

ANNUAL REPORT 2010



Town of Danville
Police Department





DANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

31 Police Officers

8 Reserve Officers

8 Civilian Support Personnel

19 Volunteers

ONE MISSION!





**“Small Town Atmosphere
Outstanding Quality of Life”**



March 2011

Mayor and Town Council,

The Police Department is honored to present you with the 2010 Annual Report. 2010 was a very active year for the Danville Police Department, and with support from our Town Manager and the other Town departments, we have many accomplishments to report.

In this report, you will see the results of a team of dedicated police professionals who work tirelessly to enhance community safety in Danville. These efforts are bolstered by a team of dedicated reserve officers and volunteers who have proven to be a critical part of our success. Their collective efforts to maintain the outstanding quality of life Danville residents enjoy is a great source of pride for the Police Department.

During 2010, the Police Department faced several challenges. An increase in commercial burglaries and armed robberies, coupled with the ongoing issue of property-related crimes, kept both the patrol and investigations teams busy throughout the year. While meeting these challenges, the Investigations Unit still maintained a high case closure rate. Additionally, at a time when many departments are scaling back on programs and services, the Police Department continues to provide a high level of service through the efficient use of the resources at our disposal.

Looking forward to 2011, the Police Department plans to focus on bringing crime statistics down through a combination of crime prevention and community policing. That effort is underway as our officers embark on a new program of proactive problem-solving within our neighborhoods and business communities.

As your Town's Police Department, we pledge to be courteous and thorough as we pursue our duties in the community. The Police Department staff strive to be problem solvers and not just responders. The Police Department is proud to serve a Town that has such a strong sense of community and to do our part in preserving Danville's small town atmosphere.

Thank you for your continued support,

Steve P. Simpkins
Chief of Police



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Administration



**Steve P. Simpkins
Chief of Police**

**Jeff D. Moule
Administrative
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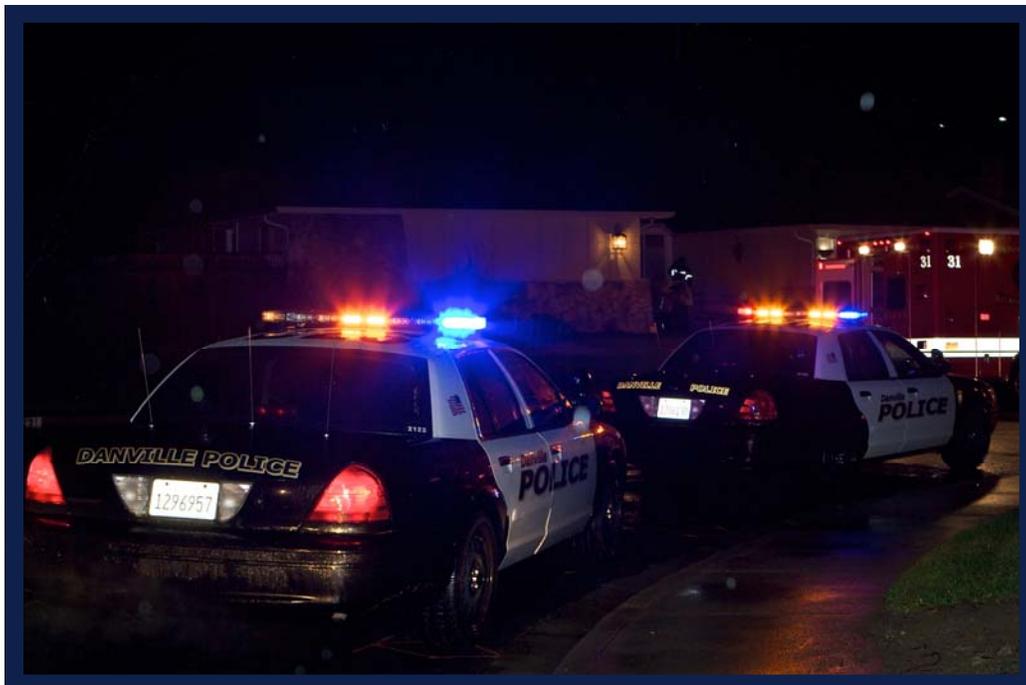
Patrol

Patrol is the largest unit within the Police Department, comprised of 16 officers and 5 sergeants. Patrol officers work ten hour shifts Monday – Thursday or twelve hour shifts Friday – Sunday. The patrol teams are shown on pages 8 and 9.

The Town is divided into three geographic areas called beats. Each beat is staffed by an officer who is responsible for calls for service in that area. These beats are established primarily on empirical statistical data reflecting calls for service, combined with landmark and/or natural boundary characteristics, e.g., major roadways. A map detailing the beats is on pages 10 and 11.

The protection of life and property is the Department’s primary responsibility. This is accomplished through a community policing philosophy that promotes the use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.

The police officer is the Department’s representative to the community. All department resources are centered around the line officer. The police officer maintains a leadership role in the commitment to community problem solving and the coordination of internal and external resources.





Calls for Service

The Police Department handled 33,640 calls in 2010. This represents a decrease from the 35,710 calls for service handled during 2009. A call for service does not necessarily mean the incident is a crime or criminal in nature. Calls for service can result in a report taken, an arrest made, or a simple discussion with a citizen. The Department uses calls for service information to help identify problem areas in the Town and to enhance community policing efforts.

The chart identifies the top ten calls for service classifications. As noted, false alarms are the largest service demand on the Department. 911 hang-ups also contribute significantly to demands of time and resources.

A goal of the Department's overall service delivery strategy is to maintain an acceptable response time to calls for service. The Department is proud of its response times to the community and works hard to maintain the lowest times possible.

Calls are defined into three categories:

Priority 1 - these are emergency calls such as an armed robbery or burglary in progress.

Average time in 2010 to priority 1 - in progress calls was 5:36 minutes.

TOP 10 Calls for Service	
January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010	
False Alarms	2,297
Suspicious Circumstances	1,393
Disturbances	1,008
911 Hang Ups	811
Suspicious Vehicle Stops	428
Juvenile Disturbances	349
Civil Calls	327
Traffic Collisions	305
Suspicious Person Stops	282
Reckless Driving Complaints	219

Priority 2 - these are urgent calls, such as a disturbance or a collision.

Average times to priority 2 in progress calls was 6:30 minutes.

Priority 3 - these are non-urgent calls involving incidents that have occurred with no suspects, and no urgent need for an officer. An example is a vandalism that occurred the day before.

Response times listed are measured from the time the call is dispatched to the officer, to the time the officer arrives at the scene.



Patrol Teams



- Officer Seth Culver
- Officer Enrique Henriquez
- Officer Julie Parish
- Sergeant Kevin Daley



- Officer Vince Richards
- Officer Kirt DeMichiel
- Officer Tony Maldonado
- Sergeant Brad Harms



Patrol Teams



- Officer Mike Ireland
- Officer Bobby Durrer
- Officer Andy Burns
- Sergeant Jack Seidman

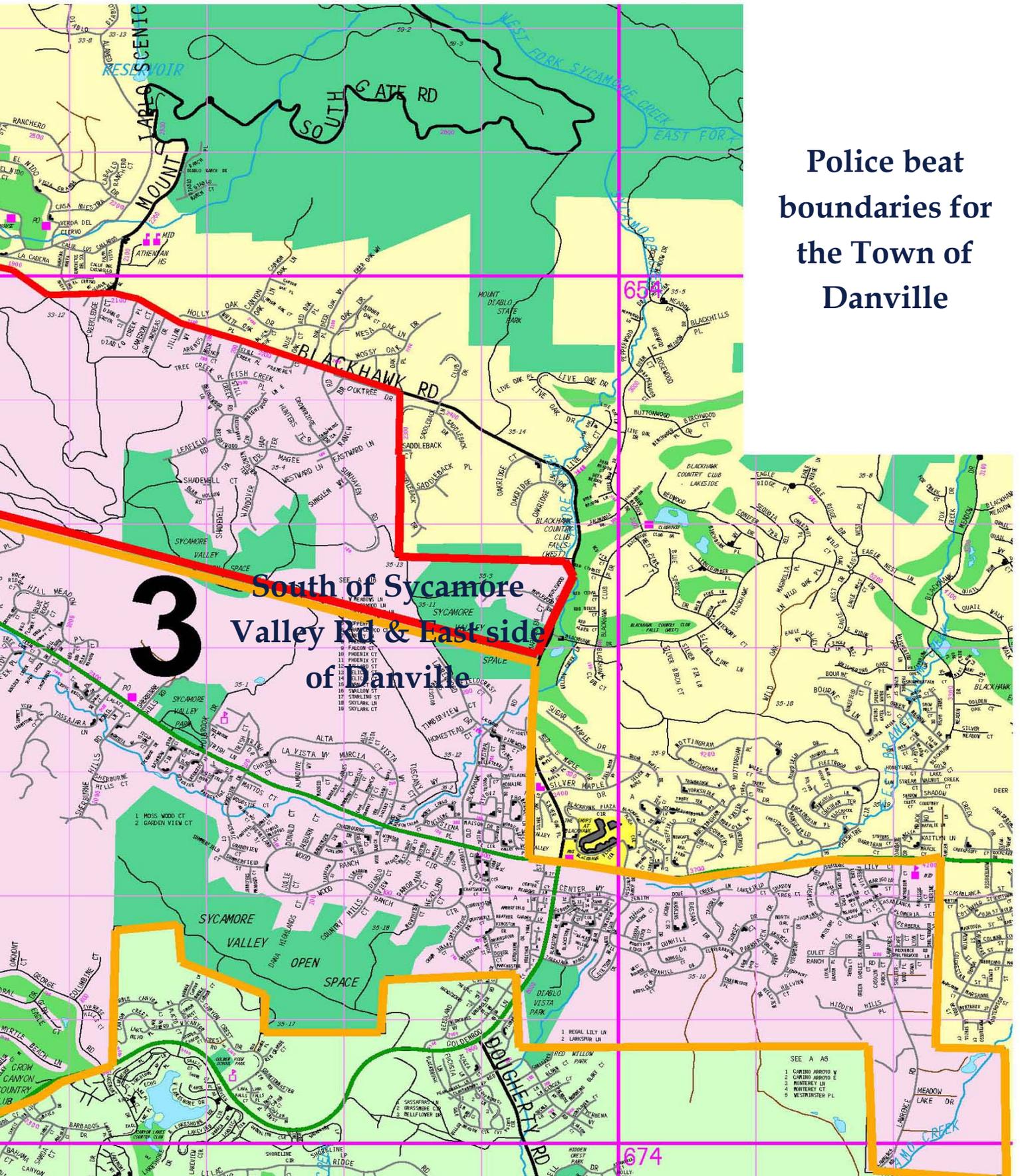
- Officer Eric Nygard
- Officer Kevin Briggs
- Sergeant Mike Jimenez

- Sergeant Troy Francis
- Officer Matt Roderick





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Police beat boundaries for the Town of Danville

3 South of Sycamore Valley Rd & East side of Danville

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- 1 CANTRO ARROYO V
- 2 CANTRO ARROYO E
- 3 WINTERLY LN
- 4 WINTERLY CT
- 5 WINTERLY PL



Investigations

Danville Police Department Detectives are responsible for investigating all felony cases that are reported in the Town of Danville. Some of these cases include, but are not limited to: burglary, robbery, assault, narcotics, sexual assault, fraud, identity theft, missing persons, investigations involving juvenile offenders, and any other high profile cases as assigned by the administration.

Detectives are tasked with successfully identifying suspects, completing these cases and preparing them for filing with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office. The Police Department strives to be proactive in its approach to preventing and deterring crime in Danville.

Our detectives identify crime trends and offer specialized training to patrol officers to proactively combat crime. It is the goal of the Investigations Unit to develop leads and information that will ultimately result in case closure and prosecution of the responsible parties.

The Danville Police Department Investigations Unit consists of Sergeant Allan Shields, Detective Ben Alldritt and Detective Brian Sliger.





Investigations

The Danville Police Department Investigations Unit has had a busy and productive year. The Investigations Unit handled approximately 550 cases this year, while maintaining an impressive closure rate of 43%. Thefts were down in the Town of Danville; however, there was an increase in the armed robberies from 0 in 2009 to 5 in 2010. The majority of cases handled by the Investigations Unit were theft-related cases. The total value of stolen property for 2010 was \$1,073,796. Detectives were able to recover \$94,900 in stolen property.

One of the notable cases in 2010 was the speedy recovery of property from a commercial burglary. Initially, there was only a vague description from an eyewitness. Detectives had previously developed a lead regarding a possible burglar that was targeting commercial businesses in Danville. Within hours, Detectives conducted surveillance and located all of the stolen property, and arrested the burglar as well as the person buying the stolen goods. Over \$30,000 in property was returned to the business owner less than twelve hours after the theft.

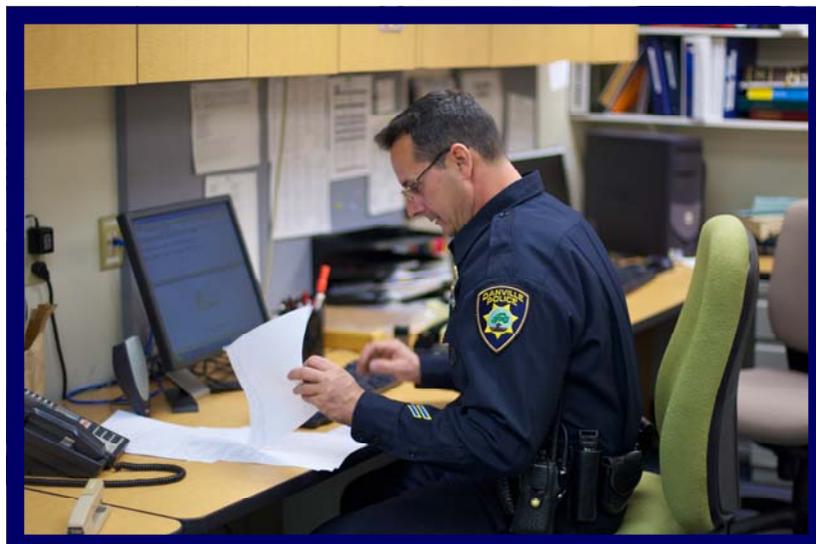
Danville Detectives continue to participate in multi-organizational task forces, like the Vehicle Theft Suppression Enforcement Team and the Sexual Predator Offender Watch. The Investigations Unit continues to further its expertise and is proud to have become well-versed in the area of financial crimes, child exploitation, and crisis intervention. We have extended our hand to the community, and in 2010 the Investigations Unit gave numerous presentations to community and regional organizations in the Town of Danville. These presentations were designed to educate the public on how to protect themselves from becoming victims.





Crime Statistics

Type of Crime	2010	2009	% Difference
Homicide	0	1	-100
Rape	2	3	-33.3
Armed Robbery	5	0	500
Strong-arm Robbery	7	5	40
Aggravated Assault	6	3	100
Total Violent Crimes	20	12	66.6
Residential Burglary	55	63	-12.6
Commercial Burglary	35	24	45.8
Other Burglary	6	7	-14.2
Vehicle Burglary (locked)	129	136	-5.1
Total Burglary	96	94	2.1
Grand Theft (Over \$400)	29	31	-6.4
Petty Theft	59	48	22.9
Grand Theft from Vehicle	40	40	0
Petty Theft from Vehicle	109	117	-6.8
Total Theft	237	236	.04
Stolen Vehicles	34	37	-8.1





Arrests



Adult and Juvenile Arrests

Type	2010	2009	% Difference
Adult Arrests Total	574	462	24.2
Juvenile Arrests Total	171	185	-7.6
Adult Arrests DUI	203	213	-4.7
Juvenile Arrests DUI	18	33	-45.5



Traffic

Traffic Safety in the Town continues to be a priority for the Police Department. Police presence and visibility, along with targeted traffic enforcement, has proven to be very effective. The total number of traffic accidents has decreased the last 4 years in a row. The Police Department works with the Town's Transportation Department and community members to identify problem traffic areas and possible solutions. In addition to Patrol and Traffic Officers, Community Services Officers enforce downtown parking and handle towed vehicles.

This year, the Traffic Unit was also involved in several focused traffic enforcement campaigns. Pedestrian crosswalk stings were held in an effort to target those drivers who failed to stop for pedestrians.

From late 2009 through most of 2010, Danville Police Department participated in a 10-month Click It or Ticket seatbelt enforcement program which was funded by the Office of Traffic Safety. During this enforcement campaign, Danville police officers issued over 145 citations for unbelted motorists.

Danville Police Department also participated in "Avoid the 25," a regional DUI task force made up of all 25 police agencies in Contra Costa County. Danville Police Department made 23 DUI arrests in December 2010 as a part of the Avoid the 25 task force.

Because of Danville's heavy bicycle and pedestrian environment, the Police Department will continue to focus on enforcement in these areas to reduce auto vs. pedestrian and auto vs. bicycle collisions.

The Danville Police Department Traffic Unit includes Sergeant Brad Harms and Officers Scott Dickerson, Jason Hoschouer and Julie Parish.





Traffic



Types of Collisions	2010	2009	% Difference
Total Collisions	183	208	-12.2
Fatal Collisions	1	1	0.0
Injury Collisions	57	64	-10.94
Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	6	6	0.0
Vehicle vs. Bike	15	20	-25.0
DUI Related	14	18	-22.2



K-9

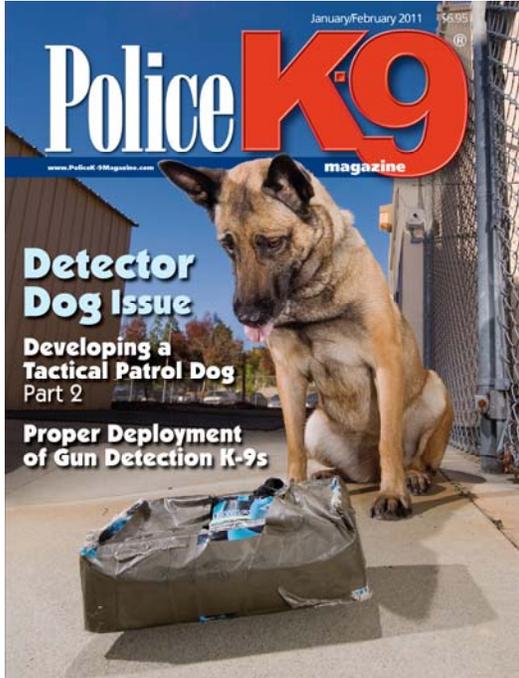
The end of 2010 marked the 5th year of operation for the Town of Danville's K-9 program. Donna, handled by Officer Mike Ireland (pictured below), is over 8 years old now but still going strong. Donna was directly involved in nearly 50 arrests this year, assisted in dozens of narcotics finds and was instrumental in locating several missing people, both suspects as well as missing adults and children. Additionally, Donna has been used to locate evidence and missing property. In 2010, Donna performed in many public demonstrations at local schools, Cub Scout tours and other community events.

2010 was also the first full year with the newest K-9 vehicle, a 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe. The Tahoe, paid in full solely through donations, has been a great segue into explaining to the public how the K-9 program is funded. More importantly, the Tahoe is a safer, more efficient method of transportation for Donna. The larger size not only gives Donna more room, but also has room for all the additional gear required for the K-9 Handler.





K-9



The Police Department was honored to have K-9 Donna featured on the front page of Police K-9 magazine!

Some of Donna's noteworthy highlights from 2010 include the following:

Officer Ireland and Donna responded to the report of a suspect brandishing a knife and threatening people that he had a gun hidden in his waistband. Several Danville Officers arrived at the scene. Donna located the subject hiding in the bushes. The suspect gave up immediately after hearing Donna bark. Donna then did an article search and found the missing knife.

Donna assisted in a search of a residence suspected of growing marijuana on Green Valley Road. The mere presence of Donna helped gain compliance of all three residents. Donna was able to assist in locating several pounds of marijuana inside the house. The house had several rooms retrofitted to grow marijuana.

Donna is a very resourceful tool for public relations. At virtually every public appearance, she is welcomed with open arms. Donna's social demeanor makes her a huge hit with the public, especially children. Donna visited half a dozen block parties at National Night Out this year.



Reserves

The Danville Police Department Reserve Unit augments regular police staffing, working at numerous events including the Fourth of July parade, Primo's Run, Old Oak Tree Lighting, College Night and Hot Summer Nights. This unit assists the department by handling the transportation of arrestees to the Martinez Detention Facility or Juvenile Hall, assisting officers on calls, handling low priority details and providing extra patrol. The Reserve Unit volunteered over 2,560 hours in 2010!

Danville Police Department has a very experienced group of Reserve Officers who have worked in the Town for years and have come to know the Town and the needs of the community. The Town is fortunate to have such a seasoned and professional group of individuals who choose to dedicate their time and lives to serve and protect the citizens of the Town of Danville. The Police Department is currently recruiting additional Reserve Officers and are hoping to expand this unit.

The Reserve Unit currently includes a total of 8 members. The unit lost an icon during 2010, with Reserve Officer and retired Sheriff's Office Sergeant Herman Rellar retiring. Herman ended his law enforcement career with a total of 55 years of service. To recognize Herman's stellar and loyal work for the Town, he was honored as the Reserve Officer of the Year for 2010.

The unit added a new member during this year, Reserve Officer Ted Fick. Ted comes to the Town of Danville after working as a Reserve Deputy with the Sheriff's Office and a member of the Search and Rescue team. Ted, a Danville resident, has already demonstrated loyalty, dependability and dedication as a member of the unit. Ted volunteers his time to the Town on a weekly basis.



Reserve Officer Darrell Thornton



Volunteers in Policing



The VIPs (Volunteers in Policing) continue to be valuable team members of the Danville Police Department. The VIPs provide services that the Police Department would not be able to offer without their dedicated commitment. They assist with all special events such as the Fourth of July Parade, Tree Lighting, Farmers' Market, Hot Summer Nights and School Safety Events. The VIPs direct traffic, educate children at safety fairs, provide crime prevention patrols, fingerprint applicants with the computerized Live Scan and assist with any special event in Danville. In 2010, the VIPs donated 4,618 hours of service to the citizens of Danville. This is an increase of 916 hours over the 2009 total! The Department has nineteen dedicated volunteers who make up the group, which is three more than in 2009. The VIPs are residents of Danville and are citizens who have the drive and desire to give back to the community.

If I Were a Thief

In 2001, the Danville Police Department initiated a program titled "If I Were A Thief." The program was assigned to the VIPs to administer. Essentially the program requires the VIPs to drive down each residential street in Danville at least four to eight times per year. The volunteers look for potential situations for crimes of opportunity. This includes instances such as open garage doors with valuables plainly visible, a collection of newspapers indicating homeowners were out of town, or an accumulation of delivery boxes or dry cleaning bags left on the porch.

When the opportunities are observed, a form letter is left that states, "If I were a thief on this date at this time, I would select your house because:

- Your garage door was open
- Valuables were visible on your property
- Newspapers or mail were collecting in front of your house
- Your windows, doors, or gates were open

Danville's VIPs issued 258 letters to Danville residents during 2010.



Dear Resident: We understand that there may be circumstances for the oversight checked below. However, during 2010 many crimes in Danville have been "crimes of opportunity." Most of them could have been prevented if simple checks had been taken. We feel the item checked could have invited an incident at your home. Thank you for your help in the future.

IF I WERE A THIEF

ON: _____ AT: _____ am/pm

I WOULD HAVE SELECTED YOUR HOUSE BECAUSE:

YOUR GARAGE DOOR WAS OPEN
An open garage door is an invitation to thieves to take anything they see or to come back later when you are not at home.

VALUABLES WERE VISIBLE ON YOUR PROPERTY
Unattended valuables present a temptation for thieves.

NEWSPAPERS OR MAIL WERE COLLECTING IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE
When gone for an extended time, always have someone check on your home and pick up all deliveries.

YOUR WINDOWS, DOORS OR GATES WERE OPEN
Never leave a door or window open when gone.

OTHER _____

BY: _____

★For a free HOME SECURITY CHECK or to help organize a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH on your street, call the Danville Police Department at (925) 314-3700 and ask for a Community Service Officer.



Community Service

The Danville Police Department has been involved with fundraising efforts for the Special Olympics for the last 12 years. Danville Police Department got involved with the Special Olympics through the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

In 2010, Danville Police Department personnel participated in several Special Olympics fundraising events which included Tip-A-Cop, the Polar Plunge and Billboard Sitting, along with participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run through the Town of Danville. Through these efforts, \$23,578.81 was raised.

Danville Police Department also attended the opening ceremonies for the Special Olympics Summer Games and were in attendance at several Special Olympics athletic competitions. After the completion of the competitions, Danville Officers were given the honor of awarding medals to the Special Olympics athletes.

National Night Out 2010

The Danville Police Department continues to promote community mobilization with residents. One of the ways this vision is accomplished is by participating in National Night Out. This unique crime and drug prevention program occurs across the nation and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. This year's event was held August 3rd. Twenty-five neighborhoods in Danville took part in the event.

This amazing community outreach effort encourages neighborhoods to hold block parties, cook-outs, and flashlight walks in order to have citizens get to know each other better and raise their awareness on crime prevention. The Community Services Officers, in partnership with the Police Volunteers, provided crime prevention information and fingerprinting for children. Police officers also visited several of the neighborhood events.



2010 Danville PD Divers for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge in San Francisco.



VIP Harry Hubinger showing several neighborhood children a patrol vehicle.



School Resource Program

The Town of Danville and the Danville Police Department are committed to keeping our schools safe and continuing to be a positive presence in our schools. As the Police Department looks back on 2010, bullying was often at the forefront of national news, and certainly held the attention of the school districts. As part of a proactive approach, School Program Coordinator (SPC) Kerry Sloss and School Resource Officers (SRO) Mike Carson and Jeff Phelps are working with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District to provide resources to educate students, staff, and parents on this important issue.

Use of the internet has intensified the issue of bullying by taking the situation off school grounds. Students can be harassed even in the safety of their own homes and unlike traditional bullying, cyber bullying has a level of anonymity that when ignored, allows the bullies to escalate their behavior, which can have devastating consequences for the student who is the target.

Anti-bullying presentations have been conducted by the SPC at Danville elementary and middle schools. In addition, Coordinator Sloss has attended conferences and training dedicated to the subject of bullying, cyber bullying and prevention.

As part of a PTA-sponsored event for parents regarding digital citizenship, Officer Phelps and Coordinator Sloss participated in a panel at Los Cerros Middle School, sharing information on the current laws that apply to cyber bullying and what they are seeing in the schools.

The Town of Danville is committed to addressing this important issue in order to maintain a healthy environment for its youth. The SROs and SPC continue to develop programs related to responsible choices and safety in an effort to keep Danville's youth safe and provide a liaison with its youth and the community.

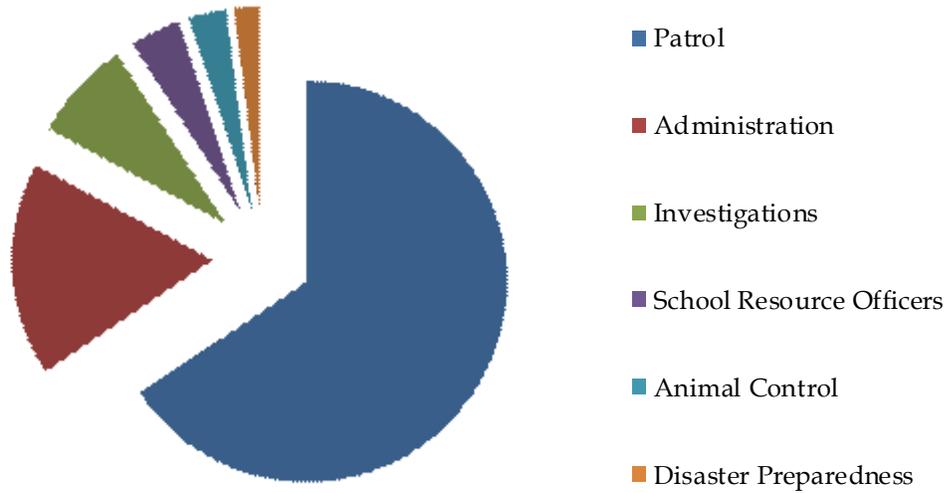


School Resource Program Staff:
Michael Carson, Kerry Sloss and
Jeff Phelps



Budget

Fiscal Year 2010/11 Budget



The 2010/11 Police Services Budget was carefully crafted to maximize efficiency and provide cost-effective public safety for the Town. The total budget is \$7,670,965 and is broken down as follows:

Patrol	\$ 4,972,936
Admin & Dispatch	\$ 1,225,878
Investigations	\$ 599,726
School Resource Officers	\$ 486,463
Animal Control	\$ 228,558
Disaster Preparedness	\$ 157,404



Awards & Recognition



From left to right:

- School Programs coordinator Kerry Sloss was recognized with the Ernie Kern Award for excellence in working with youth.
- Officer Jeff Phelps was recognized by the Chief Special Agents Association for his devoted work as a School Resource Officer.
- Officer Eric Nygard was recognized as the Danville Officer of the Year for his overall outstanding performance as a patrol officer.



Special Events

There are 17 special events that have been authorized by the Danville Town Council. Many of the events are staffed by Danville Police Department personnel, as well as volunteers including Danville Police Department Reserve Officers, Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputies, Danville Police Department Volunteers In Patrol (VIPs), and Sheriff's Office Police Cadets. The use of volunteers to help run the special events is critical, in that it helps us to keep costs at a minimum and helps the Police Department to maintain a safe atmosphere for the attendees.

May 1	Devil Mountain Run
May 12	Spring Wine & Chocolate Stroll
May 26	Doggie Night
May 30	Memorial Day Ceremony
June 18-19	Danville Fine Arts Faire
July 4	July 4 th Parade
July 14	Summer Serenade (Shop Local)
July 21	Hot Summer Nights Car Show
August 11	Summer Fest (Shop Local)
August 18	Hot Summer Nights Car Show
August 25	Art & Wine Stroll
September 5	Heartland Antique & Art Faire
September 1	Danville d' Elegance Car Show
October 9	Primo's Run for Education
October 22-23	Danville Fall Crafts Festival
November 11	Spirit of Danville
November 26	Lighting of Old Oak Tree





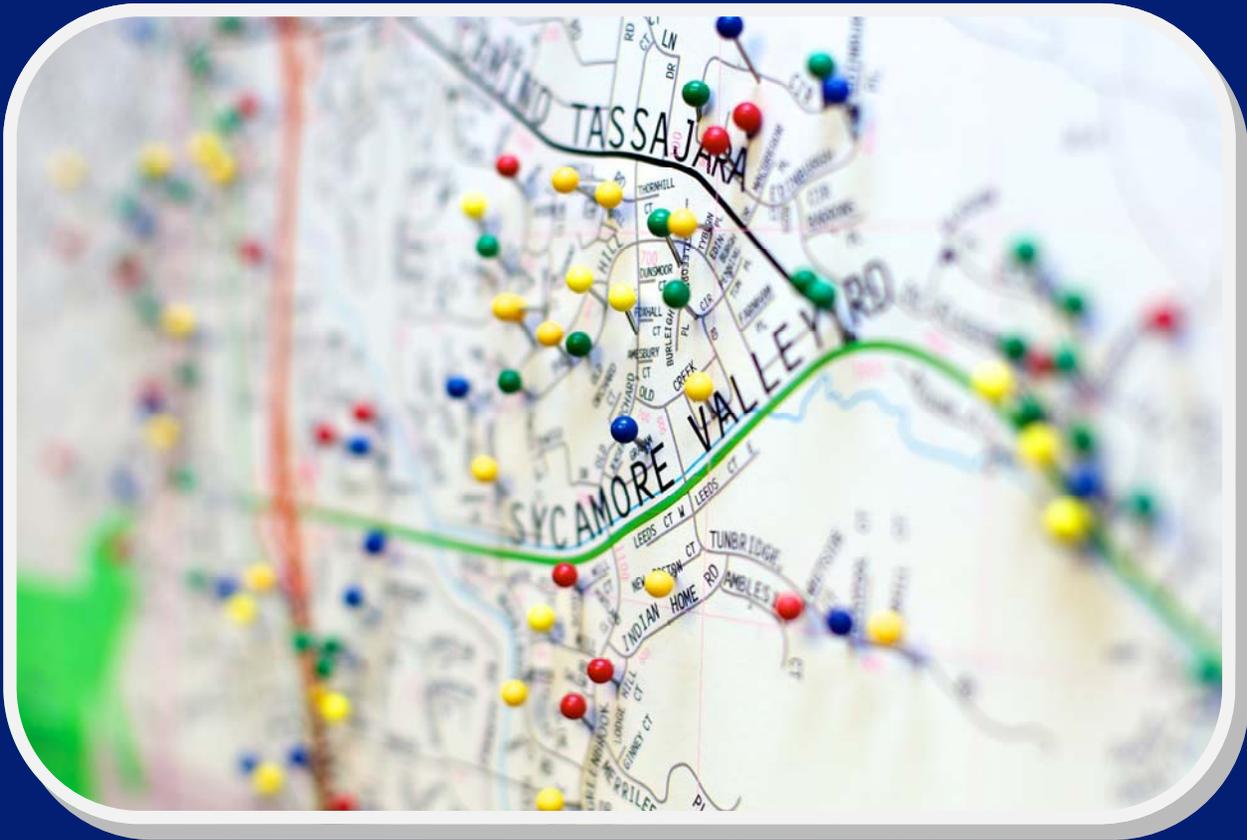
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