



ANNUAL REPORT

2024

**MODESTO POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As Chief of Police for the City of Modesto, I'm proud to present the 2024 Annual Report—a reflection of a year marked by progress, innovation, and steadfast dedication to public safety.

In 2024, the Modesto Police Department answered over 148,000 calls for service, a clear sign of the trust our community continues to place in us. Through strategic enforcement, intelligence-led policing, and strengthened community partnerships, we achieved measurable reductions in property crime and continued to hold the line on violent crime. These outcomes were not accidental—they are the direct result of the relentless drive, courageous spirit, and servant hearts of the men and women who make up our department.

We reached several key milestones this year, including becoming the first law enforcement agency in California to be Autism certified by the IBCCES, a powerful step toward inclusive policing. We also received the Helen Putnam Award for two youth programs, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to investing in Modesto's future. And in the air, Sky 1 completed its first full year of service—responding to over 2,900 calls and dramatically improving our response capabilities on the ground.

Our focus on innovation remained strong. We expanded the use of pursuit mitigation tools, deployed the new Taser 10, and enhanced our Real-Time Crime Center and citywide camera network. These technologies, coupled with traditional policing fundamentals, are transforming how we protect and serve Modesto.

We also deepened our connection with the community. Modesto was ranked #1 in California for National Night Out participation among similar-sized cities—a testament to the strength of our partnerships and the pride we all share in our hometown. We hired over 70 new employees in 2024, and our commitment to employee wellness and professional development continues to grow, ensuring a resilient and mission-ready team.

As we look ahead, we remain guided by our core mission: to drive the crime rate down and improve quality of life. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make Modesto a safe, strong, and thriving place for all.

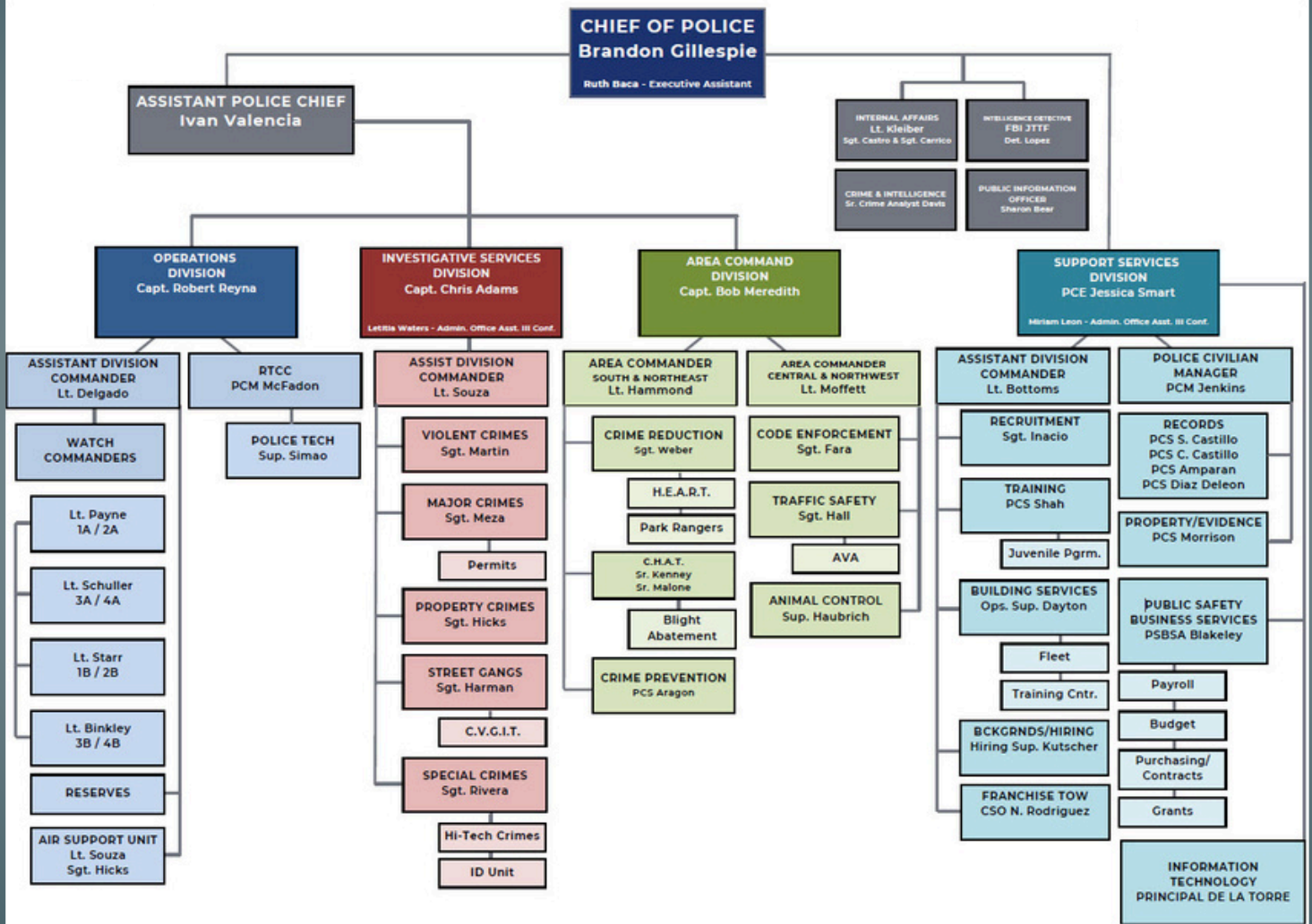
Thank you,
Chief Brandon Gillespie



Brandon Gillespie

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

The Modesto Police Department





Mission

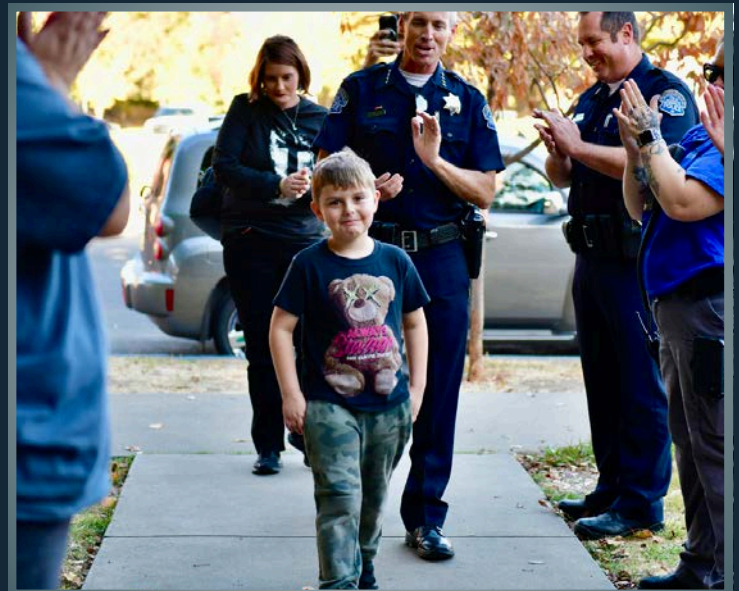
The mission of the Modesto Police Department is to drive the crime rate down and improve the quality of life in the City of Modesto.

Vision

The City of Modesto is a safe place to live, work and play. We are a leader in intelligence-led Policing and pride ourselves in being a learning organization.

Values

Servants Heart
Courageous Spirit
Relentless Drive



MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

The City of Modesto is located in the heart of the Central Valley and spans 37 square miles. The City was established in 1884 and the population has grown to over 218,000 according to the 2020 Census. To learn more about our demographics, go to the [U.S. Census Bureau](https://www.census.gov).

The Modesto Police Department is dedicated to partnerships with local allied agencies and our community. Modesto is well known for its annual Graffiti Parade and many car shows, and is home to a wide variety of art and entertainment venues. Modesto is proud of its timeless traditions and hometown values as well as bringing exciting and new opportunities for family fun.



STAFFING

Sworn Personnel Allocations 211

Sworn Staff Demographics

White.....	50%
Hispanic.....	30.5%
Asian.....	8%
Black.....	3.5%
Other or Not Specified.....	8%

Professional Staff Allocations 159

Professional Staff Demographics

White.....	41%
Hispanic.....	39.6%
Asian.....	4.5%
Black.....	2.2%
Other or Not Specified.....	12.7%

CRIME DATA & STATISTICS

In 2024, the Modesto Police Department responded to 148,230 calls for service, reflecting an increase from the 137,021 calls received in 2023. This rise underscores both the growing demands on public safety services and the continued trust our community places in MPD to address concerns across the city.

Quality of life-related calls remained consistent, with 10,992 calls in 2024, a slight increase from 10,905 in 2023. These types of calls include issues such as disturbances, public nuisances, and neighborhood complaints—areas where community policing and proactive engagement continue to play a vital role.

In terms of crime trends, violent crime remained steady, with 7 homicides reported in 2024, mirroring the total from the previous year. The number of aggravated assaults slightly decreased, from 903 in 2023 to 894 in 2024, reflecting our ongoing efforts to prevent and intervene in violent incidents.

Property crimes showed notable reductions. MPD investigated 556 burglaries and 718 vehicle thefts, both of which were down from 2023 totals, signaling progress in our crime prevention strategies, increased patrols, and investigative follow-up. These results demonstrate our department's commitment to making Modesto a safer place to live, work, and visit.



Five Year Crime Trend

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
CFS (CAD And SIA)	172,948	159,440	136,704	137,021	148,230
QOL	10,061	11,123	11,865	10,905	10,992
Homicide	16	10	9	7	7
Rapes	109	132	106	134	126
Aggravated Assault	1,163	1,144	1,094	903	894
Burglary	699	591	599	585	556
Vehicle Theft	1,099	930	808	766	718

View the crime statistics presented in the Modesto Police Department's 2023 Annual Report [here](#).

For Department of Justice Crime data go to: oag.ca.gov



AREA COMMAND

Area Command Division: The Area Command Division leverages timely and accurate information to swiftly deploy resources, employing effective tactics and follow-up to ensure favorable results. Under the umbrella of the Area Command Division, a diverse range of units collaboratively address challenges, enabling the seamless provision of assistance and enforcement as required. One innovative aspect of this division is the implementation of the Alternative Response concept. Recognizing the need for specialized care in certain situations, non-sworn personnel skilled in mental health and resource navigation are utilized. These professionals are part of units such as the Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART), Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT), and Crime Reduction Team (CRT), that are adept at understanding available resources and diverting individuals in mental crisis or experiencing homelessness away from the criminal justice system.

- Homeless Engagement and Response Team (HEART)
- Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT)
- Park Rangers
- Animal Control
- Crime Prevention
- Crime Reduction Team
- Code Enforcement
- Traffic Safety Unit
- Equestrian Unit
- Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Unit



AREA COMMAND STATISTICS



C.H.A.T.

- Total Calls 6,407
- ESRI Completed 4,156
- Shelter Placement 1,545
- Services Accepted 6,074
- Services Refused 3,376
- Housed 39



CRIME REDUCTION TEAM

- Arrests 427
- Narcotic Sales 65
- Firearms Located 24
- Search Warrants 18
- Asset Seizures \$79,127



H.E.A.R.T.

- Services Offered 685
- Services Accepted 88
- Sheltered 54
- Camps Removed 794
- Park Clean-Ups 343
- Trash Removed (lbs.) 654,099



PARK RANGERS

- Parks Visited 4,681
- Verbal Warnings 242
- Citations 519
- Educational Contacts 89
- Camps Removed 749
- Referrals 25

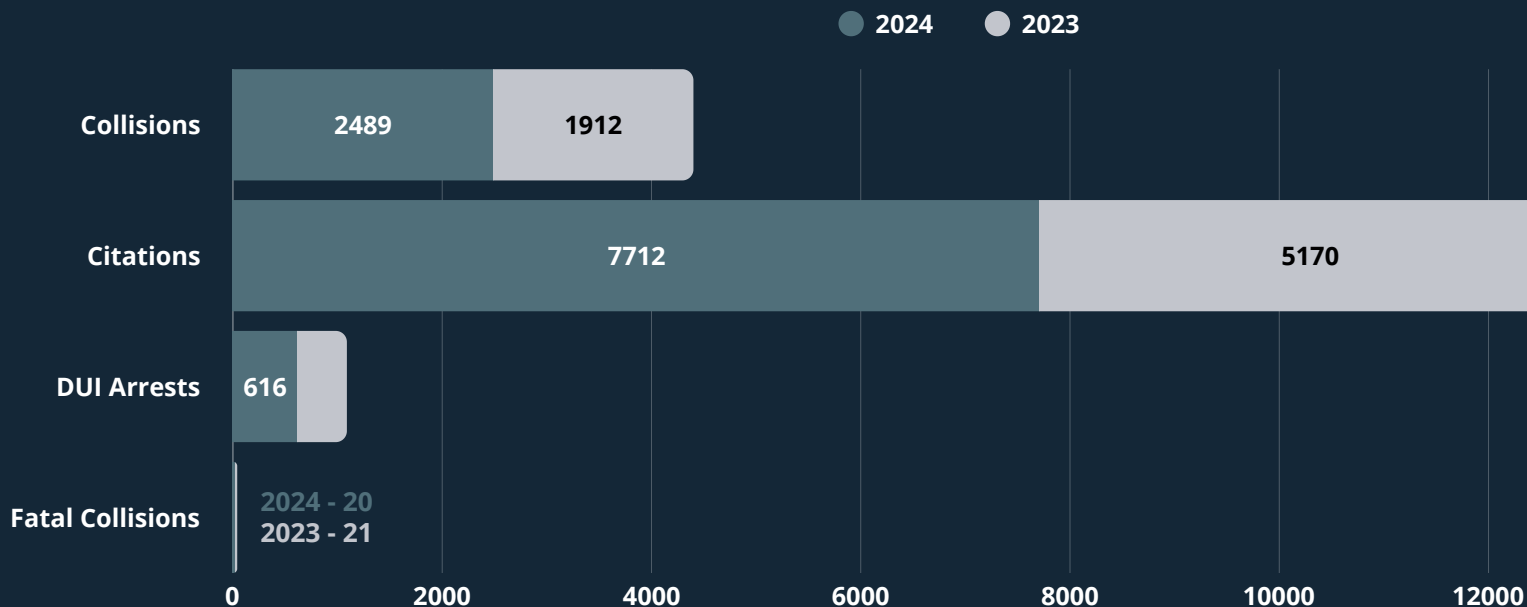


TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT




The Traffic Safety Unit's primary function is to ensure safe travel for all motorists in the community. They fundamentally accomplish this through the use of data-driven deployment to high-incident areas to conduct traffic enforcement. The Traffic Safety Unit is also responsible for major and fatal traffic crash investigations, reviewing department-wide traffic crash reporting, managing various state and federal traffic safety grants, coordinating community awareness and education surrounding traffic safety, and enforcing DUI-related violations. The Traffic Safety Unit also houses the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement team.

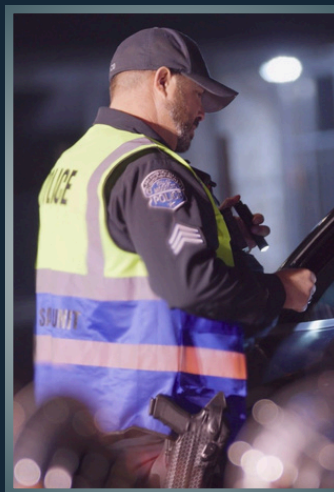
Traffic Statistics



Every 15 Minutes



Traffic Tip Tuesday 



Checkpoints

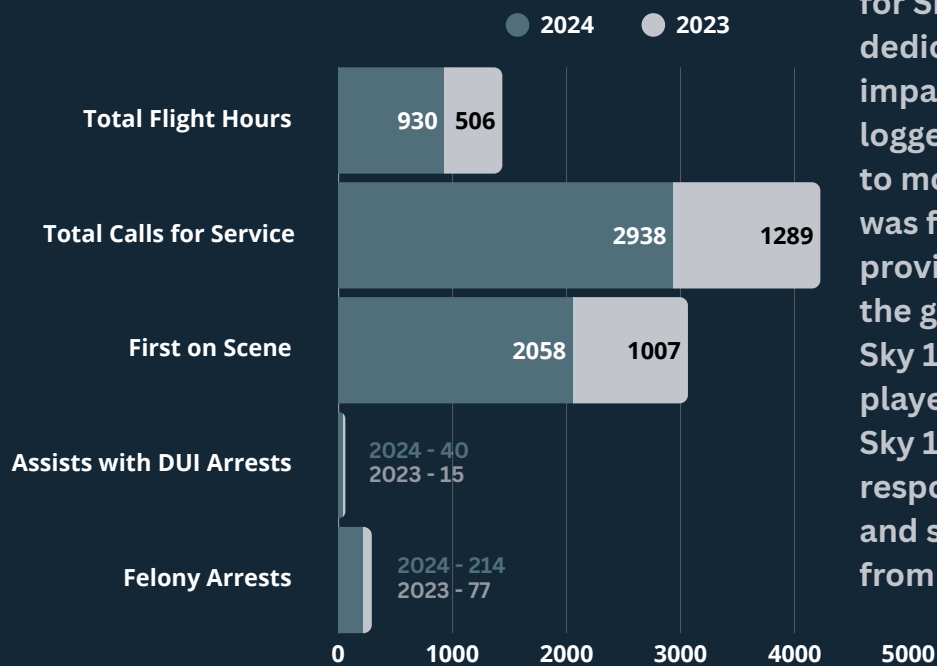


Traffic Enforcement

AIR SUPPORT UNIT



Sky 1 Statistics



2024 marked the first full year of service for Sky 1, Modesto Police Department's dedicated air support unit – and the impact has been outstanding. Sky 1 logged over 930 flight hours, responded to more than 2,900 calls for service, and was first on scene over 2,000 times, providing critical support to officers on the ground. In addition to patrol efforts, Sky 1 assisted in 40 DUI arrests and played a key role in 214 felony arrests. Sky 1 continues to enhance our ability to respond quickly, increase officer safety, and support community policing efforts from the air.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS & USE OF FORCE

At the Modesto Police Department, we hold ourselves to the highest standards of integrity, accountability, and professionalism. As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and public trust, we are sharing the 2024 Internal Affairs and Use of Force data.

This section of the report offers a detailed overview of both citizen-initiated and administrative complaints, along with the types of force used by our officers. It also includes demographic data related to use of force incidents. Our goal is to provide clear insight into our policies, training practices, and operational decisions.

Internal Affairs

<u>IA Investigations</u>	51
Administrative Complaints	4
Citizen Complaints	46

Types of Administrative Complaints

Conduct	7
Performance	9

**Complaints can have multiple officers and types of allegations*

Types of Citizen Complaints

Conduct	47
Performance	18
Policy	32
Force	11

**Complaints can have multiple officers and types of allegations*

Dispositions of All Complaints

Unfounded	69
Sustained	2
Exonerated	1
Not Sustained	3

**22 Cases still under investigation*

Use of Force

<u>Incident Types</u>	173
Calls for Service	109
On View	66
Warrant Service	5

Types of Force Used

Controlling Force	30%
Bodily Force/Takedown	56.7%
Impact Weapon/Body Strike	2.4%
Canine	1.1%
Taser	7.8%
Firearm	0.6%

Demographics of Subjects Where Force was Used

White	52
Hispanic	90
Black	29
Asian	7
Other	2

Officer Involved Shootings 1
View Community Briefing video [here](#).

REFLECTING ON 2024

A YEAR OF PROGRESS

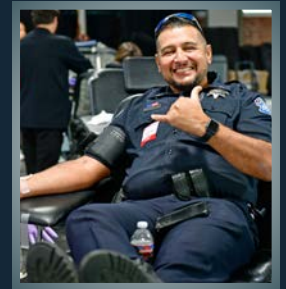
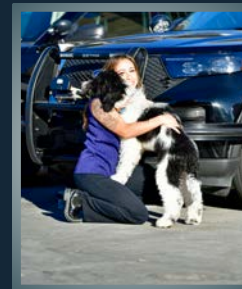
In 2024, the Modesto Police Department advanced on all fronts—public safety, innovation, and community engagement. Through strategic enforcement, increased staffing, and proactive outreach, we saw measurable progress in crime reduction and service delivery.

This year marked several milestones for our department. We were proud to receive the prestigious Helen Putnam Award for Excellence for two of our impactful youth initiatives—The Healthy Room Project and 10K with a Cop—each reinforcing our commitment to supporting Modesto’s families and future leaders. We also made history as the first police department in California to become Autism Certified through the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES), ensuring our officers are better equipped to connect with every member of our diverse community.

Community trust remained a central focus. Modesto was ranked #1 in California for National Night Out participation among cities of our size—a clear reflection of the strong partnerships between officers and neighborhoods. We also expanded our Wellness Program, introduced Maverick, our wellness dog, and continued to invest in the well-being of our officers and professional staff.

Operationally, we launched a new Area Command model to strengthen neighborhood-level policing and held numerous town hall meetings to stay connected with the community. Sky 1, our police aircraft, continued to be a force multiplier—providing real-time aerial support in crime prevention and response.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to leading with innovation, fostering trust through transparency, and building a safer Modesto for everyone.



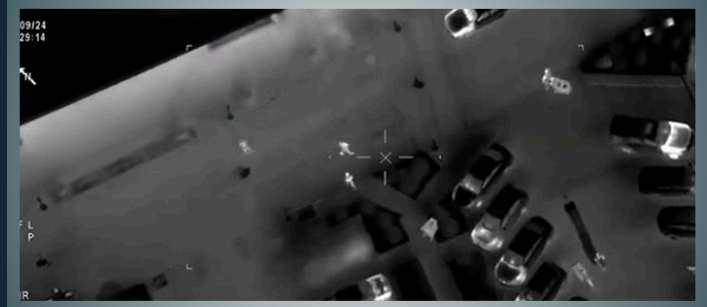
LEADING WITH INNOVATION


In 2024, the Modesto Police Department strengthened its commitment to innovation by deploying new technologies designed to enhance public safety and operational efficiency. This year marked the full integration of the Taser 10, providing officers with advanced tools for safer outcomes in the field. We expanded the use of pursuit mitigation technologies, including StarChase and MobileSpike, allowing officers to resolve dangerous incidents with greater control and less risk to the public.

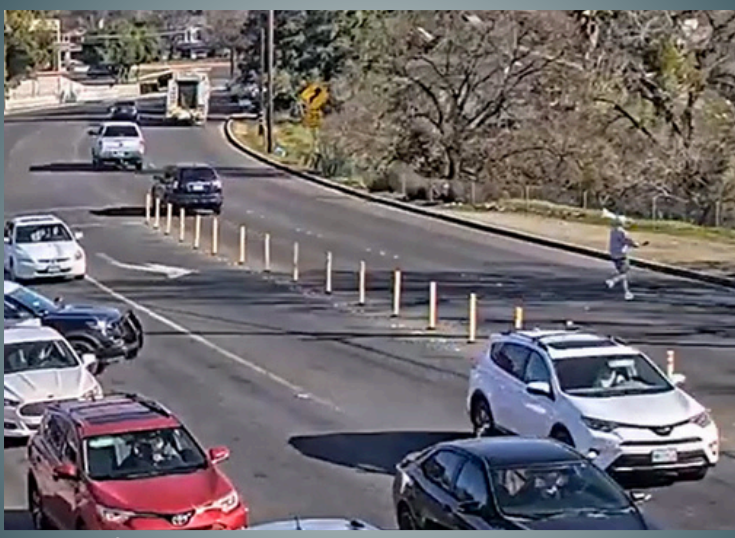
Sky 1, our dedicated patrol aircraft, completed its first full year of service, supporting thousands of calls for service and dramatically improving response times. Our Real-Time Crime Center and Citywide Camera System continued to provide real-time intelligence, giving officers critical information when seconds matter most. With these investments, along with the expansion of our Automated License Plate Reader network, MPD remains at the forefront of modern policing, using innovation to build a safer Modesto.




 Taser 10




 Sky 1 Assists with ORT Operation



 Real Time Crime Center Assists with Capturing Robbery Suspect



 Pursuit Technology

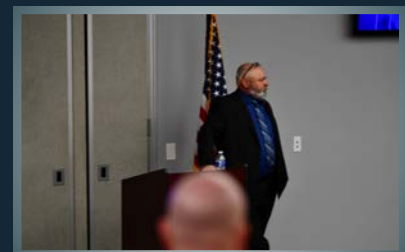
ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

In 2024, the Modesto Police Department launched a comprehensive citywide initiative to combat organized retail theft (ORT) and motor vehicle accessory theft (MVAT), funded by a \$6 million grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections. The program combines proactive enforcement, enhanced technology, and strong business engagement to address rising concerns from retailers and community members. At the heart of the effort is a commitment to real-time crime monitoring, with strategic investments in mobile surveillance units, license plate readers, and a robust upgrade to the department's Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). A full-time civilian investigator was also added to lead case development and strengthen partnerships with local retailers.

Through consistent bi-monthly operations, MPD has executed 48 enforcement actions resulting in 364 arrests and nearly \$91,000 in recovered stolen property. These efforts are informed by crime data and direct feedback from business partners, ensuring that deployments target the areas of greatest need. More than 45% of arrests involved non-residents, underscoring Modesto's role as a regional deterrent for organized theft crews. Citywide property crime dropped by 13.8%, and several major retail centers experienced double-digit reductions in theft, including a more than 50% drop in holiday-season losses. These outcomes reflect a clear shift in how Modesto is perceived—not as an easy target, but as a city prepared to respond with coordination and resolve.

Beyond enforcement, the initiative has revitalized the relationship between the police department and the business community. Retailers now have direct lines of communication with officers and participate in regular strategy meetings. Technology enhancements allow for faster identification of suspects and better coordination with prosecutors, while public forums and community education have further strengthened collaboration. The success of this program is a testament to what's possible when partnerships, innovation, and accountability come together in service of public safety. "Not in Modesto" has become more than a message—it's a mindset driving tangible results for residents, businesses, and the local economy.

[Organized Retail Theft - Modesto Police Department](#) ✈️



COMMENDATIONS

2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Distinguished Service

Keyon Turner

Distinguished Service

Camera Team

Mike Hicks

Doug Ridenour Jr.

Adam Foster

Mark Homa

Jordan Moffett

Anthony Miranda (posthumously)

Meritorious Service

Charles Lockridge

Gerald L. McKinsey Award

Jacob Hook

Cynthia Fuzie Civilian Employee of the Year

Cortney Victorino

Critical Incident Award

Clayton Keener and Rafael Campos

Police Leadership Award

Frank Inacio

Division Commanders Unit Citation

Air Support Unit

Kalani Souza

Mike Hicks

Jordan Falkenstein

Jacob Moore

Mark Fontes

Ivan Salamanca

Pilot Zackery Brooks

Pilot Andrew Roberts

Pilot Chase Edgington

Pilot Richard Hinds

Pilot Carson Miller

Pilot Michael Terpstra

DUI Award

Nicholas Haro

Elias McKnight

Jesus Padilla

Ivan Salamanca

Stolen Vehicle Award

Jacob Hook

Erick Garcia-Martinez

Clayton Keener



SOCIAL MEDIA



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1700 FOLLOWERS

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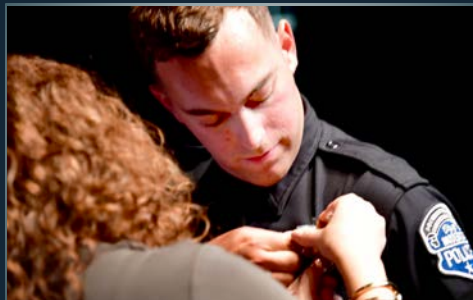
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CLASS OF 2024: NEW HIRES

We welcomed over 70 new team members to Modesto PD in 2024, bringing fresh talent, dedication, and a shared commitment to serving our community with integrity and professionalism.

This growth reflects not only our department's progress but also the incredible support we receive from the Modesto community. Together, we're building a stronger team to keep Modesto safe and thriving.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Modesto Police Department is continuously seeking motivated and professional individuals to join our department. We offer a wide range of career opportunities, including lateral transfers, Academy Recruits, Community Service Officers, Police Support Specialists, Police Park Rangers and Outreach Specialists.

Our department upholds high standards of professionalism and is dedicated to recruiting candidates who embody these qualities. We provide awesome hiring incentives, specifically tailored for veterans, lateral officers, Police Trainees, Police Recruits, Community Service Officers, Police Support Specialists and Animal Control Officers, to attract top talent to our team, along with great benefits and advancement opportunities.

We are actively searching for qualified individuals who are ready to embrace the challenge of working for one of Northern California's premier law enforcement agencies. If you are looking for the opportunity to truly make a difference in our community, please contact the MPD Recruitment Team at 209-572-9523 or email us at MPDRecruitment@modestopd.com. We look forward to hearing from you and discussing the exciting career opportunities that await you at the Modesto Police Department.

[Recruitment Video](#) ✨



WE HAVE AN OPENING
👉 FOR YOU

