

*SHASTA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE*



**2006**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
&  
STATISTICAL ANALYSIS**

# SHASTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

1850-2006



*Shasta County was created by an act of California's first legislature on February 18, 1850. The original County consisted of 20,000 square miles and extended from Butte County to the Oregon border and from the summit of the coastal range to Nevada. The Counties of Lassen, Siskiyou and Tehama were formed out of the original County and today Shasta County is estimated at 3,850 square miles.*

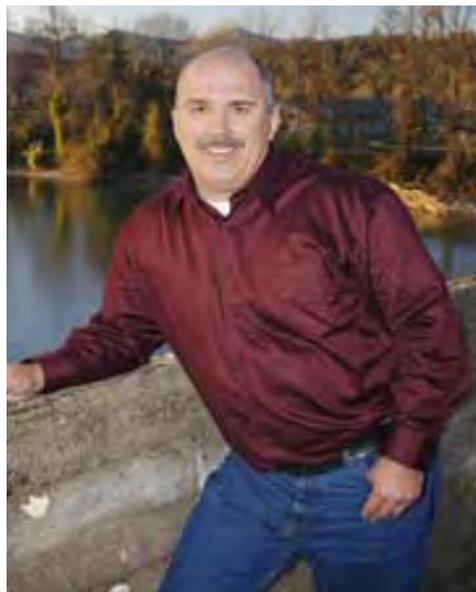
*According to the State of California Department of Finances, Shasta County has an estimated population of 185,700, with 72,423 living in the unincorporated areas of the County. The City of Redding has an estimated population of 78,600, while the City of Anderson has 10,050. These Cities are served by police departments within their jurisdictions. The City of Shasta Lake was incorporated July 2, 1993 and has an estimated population of 9,870. The City, which now combines the former communities of Pine Grove, Project City, Central Valley, and Summit City, contracts law enforcement services with the Shasta County Sheriff's Office.*

## *SHERIFF TOM BOSENKO*

I was proud to take the Oath of Office in August 2006 to complete Sheriff Pope's term. On January 9, 2007, it was my honor to start my elected term as your Sheriff. Although there is much to do, our potential as an organization is unlimited. I pledge to be involved, engaged and communicate. My commitment is to serve the people of Shasta County and the Sheriff's Office with dedication and honor. I will ask nothing less of the fine men and women who comprise my staff. The employees of the Sheriff's Office represent not only the department they work for, but the people they serve. I expect our employees to treat the people we serve and each other with respect and dignity. All of our actions will be made without bias or personal prejudice. I expect our Sheriff's Office team to recognize that our sole purpose here is to well and faithfully serve the people whose laws we enforce and that in doing so we will never violate the public trust placed in our positions. I and my staff will encourage and welcome volunteers and citizen cooperation and input into the Sheriff's Office.

We can't do our job alone. The public can't do it alone either, but together we can identify problems, work together and make our streets, homes and communities a safer place to live. It is vital that we operate with the assistance and help of the public and our volunteers.

*Tom Bosenko*



## ***OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF***

Sheriff Jim Pope's retirement in December of 2005 paved the way for the "passing of the torch" to the next generation of law enforcement professionals. This next generation of leaders will carry the Shasta County Sheriff's Office further into the new millennium. On June 6, 2006, the people spoke and elected Tom Bosenko as the next Sheriff of Shasta County. Fulfilling their promise, on August 8, 2006, the Shasta County Board of Supervisors appointed Tom Bosenko as Sheriff to complete Jim Pope's term. Larry Schaller stayed on as Undersheriff to facilitate a smooth transition. When Larry Schaller retired, a difficult selection process began to replace the Undersheriff. On October 1, 2006, Sheriff Bosenko appointed Lt. Greg Wrigley as his second in command, further signifying that this next generation would be moving the Shasta County Sheriff's Office forward.

***SHERIFF  
BOSENKO***



***UNDERSHERIFF  
WRIGLEY***



## CORONER'S OFFICE



In November of 2006, the Coroner's Office transitioned its command from a Captain's position to a Lieutenant's position. At that time, Lt. Aaron Sockwell was placed in command. In 2007 the Coroner's Office will be restructured under the title of "Countywide Services" to include Animal Regulations and the Civil Unit.

Last year 1,462 death cases were reported to the Coroner's Office; of those 320 were Coroner cases requiring an investigation. Dr. Susan Comfort, Forensic Pathologist, conducted 271 postmortem examinations and of those, 156 autopsies were performed. Fifteen cases were requests from outlying Counties.



Coroner Investigator Mike Booth is responsible for the maintenance and sales of County cemetery plots, which are currently tracked by an antiquated paper and mapping system. Investigator Booth has researched and found a company offering affordable software designed for such a task, which will be purchased and implemented within the coming months.

In 2006, Coroner Investigator Wayne Booker presented 23 classes of the program "Choices for Life," with 144 attendees participating.



# CUSTODY DIVISION

## MAIN JAIL

In 2006, the Shasta County Sheriff's Office continued to operate a safe and secure Main Jail facility. The jail opened in 1984 with a rated capacity of 237 inmates. Today our state approved capacity is 381. During 2006, 1,845 inmates were released under Jail Capacity Release guidelines. Custody staff strives to incarcerate all serious offenders for the maximum term of their commitment.

**Looking to the Future** - A jail feasibility study was completed in 2006. The study included a proposed new jail facility that would house an additional 480 adult inmates and various upgrades and program space to the current main jail facility, which should last an additional twenty-five years. With the new 480 bed facility, the Sheriff's Office would be able to hold offenders more accountable and improve community safety.



The jail had several completed projects in 2006:

- Completed an adult detention feasibility study.
- Rebuilt one of the air conditioning chillers (cost \$25,000).
- All three elevator door controls were replaced.
- Additional restroom facilities were added to the laundry area.
- Replaced booking level ceiling tiles.
- Began painting the jail interior.

<b>Bookings</b>	<b>12,899</b>
<b>Average daily population</b>	<b>371.3</b>
<b>Average length of stay</b>	<b>9.2 days</b>
<b>Average % of females</b>	<b>31.3 %</b>
<b>Average % of 18 to 25 year olds</b>	<b>12.8 %</b>
<b>Meals served at the jail</b>	<b>393,753</b>
<b>Average raw cost of food per meal</b>	<b>\$.93</b>
<b>Completed work orders</b>	<b>1,650</b>
<b>Pounds of laundry</b>	<b>422,422</b>



# CUSTODY DIVISION

## WORK RELEASE

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office Work Release Program processed 4,274 inmates in 2006. That is an increase of 1,072 offenders. The Work Release Program averaged 104 inmates per day. These inmates worked a total of 37,804 days for the year. There were 71 inmates placed on the Home Electronic Confinement Program, totaling 3,147 days. Work Release collected \$258,718.29 from inmates who paid to participate in the respective programs.

Harvest Fest is a Work Release Program that provides pumpkins from the Work Release Garden to local elementary school children in November. An estimated 120 pumpkins were given away in 2006.



The Sheriff's Office Bicycle Program gave away 269 bicycles to needy children at Christmas time.



The Work Release Garden produced 11,481 lbs. of fruits and vegetables, which were used by the jail to feed inmates. The surplus was donated to various non-profit organizations such as Senior Nutrition, Salvation Army, and the Good News Rescue Mission.



The Work Release Program participated in the following community events:

1. The Asphalt Cowboys "Pancake Breakfast and Barbecue"
2. The Shasta County Sheriff's Office "Cultural Awareness" Festival
3. The Shasta County Sheriff's Office "Volunteer Luncheon"
4. Assisted the Coroner's Office with various cemetery clean up
5. Assisted with set up and tear down of "Youth Leadership Camp"
6. Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony
7. Shasta Senior Nutrition "Latino Independence Day Celebration, Post Office Food Drive and Show & Shine"
8. N.A.A.C.P. "June Tenth Celebration"
9. Sons of Italy "Paesono Days"
10. Shasta County Waste Management "Waste Tire Day"
11. Restoration Enterprises "Veterans and EDD Stand-Down"
12. Exchange Club "Redding Air Show"
13. Kool April Nights
14. Redding Rodeo
15. California National Guard "Inventory/ Cleaning"
16. Fall River Air Show
17. Stillwater Pow-Wow

# SERVICES DIVISION

## TRAINING

The Training Unit continued to certify P.O.S.T. (Peace Officer Standards and Training) and S.T.C. (Standards and Training for Corrections) quality courses that were presented locally. They successfully completed most of the P.O.S.T. perishable skills training in "Drivers Awareness" and will be working on finishing the "Tactical Firearms" and "Arrest and Control" portion. In 2006, the Training Unit facilitated approximately 13,222 hours of training for Sheriff's Office personnel.



### *The following projects were completed to enhance training:*

- Addition of real-time scenarios to training shoots
- Addition of 30 foot storage container for range supplies
- Addition of power and lights to storage container
- Addition of covered, lighted storage area for metal targets
- Update of firearms policy
- Replacement of worn out range apparel with durable coats and rain gear
- Addition of air and power plumbing for pneumatic targets

## RECRUITMENT

## CIVIL UNIT

In 2006, the Civil Unit Sergeant and one seasoned Civil Deputy retired, taking many years of knowledge and experience with them. With a staff of only three sworn, this was a great loss. A new Sergeant and Deputy Sheriff transitioned in, completing many hours of training. The Civil Unit enforced 455 evictions and served 526 temporary restraining orders. The total number of documents served by the Civil Unit was 5,020, while conducting 1,075 levies. The Civil Unit generated \$119,716.00 in overall revenue.



## PERSONNEL

In 2006, the Sheriff's Office hired 3 deputies, 16 Correctional Officers and 12 non-safety for a total of 31 new employees. The Background Unit completed over 175 backgrounds. The Sheriff's Office promoted 2 Lieutenants to Captain, 3 Sergeants to Lieutenant, 2 Deputies to Sergeant, 2 Correctional Officers to Deputy, and 2 Correctional Officers to Correctional Officer Sergeant. To help with the recruitment and retention of Sheriff's Office employees, we continued with the informal orientation for the applicants. Tours of the Jail/Animal Control/Records were given, information on job responsibilities, the backgrounds, and the oral interview process were provided during the orientation. The Sheriff's Office ended the year with 32 vacancies.

Like other law enforcement agencies across the nation, the Shasta County Sheriff's Office has also been affected by the decreasing amount of applicants applying for sworn and non-sworn positions. In order to proactively deal with the problem, the Shasta County Sheriff's Office formed a Recruitment Team in 2006. The Recruitment Team visited local job fairs, recruitment events, and law enforcement academies, educating possible applicants about Shasta County and the Sheriff's Office. The Shasta County Sheriff's Office received hundreds of applications due to the recruitment team's efforts.

# SERVICES DIVISION

## RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit finished re-checking the 2002 cases that were imaged and has already started working on the prior year's cases. Once the imaging of cases is checked, the hard copies of the cases can be purged, which will alleviate the huge space problem the Records Unit has been dealing with for several years.



The Court Officer attended a Microsoft Excel course that assisted her in creating a table for the Sheriff's Office's case system. The new system was more accurate, which made better tracking of paperwork sent to the District Attorney's Office, the Courts, and Statistics.



The Warrant and Court Officer completed a training manual to ensure consistency should any other personnel work in the Warrants Office short term or long term.

The Court Officer, who is also the Sheriff's Office forensic sketch artist, attended several forensic training courses, which assisted her in attaining two hits from sketch composites that she completed for the Sheriff's Office and the Redding Police Department when they asked for her assistance. Both those cases were filed on by the District Attorney's Office; one resulted in a conviction and the other is still awaiting prosecution.



## 2006 STATISTICS

REVENUE	\$197,442.00
SUBPOENAS PROCESSED	4,407
CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS RENEWED	210
NEW CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS	112
REGISTRATION RENEWALS (Sex, Arson, Drugs, etc.)	487
NEW REGISTRATIONS (Sex, Arson, Drugs, etc.)	241
FINGERPRINTS	4,694

## *SERVICES DIVISION*

### *CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT (CAU)*

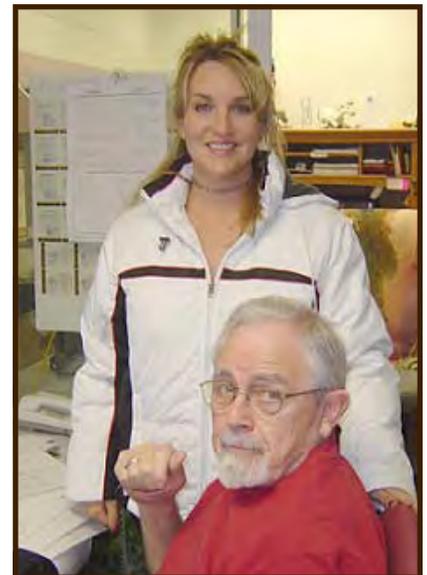
By the end of 2006, CAU had identified 174 career criminals and had reviewed over 200 additional potentials that did not qualify, however, were only one or two crimes away from qualifying per section 13853 of the California Penal Code. Once identified as a career criminal it can lead to harsher penalties in the sentencing process if the subject continues to commit crimes.



In support of the SAGE (Shasta Anti-Gang Enforcement) Task Force, the Sheriff's Office Crime Analyst developed 2-3 intelligence driven target packets per month for the once weekly gang operations, and additionally provided all statistical analysis for the SAGE team. This information also helps the patrol deputies keep gangs in-check in our community.

In 2006, the Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) continued to release a steady production of maps, statistical analysis, and a variety of reports for Sheriff's Office personnel, citizens, as well as outside agencies. In addition to creating charts, maps, and reports, the CAU fulfilled all daily requests for crime analysis.

A goal that was set some time back for Wayne Spence, the CAU's automation consultant, was realized this year. The centerline (CL) file was completed. This means that the corrections to segment lengths, direction, and address ranges were completed. Additionally, all the streets in the CL file were matched to the County Roads Index (CRI). The location of all the streets in the CRI was updated to coincide with the county's newly adopted community boundaries. This same street reference location was also added to every street in the CL file. Further, all the streets in the City of Shasta Lake and City of Anderson were aligned to the Assessor's parcel base file. The result of this work is that the three cities will now be able to periodically provide the county with an updated file that represents all the street activity in their areas. This is a substantial project that has taken many hours to achieve and it will require continuous updates, for all agencies, to keep the file current.



## SERVICES DIVISION

### ANIMAL REGULATIONS

Animal Regulation can celebrate that dog adoption rates increased from 52% in 2005 to 58% in 2006. Unfortunately, cat adoptions did not fare as well, decreasing from 28% in 2005 to 24% in 2006. The number of animals received overall in the shelter has continued to decline over the last five years.



The shelter continued participating in the placement of animals through the various breed rescues located throughout the state. The Pet-finders internet site also continued to be a success by increasing shelter adoptions and the shelter's visibility to the public nationwide.

The County engaged in meetings with interested Cities to explore interest and options available for a new animal shelter. These meetings led to the County hiring a consultant tasked with exploring the different options available, the pros and cons of each, and to provide a report with recommendations. The final report was presented to the County Board of Supervisors in February of 2007.



The shelter and Animal Regulation office has undergone some transformations to meet ADA requirements. The asphalt pavement fronting the shelter was taken out and a concrete slab meeting ADA specifications was put in. The wooden ramp leading up to the licensing office was taken out and replaced with an ADA approved metal ramp and a new ADA parking space was built south of the licensing office.

# SERVICES DIVISION

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

During 2006, the Office of Emergency Services participated in several grant programs and we were able to secure approximately \$600,000 for the operational area. OES is continuing to work with other counties in Region III to improve inter-operable communications. The Communications Van is nearing completion and should be delivered in mid-2007 at a final cost to the grant of approximately \$550,000.



Additionally, Shasta County SAR/OES received approval on a grant to purchase Two (2) all-season 4-wheel motorized Quad runners for backcountry rescue and response. These quads will be equipped with wheels and snow tracks for use in all environments.

During 2006, Office of Emergency Services worked with federal, state, and local agencies to improve and update our emergency response plans. OES participated in CALSIEC (California Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee) and working with SHASOM, a Tactical Interoperable Communications plan was formed for the operational area. This will enable our operational area to continue receiving federal funding and it will also strengthen our response to all hazardous incidents.



# SERVICES DIVISION

## SEARCH AND RESCUE

Approx 20-25 new S.A.R. Volunteers were added to the established S.A.R. teams already in place, bringing the total number of members to 207. The various volunteers worked several successful searches and other critical incidents throughout the county. Another successful “summer picnic” and “Christmas party” were conducted to show our appreciation for members’ efforts to assist the Sheriff’s Office and our citizens.



“Project Lifesaver” equipment was purchased and four (4) S.A.R. Team members were sent to “Train the Trainer” courses to learn how to instruct others in the use of “Depth Finder” locating equipment used in the program. Also policy and guideline issues were discussed and the formation of such policies and structure of an Operational Oversight Committee began.

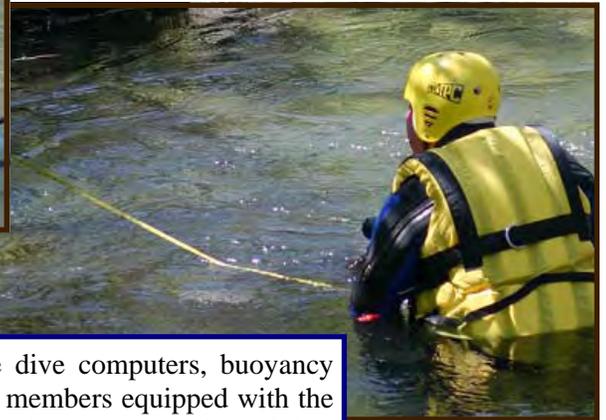


The Incident Command Team was fully staffed and productive training in the area of ICS/NIMS was taught and certified. All members are NIMS 100/200/700 certified. Five (5) members additionally received NIMS 300/400/800 certification and are also certified instructors.

## SERVICES DIVISION

### DIVE TEAM

The Dive Team is fully staffed with twelve fully trained and certified divers/rescuers. All but one is fully certified to the "Advanced" level, which makes them better trained and prepared for the underwater conditions found within the county. There were seven dive responses during 2006.



New equipment was also purchased. Professional grade dive computers, buoyancy control vests, and regulators were purchased to keep those members equipped with the latest and most safe protective gear on the market. This was done to assure their ability to perform their duties as effectively and efficiently as possible. New swift water response gear was also purchased to replace outdated equipment. An underwater digital camera was purchased to better depict and document possible underwater crime scenes, evidence location, and conditions during recovery/rescue operations.

### EXPLOSIVES UNIT

During 2006 the Sheriff's Office was able to re-establish the Bomb Team by sending two deputies to Redstone in Huntsville, Alabama, for certification. Additionally, one deputy already trained and previously assigned to the Bomb Team began the re-certification process and an officer from the Redding Police Department was added to the team and is awaiting his FBI approval to attend the school in Alabama.



# SERVICES DIVISION

## BOATING SAFETY UNIT

During 2006, the Boating Safety Unit accomplished many things that improved working conditions and increased safety for those using the county's waterways. Four office computers were added for report writing purposes to better record factual data and provide a professional appearance for the unit's documentation. A "T-1 line" was also added so information could be received in a timely manner, dispatch services were enhanced, and security of information was protected.



During 2006, BSU assisted local agencies in improving their safety and efficiency. Several members from California Department of Forestry were trained in boat operation so two newly purchased response boats could be manned safely and put into operation. Additional training was conducted for the Redding Fire Department. Approximately twenty of their members were trained in boat operation, technical water dynamics, and swift water self rescue.

BSU received additional state funding for the 2006-2007 season, which was our first increase since 1996. A new Rigid Hull Inflatable boat was applied for and granted by the Department of Boating and Waterways for use on the Sacramento River.



In 2006, Sgt. Lillibridge, the supervisor of the Shasta County Boating Safety Unit, was elected as the Northern Director for the California Boating Safety Officers' Association.



A very successful Northern California Training Symposium was held on Shasta Lake sponsored by the Shasta County Sheriff's Office Boating Safety Unit. This was a first for our department and for the Northern California area. Over sixty officers attended, which made it one of the most successful trainings in the history of the association.

# SERVICES DIVISION

## RESERVES



The Sheriff's Office has seventeen reserve deputies, who volunteered 2,842 hours in 2006. The reserves worked in Patrol, assisted the Major Crimes Unit with crime scene protection, the Civil Unit with serving papers, the Boating Safety Unit, SAGE, and several special events.

## CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PATROL

There are currently eight Citizen Volunteer Patrol (CVP) units in Shasta County serving the communities of Fall River Mills, Burney, Shingletown, Cottonwood, Happy Valley, Shasta Lake Boating, Old Shasta and the City of Shasta Lake. The Volunteer Patrol Membership currently stands at one hundred thirty five volunteers. Twenty nine new Volunteers were added in 2006.



In 2006 the Patrols volunteered a total 10,516 hours and drove a total of 27,000 miles.



They complete countless vacation, business and welfare checks and helped with a number of community activities including car shows, rodeo parade, motor cycle show, community meetings just to mention a few.

## CVP MISSION STATEMENT

The CVP personnel will strive to enhance community safety and security through programs of crime prevention and education with active involvement in these efforts. This program is committed to providing qualified and trained volunteers to augment field operations in serving the needs of the citizens of the various communities throughout Shasta County

# PATROL DIVISION

## PATROL OPERATIONS

Burney Patrol made many improvements to the Burney Station, bringing the station into compliance with ADA standards. Handicap parking, an ADA ramp and door openers, and lower countertops were added. Additionally the Burney Station added more officer workstations, giving the deputies more work area to write reports.



The Burney Station also filled a resident deputy position, located in Round Mountain, which will give the residents of Round Mountain a quicker response time.

The City Of Shasta Lake/North County Station was able to add one position in 2006.



The Shasta County Sheriff's Office assisted Shasta Community Health and the City of Shasta Lake with the "Safe Routes to School" grant. The purpose of the grant was to build sidewalks in the City of Shasta Lake so that the elementary school children in the City of Shasta Lake would have a safe pathway to walk to their school. City of Shasta Lake deputies utilized the radar cart and worked traffic enforcement in designated areas. Once the grant money was received and the sidewalks were built, City of Shasta Lake deputies assisted with traffic control on the day the children were shown their new safer route to get to school.

## *PATROL DIVISION*

### *SHASTA ANTI-GANG ENFORCEMENT*

Shasta Anti-Gang Enforcement (S.A.G.E.) began out of a concern that without the various law enforcement agencies joining forces and sharing intelligence, gangs would become prolific in our community. Since its inception, S.A.G.E. has grown considerably to include 19 agencies. S.A.G.E. conducts weekly anti-gang enforcement operations throughout Shasta County. S.A.G.E. has helped to hinder the progress of individuals engaging in the gang lifestyle by utilizing intelligence to identify and track their movements and behaviors. One hundred thirteen gang members have been documented by S.A.G.E. in Shasta County.



The focus of the S.A.G.E. Unit is to implement gang enforcement methods using intelligence gathering, visible patrols, pro-active enforcement and arrests, and to identify criminal street gang members. S.A.G.E. Unit officers will work closely with the schools, school security, and members of the business community to identify gang members and reduce gang crime in and around targeted areas.

Although gangs are the focus of S.A.G.E., time is also spent providing pro-active enforcement in high crime areas. These areas tend to generate the most calls for service and need extra attention. The efforts of S.A.G.E. in 2006 netted 4,069 arrests, contacts, and searches. This is an increase of 782 or 24% over the 3,287 arrests, contacts, and searches accomplished in 2005. The total number of arrests, contacts and searches in the Sheriff's Office jurisdiction was 901, an increase of 73.5% from 2005.

## *PATROL DIVISION*

### *DARE*

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office and Shasta County schools have had a great working relationship for many years. Budget restraints are a constant battle for many counties and states, many jurisdictions have discontinued the D.A.R.E. Program. Shasta County Sheriff's Office has continued the program despite the budget restraints because we understand the need to educate our children on the dangers of drugs. As a result, Shasta County schools have elected to pay for one part-time Deputy Sheriff position to teach our children D.A.R.E. and the "Life Skills" program.



### *YOUTH SERVICES*

The Shasta County Sheriff's School Resource Officer was responsible for seven public schools in 2006. He attended school and public meetings, participated in the "Drug Store" program and the Youth Leadership Camp. The School Resource Officer assists at-risk students through counseling and intervention and is a great resource for school administrators and staff.

D.A.R.E. Deputy Rick Slocum taught 26 classes in 13 schools and had over 710 graduates from those classes.

### *EXPLORERS*

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office Explorer Program has fifteen members. The Explorers assisted the Sheriff's Office during the Veterans and Shasta Damboree parade and the City of Shasta Lake Celebration. They also assisted the Redding Police Department with their "Big Bike Weekend" and the "Memorial Run" at Whiskeytown Lake.



# PATROL DIVISION

## FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

During 2006, the Field Training Program lost four of its trainers due to promotions and transfers. Four new Field Training Officers were selected and sent to FTO school. During this same year, ten Deputies were put through the Field Training Program; eight successfully completed the program and are currently working in Patrol. Additionally four sergeants also participated and completed the Sergeant Field Training Program.



## K-9 UNIT



## K-9 STATS

Felony Arrests	114
Misdemeanor Arrests	21
Apprehensions	11
Outside Agency Assists	27
Deployments	104
Narcotic Searches	64

In 2006, three of the Sheriff's Office K-9s were retired out, two due to injuries. Due to the unexpected injuries, the Sheriff's Office was left with only one K-9 in service during 2006, which was a great deficit to the Patrol Division.

The K-9 Unit received \$46,000 in donations, to replace three retiring K-9s.

## K-9 NARCOTIC FINDS

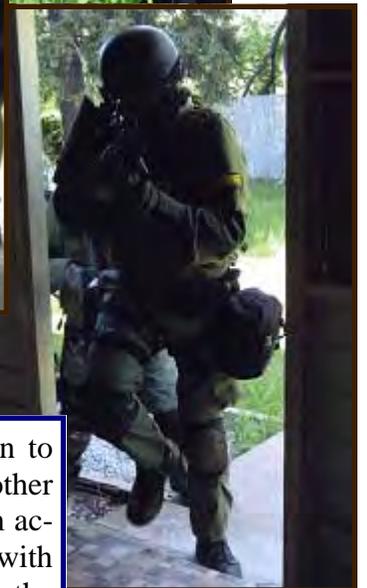
Methamphetamine	22.3 lbs.
Cocaine	3 oz.
Processed Marijuana	22 lbs
Total Street Value of Drugs Seized	\$303,822
Cash Seized	\$61,238



## PATROL DIVISION

### S.W.A.T.

S.W.A.T. members participated in twenty-one missions in 2006. Five of those missions were call outs, four missions were planned events, ten missions were assisting the Marijuana Eradication Team, and two missions were assisting the Search and Rescue Unit. During the twenty-one missions, twelve people were arrested. Two of the suspects were arrested on homicide charges and one suspect was arrested for attempted homicide of a police officer. The other arrests consisted of drug violations and weapons charges. Eleven weapons were seized during the missions. No personnel or suspects were injured during the missions. The S.W.A.T. team was involved in three community events this past year as well to promote community education about S.W.A.T.



The S.W.A.T. team received a generous donation from a local citizen to help assist in the purchase of new equipment for the S.W.A.T. van and other necessary team items. In December, in a separate transaction, the team acquired 14 new M4 rifles with EO tech sights, M910 Surefire grips with flashlight, Picatinny rail system, and a single point sling, at no cost to the Sheriff's Office, the County, or the taxpayers.

# INVESTIGATIONS

## MAJOR CRIMES UNIT



The Major Crimes Unit is responsible for the investigation of major felonies to include crimes against persons and property. Crimes investigated by the Major Crimes unit are generally homicide, sexual assault, child molestation, elder abuse, burglary, grand theft, identity theft, and fraud.

In 2006, the Major Crimes Unit investigated eight homicide cases, two of which involved multiple victims. A total of 2,633 man hours and 701 overtime hours were used to conduct the investigations. All suspects were brought to justice in those cases.



Several Major Crimes' staff were recognized during 2006 for their outstanding service and commitment. Recognitions included employee of the month, deputy of the year, and special recognition from the District Attorney's Office.

Major Crimes Investigators additionally investigated several high profile cases to include three suspicious deaths, two jail suicides, a missing person case believed to be a homicide, a bank robbery, and a burglary to the Pit River Casino, which had a loss of over \$180,000.

# INVESTIGATIONS

## CRIME LAB

The Cal-ID Unit, in conjunction with the California Department of Justice, provided services to Anderson P.D., Redding P.D., Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol and the Shasta County D.A.'s Office. Within the Shasta Co. Sheriff's office, 255 latent print cards were submitted, approximately 650 items of evidence were processed and 19 identifications made.



Crime Scene personnel were called to over 29 incidents. They investigated 8 Homicides, 2 attempted Homicides, 2 sexual assaults, 4 felony assaults, 2 missing person cases and 2 robberies along with other felony cases. Crime Scene personnel also assisted the Coroner's Office with 2 death investigations and, assisted the Redding Police with 2 death scenes.



The Sheriff's Office Photo Lab developed 2,965 rolls of film, printed 48,305 photos and made 1,123 enlargements. In addition, 10,923 digital prints were made, a huge increase over 2005 when fewer than 3,000 digital prints were produced. The Photo Lab was also responsible for making 309 copies of video, audio or CD recordings.

The Crime Lab finalized a contract with "PropertyRoom.com", an Internet-based company from Mission Viejo, CA. This company conducts on-line auctions of property received from law enforcement agencies throughout the country. "Propertyroom.com" will pick up the excess property, clean and refurbish it, then offer it for sale. In 2006, the Crime Lab released over 1,026 items to "PropertyRoom.com," netting \$2,656.42 for Shasta County.



The Evidence/Property Unit received a total of 3,572 items of evidence/property related to 1,288 cases. Fourteen hundred and ten items were either destroyed, auctioned, released to their respective owners or are being utilized for department use as allowed by law. In addition, 100 pounds of illegal narcotics were destroyed.

# INVESTIGATIONS

## MARIJUANA ERADICATION TEAM

In 2006 the Marijuana Eradication Team (M.E.T.) eradicated 237, 311 marijuana plants and arrested 24 suspects. The Marijuana Eradication Team worked with numerous allied agencies in the investigation of Drug Trafficking Organizations operating in Shasta County. M.E.T. was third in the state in the number of marijuana plants eradicated. The number of plants eradicated set a record for plant seizure in Shasta County. The large increase of illegal marijuana gardens in Shasta County is a great concern and will be addressed with increased efforts by M.E.T. in 2007.



## NORTH STATE INITIATIVE CAL-MMET



Cal-MMET is a collaborative of North State Counties to address methamphetamine trafficking. North State Cal-MMET continued to investigate large-scale drug trafficking in Northern California. In 2006, the unit activated twenty new cases, arrested twenty suspects, seized nine weapons, and confiscated two pounds of methamphetamine and five pounds of opium.

# CRIME ANALYSIS

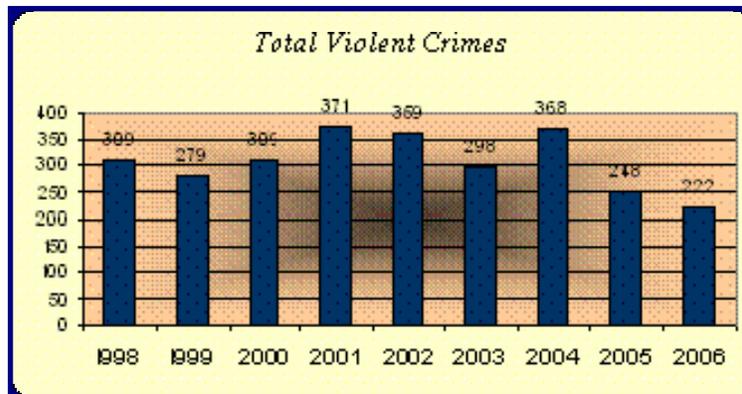
## PART ONE CRIME SUMMARY

Crime	2006 Total	2005 Total	Percent of Change
Homicide	8	2	(6 calls) up 300%
Rape	19	30	(11 calls) down 37 %
Robbery	12	17	(5 calls) down 29%
Aggravated Assault	184	199	(15 calls) down 7.5%
<b>Total Violent Crimes</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>(25 calls) down 10%</b>
Other Assaults	359	520	(161 calls) down 31%
Domestic Violence	240	282	(42 calls) down 15%
<b>Total Crimes Against Person</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>(229 calls) down 22%</b>
Arson	10	26	(16 calls) down 61.5%
Burglary	373	467	(94 calls) down 20%
Grand Theft Auto	98	46	(52 calls) up 113%
Larceny	449	652	(203 calls) down 31%
<b>Total Property Crimes</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>( 261 calls) down 22%</b>
<b>Total Major Crimes</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>2,241</b>	<b>(489 calls) down 22%</b>

\*\* Total Major Crimes are the sum of Total Crimes Against a Person and Total Property Crimes

## CRIME ANALYSIS

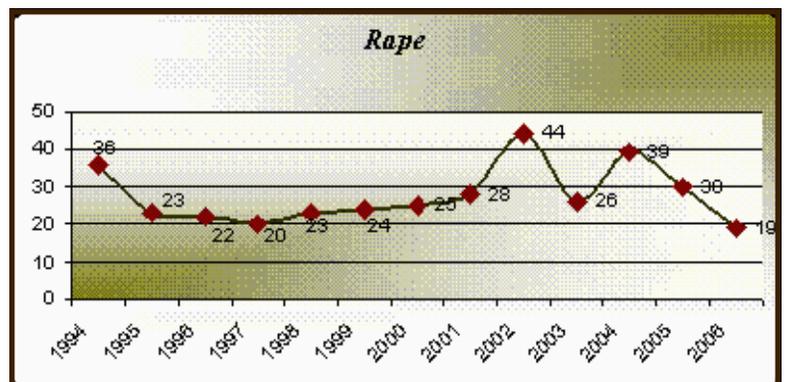
**Total Violent Crimes** - Violent crimes include the sub-categories of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. According to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, violent crimes involve “force or threat of force” against a person. Violent crime rates across the nation have shown a steady decrease since the year 2000 with Shasta County having one of the lowest violent crime rates in the State of California. In 2001 the largest amount of violent crimes were reported at 371, while last year presented a 40% decrease from that number down to 222 cases.



For Shasta County, total violent crimes dropped for a second year in a row, reflecting the lowest number of violent crimes reported to the Sheriff's Office in nearly ten years.

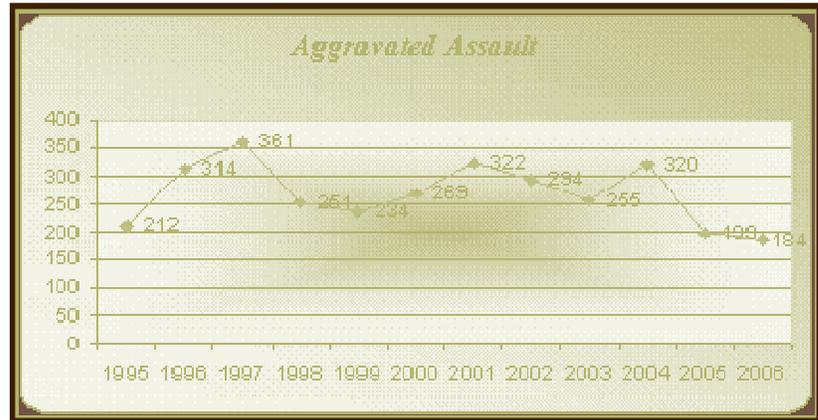
**Rape** - The crime of rape often goes unreported, therefore, it is often difficult to determine if the number of cases we receive is an accurate reflection of the actual amount of rapes committed. As defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, rape is the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Sexual attacks on males are counted as aggravated assaults or sex offenses, depending on the circumstances and extent of any injuries.

*Based on the number of rapes that were reported in 2006, there were 11 call or 37% decrease from 2005. This reflects the lowest number of rape cases reported to the Shasta County Sheriff's Office in over 12 years.*

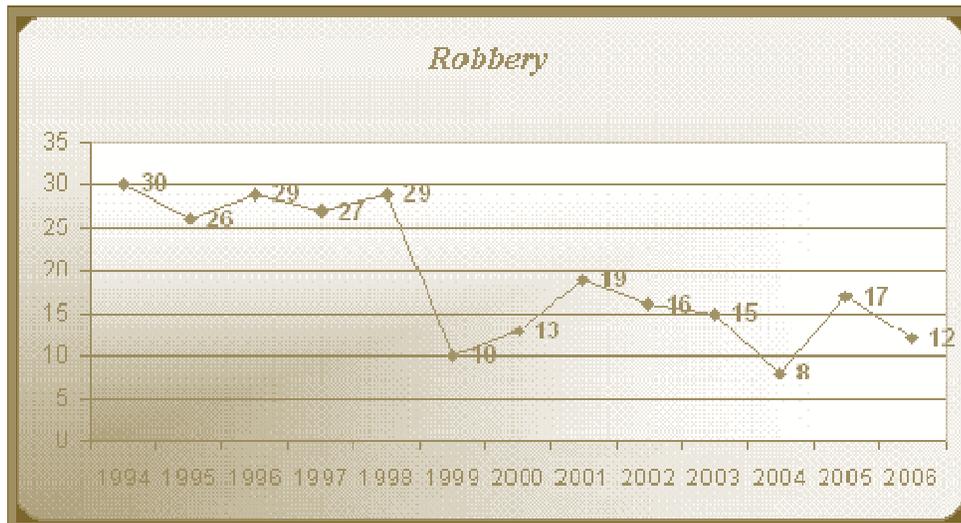


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The 2006 year reflected a minimal decrease of 15 calls or 7.5% from 2005.



Aggravated assault is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. In 1997, aggravated assaults peaked at 361 and then dropped nearly 100 cases the following year. The numbers then held steady until 2005 when Shasta County had a major decrease in this category and dropped 121 calls or 38%.

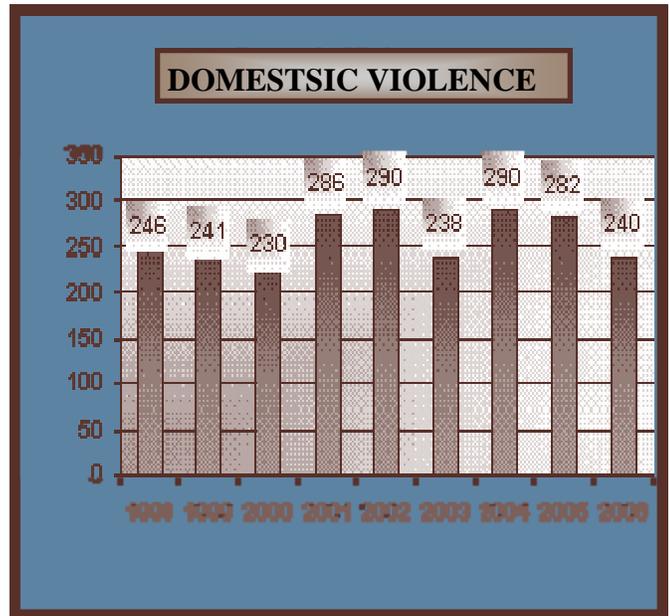


Robbery calls for Shasta County fell by five calls from 2005, down to 12 total calls. The 2006 year was slightly below average when looking at both our five and ten-year averages.

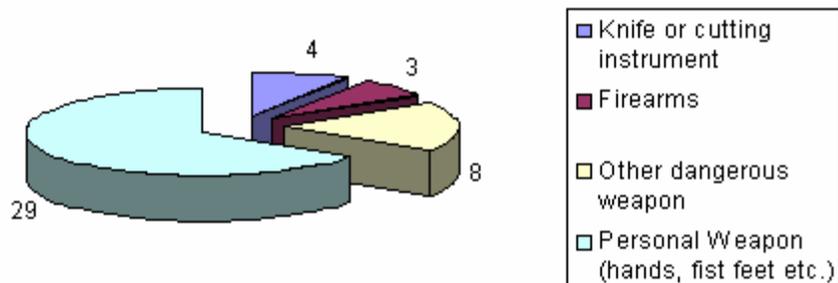
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Domestic violence is defined in California Penal Code Section 273.5 as: "Any person who willfully inflicts upon a person who is his or her spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or the mother or father of his or her child, corporal injury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

Shasta County had a slight decrease in Domestic violence calls in 2006. There were 42 less calls, resulting in a 15% decrease. Over the last five years domestic violence calls have been relatively consistent, with the year 2000 reflecting the least reported.



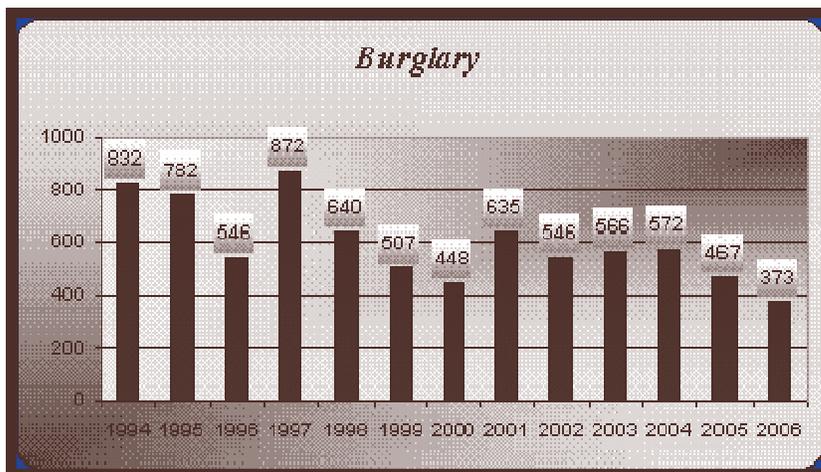
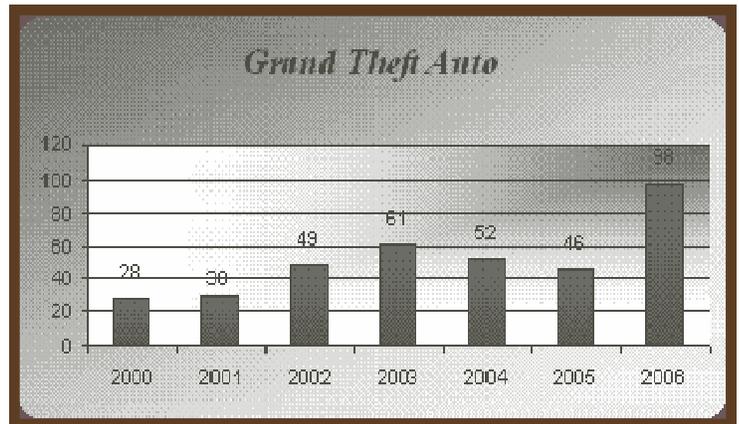
**Breakdown of weapons used in Domestic Violence cases during 2006**



Out of the 240 reported domestic violence calls, there were 44 calls where a weapon was used, with the majority being a personal weapon (hands, fist, feet, etc.)

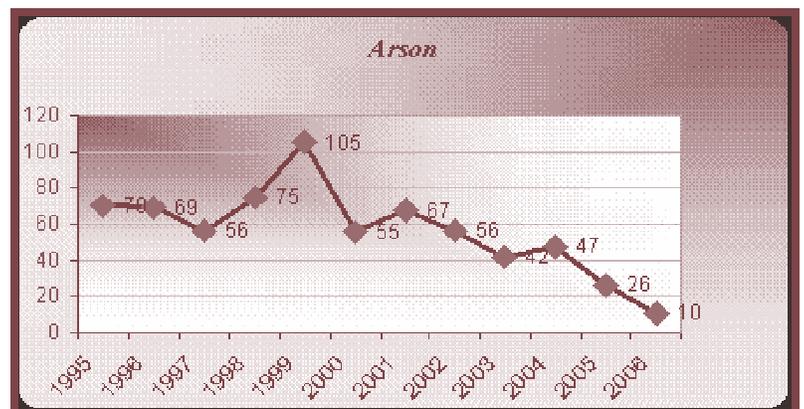
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Grand Theft Auto nearly doubled in 2006 in the Sheriff's Office's jurisdiction, with the highest number of cases reported to the Sheriff's Office in seven years.



Burglary continued to drop within the Shasta County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction. In 2006, we took 373 burglary cases, a 20% or 94 call decrease from 2005.

Arson decreased 61.5% in 2006, for the lowest amount of arson calls in 12 years. Fires in our area can be detrimental and can ultimately destroy entire communities. Strict sentencing and zero tolerance on arson offenders can be attributed to the vast decrease in this crime.



# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



**SERGEANT OF THE YEAR  
FORREST BARTELL**



**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
CARL CHAMPAGNE**



**DEPUTY OF THE YEAR  
WAYNE BOOKER**



**STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
BECKY HAYSLETT**



**SERVICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
DONNA KLUSS**



**RESERVE DEPUTY OF THE YEAR  
LARRY FITCH**

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## *SPECIAL AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS 2006*

The Redding Exchange Club chose Deputy Jason Gassaway as Shasta County Sheriff's "Officer of the Year."

Chaplain Ev Courter received special recognition from the Shasta County Sheriff's Office, being named as volunteer of the year for 2006.

## *SHASTA COUNTY EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH 2006*

Deputy Michael Matheson

Deputy Randy Dyer

Sergeant Lisa Shearman

Sergeant Sheila Ashmun

## *SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH 2006*

Sgt. Sheila Ashmun

Service Officer Janet Hughes

Deputy Randy Dyer

Deputy Mike Matheson

Deputy Pam Depuy

Deputy Greg Walker

Deputy Randy Joiner