

130 Years of Dedicated Service

1888 - 2018



# South Pasadena Police Department 2018 Annual Report



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## About South Pasadena

Incorporated in 1888, the City of South Pasadena is a charming community, situated only six miles from downtown Los Angeles. Often called the "City of Trees", the area is known for its many oak tree lined streets, stunning craftsman type homes, unique small businesses, and top quality schools. It is one of the oldest cities to continue to build it's own float for the Rose Parade.

South Pasadena's diverse population of about 25,000 covers a mere 3.44 square miles of flatlands and hillsides on the west side of the San Gabriel Valley. South Pasadena's small town atmosphere and many turn of the century homes, makes it one of California's most desirable locations to live.

In 2014, Sunset Magazine readers voted South Pasadena one of the best suburbs to live in the West.

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South Pasadena Train Station, 1890

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



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I am pleased to present the South Pasadena Police Department's 2018 Annual Report. I hope you will find the report informative as you take an inside look at the accomplishments of the Police Department and our ongoing efforts to keep our community safe.

This report provides selected highlights of the many accomplishments, initiatives, and programs undertaken by the dedicated men and woman of the South Pasadena Police Department. The report also includes a statistical analysis of reported crimes, calls for service, and traffic data.

We continue to successfully deter crime through proactive patrol, community policing initiatives, and effective investigations while partnering with our community. Together, we will keep the momentum going in reducing crime and enhancing public safety for all who work, live or visit South Pasadena.

Over the last five years, the overall crime rate in South Pasadena has continued to decline. Despite this, the Police Department remains forward thinking to address emerging trends affecting public safety. Within this report, you will learn how police personnel are working collaboratively with other South Pasadena City Departments, neighboring law enforcement agencies, and non-profit groups to address crime trends and community concerns.

This last year the Police Department saw several changes within the organization, and we successfully transitioned through a change in executive leadership as well. The men and woman of the department continued forward, making great strides and look forward to the new challenges in 2019. We are an organization that remains active, continuously looking to improve and provide the best services possible for our community.

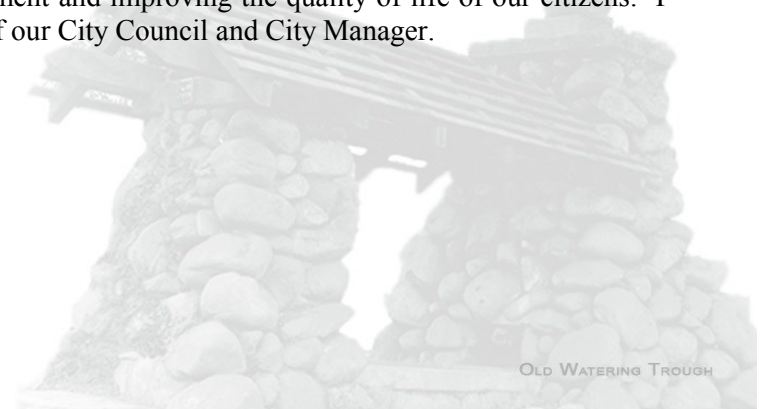
Your Police Department is focused on increasing community support through our actions of highly visible, accessible, and responsive policing. We recognize the trust bestowed upon us by those we serve must be earned each day. We are committed to meet that challenge.

I am honored to lead such a talented, diverse, and committed team of police professionals as we continually seek to fulfill our mission: providing a safe environment and improving the quality of life of our citizens. I am appreciative of your continued support and that of our City Council and City Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Solinsky".

Brian Solinsky  
Acting Chief of Police



# South Pasadena Police Department **COMMAND STAFF**

The Command Staff consists of the Chief of Police, Captains, Sergeants and Field Supervisors that are responsible for the daily operation of the department.



**Jim Valencia**  
Acting Captain  
Support Services Division



**Brian Solinsky**  
Acting Chief of Police



**Robert Bartl**  
Acting Captain  
Field Services Division



**Shannon Robledo**  
Administrative Sergeant



**Tom Jacobs**  
Detective Sergeant



**Tony Abdalla**  
Patrol Watch Commander  
SET Commander



**Matthew Ronnie**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Spencer Louie**  
Patrol Watch Commander



**Juan Salcido**  
Patrol Watch Commander

*View down Mission Street, South Pasadena in 1896*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*"The Mission of the South Pasadena Police Department is to provide our community with the safest possible environment using interactive crime prevention methods, public education programs, and the equitable and professional application of the law."*

## CORE VALUES

**Integrity** - Police officers are entrusted with lives and property. They are exposed to situations where, if lacking a high level of integrity, they can take advantage of that trust. The community must have confidence that their officers have the highest level of ethics and morals. Personal integrity is fundamental in the prevention of corruption. Police officers have a solemn obligation to be honest and trustworthy, accurately document probable cause and the circumstances of an arrest in reports and during courtroom testimony, report ethical violations when committed by others, and serve as a role model for the public.

**Quality of Service** - The residents and business owners of South Pasadena have high expectations of the quality of service provided by the South Pasadena Police Department. Historically, the Department has provided an exemplary level of service. When handling any type of call for service, criminal or traffic investigation, officers should always provide a level of service they would want their family to receive. They should be guided by what is the right thing to do to solve the problem that resulted in their response.

**Respect for People** - Police officers must treat all people with as much respect and dignity as the situation allows. Even in a confrontational, adversarial encounter, officers must remain professional and respectful. Respect towards others breeds respect in return. And, respect towards others must begin between co-workers. If employees are not respectful towards each other, they will not be respectful towards the public. All employees must treat each other with respect and recognize that the diversity each employee brings to the South Pasadena Police Department helps to make the Department able to police the diverse community we serve.

**Work Ethic** - The employees of the South Pasadena Police Department are government employees and their salaries and benefits are paid by the public they serve. Taxpayers have the right to expect their government employees to earn the salaries they are paid. All employees are expected to give an honest day's work. The South Pasadena Police Department does not have any unnecessary positions and everyone must be committed to supporting each other to accomplish the goals and objectives of the organization. This requires a firm commitment from each and every employee.



# LEADERSHIP HISTORY



The following is a list of City Marshals and Chiefs that have led the South Pasadena Police Department since being established in 1888.

## City Marshal

When the city incorporated in 1888, the City Marshals provided law enforcement services to the community.

**Amman Cobb**  
March 1888 to June 1888

**Martin B. Selman**  
June 1888 to February 1889

**E. Peters**  
February 1889 to April 1894

**Isaac Peel**  
April 1894 to October 1895

**George Wilson**  
October 1895 to April 1896

**M.B. Reid**  
April 1896 to July 1907

**William H. Johnston**  
July 1907 to April 1916

## Chief of Police

In 1926, state legislation changed the position of City Marshal to Chief of Police.

**Frank Higgins**  
April 1916 to April 1942

**Everett Setzer**  
October 1942 to October 1950

**Robert Blakely**  
October 1950 to October 1952

**Clifton Brown**  
December 1952 to June 1960

**Melvin Viney**  
October 1960 to August 1976

**Gary Brown**  
August 1976 to May 1977

**Samuel Buntyn**  
June 1977 to December 1985

**William Reese**  
December 1985 to December 1990

**Thomas Mahoney**  
February 1991 to April 1997


**Michael Berkow**  
July 1997 to July 2001

**Daniel Watson**  
January 2002 to July 2010

**Joseph Payne**  
September 2010 to February 2013

**Arthur Miller**  
February 2013 to 2018

# South Pasadena 130 Years of




City incorporates.  
Police Department is established consisting of two officers and Amman Cobb is selected as first City Marshal.

1888




Nine additional officers are appointed, expanding the department to eleven Officers.

1900




Police Department acquires two motorcycles. They become the 7th and 8th motorcycle officers in Los Angeles County.

1909



City Hall, Police and Fire Station is built at Mission and Mound


1914




Frank Higgins becomes first police chief after state legislation changes Marshal to Chief.

1926

1970



An "Explorer Program" is created for youths. Police cars are painted solid white.



"Belker" becomes first SPPD K9. Police cars are painted traditional black & white.

1980




Current City Hall, Police and Fire Station is completed.

1987



Police Dept. acquires a Bloodhound, creating a "Scent Evidence Team".

1990



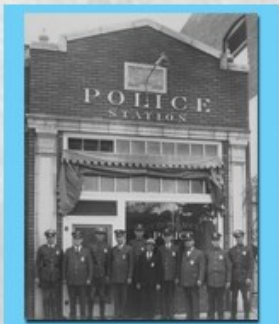
A commemorative "Millennium" badge is issued to officers to wear for the year.

2000

South Pasadena, 1890



# *Police Department Dedicated Service*



New Police Station is built next to City Hall on Mission Street.



"Auxiliary" police is created to supplement full-time officers that went to fight in the Second World War.



Officer Ray Rogers becomes the first SPPD Officer to be killed in the line of duty.



Light blue "Summer Uniforms" is established



"SPMC 1519" establishes "Reserve Organization". In 1969, a "Cadet Program" is created.

1930

1942

1944

1950

1960

2011

2013

2016

2017

2018



Officer Kevin Sandoval becomes the second SPPD Officer to die in the line of duty.



City celebrates "125 Years" of service to the community



SPPD joins other police departments in annual "Pink Patch Program" to help raise awareness for breast cancer.



Reserve Officers receive a City proclamation for 75 years of service.



SPPD celebrates 130 years of dedicated service. "Justice" is created as new department mascot.

## 2017 - 2018 CRIME STATISTICS

The following charts show the 2017 - 2018 crime comparisons and various categories of calls for service:

### 2014 - 2018 PART ONE CRIMES

Crime	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2017-2018
Homicide	1	0	0	1	0	-100%
Rape	4	3	3	2	2	0%
Robbery	10	22	10	9	19	111%
Assault	81	66	70	67	65	-3%
Burglary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residential	96	98	137	97	78	-20%
Commercial	19	43	30	33	25	-24%
Larceny-Theft	327	537	443	315	360	14%
Stolen Vehicles	32	31	57	59	59	0%
Arson	1	2	4	3	0	-100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

### CRIME CLEARANCE

	2017	2018	% Change
Crime Clearance	18%	16%	-11%

### ARRESTS

Arrests	2017	2018	% Change
Adult	883	809	-8%
Juveniles	41	36	-12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>-9%</b>

### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Traffic Collisions	2017	2018	% Change
Injury	79	81	3%
Injury hit and run	8	0	-100%
Non-Injury	48	65	35%
Non-Injury hit and run	30	3	-90%
Fatal	0	1	Not Calculable
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>-9%</b>

### CITATIONS

Citations	2017	2018	% Change
Citations (moving)	5,002	3,414	-32%
Parking	9,274	6,645	-28%
Others	110	136	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,386</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>-29%</b>

## 2017 - 2018 CRIME STATISTICS

### AGENCY ASSIST

Calls	2017	2018	% Change
Assist Fire	405	109	-73%
Assist Outside Agency	643	606	-6%
Assist Outside Agency 911 Transfer	1,034	1,177	14%

### SELECTED CALLS FOR SERVICE

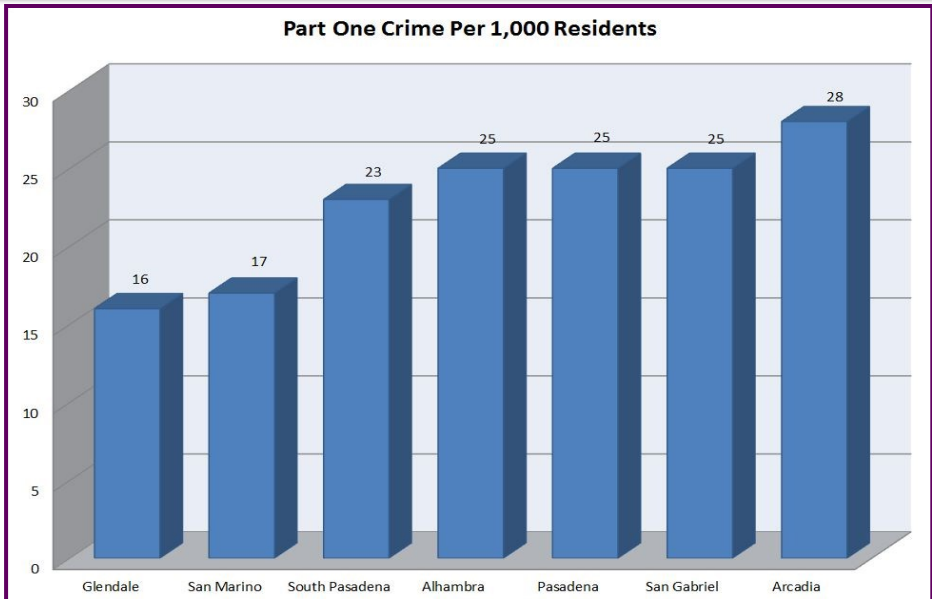
Calls for Service	2017	2018	% Change
Robbery Alarms	86	71	-17%
Burglar Alarms (vehicle, residential & commercial)	852	1,276	50%
Domestic Disputes (Domestic Violence, family, boy/girlfriend)	115	38	-67%
Suspicious Persons (pedestrian & vehicle)	1,955	1,636	-16%
Extra Patrol	4,317	4,901	14%
Traffic Stops	6,197	5,896	-5%
Foot Beats	5	43	760%
Vehicles Booted (5 or more park cites)	6	6	0%
Outside Agency Assist	643	606	-6%
Welfare Checks	452	492	9%
Disturbance (parties, families, neighbors, business disputes)	987	917	-7%
DUI Arrests	88	151	72%
K9 Deployment	78	48	-38%
K9 Training	70	70	0%
Online Reports	135	183	36%
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>15,986</b>	<b>16,334</b>	<b>2%</b>



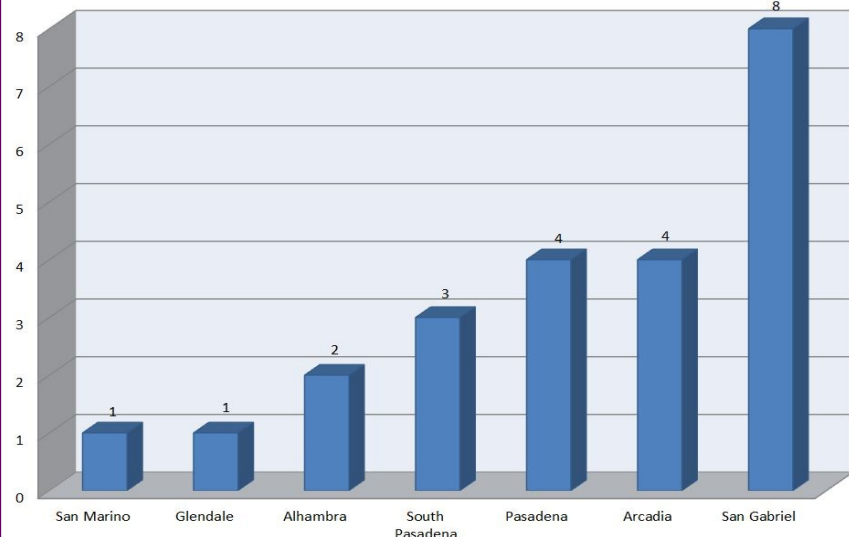
# 2018 CRIME STATISTICS

## Part One Crime Per 1,000 Residents

Average Crime Per 1,000 residents compared to surrounding cities was 23.



## Violent Crime Per 1,000 Residents

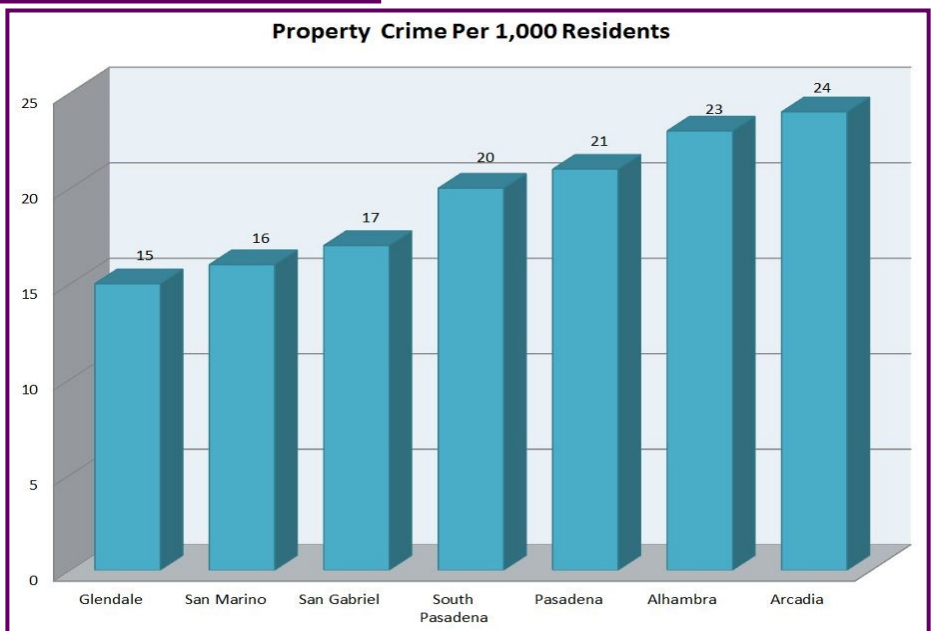


## Violent Crime Per 1,000 Residents

Average Violent Crime Per 1,000 residents compared to surrounding cities was 3.

## Property Crime Per 1,000 Residents

Property Crime Per 1,000 residents compared to surrounding cities was 19.



# PART ONE CRIMES

Since 1929, the Uniform Crime Report (UCR) has compiled statistics on crime nationwide. Maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the UCR has become an important source of crime data for law enforcement, the public and policymakers.

The most common types of crimes compared are the Part One crimes, which are comprised of violent and property crimes. In all, there are eight different types of crimes within the Part One category: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Assaults, Burglary, Larceny (thefts), Stolen Vehicles and Arson.

In 2018, there was a 3.8% increase in Part One Crimes. There were 608 Part One Crimes in 2018, compared to 586 in 2017. Violent Crimes which consist of Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Assault increased approximately 9% in 2018. Property Crimes which consist of Burglary, Larceny (Thefts), Stolen Vehicles and Arson also increased approximately 3% in 2018.

Despite the rise in Part One Crimes in 2018, when compared to neighboring cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, Glendale, Pasadena, San Gabriel and San Marino, our total Part One Crimes was right at the average with 23 Part One Crimes per 1,000 residents.

Violent Crimes were also right at the average with 3 Violent Crimes per 1,000 residents, when compared to our neighboring cities. Property Crimes were just above the average with 20 Property Crimes per 1,000 residents when compared to our neighboring cities.

It should be noted that because we are calculating with small numbers, percentage changes may be large which may not reflect the raw numbers.

Below is a detailed report on Part One Crimes for 2018.

## VIOLENT CRIMES

### HOMICIDES

There were no homicides reported in 2018.

### RAPES

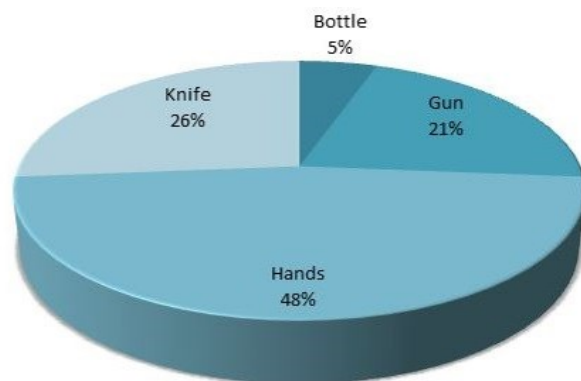
There were two rapes that occurred in 2018. This was the same number that occurred in 2017. Both rapes were reported late, with one reported ten months late.

### ROBBERIES

Robberies had the biggest percentage increase in 2018 (111%), but by the raw numbers it was an increase in 10. In 2018, nineteen robberies occurred compared to nine that occurred in 2017.

Hands were the most common type of weapon used. Using force to take an item accounted for nearly half of the type of weapon used in robberies, followed by a knife.

The chart below shows type of weapons used in robberies:



Like in 2017, street robberies were the majority of the types of robberies that occurred, accounting for 37%. Carjackings and “Estes” robberies (thefts that started as shoplift from a store and the suspect fought/pushed an employee when confronted) tied for second, accounting for 21%.

Two of the carjackings were committed by the same suspect, who went on a two hour crime spree in the city and also committed three residential burglaries.

There were two robberies that occurred at a house/garage. One



## ***PART ONE CRIMES***

between a former tenant and landlord and the other when the victim returned home and the suspects confronted the victim in the garage.

There was one home invasion robbery, which started as a residential burglary. The victim was home when the burglars entered and confronted the victim. The suspects grabbed the victim and pushed them into a room, reclassifying the crime as a home invasion robbery. Armed robberies to businesses again remained low. There was one attempted armed robbery to a business that occurred in 2018.

### **ASSAULTS**

There was a decrease of 3% in assaults in 2018 with the majority of the assaults being domestic related.

In 71% of the assaults, the suspect and victim knew each other. The relationships between the suspect and victim were being friends, classmates, family or acquaintances.

Assaults involving strangers, or victim did not know the suspect, increased in 2018 to 20%. Several of the stranger incidents involved “Road Rage” by drivers.

There was an increase in assaults to officers. In 2018, three incidents occurred compared to two in 2017.

There were four sexual batteries and three assaults on officers in 2018.

## **PROPERTY CRIMES**

### **BURGLARIES**

In 2018, burglaries (which include commercial and residential) continued a downward trend set in 2017. In 2018, burglaries decreased 21% compared to a 20% decrease in 2017.

#### **Residential Burglaries**

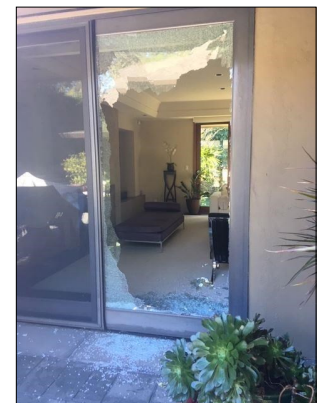
Residential burglaries accounted for 75% of the burglaries that occurred in 2018. However, since 2016, residential burglaries have seen a decline. In 2018, residential burglaries further declined 20%.

For reporting purposes, the city is divided into four sections with Monterey Road being the border for north and south, and Meridian Avenue the border between east and west.

The chart below shows the number of burglaries for each of the report areas of the city:

Area	2017	2018	% Change
<b>Northwest</b>	28	6	-79%
<b>Northeast</b>	18	28	56%
<b>Southwest</b>	24	21	-13%
<b>Southeast</b>	27	23	-15%

Since 2012, the south area of the city has seen the greatest number of residential burglaries. In 2018, over 50% of the residential burglaries occurred in the south area of the city.



The northwest area of the city saw the fewest residential burglaries (six occurred) in 2018 and also had the biggest change with a 79% decrease compared to 2017.

The use of force to gain entry has increase over the past years. In 2017, forced entry was made into residences 58% of the time. In 2018, the number of forced entry again increased to 63%. The most common method of entry by force was by smashing a sliding glass door, followed by prying a door. With this increase in forced entry, it shows that burglars are more determined to gain entry.

While the number of non-forced entry into residences declined in 2018, several residents made it easy for burglars to gain entry by leaving a door unlocked, or a window opened. There were ten burglaries that occurred to a garage where the garage was either left unlocked or opened, and the burglar simply walked in.

## PART ONE CRIMES

Like in previous years, over half the residential burglaries (54%) occurred during the daytime (between 7 AM and 7 PM) and 25% occurred during nighttime hours (between 7 PM and 7 AM). The remaining 21% could not be determined as they occurred over a two day period.

There were four “Hot Prowl” burglaries that occurred in 2018, the same number that occurred in 2017. “Hot Prowl” burglaries are defined as the victim being home when the burglar enters the residence.

Single-family homes continue to be the most targeted type of premises burglarized, accounting for 72%. Apartments/condominiums accounted for only 28%. These were the same percentages in 2017.

The most popular items stolen continue to be cash, jewelry, watches and laptop computers. Two guns that were stolen in 2018.

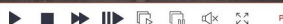
The common items stolen from garages were bicycles and tools. In three of the garage burglaries the burglar found the key and took the victim’s car that was parked in the garage.

Home security alarms continue to be a great deterrent against burglaries. Out of the 78 homes burglarized, 12 had alarms (roughly 15%). This was the same percentage in 2017. However, we still observed that a couple of residents did not turn on their alarm system.

Having an alarm continues to show that burglaries can be reduced by about 85%.



*The use of surveillance videos by residents has increased.*



The use of video surveillance cameras and video doorbells increases each year. Many victims and witnesses are able to capture video of the suspect and crime. The videos are used to create crime bulletins for both public and law enforcement use.

### **Commercial Burglaries**

Like residential burglaries, commercial burglaries also decreased in 2018. There was a 24% decrease in commercial burglaries in 2018.

Burglaries to retail stores continues to be the type of businesses most often targeted followed by restaurants. Smashing a window to gain entry during nighttime/early morning hours accounted for 40% of the method of entry.

Other type of stores targeted were schools, laundry room, offices and storage facility.

### **LARCENIES/THEFTS**

Larcenies/thefts had the greatest increase by 14%, it was the largest increase in raw numbers. In 2018, there were 360 larcenies/thefts (which includes thefts, shoplifts and auto burglaries) compared to 315 in 2017.



Thefts from unlocked vehicles was the largest category of thefts at 23%, followed by shoplifts (20%) and auto burglaries (18%). In previous years, shoplifts were the largest category, but in 2018 many residents simply forgot to lock the car door making it easy for the thief. The thief would simply walk down the street pulling on door handles and take anything of value. Oftentimes, it was small items such as coins and sunglasses. In contrast, in auto

## ***PART ONE CRIMES***

burglaries, the vehicle doors are locked and the thief smashed the window to gain entry.

Rounding out the top five type of larcenies were items left unattended (i.e., loss left in backpacks or counters, bicycles left unlocked on the lawn, etc.) and package thefts.

Package thefts were a common crime throughout the year, not just during the holiday season.

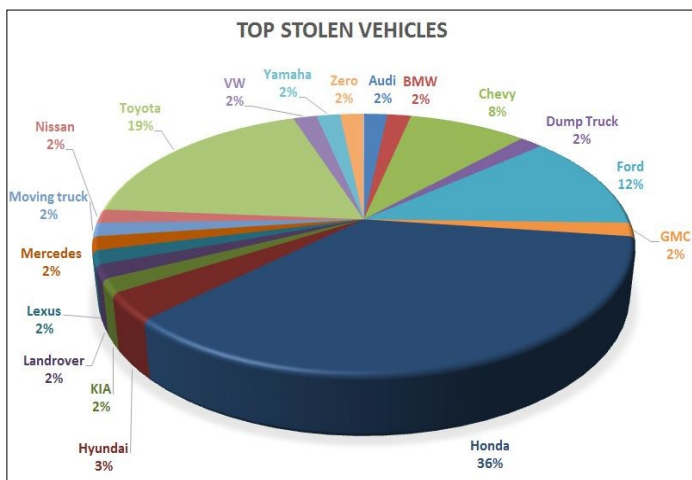
Catalytic converters, license plates and registration tabs were the popular items stolen from vehicles, and bicycles were once again another popular item stolen.

### **STOLEN VEHICLES**

There was no change in the number of stolen vehicles in 2018 compared to 2017. In both years, 59 vehicles were stolen.

For the 17th consecutive year, Hondas were the most popular vehicle stolen in South Pasadena. Hondas accounted for 36% of the vehicles stolen in South Pasadena followed by Toyotas at 19% and Fords at 12%. Chevy and Hyundai completed the top five vehicles in the city.

The chart below shows the breakdown of vehicles stolen by make in 2018:



**Stolen Vehicles by Make**

By make and model, the Honda Accord again tops the list of vehicles stolen in the city, followed by the Honda Civic and the Toyota Camry.

Sedans continue to be the most popular type of vehicles stolen in the city, but the number of pick-up trucks have increased in the past two years. In 2018, all seven Fords stolen were pick-up trucks.

Like in previous years, the majority of the vehicles stolen were made in the 1990s to early 2000s. Over 50% of the vehicles stolen in the city were parked on the street followed by vehicles parked in parking lots, carports and driveways.

Vehicles stolen in the city appear to be used for “joyriding” purposes, as only four vehicles were not recovered as of January 30, 2019. Of the 59 vehicles stolen, seven were recovered stripped of major or minor components.

### **ARSONS**

There were no Arsons reported in 2018.

### **CRIME CLEARANCE**

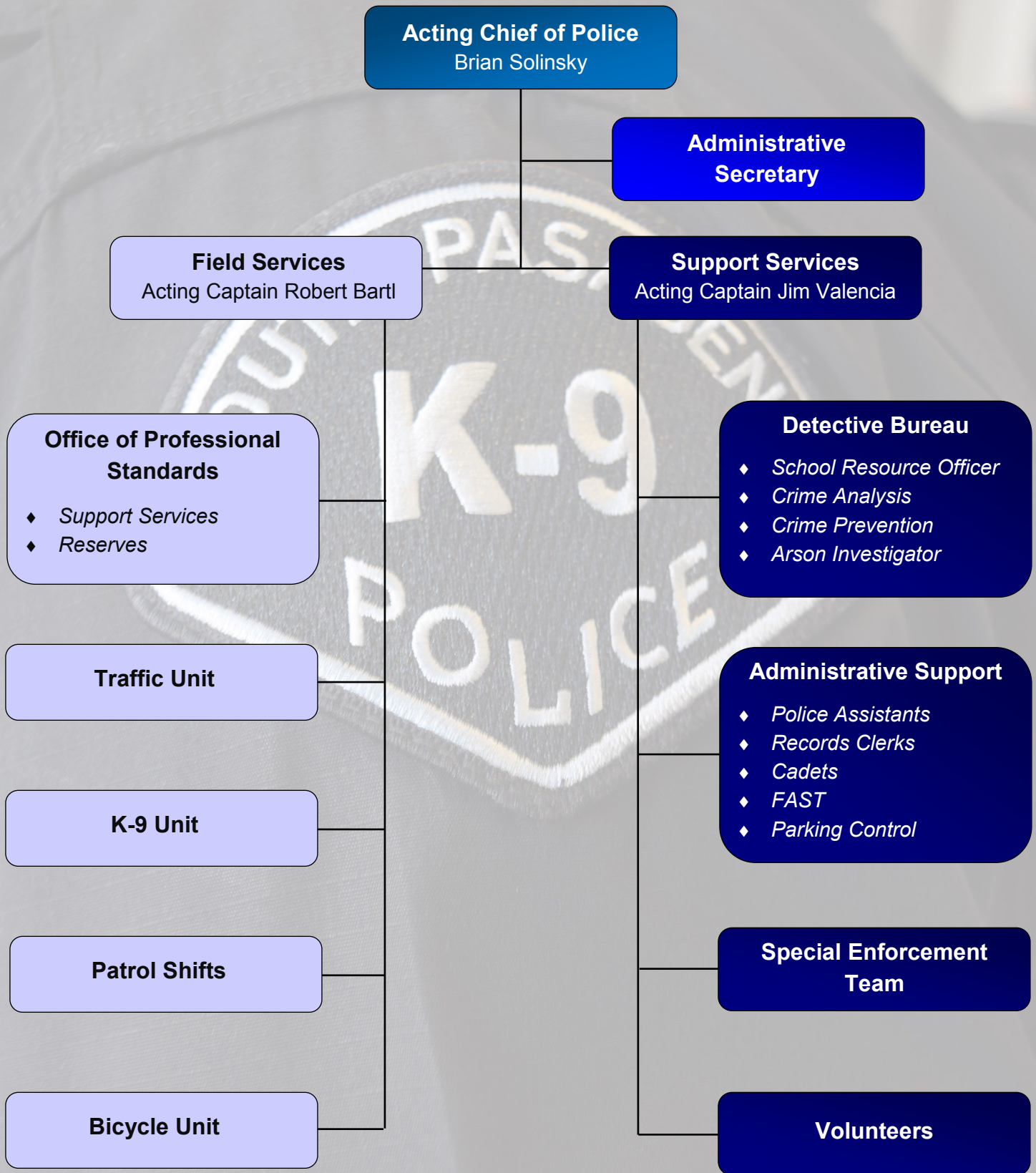
The Crime Clearance Rate decreased slightly in 2018 to 16% compared to 18% in 2017. The 16% Crime Clearance Rate still exceeds the recommended Uniform Crime Reports Crime Clearance Rate Standard of 14%.

Crime Clearance Rates measure how law enforcement agencies close or clear offenses. There are three ways that offenses can be cleared. Either by arrest, solved, or by exceptional means, i.e., victim’s refusal to cooperate when the offender has been identified, offender’s death, or denial of extradition.





# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## RETIREMENTS



**Chief of Police  
Arthur Miller**  
Service Dates  
2013 - 2018



**Captain  
Michael Neff**  
Service Dates  
1982 - 2018



**Motor Officer  
William Earley**  
Service Dates  
1986 - 2018

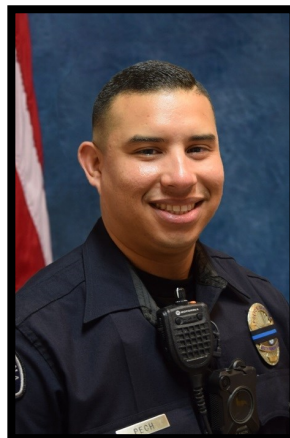


**Reserve Officer  
Randy Davis**  
Service Dates  
1980 - 2018

## NEW EMPLOYEES



**Tim Kim**  
Police Officer



**Carlos Pech**  
Police Officer



**Samantha Munoz**  
Police Assistant



**Patricia Diaz**  
Parking Control Officer



**Evelin Martinez**  
Parking Control Officer  
Separated November 2018



**Nicholas Godoy**  
Police Cadet

## ***NEW ASSIGNMENTS***



**Brian Solinsky**  
Acting Chief of Police



**Jim Valencia**  
Acting Captain



**Robert Bartl**  
Acting Captain



**Tom Jacobs**  
Detective Sergeant



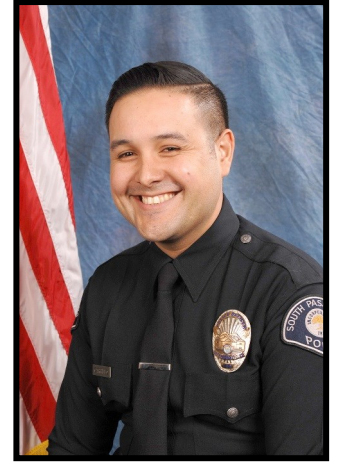
**Shannon Robledo**  
Administrative Sergeant



**Juan Salcido**  
Acting Sergeant

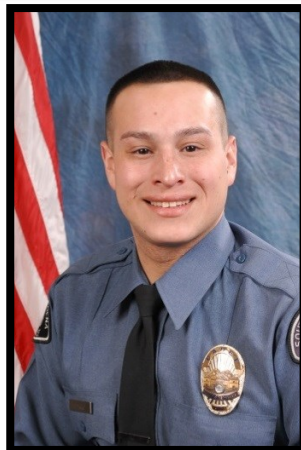


**Michael Smith**  
Motor Officer



**Gilbert Carrillo**  
Motor Officer

## ***PROMOTIONS***



**Antony Fierro**  
Promoted to Parking Control Officer

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The South Pasadena Police Department provides law enforcement service to its 25,000 residents 24 hours-a-day, and operates with an annual budget of about eight million dollars.

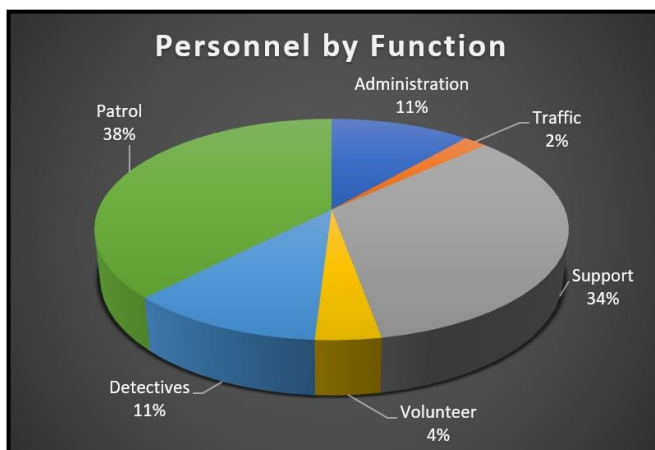
For most of 2018, the South Pasadena Police Department was comprised of 31 sworn officers, 18 non-sworn employees, two canines, two volunteers and four reserve officers. The police department contracts with a private company for crossing guards.

In December 2018, the department sponsored two recruits (both were hired internally) that started with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy. At the conclusion of the grueling five month long academy, the two recruits will become police officers.

There were four retirements by the end of 2018 which included Chief Arthur Miller and Support Services Captain Michael Neff. The vacancies in the top command staff positions were quickly filled by Brian Solinsky as Acting Chief, Jim Valencia and Robert Bartl followed as Acting Captain.

Despite the department being understaffed for the year, quality of service was provided at the highest level and emergency response time was still about three minutes.

Patrol comprises the bulk of the Department with support personnel close behind. The chart following shows the personnel by function:



The department consists of two divisions, Field Services and Support Services. Both divisions are supervised by a Captain, and along with the Administrative Secretary reports directly to the Chief of Police.

### FIELD SERVICES

The Field Services Division is supervised by Acting Captain Robert Bartl and consists of Patrol Officers, Reserves, Traffic Unit, K9 Team, Bicycle Unit, Office of Professional Standards, Evidence/Property, Area "C" Mutual Aid and Emergency Management.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division is supervised by Acting Captain Jim Valencia and consists of Dispatch, Detectives, Crime Analysis, Crime Prevention, Emergency Operations, Parking Enforcement, Records, Special Enforcement Team, FAST, Parking Control and Volunteers. The primary purpose of Support Services is to provide support to the officers in the field and provide administrative services to the public.

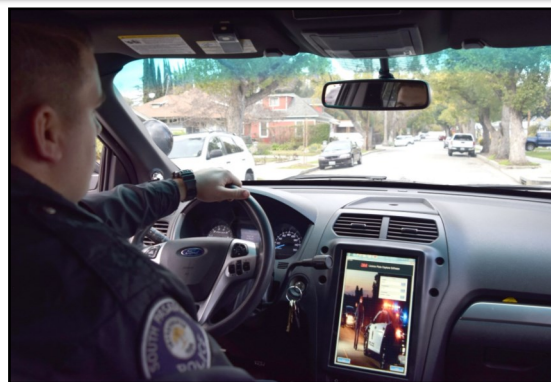
Administrative Services includes overseeing the department purchases, vehicles, station maintenance, and budget and grant management.

The Support Services Captain serves as the staff liaison on the South Pasadena Animal Commission.

## PATROL

Patrol is the core of the police department that provides 24-hour service and protection to the community. Patrol officers are also the most visible to the public.

Patrol shifts are comprised of a Watch Commander (supervisor), a Corporal, 2-3 officers and a police assistant who dispatches calls for service. In an emergency, officers can respond anywhere in the city within three minutes.



Officers can perform numerous tasks during a patrol shift. They patrol the streets, investigate preliminary crimes, collect evidence, enforce traffic laws, process and transport in-custody arrests, and assist Detectives in serving warrants and subpoenas. Officers also spend a portion of their time writing crime reports. Accurate crime reports are critical in the successful investigation and prosecution of suspects.

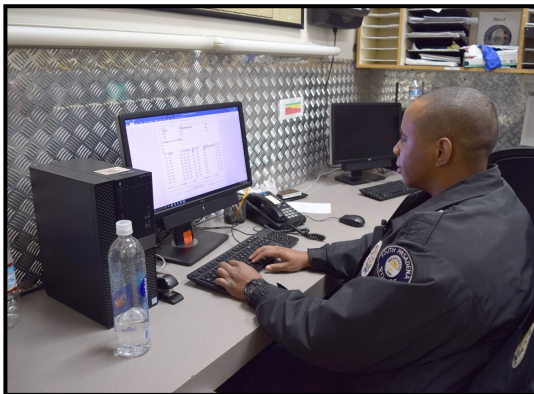
Officers also carry out requested patrols which include vacation and extra patrol requests. Officers often self-initiate proactive community relations by conducting foot patrols in the business district, participating in community events and speaking to residents regarding safety tips.

Patrol officers must also be ready to assist mutual aid requests at a moment's notice. Officers assisted with the evacuation and security at the Montecito mudslides in Santa Barbara and Woolsey Fires in Ventura and Los Angeles County.

### 2018 SIGNIFICANT PATROL ARRESTS

- On 1-27-18, in a time span of an hour, a subject went on a crime spree in South Pasadena. He committed two attempted carjackings, an assault with a knife, two "hot prowl" residential burglaries, stole two vehicles, attempted to steal three additional vehicles and was involved in three hit-and-run traffic collisions. With the assistance of Pasadena Police Department's helicopter the subject was arrested hiding in a vehicle. After a lengthy investigation, it was determined that the subject was responsible for all the crimes occurring one after the other.
- On 6-13-18, officers responded to the rear of a residence after a neighbor saw two suspicious subjects walk to the rear of the yard. Officers quickly arrived and contacted the subjects. A stolen firearm and stolen property was recovered from the suspect's vehicle.
- On 10-5-18, officers responded to a suspicious vehicle parked along the curb. The driver was found to have a warrant and arrested. Inside the vehicle was methamphetamine, heroin, drug paraphernalia, stolen mail and burglary tools.
- On 11-16-18, officers assisted Alhambra Police on an active shooter. The subject was arrested by Alhambra Police and South Pasadena Police assisted with a search for additional victims and suspects.
- On 12-26-18, officers responded to Vons regarding two subjects that had purchased gift cards with a fraudulent credit cards and left in a vehicle. Officers located the suspect vehicle and arrested the subjects. Officers recovered a credit card skimmer, additional credit cards and a large amount of cash inside the subjects vehicle.
- On 12-29-18, officers stopped a vehicle for speeding. As officers were conducting an investigation, the subject ran from officers but was shortly arrested. A gun was later found inside the car.

# PATROL



# DETECTIVES

The Detective Bureau is the investigative branch of the police department and is supervised by Sergeant Tom Jacobs. It is staffed by a Corporal and three full-time Detectives, a School Resource Officer, a Crime Analyst/Crime Prevention Officer, a cadet and an Arson Investigator.

Detectives conduct follow-up investigations that the patrol officer is unable to complete. This can include obtaining warrants, interviewing suspects, witnesses and victims, obtaining DNA samples from suspects, arrange for extradition of suspects, conducting surveillances, preparing and serving warrants and conducting parole/probation searches.



Detectives often perform technical duties like retrieving videos from surveillance video systems, or arranging for cell phone and computer forensic examinations with outside agencies.

Detectives help patrol officers respond to emergency calls for service, as well as mutual aid requests with neighboring agencies. Detectives also perform identity theft presentations to organizations and civic groups.

The Cadet performs administrative duties and assists with evidence storing for the bureau.

## ***SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER***

Detective Arthur Burgos is the School Resource Officer (SRO) whose primary responsibility is working with the schools and investigating juvenile crimes.

Detective Burgos works closely with the five public schools in the city by offering counseling and guidance. He also handles enforcement issues and partners with the Juvenile District Attorney's Office. He also participates in the School Attendance Review Board at the High School and Middle School, and provides safety presentations to the elementary schools and school staff. His other duties include overseeing the Crossing Guard Program.

Building a rapport with students and faculty is critical to a positive relationship. Detective Burgos regularly attends school events and volunteered as the assistant coach for the high school's freshman boys basketball team.



## ***CRIME ANALYSIS/CRIME PREVENTION***

Detective Richard Lee is the Crime Analyst and Crime Prevention Officer. He also manages a light detective caseload.

Crime Analysis assists patrol officers by analyzing reports for crime patterns, crime trends, or crime series with the possibility of linking suspects to crimes. The ability to share crime information with surrounding agencies is critical in helping to identify suspects.

Administrative duties that Crime Analysis performs include maintaining monthly crime statistics, the Uniform Crime Reports and assisting with other administrative projects.

Other duties include registering sex, arson, gang and narcotic offenders, performing computerized composites and assisting with downloading and converting surveillance videos.

Crime Prevention is the proactive community outreach program that educates the community on the prevention of crimes.

At the core of crime prevention is the Neighborhood Watch Program which is a joint program between the residents and police department. Working together, the Neighborhood Watch Program helps build a positive partnership in reducing crime.

## CRIME ANALYSIS/CRIME PREVENTION

The South Pasadena Public Safety Commission continues to assist in expanding the Neighborhood Watch Program by attending Neighborhood Watch Meetings and gathering an interest list at community events.

To help further interest in neighborhood preparedness, Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, members of the Community Emergency Response Team, and the South Pasadena Amateur Radio Club participate in the City's Fourth of July parade.

The Crime Prevention Unit participates in community events, such as the Farmers Market and Senior Health Day Fair, to raise awareness in crime prevention, and conducts presentations to seniors and organizations on various crime prevention topics.

Next to the City's Fourth of July activities, the annual Police and Fire Open House is the biggest event that the Crime Prevention Unit coordinates. The Open House is held in conjunction with the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Classic Car Show and together attracts a crowd of over 7,000 people. There are activities for both children and adults with free giveaway items, police station tours, police and fire demonstrations, K9s, child fingerprinting, helicopters, a Force Options Simulator and emergency preparedness information.





## TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit’s primary responsibility is to enforce traffic laws, investigate traffic collisions and provide traffic education to the community.

The Traffic Unit work closely with neighboring and state agencies to conduct mutual traffic enforcement, such as DUI and commercial vehicle checkpoints.

The Traffic Unit utilizes state of-the-art electronic surveying tools and three-dimensional computer programs to reconstruct fatal accident scenes.

The Traffic Unit also provides escort at community events such as the South Pasadena Tournament of Roses Classic Car Show, Special Olympics Torch Run, Tiger Run and Fourth of July parade. Additionally they respond to citizen’s concerns of speeding vehicles, and stop sign enforcement.

To help remind motorists to drive slowly, the Traffic Unit utilizes two mobile radar trailers that can be deployed around the city.



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT

Sergeant Shannon Robledo is the Administrative Sergeant and oversees the administrative and technical support for the department. Sergeant Robledo also supervises Dispatch, the Records Unit, Parking Control Officers and Police Cadets.

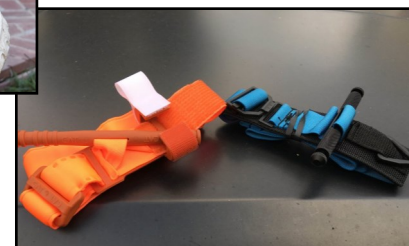
Administrative duties include office management, parking enforcement, ensuring our department is complying with new Assembly Bills and assisting in the proper updates in department policies and procedures.

As technical support, Sergeant Robledo works closely with the City’s Information Technology company to ensure proper maintenance and upgrades to the department’s servers, computers and phone systems.

Sergeant Robledo is also responsible for ensuring that the department remains within its annual budget, while applying for county, state and federal

grants to obtain funding to purchase new equipment. In 2018, the department acquired the following equipment:

- All officers were issued rifle plate carriers that can protect wearers up to a 7.62 mm rifle bullet.
- Tactical Medical equipment and medical training supplies.



## ***SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM***



The South Pasadena Police Department's Special Enforcement Team (SET) is supervised by Sergeant Tony Abdalla and consists of officers trained in special weapons and tactics in addition to their collateral duty assignment. SET is also augmented by a volunteer medical doctor. Together, with officers from the San Marino Police Department, the team provides tactical solutions to incident commanders for complex problems in both communities that exceed the capabilities of patrol officers and detectives.

SET members are highly trained and also serve as a training resource for the department and other regional "Area C" law enforcement agencies. SET is the only resource that teaches tactical medicine to regional police officers. Under the direction of department volunteer Dr. Nicholas Greco, who is a practicing emergency room physician, the team has trained over 380 regional police officers in pre-hospital trauma care for austere environments known as Tactical Combat Casualty Care.

## ***FOOTHILL AIR SUPPORT TEAM***



Created by Pasadena Police Chief Bernard Melekian, the Foothill Air Support Team (FAST) was established in 1999 to form a regional air support between small neighboring cities in the San Gabriel Valley. The program has expanded to include assisting Department of Homeland Security and at sporting events.

Air support plays a critical role in everyday patrol operations. With its aerial view of the ground, FAST can help assist ground units in locating suspects day or night. At night, FAST airships are equipped with Forward Looking Infrared System, which detects body heat) and Night Vision Goggles, that allow the helicopter crew to see in low light conditions. With its Video Downlink System, FAST can provide live video feed from an aerial view for ground units.

# CANINES



**"Belker"**  
1982 - 1985



**"Tommy"**  
1998 - 2005



**"Tinkerbelle"**  
1998 - 2008



**Officer Slavin and  
"Cinderella"**  
2001 - 2005



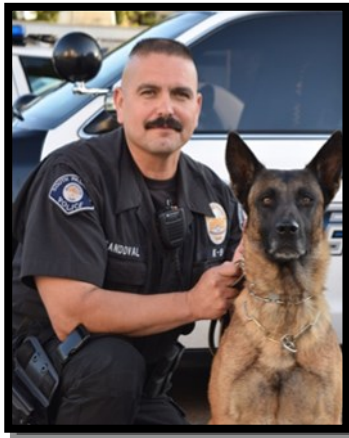
**Officer Sandoval  
and "Rex"**  
2005 - 2013



**"AnnaBelle"**  
2006 - 2013



**Corporal Robledo  
and "Barry"**  
2013 - 2016



**Officer Sandoval  
and "Lisu"**  
2014 - Current



**Officer Perez and  
"Barry"**  
2016 - Current

## CANINES

The South Pasadena Police Canine Unit consists of two K9 teams, which include Officer Fernando Sandoval and his partner “Lisu”, and Officer Christopher Perez and his partner “Barry”.

“Lisu” specializes in human scent and explosives detection. “Barry” specializes in narcotic detection and articles that pertain to evidence.

Both K9 Teams are part of the San Gabriel Valley K9 Association, which provides mutual aid and training between the San Gabriel Valley cities. The K9 Teams also assist local and federal narcotic task forces.

The K9s are a popular public relations tool and a favorite attraction with children. They often participate at community events like the Police and Fire Open House, National Night Out and other special events.



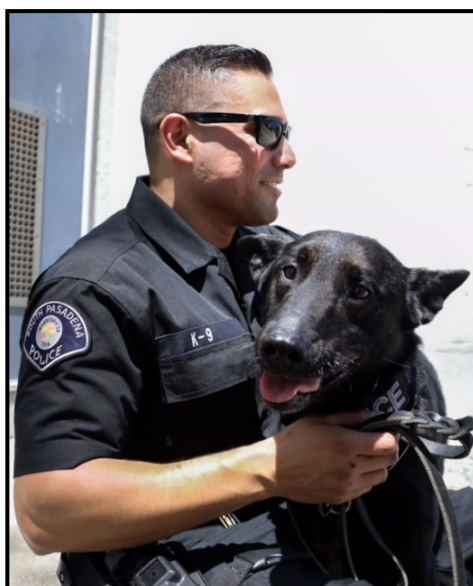
*K9 “Lisu”*



*K9 “Barry”*

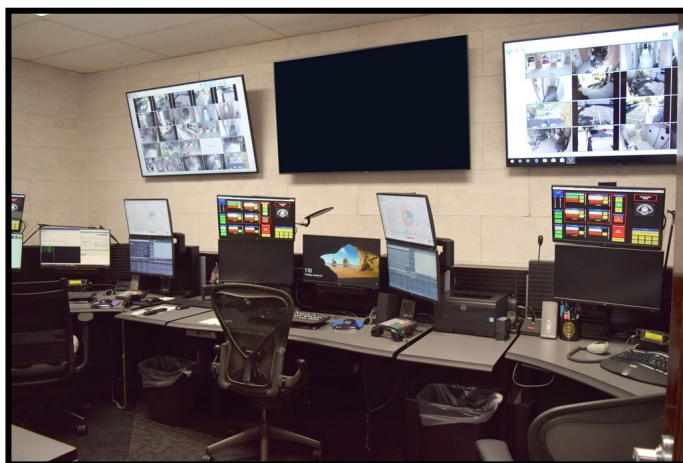


*Officer Sandoval and  
K9 “Lisu”*



*Officer Perez and  
K9 “Barry”*

## ***POLICE ASSISTANTS***



Police Assistants are non-sworn employees with their primary responsibility as a “Dispatcher”, but also assist with custody duties.

As “Dispatchers”, Police Assistants handle communications between officers in the field and the police station. They answer incoming calls from the public, including after hours city utility calls and 911 emergency calls. Requests for medical or fire services are forwarded to Verdugo Fire Communications, which coordinates medical and fire calls throughout the San Gabriel Valley.

Police Assistants are trained in first-aid and CPR, and must be able to handle multiple duties at one time. They must prioritize emergency and non-emergency calls for service, monitor radio traffic, monitor stations security cameras, verify report and citation entries.

## ***POLICE RESERVES***



Established in 1942 as “Auxiliaries”, the Reserves are a volunteer organization and are an important part of the police department. Reserves have donated more than 500,000 hours of volunteer service to the city.

Reserves perform the same duties as full-time officers, including required training while maintaining their full-time career.

Reserves can work specialized assignments, and many are members of the department’s Bicycle Unit.

In addition to patrol, Reserves work various city events such as the Fourth of July Parade and Firework show, Tiger Run, Concerts in the Parks and high school sporting events.

## BICYCLE/T3 UNIT

The Bicycle Unit expanded to include the T3 Motion electric three-wheeled vehicle. Open to both Regular and Reserve Officers, the Bicycle Unit is supervised by Sergeant Matthew Ronnie.

In addition to the T3 Motion vehicle, the Bicycle Unit obtained three electric bicycles that expanded the department's zero emission fleet of electric vehicles.

Officers selected for the Bicycle Unit must pass a rigorous training program, and ride in addition to their regular duties.



Bicycles and the electric T3 Motion allows more interaction with the public where they can easily maneuver through the crowded business district, Gold Line Station and community events.

The greatest asset of bicycles and T3 Motion are their ability to patrol by stealth. The Bicycle Unit showed this by arresting a thief who had entered an unlocked vehicle and was rummaging through the vehicle unaware that the Bicycle Unit rode up next to him.

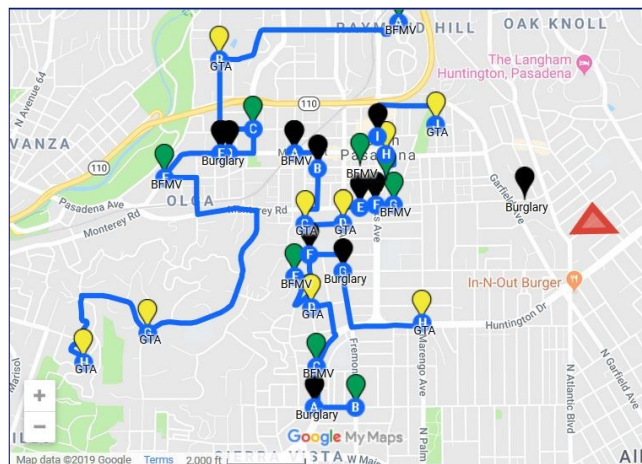


## PREDICTIVE POLICING

The Police Department continues to contract with Crime Reduction & Information Management Experts (CRIME) to provide predictive policing strategies to help forecast crimes.

CRIME updates a weekly interactive map that officers can view from the internet. The program highlights a predetermined route that officers can follow to deter forecasted crimes.

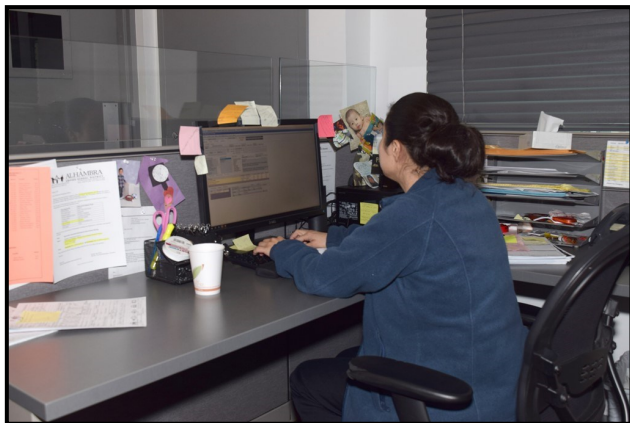
Predicting Policing allows officers to use their time in the most efficient way to combat crime.



## RECORDS

The Records Department is a part of Support Services comprised of five clerks and is supervised by Administrative Sergeant Shannon Robledo.

Records Clerks are non-sworn employees and perform many important administrative duties. They scan reports, maintain the security of police reports, process court ordered subpoenas, citations, and fulfill public requests for police reports. Additionally, they process court ordered Discovery Motions, provide ink fingerprinting to the public and process all paperwork for submission to the District Attorney's Office. Another integral function provided in Records is the administration of all vehicle parking related issues.



## POLICE CADETS

The Police Cadet Program exposes college aged students to police work for a potential career in law enforcement.

Police Cadets are non-sworn, part-time employees that perform a variety of support duties to the police department, which include both field and station duties. Field duties include traffic control, enforcement of parking ordinances, staffing DUI checkpoints, special and city events, serving court ordered subpoenas and vehicle maintenance. Station duties include assisting the public at the front counter, filing, taking reports, performing station tours for the public, assist in dispatch and miscellaneous clerical duties.

Police Cadets are also assigned to the Detective Bureau. They assist with Crime Prevention and support detectives with processing of evidence and deploying the radar trailer.



## ***SUPPORT SERVICES***

The Support Services Assistant (SSA) is a non-sworn position that is staffed by Peggy Grangetto. The SSA operates under the Office of Professional Standards and provides three administrative duties for the department:

- **Recruitment** - The SSA recruits employees, processes applications, administers written and physical fitness exams, coordinates the background investigations, interviews and psychological and medical testing. The SSA also issues required equipment.
- **Property/Evidence** - The SSA manages all evidence. This includes receiving, processing, storing and releasing of property/evidence as well as the disposal of unclaimed property and narcotics. The proper management of evidence is critical for proper chain-of-custody documentation.
- **Training** - The SSA annually reviews and arranges required training that is mandated by the California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) for employees. The SSA also coordinates any training request by employees that is non-POST certified.



## ***HONOR GUARD***

Established in 2012, the South Pasadena Police Department's Honor Guard is a ceremonial unit that represents the department and serves to escort the US and State flag in local, special and memorial events.

The Honor Guard is supervised by Acting Sergeant John Salcido and is comprised of four officers that represent and promote the professionalism and positive image of the police department. The Honor Guard is a volunteer unit and officers practice and perform in addition to their regular duties.





## ***PARKING CONTROL***

In June 2018, the police department reestablished its own parking control operations, ending a 10 year contract with a private company.

Having parking enforcement controlled internally allows a more diverse use of parking control officers. While parking control officers primary duties are parking enforcement, they can also assist patrol officers at traffic accidents, traffic control, towing of vehicles and help at other special events.

The police department purchased two “Go-4 EV” three-wheeled, all-electric vehicles to enforce parking around town.



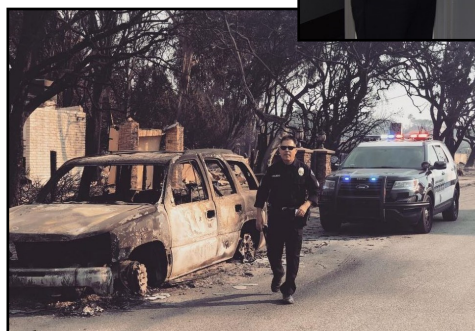
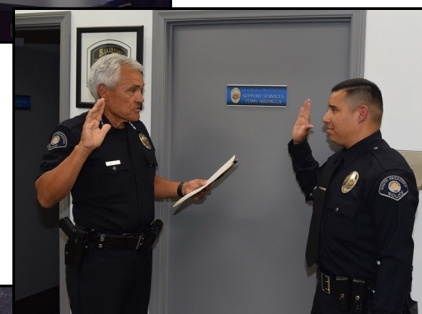
## ***OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS***

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) is responsible for the recruitment, hiring and processing of new employees, risk management, department training, court discovery compliance, conducting and coordinating personnel complaints and investigations, and oversees the Field Training Program for new employees.

The OPS is also responsible for promotional testing, maintaining employment records, updating department policies and procedures, overseeing the Reserve Officer Program, and the City’s Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Management.

Training with neighboring agencies allows officers from different cities to learn standardized procedures when responding to mutual aid calls. Los Angeles County is divided into eight geographic mutual aid areas that are designated with letters A through H. This allows for pre-planned mutual aid cooperation between the cities. South Pasadena is part of “Area C” which includes Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale, Alhambra, San Marino, San Gabriel, San Fernando, Monterey Park and La Canada. Each city has a coordinator to represent their agency and the OPS is our department’s coordinator.

In 2018, officers and detectives responded to mutual aid service to help in the Montecito mudslides in Santa Barbara and Woolsey Fires in Ventura and Los Angeles County.



## VOLUNTEERS

The South Pasadena Police Department has two volunteers that provide a valuable service to the Department and community with their special skills.

### Police Chaplain



Dan Bricker is South Pasadena’s Police Department Chaplain and has been with the department since 2002. He teaches in the Biblical and Religious Studies Department full-time at Azusa Pacific University

The primary duty of a Police Chaplain is to provide support, guidance, counseling and encouragement for all employees of the department. This includes counseling as well as any religious functions that might be necessary. A Police Chaplain helps bring comfort, assurance, encouragement, and support to those in need.

Chaplain Bricker rides with officers, offering assistance when needed to those in the community, assist with death notifications, give invocations at city, police and special events. In addition, Chaplain Bricker assists at community events interacting with residents and explaining his role to the community.

He is also Assistance Coordinator for the Los Angeles County “Area C” Police Chaplains Association.

### Physician



Dr. Nicholas Greco is the Medical Director of the Department’s Tactical Medicine Program and also the Special Enforcement Team Physician. He has been with the department since 2014.

Dr. Greco’s full-time position is an emergency room physician at Huntington Memorial Hospital and at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center with a background in trauma.

Dr. Greco’s experience serves as a resource for high-level medical support during Special Enforcement Team training and operations. He also provides training, oversight and quality control for the department’s Tactical Medicine Program.



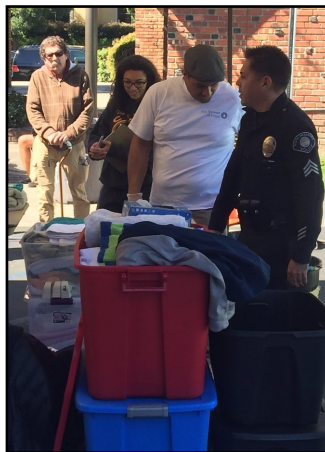
## ***HOMELESS OUTREACH PROGRAM***

The Police Department’s Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE) was developed to address the city’s homeless population.

Working closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Pasadena Union Station, Los Angeles Homeless Authority and Holy Family Church, the department helps to connect the homeless with resources to find housing.

Private organizations such as the “Purist Group” and “Koala Know” donated backpacks that contained hygiene kits, blankets, granola bars, water and a list of resources available. These backpacks are distributed to the city’s homeless.

The South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association donated to the Holy Family Giving Bank and police employees help served the homeless a hot meal at Holy Family Church.



## ***WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION TEAM***

The West San Gabriel Valley Mental Health Evaluation Team (WSGVMET) is a joint effort between the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and police departments of the West San Gabriel Valley (Arcadia, Irwindale, Monrovia and South Pasadena).

The WSGVMET consists of an officer from each of the West San Gabriel Valley agencies and a Los Angeles County Mental Health Clinician. Each day the clinician rotates to each of the departments and together they respond to assist patrol officers in their contacts with the mentally ill.

WSGVMET provides field evaluations, handles detainments, transportations and admittance of individuals into a mental health facility. Additionally they provide crisis intervention, referrals and follow-up of persons with mental health disorders, and support and resources to families who have a member with mental illness.

Detective Arthur Burgos is assigned to the WSGVMET.



# TRAINING

All employees receive continuous training while employed at the police department.

New police officers must complete a police academy then complete a four month long field training program before they are allowed to work alone. Police Assistants field training program is a grueling seven months and also includes successful completion of a Basic Dispatch Training Course and Jail Security School.

The California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) mandates that sworn and non-sworn employees receive specific annual training. The Office of Professional Standards is responsible that all mandated POST training is completed by employees.

Employees and specialized units (Traffic, Detectives, Special Enforcement Team, Defense Tactics and Firearms Instructors) may attend additional training offered by outside companies to further their knowledge and skills.

Officers are required to qualify once a month with their pistol and quarterly with the shotgun and rifle. The range staff consists of five officers and one reserve officer and are all certified Glock Armorers.

The Defense Tactics Team consists of five officers and training is based on techniques of Krav Maga. The Defense Tactics Team also instructs the Women's Self Defense program.

In 2018, all employees attended an update on mental health awareness and officers received updated training on the use of force/arrest and control, emergency vehicle driving and Taser re-certification.

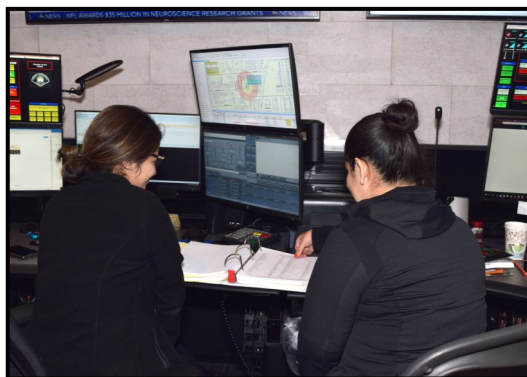
Special Enforcement Team Medical Director Dr. Greco and the Special Enforcement Team continued to teach Tactical Combat Casualty Care to outside agencies.



*Self-defense training*



*Self-defense training*



*Police Assistant field training*



*EVOC training*

## SOCIAL MEDIA

The South Pasadena Police Department's social media and E-Policing services continue to be a popular way for the department to interact with the community.

Social media allows the department to provide information and alerts to the community quickly, while also receiving instant feedback. Each social media platform offers a different purpose. Community events, department activities and alerts are posted on Facebook and Twitter, photos of activities are posted on Instagram and community/emergency alerts are sent through Nixle. Surveillance videos are uploaded to the department's YouTube channel.

E-Policing offers residents services that can be obtained from home. Residents can make crime reports, receive crime and traffic reports, obtain overnight parking permits, request vacation and extra patrol requests, and contest parking citations. All these services are available 24 hours-a-day from our website ([www.southpasadenaca.gov](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov)).



Over 3,500 followers  
Over 3,400 likes!



Over 7,700 followers



Over 9,000 followers



Over 100 subscribers

## Service Pins



Service Award Pins are awarded to city employees as recognition and appreciation of years of dedicated service to the city.

The Service Pins are awarded for every five years of service with the employee's milestone anniversary year on it along with a corresponding gemstone. The Service Pins are presented each year at the City's Employee Recognition Luncheon.

In 2018, the following police employees were recognized for their years of service:



**Cynthia Pacheco**  
Police Assistant  
5 Years



**Laura Mendez**  
Clerk  
5 Years



**Catalina Valdez**  
Police Assistant  
10 Years



**Jeanette Zavala**  
Police Assistant  
10 Years



**Idessa Gonzales**  
Clerk  
10 Years



**Juan Salcido**  
Acting Sergeant  
10 Years



**Avick Manukian**  
Corporal  
10 Years



**Mike Sanchez**  
Corporal  
10 Years



**Jeff Holland**  
Motor Officer  
10 Years



**Jim Valencia**  
Acting Captain  
25 Years

***IN MEMORY***



**Officer Ray Rogers**  
**EOW**  
**April 15, 1944**



**Officer Kevin Sandoval**  
**EOW**  
**June 14, 2011**

*Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Wall*

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The South Pasadena Police Department has developed a number of community outreach programs. These programs are designed to work with, and educate the community and how the police and residents can work together. Community outreach programs also help build a positive relationship between the two. Below are highlighted programs the police department uses and implemented in 2018:

### Teen Academy

Thirty students participated in the “Teen Academy”. Similar to our Citizens’ Academy but for students 14 -18 years of age. For six weeks, students met each Tuesday night to learn about the police department. Students learned patrol procedures, K9 operations, narcotics, traffic enforcement and safety awareness.

The Teen Academy continues to be a success with the students gaining a better understanding of their police department.



### Project Lifesaver



The South Pasadena Police Department joined the “Project Lifesaver” program. The program is coordinated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department in an effort to expedite the locating of missing juveniles and adults who are developmentally disabled.

The participating person wears a bracelet that looks like a watch that constantly sends out a low frequency signal. Should the person go missing, tracking devices can be deployed to locate them quickly.

### Safe Deal Zone



With more and more residents conducting online purchases through various social media websites (Facebook, Craigslist, Letgo, etc.) the South Pasadena Police Department is a designated “Safe Deal Zone”.

Partnering with the Safe Deal Zone program allows residents to know that they can come to the station lobby to conduct face-to-face e-commerce transactions in a safe environment.

The police station lobby and courtyard offers 24-hour video surveillance and an emergency phone that connects directly to the police dispatcher.



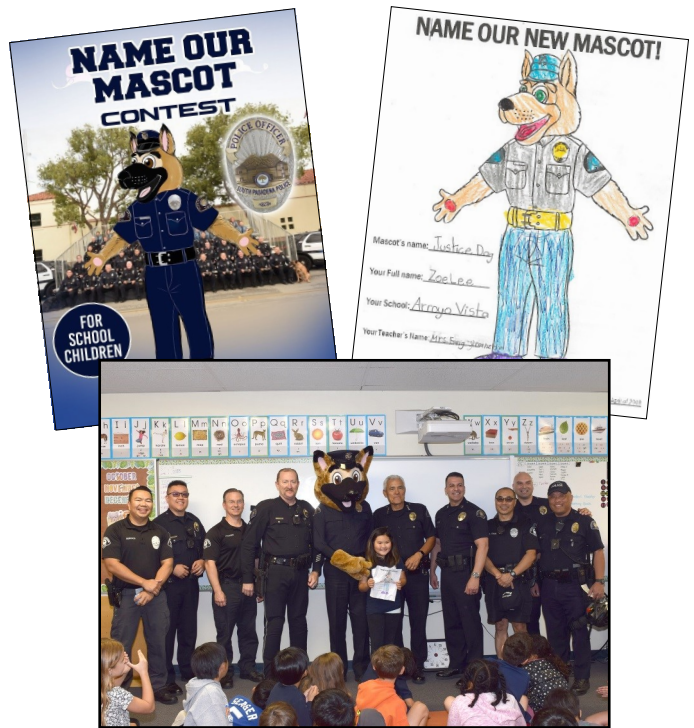
## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### “Justice” Mascot

The Police Department unveiled its new K9 mascot, but left the name to be decided by the community. The “Name our Mascot” contest was opened to all three South Pasadena elementary schools with the winner receiving a pizza party for their class.

Over 250 entries were received and the decision was a difficult one. There were many creative names but the winning name chosen was “Justice” submitted by third grader, Ms. Zoe Lee of Arroyo Vista Elementary School. Chief Miller, officers and Councilmember Robert Joe surprised Ms. Lee and her third grade class with pizzas. “Justice” made an appearance to personally congratulate Ms. Lee in front of her classmates and Ms. Lee’s parents.

“Justice” later debuted at the Fourth of July parade and other police events in 2018.



### Farmer’s Market

The South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce hosts a Farmer’s Market every Thursday. The event attracts a large audience and vendors.

The Police Department participated in select Farmer’s Market offering crime prevention information and recent crime trends. During the annual “Bicycle Clinic” officers provided free bicycle registration and bicycle safety tips.

Visitors also get a chance to meet and speak to officers while shopping for fresh produce, food and drinks.



### Coffee with a Cop



Coffee with a Cop allows residents to meet and speak to officers in a relaxed atmosphere while having a nice cup of coffee.

Starbucks hosted the evening event and many residents came out to meet with the officers.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Spark of Love Toy Drive

The City of South Pasadena continued its involvement with the “Spark of Love Toy Drive”.



The lobbies of the South Pasadena Fire, Police and City Hall were designated collection centers. All toys collected in the city were distributed locally to children.

### Secure The Call

The police department continues its partnership with the “Secure the Call” program.



As a designated collection site, residents can drop-off unused, or old cell phones for recycling to victims of domestic violence, senior citizen centers and victims of natural disasters.

### National Night Out

“National Night Out” is a nationwide campaign to promote a partnership between the police and the residents in making the community safer. It also encourages participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

National Night Out was held at Orange Grove Park and the police were joined by all city departments. Residents were able to obtain information from all the city services as well as meeting officers, K9s and “Justice”.

Carnival type games, a rock wall and food trucks made it an enjoyable and educational evening.



### Operation Chill

The Police Department continued its participation in 7-Eleven’s “Operation Chill”, a program developed by 7-Eleven to help build positive interaction between children and the police.

Officers can issue children a coupon for doing good deeds. The coupons are good for a free child-size Slurpee.

Officers distributed the coupons at community events and while on patrol.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Community Forum

The South Pasadena Police, Fire and School District held a community forum on active shooters titled “We Will Be Going In”.

The purpose of the forum was to assure the community on how the police, fire and schools would handle an active shooter on a school campus. Many residents had concerns after the recent school shootings across the country.

Police Chief Arthur Miller led the discussion along with Division Fire Chief Chris Szenczi and South Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent Geoff Yantz.

The community gained a better understanding on how the police, fire and school district trained together to handle such a situation. Chief Miller emphasized that officers are well trained and equipped to confront an active shooter immediately.

After each panelist addressed their topic, they answered questions from the audience.

The forum was a great success and the audience left with a much better understanding of how working together, South Pasadena’s Police, Fire and Schools respond to an active shooter.



### Active Shooter Presentation

The police department took a proactive approach to mass casualties after the shootings at a restaurant in Thousand Oaks and at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

Building on the already successful training with the schools on active shooters, the police department expanded its training to include churches and businesses.

The goal of the program is to educate, prepare and help establish protocols on active shooters for the various organizations.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Woman's Self-Defense Training

Since 2014, the South Pasadena Police Department's Defensive Tactics staff has offered free women's self-defense classes for both adult women and high school aged girls.

The program was originated by Ms. Dawn Muench, a local resident who saw the need to provide safety to women. The South Pasadena Police Department welcomed the idea and developed basic techniques that women could learn and remember.



### Prescription Drug Take Back

In addition to the South Pasadena Police Department's participation in the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) National Take Back Initiative, Ralphs Market was a welcome supporter at our collection site.

The nationwide campaign to collect expired or unused prescription drugs occurs twice a year. As residents dropped off medication in the courtyard of the police department, Ralphs provided information and refreshments.

Ralphs will continue their support to the DEA's National Take Back Initiative in 2019.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association (SPPOA), which represents the employees of the police department, are actively involved with the community. The SPPOA donates to local charitable organizations and members donate their time in supporting events and charitable causes. Employees take pride in showcasing their athletic abilities in sporting events to help promote the SPPOA and the police department. Officers will often take initiative and interact with residents while on patrol. Below are events in 2018 that the SPPOA and employees have participated in:

### Pink Patch Project

The South Pasadena Police Department continued its participation in the annual “Pink Patch Project”.

The “Pink Patch Project” is a collaborative effort between the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs’ Association, law enforcement and fire departments nationwide to help raise awareness in the fight against breast cancer.

To show support for breast cancer, during the month of October (regarded as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”) participating agencies replaced their department shoulder patches with a specially designed pink colored department patch. These patches stimulate conversation with the community, helping to bring awareness to the public.

The patches are sold to the public with all proceeds benefiting breast cancer research and education. The South Pasadena Police Department helped raise over \$1,000.00 through its sales. Nationally, the “Pink Patch Project” help raise over \$700,000.00 to breast cancer education, research and treatment.



The SPPOA contributes to the project by funding the design cost and purchase of the department’s pink patches. Officers also purchase their own pink patches for their uniforms.

### Operation Cookie

For over 75 years, members of the community have donated cookies to the Women’s Club of South Pasadena during their annual “Operation Cookie” drive.

The donated cookies are packed in decorative containers and delivered to hospitalized, homeless and special needs veterans during Memorial Day.

The South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association is proud to support our veterans and makes a monetary donation to the Women’s Club to help with costs.



### Mothers Against Drunk Driving



Officer Chris Perez was honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving for his outstanding work in the enforcement of DUI.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### High School Scholarship

The South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association annually awards scholarships to deserving South Pasadena High School seniors.

The scholarships are named after Officers Ray Rogers and Kevin Sandoval, who are the only two South Pasadena Police Officers killed in the line of duty. The scholarship program not only assists students reach their goal of continuing education, but also a way of honoring our fallen brothers.



Ms. Lauren Tan was awarded the Officer Kevin Sandoval Memorial Scholarship and Ms. Nicole Srisutham was awarded the Officer Ray Rogers Memorial Scholarship.

### Torch Run for Special Olympics

Councilmember Robert Joe, Police Chief Arthur Miller, Fire Chief Paul Riddle, family, friends, and city employees joined South Pasadena Police and Firefighters in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.



The “Flame of Hope” torch was received by officers of the Alhambra Police Department before starting its three-mile run through the city. The torch was passed on to the Los Angeles Unified School Police



In addition to running through the city, the South Pasadena Police Officers’ Association donates funds to the Special Olympics.

### Los Angeles Police Department Leadership Program

Established in 1996 by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the LAPD’s Leadership Program was modeled after the United States Military Academy at West Point. It is an intensive 136 hour, four-month long course directed at improving leadership among current command staff within police departments.

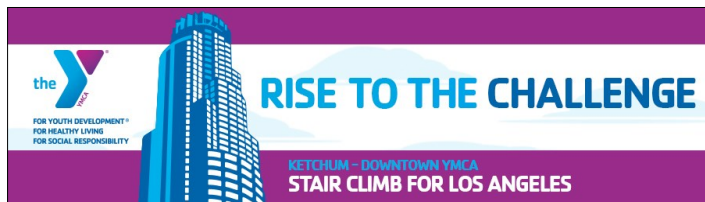


In August 2018, South Pasadena Police Sergeant Shannon Robledo graduated from the Leadership Program along with 18 other officers from law enforcement agencies throughout California.



# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## YMCA Stair Climb



Police Cadets Ricky Sze, Gary Sze and South Pasadena Film Liaison Joan Aguado joined 4,000 other runners and participated in the annual Ketchum -Downtown YMCA Stair Climb for Los Angeles.

This grueling event tests endurance as participants run up 75 floors (1,664 steps) of the US Bank Tower in Downtown Los Angeles.

The event helps raises funds for YMCA programs and scholarships in Los Angeles.

All three city employees completed the strenuous climb and enjoyed the view atop the US Bank Tower at the conclusion of the event.



## Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

Chief Miller and officers of the South Pasadena Police Department teamed up with officers from San Marino, San Fernando Police Departments and the University of Southern California Department of Public Safety and participated in the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race.

The multi-agency team completed the race in 17 hours, six minutes, finishing 11th in its division of 30 teams and earning a coveted “mug”. Only the top half of finishing teams in each division earn a “mug”. This was South Pasadena’s first mug since it started to compete in 2002.

This grueling race is the largest law enforcement foot race covering 120 miles, starting in the City of Baker, California and finishing in Las Vegas, Nevada. The 20 leg relay race draws law enforcement agencies from around the United States and the world.

Competing in the race takes months of planning, logistics planning and commitment by runners and support personnel.



## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### United States Police & Fire Championship Games

Thousands of law enforcement and firefighters from around the nation converged in San Diego for the 2018 United States Police & Fire Championship Games.

Law enforcement officers and firefighters from across the nation competed in over 55 different sports in 35 venues throughout San Diego County.

Detective Richard Lee competed in the individual pistol competition and won four gold and one bronze medal in his division, as well as establishing a new record high in his division in the Men's Service Gun.



In addition to the individual events, Detective Lee partnered with neighboring Pasadena Police Department, Officer Nicholas Cheung to form a two-man shooting team. Together they won a gold medal in their division in the Service Gun Two-Person Team event.

### National Police Shooting Championships



Detective Richard Lee participated in the 2018 NRA National Police Shooting Championships that was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico during September and won first place in his division, while also placing third in other matches.

Law Enforcement Officers representing departments from municipal to the federal level across the nation, and law enforcement officers of the United States Military compete in this annual event.

Established in 1962, the National Police Shooting Championships is the ultimate test of marksmanship against other law enforcement officers. The three-day competition tests an officer's skill in both revolver and semi-automatic pistols in various courses of fire and distances, and has now expanded to include the shotgun and rifle.

Participants compete against other shooters within their classification level and the aggregate score in both the revolver and semi-automatic pistol determines the overall winner.

### Read Across America

Councilmember Robert Joe joined officers in the nationwide "Read Across America" campaign that commemorates the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Officers, dignitaries and special guests read aloud to children at the elementary schools.

The goal of the program is to spread the word about the importance of literacy by encouraging children to read.





## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

### Serving Christmas Lunch to Seniors

Police employees, Councilmembers, city and Senior Center staff, and volunteers all helped to serve Christmas lunch to seniors.

The event is co-sponsored by the South Pasadena Police Officers' Association and the seniors not only enjoyed a nice lunch, but entertainment as well. The event also gives the seniors a chance to mingle with officers.



### Foothill Air Support Air Operations Toy Drive

South Pasadena Police Officers joined with other Foothill Air Support Team (FAST) members and participated in the annual Pasadena Police Department's Air Operations Toy Drive.

Each participating agency in the FAST program helped raise funds to purchase toys that were distributed to children in the pediatric ward of Huntington Memorial Hospital. Children of the pediatric ward are able to watch Santa Claus fly onto the roof of Huntington Memorial Hospital where Santa Claus and officers help distribute the toys to the patients.

The South Pasadena Police Officers' Association supports the program by making a monetary donation.

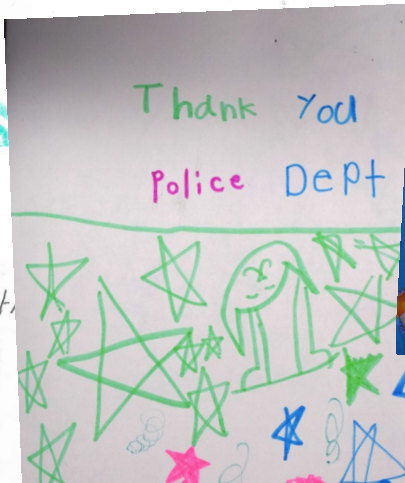
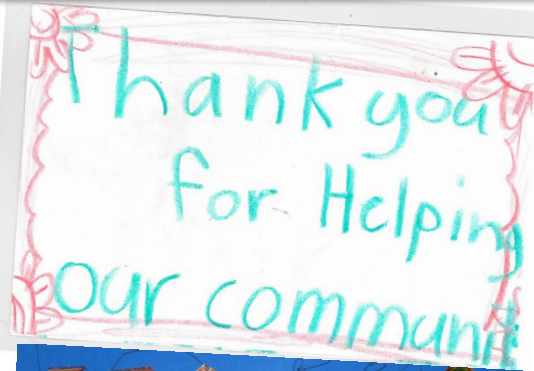


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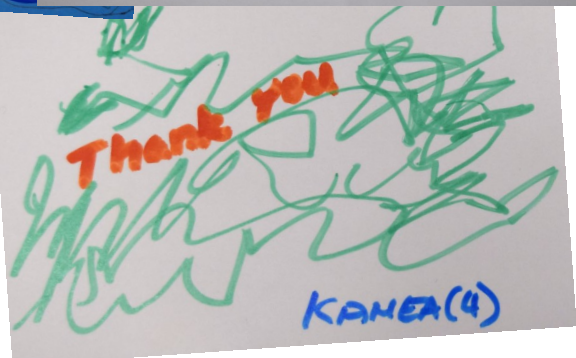
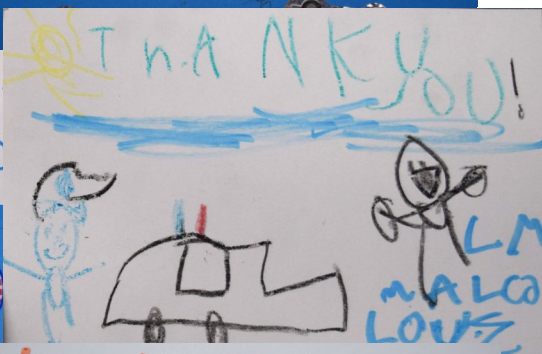
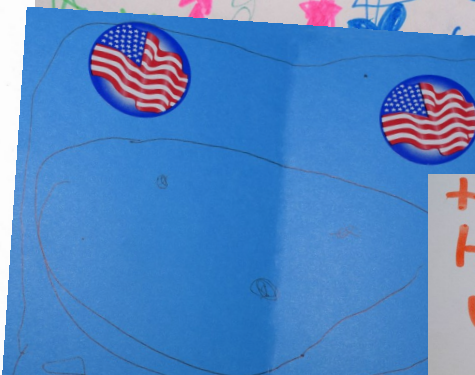
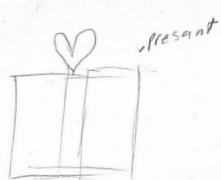


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