



ANNUAL REPORT

2020

Coalinga Police Department

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To the City Council and Residents of the City of Coalinga

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to maintain peace and order through the provision of police services that are of the highest quality and responsive to the needs of the community. We will contribute to the safety and security of the community by apprehending those who commit criminal acts, by developing partnerships to prevent, reduce, or eliminate neighborhood problems by providing police services that are fair, unbiased, judicious, and respectful of the dignity of all individuals.

VALUES STATEMENT

Dedication to timely, excellent, and efficient service to the community.

Honest and ethical behavior by the members of this agency.

Having the upmost integrity and professionalism for the position in which we hold.

Using innovative, creative, and proactive approaches in meeting the demands of crime prevention and law enforcement responsibilities.

Engaging in strategic and future planning and to keep abreast of the latest in law enforcement technology and techniques. Sensitivity is the key quality that we should bring to our interaction with the public and other agencies in the criminal justice system with whom we interact with.

Chief's Message

It is a privilege and an honor to present this annual report of the activities of the men and women of the Coalinga Police Department during the Calendar Year 2020. This last year we saw a deadly pandemic sweep over the country and as a result the department had to deal with "zero bail" as well as the release of thousands of state inmates due to the pandemic running through the states prison system. The department has had to deal with a reduction in staffing during the last year, but we have been able to fill all available positions and we are up at full staffing with sworn officers.

I continue to run this department with the philosophy, I set before my staff; and still remains "We are family and have a special bond and a duty to protect the community we serve and one another. All police department personnel are to treat everyone with dignity and respect, treat others as you would want to be treated, Coalinga Police Department staff are to do their very best every day and do the right thing at all times. I expect everyone to do what is expected of them, do their job, and always display a professional appearance and attitude. I want the community to feel as they can approach any employee of this department and receive satisfactory service. I want all my staff to stay safe and go home to their families at the end of every shift."

The main goal for the Coalinga Police Department for the 2021 year is to provide the community with the best professional law enforcement services possible, to protect the citizens of Coalinga by responding and investigating all calls for service and hold those accountable for their actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darren L. Blevins

Chief of Police

February 4, 2021

State of the Department

The Coalinga Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency conducting operations 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The Department has staff providing service in records, and general law enforcement. The Police Department provides primary 911 communications responsibilities for the City of Coalinga and the City of Parlier.

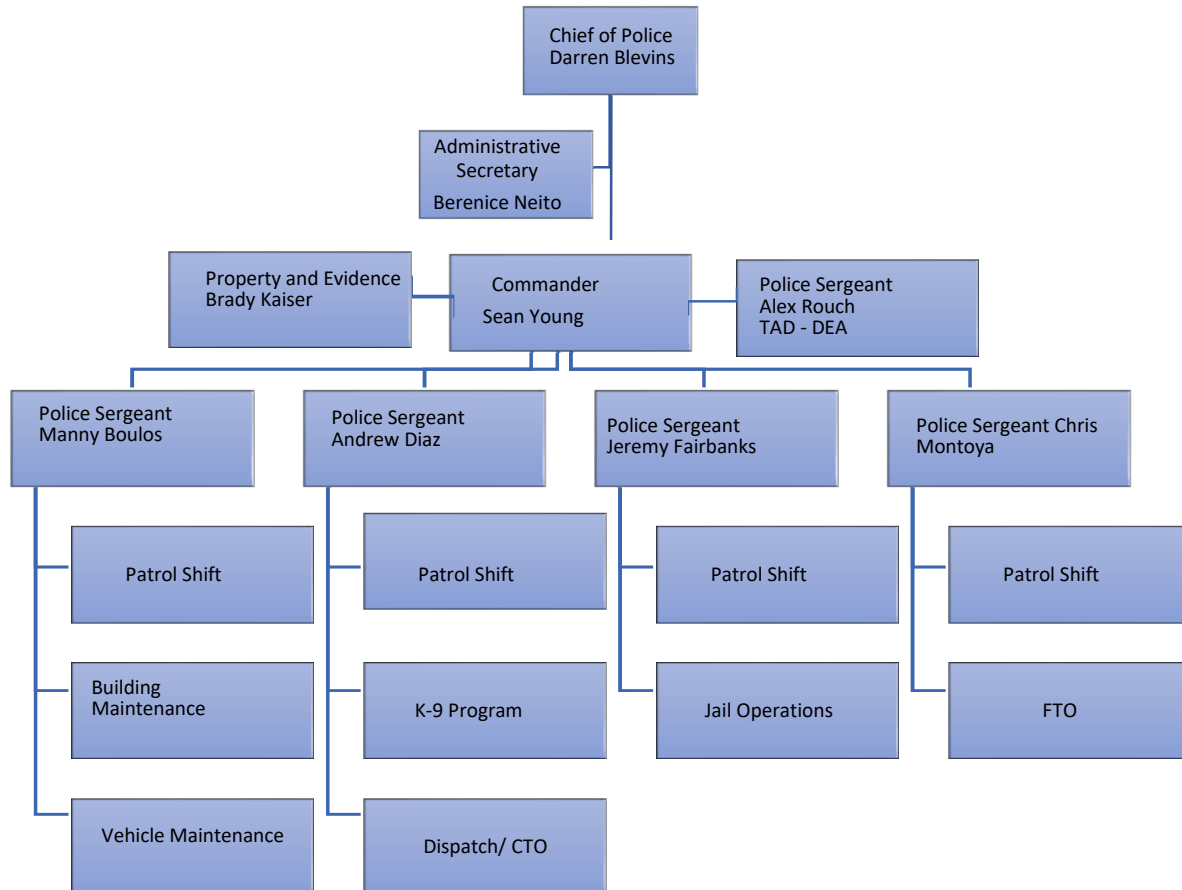
Since I have taken over as the chief of police, I have held my staff responsible for their actions and handed down discipline when it called for it. The Department started 2020 with 16 full time sworn officers and by then end of 2020 the department was fully staffed with sworn officers. The ratio of sworn personnel to population is 1.3 officers per 1000 residents. This is less than the nationwide rate of 1.8 officers per thousand population for Group V cities (10,000 to 24,999 population). (FBI, 2019).

To support sworn operations, the Department employs a mixture of part time and full-time civilian positions which are called Police Technicians. The Police Technicians provide Dispatch and Clerical services. At the end of 2020, all full-time Police Technicians were staffed, and all part-time Police Technicians were still vacant.

The current staffing level of the police department is:

- 1 Police Chief
- 1 Police Commander
- 4 Police Sergeants
- 2 Police Corporals
- 9 Police Officers
- 7 full-time Police Technicians
- 0 Part-time Police Technicians
- 1 Secretary to the Chief of Police

Coalinga Police Department's Organizational Chart



Budget:

The Police Department is a general fund department. Due to the nature of Law Enforcement, it is a resource consumer not a self-sufficient activity. The adopted FY 20/-21 budget of the Police Department is \$3,429,818.00. This constitutes 38% of the City's General Fund Budget. The adopted FY 20-21 budget for Animal Control was \$32,700.00, which pays Gimme Love for care and welfare of the animals and shelter. This constitutes 0% of the City's General Fund Budget.

Revenues to support law enforcement activities come from a variety of sources. The main source of income is the City's General Fund. Cannabis licensing fees and taxes pay for one police officer position and one non-sworn position. The Department participates in several grant programs to provide needed equipment. The Department receives SLESF grant funding from the State of California, Body Armor funding from the Federal Government. This year the Department received a grant from Homeland Security to go towards the purchase of additional equipment.

Facilities:

The Police Department is located at 270 N. Sixth St. in a wing of City Hall. This facility was constructed in 1995 and houses 911 communications center, patrol operations, investigations. (when staffing permits), administration, and a 24-hour holding facility. The Police Department has two satellite locations that supports its mission. The Police Department also continues to utilize a portion of the old police department headquarters, and the old Fresno County holding cells as evidence storage facility.

In 2020, the police department, began remodeling the department by replacing the flooring in dispatch, records, one of the main hallways and the front lobby. The department replaced old computers within the department.

Fleet:

The Police Department uses a mixture of unmarked and marked vehicles to accomplish its various missions. There are 20 vehicles in the Department's fleet. This allows for personally assigned vehicles to sworn personnel. In my experience, having personally assigned vehicles allows for greater longevity of the asset. Employees have a pride of ownership and take better care of the equipment when they know that their efforts only affect them. This has allowed the department to improve reliability and fuel economy with the goal of reducing fuel and maintenance costs. The average age of fleet assets is 6 years.

Other Equipment:

The Police Department possesses a wide range of equipment to fulfill its mission. It has enough variety of weapons and surveillance technology to accomplish any task needed. During this fiscal year the police department purchased new Sig Sauer firearms, new tasers as well as new body cameras.

2020/2021 Evidence Audit Update

The Coalinga Police Department Hired Key Evidence Inventory in October 2020 to conduct the first outside Evidence Audit in since I have been employed with the police department which is 26 years.

They have completed approximately three quarters of the of the departments evidence inventory. Since they have started Key Evidence Inventory has the organized the departments evidence room by installing shelving, removing bunks and shower stalls. By doing this has cleaned up the evidence rooms and made it easier to locate evidence when it is needed for court or to be returned to the owner.

They have organized and inventoried three of the four evidence rooms and approximately 11,820 pieces of evidence.

Once they have completed the inventory audit, they will provide me with a full report of how much evidence was inventoried, a list of missing evidence, money that was located, before and after photos of the evidence rooms and suggestions/recommendations regarding your evidence procedures. (purging)

Here a just a few pictures of the evidence rooms before and after:





Calls for Service Statistics:

The best way to analyze the activity of the Police Department is using raw calls for service data. This data over time shows both activities generated by the public and activity generated by preventative patrol activities. In 2019, the police department handled 15,559 calls for service and in 2020 the police department handled 17,704 which is an 87.88.% increase in calls for service. The below numbers are a breakdown of all police activity during the 2019 and 2020 calendar year.

Priority one calls are considered emergencies and should be dispatched within a 3-minute time frame. Priority two calls are normally where most citizen-initiated activity is found; priority three calls are mostly officer initiated. For 2020 Priority 1 calls were dispatched within 1min and 43sec of receiving the call and entering it into CAD.

2019 Patrol Stats

2020 Patrol Stats

Patrol Statistics	
Total Incidents	15559
Calls for Service	10740
Officer Initiated Incidents	4819
Traffic Stops	1316
Other OIA Incidents	3503
Bus/Building checks	259
Veh/Ped Check	618
Total Officer Reports	1445
Collision	88
Courtesy	14
Criminal Collision	14
Felony	278
Information	356
Infraction	36
Misdemeanor	625
Voided	20
Unclassified Reports	14
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	462
Misdemeanor Arrests	338
Felony Arrests	124
Total Citations	578
Admin Cites	5
Infraction	209
Misdemeanor	29
Moving Vehicle	47
Muni Code	5
Parking	264
Unclassified	19

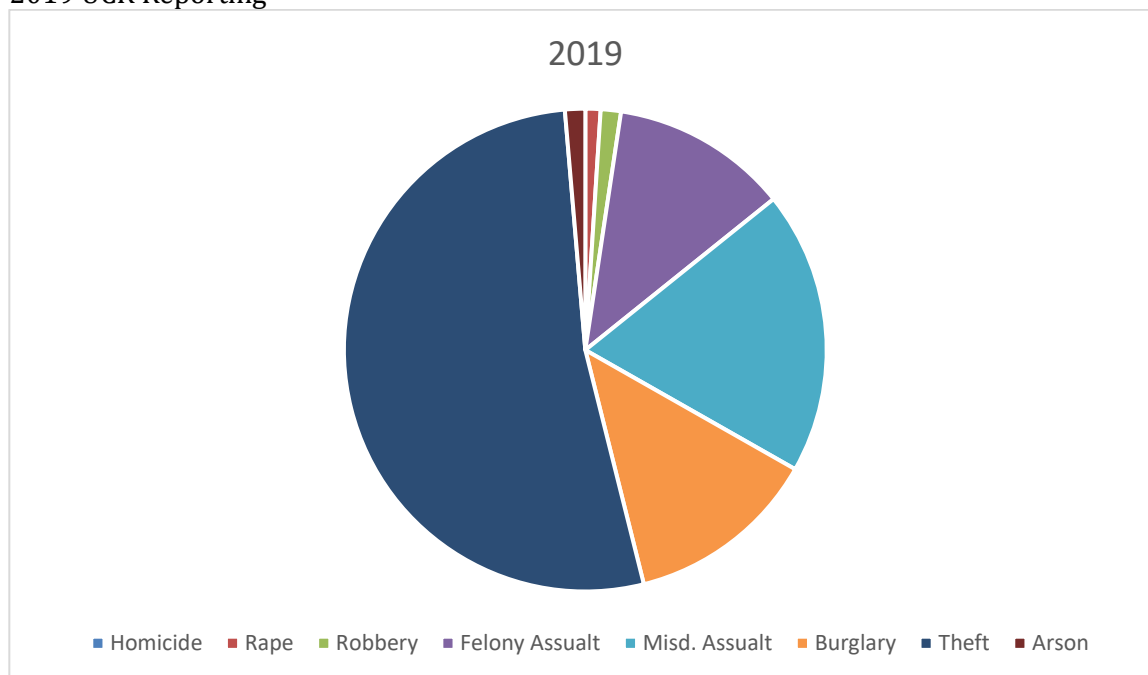
Patrol Statistics	
Total Incidents	17704
Calls for Service	11957
Officer Initiated Incidents	5747
Traffic Stops	1694
Other OIA Incidents	4053
Bus/Building checks	574
Veh/Ped Check	639
Total Officer Reports	1362
Collision	74
Courtesy	11
Criminal Collision	11
Felony	284
Information	383
Infraction	16
Misdemeanor	546
Voided	26
Unclassified Reports	11
Total Misdemeanor & Felony Arrests	477
Misdemeanor Arrests	348
Felony Arrests	129
Total Citations	564
Infraction	147
Misdemeanor	55
Moving Vehicle	98
Muni Code	11
Parking	230
Unclassified	23

UCR Crime Statistics

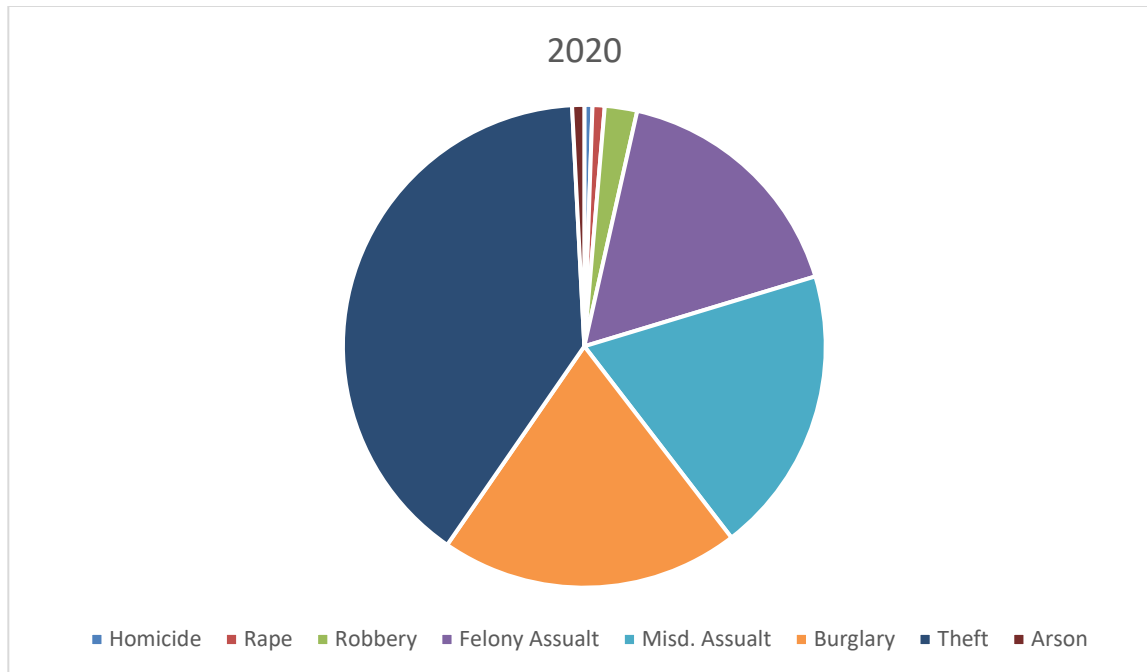
The UCR is the oldest measure of crime reporting in the United States. Developed in the 1920's by the FBI, the report receives its data from victim's reports of crime to law enforcement. The statistics give only general information on crime trends. They can be affected by several variables from the definitions of the categories themselves to human error in crime report completion by law enforcement. Year to year analysis is the most accurate way to use the UCR to predict crime trends.

Comparing 2018 to 2019 there was a decrease in the total UCR reportable crimes to the Coalinga Police Department. This decrease is attributed to a decrease in all categories except for homicides, thefts, and arsons. The below are month to month tables and graphic representations of the UCR statistics. Crimes against property have now passed persons crimes to be the number one issue facing the citizens of Coalinga today.

2019 UCR Reporting



2019	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Totals
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	3	0	0	0	3
Robbery	1	1	0	2	4
Felony Assault	7	9	14	5	35
Misdemeanor Assault	14	10	20	12	56
Burglary	11	10	7	10	38
Theft	35	38	31	51	155
Arson	1	1	2	0	4
Total					295



2020	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Totals
Homicide	0	0	1	0	1
Rape	1	4	2	1	8
Robbery	3	1	1	1	6
Felony Assault	16	14	6	13	49
Misdemeanor Assault	11	8	12	19	50
Burglary	6	5	3	8	22
Theft	31	36	58	20	145
Arson	1	1	0	1	3
Total					284

The number of reported property crimes represent a large share of the UCR Statistics. Although the total number of reportable UCR offences are down, which over the past 12 months was a reduction of 3.87%.

The Department has taken an aggressive stance to attempt to lower the numbers by proactive patrol and apprehension activities, the department has conducted operations that have targeted gang members, persons on probation and persons on parole. Due to budget cuts the Investigations Unit of the department has been disbanded and their personnel sent back to patrol. I am hoping in the upcoming year that investigations can reopen.

The department's filing rate took a hit this year. In 2019 the department had a filing rate of 69% and this last year we had a filing rate of 36% and is a decrease of -47.82%. This filing rate is unacceptable, and we will increase the rate in 2021.

Traffic Accident Statistics

The Coalinga Police Department is responsible for traffic enforcement for the City of Coalinga. Besides the common writing of citations for traffic violations, the Department responds to and investigates all the traffic accidents that occur in the city. In 2020, the total number of investigated traffic collisions in Coalinga declined approximately 49.18% from 61 in 2019 to 30 in 2020.

Animal Control Statistics

Gimme Love a non-profit organization that is now responsible for the care and welfare of the animal shelter. The police department uniformed patrol officers responded to 411 animal complaints and issued 5 citations in 2020.

GIMME LOVE'S 2020 INTAKE STATISTICS:

DOGS: 361 – 17 adopted, 344 rescued

CATS: 457 – 35 adopted, 377 rescued, 45 in foster

RABBITS: 1 – 1 rescued

BIRDS: 5 – 4 rescued, 1 adopted

Total intake: 824

Not included in our intake numbers are 81 dogs and cats moved to rescues from Coalinga residents straight from their homes.

SPAY/NEUTER: 311 – Dogs 36, Cats 119

No spay or neuter during coved. March-October veterinary offices were closed for these surgeries. We go ever week now sometimes twice a week. It is a huge program!

Rabies Vaccinations: 156 – Dogs 70, Cats 86

School Resource Officer Program

During the 20/21 fiscal year both the Coalinga Huron Unified School District and West Hills Community College District did not hold classes on campus. Coalinga Huron Unified was unable to provide financial assistance for the School Resource Officer Position, so the council elected to pay for this position out of the general fund so the department would not lose an officer. The West Hills College District elected to pay for the Campus Police Officer position. Due to staffing levels the department covered this position by having day shift officer do periodic walk throughs of the college campus to ensure those who were on campus were safe. The Coalinga Police Department provide the following services to the Districts are:

- Criminal Investigations
- Outreach to Students
- School Safety Presentations
- Attendance at Sporting Events
- Attendance at other District Events
- Traffic and Patrol functions around the Schools
- Presentations to the Governing Boards

Canine Program

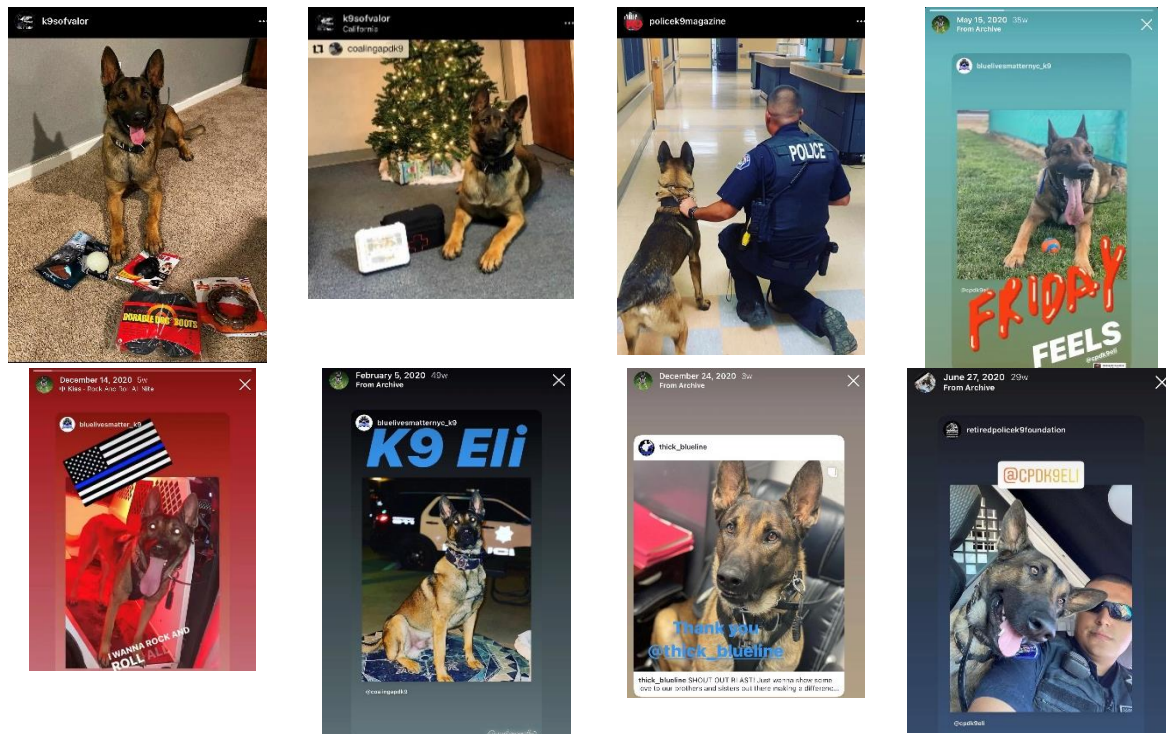
The departments K-9 program is in its second year and is funded by community donations. Both officer Ybarra and his partner K-9 Eli work well with one another and K-9 Eli and Officer Ybarra continue to pass all tests and qualifications to remain POST certified in the State of California.

In 2020, Officer Ybarra and K9 Officer Eli were very and productive. Below is Officer Ybarra and K9 Officer Eli's activity.

During 2020 Officer Ybarra and his partner have confiscated, over 250 grams of methamphetamine during traffic stops and search warrants. 12.9 grams of heroin coming from a vehicle check which was occupied. 22 dangerous felons surrendered due to K-9 Eli presence. The team have located 20 guns during traffic stops where narcotic paraphernalia was located. K-9 Eli has assisted in over 30 search warrants that has led to narcotics and weapons being located/seized.

They have also attended numerous community events either for children birthdays or has had contact with the community members/citizens as well as a presentation at Greenfield high school career day.

Officer Ybarra and K9 Officer Eli was featured in Police K-9 Magazine, K-9 of Valor Instagram page, K-9 Police web page, 3 times in the Blue Lives Matter K-9 page and the Thick Blue Line Instagram page.



During 2020, Officer Ybarra and his partner conducted over 350 hours of training with his vendor Law Dog K-9, CHP, and Coalinga State Hospital

Officer Ybarra and K9 Officer Eli's stats:

Has been deployed about 240 times.

Was deployed over 100 times on traffic stops.

Was deployed over 140 times for building searches, audible alarms, and burglaries in progress.

K-9 Eli assisted in 50 narcotic arrests.

K-9 Eli assisted in 32 Felony arrests.

K-9 Eli assisted in 46 Misdemeanor arrests.

K-9 Eli has 0 bites during 2020. This is mainly due to his presence and subjects complying which reduces the liability to the city.

K-9 Eli assisted the following agencies:

Fresno County Sheriff (FSO) - PC 211 suspects Jayne/ I-5 (in custody) / VC 10851 Chop shop building search toon town

California Highway Patrol (CHP) - Vehicle searches

Coalinga State Hospital - Sweep of facility

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) - Vehicle search searches and search warrants

Santa Cruz County Sheriff - Traffic stop on a suspected drug runner out of Mexico.

Huron Police Department - Search warrants

K-9 Eli has destroyed over 100 toys and several of Officer Ybarra couches

Department Goals

The Coalinga Police Department will continue to work hard for this community and will always do the right thing. Ways this department can achieve this goal is by continuing to update and replace outdated equipment, continue to train hard and attend mandated courses set by POST.

In 2020 the police department had set a goal to improve on department training, complete the remodel of the dispatch and install additional video policing equipment throughout the city. During the 2020 year the police department received approval to implement a city-wide video surveillance camera registration program.

Another goal set by the department in 2020, was to have an outside audit of the department's entire evidence room. This audit is still being completed and I will bring a formal report before council and the community once it is complete.

The Department will also continue to be an aggressive player in the grant arena.