“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

-- Henry Ford

**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.
Safety, transparency, professionalism and community; this is my vision and commitment for the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office. I have been serving this community in a law enforcement capacity for twenty years. I have worked at every available rank within the Public Safety Division of the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office, preparing me to effectively lead the Sheriff’s Office as the new Sheriff. I understand the importance of community policing and teamwork to produce the best public safety for our community. I understand the importance of working closely with our County partners to ensure budgets are balanced and to provide the necessary tools and equipment for our employees so that residents and visitors are provided the best available service.

Born and raised in Mariposa, I am focused on serving this community and raising my family in this place we all call home. Outside of my professional career, I have achieved a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and an Associate’s degree in business management and marketing. My role as a member of the Mariposa Sheriff’s Office does not stop at the end of my shift; I am a Peace Officer 24/7/365 and a member of this community always and forever. I feel it is important that the Sheriff of Mariposa County is more than just a Law Enforcement Officer; I pride myself on being approachable to the community day or night, on duty or off duty.

“Mariposa Strong” derives from all of us as a community working together and helping one another.
 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

 Lieutenant- Sean Land
Started with the Sheriff's Office: 1996
Lieutenant: 2017
Calls For Service

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.
The Operations Division consists of the following units/teams:

- Patrol
- Investigations
- K-9
- Boating
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- 215-Illlegal Marijuana Team
- 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 Sheriffs. 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 2020, in a 24 hour period, a Patrol Shift on average handled the following cases:**

- **Active Calls**: 63
- **Reports**: 30
- **Arrest**: 2
INVESTIGATIONS / DETECTIVES

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.

Financial Crimes continue to be on the rise in recent years. During a financial crime investigation Detectives typically generate and submit over ten search warrants. Financial crime investigations can also take more than a year to fully investigate. Detectives can spend months working a single case.

2020 Notable Cases

January: $1 Million dollar gold theft. Christine Morlan stole approximately $1 million in gold, gold nuggets, gold dust, coins, supplies, jewelry and other items. She sold them in multiple states before being caught in Washington.

February: Attempted Murder in Greeley Hill. Suspect Jeron Roberts hit the victim with his car then proceeded to beat him with a gun. Roberts fled the scene and was located the next day in Stanislaus County.

July: Fraud /Arrest of Kelly Walker. Walker was arrested for attempting to fraud people by convincing them she had cancer. Fund raisers as well as private donations were made to Walker because she "had cancer".

August: Attempted Murder of a Peace Officer. Douglas Popke shot at a MCSO Deputy and then barricaded himself inside a storage unit full of guns and ammunition on his property.

2020 Investigations
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 400 hours of training in 2020.

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.

**2020 K-9 Activity**

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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 2020 the TRAC team responded to over TWENTY-FIVE calls with the Sheriff’s Office Patrol Deputies and over Fifteen calls with the Jail Custodial Deputies.

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
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 84 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 and fingerprints are taken at each update to verify the registrant is documented properly.

215-MARIJUANA TEAM

The Proposition 215 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 2020, the Proposition 215 Team eradicated over 100,000 marijuana plants. Approximately 20 subjects have been captured, arrested and/or charged. Approximately 10 firearms seized, as well as hundreds of pounds of processed marijuana possessed for sales.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is a grant funded position 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 2020 Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office FTO’s trained two 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.
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.

2020 saw and continues to see the longest to-date Mariposa County OES Emergency Operation Center (EOC) activation for one incident. The OES unit activated the EOC at its highest level, Level 1, in response to COVID-19 on February 27th 2020. Today, almost 1 year later, the EOC remains activated at the lowest level, Level 3.

The EOC also activated for the Moc Fire in August and Creek fire in September.
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 resolution with the goal of protecting life.

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.

During 2020 the SRT was activated by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services in a mutual aid response to the George Floyd demonstrations sweeping California.

Most notably the SRT responded to the August Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office Officer Involved Shooting. The suspect had been shot and was barricaded in a storage container with multiple weapons. The SRT was activated and responded with one of two armored vehicles. The SRT was able to take the suspect into custody without further incident.

SRT Activations
2020- Six Activations

Bravery is not the absence of fear but the action in the face of fear.
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.
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 23 times over the 2020 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 2,874 hours conducting trainings, maintaining equipment and performing community service.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the strain on Mariposa County resources, Search and Rescue assisted with Meals on Wheels senior food distribution program volunteering 647 hours preparing and handing out food to seniors.

During 2020 the Search and Rescue Team conducted two large scale multi-day missing person searches:
Van Dinther Search - Mr. Van Dinther walked away from his home and was found alive after 4 days.
Schluchter Search - Mr. Schluchter walked away from his home and was found deceased after 9 days.

**23 SAR Activations**

Total Volunteer Hours - 2,351
*315 hours assisting other counties

- **Rescues** 43.5%
- **Missing Persons** 34.8%
- **Recoveries** 8.7%
- **Fire Evacuations** 13%
- **Recoveries** 8.7%

2020
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.

New for 2020 is COVID-19 screening & COVID-19 trial procedures. Each person entering the court must go through the COVID-19 screening process. Offsite trials were 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
Community Services Division

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.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, 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 in to general population. As of the printing of this Annual Report there has been no COVID-19 outbreaks at the Jail.

Five Year Glance at Jail Bookings

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911 DISPATCH

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 seven Dispatchers and is staffed 24/7/365. The goal for 2020 was to increase the number of Dispatchers, including adding a Dispatch Supervisor, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic and budget restraints caused by it, the Sheriff's Office has not been able to accommodate this change.

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.

2020 Emergency Call Highlights

| In Person | 183 |
| 911       | 3,966 |
| General   | 8,919 |
| Other     | 15,165 |

Total Calls = 28,233
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.

2020 Deaths By Gender

- Women 43%
- Men 57%

CIVIL

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.

2020 Civil Service Stats
329 Requests for Service

- Restraining Order 22%
- Subpoenas 30.5%
- Other 28.6%
- Wage Garnishment / Bank Levy 4.5%
- Family, Divorce / Child Custody 9.3%
- Evictions 4.1%
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE

The property and evidence Unit receives, records, stores, safeguards, loads, transports, verifies, releases and disburses evidence and property. Currently there are over 20,000 pieces of evidence logged into evidence system. Evidence in all Homicide cases must be kept forever. The infamous "Stayner" case has well over 3,000 individual pieces of evidence. In 2020 there were 1,542 pieces of evidence recorded in our evidence management system; this is a little more than half of a normal year.

Notable pieces of evidence - in 2010 a Tommy Gun was located inside a suspect's house.

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 are currently 15 clients in the PLS program.
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.

2020 Animal Control Facility Intake

- ACO Located: 52%
- Public: 21.1%
- Owner: 19.7%
- Quarantine for Bite: 7.1%

5 Year Glance at Animal Control Calls

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The Public Administrator is legally mandated by the Probate Code of the State of California to serve in a fiduciary capacity to provide professional estate management services to county residents. Once the Public Administrator has been appointed as administrator to an estate, he/she has the same duties and functions as private administrators. They are to:

- 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.
The Sheriff's Chaplaincy Unit was created to provide emotional and spiritual support to the Sheriffs 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.