

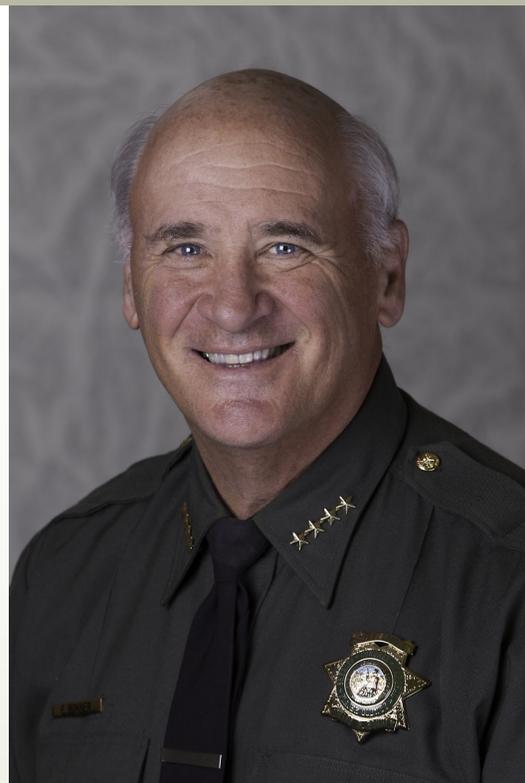
PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



2014 Annual Report

Edward N. Bonner
Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal

MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF BONNER



As we present the 2014 Annual Report it is difficult not to focus on the tragic last few months of the year past - the murder of Detective Mike Davis, in the line of duty, followed by the unexpected loss of Deputy Mike Bennett and jail Administrative Legal Clerk Karen Garland. These three tragedies in rapid succession proved to be an incredible test of the dedication and resilience of the men and women of the Placer County Sheriff's Office.

It has taken me some time to be able to look at the organization before these events and then to look to the future. 2014 was the year I celebrated my 40th year as a member of the Sheriff's Office. February 11, 1974, fresh out of college, Sheriff Bill Scott gave me a chance and hired me as a deputy sheriff. Over the last four decades I have witnessed incredible changes in technology, training, tactics and the economy. I have witnessed economic booms and economic downturns.

Last year I began to see our local economy rebound as we were able to open up the new South Placer Jail. We continue to have great success in recruiting and hiring new employees. Our office has become an employee destination, and I am so proud of all the people here doing this tough job.

Last year, Undersheriff Devon Bell successfully completed his master's degree in Homeland Security from the prestigious Naval Post Graduate School. More than 5,000 people applied nationwide; only 32 were selected and only 26 completed the rigorous course work. This is quite an accomplishment!

I have had a great deal of time to reflect on our tragedies and look forward to our future. Any one of the aforementioned events would rock any agency, and we were dealt a powerful blow. As we collectively worked our way through our grief, I saw the organization grow stronger, not weaker. We became more caring about each other and those we proudly serve. I witnessed a continued but re-energized commitment to duty. I then realized that this organization had been built for success prior to the challenges. We have great people, great leadership and law enforcement partners, and a caring community that helped us move forward.

Providing public safety to a community is a team sport and I want to thank each member of the Board of Supervisors for their continued support for the mission of the Sheriff's Office and its employees. My personal thanks to our CEO David Boesch, his staff and our law enforcement partners. But most of all, my heartfelt thanks to this amazing community we call Placer County.

Mike Davis's brother Jason is a sergeant here with the Sheriff's Office. At Mike's funeral he thanked the community for their overwhelming love, support and kindness. He said that the community was worthy of his brother's sacrifice. Now well into 2015 it is an honor to continue to serve and strive to be worthy of our community.

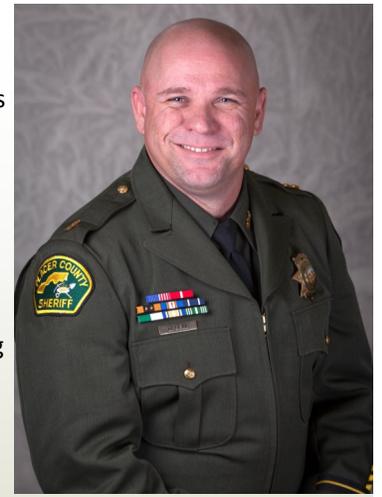
MESSAGE FROM UNDERSHERIFF BELL

It is our pleasure to present the 2014 Annual Report. First off, I would like to extend my thanks to the folks that endeavored to compile this report. Their dedication is reflected in the quality of this document. Additionally, I would like to thank the men and women of the Sheriff's Office who contribute to public safety and the quality of life we enjoy in Placer County. I state with emphatic pride that we have a great team.

2014 was a year of soaring heights and profound tragedy and sadness. We continued to invest in our community through a philosophy of community oriented policing. We recognize that policing is something we do "with" our community and not "to" our community. We continued to emphasize building relationships and trust while offering a high level of service. Programs such as the Community Awareness Academy, the Youth Awareness Academy, and National Night Out foster a sense of understanding and partnership with our community. Policing is only effective in collaboration with the community.

This trust and partnership were never more apparent than in the days following the tragic loss of Deputy Mike Davis who paid the ultimate sacrifice in protecting the community he loved. While we were still grieving, we lost two other members of our family when Deputy Mike Bennett and Admin Legal Clerk Karen Garland both unexpectedly passed away. Our sheriff's family was devastated and, as we drew together in our grief, became aware of the support, love and affection our community has for us. At a time of our deepest sadness, our community stood beside us and helped us move towards healing. Their support will never be forgotten.

As we look forward to the challenges and opportunities of 2015, it is with a renewed spirit of collaboration. We recognize that Placer County is a special place and we will continue to strive to maintain it as a safe place to live, work and visit.



Sheriff's Command Staff

Sheriff Edward N. Bonner

Undersheriff Devon Bell



FIELD OPERATIONS

YOUTH CITIZEN'S AWARENESS ACADEMY

The Placer County Sheriff's Office hosted its first-ever Youth Citizen's Academy on two consecutive Saturdays in July, 2014. The youth program, modeled after our popular Citizen's Awareness Academy, had 26 attendees between the ages of 12-17.

During the two-day experience, attendees were treated to presentations and tours from the following divisions: patrol, investigations, evidence, K9, training, bomb squad, boat patrol, search & rescue, dispatch, Special Enforcement Team and the jail.

The overall goal of this academy is to provide young adults with an interest in law enforcement the opportunity to see how the sheriff's office functions, and offer insight into what a career in law enforcement entails.

OHV GRANT

In the spring of 2014, the Placer County Sheriff's Office hit the trails from Auburn to Lake Tahoe with new vehicles supplied by a grant from California State Parks, Off-Highway Vehicle Division. The \$100,000 grant money covered the cost of the two Kawasaki Teryx off-road vehicles, plus training and salaries. Deputies go out in pairs, traveling in previously hard-to-patrol areas, looking for law-breakers and those using the trails improperly. Education is another important component of the grant - deputies will be at public events with their vehicle, talking about maintaining trails for safety and environmental reasons. Local trail users can expect to see deputies at the Mammoth Bar OHV park near Auburn, and the Tahoe vehicle will frequent the Rubicon Trail - both areas that are seeing growing use. PCSO is happy to partner with State Parks to keep the trails safe and open to everyone.



Deputy Mark Bracco, left, demonstrates a disrupter to Youth Citizen Academy attendees.



Deputies trained on the new off-road vehicles at Prairie City OHV Park in Sacramento.

SHERIFF'S DIVE TEAM

With historically low water levels at Folsom Lake in January, 2014, the Placer County Sheriff Office's dive team, pictured at right, was asked to search the lake's murky bottom for a plane that had crashed there with three passengers on Jan. 1, 1965. The team assisted the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office by using high-tech tools: the side-scan sonar and the robot. Despite several days of tedious searching, the plane and the remains of three people that may still be inside were not located.





PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING

In June 2014, the Placer County Sheriff's Office created a full-time deputy position to deal with chronic crime problems in the north Auburn area.

The problem-oriented policing (POP) deputy is a specialized position created to deal with a range of community problems and crime prevention. That includes dealing with homeless and transient-related issues that have become prevalent in north Auburn.

The POP position allows the deputy more time to deal with these issues, while building partnerships with business owners, property owners, and members of the community. The deputy takes a proactive and concentrated focus on solving problems relating to chronic crime and nuisance complaints.

The POP position partners with various agencies to problem-solve these issues. Those agencies include the Auburn Police Department; Placer County Code Enforcement, Planning Department and building inspectors; Cal Fire arson investigators and other fire departments; Children's Services; the District Attorney's Office; and Placer County Probation Department and State Parole agents. The deputy also works with PG&E, PCWA, Nevada Irrigation District, Auburn Recreation District and business and homeowners' associations.

PLACER ALERT

In August of 2014, the Placer County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with all public safety agencies in this county, plus Sacramento and Yolo counties, launched a state-of-the-art community notification system to alert residents of emergency events and other important public safety information. This system provides critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as criminal activity, severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods. By logging onto www.Placer-Alert.org, residents can enter up to five addresses. If there is any activity in the vicinity of those addresses, notification is sent. The current database includes only traditional "land line" telephone numbers, but if residents want the system to send alerts via text message or email, contact information must be provided by logging into the system and signing up for alerts.

COLFAX STATION

In 2014, our Colfax substation moved to spacious new quarters after many years of working in 380 square-feet of space inside Colfax City Hall.



Sgt. Ty Conners, and the deputies he oversees in our contract city of Colfax, are operating out of the new office, although it's far from finished. The 2,000 square-foot building, located at the corner of Grass Valley and Culver streets, was once used as a courthouse before being vacated years ago. Once completed, there will be a briefing room, workout space, three small offices, a small kitchen and an evidence room.

Sgt. Conners has made the renovations a community project: The Colfax Garden Club will landscape the exterior; Colfax High School students are building a table for the briefing room with railroad ties and a glass, shadow-box top; and Placer County Museums is providing historical items.

The substation is staffed by volunteers, but when they're not available and the office is closed, there is a phone on the outside of the building that connects directly to our 911-dispatch center in Auburn.



NORTH LAKE TAHOE STATION

In July of 2014, Captain Jeffrey Ausnow, the North Lake Tahoe station commander, retired after 27 years of service. Ausnow held a variety of assignments during his career, capping it off in Tahoe for the last four years. Captain Dennis Walsh took over Tahoe command and has continued some of the ongoing projects that Ausnow had started.



The projects on Tahoe's punch list include replacement of the Tahoe Marine Patrol boat. The boat, called Marine 6, delivers law enforcement and public safety services on the busy waters of Lake Tahoe. Also on Captain Walsh's list is upgrading the mobile communications vehicle. This vehicle serves as the platform to support the many search and rescue operations that occur in the Tahoe basin. The van provides radio support in challenging geography where normal radio systems are inoperable, serves as the incident command post and carries critical gear needed to support rapid deployment and coordination of Search and Rescue volunteers working in dangerous conditions.



Additionally, throughout 2014, the Tahoe Station staff engaged in community outreach programs and services that insure our community receives a high quality of service from their law enforcement professionals.

On December 11, 2014, our North Lake Tahoe Station dealt with an unusual storm that had surfers flocking to the normally placid lake, shown at right. The storm was predicted to bring massive amounts of snow and rain, which didn't materialize.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



Placer County Sheriff's Dispatcher Erica McNamara started a 911 Education Program a few years ago and the program has been so successful that it's going to reach many more students in the near future.

Last year, Erica visited 17 schools in the unincorporated areas of the county and presented to more than 2,000 kindergarteners and second-graders. The program has been so successful that the schools have asked her to expand the program next year to include kindergarten, second-, fourth-, sixth- and eighth-grade classes.

The presentation is about 45 minutes long and reviews how to dial 911 on different phones (specifically the difference between cell phones and landlines), the types of questions the dispatcher will ask and the types of incidents that you can dial 911 for. When a deputy is available, they also visit with the kids. If the school is in an area of a fire department that we provide dispatch services for, the firemen come along, too.

CORRECTIONS DIVISION

TRANSPORTATION UNIT

With the opening of the South Placer Jail in May, 2014, inmate transportation needs changed greatly. Now, there must be tracking between both jail facilities and court transports, medical visits, prison runs and more. Overall, all of the 2014 numbers increased in all categories from 2013.

- Traveled 178,066 miles – 38,361 more miles than 2013
- Transported 5,796 inmates – 905 more than 2013
- 456 medical appointment transports – 65 more than 2013
- 3,046 Inmates from AMJ to BSJC
- 230 inmates from AMJ to Historic Court – 41 more than 2013
- 304 inmates from SPJ to various courts in Placer County
- 736 inmates to or from county jails – 138 more than 2013
- 444 inmates to or from prisons – 68 more than 2013
- 488 inmates classification moves AMJ to SPJ
- 84 inmates classification moves SPJ to AMJ
- 31 extraditions – 12 more than 2013
- 16 Eagle II transports – 2 less than 2013
- 15 inmates transported to a state hospital facility
- 24 inmates transported from a state hospital facility

BSJC= Bill Santucci Justice Center (South Placer Court)

AMJ = Auburn Main Jail

SPJ = South Placer Jail



In June of 2014, the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF) began operations and housed inmates in the facility. Due in large part to the hard work of the SPACF transition team, administration and line staff, the transition has been pretty seamless. The foresight of

the administration and Board of Supervisors to construct this facility played a pivotal role in helping the county fulfill its public safety mission, especially since AB 109 legislation, commonly referred to as “realignment,” became effective. It’s no secret AB 109 legislation placed a large burden on county jails and Placer County was no exception. Line staff is dealing with more sophisticated and dangerous inmates, who are serving longer sentences in county jail. The state-of-the-art technology (recorded cameras, recorded intercoms, computer system, etc.), housing design (celled housing) and operational design (minimal inmate movement) within SPACF has created a safer and more secure facility as well as a deterrent for inmate misconduct.

Current Status: SPACF is operating in phase 1, which consists of Housing Unit 2 and minimum security. Housing Unit 2 has four pods and each pod contains 15 cells, which can house two inmates per cell, for a total of 30 inmates per pod and a total of 120 inmates for all four pods. As of February 2015, there were a total of 100 inmates in the four pods in Housing Unit 2. There are an additional 120 beds in the dorm-style setting at the minimum security facility, which is separated into two separate dorms. As of February 2015, there were 107 inmates housed there.

Next Phase: Future occupancy expansion in Housing Unit 1 and 3 at SPACF is tentatively scheduled for January of 2016. This expansion will open an additional 180 beds. Future occupancy expansion also includes opening our medical unit of 44 beds to address the expected impact of future long-term care. To date, Placer County’s longest jail sentence is 9 years. Booking is scheduled to begin operations at SPACF in July of 2016.



A CELEBRATION

40 YEARS OF SERVICE

In February, Sheriff Ed Bonner was recognized for his 40 years of public service to the Placer County Sheriff's Office with a luncheon at the Auburn Justice Center. Friends, family and co-workers – current and retired – came to honor the sheriff.



Retirees Larry Webdell and Johnny Smith reminisced about old times while honoring Sheriff Ed Bonner.



RECOGNITION



Lt. John Poretti, right, presented Detective Bryan Mattison with his award.

DETECTIVE BRYAN MATTISON

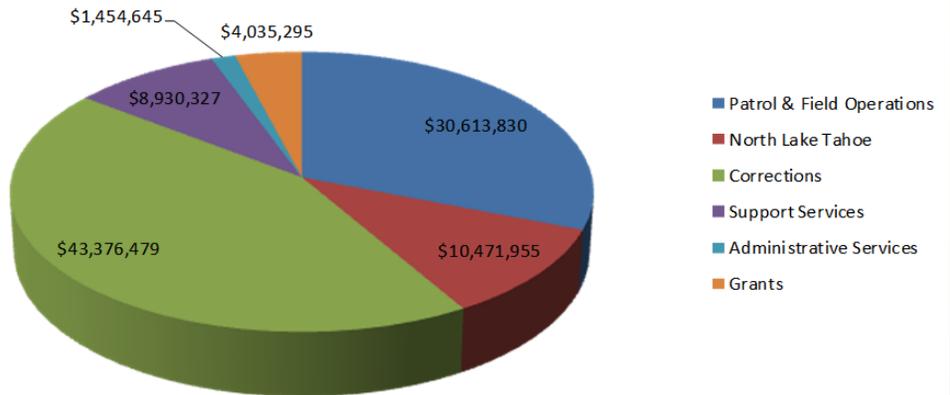
Over the course of several months in mid-2014, Detective Bryan Mattison created and implemented the PCSO online predator program. Bryan took it upon himself to coordinate with other Special Operations detectives and implement a program to catch sexual predators who were soliciting minors in Placer County. On several occasions, the suspects agreed to meet with someone they believed to be a minor. With the assistance of other detectives, numerous suspects have been apprehended and incarcerated through the efforts of this program. Bryan completed these investigations on top of his normal case load. After an arrest was made, the Sheriff's Office posted information on the arrests on our Facebook page and the public support was overwhelming, and showed much appreciation for the progressive work to remove these "predators" from our community.

BY THE NUMBERS

FY 2013-14 Actual Expenditures

SHERIFF'S ANNUAL BUDGET

- Corrections = 44%
- Patrol & Field Operations = 31%
- North Lake Tahoe = 11%
- Support Services = 9%
- Grants = 4%
- Administrative Services = 1%



Total Expenditures = \$98,882,531

ARRESTS

In 2014, a total of **3,477** arrests were made by the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Of those, 1,467 were misdemeanor arrests and 2,010 were felony arrests. Total arrests are broken down as follows:

- 253 domestic violence
- 1,196 crimes against persons
- 598 property crimes
- 740 drug offenses
- 323 driving under the influence
- 264 public order offenses
- 103 traffic related

CALLS FOR SERVICE

- In 2014, the Dispatch Services Unit handled a total of **98,679** calls for service. This is an increase of 25,990 calls over last year. It was an average of 372 calls per day, and an average of 8,223 calls per month.
- In 2014, deputies responded to a total of **73,561** calls for service. This is an average of 278 responses per day, and an average of 6,130 per month. Total responses also increased from 2013 by 14,244.

PCSO VOLUNTEERS

In 2014, 61 Placer County Sheriff's volunteers logged a total of **5,102** hours. Some of our volunteers are pictured at right.



IN MEMORIAM



DETECTIVE MICHAEL DAVIS, JR.

On October 24, 2014, Placer County Sheriff's Detective Michael D. Davis, Jr., was killed in the line of duty. Mike heard that a man wanted for killing a Sacramento County deputy sheriff that morning was in the Auburn area and he didn't hesitate to respond from his office in Investigations. Mike was shot once by the suspect, who was later taken into custody. Mike succumbed to his injuries a short time later.

Our community responded in a big, big way and gave us all a great deal of strength – and we needed it. It took an enormous toll on us to have to bury one of our own. We had not lost a deputy in the line of duty in nearly 30 years. Mike is survived by his wife Jessica, who works for the Sheriff's Office, his two daughters, his brother, Sgt. Jason Davis, and Jessica's two young children.

On November 5, Mike was laid to rest in the Newcastle Cemetery following a beautiful service at Bayside Church in Roseville. Thousands of peace officers from around the state and beyond came to offer their condolences. As the funeral procession drove from the church to the cemetery, we were all moved to see the entire student body from Del Oro High School lined up along the roadway, holding American flags and handmade signs offering their support.



DEPUTY MICHAEL BENNETT

Sadly, while we were still mourning the loss of Mike Davis, Deputy Michael Bennett died in his sleep on Nov. 22, 2014. Mike Bennett was the School Resource Officer for Del Oro High School in Loomis. He was a well-loved member of this department, and he had truly found his niche as an SRO. Mike was a great asset to the students and staff alike at Del Oro. His presence is greatly missed. In a tribute to Mike in the 2014-2015 Del Oro High School yearbook, Principal Dan Gayaldo wrote these beautiful words about his friend Mike Bennett:

"Del Oro is a better place because of Mike. He was a connector, and I was jealous of how easy he made it seem to get students, and adults, to open up and feel comfortable around him. He was more than just a friend and counselor to the students, staff, and parents that came through our office. Above all he was a teacher. Whether it was poetry, photography, advice on how to become a police officer, diffusing a situation with an angry adult, or interrogating a witness, Mike somehow found a way to teach, no matter what the situation."



Deputy Mike Bennett

Born 03-23-66

Died 11-22-14

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- Principal Dan Gayaldo

SHERIFF'S CORE VALUES

We will constantly strive to meet the highest standards of **honesty** and **integrity**.

We have **pride** in ourselves and take **ownership** of our work.

All Sheriff's Office members will treat each other with **dignity, courtesy, and respect**, regardless of position or assignment. This leads to identical treatment of the public we serve.

We are **involved** in our **community** and seek to become a part of the world we serve.

We will achieve **professional** performance through continual **training, education, and commitment** to our duties.

Management and subordinates are mutually **accountable** for their performance.

There will be no tolerance for criminal misconduct by Sheriff's Office members, on or off-duty. Such conduct will **consistently** be presented for legal review.

SHERIFF'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Placer County Sheriff's Office is to maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure our county is a safe place to live, work and visit.

This will be accomplished through safeguarding individual liberties, building community partnerships, preventing crime and resolving those crimes that do occur.

We are also responsible for the professional care and custody of those confined within our jail facilities. Other duties include those of marshal, security of the courts and efficient investigation of coroner cases.

We are committed to this mission and conduct our responsibilities toward a goal of excellence and with dedication to the community we serve.



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