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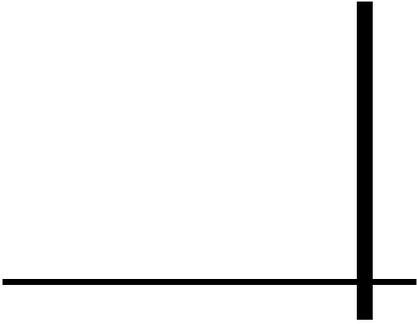
ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS



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# CORONER'S OFFICE

**Mission Statement:** The Shasta County Sheriff's Office has the duty to conduct complete and objective medicolegal investigations of unattended, violent, unexpected, and suspicious deaths in order to determine the cause, manner, and circumstances of death. This duty is of utmost importance to the deceased individuals, their families, the safety of our community, and the pursuit of truth and justice. This we do with courage, compassion, and great reverence for life.



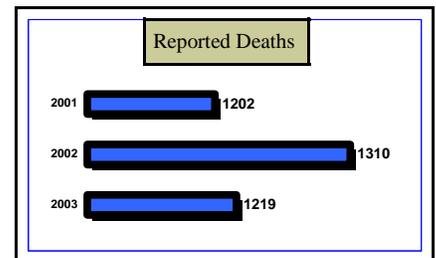
On July 1, 2003, Forensic Pathologist, Susan Comfort, returned to the Coroner's Office as the staff pathologist. Since her return, she has completed 98 autopsies and 166 postmortem examinations.



Again in 2003, Deputy Wayne Booker's "Choices for Life Program" was well received. Deputy Booker conducted 26 classes that were attended by 171 juveniles and 91 adults. The program is a major step toward reaching out to young people who are approaching a pivotal point in their lives.



During 2003, there were 1,219 Reportable Deaths reported to the Coroner's Office. Of those, 938 cases were Information Cases, with 277 Coroner Cases that were investigated by Coroner's Office Investigators.



After approximately two years in development, the Coroner's Office completed its computerized report and data entry system. The report system replaced the old Investigator Field Report with a computer-generated report allowing for the capture and tracking of cases investigated by Coroner's Office.

# CUSTODY

## Main Jail

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office strives to run a safe and secure Main Jail. Public confidence in the Sheriff's Custody Program is of utmost importance. The jail was opened in 1984 with the housing capacity for 237 inmates. However, as a result of a series of modifications, the jail's maximum capacity is presently set at 381. This action was initiated to eliminate overcrowding and provide for better protection and improved inmate services. During 2003, 563 inmates were released prior to completing their sentence or prior to their arraignment, under the Court's guidelines. Jail staff makes every effort to work with the Work Release staff and the Courts to maximize the obligation inmates fulfill, toward their sentence.



The jail upgraded the Index Computer Fingerprint System, allowing for immediate download of fingerprints from the Department of Justice.

In 2003, the jail mug photo system was converted from photo paper to a digital system that is capable of working with countywide computers.



The Jail implemented a series of the California State Board of Correction's Security Audit recommendations. Some of these include food ports on security doors, additional security cameras and monitors, restricted inmate movement in vital areas, reduction of en router (temporary) inmates held for other institutions, and implementation of the two-tier dayroom use system for inmate housing units.

<b>Total Bookings</b>	<b>11,226</b>
<b>Average daily population</b>	<b>359</b>
<b>Average length of stay (days)</b>	<b>33.2</b>
<b>Percentage of female inmates</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Percentage of inmates 18-25 yrs</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Total meals served</b>	<b>419,703</b>
<b>Average cost per meal</b>	<b>\$0.79</b>
<b>Total inmate laundry (lbs)</b>	<b>462,749</b>

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## Community Corrections/Work Release

Approximately 800 pumpkins were given to Head Start and other schools.



In July 2003, the Sheriff's portion of the Community Correction Center (CCC) was relocated to the Sheriff's Work Release Office on Veterans Lane. This included the acquisition of Probation's Home Electronic Confinement Program (HEC) by the Sheriff's Office. During 2003, there were 3,555 offenders processed at the Sheriff's Work Release Office (WKRL). Approximately 300 offenders were booked and released, 2,314 offenders signed up for WKRL, 172 signed up for HEC and 631 offenders with extended dates to report to the jail or return to WKRL. There were also 138 people from Probation who were working off fines at the WKRL Center.

WKRL collected approximately \$191,000 and HEC collected approximately \$10,000.

The Work Release garden produced 45,699 pounds of fruit and vegetables, which was used by the jail to feed inmates. Surplus fruit and vegetables were donated to various non-profit organizations such as: Senior Nutrition, the Salvation Army, and the Good New Rescue Mission.



The Work Release Program averaged 80 inmates per day. Approximately 5% of those offenders were on the Probation Department's Work Alternative Program, in lieu of paying fines.

## WKRL Projects 2003

1. Whiskeytown Dam Cleanup Project
2. Relocation of the Sheriff's Office Crime Lab from Court Street to Breslauer Lane
3. Remodel of Annex for OES Offices
4. Renovation and cleanup of Union Pacific Railroad Depot in downtown Redding
5. Assist with relocating Child Services Division from Shasta Street to their new location on Park Marina Drive.



The Sheriff's Bicycle Giveaway Program gave away 342 bikes in 2003, including the 161 bicycles that were given away at Christmas.

# SERVICES

## Personnel

The jail completed the second year of the three-year transition from Deputies to Correctional Officers. Even though the County had a hiring freeze in effect for all of 2003, we were still able to hire 1 Pathologist, 8 Correctional Officers, 6 Service Officers, 3 Animal Control Officers, 2 Legal Process Clerks, 1 Administrative Secretary, 1 Account Clerk, 5 Boating Safety Officers, and 5 Reserves, for a total of 32 new employees.



There were ten retirements in 2003, which provided the Sheriffs' Office with promotional opportunities. One Lieutenant was promoted to Captain, three Deputies to Sergeants, 2 Correctional Officers to Deputies, and 2 Service Officers to Correctional Officers.

The year 2003 ended with the following vacancies: 5 Deputies, 3 Correctional Officers, 1 Service Officer, 1 Animal Control Officer, 2 Legal Process Clerks, for a total of 12 vacancies, with an additional 11 unfunded vacancies.



## Accounting

In 2003 the Accounting Unit was integrated under the Administrative Services Officer's umbrella, and is now part of the Office of the Sheriff.



In August 2003, the Sheriff's Office issued new ID numbers to all Safety and General employees, full-time and extra-help.

Long-time Administrative Services Officer, Florence Dougan, retired in 2003. Margie Stolze took Florence's place and has been working hard to balance the Sheriff's Office budget during these challenging times.

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### Records Unit

A primary goal for Sheriff's Records in 2003, was the completion and distribution of the Records Imaging Manual and the training of a back-up position for the new process. After several drafts, corrections, additions, and much proofreading, the Records Imaging Manual was completed and distributed. Two additional Legal Processing Clerks and one extra-help employee were trained in the system. A training day was scheduled and completed with Burney staff, who are now imaging their cases on site.



With the Department of Justice continually updating CLETS codes, together with our efforts to standardize all staff training within Records, the Record Unit's Senior Legal Processing Clerk II conducted in-house training this year to improve data entry into CLETS, which will ultimately reflect positively on the Department of Justice Audits.

Records staff worked closely with Jail personnel in 2003 to resolve issues regarding fingerprinting requirements for Records' file purposes, problems relating to bookings and computer file maintenance, and jail processing of certain types of warrants/abstracts.



In order to comply with the current RAPIS computer database, so that information can be accessed by all local agencies, Sheriff's Records started the initial process to change the Sex Offender Registration files from numerical to alpha files. This task should be completed in 2004.

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### Training

The Training Unit is working on a training manual that will serve as a guideline for future training managers and to assist any personnel who may need to fill in for the existing Training Coordinator.



The Training Unit continued to offer P.O.S.T. and S.T.C. courses that were presented locally by Sheriff's Office personnel. In 2003 there were 50 courses re-certified or certified by the unit, in addition to the 50 Driver Awareness classes, 18 Arrest and Control classes, 5 Tactical Firearms classes, and 11 Racial Profiling classes that are mandated by P.O.S.T. During the month of May, sixteen Custody personnel also went through a 176-hour Correctional Officer's Core Course.

In 2003, the Sheriff's Office sent its personnel through approximately 56,565 hours of training.

### Civil Unit

December 2002, the Shasta County Marshal's Civil Unit merged with the Shasta County Sheriff's Office. The merger allowed one Sergeant, two Deputies, one Civil Supervisor, and two Legal Process Clerks to remain County employees and return the civil process to the Sheriff.

During 2003, the Civil Unit served 5,746 documents within the County. Included in the 5746 documents were 666 evictions, 393 OSC/TRO's, and 776 small claims cases.

The Civil Unit's earned revenue in 2003 is separated into two categories, earned and unearned. Earned revenue amounted to \$139,243.28 and the unearned was \$19,519.50, for a total of \$ 158,762.78. However, total revenue the Civil Unit received in fees was \$ 209,651.50.



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### Crime Analysis Unit

In 2003, the Crime Analysis Unit continued to grow in the area of technology and, in turn, released a steady production of maps, link charts, time lines, and statistical analysis. In addition to creating charts and maps, the Crime Analysis Unit assisted Investigations, Patrol, and outside agencies with various cases. CAU also built a new gang database, continued to update the county's centerline file for mapping purposes, supported Administration with various projects, and continued to update and expand the Sheriff's Office web page.



Wayne Spence, the CAU automation consultant, created city limit files for Anderson, Redding, and the City of Shasta Lake. In addition, he obtained a City of Redding file and removed the city data from the county file in order to merge the city and county streets.

CAU continued to support the SHO (Serious Habitual Offender) grant maintained by the Probation Department. However, it came to a conclusion early in the year due to budget constraints. In June, funding was reinstated to Probation and we reestablished the program.

The Crime Analyst, Becky Hayslett, started and completed the California Crime and Intelligence Certification Program. The one-year program is designed to teach students how to perform analysis of crimes that most frequently come to the attention of field investigative officers (murder, rape, robbery, burglary, and theft). Courses also demonstrate how to identify and correctly define crime problems and how to use crime analysis and intelligence information to create directed patrol or tactical action plans that will lead to an effective police response. After completing the program, Becky Hayslett became a certified Crime and Intelligence Analyst for the State of California.

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### Animal Regulations

Animal Regulations continues to increase animal adoptions so that fewer animals have to be euthanized. Animal Regulations has developed an internet website in collaboration with a nationally recognized agency called Petfinders. The website highlights shelter functions and shelter animals available for adoption. By providing pictures and information on each shelter animal, citizens are able to access the site and locate their next animal companion. In one month's time, the site has been directly attributed to the successful placement of 44 dogs and 20 cats, above and beyond the normal adoptions.



Animal Regulations held its third annual "Disaster Day" at the Mount Shasta Mall. This was held in an effort to increase public awareness for pre-planning disaster readiness. Many agencies from all facets of disaster relief participated with informational booths, games, and demonstrations. The event was well attended by the public and a lot of information relating to disaster preparedness was disseminated.

Animal Regulations successfully conducted their first 2-day animal handling training seminar for volunteers. Fourteen volunteers participated in the seminar that included hands-on training in livestock animal handling, restraint techniques, and lecture. The training will be utilized during disaster drill evacuations, as well as participants' personal gain.

Animal Regulations conducted interviews and were successful in hiring George Miers Architectural Services to draft an architectural study for the building of a new County Animal Shelter. The architectural study will include statistical data analysis, preliminary planning, and design requirements for the new facility. Once completed, the County will be able to utilize the information for determining facility cost and funding options.



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### Emergency Services



The Office of Emergency Services facilitated the countywide annual disaster drill. The drill took place at West Valley High School. The scenario used was a student taking a teacher and classroom of students hostage, shots were fired and several students were injured. The drill was the largest disaster drill ever held in Shasta County, with eighteen emergency response agencies and two hundred personnel involved.



Emergency Services applied for and received five Homeland Security Grants for agencies in the Shasta Operational Area. The total amount of money for the five grants was \$890,027. Emergency Services administered the grants and completed an additional grant that was received in 2002, at the sum of \$116,635. All Homeland Security Grants together equaled a total of \$1,006,662. The bulk of the money was spent on equipment for terrorism preparedness and response.



Emergency Services held two, 16 hour Incident Command System classes for front-line law enforcement supervisors. The class was designed to assist the supervisors in better understanding the California Mutual Aid System, the Standardized Emergency Management System and to properly set up an Incident Command Structure for the management of resources during the initial hours of a critical incident.

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## Search and Rescue



The Shasta County Sheriff's Office has approximately **250** Search and Rescue volunteers. Deputies and volunteers were trained in the areas of map and compass, rope work, scene management, and the Incident Command System (ICS). In 2003, the Search and Rescue deputies and volunteers collectively trained or worked approximately 75,000 hours.



Search and Rescue performed a wide variety of functions, from swift water rescues, wilderness searches, evidence searches, to evacuations. Search and Rescue also responded to calls outside the County when requested per mutual aid. The Search and Rescue Overhead Team was also tasked with managing critical incidents and special events.

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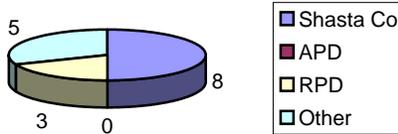
### Dive Team/Explosives Unit



The Shasta County Sheriff's Office Dive Team has twelve members; eleven sworn and one non-sworn. In 2003, the Dive Team made three body recoveries, one swift water rescue, did several evidence search dives, and assisted Redding Police Department in the Heather Carpenter Search.

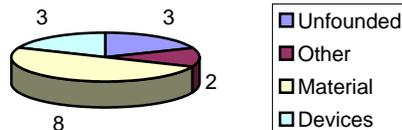


Bomb Calls Per Agency for 2003



Shasta County Sheriff's Office	8 calls
Anderson Police Department	0 calls
Redding Police Department	3 calls
Other Agencies	5 calls

Bomb Call Types for 2003



**Unfounded** - All reported bombs and explosives that end up not being an explosive device.

**Materials** - Dynamite, fireworks, blasting caps and other explosive materials.

**Devices** - All types of bombs exploded and unexploded.

**Other** - Inert hand grenades, live and dummy ammunition (both civilian and military), information classes and seminars, toys and novelties, and all things that are reported to be bombs or explosives and end up being related to such.

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### Boating Safety Unit

The Boating Safety Unit, in cooperation with the United States Forest Service, California Highway Patrol, CalTrans, and the private marinas, worked to put forward an action plan for Memorial Day weekend at Shasta Lake. They were successful in managing the nearly 4,000 college students that descended on the lake that weekend. Several citations were issued, mainly for minors in possession of alcohol. There was one major boating accident that resulted in injuries and one drowning.



The Boating Safety Unit implemented a more advanced training program for the Boating Safety Deputies this year, targeting boating under the influence of alcohol. The result was a twenty percent increase in boating under the influence arrest, in 2003.

In December 2003, Shasta County had a major snow storm, which produced approximately 16 inches of snow in the area of Shasta Lake. The snow caused major damage to facilities on the lake. Five houseboats sank and several others were severely or moderately damaged.



The Boating Safety Unit worked with the Bureau of Reclamation and local bass fishermen to put on a fishing day for disadvantaged children. This has become an annual event and is very successful.

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### Reserves



The Shasta County Sheriff's Office has 25 Reserve Deputies. Twenty-three are Level I and two are Level II. The Reserves volunteered 3,581 hours in training and assistance in 2003. They worked in the Patrol Division, assisted the Civil Unit, the Work Release Program, the Boating Safety Unit, and the Custody Division. The Reserves worked in the community by fingerprinting and photographing children for the Vanished Children's Alliance. The Reserve Deputies also helped Shasta County Sheriff's School Resource Deputies with security at High School athletic games.

### Volunteers

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office Citizen Volunteer Patrols cover the Burney, Fall River, Shingletown, Cottonwood, and Shasta Lake City areas. They also assist the Sheriff's Office Boating Safety Unit, and help with other functions such as, parades, fairs, or disasters. There are a total of 103 Citizen Volunteer Patrol members.



Bill & Rita Cox have been volunteers with the Sheriff's Office for 10 years. They have helped with several projects at Animal Regulations, the Shingletown Station, and other Sheriff's Office locations. Most recently Bill, with Rita, worked on a paper-flow project for the entire department. Their goal was to determine the paper-flow of our office and advise if they could see any areas in which the Sheriff's Office might streamline the processes. They visited and talked to someone in every Division; the result was astonishing; a link chart that was over 20 feet long. Now they are working one-day per week in the Crime Analysis Unit; Bill is transferring the link chart into a computer program and Rita is assisting the staff from the Crime Analysis Unit and the Office of the Sheriff. Bill and Rita also volunteer at SHASCOM conducting quality control surveys.

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## Burney

Employees at the Burney Station continued to provide dedicated service to the people of Eastern Shasta County with an emphasis on community policing. Crimes covering the full spectrum of criminal activity were investigated, often resulting in successful prosecution and lengthy terms of incarceration.



The Burney Station has twelve safety personnel; nine deputies, two Sergeants, and one Lieutenant. Two thousand and three gave opportunities to Burney personnel. One new deputy was recruited, trained and he has become a valuable asset to the community. A new detective was selected for the current three-year rotation and the Station Commander was able to attend the FBI National Academy, located in Quantico, Virginia.

Throughout 2003, the Burney Station continued to work with the citizens of the Eastern County to provide a safer community. Several COPPS projects were completed, which benefited the community and contributed to a safer environment or added to their quality of life. Five hundred and fifty six children attending local elementary and preschools were fingerprinted and had their photographs taken. Their prints and pictures were then given to the parents to retain should their child become a victim of a crime at a later date. Burney Station personnel also participated in the "Every Fifteen Minutes" program, at the Burney Jr./Sr. High School, as well as providing bicycles to children from the Annex's Christmas Bicycle give-away program.



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### North County/Shasta Lake City

The Sheriff's Office established new contracts to provide law enforcement services for outside agencies that are within Shasta County's Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. A contract was established with Bureau of Reclamation and Bureau of Land Management, which increased our part-time, extra-help safety staff working in this area. A current contract is still in negotiations with Shasta College for a "College Resource Officer" position.

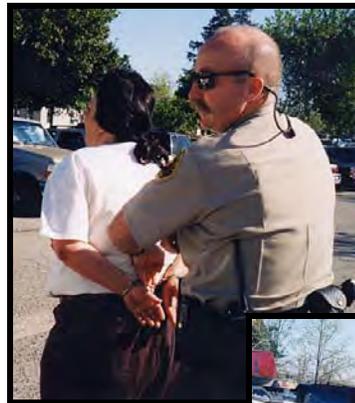


The Shasta County Sheriff's Office is doing its part to help the environment, by using an alternative fuel source. An electric car was purchased with COPS money, provided by the state. The car is used by personnel in the City of Shasta Lake.



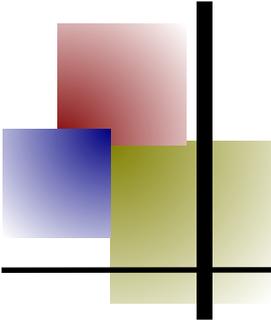
### South County

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement with the California Highway Patrol. The agreement was a paid overtime enforcement service contract covering education, probation checks, DUI check points and patrol services for DUI drivers on the HWY 44 corridor. Shasta County Sheriff's Deputies and California Highway Patrol Officers worked in conjunction to combat DUI drivers.



Training was a major factor in 2003. P.O.S.T requires every officer to attend perishable skills training every two years. This training includes: Use of Force, Driver Awareness, Racial Profiling, Tactical Communication, and Arrest and Control.





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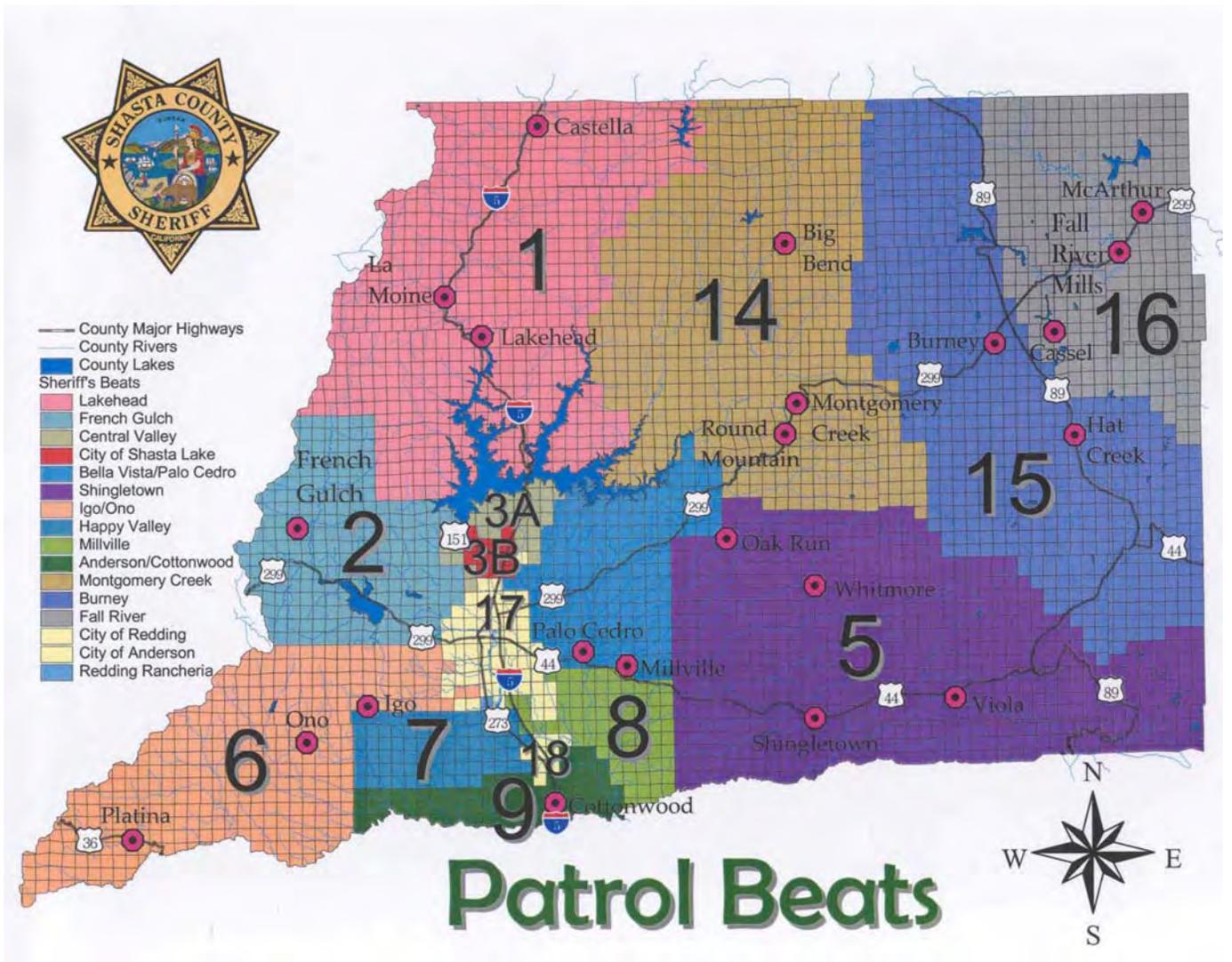
*Calls for Service by the Shasta County Sheriff's  
Office for all beats within Shasta County*

<b>Beat</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Percent of Change</b>
Beat 1	1,648	1,655	.4% (7 calls)
Beat 3	3,006	3,077	2.3% (71 calls)
Beat 3B	10,530	12,437	18.1% (1,907 calls)
Beat 4	4,674	4,860	3.9% (186 calls)
<b>North County</b>	<b>19,858</b>	<b>22,029</b>	<b>10.9% (2,171 calls)</b>
Beat 2	1,067	1,156	8.3% (89 calls)
Beat 5	2,245	2,561	14% (316 calls)
Beat 6	1,265	1,245	-1.6% (20 calls)
Beat 7	5,911	6,212	5% (301 calls)
Beat 8	3,459	3,969	14.7% (510 calls)
Beat 9	5,151	5,263	2.2% (112 calls)
<b>South County</b>	<b>19,098</b>	<b>20,406</b>	<b>6.8% (1,308 calls)</b>
Beat 14	761	713	-6.3% (48 calls)
Beat 15	4,311	4,399	2% (88 calls)
Beat 16	1,057	1,283	21.3% (226 calls)
<b>Burney Area</b>	<b>6,129</b>	<b>6,395</b>	<b>4.3% (266 calls)</b>
City of Redding	1,102	1,492	35.3% (390 calls)
City of Anderson	525	562	7% (37 calls)
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>46,462</b>	<b>50,884</b>	<b>9.5% (4,422 calls)</b>

\*\*This chart was compiled utilizing the SHASCOM library via ODBC. It does not include calls that were not assigned to a Beat. Statistics for beat S3B were provided by North County.

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## Youth Services/D.A.R.E./Explorers

During 2003, Youth Services was very active and visible in many local communities. School Resource Officers, D.A.R.E. Officers, and Explorer Advisors were instrumental to the success of numerous positive and productive programs offered to the county's youth population. Along with specific enforcement duties, the deputies assisted in forming, planning, and completing many of the following projects and programs. Programs such as the County wide Disaster Drill held at West Valley High School, the "Drugstore" program, Identi-child, Serious Habitual Offender program, School Attendance Review Boards, Crisis Intervention Training, Runaway Juvenile Investigations, Explorer Competitions, Diversity/Multicultural programs, DARE Leadership Camp, Athletic events, Graffiti Eradication, and "School Safety" planning are just a few that were conducted throughout Shasta County. These projects and programs target positive alternatives to crime, drug abuse, and violent/negative behavior. They also assist young people with becoming successful adults.



The D.A.R.E. truck won first place at the 2003 State D.A.R.E. Conference, which was held in Modesto California.

In 2003, approximately 700 children graduated from the Shasta County Sheriff's D.A.R.E. program.

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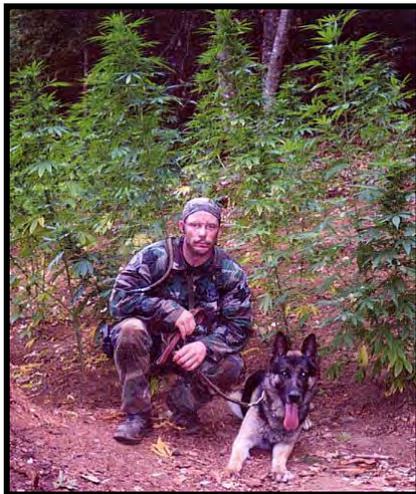
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### K-9 Unit

In 2003, K-9 Hecki was retired after more than six years of dedicated service to the Burney area. As soon as Hecki was retired, fund raising began to replace the Burney Station K-9. In December a new K-9 was picked up and is being observed/evaluated as a possible addition to the unit.

### K-9 Activity

Misdemeanor Arrest	185
Felony Arrest	314
Apprehensions	12
Tracks	13
Demos	3



### K-9 Narcotic Finds

Methamphetamine	Approx. 24	lbs
Marijuana	Approx. 100	lbs
Cocaine	Approx. 256.8	lbs
Heroin	Approx. 26	grms
Laboratories	4	

### Field Training Program

Dictation training, K-9 orientation, driving under the influence training, specialized 11550 H&S training, and traffic accident documentation training were added to the FTO program in 2003.



Six trainees successfully completed the Field Training Program in 2003, with a total of 3,052 hours of training. Three Patrol Sergeants completed their Patrol Sergeant FTO program, approximately 160 hours of training.

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### S.W.A.T.

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. team continued to provide tactical support to various units within the department throughout the year. In 2003, the S.W.A.T. Team lost three members, however, the remaining members are committed to providing superior service to the public.



The S.W.A.T. Team arrested thirteen suspects during their callouts and raids in 2003. Twenty-nine weapons were seized, as well as one grenade launcher. The team assisted in the eradication of more than 80,000 marijuana plants.



In addition to training and callouts, the S.W.A.T. team continued to educate the public on the duties of S.W.A.T. by giving several presentations. Talks, demonstrations, or displays were put on at the Lions Gun Show, DARE camp, Elks Club, Old Shasta School, and the Burney Lions Club, in the effort to educate the public.

The S.W.A.T. team was utilized 15 times in 2003, to respond to high-risk incidents that required the expertise of the team. Of the 15 incidents, five were to provide assistance to the Marijuana Eradication Team. Because the cultivation of marijuana is now dominated by crime cartels that are heavily armed, the apprehension of suspects and the seizure of crops has become increasingly dangerous.

# INVESTIGATIONS

## Major Crimes Unit

In 2003, the Major Crimes Unit investigated two homicides (arrest were made on both). The cases are currently going through the court process.



The property crimes investigators were assigned 292 new cases in 2003. Thirty-three were closed by arrest or other means, 90 were inactivated, and 260 remain open. Total value of property recovered in 2003 was \$83,377.

The Major Crimes Unit received an additional investigator and now has a compliment of nine plus one sergeant. There are two sex crime investigators, two crimes against persons investigators, three property crimes investigators, one investigator assigned to the City of Shasta Lake, and one elder abuse investigator.



In 2003, the sexual assault investigators were assigned 206 new cases. Thirty four of those cases were forwarded to the District Attorney's Office or Juvenile Probation.

The elder abuse investigator investigated 77 new cases and forwarded seven cases to the District Attorney's Office for their review.

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## Crime Lab



Members of the Crime Lab responded to four homicides, two suicides, two robberies, two assaults with deadly weapons and ten extensive burglaries. They also responded to one exhumation site, which led to the finding of human remains. The Crime Lab assisted in photo documenting injuries in nine cases of domestic violence.

In May 2003, the Crime Lab moved from its old location on Butte Street to Breslauer Way, subsequent to remodeling the old Shasta General Hospital. The new facility has allowed the staff to provide a higher caliber of service and store evidence/property in a more user-friendly systematic manner.



The Photo Lab processed 4,582 rolls of film, printing 125,332 photos and 3,877 enlargements.



The Crime Lab's Property/Evidence Unit received a total of 4,450 items of evidence or property related to 1,335 cases. Sixteen hundred and thirty six items were destroyed and over 200 items were returned to the owners.

The Crime Lab's CAL-ID Unit received a total of 620 latent print cards related to 323 cases. One hundred and twenty three automated fingerprint searches were conducted on the above cases, resulting in 24 identifications.

The Northern California Computer Crimes Task Force member was involved in the investigation of six cases requiring forensic examinations of computers. He also assisted in numerous search warrants, where his expertise was utilized in the seizure of computers.

Three of the Crime Lab staff were re-classified from Service Officers to Investigative Technicians, receiving specialized training in crime scene investigations and other related fields. Three Patrol Deputy Sheriff's received training and have become Field Identification Technicians.

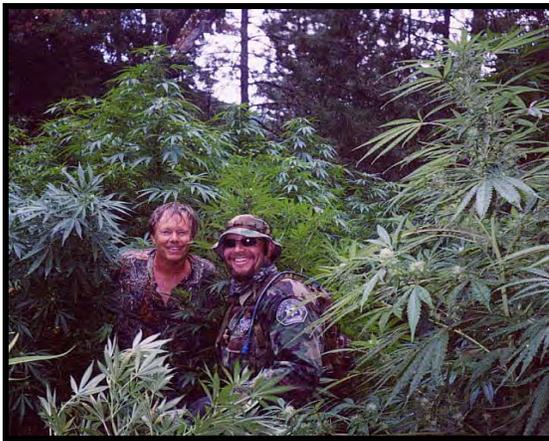


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## Marijuana Eradication Team

In 2002, the Marijuana Eradication Team reported an outstanding year, seizing 43,815 plants. In 2003, MET seized almost double that amount, with a plant count of 86,021 and a street value of \$344,084,000. Twenty arrests were made and seventeen weapons were seized. Six cases were investigated on BLM property, five on United States Forest Service land, two on Sierra Pacific land and twelve on private property. Assets in the amount of \$6,861 were seized and are awaiting adjudication in the court system.



## North State Initiative Cal-MMET/Criminal Intelligence

The North State Initiative of Cal-MMET (California Multi-Agency Methamphetamine Enforcement Team) was very productive during 2003. The nine-county cooperative dismantled two drug trafficking organizations and seized sixteen labs. Ninety arrests were made and forty-four weapons were seized.



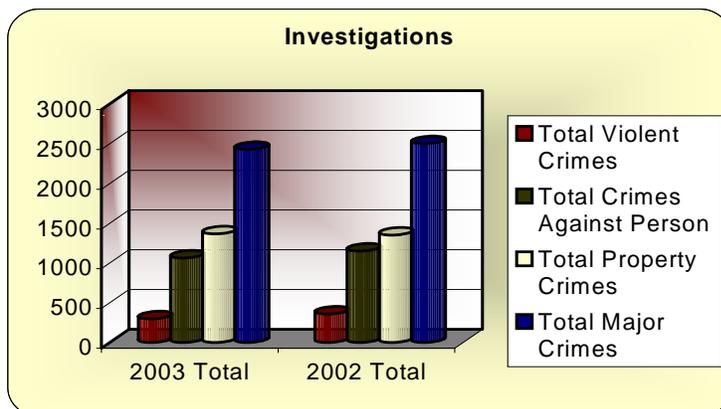
One case of particular note was the dismantling of an Interstate Methamphetamine Production and Distribution Organization. On July 11, 2003, NSI Cal-MMET and DEA agents concluded a ten-month investigation into the production of methamphetamine from a super lab located in rural Trinity County. Methamphetamine produced from the laboratory was distributed to Atlanta via Southern California and Houston. Seized from the lab site were six, 22 liter-reaction flasks and mantles, 38 pounds of methamphetamine, 20 gallons of methamphetamine in solution and nine arrests were made.

# CRIME ANALYSIS

## PART I CRIME SUMMARY

Crime	2003 Total	2002 Total	Percent of Change
Homicide	2	5	(3 calls) down 60%
Rape	26	44	(18 calls) down 41%
Robbery	15	16	(1 call) down 6%
Aggravated Assault	255	294	(39 calls) down 13%
<b>Total Violent Crimes</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>(61 calls) down 17%</b>
Other Assaults	527	501	(26 calls) up 5%
Domestic Violence	238	290	( 52 calls) down 18%
<b>Total Crimes Against Person</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>(87 calls) down 7.5%</b>
Arson	42	56	(14 calls) down 25%
Burglary	566	546	(20 calls) up 4%
Grand Theft Auto	61	49	(12 calls) up 24%
Larceny	698	700	(2 calls) -.3%
<b>Total Property Crimes</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>1,351</b>	<b>(16 calls) up 1%</b>
<b>Total Major Crimes</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>(71 calls) down 2.8%</b>

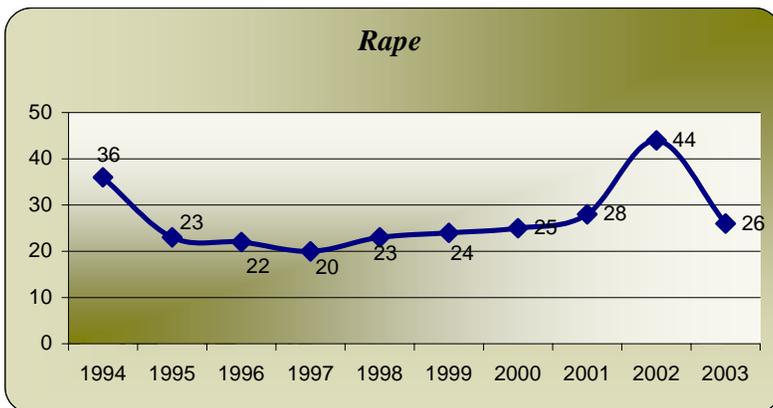
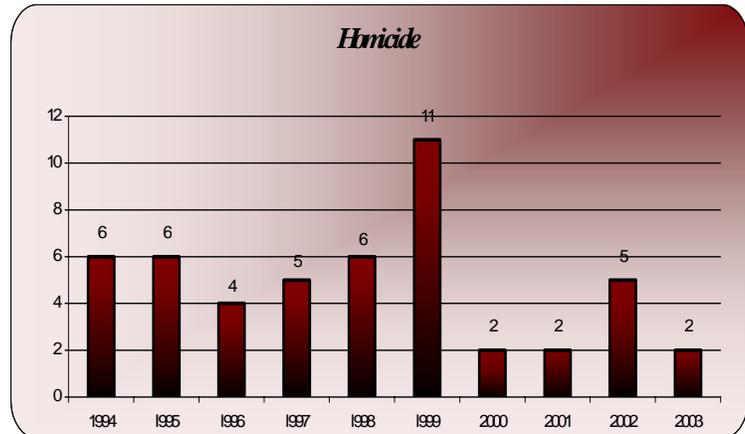
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# CRIME ANALYSIS

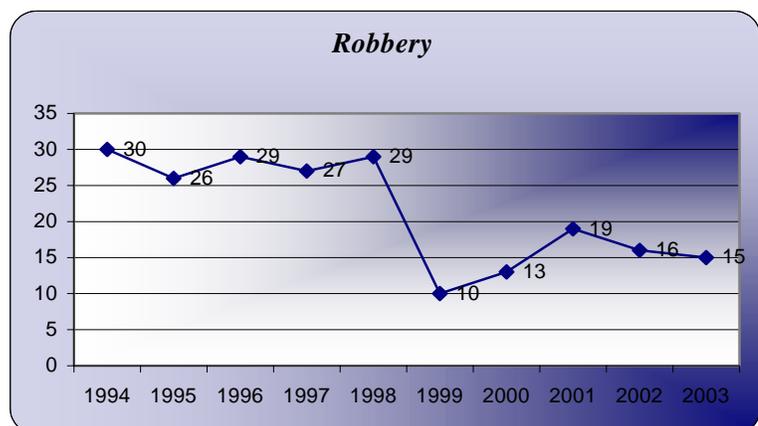
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Violent Crime is composed of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Given the nature of violent crimes against persons, they are unpredictable, however, Shasta County is one of the lowest in the state.



Rape is predominately a crime that often goes unreported. Shasta County has seen a gradual increase since 1997, however, reported rapes are down 41% from 44% in 2002 to 26 in 2003. This may be a result of numerous support programs and education.

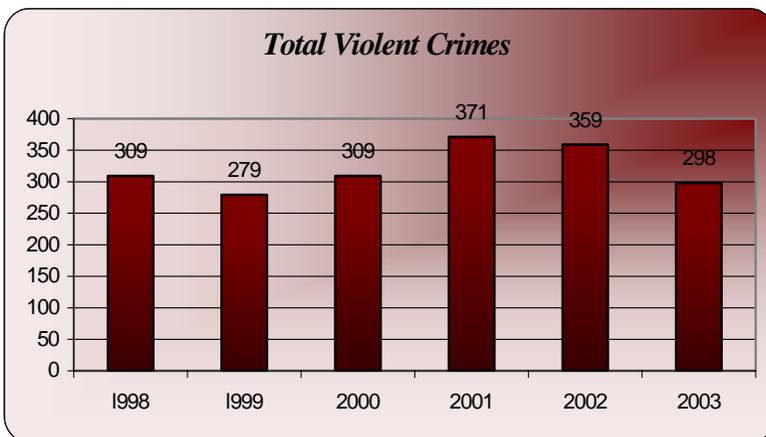
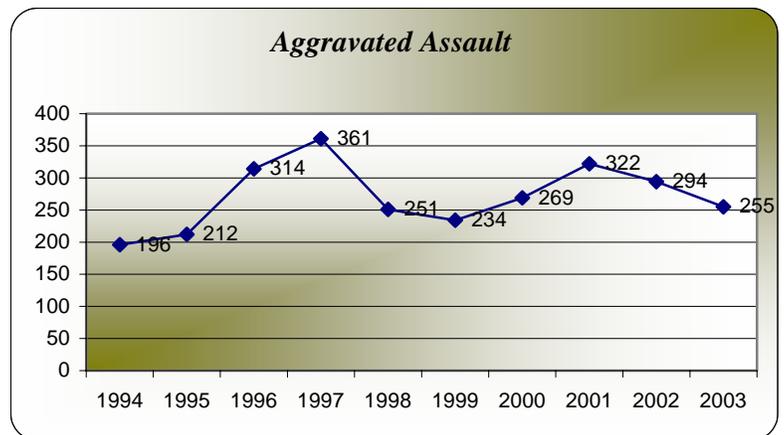
Robbery is defined as the felonious taking of personal property in the possession of another, from his person or immediate presence, and against his/her will accomplished by means of force or fear. Shasta County has a relatively low robbery rate and has had a consistent decline over the last three years.



# CRIME ANALYSIS

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Assault is defined as an unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability to commit a violent injury on the person of another. Shasta County experienced a spike in assaults in 1997 and again in 2001, however, has had a decrease in assaults over the past three years.

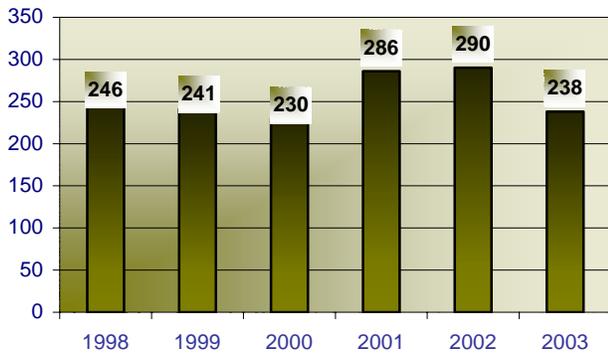


Total violent crime has decreased by 61 cases from 2002 to 2003, resulting in a 17% decrease. Violent crimes include the categories of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

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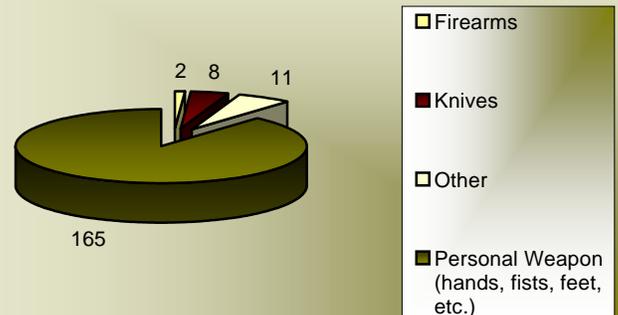
## Domestic Violence



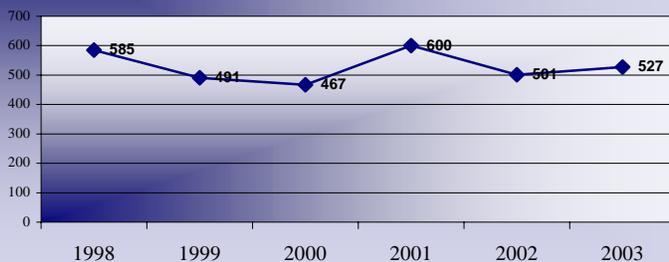
Domestic Violence is defined in California Penal Code Section 273.5 as: “Any person who willfully inflicts upon a person who is his or her spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or the mother or father of his or her child, corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition, is guilty of a felony...”

There were a total of 186 Domestic Violence calls reported in 2003. The vast majority (89%) of Domestic violence calls are assaults where a personal weapon was used. Personal weapons are described as hands, fist, feet, and any part of the offender’s person.

## Breakdown of weapons used in Domestic Violence cases during 2003



## Other Assaults



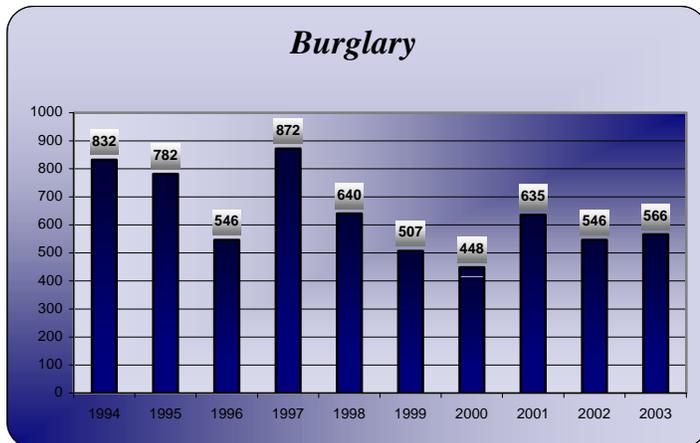
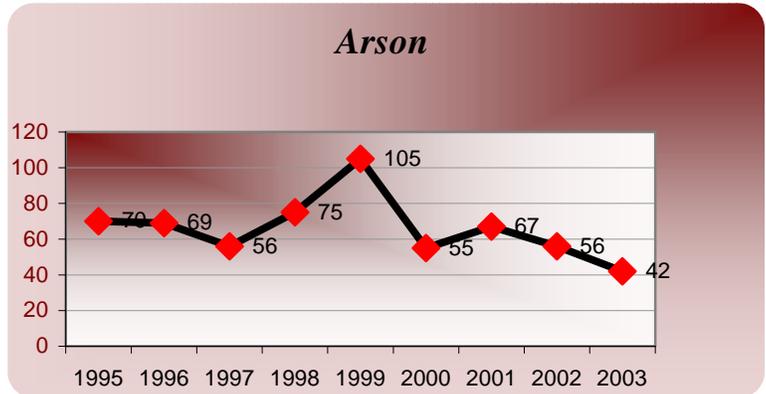
Total crimes against a person include total violent crimes in addition to other assaults and domestic violence. In 2003 there were 1,064 total crimes against a person which is down 7% from 1,150 calls that were received in 2002.

Other assaults have remained relatively consistent over the past several years with a slight decline in calls since 2001.

# CRIME ANALYSIS

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Arson is described as a person who willfully and maliciously sets fire to, burns, or causes to be burned, or who aids, counsels, or procures the burning of any structure, forest land, or property. Shasta County has had a gradual decrease in arson over the last three years. There was a decrease of 14 Arson calls in 2003 or 25 % from calls received in 2002.



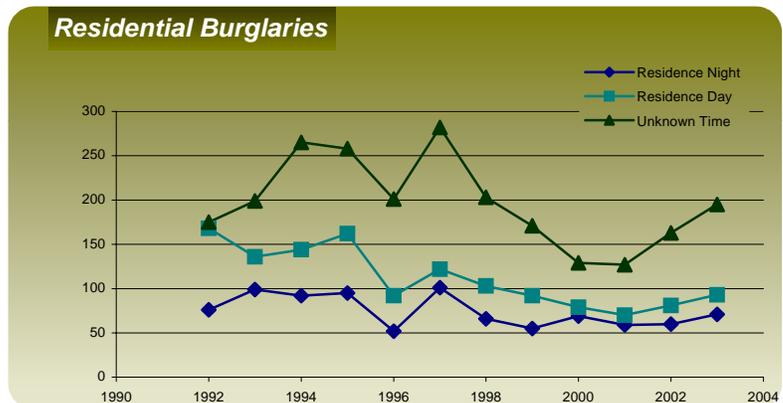
Burglaries have consistently been a “problem crime” in Shasta County. Many of the Sheriff’s Office units including Patrol, Investigations, and Crime Analysis are devoted to making these types of investigations a priority.

Burglaries are categorized as either Residential or Non-residential and also by the time the crime occurred.

Night 6:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.

Day 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

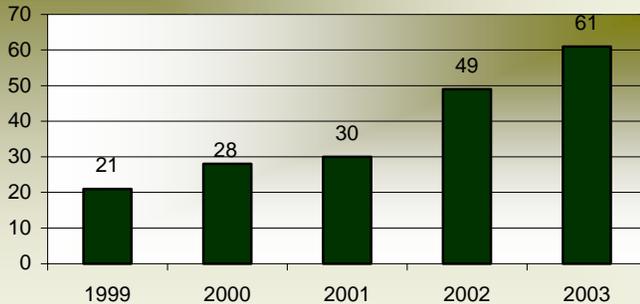
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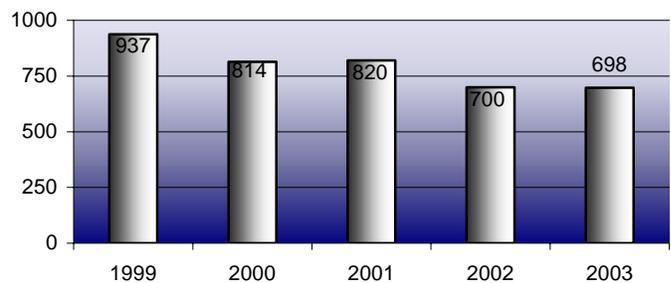
## Grand Theft Auto



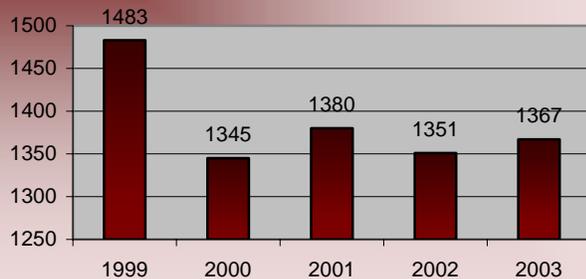
Grand theft auto is described as a person who takes a vehicle not his own, without the consent of the owner. Although Shasta County has experienced a steady increase of vehicle thefts over the past five years, from 2002 to 2003 there was only a difference of 12 calls.

Larceny is a combination of petty theft, grand theft, and auto burglaries. Petty theft includes property valued at \$400.00 or less, and grand theft includes property valued over \$400.00. The Sheriff's Office categorizes petty theft, grand theft, and auto burglaries separately for statistical purposes. When reporting these crimes to the state, however, they are all combined into one category, larceny.

## Larceny

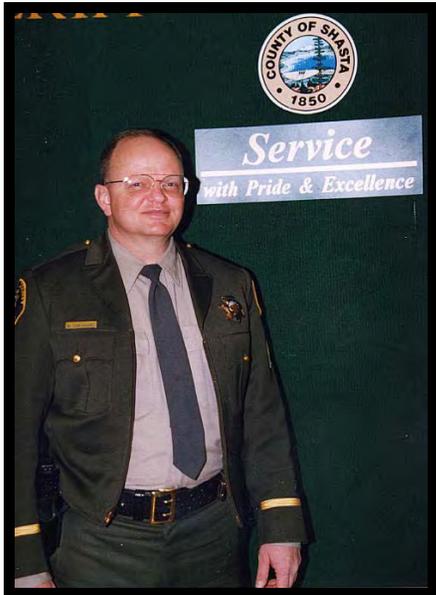


## Total Property Crimes



Total Property Crimes have increased by 16 calls since 2002 but have remained relatively consistent since the spike in calls that we had in 1999. Property crimes include statistics for arson, burglary, grand theft auto, larceny, and vehicle burglaries.

# 2003 RECOGNITIONS



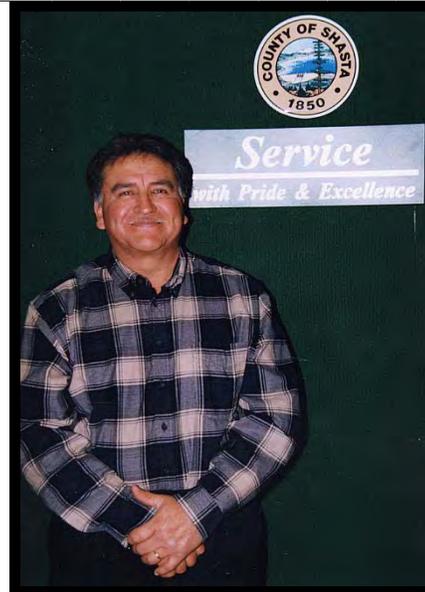
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