“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” – Mahatma Gandhi

MISSION STATEMENT
To Control, Prevent and Reduce crimes in our communities while being Safe, Transparent & Professional.

VALUE STATEMENT
We respect and recognize the integrity and dignity of all individuals. We dedicate ourselves to the performance of our duty under the Constitution, God and the Public we serve.

VISION STATEMENT
The vision of the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office is:
To provide a quality service that ensures a safer environment for all residents and visitors, while recognizing, adapting and responding to the changing needs of our community.
To provide an atmosphere that fosters open communication, creativity and productivity among all employees.
To enhance our partnership with the community through involvement, accessibility and to promote healthy family and community values.
2021 was a year full of things the Mariposa County Sheriff's Office hasn't seen in very long time.

We started 2021 with my first week as your Sheriff. My staff and I made a laundry list of items including goals and ideas that I wanted to implement immediately after taking office. This list included things that I knew would benefit Mariposa County and help bring unity back to our communities, unity that had divided us during 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Staffing**
certain areas of our county has always been an issue for me. Insuring that our communities are properly staffed and our patrol staff are safe was the first thing I did after taking my oath of office. I immediately increased our patrol staff in the Greeley Hill/ Coulterville/LaGrange areas. **Fish Camp Assigned Deputy** During Peak times added Resident SCOPE members increased patrol to the Snow Play Area - We heard the Fish Camp residents. For years they have been having issues with people coming to the snow play area. Add that to the amount of snow they received this year, I knew it was important to help them out. I had a deputy assigned to the area on weekends and holidays to help relieve some of that stress and to add an important law enforcement presence.

**Internal Command Staff Team** - I created a leadership team made up of all supervisors within the department. This team's job is to have open dialogue and brainstorm freely to help the office run better, smoother and to provide the best service to the public and the staff. They will evaluate things we are doing right and things that need improvement.

**Rental Car program** - In an effort to save money and streamline our fleet of cars we began been piloting an Enterprise Rental Car program. It is working so well we are continuing to add cars to our fleet via this program. This will allow for us to always have the most efficient cars and not having to maintain and service old cars that just are not cost effective......
Reserve Unit Return: we spent and continue to spend a lot of time revising the once successful Reserve Unit. This is a unit made up of a minimum of Level 2 POSTed Peace Officers who would work part time. They would work in partnership with our full time Deputies, filling in shift, working as back up units, working community events like fairs, parades, sporting events, etc. I started my Deputy Sheriff career here as a Reserve Deputy. Community Partners: One of my big goals as your sheriff is to bring out the best Mariposa has to offer, not only to visitors but to our businesses to our residents and beyond. One of the ways I want to achieve this is by bringing our community leadership together for the common good. Working with the school district, other county offices, service groups, churches, business owners, both the democratic and republican committees, Yosemite National Park, the chamber of commerce and other many other civic groups. I have had the opportunity to speak to several of these groups and look forward to building Mariposa back to what it was before the pandemic and into the future.

January 2021: Mariposa County saw one of it's largest increases in COVID-19 counts, this affected staffing levels and our ability to bring people together. COVID-19 vaccines came available and much of my staff participated in the vaccine process with Public Health. Next came the Mono Wind event; a wind event so large it ripped roofs off houses and knocked out power to a large area of homes. Just days after the Mono wind event came an aggressive winter storm / atmospheric river that brought one of the largest single storm snow totals our county has seen in years. This snow on top of the already stressed communities made for a very rough January. I needed a way to communicate with the public during a global pandemic. Everything has been shifted to digital platforms for the safety of the community. So we created “Inside the Office with Sheriff Briese”; is my attempt to be “available” to the people that I serve. It’s an internet based program where I give updates on all things going on in the Sheriff’s Office. We talk about call volume, crime cases, projects, staffing, etc. and allow the public to ask me questions. All questions are unscripted and no topic is off limits. The community engagement has been an amazing addition to our operation.

February: We had a missing Autistic Boy in a remote and rugged area of the county. Our Search and Rescue team was able to locate the boy and return him safe and sound to his family. Extremely low water levels at Lake McClure yielded the remains of John Honesto a man missing from the 2018 floods was located in the lake near where he was last seen. We were finally able to bring closure to his family and friends.

March: The First annual report produced and presented to the board, this was a large undertaking but one worth all the effort and energy as my need for the community to understand all that we do and what all of those “stats” mean. Numbers on paper do not do justice to the time dedicated to our community. March was also full of scams, we had PG&E scams, COVID-19 scams, IRS scams, etc. we spent a lot of time educating our community on these scams and how to protect themselves from scammers. Another large snow storm occurred in March, yet again cutting power to almost the entire county and stretching resources again. Football also returned to the infamous Gold Bowl after being delayed do to COVID-19. Our office has always supported the youth and we opened the game with full honors; lights sirens, honor guard etc. Easter was the first time in 2021 that we were able to participate in a community event. Mariposa Safe Families created a very safe environment for our youth.

April: The first of our notable cases; a murder/suicide in Yosemite West.

May: Fire season started early in May with three fires in very populated areas of the county.

June: we kicked off, Change Starts With Us; as 2021 progressed the divide within our community became deeper and deeper. The amount of hate and disregard for our neighbors, fellow community members, county government and friends was disturbing. Both mainstream and social media were chalk full of things to try and tear our community apart. In an effort to bring our communities back together as Mariposa County Strong, I launched the Change Starts With Us program. We began visiting communities throughout Mariposa and talking about Kindness, acceptance, community & strength go along way and we wanted to be part of bringing that into the lives of our residents, businesses, visitors, law enforcement, county government and beyond. How do we do that, well we start a conversation. We bring leaders together from your area, your community and we LISTEN.
July- started off day one busy; we had a very long search for an at risk missing teen. The teen was located and returned home to their family. As the temperatures rose in July so did crimes. A murder and attempted murder in a marijuana garden and a large fire occurring within days of each other. These large scale events required a lot of staff shifted from regular patrol shifts. Next we had a high speed pursuit with a juvenile that included multiple law enforcement agencies. A lighting storm that created several small fires throughout the higher elevation areas. And we ended the month of July with an uptick in Fentanyl related cases. We conducted our largest Marijuana operation to date. The two day operations utilized multiple agencies and hit 23 locations and eradicated 38,272 marijuana plants and 2,550 pounds of processed marijuana. Made 14 arrests and located 12 guns.

August- began with a great community event; National Night Out brought many of our local county agencies together to interact with the community in a positive way. Shortly after COVID-19 reared its ugly head again in Mariposa County and we were forced to close out doors to walk in services and move to appointments only. Days later the Gerrish / Chung family tragedy hit. This case spanned several months and hours and hours of time spent weeding through evidence and waiting for test results. A shooting in the town proper area of Mariposa came next. After a county wide search, the suspect was located and booked into the Mariposa County Jail. The loss of the iconic Lush Meadows store rounded out a very busy and hot August.

September- The return of the Mariposa County Fair in September brought with it a sense of normalcy for the community. I was able to interact with the community and it was great to feel the buzz in the air and see our community coming together. Detectives continued to work on the Gerrish / Chung case and our office was inundated with media requests.

October- in our office always includes Red Ribbon Week; a partnership with Mariposa Safe Families and our school districts. Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign. The cause of death for the Gerrish/Chung family was announced and we held our first large scale press conference since 2015. While the announcement of the cause of death was announced, the investigation continued as we were waiting for more supporting evidence and the completion of test results. It was also the first time in months that our staff was able to swim to the surface and take a few breaths.

November- commenced with the US National Christmas Tree making an appearance in the town area of Mariposa. My staff worked on the planning of this event for several weeks leading up to the arrival of the tree. The Mariposa County Lions Club and Rotary Clubs were finally able to dedicate the Veterans Memorial placed at the court house and my staff and I were honored to be part of that presentation.

December- 2021 ended with a month of celebrations and a major snow storm that closed down the county government offices.

We did a lot and went through a lot during 2021 and most of it was done on a strained budget and with limited staff and resources. We were able to get eight of the 11 frozen positions filled which was a huge help for our patrol staff. I am proud of my staff and all the things we were able to accomplish and the services we were able to provide to our community through a very rough year. I look forward to only going up from here and providing the best Public Safety for the residents and visitors of Mariposa County.
Undersheriff- Sterling Cramer
Started with the Sheriff's Office: 1994
Undersheriff: 2020

Captain- Operations
Kevin Packard
Started with the Sheriff's Office: 2007
Captain: 2020

Captain
Sean Land
Started with the Sheriff's Office: 1996
Captain: 2021

LIEUTENANT
Jacob Bobman
Started with the Sheriff's Office: 2007
Lieutenant: 2021
Calls For Service

NOTE: Due to the forced reduction of some enforcement due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Many statistics in the following report will be much lower than previous years.

These are the number of calls that come into the Emergency 911 Center. They can include requests for a Patrol Deputy, Animal Control Officers, Medical Aids, Civil Service or general calls for information.

2017: 28,428
2018: 27,219
2019: 30,224
2020: 28,233
2021: 25,411
The Operation Division consists of the following units/teams:

- Patrol
- Investigations
- K-9
- Boating
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Marijuana Enforcement Team-MET
- Financial Crimes Investigators
- Field Training Officers
- Range / Training Team
- Honor Guard
- School Resource Officer
- Reserve Deputies
- Court Security/ Bailiff
- TRAC Team Collaboration
- Narcotics
- Special Response Team
- Search & Rescue
- Office of Emergency Services
The Patrol Unit is the most visible unit of the Sheriff’s Office. These are our marked patrol cars that patrol communities & neighborhoods, respond to emergency calls, fires, medical aids or general law enforcement request.

Patrol is the largest unit in the Operations Division. It currently consists of 20 full time Deputy Sheriff's. The patrol unit is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There is NEVER a day, hour, minute or second not covered by the Patrol unit.

Mariposa County makes up 1463 square miles and can range in elevation from approximately 300 ft to over to 10,000 ft. The Patrol Unit operates out of three stations: South County- located in the main Sheriff building in the town area of Mariposa County; Station 1- located in the town area of Greeley Hill; and Station 2- located in the La Grange Area.

Patrol Deputies generally create two types of reports: Information Reports - These reports are taken when no laws are broken and no crimes have occurred but the information is taken for documentation purposes. General Case Reports - These reports are taken when a crime occurs or more in depth information needs to be taken. These reports are generally felony, misdemeanor or coroner investigation reports.

During 2021, in a 24 hour period, a Patrol Shift on average handled the following cases:
The Detective Unit is made up of one Sergeant, four Detectives and a part-time Detective. Each Detective on average has a case load of 5-7 active cases and many more "cold" cases.

This unit investigates complex crimes that are typically felony in nature. They include crimes like Homicide, Person & Property, Elder Abuse, Sex & Domestic Crimes, Narcotics and Financial Crimes. The Detective Unit typically takes the original crime report and goes much deeper, looking at all angles of the case, even working with outside agencies. Some cases can be worked in just a few days while others can take as much as a year or more.

2021 kept the Investigations unit extremely busy. In total the Investigations Unit saw a 177% increase in cases. The summer of 2021 several large multi-level cases simultaneously occurred within the same time period. Mariposa has not seen multiple homicide cases in a single year since 2012. Two notable large multi-year embezzlement case investigations were completed after nearly year long investigations. Narcotic case investigations more than doubled as did financial crimes.

Victim of 2018 Flood Located:
John Honesto missing since the flood of 2018 was located near the area he was last seen in the creek

Murder/Suicide Yosemite West:
A couple vacationing in Yosemite West; the Girlfriend shot her boyfriend.

Summer of 2021:
Runaway/Missing Juvenile-Greeley Hill
Stumpfield Marijuana Garden
Shooting/Homicide
Found Body- Coulterville
Two Suspicious Child Deaths
Shooting in Downtown Mariposa
Gerrish / Chung Family Deaths

2021 Investigations

- Suspicious Death: 6.4%
- Homicide/Attempt Homicide: 3.2%
- Sex Crimes: 5.6%
- Narcotics Crimes: 19.2%
- Financial Crimes: 14.4%
- Other: 37.6%
The K-9 Unit is made of of two Patrol Deputies, two K-9 Deputies and one Sergeant. **K-9 Tango-** 6.5 year old Belgian Malinois. Post certified in narcotic detection. Trained in tracking, apprehension and evidence detection. **K-9 Niko-** 4 year old Belgian Malinois. Trained in tracking, apprehension, bomb detection and evidence location. Tango and Niko have completed over 240 hours of training in 2021.

K-9 Units are used in many different areas of law enforcement, everything from community events to suspect apprehensions. To be a good K9 handler takes an immense amount of time and dedication to training and care of the dog. You must become an expert in reading your dog's behavior changes on and off duty. You have to learn basic veterinary medicine and how to treat injuries yourself.

Tango and Niko are a great addition to our Law Enforcement family, they provide safety to our Deputies and to the public each and every day.

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**2021 K-9 Activity**

- **Narcotics Searches =**35 33.9%
- **No Contact Surrender =**15 9.7%
- **Building/Area Searches =**18 19.4%
- **Assist / Search Warrants (Both Mariposa & Allied) =**5 24.2%
- **Tracking =**9 6.5%
COLLABORATION WITH THE TRIAGE RESPONSE ASSESSMENT OF CRISIS TEAM

The Sheriff’s Office has partnered with Mariposa County Behavioral Health when responding to a possible critical mental health issue. The Sheriff’s Office was one of the first in the state to implement such a partnership.

In 2021 our office received over 100 calls for individuals experiencing a health crisis. The TRAC team (Triage Response Assessment of Crisis) responds with the Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies in order to provide alternative services to the individual and assist first hand with the individual in crisis.

Custodial and Patrol Deputies train once a year with Behavioral Health professionals. This training covers strategies for dealing with situations where staff are potentially dealing with persons with mental health issues.

“There have been several crisis calls to which the Mariposa County Behavioral Health TRAC team, along with either with patrol deputies or correctional staff at the county jail, have responded for community members struggling with mental health issues. The Sheriff’s department has always worked with Behavioral Health as one of our community partners, to meet the needs of the public and to ensure individuals that struggle with mental health issues receive the best continuity of care. Patrol deputies and correctional officers have always acted with professionalism and compassion. They are always willing to respond to assist with those individuals who need a higher level of care regarding their mental health. Behavioral Health, and the TRAC team, are grateful for this innovative partnership that best meet the needs of all members of our community.”

- Kyle Jenkins Social Worker
  Supervisor II TRAC Team

2021
OFFENDER MONITORING - 290 TEAM

The 290 Registrant Team monitors sex, arson and drug offenders that are required to register with the State. The team registers, monitors, and investigates sexual registration violations. The team oversees approximately 76 registrants throughout the county. Registrants are required to update their information two times a year and a house check is conducted after each update to verify the information presented. Photographs are taken at each update to verify the registrant is documented properly.

MARIJUANA ENFORCEMENT TEAM (MET)

This team's primary focus is investigating large-scale marijuana operations within Mariposa County. This includes indoor and outdoor cultivation operations on private property, public lands, and allotment lands. These investigations are usually associated with large-scale drug trafficking's organizations that originate in communities outside of Mariposa County. The team consists of Patrol Deputies, Detectives, Custodial Deputies, and Probation Officers. In addition, they work closely with members of Fish and Wildlife, Forest Service Agents, BLM Agents, CalCannabis Investigators, National Guard, and County Code Enforcement. In 2021, MET Team eradicated approximately 55,000 marijuana plants. Approximately 35 subjects have been captured, arrested and/or charged. Approximately 12 firearms seized, as well as over 2,400 pounds of processed marijuana possessed for sales.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is a grant funded position, utilizing tobacco tax monies, for one Deputy Sheriff to provide school related law enforcement duties to all schools in the Mariposa County Unified School District. The SRO works closely with school administration on truancy issues, school & student safety, educational needs, tobacco issues, etc.
TRAINING COORDINATOR

Sheriff’s Office personnel undergo continued professional development and training in order to meet and exceed state and federally mandated periodic requirements. Certain training topics are covered locally by in-house instructors, while other topics require specialty training delivery by outside subject matter experts.

The Sheriff’s office currently conducts seven classes certified for instruction by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Personnel complete refresher training in skills considered to be “perishable” every two years which includes: driver training, communication and defensive tactics. Firearms training is done quarterly. Law enforcement training is constantly evolving to best adapt to legal decisions, societal trends, advancing technology and community needs.

FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS

Patrol Field Training Officer’s (FTO) primary role is focused on training newly hired Deputy Sheriff’s. In addition, the FTO provides a supervisory role during shifts when designated by a Sergeant or when a Sergeant is unable to supervise a shift. FTO’s are expected to maintain current, expanded understanding and knowledge of Federal, State and Local laws, ordinances and the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office Policy and Procedures.

During 2021 Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office FTO’s trained Seven new Patrol Deputies. The trainee has to complete a minimum of 400 hours to be considered for solo deputy patrol.

FTO’s generally conduct visits to the Academy to check in on our employees as well as for recruiting purposes. This year due to Covid-19, FTO’s did not make any Academy visits.

2021
The day-to-day operations of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Unit is made up of one Sergeant and one Deputy. When activated they can be staffed with 10 or more Sheriff’s Office staff or staff from other Mariposa County departments. The OES Unit relies on the following objectives:

**Preparedness** - Preparedness is all about pre-planning and education. Our office prepares emergency and contingency plans, ranging from evacuation plans to the County Wide Emergency Operations Plan. These plans help specify the roles and responsibilities of first responders and emergency management personnel during an incident.

**Response** - The Office of Emergency Services responds to emergencies ranging from wildland fires to storm events to hazardous material incidents. We represent Mariposa County, assist first responders in accessing equipment and personnel, gather information and provide situational reports. At the scene, we are part of the decision-making process and provide guidance.

**Recovery** - After an emergency incident is resolved, affected residents and communities recover and rebuild and our office plays a large role in that process. We coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and state, county and city agencies for funding and other needed resources. Our office assists with county infrastructure repair.

**Mitigation** - Mitigation is minimizing natural hazard risks by putting in place projects or procedures that reduce or prevent future damages. Our office prepares the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, a plan collaboratively crafted with other county agencies. It evaluates Mariposa County risks and potential hazards, whether natural or human-caused.

**Prevention** - Prevention refers to any measures we can take individually, or as a whole, to be prepared for an emergency incident. For example, clearing brush and having defensible space around residences.

2021 required multiple emergency responses from the Mariposa County Office of Emergency Services. In February 2021, Mariposa County experienced the Mono Wind Event and the Atmospheric Weather Event which both were proclaimed County Emergencies. This summer the River Fire burned through the Bailey Flats area towards the Chowchilla River drainage causing multiple evacuations. The Emergency Operations Center continued to assist with the county’s Covid-19 response to the Delta and Omicron variants throughout the year.
SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM - SRT

The Special Response Team or SRT is a specialized team of highly trained staff that are committed to resolving situations using strategies and tactics that emphasize control, containment and negotiations with the goal of protecting life and the safety of the public.

The team consists of two SRT Sergeants and eight Deputies.

In addition to normal monthly Law Enforcement training, the SRT train between 90-100 hours a year.

SRT Activations
2021 - Three Activations

- Barricaded Subject Subject: 33.3%
- Warrant: 66.7%

Bravery is not the absence of fear but the action in the face of fear.
The Boating Safety Unit is made up of one Sergeant and two Deputies. Mariposa Sheriff Boating/Safety Deputies primary area of responsibility are:

- **Lake McClure.** Lake McClure is approximately 26 miles long with roughly about 80 miles of shoreline (approximately 7,000 surface acres) & six boat ramps, McClure South ramp, McClure North ramp, Barret Cove South ramp, Barret Cove, Horseshoe Bend and Bagby (depends on water elevation).
- **Lake McSwain-** formed from the waters released from the Exchequer Dam. Lake McSwain is approximately 6 miles long and is a fishing lake with a maximum speed of 10MPH.
- **Merced River-** from Yosemite National Park to the headwaters of Lake McClure (enforce County Ordinances and investigate boating / rafting accidents).

The Boating Unit has five boats in their fleet. Four boats are owned by the State, one boat is owned by the Sheriff’s Office.

- Three inboard/outboard aluminum hull boats
- One is a jet drive aluminum hull for shallow water/Dive team operations.
- One 16ft flat bottom boat with an outboard jet drive for extremely shallow waters and bodies of water that cannot be accessed by patrol boat. This boat can even be pulled by a quad or side by side to remote areas.

**Neat facts:** Boating/Safety Deputies are mandated by the State of California to investigate any boating collisions that result in more than $500 damage and/or if a person is killed or injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid. Boat Deputies attend special classes to reconstruct collisions on the water similar to the way CHP investigates crashes on the roadways (minus the skid marks). Boat Deputies are trained on how to investigate Boating Under the Influence cases with special field coordination tests as it is not possible at times to check balance etc. while on the water.

**2021 Boating Stats**

The 2021 boating year was met with many many obstacles. The continued COVID-19 pandemic forced many campground closures around the lakes. Water levels on the lakes and rivers was at an all time low, limiting the boating activities on the lakes. The surface area of water to enjoy was greatly impacted, creating a less than desirable recreation area. Even with those conditions the Boating Safety unit continued to patrol the waterways of Mariposa County. The 2021 boating statistics do not accurately reflect the hours spent on the lakes and rivers.
SEARCH & RESCUE (SAR)

Ready to assist in any emergency, under various types of conditions, the Search and Rescue Team is a highly trained team consisting of one Sergeant and two Deputies who manage the group of volunteers. Because the county is diverse in terrain, members have the skills and knowledge to rescue persons in the swift water of the local rivers, off cliffs and mountains or in the back country of our National Forests. Parts of the Search and Rescue Team are also trained in Dive Rescue and High Angle Rescue. Many of the situations encountered by Search and Rescue require personnel to have a strong emergency, medical and technical background. Search and Rescue members respond quickly to emergencies, epitomizing the meaning of team work.

The SAR Team was activated 24 times over the 2021 year. They performed ten rescue operations, eight missing person searches, three fire evacuations, and two swift water body recoveries. Training is vital to Search and Rescue operations, volunteers racked up 3,039 hours conducting trainings, maintaining equipment and performing community service.

2021 Notable Activations
Missing at risk 14 year old boy - Hunters Valley
Missing 13 year old girl - Greeley Hill
River Fire Evacuation Assist
Gerrish/ Chung Family Search & Assist

SAR Activations
Total Volunteer Hours - 3,774
COURT SECURITY / BAILIFF

These Units are made up of one Deputy/Bailiff, five part-time Reserve Deputies and one part-time Sheriff’s Security Officer.

The Court Security Unit is responsible for the security of the Mariposa County Court House, Judges, Prosecutors, Suspects, Witnesses, Defendants and anyone else entering the courthouse. All people entering the Court House must go through the metal detector screening process.

Offsite trials remained in high demand due to COVID-19, this posed a significant security risk as offsite locations request unique accommodations to establish a controlled environment like the Court House. This required additional staffing as well as pre-trial inspections.

HONOR GUARD TEAM

Our Honor Guard Team most often act as "guardians of the colors" by displaying and escorting the United States and California state flags at official functions. They also provide funeral honors for fallen law enforcement officers and to guard monuments.
## Notable Year End Operations Division Stats

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### Crime Distribution

- **Theft**: 23.7%
- **Assault & Battery**: 16.3%
- **Controlled Substance**: 14.1%
- **Homicide**: 0.4%
- **Vandalism**: 9.6%
- **Rape**: 1.3%
- **Domestic Violence**: 14.1%
- **5150**: 10.2%
- **Crimes Against Children**: 4.7%
- **Burglary**: 5.7%
- **Assault & Battery**: 16.3%

**2021**

2021 Year End Operations Division Stats Overview.
The Community Services Division consists of the following units/teams:

- Jail
- Evidence
- Coroner
- Dispatch
- Animal Control
- Personnel
- Records
- Purchasing
- SCOPE
- Building and Grounds
ADULT DETENTION FACILITY

The Mariposa County Adult Detention Facility, often referred to as the County Jail, is a Type II facility. The facility can hold up to 58 inmates at one time. The Jail must comply with Title 15 and Title 24 requirements.

The Jail is made up of one Lieutenant, three Custodial Sergeants and seven male Custodial Deputies and seven female Custodial Deputies. Custodial Sergeants and Custodial Deputies are staffed in a strategic way to ensure we are following state mandated gender policies.

Custodial staff meticulously follow Title 15 requirements which regulate the conditions of confinement as it relates to food, medical treatment, housing and discipline. Title 24 regulated the minimum standards for the design and construction of the jail buildings.

The COVID-19 Pandemic protocols continued, Jail operations were modified for the safety of the inmates and staff. Inmate capacity was reduced from 58 to 27. Jail staff were quick to change policies and procedures throughout the Jail setting. Every person going through the booking process must do a rapid COVID-19 test and must complete a quarantine period prior to being released into the general population. As of the printing of this Annual Report there has been no COVID-19 outbreaks at the Jail.

2021 Jail Accomplishments

- Implementation of the tablet program - Incarcerated individuals are able to use these tablets to access things like: GED Courses, Cognitive, Behavioral & Mental Health Therapy, Job Skills, College, Religious and Spirituality, Health, Reading, ESL, Legal Topics and other Personal Development and Educational Materials.

- Installation of exercise equipment - Giving a more diversified options for physical activity.

- Internal infrastructure upgrades - Many parts of the jail have not been updated since it was built in 1994. In 2021 we began updating the laundry room. Installing more efficient industrial washer and dryers.

Five Year Glance at Jail Bookings

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Our Emergency 911 answering center is the answering point for all 911 calls made in Mariposa County. Called "Control" on the radio by all emergency personnel, they are also responsible for all radio communications with all Sheriff's Office personnel. They provide important information to assist Deputy response to calls for service and help ensure citizen and officer safety. Dispatchers are able to monitor movement of staff in the field, allowing them to dispatch the closest available Deputy to a call.

The Emergency 911 center is made up of Eight Dispatchers and One Sergeant and is staffed 24/7/365.

Emergency call takers receive calls of all types; from weather and road conditions to emergency calls for help. Most people are calling on their worst day. 911 Dispatchers are trained to handle each call in a way to get help to the caller quickly.

The Emergency 911 center has now been upgraded to accept emergency text messages. Residents can text 911 instead of calling, if they are unable to do so in the case of an emergency. This technology is available to users from their cell phones when speaking on the phone is not an option, or when it could put the caller in danger. Text-to-911 is an added resource for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities. The new 911 texting system will allow 911 dispatchers to reply via text or call the reporting party directly. 911 text messages are routed to the nearest or pre-determined 911 center to the phones location. Texts can immediately be transferred to the most appropriate first responder agency. Residents are encouraged to call, rather than text, whenever possible to ensure that critical information can be relayed in the most efficient way possible.
CORONER

In Mariposa County, each Deputy Sheriff is also a Deputy Coroner. They are responsible for investigating the circumstances surrounding suspicious or unexpected deaths. They also work with the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office Assistant Coroner to locate next of kin, safeguard property and establish the identity if necessary. The Coroner unit is responsible for all deaths in Mariposa County, this does not include the deaths of Mariposa residents who die outside of Mariposa County.

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The Civil Unit is made up of two civil clerks who process all civil documents. The Civil Unit acts as the third/unbiased party while processing and serving any documents from one individual or entity to another. They serve restraining orders, subpoenas, wage garnishments, evictions and much more.

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SCOPE
The Sheriff’s Community Organized Policing Effort (SCOPE) program is comprised of adult volunteers who assist with the many administrative duties and non-enforcement related patrol functions. Members perform vacation house checks, present crime prevention programs and conduct high visibility patrols. These local citizens work with uniformed patrol officers to enhance the community awareness of positive law enforcement. SCOPE currently has 48 members.

PROJECT LIFESAVER- TEAM
The Project Lifesaver (PLS) Program is a service provided to those with Autism, Alzheimer’s, and Dementia who have a tendency to wander away from their caregiver or residence and become lost. Each person enrolled in the system is issued a wrist watch type device that emits radio signals that allow for tracking capabilities up to four miles, terrain permitting. There a currently 13 clients in the PLS program.
The Mariposa Sheriff's Posse is a volunteer group of dedicated members whose focus is to serve the community on the behalf of the Sheriff's Department assisting in public relations, education, emergency, and disaster services as needed.

Currently there are two main teams within the Posse: Mounted Unit Team. Team members, as well as their mounts, have underwent training and certification processes. Typical assignments are providing education to the community and assisting the department with providing a presence at special events and parades.

Team members may be assigned to any aspects of securing, transportation, feed and care of large animals due to a fire or other deemed emergency.

Our Posse members contribute their volunteer time, the use of their horses and equipment in order to support these efforts.
The Animal Control Unit is made up of three full time Officers. Animal Control Officers maintain public safety by enforcing animal licensing laws and humane care regulations. A typical day in the life of an Animal Control Officer consists of capturing and impounding dangerous or stray animals, investigating cases of animal cruelty, enforcing licensing laws and other state, county laws and regulations, rescuing trapped animals, writing incident reports and providing humane care to animals under their supervision.

### 2021 Animal Control Facility Intake

- ACO Located: 37.9%
- Turned in by Public: 35.8%
- Owner Surrendered: 20.2%
- Quarantine for Bite: 6.1%

### 5 Year Glance at Animal Control Calls

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- Protect the decedent's property from waste, loss or theft.
- Make appropriate burial arrangements.
- Conduct thorough investigations to discover all assets.
- Ensure that the estate is administered according to the decedent's wishes.
- Pay decedent's bills and taxes.
- Locate persons entitled to inherit from the estate and ensure that these individuals receive their inheritance.

The Public Administrator may be notified of a death by mortuaries, residential facilities, hospitals, or private citizens when someone dies, and the family of the decedent cannot be immediately located or are unable to administer the estate. The Superior Court is likely to assign the Public Administrator to an estate when there is risk of loss or misappropriation of estate assets. The Superior Court may also appoint the Public Administrator as administrator when an estate is contested by heirs.

The Mariposa County Public Administrator handles between 3-10 case per year.
CHAPLAINCY UNIT

The Sheriff’s Chaplaincy Unit was created to provide emotional and spiritual support to the Sheriff’s Office staff, public safety partners and the community. They are made up of clergy volunteers who are ordained, licensed, or approved members of a religious organizations. All Sheriff’s Chaplains have completed Basic Chaplain Academy Training.

Chaplains often assist deputies by working with individuals, families, or victims of crime during times of crisis or catastrophic events. Sheriff’s Chaplains provide comfort and support for victims of tragedies or crimes.

Chaplains participate in critical incident stress debriefings, PTSD support, counseling, and peer advice to Sheriff’s staff. Chaplains often ride along with deputies on patrol as they take calls for service.

We added a new Chaplain to our family in 2021. We now have a group of three that are ready at a moments notice to serve and support.
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