



**Town of Danville
Police Department
Annual Report 2014**

March 2015

Mayor and Town Council,

With 2014 behind us, it is my privilege to present the Danville Police Department's Annual Report. Looking back, 2014 was an exciting year. Our crowning achievement was in the area of traffic safety, with a 10% reduction in traffic collisions.

2014 presented us with an increase in property crime. While this year's 7.5% increase is part of an overall downward trend, it does present an area for us to improve our crime prevention efforts. The specific increases in property crime are attributable to stolen vehicles and burglaries. As a means of working to curb this increase, the Police Department will be working with the county-wide vehicle theft reduction task force throughout 2015. In addition, we have increased our crime prevention outreach to help residents by raising awareness and teaching safety tips in order to reduce opportunities for crime to occur in the community.

Outreach continues to be a strong component of our crime prevention efforts. In 2014 we extended our hand to the community in a number of ways and look forward to doing even more in 2015. Two Citizen's Academies are planned for 2015, along with an Open House in the Fall. We will be reaching out to younger citizens as well, with the inception of a Youth Citizen's Academy.

The Police Department is very grateful to the Town Council and the Danville community for their continued support. We know that maintaining this level of trust and support can only be achieved through exemplary hard work and outstanding customer service which are ideals that we strive for on a daily basis.

Thank you for your support,



Steve P. Simpkins
Chief of Police

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Above (left to right): Lieutenant Allan Shields & Chief Steve Simpkins

The Danville Police Department is led by Chief Steve Simpkins and Lieutenant Allan Shields. The Police Department's Administration team is responsible for creating and communicating the vision of the department, and also working collaboratively with all Town departments to provide high quality service to Danville residents.

The Police Department has a staff of 30 Officers, 12 Civilian Support Personnel, 8 Police Reserves, and 28 Volunteers in Policing. These 78 people are a group of dedicated personnel who provide the residents of Danville with exemplary customer service and superior law enforcement.



Right:
Administrative Secretary
Juliet Kelly (left)
&
Crime Prevention Specialist
Jacklyn McDaniel (right)



Left:
Police Assistant
Morgan Bowe (left)
&
Police Assistant
Mary Ashworth (right)





Above: Fleet Specialist Jim Nelson (left) & Emergency Preparedness Manager Jeff Hebel (right)

The support staff for the Police Department handles a variety of essential duties. These key individuals manage emergency preparedness, maintain the fleet of police cars & equipment, manage the department budget, organize group police activities (such as fund raising events), run the Vacation House Check and Silent Sentry Bank Protection Programs, answer phones and assist citizens in-person at the front counter. While these jobs may not be as visible as the role of police officer, the duties this team performs are required for a police department to function efficiently.

SUPPORT STAFF





Day Shift Monday - Thursday

Above (left to right): Officer Andreas Gianopoulos, Sergeant Scott Dickerson, Officer Steve Stapleton, Officer Tom Rossberg, K9 Chef

PATROL TEAMS



Day Shift Friday - Sunday

Above (left to right): Sergeant Chris Martin, Officer Casey Shields,
Officer Jeff Kellogg, Officer Kim Cogo





Graveyard Monday - Thursday

Above (left to right): Officer Gabriella Arnaudo,
Sergeant Mike Jimenez, Officer David McGinnis



Swing Shift Monday - Thursday

Above (left to right): Officer Emily Neabeack, Sergeant Jose Rivera,
Officer Nick Muller, Officer James Lang



Graveyard Friday - Sunday

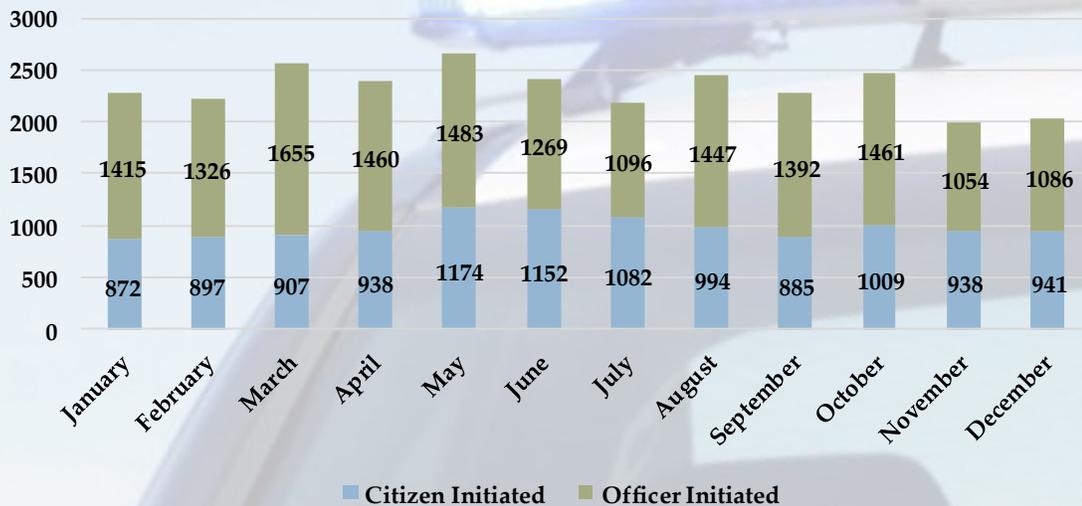
Above (left to right): Sergeant Jason Ingrassia, Officer Danny Wells, Officer Valerie Murillo, Officer Tyler Nelson & K9 Rony

The Danville Police Department is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by patrol officers. There are five patrol teams that cover three shifts during the week and two shifts on weekends. The officers work either day shift, swing shift, or graveyard and change assignments every six months. These shifts overlap to allow each team a daily meeting called 'lineup' where sergeants discuss important cases and key information that will help the officers throughout their shift. Patrol officers spend their entire shift on the streets of Danville responding to calls for service and helping the town's citizens.

PATROL TEAMS



Total Calls for Service 2014



This graph shows the distribution of calls for service by month throughout 2014; including the difference between calls initiated by citizens and calls initiated by officers.

Top 10 Calls for Service In 2014

False Alarms	1840
911 Hang Ups (including cellular)	748
Suspicious Vehicles	454
Suspicious Subjects	426
Suspicious Circumstances	412
Welfare Checks	356
Reckless Driving	343
Patrol Requests	317
Traffic Collisions	304
Parking Complaints	242

CALLS FOR SERVICE



The Police Department handled 27,933 calls in 2014. A call for service does not necessarily mean the incident is a crime or criminal in nature. Calls for service can result in a police report, an area check, an arrest of a criminal, or a simple discussion with a citizen. Calls for service are also not limited to requests from citizens. Officer-initiated activities such as traffic stops, foot patrols, and business or residential security checks are also considered calls for service.

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 provide the lowest response times possible.

Calls for service are separated into three categories:

Priority 1: In-progress threats to life and safety, emergency medical situations and in-progress thefts. The median response time in 2014 for Priority 1 calls was 5 minutes 52 seconds.

Priority 2: Urgent calls, such as a disturbance or non-injury traffic collisions. The average response time for priority 2 calls was 6 minutes 48 seconds.

Priority 3: Non-urgent calls involving incidents that have occurred in the past, or with no suspects, and no urgent need for an officer. An example is a vandalism that occurred the day before. The average response time for priority 3 calls was 6 minutes 56 seconds.



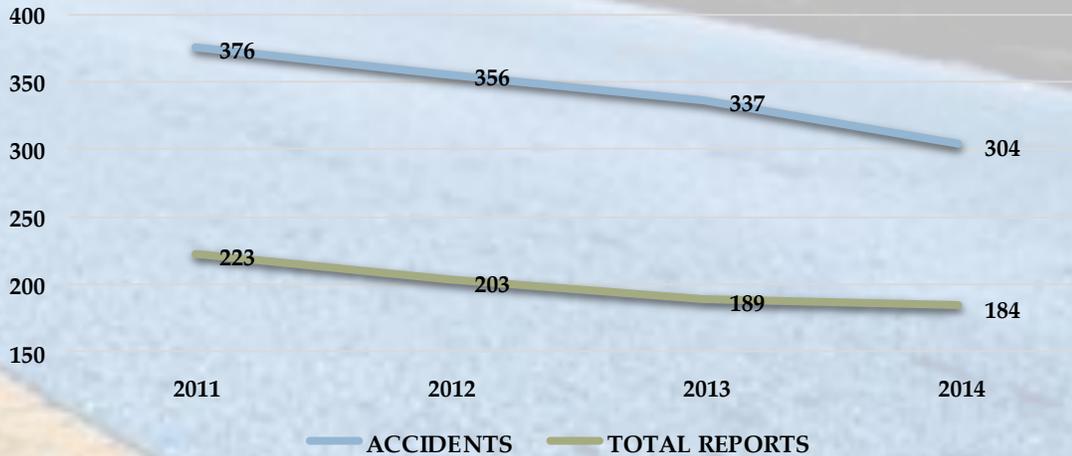


Above (left to right): Officer Carl Somers, Officer Jason Hoschouer, Officer Jimmy Adams

Over the last 15 years, the Danville PD Traffic Team, in collaboration with the Transportation Department & Street Smarts program, has successfully lowered the total number of accidents annually using the three E's philosophy of Education, Engineering and Enforcement. In 2014, that trend continued with a decrease of nearly 10% from 2013's total of 337. The total collision numbers for 2014 show an overall decrease of approximately 44% from a high of 542 reported accidents in 2001.

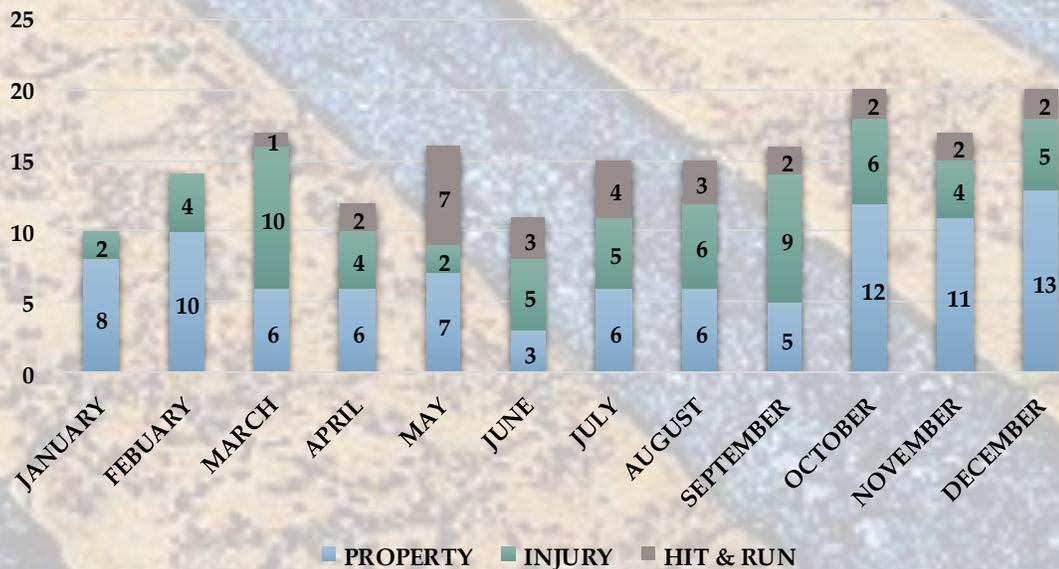
In 2014, Danville P.D. arrested 141 people for impaired driving averaging to just under 12 DUI arrests per month. November had the highest number of DUI arrests at 22, and August had the lowest number at 6.

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS BY YEAR



This chart shows the regular decline in accidents reported to the Danville Police Department and accidents requiring police reports since 2011. Many accidents do not require police reports, therefore the number of accidents reported is the most accurate reflection of the total accidents that occur.

TOTAL ACCIDENT REPORTS 2014



This chart breaks down the total number of accidents in 2014 by month and type. There were no fatal accidents in Danville in 2014 and there were no hit & run accidents reported for the months of January and February of 2014.

TRAFFIC





Above (left to right): Detective Jamie Williams, Detective Sergeant Brian Sliger, and Detective Jill Schwinn

The Danville Police Investigations Unit is responsible for investigating all felony cases that are reported in the Town of Danville. Some of these cases include, but are not limited to: fraud, burglary, robbery, assault, narcotics, sexual assault, 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. Investigators are dedicated to efficient, timely and thorough criminal investigations to determine facts as they relate to the involvement of those suspected of criminal activity. The objectives of such investigations are to identify and prosecute the people responsible for these crimes.

The Danville Police Department Investigations Unit is led by Sergeant Brian Sliger, who supervises Detectives Jill Schwinn and Jamie Williams along with Investigations Specialist Jim McCauley and Volunteer Tim Davis.

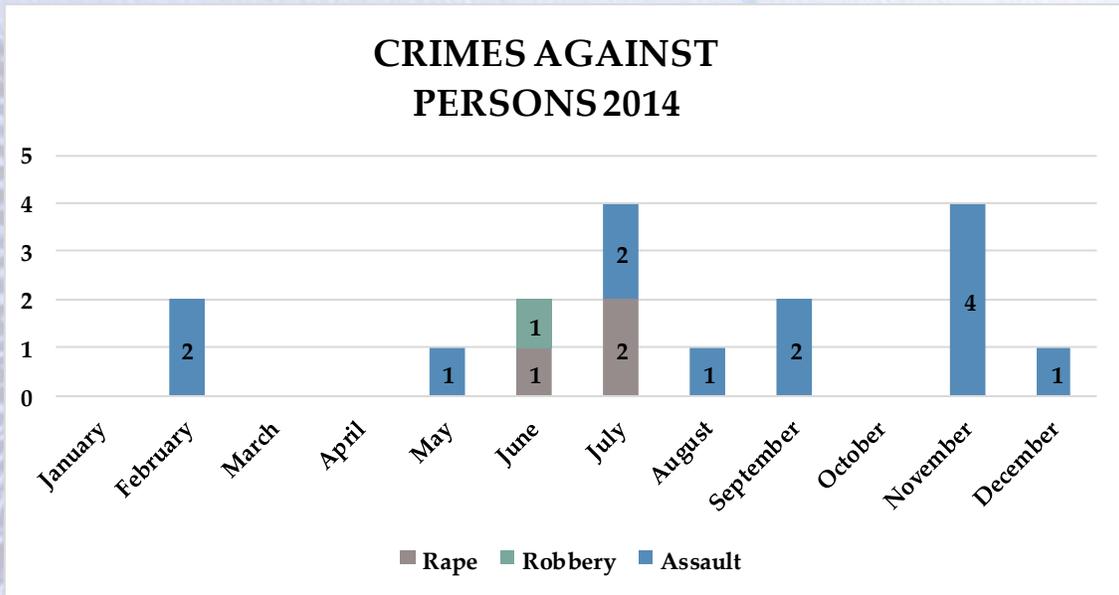
The Investigations Unit handled 618 cases during 2014. They were able to close 268 of the 618 cases, producing a case closure rate of 43.3%. The Investigations Unit strives to be proactive in their approach to community safety and facilitate problem solving throughout the town.



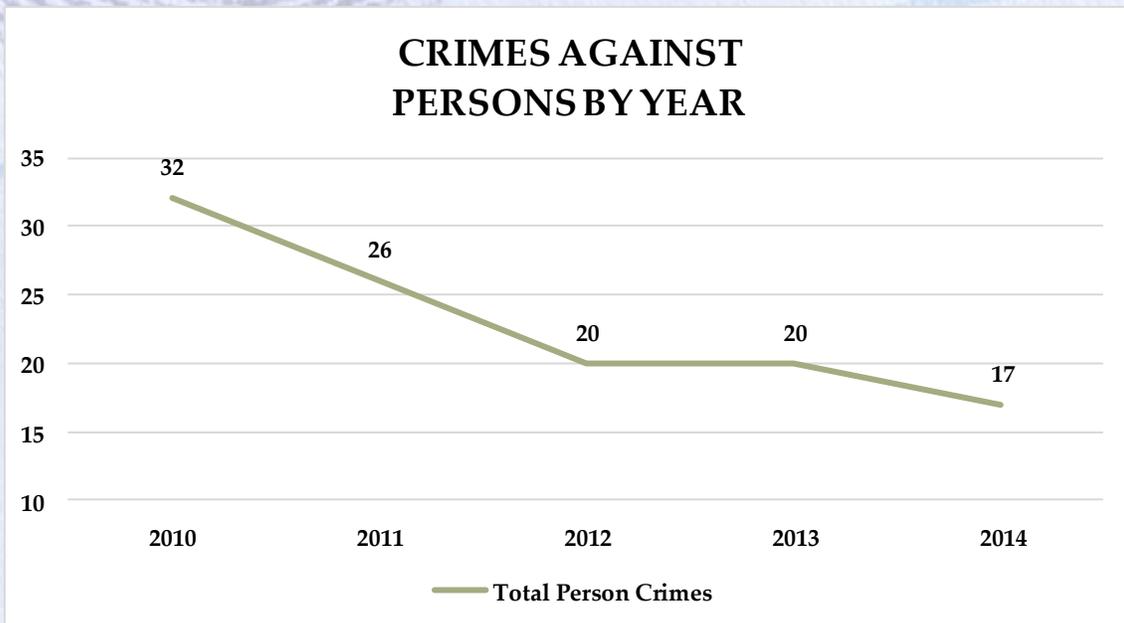
Above (left to right): Investigations Volunteer Tim Davis & Investigations Specialist Jim McCauley

INVESTIGATIONS

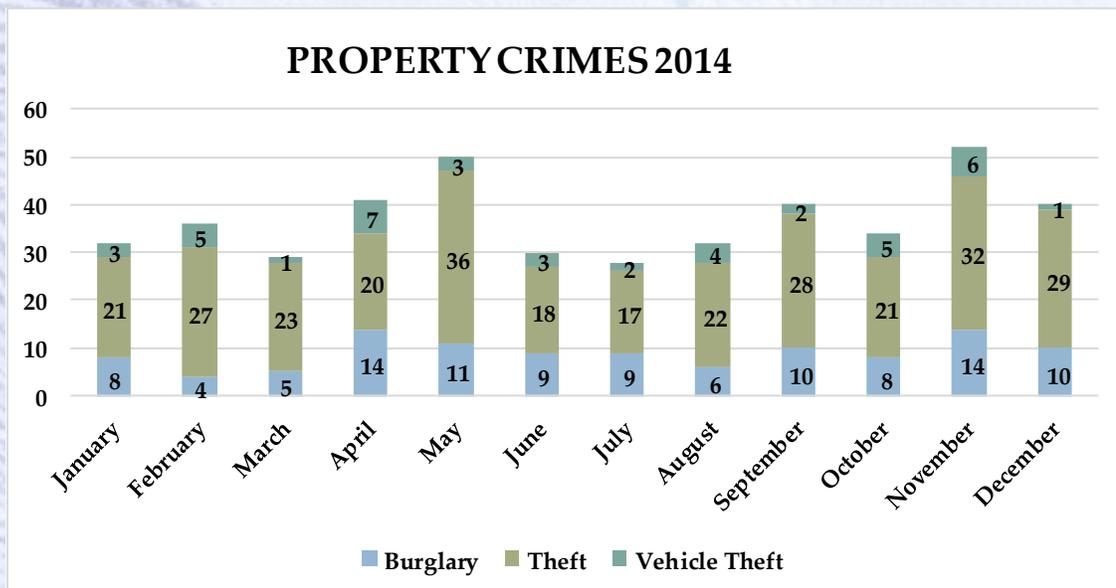




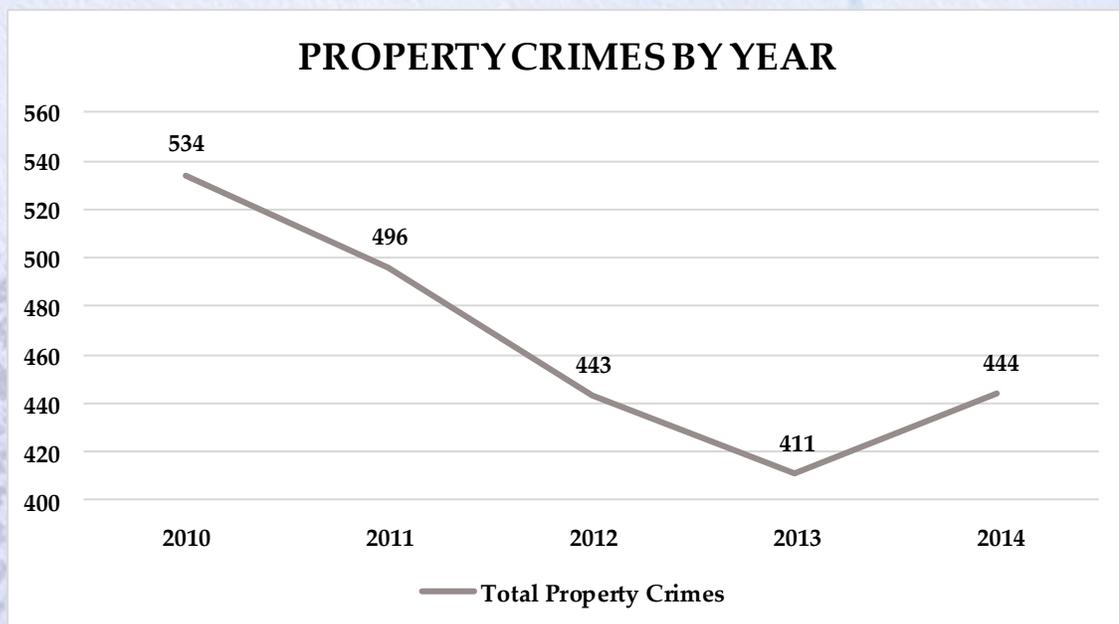
This graph shows the breakdown of crimes against persons in Danville throughout 2014. The person crimes listed include rape, robbery and assault. There were no homicides in Danville in 2014.



This graph shows the continuous downward trend of total crimes against persons in the Town of Danville since 2010.



This graph shows the breakdown of property crimes in Danville throughout 2014. The property crimes listed include burglary, theft and vehicle theft. There were no arsons in Danville in 2014.



This graph shows the overall general decline of total property crimes in Danville since 2010 with an increase in 2014.



SCHOOL RESOURCE PROGRAM

The Town of Danville is committed to helping keep our schools safe. The Police Department is staffed with two School Resource Officers (SRO) for the high schools and a School Programs Coordinator for the middle and elementary schools. Officer Vince Richards works with San Ramon Valley High School, Officer Matt Roderick works with Monte Vista High School, and Lauren Brown works with the town's elementary and middle schools. The School Programs Coordinator provides workshops for parents and students regarding prevention. The topics include internet safety, healthy choices and substance abuse.



Above (left to right): School Resource Officer Matt Roderick, School Programs Coordinator Lauren Brown, and School Resource Officer Vince Richards



In 2014, the Danville Police Department added a new dog and handler to the K9 program. Officer Tyler Nelson was selected through an internal special assignment process to handle the new dog, Rony. Rony was 18 months old when Officer Nelson picked him up in Riverside and brought him to his new home at Danville PD. Rony is half German Shepard and half Belgian Malinois and is trained in tracking and bite-work. K9 Rony is scheduled for drug detection school in 2015. K9 Chef will be retiring in the summer of 2015 at the age of twelve, with Officer Rossberg returning to regular patrol duties.

K9 PROGRAM



Above (left to right): Officer Tyler Nelson & K9 Rony;
Officer Tom Rossberg & K9 Chef





Above (left to right): Parking Enforcement Officers Katrina O'Brien, Nilo Masoudian, and Mikey Gray

The goal of the Parking Enforcement Team is to keep vehicles in the downtown business district moving regularly so that citizens may have easy access to the many shops, parks, and restaurants that make Danville such a wonderful place to stay. In addition to chalking tires, writing parking citations, and occasionally towing vehicles, the Parking Enforcement Team is also responsible for the Vehicle Abatement program, the Property and Evidence Room, and deploying radar trailers throughout the town. The Parking Enforcement Team works Monday through Friday during business hours.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT



The Town of Danville contracts with Contra Costa Animal Services for all animal control services. Animal Services Officers work from the county office in Martinez and respond to calls of injured or deceased animals. Animal Services has personnel on call 24 hours per day. In addition to removal services, they also investigate noise complaints, stray animals, the inhumane treatment of animals, unleashed animals, suspected cases of rabid animals, animal quarantine and work with local agencies on controlling livestock and wild animals.

2014 Response Statistics

Deceased Animals (Wildlife)	155
Deceased Animals (Domestic)	31
Home Inspections	7
Investigations (Rabies)	316
Investigations (All Other)	243
Owned Animal Surrenders	2
Stray Animals (Wildlife)	228
Stray Animals (Domestic)	269
Telephone Requests	615





Above: (left to right) Reserve Officers Chris Young, Marc Silveira, Ted Fick, Tom Gill, Sergeant Mike Jimenez, Reserve Officers Pilar Lake, Jeff Rhoton, Walt Welti, and Darrell Thornton

The Danville Police Department Reserve Unit has 8 Reserve Police Officers. The reserves are experienced professionals who choose to donate their time to the citizens of Danville. The reserve officers receive the same training and have all the same police powers as full time officers, but come to work for free.

Our dedicated reserves donated 2,468.5 hours during 2014. The total hours volunteered by this team equates to more than a full time officer which offers the town a significant financial savings.

The Police Department recognized Reserve Officer Tom Gill as the 2014 Danville Police Department Reserve Officer of the Year.

RESERVE PROGRAM





Above: Volunteers In Police Services

The Town of Danville is privileged to have a group of dedicated and active VIPs (Volunteers in Policing). The VIPs are residents of Danville who have the drive and desire to give back to the community. In 2014, the VIPs donated 6,586 hours of service to the citizens of Danville. The Department has twenty eight dedicated volunteers who make up the group, an increase of five over 2013. The VIPs provide services that the Police Department would not be able to offer without their dedicated commitment. Some of the staffing duties that the VIPs perform are: Fourth of July Parade, Tree Lighting, Farmers Market, Hot Summer Night Car Show, school safety events, Silent Sentry Program, If I Were a Thief Program, and National Night Out.

The Police Department recognized VIP Steve Barnett as the 2014 Danville Police Volunteer of the Year.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Every 15 Minutes





This year, the Every 15 Minutes program was held at Monte Vista High School. In addition to the staged crash scene depicted here, there is also a school-wide assembly with speakers who have first hand experience with the loss of loved ones due to impaired driving. According to national statistics, this program has had positive results with students being less likely to drink, less likely to be a passenger with a driver who has been drinking, and more likely to talk to their parents about alcohol.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT





On Tuesday August 5th, 2014 the Danville Police Department partnered with 10 different neighborhoods in our community to celebrate National Night Out. The celebrations included potlucks, ice cream socials, K9 demonstrations, laughter and lots of open communication between police and community. National Night Out was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch in 1981. The tradition began as an opportunity for neighbors to turn their front porch lights on and meet one another. Now, the annual celebration stands as a night for neighborhoods to let criminals know residents are organized and fighting back. Over 38 million people in 16,540 communities around the world participate in the National Night Out program.



Twice a year, the police department opens its doors to the community to offer the Citizen's Police Academy. The six-week academy is available in the spring and fall for Danville residents. The participating citizens attend classes about patrol procedures, K9 Operations, Traffic Enforcement, DUI's, the Investigations Department & Crime Scene processing, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), firearms and driving instruction.



Citizens Police Academy

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Several times a year the Danville Police Department donates time and money to the Special Olympics of Northern California. In 2014, Danville P.D. raised \$11,747.50 for Special Olympic athletes through the Polar Plunge, Law Enforcement Torch Run, Tip-A-Cop dinners, and carrying donation buckets downtown during special events. The Danville P.D. team was lucky enough to sponsor gold medal athlete Christy Dodge who competed in bowling and bocce ball. Although Christy is now retired, she continues to help with Danville's Special Olympics fundraising efforts.



Above: The Danville PD family at the Special Olympics of Northern California opening to the Summer Games of 2014 at the University of California in Davis.



Special Olympics



Above: The Danville PD family at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Aquatic Park in San Francisco with Christy Dodge (bottom right).

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



This year the Danville Police Department lost one of our beloved volunteers, Bob Gross. Bob devoted countless hours of time and effort to the Police Department at special events, Farmer's Markets, and helping maintain the vehicle fleet. He will be greatly missed by us all.



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