

BUENA PARK POLICE

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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On March 11, 2011, the City of Buena Park appointed Corey S. Sianez as its ninth Chief of Police. A native Californian, Chief Sianez began his law enforcement career at the age of 21 with the Buena Park Police Department. During his steadfast career of 35 years, he has risen through the ranks serving in various specialized assignments including Motors, SWAT, Burglary, Robbery, Homicide and Internal Affairs. Additionally, he served as Captain in both the Operations and Support Services Divisions. He was the primary catalyst for completing the first Five-Year Strategic Plan in the history of the Department. After 35 years, he remains true and faithful to the City of Buena Park.

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C. SIANEZ

**A message
from your
Chief of Police**
Corey S. Sianez



To our valued members of the Community, welcome to the Buena Park Police Department's 2016 Annual Report. I encourage you to navigate through its content, which reaffirms our commitment to proactively address the needs of our Community, enhance our public safety services and improve the quality of life in the City of Buena Park!

Buena Park City Council 2016



ELIZABETH A. SWIFT, Ed.D.
Mayor

"I ran for re-election to City Council because I want to continue the progress to make Buena Park a family-friendly, business-welcoming, education-oriented community in which residents enjoy a safe, beautiful, resource-rich environment."



VIRGINIA VAUGHN
Mayor Pro Tem



FRED R. SMITH
Council Member



STEVE BERRY
Council Member



ARTHUR C. BROWN
Council Member

City Manager



JAMES B. VANDERPOOL
City Manager

Mr. Vanderpool was appointed City Manager on July 13, 2012, after being with the City of Buena Park since 1995. He has served in a multitude of divisions, gaining him the true knowledge and experience needed to lead our City. Among his many successes, is re-branding Buena Park to become a top-notch tourist destination and welcome visitors to our City.



Mission • Vision • Values



CALEA Accreditation



On July 30, 2016, the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies “CALEA,” awarded the Buena Park Police Department with the distinguished honor of accreditation, which is accomplished through a highly regarded and broadly recognized body of professional standards.



Over 1,000 agencies have demonstrated a commitment to professional excellence, and the Buena Park Police Department is among them. We are dedicated to the CALEA standards of strengthening crime prevention, formalizing essential management procedures, establishing fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices, improving customer service, solidifying interagency cooperation and increasing community and staff confidence in our agency.



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Police Management Team



*Top left to right: Lt. Tamra Banks · Lt. Steve Holliday · Lt. Frank Nunes · Lt. Richard Forsyth · Lt. Bradley Geyer
Bottom left to right: Captain Gary Worrall · Chief Corey Sianez · Captain Gary Hendricks*

Our Management Team consists of the Chief, two Captains and five Lieutenants. Together, the team facilitates all matters for the Police Department. They are responsible for procuring and finalizing contracts, preparing items that go before City Council, maintaining community relations, managing staffing levels and decision making for the entire organization.



“Commitment to enhancing public safety and security by providing effective and efficient law enforcement while striving to continuously improve our organization and promote community partnerships”

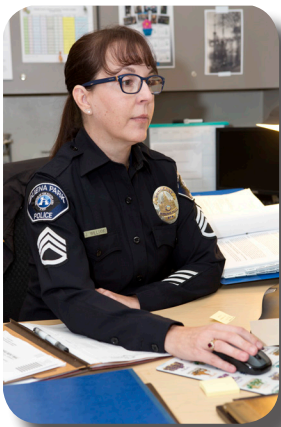


Police Administration

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, Administration is responsible for Operations and Support Services. Chief Sianez is a true believer in “Commitment to Service” and being responsive to the needs of the Community we serve. His Administration values the employees of the Buena Park Police Department and are devoted to ensuring that they all receive the best possible training and equipment to provide the highest quality service to their customer, the Buena Park Community.



Professional Standards

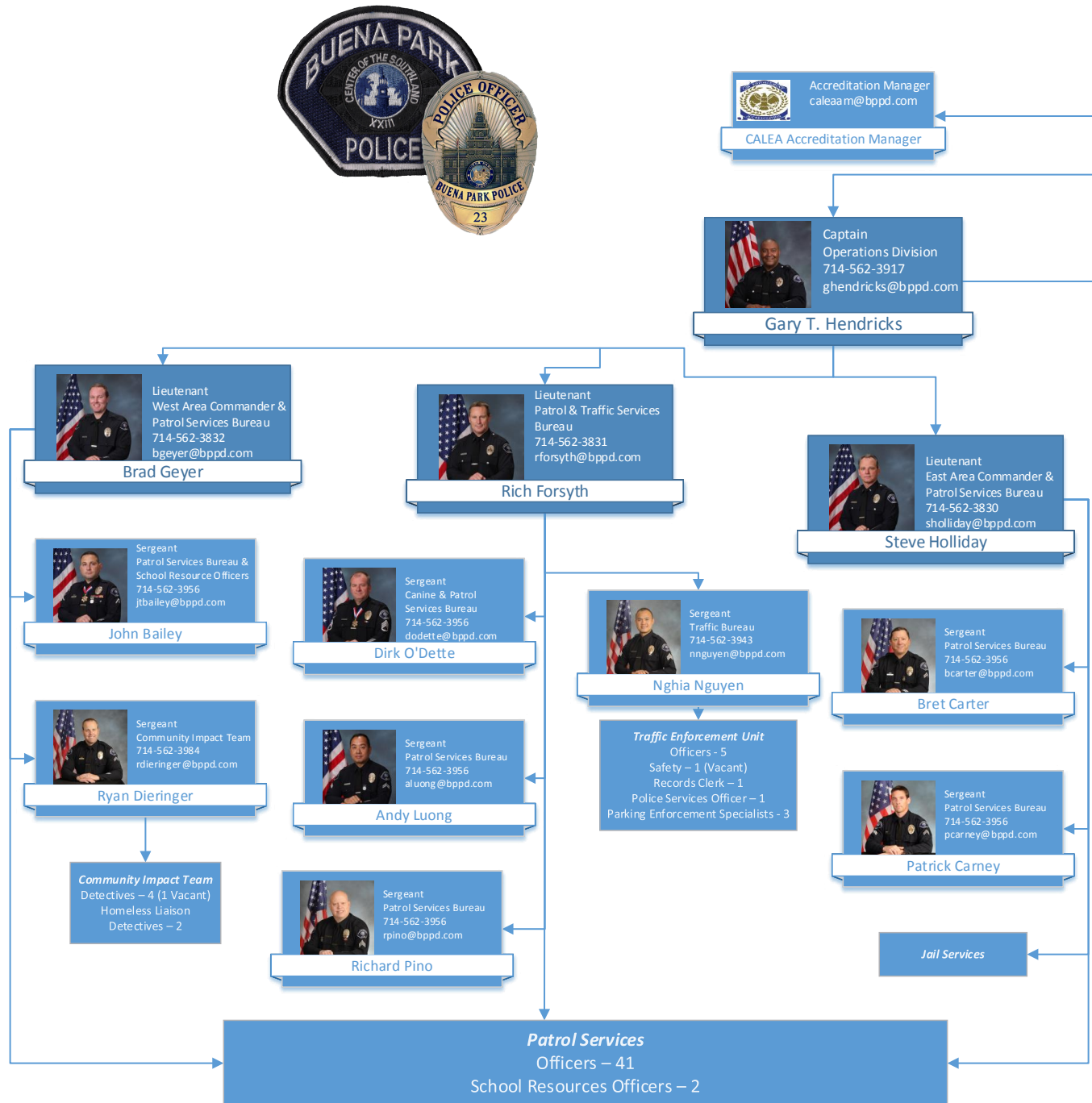


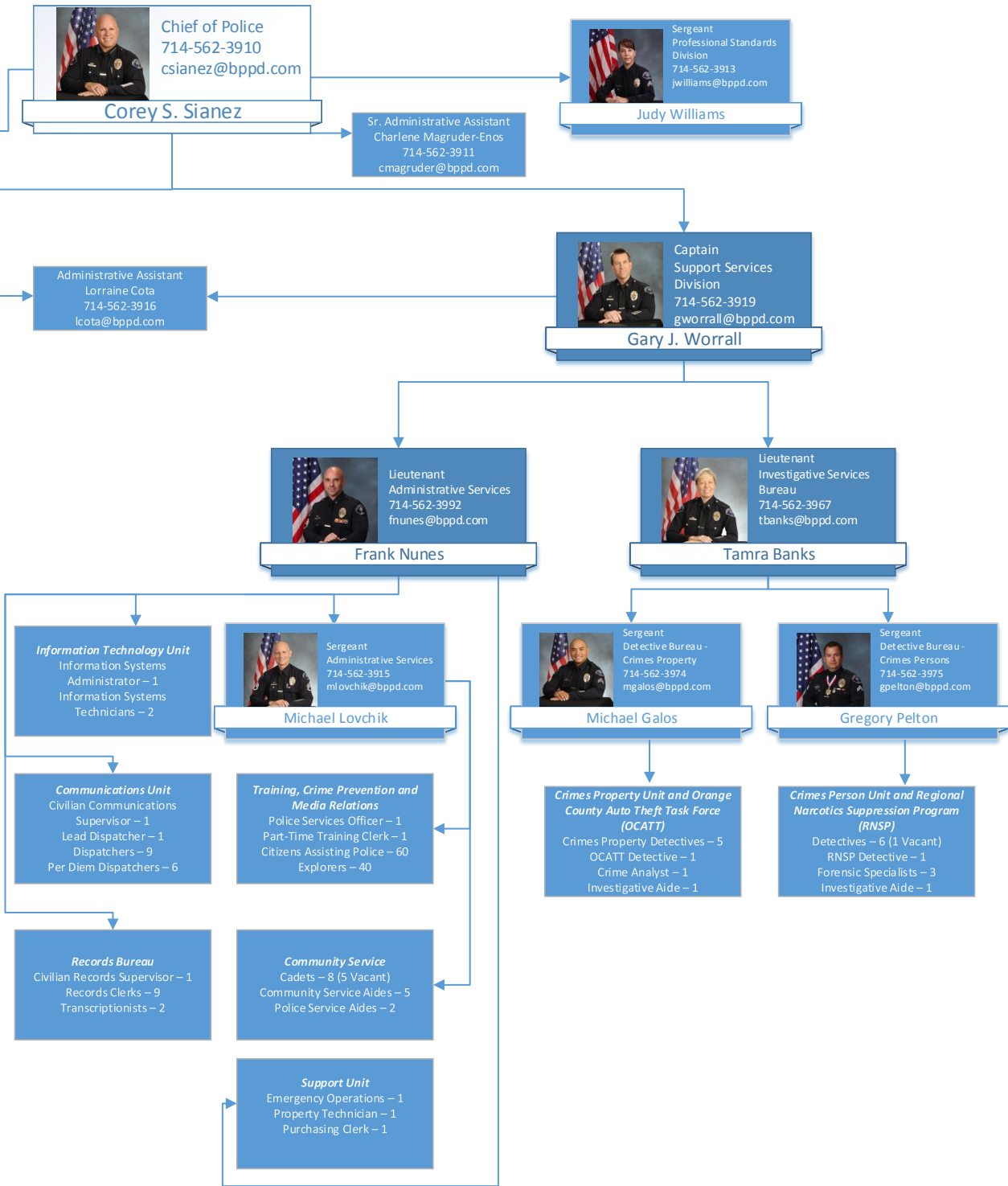
Professional Standards is staffed by one sergeant who reports directly to the Chief of Police. Professional Standards encompasses a large scope of responsibilities that include internal affairs investigations, citizen complaints, administrative disciplinary investigations, as well as recruitment and hiring.

Additionally, Professional Standards investigates all civil claims involving the Police Department. Working closely with the City Attorney’s Office, Professional Standards investigates each claim before preparing reports for review to determine any potential liability.

“Excellence, Professionalism and Service which promote public Trust, Confidence, and Safety”

Organizational Chart





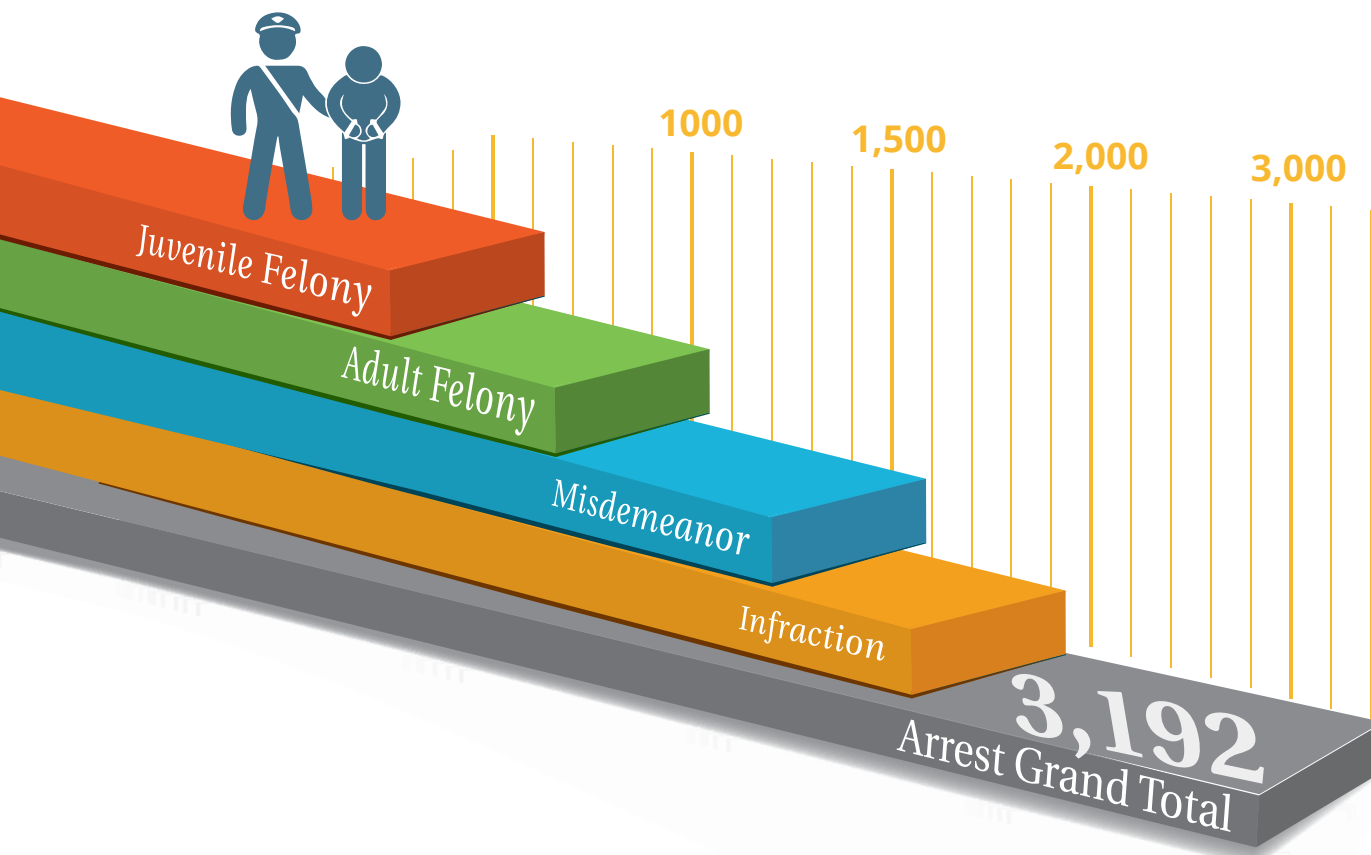
2016 Statistics and Analysis



TOTAL CALLS
65,202

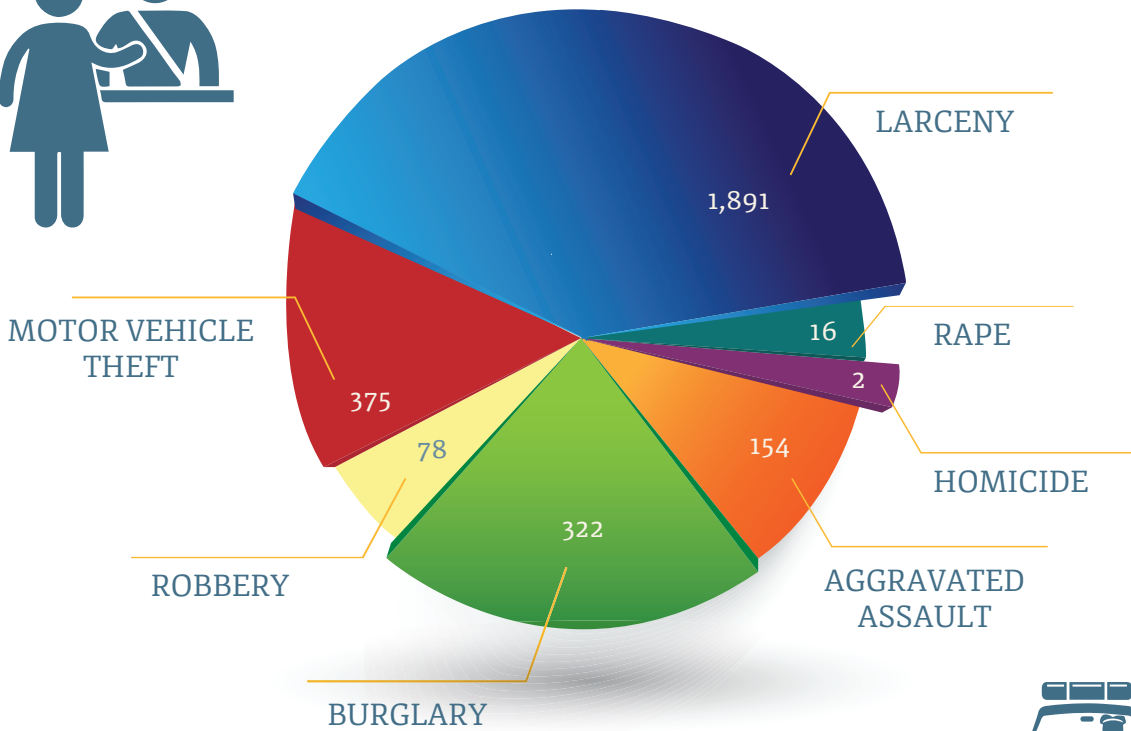


Arrest Statistics



California Crime Index

Part I Crimes



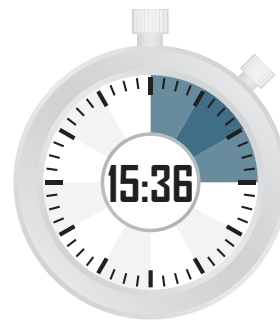
Response Times



Priority 1 Calls



Priority 2 Calls



Priority 3 Calls

A person is sitting on a couch in a dimly lit room. The scene is bathed in a warm, red glow from string lights and a lamp. The person is wearing a dark jacket with light-colored stripes on the sleeves. The background features a large lamp and a wall with a grid pattern.

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Area Commander Program

West Commander



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Central Commander



Lieutenant
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East Commander




Lieutenant
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West

East

Central



Buena Park, California
Incorporated: 1953
Area: 10.29 Square Miles
Elevation: 75 Feet
Longitude: 33° North
Latitude: 118° West
Population: 83,347

Patrol Bureau

Patrol Officers serve the City around the clock, seven days a week. Patrol provides the highest quality police services to our Community and maintains community-oriented policing that prevents crime to improve the quality of life for all residents.

The Patrol Bureau consists of three Patrol Lieutenants (Watch Commanders), six Sergeants (Field Supervisors) who lead, mentor and train six patrol squads consisting of Corporals and Officers. Patrol squads are augmented by specialized units that support the patrol mission. These units are K9, Traffic, Community Impact Team and Gang Enforcement. Together, the members of the patrol bureau strive to live up to our Department's mission statement, "Excellence, professionalism, and service which promote public trust, confidence and safety."



Traffic Bureau

The Traffic Bureau focuses on reducing traffic collisions and enforcing traffic laws. The Bureau consists of specialized motor officers, commercial enforcement, civilian safety aides and civilian parking control officers. Traffic Bureau personnel investigate traffic collisions, conduct education presentations and strive to keep the streets of Buena Park safe.



In 2016, 8,613 Traffic Stops were conducted



Mounted Patrol Unit

The Mounted Patrol Unit was established in the year 2000. Besides providing effective crowd control and services at large threshold incidents, the Mounted Patrol also attends various community events such as Silverado Days, Buena Park High School football games, Fourth of July festivities and Halloween Haunt at Knott's Berry Farm. Events such as these are great opportunities for our Community to interact with the horses and meet our officers. The Buena Park Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit is also proud to be a part of the greater Orange County Regional Mounted Patrol Unit, assisting at other events throughout the County.



Community Impact Team

The vision and philosophy of the Buena Park Police Department's Community Impact Team ("CIT") is to address quality of life issues and reduce crime by proactively using crime analysis data and highly concentrated law enforcement. The CIT's goal is to improve the overall safety and benefits of living in the City of Buena Park.



Homelessness Liaison Officers

With the support of our City Council, the Police Department has assigned two full-time officers to work as "Homeless Liaison Officers" to navigate the City's homeless population. These two officers work with various organizations, such as Bright Paths and City Net, who take a case management approach in assisting with the basic needs of our homeless neighbors.



School Resource Officers

The Police Department staffs a full-time, uniformed police officer to work directly on the Buena Park High School campus as a School Resource Officer (“SRO”) each day of the school year. The Police Department also staffs an SRO part-time at the Buena Park Junior High School campus. Having SRO’s on campus establishes a visible police presence during school hours assisting faculty and students to enhance the relationships between the school community and law enforcement.



Special Weapons and Tactics

The Special Weapons and Tactics (“SWAT”) Team responds to critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex, or unusual that they require the response of a unit specifically trained and equipped to resolve the incident. These critical incidents, which include hostage taking, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorism and high-risk warrants, may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units, thus requiring the deployment of an elite group of specially trained officers known as SWAT.



Patrol Rifle Team

The Buena Park Police Department responds to all types of critical incidents that may exceed the capabilities of our first responders. Recognizing this, the Patrol Rifle Team (“PRT”) was developed to resolve, isolate or hold a situation until such time for entry by SWAT. Much like SWAT, our PRT is comprised of officers who are highly trained and equipped with specialized weapons to address critical incidents out in the field.



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SUPPORT SERVICES
DIVISION





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Detective Bureau

The Detective Bureau is made up of two units: Crimes Persons and Crimes Property. These units conduct follow-up investigations on criminal cases and prepare them for prosecution by the Orange County District Attorney's Office. Officers in the field are able to identify crime trends and respond accordingly with expertise and technical support provided by our detectives. Specialized units within the Detective Bureau include the Gang Unit, Orange County Auto Theft Task Force ("OCATT"), Regional Narcotics Suppression Program ("RNSP") and the Forensics Unit.

Crimes Persons Unit

This Unit is supervised by a Sergeant and comprised of detectives who investigate:

- *Homicide*
- *Robbery*
- *Rape*
- *Kidnapping*
- *Domestic Violence*
- *Hate Crimes*
- *Gang-related Crimes*
- *Assaults*
- *Elder Abuse*
- *Child Molestation*
- *Child Abuse*
- *Sexual Assaults*
- *Weapons Violations*
- *Crimes on School Grounds*
- *Missing Persons*
- *Court Order Violations*
- *Simple Assaults*

This Unit also includes a detective assigned off-site to the Regional Narcotics Suppression Program ("RNSP"), who investigates narcotics trafficking throughout the State of California.

Crimes Property Unit:

This Unit is supervised by a Sergeant and comprised of detectives who investigate:

- *Residential and Commercial Burglaries*
- *Theft*
- *Vandalism*
- *Economic Crimes*
- *Other General Property Crimes*

This Unit also includes a detective assigned off-site to the Orange County Auto Theft Task Force ("OCATT") to investigate crimes involving auto finance fraud and auto theft rings and other sophisticated automobile-related crimes.



Forensic Services

The Forensic Services Unit is supervised by a Sergeant and comprised of three Forensic Specialists who are on-call 24 hours a day. The unit collects and identifies physical evidence and documents crime scenes.

Property and Evidence

Property and Evidence is a critical component of the Department and is supervised by a Lieutenant. Property and Evidence is a unit in and of itself and is maintained by a Property Technician. The Property Technician receives thousands of pieces of property each year and takes special care to ensure these items are properly logged and maintained as either evidence, safekeeping or found. In 2016 alone, our Property Technician processed 7,273 items, which will either be held for court, returned to its rightful owner, sold at auction or destroyed.



Records Supervisor

The Civilian Records Supervisor oversees the Department's Records Bureau, which is comprised of:

- Records Clerks
- Report Transcriptionists
- Court Liaison

Together, the Records Bureau processes, transcribes and works with the courts to ensure all paperwork is properly filed. The Records Supervisor is also the Department's Custodian of Records and makes sure all paperwork meets the standards of our State and federal laws. In 2016, our Records Bureau processed 65,202 reports.

Records Bureau

The Clerks in the Records Bureau process and file all the paperwork necessary for the courts, district attorney's office, and in-house detectives. The Bureau functions 24/7; and in addition to handling thousands of police reports each year, they also assist the public at the front counter, as well as assist police officers with searching female arrestees.



Communications Unit

The Communications Unit is staffed 24 hours a day and is the primary safety answering point for the City of Buena Park; receiving 9-1-1 calls, emergency calls and business calls from the public. All calls received are evaluated and prioritized by highly trained Dispatchers. The Dispatchers also monitor the video feeds for numerous CCTV equipment providing around the clock monitoring capabilities of the Police facility, City Hall, and Metro Link Station.



Emergency Operations Center

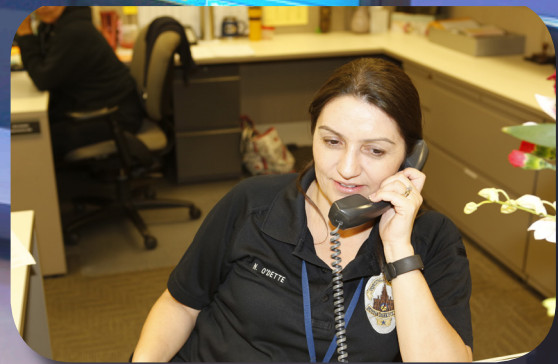
Our Emergency Operations center is the central command and control responsible for carrying out our county's principles of emergency preparedness, emergency management and disaster management ensuring the continuity of police operations. Our emergency coordinator is properly trained on the actions necessary to respond to disasters.



Aides and Cadet Program

The Community Service Aide (CSA) and Police Service Aide (PSA) program consists of part-time civilian employees, who are generally staffed at the front counter of the police department. PSA's can complete field assignments as needed. Tasks include taking crime reports without obvious suspect information, vehicle and property releases, appointments, and providing general public assistance and information. These dedicated employees assist with completing tasks that are necessary for the police department and the community, but don't require a sworn officer to complete.

In 2016, a new Cadet program was initiated, which will eventually replace the CSA/ PSA program. This new program will involve similar responsibilities, but will focus primarily on preparing young Cadets for a career in law enforcement.



Crime Prevention and Community Relations

Crime Prevention and Community Relations is the primary point of contact for those seeking information about the Department and assistance with community relations events. This unit provides the Buena Park Community with outstanding programs such as Neighborhood Watch, home and business security inspections, Halloween safety, child safety, police station tours, and emergency preparedness. The unit is also responsible for issuing alarm permits, which allows the Department to track legitimate and false alarms. The unit coordinates the Police Department's Open House, participation in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run, National Night-Out, Cops and Goblins, and Tip-A-Cop fundraising events held at local restaurants. Other projects of this unit include the annual Project Give-A Christmas and Heroes & Helpers events, in which needy families or individuals of the community are identified and donations by local business are given during the holiday season.





Media Relations and Social Networking

The Buena Park Police Department has established a Media Relations Unit to disseminate information using social media platforms. The Media Relations Unit is made up of highly motivated personnel who possess the desire and skill to monitor social media sites such as: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Next Door. Members of this group post information and answers to questions to ensure our Community feels connected.





Public Information Officer

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is the official spokesperson of the Police Department and releases information to the public on behalf of the Chief of Police. The PIO is responsible for the dissemination of information and works to project an open and **positive** image of the Department. The PIO is a regular guest on the local cable program "Crime Watch." Viewers are brought along with patrol officers to observe how calls are handled. The Crime Watch program communicates valuable information and public education on such topics as: crime trends, special events with the Police Department, and stories of interest.

Hiring and Training Team

Under the direction of the Professional Standards Sergeant, the Hiring and Training Team handles all recruitment and hiring of both sworn and civilian personnel within the Police Department. The unit first reviews the applications of the prospective employees, and then invites qualified candidates to participate in the hiring process. Upon successful completion of the interview process and any prerequisite testing, potential employees must pass an extensive background check. From there, applicants are required to successfully complete a polygraph examination, psychological evaluation, and undergo a complete medical screening before being hired. Employees of the Buena Park Police Department are carefully selected, vastly trained and serve our Community with a high level of integrity.



Training Unit

The Training Unit is staffed by a lieutenant, police sergeant, a part-time Training Coordinator and a full-time Police Services Officer. The unit is tasked with maintaining required levels of proficiency for all sworn and civilian personnel mandated by the California Department of Justice (DOJ), the Commission on Peace Officers standards and Training (POST), and the Standards and Training for Corrections (STC). Specialized training levels within the department often exceed state minimum requirements, as personnel are sent to the finest venues available. The unit also coordinates monthly in-house training, daily briefing material, legal updates, and oversees firearm qualifications for full-time reserve and retired officers. Additionally, the unit is tasked with issuing and maintaining departmental equipment.



Chaplain Program

The Police Department has a team of Chaplains who serve our community. The Chaplains are fully ordained with the churches and synagogues in our city, and represent a variety of faiths. They are available around the clock to assist members of the community in time of crisis or need.



Community Assisting Police / RACES

Instituted in 1994, the Community Assisting Police (CAPS) volunteer program now exceeds 25 members, all of whom are Community Police Academy graduates. Some police department volunteers assist with emergency communications for the police department via the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) program. CAPs are often called in time of emergencies, such as traffic control at major traffic accident scenes. They also assist the police department by helping with special events, vacation home checks, DUI checkpoints, evidence searches, Silverado Days, senior citizen home visits and police department community events. Since its inception, the CAPs have donated nearly 200,000 hours to the Buena Park community. Their contributions over the years is greatly appreciated and has made the CAPs and RACES programs integral components to the day-to-day operations of the Buena Park Police Department.



Explorer Program

The Buena Park Police Explorer Program (Post 474) is designed to give young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 opportunities to develop leadership skills and team-building concepts. The Explorer Program is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, and members of the Explorer Post are provided with an insight into law enforcement as a career. Explorers attend a training academy within one year of joining the Post, and receive year-round instruction and training at the police station. This training includes inspections, physical development, and a basic understanding of police service. The Explorer Post provides thousands of service hours to the city and local community. The lessons in leadership, responsibility, and service to the community provide a life-long benefit to each member.





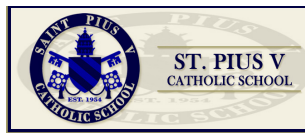
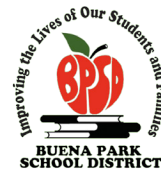
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Community Stakeholders



Police Chief's Advisory Board



For the first time in the history of the Buena Park Police Department, Chief Sianez founded a Police Chief's Advisory Board in November 2015. The Board consists of a diverse group of individuals who are key members in the Buena Park community.

The Board is an important resource for the Chief in the formation of strategies, development of policing concepts, and increasing public awareness regarding policy issues.

The Board is driven by the creativity and vision of its members and is meant to be an expression of the Buena Park community's viewpoints. Although the Police Chief's Advisory Board has no decision-making authority, it is an integral component of decision-making at the police department.

*Joe Callaghan • Sherine Costa • Ramon Gonzales
Carmen Koo • Norma Martinez • Carol McCann
Jinha Park • Scott Scheffler • Susan Sonne • Marc Spencer
Russell Sutter • Miji Vellakkattel • Jonelle Weiss*

Community Involvement

- Americana Awards
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk
- Community Stakeholders Meetings
 - Coffee With a Cop
 - Cops & Goblins
- Fallen Four Golf Tournament
Hosted by the Buena Park Police Association
- Fallen Officers Highway Dedication
- Giving Children Hope Drives
 - Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership - GRIP
 - Heroes & Helpers
 - Love Buena Park
- Neighborhood Watch Meetings
- Police Department Open House
 - Project Give-A-Christmas
 - Pink Patch Program
 - Read Across America
- Relay for Life Golf Tournament
- Red Ribbon Week
- Special Olympics Torch Run
- Super Senior Saturday
- Silverado Days
- Soroptimist Events
- Tip-A-Cop
- Town Hall Meetings
- Walk a Child to School Events





Awards and Dedications

<i>Title</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Date</i>
Detective Corporal	John	Bailey	Commendation	July 2016
Officer	David	Bernal	Top Cop	February 2016
Detective Corporal	Kris	Bisbing	Top Cop	August 2016
Corporal	Patrick	Carney	Top Cop	April 2016
Officer	Thomas	Carney	Top Cop	November 2016
Officert	Thomas	Carney	CHP 10851 Pin	2016
Corporal	Christos	Charalambous	Commendation	April 2016
Detective	Kevin	Franklin	Commendation	July 2016
Detective	Kevin	Franklin	Commendation	December 2016
Detective	Todd	Franssen	Top Cop	August 2016
Sergeant	Bradley	Geyer	Commendation	July 2016
Corporal	Ryan	Herst	CHP 10851 Pin	2016
Detective Corporal	Diana	Kotani	Commendation	July 2016
Police Services Officer	Jessica	Lopez	Civilian of the Quarter	October-December 2016
Officer	Willyvaldo	Lopez	Top Cop	January 2016
Officer	Willyvaldo	Lopez	CHP 10851 Pin	2016
Sergeant	Michael	Lovchik	Distinguished Service	July 2016
Lead Dispatcher	Elizabeth	Maerker	Civilian of the Quarter	April - June 2016
Police Records Clerk	Christina	Mendivel	Civilian of the Quarter	January - March 2016
Officer	Sarah	Moeller	Commendation	December 2016
Officer	Manuel	Mugica	Commendation	July 2016
Officer	Manuel	Mugica	Commendation	December 2016
Officer	Manuel	Mugica	CHP 10851 Pin	2016
Lieutenant	Frank	Nunes	Distinguished Service	April 2016
Detective	David	Pantoja	Commendation	July 2016
Sergeant	Gregory	Pelton	Distinguished Service	April 2016
Detective	Angel	Ramirez	Commendation	July 2016
Detective	Angel	Ramirez	Commendation	December 2016
Officer	Martin	Tomsick	CHP 10851 Pin	2016
Civilian	Maria	Esquetini	Civilian of the Year	2016
Explorer	Steven	Martinez	Explorer of the Year	2016
Corporal	Patrick	Carney	Police Officer of the Year	2016
Officer	Arthur	Pegg	Reserve Officer of the Year	2016
Liuetenant	Richard	Forsyth	Supervisor of the year	2016
Volunteer	James	Rowe	Volunteer of the Year	2016





IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

OFFICER
DANIEL RYAN ACKERMAN
BPPD # 985
END OF WATCH: JULY 30, 2011

CORPORAL
TYLER MATTHEW PINCHOT
BPPD # 475
END OF WATCH: SEPTEMBER 21, 2003

DEPUTY
SHAYNE DANIEL YORK
LASD # 7635
END OF WATCH: AUGUST 16, 1997

DETECTIVE
DARREL "BUD" CATE
BPPD # 103
END OF WATCH: SEPTEMBER 21, 1972

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life,

I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feeling, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...

Law Enforcement.