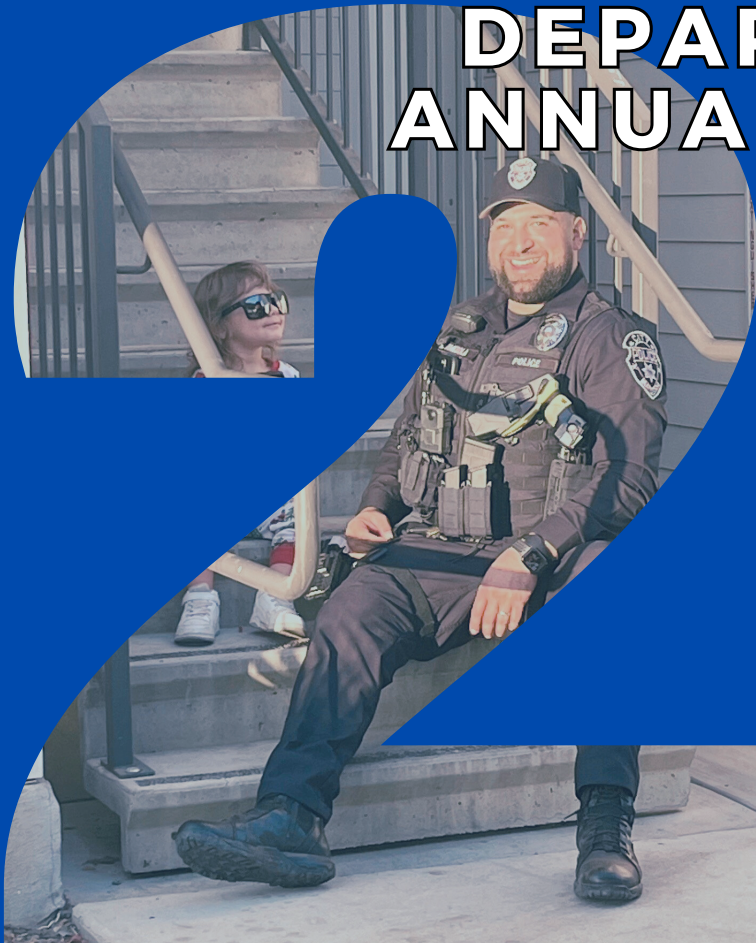




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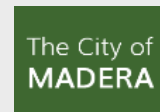
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THE CITY OF MADERA

The City of Madera is located in the heart of the Central Valley and spans 16 and a half square miles. The City was incorporated on March 27, 1907. The population has grown over the years and according to the 2022 U. S. Census it was at 68,050. The City of Madera is the gateway to Yosemite National Park, hosting tourist and locals alike.

Median Household Income: \$61,626
Median Age: 29.2

DEMOGRAPHICS

81 % HISPANIC
12.1 % WHITE
3.2 % BLACK
1.8 % ASIAN
1.9 % OTHER

*Data pulled from U.S. Census Bureau



Mayor
Santos Garcia

CITY OF MADERA COUNCIL MEMBERS



Mayor Pro Tem
Cecelia (Cece) Gallegos
District 1



Council Member
Jose Rodriguez
District 2



Council Member
Steve Montes
District 3



Council Member
Anita Evans
District 4

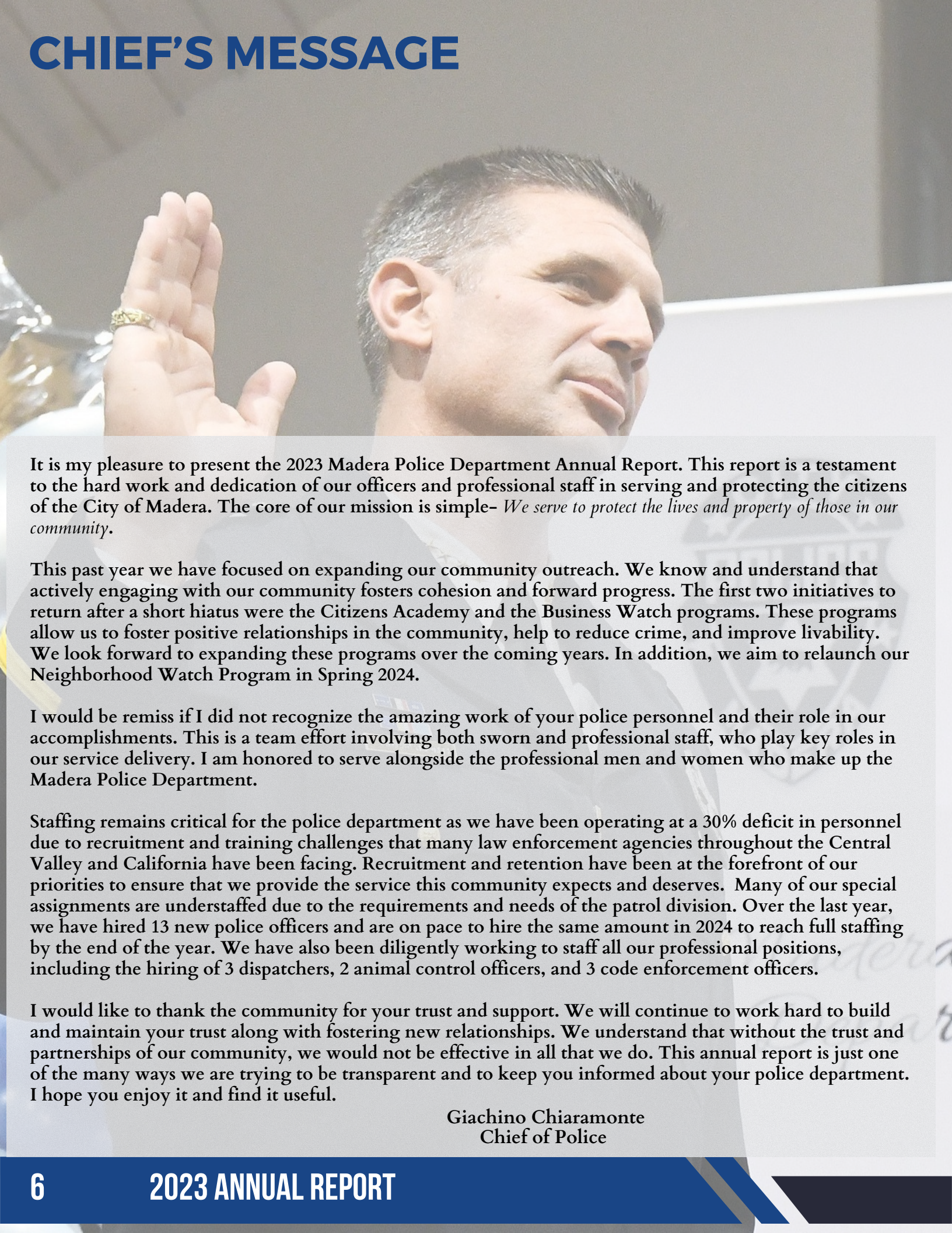


Council Member
Elsa Mejia
District 5



Council Member
Artemio Villegas
District 6

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Madera Police Department Annual Report. This report is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our officers and professional staff in serving and protecting the citizens of the City of Madera. The core of our mission is simple- *We serve to protect the lives and property of those in our community.*

This past year we have focused on expanding our community outreach. We know and understand that actively engaging with our community fosters cohesion and forward progress. The first two initiatives to return after a short hiatus were the Citizens Academy and the Business Watch programs. These programs allow us to foster positive relationships in the community, help to reduce crime, and improve livability. We look forward to expanding these programs over the coming years. In addition, we aim to relaunch our Neighborhood Watch Program in Spring 2024.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize the amazing work of your police personnel and their role in our accomplishments. This is a team effort involving both sworn and professional staff, who play key roles in our service delivery. I am honored to serve alongside the professional men and women who make up the Madera Police Department.

Staffing remains critical for the police department as we have been operating at a 30% deficit in personnel due to recruitment and training challenges that many law enforcement agencies throughout the Central Valley and California have been facing. Recruitment and retention have been at the forefront of our priorities to ensure that we provide the service this community expects and deserves. Many of our special assignments are understaffed due to the requirements and needs of the patrol division. Over the last year, we have hired 13 new police officers and are on pace to hire the same amount in 2024 to reach full staffing by the end of the year. We have also been diligently working to staff all our professional positions, including the hiring of 3 dispatchers, 2 animal control officers, and 3 code enforcement officers.

I would like to thank the community for your trust and support. We will continue to work hard to build and maintain your trust along with fostering new relationships. We understand that without the trust and partnerships of our community, we would not be effective in all that we do. This annual report is just one of the many ways we are trying to be transparent and to keep you informed about your police department. I hope you enjoy it and find it useful.

Giachino Chiaramonte
Chief of Police

ADMINISTRATION



Chief of Police
Giachino Chiaramonte



Chief Dino Lawson
Retired 09/22/2023



Administrative Analyst
Sarah Sarquiz



Commander
Josiah Arnold



Lieutenant
Alicia Videgain



Lieutenant
Felix Gonzalez



Lieutenant
Mark Adams



Lt. Mark Trukki
Retired 12/28/2023

POWERS, DUTIES, & FUNCTIONS

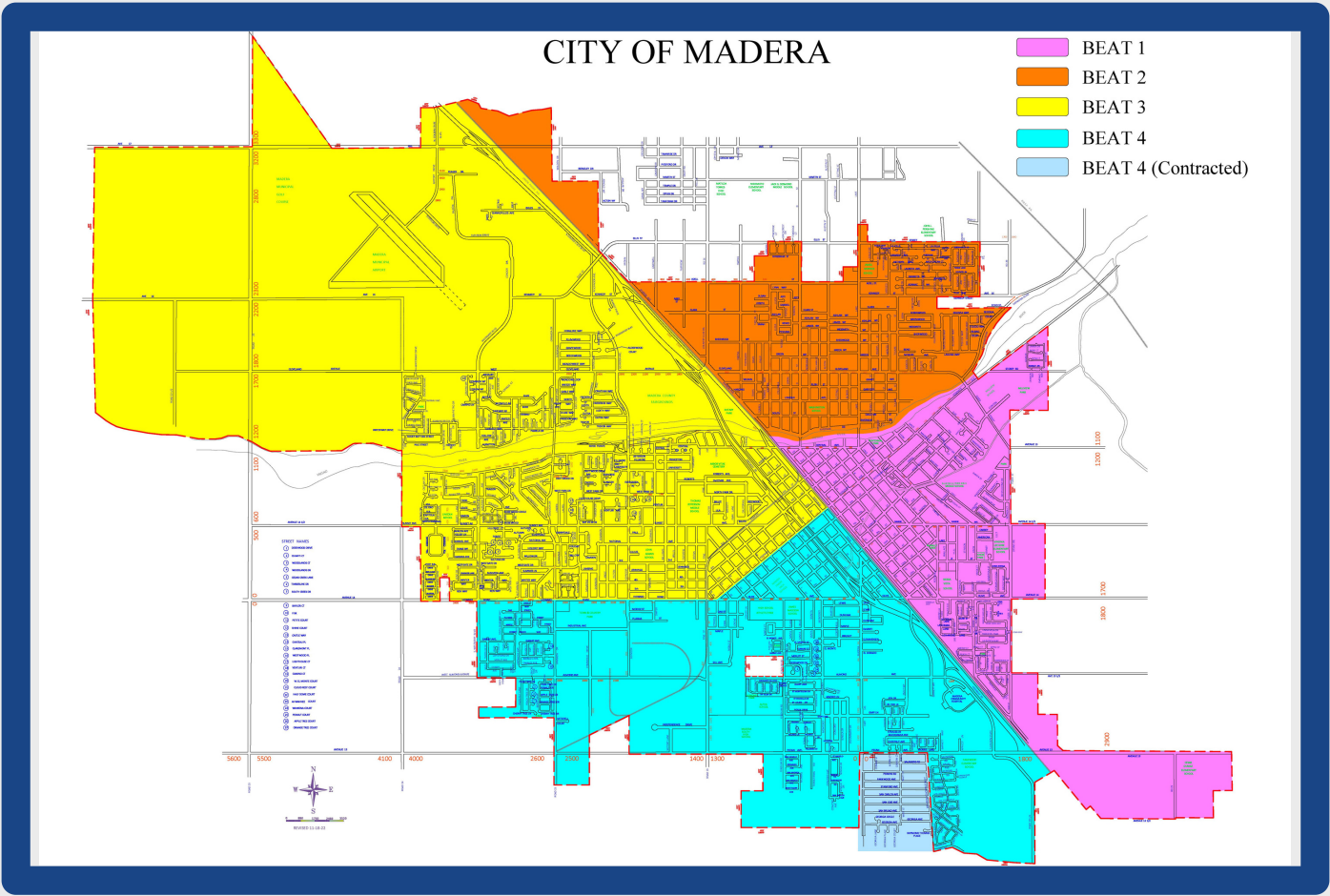
The Madera Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency consisting of sworn officers and professional staff employees. The Chief of Police is directly accountable to the City Manager and directs the operation and administration of the agency. The department is responsible for:

- Preservation of the public peace;
- Protection of the rights of all persons and property;
- Prevention of crime;
- Detection and arrest of offenders;
- Enforcement of violations of state laws and city ordinances;
- Building partnerships with citizens;
- Proactive patrols to deter criminal activity;
- Traffic enforcement and education to reduce crashes;
- Provide superior service.



City Manager
Arnoldo Rodriguez

The department covers 16 and a half square miles with a population of 68,050 residents. The city is divided into four beats. Our patrol officers work 12 hour shifts, which includes a day and night shift. Each shift is staffed with one Sergeant, one Corporal and five officers.



AT A GLANCE

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING COMPARING 2022-2023

VIOLENT CRIME
INCREASED 9.3 %



PROPERTY CRIME
DECREASED 21.3 %



OVERALL CRIME
DECREASED 1.9 %



3

Homicides



31

Professional Staff
Employees



61,825

Dispatched Calls
for Service



4,872

Total Arrests

**20
23**



294

DUI Arrests



4

Fatality Crashes



65

Sworn Officers



7,667

Traffic Stops

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY

Officers attended Active Shooter Training at Matilda Torres High School



FEBRUARY

We hosted a Recruitment Event at Madera High School. Approximately 75 applicants competed in a physical agility test. Applicants that passed the agility test completed job interviews.



MAY

The Peace Officer Memorial was a wonderful tribute to our fallen officers. We were honored to be a part of the ceremony.

MARCH

Coffee with a Cop is always a great time. We enjoyed some delicious coffee and excellent conversations.



JUNE

The Special Olympic Torch Run was a big success. The run began in Madera at Courthouse Park and finished at the Madera County Sheriff's Office. We continued to Chowchilla and ran down Robertson Blvd, concluding at Veterans Memorial Park for a closing ceremony and lunch.



APRIL

Our annual Egg-stra Special Event at Town & Country Park was egg-citing!



AUGUST

The Fresno Grizzlies invited local law enforcement to honor the life of Madera business owner Marty Mayfort and his contributions to the community.



SEPTEMBER

After a combined 33 years of service to the City of Madera, Chief Dino Lawson bid his final farewell.

NOVEMBER

Animal Control hosted it's first Community Event, "Pet's & Pawtraits". The event included dog license registration and a photo booth for pets.



DECEMBER

Our annual, "Cookie with a Cop" was a holiday treat. Sergeant Bushey delighted the children as Santa and officers provided cookies to our guests.



JULY

MAD-KIDS Summer Camp was a BLAST! We hosted 50 local Madera kids this year. We enjoyed 4 days of sports and lot's of fun.



OCTOBER

Madera PD joined local Law Enforcement agencies and turned our Police Patch PINK for the month of October to raise money and awareness for breast cancer.



PATROL DIVISION

Patrol is the largest division of the Madera Police Department and is accountable for a wide and diverse range of responsibilities. Patrol is composed of four teams, each working 12 hour shifts. Each team is supervised by a sergeant and a corporal, with a minimum of five officers. Patrol responds to all immediate problems within the city. This includes traditional law enforcement calls such as vehicle collisions, thefts, robberies, violent crimes, fires, loud music complaints, people in distress, and missing persons.

Your officers strive to provide superior service to the community. The safety and security of the citizens of Madera has been placed in the hands of your officers. This is a huge responsibility which your patrol officers fully understand, appreciate, and will be accountable for. Patrol is proud of the trust that has been placed on them and will perform to the best of their ability each and every day.



OFFICER WORKLOAD



4,872
Arrests



61,825
**Dispatched Calls
for Service**



7,667
**Traffic Stops
Conducted**



21,738
**Officer Self-
Initiated Calls**

THE AVERAGE TIME AN OFFICER SPENDS ON A CALL:

Priority 1: 18 minutes 54 seconds

Priority 2: 16 minutes 54 seconds

Priority 3: 18 minutes 30 seconds

An explanation of how calls are prioritized can be found on page #15.



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communication Center is the hub of the Madera Police Department. In 2023, there were a total of 116,663 emergency and non-emergency calls from citizens residing within the City of Madera. 28,236 of those calls were 9-1-1 calls. Each call is evaluated to ensure that the appropriate personnel are dispatched to handle the situation. The Communications Center has three dedicated 9-1-1 trunk lines along with six non-emergency lines. At the touch of a single button, we can transfer calls to surrounding jurisdictions. Calls are dispatched to officers via police radio. Dispatchers keep track of each officer's status as well as Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement officers' activity via the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

The Police Department handled 61,825 events in 2023. Events include calls for service from the community (crimes, public safety concerns, etc.) and officer initiated activities, such as vehicle stops and pedestrian checks. Calls for service from the community can result in a report being taken, an area being checked, an arrest made of a criminal, or a simple discussion with a citizen.

We strive to provide prompt and superior service to the community. Our goal is to maintain the lowest response times to calls for service as possible. When a call is received it is categorized by its priority or immediate need. Calls are defined by three categories:

- **Emergency:** Code 3, “Lights & Siren” response, report of a man with a gun, traffic collision with an injured person, a burglary or robbery in progress, or a medical emergency.
- **Priority 1:** High Priority, such as domestic disturbance, a missing child, or a fight in progress.
- **Priority 2:** Urgent calls, such as a disturbance or a non-injury traffic collision.
- **Priority 3:** Non-urgent calls involving incidents that have occurred with no suspects and no immediate need for an officer. An example is a vandalism that occurred the day prior.

The response times in the chart are measured from the time the call is received by our dispatcher, to the time the officer arrives at the scene.

	2023	2022	2021
Emergency	4 mins. 30 secs.	6 mins. 12 secs.	6 mins. 24 secs.
Priority 1	7 min. 42 secs.	7 min. 24 secs.	7 mins 17 secs
Priority 2	7 min. 2 secs.	7 min. 16 secs.	6 mins. 9 secs.
Priority 3	35 mins. 42 secs.	37 mins. 38 secs.	38 mins. 14 secs.

CRIME STATISTICS 2023



TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE

2023		2022		2021	
TRAFFIC STOP	7,667	TRAFFIC STOP	6,990	TRAFFIC STOP	10,574
FOLLOW -UP	5,546	PATROL CHECK	4,636	FOLLOW -UP	4,068
PATROL CHECK	3,656	FOLLOW-UP	4,224	CHECK VEHICLE	3,818
CHECK VEHICLE	3,205	REQUEST OFFICER	3,591	REQUEST OFFICER	3,659
REQUEST OFFICER	3,120	CHECK VEHICLE	2,980	PATROL CHECK	3,375
CHECK AREA	2,057	CHECK WELFARE	2,305	CHECK WELFARE	2,302
STRAY ANIMAL	1,822	CHECK AREA	2,081	CHECK AREA	2,010
PEDESTRIAN CHECK	1,754	STRAY ANIMAL	1,732	NOISE, LOUD PARTY	1,955
CHECK WELFARE	1,669	NOISE, LOUD PARTY	1,684	PEDESTRIAN CHECK	1,562
MEDICAL AIDE	1,559	ALARM	1,610	STRAY ANIMAL	1,528

CRIME STATISTICS

	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	VIOLENT CRIME	BURGLARY	LARCENY	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	PROPERTY CRIMES
2023	3	35	54	318	410	64	706	140	910
2022	2	22	72	279	375	142	792	223	1,157
2021	4	44	40	259	347	203	656	230	1,089
2020	5	35	69	203	312	200	691	252	1,143



INVESTIGATIONS

The Madera Police Department Investigations Unit is led by Sergeant Matthew McCombs who supervises Detectives Kayla Bianchi, Reynard Camp, Jacob Dunn, Dina Santos, Richard Gonzales, and Crime Analyst Lacy Burleson. The investigations unit handled 580 cases in 2023.

The investigations unit is responsible for investigating all felony cases reported in the City of Madera. Some of these types of cases handled this year were: homicides, assault, sexual assault, robbery, missing persons, and fraud. Once a Detective is assigned a particular case he or she is responsible for actively and aggressively completing a full investigation into that crime. The primary goal of each detective is closing their cases by working with the District Attorney's Office in prosecuting those who are responsible. The investigations unit takes great pride in bringing closure to victims of crime and is committed to the well-being of our community.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is a multi-agency task force that focuses on reducing crime, fear and disorder through proactive policing strategies. The team is compiled of members of the Madera Police Department, Madera County Sheriff's Office, and Madera County Probation Department. The team focuses its efforts on gang related crimes, high risk offenders, drug trafficking, and stolen vehicles. SIU is a resource to patrol and takes responsibility for ongoing issues identified as too extensive or complex for patrol. SIU tracks crime statistics and trends, working directed enforcement operations to suppress violence and other pattern related crimes such as burglary or thefts. The goal of the team is to minimize crime and improve livability for the citizens of Madera.



TRAFFIC DIVISION

Traffic safety in the City continues to be of high priority for the Madera Police Department. We strive to provide traffic and driving education and enforcement to ensure the safety of our community. Our Traffic Division was staffed with one full time Sergeant and Police Officer and a part time Downtown Parking Enforcement Officer in 2023. They focus their efforts on school zones, speeding, and impaired driving enforcement.



TOTAL COLLISIONS 883

The total traffic collisions investigated by MPD in 2023 include both injury and non injury collisions.



TOTAL FATAL COLLISIONS 4

Fatal traffic investigations include collisions involving pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles alike.



TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS 1,376

Citations are issued by both patrol officers and our Traffic Division. Additionally our officers participate in county wide enforcement operations with other local agencies.



TOTAL DUI ARRESTS 294

DUI investigations are conducted by patrol officers and traffic officers. Our department conducts DUI and Drivers License Checkpoints throughout the year.

SHOWCASE:

MADERA COUNTY REGIONAL SWAT TEAM & CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

Madera County's Regional S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) team is a multi-agency team comprised of sworn personnel from local law enforcement agencies in Madera County, which includes the Madera Police Department, Madera County Sheriff's Office, and Chowchilla Police Department. The three departments created the Madera County Regional S.W.A.T. team in 2001.

The Madera County Regional S.W.A.T. team has 21 members: 11 Deputies from the Madera County Sheriff's Office, 8 Officers from the Madera Police Department and 2 Officers from the Chowchilla Police Department. The team consists of tactical operators, snipers, and tactical medics.

Madera County's Regional S.W.A.T. team responds to a variety of calls ranging from armed suspects, barricaded suspects, hostage rescue and any situations which require specialized operational skills. The Madera Regional S.W.A.T. team trains monthly to make sure its members maintain proficiency in special weapons and tactics, which include entry, breaching, distraction device operations, precision rifle, and deployment of chemical munitions.

The Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) works in conjunction with the S.W.A.T. team. The team consists of members from the Madera Police Department and Madera County Sheriff's Office, both sworn officers and professional staff, who are specially selected and trained for conducting and managing on-scene negotiations during crisis. CNT seeks to initiate a constructive dialog with individuals involved in suicidal, barricade, or hostage events using crisis intervention skills with the goal of affecting a non-violent resolution. CNT responds to pre-planned events and high-risk warrant services.





SHOWCASE: CANINE "K9" PROGRAM

The Madera Police Department has upheld its longstanding Canine "K9" Program for several decades, highlighting the enduring value of these indispensable assets in supporting officers' daily duties. We currently have three K9 units, which includes two recent additions in 2023. Each K9 undergoes a meticulous pairing process with officers, ensuring a harmonious partnership through stringent selection criteria.

Our K9 officers engage in daily training regimens with their respective K9 partners, both within domestic settings and operational environments, fostering optimal performance in service to the City of Madera. Additionally, they train bi-monthly focusing on formal training sessions to enhance the proficiency and adaptability of our K9's. Despite the demanding nature of their roles, our well-trained K9 units bring a delightful and amiable presence to our workforce.

Beyond their operational commitments, our K9's actively participate in school and community events, cultivating connections and fostering strong relationships with the community and fellow officers.

Corporal Smith and Gustav, affectionately known as, "Goose" have been partners since 2020. Goose, a Malinois specializing in apprehension and illegal narcotic detection. Corporal Smith and Goose were assigned to our Special Investigations Unit (SIU) for most of the year until Corporal Smith's promotion in December, when they were re-assigned to the Patrol Division.

Officer Romias and his partner Ulf are assigned to our Patrol Division. Ulf is a two-and-a-half-year-old black lab. He is trained as an illegal narcotic detection dog. Ulf is extremely high focused and is a lover of people. Ulf enjoys attending community events and is a crowd favorite.

Officer Trinh and his partner Bonnie are also assigned to our Patrol Division. Bonnie is a three-year-old Golden Retriever. She is trained as a drug detection dog. Bonnie is full of energy and licks! While she loves to search for illegal narcotics, she really enjoys people and attending school functions and community events.

These dedicated K9's collectively embody the department's commitment to public safety and community engagement.





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officer Wayson Juarez, Officer Charles Bravo, and Officer Justin Manriquez are assigned to provide service to the Madera Unified Schools high Schools and middle Schools. The officers handle any criminal issues on the school campuses during school hours. They work in conjunction with the MUSD Security Staff to ensure the well being and safety of the students.



HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICER

Officer Juan Gaona is assigned to assist the Housing Authority of the City of Madera. He provides police services to approximately 1,044 housing units throughout the City of Madera.



An aerial photograph of a street intersection. A police car is parked on the left side of the road, with several officers standing nearby. Another car is visible in the distance. The scene is set in a residential or commercial area with sidewalks and some greenery.

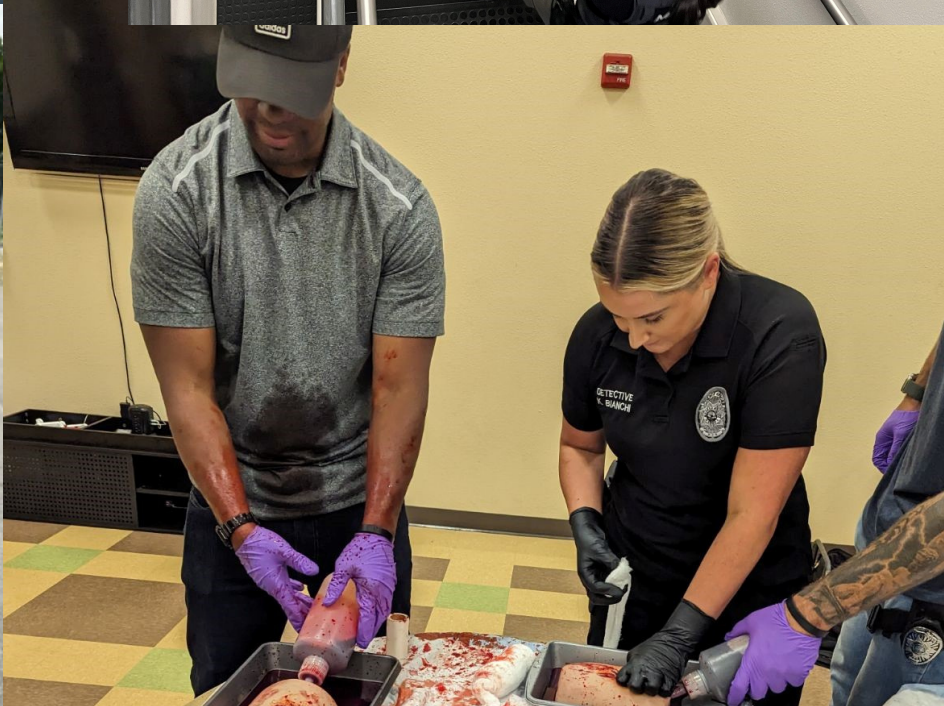
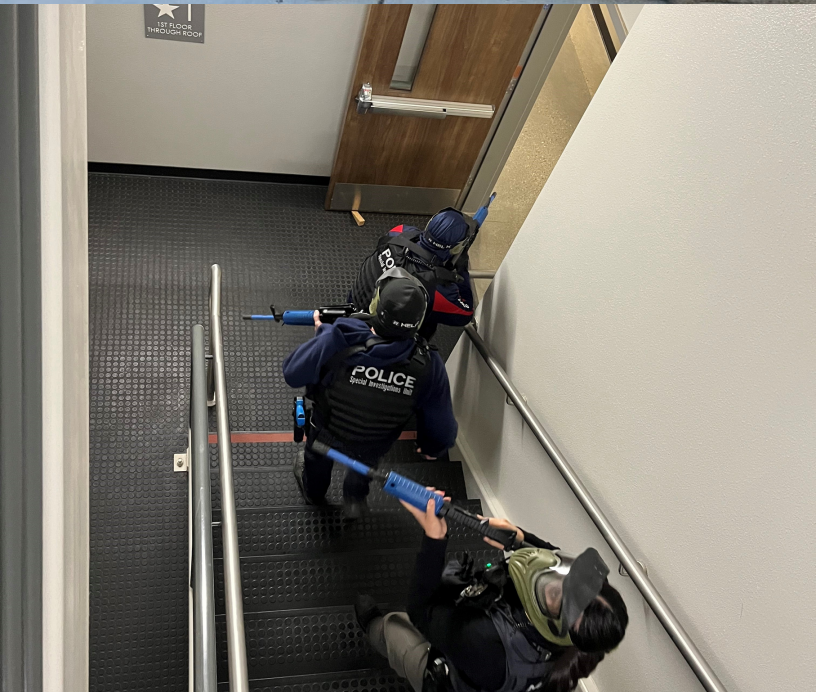
SHOWCASE: DRONE PROGRAM

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), more commonly referred to as drones, have proven to be a valuable resource for law enforcement, first responders, and during emergency service operations. A drone is an aerial device with an onboard computer that is operated remotely, by a pilot on the ground, using a handheld controller. Drones are equipped with a video camera.

The Madera Police Department currently has 3 officers assigned as drone pilots. A drone pilot receives specialized training in the use of the drone and has a pilot's license through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The drones are utilized for a variety of purposes with the main goal of improving public and officer safety. A drone can be deployed during critical incidents, active searches, crime scene and traffic collision investigations, structure fires, or as security over watch of public events or public areas for the purposes of safeguarding the public and preventing and deterring crime or criminal activity.





OFFICER TRAINING

The Madera Police Department prides itself on the level of training our officers receive. The training staff works closely with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) to ensure our officers are up to date and compliant with all state and local requirements. Our officers train, “quarterly” which is every three months. The quarterly trainings consist of arrest and control tactics, firearms, less lethal devices, de-escalation, emergency driving, tactical communications, domestic violence response and CPR classes.

We look for every opportunity to provide our officers with the most cutting edge and best training possible. Our goal is to exceed the P.O.S.T. standard requirements, so we can provide the best service possible to the citizens’ of the City of Madera. This year our officers were able to attend an intense tactical medical training hosted by the Army National Guard. The training provided advanced medical techniques which have been used in the field and have been effective in saving the lives of gunshot and seriously injured victims.

Officers who participate in specialized units or programs attend additional professional development trainings specific to their assignment. Some examples of these assignments are S.W.A.T., Crisis Negotiation Team, Detectives, SIU, Traffic Officers, Parent Project, School Resource Officers, and Drone Pilots.

The overall health and wellness of our officers is of great importance to us. Officers must stay mentally and physically healthy to be able to provide help and services to others. This year we hosted a Mental Health and Wellness training for our officers. Charlie Celano, retired Tustin Chief of Police and Keynote Speaker came to speak with officers about his story of resiliency and wellness. He shared his hard learned lessons of unhealthy coping mechanisms resulting from trauma on and off the job and the resulting impact of emotional, mental, and physical well-being. More importantly, he shared how to prevent it from occurring in the first place and offered advice and healthy stress management techniques to thrive in both their professional and personal lives.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control protects and serves the citizens and animals of the City of Madera. We have two full time Animal Control Officers Jordan Delarosa and Brett Letourneau who dedicate their time to helping citizens with any animal related issues. Our Animal Control officers respond to a variety of calls including but not limited to animal noise complaints, stray animals, vicious animals, and deceased animals. Our goal is to offer education and services to help our citizens be successful pet owners.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement focuses on community beautification and development. They respond to residential and commercial property violations pertaining to the Madera Municipal Code which deal with problems such as public nuisance complaints, abandoned vehicles, vacant buildings, illegal dumping, and substandard housing. Code Enforcement works to bring violations to the attention of the responsible parties and provides services and education allowing the opportunity to correct the violation.

Code Enforcement assists in community development by enforcing permit and license requirements for other city departments, including: Business License, Building, Engineering, Planning, and Public Works.



PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Our professional staff work diligently to provide superior service to our departmental staff and community. The Records and Property & Evidence staff is led by Celia Garnica, Auxiliary Services Supervisor.

Our records department has five full time Records Clerks, Tara Maggiore, Jaclyn Gonzalez, Melissa Martinez, Janalyn Milam, and Erika Contreras. The staff processes and ensures all required reports and documents are sent and received to the needed recipients. The records office is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Property and Evidence Officers Paige Gacayan and Karyn Burns ensure all evidence and safe keeping items are properly stored and documented. They work closely with the District Attorneys office for video and evidence requests.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

The Madera Police Department is always looking to hire motivated, professional men and women for a variety of career opportunities such as lateral transfer Police Officers, Police Officers Trainees, and professional staff positions such as Dispatcher or Code Enforcement Officer. The Madera Police Department is searching for qualified candidates that wish to serve the City of Madera with dignity and respect.

If you are looking for the opportunity to truly make a difference in our community, contact Madera Police Department at (559)675-4220 and ask to speak with Sergeant Bushey or email him at sbushey@madera.gov. You can also find job information at madera.gov/apply

**APPLY TODAY
PROTECT
TOMORROW
A REWARDING
CAREER**



CHAPLAIN & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



The Chaplain Program is a volunteer program which creates a partnership with various faith-based leaders of the community and the Madera Police Department. The Chaplains are available to respond and assist officers during critical or sensitive events. The role of the Chaplain is to provide support for officers and citizens in their time of need. Chaplains are there to provide appropriate assistance, advice, comfort, counsel, and referrals to those who request support.

The Madera Police Department Volunteer Program has proven to be a valuable tool, greatly appreciated by the City of Madera and its residents. The Madera Police Department draws on the time, talents, and experience of volunteers to allow officers and professional staff to better perform their duties. We attempt to match volunteers to jobs according to their strength and abilities. Volunteers need no prior experience and scheduling is flexible.

We are currently accepting applications for volunteers and would encourage anyone wanting to make a difference in our community to apply. Applications can be obtained at the Madera Police Department or call us at (559) 675-4220 and we will be happy to mail one out you.

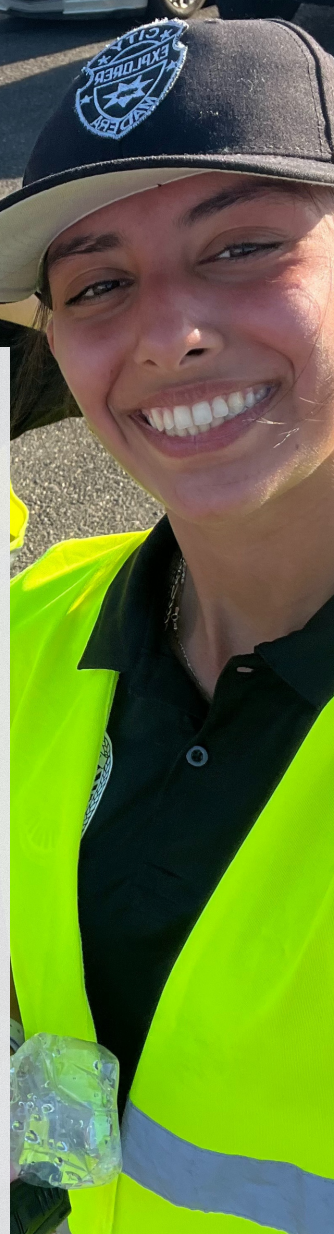




EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Explorer Program is for teens ages 14-21 who are interested in careers in the Criminal Justice System. Our program is led and facilitated by our Officers. Corporal Kayla Bianchi is the lead advisor and Officers Brian Rosas, Nathan Munoz, Ruben Hernandez, Jeremy Trinh, Salvador Zaragoza, and Brandon Bianchi are assisting advisors. The advisors focus on teaching the explorer's a variety of law enforcement and life skills. The group meets twice a month for training. The training consists of classroom training, hands on scenario based training, and physical fitness. The explorers participate in ride-a-longs with officers to learn firsthand what an officer does daily. The explorers worked with officers during undercover tobacco sting operations, to help ensure local stores are not selling tobacco products to minors.

The explorers volunteered at numerous events during the year including nonprofit organization fundraisers, school carnivals, MAD-Kids Summer Camp, Egg-stra Special Event, Old Timer's Parade, Halloween Spooktacular, Christmas Parade, Pomegranate Festival, and the 4th of July Firework Spectacular just to name a few. The goal and focus of the program is to develop the youth and future leaders of our community while creating lasting relationships built on trust and respect.



COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

The Madera Police Department is strongly committed to the City of Madera. Our goal is to not only protect the citizens of Madera but to improve the overall livability of the community. Through many programs and initiatives, officers and professional staff give their time to connect and build long-lasting relationships. During the year we attended several school carnival and community organization events, we participated in Red Ribbon Week in 11 of our elementary schools, we attended our local school sporting events and dances, and we hosted several Coffee with a Cop meet and greets.

We were honored to attend and participate in the annual Old Timer's Parade and Christmas Light Parade, two long standing events which are full of Madera tradition. Our mini horse Bubbles and Officer Alva have become a fan favorite of the parade. In 2021, we took the lead role of organizing and planning several large community events. Each year we look for ways to expand and improve each event.

In April, we hosted an Egg-s-tra Special Event at Town and Country Park. The event included an egg hunt, bunny meet and greet, food and craft vendors, along with booths with giveaways from our local law enforcement and community partners. The event was a huge success with over 3,000 attendees. It was wonderful to see the community gather for a day of fun and celebration.

In November, we co-hosted a, "Spooktacular Event" at Madera Court House Park with the Madera County Sheriff's Office. The event included a costume contest, an interactive haunted area provided by our Explorer Program and the Lion's Club Leos, food and craft vendors, and trick or treat stations provided by our local law enforcement partners and community partners. The event was a safe and fun way to celebrate the Halloween festivities.

In December, we transformed the lobby of our department into a winter wonderland. We invite the community to join us for, "Cookie with a Cop" which has become a favorite tradition for many families. The event includes free photos with Old Saint Nick and of course cookies and conversation with our officers.

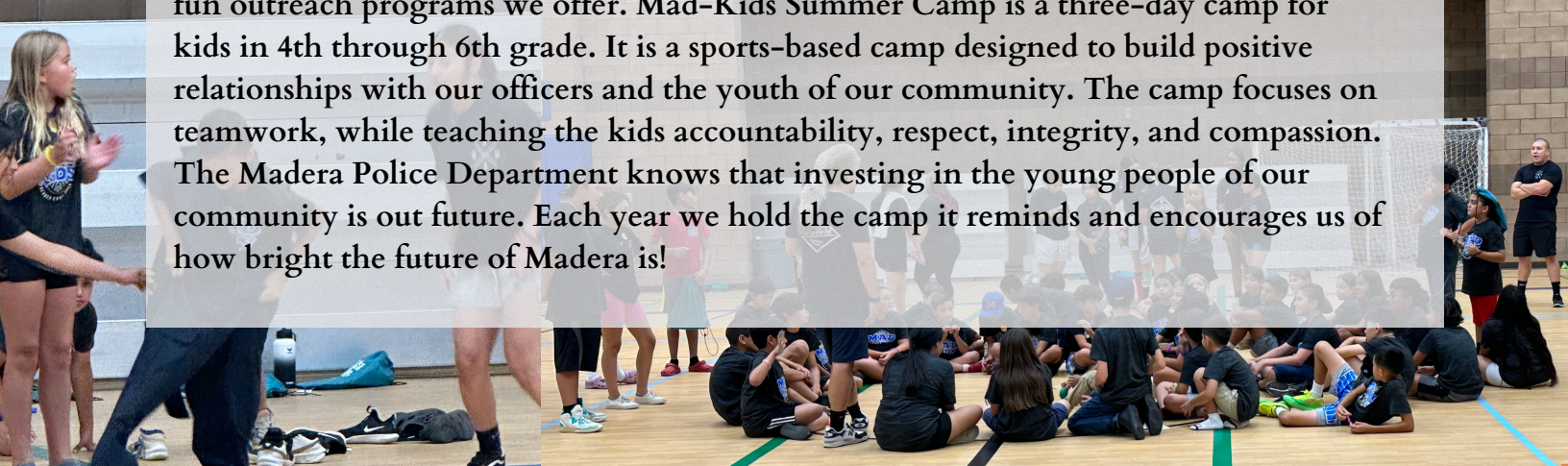
With generous donations and partnerships with the community we were able to spread joy and hope during the holiday season. We began a new program this year called, "A Star of Hope". We partnered with Central Valley Community Bank and Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC) to provide gifts to 50 children in Madera. The children selected for this program were all receiving services from CAPMC. CAPMC provides services to victims of crimes, provides educational parenting classes, and offers support and services to unhoused families and families in need. "A Star of Hope" was a huge success and we were amazed by the community's participation and generosity. We hope to expand the program next year and double the number of children to receive gifts.

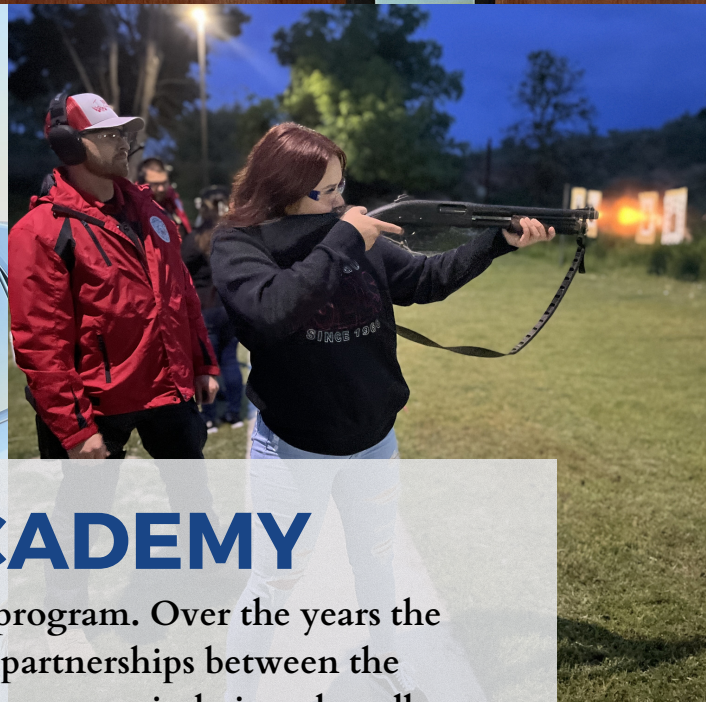
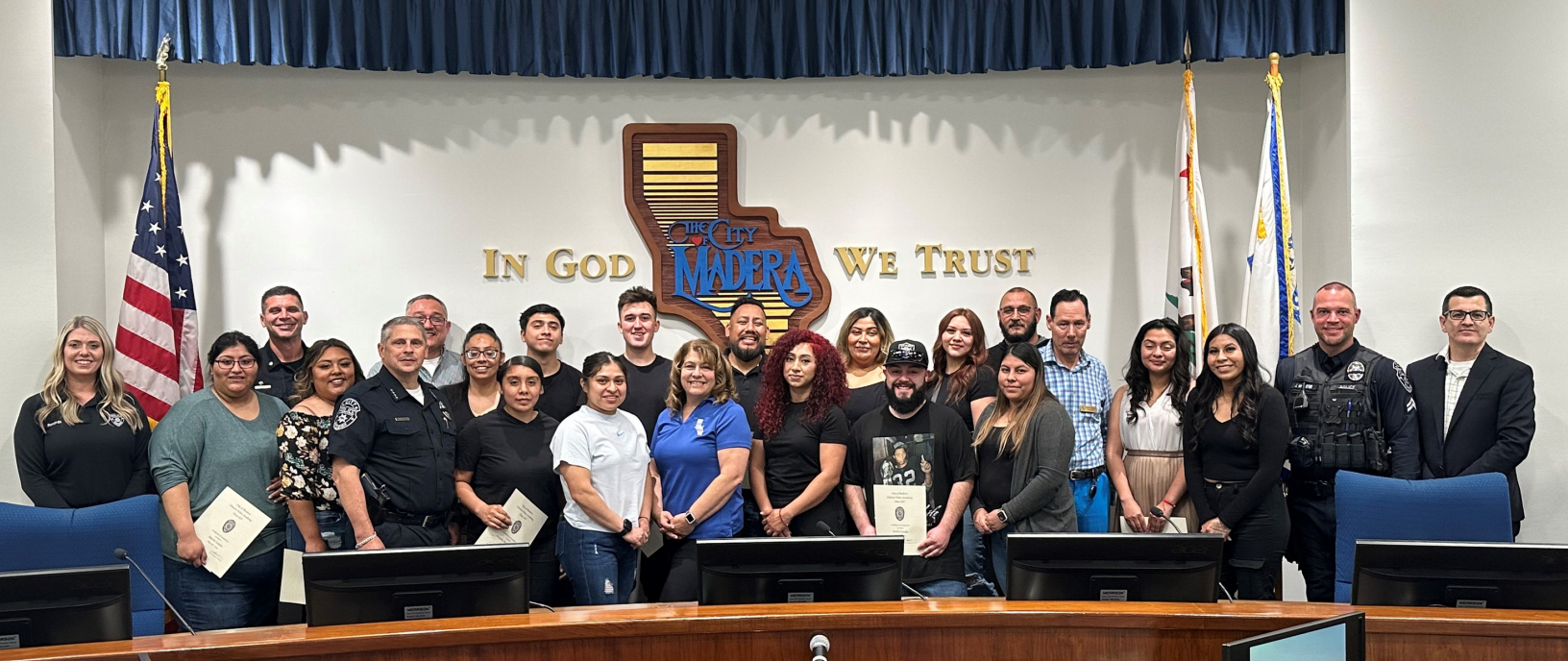




MAD-KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Our annual Mad-Kids Summer Camp is held in July. It is by far the most exciting and fun outreach programs we offer. Mad-Kids Summer Camp is a three-day camp for kids in 4th through 6th grade. It is a sports-based camp designed to build positive relationships with our officers and the youth of our community. The camp focuses on teamwork, while teaching the kids accountability, respect, integrity, and compassion. The Madera Police Department knows that investing in the young people of our community is our future. Each year we hold the camp it reminds and encourages us of how bright the future of Madera is!





CITIZENS' ACADEMY

In 2014 we launched our Citizens' Academy program. Over the years the program has grown and created long lasting partnerships between the Police Department and the community. The program is designed to allow citizens who live or work in the City of Madera to get to know the ins and outs of the Madera Police Department and our local law enforcement partners. The academy is an exciting and informative 13-week program which meets once a week. The program focuses on each aspect of our department and incorporates classroom and hands on activities. We graduated Class 14 this year and plan to continue the program for years to come.

If you are interested in attending the program, please go to The City of Madera website at madera.gov and complete an application.

2023 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Charles Bravo

DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR



Dispatcher Yalixia Moreno

PROFESSIONAL STAFF OF THE YEAR



Records Clerk Melissa Martinez

2023 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Mark Burluson was selected as the 2023 Citizen of the Year. Mark is a long time employee of Eppler Towing and Recovery. Mark wished to help improve and expand the MPD training program. He worked with Eppler Towing and Recovery to donate old vehicles and vehicle parts to MPD to help simulate real life training scenarios.

2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS



Sgt. Ryan Vasquez & Ofc. Cody Luginbill
Life Saving



Det. Sgt. M. McCombs, Corp. R. Gonzales, Det. K. Bianchi,
R. Camp, D. Santos, J. Dunn & Crime Analyst Lacy Burleson
Distinguished Service



Corporal Jeremy Smith
Distinguished Service



Reserve Officer Shant Shekhanian
Meritorious Service



Sergeant Shawn Bushey
Meritorious Service



Officer Lori Alva
Meritorious Service



Officer Jared Maciel
Top Shot



City Auto Mechanic Juan Puentes
Appreciation



Volunteer's Anita Eden & Jutta Webb
Appreciation

PROMOTIONS & RETIREMENTS



Giachino Chiamonte
Chief of Police
Promoted September 23rd



Josiah Arnold
Commander
Promoted November 18th



Felix Gonzalez
Lieutenant
Promoted November 18th



Mark Adams
Lieutenant
Promoted December 30th



Blake Short
Sergeant
Promoted November 18th



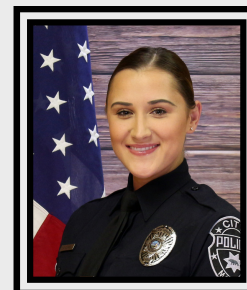
Steven Boehm
Sergeant
Promoted December 30th



Richard Gonzalez
Corporal
Promoted November 18th



Jeremy Smith
Corporal
Promoted December 30th



Kayla Bianchi
Corporal
Promoted December 30th



Dino Lawson
Retired - Chief of Police
33 Years of Service to the
City of Madera



Mark Trukki
Retired - Lieutenant
21 Years of Service to the
City of Madera

MADERA POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the
Madera Police Department
to be devoted
to family and community
through superior service
and partnerships.
We will reduce crime
while treating people
with dignity and respect.



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