

# 2016 Annual Report



## MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT



# Message from the Chief



It is my pleasure to present the Modesto Police Department's 2016 Annual Report. The purpose of this report is to provide our community a snapshot of information and statistics affecting our city and the Department including crime, traffic, staffing levels, and what's new.

This year it was exciting to see the Real Time Crime Center progress from a concept to near completion. It has already proven beneficial as an operations center for police and fire for several critical incidents within our city. Our Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program has become a model for departments across the State of California. Officers and supervisors assigned to the program have also been asked by the Peace Officers Standards and Training at the state level to assist in developing a training program and policies for all agencies interested in starting their own program.

The Modesto Police Department continues to enjoy an incredibly supportive community. Thousands of our community members come together for events such as Standing Together, Blue Mass, L.E.A.D. and We Stand With You. In addition, our community has once again placed #1 for a city our size during the National Night Out against crime. As a city, we have our challenges, however standing together we will continue to improve our community. We are extremely grateful for all of the support shown by our community.

We continue to work hard to fill our ranks with caring, supportive and dedicated new officers. Our recruiting team has done an excellent job working towards a goal of 240 sworn officers after our city council authorized an additional 20 sworn positions in the past year.

It has been a rewarding and challenging year. We will continue to strengthen our ties with the community and look for ways to improve our service and efficiency.

Galen L. Carroll  
Chief of Police



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## Mission Statement

The mission of the Modesto Police Department is to drive the crime rate down and improve the quality of life in the City of Modesto.

## Vision Statement

The City of Modesto is a safe place to live, work and play. We proactively enforce laws, develop long-term solutions to problems and engage in crime prevention in partnership with the community.

The Modesto Police Department is a leader in Intelligence-Led Policing. We maximize the use of technology, innovative ideas and crime analysis in the deployment of our resources.

The Modesto Police Department is a learning organization. We are constantly striving to excel and grow by learning from our experiences, tactics and careful examination of events in the public and private sectors. We embrace new ideas and concepts in providing safety and service to our community.

Mission and Vision Statement



# Modesto, California

The City of Modesto is located in the heart of the Central Valley and spans 37 square miles. The City was established on August 6, 1884 and has grown to the population of 212,287. The Modesto Police Department is dedicated to partnerships with local allied agencies, Modesto Fire and first responders, to provide the most efficient and effective services to our community.

Once again, Modesto was honored to receive the “National Night Out Award”. In 2016, Modesto ranked #1 in California and was recognized for excellence in promoting police-community partnerships and engaging neighborhoods that ultimately provide a safer, more desirable place to live.

Modesto is well known for its annual Graffiti Parade and Car Shows, and is home to a wide variety of art and entertainment venues. Modesto is proud of its great traditions, educational opportunities, and diversity.



## MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

\$48,577

## MEDIAN AGE:

35.2

## DEMOGRAPHICS:

White	47.6%
Hispanic	37.5%
Asian	7.2%
Black	3.7%
Other	4.4%





### **POLICE CHIEF**

Galen L. Carroll

### **ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF**

Rick P. Armendariz

### **SWORN OFFICERS**

240

### **PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

95

### **ANNUAL POLICE BUDGET**

\$57,590,597

### **DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS**

Operations Division

Investigative Services Division

Support Services Division

The Modesto Police Department is one of the Central Valley's most elite and innovative law enforcement agencies, working in partnership with the community it serves. The goals of the department are to:

- Reduce Crime and the Fear of Crime
- Increase Community Engagement
- Promote Organizational Excellence

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Modesto's new Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program has become a model for law enforcement agencies across the State and the Nation. The UAVs are one of many new cutting edge programs developed to improve public safety.

Modesto Police Department



# Operations Division



The Operations Division is the largest division within the police department, staffed by over 135 officers and professional staff dedicated to keeping our community safe.

In 2016, personnel in the Operations Division partnered with local schools to develop several new programs where staff focus on building relationships with children through exercise, mentoring, and interaction. Programs such as “Get Fit” and “Save Me A Seat” have proven to be successful ways to bridge the gap with youth in our community. “Beyond the Walls” was created to engage youth with incarcerated parents. The idea behind the program is to facilitate discussions about career paths, goals, and making good choices.

In addition to youth outreach, specialized units build relationships with community, businesses, and civic groups to educate and promote crime prevention and strive to keep Modesto a safe and enjoyable place to live work, and visit.

## DIVISION COMMANDER

Captain Craig Gundlach

## ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER

Lieutenant Brandon Gillespie

## UNITS

- ❖ Area Commands
- ❖ Crime Reduction Team
- ❖ Crime Prevention
- ❖ Traffic
- ❖ Canine
- ❖ Bike Patrol
- ❖ Equestrian
- ❖ Crisis Response Unit
- ❖ Modesto Community Response Team (Mental Health Resource)



**182,984**  
Calls for Service

**12,125**  
Arrests

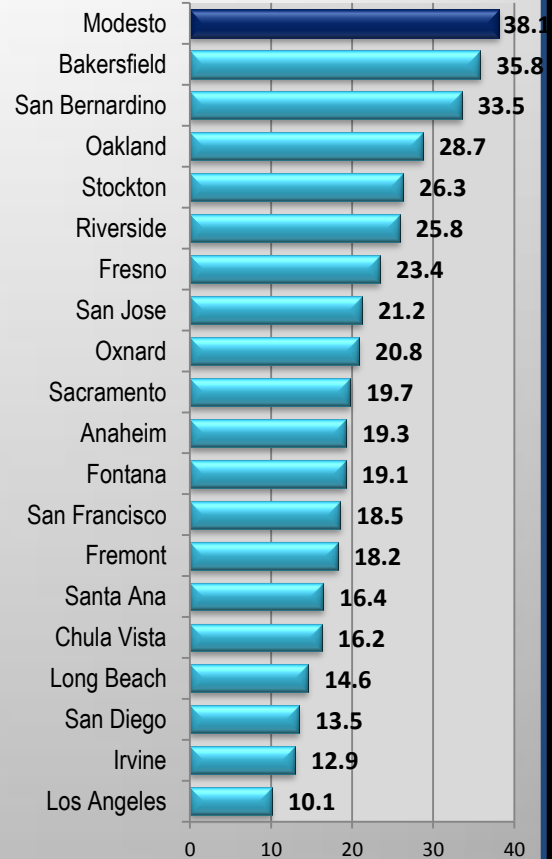
**4,968**  
Courtesy Notices  
Issued

**122**  
K-9  
Operations

**4,011**  
Non-Traffic  
Citations Issued

**10,915**  
Traffic Citations  
Issued

**2016 Index Crimes per FTE in  
California's 20 Most Populous Cities**



For The Record



# Investigative Services Division



The Investigative Services Division is staffed with over 70 sworn and professional staff comprised of Detectives, Police Officers, Community Service Officers, Police Clerks, Crime Analysts, Police Technicians, and Crime Scene Technicians.

The Investigative Services Division investigates felony cases. Once thoroughly investigated, cases are prepared and presented to the District Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

In 2016 the Property Crimes Unit received 3,930 cases, Violent Crimes Unit received 2,763 cases, and the Special Victim's Unit received 1,634 to investigate.

The Investigative Services Division saw an increase of 643 more cases this year compared to last year.

## DIVISION COMMANDER

Captain David Van Diemen

## ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER

Lieutenant Terry Seese

## UNITS:

- ❖ Violent Crimes Unit
- ❖ Special Victims Unit
- ❖ Property Crimes Unit
- ❖ High Tech Crimes
- ❖ Crime Scene Investigation Unit
- ❖ Modesto Narcotic Enforcement Team
- ❖ Street Gang Unit
- ❖ Stanislaus Drug Enforcement Agency
- ❖ Central Valley Gang Intelligence Taskforce

## ***VIOLENT CRIMES***

### **HOMICIDE:**

13

### **RAPE:**

103

### **ROBBERY:**

481

### **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT:**

1,507

## ***PROPERTY CRIMES***

### **BURGLARY:**

1,421

### **LARCENY:**

6,350

### **MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT:**

1,553

**4th**

Most Violent City in  
California

**-48%**

Decrease in  
Homicides

**8,327**

Investigative Cases  
Received

**23,988**

Property Items  
Booked

**466**

Firearms  
Collected

**4,401**

Drug Items  
Booked



**For The Record**



# Support Services Division



The Support Services Division consists of 52 full-time personnel and additional part-time professional staff, who provide service to the community visiting the department on a daily basis.

The Records Unit operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Records personnel assisted 11,490 citizens and answered over 63,000 telephone calls in 2016. The Records Unit also assists the Operations and Investigative Services Divisions. The Records Unit provides crucial support to department staff, allied agencies, and community members.

Also within the Support Division is the Property and Evidence Unit. This unit is responsible for maintaining items of evidence and safekeeping. The personnel within this unit processed 23,952 items, booked 3,786 drug items, and 466 firearms in 2016.

## **DIVISION COMMANDER**

Captain Brian Findlen

## **ASSISTANT**

## **DIVISION COMMANDER**

Lieutenant Jason Grogan

## **RECORDS MANAGER**

Police Civilian Manager  
Cynthia Fuzie

## **UNITS:**

Records  
Training  
Animal Control  
Property/Evidence  
Administrative Services  
Information Technology  
Hiring/Recruitment  
Backgrounds  
Volunteers  
Explorers  
Reserves  
Cadets

The Training Unit is responsible for scheduling, organizing and the implementation of training for department personnel. Law Enforcement requires continuous training to maintain compliance with the California Commissions on Peace Officer Standards & Training and to stay up-to-date with changes in laws and procedures. Our department embraces and utilizes the most advanced technology. A great example is the implementation of the Departments Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) program that provides critical air support for officers in the field. The aerial advantage allows for increased public and officer safety, while taking advantage of state of the art technology.

The Animal Control Unit assists officers in the field and responds to calls for service within the City of Modesto. In 2016, officers impounded 1,530 animals, issued 971 MMC violation citations and recovered 569 deceased animals.



### DID YOU KNOW?

# 28,409

hours of training were completed  
department-wide in 2016

### RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS

12

### EXPLORERS

19

### VOLUNTEERS

38

### ACO ISSUED CITATIONS

971

### ANIMAL RELATED CALLS

6,235

Support Services Division



# Professional Staff

## DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteers donated over **10,000** hours of service in 2016.

The Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Volunteers provide assistance in all areas including special community events. Their support is essential to our success. They are a valued members of the Modesto Police Department family.

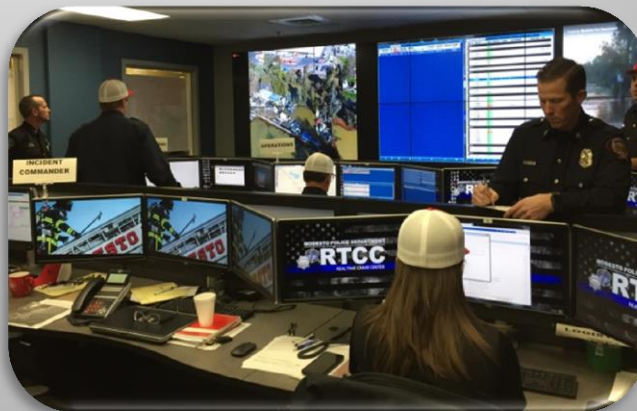
The Modesto Police Department takes pride in mentoring and training young members of our Explorers program (ages 16-21). At the age of 21 Explorers may promote to Police Cadet to further enhance their law enforcement career.

Our department maintains a continuous recruitment and hiring process in order to maintain staffing levels. In 2016, the Department received 1,706 applications for police officers; from which 32 new officers were hired successfully and completed the academy, and 4 laterals were hired from other agencies. The Department was allocated 240 sworn positions. In addition, vital professional positions were filled within the department.

Chaplains play a vital role in our department as dedicated volunteers providing services to the citizens of Modesto.

Our dedicated professional staff play an important role in providing support services to officers, detectives, command staff, and community members.





In 2016, two new exciting additions were added to the Modesto Police Department. The Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) and the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle program. The RTCC is a video policing center which is housed within the Operations building at our main headquarters. The primary mission of the center is to act as a force multiplier for officers and investigators in the field. The staff of the RTCC accomplishes this by actively monitoring real-time incidents to see if any available video feeds and/or database research can be of use to responding officers. In the short time the RTCC has been in operation, UAV and fixed camera video streams have been successfully utilized on a number of incidents. They have efficiently directed officers to criminal activity in parks, the direction of fleeing suspects, weather events, and perimeter surveillance. As the UAV program grows and obtains more video camera feeds, the RTCC will only increase its usefulness as a critical asset and force multiplier for the citizens of Modesto.

# Area Command Model



The City of Modesto is divided into four Area Commands which are split between two Lieutenants responsible for crime reduction and promoting positive community engagement. Within those Area Commands, Sergeants and Officers rely on a Community-Oriented Policing and Intelligence-Led Policing approach to issues that develop within their community.

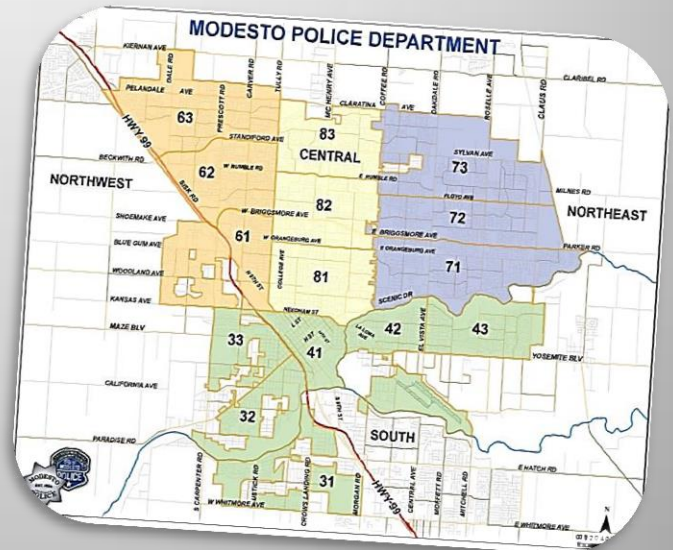
In addition, the Operations Division Crime Analysts work to identify crime trends, areas of high crime, and develop suspect information to assist Area Commanders where to focus patrol resources.

## **NORTHWEST/CENTRAL AREA COMMAND**

Lieutenant Rigo DeAlba

## **NORTHEAST/SOUTH AREA COMMAND**

Lieutenant Steve Stanfield





# Community Outreach

## 2016 FUN FACTS

- ❖ The Modesto Police Department has: 350 Neighborhood Watch Groups. The Crime Prevention Unit continues to work hard to bring neighborhoods together for safer, stronger communities
- ❖ Over 11,500 new “Likes” on Facebook.
- ❖ Over 36,533 “Followers” on Twitter.



**2,237**  
Community  
Oriented Policing  
Events

**5,480**  
Predictive Oriented  
Policing Events

**191**  
Community  
Events

**350**  
Neighborhood  
Watch Groups

**106**  
Crime Free  
Multi-Housing  
Properties

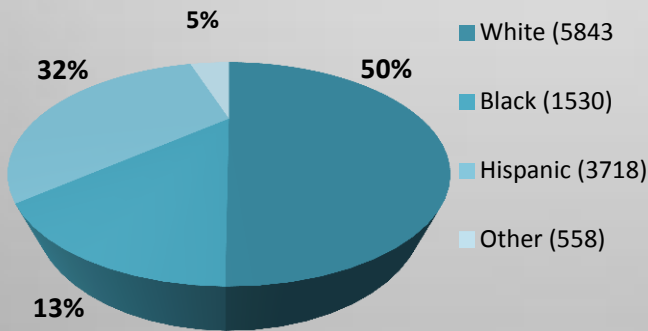
**184**  
National Night Out  
Parties



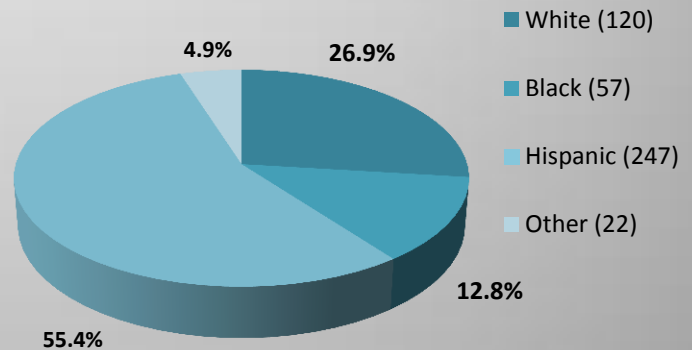
## 2016 BIAS BASED PROFILING ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

In 2016, the Modesto Police Department had a total of 23,519 enforcement contacts (defined as arrests, citations, and field interviews.) In addition, in 2016 the Modesto Police Department issued 129,896 case numbers. During contacts made by Modesto Police employees, no contacts resulted in a formal complaint being filed with the Modesto Police Department specifically alleging biased based actions.

### 2016 Adult Arrests



### 2016 Juvenile Arrests



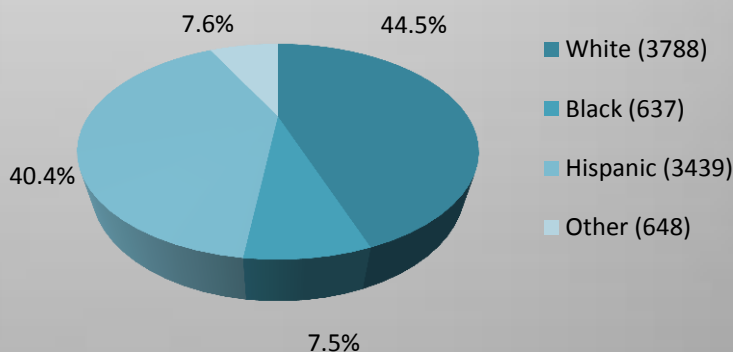


# Internal Affairs

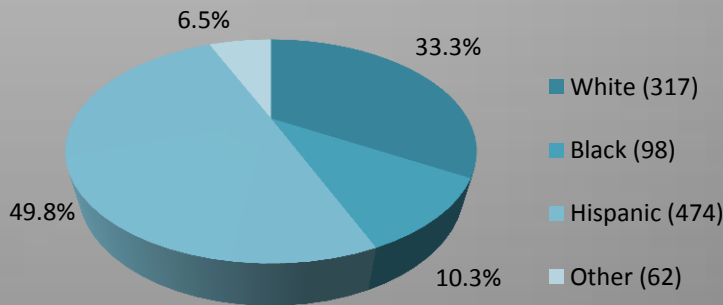
## 2016 INTERNAL AFFAIRS FACTS

- ❖ Officers made 153,415 citizen contacts.
- ❖ Officers used force in the apprehension of a suspect in 178 incidents. Use of Force occurred in 0.12% of citizen contact incidents.
- ❖ Use of Force incidents decreased 11.8%, from 202 incidents to 178 incidents.
- ❖ The Modesto Police Department complies with the regulations that prohibit biased base profiling. The Department continues to provide employee training on profiling issues and legal aspects.
- ❖ The Modesto Police Department identifies corrective measures needed if/when bias based profiling occurs.

### 2016 Citations = 10,474



### 2016 Field Interviews = 951



Proud to Serve





# Community Engagement



# Commendations

## Medal of Valor

Officer Kalani Souza  
Officer Edgar Villalpando  
Officer David Wallace

## Distinguished Service

Sergeant Gary Crawford  
Sergeant Joseph Bottoms  
Police Civilian Supervisor Beth Lyons  
Senior Crime Analyst Kara Davis

## Police Leadership

Captain Craig Gundlach

## Gerald L. McKinsey

### Officer of the Year

Officer Tom Fara

## Meritorious Service Award

Randy Angle

## Stanislaus Civitan Club

### Officer of the Year

Officer John Heilman



**Division Commanders Unit**

**Citation Award**

**Street Gang Unit**

Sergeant Felix Roman  
Officer Douglas Ridenour, Jr.  
Officer Randy Bolinger  
Officer Orrin Nelson  
Officer Dwight Miller  
Officer Yair Oaxaca  
Officer Martin Lemus  
Officer John Carrico  
Officer John Wesley  
Reserve Officer Mark Homa

**Division Commanders Unit**

**Citation Award**

**Traffic Unit**

Sergeant Jerry Ramar  
Officer James Reeves  
Officer Daniel Phillips  
Officer Brian Ferguson  
Officer Billy Boyle  
Community Service Officer-  
Jean Philbrook

**American Legion**

**Officer of the Year**

Sergeant Randy Davis

Commendations



# 2016 Reflections

2016 has been a big year for the community of Modesto and the men and women of the Modesto Police Department. As a police department, and more importantly, as public servants, we as an organization continue to evolve with our community, assuring we are integrated within the community we serve and working together to improve the quality of life to all those that live, work and visit our great city.

With the continued addition of new police officers, new technology and new crime reduction strategies, it is imperative we never forget law enforcement cannot be successful without the trust of our citizens. We have seen firsthand with trust, we have developed meaningful relationships and with those relationships we have seen strong community support and community engagement, that most other communities would envy. Our commitment remains firm: We will always safeguard the trust bestowed to use as we strive to remain one of California's premiere law enforcement agencies.

It is an honor to work alongside some of the best law enforcement officers in the Nation and work for a unique and supportive community. We are committed to providing a universal approach when addressing crime through collaboration, partnerships and community-oriented governance. Our focus is to always "Making Modesto Better".



Rick P. Armendariz  
Assistant Police Chief





The Modesto Police Department is always looking to hire highly motivated, professional men and women for a variety of career opportunities such as lateral transfers of seasoned Police Officers, Academy Recruits, Community Service Officers and Police Clerks. The Modesto Police Department is searching for qualified candidates that meet our high standard of professionalism and are ready to take the challenge to work for one of Northern California's premier law enforcement agencies.



**Ordinary  
People  
Doing  
Extraordinary  
Things**

If you are looking for the opportunity to truly make a difference in your community, contact the Modesto Police Department Recruiting Team at 209-572-9523 or e-mail us at [MPDRecruitment@modestopd.com](mailto:MPDRecruitment@modestopd.com)



**Career Opportunities**



# RECOGNITIONS



## *City of* **MODESTO**

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### CITY MANAGER

James Holgersson, City Manager

Joseph P. Lopez, Deputy City Manager

Brent Sinclair, Deputy City Manager

### CITY COUNCIL

Ted Brandvold, Mayor

Mani Grewal, District 1

Tony Madrigal, District 2

Kristi Ah You, District 3

Bill Zoslocki, District 4

Jenny Kenoyer, District 5

Douglas Ridenour, District 6



Modesto Police Department

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## *In Memory...*

of the dedicated Police Officers who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the citizens of Modesto.

Officer Leo R. Volk ~ EOW: May 21, 1973

Officer Steve E. May ~ EOW: July 23, 2009

Professionalism  Pride  Service