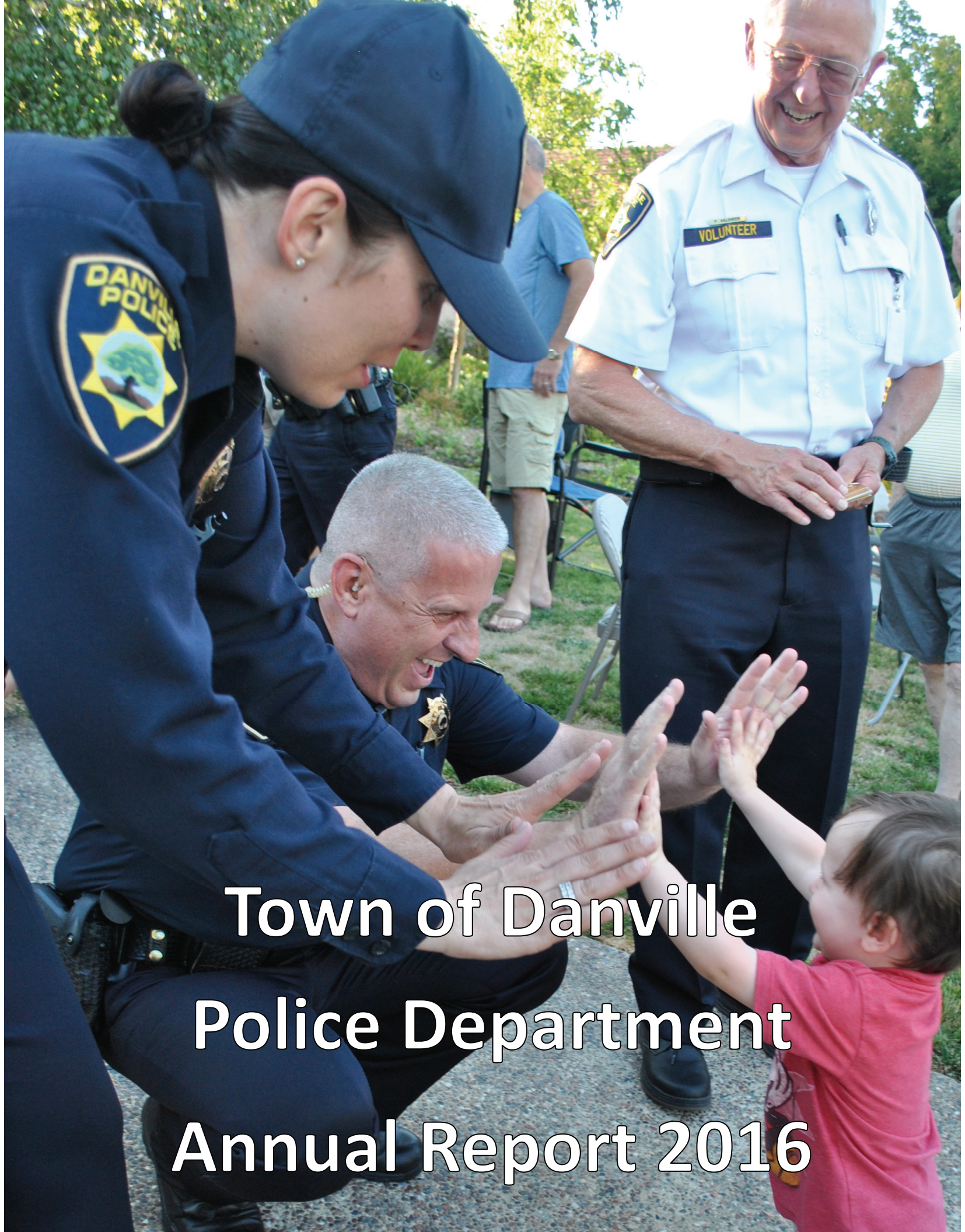

Town of Danville
Police Department
Annual Report 2016

Danville Police Department Goals

The Danville Police Department works in partnership with the community to protect people, property, rights, and enhance the quality of life in Danville. Police protection is delivered through a combination of contract services provided through the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff and Town personnel and resources with the following goals in mind:

- **Provide a safe and secure environment for all Town residents and businesses**
- **Provide rapid and timely response to emergencies**
- **Work proactively to prevent and solve crimes**
- **Provide community-oriented police services responsive to the needs of Town citizens and businesses**
- **Conduct proactive patrol activities that maintain a highly visible police presence and identify threats to life and property**
- **Undertake enforcement efforts that promote driver education and safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists**
- **Provide proactive crime prevention programs for residents and businesses**

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Letter From the Chief

Mayor and Town Council,

It is a true pleasure to present the Police Department's Annual Report for 2016. 2016 was a very exciting year for the Police Department with some significant outcomes to share:

First and foremost, in 2016 the Town of Danville saw the lowest property crime rate since incorporation with a 26% drop from 2015. After seeing increases in 2014 and 2015, the Police Department instituted a number of initiatives which have led to an outstanding result. Along those same lines, incidents of violent crime continue to decline. Danville has historically benefitted from low levels of violent crime. While the overall total remains low, over the last six years violent crime has dropped 50%, from 26 incidents to 13.

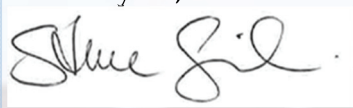
We continue to focus on traffic safety. In 2016, the overall number of accidents increased by 12%; however, that increase is attributed to accidents involving property damage only. Injury related accidents continue to decline with a 37% reduction since 2014.

Communicating with our residents is a high priority, which led to the creation of new community outreach programs this year; Recess with the Cops and Coffee & Cocoa with the Cops. Both of these programs helped us reach out to the community, provide education about the services offered by the Police Department, and most importantly, learn from our residents about their expectations. Our theme during these outreach events is that we want to police Danville the way Danville wants to be policed, something we can only accomplish by soliciting feedback from our residents.

Another highlight was the finalization of our ALPR and SitCam programs in November. These camera systems have already made significant contributions in the short time they have been operational. We anticipate they will continue to be a valuable asset to our crime fighting efforts for years to come.

We are looking forward to the challenges 2017 brings and know that we will continue to be innovative in both crime education and community outreach. We sincerely appreciate your support and are very proud to serve our community.

Thank you,



Steve Simpkins, Chief of Police

Administration

Lieutenant Allan Shields & Chief Steve Simpkins

Support Staff

Jeff Hebel

Emergency Services Manager

Jim Nelson

Fleet Specialist

Above (left to right): Police Assistants Mary Ashworth & Ashley Priete, Administrative Secretary Juliet Kelly, Police Assistant Brad Mulvihill

Above (left to right): Parking Enforcement Officers Morgan Bowe, Katrina O'Brien & Mikey Grey

Day Shift

Monday-Thursday

Above (left to right): Officer Kyle Rhoton, Officer Andreas Gianopoulos, Officer Andrew Hall & Sergeant Andrew Jensen

Day Shift

Friday-Sunday

Above (left to right): Officer Nicholas Muller, Officer Tyler Nelson, Officer Ray Bechler & Sergeant Chris Martin

Graveyard Shift

Monday–Thursday

Above (left to right): Officer James Adams, Sergeant Jose Rivera, Officer Edward Brady

Graveyard Shift

Friday-Sunday

Officer Emily Neabeack & Officer Valerie Vradenberg

Not Pictured: Sergeant Ron Hoekwater

Swing Shift

Monday-Thursday

Above (left to right): Officer Gabriella Arnaudo, Sergeant Mike Jimenez, Officer Jamie Williams

Response Times

Calls for service are separated into three categories to assess response times:

Priority 1: In progress threats to life and safety, emergency medical situations and in-progress thefts. The average response time in 2016 for Priority 1 calls was **5 minutes 32 seconds.**

Priority 2: Urgent calls, such as disturbances or non-injury traffic collisions. The average response time for Priority 2 calls in 2016 was **5 minutes 55 seconds.**

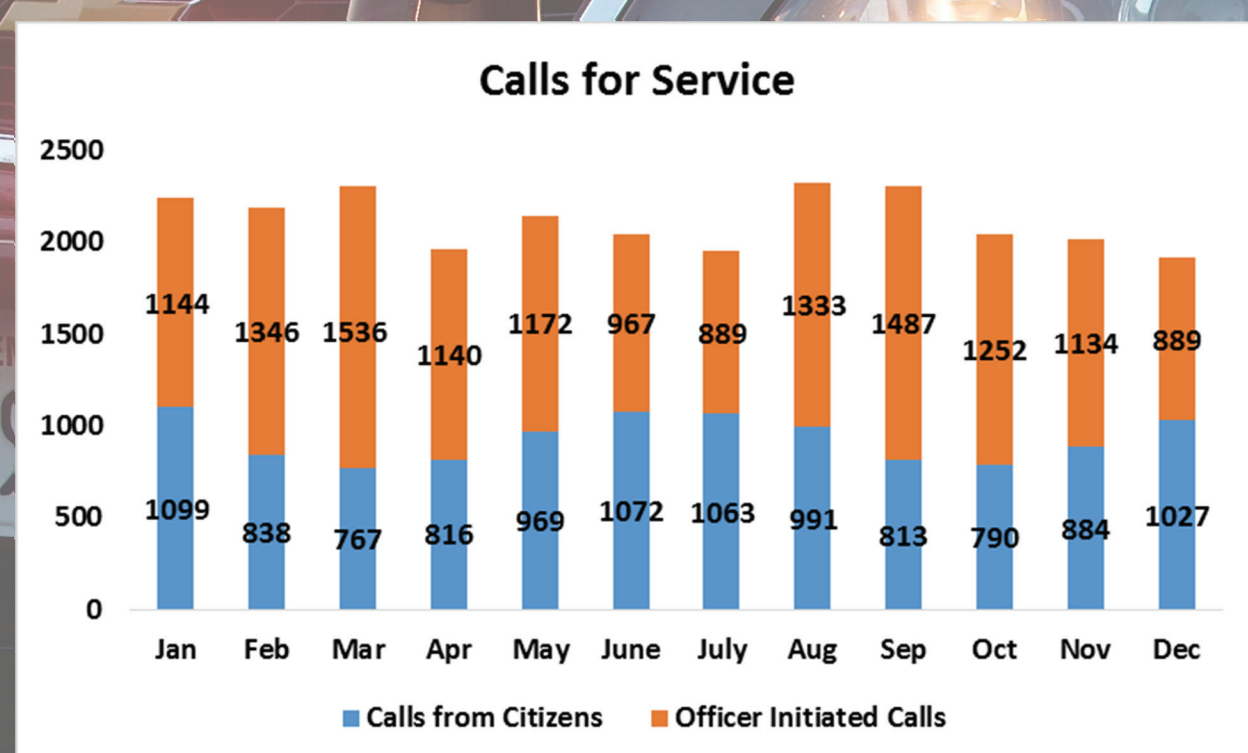
Priority 3: Non-urgent calls involving incidents that have occurred with no suspects, and no urgent need for an officer. An example is a vandalism that occurred the day before. Many Priority 3 calls are handled via telephone contact without an officer responding in a patrol car.

Calls for Service

25,418

Total Calls for Service

In 2016, the Danville Police Department handled 25,418 calls for service. Any contact that results in a police report, an area check, an arrest of a criminal or a simple discussion with a citizen can be considered a call for service. Calls for service also include officer-initiated activities such as traffic stops, foot patrols and business or residential security checks. Below is a graph showing the breakdown of calls for service each month.



Calls for Service

Top 10 Calls for Service in 2016

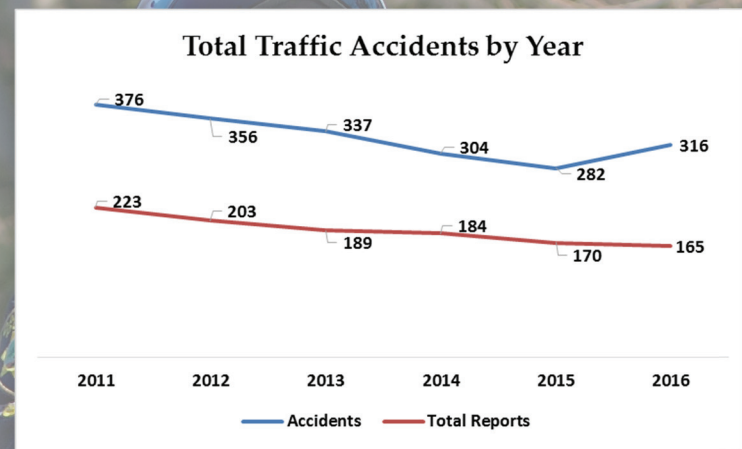
False Alarms	2077
Suspicious Vehicles	762
Suspicious Subjects	650
911 Hang-ups	458
Reckless Driving	458
Welfare Checks	410
Suspicious Circumstances	400
Patrol Requests	365
Traffic Collisions	316
Public Nuisance	277

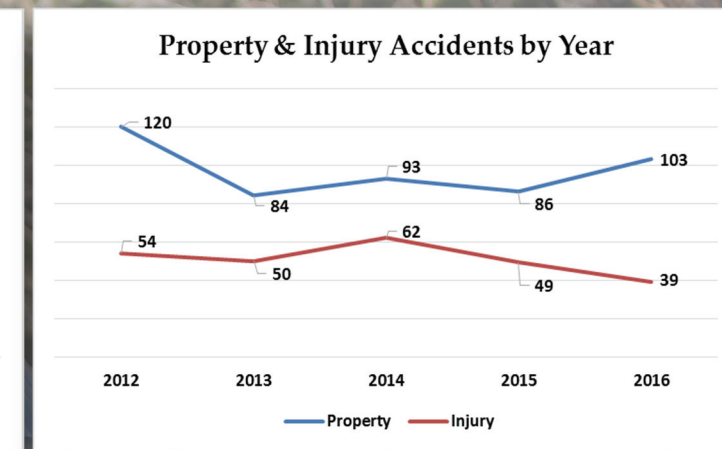
Traffic Team

Officer Carl Somers & Officer Jason Hoschouer

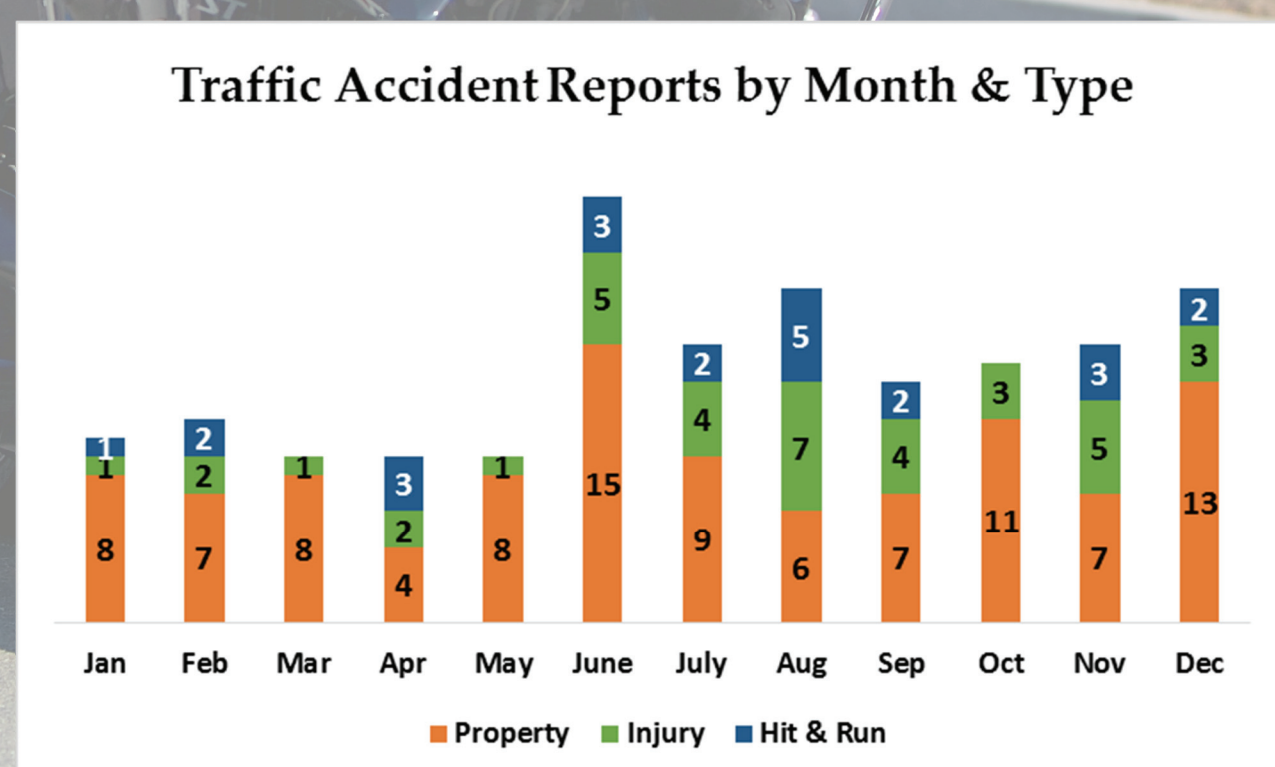
The Danville Police Department Traffic Team collaborates with the Transportation Department and the Street Smarts Program using the three E's philosophy of Education, Engineering and Enforcement to ensure safe roadways. In 2016, there were no fatalities and the number of injury accidents decreased; however, the total number of accidents increased by 12%.

Traffic Statistics





There were 316 total traffic accidents in 2016. Accidents involving injuries have declined by 37% over the past two years. The graph below depicts the number of accidents per month and the type of accident that occurred.



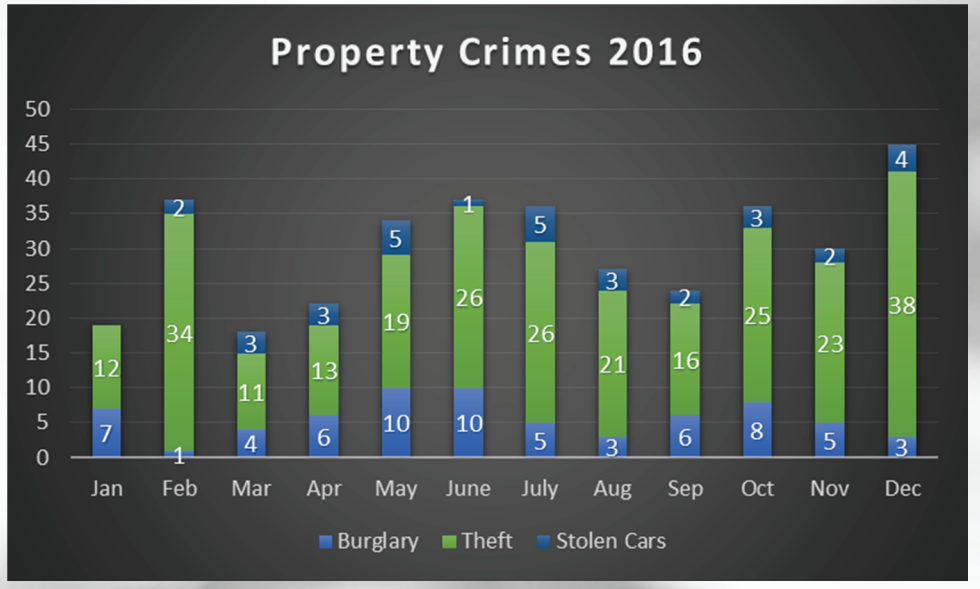
Investigations

Above (left to right): Sergeant Brian Sliger, Detective Andreas Gianopoulos, Detective Steve Stapleton

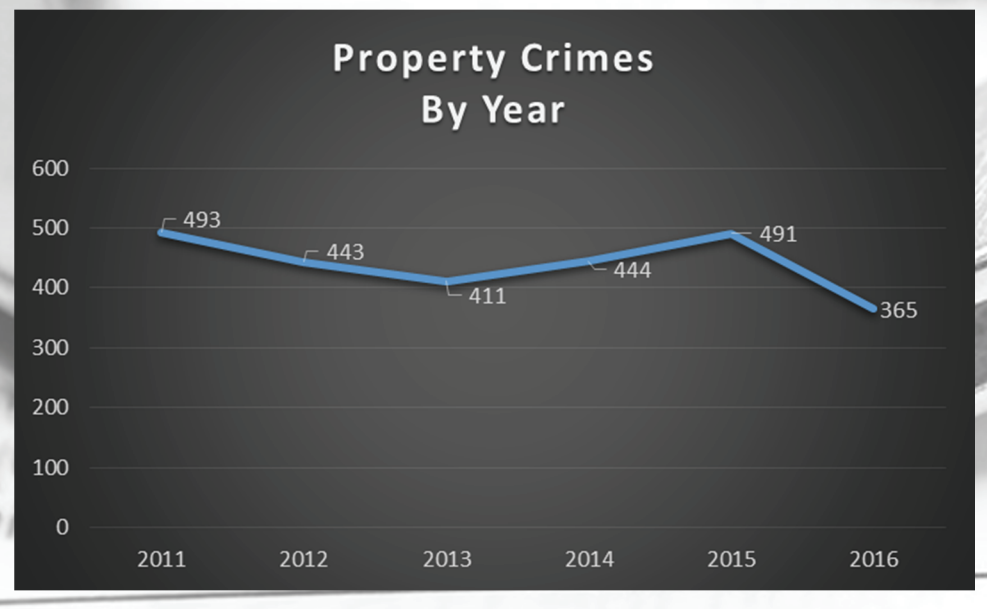
The Investigations Unit handled 627 cases during 2016. They were able to close 288 of the 627 cases, producing a case closure rate of 45.9%. In addition, detectives strive to be proactive in their approach to increase community safety strategies and to facilitate problem solving techniques throughout the Town. The Investigations Unit includes a crime prevention team which addresses the growing number of neighborhood watch meetings, public outreach opportunities, and community education about crime.

Above (left to right): Crime Prevention Specialist Jim McCauley, Investigations Volunteer Tim Davis, Crime Prevention Specialists Dave Clark & Mark Kan

Property Crime

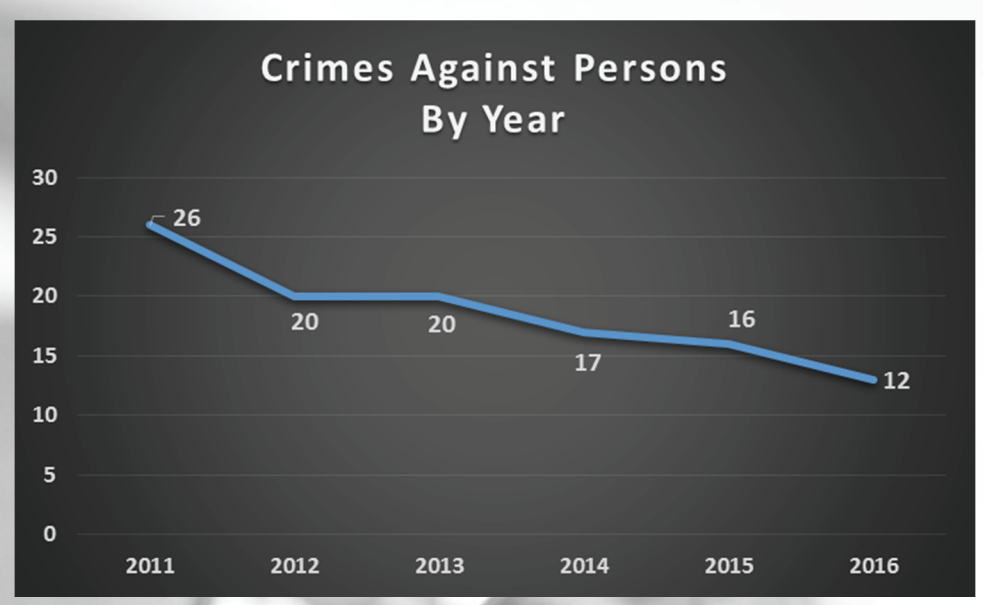


This graph shows the breakdown of property crimes in Danville throughout 2016. The property crimes listed are burglary, theft and stolen cars.

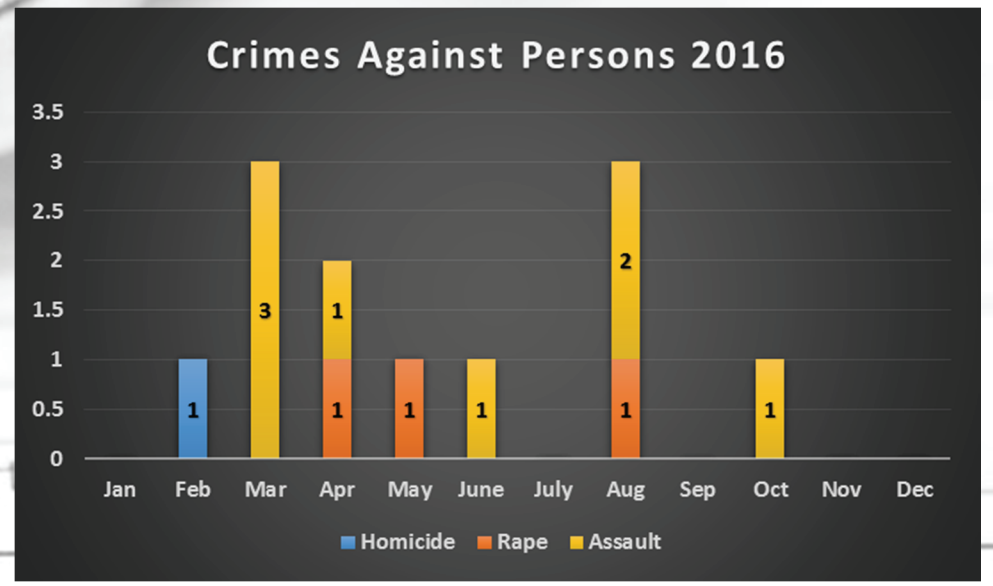


Property crimes decreased by 26% in Danville in 2016. This marks the lowest number of property crimes in Danville since incorporation in 1982.

Crimes Against Persons

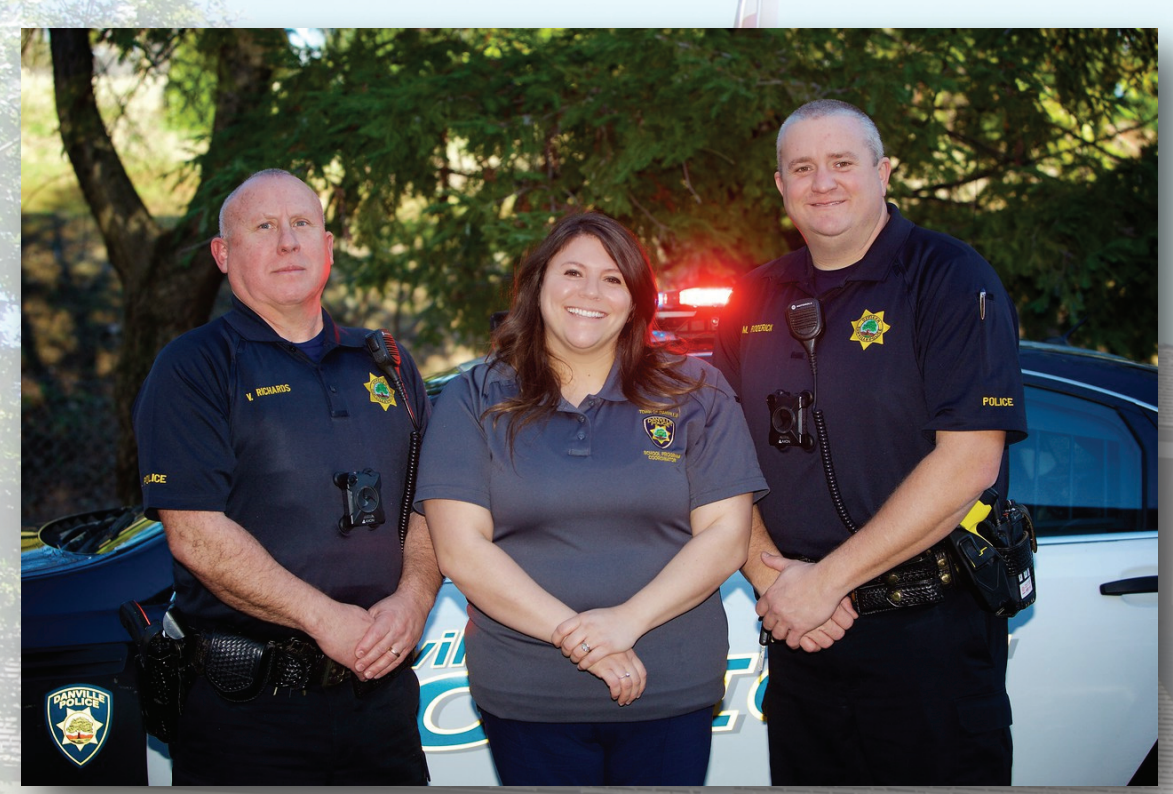


This graph shows a continuous downward trend of crimes against persons in the Town of Danville.



This graph shows the breakdown of crimes against persons in Danville throughout 2016. Crimes against persons include homicide, rape and aggravated assault.

School Resource Program



Above (left to right): School Resource Officer Vince Richards (San Ramon Valley High School), School Program Coordinator Lauren Brown (K-8), School Resource Officer Matt Roderick (Monte Vista High School)

Recess with the Cops

In 2016, the Danville Police Department launched Recess with the Cops as a way to engage with the youth in Danville. Officers visited the local elementary and middle schools during recess or lunch time to play sports and hang out with students. Based on the success and popularity of this program, it will continue in 2017.

Volunteers

The Town of Danville is honored to have a large group of dedicated Volunteers in Policing (VIPs). The VIPs are residents of Danville who have the desire to give back to the community. In 2016, the VIPs donated **9,518** hours of service to the citizens of Danville. The VIPs provide services that the Police Department would not be able to offer without their dedicated commitment. The types of duties the VIPs perform include special events, school safety events, Silent Sentry program, If I Were a Thief program and vacation house checks.

Reserve Team

The Danville Police Department Reserve Team 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 of the same police powers as full time officers, but come to work for free. Our dedicated reserves donated **1,906** hours in 2016.

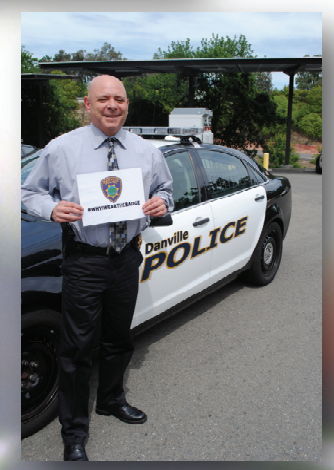
Citizen's Academy

Twice each year, the Danville Police Department opens its doors to the community to offer the Citizen's Police Academy. The six-week academy is offered in the spring and fall for Danville residents. The participating citizens attend classes about Patrol Procedures, Canine Operations, Traffic Enforcement, DUIs, Investigations, Crime Scene Processing, Use of Force role playing scenarios, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT), Firearms and Driving Instruction.

Youth & Junior Academy

The Youth and Junior Academies are designed to give middle and high school aged students a look at the daily life of a law enforcement professional. The classes revolve around police procedure, equipment and officer safety. 2016 marked the first year that the Junior Academy was offered for middle school students and based on positive feedback, the Police Department intends to continue offering the program in 2017.

"Why I Wear the Badge"



Starting in the spring of 2016, the Danville Police Department joined a social media campaign called, "Why I Wear the Badge." This global campaign was started by the International Association of Chiefs of Police with the goal of highlighting the diversity and commitment of law enforcement professionals. Officers shared personal reasons behind their motivation to work in law enforcement and were featured on the Danville PD Facebook page.

Coffee & Cocoa with the Cops

Coffee & Cocoa with the Cops was launched in 2016 as a way for the Danville Police Department to engage the community in open communication in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. This allowed community members to meet with officers in a casual setting to discuss public safety issues, ask questions, and build relationships.

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 2, 2016, officers from the Danville Police Department partnered with 15 different neighborhoods in the community to celebrate National Night Out. The celebrations included potlucks, ice cream socials, police demonstrations and the opportunity for the community to get to know the men and women of the Danville Police Department in a fun atmosphere.

Automated License Plate Reader Cameras

In November of 2016, the Town of Danville installed a SitCam & Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera system. Consisting of cameras mounted to squad cars, along with other cameras mounted at strategic locations throughout Danville, the system helps police to identify, locate, and apprehend suspects. Since coming online, the ALPR cameras have assisted in 13 arrests for theft-related cases, 3 recovered stolen vehicles, and 5 cases involving the recovery of stolen property.

Examples of the ALPR system in use include:

- Officers were alerted to a stolen vehicle as it entered Town. Officers located the vehicle and arrested the occupants, resulting in the recovery of stolen property, dangerous drugs, and a large amount of identity theft documents.
- A suspect stole expensive merchandise from a store and fled in his vehicle. The store owner provided a partial license plate number and a description of the vehicle. Using the ALPR system, officers identified the suspect, made an arrest and recovered the stolen property.

Contact Information

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Patrol Sergeant Johnson	(925) 314-3720
Patrol Sergeant Parker	(925) 314-3720
Patrol Sergeant Martin	(925) 314-3720
Patrol Sergeant Hoekwater	(925) 314-3720