



CLOVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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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.



ONE TEAM ONE FIGHT

A graphic featuring three logos: a fire department Maltese cross with 'FIRE' and 'RESCUE' text, a black Star of Life with a white caduceus, and a police badge with 'POLICE' text. A red and blue horizontal line passes through the center of all three logos.

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





A Message from the Police Administration



Greetings! 2021 started off promising change for the City of Clovis Police Department but we had no idea the impact the changes would have. One of the first things Chief Doug Ford did was decide to have a Deputy Chief to assist him with the operations of the Department.

The year began with personnel shortages in all Divisions, from Animal Control, Records, Dispatch, Patrol and Detectives to Narcotics. The close of the year did not seem much better. Some of the shortages were blamed on salaries, stress from the COVID-19 Protocol on handling calls not to mention the fear of exposure to COVID-19.

The members that remained employed with the Department stayed strong and even with all of the preventive methods utilized, a few members still became ill. This caused additional stress to the officers because they did not know what they were exposing their families and friends to. Luckily, the threat of the disease ebbed towards the end of the year and some things were returning to normal, whatever that is going to be.

In February, Chief Ford selected Officer Roy Rice, Community Relations Officer to be his Deputy Chief. As DC, I was looking forward to helping Chief Ford with the operations for three years or so. It was a surprise when Chief Ford made the announcement of his retirement the end of December.

We were working on getting the Department staffed so the already exhausting employees could get a break and get some rest. This effort seemed futile since we would put a new employee on line and one or two members would announce their separation from employment. Some of these separations were caused by the military spouse being transferred, but none the less, the already over worked Department was feeling the strain as well as the Chief of Police. The Department was in dire need of people and no one was applying or was able to pass the testing requirements.

Staffing seemed the most difficult part of the job but the real purpose of our responsibilities was keeping us busy as well. There were five homicides this year with three in March, April, May and then end of the year with two more in October and November. While not dealing with homicide investigations, the officers were working family and neighbor disturbance calls. I will show all of the calls and reports in the appropriate sections.

Though it is easy to concentrate on the negative events and the negative attitude of the nation and State Legislation towards law enforcement in general, we recognized how much the citizens of the city appreciated the police and the people working here. We were told by the public how much they appreciated our service, they brought food, snacks, water, decorated the lobby glass with stars and letters, and overall, smiled and shook the employees' hands. Quite the opposite of what we were hearing on the national media and social media.

Vehicle shortages brought about a change in the color of the vehicles we were driving. We were only able to get black vehicles to replace the aging and worn fleet of white sedans. These units were placed in specialized assignments in order to keep the patrol fleet uniform in appearance.

With the lifting of the COVID restrictions, we were able to get back to some normalcy with our Public Relations events. Though not able to do the Coffee with Cops, we were able to put together our big event for the year, Cops and Kids Christmas. With this were the fund raisers of Donuts for Dollars and Leal's Cops and Tips. This event was a much-needed event for the officer's and employee morale, not to mention the community.

We closed the year with the Annual PD Christmas and Awards Banquet which was provided by a local bank and Church. Then there was Chief Ford's Retirement and wishing him the best in his and Jane's travels. Chief Ford deserves a lot of credit for bringing the Department through a very rough time of shortage in manpower, changes in legislation, and COVID. It was an honor to work for him and serve beside him the past ten months. He has earned the retirement of his dreams and I wish them much happiness.

As for the next year, we have hopes for a better year and wondering what changes it will bring.

Thank you for allowing us to serve this community.

Awards and Commendations

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

Awarded to the Following Employee for 2021:

MPO Roland Kroeger–Second (1 star)

Life Saving Medal– Given to any employee of the department whose actions directly contributed to saving or significantly prolonging human life.

Awarded to the Following Employee for 2021:

MPO Brice Stacy– First

Meritorious Service Awards– Presented for acts of bravery, meritorious service, 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

Awarded to the Following Employees for 2021:

Lt. Steven Wright– First

Dispatch Supervisor Debbie Blankenship– First

Dispatch Supervisor Erik Galvan– First

Dispatch Cara Cope– First

Sgt. Moe Parker– First

MPO Jordon Riddle– First

Captain Roman Romero– First

Education Achievement Bar- Specific Commendation Bar for the level of degree completed from an approved college or university

Recipient for 2021:
Officer Daniel Trudeau

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 equivalent to an Honorable Discharge or retirement after a distinguished and faithful service.

Recipient for 2021:
Officer Zachery Farley

Service Award- Recognition plaques for time of service with the Clovis Police Department

RECIPIENTS:

5 Years

Detective Randall Pitcock 12/19/2016-12/19/2021

MPO Jesus Sarabia 09/26/2016- 09/26/2021

10 Years

Dispatcher Cara Cope 10/04/2011- 10/04/2021

15 Years

MPO Timothy Orum 11/06/2006-11/06/2021

20 Years

SOU Captain Robert "Robbie" Telles 01/01/2001- 01/01/2021

Lieutenant Lyndell Stansell 06/25/2001- 06/25/2021

25 Years

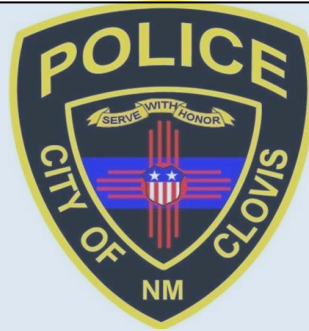
FS Captain Roman Romero 02/15/1996- 02/15/2021



PATROL DIVISION

This the unit that patrols the streets, handle calls of service, traffic enforcement and first responder to almost anything the Department receives.

This unit is made up of a diverse fleet of sedans, SUVs, pickups, and motorcycles. These officers are uniformed and plainly visible as police officers.



The Patrol Division started off the year with low numbers, 30 officers out of an authorized strength of 43 in the Uniform Services. And the numbers kept dwindling to the close of the year with only 29 officers and the prospect of losing 3 after the first of the year. The year only brought in a few applicants and very few applications. It seemed like the department was fighting a losing battle with personnel shortages in every Division, but the Department held strong, the men and women stepped up to the challenge and continued taking care of the community.

Here is a comparison of the type of calls for service between 2020 and 2021:

Type of Call	2020	2021
Battery House Hold Member	63 Reports/ 1,242 Calls	212 Reports/1,355 Calls
Suicidal Subject	23 Reports/ 227 Calls	211 Calls
Neighbor Problem	146 Calls	161 Calls
Battery/Assault on Police Officer	27 Reports	15 Reports
Resisting and Officer	70 Reports	10 Reports

	2020	2021
Calls for Service	33,590	31,338
Incident Reports Taken	5,878	5,276
Citations	6,448	6,327
Total Arrests	1,261	1,173



Traffic Unit

The traffic unit is staffed with two Master Police Officers, Kroeger and Heldt. Their primary role for the agency is traffic enforcement. Whether it is on the marked police motorcycle or in the stealthy marked sedan or SUV, they work the traffic problem areas, work the traffic accidents, DUI's and will back up and assist on calls as needed.

A new member of the Patrol Division has been trained in DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) to assist the Traffic Unit with the DUIs. They are making a good team and anticipating this unit to be a big safety asset to the department.



Crash Team

The Clovis Police Department Crash Team is made up of officers from the Traffic Unit, Detectives, and Patrol Officers who have chosen to be called out to investigate vehicle crashes that are fatal or could result in a fatality. These officers are on call 24/7/365 and have demonstrated their ability to investigate, photograph, measure, and document a crash scene. They have members trained in reconstruction of a crash and determine the cause of the crash and testify in court when needed.

The below chart lists the crash statistics the Crash Team and the Members of the Patrol Division responded to for the years 2020 and 2021

Types of Crash	Calls: 2020/2021	Reports: 2020/2021
Fatal		3/6
Non-Injury	757/457	375/378
Injury Crashes	159/129	139/120
Private Property	177/228	87/90
Hit & Run	284/366	227/283
TOTAL	1,377/1,180	831/875

Below is a list of crashes the Crash Team was called out to investigate.

03/07/2021	1759hrs	Car & Motorcycle	1900 N Prince	Non-Fatal
04/07/2021	2039hrs	Car & Motorcycle	Mabry & Ash	Non-Fatal
05/12/2021	0256hrs	Semi & Pedestrian	2800 Mabry	Fatal
05/14/2021	2316hrs	Car & Utility Pole	BNSF & MLK	Fatal (Homicide Investigation)
05/29/2021	2250hrs	Car & House	3400 Lore	Fatal (Resident)
06/21/2021	2046hrs	Truck & Train	Norris & RR Tracks	Non-Fatal
08/29/2021	2046hrs	Car & Pedestrian	2900 Thornton	Fatal
09/16/2021	1649hrs	Truck & Motorcycle	10 th & Hickory	Non-Fatal
10/03/2021	0739hrs	Semi & Car	1 st & Prince	Fatal
12/06/2021	1456hrs	3 SUVs	21 st & Dominion Way	Fatal



Traffic Citations

The issuance of citations for traffic violations, ordinance violations and other minor infractions are a daily part of the Officer's job. The Officers are given discretion on issuing verbal warnings, written warnings or citations for the infractions they come across. The most part of 2021 Officers were busy responding to calls and taking reports but still managed to work some traffic enforcement.

	2020	2021
Traffic Citations/ Grant Overtime	1,697	1,176
Traffic Citations during Shift	4,841	5,180
Total Citations	6,448	6,356
Traffic Citations	4,790	4,583
Traffic Warnings	1,417	1,514
Non-Traffic Citations	222	253
Parking Citations	5	6



DWI Statistics

The CPD participates in the ENDWI program and conducts DWI Checkpoints periodically. The Patrol Division and the Traffic Unit are utilized to combat impaired driving with several officers certified to conduct breath intoxilyzer exams. To augment the intoxilyzer, we have an officer trained and certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). His role is important when dealing with persons that are impaired by something other than an intoxicating beverage such as illegal drugs.

	2020	2021
Total DWI Arrests	82	60
Aggravated DWI	57	34
Non-Aggravated DWI	25	19
DRE	4	7
Refusals	26	12
Felony DWI	7	1
Average BrAC	0.16	INC
Alcohol Related Crashes	25	18



Police Service Dog (K-9) Unit

The Clovis Police Department began the year with two fully functional K-9 Units. MPO Jordan Riddle and her PSD Castor and MPO Jesus Sarabia with his PSD Skipper. Both units were performing well and utilized on vehicle searches, building searches and called in to assist with search warrants. Early in the year PSD Castor was being utilized to subdue a suspect and the suspect drove off and drug PSD Castor a distance causing him bodily injury. The wounds were treated and he healed and was returned to service.

A couple of incidents occurred later in the year that removed PSD Castor from service. First incident occurred at Ned Houk Park while the K-9 Teams were conducting training and PSD Castor bit a citizen. The citizen was not involved in the training and though not seriously injured, there were punctures to the skin made by Castor.

A couple of months later, PSD Castor was involved in another incident where a child was bitten. This K-9 Team was taken out of service permanently with MPO Riddle returning to patrol duties.

Training	MPO Riddle/PSD Castor	MPO Sarabia/PSD Skipper
Total Training Hours	349	698
Activity		
Alarm Calls	146	160
Residential Search	2	3
Commercial Building Search	1	4
Vehicle Searches	2	6
Area Searches	3	4
Narcotics Searches	3	4
Arrests	17	27
Demonstrations	0	0



Special Weapons and Tactics

As with all of our specialized Units, they are made up from the sworn officers that hold other positions within the Department. The Team Commander Trevor Thron is also a Lieutenant of the Investigations Division and he supervises the Team along with the Team Leaders Lt. Chet Gurule and Lt. Dago Rodriguez. At this time the Team has six team members and as the Department rebuilds its personnel strength, then the Team will be added to.

These officers are specially trained and train often to keep their skills. They have tools that assist them in their role to protect the public and maintain peace. The MRAP, the most obvious tool in the arsenal is the armored vehicle obtained from the military. Other than weapons, the Team also has a versatile robot that can be used to make entry to a residence or approach a building. It can be utilized to search a building instead of putting officers in harm's way.

Noteworthy SWAT Call Outs for 2021:

02/18/2021	904 Mora	High Risk Search Warrant	Residence
04/06/2021	1216 N Lea	Barricaded Subject/Felony Arrest Warrant	Residence



Communications

Usually, our most solid staffed Division of the Police Department, this unit went through some tough months with the shortage of personnel that the shifts were being covered by sworn police officers from officers up to and including the Chief of Police. Thankfully the Fire Department has sent people over to assist us through this time of need. This manning the stations with police officers allowed the few sworn Dispatchers a chance to take some time off and keep the Police Department up and running.

This is the nerve center for the Department as all calls from citizenry for assistance comes through this office. Multi-lines phone system, 911 phone system, radio channels to Dispatch Police, Fire Ambulance, from the local law enforcement agencies and volunteer fire fighting services in the county.

The Center is usually staffed by four Dispatchers and a supervisor, per 8-hour shifts. During the personnel shortage, minimum of three and they are working 12-hour shifts.

Department/Entity	CAD # of Calls
Clovis Police Department	31,368
Curry County Sheriff's Department	10,662
Texico Police Department	179
Melrose Marshal's Office	5
Clovis Fire Department	10,616
Broadview Fire Department	10
Field Fire Department	1
Grady Fire Department	42
Melrose Fire Department	149
Pleasant Hill Fire Department	16
Texico Fire Department	731

TOTAL CALLS	53,779
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Communications(continued)

With this call volume, the CPD is still able to make the majority of its calls in a reasonable time.

CAD Calls Received (CPD)	Average Dispatched Time	Average Enroute Time	Average Arrival Time
31,180	5min 25sec	1min 26sec	8min 35sec

Line	#of Calls 2020	#of Calls 2021	Difference
Administrative Lines	54,672	54,452	-220
E-911 Calls	3,609	3,706	97
911 Wireless Calls	26,333	29,500	3,167
Inbound Calls	84,921	86,861	3,940
Outbound Calls	22,506	21,889	-617
Abandoned Calls	2,282	2,558	276



Animal Control

Animal Control is made up of four officers, a supervisor and a clerk. We began talking with the Best Friends Humane Society to begin evaluating the process the Shelter was operating under.

Though fully staffed at the beginning of the year, this quickly changed with the termination of one officer, the retirement of the Supervisor Marty Martinez, and the resignation of two other officers in a very short period of time. One of the officers that remained had very little experience at Animal Control and we pulled MPO Brice Stacy from the Patrol Division to assist Officer Jacquez in keeping the place up and running. MPO Stacy had previously worked in Animal Control so he was the most capable in going in and assisting.

	2020	2021
Stray Dogs	743	1,010
Stray Cats	428	672
Donated Dogs	131	136
Donated Cats	8	28
Expired Dogs	93	133
Expired Cats	137	236
Adopted Dogs	187	235
Adopted Cats	19	34
Reclaimed Dogs	169	174
Reclaimed Cats	8	11
Bite Dogs	86	65
Bite Cats	3	11
Euthanized Dogs	170	173
Euthanized Cats	298	398

Animal Control..... (Continued)

The Animal Control is responsible for collecting fees and issuing citations/warnings for Animal Code violations. The Officers patrol the city and when a violation is observed, they take the necessary enforcement action in an attempt educate the public on the importance of following the ordinances for Health and Safety purposes.

	2020	2021
Monies Collected	\$53,502.00	\$54,394.50
Calls Received	3,170	4,256
Calls Answered	3,164	4,088
Verbal Warnings	180	235
Written Warnings	476	499
Citations Issued	210	206
City Tags Issued	687	725



Special Operations Unit/Detective Division

This unit is made of five Detectives, a Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain Robert "Robbie" Telles.

This Team of investigators is responsible for the criminal investigations, filing of reports, getting search warrants, and filing the appropriate charges on the criminal violations in the appropriate court.



Crime Statistics

Offense	2020	2021
Murder	2	5
CSP/CSP of a Minor (Sexual Assaults)	49	52
Robbery	15	9
Aggravated Assault	164	180
Burglary	233	168
Larceny/Shoplifting/ Auto Burglary	844	618
Motor Vehicle Theft	125	88
Felony Arrests	165	230

Noteworthy Cases for the Year:

02/01/2021	Wanted Fugitive Arrested	1400 Mabry Drive
02/18/2021	Aggravated Battery & Kidnapping	928 Mora
02/21/2021	Drive By Shooting	3101 Las Palomas
03/18/2021	Homicide- Stabbing	Townsgate Plaza
04/12/2021	Commercial Burglary MV Theft	500 N. Sycamore
4/28/2021	Double Homicide- Shooting	711 E 5 th
05/14/2021	Shooting & Fatal Crash	MLK & BNSF Yard
09/23/2021	Robbery- Pizza Hut Delivery	2001 Sheldon
09/24/2021	Robbery- Subway	701 E 21 st
10/10/2021	Homicide- Shooting	125 El Camino
11/02/2021	Homicide- Shooting	816 E 7 th



Narcotics Unit

The Narcotics Unit is a part of the Region V Task Force. Two of the Special Operations Unit are assigned to the Task Force in a coordinated effort with agents from other entities to combat illegal narcotics activities in the Region.

Item	Cases/Seizures 2020	Cases/Seizures 2021
Marijuana	16/ 13,945.0g	13/76.34 g
Methamphetamine	21/141.42g	50/1,142.21g
Cocaine	6/27.4g	3/1,065.1
Crack Cocaine	0	0
Heroin	2/14g	8/26.3
Prescription Drugs	2/ 11 Xanax Pills, 1 Ativan	18/**
Spice	0	0
Ecstasy	0	1/3
Other Drugs	10/90 Fentanyl Pills, 2g, Powder THC	7
Narcotic Paraphernalia	1	0
Guns	34	20

** 1 Zanax/ 37 unknown pills/ 3,796 Fentanyl pills/ 63.5 Alprazolam/ LSD Vile/ 2 edibles/ 25g powder Fentanyl/

4 Trimethoprim/ 9 hydrochloride pills/ 4 suboxone strips



Property/Evidence Unit

One of the most important parts of the Department and the one least recognized. This Division is responsible for the safekeeping of all evidence brought in by the officers and investigators. It has to comply with the laws of evidence for court purposes. It is maintained by Melissa Coppotelli, who was recognized by the State Accreditation Team during our audit/inspection of Recognized Practices as being one of the most outstanding Property Managers they had seen. Las Cruces sent their Property Manager here to work with her and observe the operations and storage of property. This unit works under the Investigations Unit and with the CPD Quarter Master.

Action	Amounts 2020	Amounts 2021
Items Collected	6,229	4,759
Stored in PD Property Room	9,454	7,584
Sent to Labs	505	381
Returned from Labs	431	633
Checked out to Courts	40	72
Received from Courts	12	52
Returned to Owner	279	198
Retained for Department Use	0	0
Transferred to Other Agency	109	2
Out for Discovery	1,719	1,433
In from Discovery	1,720	1,430
Out for Review	1	0
In from Review	1	0
Out for Investigation	186	107
In from Investigation	173	107
Destroyed	1,854	3,146
Retained by Court	28	19

Mailed to SLD	19	13
Submitted into Evidence	6,229	4,930



Records Unit

The Records Division falls under the supervision of the Special Units Commander and is made up of three clerks and a Record's Supervisor. This is another role that is often overlooked and taken for granted. There seems to be a constant turnover of people in the Division and has changed the Supervisor a couple of times. These employees have a mass of paperwork as well as computer forms to put in and keep on file. From Traffic Citations. Crash Reports, Warrants, to the everyday reports these employees are kept busy. We thought the electronic/digital age would help with some of the ease of replying to the public's requests for records, but it seems as though it has made it easier to ask for the reports and giving out more information. Although the Division generates revenue from fees for the requested copies, under the digital age the fee is nominal to non-existent.

The below is a chart of activities and fees this Division is responsible for.

Activity	2020	2021
Reports Entered	276	338
Supplements Entered	1,987	1,047
Citations Entered	7,093	7,000
Warrants Entered	1,301	1,479
Booking Sheets Entered	1,288	1,245
Dispositions Entered	709	1,006
Crashes Entered	906	1,098
Arrests Entered	709	0
Discovery Entered	1,853	3,609
Triple I's	0	0
Documents Scanned to Capers	5,343	5,751
Crash Logic Report Requests	661	716
Revenue from Crash Logic Reports	\$1,342.00	\$1,410.00
Request for Records	2,715	3,770

Background Check Requests	2,147	1,500
Fingerprints	782	566
Total Revenue Generated	\$7,803.88	\$8,101.18



Supply Unit

The Supply Unit is under the Command of SOU Commander and this office orders and provides all of the equipment for the officers and police units. Sgt. Bosque has been placed in charge of ordering and maintaining the necessary supplies. His additional duties include assisting the Evidence Unit and Records Division.