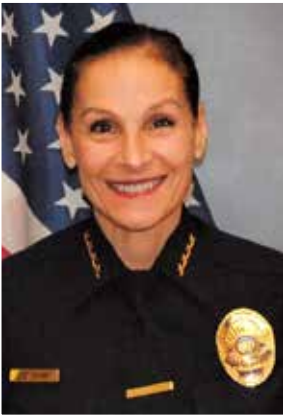


TORRANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



CHIEF'S WELCOME



Police Chief
Eve R. Irvine



On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Torrance Police Department, it is my pleasure to present the 2018 Torrance Police Department Annual Report.

I was appointed Torrance Police Chief in January 2018, following the retirement of Chief Mark Matsuda and a 6 month tenure of Interim Chief Michael Browne. I bring over 34 years of experience in law enforcement from both the Inglewood Police Department and the Manhattan Beach Police Department, and I am excited to now serve the City of Torrance.

I am proud of the efforts of all of the sworn and civilian staff who provide exemplary service to the City of Torrance. I am also grateful to our 31 volunteers who have dedicated nearly 3,500 hours to our Department and Community.

Our Community's safety is enhanced by residents who, "See Something, Say Something." This partnership helps our Investigative Units to do some phenomenal work and solve crimes.

This publication will showcase many of our Department's outstanding accomplishments over the past year within each of the four Bureaus, and will highlight many of the Divisions and Sections within our organization such as Forensics, Drones, Community Affairs and the Coyote Management Team.

This report is just a snapshot of some of the great work our officers and civilian staff provide, bringing the best possible service to our community, and those who work and visit Torrance.

It is an honor to serve as your Chief of Police and to represent all the men and women who work very hard to make the Torrance Police Department a premiere full-service professional law enforcement organization. We truly appreciate the community's support and will always proudly provide the highest level of service possible.

Eve R. Irvine
Chief of Police

Mission

The Torrance Police Department mission is to preserve public safety and quality of life within the City of Torrance, to respond effectively to the changing needs of the community, and to promote mutual respect between the Police Department and the people we serve.

Vision

To preserve a high quality of life and feeling of safety for the City's diverse population, all members of the Torrance Police Department are committed to serve with professionalism, respect and concern for the community. To optimize the use of police resources, the Department balances firm and quick response to all forms of crime with community problem solving and crime prevention approaches. The Department is mission-oriented in all of its priorities and activities.

The Department philosophy and work processes reflect modern, quality law enforcement concepts and technology, involving every member of the Department in an effort to continually improve all areas of administration and operations. Quality leadership at all levels reflects the Department's commitment to a strong work ethic, while valuing diversity, promoting effective learning, enhancing performance and maintaining flexibility.

The Torrance Police Department constantly strives for effectiveness in preventing and fighting crime, for effective collaboration with other City departments, and for providing leadership and support for regional law enforcement efforts. To this end, the Department recruits, hires, trains, supports and retains qualified personnel as sworn and civilian members of a progressive law enforcement agency.

Core Values

The Core Values that guide the actions of all members of the Torrance Police Department are:

SERVICE Being aware of those who need law enforcement assistance and meeting or exceeding their expectations for service.

EXCELLENCE Being clear about and striving to achieve the highest standards of performance in all aspects of our work.

INTEGRITY Committing ourselves to elevated standards of trust, responsibility, and discipline while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner.

COMPASSION Recognizing and responding with sincerity to the needs of those who are concerned for their safety, require important information, or are temporarily unable to provide for themselves.

PRIDE Believing in the social value of our work, considering it to be among the most noble of professions, and deriving personal and professional satisfaction from the effective performance of our duties.

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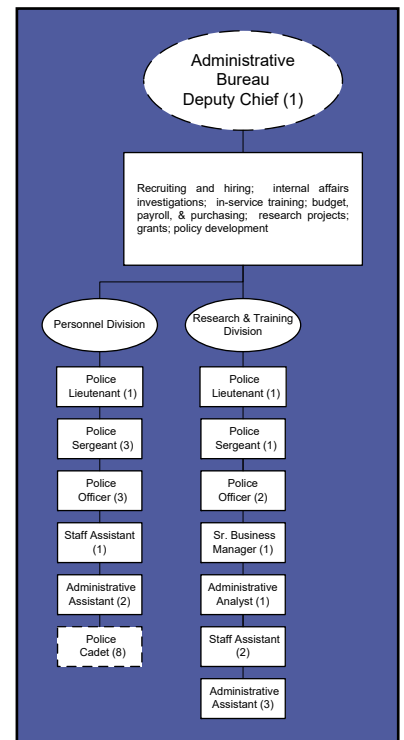
ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

Administrative Bureau
Deputy Chief Jon Megeff

The Administrative Bureau consists of the Personnel Division and the Research & Training Division.

The Personnel Division consists of the Personnel Section, which has primary responsibility for all labor matters including the recruitment, backgrounds, and hiring for all positions within the Police Department; and the Internal Affairs section, which has primary responsibility for all matters involving personnel complaints.

The Research & Training Division consists of the Research section, which has primary responsibility for the Department's budget, payroll, research projects, and Department Manual maintenance; and the Training section, which has primary responsibility for staff training and the Department Range.



Research & Training Division



Personnel Division



New Hires



McKenzie Amundson
Juvenile Counseling
Intern



John Atwood
Public Safety
Dispatcher



James Branley
Police Officer



David Chandler
Police Officer



Philip Chen
Police Officer



Bryan Cornejo
Police Officer



Bret Gleason
Police Officer



Broderick Goens
Police Officer



Crystal Gonzalez
Police Officer



Mathew Gonzalez
Police Officer



Karen Grajeda
Administrative
Analyst



David Honda
Police Officer



Eve Irvine
Police Chief



Raymond Johnson
Police Officer



Mark Kamischke
Police Officer



Angela Knecht
Administrative
Assistant



Jasmine Linares
Records
Technician



Cesar Martinez
Public Safety
Dispatcher



Rachael Pahls
Records
Technician



Robert Roosen
Police Cadet



Victor Sar
IT Specialist



Marcos Solares
Police Officer



Julissa Trujillo
Police Cadet



David Wolff
Police Officer



Kenneth Uh
Police Officer



Aida Zelaya
Records
Technician

Promotions



Mark Athan
Captain



Cody Charley
Lieutenant



Tracey Gowdy
Administrative
Assistant



Kent Krumbach
Sergeant



Jon Megeff
Deputy Chief



Vanessa Ryan
Police Operational
Supervisor



Greg Tiddle
Lieutenant



Daniel Vazquez
Sergeant



James Walker
Sergeant



Charleen White
Sergeant

Retirements



Drake Walker
Honorary Police Officer



Robert Watt
Lieutenant
04-14-2018



Robert Lara
Sergeant
05-13-2018



Scott Bargar
Officer
06-28-2018



Carol Wilk
Sergeant
11-29-2018



Brooke McMillan
Officer
12-26-2018



David Petersen
Lieutenant
12-30-2018

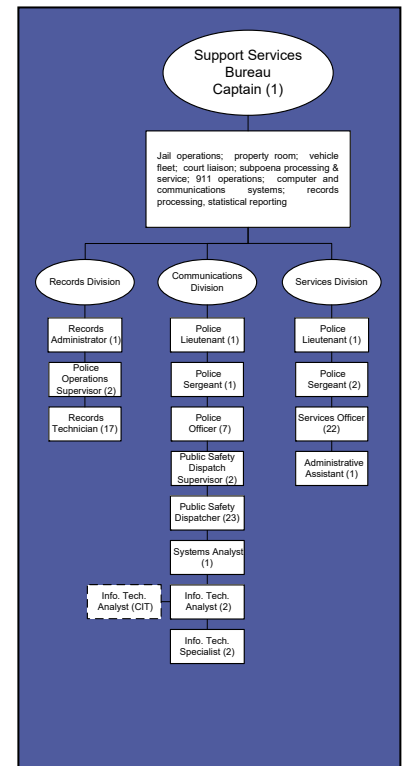
SERVICES BUREAU



Services Bureau
Captain Martin Vukotic

In 2018 our staff in the Support Services Bureau continued to be effective in their public safety efforts by meeting the demands and expectations of working within the Communications, Records and Services Divisions. Our staff within the Bureau worked seamlessly and collaboratively to ensure that all of our operational and administrative objectives were met.

Staff in the Support Services Bureau had the focus this year to meet expectations of managing Department operations pertaining to arrestees, evidence, facilities, supplies/equipment, reports/records and communication and information systems. In the coming months and years as technology continues to advance as it relates to the Support Services Bureau, staff will be challenged to grow with the new technology and identify ways to maximize our performance while meeting the expectations of our community. Throughout 2018, our staff continued to focus on serving the community with professionalism and a high level of customer service to both our internal customers (sworn and civilian staff) as well as members of the public. I am sincerely proud of the efforts put forth by the entire Support Services Bureau and their level of commitment to the community of Torrance and its visitors.



Communications Division

The Communications Division is comprised of the Information Technology Systems (ITS) and Communications (Dispatch) Sections. Public Safety Dispatchers and Call-Takers are responsible for answering 9-1-1 and other incoming calls for service and for dispatching police and fire personnel to those calls. ITS maintains all computer hardware and software such as Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS), Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) and provides training and support to the end-users.



Communications Division is the vital link to all Torrance Police and Fire Department field personnel and other City resources, providing instant communication to assist in meeting the community's needs.

Records Division

The Records Division is responsible for all records dealing with police department operations and warrants, and for the provision of data indexing and distribution of department documents.

The Division operates on a 24-hour basis and is staffed by a Police Records Administrator, two Police Operations Supervisors, 14 Records Technicians, and 12 Volunteers who pride themselves in being an intricate part of the Torrance Police Department.



*In 2018, Records Personnel
prepped, scanned, processed, or quality-controlled:
Over 9,500 Police Reports
425 Discovery Requests
100 Subpoenas
8,000 Public Records Requests
Over 4,400 CLETS Entries*

Services Division Jail/Property



The TPD Property Section assures evidentiary "Chain of Custody" through accurate documentation, preservation, and storage of all incoming evidence. It also preserves found

property or property stored for safekeeping from contamination, theft, or loss.

The Torrance Police Jail is one of the largest city jails in Los Angeles County. The Jail is a 44-bed Type I Local Detention Facility housing pre-arraigned arrestee(s) up to 96 hours exclusive of weekends or holidays. Their duty is to process, supervise, and designate housing for each arrestee from intake booking until release while ensuring the arrestee's safety and well being while in our custody.



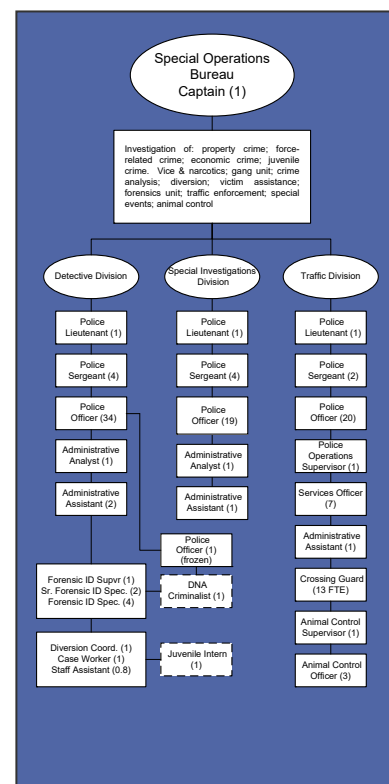


SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU

Special Operations Bureau
Captain Mark Underwood

The Torrance Police Department Special Operations Bureau is comprised of the Detective Division, the Special Investigations Division, and the Traffic and Special Events Division. Each of the Divisions within the Bureau are further broken down into specialized Sections.

The Sections within the Detective Division are Crimes Persons, Crimes Property, Youth Services and Sex Crimes, Economic Crimes, Forensics and Juvenile Diversion. The Sections within the Special Investigations Division are the Crime Impact Team, the Intelligence Detail, the Gang Detail and Vice and Narcotics. The Sections within the Traffic and Special Events Division are the Motor Officers, the DUI Team, Commercial Enforcement Officers, Parking Enforcement Officers, Animal Control and the Crossing Guards.



Each of the three divisions celebrated many successes in 2018, all of which resulted in an extremely productive year. The Bureau consists of nearly 140 employees, all of whom play an important role in the overall success of the department. With 2019 now underway, the Special Operations Bureau is looking forward to continued growth in each of the specialized fields, and to completing another outstanding year.

Special Investigations Division



The Special Investigations Division (SID) is comprised of four proactive investigative units responsible for investigating crimes and criminals that have a major impact on the community. These units include the Gang Detail, the Vice & Narcotics Detail, the Crime Impact Team, and the Intelligence Section. 2018 was an extremely productive year for all of SID.



2018

Gang Detail ~ 70 Arrests, Recovered 25 Firearms

Vice & Narcotics ~ 7 Human Trafficking Arrests,

Seized over 100 Pounds of Controlled Substances

Intelligence Detail ~ Investigated Multiple Hate Crimes and Terrorist Threats

Crime Impact Team ~ over 55 Felony Arrests of Residential Burglary and Robbery Suspects

Detective Division

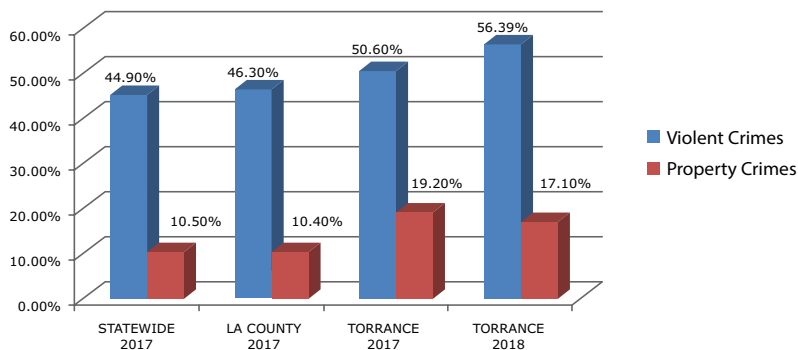


The Detective Division is comprised of several specialized sections and units; Crimes Persons, Crimes Property, Youth Services/Sex Crimes, and Economic Crimes.

In 2018, the Detective Division collectively served over 133 search warrants and was able to successfully file 948 misdemeanors and 418 felony cases for prosecution. The Division boasts a case clearance rate of 56% for violent crimes in 2018, a 6% increase from the previous year.

Violent and Property Crime totals in the City of Torrance were collectively down 19% in 2018; much of this decline can be attributed to the consistent hard work of the entire Detective Division.

Clearance Rates

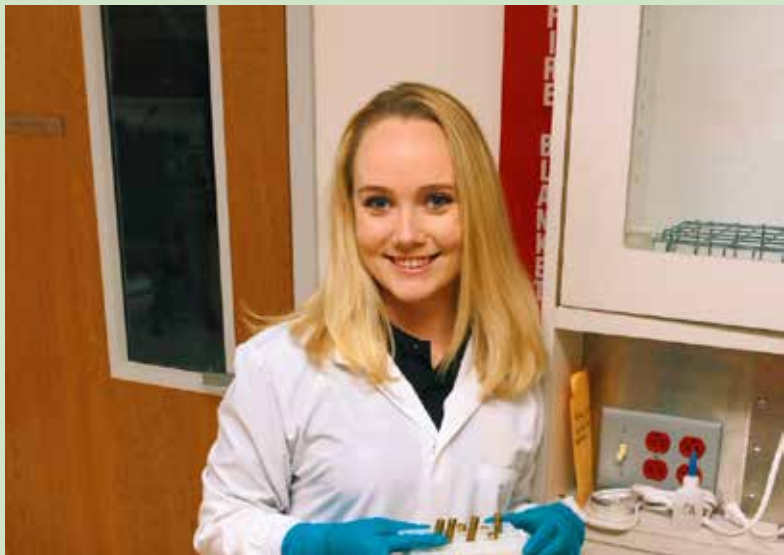
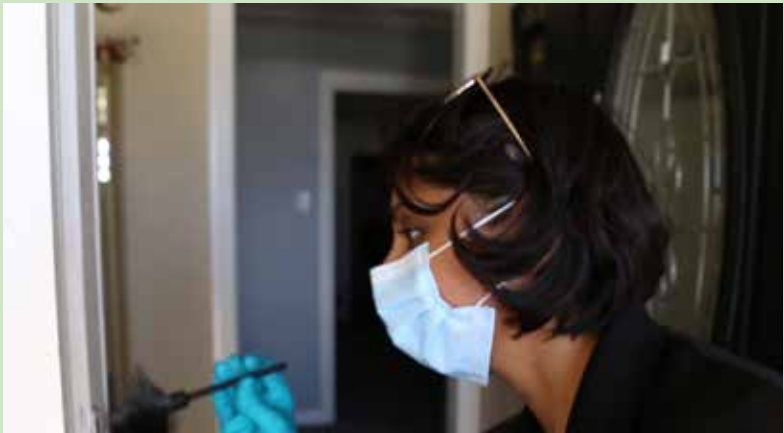


School Resource Officers

The Torrance Police Department currently has four School Resource Officers (SROs). Each is assigned to one of the four TUSD High Schools (North, Torrance, South, and West) as well as all Middle and Elementary Schools that feed into that high school. SROs investigate criminal activity and make arrests as they relate to all Torrance schools, including the two Adult and 13 Private Schools in the City. Other responsibilities include attending school-related meetings, participating in speaking engagements, and serving as liaison to the Torrance Unified School District.



Forensic Identification Specialists



Crime Analysis



Detectives also work closely with a Crime Analyst, Forensic Identifications Unit Specialists, and the Juvenile Diversion Section to most effectively serve the needs of the community.

Juvenile Diversion

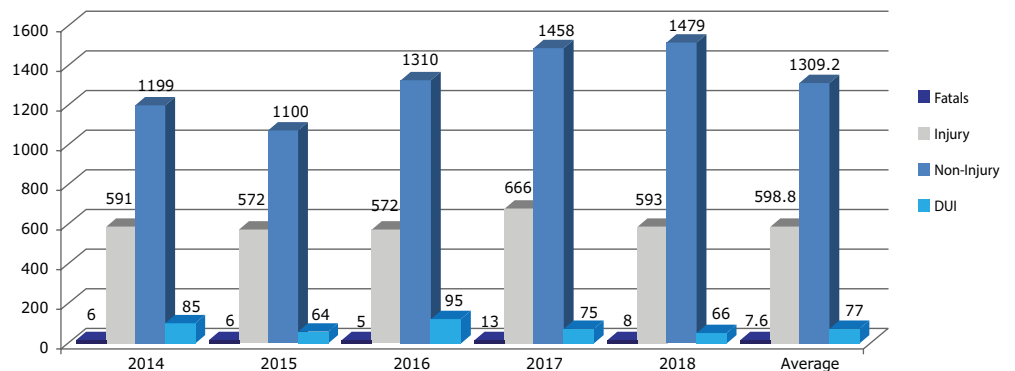


Traffic Division

The goals and objectives of the Torrance Police Department Traffic and Special Events Division are to reduce the number and severity of traffic collisions in the City. The Division deploys motor officers, DUI officers, parking enforcement officers, commercial enforcement officers, and crossing guards to accomplish this goal. The Traffic Division also created a new roadway safety program known as High Visibility Enforcement Operations. These operations take into account community input combined with highly publicized education and enforcement efforts. In 2018, the efforts of the Traffic Division, combined with community cooperation, resulted in safer streets for travel in the City of Torrance.



Traffic Collisions



There were 8 fatal collisions (5% above the average, but down 38% from 2017).
 There were 593 injury collisions (1% below the average and down 11% from 2017).
 There were 1479 non-injury collisions (13% above average and up 1% from 2017).
 There were 66 DUI collisions (14% below the average and down 12% from 2017).

2018

111 DUI Arrests
4,067 Moving Citations
42 Felony Filings
48 Misdemeanor Filings



Animal Control

Torrance Police Animal Control is responsible for the issuance of animal licenses and the enforcement of local and state laws pertaining to domesticated and wild animals. They also seek to reunite lost pets with their owners and to help sick or injured animals.

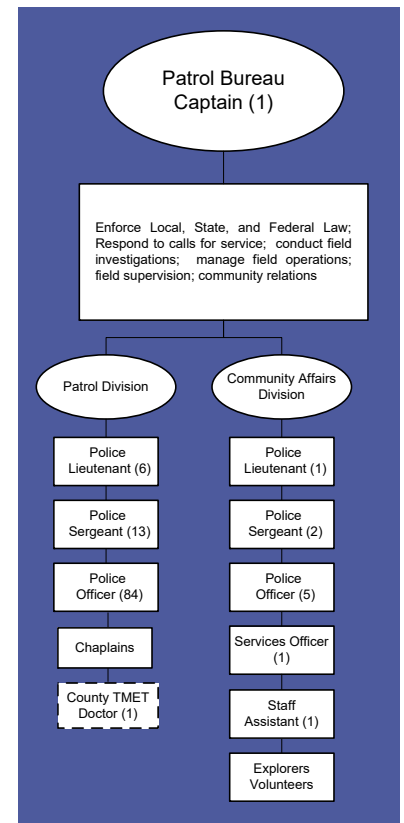


Patrol Bureau
Captain Mark Athan

PATROL BUREAU

In 2018 our officers in the Patrol Bureau continued to be effective in their public safety efforts by educating our community, enforcing local, state and federal laws, and by being relentlessly proactive in follow-up field investigations following the report of a crime. Officers assigned to a traditional marked black and white police car assigned to a specific area coupled with our Community Lead Officer (CLO) detail and our Torrance Mental Evaluation Team (TMET) collaborated to produce reduced crime statistics for most Part 1 crimes this year to include armed robberies, sexual assaults, burglaries (residential, commercial & auto) and auto thefts.

Officers in the Patrol Bureau (consisting of the Patrol, Community Affairs and TMET) had the focus this year to better educate the community by hosting classes and leveraging our social media platforms. Through our social media there are great opportunities to best directly communicate with the community to get out real time information and share current crime trends. In addition, the officers continued to use technology innovation in their crime fighting efforts. This includes the In-Car and Body Worn Cameras, the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) and our Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR). I am proud of the proactive efforts by our Patrol Bureau team who made 2018 a great year in crime reduction and community/business partnerships. In this Annual Report I hope you enjoy learning what our technologies are doing to fight against crime and I ensure you that the Torrance Police Department will continue to stay ahead of the crime fighting curve.



In-Car Cameras and Body-Worn Cameras



In June of 2018, for the first time in the department's history, the Torrance Police Department incorporated both In-Car Cameras (ICC) and Body Worn Cameras (BWC). The department ultimately chose "Body Worn" by Utility to provide an integrated hardware and software solution that best fit our needs.

In the seven months of deployment in 2018, video captured by both ICC and BWC has assisted in evidence collection, prosecution, and with validating or disputing citizen complaints.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

In March of 2017 the Torrance Police Department Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Team, or "Drone Team," officially went live with a cadre of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant and 9 Officers. All personnel on the team are licensed UAS pilots. Per the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Torrance PD was the first public safety agency in the country to receive an "airspace waiver" from the FAA under the rules of Part 107 – operating drones commercially. The team currently has a fleet of drones consisting of DJI Matrice 210s, DJI Phantom 3 Pros and DJI Sparks. The camera technologies deployed on our drones include HD zoom cameras and several models of Forward-Looking Infrared (FLIR) cameras for thermal imaging.

Through the end of 2018, the UAS Team has flown over 160 missions since inception with 9 suspects being located as a direct result of deploying our UAS.



Automated License Plate Recognition

We launched our Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) platform in January 2017. Thus, 2018 was the second full year of implementation. Vigilant Solutions' ALPR cameras coupled with their proprietary analytic software solutions once again proved to be a vital technology in the fight against crime in the City of Torrance.

2018 ALPR Statistics:

Recovered Stolen Vehicles ~ 162
Recovered Embezzled Vehicles ~ 118
Recovered Carjacked Vehicles ~ 4
Located Vehicles with a Felony Want/Warrant ~ 20
Total Suspects Arrested ~ 128



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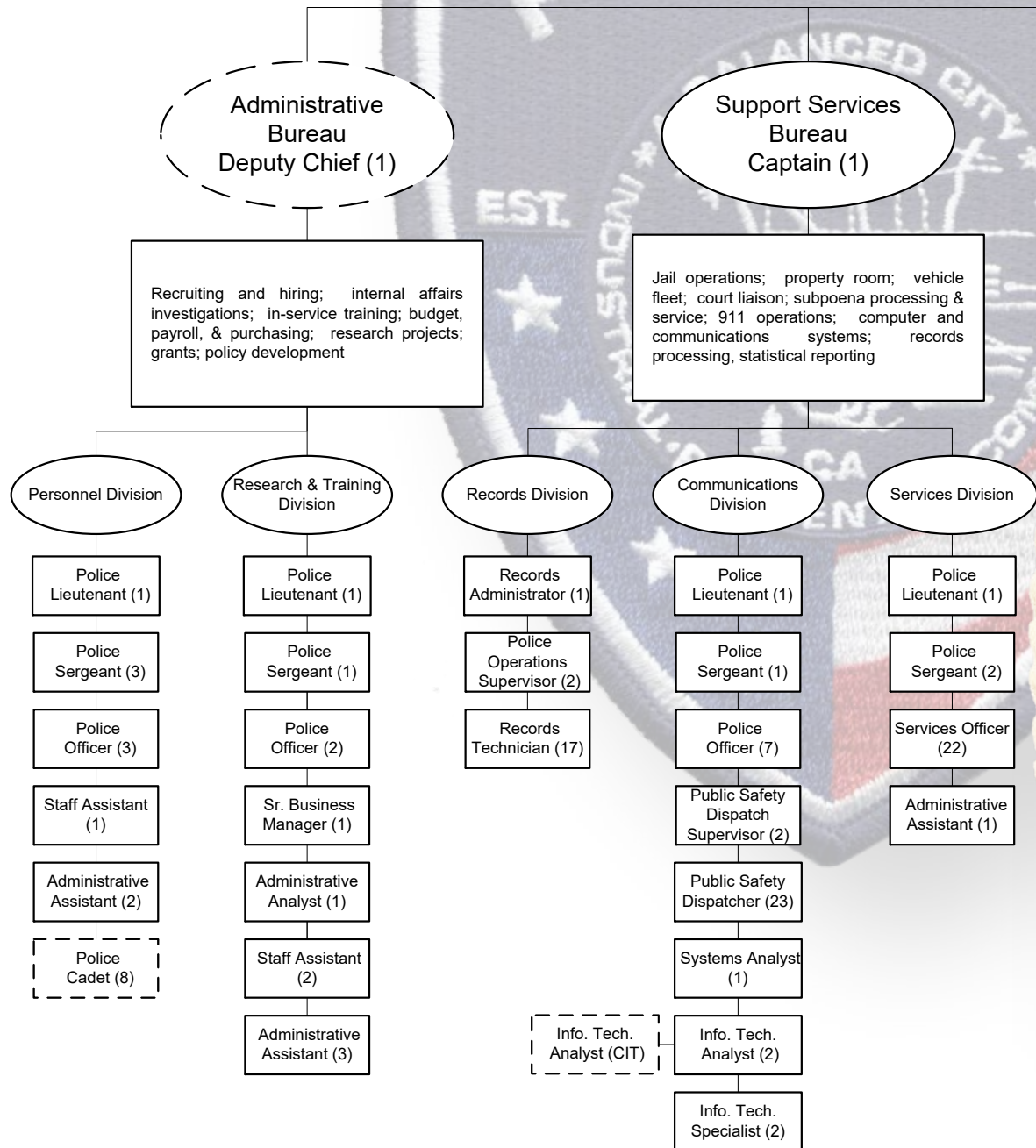
Effective July 1, 2018

227 Sworn Employees

126.8 Civilian Employees

Chief of

Dep
Chief of



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uty
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SWORN POSITIONS

1	Chief
1	Deputy Chief
3	Captain
14	Lieutenant
33	Sergeant
175	Officer
227	Sworn

Chief's Adjutant/PIO
Police Sergeant (1)

Administrative
Assistant (1)

Patrol Bureau
Captain (1)

Special Operations
Bureau
Captain (1)

Enforce Local, State, and Federal Law;
Respond to calls for service; conduct field
investigations; manage field operations;
field supervision; community relations

Investigation of: property crime; force-
related crime; economic crime; juvenile
crime. Vice & narcotics; gang unit; crime
analysis; diversion; victim assistance;
forensics unit; traffic enforcement; special
events; animal control

Patrol Division

Community Affairs
Division

Detective Division

Special Investigations
Division

Traffic Division

Police
Lieutenant (6)

Police
Lieutenant (1)

Police
Lieutenant (1)

Police
Lieutenant (1)

Police
Lieutenant (1)

Police
Sergeant (13)

Police
Sergeant (2)

Police
Sergeant (4)

Police
Sergeant (4)

Police
Sergeant (2)

Police
Officer (84)

Police
Officer (5)

Police
Officer (34)

Police
Officer (19)

Police
Officer (20)

Chaplains

Services Officer
(1)

Administrative
Analyst (1)

Administrative
Analyst (1)

Police
Operations
Supervisor (1)

County TMET
Doctor (1)

Staff
Assistant (1)

Administrative
Assistant (2)

Administrative
Assistant (1)

Services Officer
(7)

Explorers
Volunteers

Forensic ID Supvr (1)
Sr. Forensic ID Spec. (2)
Forensic ID Spec. (4)

DNA
Criminalist (1)

Diversion Coord. (1)
Case Worker (1)
Staff Assistant (0.8)

Juvenile Intern
(1)

Administrative
Assistant (1)

Crossing Guard
(13 FTE)

Animal Control
Supervisor (1)

Animal Control
Officer (3)

Community Events



Partners In Policing

"Partners In Policing" is a Community Awareness Program that allows the community to "walk in the shoes of an officer" and experience hands-on exercises relating to the duties, services and responsibilities of policing. Participants meet the Gang Detail, SWAT, K9 Detail and interact with a variety of officers from other details within the department. Through Partners in Policing, the community gains a better understanding of the policing function and the department in turn receives valuable input regarding the community policing needs. Through our interactions we have certainly strengthened our partnership and together have gained valuable insights.



Teens and Police

"Teens and Police" (TAP) is a 12-week program held at our station one night a week for select juniors and seniors attending Torrance High Schools. This program is offered once per semester and students earn school credits upon successfully completing the program. Students receive an inside look into law enforcement and experience hands-on exercises relating to the duties, service and responsibilities of policing. They meet the Chief of Police, take a tour of the station, witness demonstrations from the SWAT team and K-9 unit, hear from the DUI team, Gang Detail, Detectives, and other specialty units. Interactions between students and police will strengthen relationships and build partnerships toward the future as participants become adults. Students also gain a better understanding of a public service oriented career, which they may choose to pursue.



Police/Fire Holiday Toy Drive

For the past twenty years, the Torrance Police and Fire Departments have teamed up for an annual holiday toy drive. Leading up to Christmas, citizens are able to drop off new unwrapped toys to our police station and any fire station within our city as well as local businesses and organizations. The donated toys go to families in need within Torrance. Requesting families fill out the Annual Torrance Family Assistance Program Application at the Torrance Police Department. Each year, we are able to provide gifts for 2,000 children in need.

Seniors Don't Be Scammed

Several times a year, the Torrance Police Department presents "Seniors Don't Be Scammed". This affair is open to the public and teaches the community about current scam trends targeting senior citizens. Aside from the elderly, individuals of all ages are encouraged to attend.



Community Events



Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is the movement's largest public awareness and fundraising event for Special Olympics. The Torrance Police Department has participated in this movement for over 20 years. Athletes and TPD officers/personnel run the "Flame of Hope" along a 7.7 mile route from one end of the city to the other until it reaches its destination at the Opening Ceremonies. The Law Enforcement Torch Run continues to change the future for people with intellectual disabilities and lights the way for acceptance and inclusion.



Special Olympics
Southern California
South Bay



Coffee With A Cop

The Torrance Police Department has been a huge supporter of Coffee With A Cop. This program brings our officers and the community members we serve together over coffee to discuss issues and learn more about each other. We truly value Coffee With A Cop because it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together. Our department hosts Coffee With A Cop at various coffee shops throughout Torrance on a quarterly basis. Through these events, our mission is to improve trust and build relationships one cup of coffee at a time.

Community Events



National Night Out

National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and celebrated its 35th anniversary in 2018. The Torrance Police Department has been participating in this amazing event for the past 17 years. Our city is very fortunate to have close to 200 active Neighborhood Watch groups with thousands of members all throughout the city. Numerous Block Captains host National Night Out block parties and invite the Torrance Police Department to attend these parties. Our Chief, Command Staff, Officers, Detectives and several other department personnel look forward to attend these parties and get a chance to meet and mingle with our awesome Neighborhood Watch members. This event promotes neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Tip-A-Cop

Torrance Police Department continues to be a strong supporter of Special Olympics and their fundraising initiatives for the past 20 years. The Special Olympics Tip-A-Cop program is an activity to benefit children and adults with mild to severe mental disabilities. On this night, our officers partner with regular servers addressing customer requests such as beverage refills and serving meals all while working hard to earn donations for a worthy cause! Customers offer an additional tip beyond the regular server's tip as a donation to South Bay Special Olympics. 100% of these go directly to the program and athletes to help pay for training, uniforms, transportation and competition fees. TPD averages about \$3,000-\$4,000 in contributions at our "Tip-A-Cop" events. This fundraiser draws a strong crowd and promotes partnership between the Department and our community.



Relay for Life

Every year the Torrance Police Department teams up with TPOA to participate in "Relay For Life." This annual event is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and is a 24-hour fundraiser that is held during the month of April. The purpose of this event is to raise donations and awareness for the battle against cancer. In recent years, our department has been impacted by the loss of several family members and friends to cancer. In an effort to help put an end to this terrible disease, the Department and TPOA sponsor a "Torrance PD Friends and Family" team and set up a booth at the event to sell food and items to raise money. Numerous members of the department both sworn and civilian volunteer to help out at the booth in support of the continuous research to end cancer.

Cadets, Volunteers, Explorers

The Torrance Police Department Cadet Program is an apprenticeship program that prepares young adults for a career in law enforcement. Police cadets are part-time employees who are required to be full-time college students maintaining a 2.0 GPA. They perform a variety of routine and progressively more advanced tasks that foster their own learning and benefit the department as well. Cadets are assigned to various divisions including Traffic, Detectives, Community Affairs, Services, and Patrol.



Volunteers are a critical component of the Torrance Police family. We carry an average of 32 volunteers at any given time and they assist us throughout the Department, from Records to Detectives, from Research and Training to Community Affairs, and more. Our volunteers give freely and willingly approximately 3,500 hours each year. Thank you TPD Volunteers for your commitment and dedication!



Torrance Police Explorer Post #1047x is a volunteer program designed for motivated and service-oriented young men and women, between the ages of 14 and 21, who have an interest in the law enforcement field. Explorers receive training in all facets of law enforcement and volunteer at community events through the Torrance Police Department. The program, governed by Learning for Life, provides an opportunity for youth to gain personal satisfaction, enhance their leadership and teamwork skills, and make a difference in their community.

Annual Recognition Awards Recipients



Chief's Award
Dr. Gina Gallivan



Sworn Officer of the Year
Jesus Garcia



Civilian of the Year
John Newman



Unit Citation Award
Unmanned Aircraft System (Drone) Team

Annual Recognition Awards Recipients



Unit Citation Award
Torrance Mental Evaluation Team



Volunteer of the Year
Emmett Miller

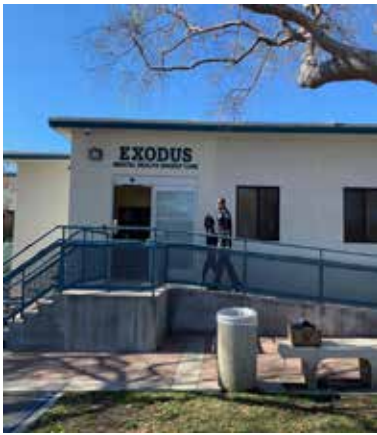


Life Saving Award
Eric Bernier, Stephen Kim



Special Recognition Award
David Koenig

Chief's Award
Kent Smirl, David Dodge



Torrance Mental Evaluation Team

The Torrance Police Department established the Torrance Mental Evaluation Team (TMET) in early 2015 as a response to the growing number of calls for service related to people in crisis and suffering from mental illness. The program was started with a single investigator and was expanded in 2018 to include a sergeant and two full-time investigators, along with a clinical psychologist from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH). Through a collaborative and compassionate co-response, TPD and the DMH work together to provide effective options and care to those who are experiencing a mental health crisis.



2018
Over 1,000 Calls for Service
44 Firearms taken into Protective Custody
Over 200 Psychological Evaluations

Community Lead Officers

CLOs handle quality of life issues in both the residential and business communities. They tackle ongoing narcotics locations with surveillance, search warrants, and detailed investigations. One of the fastest growing issues in Torrance is homelessness, which CLOs address with homeless outreach, CPTED, innovative enforcement options, and collaborations with various other agencies/entities. In addition to investigations, CLO officers participate in several community affairs events throughout the year in order to build and maintain relationships within the community.



Homeless Outreach

As did most of California, the City of Torrance has experienced a sharp increase in its number of homeless individuals. The homeless population in Torrance has more than doubled from 2015 to 2018, with early indicators pointing to an even higher population for 2019.

With the passing of Measure H, police agencies in the South Bay region have received county funding and are collectively participating in a "Homeless Outreach Services Team" Program. Measure H-trained officers conduct routine "Homeless Outreach" and connect homeless individuals with county resources through the lahop.org portal.



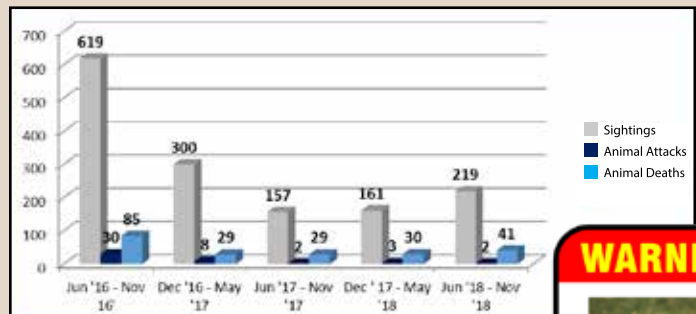
Coyote Management Team

In early 2016, the City of Torrance began experiencing an increase in coyote sightings and encounters, including attacks on household pets. Having never experienced anything similar, the Torrance Police Department consulted with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for direction, training, and advice and created a Coyote Management Team.

CDFW assisted in creating the City's Coyote Management Plan, which was adopted by City Council in May 2016. The Torrance Police Department did extensive community outreach and education to bring awareness to the residents of Torrance.

Sightings and encounters significantly decreased over the next year and a half; however, coyotes continued to be an emotional and contentious topic in the City of Torrance and throughout the region. On November 27, 2018, the Torrance City Council approved a new Coyote Management Plan to include a five-month per year trapping program.

As the City works its way through a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) study, required to be completed prior to commencing the five-month trapping, the Torrance Police Department continues its efforts with reporting, mapping, and community outreach to help educate citizens on Living with Urban Coyotes.





K-9

2018 was a ground-breaking year for the TPD K-9 program. In response to the growing demand for police service dogs in our community, and thanks to a generous grant provided by the Torrance Police Foundation, the Torrance Police Department expanded the team to include a 3rd K-9 unit this year. Our newly selected K-9 Officer Cameron Pigdon and his partner "Argos" successfully completed both Basic Handler Training and Narcotic Detection School in 2018.



The Torrance Police Department also implemented an Explosive Detection Canine program in 2018. Also a result of generosity from the Torrance Police Foundation, K-9 Officer Steve Ruiz and his partner "Gero" successfully completed Explosive Detection School in early 2018.

These two newly trained K-9s, along with veteran K-9 Officer Rey Lara and his partner "Nemo," have, without question, made the City of Torrance a safer place to live, visit, and work.

South Bay Platoon

Members of the Torrance Police Department's South Bay Platoon, part of Area G, responded to the devastating Woolsey Fire in November 2018. One of the first teams to respond helped a homeowner extinguish a fire that was quickly approaching his property. Other teams helped with evacuation orders, property security, and traffic control around Pepperdine University where student were sheltered in place. TPD South Bay Platoon worked 12-hour shifts and played a vital role in protecting the citizens of the affected areas.



Crisis Negotiation Team



CNT is comprised of one Lieutenant, three Sergeants and 12 Officers. The team's mission is to use the negotiation process to save lives and resolve crisis incidents while attempting to avoid unnecessary risk to officers, citizens, victims, and suspects. These incidents can include barricaded suspects, hostage situations, and suicidal subjects. CNT also responds with the SWAT Team on all high risk warrants.

Team members are required to attend a 40-hour Basic Hostage Negotiation School and eventually, Crisis Negotiations during Domestic Violence and Advanced Hostage Negotiation. In 2018, CNT was utilized on seven SWAT operations and several critical patrol incidents.

Special Weapons and Tactics

SWAT is a well trained, highly skilled tactical unit that substantially reduces the risk of injury and loss of life to citizens, other police officers, and criminal suspects during critical incidents.

The primary goal of the SWAT Team is to safely resolve or manage dangerous situations including hostage incidents, barricaded suspects, active threats, high-risk apprehensions, terrorist attacks, and VIP/dignitary protection assignments. In 2018, the SWAT Team was activated approximately 25 times for various situations requiring tactical resolve.

The SWAT Team consists of 25 team members and nine specially trained tactical paramedics from the Torrance Fire Department. Specialty assignments within the team include four sniper positions, a breaching element with explosive breaching capability, and a technology element. The SWAT Team works closely with the Department's CNT Team, K-9 Unit, and UAS Team for safely resolving dangerous incidents.



TORRANCE POLICE FOUNDATION

The Torrance Police Foundation (TPF) was established in 2016 with a mission to champion community support for public safety by providing resources and support to the Torrance Police Department. Governed by a volunteer board of directors comprised of civic and business leaders invested in the public safety of Torrance, TPF provides grant funds directly to the Torrance Police Department to support requests that are not generally funded by the city. Priority program areas include: Advanced Equipment & Technology; Training & Education; Youth Programs; Community Relations & Outreach; and Crime Prevention. To date, TPF has awarded more than \$160,000 in grant funds to support the following: Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs); Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) – Drones; Additional K-9; K-9 Bomb Detection Training; Executive Leadership Training; Unity Tour, Baker to Vegas, and Gym Renovation. The Torrance Police Department is grateful for TPF and its mission to ensure the men and women in blue have what they need to provide the highest level of public safety for the Torrance community.



UAS, K-9, Unity Tour

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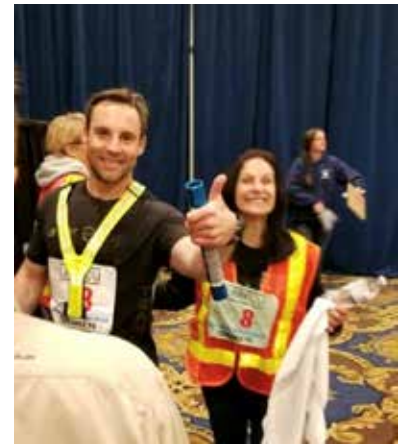
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BAKER TO VEGAS RELAY RACE

Last year marked the 35th consecutive Los Angeles Police Department's Challenge Cup Relay. The annual Challenge Cup Relay or "Baker to Vegas" as it is commonly referred to, is a 120-mile relay race beginning in Baker, California and finishing in Las Vegas, Nevada. The running race is divided into 20 legs varying in distance from 4 to 11 miles and holds the distinction of being the world's largest law enforcement competition of its kind. Over 250 Law Enforcement agencies from all over the world compete against each other in this challenging and competitive race in order to promote camaraderie, teamwork, pride, and physical fitness.

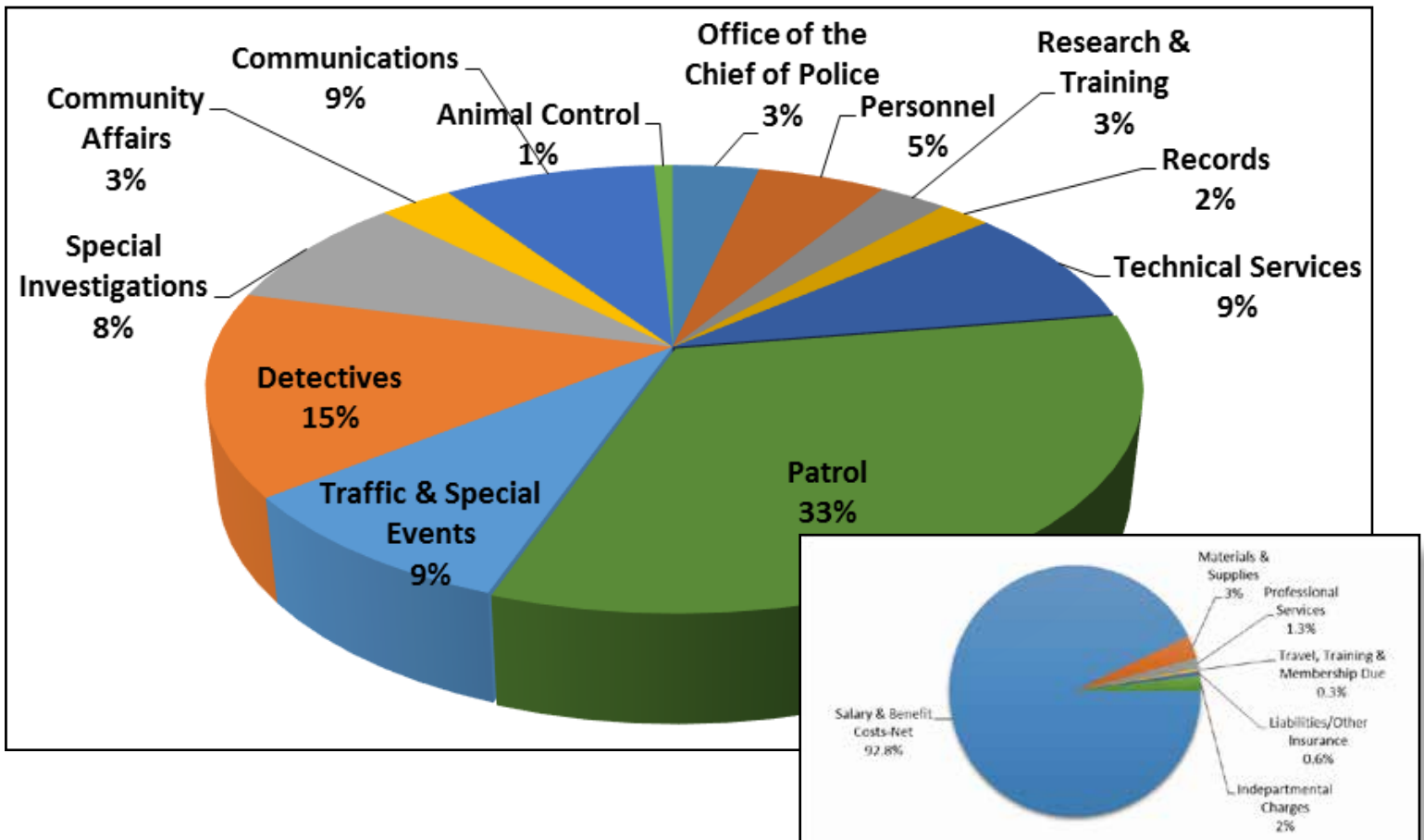
The men and women of the Torrance Police Department have been competing in the Challenge Cup Relay since its inception in 1985. Our department motto, "Excellence through Teamwork," is truly exemplified during this event, as we have won our division the last nine years in a row (2010-2018) and finished 12th overall out of 276 teams in 2018. We now hold the course record for the 300 division and last year we beat our previous record for Torrance PD.



2018 UCR CRIME STATS

CRIME	Dec-18	Dec-17	Change	Per 1,000	2018 YTD	2017 YTD	Change
Calif. Crime Index							
Homicide	0	0	0.0%	0.00	2	0	DNC
Rape	4	5	-20.0%	0.03	35	38	-7.9%
Robbery	14	11	27.3%	0.10	107	115	-7.0%
Aggravated Assaults	4	7	-42.9%	0.03	124	113	9.7%
Violent Crime Totals	22	23	-4.3%	0.16	268	266	0.8%
Burglary	44	49	-10.2%	0.31	468	555	-15.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	26	39	-33.3%	0.18	281	435	-35.4%
Property Crime Totals	70	88	-20.5%	0.49	749	990	-24.3%
Calif Totals	92	111	-17.1%	0.65	1017	1256	-19.0%
FBI Crime Index							
Arson	0	2	-100.0%	0.00	9	12	-25.0%
Grand Theft	81	90	-10.0%	0.57	898	951	-5.6%
Petty Theft	111	117	-5.1%	0.78	1045	1250	-16.4%
FBI Totals	284	320	-11.3%	2.01	2969	3469	-14.4%
Simple Assault	22	32	-31.3%	0.16	321	262	22.5%
Dom. Violence	15	16	-6.3%	0.11	195	156	25.0%

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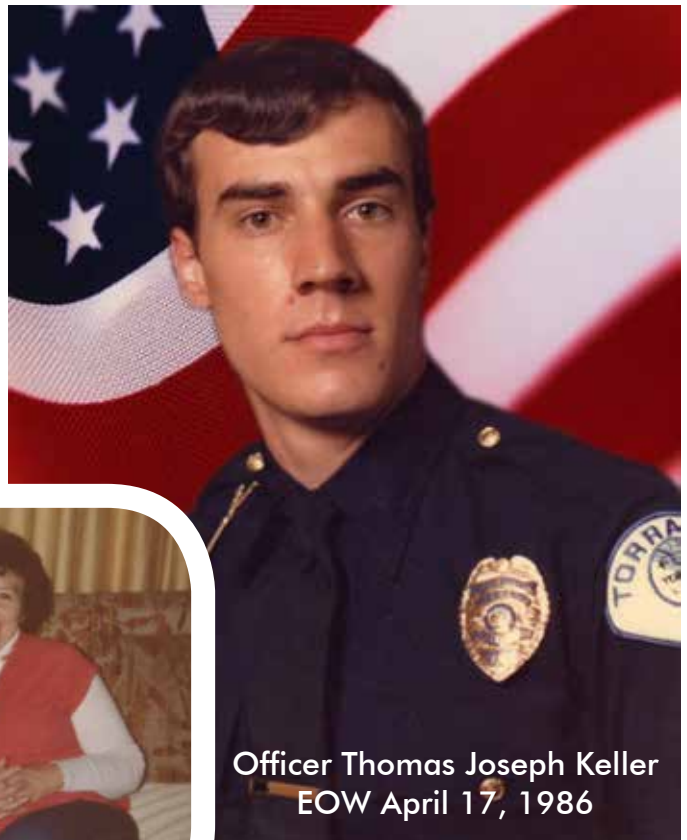
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EOW August 23, 1959



Officer David Noel Seibert
EOW August 10, 1967



Officer Gary Elton Rippstein
EOW December 22, 1968



Officer Thomas Joseph Keller
EOW April 17, 1986



Crossing Guard Hazel Kenney
EOW December 17, 1986



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