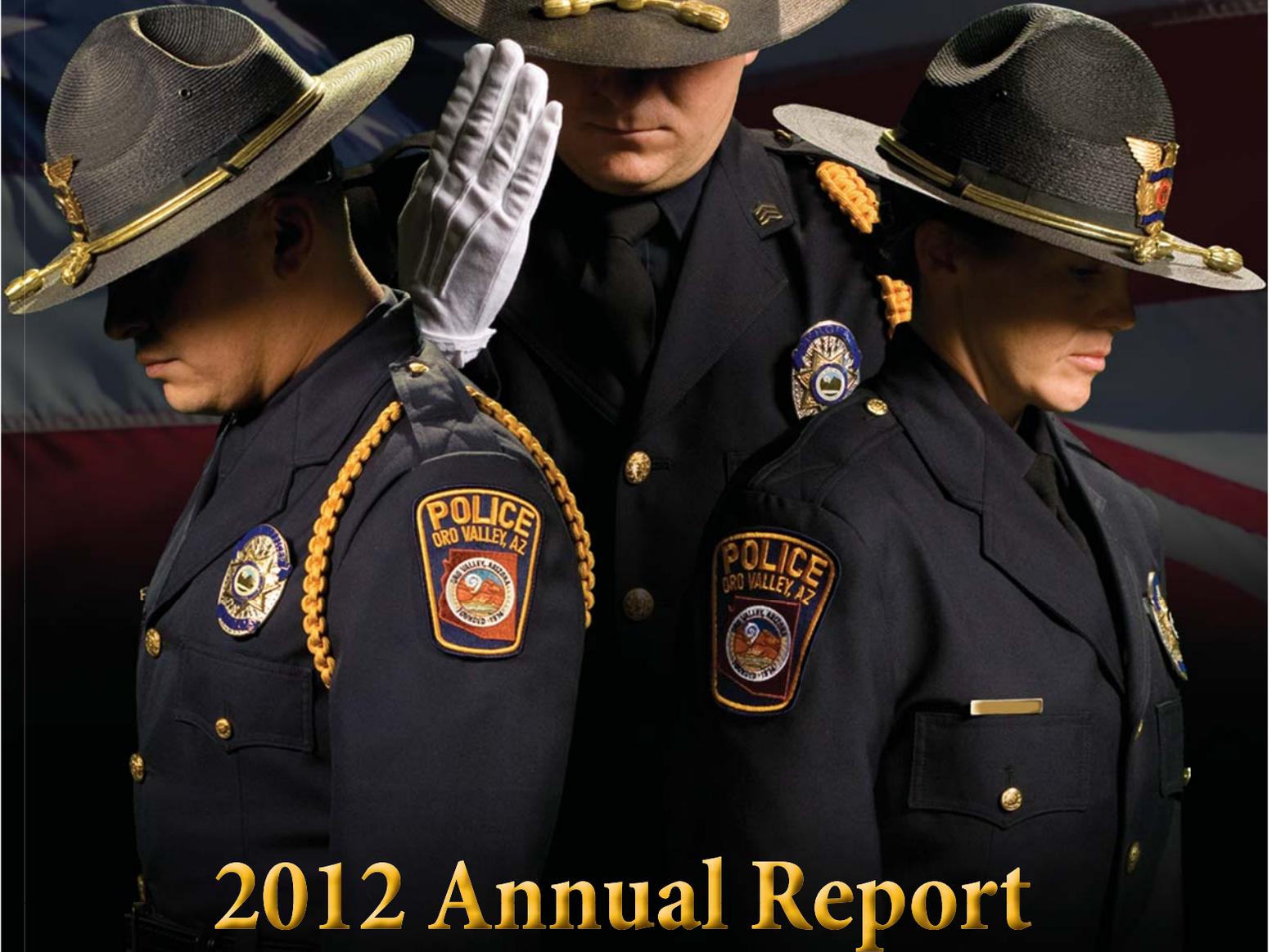


# Oro Valley Police Department

Oro Valley, AZ



## 2012 Annual Report

**"As much as the Catalina Mountains have become a symbol of Oro Valley, so too has the Oro Valley Police Department. Our Community's reputation for public safety extends far beyond jurisdictional boundaries. Thanks to OVPD, public safety is part of Oro Valley's brand."**

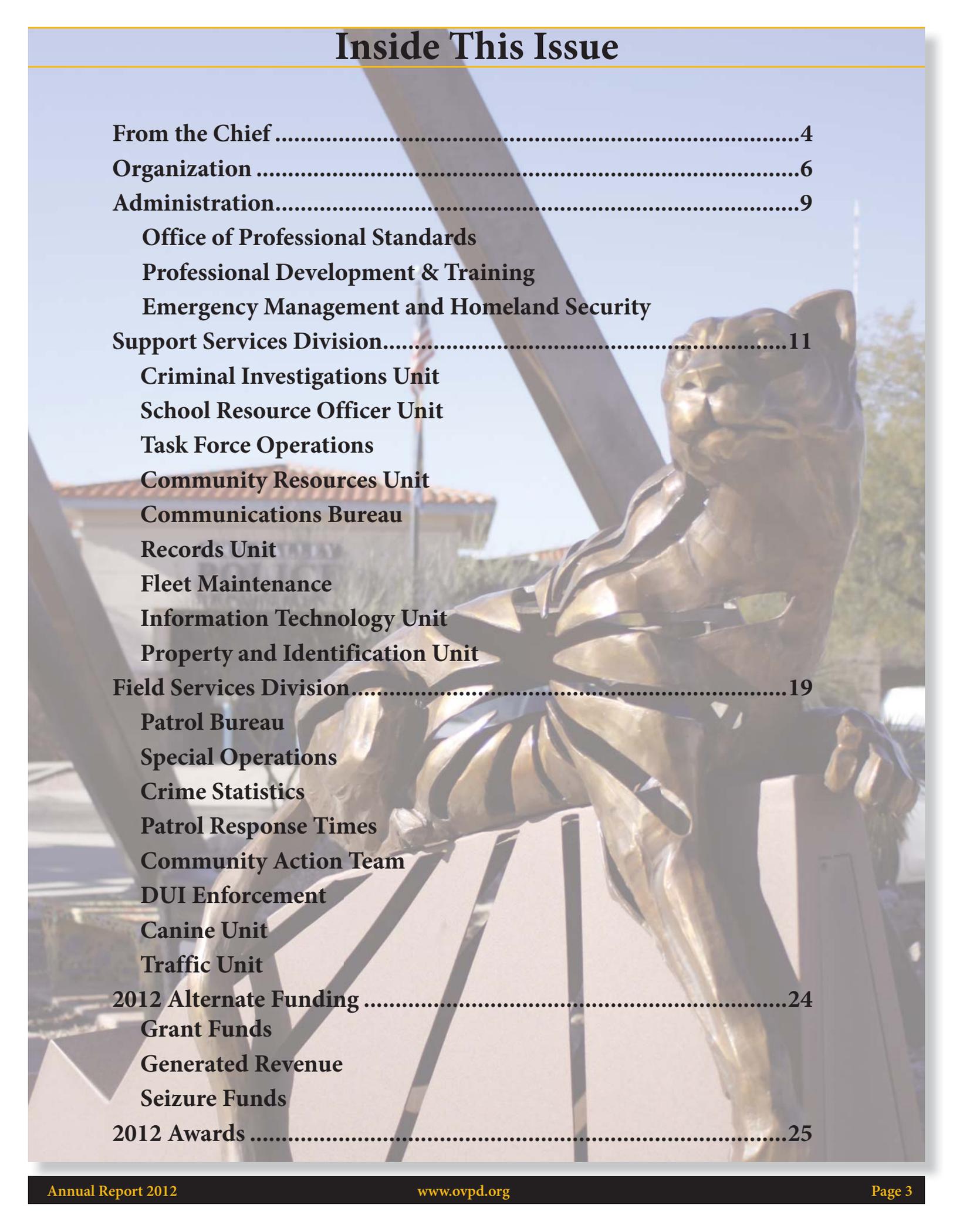
*Oro Valley*  
**POLICE**

- Dr. Satish I. Hiremath,  
Mayor, Town of Oro Valley





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# From the Chief



I am pleased to present the Oro Valley Police Department's 2012 Annual Report. This document showcases the Police Department's internal workings and accomplishments throughout the 2012 calendar year. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the Department as it relates to our community. The Oro Valley Police Department realizes that a majority of people choose to live in Oro Valley because of its safety and the police service that the men and women provide. Each and everyday for the past 13 years, I have been fortunate to lead as Chief of Police. I am amazed by the dedication and work ethic these fine individuals provide to this community of excellence.

Over the years, "active shooters" at educational institutions and the unconceivable tragedy that follows has brought attention and focus on school safety and the role School Resource Officers (SRO) play in protecting our schools. Over the past 35 years, OVPD has been committed to school safety and our SRO program. Even during the troubled financial times, our devotion to our schools and the safety of our children remain unyielding. It is my belief that our children are the most underserved constituents in our community and it is imperative we stay the course in providing them service, education and a safe learning environment. OVPD is proud to work cooperatively with our educational institutions and is strongly committed to protecting our teachers and children from senseless violence.

The men and women of this agency strive for "continuous improvement" with every service and program we provide. From the patrol officers and dispatchers working all shifts, to the dedicated support personnel and volunteers, we all work as a team to bring the highest quality police service to our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel G. Sharp".

Daniel G. Sharp  
Chief of Police

## **Vision Statement**

*Seek  
Excellence  
Remain  
Vigilant  
Involve  
Community  
Enforcement*

## **Mission Statement**

*We, the members of the Oro Valley Police Department,  
are dedicated to providing excellent service through  
partnerships that build trust, prevent crime and promote  
a safe environment to enhance the quality of life.*

**ORO VALLEY  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

# Organization

Founded in 1974, Oro Valley originally encompassed 2.4 square miles with 1,200 residents. Today, the town is 32 square miles and has a population of 41,011. The Oro Valley Police Department employs 100 sworn officers and 31 civilians who serve the community.

The Oro Valley Police Department annually reviews its Strategic Plan to ensure it is aligned with community expectations, the Town's Strategic Plan and the voter approved General Plan. All three, combined with close citizen interaction, act as the road map for how we do business.



**Chief Daniel G. Sharp**



**Deputy Chief L. Stevens**



**Cmdr. J. Larter**  
Field Services



**Cmdr. A. LeSuer**  
Support Services



**Lt. C. Hicks**  
Patrol Bureau



**Lt. C. Olson**  
Special Operations



**Lt. K. Riley**  
Executive Officer



**Lt. E. Schaefer**  
Support Services



**Lt. J. Teachout**  
Technical Support

# 2012 Agency Accomplishments

- Canyon Del Oro hosted the Arizona State Forensics Competition where they took first place in the competition.
- In January 2012, the Oro Valley Police Department's Explorer Post took first place in the Arizona Explorer Competition in the field of Rapid Response.
- Metropolitan Pima Alliance recognized the Dispose-A-Med program for its efforts and presented the Common Ground Celebration award at a council meeting in November 2012.
- The Oro Valley Police Departments Patrol Bureau has 155 active businesses in the Adopt-A-Business program.
- Lead K9 Handler Brian Marvin and his canine partner, Lara, were named Team Leader for the Pima Regional Bomb Squad. In 2012, Handler Marvin and Lara conducted 619 explosive detection searches.
- Oro Valley Police Department Citizen Volunteer Assistants Program (CVAP) members contributed 14,455 volunteer hours, valued in excess of \$320,000 according to information available at [http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer\\_time](http://www.independentsector.org/volunteer_time).



# 2012 Notable Cases

In 2012, each of the cases below were resolved and closed due to the symbiotic relationship and teamwork approach between all facets of the organization to include: citizens of the community, patrol, special operations, forensics, criminal investigations and multi-agency coordination and cooperation. Each case exemplifies the best in citizen awareness, teamwork, attention to detail, competent and responsible use of resources.

- Patrol spotted two subjects attempting to steal a Chase Bank ATM. The subjects fled into the desert at which time patrol officers conducted a search of the area, where the suspects were detained. A search of the adjacent Wal-Mart parking lot revealed a stolen Chevrolet van with an apparatus designed to hoist an ATM similar to what was described in a previous investigation. Both subjects were later charged with theft above \$25,000, criminal damage above \$10,000, possession of burglary tools and unlawful use of means of transportation. Through further investigation by detectives, it was revealed that the suspects were also stealing ATMs in the Phoenix valley.
- Detectives investigated a domestic violence case in which the suspect stabbed his girlfriend and her cousin. The suspect fled. Detectives conducted surveillance and served several search warrants. The suspect was found in New Mexico by the US Marshals.
- In December 2012, an OVPD officer operating with the Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA) assisted in the surveillance, arrest and discovery of a methamphetamine sales operation within Pima County. After assisting with multiple weeks of surveillance, a target vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation. A discovery of a hidden compartment within the vehicle resulted in locating individually packaged quantities of methamphetamine and heroin. A search warrant was soon issued for the individuals, resulting in the discovery of large amounts of U.S. currency as well as over seven pounds of methamphetamine. The OVPD officer assisted in the discovery and processing of the evidence and presented the case to the Pima County Attorney's Office for prosecution.
- On December 21, 2012, the GITEM Border District conducted an enforcement action in relation to the Jose Orozco Hernandez, TCO-Rip Crew organization operating out of Coolidge, AZ. The investigation revealed the groups significant involvement in human trafficking, narcotics smuggling, desert rip crews and money laundering. Six search warrants were served, three each in Coolidge and Eloy. The investigation is ongoing but 16 individuals detained, to include Jose Orozco, four undocumented aliens were referred to Border Patrol and 12 vehicles, two bank accounts and significant amounts of fraudulent identification papers were seized.
- Since January 2012, members of CNA Task Force Group 1 (TFG1) have been investigating Jorge Valdez DTO, a poly-drug organization. In August, TFG1, in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Oro Valley Police Department and Sahuarita Police Department, executed three search warrants and three federal arrest warrants. Three subjects were arrested in addition to the seizure of eight firearms, one vehicle, paraphernalia and cell phones utilized by the DTO.

# Administration

The Oro Valley Police Department is a true community policing organization and understands community policing is a “way of life” for an organization. In Oro Valley, community policing is considered a core value that underlies all programs and initiatives. The Police Department Administration embodies this philosophy throughout the entire organization.

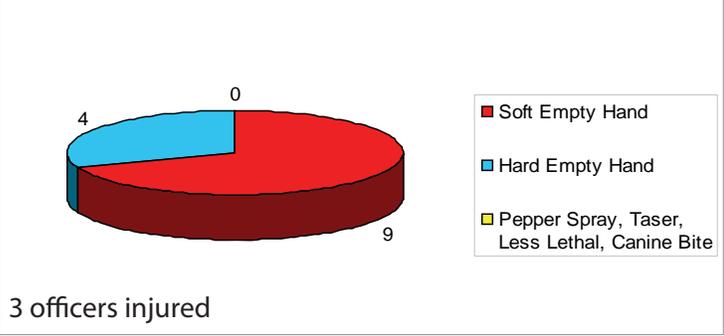
## Executive Officer

The Office of Professional Standards is managed by the Chief’s Executive Officer. The Executive Officer is also responsible for Public Information Officer (PIO) duties. The PIO works closely with media and constituents to ensure police specific information is managed and disseminated timely and accurately.

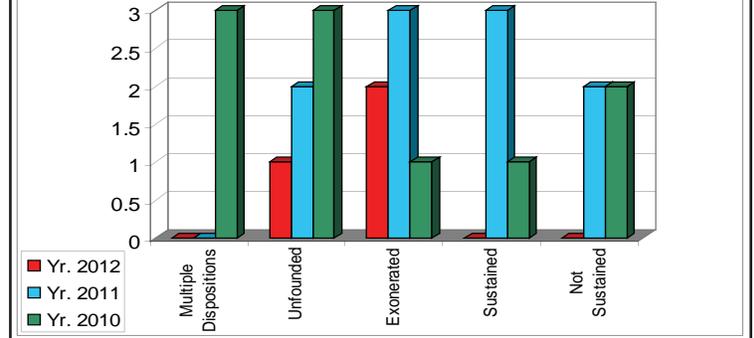
## Office of Professional Standards

It is OVPD’s policy to thoroughly investigate all complaints against its employees in order to preserve public confidence through our willingness to oversee, control and take responsibility for the actions of our employees. The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is supervised by a sergeant who oversees and investigates citizens’ complaints and internally ordered inspections. OPS also maintains records of use of force incidents, vehicle pursuits and policy revisions. OPS conducts the hiring process and background investigations for interested Police Department applicants.

2012 Use of Force

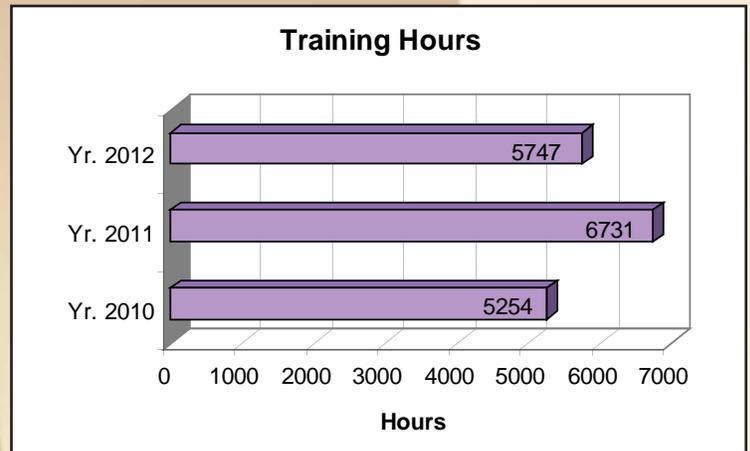


Internal Investigations



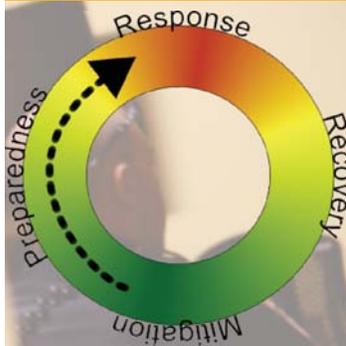
## Professional Development and Training

Training is tasked to ensure staff provides the most efficient and effective public safety service to the community in support of our community policing philosophy. Staff are trained to deliver a high level of service that not only meets community expectations but also allows our staff to maintain professional certifications. Training focuses on developing the skills, abilities, knowledge and talents of OVPD to



maintain professional and expert service. This program is also responsible for new-hire recruit officer orientation. This orientation is provided to prepare new officers for the stresses of attending a police academy along with orienting them to Oro Valley. In 2012, OVPD hired two new officers to fill attrition vacancies.

## Emergency Management and Homeland Security



Emergency Management and Homeland Security is tasked to ensure the Town is prepared for all hazards, including natural and man-made disasters such as terrorism. The planning process covers all phases of emergency management including: preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. Planning activities include enhanced collaboration with local jurisdictions to develop regional emergency plans and procedures.

Emergency management highlights include: revising and updating the Town's Emergency Operations Plan; equipment build out of the Town Emergency Operations Center, funded through federal grant dollars; and public outreach to businesses, neighborhoods and individuals on preparedness and specific hazards.

Homeland Security highlights include: continued participation in the Terrorism Liaison Officer (TLO) program; partnerships with privately owned critical infrastructure/key resources to complete Threat, Vulnerability, Risk Assessments; and staff involvement in regional training and exercises.

In 2012, the Town-wide emergency operations plan was completed and approved by Council. The OVPD also completed the build-out of the Emergency Operations Center. This allows emergency response personnel to work from one properly outfitted location with the necessary technology to support nationally recognized Incident Command System practices. This allows decision-makers to work in a unified command atmosphere to efficiently and effectively manage a significant incident or event.

# Support Services Division

The Support Services Division (SSD) provides the necessary support and enhancement to the Field Services Division and Administration. SSD personnel are specially trained in law enforcement functions specific to the organization and community, which enhance our ability to provide service. SSD must consistently evaluate the service efforts of the department and make changes based upon these efforts. This is accomplished through technology, expertise, resource allocation, intelligence gathering and education.

## Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) is the primary investigative arm of OVPD and is responsible for investigating all major crimes that occur in Oro Valley. These crimes are coordinated into two separate categories:

- **Crimes against Person(s):** homicide, sexual assault, aggravated assault, etc.
- **Crimes against Property:** burglary, larceny, auto theft, etc.



Detectives are cross-trained to investigate the various types of crimes committed in Oro Valley and many of them network with task force groups outside Oro Valley to enhance service for our community.

While seeing a decrease in the total number of cases assigned to the CIU, there has been a significant increase in the amount of time necessary to investigate the current case load due to the complexity of the crimes.

### Cases Assigned to a Detective

Year	Closed	Active	Total
2012	480	148	628
2011	449	252	701
2010	586	36	622



	Forgery/ Counter- feiting	Fraud	Fraud: Bad Checks	Fraud: Other	Identity Theft	Crimes Against Children
Year	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
2012	9	36	8	12	10	35
2011	26	80	5	17	9	17
2010	4	54	8	23	6	6

# School Resource Officers Unit

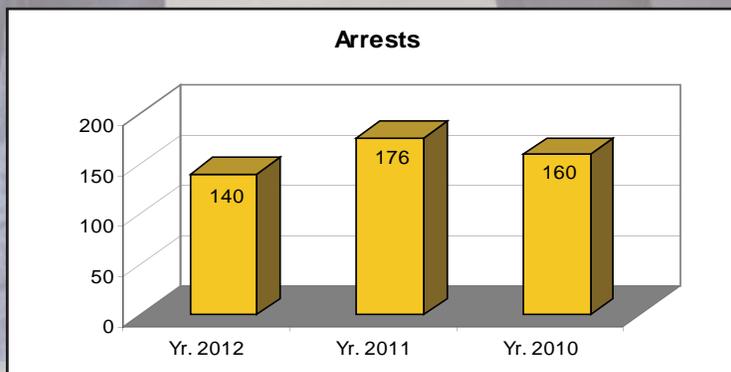
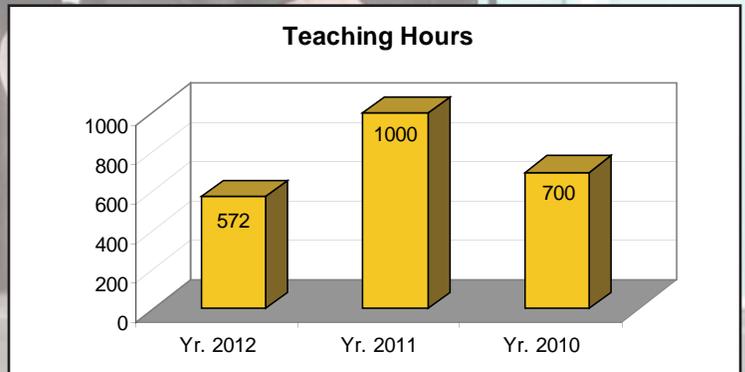
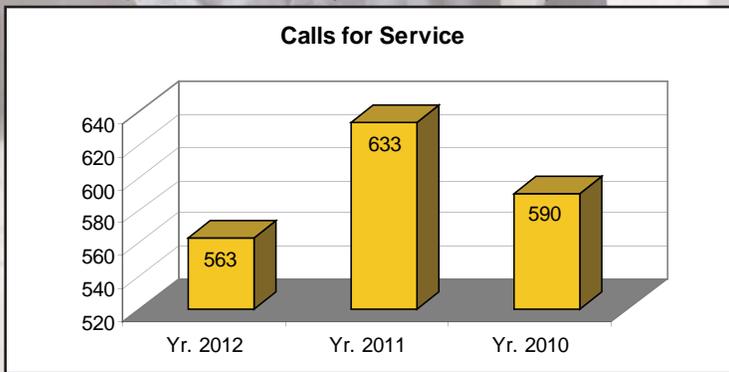
The Oro Valley Police Department's School Resource Officers (SRO) Unit is designed upon the "basic triad concept" of being a law enforcement officer, teacher and counselor to the school community. This "community" includes the school administration, faculty and staff, parents, students and the Oro Valley community. A SRO provides this service role in many ways while taking a personal interest in students' lives, activities and problems. There are seven officers and one sergeant assigned to Oro Valley's public schools which include: Canyon del Oro High School, Ironwood Ridge High School, Copper Creek Elementary, Painted Sky Elementary and Wilson K-8. In addition, they cover calls for service and instruct at Immaculate Heart, Pusch Ridge Christian Academy, Casas Adobes and Basis Schools.

Oro Valley SROs become an integral part of the individual school's programs and each SRO is tailored to meet the needs of those individual schools. Each year, in addition to their duties at the schools, the SROs teach in the classrooms. Topics include:

- Bullying
- Cyber Bullying
- Date Rape
- Self Defense
- Healthy Relationships
- Texting and Driving
- Peer Pressure
- Bicycle Safety
- Stranger Danger
- Anger Management
- Social Media Safety
- Forensics
- Forensic Lab Tours
- Arizona Criminal and Traffic Law
- Faculty Courses on Drug Recognition
- Drug presentations

2012 SRO achievements include:

- Received two grants for the Canyon del Oro Forensics program for a total of \$1,200.00. Additional donations from non-profit organizations totaling \$1,341.61 helped support the State Forensics Competition
- State Forensics Competition: two teams won 1st and 3rd place
- Canyon del Oro hosted a Get to Know Our Dorados Parent Night featuring guest speaker Calvin Terrell. Several donations were received.
- Drug Awareness Day: Approximately 600 students and 150 adults from six schools.



# Task Force Operations

The Oro Valley Police Department is actively involved in multi-jurisdictional joint task forces across southern Arizona.



**Counter Narcotics Alliance (CNA)** is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force that consists of 18 participating agencies to include local law enforcement, prosecuting agencies, the Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base operating in the Pima County metro area. Each agency compliments the task force with staffing and administrative processes.

This past year, CNA has worked diligently with our detectives on cases affecting Oro Valley. There were several cases involving local businesses that CNA assisted OVPD in case follow-up. CNA assisted our SRO Unit with a recent influx of the drug "SPICE" in our schools. Our officers assigned to this task force provided the educational resources to our SROs on the common uses and effects of this drug.

Year	Seized Vehicle Values	Seized Weapons	Seized Currency	Seized Real Properties
2012	\$708,500	373	\$3,345,318	24
2011	\$1,104,000	114	\$2,060,000	9
2010	\$1,145,000	166	\$1,740,000	8



**Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)** has numerous multi-jurisdictional task force groups that include federal agents, prosecuting agencies, state and local law enforcement agencies. Each task force takes a different segment of the trafficking, production and use of drug related crime to combat this national epidemic.

In 2011, DEA assisted with implementing a new procedure allowing state-seized vehicles to be auctioned off by our agency, thus allowing us to obtain the assets from the sales of these cars.

Over the past three years, this DEA taskforce seized drugs, vehicles, houses and monies totaling:

Year	Drug Seizures	Seized Assets	Arrests
2012	467.11 kgs	\$1,682,250	19
2011	1842.35 kgs	\$2,130,012	38
2010	2929.90 kgs	\$1,384,344	61



**Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF)** are small cells of highly trained, locally based investigators, analysts, linguists, SWAT experts and other specialists from dozens of U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies. It is a multi-agency effort led by the Justice Department and FBI designed to combine the resources of federal, state and local law enforcement.

## Task Force Operations, cont.

# ★ GIITEM ★

**Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM)** is a multi-jurisdictional task force that focuses on street gang crime as well as U.S. border and immigration crimes. GIITEM strives to accomplish its mission through a task force concept involving personnel from tribal, federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies. GIITEM has provided assistance combating local graffiti issues and has provided technology utilized to capture an Oro Valley burglar.

Year	Arrests	Seized Drugs	Seized Pills	Seized Vehicles	Seized Weapons	Seized Currency
2012	1,760	16,513.95 lbs.	1,058	184	306	\$2,396,325
2011	2,231	28,508.47 lbs.	186,884	184	158	\$1,914,010
2010	3,524	35,143 lbs.	807	355	151	\$3,561,915

## Regional Partnerships and Collaboration

The OVPD is proud to have professional associations with a variety of multi-agency regional teams. These assignments are voluntary and are in addition to other duties and responsibilities of the Oro Valley Police Department. The value of the regionalization of law enforcement assets is the ability to enhance local response, increase professional networking and capitalize on the training and experiences from a variety of local agencies.



In a time of need, the regional approach to law enforcement acts as a "force multiplier" which provides better trained personnel and more efficient services to our community. The OVPD is a founding-member of the following:

- Pima Regional SWAT
- Pima Regional Crisis Negotiations
- Pima Regional Bomb Squad
- Pima Regional Motor Academy
- Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona
- Internet Crimes Against Children



# Community Resources Unit

The Community Resources Unit (CRU) is dedicated to preventing crime through public education and offers a wide range of presentations and programs.

## Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch consists of a cohesive body of concerned citizens addressing issues that affect their neighborhood. OVPD has one officer who organizes, trains and provides constant information to these neighborhoods in order to reduce and inform the public of criminal activity. Neighborhood Watch provides communities with a direct liaison with the Police Department when questions arise and they also receive quarterly newsletters. Currently, we have 49 Neighborhood Watch groups consisting of 2,922 homes.

## Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

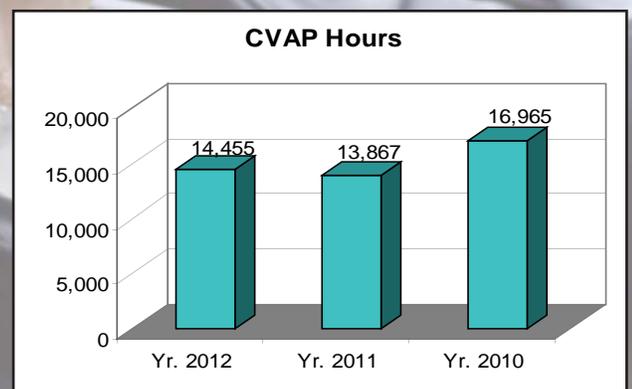
This program is similar to Neighborhood Watch but for apartment complexes. It encourages neighbors to interact with one another but also holds apartment managers to strict criteria when signing leases with new tenants. In return, the Police Department advises management of any police responses to their property so they are aware of any situations.

## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

CPTED is a crime prevention program which includes the Police Department in crime reduction during the building phase of a new business or retrofitting an old building. The police are part of the planning process and CPTED trained officers do a walk through as the business is built to provide crime prevention and safety recommendations. CRU completed 17 CPTED business checks in 2012.

## Citizen Volunteer Assistants Program (CVAP)

This program provides the opportunity for citizens to serve their community by assisting the Police Department. The volunteers become an extra set of eyes and ears, assist patrol officers and are visible to the public. Volunteers are also available for call out when needed by patrol when major incidents happen. They are also trained to conduct traffic control. Volunteers patrol in the License Plate Reader (LPR) vehicle to search for stolen vehicles. The volunteers handle fingerprinting for the public twice a week. Additionally, they operate the Darkhouse program where volunteers on patrol will check a residence while the owners are out of town for an extended period of time. They also assist with special events and have filled in as clerical support for other Town departments when needed. Currently, we have 70 active CVAP members.



## Taskforce Against Senior Abuse (TASA)

Oro Valley Police Department is now a satellite campus for the Arizona Attorney Generals (AG) Office, TASA. Volunteers are trained to take calls from the public regarding fraud or senior abuse and know the proper routing of the information to the AG's office.

# Community Resources Unit, cont.

## Explorer Program

Law Enforcement Career Exploring is open to young men and women ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) through 20 years of age with an interest in learning more about careers in the Law Enforcement field. The Explorer Program is a branch of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Explorer Program provides educational training programs for young adults for the purpose, mission and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities.



Police Officers are the Explorer Advisors and assist in weekly instruction and training. Explorers dedicate themselves to community service and assist with special events such as El Tour de Tucson, Arizona Distance Classic and Holiday Parade. Additionally, they participate with Color Guard duties, provide campus patrols during football games and assist with traffic control during graduations.



Most people do not start learning their jobs until the day they start their career; however, Explorers gain valuable experience before employment and are ready to begin their career path. By the time Explorers are ready to begin their career, they already understand the job they are seeking.

Explorers are presented many methods of crime detection from fingerprinting to canine units and they experience the legal process first-hand. It gives Explorers an opportunity to “walk a mile in an officer’s shoes.” In addition, the first Explorer Academy was held in June and graduated 36 Explorers. In 2012, Explorers worked 1,500 community service hours while learning some of the following topics:

- Police procedures
- Major crimes
- Aspects of law enforcement
- Police crime labs
- Police headquarters
- Narcotics law
- Traffic & crowd control
- First-Aid
- Self-Defense
- Juvenile law
- Dispatch
- CPR

## Other CRU Programs

CRU offers several programs to the public on an ongoing basis. Every other month we have a Dispose-A-Med (DAM) event where unused prescription and over-the-counter medications are collected. DAM began in August 2009.

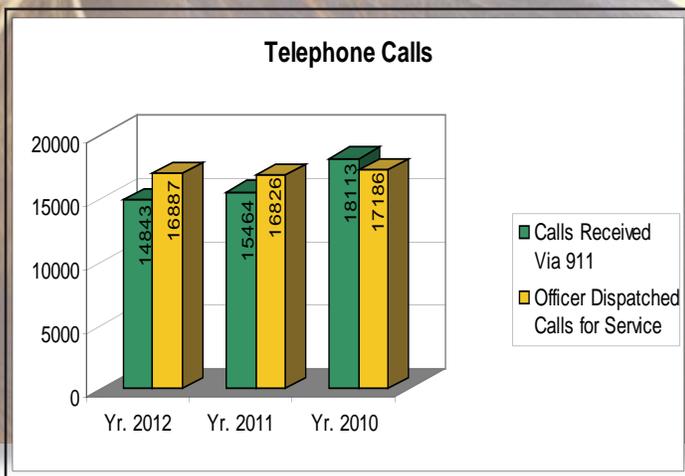
Year	2012	2011	2010
Lbs. Collected	1,063	1,055	806



Twice a year CRU hosts a Shred-A-Thon allowing the public to bring in any personal documents for free shredding. CRU also schedules free VIN etching for citizens’ vehicles and child car seat checks. In 2011, CRU started a Rape Aggression Defense Systems class that teaches self defense for women. This class consists of three sessions each lasting three hours. Six classes were taught in 2012 and a waiting list is kept for the class.

## Communications Bureau

The Communications Bureau is the answering point for all 9-1-1 emergency calls in Oro Valley. The center operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Public safety communications is skilled emergency service work that involves receiving emergency and non-emergency requests for first responder assistance. Dispatchers determine the nature and the urgency of calls, initiating police or other emergency service personnel action and maintaining close contact with field units to monitor response and needed support requirements.



## Records Unit

The Records Unit is responsible for processing, distributing and maintaining all public law enforcement records generated by OVPD. The Records Unit adheres to the release policy mandated by state law. The Unit is also responsible for the handling of vehicle impound releases, verifying the required documentation through the Motor Vehicle Division, preparing the proper paperwork and collecting the necessary fees.

	2012	2011	2010
<b>Fingerprint Cards</b>	2,299	2,139	2,290
<b>Impounds</b>	256	322	380
<b>Cases / Miscellaneous Incident / Warnings / Repair Orders</b>	14,209	11,235	12,831

## Fleet Maintenance

Have you seen the new patrol vehicles throughout your community? 2011 marked the end of an era of traditional police cars since the Ford Motor Company stopped production of the legendary Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. Police departments nationwide have researched what platform works best for their respective agency.

There is no "one size fits all" when it comes to police cars. Each agency must evaluate the available data and select which makes the most sense for the communities served. The Oro Valley Police Department evaluated the Chevrolet Caprice, Chevrolet Impala, Dodge Charger, Ford Explorer and the Ford Taurus which is marketed as the replacement to the Crown Victoria. After careful considerations, extensive research and testing, a decision was made. Based on vehicle cost throughout the life of ownership, officer comfort, safety and universal functionality, OVPD selected the Chevrolet Tahoe as the next generation of police vehicle for our community. Currently, OVPD owns eight Tahoes and plans to purchase additional units as the need arises and existing Crown Victorias are retired.



## Information Technology Unit

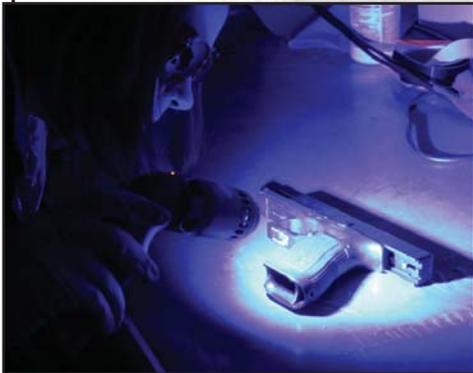


The Information Technology Unit (ITU) provides technical support services to the Department and is responsible for maintaining, planning, acquiring, implementing and developing information technology solutions to facilitate the department's mission. The ITU also evaluates and acquires emerging technologies (including 127 computers), information systems and networks that have law enforcement applications. Significant accomplishments for 2012 include:

- Upgrade property/evidence server
- Taser Axon body-worn camera
- High speed connectivity to north substation
- Installation of PCWIN tower
- Replace 12 aging MDC's
- EOC generator install
- Migrate existing communications to PCWIN tower

## Property and Identification Unit

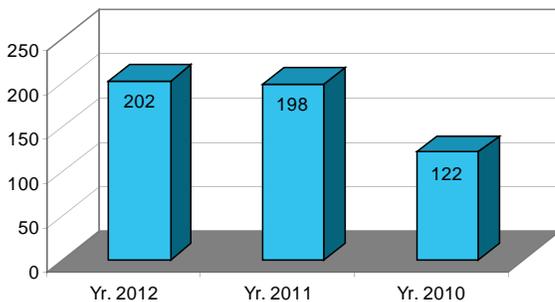
The Property and Identification (ID) Unit is staffed with skilled forensic technicians that locate, collect, secure and preserve a variety of critical physical and sometimes fragile evidence at crime scenes. Technicians must write accurate narratives, follow up on collected evidence for scientific analysis, liaison with other



agencies for related casework and prepare testimony for court proceedings. The Property and ID Unit is also responsible for storing, tracking and issuing all equipment to OVPD personnel. The Unit was called out 284 times in 2012, 293 times in 2011 and 291 times in 2010.

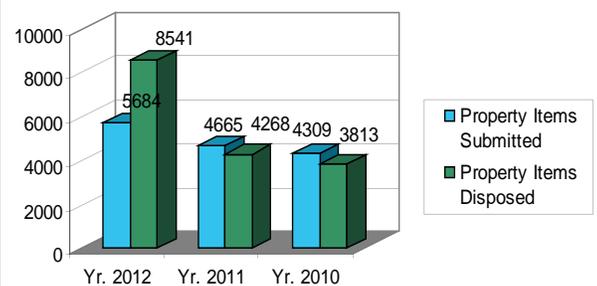


**DNA Collected**



In 2012, the Unit had 8 latent and 3 DNA hits.

**Property**



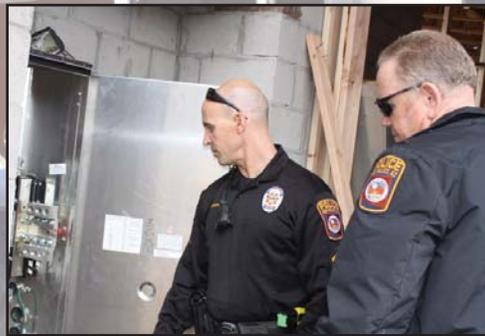
# Field Services Division

The Field Services Division (FSD) is the largest division of the Police Department and is comprised of officers and supervisors who provide “front line” service to the community. FSD must continually monitor crime trends, deployment methods, beat structure, business and neighborhood issues and response times to ensure the Department is providing the most efficient and effective services.



The Patrol and Special Operations Bureaus focus on community policing. Patrol officers develop partnerships within the community to promote crime prevention and create a safe environment to enhance the quality of life and gain public trust. One example of this philosophy is the Adopt-A-Business program. Analyzing statistics, crime trends and identifying specific problem areas allow the officers to approach each issue in a proactive manner and solve issues before they become significant problems.

## Patrol Bureau



The Patrol Bureau consists of six squads that focus on providing 24 hours, 7 days a week (24/7) a week police service to the citizens and visitors of Oro Valley. The Town is divided into four beats: geographical patrol areas that officers are assigned to patrol. Deployment of patrol is based on call loads, crime statistics and neighborhood issues.

## Special Operations Bureau

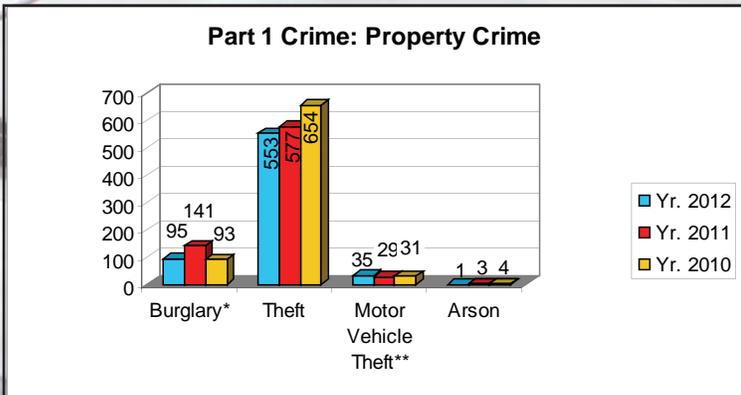
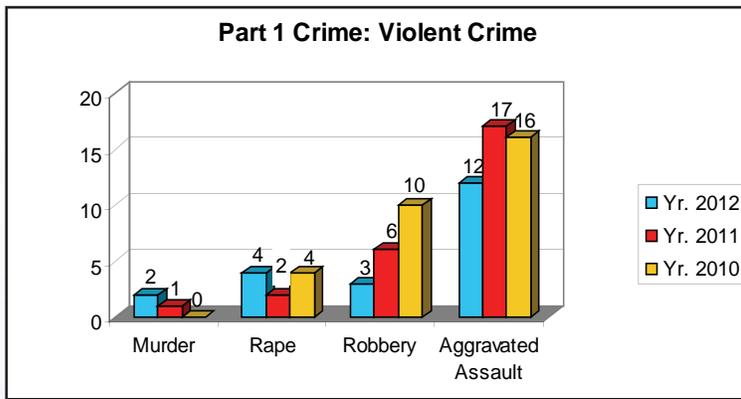
The Special Operations Bureau is comprised of specialty trained units or groups that were created to support patrol operations and handle specific community issues. These units and groups include:

- Traffic Unit
- Bicycle Officers
- Community Action Team (CAT)
- K-9 Unit
- DUI Enforcement
- Pima Regional SWAT

All of these units or groups are part of the Field Services Division (FSD) and provide 24/7 Patrol Bureau support.

The Special Operations Bureau is supervised by the Special Operations Lieutenant who is responsible for the management and performance of members and programs within the Bureau. The Special Operations Lieutenant also assists the FSD Commander with long and short term strategic planning, evaluation and recommendations of personnel, equipment/program development and budget.

# Crime Statistics



\*Includes burglary attempts

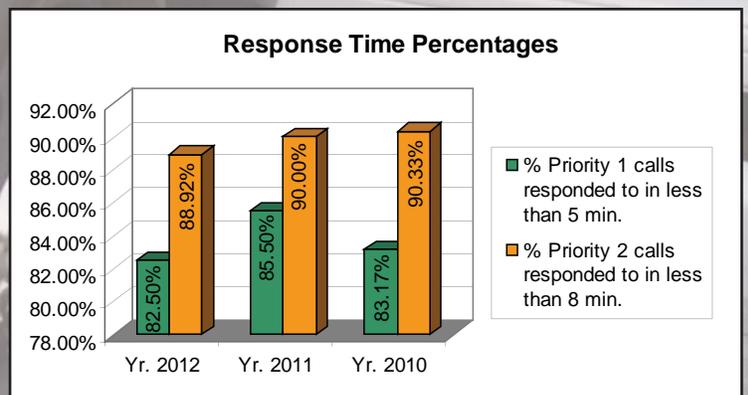
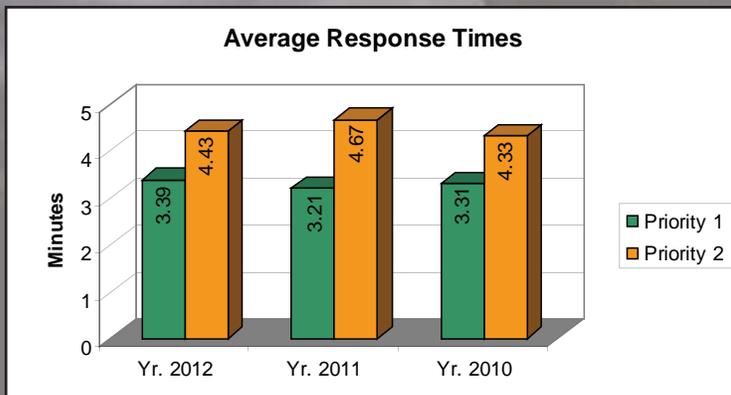
\*\*Includes attempts but not other agency recovered stolen vehicles

### Part 2 Crimes

Offense	2012	2011	2010
Arrest for Other Jurisdiction	102	117	142
Disorderly Conduct	168	146	127
Drug Abuse Violations	137	167	176
DUI	194	200	218
Embezzlement	6	1	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	18	30	9
Juvenile Offenses: Curfew, Loitering, Etc.	54	48	35
Liquor Laws	27	51	46
Offenses Against the Family	30	22	31
Public Intoxication	7	5	0
Runaways	25	34	35
Sex Offenses Except Rape	35	28	28
Simple Assault	116	125	119
Stolen Property: Buy, Receive, Possess, Sell	1	3	1
Vagrancy	0	0	1
Vandalism*	287	280	350
Weapons Violation	6	9	12

\* Vandalism includes Domestic Violence: Criminal Damage

## Patrol Response Times

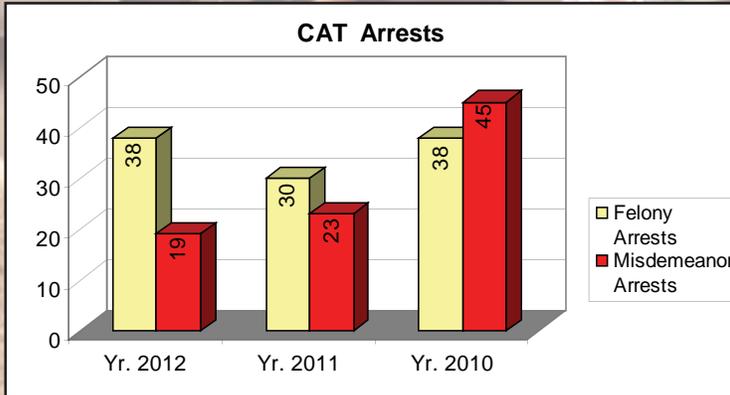


Examples of priority one calls are armed robbery, physical domestic violence, car jacking, etc. Priority two calls include burglary in progress, collisions with injury, missing children, etc.

## Community Action Team

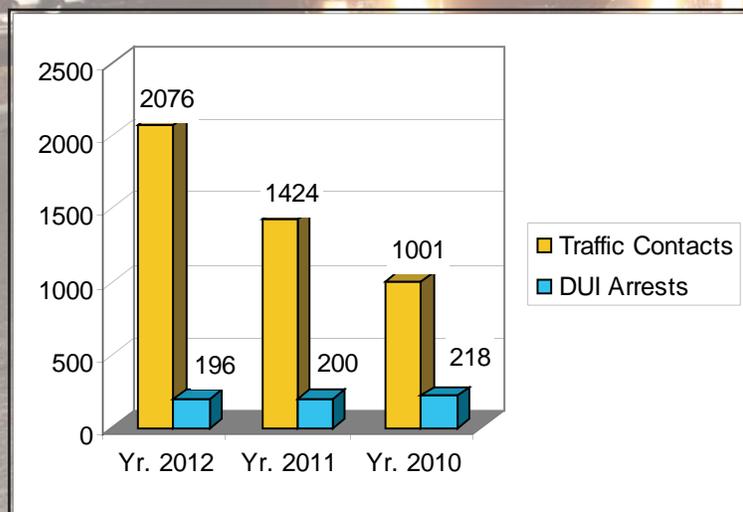
The Community Action Team (CAT) serves as one of OVPD's most proactive and successful community policing initiatives. The premise of CAT is to focus on the "root-causes" of problems and identify which crimes lead to secondary crimes and how they are associated.

CAT members spend a great deal of time gathering information on specific issues through various connections with other law enforcement organizations and the community. These partnerships foster trust between the community and our organization and has been paramount in our ability to combat crime.



## DUI Enforcement

The Oro Valley Police Department's DUI Enforcement program is committed to removing impaired drivers off our roadways through high visibility traffic enforcement, checkpoints and participation with the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force and Governor's Office of Highway Safety. OVPD is dedicated to working with our Town, county and state prosecutors to make certain each individual case receives the most professional and detailed attention it needs to ensure the best chances of conviction in court. Two



dedicated DUI officers are specially trained in the recognition of alcohol and/or drug impairment. Currently, OVPD has five Drug Recognition Experts, four phlebotomists and many more trained in Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN). Our DUI officers also utilize digital and audio technology to record each stop and investigation for court purposes. Through our participation with GOHS and the Southern Arizona DUI Task Force, OVPD conducted over 2,076 traffic contacts resulting in the arrest of 614 impaired drivers in the past three years.

## Canine Unit

Oro Valley Police Department has three K-9 teams that service the Town and local region. Two of the teams are "dual purpose" and are trained in two specific areas; patrol/handler protection, and narcotics detection. The remaining team is trained to detect explosives and accelerant components used to make explosive devices. Two separate canine breeds are used: German Shepherd and Belgium Malinois.

Their primary function is as a support unit to patrol. Two patrol teams respond to calls for service and provide assistance to traffic stops and investigations involving narcotics interdiction. The explosives detection team is utilized by other agencies on calls for service where explosives may be a component of the investigation. The canines participate and assist with DEA, CNA, TIA and U.S. Border Patrol-Operation StoneGarden.

	2012	2011	2010
Assisting Other Officers	399	639	566
K-9 Narcotics/Patrol Searches	146	249	276
K-9 Bomb Searches	619	31	40



### Lead Patrol Officer Marvin/Lara

LPO Marvin has been a police officer for 32 years and a K-9 handler for the past 19 years. In May of 2011, canine Lara joined the Oro Valley Police Department. Lara is a female Belgian Malinois that was purchased for the Police Department with grant funds donated by the National Rifle Association. Lara was imported from Holland. She and LPO Marvin received their training in Texas. Lara is trained in the recognition of explosives and explosive components. LPO Marvin and Lara are both active members of the Pima Regional Bomb Squad, a multi-agency partnership.



### Officer Reynolds/Nikko

Officer Reynolds has been a police officer for nine years and a K-9 handler for seven years. Nikko joined the Oro Valley Police Department in January 2006. Nikko is an AKC Black German Shepherd that was born and raised in Arizona. Nikko is trained as a dual purpose canine, trained in patrol tactics and narcotics detection. Nikko has also been a six time certified canine by the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association.



### Officer Peterson/Emerson

Officer Peterson has been a police officer for four years and became a K-9 handler in May 2012. Canine Emerson joined the Oro Valley Police Department in May of 2011. Emerson is a Belgian Malinois imported from Mexico and is a dual purpose canine, trained in patrol tactics

and narcotics detection. Officer Peterson and Emerson's recent activity include the successful arrest of a suspect who ran from police. The suspect had an active carjacking warrant. They also successfully located two suspects who eluded police for two years; these suspects were arrested for felony theft of ATM's and were suspected of the theft of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

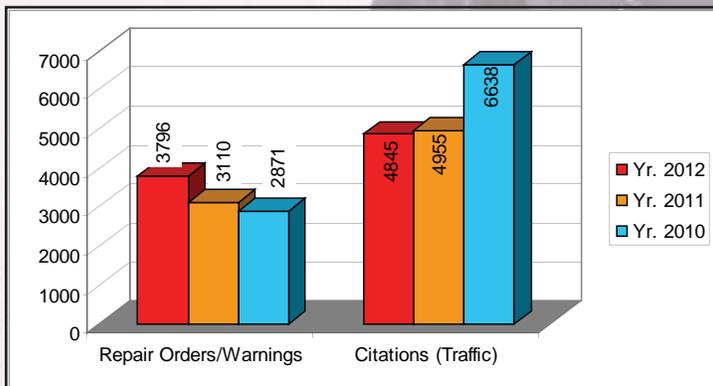
Canine Unit Seizures	2012	2011	2010
Marijuana (lbs.)	1737	300	400
Methamphetamine (gms.)	0	249	276
Heroin (gms.)	6.37	1	2
Cocaine (lbs.)	26.5	0.5	2.3
Paraphernalia finds (items)	37	22	27
Patrol K-9 people finds	18	14	12
Assist Other Agencies	189	61	27
Cash Locates/Seizures (Federal/State Agency Assists)	\$28,300	\$47,000	\$17,021

# Traffic Unit

The goals of the Oro Valley Police Department's Traffic Unit are to reduce personal injury and traffic collisions, respond to citizen's traffic concerns and enforce traffic laws in a highly visible manner. It is our belief that high visibility traffic enforcement is a key factor in deterring criminal behavior and improving the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of Oro Valley. In addition to the daily duties of a traffic officer, the Oro Valley Traffic Unit is instrumental in the safe and successful implementation and execution of the following in 2012:



- El Tour de Tucson
- Pima Regional Motor Training attended by 26 motors from five different agencies.
- Pima Regional Motor School Basic Training graduating total of five officers from a variety of local law enforcement agencies
- Traffic control of the annual Oro Valley Holiday Parade
- Demonstrations at a variety of community outreach events to include: National Night Out and Town of Oro Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony

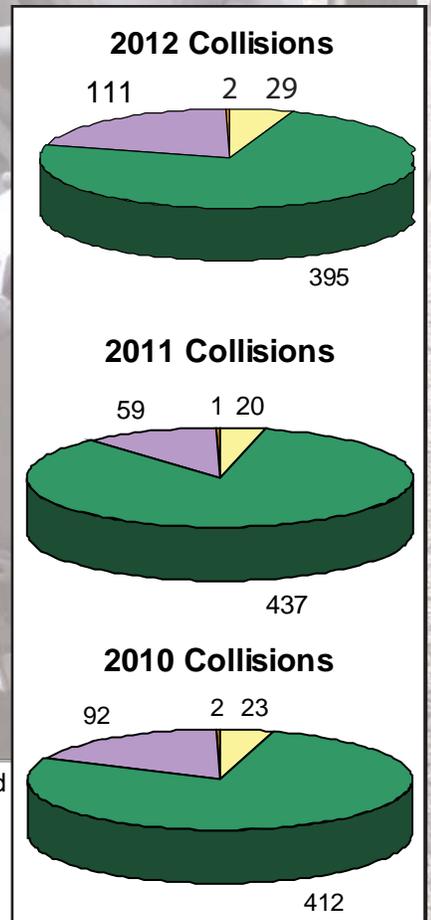


Additionally, Oro Valley traffic officers are tasked with Adopt-A-Business responsibilities and managing all traffic related crimes. Several officers have additional training and certifications in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

## Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

The purpose of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement is to encourage and promote a safe driving environment through education and safety awareness while enforcing local, state and federal laws and regulations. The Oro Valley Police Department has a number of officers that are specially trained and maintain certifications in this unique field of expertise. These officers work closely with neighboring agencies taking a regional approach to commercial vehicle safety, education and enforcement.

Year	2012	2011	2010
Inspections	233	65	169
Out of Service Violations	81	22	Unavailable

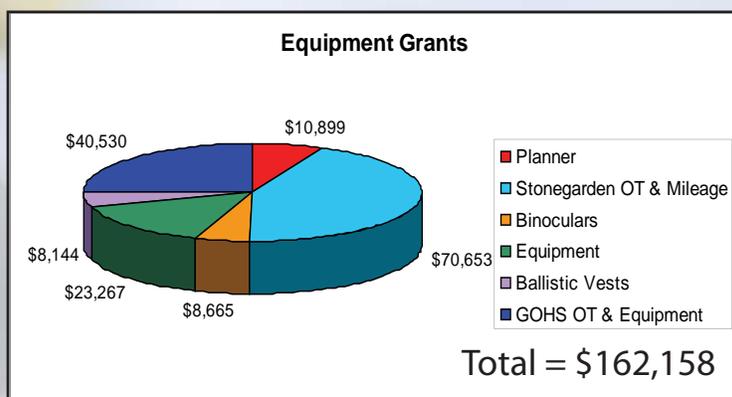
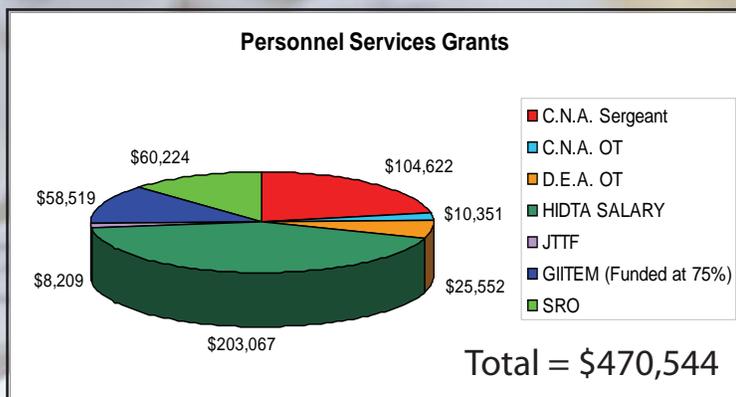


# 2012 Alternate Funding

Alternative revenue sources are funds generated or received by OVPD aside from general funds.

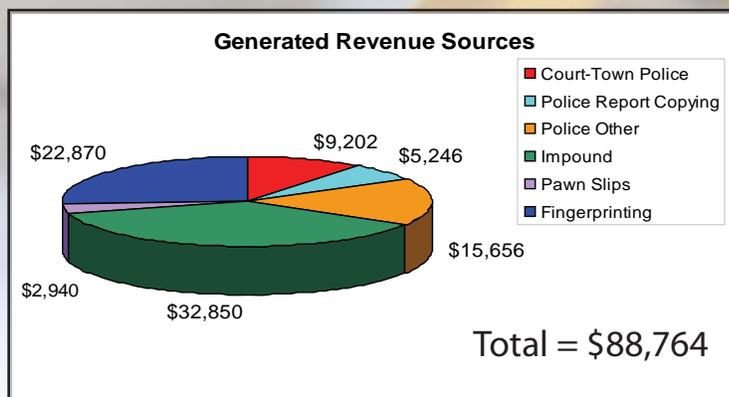
## Grant Funds

The Oro Valley Police Department is very active in the competitive grant process and pursues alternative funding source as opportunities become available. Available grants encompass a variety of purposes ranging from training, personnel services and equipment to further enhance the efforts of specific units within the organization.

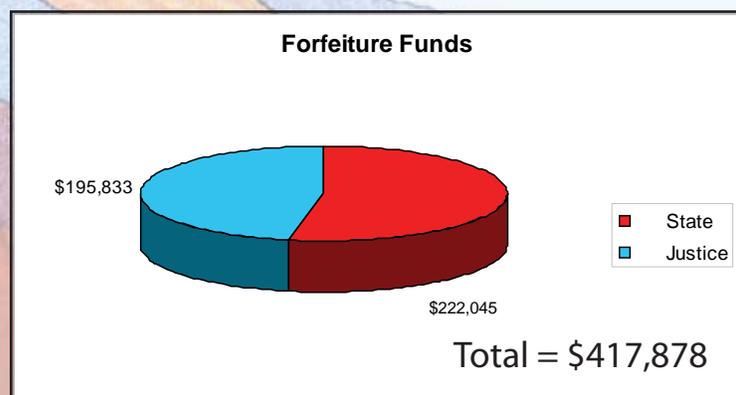


## Generated Revenue

Funds generated come as a result of services offered by the Police Department and a percentage of adjudicated cases processed by the Oro Valley Magistrate Court. Some of these funds are utilized for personnel services and some are returned to the Town's general fund.



## Seizure Funds



Seizure funds are monies forfeited from convicted criminals as a result of a adjudicated court proceedings. These funds exist for very specific uses regulated by federal and state law. Some uses include: training personnel and purchasing necessary equipment that is currently unattainable through general funds.

# 2012 Recognition

The Oro Valley Police Department strives to provide excellent, professional service in all areas. These awards show the dedication Oro Valley officers have to providing a level of service that is above and beyond.

## Officer of the Year

Motor Officer Jeff Thomas

Motor Officer Jeff Thomas was selected as the Department's Officer of the Year. His hard work and dedication to traffic safety made him a prime candidate. Officer Thomas' primary responsibility is traffic safety. He is well known for his enforcement efforts; however, he was selected for his dependability as a fatal/serious physical injury collision investigator. Also recognized was his contributions to successfully training new motor officers during the Pima Regional Motor Academy. Lastly, he worked every special event held within the Town, to include El Tour de Tucson and the 4th of July Celebration. His actions helped ensure the safety of the participants and helped facilitate safe traffic movement. Officer Thomas will be honored by three community groups as a result of his accomplishments in 2012.

## Best of the Northwest

Chief Daniel G. Sharp

Chief Daniel G. Sharp was recognized in the Northwest Explorer as a "Best of the Northwest" community servant. Chief Sharp gained national attention for his continued effort to keep police officers inside local schools as part of the School Resource program.

Officer Wendy Davis

Officer Wendy Davis was also recognized in the Northwest Explorer as a "Best of the Northwest" community servant. Officer Davis worked diligently since her assignment as a School Resource Officer to be a positive role model to her students. She participates in the school's Miler's Club, facilitates a Bicycle Safety Rodeo and orchestrates an annual Drug Awareness Day. Her interaction with her students leaves a long-lasting positive influence.

## DUI Officer of the Year

Officer Tim Nelson

Officer Tim Nelson was recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.) as the DUI Officer of the Year. Officer Nelson was assigned to the DUI Unit for five years. With his proactive enforcement, he was the case officer for 70 DUI investigations. He assisted on countless others as a phlebotomist, Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus (HGN) technician and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Officer Nelson is also a HGN/Standard Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Instructor and assisted with officer training in the DUI field. Officer Nelson's efforts were recognized and earned him the recognition of DUI Officer of the Year.

## Military Service

In 2012, the following members were deployed abroad into active duty defending the interests of the United States: **Officer Mike Schuh**, Colonel, US Air Force and **Officer Mitch Schreiber**, Staff Sergeant, US Air Force.



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