

**GROVER BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2008**



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Vision for Service

Our Vision...

We, as members of the Grover Beach Police Department, are dedicated to providing the best public safety service which reflects our community's superior quality of life. We are focused on cooperative efforts involving the individual citizen, their neighborhood, and Department members. This is a reflection of our community's endeavor to sustain a sense of safety and security.

Our Mission...

We serve to contribute to a wholesome community environment in which individuals may work, play, prosper, raise families, and otherwise pursue their legitimate goals without fear of criminal or civil disorder.

Our Values...

As we focus on our vision and pursue our mission, we pledge the following values as of utmost importance for public service while not excluding other principles.

- Service** To provide each individual of Grover Beach with responsive and humane law enforcement which promotes security, peace of mind, and tranquility in our community.
- Ethics** We occupy a position of public trust and base our decisions upon moral, as well as practical concerns while always accepting responsibility for our actions.
- Respect** For the uniqueness of each individual, holding sacred the principal of human dignity; this being a truth for each citizen of the community and each member of the Department. By nurturing a sense of family within the Department, recognizing our people are our greatest and most important asset. For diverse cultural values while fostering open communication necessary to share ideas.
- Vision** That the community maintains its satisfying quality of life including a sense of being secure while enjoying the amenities of Grover Beach, however, always anticipating the changing needs of the City and successfully meeting those needs.
- Integrity** Being the benchmark of an ethical individual and Department, in thought and deed, we adhere to sincerity and honesty, while avoiding deception, expediency, artificiality, or shallowness which encompasses the courage to perform our duties.
- Courtesy** To all we come in contact with in both the spoken and unspoken word, realizing conflict resolution begins with cooperation and mutual understanding.
- Experience** Is the journey in search of excellence through training, developing the confidence to innovate, explore non-traditional methods of community service and law enforcement; and efficiently manage public resources anchored in the philosophy of community oriented policing and problem solving.

Chief's Message

I am proud to present the 2008 annual report which exemplifies all of the hard and excellent work of the employees and volunteers of the Grover Beach Police Department. It is amazing to look back over the year and see the commitment of those in the department for what they have done within our community ensuring that the citizens continue to be safe. Our officers, dispatchers, records staff, and volunteers are committed to providing the highest quality of service and protection to our community.

Keeping the community safe is a challenge facing many cities. In spite of the current economic times, the Police Department is committed to delivering superior police services that meet the needs of the community.

Our Dispatchers handled 21,327 calls for service, our highest ever. Our police officers arrested nearly 3% more people, again more than ever before, 1,082 vs. 1,058 in 2007, while again still increasing our traffic enforcement 8%. We conducted DUI checkpoints, increased seat belt enforcement with a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety, conducted Alcohol stings, and conducted tobacco stings involving minors purchasing cigarettes. We had an 88 % clearance rate for our investigations regarding people crimes. Our Volunteers served 2,676 hours helping our department and our community.

Community involvement is vital to crime prevention and to the success of fighting crime. We encourage community participation and encourage citizens to report crimes. We need everybody to be the eyes and ears in order to be successful. We want to continue to build a reputation as an organization that is supportive of our community but not tolerant of criminal or reckless behavior. We will continue to increase communication, collaboration and partnerships to resolve crime and improve the quality of life. We are committed to building a team that exemplifies professionalism and work to build trust, respect, competence, confidence and commitment amongst all Department members and within the community.

In 2009, we look forward to carrying on and building relationships with the community through inclusive collaboration of law enforcement, citizens, local agencies, political leaders, and public information services in order to continue to maintain a safe environment and to fight crime.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE GROVER BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 2008.

In accomplishing our goal “to build a team of professionals,” training again was very important for us this year. We made sure that all POST (Police Officer Standard of Training) mandatory training was completed and we continue to be in compliance with POST. We continue to work on additional training programs where our officers can train others, i.e. “Train the Trainer”.

In 2008, we continued to update and improve our emergency preparedness. Our department along with other city departments participated in an emergency exercise in cooperation with the Nuclear Power Plant. During this exercise the City opened the Emergency Operations Center and demonstrated that we are ready should a major incident occur in our jurisdiction.

Within the Police Department, we promoted John Peters to the rank of Lieutenant filling a much needed position. With John’s promotion, we hired Jerry Cornell to fill the then vacant sergeant position. Our Police Department, has maintained a full staff in 2008, being staffed with great people.

Although our “Part 1” crimes went up 10%, it is still lower than that in 2006. This increase is still not what would be expected as our department experienced a 27% increase of overall calls for service, the highest ever. All employees have made a commitment to promote and advance measures and actions that address and affect concerns of crime, violence, and drug activity in our community.

Additional accomplishments for 2008 include: Evidence and property room improvements; improvements to the interview room; participation in the Counties Multidisciplinary Team for mental health patients; development of and hiring of a Part-Time Detective position; traffic surveys for speed enforcement; purchase of a new patrol vehicle; participation in the annual Christmas “Toys for Tots”; reviewed/updated/and implemented new policies; evaluation and reduction of costs of department functions; facilitated the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) seatbelt grant; conducted tobacco and alcohol under age stings; participated in the County wide “Avoid the 14” DUI grant; successfully facilitated many special events; completed education materials for crime prevention for local businesses; met with community focus group to assist in development of a proposed new graffiti ordinance; participated in and completed the Regional SWAT plan and approval; and participated in City’s web page planning.

INDIVIDUALS THAT MAKE IT HAPPEN

Successful public safety services *REQUIRE* teamwork!

Teamwork between Police Department staff, other City Department staff, the City Council, Community Volunteers and the Community at large.

The following identifies the individuals that make our Community team so successful.

Members include:

- **City Council**
- **Executive Management Staff**
- **Police Department Employees**
- **Citizen Assistance Team (CATs)**
- **Traffic Committee**

We look forward to building upon these successful relationships.

City Council

John Shoals - Mayor
William "Bill" Nicolls - Mayor Pro Tem
Charles Ashton, Karen Bright, Steve Lieberman - Council Members

Robert Perrault, City Manager
Martin Koczanowicz, City Attorney

City of Grover Beach Population 13,105 (2.24 square miles)

Police Department Personnel

Police Chief Jim Copsey (21)

Administrative Secty. Laura Vinnedge (8)

Lieutenant John Bewick (22)
Lieutenant John Peters (13)

Sergeants

Angelo Limon (14)
Chris Sweeton (22)
Tim Miller (5)
Jerry Cornell (29)

Corporal

Cheryl Locamini (7)

Senior Police Officers

Santino Lopez (13)
Reggie Bio (6)
Roy Ituralde (3)
Sonny Gerber (7)

Detectives

Juan Leon (9)
Jim English (35)

Police Officers

Kelly Cook (9)
Michael Hollis (13)
Chris Roy (2)
Stephen Ball (6)
Joseph McGlinchy (1)

Reserve Police Officers

George Poladian (9)
Peter Quaglino (6)

Support Services Supervisors

Communications - Dede Polit (13)
Property/Records - Sandy Varley (21)

Records/ Property

Sybyl Hollis (12)

Dispatchers

Bernadine Holt (9) - Lead Dispatcher
Cynthia Brunick (6)
Thomas Stipicevich (5)
Luis Garcia (3)
Megan Nath (2)
Hana Ensign (1)

Juvenile Diversion

Kim Green (8)

() Years of Service

Citizen's Assistance Team (CATS)

CATS was started just over nine years ago with the training of volunteers to serve as extra eyes and ears for the Department. Since the CATS inception they have served the City for a total of 31,000.25 hours.

CATS were trained to follow a regular patrol format, which included securing the parks and train station, doing vacation checks of residences and courier service for City Council. Their duties were soon expanded to include office duties, investigations, security checks of the City's businesses, train station, schools and providing traffic control at accidents and special events. CATS have also helped us by representing the department at numerous events, such as parades, Easter egg hunt, Arroyo Grande and Pismo Beach activities, Pismo Beach Thanksgiving dinner deliveries, the AMGEN bike race, Santa Cop in Arroyo Grande, Emergency Drill, Fingerprinting (Live Scan), Speed and Seat Belt Surveys.

CATS statistics for the year were impressive. They served the City for a total of 2,676.75 hours during 2008. This was partially done by driving their patrol units for 7,494 miles in an area just over two square miles. While on patrol, they made over 6,768 citizen contacts. They found some businesses left unsecured, which prevented serious crimes from occurring. They also did over 1,098 house vacation checks. They issued 18 - 72 hour parking and 61 handicap parking warnings. Last but not least, the CATS delivered 333 miscellaneous packets.

CATS Activity

YEAR	MEMBERS	MILES	CONTACT	OPEN DOORS
2003	18	16,421	14,963	56
2004	18	13,991	11,207	26
2005	20	10,656	10,716	42
2006	14	13,656	11,207	26
2007	16	8,579	8,279	17
2008	14	7,494	6,768	5

Traffic Committee

The City of Grover Beach has a Traffic Committee which is considered an advisory committee to the City Council. Some of the duties of the Traffic Committee are to review requests for traffic safety regulatory or control devices, signs and markings, and to make recommendations to the City Council, with respect to matters pertaining to traffic regulations, traffic circulation and traffic safety, including traffic laws, parking and speed regulations, crosswalks, stop signs, traffic control devices and signals, street lights, school crossings, signing, pavement marking and other related matters. The Committee studies unsafe or malfunctioning traffic conditions, assists staff in short and long range transportation planning within the city, including review of and recommendations concerning streets and highways master planning, capital improvement projects and related matters.

The Traffic Committee Members consist of:

Police Chief Jim Copsey

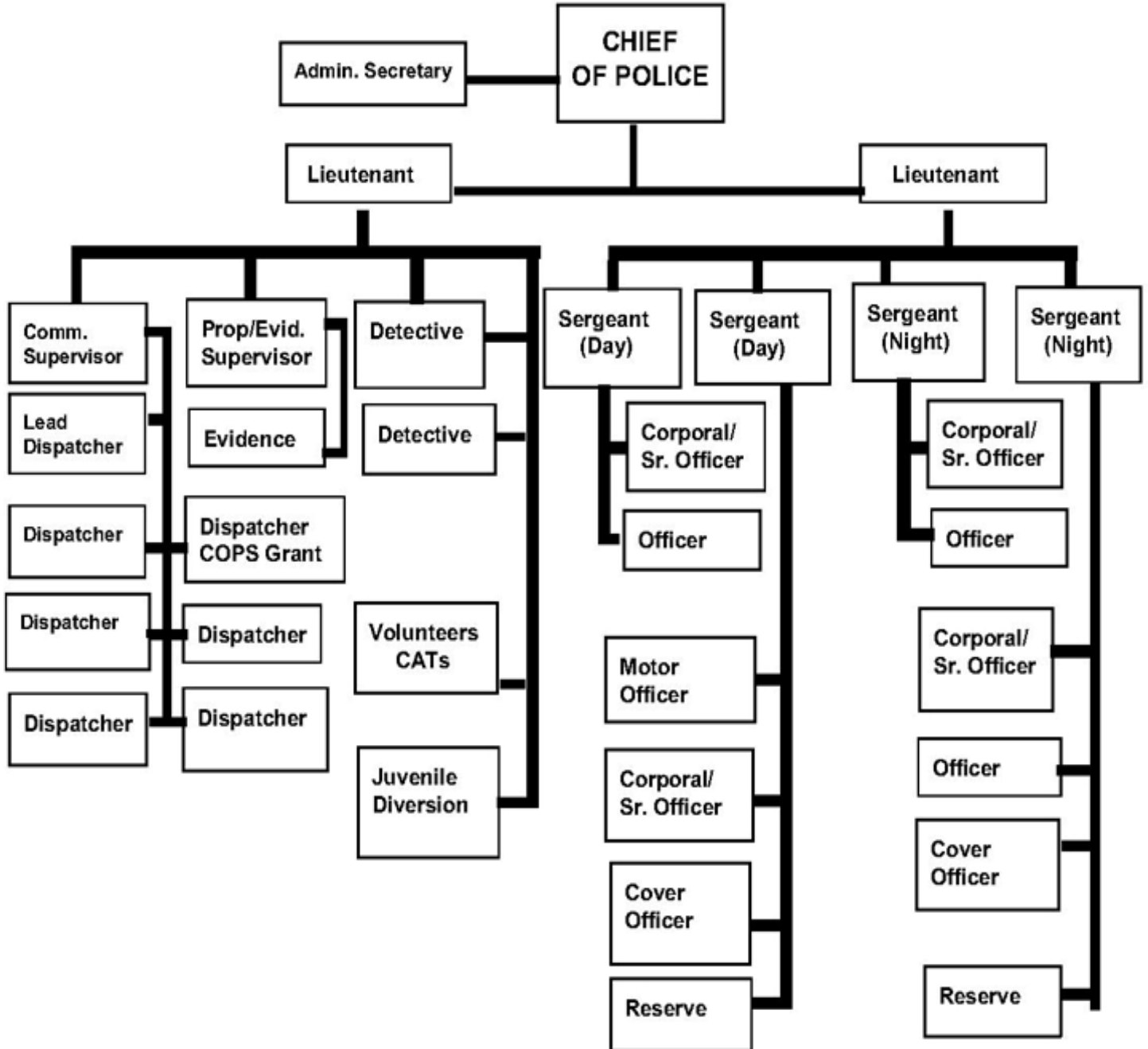
Fire Chief Mike Hubert

Community Development Department Representative

Public Works Superintendent Mike Ford, and

Community Representative Paul Brunner

Grover Beach Organization Chart



Part 1 Crimes

CRIME	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Arson	2	0	0	2	3
Aggravated Assault	20	34	34	81	79
Burglary	91	66	77	76	107
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0
Robbery	5	8	10	5	7
Theft	276	188	323	182	201
Auto Theft	46	32	34	19	12
Rape	7	2	2	9	3
Total	447	330	447	374	412

Traffic Collisions

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1. Fatal	2	0	1	0	0
2. Injury	31	18	26	23	27
3. Non-Injury	75	82	139	124	136
4. Hit/Run Injury	4	3	4	7	2
5. Hit/Run Non-Injury	22	23	50	72	63
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	134	126	219	226	228

Citations

CITATIONS	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
1. Movers/Hazardous	1134	926	756	1348	1639
2. Non-Movers	615	917	876	537	628
3. Parking	1100	1422	1706	963	805
TOTAL	2849	3265	3338	2848	3072
Towed Vehicles	483	473	531	436	440
72 Hour Calls	566	603	533	407	323

Six Most Cited Vehicle Code Sections In 2008

Vehicle Code	Violation	Total
22350	Speed	262
22450	Stop Signs	266
21453 (a)(b)	Stop Lights	104
12500 & 14601	Driver's License Unlicensed/Suspended	185
22101(D) 22102 22107	Turning Movements	94
23123	Cell Phones	161

Arrests

ARRESTS	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
(Adult)	625	606	648	953	979
Felony	132	105	104	123	101
Misdemeanor	349	349	347	662	733
Warrant	144	152	197	168	145
DUI	96 (incl.)	78 (incl.)	107 (incl.)	117 (incl.)	105 (incl.)
TOTAL	676	673	708	1058	1082

(Juvenile)	51	67	60	105	103
Felony	5	17	14	11	7
Misdemeanor	46	45	32	75	87
Warrants	0	5	14	19	9
DUI	3 (incl.)	5 (incl.)	5 (incl.)	2 (incl.)	2 (incl.)

Narcotics * included in arrest totals above	123	88	86	92	107
Felony	35	22	28	35	18
Misdemeanor	88	66	58	57	89
11550 (under the influence of drugs)	65 (incl.)	39 (incl.)	25 (incl.)	19 (incl.)	16 (incl.)

Motorcycle Program

Motor Program Accomplishments for 2008

Participated in four DUI Checkpoints

Completed “Law Enforcement Challenge”

Avoid 14 DUI Saturation Patrols - 5 Shifts.

Conducted speed enforcement details.

Increased special traffic enforcement/details.

Insured deployment of department’s radar trailer.

Participated in Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) seat belt enforcement details.

Dispatch, Police & Fire Contacts

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
CAD Entries	18,891	19,363	19,378	19,516	21,327
Police Calls	17,697	18,118	17,986	17,666	19,624
Grover Fire	799	767	906	1,447	1,387
Oceano Fire	395	478	486	403	664
9-1-1 Calls	2,294	2,185	3,036	3,414	3,604

* Some Fire calls overlap

Officer Response Time for Emergency Calls

2004 - 3 minutes 28 seconds on 404 emergency calls

2005 - 3 minutes 33 seconds on 326 emergency calls

2006 - 3 minutes 40 seconds on 346 emergency calls

2007 - 2 minutes 37 seconds on 667 emergency calls

2008 - 2 minutes 28 seconds on 560 emergency calls

S. E. T.

S.E.T. is the acronym for the Special Enforcement Team. The purpose of the unit is to concentrate enforcement efforts on persistent problems that are detrimental to the community of Grover Beach. The mission of S.E.T. is to resolve community problems while being flexible enough to accommodate the needs of the Department.



The S.E.T., consisting of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, 1 Detective, 2 Senior Police Officers, and 2 Police Officers, has been staffed by personnel that voluntarily took on the extra assignment in order to improve our Community. The team has worked in addition to their normal patrol duties and many of the assigned personnel flex their schedules in order to perform tasks for the Community.

Areas of investigation conducted by the Special Enforcement Team include Narcotics, Gangs, Parolees/Probationers, Sex Offenders, Alcohol Enforcement and Crime Suppression. Team members gather intelligence and evidence by conducting covert surveillance operations, plain clothes patrols, saturation patrols, compliance checks and warrant services. Another important function of the team is to help revitalize the neighborhoods in which they conduct their investigations. Revitalization starts with communicating to the property owners and managers regarding code enforcement concerns, illegal activity and overall neighborhood impact from their residents.

PERSONNEL

Team Coordinator:	<i>Lt. John Peters</i>
Team Supervisor:	<i>Sgt. Tim Miller</i>
Team Member:	<i>Det. Juan Leon</i>
Team Member:	<i>SPO Roy Ituralde</i>
Team Member:	<i>SPO Sonny Gerber</i>
Team Member:	<i>Ofc. Reggie Bio</i>
Team Member:	<i>Ofc. Chris Roy</i>

Combined years of Law Enforcement Experience: 44

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following statistical information covers case investigations from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

INVESTIGATIONS:	36
CASES FILED:	27
ARRESTS MADE:	38
GUNS SEIZED/RECOVERED:	2
U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED:	\$1,645
RECOVERED STOLEN PROPERTY:	\$1,500 (est.)

NARCOTICS SEIZED:

Type	Weight	Street Value
Marijuana	1,194.44 grams	\$1,204
Cocaine	.5 grams	\$40
Methamphetamine	15 grams	\$3,000
Heroin	.7 grams	\$70
Ecstasy	3 pills	\$180
Vicodin	19 pills	\$57
Various Prescriptions	63 pills	None

Total Street Value of Narcotics Seized = \$4,551

In addition to the seizures of contraband and the recovery of stolen property, the Special Enforcement Team worked with property managers and owners to help evict 6 households that engaged in narcotics activity. Of the 6 evictions all 6 households permanently moved out of the city limits of Grover Beach.

Juvenile Diversion

The Juvenile Diversion Program is a voluntary, community-based alternative to the court system. This option is available to most juvenile offenders accused of misdemeanor crimes. The youth are referred to Grover Beach Police Department Diversion staff that hear each case, assign consequences in the form of a contract, and verify completion of contract terms. Through mentoring, substance abuse testing, tutoring, and referrals for treatment, Diversion staff ensures that involved minors successfully complete program requirements, while acquiring knowledge and skills to allow them to solve their problems without returning to crime.

The program objectives are to provide immediate intervention and supervision, teach accountability and responsible behavior, prevent commission of subsequent offenses, and facilitate the juvenile's use of appropriate community resources. Our staff conduct counseling sessions with participants, utilizing a curriculum individualized to emphasize developing strength in specific areas needing improvement, as identified by Diversion staff, the juvenile's parent(s), school staff, and the juvenile. The curriculum involves assignments on topics such as peer pressure, anger management, self-esteem, conflict resolution, and improving educational performance.

We coordinate our efforts with other police diversion programs, substance abuse treatment programs, mental health agencies, and school staff. We provide drug testing for diversion participants, which enables us to make timely referrals for substance abuse counseling.

A compilation of last year's statistics indicates an average three Juvenile Diversion Program staff, two of which are volunteers, supervised by Grover Beach Police Department Lieutenant John Bewick. 26 minors have been involved in the program this year with about a 92% success rate, which refers to those cases which have not had subsequent law enforcement contacts. Our staff has provided over 450 hours of direct and collateral services to youth in the Grover Beach community this year.

Juvenile Diversion (Cont.)

We have been successful in increasing the level of coordination of services with the local representatives of the San Luis Obispo County Probation Department to ensure immediate intervention for teens and families with special needs, and will continue to promote communication between agencies. This year, we have provided daytime school site services for minors unable to obtain transportation to evening diversion appointments. We also provided vocational exploration activities, involving field trips to interesting job sites such as a television production studio, and a cosmetology school, as well as application and interview skills counseling. We have also coordinated efforts with the County Honor Farm to obtain refurbished bicycles for teens that had no transportation. This year, at the request of parents and guardians, our program has begun educating teens to seek health services when appropriate for prevention of pregnancy and STDs. We have also instituted an activity on “isms” to educate teens about gangs, prejudice and discrimination, added a discussion about mental illness, and an educational unit for parents about adolescent development.

We continue to maintain our discretionary fund account for juveniles in need of assistance to obtain school supplies, clothing, and participate in extra-curricular activities. In the coming year, we will continue to focus on encouraging positive extra-curricular involvement. We are also designing and implementing additional program elements for participants who have a tendency toward impulsive violence.

Miscellaneous Information

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Training Bulletins	7	6	1	15	17
Dept. Generated Complaints	3	4	2	3	2
Public Generated Complaints	0	2	5	2	6
Pursuits	2	1	2	3	2
Use of Force	17	18	15	17	16
Quality of Service Surveys 99% Positive for 2008	90	77	57	79	78

Training Attended During 2008

Graffiti Investigations	Glock Armorers Course
Dispatch/CLETS Training	Field Training Officer Update
Supervisory Leadership Institute	Narcotic Investigations
Child Abuse/Sexual Assault	Risk Management
Dispatch Survival	Basic Crime Scene Investigation
Field Training Officer	Crisis Intervention
Police Manager Course	Supervisory Update
Dispatch Update Training	Officer Safety/Field Tactics
Sexual Harassment/Hostile Work Environment	Drug Abuse/Recognition
Basic Public Dispatcher Course	Tactical Communications
Standard Field Sobriety Course	NIMS/Incident Command
EOC Training	CLETS Training
Property Evidence Management	Diablo Emergency Training
Preliminary Alcohol Screening Device	

Dispatch Activity

The Dispatch Division is responsible for routing citizens to appropriate services depending on the stated need. The majority of the phone traffic is police related. However, dispatchers also take medical and fire related calls, as well as emergency public works calls for both Grover Beach and Oceano. Oceano Community Services District contracts with the City of Grover Beach for this service. When police and/or fire resources are in the field, the dispatcher maintains accurate records pertaining to all actions taken, the location of resources and response times. The Dispatch Division also supports the Records Division with data entry, and other divisions with a variety of support services.

In 2008, 21,327 calls for service – CAD entries were processed. Of those calls 19,624 were primarily police related. 1,703 were primarily fire/emergency medical related. In 2008, Dispatch handled 1,387 calls for Grover Beach Fire and 664 calls for Oceano. (Some calls involved both agencies and may overlap, and are classified by call type as primarily police or fire related.) 560 calls were categorized as Priority 1 type calls with an average (year to date) response time of 2:29 minutes. In 2008 there were 3,604 calls received on 911.

Citizen's Assistance Team Members (CATS)
Lead CAT – Pat Martin

Members	Years of Service	Total Hours Volunteered
Dennis Adams	3.5	692.75
Joe Aguilar	1.25	163.25
Paul Brunner	1.25	364.75
Phyllis Evans	7	1,361.25
Bob Fligiel	3.25	793
Gene Gates	9	1,925.25
Kim Green	6.5	1,300.50
Jenn Kirn	2	30.75
Rose Lindgren	8.5	3,343.50
Imelda Lowe	2.25	526.75
Pat Martin	9	5,040
Jeff Olsen	7	1,255.25
Richard Simpson	9	3,444.25
Preston Wood	5.5	864.25
Della Anderson (Resigned)	5	895.50
Coy Daffern (Resigned)	4.5	1,127.50
Kathleen Duley (Resigned)	5.5	638
Jesse Lemus (Resigned)	5	243.25
Ed Gough (Resigned)	5.5	3,462.25
Dave Ludwig (Resigned)	4.5	1,546.75
Chris Parks (Resigned)	3.5	1,184.50
Raymond Richardson (Resigned)	1.5	158.75
Carol Sargent (Resigned)	2	271
Joseph Zamora (Resigned)	.5	309.25
TOTAL HOURS		31,000.25

POLICE OFFICE OF THE YEAR 2008 – SONNY GERBER



POLICE SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2008 – LUIS GARCIA



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2008 – BELMONT HENSIEK



RESERVE OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2008 – PETER QUAGLINO



PART-TIME POLICE SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR 2008
JIM ENGLISH

