



2024

# ANNUAL REPORT

Danville Police Department

Small Town Atmosphere, Outstanding Quality of Life



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# FROM THE CHIEF



**Dear Danville Community,**

I am honored to present the 2024 Annual Report for the Danville Police Department—a reflection of our shared commitment to safety, service, and community engagement. Your continued support and partnership have been instrumental in helping us achieve our goals and strengthen our connection with the residents of Danville.

Over the past year, we have expanded our community outreach programs, reinforcing the importance of positive interactions between officers and residents. Coffee with the Cops and Recess with the Cops continue to provide valuable opportunities for open conversations and meaningful engagement. Cop Cars to the Community has allowed us to celebrate special moments with residents, bringing a personal touch to our community presence. Events like National Night Out and our Citizen Academies for both adults and teens have further deepened public understanding of law enforcement while fostering strong relationships.

As part of our commitment to transparency and accountability, we have enhanced our reporting on use of force and pursuit incidents to offer the community greater insight into our policies and decision making. By openly sharing this information, we reaffirm our dedication to ethical, responsible policing and maintaining public trust.

While we have faced challenges such as an increase in traffic collision rate, we have solved more crimes as seen in our case resolution rate. Our dedication to crime prevention and traffic safety remains focused. Through technology-driven strategies and community collaboration, we have continued to reduce crime and maintain Danville's strong public safety record. Engaging directly with residents in meetings and discussions has been vital in addressing concerns and working together on solutions.

The Danville Police Department remains committed to innovation, service excellence, and public safety. We take great pride in serving this incredible community and will continue to evolve with the changing landscape of modern policing.

Thank you for your ongoing support, trust, and collaboration. Together, we will keep Danville a safe, welcoming, and vibrant place for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Rossberg". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**Thomas Rossberg**  
Chief of Police, Danville Police Department

# CHIEF ALLAN SHIELDS RETIRES



Chief Allan Shields' leadership and devotion have left an indelible mark on the Town of Danville. Throughout his exemplary career, he held three vital roles—Investigation Sergeant, Administrative Lieutenant, and Chief of Police—each reflecting his steadfast commitment to public safety. During his tenure as Chief, crime rates dropped, and he championed traffic safety measures to ensure Danville's roads remained safe. Among his standout accomplishments was spearheading the construction of a new police station, equipping the department with improved resources to better protect the community. As he steps into retirement, we express our gratitude to Chief Shields for his tireless effort, forward-thinking vision, and unrelenting dedication to enhancing the safety and strength of Danville

- **Investigation Sergeant 12/2009 – 8/2012**
- **Administrative Lieutenant 10/2013 – 7/2017**
- **Chief of Police 7/2017 -12/2024**

## BY THE NUMBERS

**20,609**

Total Calls for Service, down from 22,658 in 2023

**3,198**

Total citations issued for 2024, down from 3,850 in 2023

**272**

Total reported Part 1 crimes, down from 349 in 2023 and below the 10-year average of 333.

**288**

Total reported traffic collisions in 2024, up from 276 in 2023

**5,376**

Total traffic enforcement stops in 2024, up from 4,643 in 2023

# USE OF FORCE & VEHICLE PURSUITS

Danville Officers shall use only the degree of force that is objectively reasonable to protect themselves and others or to overcome resistance to their lawful authority. The following is a list of force options available to officers:

- Professional Presence: verbal and non-verbal – not calculated as a “use” of force
- Physical Force: Control holds and physical pressure – more than unresisted handcuffing
- Chemical Agents: Incapacitating substances, e.g., pepper spray.
- Electronic Weapon: Electrical charge devices, e.g. “Taser”
- Personal Weapons: Body parts as force tools, closed fist strikes.
- Impact (Intermediate) Weapons: Batons for control or defense.
- K-9: Trained dogs for law enforcement tasks.
- Specialized Weapons: Less lethal projectiles/ammunition.
- Firearms: Authorized use of firearms
- Deadly Force: Force risking death/serious injury.

Out of 20,609 service calls and 347 arrests, Danville Police officers used force 19 times, equating to force being employed in only 0.1% of all interactions. Physical force was applied to individuals resisting arrest, refusing a court-ordered DUI blood draw, or attempting to escape mental health detention. Each use of force occurred in response to a suspect actively resisting lawful detention or arrest.

## Vehicle Pursuits

Vehicle pursuits by the Danville Police Officers involve the pursuit of a vehicle when its driver fails to yield to law enforcement. When deciding whether to initiate or terminate a pursuit, deputies must weigh several crucial factors to ensure the safety of the public, the officers, and the offender. Officers are trained to continuously assess these factors during a pursuit, balancing the need to apprehend with the overarching priority of public and officer safety, and to make the critical decision to continue or terminate the pursuit as conditions evolve.

In 2024, Danville officers initiated pursuits of 13 vehicles, resulting in three apprehensions. The remaining ten pursuits were terminated to ensure public safety. The reasons for attempting to stop these vehicles included stolen vehicles, theft, speeding, and running a stop light.





# MISSION:

**Deliver Superior Municipal Services That Make People's Lives Better**

Our goal is to:

- Keep residents, businesses and property safe
- Provide well-maintained public facilities
- Protect our environment, preserve our history and retain the Town's special character
- Celebrate diversity, dignity and equality for all members of our community
- Provide opportunities that support residents' growth and enrichment
- Promote and support economic vitality and growth
- Represent and promote Danville's best interests
- Celebrate community through family-oriented special events
- Engage and communicate with residents and businesses effectively

The Danville Police Department works in partnership with our diverse community to safeguard the lives, rights, and property of the people we serve. With unwavering dedication we provide innovative professional law enforcement services to our community. We accomplish this mission by maintaining our Core Values while always conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards.

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## LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

“As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind - to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder, and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.”

# PART ONE CRIMES

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program is a nationwide initiative that collects and compiles crime statistics from law enforcement agencies across the United States. It provides a standardized platform for reporting and analyzing crime data, helping law enforcement agencies, policymakers, and the public understand crime trends and patterns. Part One crimes, also known as index crimes, are the most serious and commonly reported offenses.

## The UCR divides Part One crimes into two categories:

### Violent Crimes:

#### Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter

The deliberate killing of one person by another.

#### Forcible Rape

Non-consensual sexual intercourse achieved by force, threat of force, or when the victim is incapable of giving consent.

#### Robbery

Taking or attempting to take something of value from someone using force or threat of force.

#### Aggravated Assault

Unlawful attacks causing severe bodily injury or involving the use of a weapon.

### Property Crimes:

#### Burglary

Unlawful entry into a structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.

#### Larceny-Theft

Unlawful taking of someone else's property without force or fraud, excluding motor vehicle theft.

#### Motor Vehicle Theft

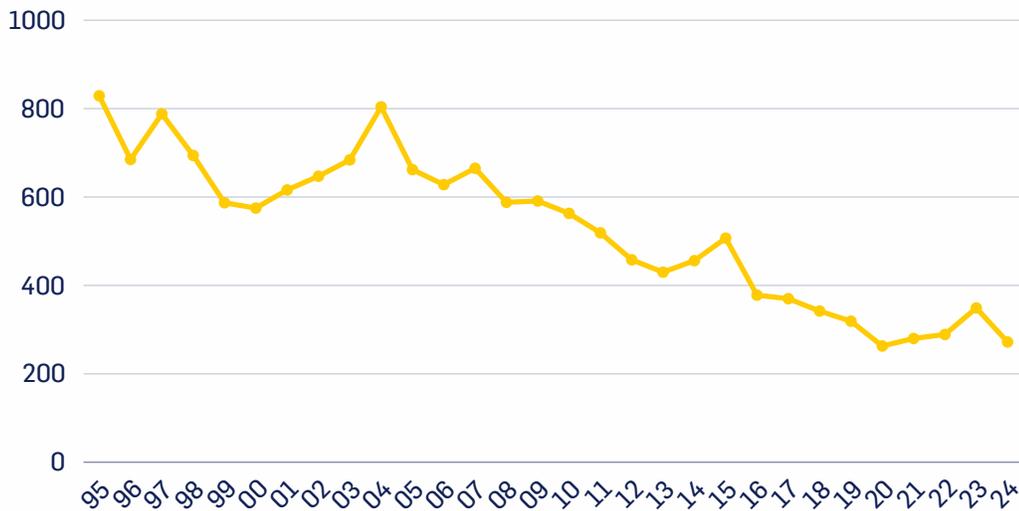
Stealing or attempting to steal a motor vehicle, excluding aircraft, boats, and farming equipment.

Year	Crimes
1995	829
1996	685
1997	788
1998	694
1999	587
2000	575
2001	616
2002	647
2003	684
2004	804
2005	662
2006	628
2007	665
2008	588
2009	591
2010	563
2011	519
2012	458
2013	430
2014	456
2015	507
2016	378
2017	370
2018	342
2019	319
2020	263
2021	280
2022	289
2023	349
2024	272



# PART ONE CRIMES

## A 30-Year Look at Crime in Danville



Crime in Danville continues to be relatively low when compared over the past 30 years. The pandemic caused a dip in overall crime for the years between 2020 and 2022, with 2024 showing a slight increase above the pre-pandemic level of crime.

A resident of Danville in 1995 was three times more likely to be a victim of crime than a Danville resident in 2025.

## Case Closure Rate

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Vehicle Theft
<b>Total Cases</b>	0	2	6	12	30	201	18
<b>Danville Closure Rate</b>	N/A	100%	83%	94%	50%	29%	33%
<b>2024 National Average</b>	72%	27%	28%	46%	14%	15%	8%

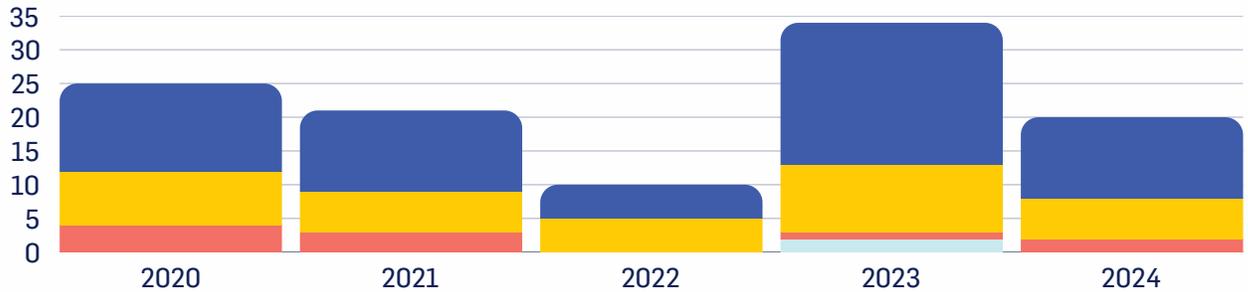
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The Danville Police Department's Part 1 Crimes Clearance Rate, often doubling the national average, reflects the percentage of successfully resolved cases.

A case is cleared when someone is arrested, charged, and prosecuted. Cases can also be exceptionally cleared if the suspect is identified, sufficient evidence exists, the suspect's location is known, and external factors prevent law enforcement actions.

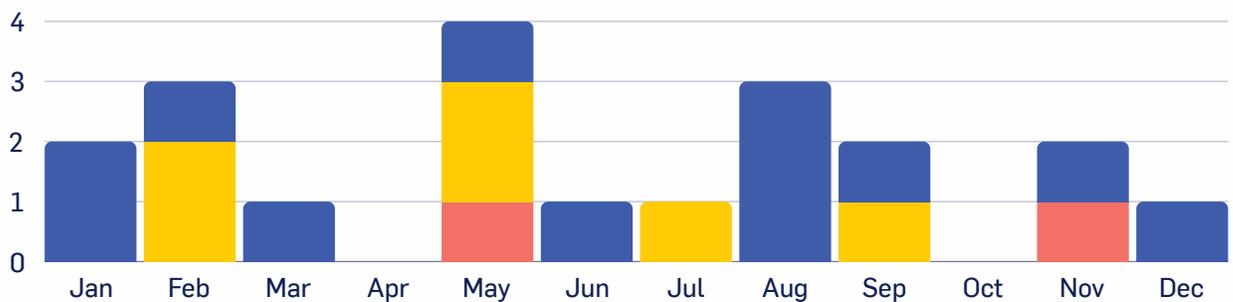
# VIOLENT CRIMES

## 5-Year Crime Comparison



Assault	13	12	5	21	12
Robbery	8	6	5	10	6
Rape	4	3	0	1	2
Homicide	0	0	0	2	0
Total	25	21	10	23	20

## 2024 Monthly By Crime Category

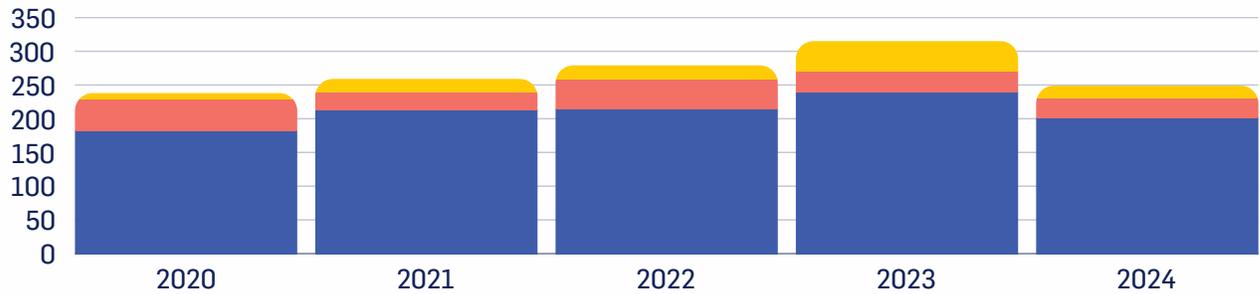


Assault	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	1
Robbery	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	3	1	0	4	1	1	3	2	0	2	1



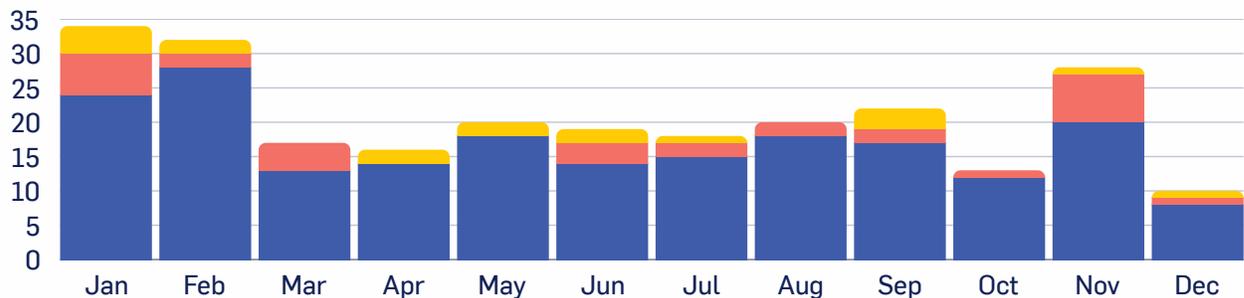
# PROPERTY CRIMES

## 5-Year Crime Comparison



<b>Veh Theft</b>	9	20	21	45	18
<b>Burglary</b>	47	26	43	31	30
<b>Theft</b>	182	213	215	236	201
<b>Total</b>	238	259	279	312	249

## Monthly By Crime Category



<b>Veh Theft</b>	4	2	0	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	1	1
<b>Burglary</b>	6	2	4	0	0	3	2	2	2	1	7	1
<b>Theft</b>	24	28	13	14	18	14	15	18	17	12	20	8
<b>Total</b>	36	32	17	16	29	19	18	20	22	13	28	10

# STOLEN VEHICLE BREAKDOWN

## The analysis of 17 vehicle theft cases reveals the following patterns:

1. Six vehicles were left unlocked with the keys left inside, parked in a driveway or community parking area.
2. Nine vehicles were stolen by utilizing the OBD2 port exploitation (mostly Infiniti models, and vehicle was locked with keys in possession of vehicle owner)
3. Two thefts under unusual circumstances. One vehicle was broken into in San Ramon where victim had the keys and ID stolen, and the car was later stolen from his driveway in Danville. Potentially, the same suspects came back to steal this vehicle. Another incident occurred where a teenager was having a house party and a "friend" stole her keys, took the vehicle joyriding, then brought the vehicle back (after vandalizing the vehicle as well.)

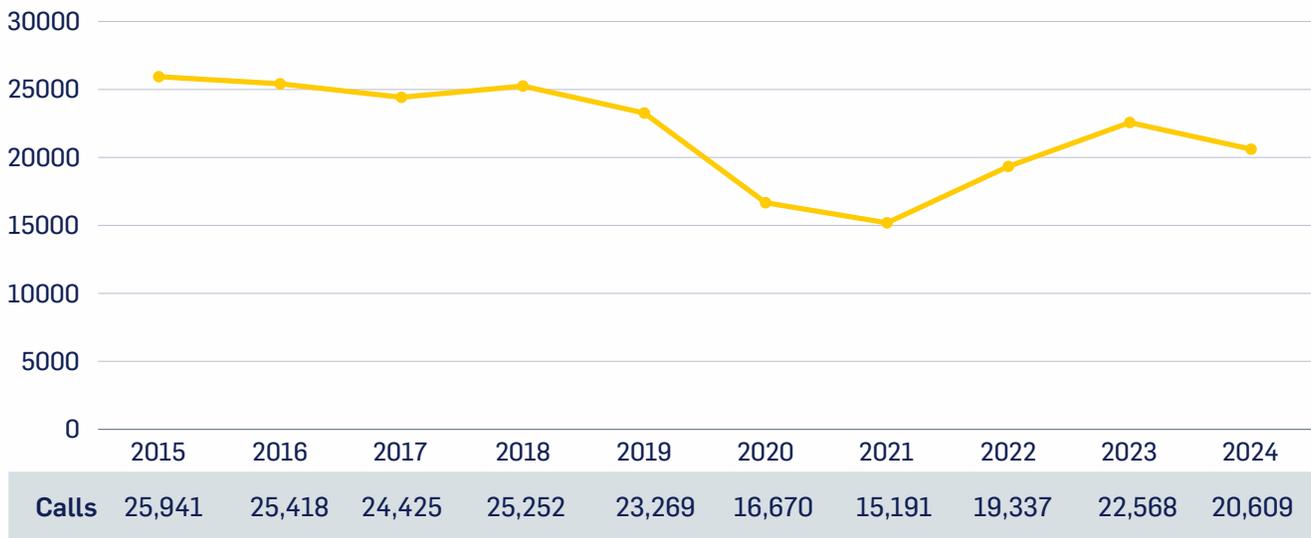
## Vehicle theft prevention tips provided to residents: ✓

- **Lock Your Vehicle:** Always lock your vehicle when unattended, preferably in a garage.
- **Keep Keys Secure:** Never leave keys in the vehicle.
- **Enhance Security for Older Models:** Install additional security features on older vehicles.
- **Protect the OBD2 Port:** Use a lockable cover or alarm for the OBD2 port.
- **Secure Trailers:** Use quality locks to secure trailers.
- **Track Your Keys:** Be mindful of your vehicle keys to avoid loss or theft.
- **Park in Well-Lit Areas:** Choose well-lit, populated areas for parking.
- **Use a Vehicle Tracking System:** A tracking system can help recover a stolen vehicle.



# CALLS FOR SERVICE

## A 10-Year look at Total Calls for Service



Calls for service can originate from a call to police dispatch or be initiated by an officer. In 2024, the number of service calls decreased after three consecutive years of increase. Compared to 2023, officers conducted over 700 more traffic stops, performed 300 additional security checks, responded to more than 100 extra false alarm calls, and handled over 600 more suspicious vehicle or subject reports.

## Top Ten Calls for Service

Call Type	2024 Calls for Service	2023 Calls for Service
Traffic Stop	5376	4643
Service to Citizen	968	2399
Security Check	1917	1676
Parking Violation	1184	1576
Patrol Request	532	770
False Alarm	705	594
911 Unknown Circumstances	523	583
Welfare Check	574	345
Abandoned Vehicle	301	235
Suspicious Vehicle/Subject	623	233

# TRAFFIC UNIT

## A 5-Year Look at Traffic Citations

The Danville Police Department's Traffic Unit, consisting of a supervisor and three officers, is dedicated to improving road safety through Education, Enforcement, and Engineering. They engage in educational programs like the San Ramon Valley Street Smarts and CHP Start Smart to promote traffic law adherence.

The Traffic Unit collaborates on traffic calming measures with town engineers, such as lane striping and stop sign installations, aiming to reduce accidents and enhance road safety.

The Traffic Unit enforces laws via citations and patrol officers support this mission by monitoring high-collision areas and targeting drivers violating key traffic laws within their designated zones.



## DUI Crashes & Arrests

Over the past five years, the Danville Police Department has remained steadfast in its efforts to combat impaired driving through proactive enforcement and public safety initiatives. While DUI-related crashes have fluctuated, increasing from 9 in 2020 to 19 in 2024, the number of DUI arrests has seen a significant rise, reaching 83 in 2024—more than four times the number recorded in 2020. This upward trend in arrests reflects the department's heightened focus on DUI enforcement, including increased patrols, sobriety checkpoints, and public awareness campaigns.

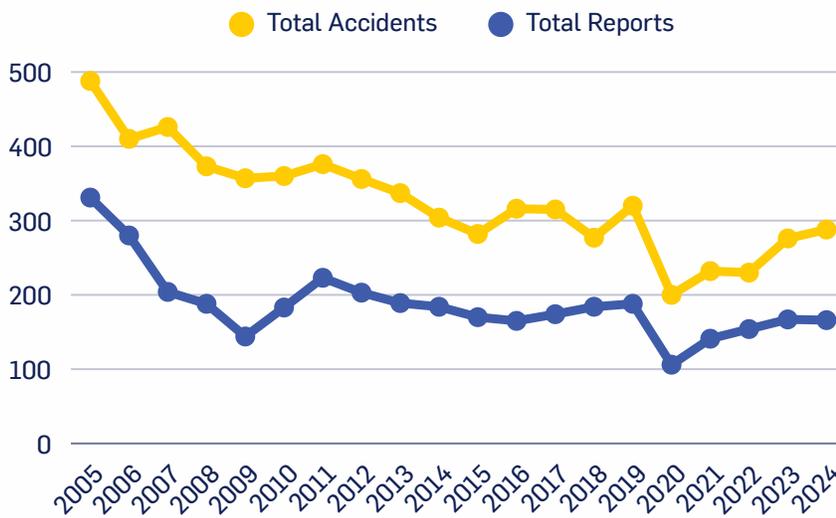
To further enhance these efforts, Danville PD received a California state grant to fund a new patrol vehicle dedicated to traffic and DUI enforcement. This addition will bolster the department's ability to proactively address impaired driving and improve road safety. Despite a decrease in DUI crashes in 2022, the numbers have risen again, underscoring the ongoing need for vigilance in preventing impaired driving. The department remains committed to reducing these incidents and ensuring the safety of all road users through continued enforcement, education, and community engagement.

	Crashes	Arrests
2020	9	20
2021	24	27
2022	7	21
2023	14	77
2024	19	83



# TRAFFIC UNIT

## A 20-Year Look at Collisions in Danville



Year	Accidents	Reports
2005	488	331
2006	410	280
2007	426	204
2008	373	188
2009	357	144
2010	360	183
2011	376	223
2012	356	203
2013	337	189
2014	304	184
2015	282	170
2016	316	165
2017	315	174
2018	277	184
2019	320	188
2020	200	106
2021	232	141
2022	230	154
2023	276	167
2024	288	166

## A 5-Year Look at Collisions by Type

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Fatal</b>	1	0	1	1	0
<b>Injury</b>	37	58	49	46	61
<b>Hit-and-Run</b>	25	32	46	53	48
<b>Non-Injury</b>	43	51	57	67	59

2024 concluded with a total of 288 collisions in the Town of Danville, slightly above the 10-year average of 275, yet it remained below the totals of any year before the pandemic. Most hit-and-run incidents involved parked and unoccupied vehicles.

# INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit of the Danville Police Department, led by a sergeant, includes two detectives and has been bolstered by two officers on loan from Patrol, serving as Problem Oriented Police Officers (POP). These detectives are responsible for investigating all felony cases within Danville, along with other sensitive matters, and they actively analyze crime patterns of all types.

The addition of Problem Oriented Police Officers significantly enhances the unit's proactive efforts to decrease crime by addressing emerging crime trends and forging partnerships with preventative teams across the Bay Area.

Moreover, the unit is an active participant in the Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program (SV-ICAC). This program equips state and local law enforcement agencies with forensic and investigative resources, training, technical support, victim services, and prevention and education initiatives, focusing on combating technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children.

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# YOUTH SERVICES UNIT

The Town of Danville, along with its Police Department, is dedicated to ensuring a secure and positive atmosphere for students within the schools in Town.

Assigned School Resource Officers (SROs) at Danville's two high schools collaborate with school officials to maintain safety and security. They offer onsite security, conduct training for students and staff, and assist with incidents including assaults, drug issues, thefts, trespassing, and weapon violations.

## Juvenile Diversion Program Results

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Cases	0	7	14	6	12
Pass	0	6	14	5	11
Success Rate	0	86%	100%	83%	92%

The Danville Police Department's juvenile diversion program aims to correct youth's negative behaviors by offering support and resources for better future decision-making. This includes counseling, mentoring, educational, and recreational activities.

It builds positive relationships among police, youth, and their families, promoting open dialogue and understanding. Additionally, the program may include community service and restitution for damages caused by the juvenile.



# USE OF TECHNOLOGY

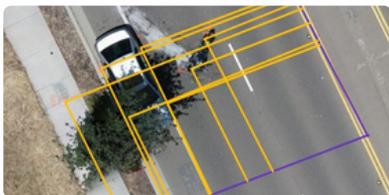
## Starchase Pursuit Mitigation Devices

The Danville Police Patrol fleet includes seven vehicles with GPS launchers that can tag a suspect's vehicle for tracking. This allows Sheriff's Dispatch and patrol units to safely and efficiently coordinate the suspect's capture, ensuring the safety of the community and officers.



## Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) AKA "Drone"

Trained operators employ sUAS (Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems) for accurate mapping of vehicle collision scenes and searching for missing persons. Utilizing advanced software, sUAS operators gather extensive measurements and data points, improving collision scene reconstructions. For missing persons, the technology's expansive coverage, low-altitude flight, zoom, and forward-looking infrared capabilities significantly enhance search efficiency and effectiveness.



## "Take the Bait" Program

Danville Police use GPS-tracked items (bicycles and packages) in higher-crime areas to alert and dispatch officers when stolen, enabling them to apprehend thieves. This strategy aims to decrease theft in the community by catching perpetrators in the act.



# USE OF TECHNOLOGY

## FLOCK ALPR at Intersections and Cameras at Parks

Danville Patrol Officers utilize ALPR (Automated License Plate Reader) and surveillance cameras at key locations to deter and investigate crime. The town benefits from a fixed-price contract with FLOCK Safety, which supplies a town-wide ALPR system, maintaining and upgrading it as necessary. Additionally, community members and HOA's have installed 17 FLOCK cameras at neighborhood entrances and exits, integrating them with law enforcement systems as for proactive and intelligence use. This combined effort, including ALPR's role in automating license plate detection at major intersections and surveillance cameras at parks, aims to lower crime rates and aid in the identification and apprehension of suspects.

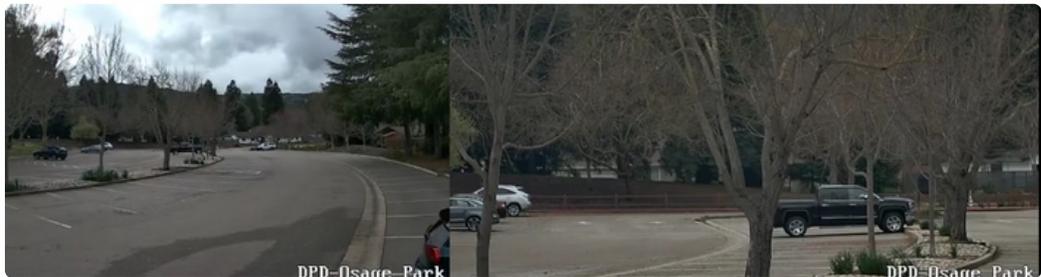
Plans are underway to expand surveillance to all major parks in Danville, enhancing safety and security across the community.



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## Temporary Surveillance for Fixed Locations

The Danville Police Investigations Unit uses deployable video cameras that stream directly to officers in the field, targeting areas with rising crime. This tool aids in crime prevention and the capture of criminals affecting residents and businesses.



# MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE

The Danville Police Department is dedicated to effectively managing calls involving individuals with mental illness. Officers receive training to recognize and respond to mental health crises, ensuring the safety of those involved, bystanders, and themselves.

The A3 Crisis Call Center, now operating 24/7, provides immediate support for mental health emergencies by dispatching crisis response teams, including mental health professionals, to the scene. In 2024, Danville officers utilized A3's services 49 times, with A3 physically responding in 22 cases.

The Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET) is a community-based partnership focused on mental health issues. A designated MHET officer and a mental health clinician collaborate on follow-up visits and consultations after police calls, offering specialized mental health support.

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District (SRVFPD) launched the Public Safety for Mental Health program in October 2023, prioritizing medical responses over law enforcement for non-violent mental health calls. This initiative enables firefighters to handle such incidents in San Ramon and surrounding areas.

Danville officers are trained to respond to all mental health calls. When an individual is deemed a danger to themselves or others, or is gravely disabled, they may be detained for a 72-hour involuntary mental health evaluation. SRVFPD personnel transport the individual to a designated facility, following Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Services' protocol, which directs all commitments to the Contra Costa County Regional Medical Center.

## A 5-Year Look at Involuntary Commitment Demographics

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Adults</b>	52	40	51	41	37
<b>Juveniles</b>	34	44	42	28	21
<b>Care Home</b>	14	21	14	7	1
<b>Total</b>	88	84	93	72	59

## A 10-Year Look at Involuntary Commitments (WI 5150)

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
106	75	91	128	98	88	84	93	72	59

# TRAINING

To ensure top-notch law enforcement in the Town of Danville, officers undergo comprehensive training, starting with a 26-week Basic Police Academy. Here, Bay Area professionals teach California law, ethics, and community relations. Recruits must pass all exams to earn a POST Basic Academy Certificate.

New patrol officers then complete a Field Training Program, transitioning from theoretical learning to practical fieldwork. This critical phase, which assesses and trains officers to meet patrol standards, lays the groundwork for their careers.

Every year, all officers complete the POST Perishable Skills Program (PSP) to enhance their critical abilities (Driving, Use of Force, First Aid).

Additional training encompasses a broad spectrum of specialized investigative topics, including but not limited to general investigations, preparing search warrants, handling cases of homicide, robbery, burglary, sexual assault, arson, using cell phones in investigations, interviewing child victims, and addressing internet crimes.

Select officers receive tactical training, including SWAT tactics, the use of chemical agents, responding to active shooters, and conducting behavioral threat assessments. The traffic unit is specifically trained in utilizing radar and LiDAR, interpreting vehicle computer data, and mastering advanced techniques for investigating collisions. Furthermore, department members participate in basic leadership training, and nearly everyone attends sessions on advanced trauma care and the writing of use-of-force reports.

## Officers in the Town of Danville undergo key training to enhance community service:

- The Principled Policing course focuses on Procedural Justice and Implicit Bias, aiming to build trust and improve relationships between law enforcement and communities by reassessing policies and training. Understanding these concepts is vital for public and officer safety.
- The Crisis Intervention and De-escalation course equips officers with skills to handle situations involving mental illness, intellectual disabilities, or substance use through multimedia case studies, role plays, and simulations. Officers learn to employ communication, de-escalation techniques, and empathy, although the level of training varies.
- In the Cultural Diversity and Victimology course, officers learn to respect cultural diversity, combat stereotypes and discrimination, and support victims of hate crimes and crises with dignity during investigations and legal proceedings.
- All Danville Police Officers were trained on AB392 in 2021, covering legal standards for the use of deadly force as outlined in Sections 196 and 835a of the Penal Code. In 2022, they also received specialized training in use of force reporting and documentation.

**Officers for the Town of Danville are selected from a pool of over 750 sworn personnel at the Sheriff's Office, and evaluated on job performance, training, education, seniority, current assignment, and commitment to serving Danville. The Town Manager assesses each candidate's qualifications, offering input to the Chief of Police.**

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

On February 24, 2025, the State Fire Marshal issued update maps for Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA). We encourage everyone to know the hazards so you can try to mitigate the threat of wildfire in your community. For more information please visit the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District at [www.firedepartment.org](http://www.firedepartment.org).

The Town of Danville encourages everyone to be prepared for emergencies and take an all hazards approach. Resources are available on the Town's website ([www.danville.ca.gov/235/Emergency-Preparedness](http://www.danville.ca.gov/235/Emergency-Preparedness)) and from FEMA at [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) to help guide you as you build a kit for your residence and a "Go Bag" in the event you need to evacuate. Make a plan for you, family members, and your pets for sheltering in place and evacuation if needed. Have at least 3 days but preferably 7 days of shelf stable food, water, and necessary medications for every person and pet in the home.



Know your evacuation routes from your home and work locations. Register with the Community Warning System (CWS) at [cwsalerts.com](http://cwsalerts.com) for messages requiring specific protective actions (shelter in place, lockdown, evacuate, avoid the area, etc.) during incidents to protect life and health. This is run by the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff. The Town of Danville also encourages everyone to register for Nixle alerts by texting their Zip code to 888777. These alerts are issued for advisory purposes for incidents in the Town. Visit [cwsalerts.com](http://cwsalerts.com) for more information.

**If You Become Trapped**

**In your home:**

- Stay inside until the fire passes
- Close all windows
- Keep all doors closed, but unlocked
- Keep your family together and remain calm
- Remember, if it gets hot inside your house, it will be much hotter outside

**In your car:**

- Park away from vegetation
- Roll up windows
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway
- Cover yourself with a blanket or jacket
- If the vehicle catches on fire, exit after the wildfire has passed

**On foot:**

- Find an area away from vegetation
- Lie face down
- Cover mouth with dry cloth to protect airway

**After the Fire Passes**

- Check the roof and exterior of your home, extinguish all sparks and embers
- Check your attic for hidden embers
- Check your yard for burning wood piles, trees, fence posts and other materials

**Returning to Your Home**

- Emergency Managers will decide when it is safe to return
- Information will be available through the media, at road blocks, shelters, the CAL FIRE information and [www.firedepartment.org](http://www.firedepartment.org)

Scan this Quick Response (QR) Code for a digital version of this evacuation map.

## WEST DANVILLE

### Emergency Travel Routes and Temporary Refuge Area

**Temporary Refuge Areas**  
 A gathering for residents in close proximity  
 Use if evacuation routes are obstructed by smoke, incoming emergency equipment, or directly threatened by fire

*If not accessible, use the following as a last resort: behind a retaining wall, inside a structure, a large lawn or parking area, or the cab of a vehicle*

**IDENTIFIED AREA**  
**Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site**  
 1000 Kuss Rd, Danville, CA  
 At the West end of Kuss Rd

**When evacuations are requested or ordered, quickly leave the area and make room for responding emergency equipment**  
 Fire engines, ambulances, and law enforcement need room to move

<b>Life Threatening Emergencies:</b>	<b>Dial 911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency Numbers</b>	
San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District (925) 838-6640	
Danville PD/Contra Costa Sheriff (925) 646-2441	
Animal Control (925) 608-8400	
Red Cross (415) 427-8000	

1 in = 479 yards

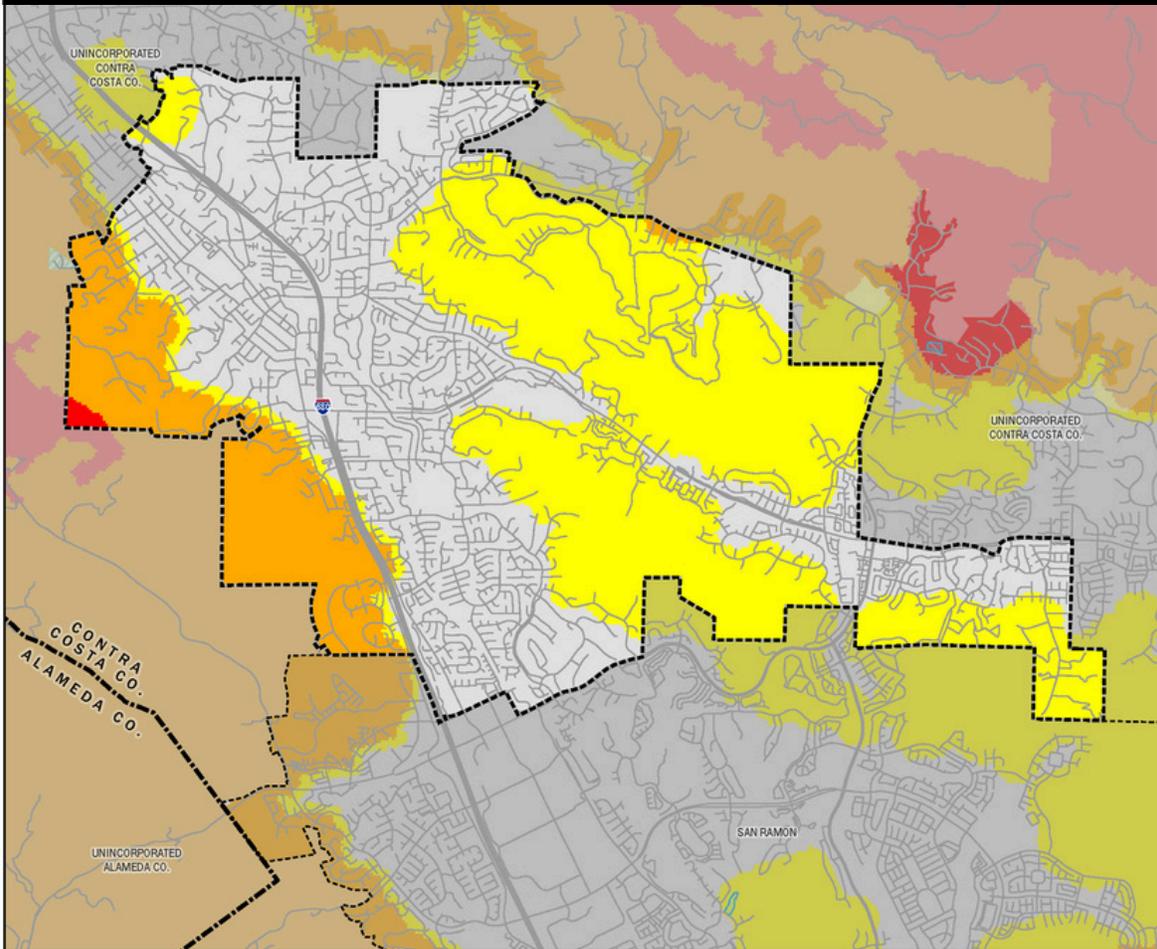
- Temporary Refuge Area
- Evacuation Routes
- Secondary Travel Roads
- I-680
- Major Roads
- Iron Horse Trail



# Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones

As Identified by the  
State Fire Marshal

February 24, 2025

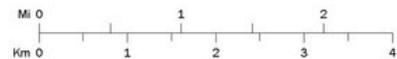


**Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) in Local Responsibility Area (LRA), as Identified by the State Fire Marshal**

Very High High Moderate

**Fire Hazard Severity Zones in State Responsibility Area (SRA), Effective April 1, 2024**

Very High High Moderate



Projection: NAD 83 California Teale Albers  
Scale: 1:50,000 at 11" x 17"

- Incorporated City
- Waterbody
- Unzoned LRA
- Federal Responsibility Area (FRA)

Government Code section 51178 requires the State Fire Marshal to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent

statewide criteria and based on the severity of fire hazard that is expected to prevail in those areas. Moderate, high, and very high fire hazard severity zones shall be based on fuel loading, slope, fire weather,

and other relevant factors including areas where winds have been identified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal as a major cause of wildfire spread.

The State of California and the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection make no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy of data or maps. Neither the State nor the Department shall be liable under any circumstances for any direct, special, incidental, or consequential damages with respect to any claim by any user or third party on account of, or arising from, the use of data or maps.

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Wade Crowfoot, Secretary for Natural Resources, CA Natural Resources Agency  
Joe Tyler, Director/Fire Chief, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Daniel Berlant, State Fire Marshal, CA Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Data Sources:  
CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZSRA29\_3, FHSZLRA\_25\_1)  
CAL FIRE State Responsibility Areas (SRA25\_1)  
City and County boundaries as of 10/22/24 (CA Board of Equalization)

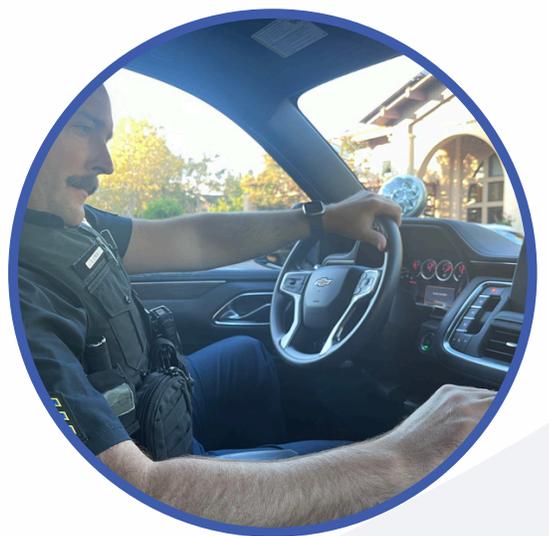


## PATROL & RESPONSE TIMES

Danville is segmented into three distinct zones, each staffed by patrol officers with specific duties. These duties encompass addressing community service requests, preemptively curtailing crime, and enhancing road safety within their zones.

Service requests are ranked by urgency, from Priority 1, the most critical, to Priority 3, the least. Priority 1 requests pose a direct threat to life or safety, including emergency medical calls for service, or theft occurring at the moment, aiming for a response time under 5 minutes.

For in-progress Priority 1 call for service, the response time averaged 4 minutes and 53 seconds. Priority 2 calls, though urgent, do not immediately endanger life, with an average response time of 7 minutes and 25 seconds. Priority 3 calls typically involve non-urgent issues, such as previous night vandalism, and often, these can be resolved through phone contact, eliminating the need for an officer's physical presence.





## OUTREACH

The Danville Police Department actively engages with the public through various social media platforms, ensuring a constant flow of communication and community engagement. By utilizing platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, the department shares real-time updates, safety tips, event information, and community alerts.

These platforms serve as vital tools for the police to disseminate important information quickly and efficiently, while also offering a space for community members to interact with their local police force.

Through social media, residents can stay informed about the latest news, participate in safety initiatives, and gain insights into the daily operations of the Danville Police. This digital presence not only enhances the visibility of the police department but also fosters a stronger, more informed, and engaged community.



# OUTREACH



## Coffee with the Cops

The Danville Police Department organized several "Coffee with the Cops" gatherings in 2024 at different venues, allowing community members to interact with officers and discuss public safety ideas. These gatherings serve as a platform for the Police Department to enhance its bond with the community and gather valuable feedback.



## Recess with the Cops

"Recess with the Cops" offers elementary and middle school students a weekly opportunity to engage with police officers in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.



## Cop Cars to the Community

The Volunteers In Police Services program in Danville provides unique opportunities for community members to have a police car visit their homes for birthdays, after-school events, or other special occasions. This initiative offers a valuable chance for residents to engage with the Police Department and gain insight into their efforts to maintain safety in Danville.

## National Night Out (First Tuesday in August)

Every year, Danville Police Department members join residents on National Night Out, the first Tuesday in August, to get to know each other and build relationships. In 2024, the Police Department visited 17 neighborhoods.



## Citizens Academies

The Danville Police Department hosts two Citizens Police Academies each year. These seven-week comprehensive programs are designed to give attendees insight into the Police Department's initiatives to foster community connections. At the end of the program, attendees gain a deeper respect for law enforcement and the work of the Danville Police Department. Additionally, a shorter Citizens Academy is offered for teenagers, featuring content tailored to their age group.

# VOLUNTEERS

Danville's operations and high service standards are significantly supported by the dedication of volunteers who contribute thousands of hours to the community. These volunteers are organized into two distinct categories, reflecting the diverse ways in which they offer their time and skills to support Danville's services and initiatives.

## Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)

In 2024, our VIPS donated more than 3,300 hours!

Danville's VIPS, dedicated unpaid volunteers, generously dedicate their time to enhance the city's safety and foster community relationships. They perform essential duties ranging from patrols to administrative support, filling gaps that would otherwise remain. Notably active at various city events, they provide crucial traffic management and foot patrols, collectively contributing thousands of service hours annually.



## Reserve Officers

Danville Reserve Officers are committed volunteers with extensive experience, contributing over 1,000 hours of police service to the Danville community each year. Their roles include transporting detainees, securing crime scenes and crucial traffic situations, and conducting preventive patrols. Remarkably, many of these dedicated volunteers have been serving the citizens of Danville for over 30 years, demonstrating a profound commitment to the safety and well-being of the community.



# POLICE COMMAND & STAYING CONNECTED

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Town of Danville YouTube Page  
[youtube.com/user/townofdanvilleCA](https://youtube.com/user/townofdanvilleCA)



Genasys Protect  
[protect.genasys.com](https://protect.genasys.com)



Community Warning System Alerts  
[cwsalerts.com](https://cwsalerts.com)



Nixle Community Alert System  
[nixle.com/city/ca/danville](https://nixle.com/city/ca/danville) -or- text your zip code to 888-777 to be enrolled



# ANNUAL AWARDS



**KEVIN  
ESCOVER**

Officer of the Year



**ALEX  
OLIVERA**

Ernie Kern Award



**TED  
FICK**

Reserve Officer of the Year



**DEBBY  
OLSEN**

VIPS of the Year

## Officer of the Year:

Officer Escover received this award for his outstanding community service and commitment to traffic enforcement and safety.

## Ernie Kern Award:

Officer Alex Olivera received this award for his exceptional work as a school resource officer, and his ability to build meaningful relationships with youth at the schools.

## Reserve Officer of the Year:

Awarded to Ted Fick for his dedicated volunteer service, including patrolling Danville and providing crucial support during significant events.

## Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS):

Debby Olsen received this award for her exemplary volunteer service and dedication to serving during the many Town special events.

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# EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

The Employee of the Quarter Award recognizes an employee for exceptional performance and service, chosen through peer voting. This highlights the recipient's teamwork skills, as reflected by their ability to earn peer support for the accolade.



**GABRIELLA  
ARNAUDO**

Jan-Mar



**JAMES  
LANG**

Apr-Jun



**SAM  
VANDERBILT**

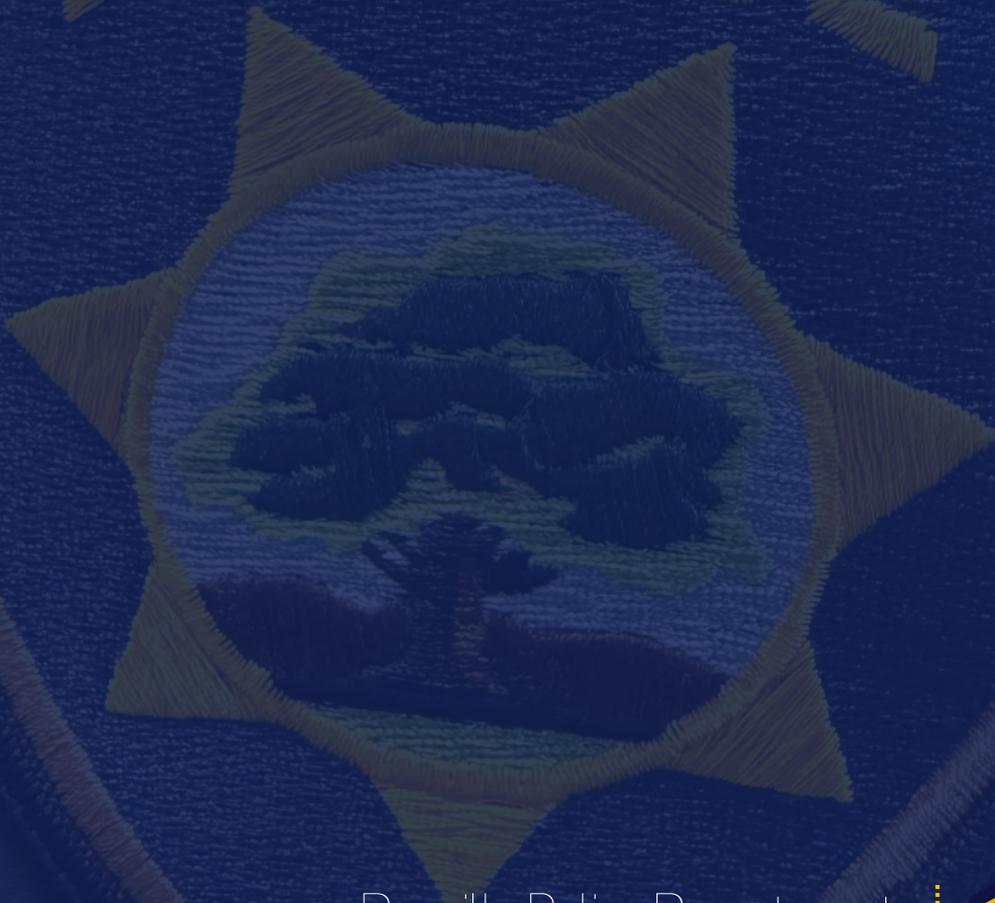
Jul-Sep



**LINDSAY  
ORTIZ**

Oct-Dec

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