



***CITY OF SIERRA MADRE***  
***POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2016***



***Mission:*** *To ensure community safety, and to deliver the highest quality service through our dedication, teamwork, and partnerships.*

***Vision:*** *To become the model for 21st century small town policing.*

***Values:*** *Integrity, Innovation, Dedication, Compassion.*

***Motto:*** *Serving Those We Protect.*



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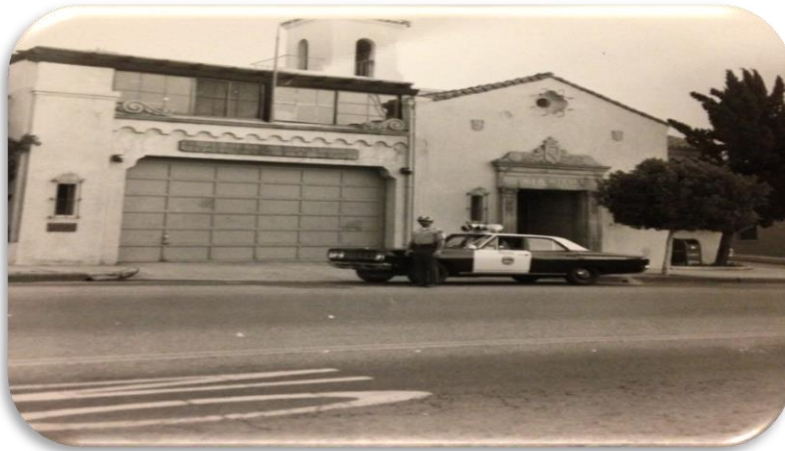




## *HISTORY OF THE SIERRA MADRE POLICE DEPARTMENT*

*The city of Sierra Madre is located at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains of Los Angeles County. The “Village of the Foothills” is centrally located between Pasadena and Arcadia. The city is made up of three square miles of serene neighborhoods and green space. At its heart is the City’s charming downtown shopping district, a popular landmark for visitors and the approximately 11,000 residents that call Sierra Madre home. The City of Sierra Madre was incorporated as a California city in 1907.*

*The Sierra Madre Police Department was founded in 1928 when Gordon MacMillan was sworn in as the first Chief of Police. Over the years, he was followed by Chiefs Bayle, Zurcher, Kendra, Betts, Thurmin, Surgent, Christensen, Davis, Bailey, Hinig, Diaz, Giannone and currently Interim- Chief Ortiz. When Chief MacMillan took office, the police facility was located near city hall at 55 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.*



*In 1976, a new Fire & Police Facility was built for public Safety. Chief I.E. Bill Betts was Police Chief at the time.*







## History Cont.



*For over 85 years, the men and women of the Sierra Madre Police Department have been committed to providing the citizens with their law enforcement requirements and helping to provide for a safe, Foothill Village community. Through the joint efforts of the Sierra Madre Police Department and the community, the City of Sierra Madre enjoys one of the lowest crime rates in California. We have the pleasure of serving the community while building a partnership and we appreciate the support of the fine residents of the Foothill Village.*

*In the late 1980s and 1990s, Sierra Madre was praised as the safest city in Los Angeles County while the City of Los Angeles was experiencing a drug fueled crime wave. As of 2016, Sierra Madre continues to be one of the safest cities in the county. Crime Trend analysts attributed this to inaccessibility and a primarily single-family population. In 2006 the Sierra Madre Police Department made history when their Mayor appointed Marilyn Diaz, the first ever female Police Chief for Los Angeles County.*

*In 2011, Larry Giannone was appointed Chief of Police. The Sierra Madre Police Department is comprised of one Chief, one Captain, four Sergeants, one Corporal, one Detective, twelve patrol officers, four police dispatchers, three community service officers, two cadets, six reserve police officers and numerous volunteers.*



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



*After 44 years of service in the Public Safety profession, (with 9-years of serving the City of Sierra Madre), we said farewell to Public Safety Director Chief Larry Giannone as he retired this year. I had the honor and privilege to serve as a Police Captain under Chief Giannone for almost 2 years where I witnessed (first-hand) his unwavering commitment and dedication to our city, to the citizens of Sierra Madre and to the Sierra Madre Police Department. I learned a great deal from Larry Giannone as the Chief and I wish him well in his much-deserved retirement. I was incredibly fortunate to have been appointed interim-Chief of Police for the Sierra Madre Police Department and to continue in Chief Giannone's footsteps of leading our department into the future.*

*In 2016, the department faced some of the most challenging times since its inception almost 100 years ago in 1928. Full and part time staffing levels dropped to less than 50% for a variety of reasons including retirement, an opportunity to work at higher paying agencies, a perceived lack of job security in light of the scheduled decrease of the UUT and the pending revenue measure on the April ballot. In April, the people spoke when the residents of this community voted to pass the UUT that will bring in sufficient revenues in order to*



*maintain critical services like Public Safety. We want to thank the community for their support as we transition from some tough times to a newer, positive department. Very soon you will see some new faces out in the community. Recruitment is going well and we are focused with embedding the officers, both new and old back into the community so we may continue to provide the high level of service that not only keeps our small town safe, but allows the citizens to know their police department personnel and for the police department to know the members of our community.*

*The residents, City Staff and City Council supported our recruiting efforts as we rebuilt the police department with new employees. For the first time in the history of the department, the council decided to hire and sponsor two police officer recruits to go through a 26-week police academy. In December of 2016, our two recruits graduated at the top of their class from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy. In a special segment of the graduation ceremony, Officer Thomas Onderdonk, of the Sierra Madre Police Department was named the Honor Recruit. This award is given to the recruit who achieves the highest numerical average based upon leadership qualities, academics, marksmanship, and physical performance throughout the training period.*

*Even with the staffing challenges of 2016 we still made great strides in how we communicate and make our department more accessible to our community. In addition to our continued commitment to positive interpersonal contacts with our employees and citizens, we also saw some big changes with our Sierra Madre Police Department website. We provided the public the ability to share content more easily from our webpage through email, Facebook, Twitter and many other social media platforms. I believe this is another great way to continually engage our community in a manner that will continue to evolve over time. With a focus on community outreach, we restructured our Weekly Police Blotter, held numerous town hall meetings and Coffee with a Cop venues used to publicize events, trainings, community initiatives and so much more to our residents.*

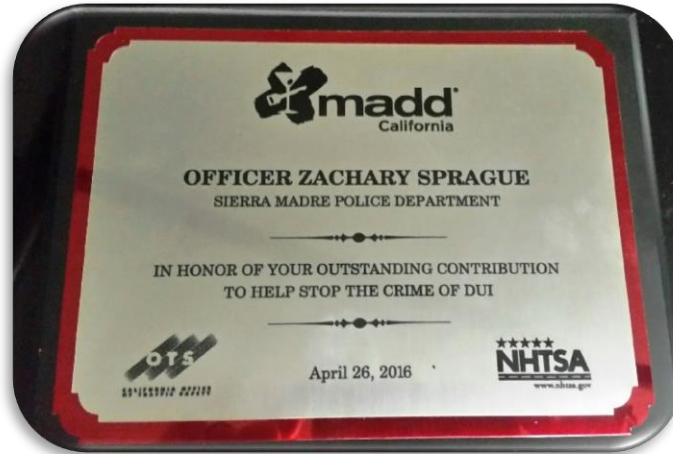
*I am very proud that our city continues to be recognized as the 10th safest city in the state of California. Due to our innovation, leadership and continued progressive approach to the 21st Century Model of Policing, we strive to be in the forefront of trust-based community policing, problem-solving and quality improvement. We are committed to providing high quality police services that are accessible to all members of our community and acknowledge the value of each member of our community. We believe in working in partnership with the community to make our city a safe and healthy place to live, work and play while we continuously work to improve the service we provide to our community.*

*Interim- Chief of Police, Joe Ortiz*



## EMPLOYEE AWARDS

### MADD AWARD



*On April 26<sup>th</sup> 2016, Officer Sprague was awarded the Deuce Award for his DUI arrests in the year of 2015 during the Mothers Against Drunk Driving banquet.*

### PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD



*On October 13<sup>th</sup> 2016, Sergeant Delcoure, Sergeant Enriquez, Corporal Kamchamnan, Detective Amos and Officer Berry were honored with the Public Safety award for their strong work ethic and efforts to maintaining a safe community at the Sierra Madre Honor Awards Ceremony. (L to R) Mayor Gene Goss, Sgt. Ed Delcoure, Sgt. Ruben Enriquez, and Det. Henry Amos. Not pictured Corporal Kamchamnan and Officer Berry.*





## COMMUNITY OUTREACH



*The Sierra Madre Police Department works in partnership with the community with various crime prevention programs, with a common goal to keep Sierra Madre a safe place for residents to live and work. One such program is Neighborhood Watch.*

*Neighborhood Watch is an essential crime prevention program which enlists the active participation of residents in cooperation with The Sierra Madre Police Department to reduce crime in the community. It involves neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance. Residents become trained to recognize and report suspicious activities, and can then implement crime prevention techniques such as residential and vehicle security, and personal safety into their neighborhoods.*

- *Neighborhood Watch does not require frequent or elaborate meetings*
- *It does not ask that anyone take any personal risks to prevent crime*
- *Sierra Madre Police personnel attend meetings to answer questions about crime in the community and provide valuable information on how the police department works.*

*Neighborhood Watch meetings can cover such topics as Home Security, Personal Safety, Identity Theft, Disaster Preparedness and any other topics that community members may be interested in. Currently, Sierra Madre Police Department has 63 active Block Captains throughout the city and has presented 18 meetings throughout 2016.*

*Other crime prevention programs the Sierra Madre Police Department participates in with the community include:*

- *Business Watch Meetings*
- *Town Hall Meetings*
- *School Presentations on Drug Awareness*
- *Church Events-Coffee with a Cop*
- *Social Media – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nixle*

*The goal of the Sierra Madre Police Department is to work in partnership with the community with these crime prevention programs.*



## PERFORMANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

*As a professional law enforcement organization, the Sierra Madre Police Department takes great pride in delivering the highest level of public safety and service. Employees make hundreds of contacts a month with members of our community in situations that are often challenging. Even in difficult situations, the culture of our department is to treat people fairly, with respect and to provide the highest level of service. Supervisors are expected to continually monitor their subordinates for compliance with policies and procedures, mandated laws, performance standards, safety protocols, and ethical behavior. Below are a few tools we use to help accomplish this:*

### ***Annual Evaluations:***

*Each year, every full time employee of the department receives a comprehensive annual evaluation with specific goals tailored to each employee. For example, employees are evaluated in five Performance Standards. These Standards are Customer Service and Public Relations, Tactical Performance, Teamwork and Internal Relations, Work Habits and Reports/Written Work. As the evaluation is crafted, supervisors often conduct random audits on investigations conducted by the officer being evaluated. Victims, witnesses or even suspects are contacted and asked if the officer was professional and patient and they are asked to rate the contact with the officer from 1-10, 10 being the best level of service.*

### ***Video and Audio Recorders:***

*Every patrol car is equipped with a video camera. The video/audio file from the patrol cars are automatically downloaded onto a server. Employees also carry digital audio recorders which they use for all field contacts. The recorders that are used capture audio files which are also downloaded on the department's server. These files from both recording devices cannot be deleted and provide valuable insight on investigations or allegations of a complaint. Supervisors randomly conduct an audit of the video and audio files.*

### ***Monthly Training:***

*For several years the Sierra Madre Police Department has utilized Lexipol, which is a provider of policy management resources for law enforcement organizations across the country. Lexipol is an on-line tool that provides comprehensive, defensible policies written by legal and public safety professionals. All employees are responsible for reviewing and understanding policy and procedure. Each employee is also required to complete a daily training bulletin for the entire month. These bulletins contain scenario based questions, with current policy attached to the bulletin that explains the topic in detail. An audit is completed on our employees to ensure they are meeting departmental requirements.*



**Use of Force and Pursuits:**

*When a Use of Force or pursuit occurs, a field supervisor completes a preliminary investigative report. The Watch Commander, Captain and Chief review every Use of Force and pursuit report to ensure there is compliance within departmental policy. The event is also used as a training opportunity for officers to learn from.*

**Cases Cleared:** *Of the 735 cases our department investigated, there were #206 cases cleared, #287 closed, #179 Inactive, #54 issued in error and #9 still active.*

**Personnel Complaints:**

*The Sierra Madre Police Department takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the Department and the conduct of its members. The Department will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with this policy and applicable federal, state and local law, municipal and county rules and the requirements of any collective bargaining agreements. It is also the policy of this department to ensure that the community can report misconduct without concern for reprisal or retaliation.*

TYPE OF COMPLAINT	NUMBER REPORTED	NUMBER SUSTAINED	NUMBER EXONERATED	NUMBER NOT SUSTAINED	NUMBER UNFOUNDED
TOTAL COMPLAINTS	4	0	1	1	2
NON CRIMINAL	4	0	1	1	2
MISDEMEANOR	0	0	0	0	0
FELONY	0	0	0	0	0





## STATISTICS

### BUDGET

#### **Police Department-**

*The City of Sierra Madre General Fund allocation (FY 2015-2016) is as follows:*

<i>Police Personnel (includes benefits) -</i>	<i>\$3,346,559.00</i>
<i>Maintenance &amp; Operations-</i>	<i>\$541,239.00</i>
<i>Other Grants, Donations and Revenue-</i>	<i>\$100,000.00</i>
<i>Total-</i>	<i>\$3,887,798.00</i>

#### **Staffing-**

- *Full time officers: 15*
- *Full time professional staff-(Dispatchers): 4*
- *Part-time staff: 17*
- *Volunteers: 12*

#### **Volunteers-**

- *Hours Donated: 1,179.75 @ \$27.59 per hour = \$32,549.30 in value to the City*

#### **Dispatch-**

- *Total calls to 911: 1,945*
- *Total calls for service: 8,938*
- *Total phone calls: 41,587*

#### **Crime Stats**

- *Total arrests: 107*
- *Total police reports taken: 735*
- *Search warrants: 7*

#### **Average Emergency Response Times:**

- *Priority calls: 3 – 4 minutes*
- *Non-priority calls: 4 minutes*

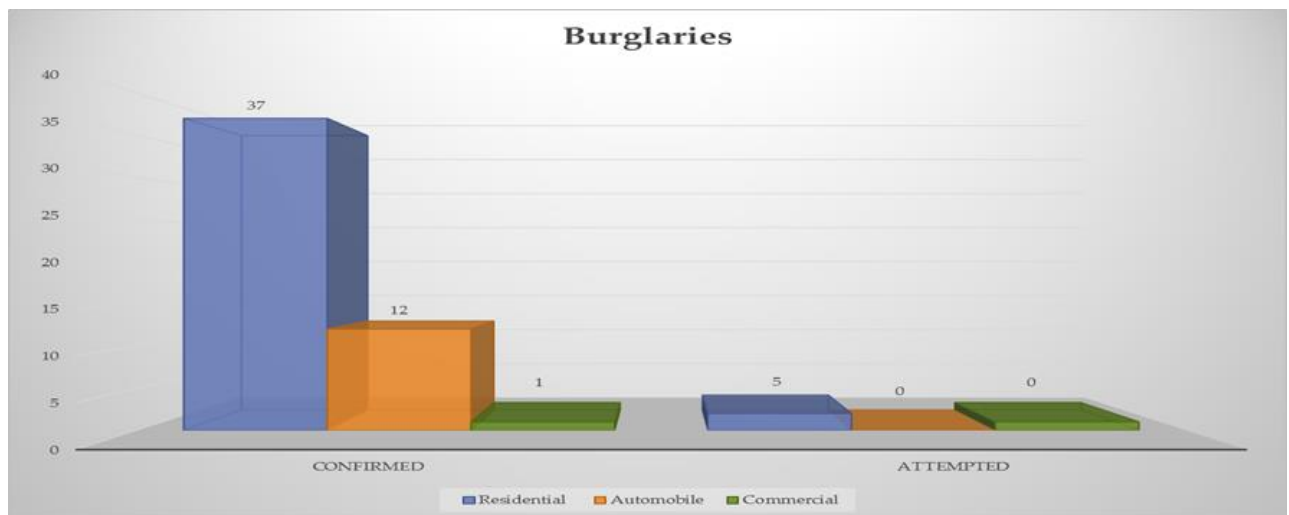
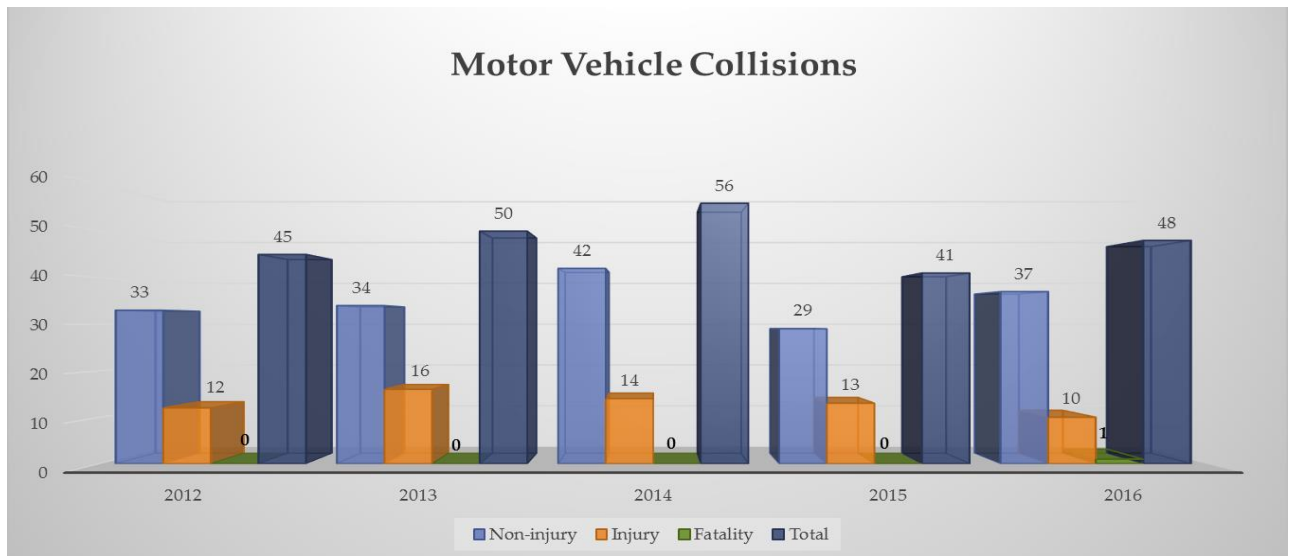
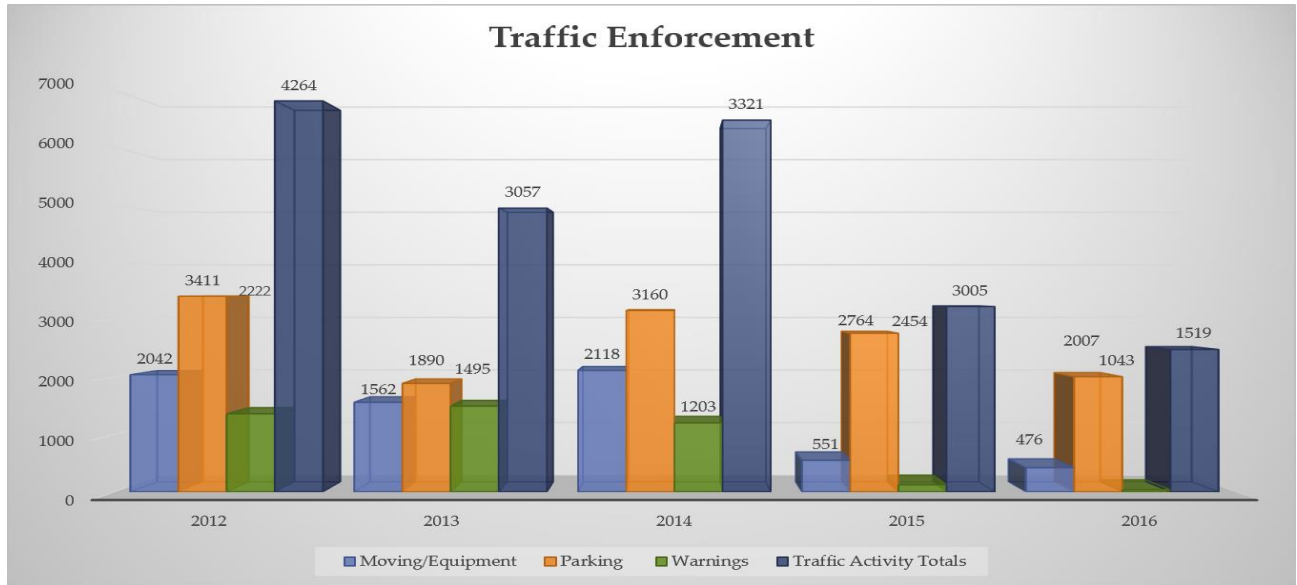
#### **Traffic Data-**

- *Parking violations: 2,007*
- *Total traffic enforcement stops 1,518*
- *Traffic citations issued: 476*
- *Written & Verbal warnings: 1,042*

#### **Crime/Collisions Comparison to 2015**

- *Our property crimes had an increase of 18.37% from 2015*
- *Our violent crimes had an increase of 16.83% from 2015*  
*(Violent Crimes include Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Grand Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft)*
- *Non injury traffic collisions had an increase of 32.22% from 2015*
- *Injury traffic collisions had a decrease of 11.84% from 2015*







## DETECTIVES

### NOTEWORTHY CASES

*During 2016, the Detective Bureau wrote multiple search warrants, sent multiple types of evidence to the crime lab for DNA, computer, or latent print forensic processing. Below is a small sampling of the types of investigations and arrest the Sierra Madre Police Department officers were involved in during 2016.*

*On Wednesday, May 25, Officers were dispatched to a report of an armed robbery in the 100 block of West Sierra Madre Blvd. at 1:00pm. A suspect wearing a face mask, a wide brimmed white hat and clothing concealing the suspect's identity entered the bank holding a firearm and demanded money. Once the suspect received the money, the suspect then pepper sprayed several bank employees and exited the bank through the rear pedestrian entrance. The suspect then got into a waiting vehicle driven by another suspect and left the area. SMPD Detectives are working with agents from the FBI on this case.*

*On Monday, June 13, Officers dispatched to the 00 block of East Mira Monte at 5:50 p.m. for a suspicious person call. Residents not at home at the time, were able to see the person ringing the doorbell on their cell phone with an application that is connected to the home security system. The unknown person is described as a male black, wearing a red hooded sweat shirt, black pants and long braided dread lock hairstyle. The officers were not able to locate this person after checking the immediate area. After viewing the video, the officers noted that this person came to the home and rang the doorbell three separate times that same evening. Resident was advised that surrounding police agencies would be notified of this suspicious male.*

*On Saturday, June 18, at 7:45 a.m. officers responded to the 200 block of East Sierra Madre Bl. for a vandalism report. Victim stated that at 7:15 a.m. she heard a loud bang and saw a rock lying in her hallway. Victim then stated she saw a white female, 5'7", wearing a tan or light colored jacket, walk to a car parked in front of her home and drive away. SMPD dispatch was aware that Arcadia PD also had several reported vandalism calls and had the victim detained in San Marino. Suspect's vehicle contained rocks that were similar to the rock at the victim's house. The suspect was identified and transported to a local hospital for evaluation.*

*On Sunday, July 17, at approximately 10:36 a.m., officers were dispatched to a call of missing children in the 100 block of Mariposa Ave. As officers arrived, a neighbor discovered the children in a locked car in the rear parking lot. The officers observed the children in the locked vehicle and asked the mother to unlock it for them. The children were transported to an area hospital for evaluation.*



*On October 10, at approximately 11:45a.m., SMPD officers were dispatched to the 200 block of W. Highland Ave after reports that an adult male was attacked by a bear in Bailey Canyon. The attack took place on the trail in the area of Georgia's Cabin, north of Sierra Madre's jurisdiction in the county of Los Angeles. The officers spoke with a witness who stated as she was walking in the area of Lima St. and Highland Ave., she saw a male who appeared disheveled and covered with blood. The witness escorted the victim to his home where he was met by SMPD. Sierra Madre Fire arrived to transport the victim to a local hospital for further treatment. As of this notice, the victim is recovering from his wounds. Case forwarded to the California Department of Fish and Game and the US Forestry Service.*

*On Wednesday, November 23, Officers responded to a residential burglary in the 200 block of Manzanita Ave. at about 6:54 p.m. Based on the investigation, it appears that three unknown subjects walked onto the property and entered through the unlocked east gate. The suspect(s) entered through the rear southwest window. The house was ransacked taking jewelry, a home safe containing personal documents and other items of value. The suspects left the house and fled in a four door, white sedan driven by a fourth suspect. At about 10:32 p.m., SMPD was contacted by the Pasadena Police Department that the safe was found in their city in an alley and that the contents of the safe had been on set on fire. Case forwarded to Detectives.*

*On Friday, December 16 at approximately 5:20 p.m. Residents walked into a burglary in progress in the 100 block of Oak Meadow Rd. The homeowner confronted one suspect as the suspect exited a bedroom. As the suspect ran from the house the homeowner saw three more males. The description of the suspects is four males, short with slim builds, wearing gray hooded shirts with the hoods covering their faces. The suspects left in a light blue or silver newer model BMW with dark colored rims. Case forwarded to detectives.*



## DISPATCH

*The dispatchers of the Sierra Madre Police Department are assigned to handle many different tasks at once such as the radios, phones, front desk, and records. Currently we have three full-time dispatcher, one full-time dispatcher in training, and two part-time dispatchers who are assigned to work the dispatch center. All police officers are required to go through minimal training to cover the desk for relief purposes. A dispatcher must attend a P.O.S.T. certified training class either prior to employment or while employed with an agency. When hired, dispatchers go through a training program that lasts approximately 4-6 months in which they will learn the necessary skills needed. A variety of different trainings are also available to all dispatchers that range from handling school shootings to dealing with the stress of the job.*

*Dispatchers are responsible for monitoring the radio for radio traffic from officers out in the field, the airship, outside agencies, or any other supplemental personnel on duty. Dispatchers are also responsible for dispatching officers to calls for service, monitoring unit status and updating officer's comments into a call. Dispatchers answer emergency and non-emergency phone calls of different varieties that range from in progress crimes to parking questions. They are held responsible for answering all calls on our business line. Medical calls are transferred to Verdugo Fire Department, who is responsible for dispatching the fire department. Dispatchers are required to enter calls for service in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system which can be viewed by officers in the field or at a later time. CAD performs as a records system. Dispatchers must use discretion when prioritizing calls and use provided resources appropriately while performing their duties.*

*Dispatchers also, cover the front desk where they assist the public with vehicle releases, bail bonds, parking permits, and other miscellaneous administrative duties. The dispatchers are required to perform basic record management duties such as entering vehicles, missing persons, and restraining orders.*

*The Sierra Madre Police Department dispatch center handled over 8,000 calls for services in the year 2016.*





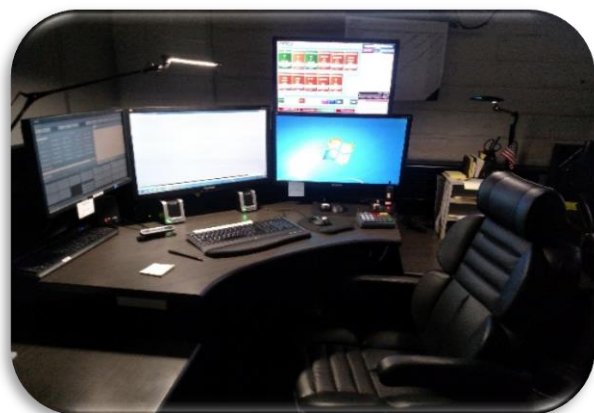
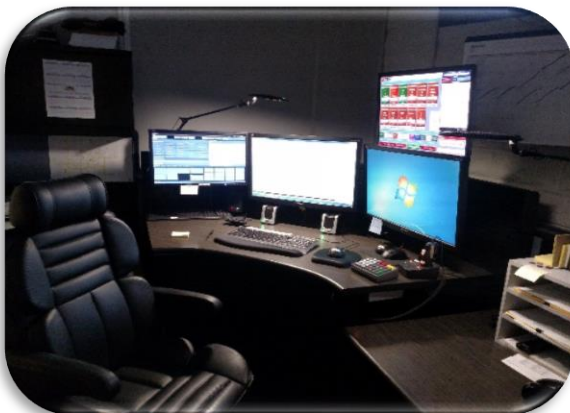
## COMPLETED PROJECTS AND UPGRADES TO THE DISPATCH/COMMUNICATION CENTER

### Upgrade #1

*The Regional Integrated Next Generation (RING) 9-1-1 group consists of 21 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the Los Angeles County and Pasadena Area. The California 9-1-1 Emergency Communication Branch (CA 9-1-1 Branch) agreed to fund the RING group, (at no cost to the individual cities). The PSAPs involved in the first phase were: Alhambra Police Department, Beverley Hills Police Department, Burbank Police Department, Glendale Police Department, Pasadena Police Department, San Fernando Police Department, Sierra Madre Police Department, and Verdugo Fire Department. The RING group selected an AT&T turnkey NG9-1-1 Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet) solution. The upgrade was recently completed, establishing geographic diversity for redundancy and network survivability for NG9-1-1 ESInet solutions to allow the PSAPs the ability for a call taker to take 9-1-1 calls at any workstation within the eight PSAPs involved in the project. This project is a turnkey end to end NG9-1-1 solution.*

### Upgrade #2

*The two radio consoles for SMPD were approximately twenty years old, failing and no longer supported by any telecommunication company. The antiquated radio console system was eventually replaced with an upgraded system and placed into operation by December, 2016. The new radio consoles now allow the dispatcher to communicate directly with all police officers, Fire, EMS personnel and other police agencies to coordinate their activities. The City had \$160,000 remaining funds in the Capital Projects Fund that were originally budgeted for the City Hall Roof and Public Safety Roof. The two projects have been completed under the original estimate and with other monies available. The reallocation of \$113,000 of these funds was appropriated to fund the Radio Dispatch Console Project.*





## JAIL

*The Sierra Madre jail is identified by the California Board of Corrections as a “Temporary Holding Facility.” This classification means that inmates can be held for 24 hours or less, pending their release, transfer to another facility (Pasadena Jail, Los Angeles County Jail, or a medical facility), or appear in court. Minors cannot be detained for longer than six hours. The policy of the Sierra Madre Police Department is to hold all inmates for six hours or less. Whenever there is an inmate(s) in the jail, there will be at least one trained employee on duty in the facility. The employee will be immediately available and accessible to the inmate(s) in the event of an emergency.*

*The jail facility consists of a jail cell, a pre-booking cell, a live scan machine, and a pre-booking room. The jail cell has four beds and a toilet/sink combination. The pre-booking cell is where the inmate is placed while the police officer gathers all the information needed for booking. The pre-booking room has all the necessary forms needed for booking and also houses the breathalyzer. The breathalyzer is a device used to determine blood alcohol content from a breath sample. The live scan machine is used for the booking of inmates and for general live scan services for the public.*



*LIVE SCAN MACHINE*



*PRE-BOOKING ROOM/BREATHALYZER*



*PRE-BOOKING CELL*



*JAIL CELL*



## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

*Under general supervision the Community Service Officer (CSO) performs a variety of non-hazardous duties in support of sworn personnel, including report preparation, investigation and public education. The CSO may be assigned to uniformed and non-uniformed positions in Patrol, Crime Prevention, Evidence, Administration, Investigation, or other duty within the Police Department, as designated by the Chief of Police. Most positions require shift work; new incumbents are typically assigned to uniformed field duty and permitted transfer to other assignments as vacancies arise.*

*Community Service Officers are non-sworn (civilian) positions without powers of arrest and do not carry firearms. Some CSOs are authorized to carry less-lethal weapons such as batons or pepper spray, and do receive training in self-defense tactics. Many departments authorize their CSOs to issue traffic and civil infraction citations in the course of accident investigations. At some agencies, the first year of the job is primarily clerical, with little field work. The amount of training a CSO receives will vary by state, and even by local jurisdiction within a state.*

*The current climate within larger police agencies is that they are becoming increasingly constrained because of budgetary concerns and the need to serve a larger or growing community. In this environment, the position of the CSO is considered a blessing for both the departments and communities they serve in. CSOs typically are paid significantly less than sworn officers, allowing departments to field more people for the same amount of money. This has the effect of providing quicker response times to citizen requests for police services. Further, CSOs usually handle lower priority calls which do not require an armed police officer with arrest powers freeing sworn officers to concentrate on those incidents requiring their specific skill set. Even a few CSOs can have a significant impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of police services that departments provide.*

*The hiring process for CSO's is similar to the process of a sworn officer in most departments. CSO's must undergo oral board reviews, polygraph tests, medical and psychological exams, writing skills tests, and background investigations. The City of Sierra Madre currently has three Community Service Officers (CSO).*

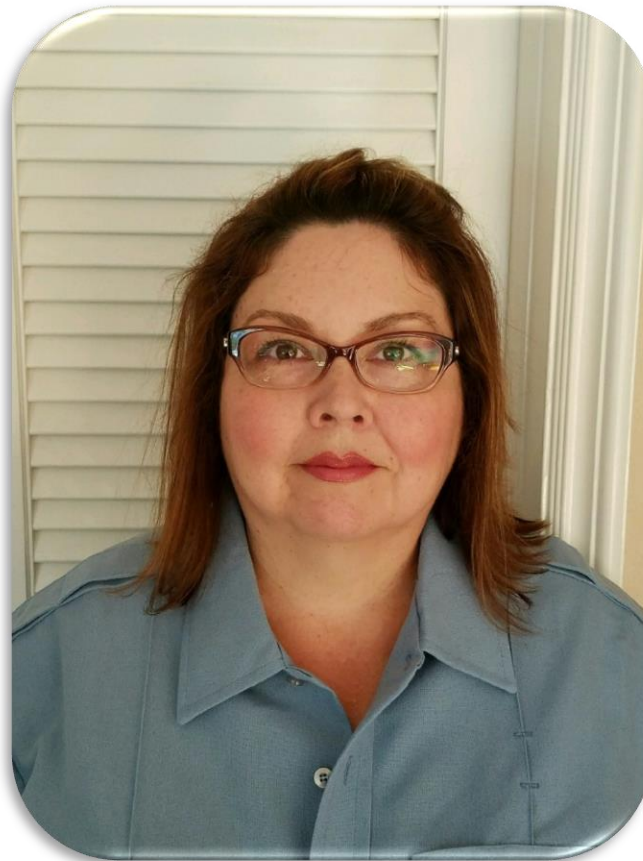






## RECORDS

*The records section is responsible for the maintenance and release of all documents within the Sierra Madre Police Department. One of the core assignments is the retention of all reports and scanned attachments of all crimes and arrests made by the Department as well as facilitating the dissemination of information to citizens and government agencies. The records section responds to all citizens' requests for copies of reports or general information regarding crimes which occur in the city of Sierra Madre following the guidelines mandated by the California Department of Justice. Outside government agencies will request information for purposes of investigations or employment. Following CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) the records section supplies the allowed documentation. Records also supplies the LA County District Attorney's office with the court filing packages and discovery requests during the trial period. In addition to these duties, the records section has been tasked with the duties of maintaining and auditing the different County and State databases utilized by the officers and dispatchers in the Department.*







## CADETS

*The Police Cadet position is a trainee program for college students between the ages of 18 and 25 designed for career development into the profession of law enforcement.*

*Cadets perform non-hazardous duties throughout the Police Department. They work in various assignments including the traffic bureau, records bureau, investigations and administration. Cadets work the department's front desk by answering telephone calls and assisting citizens that come into the lobby area. Additional duties include serving subpoenas, traffic control during special events, taking minor police reports, signing off tickets and conducting station tours. Our cadets are also responsible for conducting follow up on criminal cases at Pasadena Superior Court, along with assisting in the processing and transportation of evidence to and from the LASD crime labs.*

*Numerous cadets have gone on to become police officers, jailers and community service officers, including Officer Patricia Gonzalez (Glendale PD), Jailer Crystal Case (Santa Monica PD), and Crime Analyst Brian Ho (LAPD).*





## VOLUNTEERS

*The Sierra Madre Police Department Civilian Volunteers are an integral part of the police department's work force. The volunteers augment the department by conducting special assignments and details, so that police officers can increase their availability in the field. The volunteers perform a wide range of non-enforcement duties and provide many services for the department and the community such as: assisting with traffic control, radar surveys and performing vacation checks.*

*The volunteers wear designated Sierra Madre Police Department Volunteer uniforms, and are equipped with other safety gear. They drive a designated white volunteer patrol vehicle and receive specialized training to perform their duties. They are also equipped with radios and are in constant contact with police officers in the field as an extra set of eyes and ears.*

*Other duties and assignments include:*

- *Wisteria Festival*
- *Mount Wilson Trail Race*
- *4th of July Parade*
- *Halloween Parade*
- *Halloween Activities on Alegria*
- *Wine, Rhythm & Blues*
- *Winter Festival*
- *Candlelight Walk*
- *Escort the Rose Float*



*The Sierra Madre Police Department Volunteers provide an invaluable source of experience, energy and time to make their community a safer place to live. The department has approximately 14 volunteers and in 2016 they collectively volunteered 1,179.75 hours of service to the department and community.*

*The Independent Sector Organization conducted a study on the National value of volunteer time. This estimate helps acknowledge the millions of individuals nationwide who dedicated their time, talents, and energy to make a difference. For California the value of volunteer time is estimated at \$27.59 per hour. In 2016, Sierra Madre Police Department Volunteers volunteered a totaled 1,179.75 hours of service. These hours are equivalent to \$32,549.30 of value to the City of Sierra Madre.*



## SOCIAL MEDIA



**City of Sierra Madre @CitySierraMa...** Dec 17  
THE SIERRA MADRE POLICE IS ASKING ALL SIERRA MADRE RESIDENTS TO STAY VIGILANT!

On Wednesday, December 14th SMPD...  
[fb.me/1xBTEOyIG](https://www.facebook.com/1xBTEOyIG)



**City of Sierra Madre @CitySierraMadre** 2h  
Severe Weather Warning Flash Flood Watch. A flash flood watch has been issued for Los Angeles County from Friday...

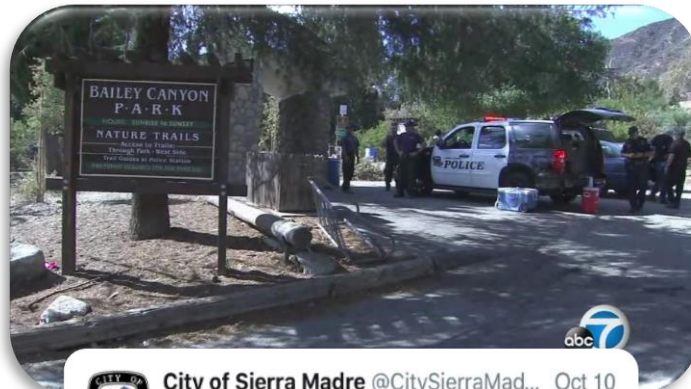
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**City of Sierra Madre @CitySierraMadre** 19 Dec 2015  
Mail thefts occurred in the North East portion of Sierra Madre during the early morning hours. [fb.me/1TOjosMVK](https://www.facebook.com/1TOjosMVK)



*At the beginning of 2015, Sierra Madre Police Department expanded into the world of social media. The department had originally planned to utilize social media to stay informed, however it quickly turned into a great opportunity to connect with the community and other departments. Throughout the year, Sierra Madre has successfully built a strong foundation within the social media world by utilizing various applications such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Nixle. Through such applications, the department is now able to relay up to date information to thousands of people in cases such as; warning of trail closures, active investigations in a certain area, crime alerts and trends, or simply to inform followers of an upcoming community event. In return, we have witnessed the positive effects of choosing to be active and current in the expanding social media market. Our residents have responded with encouraging feedback and appreciation. As our efforts continue, our goal is to establish a growing audience of online followers which will serve as another tool in investigations, locating suspects or a crucial tip to help lead to arrests.*



**City of Sierra Madre @CitySierraMad...** Oct 10  
ADVISORY: Bailey Canyon and Mt. Wilson trail are closed until further notice due to a recent bear attack. This... [fb.me/50LsvIFG6](https://www.facebook.com/50LsvIFG6)



## *PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE*

*In 2015, the City of Sierra Madre formed a committee to act as an advisory panel for all aspects of Public Safety within the community. This includes Law Enforcement, Code Enforcement, Fire Safety, Humane Services, and any other area where the public's safety can be addressed. Serving on the Committee allows community members and residents to be a voice for public safety. The current Public Safety Committee Members are:*

- *Rosemary Burnett*
- *Bill Coburn*
- *Donald Handley*
- *Glen Lambdin*
- *Joseph Widman*
- *Denise Delmar (Liaison)*
- *John Capoccia (Liaison)*



*The Public Safety Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM in the City Hall Conference Room.*

*Council Liaison: John Capoccia, City Council Member*

*Council Alternate: Denise Delmar, City Council Member*

*Staff Liaison: Joe Ortiz – Interim Chief of Police*