

2019



ANNUAL REPORT
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF

It is an honor to serve as the Sheriff of this great county. I could not do this job if it were not for the 280 dedicated employees that make it their priority to carry out the mission of the Sheriff's Office. It is our mission to protect and serve our community and to maintain the public's trust through our compassionate actions.

Our number one priority this year is to become fully staffed in our Correctional Facility and in Patrol Operations. I have dedicated resources to accomplish this goal by the end of the year.

We are dedicated to making a difference in our community. Even though there are many challenges that are facing Humboldt County today, the Sheriff's Office is poised to take on any challenge to better the community. Many of our employees meet our Humboldt citizens during the worst days of their lives. We recognize the great impact that we can make on a person's life. Our goal is to treat all people with dignity and respect during every interaction. The men and women of the Sheriff's Office demonstrate professionalism and compassion while humbly serving this fine community. I want to thank them for their daily sacrifice to serve.

In the 2019 Annual Report you will find information on every division of the Sheriff's Office. We pride ourselves in making the Sheriff's Office a fun and yet professional law enforcement agency. This publication is a snapshot of what the Sheriff's Office accomplishes daily throughout the county. We are honored to have the community's trust and support. We look forward to continuing our pursuit to work with the community to solve problems and make Humboldt County a safe place to live, work, and play.

If you are interested in learning more about the Sheriff's Office or volunteering to help with our mission, please visit our website, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Instagram or Twitter.

Thank you again for supporting the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.



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OUR MISSION

To protect and serve our community and to earn the public's trust through compassion and accountability.

OUR VISION

To be the safest rural community in California where peace, justice, and freedom thrive.

OUR VALUES

Dedication

Excellence

Professionalism

Unity

Trust

Integrity

Engagement

Service



OUR FIVE PRINCIPLES

We are **PREPARED** to do what is necessary every day.

We are trusted with the **PROTECTION** of our community and hold this above all else.

We are dedicated to **PREVENTION** of crime and abuse of all types.

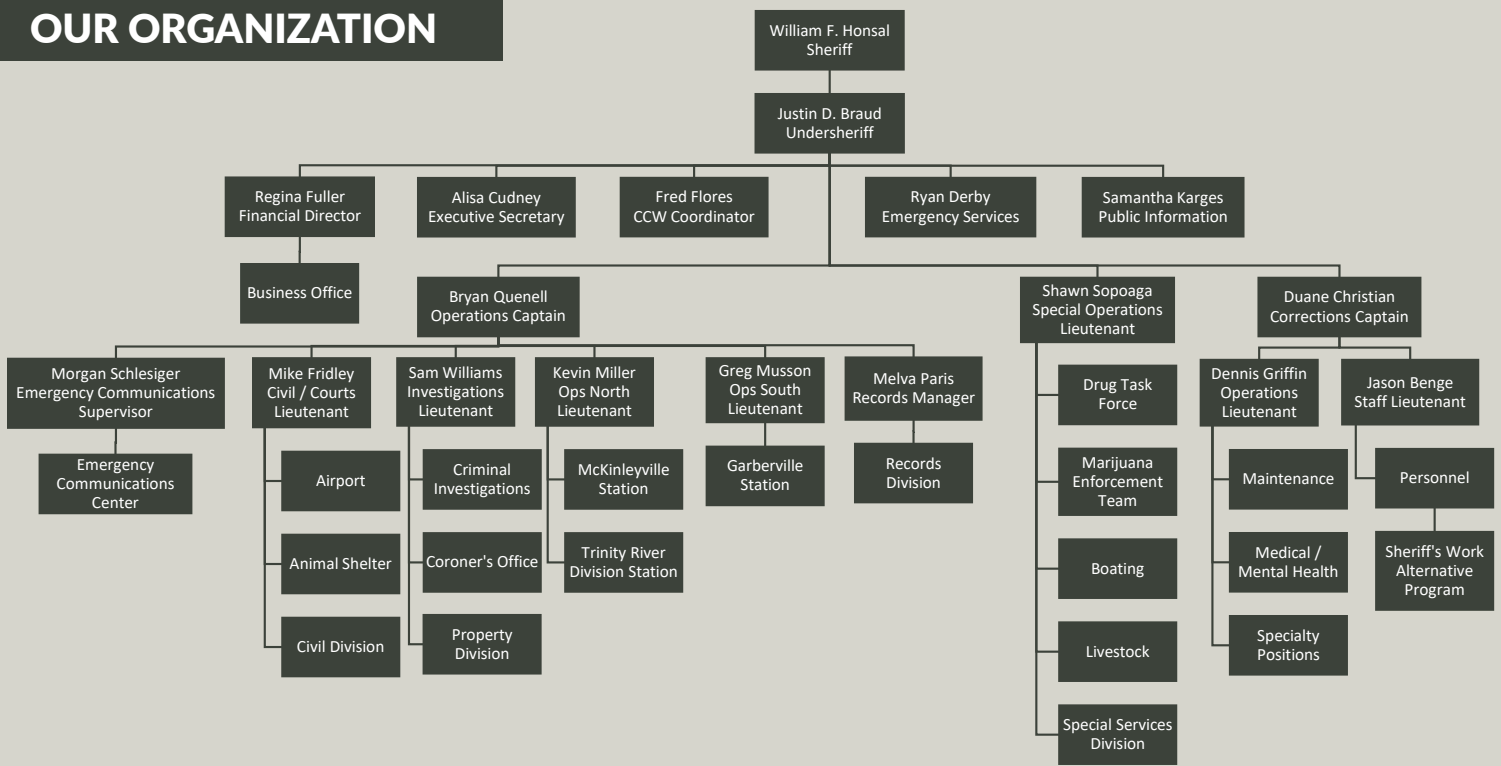
We put an emphasis on **PROBLEM SOLVING**, always being innovative and solution driven.

We seek trust and engagement through **PARTNERSHIP** with our employees and everyone in our community.





OUR ORGANIZATION



OUR LEADERSHIP



REGINA FULLER
FINANCIAL DIRECTOR



DUANE CHRISTIAN
CORRECTIONS CAPTAIN



BRYAN QUENELL
OPERATIONS CAPTAIN



JUSTIN BRAUD
UNDERSHERIFF



“In my 15 years of fire service, we didn’t get to know our law enforcement partners. Now, there’s a whole different level of trust, respect and teamwork between us.”

- Arcata Fire District Battalion Chief Sean Campbell

LEADING THE WAY

COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS UNITE TO SAVE LIVES

Two decades after one of the most prolific acts of school violence of its time, something that used to be a tragic rarity has now become almost commonplace. In consequence, a wave of change is sweeping over Northern California first responders, uniting them against one common enemy: active shooter.

After a year of county-wide effort, in 2019 the first version of the new the **Humboldt County Criminal Multi-Casualty Incident (CMCI) Protocol** was published. The Protocol is a first of its kind set of guidelines in the county that is breaking down agency barriers and proactively inducing collaboration, allowing for a faster and more efficiently coordinated incident response.

The CMCI Protocol was first conceived in 2013 by a working group of Law, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals serving in the North Humboldt Bay area. While active shooter incidents were the primary reason for beginning this Protocol, the guidelines were also envisioned to be responsive for other criminal multi-casualty incidents such as bombings and edged weapon attacks.

In 2018, the Sheriff’s Office launched the effort to make the Protocol county-wide, hiring Tom Dewey, former Humboldt State University Chief of Police, to lead the charge.

“In this county, a large criminal multi-casualty incident could involve personnel from more than ten different law enforcement and fire agencies, as well as EMS providers,” Sheriff William Honsal said. “We have 4,000 square miles to cover, much of that being geographically remote and rugged. During a CMCI response, we will need to rely on some of the over 65 different law, fire and EMS partners in our county. An effective multi-agency response is more likely if all of these agencies have agreed upon common guidelines as to how to train, respond, and work together effectively.”

While CMCI incidents have many of the same qualities or patterns, a coordinated response will look different for every area. As these incidents are so complex, so too are the guidelines. The protocol for Humboldt County is roughly 130 pages long and is tailored specifically for county first responders, taking into account all agencies’ policies and response procedures.

“We are constantly reminded of how we must rely on each other throughout the region in order to respond to an incident of this magnitude,” Arcata Police Department Chief Brian Ahearn said. Chief Ahearn represents one of the 62 agencies who have signed the new Protocol and will be receiving additional training. “Through the generosity of Sheriff Honsal and the subject matter expertise

of Tom Dewey, the Arcata Police Department has confidence and belief in the process and is constantly working to add infrastructure and capacity to our response platform.”

While the first edition of the CMCI Protocol has been completed, the work is not nearly over. Now that the protocol has been published and adopted, Dewey has turned his efforts to collaborative training.

Dewey and a cadre of about 35 volunteer instructors from three different disciplines organize the trainings, which range from in-class lectures and focused response walk-throughs, to full incident exercises. Every training provides the opportunity for attendees to work on multi-disciplinary teams, helping to grow the relationship between first responders.

In 2019

70+ CMCI Protocol instructional hours completed

300+ Emergency personnel trained

“In my 15 years of fire service, we didn’t get to know our law enforcement partners. Now, there’s a whole different level of trust, respect and teamwork between us,” Arcata Fire District Battalion Chief Sean Campbell said. “Now I know almost every officer that works in our district area by first name. It really makes a big difference.”

Dewey has goals of program expansion in 2020, with hopes to unite one more key player with the response framework: civilian stakeholders.

“Our goal in 2020 is to begin inviting a small number

of selected civilian stakeholder ‘observers’ to attend our four-hour introductory Fire/Law/EMS training,” Dewey said. Those observers include school administrators, private security representatives, and others who may have site responsibility during the first hours of an Active Shooter response. “We believe that these ‘observers’ receiving orientation and awareness training will improve their readiness to help the response to a real event.”

During the trainings, civilian representatives may also be given opportunities to revisit their own on-site plans to evaluate how they might dovetail with the CMCI Protocol, initiate their own notifications, handle evacuations and reunions, and other related concerns.

“When it comes to criminal multi-casualty incidents, we are all in this together,” Sheriff Honsal said. “These events impact our entire community. From the start of the incident, to the days and weeks of recovery following, we need all the key players, law, fire, EMS, and civilian stakeholders, to be prepared to stop the dying, which lays the foundation for healing. I look forward to the progress we will make in 2020.”

ACTIVE ASSAILANT COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

While the CMCI training is just for emergency responders, HCSO also offers active assailant preparedness courses for local community organizations.

In 2019

14 Active assailant community courses taught





LEADING THE WAY

REPORTING CRIME YOUR WAY

We believe the best way to make our community safer is by working together. That's why the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office is putting a focus on Problem Oriented Policing.

Problem Oriented Policing is a proactive approach to targeting and identifying problems that contribute to crime, disorder and other community issues. By collecting and analyzing data related to ongoing criminal activity, the Sheriff's Office can better address problem-areas of our county and implement strategies to reduce crime and other community issues.

In 2019 the Sheriff's Office launched a new online crime tip reporting tool. The new Online Crime Tip Tool allows residents to submit tips for issues such as garbage dumping, abandoned vehicles,

stolen property found, ongoing property theft, trespassing, suspicious activity, transient camps, suspected drug house, suspect information / location and other investigative tips.

Residents can also call the Sheriff's Crime Tip Hotline at 707-268-2539. This hotline is a secure voicemail system that is checked every day. All tips received online and over the phone are compiled, sorted by location, and distributed to sheriff's deputies for special analysis and follow up.

In 2019, the HCSO also revamped our Online Crime Report Form. This new form allows residents and visitors to our community to report non-emergency crimes in which they are the victim.

Scan the QR Code with your phone to learn more about online reporting.



TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office takes pride in our partnerships with several local tribes. The Sheriff's Office has established deputization agreements with the Hoopa, Yurok, and Blue Lake Tribes to allow for better coverage and public safety on tribal lands. Federally recognized tribal peace officers who have graduated a state police academy must complete a 720-hour field-training program with the Sheriff's Office prior to becoming cross-deputized. Once cross-deputized, tribal officers have the power to enforce California law on and off tribal lands under the deputization agreement.



BRINGING WELLNESS INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

A first of its kind training in Humboldt County is providing local law enforcement agencies the opportunity to develop resilience and wellness skills in the face of a sometimes stressful and traumatic career.

“For so long wellness has been overlooked in law enforcement and seen as a weakness,” Wellness and Resiliency Course Instructor Jen Wallace, CMF, said. “There are a lot of statistics that aren’t in our favor. But if we can take better care of ourselves and each other, maybe we can improve on those statistics.”

Forty-four emergency responders participated in a Wellness and Resiliency training on November 21 and 22, 2019, including representatives from: Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, Humboldt County Juvenile Hall and Probation, Eureka Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Arcata Police Department, California State Parks, HSU Police Department, Fortuna Police Department and Yurok Tribal Police Department. The training was offered for free by the Sheriff’s Office to local agency participants.

Throughout the training, instructors Heidi Bourne and Jen Wallace of Pacific Mindfulness emphasized mindfulness-based strategies designed to increase self-awareness, self-regulation and situational awareness contextualized for officer sustainability, safety and survival. Participants learned about the neurobiology and physiology of stress and trauma, acquiring tools and resources to mitigate the physical, mental and social consequences from their law enforcement roles.

“As first responders, we deal with people every day who are having one of the worst days of their lives. It is impossible to not have their experiences affect us in some way,” Correctional Sergeant and Course Organizer Delia Garcia said. “This training helps us process everything that we see, do and bear witness to. By appropriately processing these experiences, we are able to maintain personal wellness, which then allows us to better serve the community.”

FITNESS INITIATIVES

HUMBOLDT BIKE CHALLENGE

From May 1-31, 2019, county staff were encouraged to ride their bicycles, log the miles, and gain points as part of the Humboldt Bike Challenge. For the 3-6 Staff Member category, the Coroner’s Office (pictured right) won first place with 1,564 points.

SHERIFF'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

In 2019, HCSO employees began a wellness journey by undertaking the Second Annual Sheriff’s Fitness Challenge. As part of this challenge, participants committed to working out three times a week, changing their consumption habits by eating healthier, and participating in six public fitness events. After 12 months of hard work and dedication, five participants completed the challenge.



OUR PEOPLE

Making a Difference

256

Employees

75

Patrol Deputies

(including supervisors and extra help sworn positions)

87

Correctional Deputies

(including supervisors and extra help sworn positions)



Scan the QR Code
with your phone to
see our latest job
openings.

1,628

Applications submitted
for all open positions

120

Backgrounds
Completed

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play a critical role in enhancing and supporting the work of our deputies and staff. Our volunteers help with peer support, traffic control, community events, patrols, memorial services, searching for missing and lost people, searching for evidence, disaster support, clerical work, providing reentry programs in the jail, assisting with autopsies and more.

SHERIFF'S CITIZENS ON PATROL (SCOP)

SCOP is a volunteer program that assists the Sheriff's Office's law enforcement efforts. Program volunteers patrol identified problem areas, conduct traffic control at incidents and events, conduct vacation and business checks, and assist the public.

8

Volunteers

2,909

Patrol hours

9

Community events

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We believe that law enforcement is more effective when deputies and the community work together. Having a Neighborhood Watch in your community not only reduces crime and makes your community safer, it also helps our deputies identify common problems seen in neighborhoods across Humboldt County and work toward long-term solutions.

To start a Neighborhood Watch in your community, contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Ginger Campbell at 707-839-6606.

78

Neighborhood Watch Groups

4

Business Watch Groups



DID YOU KNOW?

The Sheriff's Office has five volunteer chaplains available 24 hours a day to help employees during a professional or personal crisis. For our sworn employees, this resource helps them better prepare for and process high-stress and critical situations.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



A SEARCH FOR TWO LOST SISTERS

On March 1, 2019, two Benbow sisters were playing outside their home when they decided to go on an adventure. The girls, ages 8 and 5, walked off into a nearby wooded area and became lost after following a deer trail. Meanwhile, Sheriff's Office personnel began a massive effort, coordinating a search and rescue for the girls. As the girls spent the first of two nights out in the woods on their own, more than 250 personnel from across the state responded to assist in the search.

At about 8:30 a.m., on March 3, two Piercy Volunteer Firefighters assisting in the search efforts located boot prints believed to belong to the girls. Those tracks led the team to an area near Richardson Grove State Park. The two girls responded when crew members called out to them and were soon located huddled together under a bush. The sisters were evaluated by medical personnel for dehydration and given water and warm, dry clothing. The girls told first responders that once they had realized they were lost, they decided to stay put, drinking fresh water from Huckleberry leaves.

News about the rescue spread throughout the country with national coverage of the efforts. The Sheriff's Office received an outpouring of support during the effort to bring the girls home, and as a result, an increased interest in Search and Rescue volunteer opportunities and outdoor survival training.



JOIN THE SHERIFF'S SEARCH AND RESCUE POSSE

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Posse is an all volunteer, non-profit organization that provides the Sheriff's Office support in searching for lost persons and evacuating ill, injured, or deceased persons from areas not accessible by conventional means.

Scan the QR code to the left to learn more.



SAVING LIVES

On April 24, 2019, a Humboldt County Correctional Facility male inmate had just finished a court hearing and was returning back to his dorm within the facility. Facility inmates in good behavioral standing are regularly self-escorted to and from court appearances within a secure area of the facility. Inmate movement within the facility is remotely monitored by correctional staff.

Upon leaving his court hearing, the inmate failed to follow self-escort procedure and approached a linear-style cell utilized for holding inmates awaiting court. The inmate used jail issued clothing in an attempt to take his own life at the cell via hanging. Court Services Correctional Deputy Colby Henson observed the inmate's actions on the facility's monitoring system and called for immediate assistance. Correctional Deputy Avila-Garcia was first to arrive on scene and held the inmate up until further help arrived. Court Services Bailiff Ron Sligh was second to arrive on scene and assisted Correctional Deputy Avila-Garcia by climbing the linear cell and freeing the inmate.

The inmate was evaluated by medical staff on scene and was uninjured from the incident.

On October 22, 2019, emergency communications dispatchers received a call from a distraught teen who expressed feelings of self-harm. The teen had attempted hanging but had changed their mind while on the phone with dispatchers.

Though the teen did not provide a location, dispatchers were able to obtain a general area of where the teen was calling from. Deputy Lamb and Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Officers Yanez and McCovey were dispatched to the call. Dispatchers advised Deputy Lamb to turn on his patrol car siren as they attempted to locate the teen by listening for the siren through the 911 line. As the siren grew louder over the phone, dispatchers were able to advise Deputy Lamb that he was close to the teen.

Deputy Lamb located the teen over a cliff edge. He rushed to the teen's aid and with the help of HVTPD Officer Yanez, was able to save the teen's life.



EEL RIVER FLOODING

On February 27, 2019, winter conditions caused widespread flooding of the Eel River Valley. The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services was activated and the Special Services Division was mobilized to assist in flood related emergencies. At one point, Highway 211 at Fernbridge was closed to all traffic due to rushing floodwaters covering the roadway. Deputies and volunteers with the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse assisted local ranchers in herding cattle stuck in flood waters to higher ground. As part of this flooding event, deputies also assisted in rescuing three people trapped on a tractor in the middle of floodwaters.



SAFER COMMUNITIES

Building Trust

1,593

Total arrests in 2019

62,687

Calls for service

6,982

Reports taken



DTF
Drug Task Force



6 Agents, 1 Supervisor

- Humboldt County District Attorney's Office
- Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
- Eureka Police Department
- Arcata Police Department
- Fortuna Police Department
- California Highway Patrol

Investigates illegal narcotics activities in Humboldt County

127 Search warrants served

79 Drug-related arrests

42 Firearms seized

The Humboldt County Drug Task Force (HCDF) is a multi-agency narcotics task force whose mission is to disrupt or dismantle mid to upper level drug trafficking organizations. The HCDF is operationally ran under the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. Each participating law enforcement agency is responsible for supplying a task force agent to HCDF. The success of the HCDF is contributed to the outstanding interagency teamwork and community collaboration.

HAVE A CRIME TIP?

Together we can make our communities safe.

If you have information relating to illegal suspected narcotics possession or sales, call 707-267-9976 or report it online by scanning this QR code.



ILLEGAL DRUGS SEIZED IN 2019

51.83 lb Methamphetamine

37.46 lb Heroin

285.2 g Cocaine

5.47 lb Prescription Narcotics

420 g MDMA

4.5 g Psilocybin Mushrooms

2 LSD doses

3 Fentanyl Patches

2 Suboxone Strips



EOD

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team

The Sheriff's EOD Team, commonly referred to as "Bomb Squad", responds to all calls involving potential explosives, including suspicious packages, bomb threats, and explosions.

18

EOD Team call outs

6

Suspicious package investigations

600+

EOD training hours completed

SWAT

Special Weapons and Tactics Team



16 Members

- Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
- Arcata Police Department
- Eureka Police Department
- Fortuna Police Department

Humboldt County SWAT responds to barricaded suspects who refuse an order to surrender, incidents where hostages are taken, arrests of dangerous persons, and any situation that could enhance the ability to preserve life, maintain social order, and ensure the protection of property.

4

Operations

3

Arrests

1

Agency Assist

3,000+

Training hours completed



SPECIAL SERVICES

The Sheriff's Special Services Division serves the residents of Humboldt County through several speciality positions and units. Special Services deputies support patrol staff day-to-day and during special operations. The Special Services Division includes:

Boating Unit, Livestock Deputy, Marijuana Enforcement Team, Search and Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Public Demonstration Peace Keepers

The Sheriff's Office utilizes several pieces of specialized equipment to serve the people of Humboldt County. Some of our resources include:

- Sno-Cat Rescue Vehicle
- BearCat Armored Vehicle (SWAT)
- Jet Boat
- Fan Boat
- Jet Skis
- ATVs
- Side-by-Side



MET

Marijuana Enforcement Team

Investigates illegal cannabis cultivation and processing



In 2019, the Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) underwent a name change, becoming the Marijuana Enforcement Team.

86 Operations

206,966 Cannabis plants eradicated

39,788 lb Processed cannabis destroyed

\$94,718 U.S. Currency seized

16 Arrests

81 Firearms seized

SHERIFF CORONER

CORONER'S OFFICE

306

Death
Investigations

206

Autopsies &
External Exams

2,632

Volunteer Hours

The Humboldt County Coroner's Office provides decedent collection and death investigation services to the entire county. The office consists of two deputy coroners, one deputy sheriff, one coroner sergeant, and one legal office assistant. The office is also assisted by over two dozen volunteers. Volunteers help schedule autopsies and assist with the entire autopsy process.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

In 2019, the Coroner's Office purchased a mobile X-ray machine and a commercial floor scale. The new resources allow staff to work more safely and efficiently.



PROPERTY DIVISION

The Property/Evidence Division accepts, catalogs, processes, and stores all evidence collected from crime scenes, found or abandoned property, and items taken for safekeeping.

5,029

Items processed

271

Firearms processed

407

Stolen items
recovered

420

Items returned
to owner



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



The Criminal Investigations Division works to piece together crime scenes and find justice for victims of major crimes. Investigators are responsible for investigating many different types of crime including:

Arson, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Attempted Homicide, Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, Embezzlement, Home Invasion, Robbery, Homicide, Human Trafficking, Missing Persons, In-Custody Deaths, Sex Offender Monitoring and Enforcement

- 3** Investigators
- 2** Rotational Detectives
(3 year assignment)
- 1** Detective Sergeant
- 1** Evidence Technician

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

In 2019, there were significant changes in personnel as our CID Lieutenant and Detective Sergeant both retired, and one detective left our agency. Lieutenant Williams, Sergeant B. Taylor, and Deputy Head were assigned to fill the vacant roles in the division.

CID is currently in the process of digitizing homicide files dating back as far as the 1950's. This project is expected to take some time, but once completed it will make future follow up investigation much more efficient and effective. CID has also undertaken a project which focuses on the follow up and disposition of missing persons' cases in the county. As of this point nearly one hundred people have been located and removed from the Missing and Unidentified Persons System (MUPS).



95
Search warrants
served

300+
Cases
investigated
(includes all major crimes)

12
Arrests

28
Agency assists



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services is the primary local coordination agency for emergencies and disasters affecting residents, public infrastructure, and government operations in the county. OES staff coordinate and participate in emergency planning, response, and recovery under the direction of Sheriff Honsal and in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners.



5

Emergency Operations
Center (EOC) activations

10

Outreaches

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

2019 can be reflected on as a period of transition and growth for OES. For the first time in several years, OES has become fully staffed with a completely new team. We had several activations for **Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)** which allowed us to analyze strengths and opportunities for improvement in our EOC procedures and staffing models. These PSPS events helped us to better identify and clarify key response roles in an incident and showcased the importance of having highly trained and competent EOC staff.

In an effort to continue growing our EOC staff's baseline of emergency management knowledge, we have undertaken a training project that will credential our EOC staff as Incident Management Team (IMT) Level III responders in their respective positions.

In 2019 OES also conducted joint community outreach/trainings with local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) leaders, including an emergency preparedness training for County staff at All Hands Training Day and public outreach at the Humboldt County Fair. We've been coordinating closely with our CERT Team Leaders to provide continued training to team members and coordinate additional classes for 2020.

HUMBOLDT ALERT

Humboldt Alert is a county-wide Emergency Notification System utilized to notify local residents of severe weather, wildfires, flooding, evacuations, and other incidents. Residents must sign up to receive these notifications.

56,674

Registered
contact points

6,274

New
registrations
in 2019

Scan the QR Code
with your phone
to sign up for
Humboldt Alert.



MEET THE NEW OES MANAGER

Ryan Derby began his new role as OES Manager in December of 2019. He joins the Sheriff's Office from the Humboldt County DHHS Public Health branch where he was the program coordinator assigned to prepare the county for health-related emergencies. Ryan brings new perspective to the Office of Emergency Services and ambitious goals for the future.



COURT PROTECTION / CIVIL DIVISION

Court Protection deputies provide courthouse security, courtroom order and security, protection of the judges, court staff, public and prisoner handling, and movement between the Correctional Facility and nine operating courts. Meanwhile, civil deputies and staff process and serve all civil process papers.

334,391

People screened entering the courthouse

9,400

Prohibited / illegal items detected and seized during courthouse screening

70

Criminal subpoenas served

240

Temporary restraining orders served

238

Eviction orders enforced

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control officers respond to all animal related calls for service and investigate cases of animal abuse and/or neglect. Humboldt County Animal Control also oversees the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, which houses and provides medical care for stray and abandoned animals.

1,347+

Total animals processed into the Animal Shelter

482

Pet adoptions

545

Pets returned

\$39,663+

Spent on emergency medical costs out of the Emergency Medical Fund

8,714

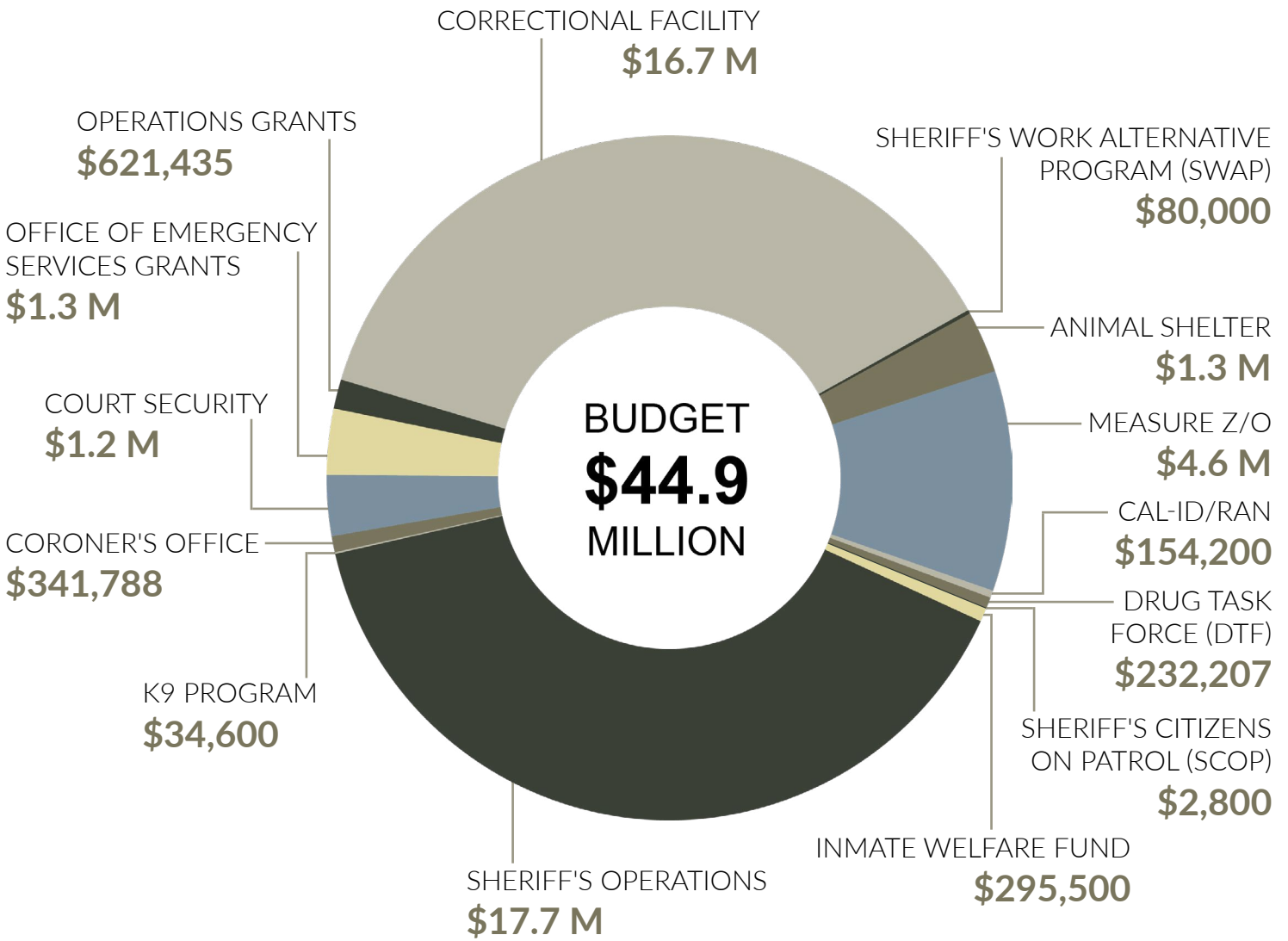
Shelter volunteer hours

1,992

Animal-related calls for service



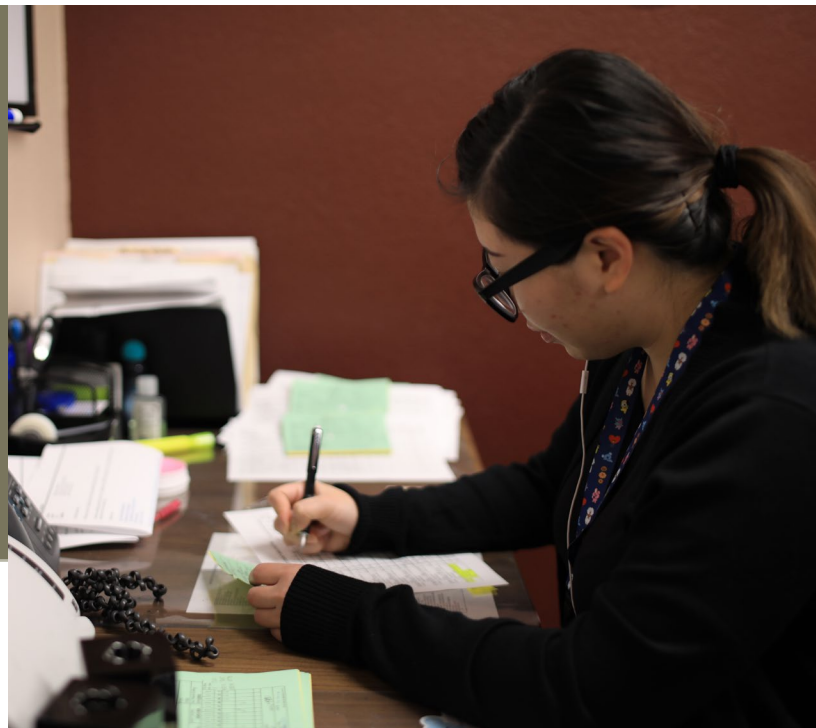
FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

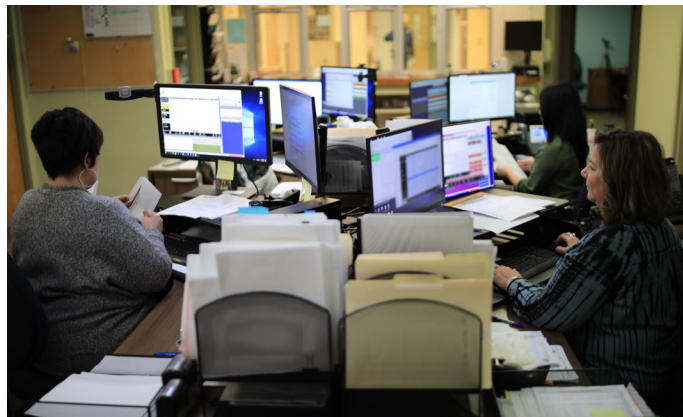
The Sheriff's Office Financial Services Division provides budget and payroll, accounts payable and receivable, central purchasing and supply, inventory control and data services. The division also oversees the administration and coordination of 14 grants awarded to the department.

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

In 2019 we saw a critical shortage of emergency communications dispatchers within our department. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approved a needed pay increase for our hardworking dispatchers and also approved a pay incentive for new recruits. We began an aggressive recruitment campaign to get more qualified people hired and trained to do this important work. Out of that campaign we were able to hire several dispatchers who are now in training in our Emergency Communications Center.



RECORDS AND IDENTIFICATION

The Records Division is the county repository for criminal records, including criminal offender registrations. Records personnel process deputy reports, maintain the automated want/warrant system, and interface with the State Department of Justice to provide the public with Live Scan fingerprinting services. The Records Division also processes business licenses and Concealed Carry Permits.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

The Records Division added several new team members allowing for improved service at our Main Station location.

Division staff implemented a new case tracking system to track the forwarding of case information to the District Attorney's Office, allowing for higher accountability and efficiency of case processing.

EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS
Superior Quality Service

142,460

Total phone calls in 2019

(390 per day)

26,953

Emergency 9-1-1 calls

(73 per day)

62,687

Total calls for service

(171 per day)

CUSTODY SERVICES

Changing Lives

121

Correctional Deputies
and Support Staff

396

Average daily inmate
population

9,416

Inmate bookings
in 2019





The Custody Services Division's primary function is the care and custody of sentenced and non-sentenced inmates incarcerated in the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF). The HCCF spans approximately 155,000 square feet on six floors and has a rated capacity of 417 beds. The facility contains a short-term care medical housing unit. Mental health and substance abuse treatment services are provided through the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS:

The Humboldt County Correctional Facility's biggest achievement for 2019 has been the increase in staffing. The facility is currently staffed better than we have been in the past 15 years. This has been done with relentless recruiting across the entire state.

Additionally, over the past year we have instituted Body Worn Cameras in all of our maximum-security units. This has allowed staff the opportunity to have evidence of incidents that occur within the facility.

We also completed contracts for a new jail security system that will provide better coverage throughout the entire facility making it a safer environment for both inmates and staff.

In 2020, we look forward to upgrading our inmate telephone system to new technology with lower rates for the calls so those incarcerated can more easily keep contact with friends and family.





PROGRAMS-BASED CORRECTIONS

90

Volunteers

15

Programs offered

397

Inmates
completing
college courses

20,916.5

Total class
hours completed

IN-CUSTODY PROGRAMMING

We believe that in order for inmates to be successful after release, they must be given the opportunity to better themselves while in custody. We provide inmates with a variety of opportunities, from college courses and literacy classes to wellness counseling and AA/NA groups, we want to ensure inmates are equipped with the tools they need to stay out of jail for good.

In 2019, inmates had a selection of 15 programs offered continually throughout the year including CR classes, meditation, yoga, a variety of spiritual classes and ministries, AA, NA, a resume building class, and more. We also conducted at least six special programs this year including a Holiday Art Contest, a Holiday Dorm Decorating Contest, the Living the Dream Art Project, an Intro to Poetry Class, a Poetry Project, and the semiannual Inmate Re-Entry Fair.

HOLIDAY ART CONTEST

The Correctional Facility hosted its Second Annual Inmate Holiday Art Contest in 2019. Each housing dorm was provided with a 2 ft x 2 ft piece of plywood and paint supplies, and tasked to create a holiday scene. The paintings were then displayed on our Facebook page and in-person at Arts Alive and Arts! Arcata, where community members were able to vote on their favorite painting. *(Winner pictured right)* The winning dorm received popcorn and a movie as a reward. The Holiday Art Contest is a great way to help lift spirits in the Correctional Facility during what can be a very hard season for inmates. This contest helps improve morale, which then reduces violence and improves behavior within the facility.





SHERIFF'S WORK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM

The Sheriff's Work Alternative Program is an alternative to incarceration for low-risk offenders. Offenders are able to work off their time at either the Sheriff's Wood Lot, Farm, Animal Shelter, or County Garage. This allows the Sheriff to reduce overcrowding inside the jail and it allows individuals to remain productive members of society.



CALTRANS INMATE WORK CREW

In-custody offenders have the opportunity to join the Caltrans inmate work crew. This crew completes various work assignments during the day such as grass mowing, culvert cleaning, small tree work and chipping throughout the county. Crew members gain work experience while serving their time.



HELPING OUR SENIORS

"It means a lot. It means I'll be able to stay warm this winter. Since I'm on a fixed income and haven't received a raise in years, being able to afford firewood is really helpful."

-Fred Depucci, Rio Dell Resident

The Sheriff's Senior Wood Project is a joint effort with the Humboldt Senior Resource Center to provide discounted cords of wood to local seniors. The Wood Project is part of our SWAP program, allowing low-level offenders to cut wood as a way to work off their sentence. Not only does the wood help local seniors, it allows offenders to build skills and character to help them in future career endeavors.



IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Here to Help

We believe that in order to create a safer community, we have to do it **together**. That's why we make connecting with our community a **priority**. On any given day you will find a deputy at our local schools hanging out with students, on foot patrolling through downtown Garberville, biking down the Hammond Trail, or stopping into a local business to say hi. We're not here to just serve, **we're part of the community**. On duty or off, we have a personal interest in making Humboldt County a safer and better place to live.



Scan the QR Code with your phone to learn more about what we're doing in the community.



COFFEE WITH A COP

PUBLIC SAFETY SUNDAY

On April 28, 2019, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office teamed up with the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce to host the first annual Public Safety Sunday at Pierson Park. The free event for the public included emergency equipment from over 20 agencies and businesses, with special events such as the California Highway Patrol and Coast Guard helicopter landings, a K9 demonstration, children's CPR, rope rescue, and more. Over 800 members of the public came out to meet with emergency personnel and learn more about what we do to keep our communities safe.



SHOP WITH A COP



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

Throughout the month of November, deputies and staff were given the chance to opt-out of dress code for a donation of \$30 to Humboldt CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Wild Souls Ranch or Making Headway. The Sheriff's Office allowed those who donated to grow out their beard or dye their hair and paint their nails blue.



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