



# Los Banos Police Department 2016 Year in Review

## DEPARTMENT STAFFING

### Office of the Police Chief

Chief Gary Brizzee

### Administrative Division

Commander Ray Reyna

- Special Services Unit

Police Sergeant (1)

Detectives (3)

Task Force Detective (1)

- School Resource Officer

Police Officers (3)

- Code Enforcement

Police Sergeant (1)

Code Enforcement Ofc. (2)

Admin Clerk (1)

Animal Shelter CSO (1 PT)

CSG Officer (1)

- Jail Division

CSO (5)

### Operations Division

Commander Jason Hedden

- Patrol Division

Police Sergeants (5)

Police Officers (20)

Officer Trainee (1)

- PAL

Police Officer (1)

Volunteer (1)

- Facilities

Public Safety Custodian

## 2016-2017 BUDGET PROFILE

### EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY CATEGORY

|                              | FY 15/16<br>(Estimated) | FY 16/17<br>(Adopted) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Personnel Services</b>    | \$6,660,631             | \$7,525,639           |
| <b>Supplies and Services</b> | \$870,864               | \$942,698             |
| <b>Capital Outlay</b>        | \$123,000               | \$807,221             |
| <b>*TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$7,654,495</b>      | <b>\$9,275,558</b>    |

\*Total reflects general fund (not all funds) expenditures for Police and Code Enforcement

## Patrol Teams

The Los Banos Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by 26 Patrol Officers. There are six patrol teams that cover three shifts during the week and three shifts on weekends. Officers work day shift, swing shift, or midnight shift and rotate assignments every three months. Patrol Officers spend most of their shift responding to dispatched calls for service including crimes in progress, disturbances, thefts, and traffic collisions. The remainder of their shift is spent patrolling streets, assisting citizens at the Department who request officer expertise and completing incident reports.

### Los Banos Police Department Patrol Statistics

|                          | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | Difference<br>2015-2016 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------|
| <b>Calls for Service</b> | 25,251 | 24,700 | 26,216 | 28,876 | 30,250 | 4.5%                    |
| <b>Total Citations</b>   | 3,691  | 4,590  | 4,176  | 4,132  | 5,352  | 22.8%                   |
| <b>Total Arrests</b>     | 2,366  | 2,307  | 2,322  | 2,352  | 2,755  | 14.6%                   |

DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Continued

Police Support Services

Police Services Manger

Brenda Geary

- Communications

Public Safety Dispatchers  
(11)

- Records Division

Admin Clerk (3 FT, 1PT)

- Crime Analysis

Crime Analyst (1)

- Property / Evidence

Property/Evidence  
Technician (1)

Volunteers

- VITAL Volunteers

22 members

- Los Banos Volunteers  
for Animals (LBVFA)

12 members

## Special Services Unit

The Los Banos Police Investigations Division is responsible for investigating all felony cases that are reported in the City of Los Banos. These cases include homicides, assaults, burglaries, rapes, and other high profile crimes.

The division handled over 500 cases during 2016 and served 81 search warrants. The investigators are on-call 24 hours a day to investigate serious crimes and are dedicated to efficient, timely, and thorough criminal investigations.

## Magnet Task Force

The Los Banos Police Department is part of a county-wide task force dedicated to reducing drug and gang related crimes in Merced County. The team consists of officers from the Los Banos Police Department, Merced Police Department, Atwater Police Department, CHP, Merced County Sheriff's Department, Merced County Probation, California Department of Justice (DOJ), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and Merced County Child Protective Services (CPS).

In 2016, the Los Banos Police Officer assigned to MAGNET completed:

**Search warrants served: 25**

**Arrests: 22**

**Endangered children removed: 4**

**Butane honey oil labs: 4**

**Marijuana plants seized: 4,608**

**Processed marijuana seizures: 49,060 grams**

**Hash oil seized: 887 grams**

**Methamphetamine seized: 13,410 grams**

**Cocaine seized: 5,003 grams**

**Heroin seized: 4.5 grams**

**Firearms seized: 7**

**U.S. currency seized: \$39,430**



## Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division is separated into two programs; Community Preservation and Animal Control Services. The division staffed by a Police Sergeant, two Code Enforcement Officers, and an Administrative Clerk. The City has also entered into a three year agreement with CSG Services to provide a Code Enforcement Officer for a grant that was awarded to the City.

The Code Enforcement Community Preservation Program’s mission is to work in partnership with the residents and businesses of Los Banos to beautify and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. The mission is met by administering a fair enforcement program. This is carried out by working in partnership with other City Departments, public service agencies, residents and business owners to correct violations of the Los Banos Municipal and Zoning Ordinances.



### 2016 Code Enforcement Statistics:

**Number of abandoned vehicles cited: 209**

**Administrative Citations issued: 555**

**Complaints Received: 1019 vs. Complaints Closed: 980**

**Substandard Buildings Demolished: 2**

## Animal Control Services

One of the Department’s Code Enforcement Officers is assigned to Animal Control. This Officer is responsible for maintaining the City’s Animal Shelter with the assistance of a part-time CSO and volunteers. This is an enormous task with the increase in the City’s abandoned pet population. Animal Control responds to calls of unleashed, stray, injured and deceased animals. In addition, they also investigate noise complaints, the inhumane treatment, and hoarding of animals. There were 2,061 Animal Calls for Service in 2016. Animal Control Services administer a Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program. This City program pays a substantial portion towards the cost of spay and neuter services and is funded by fines and penalties. In 2016, 642 pet licenses were issued and 656 spay/neuter vouchers were issued. The Los Banos Police Department in assistance with the LBVFA has an 86% save rate at the Shelter.

### Animal Control Services Statistics

|                           | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Dogs Impounded</b>     | 1372 | 1368 | 1380 | 1267 | 1258 |
| <b>Cats Impounded</b>     | 865  | 1038 | 1018 | 1168 | 1072 |
| <b>Animals Adopted</b>    | 196  | 347  | 266  | 291  | 345  |
| <b>Sent to Rescue</b>     | 1133 | 1180 | 1337 | 1483 | 1252 |
| <b>Reclaimed by Owner</b> | 262  | 262  | 316  | 260  | 349  |



## School Resource Officer Program

The City of Los Banos is committed to helping keep our schools safe. The Department has three Police Officers assigned as School Resource Officers with two assigned to the Los Banos Unified School District and one assigned to the Merced County Office of Education. SROs take an interactive approach with students at their schools. They not only investigate crimes on campus, but also participate in a variety of activities including;



- Presentations on traffic safety, alcohol and drug prevention
- Assist in the coordination and presentation of "Every 15 Minutes" program
- Act as a liaison between school administration and the Police Department
- Patrol campuses and surrounding neighborhoods
- Coordinate and implement campus security and "active shooter" training
- Provide security at home football games and graduation ceremonies



The SROs maintain an open and honest relationship with students working to promoting a positive image of law enforcement.

## Jail / Community Service Officers

The Police Department maintains a Type-1 jail facility that allows the Department to house twenty inmates for up to 96 hours, excluding holidays and weekends. The Los Banos jail is the only booking facility located on the west side of Merced County and is used by Merced County Probation, Gustine Police Department, Dos Palos Police Department, Merced County Sheriff's Office, CHP, California State Parole, Fish and Game, and California State Parks.

Community Service Officers are responsible for the intake and care of inmates. Their duties include booking, photographing, and fingerprinting all inmates. They are also tasked with providing three meals a day for inmates, conducting hourly jail checks, identifying health related issues that may require medical or mental health services, maintaining cells, and ordering facility supplies.

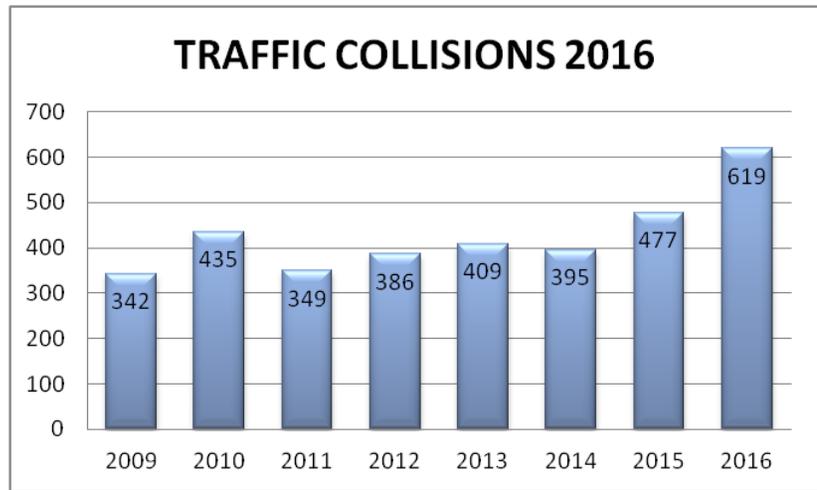
Maintenance of the jail is a stringent and rigid process that is subject to thorough County and State inspections. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation also performs a bi-annual facility inspection. The jail is inspected annually by the Merced County Civil Grand Jury.

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>TOTAL BOOKINGS IN 2016:</b> | <b>1,905</b> |
| <b>Male Inmates:</b>           | <b>1,191</b> |
| <b>Female Inmates:</b>         | <b>714</b>   |

## Traffic

Officers are assigned to traffic enforcement detail throughout the year to enforce all traffic laws.

The Department is committed to the safety of pedestrians, especially students going to and from school. Patrol Officers and traffic officers are frequently assigned to patrol areas around the schools to ensure traffic laws are being obeyed.



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|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Citations | 3,691 | 4,590 | 4,176 | 4,132 | 5,352 |

## Communications

The Communications Division is comprised of 11 authorized Police Dispatcher positions. Dispatchers handle both emergency and non-emergency calls for service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and play a pivotal role in the Department's efforts to meet increasing demands for police services. As the first point of contact, Dispatchers answer approximately 8,000 emergency (9-1-1) and non-emergency calls monthly, ensuring resources are dispatched rapidly and efficiently.

The Police Dispatcher is the vital link between the citizen and the officer who will be sent to the call. Not only do they relay information from the caller to the officer in the field, they have the ability to access several different law enforcement databases to obtain critical information that will assist the patrol officer. Dispatchers are also the primary link to other law enforcement agencies who may be called upon for emergency assistance should the need arise.

|                         | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total 9-1-1 Calls       | 8,966  | 9,710  | 16,115 | 17,504 | 18,308 |
| Total Calls for Service | 35,583 | 35,322 | 42,211 | 48,941 | 49,082 |

## Property & Evidence

### 2016 Property / Evidence Statistics:

|                                      |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Pieces of Evidence collected:</b> | <b>2,910</b> |
| <b>Firearms collected:</b>           | <b>29</b>    |
| <b>Replica Weapons collected:</b>    | <b>20</b>    |
| <b>Illegal Substances collected:</b> | <b>204</b>   |



### Crime Analysis / Crime Statistics

The crime analyst supports the Department by compiling crime statistics. The range of data includes patrol activity by officer, traffic collision data, and crime data for a certain area or within a certain radius. The crime analyst also provides general neighborhood crime prevention information to residents and businesses as requested.

The California Department of Justice (DOJ) requires law enforcement agencies to provide monthly Part 1 crime offense data which become part of the FBI's Uniform Crime Report (UCR). UCR Part 1 crimes are eight crimes or offenses including; murder and non-negligent homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny theft, and arson. These offenses were chosen because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and are likely to be reported to law enforcement.

| <b>PART 1 CRIMES</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2016</b> | <b>Difference</b> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| <b>HOMICIDE</b>      | 1           | 1           | 1           | 2           | 1           | -100%             |
| <b>RAPE</b>          | 0           | 3           | 3           | 5           | 11          | 55%               |
| <b>ROBBERY</b>       | 24          | 31          | 29          | 39          | 35          | -11%              |
| <b>AGGRAVATED</b>    | 117         | 74          | 91          | 88          | 74          | -19%              |
| <b>BURGLARY</b>      | 340         | 256         | 207         | 309         | 253         | -22%              |
| <b>LARCENY</b>       | 775         | 691         | 607         | 815         | 733         | -11%              |
| <b>VEHICLE</b>       | 94          | 107         | 87          | 243         | 175         | -39%              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | 1,351       | 1,163       | 1,025       | 1,501       | 1,282       | -17%              |

## Police Activities League



Los Banos PAL completed its 27th year providing crime prevention programs in Los Banos. PAL is led by Officer Noah Jones who receives administrative support from Rosemarie Santos, an 18 year full-time volunteer who donated over 2,000 hours of service in 2016. The PAL program remains a popular program among residents. In 2016 PAL organized the following programs:

- Girls Softball - 327 participants and 235 volunteers
- Junior Giants - 498 players and 120 volunteers
- Sober Graduation - over 200 students
- Flag Football - 131 participants and 17 volunteers
- Cops for Kids - Toys provided to 264 families

## VITAL Volunteers

The Los Banos Police Department is privileged to have a group of 22 dedicated VITAL members. VITAL stands for Volunteers Interacting to Advance Law Enforcement. VITAL members are residents of Los Banos who have the desire and drive to give back to their community by volunteering their time to better our community. In 2016, VITAL donated over 1,500 hours of service to the Department. VITAL provides services that the Police Department would not be able to offer without their dedicated commitment. Some of the duties include traffic control at Spring and Fall Street Fairs, Veteran's Parade, May Day Parade, National Night Out, Harvest of Fun, Christmas Parade and Los Banos High and Pacheco High School homecomings. They also spend hours patrolling our City to document road hazards, abandoned vehicles and graffiti.

## Los Banos Volunteers for Animals

In 2016, the 12 Los Banos Volunteers for Animals (LBVFA) volunteered over 13,000 hours of service to open the Animal Shelter to the public every Saturday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for animal adoptions. During the remainder of the week, the volunteers feed and groom the animals, sanitize kennels, maintain the grounds, launder pet bedding, and interact and socialize the pets to prepare them for adoption. LBVFA also works closely with animal rescue groups to transfer dogs and cats who have not found a home. Their work helps to contribute to the 86% save rate for Animal Control Services.



## Community Involvement

The Los Banos Police Department is committed to working with the Community of Los Banos to engage and participate in many of the events we have each year. During 2016 the Los Banos Police Department held the following events:

- **March 2016 - Digital Safety workshop to the Los Banos Junior High students**
- **May 2016 - Coffee with A Cop**—this event brings police officers and the community together to learn about each other and discuss issues affecting the community
- **June 2016 - Graffiti Clean-Up Day**—In collaboration with Pacheco High School and the Department of Public Work, 53 volunteers donated a day of service to keep our community graffiti free.
- **July 2016—Operation Chill**—7-11 partnership for youth outreach.
- **August 2016 - National Night Out**—this annual event brought out over 500 community members to meet and interact with local law enforcement, fire, and other public service agencies.
- **December 2016 - Canned Food Drive**—The Department collected over 7,000 non-perishable food items that were donated to local charities.
- **December 2016 - Shop with A Cop event** - 50 students were treated to a shopping spree with Police Officers at the local Wal-Mart.



## 2016 Los Banos Police Department Awards

**Officer of the Year:** Aaron Pinon

**Dispatcher of the Year:** Elizabeth Deeming & Carrie Silva

**Support Employee of the Year:** Luis Beltran

**City Employee of the Year:** Officer Kristifer Hew