Agents and one Sergeant. Due to manning, we were unable to fill the two Narcotic Agent positions during 2019.

Here is a sampling of incidents investigated by the Narcotics Unit.

**April, 2019** - R5DTF received a tip in reference to a drug trafficking organization, moving large quantities of methamphetamine to, and through Clovis. At traffic stop was conducted in Portales with the vehicle said to be transporting these narcotics. A seizer of almost a pound of methamphetamines was seized during the stop. DEA has since gotten involved in this case due to this particular organization moving narcotics between three different states.

**April, 2019** – The R5DTF ran a joint operation with ATF to locate 11 defendants, which agents of the R5DTF had worked cases against leading to the ATF picking the cases up. ATF ultimately obtained warrants for these individuals whom all live in our community. This joint operation lead to 9 of the 11 subjects being located and arrested.

**June, 2019** - This month, the Region V Drug Task Force concluded the budget of the 18/19 fiscal year. During the month of June, Agents coordinated with the Phoenix Arizona Police Department and aided in the arrest of a major target (Francisco Badillo-Montano) whom has been investigated by the Region since 2013. Montano has been supplying our region of New Mexico with narcotics for several years. In the past, Agents have seized over 10lbs of methamphetamines and one pound of heroin that has been connected back to Montano.

**June, 2019** – This month Agents also investigated two methamphetamine overdose deaths in Portales.

Information listed below is based on seizures made by Clovis Police Department Officers assigned to the Region 5 Drug Task Force:

The Narcotic Unit also had the following activities in 2019:

ITEM	SEIZURES 2019	SEIZURES 2018
Marijuana	1,541.48g	10,587.87g
Methamphetamine	3,363.5	1,583.7g
Cocaine	62.3g	86.2g
Crack Cocaine	58.46g	2g
Heroin	31.7g	.75g
Prescription Drugs	64.5 Xanax pills	12.5 pills

Spice	0	225g
Ecstasy	0	0
Other Drugs	22 Fentanyl pills	182 items (LSD,
_		Psylocibin)
Narcotic	6 Scales	10 Scales
Paraphernalia	8 Pipes	23 Pipes
Guns	9 guns	14 guns

The Narcotic Unit also had the following activities in 2019:

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT	ASSIST OUTSIDE
		AGENCY
Search Warrants	13	8
Controlled Buys	38	17
New Investigations	42	0
Closed Investigations	10	0
Physical Arrests	9	9

# PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

The Professional Standards Unit is responsible for the internal affairs, staff inspections, training and recruiting functions within the Clovis Police Department. The Internal affairs Unit conducts and coordinates the investigations of allegations of misconduct on the part of department employees. During 2019, there were three (3) investigations processed.

The Professional Standards Unit conducts inspections of all organizational components within the department, ensuring compliance with New Mexico State Chiefs of Police Association Accreditation and Departmental policies and procedures. There was a total of four (4) quarterly random inspections of the Property/Evidence room. The unit also conducted an annual 100% audit of the firearms, narcotics, money and jewelry secured in the property/evidence room. During all inspections/audits, no discrepancies were noted.

In 2019, the Recruitment Unit conducted the required testing and background processes for a total of 29 personnel. We hired fourteen (14) new police officers, three (3) animal control officers, two (2) records supervisors and nine (9) telecommunicators.

The Training Unit conducted a forty-hour (40) annual in-house training program to meet the biennium training requirements set forth by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. The department is also providing additional training through the use of a web-based software called the V-Academy. The officers and staff completed a minimum of eight (8) on-line courses concerning a variety of different courses.

## IN MEMORIAM



In early 2019, one of our own, Captain Roger Dial, was diagnosed with cancer. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, he passed away after a valiant fight. Captain Dial served the citizens of the City of Clovis for over a quarter of a century, longer than many of our current Officers have been alive.

Years ago, a former Police Chief commented on Clovis as being "Too small to be big and Too big to be small." Many of our Officers are the sons and daughters of families in our community; they are the children of teachers, car dealers, dog catchers, pilots, meat processors, construction workers, service members, and every other cross section of our town. Because we are from the "family" that is Clovis, a loss of one of our own is painful to the Department and our community.

Captain Dial was the child of our town, the child of a teacher, the husband of a teacher, and a father of three girls.

Captain Dial was one of our most experienced Officers who was a member of our SWAT Team for decades. Together, we entered doors and the fatal funnels created by hallways, always tempting fate. I don't remember any pause, the tell-tale sign of fear, but how could you expect the father of three girls to be afraid of much?

Captain Dial was a "fixture" of our community, and I can't recall any time he met a stranger.

If you knew him, you were aware of his monstrous, bear paw, GI Joe Kung Fu Grip. So, maybe this will make some sense. His gloves will be hard to fill.

We will endure. We persevere, and we carry on, and in doing this, we honor his memory, his family, and our community. Tiffany, girls, thank you for sharing him with us.

Good Bye Adam 13.

Roman J. Romero