# Town of Danville

# Police Department Annual Report 2011

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Danville
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**"Small Town Atmosphere**

**Outstanding Quality of Life"**

March 2012

Mayor and Town Council,

It is my privilege, on behalf of the Danville Police Department, to present you with the 2011 Annual Report. This report illustrates the accomplishments of our dedicated staff and volunteers throughout the year. 2011 brought a decrease in crime; however, this year also brought an increase in traffic collisions. We will continue our proactive stance in both areas with an increased focus on traffic safety.

As we begin a new year with 2012, I would like to take a moment to look back at 2011 and thank the residents of the Town of Danville for their support during this challenging year. It is truly an honor to work for a Town that cares as much as Danville does. Whether it is honoring a fallen soldier or helping search for a missing child, the residents of Danville are second to none.

In keeping with that theme of duty and responsibility, I want to stress that our mission is to have a police department that is second to none in service to the community. Our officers continue to work to keep crime out of our neighborhoods and off our streets. I am very proud of the Danville Police Department and we look forward to serving the community in 2012.

Thank you for your continued support,

Steve P. Simpkins

Chief of Police

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# Administration

The Danville Police Department is led by Chief of Police Steve Simpkins and Administrative Lieutenant Jeff Moule. The Danville Police Department has 40 employees who proudly serve the residents of Danville. This dedicated group consists of 31 Officers and 9 Civilian Support Personnel. In addition there are 9 Reserve Officers, and 17 Volunteers in Policing who help us deliver services to the residents of Danville.

The department is organized into the following specialized units and teams, staffed by sworn and civilian personnel: Administration, Patrol, Investigations, Traffic, School Resource, and Community Services.

Our dedicated staff is committed to providing the highest quality of services to the Town's residents and businesses in order to enhance community safety. To do this, we pledge to take a leadership role in developing partnerships and resolving problems with the community. Our goal is to prevent crime and improve the quality of life in the Town of Danville.

Chief Simpkins (R) & Lt. Moule at the 2011 4th of July Parade briefing

# Support Staff

Back Row (left to right):

Fleet Assistant Dave Peixoto

Parking Enforcement Officer Jim McCauley

Police Assistant Elaine Dekens

Front Row:

Parking Enforcement Officer Katrina O'Brien

Community Services Coordinator Claudia Ray

Parking Enforcement Officer Daniela Melton

Police Assistant Diane Friedmann

Not Pictured:

Crime Prevention Specialist Mike Wells

Investigations Specialist Jeff Hebel

The Danville Police Department is supported by a core group of part-time staff including three parking enforcement officers, two police assistants, a fleet assistant, a crime prevention specialist and an investigations specialist. One full time employee, Claudia Ray, is the Community Services Coordinator/Fleet Supervisor. Danville Police Department's support staff accomplish many missions, including:

- Performing Live Scan fingerprinting
- Facilitating the Neighborhood Watch program
- Coordinating National Night Out
- Performing car seat safety checks
- Assisting with all Town special events
- Promoting crime prevention
- Assisting with the investigation of cold cases
- Conducting tours of the Police Department

Danville Cub Scouts Den 14 visits DPD!

# Patrol

Patrol is the largest unit within the Police Department. Fifteen officers and five sergeants were assigned to patrol the Town's streets during 2011. The Town is divided into three beats, each staffed by an officer. Beats are the geographical areas that patrol officers are responsible for. Beats are established primarily on statistical data reflecting workload combined with landmark and/or natural boundary characteristics, such as major roadways. In late 2011, the department reconfigured its beat structure (see pages 14-15) to improve response times, especially in the western part of the Town. With this realignment, the Department will be able to maintain its goal of providing fast response times to the community.

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. Patrol officers proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime and social disorder.

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

# Patrol Teams

Officer Mike Tegeler  Officer Tony Maldonado  Officer Tom Rossberg  Sgt. Nate McCormack

**Dayshift Monday - Thursday**

Officer Mike Ireland  Officer Eric Nygard  Officer Bobby Durrer  Sgt. Jason Haynes

**Swingshift Monday - Thursday**

Officer Scott Dickerson (Traffic Unit) Officer Jill Schwinn Officer Carlos Dazhan Officer Kim Cogo Sgt. Brad Harms

**Dayshift Friday - Sunday**

Officer Casey Shields Sgt. Jason Ingrassia Officer Jimmy Adams

**Graveyard Friday - Sunday**

# Calls for Service & Response Times

The Police Department handled 29,900 calls in 2011. 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 being taken, an area check being made, an arrest made of a criminal, or a simple discussion with a citizen. Calls for service are also not limited to requests from citizens. Calls for service include officer-initiated activities such as traffic stops and foot patrols. The chart on page 13 identifies the top ten calls for service classifications.

A goal of the Department's overall strategy for service delivery is to maintain an acceptable response time to calls for service. The Police Department works hard to maintain the lowest response times possible. Calls are defined into three categories:

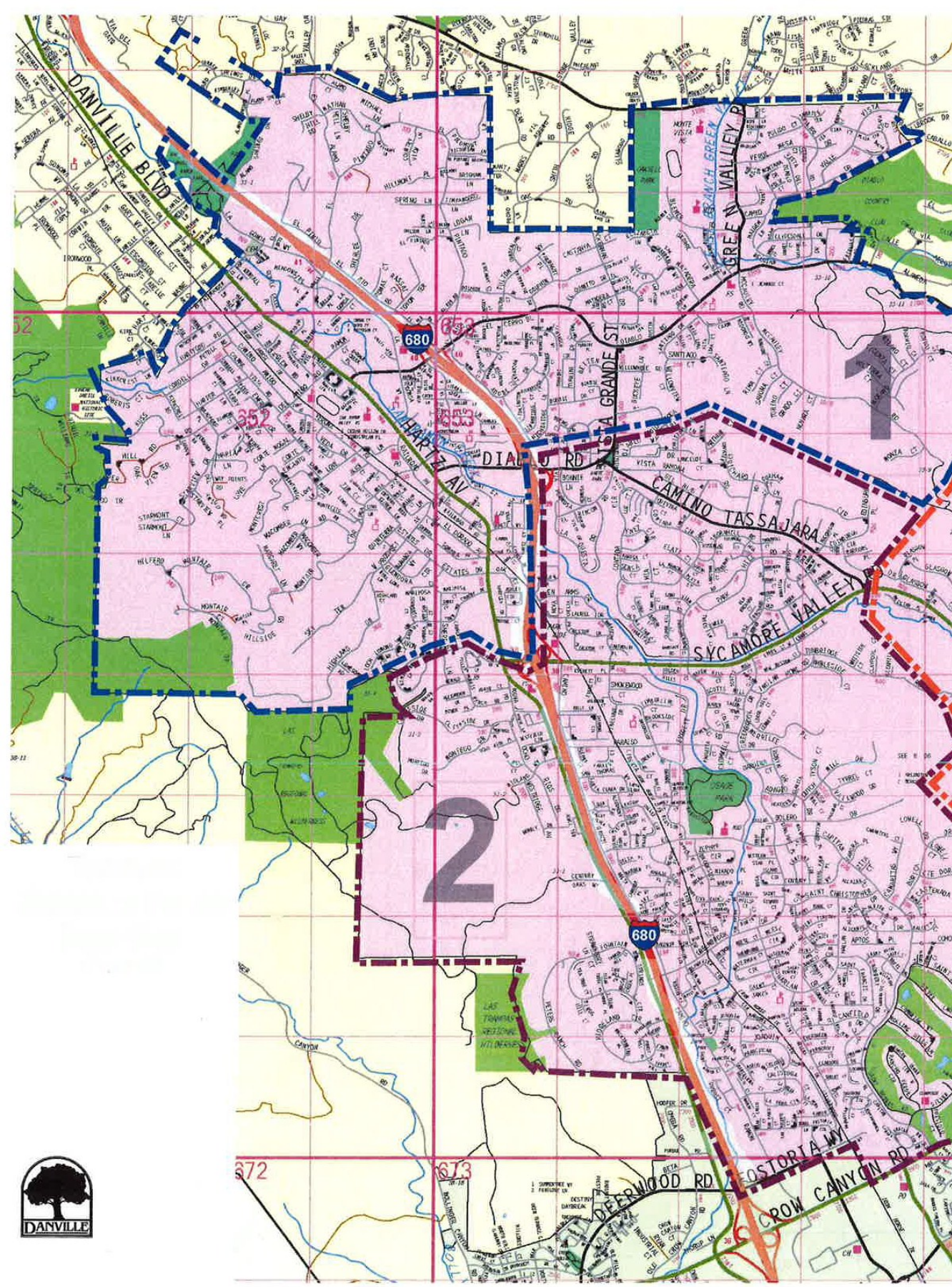
Priority 1 – Emergency calls such as an armed robbery or burglary in progress. Average time in 2011 for Priority 1 calls was 5 minutes, 42 seconds

Priority 2 – Urgent calls, such as a disturbance or a non-injury traffic collision. Average times for priority 2 calls was 6 minutes, 37 seconds

Priority 3 – 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 (many Priority 3 calls are handled via telephone).

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

| Top 10 Calls for Service<br>January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011 | |
|---|---|
| False Alarms | 2,115 |
| Suspicious Circumstances | 1,212 |
| Disturbances | 865 |
| 911 Hang-ups | 819 |
| Juvenile Disturbances | 349 |
| Civil Calls | 346 |
| Traffic Collisions | 327 |
| Suspicious Vehicle Stops | 308 |
| Suspicious Person Stops | 237 |
| Reckless Driving | 228 |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DIablo RD
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SYCAMORE VALLEY RD
GREEN VALLEY RD
DEERWOOD RD
CROW CANYON RD
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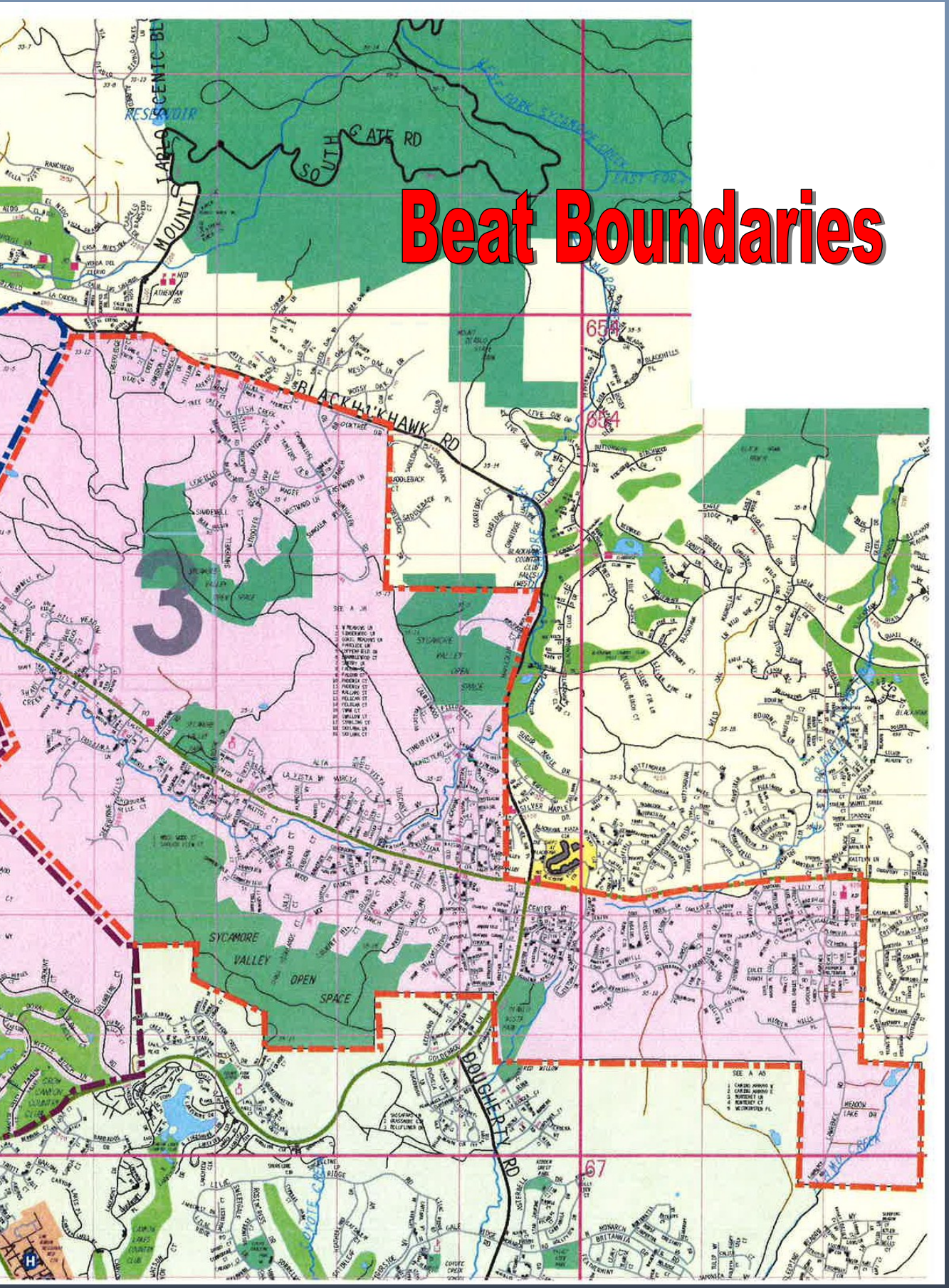
# Beat Boundaries



# Investigations

The Danville Police Department Investigations Unit is led by Sgt. Allan Shields, who supervises Detectives Brian Sliger and Andy Burns. The Investigations Unit handled 677 cases during 2011, which was a 23% increase from the 550 cases investigated in 2010. Despite the increased case load, the Investigations Unit was able to close 341 of the 677 cases, producing a case closure rate of just over 50%.

Danville Police Investigators 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, and any other high profile cases. Investigators are tasked with successfully completing these cases and preparing them for filing with the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office. We strive to be proactive in our approach to prevent and deter crime in our Town. Investigators identify crime trends and offer specialized training to patrol officers to proactively combat crime. It is the goal of the investigator to develop leads and information that will ultimately result in case closure and prosecution of the responsible parties.

**Detective Sgt. Allan Shields**

**Detective Brian Sliger**

**Detective Andy Burns**

Case examples for 2011:

A local resident reported being the victim of a burglary and believed a relative to be responsible. The relative did not have a permanent address. Danville detectives were able to locate the relative the same day in Oakland. Detectives recovered most of the stolen jewelry and several items of property from additional residential burglaries. During the arrest four people were arrested for crimes ranging from possession of stolen property to possession of concealed and loaded firearms.

A business owner in Danville installed a security camera system that eventually led to the identification and apprehension of a serial forger. Three downtown businesses were visited by the forger, where he passed fake fifty dollar bills. A wanted flyer was generated from the business owner's video of the crime. Danville detectives quickly received a tip and identified the suspect, who was a wanted parolee. The suspect was arrested and booked for forgery.

*The message from Danville citizens and the Police Department to criminals is clear..."Not in our Town."*

# School Resource Program

Schools in the Town of Danville are staffed with two School Resource Officers (SRO) for the high schools and a School Programs Coordinator for the middle and elementary schools. San Ramon Valley High School ended the school year with Officer Jeff Phelps who retired after working as the SRO for ten years. Officer Phelps left a legacy of professionalism and service as an SRO at San Ramon Valley High School. Officer Phelps was honored by the Danville Town Council for his decade of service in Danville schools.

For fall 2011, San Ramon Valley High School welcomed Officer Vince Richards as their new SRO. Monte Vista High School also welcomed a new SRO, Matt Roderick. Kerry Sloss continued her duties as the School Programs Coordinator, working with the younger students within the Town.

**Officer Vince Richards**
**San Ramon Valley High School**

**Kerry Sloss**
**School Programs Coordinator**

**Officer Matt Roderick**
**Monte Vista High School**

The SROs provide a level of security for the high school campus and education for the students, staff, and parents. Officers Roderick and Richards provided several presentations on juvenile trends and dangers facing teens today. The SROs also provide education to individual juvenile offenders through the Town's diversion process. This allows juveniles to be educated in decision making, life skills and community service as a replacement for prosecution.

School Programs Coordinator Kerry Sloss provides school-based education to manage familiar and emerging trends in the middle and elementary schools such as drug and alcohol prevention, decision making skills, and cyber bullying. Sloss has also provided demonstrations on the effects of alcohol on the body.

Together, the school resource team has reached out to students, staff, and parents to educate them in healthy decisions as a part of life. The emphasis on the school resource program continues to be education and cooperation. In an effort to maintain a current knowledge of trends facing juveniles today, Danville school resource team members attended updated training and visited juvenile training programs to learn innovative juvenile education and enforcement techniques.

# Crime Statistics

The Danville Police Department reports crime statistics through the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff Records Unit. Those statistics are forwarded to the California Department of Justice and then to the FBI under the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The nationwide data is available to the public and can be viewed at: http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr

Below are the 2011 statistics for the Town of Danville, along with the last five years:

| | Homicide | Rape | Robbery | Aggravat-ed Assault | Violent Crime | Burglary | Larceny (Theft) | Stolen Vehicles | Arson | Property Crimes |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 19 | 26 | 102 | 361 | 30 | 3 | 496 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 20 | 32 | 91 | 406 | 34 | 3 | 534 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 19 | 94 | 442 | 36 | 0 | 572 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2008 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 26 | 115 | 426 | 21 | 5 | 567 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 22 | 80 | 509 | 54 | 1 | 644 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 15 | 33 | 105 | 458 | 32 | 2 | 597 |

UCR Definitions:

"Violent crime" refers to the total number of Homicide & Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault.

"Property Crimes" refers to the total number of Burglary, Larceny, Stolen Vehicles and Arson.

# Crime Prevention

In its continuing effort to impact crime and neighborhood problems, the Danville Police Department implemented several strategies last year to help mobilize and educate the community.

**Crime Mapping**

The Police Department now utilizes a community crime mapping program. The program is called "CrimeReports" and is accessible through the Town's website, on the Police home page. Google Maps display the program in a user friendly format and includes viewing in a regular map feature or satellite view. Features include searching for a selected group of crimes for the last 3, 7, 14, 30 days, or six months; a printable list of the crime details selected, and a printable list of the map with crime locations.

Information given about crimes selected include: date, time of incident, case number, incident description, and approximate location (It does not give exact addresses). Information is updated daily from the Sheriff's Office.

Another feature available to the community is an e-mail alert system. This feature allows a user to have emails sent to them listing crimes that have occurred within the area the resident has chosen. Alerts can be sent daily, weekly and monthly.

The Police Department urges residents and business owners to use this crime mapping program to learn about crime in their area to help prevent further crime from occurring.

# Traffic

Traffic safety in the Town is a high priority for the Police Department. Unfortunately we experienced an increase in traffic collisions and DUI related collisions in 2011. For 2012, the Traffic Unit will be emphasizing traffic safety by analyzing the specific cause of reported collisions and enforcing those particular vehicle code violations.

DUI enforcement remains a priority. The Danville Police Department 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 18 DUI arrests in December 2011 as a part of the "Avoid the 25" task force. The Police Department Traffic Unit is committed to reducing the number of DUI drivers in our Town through a combination of education and enforcement.

The Traffic Unit also partnered with the Town of Danville Transportation Department for a special Summer 2011 Safety Campaign to address traffic, bicycle and pedestrian safety throughout the Town using a combination of education and enforcement.

**Sgt. Nate McCormack**

**Officer Seth Culver**

**Officer Jason Hoschouer**

**Officer Scott Dickerson**

# Traffic Statistics

| Types of Collisions | 2011 | 2010 | % Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Collisions | 223 | 183 | 21.8 |
| Fatal Collisions | 2 | 1 | 100.0 |
| Injury Collisions | 48 | 57 | -15.7 |
| Vehicle vs. Pedestrian | 4 | 6 | -33.3 |
| Vehicle vs. Bicycle | 15 | 15 | 0.0 |
| DUI Related | 22 | 14 | 57.1 |

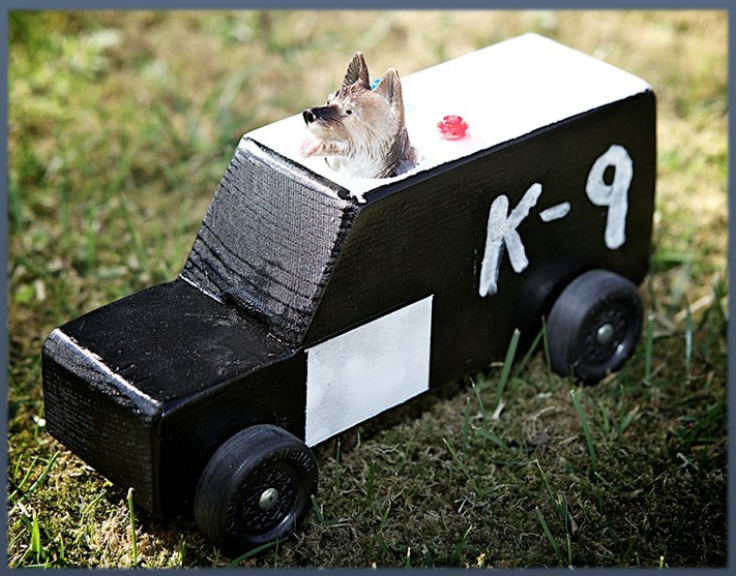
| DUI Arrests | 2011 | 2010 | % Difference |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adult Arrests DUI | 189 | 203 | -6.8 |
| Juvenile Arrests DUI | 15 | 18 | -16.6 |

# K-9

Officer Mike Ireland and K-9 Donna are the Danville Police Department's K-9 Team. Officer Ireland and Donna have been partnered together since January of 2006. At the end of summer 2012, Donna will be retiring as a police service dog after her almost seven years of service. A new team of Officer Tom Rossberg and K-9 Chef will begin serving the Town of Danville in 2012.

Officer Ireland and Donna restarted the Town's K-9 program after a long hiatus. Officer Ireland and Donna have had quite an impact on the Town's residents. Officer Ireland and Donna do dozens of public demonstrations each year. Over the years, Donna has been exposed to over 100 Boy Scout tours that come through the PD. Recently, a young boy was so impressed by Donna and the K-9 vehicle that he modeled his Pinewood Derby car (below) after Danville's K-9 Tahoe. He sent pictures and a note to Officer Ireland, adding that he took first place in one of the races!

Officer Ireland and Donna have also been involved in the arrests of hundreds of individuals over the years; whether it's a simple narcotics sniff or trailing a bank robber, there is no replacement for the nose of a K-9. Among Donna's most notable achievements include tracking a bank robber from Wells Fargo in which over $27,000 in cash was recovered and finding a suicidal missing juvenile hiding under a bridge almost a mile from his home.



Danville
POLICE
CAUTION STAY BACK
CAUTION
POLICE DOG
DANVILLE POLICE
K-9

# Reserves

The Danville Police Department Reserve Unit augments regular police staffing, working at numerous events including the Fourth of July parade, Primo's Run for Education, Lighting of the Old Oak Tree, College Night and Danville Hot Summer Nights. This unit assists the department by handling the transportation of arrestees to the Martinez Detention Facility, assisting officers on calls, handling low priority details and providing extra patrol. The Reserve Unit volunteered 2905 hours in 2011, an increase of 345 hours from 2010.

The 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 volunteer their time to serve and protect the citizens of Danville.

# VIPs

As ambassadors of the Police Department, the VIPs (Volunteers in Policing) provided the Town of Danville with 5,628 hours of service in 2011.

The regular services provided by the VIPs include Citizen Patrol, Vacation House Checks, School Patrol and Traffic Control. The VIPs also assist with all Town of Danville special events such as the Fourth of July Parade, Lighting of the Old Oak Tree, Farmer's Market, Hot Summer Nights and School Safety events.

In 2011, members of the VIPs team also aided in searching for missing children, community outreach programs and volunteered their time to the Investigations Division. The Police Department is always on the lookout for residents who want to become VIPs. The VIPs team is supervised by Sergeant  Jason Haynes.

# Active Shooter Training

On July 28th, 2011, the Danville Police Department partnered with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and conducted a full day of training on how to resolve an Active Shooter incident. An Active Shooter incident is defined as an incident where a suspect enters a densely populated location (school, workplace, etc.) and begins shooting people with the intent to continue until stopped. The most prominent example of an Active Shooter incident in the United States occurred at Columbine High School.

The tragedy at Columbine compelled all police agencies to review their tactics and plans for properly handling an Active Shooter. The Danville Police Department, in conjunction with the Office of the Sheriff, has specifically and periodically trained for these incidents. During this version of the training, practical and rigorous training took place at both the Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley High campuses using simunitions, a type of “super” paintball.

The training started with a short review of the tactics used and a thorough safety briefing. The training then moved to the practical portion of the day utilizing five separate scenarios. Danville Police sworn staff were divided into five different teams and tasked with resolving the scenarios. The staff was challenged by numerous role players (student workers from the Sheriff’s Office) and demanding standards for proper incident resolution.

TORCH RUN

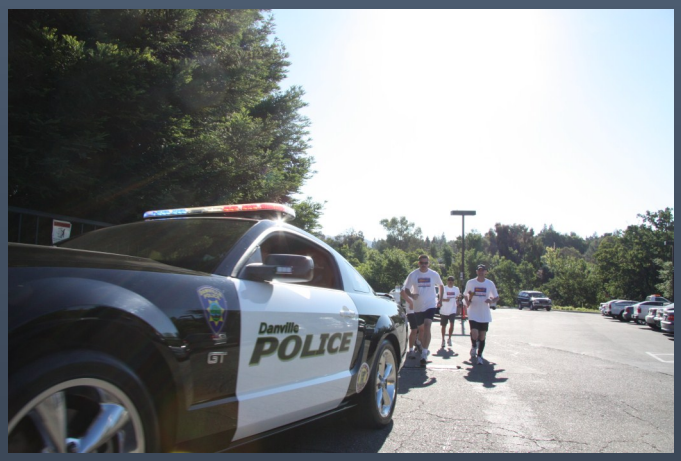
Special Olympics
Northern California
POLAR PLUNGE
2011
Danville
PD
Divers
POLAR PLUNGE
Crissy Field
San Francisco, CA
February 26, 2011
PHOTOS IN A FLASH SM
www.sonc.org

# Community Service

The Danville Police Department teamed up with Special Olympics Northern California once again in 2011, marking the 13th year the Danville Police Department has helped raise funds for the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics provide year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities giving them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other athletes and the community. In addition to the fundraising efforts, Danville Police Department personnel had the honor of attending the Special Olympics Summer Games and the privilege of awarding medals to several of the athletes.

Danville Police Department personnel participated in several fundraising events in 2011 which included: T-shirt sales, Tip-a-Cop, Polar Plunge, and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Danville Police Department raised $22,116 in 2011 to benefit Special Olympics Northern California.



# Open House

On Saturday, September 24th, 2011, the Danville Police Department hosted the first annual Open House. Officers and VIP's were on hand to answer questions and provide an inside look at the police department. The open house showcased police equipment and special enforcement tools such as the Sheriff's Office SWAT vehicle and mobile command post. Visitors were also able to take a tour inside the police facility and inside our vehicles. Several hundred people attended the event. The Police Department intends to host another Open House in 2012.

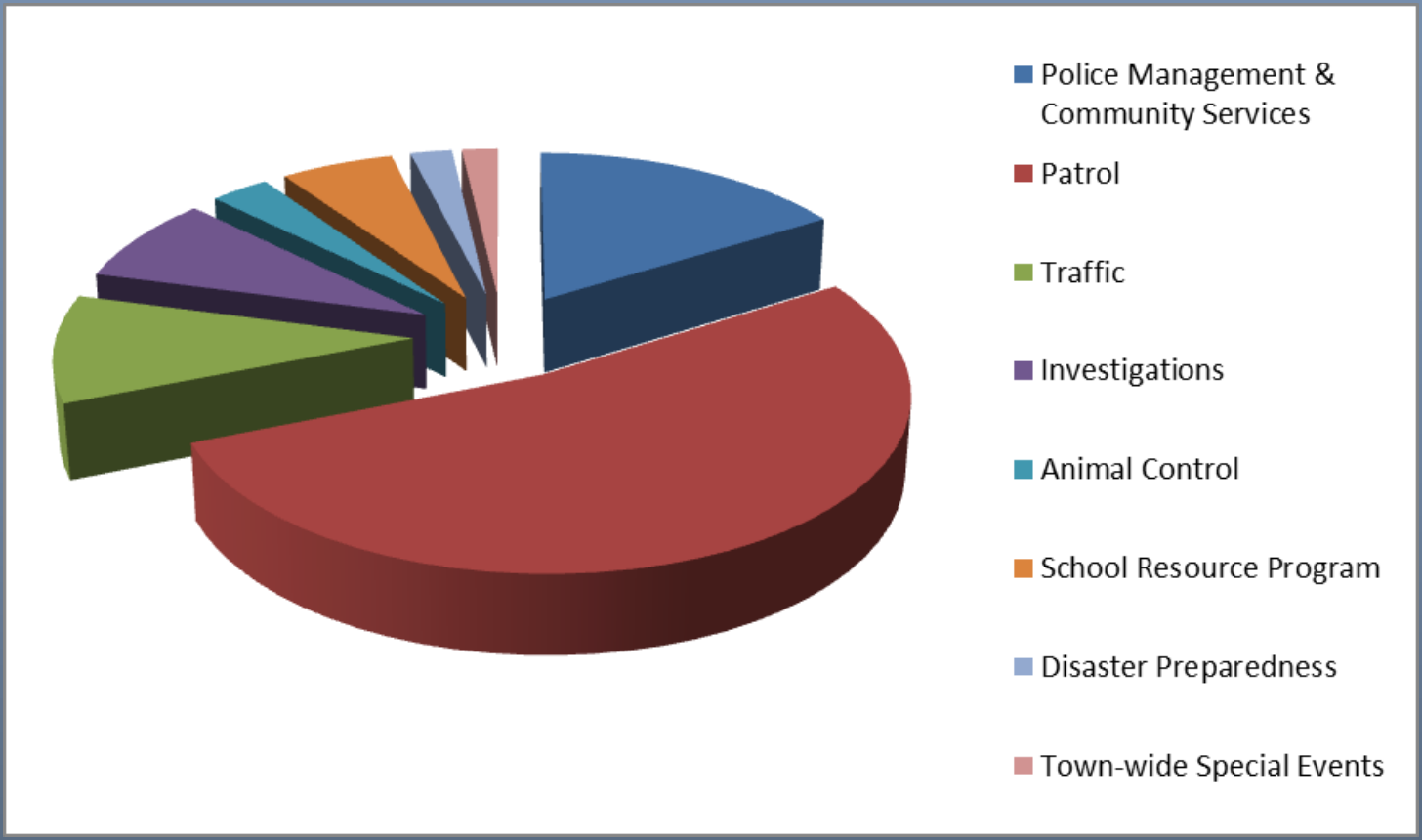
# Citizen's Academy

The Danville Police Department hosted a Citizen's Academy from October 12th to November 9th. Twelve people graduated after completing the six week program. The Citizen's Academy included classes such as:

Criminal Justice System Overview, Police Pursuits, Crime Scene Investigations, Community Oriented Policing, County Jail Tour, Force Options Simulator, SWAT Operations, Narcotics Investigations and Hostage Negotiations.

The Police Department looks forward to offering another session of the Citizen's Academy during 2012. If you are interested in attending, please contact Claudia Ray at (925) 314-3704 or cray@danville.ca.gov.

# Budget

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| Total Police Services Budget FY 2012: | $8,100,233 |
| • Police Management & Community Services | $1,299,523 |
| • Patrol | $4,272,286 |
| • Traffic | $856,256 |
| • Investigation | $652,847 |
| • Animal Control | $231,378 |
| • School Resource Program | $465,931 |
| • Disaster Preparedness | $172,012 |
| • Town-wide Special Events | $150,000 |

# Danville Police Department Team Photo

**Also pictured (L): Town Manager Joseph A. Calabrigo & Sheriff David O. Livingston**

# Danville Police Department

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