

City of Ripon Police Department



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2014 Annual Report

Ripon Police Department

A Message from the Chief

As your Chief, and on behalf of the dedicated members of the Ripon Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2014 Annual Report.

The purpose of this report is to provide a snapshot of information that affects the safety and security of our community. The information will include crime statistics, traffic enforcement, staffing, budget, and community outreach. Multi-year statistics are provided in many categories to show increases and decreases from prior years.



In 2014 the Police Department continued to refine our policing philosophy and shape our organizational culture to be reflective of the community we serve. The Department continues to progress and evolve by implementing new technologies, accenting existing programs, and furthering community partnerships.

Reported crime remained low; our Uniformed Crime Reporting Part 1 crimes were the second lowest in an eight year period, only slightly above 2010 levels. As reported UCR crime rates fell in 2014, general crime reports remained generally the same as 2013.

Many crimes committed in our community center around alcohol and drug abuse. The department will be focusing on these two key activities to help reduce the overall crime that occurs in our city and for the continued prosperity of our community.

With the many challenges that face Law Enforcement and our community as a whole, it is essential that our staff remains focused and diligent in their duties to serve and protect this community. We accomplish this by staying true to our Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Core Values, and Department Philosophies, that by embracing each of these items we fulfill the oath of our profession and to our citizens.

The Department looks forward to a continuing partnership with the community, only through these partnerships can we maintain the safety and security that make Ripon a special place.

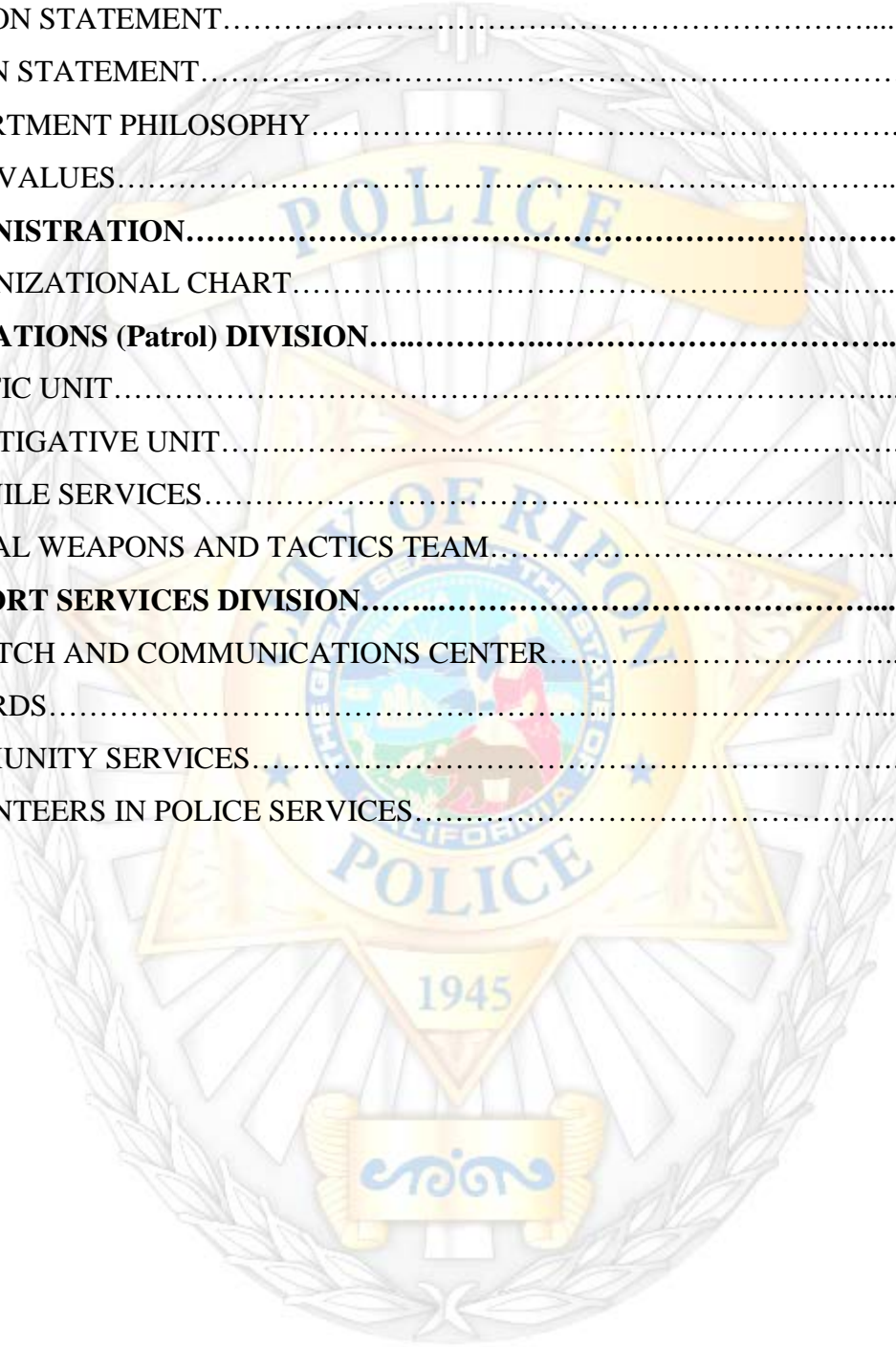
Sincerely,

Edward Ormonde
Chief of Police

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Mission Statement

We, the members of the Ripon Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe secure neighborhoods.

Vision Statement

We, the members of the Ripon Police Department, will be known for providing the highest quality of police services to the people who live, work and visit our City, through proactive policing techniques, community oriented problem solving, and technological innovations.

We will constantly evaluate and improve our efforts to enhance public safety with the goal of improving the quality of life within our community, while at the same time maintaining respect for individual rights and human dignity.

We will be widely recognized for our professionalism, our development of strong community partnerships, and our commitment to create and maintain one of the safest communities in California.

Department Philosophy

The Department developed two basic philosophies to guide staff in their daily duties. It is believed that if we conduct ourselves within these philosophies that we will keep our community safe, and build community partnerships and trust.

Identify Issues

Identify issues within the community and resolve the issue to avoid reoccurrence and gain compliance.

Engage the Community

Make contact with the general public/engage the community.

- Interact with members, groups, businesses within our community.
- Positive encounters, creating opportunities for communication & identification of community issues.
- These encounters can be informative and or/educational.
- Enforcement actions, which help provide a safe and secure community.

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Core Values

The Core Values of Ripon Police Department are intended to guide and inspire us in all we do. Making sure that our values become part of our day-to-day work life is our mandate, and they help to ensure that our personal and professional behavior can be a model for all to follow.

Reverence for the Law

We have been given the honor and privilege of enforcing the law. We must always exercise integrity in the use of the power and authority that have been given to us by the people. Our personal and professional behavior should be a model for all to follow. We will obey and support the letter and spirit of the law.

Service to Our Community

We are dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and the incidence of crime. People in our communities are our most important customers. Our motto, “To Maintain Our Quality of Life” is not just a slogan — it is our way of life. We will work in partnership with the people in our community and do our best, within the law, to solve community problems that effect public safety and the quality of life for our citizenry. We value the diversity of people in both our residential and business communities and serve all with equal dedication.

Integrity in Our Actions Integrity is our standard

We are proud of our profession and will conduct ourselves in a manner that merits the respect of all people. We will demonstrate honest, ethical behavior in all our interactions. Our actions will match our words. We must have the courage to stand up for our beliefs and do what is right. Throughout the ranks, the Ripon Police Department has a long history of integrity and freedom from corruption. Upholding this proud tradition is a challenge we must all continue to meet.

Respect for People

Working with the Ripon Police Department should be challenging and rewarding. Our people are our most important resource. We can best serve the many and varied needs of our community by empowering our employees to fulfill their responsibilities with knowledge, authority, and appropriate discretion. We show concern and empathy for the victims of crime and treat violators of the law with fairness and dignity, but seek prosecution of violators to the fullest extent the law allows. By demonstrating respect for others, we will earn respect for the Ripon Police Department.

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Administration

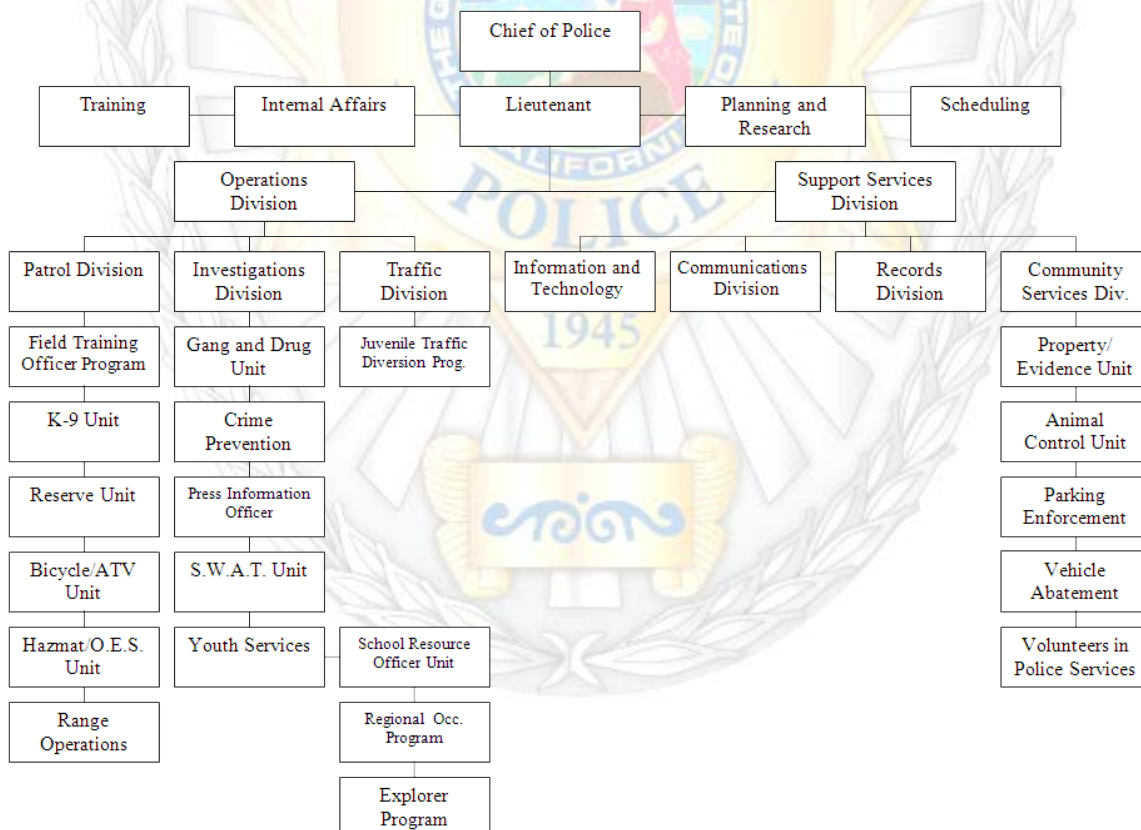
The Office of the Chief is responsible for developing and communicating the vision of the Department. This office plans, organizes, and directs Departmental policies and activities. This office also oversees the Budgetary and Personnel Operations, as well as Internal Affairs, Professional Standards, Public Information Office, and Community Outreach.

The Ripon Police Department is currently fully staffed at Police Officer positions, and has one vacancy in Support Services. This vacancy is with the Emergency Dispatch Center, Dispatcher position.

The Department currently has 23 sworn law enforcement positions. This equates to approximately 1.5 sworn police officers per 1000 residents. The Department also has 1 Reserve Police Officer.

The Department employs 6 Police Dispatchers, 2 Community Service Officers, 1 Information and Technology Administrator, 1 part-time Information and Technology Assistant, 1 part-time Animal Control Officer, and 2 part-time Animal Shelter Helpers.

Ripon Police Department Organizational Chart



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Operations Division

The Operations Division contains many of the recognizable core police services for our community. Uniformed officers respond to emergency calls for help, non-emergency service calls, and stay active with officer initiated activity while patrol our streets on a 24 hours a day, 7 day a week basis. These activities are the basis for developing strong partnerships and protecting the community we serve.

The Operations Division is the larger of the two divisions within the department, and is staffed by 21 sworn personnel, including Sergeants and Patrol Officers. This division's primary function is to provide uniformed patrol services to our city, with the goal of preventing and reducing of crime. The division also encompasses some of the department's specialized units. These specialized units include; Investigations Unit, Crime Prevention, Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Traffic Unit, Youth Services, K-9 Unit, Bicycle/ATV Patrol Unit, and Hazmat Unit.

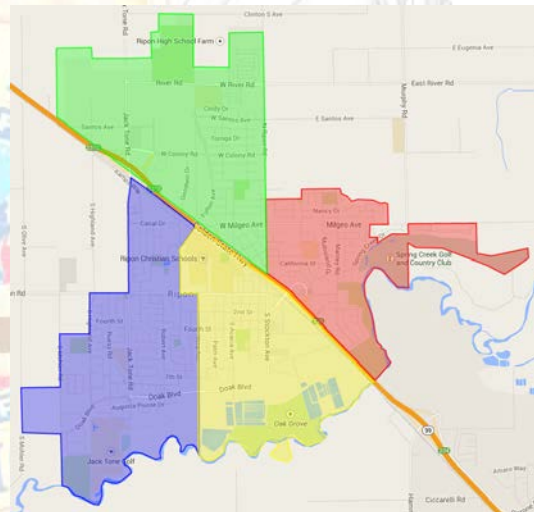
In support of the Department's philosophy of Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS), the City has been split into four geographical areas. Each area is the responsibility of a Patrol Sergeant.

Police officers are assigned to a Sergeant and their "Area of Responsibility." This provides a "team" concept in our efforts to work with the community and to ensure that problems are properly identified and resolved.

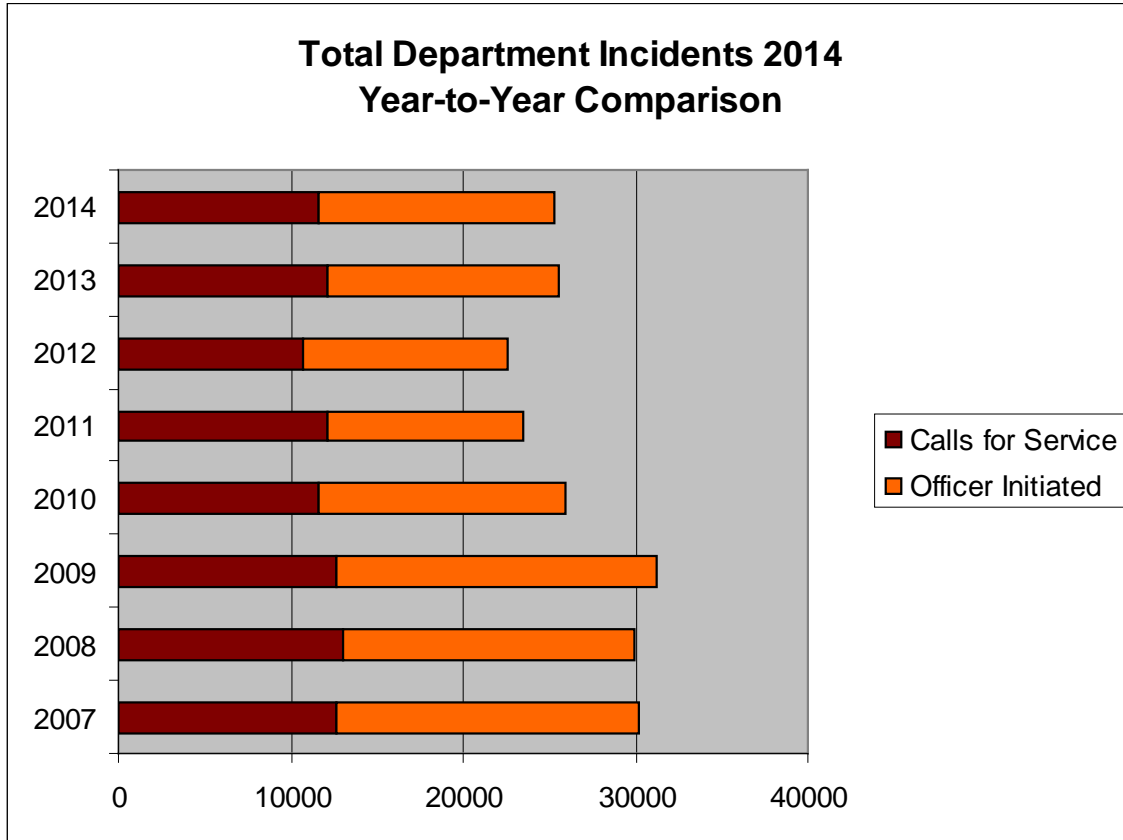
Many other community based programs have been put into place to further our mission and form partnerships; such as Junior Police Academy, Police Explorer Program, Regional Occupational Program, and Youth Police Advisory Committee. The Operations Division takes special pride in notification systems that can also act as a communication line to our community with the following systems; NIXLE, FaceBook, Nextdoor.com, Business Watch, Bank Notification System, and School Notification System.

State of the art technology and software play a significant role in crime prevention and crime reduction, from the previously existing MESH Wireless Camera System, to Fixed License Plate Readers, the department continues to be in the forefront in the use and implementation of advanced technologies to keep our community safe.

The Administration and Operations Division constantly evaluate local crime trends and monitor area criminology to prevent crimes against our community from occurring and solve crimes once they have occurred.



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	Arrests		Assaults		Burglary		Larceny		Auto Theft		Part 1 TOTALS	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
January	67	80	9	9	6	4	21	25	2	3	38	42
February	49	76	13	9	3	1	25	17	2	3	45	31
March	52	93	10	12	3	2	19	9	1	1	33	25
April	65	53	4	6	6	5	24	19	3	0	37	31
May	68	82	7	9	8	2	25	18	1	4	42	33
June	63	83	3	10	6	2	12	23	4	1	27	37
July	74	90	5	6	5	4	17	25	1	2	29	37
August	108	68	9	6	7	3	34	20	1	2	51	33
September	70	71	15	7	9	3	35	22	1	1	60	33
October	63	74	5	12	6	3	22	25	4	0	37	41
November	54	65	7	13	3	0	25	10	1	5	37	29
December	79	94	7	11	5	2	23	12	2	0	37	25
TOTAL	812	929	81	110	67	31	282	225	23	22	473	397

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Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit currently consists of three part-time Motor Officers. The supervising Sergeant and two patrol officers perform traffic enforcement dependant upon staffing levels, specific traffic complaints, and special operations.

The Traffic Unit utilizes one 2006 Honda ST1300 motorcycle, and two 2013 Zero (Electric) motorcycles to conduct enforcement patrols, educational programs, and engage in public outreach.

The primary goal of the Traffic Unit is to increase the safety of our roadways.

Traffic Stops			Moving Citations			Traffic Collisions		
MONTH	2013	2014	MONTH	2013	2014	MONTH	2013	2014
January	291	415	January	101	136	January	7	6
February	332	388	February	135	144	February	6	3
March	309	326	March	118	135	March	9	7
April	328	265	April	102	103	April	4	8
May	350	303	May	137	109	May	5	8
June	391	252	June	163	84	June	6	3
July	234	229	July	65	105	July	5	9
August	315	366	August	106	124	August	5	8
September	315	252	September	88	72	September	1	5
October	347	313	October	119	117	October	8	8
November	303	297	November	88	118	November	8	4
December	330	375	December	141	117	December	3	10
TOTAL	3855	3793	TOTAL	1363	1368	TOTAL	67	79



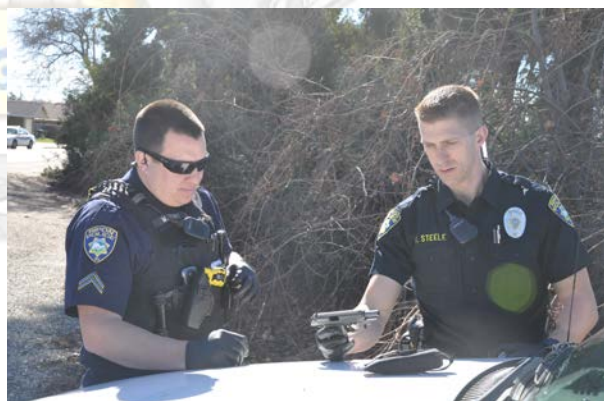
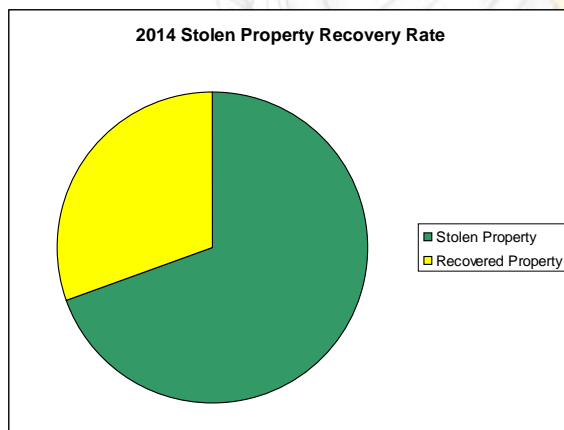
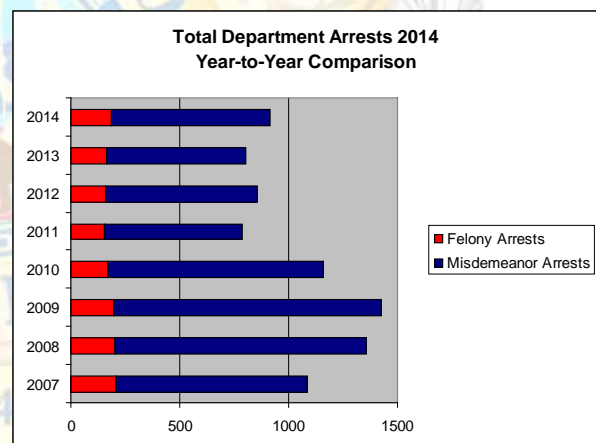
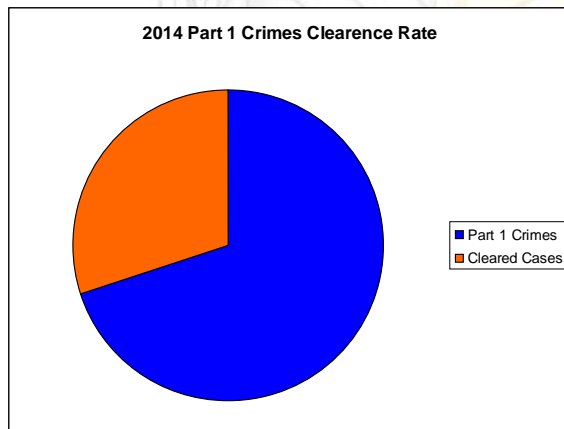
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Investigations Unit

The Ripon Police Department Investigative Unit is made up of Detective(s) who handle all crimes against people and property crimes. The Detective(s) are also responsible for street crimes, which may involve gangs and/or narcotics.

The Investigative Unit is driven by the basic philosophy of conducting initial and follow up investigations for crimes occurring within our jurisdiction. Detectives will proceed with due diligence in evaluating and preparing cases for appropriate clearance or presentation to a prosecutor for filing of criminal charges.

Our department believes that through a proactive and responsive community partnership, the Investigative Unit will be able solve current crimes and prevent future crimes from occurring through aggressive, intense, and thorough investigations.



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Juvenile Services Unit

The Juvenile Services Unit houses the School Resource Officer that is responsible for intervention programs for youth in our community. The SRO works closely with school administrators and other community leaders to foster the best possible relationship with our agency. The department SRO is the only known officer in the state that teaches an accredited ROP class at the high school level.

Also in the department's Juvenile Services Unit are the Police Explorer Program and the Regional Occupational Program, the Junior Police Academy, and the Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program.



Special Weapons and Tactics Team

The department S.W.A.T. Team is a combination team that partners with the Manteca Police Department to form one unit. The team utilizes specialized tactics and equipment in high-risk operations.



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Support Services Division

The Support Services Division is a vital component of the Ripon Police Department and is responsible for much of the behind the scenes work necessary to support visible operations regularly seen by the public. The division is home to various units, including:

Communications/Dispatch Services

The Ripon Police Department handles both land-line and cellular 9-1-1 calls, and these calls can be pinpointed to the exact location of origin to give officers an actual location to respond to.

Cellular calls originating from within the City of Ripon (excluding freeways, where the CHP has jurisdiction) are routed directly to the Ripon Police Department Communication Center. Here, GPS and cellular-carrier equipment gives the police dispatcher the exact latitude and longitude of a caller. These calls can be traced on a map even if the caller is in a car. This technology enables the Ripon Police to respond faster and better.

Records

The Records Unit is responsible for the dissemination and maintenance of all records generated by the Ripon Police Department. This unit also prepares all reports, citations, and criminal complaints for the Court, District Attorney, and Probation Department. Ripon Police Department Crime Statistics are compiled by the Records Unit and submitted to the Department of Justice.

Community Services

The Community Services Unit is responsible for many tasks within the department including Animal Control, Code Enforcement, Property and Evidence Processing, Parking Enforcement, Vehicle Abatement, and assist in much of the internal Administrative processes.

Volunteers

The Volunteers In Police Services or VIPS as they are commonly known, are citizens over the age of 18, who donate their time to assist the Police Department in a variety of areas. These generous citizens enhance the Department's ability to serve the community and are a vital part of the Police Department.

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