



# 2022-23 BIENNIAL REPORT



VALLEJO POLICE DEPARTMENT



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# A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF POLICE JASON TA



I am pleased to present the Vallejo Police Department's 2022-23 Biennial Report, a reflection of our unwavering dedication, innovation and commitment to public safety. This report showcases our department's accomplishments and embodies the vital policing ideas that have shaped our approach throughout 2022-23.

In 2022 and 2023, we continued to mature as an organization while implementing policing strategies rooted in community collaboration, trust-building and the overall well-being of every resident. Recognizing that effective law enforcement relies on strong partnerships and mutual respect, we have remained steadfast in upholding these principles as we diligently serve and protect our diverse community.



Over the past two years, our department has made significant strides in fostering a safer and better community. The following report will discuss the milestones that we accomplished in 2022-23, and here are a few of the highlights:

- We have enhanced transparency and accountability through initiatives like the Vallejo Transformation Initiative (VTI) to outline strategic focus areas for change in 2022-23. By implementing new strategies, policies and training programs rooted in procedural justice and cultural competency, the department continued to enhance our operations.
- We leveraged cutting-edge technology by installing in-car cameras in 40 of our vehicles. Additionally, our partnership with Flock Safety has empowered us to utilize Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology, aiding in combating and resolving crimes.
- We expanded the ALPR coverage throughout the city and added CCTV cameras.
- We have actively sought public comments and engaged in meaningful discussions surrounding proposed changes to several department policies. In addition to public forums and town hall meetings, we have created four distinct service areas with one oversight member to bolster community relationships and address local concerns effectively.
- We received substantial funding and prestigious accolades, including a \$1 million Department of Justice grant for Project HOPE and \$900,000 to establish the Integrated Health and Resource Team (IHART) program, addressing mental and behavioral health needs.
- By the end of 2023, over 100 individuals were served across VPD's major grant projects, Project HOME and Project HOPE.
- We continue to participate in vibrant community and youth events. Whether it be the James Capoot Ceremony or actively engaging with students through programs, our aim has always been to inspire joy and build unwavering trust within our community.
- We created the CalDOJ Collaborative Compliance - Triple C Task Force - a task force to craft and implement reform policies to address compliance measures and recommendations.

On behalf of the Vallejo Police Department, I am grateful for your unwavering support in our mission to create a safer and more prosperous community. Together, we are dedicated to building a better Vallejo, and we look forward to continuing this important journey alongside you.

*Jason Ta*  
Jason Ta, Chief of Police



# WHO WE ARE

## OUR MISSION

*At the Vallejo Police Department, we are dedicated to serving the community of Vallejo through fair and impartial policing by reducing crime and the fear of crime while building strong community partnerships for a safer Vallejo.*

## OUR VISION

*We deliver exceptional police service while safeguarding the sanctity and dignity of human life through community partnerships in order to create and sustain safe places for people to live, work and play.*

## OUR VALUES

*Empathy*

*Collaboration*

*Diversity & Inclusion*

*Safety*

*Respect*

*Integrity*

*Service*

*Humility*

*Wellness*

*Courage*



## WE ARE DEDICATED

We pride ourselves on our department's commitment to the community, to its mission of service and crime reduction, and the organization's core values that promise to safeguard the dignity of human life. The Vallejo Police Department works to build strong relationships with Vallejo community members and groups with guidance from its new mission statement. The Vallejo Police Department takes its role in the community seriously and puts in the work to get to know the community and their concerns. The Vallejo Police Department is dedicated to identifying areas for improvement and evolution.

# WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

Being accountable means providing the community with the information to evaluate and provide feedback to the organization. The Vallejo Police Department is committed to being open and transparent, listening to community concerns, providing open forums for discussion and looking inward. The Vallejo Police Department continuously shares information and engages with community members, both online and in person. The Vallejo Police Department does not only hold itself accountable based on community feedback, officers and staff also hold each other accountable. By hiring new staff and officers that are aligned with the Department's new mission and values, the Vallejo Police Department ensures the integrity of the organization.



# WE ARE COMMITTED TO EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

The Vallejo Police Department commits itself to exceptional service and the best practices laid out in the final report of President Obama's Task Force on 21st-Century Policing. By increasing digital communications to build legitimacy and trust, by implementing oversight processes and investing in further officer training and education, the Vallejo Police Department continually works to evolve in order to provide community members with highly professional, ethical and quality police service.



# 2022-23 MAJOR MILESTONES

## Promoted transparency and accountability:

- Transitioned Vallejo Police Department's Records Section to the National Incident-Based Reporting System.
- Drafted the Vallejo Transformation Initiative (VTI), which outlines the strategic focus areas for change in 2022-23 to enhance transparency.
- Expanded commitment to Community Policing by developing a new service area model built on the tenets of "Relational Policing."
- The Vallejo Police Department formed a dedicated task force in November 2022, called the "Triple C" team, comprising a police captain, police sergeant, and two police officers, as part of their commitment to completing the CalDOJ collaborative reform efforts.

## Leveraged cutting-edge technology:

- Installed in-car cameras in 40 vehicles of the Department to increase transparency.
- Utilized Flock Safety to combat and solve crimes using ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) technology, with privacy-first policies in place. ALPR technology assists in vehicle recoveries, identifying suspect vehicles and making arrests.

## Supported community involvement and discourse:

- Invited community feedback on proposed changes to the Use of Force Policy through a public forum.
- Facilitated public comments and feedback from Vallejo residents and stakeholders on proposed changes to the Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) policy via a community town hall.
- Held three community town halls to gain community feedback on the reformed Use of Force Policy.
- Conducted additional town hall meetings to engage the community and gather feedback on the Critical Incident Review Board Policy as well as the Alarm Ordinance.
- Spoke with the Solano Association of Realtors about crime, staffing, technology and

collaboration with community organizations during a team meeting.

- Partnered with the Pista Nasyon Festival - a community event celebrating Filipino culture - in June 2023.
- Hosted members of the Future Leadership and Junior Leadership Vallejo in September 2023 for a Public Safety Day of informative activities, including a comprehensive tour of our department, offering a rare glimpse into the inner workings of our law enforcement efforts.



## Some of the community events we participated in:

- Hosted the James Capoot Ceremony, the official street naming ceremony for fallen Vallejo Police Officer James Lowell Capoot #497.
- In 2022 and 2023, held a holiday gift distribution in collaboration with Chelu Car Club to bring holiday joy to the community. Over \$5,000 worth of toys, clothes, electronic devices and other gifts were purchased from Target in Vallejo. Officers and club members gift-wrapped the items and distributed them to children in the community. Santa also took pictures with the participating families.
- Had a booth at the Easter event on Saturday, April 16, 2022.
- In 2022 and 2023, judged the car contest at the annual Battle on the Bay event hosted by Downtown Vallejo.
- Assisted in the Fishing in the City event in 2022 and 2023.

- In June 2023, hosted our 43rd Annual Vallejo Police Activities League Memorial Golf Classic at the Hiddenbrooke Golf Course. The tournament was co-sponsored by the Vallejo Police Officers' Association.
- Assisted in monthly community meetings by Council District with the Chief Marketing Officer, Chief Administrator Officer, etc.
- Year round, bike patrolled at the weekly Farmers' Market.
- Year round, patrolled Six Flags.



#### Awarded significant funding and accolades:

- Secured a \$1 million grant from the Department of Justice to implement Project HOPE, a framework aimed at reducing gun violence and violent crimes in Vallejo.
- Received nearly \$1 million from the Proposition 47 grant program to support Project HOME, assisting with justice-involved transitional-aged youth experiencing homelessness and mental health/substance use disorders.
- Obtained a grant of over \$900,000 to establish the Integrated Health and Resource Team (IHART) program, addressing mental and behavioral health needs.
- In 2022, awarded a \$150,000 grant to enhance traffic safety in Vallejo. Programs include DUI checkpoints, distracted driving enforcement, efforts to address dangerous driver behaviors,

community presentations and collaborative enforcement with neighboring agencies. In 2023, the VPD was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The grant will support our ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on our roads. The grant program will run until September 2024.

#### Strengthened police-youth relationships:

- Attended the "Spread Kindness" Project Day held at Federal Terrace Elementary School.
- Engaged college students at the Cal Maritime Job Fair, promoting career opportunities in serving the Vallejo community.
- In 2022 and 2023, visited schools and actively engaged with students through programs such as the 3rd-grade reading program and the Pumpkin Patch Dog Festival.
- In April 2023, visited all Vallejo schools and distributed dictionaries to the 3rd-grade classes.
- Spoke at the IVY Council, founded with the help of the ACT CA (All Children Thrive) initiative funded by the Department of Public Health, to engage Vallejo youth in leadership development.
- Partnered with WatchMeGrow Inc. and OneVallejo for the kick-off of their monthly youth-led community clean-up event.



# 2022-23 MAJOR MILESTONES

(CONTINUED)



- Campaigned for community outreach and provided mentorship to students at the Jesse Bethel High School Law Academy.
- Presented to the Solano Community College Criminal Justice Department and Saint Patrick High School for their Senior Capstone Projects.
- In 2023, attended the Halloween Trunk or Treat with the help of Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD).
- In 2023, attended Jesse Bethel High School career day and Solano Community College career day.

## Supported safety and mental health:

- Created the Chaplain's program to provide support during times of grief after critical incidents.
  - Partnered with the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking to bring the ReportJohn.org (RJP) program to the City of Vallejo.
  - Conducted a department-wide Staffing Survey.
  - Passed a Ghost Gun Ordinance.
- In 2023, Chief Ta gave a public safety presentation to the community at the Florence Douglas Senior Center.
  - In 2023, Critical Incident Review Board (CIRB) members were selected and trained. CIRB was created to conduct a timely and holistic evaluation of all critical incidents with the Vallejo Police Department.
  - In 2023, the VPD deployed evidence-based hotspot policing in coordination with BetaGov and New York University in three identified high crime hotspots. VPD officers performed sporadic patrols, in 15 minute increments over two hour windows throughout May - October.
  - By December 2023, 89 individuals through BCJI and 59 individuals through CalVIP have been served by afterschool programming and violence intervention services through Project HOPE.
  - Through Project HOPE, by December of 2023, 44 individuals had served through Violence Intervention Workshops. Three community events were held in 2023: ACEs Awareness Community Resource Fair, Alternatives to Violence Workshop, and a Sneaker Drive for the holidays.
  - In 2023, 24 individuals were served through Project HOME and connected to case management services, housing and mental health resources, and substance use services.







# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Vallejo Police Department remains dedicated to strengthening relationships with community members in order to ultimately improve community safety. Throughout 2022 and 2023, the Vallejo Police Department continued to engage with the community through a combination of in-person and virtual events.

## COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

The Vallejo Police Department hosted multiple Community Town Halls to discuss policies for review and have a direct connection with the community. The Town Halls provided an opportunity for members of the Vallejo community to connect with the Vallejo Police Department, discuss crime prevention and community policing, share any concerns, and work together to improve the community.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

In August 2022 and 2023, the Vallejo Police Department hosted the annual community-building campaign, National Night Out. The annual event promoted police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.



## WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

In October 2022 and 2023, the Vallejo Police Department participated in the annual Vallejo Waterfront Weekend. The event aimed to unite the community and provide a venue for nonprofits to raise funding.



## COFFEE WITH A COP

In March 2022, the Vallejo Police Department held Coffee with a Cop at Emmanuel Temple Church to meet with community members over coffee to build relationships one cup at a time. In October 2023, Coffee with a Cop was held at the John F. Kennedy Library.

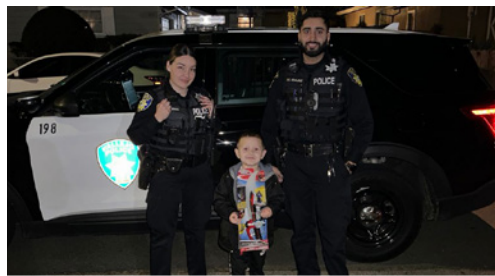


## HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

In December 2022, the Vallejo Police Department partnered with Chelu Car Club to spread holiday spirits throughout the community. The Vallejo Police Department officers and Chelu Car Club purchased over \$5000 worth of toys, clothes, electronic devices, and numerous gifts from Target in Vallejo. The Vallejo Police Department officers and the Chelu Car Club gift-wrapped the listed items and handed out the gifts to each child.

In August 2023, the Vallejo Police Department partnered with Team H.O.P.E. and Chelu Car Club to assist in back to school shopping with the children in the Vallejo community. The VPD helped the children pick out their purchases for school.

In December 2023, the Vallejo Police Department teamed up with Team H.O.P.E. and Chelu Car Club to purchase \$7,000 worth of toys, clothes, electronic devices, and other gifts for the children in the community. The gifts were wrapped by the VPD and Chelu Car Club and personally delivered to the children on December 17.



## TIP-A-COP FOR TORCH RUN

In 2022, the Vallejo Police Department officers served customers and collected tips as donations for Special Olympics Northern California and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The funds will support inclusive communities and sports for individuals with disabilities.



## LEAVEN KIDS' CENTER GRAND OPENING

In October 2023, the VPD participated in the grand opening of the Leaven Kids' Center at the Norman C. King Center. This facility, a component of Project HOPE, is a collaborative initiative between Leaven Kids and the VPD. The Learning Center's financial support comes from the VPD's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) grant and Leaven's CalVIP grant. The BCJI grant from the U.S. Department of Justice enables the VPD to cover operational expenses for Leaven Kids' Center, while also incorporating Solano Advocate for Victims of Violence (SAVV) as a community partner. The new center is significant in that with VPD grant funds, Leaven Kids is able to provide services never before available in their centers that include victim advocacy and violence intervention programming.



## PROJECT HOPE AND PROJECT HOME QUARTERLY PARTNER MEETINGS

In April and September of 2023, the Vallejo Police Department held in-person meetings with both Project HOME and Project HOPE community partners. Each meeting provided stakeholders with an opportunity to provide feedback on program effectiveness and address any challenges. Along with representatives from VPD, community members including, Watch Me Grow, Healthy Vallejo Community Support Services, Leaven Kids, Solano County Justice Partners, The City of Vallejo, Fighting Back Partnerships, DOVE, and On the Move.



# STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Vallejo Police Department is proud to partner with other local, county, state and national organizations. Below are a few examples of strategic partnerships that provide best practices, collaborative forums and even grant funding to help the Vallejo Police Department continuously improve its services to the community.



## FEDERAL

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BUREAU

In 2022, Congressman Mike Thompson made a significant announcement regarding the partnership between the Vallejo Police Department and the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Vallejo Police Department secured a substantial grant of \$1 million through the highly competitive Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation program. This funding was specifically allocated to address the pressing issue of gun violence and violent crimes in Vallejo. Implementing Project HOPE (Harm-focused Outreach, Prevention and Engagement), a comprehensive framework, the collaboration aimed to deploy evidence-based strategies and foster community involvement to reduce, prevent and suppress incidents of violent crime and gun violence in Vallejo's most affected neighborhoods.

### PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP SELECTION

In 2023, VPD was selected by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for inclusion in the National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) as a new 2023 site. Inclusion of PSP is a three year commitment from the DOJ to provide expedited delivery of assistance in eight core areas:

- Community Engagement
- Constitutional Policing
- Crime Analysis
- Criminal Justice Collaboration
- Federal Partnerships
- Gun Violence
- Investigations
- Technology
- Peer Learning and Exposure to Communities of Practice

This partnership will provide VPD with access to a Vallejo-specific strategic site liaison and inclusion in the Annual Violent Crime Summit.



## STATE

### CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS' PROPOSITION 47 GRANT PROGRAM

In 2022, the Vallejo Police Department was awarded nearly \$1 million from the California Board of State and Community Corrections Proposition 47 grant program. The funds were aimed at supporting the Vallejo Police Department's Project HOME, a program designed to assist justice-involved transitional-aged youth (ages 16

to 24) experiencing homelessness and mild to moderate mental health and substance use disorders. With over 2,100 arrests in 2021, including a significant number of young individuals, the Vallejo Police Department recognizes the detrimental effects of homelessness on their lives, hindering their development and endangering their well-being.

Project HOME aims to revolutionize law enforcement approaches, diverting homeless youth from the justice system. Project HOME will provide a comprehensive range of services by partnering with 14 community groups, including organizations like On The Move, Vallejo Together, OLE Health, Planned Parenthood, and Solano Pride Center. These services encompass peer-to-peer case management, job training, housing support, safe transportation, substance abuse counseling, legal assistance and specialized healthcare for females through Ole Health and Planned Parenthood. Solano Pride Center will also collaborate with Project HOME to offer mental health counseling specifically tailored to the LGBTQIA population. The program represents a collective effort to empower marginalized individuals and foster positive change in the community.

### OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT

In 2023, VPD was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). This grant will assist in supporting our ongoing enforcement and education programs to help reduce the number of serious injuries and deaths on our roads. The grant program will run through September 2024. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.





## COUNTY

### SPECIAL ORDER SOLANO UPLIFT

In November 2021, Uplift Family Services and Solano County Behavioral Health partnered with Vallejo Police Department and Benicia Police Department to expand their Mobile Crisis Response Program in Solano County. The Vallejo Police Department Dispatch receives calls and provides crisis response services from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., seven days per week. The program aims to de-escalate high-pressure situations, link people to necessary services and support care coordination with appropriate agencies.

### SOLANO COUNTY MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE

The Vallejo Police Department partnered with the Solano County District Attorney’s Office to launch the Solano County Major Crimes Task Force (SCMCTF). The task force’s mission is to provide independent oversight of criminal investigations into all uses of deadly force by law enforcement in Solano County.

### SOLANO COUNTY MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The Mobile Field Force (MFF) team is commanded by a lieutenant and overseen by the Emergency Services Unit (ESU) Commander who holds the rank of captain. The team also consists of several sergeants and a cadre of corporals and officers. The Vallejo PD Mobile Field Force team is part of the Solano County MFF team under the Solano County Office of Emergency Services. This is a regional MFF team. The Mobile Field Force team can be utilized for instances such as but not limited to; crowd management, crowd control, response to disasters, response to hazmat events, response to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction and other planned/unplanned events requiring the use or support of the Mutual Aid Mobile Field Force (MAMFF).





## ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

### FELTON INSTITUTE - IHART MOBILE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

The Vallejo Police Department selected Felton Institute's proposal for the Vallejo Integrated Health and Resource Team (IHART) project for award. Through this award, the VPD has formed a formal partnership with Felton Institute and additional community partners in the mental health and crisis response space to provide support to this project, and in turn, learn more about the needs of Vallejo residents.

### RELATIONSHIP BUILDING AND ENGAGEMENT TO ADDRESS CHRONIC AND CRITICALLY LOW STAFFING

In 2023, the VPD engaged in meetings with decision makers and stakeholders to discuss the ongoing staffing crisis in policing and develop supportive partnerships to address recruitment and retention efforts. The following are some of the meetings attended:

- U.S. Department of Justice Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative.
- Follow up meeting with CRISIS Consulting to discuss mobile crisis response strategy and impact on officers.
- Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Seattle Police Department and Senior Analyst for the U.S. Department of Justice to examine the ongoing national staffing crisis in policing.
- Bureau of Justice Assistance Director and Deputy Director to discuss law enforcement grants, grant management amid chronic and critically low staffing, and recruitment and retention.
- Representative Garamendi and State Senator Dodd to discuss the critical staffing emergency at VPD.
- Provided information and statistics for a meeting with Senator Padilla's Judiciary Committee on the national policing staff shortages.





# ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY



## ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY WEBPAGE

In 2022-23, the Vallejo Police Department updated its Accountability & Transparency webpage, which was launched in 2021, where community members can access resources to understand the policies and practices of the police department.

The page contains 9 drop-down menus where website users can:

- Read the Department's various policies and manuals
- Learn about training programs and priorities
- View information on Officer Involved Shootings
- Read through the Vallejo Police Department's use of force data
- View internal affairs data
- Learn about the Department's recruitment and demographic data
- Learn more about the Department's internal misconduct and disciplinary process
- Understand the legal requirements of the Police Department to disclose incident records and their duty to inform the public of their procedures
- Request a public record

Learn more: [www.VallejoPD.net/Public\\_Information/Accountability\\_Transparency](http://www.VallejoPD.net/Public_Information/Accountability_Transparency)





## TRAINING PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES

In 2022-23, the Vallejo Police Department continued its commitment to taking actionable steps to promote effective crime reduction and build public trust. As part of the Vallejo Police Department's dedication to building trust with the community and applying safe and effective policing practices, the department created an initiative for standard training, fundamental tactics and outsourcing for special training focus areas. Training areas included crisis intervention, fair and impartial policing, cultural diversity, de-escalation, range training, arrest and control, use of force and principled policing.

Learn more: [www.VallejoPD.net/Your\\_VPD/VPD\\_Training](http://www.VallejoPD.net/Your_VPD/VPD_Training)





# DEPARTMENT BUDGET AND RESOURCES

2022	
Salaries & Benefits	\$46,285,833
Administration	\$1,020,872
Support Services	\$270,250
Operations	\$584,000
Investigations	\$533,550
Code Enforcement & Community Services	\$130,500
Replacement Vehicle & Maintenance	\$1,892,516
General Liability Allocation	\$7,239,769
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$57,957,290</b>

2023	
Salaries & Benefits	\$45,044,294
Administration	\$8,608,230
Support Services	\$21,500
Operations	\$3,215,731
Investigations	\$604,550
Replacement Vehicle & Maintenance	\$2,293,882
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$59,788,187</b>

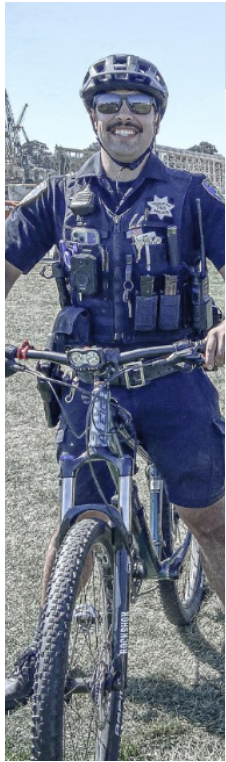
## STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT

In 2022 and 2023, the Vallejo Police Department continued its expanded recruitment efforts to actively promote diversity and inclusion with the goal of representing the diversity of the Vallejo community.

VPD has continued to face staffing challenges, struggling to maintain an adequate number of police officers relative to Vallejo’s size. In the upcoming year, our objective is to boost recruitment for the VPD to enhance Vallejo’s safety. We are committed to bringing in police officers who share our goals and embody the core values we uphold in our daily field operations.



# 2022-23 STATISTICS



The following statistics are drawn from January 1 to December 31, 2022.

-  **159,796 Calls Received**  
*(911 and non-emergency)*
- 51,522 Calls for Service**
-  **11,082 Crime Reports**
- 1,249 Information Reports**
-  **484 Domestic Violence Cases**
-  **795 Felony Arrests**
- 769 Misdemeanor Arrests**
-  **1,530 Traffic Stops**

The following statistics are drawn from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

-  **163,734 Calls Received**  
*(911 and non-emergency)*
- 52,236 Calls for Service**
-  **6,556 Crime Reports**
- 1,115 Information Reports**
-  **388 Domestic Violence Cases**
-  **837 Felony Arrests**
- 742 Misdemeanor Arrests**
-  **1,600 Traffic Stops**

CRIME TYPE	2021	2022	2023	2021-22 CHANGE	2022-23 CHANGE
Murder	20	24	22	20%	-8%
Rape	123	112	57	-9%	-49%
Robbery	263	311	336	18%	8%
Aggravated Assault	747	822	514	10%	-37%
Burglary - Residential	308	407	302	32%	-26%
Burglary - Commercial	401	402	450	N/C	12%
Burglary - Auto	1,009	1,012	1,255	1%	24%
Larceny	1,531	2,104	2,276	37%	8%
Stolen Vehicles	1,119	1,274	1,109	14%	-13%
Arson	58	48	34	-17%	-29%
Shootings*	253	252	267	N/C	6%
Domestic Violence*	555	484	388	-13%	-20%
<b>Violent Crimes Total</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>-27%</b>
<b>Property Crimes Total</b>	<b>4,426</b>	<b>5,247</b>	<b>5,426</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Overall Crime Total</b>	<b>5,579</b>	<b>6,516</b>	<b>6,355</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>-2%</b>

\*Domestic Violence cases and shootings are not counted in the total as they are represented in Aggravated Assault Total.



DEPARTMENT OVE



# REVIEW BY DIVISION



# OFFICE OF THE CHIEF



The Office of the Chief is responsible for laying the foundation for effective public safety and service to our community. It is important to take stock of our victories and let them inspire us to stay the course we are charting for a more transparent and trusted Vallejo PD that collaborates with our community.

## 2022-23 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF HIGHLIGHTS:

### IHART PROGRAM INITIATIVE

The Vallejo Police Department was awarded \$900,000 in funding for the Integrated Health and Resource Team (IHART) program to provide trauma-informed response and social service linkages after arrests in the city. IHART will operate a 24/7 mobile crisis response unit staffed by a crisis counselor and an EMT. They will focus on de-escalation, social work, family mediation and suicide assessments. IHART will use trauma-informed techniques to respond to various social service calls, particularly for individuals with mental health issues and disabilities. By replacing law enforcement officers with crisis workers and medical professionals, IHART aims to reduce triggers and risks and connect residents with relevant services such as mental health care, substance abuse support, and housing assistance.



## CATALYTIC CONVERTER ORDINANCE

The Vallejo Police Department announced the implementation of a Catalytic Converter Ordinance aimed at addressing the rampant theft of catalytic converters within the city. With an estimated 500 catalytic converters stolen in Vallejo alone during 2021, it was necessary to protect the public and deter this criminal activity. There was a glaring absence of city, state or federal legislation that specifically defined and punished these thefts within the City of Vallejo.

The comprehensive Ordinance provides the department with well-defined legal authority to combat the rising tide of catalytic converter thefts. Under the new legislation, the buying, selling, receiving or possessing of a catalytic converter was deemed a criminal offense. Violators of the ordinance are subject to misdemeanor charges, which may result in up to six months of imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation.



## REPORT JOHN PROGRAM

The Vallejo Police Department partnered with the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking to bring the ReportJohn.org (RJP) program to the City of Vallejo. With the program, community members were able to report incidents of suspected commercial sex and human trafficking activity by using the platform.

ReportJohn.org is an online and mobile reporting system that allows community members to report vehicles anonymously observed soliciting sex or attempting to engage in illicit sexual activity. The program aims to reduce illegal sex demand by educating the public on the laws and dangers of human trafficking, target sex buyers, increase communication with the public and deter buyers with the issuance of a visibility letter.

## NEW SERVICE AREA PROGRAM RELEASED

The Vallejo Police Department launched an innovative initiative to foster stronger ties with the community by creating four distinct service areas. In this endeavor, a member of the department's command staff was appointed to oversee each specific area, aiming to bolster community relationships and address local concerns effectively.

Under the implemented program, the City of Vallejo was divided into four quadrants: north, south, west and east. A dedicated police lieutenant was assigned to each quadrant, responsible for proactive problem-solving and collaborating with community members to address quality-of-life issues and other relevant matters within their designated area.

By establishing these distinct service areas and assigning command staff members to oversee them, the Vallejo Police Department aims to strengthen its engagement with the community and develop tailored solutions to address specific concerns within each quadrant. The department remains committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for all residents through proactive policing strategies and collaborative efforts with community partners.



## GHOST GUN ORDINANCE



The Vallejo Police Department has been actively addressing the issue of ghost guns, which are firearms without serial numbers that can be assembled from parts and are difficult to trace. The severity of the issue is underscored by the statistics indicating that in 2021, there were 253 shootings and 18 gun-related deaths in Vallejo. These numbers highlight the urgent need to address the proliferation of ghost guns and their potential impact on public safety.

In response to the rising concern, the Vallejo Police Department wrote a Ghost Gun Ordinance making the sale of ghost guns a misdemeanor offense. This move increased the penalties associated with these

activities. The City’s municipal code outlines the specific penalties for infractions and misdemeanors in Vallejo. Infractions can result in fines ranging from \$100 to \$500, while a misdemeanor conviction carries a maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or a maximum jail sentence of six months.

## PROJECT HOPE

Rep. Mike Thompson (CA-05) announced that the Vallejo Police Department would receive \$1 million in grants for Project HOPE. This grant, from the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance is highly competitive Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation program, is being used to implement Project HOPE (Harm-focused Outreach, Prevention and Engagement), a comprehensive framework that through strategic coordination and partnerships will deploy evidence-and community-based strategies to reduce, prevent and suppress violent crime and gun violence in Vallejo’s hotspot neighborhoods.

Project HOPE is building a bridge between community members, law enforcement and those that view crime and violence as their only option in life. These programs are expected to generate measurable data which will be collected and analyzed in coordination with the Vallejo Police Department research partners. Project HOPE will advance trauma-informed strategies to reduce gun and violent crime city-wide while promoting civil rights, supporting victims, protecting the public and building trust. Project HOPE street outreach workers are being trained to identify conflicts within their community and help resolve disputes. The Vallejo Police Department is using credible community members with lived experiences who individuals trust at a high risk of violence. These individuals will use their credibility to interrupt cycles of retaliatory violence, help connect high-risk individuals to social services, and provide alternatives to solving conflicts outside of gun violence.





## POLICE REFORM

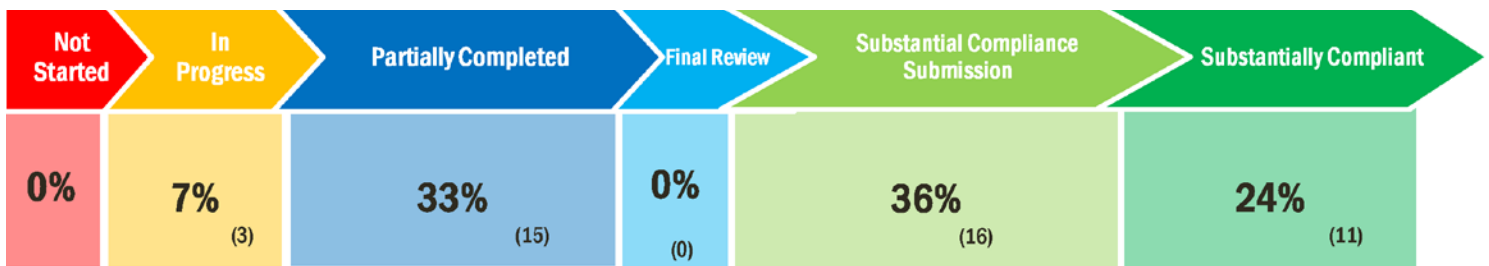
In June of 2020, the California Department of Justice (CalDOJ), the City of Vallejo, and the Vallejo Police Department (VPD) entered into a three-year collaborative reform agreement which created the Vallejo Police Department Transformation Initiative (VTI). The objective of the VTI was to implement the 45 recommendations provided by the OIR Group. The four focus areas of the VTI were to evaluate and improve Use of Force (UOF), Bias-Free Policing, Community Engagement and Transparency, and Police Professionalism and Accountability.

To focus on these four areas, VPD has actively partnered with both professional and community stakeholders to establish foundational policies and procedures. These policies and procedures included an enhanced UOF and supervisory reporting and review process, additional protocols for the Critical Incident Review Board (CIRB) which community involvement, policies for officer-involved shootings (OIS) and deaths, updating the VPD webpage to increase transparency and provide the community with additional resources, and departmental guidelines for bias-free policing.

During the first year of the collaborative agreement, VPD concentrated on planning and determining the scope of workload involved. In the second year, VPD then focused on specific areas of the agreement, built out foundational policies and procedures, focused on community engagement, assigned personnel and distributed workflow. During the third year, VPD concentrated on implementing the workflow. In November 2022, Interim Chief Ta created the CalDOJ Collaborative Compliance Task Force, or the “Triple C” Task Force, with the full-time assignment of working on this collaborative agreement.

Out of the 45 recommendations, 224 compliance measures were identified, encompassing individual steps and processes required for their fulfillment. These were supported by 768 proofs of substantial compliance, comprising verifiable actions, documents and other evidence.

At the conclusion of the three-year collaborative agreement, VPD was able to successfully receive substantial compliance on 40-60% of the recommendations and are continuing to work diligently on the remaining recommendations.

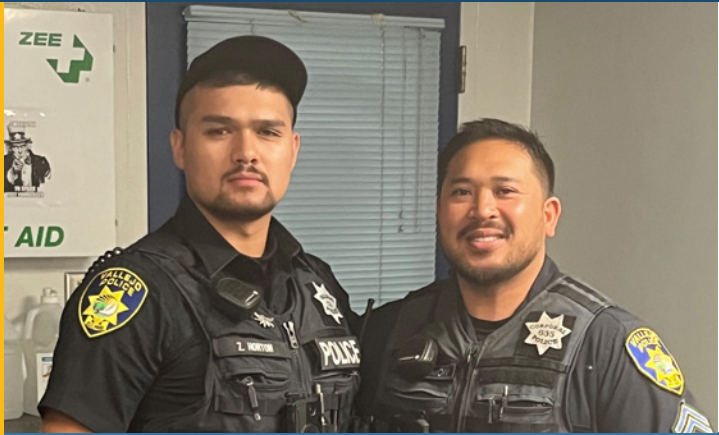


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\*Review status and progress assigned by VPD only. Not endorsed by CalDOJ.



# PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION



## *“Ensuring Professional and Ethical Excellence in Law Enforcement”*

The Professional Standards Division (PSD) of the Vallejo Police Department is responsible for preserving the integrity and professionalism of the Police Department and its employees. This division supports the department’s mission, vision and values through transparency, accountability and training.

The PSD Administrative Sergeant is responsible for many tasks.

These include:

- Department training manager, to include all internal and external police training for all sworn and non-sworn members.
- Personnel, recruitment and hiring for all sworn and non-sworn positions.
- Program Coordinator for Police Cadets, Volunteers, Explorers, Reserve Officers, Chaplains, Citizen’s Academy and all public city events in need of department personnel’s presence.
- Liaison for all police recruits currently attending a police academy.
- Pre-Academy orientation training.
- New Hire orientation training.
- Building and gym maintenance.
- Special projects as it relates to training and recruitment.

### **2022 FACTS:**

The Professional Standards Division handled:

- 740 PRA requests which reflected a 66% increase from 2020.
- An average of 42 PRA requests per month.

## **INTERNAL AFFAIRS**

The Office of Internal Affairs (IA) conducts internal investigations assigned by the Chief of Police. This unit is also responsible for a variety of administrative evaluations dealing with police activities.

## **INTERNAL & EXTERNAL TRAINING**

The PSD Administrative Sergeant is responsible for department training (to include all internal and external police training), pre-academy orientation training, as well as volunteers, Police Cadets, Explorers, Reserve Officers, Chaplains, and the Citizen’s Academy.

## RECRUITMENT & PERSONNEL

Here is a breakdown of those hired by the Vallejo Police Department for the year 2022:

SWORN PERSONNEL HIRED	
Police Officers	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

Out of the 9 Police Officers hired in 2022, 7 of them were initially hired as Police Officer Recruits. Once they graduated from the police academy, they transitioned into Police Officer positions. The Police Officer Recruits seen under “non-sworn” also count sworn Police Officer positions.

### 2023 FACTS:

In 2023, PSD brought on an administrative manager to oversee the civilian staff projects in PSD. During this time, one of the major tasks for PSD/IA staff involved a court-ordered review of reports of force going as far back as possible, which is 1995. We reviewed over 127,000 police records, 300 videos, 150 audio and 2000 photos related to the use of force, reviewed the material and released the publicly available records subject to any exemptions on the VPD website pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1421. The video and audio combined was a total of 147 hours, not including the records portion or the additional time for redactions. In addition, PSD/IA staff were still responsible for handling an average of 42 PRA requests per month, citizen complaints, internal investigations, collisions, vehicle pursuits, use of force, city claims, pitch motions, personnel onboarding/offboarding, POST audit, URSUS reporting, Civilian Complaint reporting, processing all video/audio/photos/records redactions and more. The PSD/IA staff holds several meetings in compliance with our recommendations and produces many statistical reports. The reports sometimes require extensive research and data mining. The data can be found [here](#).

NON-SWORN PERSONNEL HIRED	
Police Officer Recruits	9
Police Cadets/PA	0/3
Communications Operators	2
Executive Secretary	1
Extra Help	1
Police Chaplains	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>



Here is a breakdown of those hired by the Vallejo Police Department in 2023:

SWORN PERSONNEL HIRED	
Police Officers	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

NON-SWORN PERSONNEL HIRED	
Police Officer Recruits	9
Police Assistants	3
Police Clerks	4
Communications Operators	8
Executive Secretary	1
Extra Help	2
Administrative Clerks	1
Administrative Manager	1
Grant Coordinator	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>



# COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



The Communications Center is the primary answering point for all 911 calls for the City of Vallejo and dispatches for the Vallejo Police Department and the Vallejo Fire Department. The center is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Communications Center answers both emergency and non-emergency calls and acts as a liaison between the members of the community, other agencies, department personnel and field units in support of organizational goals and objectives.

STATISTICS & INFORMATION	2022	2023
Total calls answered by communications (911 and administrative lines)	215,550	210,416
Total police calls entered	56,331	57,874
Total fire calls entered	18,354	18,570
Full-time Tactical Dispatchers	2	4
Callouts	3	6
Full-Time Communications Operations		10

# RECORDS SECTION



The Vallejo Police Department Records Section provides assistance to the citizens of Vallejo with report requests, ticket sign-offs, local background checks and vehicle releases, general police related information along with a variety of specialized administrative and technical duties. Often the first contact at the police department, records personnel strive to deliver professional, responsive and courteous service with every citizen interaction.

Below are some totals of what the Records section processed in 2022 and 2023. These numbers do not reflect the citizen interactions handled at the front desk and over the phone, internal requests from department employees and the many requests we receive for information from neighboring law enforcement agencies.

STATISTICS & INFORMATION	2022	2023
COPLOGIC Reports processed from website with 3,715 actual reports approved and entered in RIMS	7,393	6,431
COPLOGIC Report Requests processed from website	1,630	1,706
Towed/Stored/VETO/Evidence reports processed	1,640	1,721
Vehicle Releases issue	473	468
Restraining Orders processed	565	553
Front Desk Calls for Service	585	839
Desk Reports	458	651



# DETECTIVE DIVISION



Our Investigations Bureau includes several sections that focus on covert investigations, PEACE Team operations, Federal Task Force Officers (FBI), and Crime Analysis Units.

## FBI TASK FORCE

The Vallejo Police Department has had a long-standing relationship with the FBI and assigns a detective to the FBI's Solano County Violent Crime Task Force. This unit is composed of FBI Special Agents and Detectives from agencies throughout the County. They focus on criminal street gangs and violent criminals located within or committing crimes in the Solano County area.

STATISTICS & INFORMATION	2022	2023
Surveillance Operations	60+	49
Guns Seized	39	23
Felony Arrests	20+	14
Warrants Authored	30+	32
Drugs Recovered/ Purchased	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7,000 MDMA pills</li> <li>0.5 lbs of cocaine</li> <li>10 lbs of methamphetamine</li> <li>4 oz of fentanyl</li> <li>BHO lab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4000 MDMA pills</li> <li>96.8 gm of crack cocaine</li> <li>4 lbs of powder cocaine</li> <li>10 lbs, 3 oz of methamphetamine</li> <li>0.5lb of fentanyl</li> <li>15,000 fentanyl pills</li> <li>225 gm of heroin</li> </ul>



## MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE

In November 2020, the Vallejo Police Department partnered with the Solano County District Attorney's Office to launch the Solano County Major Crimes Task Force (SCMCTF), the first of its kind in the State of California. Members of the SCMCTF will head up the investigation of all officer-involved fatal incidents. The mission of the task force is to provide independent oversight of criminal investigations into all uses of deadly force by law enforcement in Solano County.

## COURT LIAISON UNIT

The Court Liaison Unit coordinates with the District Attorney's office in preparing cases for review that were fulfilled by Officers from the Department. The Court Liaison also schedules and maintains the availability of the employees that are subject to subpoenas. The Court Liaison delivers court subpoenas to Police Department staff, monitors employees' work schedules and shifts and provides court continuation requests along with status updates of scheduled court appearances.





## CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

The goal of the Crime Analysis Unit is to provide the Patrol Division, the Investigations Division, and Command Staff with analysis to aid in the identification of suspects and the reduction and suppression of crime. The Crime Analysis Unit provides monthly statistics that give an overview of crime in Vallejo for comparison both yearly and seasonally. The Crime Analysis Unit is also given certain assignments by the Patrol Division, Investigation Division, and Command Staff. These assignments range from in-depth crime statistics to active case assignments.

### 2022 FACTS:

- Implemented video analytics software to assist with investigations (BriefCam).
- Assisted in case research to assist in the development of leads/suspects or similar cases.
- Assisted outside agencies with case research data on violent crime and cell phone analysis.
- Collected and disseminated violent crime statistics to help the department with various grants.
- Collaborated with ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives) in order to gain access to NESS (NIBIN Enforcement Support System).
- Created an ALPR (Automatic License Plate Reader) report in order to track hits/reads of license plates wanted in connection to crimes and their usage in case investigations.
- Provided data analysis on mental health calls for service to assist with the CAHOOTS mental health project.

### 2023 FACTS:

- Continued partnership with Cellebrite and used their Digital Intelligence Platforms to retrieve cellular phone data related to criminal investigations.
- Complied with AB 485 and created a public Hate Crime Data report.
- Complied with AB 1463 and restricted ALPR access to only agencies within the state of California.
- Completed a three-year alarm call for service audit to determine the best use of police resources. That data was then presented to the Vallejo City Council and community members at two town hall meetings.
- Researched crime data in specific areas of the city to assist with alcohol sales licensing.
- Provided statistical analysis in order to assist with PRA's.
- Assisted in case research to assist in the development of leads/suspects or similar cases.
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## BRIEF OVERVIEW OF 290 PROGRAM (SEX OFFENDER AND ARSON REGISTRATION)

Vallejo Police Department's Sex and Arson Registration program has been actively managed by volunteers, citizens on patrol, and a police assistant, along with a detective assigned to oversee the program. The Department registers all sex offenders pursuant to the California Penal Code 290.46 in person every Wednesday between the hours of 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at our main police station located at 111 Amador Street. We also register brand new registrants by appointment only, every Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- 513 total sex offender registrants
- 6 total arson registrants



## PROPERTY & EVIDENCE UNIT

The Property and Evidence Unit receives catalogs and safely stores and maintains the integrity of evidence, found items and property for safekeeping. They follow a number of guidelines driven by statute and strive to comply with California and national law enforcement best practices. They process more than 15,000 pieces of evidence a year and coordinate through legal means to dispose and destroy items as permissible by law.

The section also houses our Crime Scene Unit, which responds to major crime scenes and uses advanced methods to document and collect all manner of items of evidence.

STATISTICS & INFORMATION	2022	2023
Items Destroyed	7,648	2,099
Physical Items Booked	17,134	14,086
Digital Evidence Booked into Evidence.com	11,823	10,174
Autopsies	29	32
Crime Scenes Processed	49	44
Vehicles Processed	21	42
Firearms Test Fired	221	30*

*\*In 2023, there were restricted range times and increased investigative requirements.*



## PATROL DIVISION

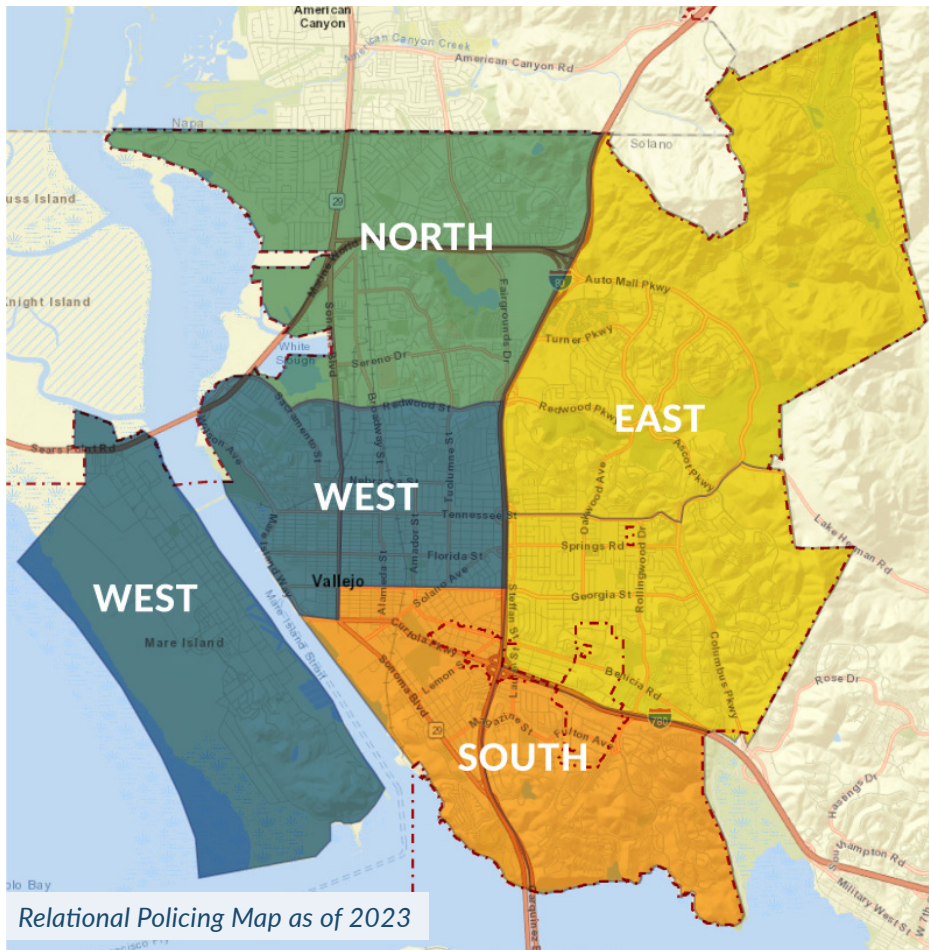


The Vallejo Police Department's Patrol Division provides proactive community oriented-policing to the community of over 124,000 residents encompassing over 48 square miles. Patrol is vital to the department; it is the largest, most visible division and is generally divided up into eight beats. Patrol officers spend much of their time during peak hours responding to calls for service. You can often find them looking for a lost child, comforting the victim of a crime, arresting an armed felon, enforcing traffic laws, conducting traffic accident investigations, providing proactive patrol and leading preliminary criminal investigations.

The patrol division is composed of uniformed officers and our K-9 units who are responsible for responding to emergency and non-emergency calls. Their primary focus is the protection of life and property.

The Patrol Division squads are responsible for providing 24/7 service to our citizens. The officers receive numerous hours of training in a multitude of disciplines including: Crisis Intervention/De-escalation, Fair and Impartial Policing, Cultural Diversity, Emergency Vehicle Operations as well as Arrest and Control. The Patrol Division works closely with other Vallejo Police Department Divisions, governmental agencies, and community organizations to help address crime and quality of life issues at the neighborhood level.

In 2022-23, innovative technologies that assisted patrol officers included smart vision automatic license plate readers, body-worn cameras and data-driven approaches using ESRI GIS mapping as well as the assistance of a dedicated crime analyst that often informed our deployments in a focused and balanced approach.



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In 2022 and 2023, we continued relational policing that emphasizes building relationships and problem-solving. It provides for ownership and better responsiveness to the community at the lieutenant level. Our city was divided up into 4 'service areas' with a lieutenant assigned to each area with a focus on building relationships rather than mere partnerships, working in sincere collaboration and creating an atmosphere of transparency, respect, engagement, emotional capital, and trust.

In 2022-23, we continued utilizing grant funding for Project HOPE. Project HOPE is centered on youth and family services. The project establishes comprehensive, community-based and equitable access to justice and services through place-based programming designed to prevent, interrupt, and mitigate violence. Wraparound evidenced-based, trauma-informed violence intervention services through place-based wraparound case management, family interventions, youth diversion, safe visitation and custody exchange, hospital-based intervention, neighborhood revitalization and street and community outreach will repair relationships, reduce victimization, and will be implemented.

To combat the continual surge of illegal prostitution in our downtown area, the Vallejo Police Department continued to partner with the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking through the Report John Program in which citizens can report 'Johns' who solicit prostitutes.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Division enforced ordinances, including property maintenance, vacant buildings, vehicle abatement (on private property), and abandoned shopping cart prevention. Annually, Code Enforcement addressed numerous complaints related to property upkeep and violations, primarily through proactive inspections or citizen reports. In February 2023, Code Enforcement shifted from the Vallejo Police Department to the City’s Planning & Development Services division.

## OPERATION STARVATION

VPD implemented Operation Starvation to combat prostitution in the downtown area. This strategy aims to disrupt sex trafficking transactions through high-visibility patrolling in key locations such as Sonoma Boulevard, Alabama Street, Sutter Street, Florida Street, and Sacramento Street.

As part of Operation Starvation, officers conduct patrols to deter sex trafficking activities. Officers engage with sex workers, offer counseling resources, and liaise with local business owners and the community to inform them of their patrol efforts.

## HOLIDAY PATROL

VPD’s Holiday Patrol initiative aims to enhance security in major retail areas during the winter holiday season. Its objective includes deterring and apprehending individuals involved in robberies, retail theft, vehicle burglaries and other criminal activities. The initiative comprises multiple components: Deterring criminal activity through high visibility patrol in marked police units and on uniformed foot patrol, and quicker response to calls for service.

## HOT SPOT POLICING

VPD’s Hot Spot Policing initiative aims reduce gun violence in specific geographical areas identified through our Crime Analysis Unit. The program places officers in these areas to deter gun violence and other criminal behavior, conduct enforcement and engage with citizens and business in order to enhance community relationships.

STATISTICS & INFORMATION	2022	2023
Illegal Dumping	221	50*
Closed Cases	1,102	1,390**
Vehicle Abatement/Abandoned Vehicle Tows	137	474

\* In 2023, Code Enforcement shifted from VPD to the City of Vallejo’s Planning and Development Services Department, resulting in reduced service for illegal dumping cases.

\*\* These are cases with the disposition of arrested (Adult/Juv), arrested – other agency, and cleared by other means.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTION

In 2022, the Community Services Section worked together with community groups, and faith-based organizations to connect with our residents. Mental health services were on the forefront of the efforts in 2022. Working with Solano County's HOPE team to locate and bring services to the unsheltered in Vallejo. CSS relied on collaborative efforts with its partners such as the Neighborhood Law attorney to address nuisance properties. Participation in the C.O.R.E. team to address some issues related to the unsheltered in the city. CSS was tasked to supervise the new "Report John" program to target sex trafficking in Vallejo. The department continued to build relationships with our residents through the neighborhood watch program. In February 2023, Code Enforcement was moved from the Vallejo Police Department to the City's Planning & Development Services division and CSS was disbanded.

## KAISER DETAIL

A Vallejo Police Department officer serves as the Kaiser security officer and is responsible for the safety and security of all medical personnel, Kaiser members and Kaiser hospital facility. Normal duties for our officers consist of conducting foot patrol throughout the hospital, covering over 1.2 million square feet.



## K-9 UNIT

Since its formation, the Vallejo Police Department's K-9 Unit continues to serve as a vital program providing 24/7 coverage to the City of Vallejo. K-9 units, which consist of canines and their sworn handlers, each receive over 320 hours of initial training prior to working patrol and 220 hours of yearly training thereafter. K-9 units must pass strict annual POST certification standards and engage in daily and weekly training to maintain a high-level of competency.

K-9 teams train for real-life applications of tracking, building searches, area searches, obedience, suspect apprehensions and a series of situational and scenario-based training. More specifically, the canines are trained in the tracking and trailing of fleeing felons and lost children or missing persons. They have the ability to locate discarded articles and can detect the odor of narcotics.

Canines are particularly efficient in searching large fields or buildings for hiding suspects and can enter small areas that officers would not be able to access. They are also useful in high-risk situations such as foot chases where the dog's speed and tracking ability becomes very handy. Overall, the superior sense of smell, hearing and potential aggressiveness of a trained law enforcement canine is a valuable supplement to the law enforcement workforce.



# TRAFFIC DIVISION



In 2022-23, the Vallejo Police Department continued to be data-driven, focusing its efforts on traffic-related education, engagement and enforcement with a DDACTS (Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety). The Vallejo Police Department's Traffic Section currently consists of a lieutenant, and one professional staff member and one-part time professional staff member. The main focus of the Traffic Section is the education and enforcement of California Vehicle Code violations to ensure the safety of the motoring public. In addition to enforcing Vehicle Code Violations, the Traffic Section is responsible for reviewing and investigating all traffic collisions from non-injury to fatal collisions. The unit addresses the majority of parking complaints on public property and abandoned vehicles reported throughout the city.

In 2022, the Vallejo Police Department investigated 660 traffic collisions including 25 fatal collisions, inspected 3,023 abandoned vehicles, and towed 583 vehicles from the public streets.

In 2023, the Vallejo Police Department investigated 870 traffic collisions including 8 fatal collisions, inspected 2,523 abandoned vehicles, and towed 608 vehicles from the public streets.

We look forward to expanding the Traffic Division and continuing to make Vallejo a safer place.



# EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT



The Vallejo Police Department's Emergency Services Unit is comprised of 5 highly specialized teams: SWAT, HNT, TECH, Tactical Dispatch, and MFF. The unit is commanded by a captain with each of the included units headed by a lieutenant or senior sergeant.

## **SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM**

The Vallejo Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team is a highly-trained, equipped and coordinated unit that responds to high-risk incidents and critical events. SWAT responses may include, but are not limited to: hostage-taking, barricade situations, active shooter incidents, terrorist acts and any other high-risk incidents. SWAT may also serve high-risk search warrants, apprehend fugitives or be called in support of maintaining public safety at large-scale public events.

Vallejo SWAT's core mission as a force is to save and preserve life. This mission is carried out by leveraging the use of special tools, tactics, and techniques to bring a peaceful and safe resolution to hazardous and highly dangerous incidents. The SWAT team completed 6 operations in 2022 and 12 operations in 2023.

As of 2023, the SWAT team has expanded and now includes a Specialist Team to assist with Perimeters and Equipment Deployment. They increased their internal and external training hours to meet POST Recommendations. Each of the 12 deployments were for serious felony crimes involving weapons. The team's tactics safely resolved each of the deployments with minimal force resulting in no serious injuries to anyone involved.



## MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The Mobile Field Force team is commanded by a lieutenant and overseen by the ESU Commander who holds the rank of captain. The team also consists of several sergeants and a cadre of corporals and officers. The Vallejo PD Mobile Field Force team is part of the Solano County Mobile Field Force team under the Solano County Office of Emergency Services. This is a regional MFF team. The Mobile Field Force team can be utilized for instances such as but not limited to; crowd management, crowd control, response to disasters, response to hazmat events, response to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction and other planned/unplanned events requiring the use or support of the Mutual Aid Mobile Field Force (MAMFF).

## HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Hostage Negotiation Team (HNT) serves as an instrumental resource for our organization to facilitate a peaceful resolution to incidents involving hostage situations, barricaded suspects and crisis/suicide intervention before the situation necessitates a tactical response. Our team is composed of a Commander, four team leaders and six negotiators.



## TACTICAL DISPATCH

The role of the Tactical Dispatch team, functioning as part of the Emergency Services Unit (ESU), is to support the command staff with accurate and timely documentation and communication during high-risk operations. Inherent in this responsibility will be the processing and posting of tactical and operational information, including communication procedures to support the command and control protocol for the management of critical operations. In addition, the objective is to allow the Communication Center to return to normal operations as soon as feasible to handle other emergencies. The Tactical Dispatch team had two tactical dispatchers and three callouts in 2022. In 2023, the Tactical Dispatch team had 4 tactical dispatchers and six callouts.



## 2022-23 FACTS:

- Provided advanced assistance to SWAT/ESU and MFF with multiple pre planned operations through sharing intel without compromising officer safety, such as scouting the target prior to warrant service and maintaining visual on persons.
- Assisted during numerous patrol calls deemed suspicious or involving large crowds. They were able to clear these calls as unfounded or gone on arrival without having to physically arrive at the scene, thus avoiding potential ambushes or unruly crowds.
- Combat illegal sideshow activities by providing responding units with information and identifying vehicles participating in these events. This support helped in effectively addressing and managing the situation.
- Conducted large area searches for wanted subjects who fled the area from officers.
- Participated with the de-escalation of situations by visually identifying potential hazards for officers prior to their arrival on the scene. Identifying potential hazards allowed officers to slow down and not rush.
- Obtained evidentiary aerial photographs for the Traffic and Investigation Divisions.



## TECH TEAM

The Vallejo Police Department UAS (Unmanned Aerial System) program is an efficient and effective way of providing enhanced law enforcement. Some examples of our UAS usage are public safety and life preservation missions including, but not limited to: missing person incidents, observations at homeless encampments, traffic and disaster scene incidents, hazmat incidents, suspected explosive devices, search or arrest warrant service, barricade suspect situations, active shooters, apprehension of armed and dangerous fleeing suspects, high-risk search warrants, investigative scenes, special events, training missions, and mutual aid support when the underlying missions meet the uses outlined in the Vallejo Police Department UAS policy. Our UAS Tech Team allows us to de-escalate by providing overwatch and observing incidents from a distance.

During 2022-23, the members of the UAS Tech Team flew several dozen missions each year related to burglary investigations, missing persons, search warrants, suspicious circumstances, SWAT operations and homicide investigations. The pilots on the team participate in routine training, honing their skills related to nighttime flights, flying indoors, thermal imaging, grid searches and overall flight proficiency.

The UAS Tech Team is composed of sworn Vallejo Police Department officers who are all certified unmanned aircraft system (drone) operators by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Operators are trained on a variety of aircrafts and deploy department drones to assist patrol, SWAT, ESU and MFF operations. Tech Team operators allow officers to increase their situational awareness when responding to incidents in a manner that increases safety for officers and citizens alike.



## A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

Throughout 2022 and 2023, the Vallejo Police Department demonstrated a strong commitment to public safety and an unwavering dedication to continuous improvement. We have achieved remarkable progress in enhancing transparency, utilizing advanced technology and actively engaging with our community.

As we look towards the future, we remain resolute in our mission to create a safer and stronger Vallejo. With your steadfast support, we will persist in pursuing innovation, collaboration and building a thriving community. **Together, we can forge a path toward a safer and more prosperous Vallejo that will benefit future generations.**





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