

# Town of Danville Police Department 2019 Annual Report



*Small Town Atmosphere,  
Outstanding Quality of Life*

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# Letter from the Chief

Mayor and Town Council,

Thank you for your continued support in making people's lives in Danville better in 2019. The Police Department continued to provide a culture of public safety that sought to engage residents and business owners to maximize the police/public partnership. The Police Department maintained a high level of public engagement while working hard to safeguard the lives, rights and property of Danville citizens. The rate of reported property crime fell for the fourth straight year. The total crime reported to the FBI in Part 1 of the Uniform Crime Reporting program (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Theft, Vehicle Theft, and Arson) saw a decline of 8% in overall crime from 2018 to 2019, while some neighboring communities saw double digit increases in reported property crimes. This is a significant reduction of 40% from the 2015 total of 491 reported Part 1 crimes.

The Police Department continued to take advantage of more proactive policing techniques and used technology to more efficiently deliver results. The Police Department had a great deal of success with a "Bait Bike" equipped with a GPS tracking device that would alert officers when someone attempted to steal the bike. Officers were able to make arrests in four incidents for theft as a result of successfully deploying the bike. Officers used an additional GPS tracking device inside a valuable that they left in plain view within the passenger area of a vehicle. The vehicle was parked for several months in parking lots known for greater occurrences of theft. I am happy to report that after several months of deployment, no attempts were made to take the purse. This is a great example of the ninth Peelian Principle, "The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them. "

An area of concern for the Police Department is the rise in accidents over the previous year's record low of 277 reported collisions. There were 320 reported traffic collisions in 2019, a 15% increase from 2018. The Police Department continues to work with the Town's Transportation Department to engineer solutions to keep our roads safe. The Police Department also worked with other law enforcement agencies to provide targeted enforcement with larger groups of officers to combat the primary collision factors for the accidents in Town (speeding, stop sign and light violations, and inattention).

On behalf of all the men and women who work hard to make lives better in Danville through public safety efforts, I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to public safety and the welfare of the community. The Danville Police Department is committed to providing excellent quality police services that are ultimately a part of The Town's culture of public safety.



Allan Shields  
Chief of Police

# **Mission**

## **Town of Danville Mission Statement**

### **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 special character
- 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

### **Police Department Mission**

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.

### **Police Department Core Values**

Honor      Courage      Commitment      Leadership      Teamwork

# Total Part 1 Crime Total

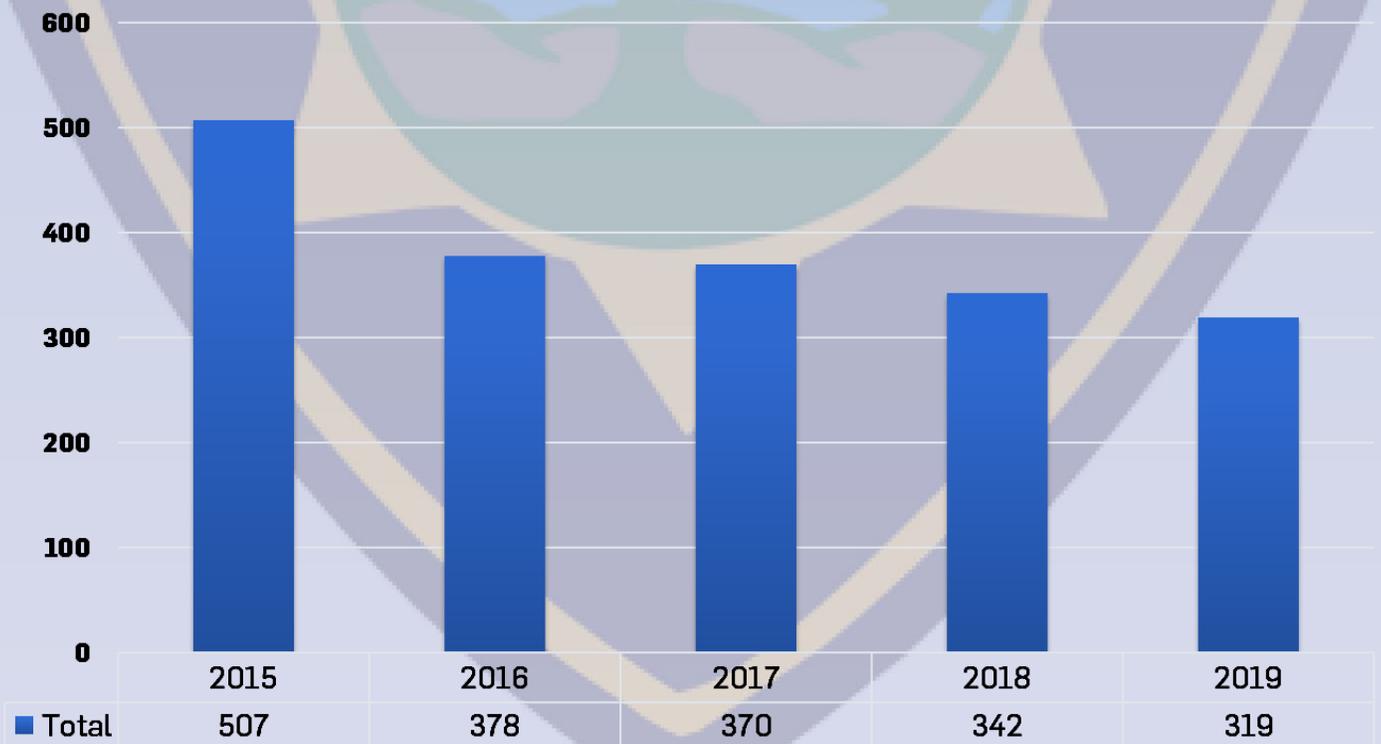
Part 1 Crimes include Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft and Arson. Total Part 1 crimes dropped 7%. The crime rate plummeted to 7.05 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2019. By both total crime and crime rate per 1,000 residents, Danville is safer than it has ever been.



30-Year Reported Part 1 Crime Totals

# 5-Year Total Part 1 Crime Totals

Reported Part 1 Crimes continued to decline for a fourth straight year.



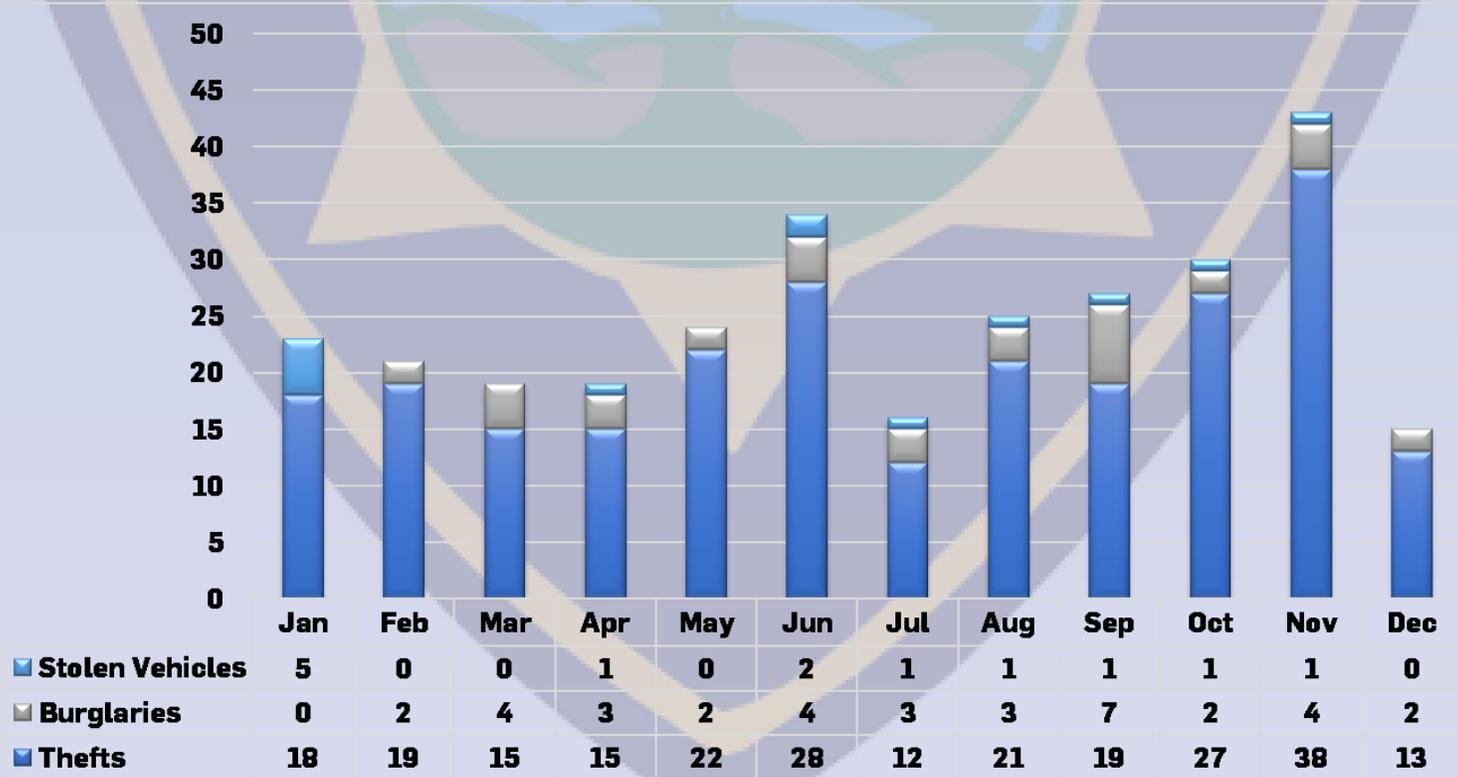
# Property Crime

Property crime (Burglary, Theft, Vehicle Theft) reached an all time low for the fourth year in a row in 2019, down from 326 reported crimes in 2018 to 296 reported crimes in 2019, a 9% reduction. The property crime rate dropped to 6.5 reported Part 1 property crimes per 1,000 residents, over half a point lower than the previous all time low in 2018. 2019 continued a 15-year downward trend of property crime in the Town. The Police Department used additional enforcement with patrol and volunteer forces during the holiday season (November and December) resulting in a reduction in holiday related thefts during the season.

The Police Department uses intelligence-led policing to maintain a high level of adaptability and address crime trends rapidly. The Police Department is able to scale operational responses thanks to the strong relationship with the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff.

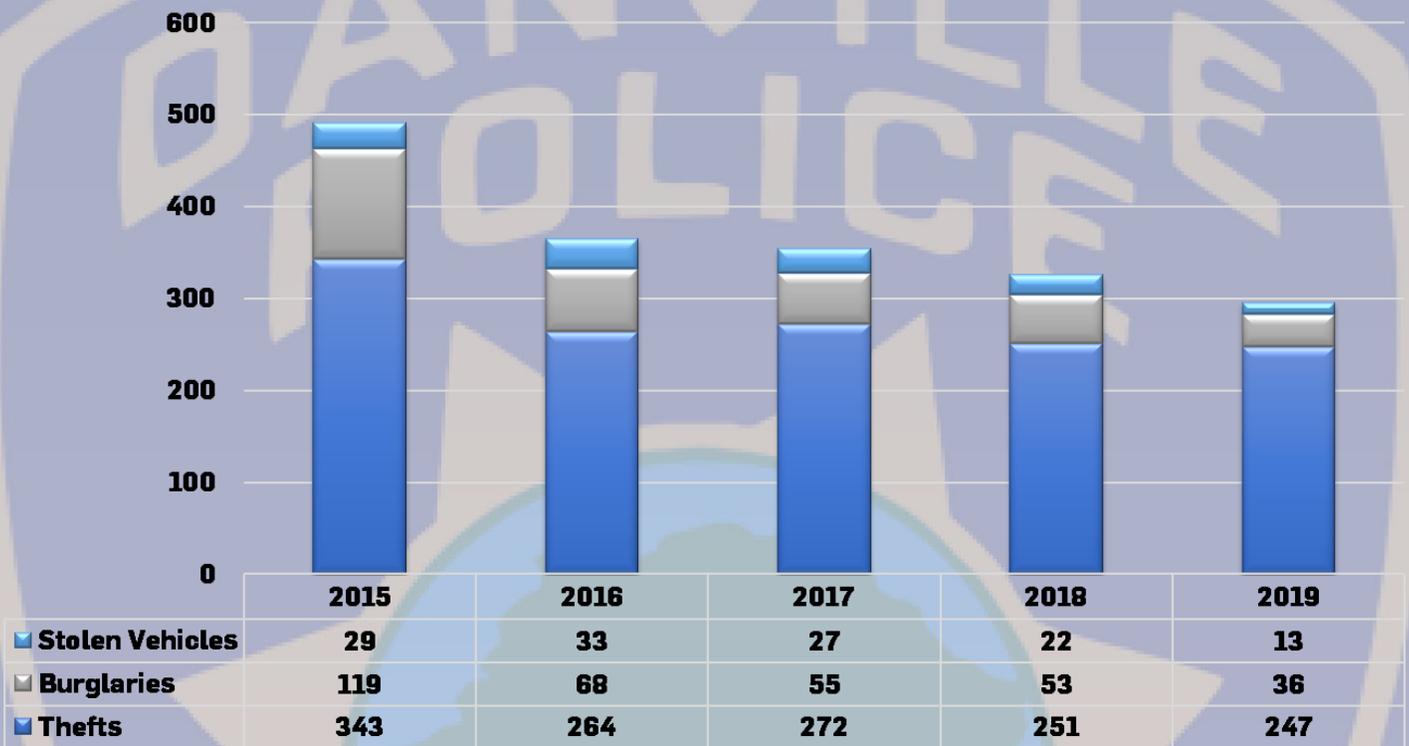


## Monthly Property Crime Totals by Category



# Property Crime

## 5-Year Property Crime Comparison

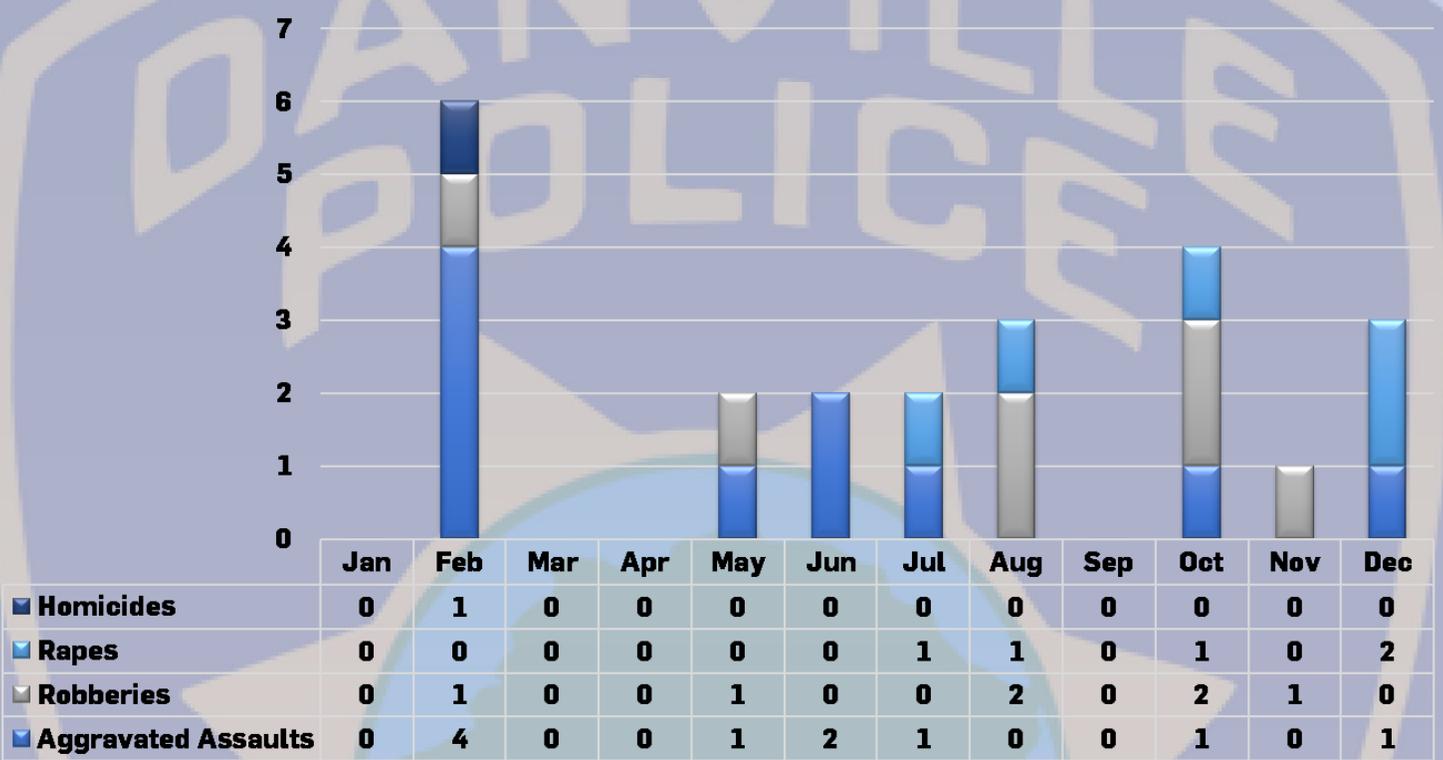


## 20-Year Property Crime Comparison

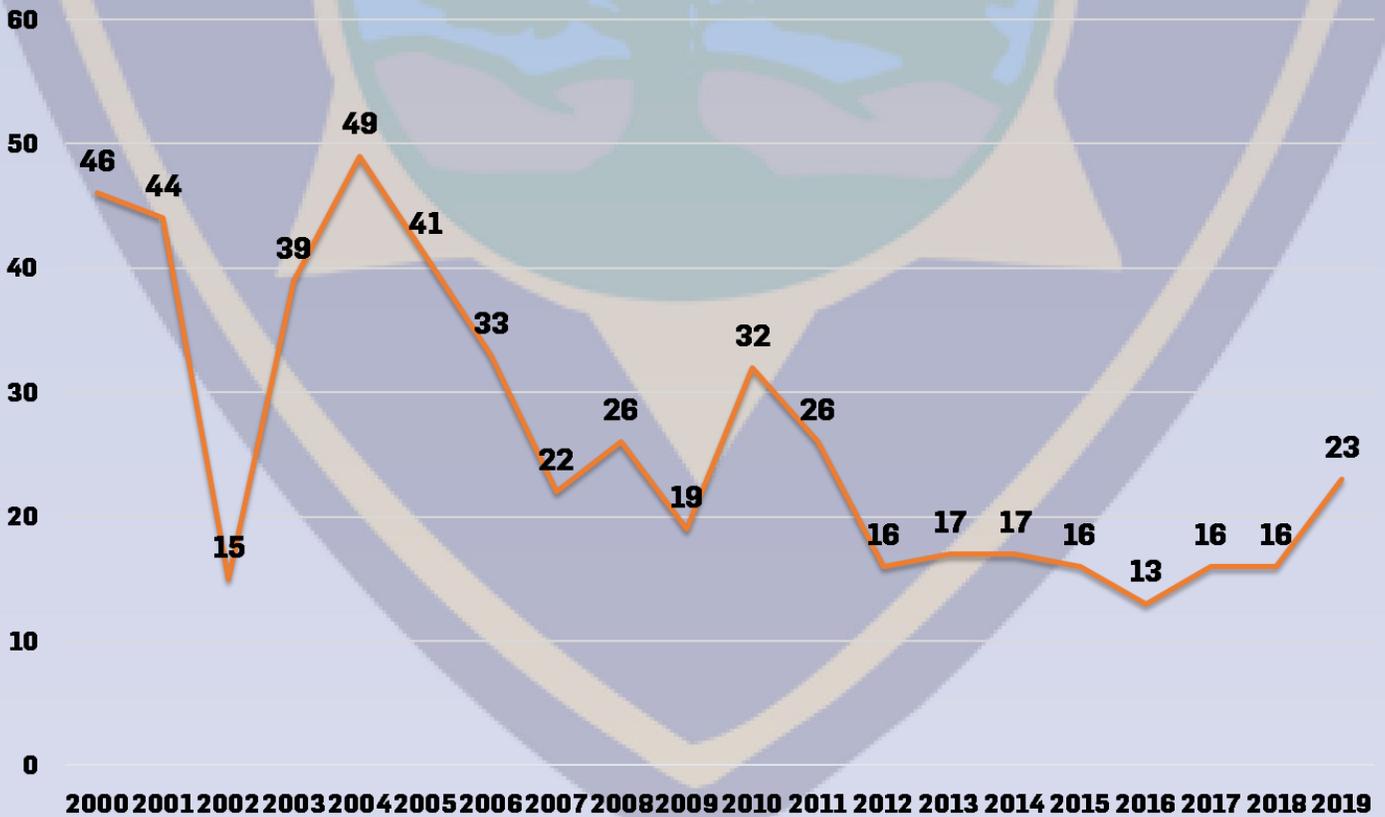


# Violent Crime

## Monthly Violent Crime Totals by Category



## 20-Year Violent Crime Comparison



# **Violent Crime**

Violent crime in the Town of Danville remains extremely low at 23 reported Part 1 crimes for 2019. This equates to 50 violent crimes per 100,000 versus the much higher national average of 375 violent crimes per 100,000. Much of the increase from the 16 reported violent crimes in 2018 is due to the rise in aggravated assaults.

## **What is Uniform Crime Reporting**

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program is administered by the US Department of Justice through the Federal Bureau of Investigation and collects statistics on the number of known offenses to law enforcement. There are eight Part 1 crimes: Criminal Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Larceny, and Arson. Those offenses are uniformly reported yearly to the Department of Justice, which allows for anyone to compare an agency's statistics year over year with consistent data sources in order to identify trends. The use of UCR also allows anyone to compare crime rates between various cities. Data reported to the UCR can be found at [www.ucrdatatool.gov](http://www.ucrdatatool.gov).

## **Upcoming Change from Summary to Incident Reporting**

Looking ahead to 2021, the Town will be transitioning away from the UCR and to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes. Unlike data reported through the UCR Program's traditional Summary Reporting System, which is an aggregate monthly tally of crimes, NIBRS provides more details because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

With the change to NIBRS reporting, the statistical appearance of reported crimes has the potential to change drastically. Instead of eight Part 1 crime categories, NIBRS collects information on 52 crime types.

# Traffic Collisions

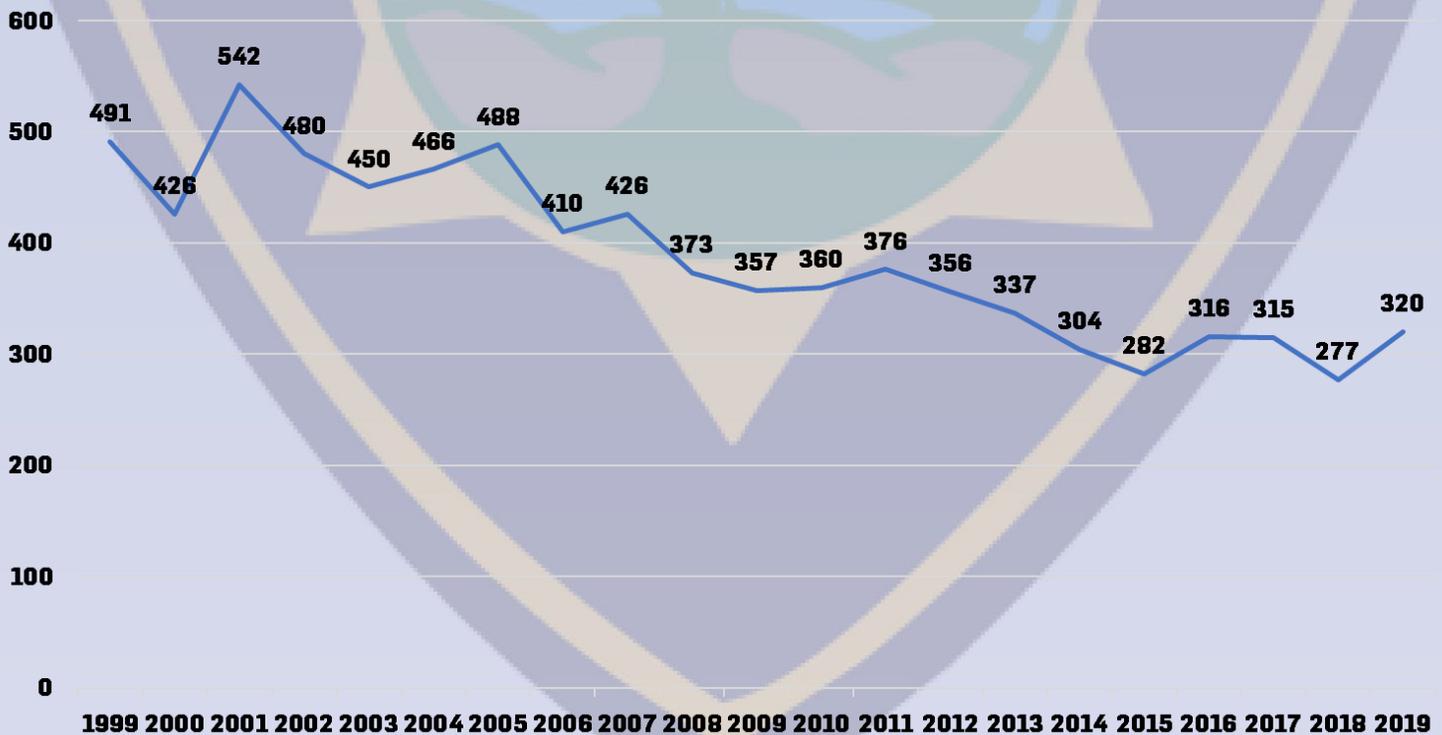
## Monthly Collision Report Totals by Category



2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Hit and Run	0	2	8	2	3	2	4	3	2	3	4	3
Injuries	7	5	5	2	4	4	4	7	8	2	8	1
Fatality	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Property Damage	9	7	7	9	10	4	10	9	7	9	10	4

## 20-Year Total Reported Collision Comparison



# Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit works to reduce accidents in Town by using the “Three Es” of traffic safety: Enforcement, Engineering, and Education. The Traffic Unit meets regularly with the Town’s Transportation Engineers to identify problem areas where engineering solutions may have a calming effect on traffic resulting in fewer accidents and less need for enforcement. The Traffic Unit posts online messages and continues to work with the Street Smarts program to educate the public on traffic safety.

The Traffic Unit continues to use an intelligence-based approach to traffic enforcement, taking collision rates and citizen complaints into consideration when determining where to concentrate enforcement efforts. This approach ensures the most effective use of our staff’s time. Traffic collisions rose to 322 reported collisions in 2019 from a very low of 277 in 2018, a 16% increase.



## Yearly Traffic Citation Rate



# Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit handles all felony cases for the Town of Danville, as well as sensitive cases that may not rise to the level of a felony. Investigators work at identifying crime patterns, regardless of severity, in an attempt to close cases based on their relation to other crimes. In 2018, the Investigations Unit handled 466 cases and maintained a case closure rate of 42%.

The Investigations Unit consists of a supervisor, two detectives, and two juvenile detectives both assigned to local high schools as School Resource Officers.

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated	Burglary	Theft	Vehicle
<b>Danville PD</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>

## Case Summary

In September 2019, a Bay Point resident entered the Town in a stolen vehicle. The Town-wide ALPR system alerted officers and dispatch that a stolen vehicle had entered Town. Officers swarmed the area and were able to locate the vehicle and driver shortly after entering Town. Officers arrested the driver and searched the vehicle, finding stolen items and burglary tools. In addition to the theft related items, officers found two realistic looking airsoft guns and one realistic looking BB gun. The suspect was booked into jail on a host of criminal charges.



# Youth Services Unit

The Danville Police Department Youth Services Unit consists of two juvenile detectives who are assigned to both high schools as School Resource Officers and one School Program Coordinator who provides services to our middle and elementary schools.

Charles Caruso and Matan “Biz” Weingarten are investigators assigned to the San Ramon Valley and the Monte Vista High schools to help provide a safe environment for students. They offer creative problem solving that serves to develop our children and establish long lasting relationships between our youngest population and our law enforcement community.

School Program Coordinator, Lauren Brown, is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist assigned to the Youth Services Unit and provides programs for our elementary and middle schools in Town. Lauren also oversees the Town’s mental health program aimed at early intervention into mental health cases and support for families of those suffering from mental health issues.



## Juvenile Diversion Program



The Juvenile Diversion process in the Town is aimed at providing education and rehabilitation alternatives to juvenile offenders instead of entry into the formal juvenile justice system.

In 2019, staff saw success with diversion, with only 21% of juveniles who entered diversion re-offending. Those youth who were not able to successfully complete the program were referred to the juvenile criminal justice system.

# Calls for Service

The overall response to calls for service has leveled off after several years of a steady decline from over 30,000 a year to approximately 23,500 calls for service each of the last three years. Calls for service are split into officer-initiated calls and those calls reported by citizens.

Most of the top ten calls for service are proactive calls being initiated by either the public or by patrol officers. This proactive culture of public safety by residents and staff reduces victimization and allows officers to stop crime at lower levels and often with less intrusive means.



## 2019 Total Calls for Service

Call Type	Number of Calls
Moving Violation Stop	4105
Service to a Citizen	2696
Parking Enforcement	1793
False Alarm	1181
Security Check	990
Non-Moving Violation Stop	984
Supplemental Report	791
Abandoned Vehicle	748
School Check	597
911 Unknown Call	503

# Response Times

Calls for service are split into three categories based on priority of response:

## Priority 1:

A Priority 1 call for service is a response to an event that involves the threat to life and safety, emergency medical calls, and in-progress thefts. The goal is to keep the average Priority 1 response time to below 5 minutes. The average was reduced from 5 minutes and 17 seconds in 2018 to 4 minutes and 39 seconds in 2019, below our goal of 5 minutes for the first time in several years.

## Priority 2:

A Priority 2 call for service is a response to an urgent request deemed to be non life-threatening. One example is a non-injury collision. The average response time in 2019 for Priority 2 calls was 6 minutes and 53 seconds, a decrease from 7 minutes and 23 seconds from 2018.

## Priority 3:

A Priority 3 call for service is a request for assistance that does not involve an incident in progress or where life and safety are not at risk. Priority 3 calls involve incidents where there are no suspects or urgent need for an officer. An example is a vandalism that occurred the night before. Many priority 3 calls for service are handled via telephone contact without the need for an officer to physically respond with a patrol car.

## False Alarm Reduction

2019 marked the second year the Police Department contracted services for the management of the False Alarm Program aimed at reducing the number of false alarms. The contractor managed permit registration, communication of false alarm violations, and collection of false alarm fees. Fees to manage the system came from the fines collected for false alarms and implementation of the contract greatly reduced the staff workload needed to manage the false alarm program.

As a result, the Police Department saw a 41% reduction from 1,998 reported false alarms in 2017, to 1,181 reported false alarms in 2019. **Due to the steep reduction of reported false alarms, Danville Police Officers had over 400 hours of additional patrol time to work on fruitful crime prevention strategies.**

# Outreach

## Citizens Academy

The Danville Police Department annually holds two Citizens Police Academies where citizens are placed in a 7-week immersive experience. Participants learn everything the Police Department does to maintain relationships with the community. Participants leave with a better understanding and an appreciation for law enforcement and the Danville Police Department.



## Open House

The Police Department holds an annual open house each September. The Police Department opens their doors to provide a look into various aspects of what they offer in service to the community. It is a unique experience filled with tools and equipment used by officers, scenarios for citizens to “be a cop,” and tours of the inside of the Police Department. There are several demonstrations to include K9 operations, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), and Command and Control vehicles. This is another great opportunity for citizens to meet the members of the Police Department who serve them and their community.

# Outreach

## Coffee with the Cops



The Danville Police Department holds three “Coffee with the Cops” events each month at various locations throughout the Town. The goal is to meet with members of the Town to share ideas on public safety.

“Coffee with the Cops” is a great way for the public to meet the officers that serve them everyday, but in a non-enforcement environment such as a traffic stop or after they have been a victim of crime.



“Coffee with the Cops” allows members of the Police Department to strengthen the relationship they share with the community. The program also provides an excellent forum to receive critical and honest feedback from the public.



# Outreach

**National Night Out** is a yearly opportunity for neighbors to get to know one another and members of the Danville Police Department. National Night Out takes place each year on the first Tuesday in August. It is a great opportunity to meet members of the community in a non-enforcement situation and build lasting relationships. In 2019, staff from the Danville Police Department visited 18 neighborhoods throughout the night and enjoyed great celebrations of fun and community.



# Youth Outreach

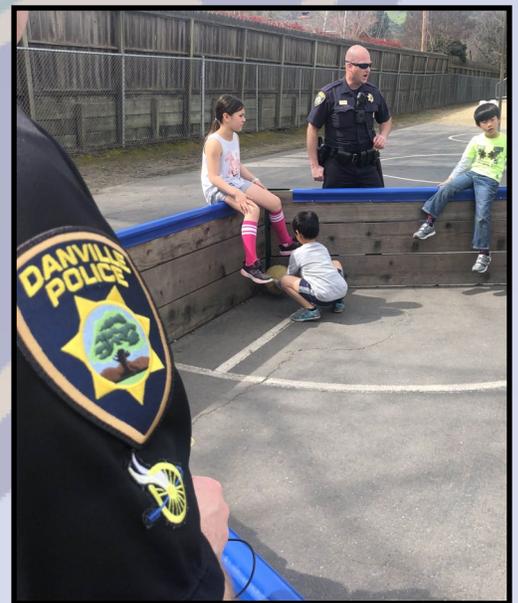
## Youth Academy

The Danville Police Department holds three Youth Police Academies each year. One for high school age youth and two for middle school age youth. The academies are age appropriate and designed to provide an immersive experience into what the Police Department does to serve the community. This is a great opportunity to dispel the misperception often found with youth due to sensational influences that often do not depict the true character of law enforcement.



## Recess with the Cops

Officers attend lunch or recess at our local middle and elementary schools once a week, interacting with the children in our community to foster meaningful relationships between them and our law enforcement officers.



# Patrol

Danville Police Department Patrol teams are committed to providing support for residents and are the first to respond, identify, and work toward solving many problems that are reported in our community. Officers on patrol respond to calls from the public as well as implement strategies aimed at preventing crime and disorder at a very early stage. Our patrol teams accomplish prevention through intelligence-led policing while fostering great relationships with residents.



 **Danville Police Department**  
January 29 · 🌐

**WEDNESDAY WISDOM - SLOW DOWN**

This motorcyclist on Sycamore Valley Road learned the hard way that 81 mph in a 45 mph zone is an expensive lesson.

Remember - follow the speed limit, slow down, and #staysafe. Give yourself some extra time to get to your destination. Let's help keep everyone safe out there.



# Patrol

## Proactive Enforcement

The Police Department recognized the need to capture opportunistic thieves targeting unlocked bicycles or bicycles that were locked with an ineffective lock. During the fall of 2019, investigators and patrol officers worked together to equip a bicycle with a GPS tracking device. The device is specifically designed to track and assist in the capture of thieves after they have stolen the bicycle.

During the last three months of 2019, the Police Department was able to make arrests of thieves for stealing the “Bait Bike” on three separate cases. In a fourth instance, a suspect was arrested shortly after stealing the tracker from the bike.

Using the GPS tracker was a great example of the Police Department’s use of technology to solve crime and prevent victimization in the Town of Danville.

The message was clear, “Don’t commit crime in Danville!”



# **Administration**

## **Police Assistants**

Police Department operations are supported by four Police Assistants who work the front counter and are typically the first point of contact for residents coming to the Police Department or calling into the Police Department during business hours. The Police Assistants process parking permits, tow release, and release traffic collision reports to the public.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

Jeff Hebel serves as the Town's Emergency Preparedness Manager as a part-time employee. Jeff assists the Police Department by ensuring known hazards are identified and communicated to staff and that staff are trained to implement common sense strategies to manage the response to a catastrophic event.

## **Fleet**

Fleet Manager Mark Covington is a part-time employee who not only manages the Police Department's fleet, but the entire Town's fleet of vehicles. Over the past two years he has successfully transitioned the police fleet from the discontinued Chevrolet Caprice to the Ford Police Interceptor SUV.

## **Parking Enforcement**

Our Parking Enforcement team works hard to ensure the Town parking needs are met. They monitor zone parking downtown to ensure there is adequate turnover so everyone can come and enjoy complimentary downtown parking.

Parking Enforcement Officers monitor permit zones in our residential areas to ensure parking conditions are met.

# Crime Prevention

The Investigations Unit is supported by two Crime Prevention Specialists who work on crime reduction strategies. These part-time staff members engage residents and business owners and provide crime prevention tips and strategies aimed at reducing the occurrence of crime.

Our Crime Prevention Specialists worked hard with our business communities to enact proactive measures aimed at reducing the incidents of thefts from vehicles parked in our business areas.

A great example of this effort was the Crime Prevention Unit's outreach to the community to prevent package thefts. Along with enforcement strategies, the Crime Prevention Unit did an extensive education campaign online and at our in-person events.



## Case Study



In April 2019, a team of thieves drove into a neighborhood in Danville during the early morning hours and took property from a resident's vehicle. The resident viewed their personally owned home camera system and was able to capture a video of the thief and their vehicle as the crime had been committed.



Investigators were able to use the Town-wide ALPR (Automated License Plate Reader) camera system to locate a video of the suspect vehicle entering the neighborhood and the license plate for the vehicle. The detectives identified all four suspects involved in the case. As a result of the investigation, all four suspects were charged with auto burglary. This case represents a great example of the police / community partnership and how effective technology solutions can be to help solve crimes.



# Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)

The Danville VIPS had another excellent year of service toward the overall safety and support to the residents of the Town. Together they provided 364 patrols covering over 1,500 hours of directed patrol to those areas where intelligence identified crimes were most likely going to occur. The VIPS also worked to keep property safe while families were on vacation, conducting over 1,500 vacation house checks. In total, our VIPS provided over 7,200 hours of volunteer service.



# Reserve Officers

The Danville Police Department Reserve Officers are experienced officers who have volunteered their time in service to the citizens of Danville. They provide a long term perspective, some having been reserve officers for over 30 years.

Reserve Officers donated over 1,200 hours of policing service this year assisting the Police Department in the transport of arrestees, securing crime scenes and critical traffic events, and providing many hours of preventative patrol.

During a “May the 4th Be With You” event put on by the Town, our Reserve Officers helped serve food to community members (right).



# Social Media

Danville Police uses Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter, and Nixle to communicate a variety of information and alerts to the community. Our goal is to engage on many platforms to maximize the number of residents we reach.

Use of the various digital platforms allows the Police Department to engage in the virtual locations where our citizens already congregate.

Social Media allows us to alert the public to potential hazards, provide crime prevention and safety tips, and provide updates on significant events in Town.

**Danville Police Department CA**  
 Address/Location: 510 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA 94526  
 Contact: Emergency: 9-1-1

TEXT-A-TIP - Text TIP DANVILLEPD followed by your message, to 888777 [Submit an anonymous web tip](#)

- Advisory** Entered: 4 months, 1 week ago  
 Smoke/Air Quality Issues & Red Flag Warning [More »](#)
- Advisory** Entered: 4 months, 2 weeks ago  
 PGE Announces Oct 26 Power Shutoff [More »](#)

- Community** Entered: 4 months, 4 weeks ago  
 Traffic Safety During PSPS [More »](#)
- Advisory** Entered: 4 months, 4 weeks ago  
 Updated information for PSPS - PG&E reported that Danville will not be affected by the PSPS. [More »](#)
- Advisory** Entered: 5 months ago  
 PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Set for Oct 9. [More »](#)
- Advisory** Entered: 5 months ago  
 Streets to Briefly Close Thurs for Homecoming Parade [More »](#)
- Community** Entered: 5 months, 2 weeks ago  
 Danville Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charge [More »](#)
- Community** Entered: 5 months, 2 weeks ago  
 Danville Police Open House - Sept 21 10am-2pm [More »](#)
- Community** Entered: 5 months, 2 weeks ago  
 Streets to Close for Danville d'Elegance [More »](#)

**Danville Police Department**  
 August 27, 2019

Danville Police cosponsored training with the Public Safety Training Institute to put on a class for staff, volunteers and law enforcement on Faith Based Violence & Active Shooter Response Protocols.

The class provided an overview to staff and volunteers at faith based institutions of what a comprehensive safety and security program looks like. The hope of the program is that with good policy and planning, institutions will stand a much greater chance of surviving an active shooter event.

Chief Shields welcomed the group and thanked them for coming with a reminder that, "In every one of these horrific events, heroes always emerge. And the heroes come from the staff and volunteers that were prepared to respond to a critical event."



# Social Media

 Public Information Officer Geoff Gillette, Danville Police Department A...

## Footchase/Rooftop Pursuit End in Arrest

Hi everyone,

Danville Police were involved in a pursuit this morning in the downtown area that ended in the arrest of a Dublin man.

At approximately 8:27am Friday (Jan 3, 2020), the Town's ALPR system registered a hit on a stolen vehicle in town. Within moments, officers located the stolen vehicle at the Chevron station parking lot. The driver of the vehicle attempted to pull away to flee, but abandoned the car after a short distance and fled on foot.

Officers gave chase, and the pursuit went up onto rooftops of some of the businesses on E. Prospect Ave. The suspect was arrested a short time later after he was surrounded by officers.

The suspect has been identified as Sidney Clifford Hill, 34, Dublin. Hill was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear on a burglary charge. He was also booked into the Martinez Detention Facility on charges of possession of a stolen car, possession of stolen property, possession of burglary tools, resisting arrest, and probation violation.

Chief Allan Shields said he was very pleased with how quickly officers were able to surround and capture Hill, and he was also very happy that the ALPR system continues to provide a great benefit to police and the Danville community.

**P** Paul Blaisdell, Crow Canyon Country Club  
Outstanding work, this brings a smile to my face!!!  
3 Jan Thank Reply 🤔 3

**L** Lance Seymour, Vista Tassajara / Tassajara Ranch  
DPD and citizens 1  
Bad guys 0  
3 Jan Thank Reply ❤️ 1

**B** Barb Smith, Del Amigo  
Wow, great news that a prospective burglar and car thief was apprehended quickly. Thank you, Danville Police!  
3 Jan Thank Reply 😊 1

**G** Girish Keshavamurthy, Heritage Park - Meridian - Center Court  
Awesome job !  
3 Jan Thank Reply 😊 1

**J** Joseph Cariffe, Magee Ranch  
Great job by Danville officers! We appreciate your good work and sacrifices.  
3 Jan Thank Reply 😊 2

**K** Kieran Sanchez, Anderson Ranch  
Best possible outcome. Well done DPD!  
3 Jan Thank Reply 😊 2

**S** Susan Cohen, CA Chateau/Danville Ranch  
Thank you DPD for all that you do to keep us all safe!!  
3 Jan Thank Reply 😊❤️ 2

**R** Rakesh Sharma, CA Chateau/Danville Ranch  
Thank you for keeping us safe.  
What's the 'ALPR system'?  
3 Jan Thank Reply 😊 1

**T** Terry Gonzalez, Downtown Danville  
Here is a layperson's description...  
The ALPR is an automatic license plate recognition system that searches and recognizes stolen vehicles. It was installed in Danville (I think) a few years ago. I don't know what the statistics are, but I read about successful apprehensions of car thieves regularly... Quite often other warrants or stolen goods.  
4 Jan Thank Reply 😊 2

 **Danville Police Department**  
December 9, 2019 🌐

## CONCORD PAIR ARRESTED FOR PACKAGE THEFTS:

UPDATE: Suspect Alejandra Rojas has been determined to have been using a false ID. Information below has been updated with correct ID and additional charges.

On December 9, 2019, at 2:48 p.m., Danville Officers received a call from a resident on the 200 block of Promenade Lane regarding a subject stealing packages from the resident's front porch. The resident was not at home, and was witnessing the theft via their doorbell camera. The resident provided the police with a description of thief, the thief's vehicle and the direction of travel once the theft had taken place. Responding officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle, the thief, the getaway driver, and stolen packages. Officers have identified some of the packages as having been stolen from Danville and Walnut Creek.

Arrested were:

Elsy Zapian-Vasquez, 27, Concord (originally identifying herself as Alejandra Rojas, 25 Concord), was arrested for petty theft, conspiracy, possession of dangerous drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Additional charges of a no-bail warrant and providing false identification to police have been filed.

Omar Panduro, 34, Concord, was arrested for grand theft, conspiracy, and three violations of his felony probation.

Both were booked at the Martinez Detention Facility.

Chief Allan Shields would like to credit the resident reporting the crime for acting quickly and providing detailed information to the police department. Officers were able to act quickly on the information provided, arrest the thieves and return stolen property to several residents in the San Ramon Valley. Chief Shields said this is a great example of how having doorbell cameras, and taking other safety precautions can help prevent crimes, or help catch the criminals after the fact.

This is yet another instance showing how the partnership between the police and the community helps keep the Town of Danville safe.

 **Top Fan**  
**Linda Vaughan** Great job Danville PD! And kudos to the resident! Good looking out!  
Like · Reply · 12w 4

 **Martha Maybe** Thank you DPD! We love you! ❤️ And huge thanks to the resident for calling quickly and providing such specific detail!  
Like · Reply · 12w 5

 **Kristina Buskirk** Impressive! We saw the DPD pull these guys over and were wondering what all the white things were on the pavement. Way to respond quickly.  
Like · Reply · 12w - Edited 4

 **Karen Geary Kastigar** I saw this search & arrest today with all of the packages on the sidewalk. I was so happy to see our DPD capturing thieves like this! Thank you to them & the resident for being so on top of it!  
Like · Reply · 12w 8

 **Top Fan**  
**Lena Elbirt** Thank you for doing this. People are sick and tired of criminals. Great work. 🙌  
Like · Reply · 12w 2

 **Karen Armstrong Newsom** Great job all the way around! Caught in about 15 mins! Nice to have DPD respond so quickly!  
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# Police Department Staff



**Admin Assistant  
Juliet Kelly**



**Chief  
Allan Shields**



**Lieutenant  
Jason Ingrassia**

## Sergeants



**Ron  
Hoekwater**



**Cliff  
Frazier**



**Andrew  
Jensen**



**Brian  
Holland**



**Steve  
Stapleton**

## Patrol



**Lauren  
Lemas**



**Jason  
Hoschouer**



**Andreas  
Gianopoulos**



**Valerie  
Vradenburg**



**Emily  
Neabeack**



**Luis  
Montanez**



**Cassandra  
Smith**

## Patrol



**Nicholas  
Muller**



**Vincent  
Barbero**



**Dan  
Lynch**



**Christopher  
Stark**



**Alex  
Sullivan-Guzman**



**Kevin  
Escover**

# Police Department Staff

## Investigations



**Gabriella  
Arnaudo**



**Darren  
Alcantara**



**James  
Lang**



**Carl  
Somers**



**Andrew  
Hall**

## Youth Services Unit



**Charles  
Caruso**



**Matan  
Weingarten**



**Lauren  
Brown**



**Lindsay  
Ortiz**



**America  
Diaz**



**Shivaan  
Sharma**

## Front Counter Assistants

## Crime Prevention



**Amy  
Ballock**



**Mike  
Wells**



**Mark  
Covington**

## Fleet

## Parking Enforcement



**Katrina  
O'Brien**



**Morgan  
Bowe**



**Milca  
Corral**

# Police Department Staff

## Reserve Officers



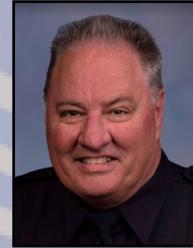
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**Tom Gill**



**Mikel  
Kinser**



**Jeff  
Rhoton**



**Marc  
Silveira**



**Darrell  
Thornton**



**Walt Welti**



**Chris  
Young**

## Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)



**John  
Albano**



**Jim Baker**



**James  
Carro**



**Paul  
Cowell**



**Susan  
Cowell**



**Tim Davis**



**Burt  
Feldstein**



**Mike  
Garduno**



**Dan Hart**



**Pete  
Longoria**

# Police Department Staff

## Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)



**Barbara  
Hubinger**



**Harry  
Hubinger**



**Ken  
Lucash**



**Nancy  
Clark**



**Cathy  
McKently**



**Phil Novak**



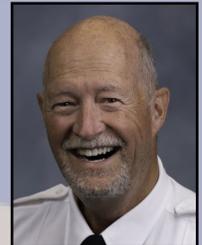
**Jerry  
Osborn**



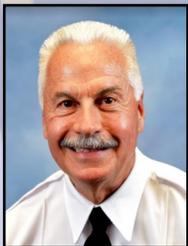
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Perez**



**Carol  
Priete**



**Jeffrey  
Jarvis**



**Vic  
Raziano**



**Dave  
Atwater**



**Jonathan  
Lim**



**Craig  
Shotwell**



**Steve  
Sorgatz**



**Denis  
Squeri**



**Sabrina  
Titelbaum**



**Mark  
Walker**



**Walter Au**



**Mike  
Wilhelm**

# Awards and Recognition

## Officer of the Year



Officer Dan Lynch was selected as Officer of the Year for his work to reduce and solve crime. Dan had many significant solves and trained officers on investigative skills increasing case closures.

## Reserve Officer of the Year



Officer Mikel Kinser was selected as our Reserve Officer of the Year for his efforts to enhance patrols response to crime. Officer Kinser responded during critical incidents to maintain continuity of operations.

## The “Ernie Kern” Award



School Program Coordinator Lauren Brown was awarded the Ernie Kern award for her work to improve the lives of youth in Danville. Lauren has advanced the school resource and diversion programs to industry leading levels.

## VIPS of the Year Award



VIPS Mark Walker was selected for his significant contributions to the administration of the VIPS program and his help as an Investigative Assistant. Mark has provided direct help that resulted in the closure of high profile cases in Town.

## Employee of the Quarter



**Jan-Mar**

**Dan Lynch**



**Apr-Jun**

**Dan Lynch**



**Jul-Sep**

**Mary Ashworth**



**Oct-Dec**

**James Lang**

## Command Staff Contact

Chief Allan Shields

Lieutenant Jason Ingrassia

Traffic Sergeant Brian Holland

Investigations Sergeant Ron Hoekwater

Patrol Sergeant Cliff Frazier

Patrol Sergeant Travis Wrangham

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