

NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**Sheriff
Shannan Moon**



4-Year Term Report
2019-2022

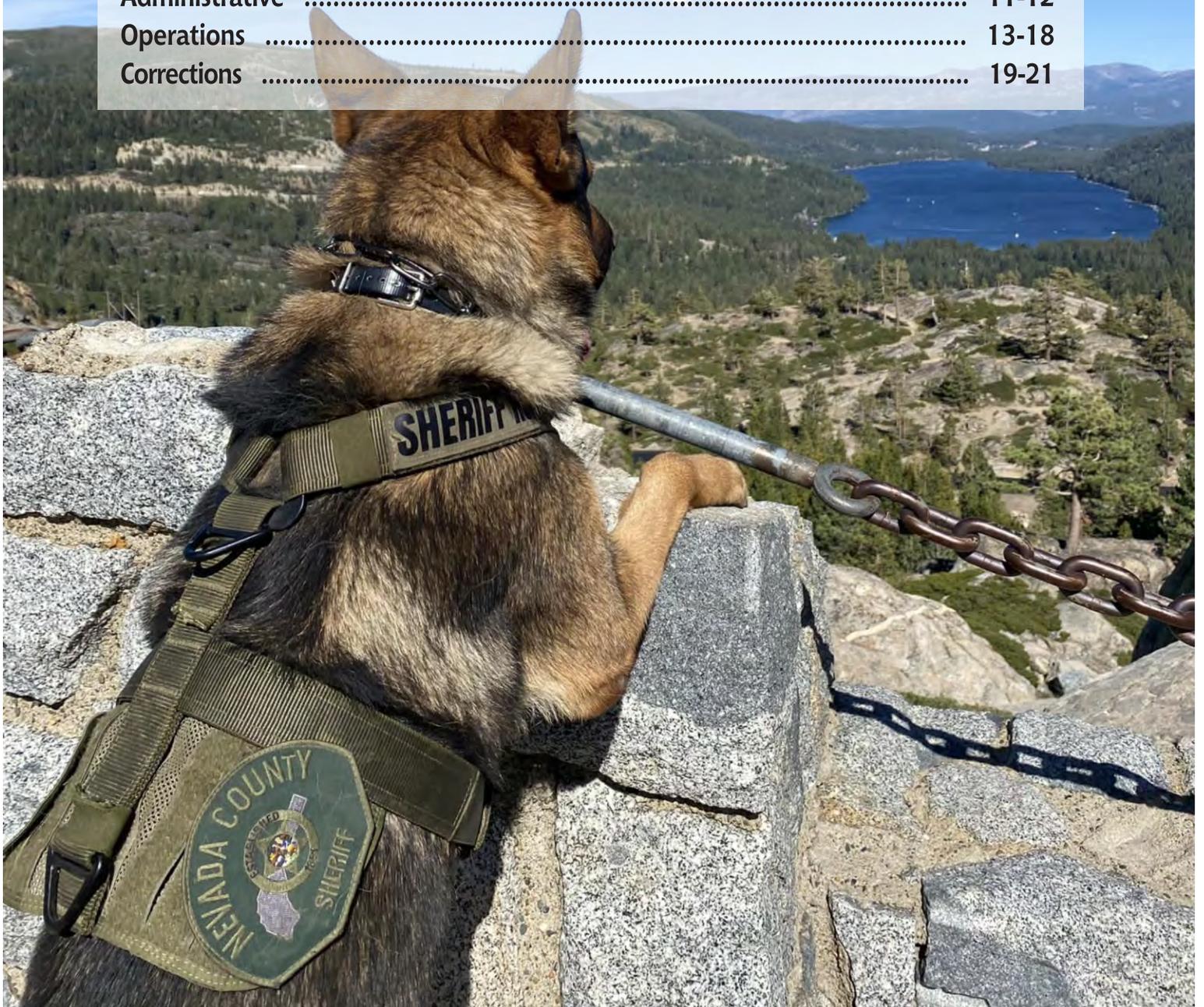


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MESSAGE FROM YOUR SHERIFF

**SHERIFF
SHANNAN MOON**

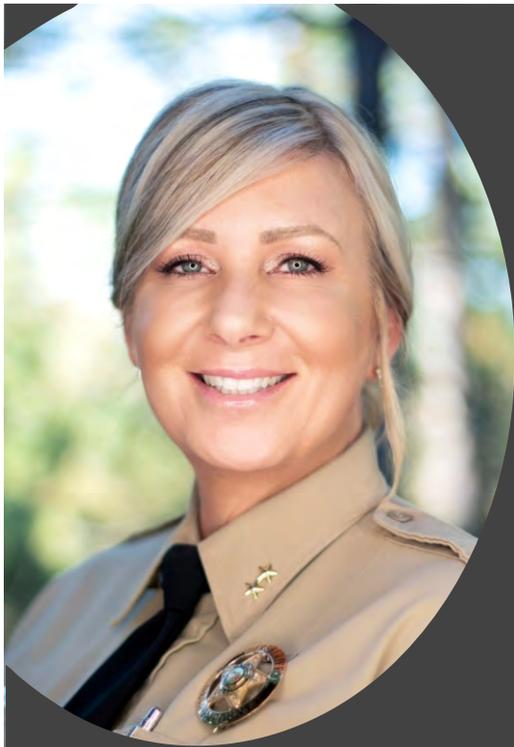
A handwritten signature in yellow ink that reads "Shannan Moon".

As I look back at my first term serving as your Sheriff, 2019 seems like a lifetime ago. We have extraordinary men and women in our agency who sacrifice every day for the safety of Nevada County's residents, visitors, animals, and natural resources. Our people are our greatest asset. Our achievements are based on an investment in them and the mindset to continually look for ways we can be better.

It is an honor to wake up each day and serve as your Sheriff in the community I grew up in. The Sheriff's Office has and is a part of my entire life and career, starting with following in my father's footsteps. Then, rising through the ranks. This gives me a unique perspective of each division's strengths and challenges and how to be the best leader I can be.

2019-2022 brought unique and incredible challenges to our office and our county. Through a pandemic, wildfires, power outages, snowstorms, and excessive heat, your Sheriff's Office staff continues to navigate those challenges with the highest levels of honor and professionalism. I am grateful to represent them. I will continue to thank them for their dedication, commitment, and passion to serve.

This report covers my first term in office (2019-2022) and will give you a glimpse into our numerous and varied responsibilities. As you look through this report, I have no doubt you will learn something new and interesting about your Nevada County Sheriff's Office, such as the Community Academy, a free 12-week course to get up close and behind the scenes. I invite you to participate in our community events and get to know the men and women that serve you. I am grateful to the residents of our county for their continued confidence and support. I am excited about the future and serving my second term as your Sheriff.



ABOUT THE UNDERSHERIFF

UNDERSHERIFF ALICIA BURGET



Alicia Burget became Nevada County Undersheriff on September 22, 2019. Undersheriff Burget began her law enforcement career as a group supervisor for Nevada County Probation at Juvenile Hall in 1998 while putting herself through the Yuba College Police Academy. She graduated top of her class earning the Director's Award and shortly after became a Reserve Deputy for the Nevada County Sheriff's Office. In February of 2002, US Burget became a full-time deputy with the Nevada County Sheriff's Office and held the following positions: Patrol, Court Security/Bailiff, Search and Rescue Coordinator, Detective in the Major Crimes Unit, Investigator in the Narcotics Unit, and Reserve Field Training Officer.

In 2003, US Burget received the Bronze Star for bravery from the Nevada County Sheriff's Office during an incident involving a domestic violence call with a woman being held hostage and the man later setting the house on fire with deputies inside. US Burget was promoted to Sergeant in December of 2008, Lieutenant in 2013 and Captain in 2017. Through these promotions US Burget has worked in nearly every division of the Sheriff's Office and was most recently the Jail Commander overseeing all operations at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility.

US Burget possesses a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Management, has participated in the CEO Advisory Council, and is a graduate of the Nevada County Community Leadership Institute (NCCLI). US Burget has spoken at the Community Academy, Employee Academy, and NCCLI class with her speech on Women in Law Enforcement.

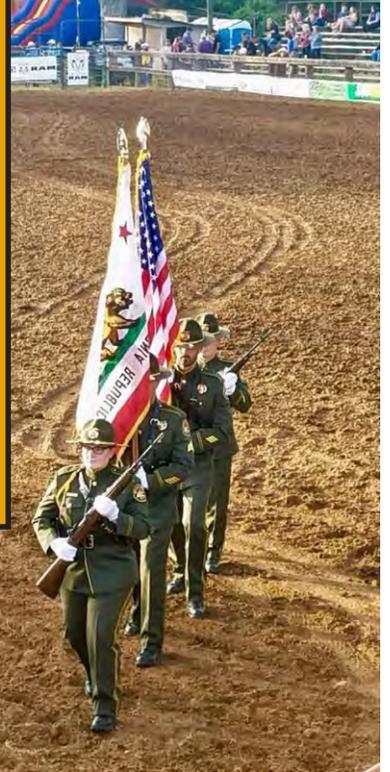
The Undersheriff oversees the Administrative Captain, the Operations Captain, the Corrections Captain, and the Chief Fiscal Officer.



NEVADA COUNTY



MISSION STATEMENT
The Nevada County Sheriff's Office Is Committed To Providing Excellence In Public Service In Partnership With Our Community.



In Partnership with our Community

What it means to be IN PARTNERSHIP with the COMMUNITY

A relationship where two or more share ownership and responsibility and work together as partners - Nevada County Sheriff Staff is our family, friends, and neighbors. Together, we keep our community safe and will continue to thrive!

Services, Functions, Responsibilities and Duties

Administrative	Operations	Corrections
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SAFETY

Only together can we make a difference



Deputy Patrol

K9 Unit

CERT - Cell Extraction Response Team

Crime Scene Investigation

Online Crime Reporting

SED - Special Enforcement Detail

SIU - Special Investigations Unit

CINT - Critical Incident Negotiation Team

MET - Marijuana Enforcement Team

MCU - Major Crimes Unit

Court Security

Corrections

Campground Patrol Program

INVOLVEMENT

Participate and advocate



Community Academy

A free 12-week course designed to further enhance the partnership between the community and Sheriff's Office.

Neighborhood Watch & Crime Prevention Program

As citizens of Nevada County, you can take an active part in fighting crime by developing a program in your area. There is nothing more effective in the fight against crime than each good citizen watching out for each other's well being.

Volunteer Program

Our Volunteers epitomize our community policing philosophy. They are involved in many aspects of our day to day operations, and continue to be an invaluable resource to the department and our community.

SERVICE

Much more than just law enforcement



Dispatch

Coroner

Public Administrator

Licenses (Dog, CCW)

Search & Rescue

Animal Control

Mobile Crisis Team

Emergency Notifications

Honor Guard

School Resource Officer Program

Dive Team

Records & Civil Unit



YOUTH INVOLVEMENT

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (SRO)

The SRO is on campus to provide an additional layer of security, but also to build a positive relationship with students. They serve as liaisons between the schools and Nevada County Sheriff's Office (NCSO). Deputies rotate among lower grades and high schools where they are needed most in collaboration with the school administrators. They facilitate various programs ranging from substance abuse prevention to school safety and security. The SRO also dedicates time and attention to at-risk students referred to them by school staff, and will assist in connecting them to services when appropriate.

The SRO will educate families about: truancy, drug use, bullying, and social media concerns. Resource officers also provide security during multiple high school sporting events.

School deputies may also conduct initial investigations into allegations of suspected child abuse that are referred to the Sheriff's Office and/or Child Welfare Services, by a myriad of mandated reporters. They meet regularly with school officials to discuss safety considerations such as campus security, lock-down drills, students with frequent or serious disciplinary actions, and any other general concerns about the welfare of their students.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Now more than ever, the engagement between the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Nevada County is crucial. The Sheriff's staff is committed to listening, learning and understanding the needs of groups and individuals. A hands-on approach is the best way to connect with family, friends and neighbors. There are several ways the Sheriff's Office and staff engage with the community. Nevada County offers multiple opportunities to get involved. Staff is encouraged to participate in outdoor sports, meaningful activities and fun events.



PINK PATCH PROJECT





Residents Served
65,707
Unincorporated Residents
+
31,989
Incorporated Residents

169
Total Employees
Excluding temporary employees



3,766 Jail Bookings

75% 2,820 Males
25% 944 Females
.0005% 2 Non-binary



31,129
911 Calls

97.71%
911 Call Answer Time
All 911 calls answered within 15 seconds
State mandate is 90%

203
Citations Processed

Restraining Orders **457** attempts
325 total served

2,408
Total Arrests

66 Deputy Sheriffs
This accounts for all sworn staff below the Sheriff

13 Dispatchers
25 Administrative

61 Correctional Officers
4 Animal Control Officers

92,130
Regional Dispatch Center
Phone Calls Handled



39,028
Calls for Service (Called In) Responded

9,722
Deputy Initiated Calls for Service

473 Coroner Death Investigations

4,281 Incident Reports + **3,092** Supplement Reports = **7,373** 2019 Total

\$38,625,064
Operating Budget
2018-2019 Budget

2020 AT A GLANCE



169
Total Employees
Excluding temporary employees



32,509
Calls

98.50%

911 Call Answer Time

All 911 calls answered within 15 seconds
State mandate is 90%



Residents Served

65,760

Unincorporated Residents



32,015

Incorporated Residents

2,287 Jail Bookings

76% 1,739 Males
24% 545 Females
.001% 3 Non-binary



88,568
Regional Dispatch Center
Phone Calls Handled

511
Coroner Death
Investigations

66 Deputy Sheriffs
This accounts for all sworn staff below the Sheriff

13 Dispatchers
25 Administrative

61 Correctional Officers
4 Animal Control Officers

42,315
Calls for Service
(Called In) Responded



9,615
Deputy Initiated Calls
for Service

132
Citations
Processed

530 Restraining Orders attempts
328 total served

2,001
Total
Arrests



3,766
Incident
Reports

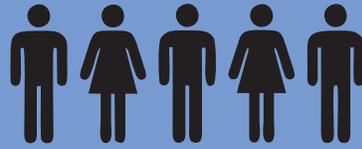


3,460
Supplement
Reports

= 7,226
2020 Total

\$42,212,276
Operating Budget
2019-2020 Budget

2021 AT A GLANCE



Residents Served

67,828

Unincorporated Residents



34,091

Incorporated Residents

170
Total Employees
Excluding temporary employees

2,042 Jail Bookings

73%
1,489 Males

.002%
3 Non-binary

27%
550 Females



37,263
Calls

97.89%

911 Call Answer Time

All 911 calls answered within 15 seconds
State mandate is 90%

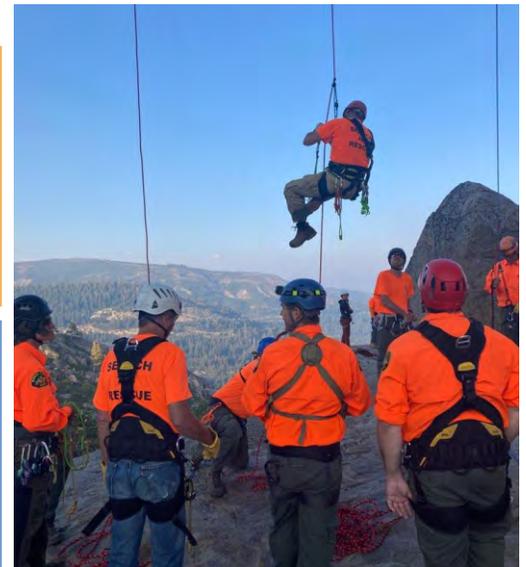
4,033
Incident Reports



2,624
Supplement Reports



6,657
2021 Total



131
Citations Processed



Restraining Orders

472 attempts

309 total served

1,788
Total Arrests

88,912

Regional Dispatch Center
Phone Calls Handled

537
Coroner Death Investigations

43,650 Calls for Service
(Called In) Responded



10,027
Deputy Initiated
Calls for Service



67 Deputy Sheriffs

This accounts for all sworn staff below the Sheriff

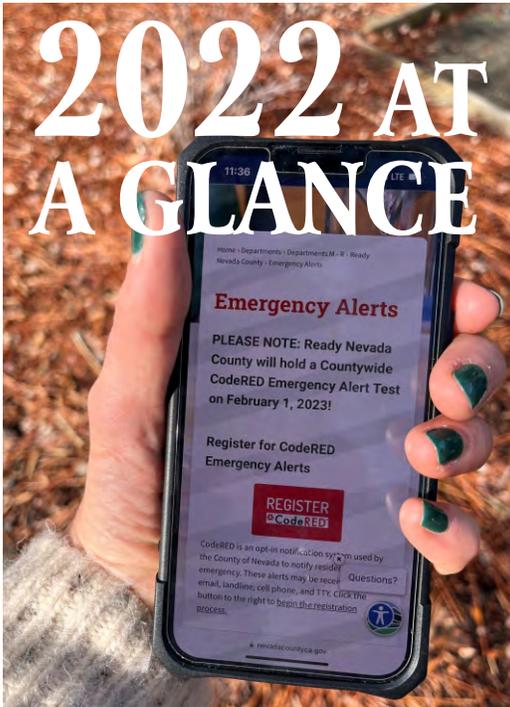
13 Dispatchers
23 Administrative

4 Animal Control Officers

64 Correctional Officers

\$41,870,999
Operating Budget
2020-2021 Budget

2022 AT A GLANCE



70 Deputy Sheriffs

This accounts for all sworn staff below the Sheriff

13 Dispatchers

23 Administrative

4 Animal Control Officers

64 Correctional Officers

174 Total Employees

Excluding temporary employees

2,104 Jail Bookings



76%
1,599 Males



.001%
2 Non-binary



24%
503 Females



91

Citations Processed

Restraining Orders

533 attempts

335 total served

1,410

Total Arrests

85,022

Regional Dispatch Center Phone Calls Handled

283

Coroner Death Investigations



Residents Served

67,191

Unincorporated Residents

+

34,051

Incorporated Residents



39,889 Calls for Service (Called In) Responded



8,273

Deputy Initiated Calls for Service



911

34,413

Calls

98.23%

911 Call Answer Time

All 911 calls answered within 15 seconds
State mandate is 90%



3,720

Incident Reports



+

2,545 Supplement Reports

=

6,265

2022 Total

\$44,695,484

Operating Budget

2021-2022 Budget

ADMINISTRATIVE

Our Administrative Support Division provides support services to the Sheriff's Office, including but not limited to: the Finance Unit, Records, HR duties (hiring and training), and updating staff on policy and procedure changes handed down from state and local mandates. Administrative Support also handles all acquisitions such as vehicles, equipment, and uniforms. Administrative Support also includes Office of Emergency Services (OES) and working with community agencies when county emergencies occur on county roads, such as fire, inclement weather, and traffic issues.

All offices have paperwork, yet the unsung heroes at the Sheriff's Office are those behind the scenes making sure important papers are filed on time and to the correct departments. **The Records Unit** is responsible for maintaining the security of all crime reports and related materials in the Sheriff's Office possession and tasked with the release of information guided by various laws and regulations, including the California Public Records Act. Whether greeting citizens as the first point of contact at our public counter, or working behind the scenes processing crime reports, warrants, civil documents, concealed carry permits, sex and arson offender registrations, animal control records and more, our Legal Office Assistants that staff the Records Unit are a vital part of our office and the criminal justice system in Nevada County.

Dispatch is a key division under the Administrative Support Division. It is a 24/7, 365-days-a-year job. This Regional Dispatch Center fields all local agency 911 calls and transfers calls to NCSO, CAL FIRE, CHP, Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee Police and other agencies depending on the emergency. After hours call outs for multiple county agencies include: county roads, Grass Valley Public Works, Nevada City Public Works, Judges, Truckee PUD, buildings and grounds, Environmental Health, Public Health and CPS/APS.

Did you know?

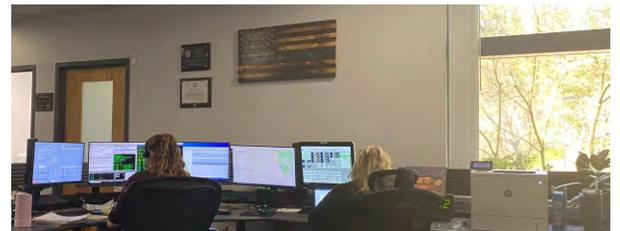
It takes 6 - 9 months of training in order to become a dispatch operator



2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHTS

DISPATCH UPGRADE

Acquisition and remodel of the Nevada County Regional Dispatch Center has been a great upgrade to the Sheriff's Office. It's no secret being a dispatch operator is stressful and it's important to take care of staff who spend 12 hours answering distress calls. We were thrilled to relocate the dispatch center and team from a windowless room to a new location with more space to accommodate upgraded dispatch equipment, a kitchen so staff can easily make their favorite meals, and windows to bring in natural light.



COMMUNITY ACADEMY

The Community Academy is a free 12-week program designed to give those with little to no law enforcement exposure an opportunity to experience "behind the scenes" at your Sheriff's Office. Participants attend classroom presentations instructed by members of the Sheriff's Office and are given the chance to tour at least one Sheriff's facility. A variety of exercises gives participants new insight into the inner workings of the Sheriff's Office and law enforcement. This Academy is intended for the general public; it does not prepare participants for a career in law enforcement.



ADMINISTRATIVE continued

2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHTS

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT (PSU)

What was once referred to as 'Personnel and Training' has been reorganized into the Professional Standards Unit. In addition to a Personnel Sergeant, the unit now has a second sergeant dedicated to overseeing the office's variety of training needs and mandates. During this past year, the PSU was responsible for creating the office's first training manual encompassing the training needs of every classification of employee agency wide. Devoted attention is given to training in areas such as: communication, situational awareness, special needs and crisis management. The PSU focuses on providing staff with continual training to be prepared for unimaginable scenarios in order to provide the best service and safety to the public.

The Sheriff's Office went from a static and very passive approach to maintaining operational policies to an electronic policy management system known as Lexipol. Lexipol is an interactive learning management system that includes staff acknowledgments of policies, as well as ongoing training bulletins relating directly to our office's policies. The Lexipol system was adopted in response to community expectations of having the most updated legal policies readily available. Incorporating Lexipol was a two-year project that now provides a full library of customizable, state-specific law enforcement policies. These policies are frequently updated in response to ever changing state and federal laws and court decisions through Lexipol's policy manuals and training bulletins.

PARTNERSHIP WITH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Sheriff's Office added a lieutenant position - Emergency Operations Center (OES) Coordinator.



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Having a lieutenant embedded in the OES has allowed for seamless communication between first responders in the field and county level coordination efforts, resulting in additional resources being deployed sooner, and emergency public communications such as evacuation orders going out faster. This collaboration as part of the Ready Set Go team is to find solutions regarding prevention and response. A SATRunner (internet hotspot equipment) was purchased for enhanced communication. Search and Rescue created a Fire IC/Evacuation Team to increase safety in tracking all personnel and immediate identification of traffic choke points.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

The Sheriff's Office oversees the duties of the county Public Administrator. The Public Administrator is tasked with distribution of estates of county residents who died without a will, or for whom a will exists but for which there is no executor. The Public Administrator works in conjunction with the Coroner, who will notify the Public Administrator when a body is located and is not claimed by family members within an established time period. In some cases, a will may be located; however, if there are no heirs that are capable of administering the estate, the Public Administrator may be appointed to that role by the courts.

The primary functions of the Public Administrator are to ensure that all assets of the estate are identified and catalogued, to search for and find any rightful heirs and then to ensure that they receive the portion of the estate to which they are entitled. These processes are all governed by state statutes, primarily the California Probate Code. To find out more about the role of the Public Administrator, see the following link: [Public Administrator FAQs & Information | Nevada County, CA \(nevadacountyca.gov\)](#)

The Public Administrator also oversees the low-income cremation program. For families that find themselves financially unable to cover the costs related to the final disposition of their deceased loved one, the Sheriff's Office oversees a program that allows for cremation for individuals with little or no income or resources. The Sheriff's Office has negotiated a low-cost arrangement with local mortuaries for cremation expenses. For additional information, including how to qualify for the program, see the following link: [Low Income Assistance Cremation Program | Nevada County, CA \(nevadacountyca.gov\)](#).

OPERATIONS

The Operations Division includes Patrol, Coroner, Major Crimes and Special Investigations Units, Critical Incident Negotiations Team, Special Enforcement Detail, Search and Rescue, Animal Control, Boating Enforcement and Campground Patrol Program, School Resource Officer Program, Truckee Operations, Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Program, and the Volunteer Program.

Patrolling: The county covers over 900 square miles. Sheriff's deputies patrol the entirety of Nevada County providing service to our community. They write reports, investigate crimes, respond to welfare checks, 911 calls, conduct fire evacuations, snow rescues and so much more. A deputy in the field really is the public facing side of the Sheriff's Office. Whether they are conducting proactive enforcement or responding to the needs of the community, they are always embedded in our community, ready to serve!

Coroner: When a death is reported, inquiries and investigations are conducted by a Sheriff's Deputy on patrol or a detective who acts as Deputy Coroner. The Coroner's Office is committed to ensuring the deceased will be treated with respect and dignity. The essence of the Coroner's inquiry is to search for the truth. The impartial medical legal investigation helps to support and protect the public.



2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHTS Increased Staffing, Equipment, and Training

Body Worn Cameras - Added body worn cameras in addition to continuing the use of patrol in car cameras.

Coroner/Civil Unit - Sheriff Moon brought back a position of full time Deputy for safety and efficiency in conjunction with the civil process. Our volunteers continue to assist with civil services and enhance the quality of this important function of the Sheriff's Office.

Animal Control - Added a supervisory position and created an Animal Evacuation Disaster Service Worker Volunteer Program.

Enhanced Dive Team - Increased Deputies assigned to Dive Team and prioritized their training and equipment.

Off-Highway Team - Purchased off-road motorcycles, a built lifted Jeep, and a side-by-side UTV to access off road areas. Implemented training to operate and learn off road/highway rules.

Deaths Reported to the Coroner

Section 102850, Health and Safety Code, gives the following definitions of circumstances of death that should be reported to the Coroner:

- Without medical attendance
- During the continued absence of the attending physician
- Where the attending physician is unable to state the cause of death
- Suicide suspected
- Following an injury or an accident, either old or recent
- Under such circumstances as to afford a reasonable ground to suspect that the death was caused by the criminal act of another.



OPERATIONS continued

2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHT

Ranger

Re-established NCSO K9 Program

In May 2020, NCSO welcomed Nevada County's newest K9, Ranger, a three-year-old German Shepard, who joined Deputy Josh Stanis in patrolling unincorporated Nevada County. Deputy Stanis was excited to accept the first K9 handler position at the county since 1989. We were pleased to introduce Vito, an exciting addition who joined the team in September 2021. In order to meet training needs, new equipment was acquired and a training course established at the Sheriff's Regional Training Facility.



Vito



Rüdiger Foundation

The K9 program is in partnership with the Rüdiger Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to providing law enforcement K9 resources to foster a safer, healthier community and to achieve a thriving relationship between the community and law enforcement.

Nevada County H.E.A.R.T. (Humane Emergency Animal Rescue Team)

H.E.A.R.T. was in development during the final months of Sheriff Moon's first term and was officially launched on January 1, 2023. It is a non-profit animal rescue team that is



activated by the Nevada County Sheriff's Office during emergencies and evacuations to assist with animal rescue. It is staffed by caring, compassionate volunteers with a vast array of experience in all aspects of animal rescue, transportation, and care.

Nevada County Animal Control

Animal Control oversees operations in the county and responds to a wide variety of animal calls including but not limited to barking dog complaints, animal bite reports, injured or loose animals, emergency animal evacuations, and animal cruelty investigations. In 2020, a new truck was purchased for Animal Control.

2019 STATS	2020 STATS	2021 STATS	2022 STATS
Received 3,848 animal-related calls for service	Received 3,986 animal-related calls for service	Received 3,757 animal-related calls for service	Received 3,200 animal-related calls for service
Conducted 58 animal cruelty investigations	Conducted 56 animal cruelty investigations	Conducted 87 animal cruelty investigations	Conducted 88 animal cruelty investigations



The Sheriff's Office has a partnership with Sammie's Friends, a non-profit 501(c)3 to operate the County Animal Shelter. Their mission is to provide medical care for animals at the shelter and for other disadvantaged animals in the community.



Typically California Fish and Wildlife address issues related to wildlife, but our dedicated animal control officers have been known to assist the wild animal calls when necessary.

OPERATIONS continued

Community Outreach Sergeant

The Community Outreach Sergeant supervises homeless outreach, neighborhood watch, and the new Mobile Crisis Units, which pairs a social worker with a deputy on calls involving a suspected mental health element. As clinicians, Ernesto Alvarado and Stacy Green, are invaluable to the Mobile Crisis Team. NCSO also partners with Hospitality House case workers to visit homeless camps in an effort to connect unhoused people with needed services. There are times when unhoused people are program resistant and refuse services. This team also attempts to get homeless citizens to move from property where they are trespassing.

2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHT

Establishment of the Mobile Crisis Unit

Sheriff Moon made national news when the Nevada County Sheriff's Office established the Mobile Crisis Team in October 2020. The program was created to assist citizens having a mental health crisis and connect them with the services they need, rather than just taking them to jail. The program pairs a deputy with a clinician, and was born from Sheriff Moon listening to community input on policing.



"In a rural environment, we were dedicating countless hours of Deputies time in transporting and detaining individuals in mental health crisis, sometimes traveling several miles to see a clinician at the ER. These calls can become volatile very quickly. By safely bringing the clinician to the crisis call, we have become much more efficient in providing excellent service to our community. Our staff are called upon to handle calls that have major impacts on people's lives, and having the opportunity to bring a clinician to safely assist in calls involving a homicide, sexual assault, missing persons, welfare checks etc.. is a way to help victims and their families get through what is most likely the worst day of their lives. It is truly meeting people where they are, and allowing them to access County services." - Sheriff Moon



The Mobile Crisis Team is a pilot partnership with the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, Nevada County Behavioral Health, and Sierra Mental Wellness Group. The Mobile Crisis Teams are staffed Sunday through Saturday; each team includes one deputy sheriff and one therapist who are partnered to respond to calls related to mental health, substance abuse, or homelessness to de-escalate critical incidents and ultimately reduce rates of arrest and incarceration. These teams will coordinate referrals to services as appropriate, including the Crisis Stabilization Unit at the hospital, Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) Team, and Nevada County Behavioral Health. Calls are routed through the Sheriff's Dispatch Center.

Nevada County Crime Statistics

NCSO reports monthly to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) using slightly different crime codes by offense, and some reports may contain more than one crime offense. The FBI and DOJ switched reporting systems in recent years from the previous Uniform Crime Report (UCR) system to the new National Incident Based Reporting system (NIBR) - which complicated year to year comparisons during the transition. Due to differences in state vs. federal reporting and changes over the last few years, slight variation of totals are to be expected.

Chart below lists counts of incident reports by NCSO department report types.

REPORT TYPE	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5yr Avg
HOMICIDE	1	0	5	2	1	1.8
RAPE	15	10	8	9	11	10.6
ROBBERY	4	6	9	2	7	5.6
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	37	51	44	54	45	46.2
BURGLARY	207	196	153	137	141	166.8
LARCENY	224	230	196	206	204	212
AUTO THEFT*	9	9	9	8	6	8.2
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**	186	198	216	214	202	203.2

*California Highway Patrol is primary agency for taking Auto Theft reports in unincorporated Nevada County.

**If a Domestic Violence assault resulted in serious injury or involved a weapon, it would also be counted as an Aggravated Assault, above.



OPERATIONS continued

Search and Rescue (SAR)



The Search and Rescue Team, led by a Nevada County Deputy is made up of over 120 professional volunteer members. The partnership is between the Sheriff's Office and **Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue (NCSSAR)**, a non-profit 501(c)3 tasked with providing rescue services for citizens who become lost in our county.

NCSSAR currently has teams trained as Ground Pounders, K9, ATV, Crisis, Evidence, Incident Command Team, Hasty Team, Nordic, and Ropes. All of these teams have proven to be a necessity based on the terrain in Nevada County.

2019 STATS NCSSAR volunteers logged approx 23,700 hours and responded to 59 incidents	2020 STATS NCSSAR volunteers logged approx 20,000 hours and responded to 88 incidents	2021 STATS NCSSAR volunteers logged approx 26,000 hours and responded to 107 incidents	2022 STATS NCSSAR volunteers logged approx 28,000 hours and responded to 101 incidents
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2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHT

Search and Rescue (SAR)

Under the leadership of Sheriff Moon, the SAR program continues to evolve. Additional resources and supplies were introduced and upgraded equipment and new technology purchased. Part of the evolution is focused on fire evacuations and winter storm assistance.



White Shirt Volunteers - If outdoor search and rescue isn't your thing, we have other volunteer opportunities at the Sheriff's Office as a part of our "White Shirt" team! Our White Shirt volunteers assist with a variety of administrative responsibilities. Whether out in the field serving civil paperwork, checking in visitors at the jail or assisting at our property unit, we'd be lost without them! They dedicate thousands of hours every year to supplement our staffing and their contributions are invaluable.



NCSSAR

NCSSAR members are fully committed to their duties and dedication to the team is required. The basic academy consists of classroom sessions, physical testing, and a final evaluation. We encourage those with the desire to learn more about how to become part of the search and rescue team. Our county depends on these brave men and women to help bring loved ones home.

To learn more visit:
[www.https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/3451/Sheriff](https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/3451/Sheriff)



OPERATIONS continued

2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHT

CANNABIS ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Although there are permitted cannabis operations allowed in Nevada County, illegal cannabis operations are both an environmental and public safety hazard. A new Cannabis Enforcement Team was created to focus on identifying and eradicating illegal cannabis grows. Collaboration with County Code Enforcement and agencies such as California Fish and Wildlife help keep the citizens of the county safe.

Off-Highway Vehicle Patrol (OHV)

The Sheriff's Office utilized an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) grant to patrol OHV lands both in Western and Eastern Nevada County for illegal OHV activity and mechanical administrative compliance. OHV has a strong presence in Truckee, particularly, for enforcement on trails and in-state OHV areas. The Truckee substation has deputies specifically assigned to work that beat.

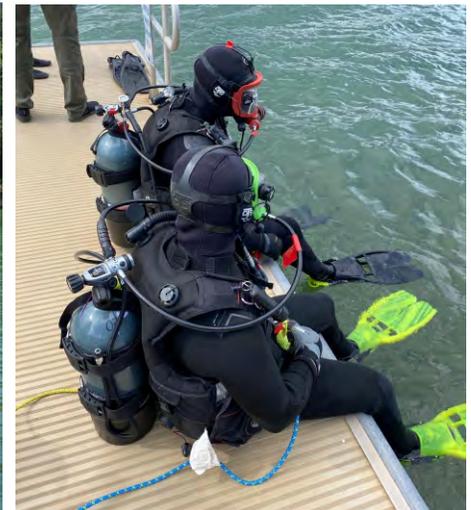


Marine Patrol

The Sheriff's Boat Patrol Program consists of Deputies and is funded through a grant from California Department of Boating and Waterways. This grant allows for the purchase and upkeep of the Sheriff's patrol boats as well as boating safety programs, boat inspections, and other services related to boating. The Sheriff's Office patrols multiple lakes and a portion of several rivers during the boating season.

Dive Team

The Sheriff's Office Dive Team is staffed by Deputy Sheriffs and Search and Rescue volunteers that have been certified and trained in swift water rescue and underwater recovery. The team utilizes some of the latest equipment available in the field of underwater recovery including a submersible Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) equipped with multiple cameras, grabber arm, and SONAR. The ROV is able to operate at depths greater than 600 feet and provides a live video feed to the surface.



OPERATIONS continued

Major Crimes Unit (MCU)

The MCU is an investigative support team for the Patrol Unit. The primary role of the MCU is to investigate those cases that require extensive investigation and processing. The cases typically handled by the MCU often involve homicide, sexual assault, robbery, etc.



Special Enforcement Detail (SED)

The SED is a highly specialized group of deputy sheriffs who are tasked with providing VIP protection, removal of barricaded subjects, hostage rescue, high-risk arrests and assisting with riotous crowds. The main goal of this team is to bring about a peaceful resolution to these situations.



Property Unit

The Nevada County Sheriff's Office Property Unit provides a safe and secure environment for the storage of evidence and property. This includes controlling and maintaining the chain of custody on all seized items as evidence, found property, recovered stolen property, and items surrendered to the Sheriff's Office by court order. The property unit is responsible for monitoring and arranging dispositions of each item as soon as possible in accordance with law. The Sheriff's Property Unit technicians have the ability to recognize, collect, preserve, analyze, and process physical evidence in the recently completed Crime Laboratory located on-site at the property unit.

Critical Incident Negotiations Team (CINT)

The CINT on-call team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The goal of CINT is to defuse potentially life-threatening crisis situations through the use of proven verbal crisis management and communication techniques. Most often the CINT members are called in for incidents that include, but are not limited to, suicidal persons and the mentally ill, armed and/or barricaded subjects, and suspects who have taken a hostage.



Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

The SIU was created by Sheriff Moon to serve as an investigative support team for Patrol, to help address quality of life crimes throughout Nevada County. Detectives in this unit concentrate on investigations of crimes such as burglary, robbery, theft, missing persons, illegal cannabis, and narcotics.



Honor Guard

The Sheriff's Honor Guard Team is comprised of staff who were specially chosen from both the Operations and Corrections Divisions of our agency. This team participates in the posting of the colors (flags) at a variety of community events upon request. They attend and provide funeral honors for law enforcement

officers killed in the line of duty throughout our region. Each May, the Sheriff's Honor Guard Team attends the California Peace Officer's Memorial ceremonies in Sacramento to honor fallen officers who are being added to the memorial at the State's Capitol. The Honor Guard Team is present at the memorial itself to answer questions from the public.



CORRECTIONS

Corrections is a division of the Nevada County Sheriff's Office and operates under the guidelines outlined in Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations. It can be difficult and alarming when someone you love has been incarcerated and it's understandable wanting information. However, the NCSO balances between transparency and privacy and works hard to offer as much information as legally allowed.

Staff is encouraged to bring solutions to challenges in order to continue improving the lives of fellow staff and incarcerated person(s) (IP). In fact, there are additional initiated programs adding to the health and well-being of those served. An emphasis is placed on offering rehabilitative training, and vocational courses are offered in food service and many other beneficial programs.

Average Daily Population

2019 - 196
2020 - 182
2021 - 157
2022 - 151

The Corrections Division is made up of two jails, Wayne Brown Correctional Facility (Type 2)* and Truckee Substation (Type 1)**, a court holding facility and the transportation unit. There is also a current contract to handle Sierra County's incarcerated.

** Type 2 facility is used for the detention of persons pending arraignment, during trial, and upon a sentence of commitment. These are typically referred to as "county jails."*

*** Type 1 facility is used for the detention of persons for not more than 96 hours excluding holidays after booking. May also be used for short-term sentences, depending on local policy.*

2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHT

Compassionate Release and Re-Entry

It is the goal of the Nevada County Corrections Division to help ensure that IPs are given every opportunity to rehabilitate and better themselves during their time in jail. Education programs are offered that allow IPs to earn a high school diploma or equivalent. Our mission is to help them become functioning productive members of the community. When they complete this milestone there is a graduation ceremony.

Incarcerated individuals approved for kitchen duty are guided and trained by our professional cooking staff. They are tasked to provide everyone in the facility, those housed as well as jail employees with three warm meals a day. Those working in the kitchen receive professional training with certification that will assist them in securing employment upon release from jail. NCSO partners with Probation, HHS, Project Heart, and Granite Wellness.

Being incarcerated or having a loved one arrested is traumatic. Previously, IPs would be released at 4 a.m. In 2019 Sheriff Moon enacted a more compassionate and safe release to take place during business hours rather than in the middle of the night or early morning, unless the released individual has someone to pick them up. The goal is to ensure they have a place to go, have their cell phones charged and also provide a bus ticket if needed. **Compassionate release is important and allows incarcerated persons to leave the facility in a safe manner for everyone.**





CORRECTIONS continued

In partnership with the correctional medical providers (Wellpath) and the California Department of State Hospitals, the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility was one of three early pilot projects that brought Early Access and Stabilization Services (EASS Program) to our local Incarcerated Persons.

2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHT

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program

The MAT program for opioid use disorder can help one recover from opioid addiction through a combination of medication and counseling. The goal is to treat withdrawal, prevent relapse and help IPs get back to a healthier life. There is also a Substance Use Disorder Counselor (SUD) that is part of the MAT program.

Early Access and Stabilization Services (EASS) Program

NCSO implemented the early access program to provide our incarcerated population that have been deemed unable to stand trial pursuant to Penal Code 1370, with expeditious mental health care prior to transferring to a state hospital. If the IP agrees to participate in treatment, this can help stabilize the patient and prevent further mental health decline while in custody.

In-person Programs Options:

Church services (English and Spanish)
 Alcoholics & Narcotics Anonymous
 Project Heart
 Mindfulness Practices
 Adult Education
 CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy)

Additional Participation Options:

Medical	Recreation Exercise
Kitchen	Inmate Education
Law Library	Work Programs
Commissary	Alternative Sentencing Program
Visitation	Inmate Classification



The EASS restoration to competency program is designed to provide stabilization on medications as needed and some restorative treatment interventions that focus on:

- Aggressive medication and management of symptoms
- Multi-modal, experiential, and remedial training modules, either in a group or individual format
- Assessment of competency using evidence-based tools, as needed
- Monitoring of offered services and responsiveness to the patient engagement

COURT SECURITY & TRANSPORTATION

The Sheriff's Office provides court security services to ensure the safety of judicial officers, courthouse staff, attorneys, witnesses, and all other participants in the criminal justice system. These services are provided at the main courthouse in Nevada City and the courthouse in Truckee. This service is provided by uniformed Deputy Sheriffs and oversight is provided by a Sheriff's Sergeant. They remain ready to respond to any emergency at the courthouse.

The Transportation Unit is an integral part of the courthouse team. This unit is staffed by Correctional Officers and overseen by a Sheriff's Sergeant. The officers are responsible for transporting IPs to their court appearances. The Transportation Unit is also responsible for coordinating the timely transfer of Ips between other jail facilities or the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

CORRECTIONS continued

2019-2022 TERM HIGHLIGHT

New Compliance Officer Position

Duties include: Jail audit and inspections both at the county and state level - Title 15 and 24 jail standards; alternative sentencing; electronic home monitoring; the weekender program; volunteer program and IP services.

“Silent” Jail Feature

Televisions in the facility are muted and IPs are issued headphones. This facilitates noise reduction on many levels, and helps staff to hear their radios and IPs more effectively. This also offers quiet for IPs within the living quarters as well as lowering overall noise for staff and visitors.

Inmate Welfare Fund Committee (IWF)

The IWF Committee receives funding through a variety of sources including commissary commissions. The money is spent on adult education, outreach programs, items for indigent IPs (i.e. – stationary, shoes, glasses, bus passes, etc.) and recreational equipment (i.e. – basketballs, board games, etc.)

Truckee Jail Unit

Added Correctional Sergeant position for additional supervision on site.

Tablets Access

Tablets were added for use in early 2020 as part of the pandemic protocol which allowed for one hour of free video visitation with friends and family when the facility was closed to the public. Although Covid protocols have shifted as restrictions have lifted, we recognize the value added in the ability to facilitate video visitation and continue to offer it as an option when circumstances dictate.

With the use of tablets, free profiles are available that give educational access to LexisNexis (legal research), basic school tools, drug and alcohol information, domestic violence, anger management, and parenting. Paid profiles access music, games, movies. IP can send messages to their family and friends and receive pictures without having to wait for the mail. Video visits and phone calls are also optional from the tablets.



The mission of the Correctional Division is to return Incarcerated Persons back to the community better than they came to us.



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