2013 Annual Report

Placer County Sheriff’s Office
Message from Sheriff Bonner

It is my pleasure to present to the community the Placer County Sheriff’s Office Annual Report for 2013. I sit in an interesting position as this document is being prepared. Not only am I able to look back on the last year of service by the men and women of this office, I have the unique perspective to look back on the last 40 years of my time with the Placer County Sheriff’s Office. We have come a long way, baby!

As I wrote this, I reflected on the advances in science, technology and training, all of which have improved the talent of the men and women who serve you and the tools with which we can equip them.

This last year has seen innovative technologies as well as social media used by this office to get critical information to the community as well as solve crimes. We are in the third year of re-aligning jail-prison services in the State, commonly referred to as AB109. During this last year, we have moved forward with our efforts to open the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF). Also, we continue to work closely with our public safety partners, especially Placer County Probation and Health and Human Services, on the best way to manage the realigned inmate population. Working collaboratively and using evidence-based practices, we decide who stays in custody and which inmates may benefit from a wide variety of programs or treatment options designed to break the cycle of criminality.

I also want to thank County Executive Officer David Boesch and his staff, as well as the Board of Supervisors, for their continued support as we work together to continue to provide the highest level of service and community engagement.

As I look back on my career of more than 40 years, the one constant requirement to success is a dedicated and caring employee. As we present this report I can assure you that the men and women who serve you in this office in a wide variety of assignments are among the best I have ever seen. It is truly my honor and privilege to serve as the Sheriff of Placer County and I extend my thanks to each and every one of our staff for a job well done.

Office of the Undersheriff

As we present the 2013 Annual Report, I first want to thank the men and women who worked hard putting the document together. Their hard work is reflected in the construct and flow of this document and their effort is appreciated. Next I want to thank the men and women of the Sheriff’s Office whose effort and dedication to service is reflected not only in the content of these pages, but in their actions on a daily basis. I also wish to thank our County Board of Supervisors and County Executive Office for their continued commitment to public safety.

2013 was an exciting year filled with challenges and opportunities, none of which was more significant than adjusting to public safety realignment. Our staff has taken on this challenge on the street and in our correctional facilities. As the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility begins accepting prisoners, we believe we will be well positioned to address realignment for years to come. The new facility has a modern booking room, kitchen, and medical unit. Most importantly, it will have appropriate cells to handle sophisticated inmates and classroom space to offer opportunities for them to take classes and develop skills to truly reduce recidivism.

Our team looks forward to the challenges ahead. We will strive to develop relationships with our community, work hard, train hard, and continue to make Placer County a safe place to live, work, and visit.
What Kept Us Busy In 2013

CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2013, the Dispatch Services Unit handled a total of 72,689 calls for service. That is a daily average of 199 calls, and a monthly average of 6,057 calls.

- 95.2% of 911 calls were answered within 10 seconds, exceeding the state standard of 90%.
- Dispatchers processed a total of 254,410 incoming and outgoing telephone calls, which includes over 39,000 911 calls.

In 2013, deputies responded to a total of 59,317 calls for service. This is an average of 163 responses per day, and an average of 4,943 responses per month.

THE RIM FIRE

In late August, PCSO was called on to assist with devastating wildfires in Stanislaus and Tuolomne counties, which raged for weeks. Pictured at left, Deputies Nick Holtz, Eric Lopin, Jeff Carmody, Glenn McNama, Martin Ervin, and Sergeant Bill Walton prepare to leave for the Rim Fire to help with road closures and evacuations. Pictured at right, Deputies Eric Lopin, left, and Nick Holtz, right, receive thanks from Tuolumne County Sheriff James Mele.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE STATION

Our Lake Tahoe patrol boat, Marine 6, is staffed by two full-time deputies from mid-May to mid-September. Marine 6 is in the water year-round and will respond to water emergencies as needed. In 2013, Marine 6 spent 50 days on the water. During that time, deputies performed 214 compliance checks, to make sure boaters had the correct number of life vests vs. occupants, fire extinguishers, proper lighting, proper fume venting, etc. They did 248 “traffic stops” with either citations or warnings issued. Marine deputies supervised 10 major events, such as paddleboard, kayak and swimming races. They had eight documented rescues, which included saving sailboats from blowing toward danger, to recovering drowning victims, to assisting capsized boaters.

LAKE TAHOE IRONMAN

PCSO’s North Lake Tahoe station provided a safe and secure atmosphere for the Lake Tahoe Ironman event in late September. More than 2,500 competitors and approximately 75,000 visitors filled the north shore area for the weekend.
**Investigations**

While the Sheriff’s Office has been using social media for several years, in 2013 it became an effective crime-fighting tool. Detectives who had surveillance photos from residential and commercial burglaries began posting those photos on our Facebook and Twitter pages, asking for the public’s help in identifying them. In most instances, detectives were tipped off to the suspects’ identity within hours.

**Arrests**

In 2013, a total of 3,185 arrests were made. Of those, 1,331 were misdemeanor arrests and 1,854 were felony arrests. Total arrests are broken down as follows:

- 274 domestic violence
- 1,101 crimes against persons
- 501 property crimes
- 669 drug offenses
- 296 DUI
- 254 public order offenses
- 90 traffic related

**California State Sheriffs’ Association**

In June, the Placer County Sheriff’s Office hosted the California State Sheriffs’ Association’s 119th annual conference. Sheriff Ed Bonner, who is serving his fifth term as sheriff and is a past CSSA president, was the host of the conference. His staff worked for two years on this undertaking to ensure an informative and memorable event. The conference was headquartered at the Resort at Squaw Creek, a full-service resort at the base of Squaw Valley, site of the 1960 Winter Olympics. The week kicked off with a welcome reception, where California sheriffs, seconds-in-command, spouses, guests, sponsors and others gathered to network and foster relationships that further statewide crime-fighting efforts.

At the final evening’s event, Governor Jerry Brown served as the keynote speaker. Placer County was honored to share its beauty, bounty and history. Many attendees commented that our staff was welcoming, friendly and engaging. We hope it was a memorable and educational experience and that everyone will come back and visit.
2013 was a busy year for the South Placer Adult Correctional Facility (SPACF). With countless hours of hard work, the SPACF transition team has the facility set to be operational in June 2014. The original designed capacity of the jail was 390 inmates. In an effort to accommodate the anticipated county growth and continued impact of AB109, 30 single-occupancy cells were converted into double-bunk cells. Making this change during the construction phase made operational and financial sense. These additional 30 bunks allow more flexibility with inmate classifications during phase one opening. Phase one of occupancy will see the closing of the Minimum Security barracks in Auburn and all 120 male inmate workers transferred to SPACF barracks. In addition, a housing unit will be opened and an additional 90 inmates, plus 30 female inmate workers will be transferred from Auburn.

Future occupancy expansion at SPACF will open an additional 180 beds, plus a modern medical unit of 44 beds to address the expected impact of future long-term inmate care due to realignment. To date, Placer County’s longest county jail sentence is nine years.

### INMATE CAPACITY

Phase One of SPACF will provide an increase of 80 beds. This allows for 486 inmates at the Auburn Jail, 240 inmates at the South Placer facility, for a total of 726 inmates system-wide.

### IMPACTS OF REALIGNMENT

**AB109**

In 2013, a total of 1,119 “nons” (non-serious, non-violent and non-sexual offenders) and parole violators were in custody in the Auburn Jail. The total jail impact since implementation of AB109 (October 2011) is 1,400 persons that, prior to realignment, would have served their time in state prison.

During the second full year of realignment, PTA’s = 1,689; Early Releases = 644; Combined unserved time = 6,178 days early (or 16.9 years)

**Average Daily Population**

The Average Daily Population (ADP) of the Auburn Jail for 2013 was 630. This is another large increase from 2012, when the ADP was 598. These increases were expected with the impact of realignment.
CORRECTIONS SUPPORT UNIT

This unit consists of 39 employees at the two correctional facilities. Individuals are assigned to the Administrative Office, Court Liaison Office, Accounting Office, and Inmate Services. Their job duties range from customer service to warrants; maintaining booking files to scheduling court appearances; processing inmate funds to notarizing documents for inmates; and inmate commissary to provide items to inmates for their daily needs.

Warrants Unit

The Placer County Jail Warrants Unit is the central warrant repository for all of Placer County. In 2013, the Warrants Unit entered a total of 7,655 warrants into our local system, and 4,861 warrants into the Department of Justice’s Wanted Persons System.

A total of 2,265 warrant attempt services were sent to agencies outside Placer County, and 2,046 were sent to Placer County law enforcement agencies. We mailed 4,660 warrant notification letters to defendants advising them of their warrants. A total of 412 warrants were posted in the Most Wanted section of our website and/or the Auburn Journal newspaper. We began tracking the warrants listed on the Placer County Sheriff’s Hot Sheet report that was provided to Placer County Sheriff’s deputies in June 2013. Since June 2013, 1,040 warrants were listed on this report. We placed warrant holds with outside agencies on 2,822 warrants.

In 2013, a total of 4,674 warrants were cleared:

- 1,728 promise to appear were issued
- 2,745 warrants were cleared because the individual was booked into the Placer County Jail
- 189 bails were posted with outside agencies
- 12 warrants were cleared because the individual was determined to be deceased

The Placer County Trial Court recalled 2,958 warrants.
In 2013, Community Services brought in new School Resource Officers to our local high schools. Deputy Natalie Parks took over as the Chana High SRO, Deputy Ryan Owens took over as the Colfax High SRO, and Shayne Wright took over as the Community Outreach Deputy. Also, our three Community Services Officers are now assigned about eight elementary schools each. They are responsible for going to these schools several times each month to interact with the staff, the kids, and offer different programs. The reason behind this is to assist the two elementary SRO’s who are responsible for 28 schools between the two of them. Adding the CSO’s has given the Sheriff’s Office more face time in each school to build bonds with children.

Also in 2013, community services officers coordinated another successful National Night Out. For the 5th year in a row, the Placer County Sheriff’s Office was honored for hosting one of the best National Night Out events in the U.S., placing twelfth, just behind much larger jurisdictions like Los Angeles County and Minneapolis, Minn.

For the second year in a row, the Youth Services Unit received a $100,000 grant to combat the sales and furnishing of alcohol to minors. Around 150 arrests and citations for sales and furnishing alcohol to minors, possession of weapons, and illegal drugs resulted from the operations conducted under this grant.

Public Safety Dispatcher Erica McNamara, our 911 Education Coordinator, presented the 911 Education Program to 80 K-3 classrooms countywide. The presentations reached approximately 2,000 elementary school students.
The Placer Sheriff’s Activities League (PSAL) was launched in 2013 and is now run by Deputy Shayne Wright of Youth and Community Services. This program has been a huge success and a hit with the public. The mission of PSAL is to unite Sheriff’s Office personnel, citizens and youth of Placer County in the pursuit and implementation of initiatives that will reduce crime, better the lives of area residents and enhance the community through action and collaboration with its partners. More information about PSAL can be found at www.placersal.com.

Pictured at right, several deputies came to celebrate with the kids at PSAL for the basketball tournament presentation.

In Memoriam

Former Sheriff Bill Scott’s funeral was held April 12 in Auburn. During his tenure, from 1965 to 1979, Sheriff Scott revolutionized the Placer County Sheriff’s Office by adopting formalized “beats” and integrating radio communications into the patrol division. He also was sheriff when PCSO took over coroner duties in the county. Pictured at left, Sheriff Bonner speaks at the funeral; at right, Sheriff Bonner salutes the American flag presented by the Placer County Honor Guard.

In January 2013, PCSO was honored to coordinate the arrival of the United States Honor Flag, which flew over Ground Zero, and now drapes the coffin of every fallen officer or firefighter in the U.S. The flag arrived at the Sacramento International Airport for the funeral of Galt Police Officer Kevin Tonn. Tonn’s close friend and fellow Galt officer, pictured here, took possession of the flag from the airline captain and personally delivered it to the funeral home.
**Sheriff’s Budget**

**FY 2012-13 Actual Expenditures**

- **Mid & So Placer Patrol-Prev**: $4,066,374
- **N Lake Tahoe Patrol-Prev**: $610,802
- **Corrections**: $37,947,473
- **Support Services**: $10,081,479
- **Admin Serv/Grants**: $30,519,388
- **Fund 111 Pass Through***: $8,511,589

**Total Budget = $91,737,105**

**Recruiting & Hiring**

In December, three recruits graduated from the Sacramento Police Academy. Pictured from left are Undersheriff Devon Bell, Deputies Matt Spencer, Samantha Scott, Allyson Prero, and Sheriff Ed Bonner at the graduation ceremony. All three recruits did very well at the academy; Spencer finished second in the class overall and Prero finished third. Spencer was also selected as the most inspirational recruit and received plaques for outstanding achievement in both firearms and fitness. They made PCSO proud!

**Volunteer Services**

In fiscal year 2012/13, Placer County Sheriff’s volunteers worked a total of **5,843** hours. Pictured at right, the volunteers attend a training class at the Auburn Justice Center.
Employee Recognition

In November, the Placer County Sheriff’s Corrections Classification Unit received the Auburn Elks Lodge #1691 Public Safety Award. From left, Correctional Sergeant Brian Paris, Correctional Officers Eric Reinhardt, James Corry, and Justin Williams were recognized at a dinner at the lodge. The Classification Unit has met the challenges of realignment while making sure public safety was the number one priority.

In August, Detective Matt Hardcastle received recognition from the United States Postal Service for his participation in Operation Broken Mailbox, which was a nationally coordinated operation to combat mail theft. Detective Hardcastle received positive comments regarding his willingness to go beyond what was expected. As a direct result of his efforts, 22 arrests and 33 searches were executed during the operation, as well as the identification of 78 priority suspects, 2,115 victims, and losses totaling nearly $400,000.

Placer County Sheriff’s Deputies Eric Hintze and Gregg Hopping were honored with “California Hero” awards in Sacramento at the statewide Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) ceremony in April. Hintze was the top PCSO DUI enforcement deputy. Hopping was the only law enforcement officer in California to be awarded the MADD award for his role in combating underage drinking by arresting those who furnished alcoholic beverages to minors. All deputies continue to keep the county and state roadways safe from these dangerous drivers. In 2013, our deputies were responsible for removing 311 impaired drivers from our roadways. Pictured at the ceremony in Sacramento are, from left, Lieutenant Andrew Scott, Deputy Eric Hintze, Sergeant Robert Dellinger, Deputy Gregg Hopping and Lieutenant Darrell Steinhauer.

At our 2013 swearing-in ceremony, two generations were recognized. At left, Deputy Jessica Morrill pins a sergeant badge on her father, Sgt. Steve Morrill, At right, new Correctional Officer Cody Watt receives his badge from Sheriff Bonner. Cody is the son of Chief Deputy Coroner Dennis Watt.
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.

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.