Dear community members,

I am pleased to present the San Luis Obispo Police Department Biennial Report for 2017-2018. We are blessed to be surrounded by skilled professionals, invested community members and dedicated city leaders who care deeply about San Luis Obispo. We are fortunate to have active and engaged community members, and diverse visitors that come to San Luis Obispo from around the globe. The San Luis Obispo Police Department family is part of the fabric of this community and we actively contribute to all that San Luis Obispo has to offer.

San Luis Obispo’s uniqueness shapes our public safety mission. We believe that we exist to make people’s lives better. We accomplish that in many ways, with our primary goal of reducing harm in five main ways: we reduce harm by reducing crime and the fear of crime, increasing our regional partnerships, enhancing our community engagement and relationships, increasing multi-modal safety, and ensuring members of the San Luis Obispo Police Department are healthy and well trained.

You will see as you review our biennial report, the many successes from San Luis Obispo Police Department men and women that are community members, police officers, professional staff and volunteers. In the last two years, we have focused on our community relationships, innovation in crime reduction methods, and using technology to increase efficiencies. I hope this report provides you with clarity of our mission, our vision and the direction the San Luis Obispo Police Department is heading. We have worked incredibly hard for you and have accomplished many goals over the 2 last years. As we move forward in 2019-2020, we will continue to build upon our accomplishments as we also strive to improve our downtown safety, place more emphasis on employee wellness and fiscal sustainability and ensure we are providing the best service we can to all that live in, work in and visit San Luis Obispo.

On behalf of the professional staff, sworn members and volunteers of the San Luis Obispo Police Department, I am excited to present this report. I am extremely proud and honored to be the Chief of Police for such a dedicated police department, community and city. We are your police department.

Chief Deanna Cantrell
The mission of the San Luis Obispo Police Department is to maintain a safe city by working in partnership with the community to protect life and property, prevent and reduce crime, and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods while preserving the rights of all through a commitment to Service, Pride and Integrity.

To be recognized by our community and employees as a model of excellence in the law enforcement profession.
The Police Department is made up of 85.5 employees. There are two bureaus in the department: Administration and Operations.

**ADMINISTRATION**
Includes the administrative services division, investigations, communications, and records.

**OPERATIONS**
Includes patrol services, traffic safety unit, and neighborhood services.

- **SWORN STAFF**
  - 59

- **CIVILIAN STAFF**
  - 26.5

15% of sworn officers are women.
COMMAND STAFF

Chief Deanna Cantrell

Captain Chris Staley

Captain Jeff Smith
Coffee with A Cop program was launched with the goal of community engagement and improved safety and quality of life in neighborhoods.

Officers and the Neighborhood Outreach Manager attended specialized training for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and shared information with downtown businesses and other City departments experiencing issues with crime.

Developed a Memorandum of Understanding with Cal Poly for overtime reimbursement for specific requests for personnel.

The Department was approved to hire a Crime Analyst position. This position provides analytical insight to enhance proactive policing and also helps provide analysis for investigative purposes.

The department worked with Community Development and other City departments to implement new cannabis business regulations.

The city realized an overall crime reduction of 13% compared to 2016.

Police Education and Community Engagement (PEACE) - a series of discussions touching on topics related to policing a community. During the discussions, attendees can interact with the Chief of Police and other law enforcement professionals.

Police and Community Together (PACT) - represents a committed and diverse group of community members and advocates that have partnered with SLOPD to affect positive social change through dialogue, education, and understanding. The department has officers and staff that serve as liaisons to each of the community groups.

Joined One Mind Pledge - a campaign to ensure successful interactions between Police officers and person affected by mental illness. Focused on specialized Crisis Intervention Training for officers.

Developed an internal employee committee to focus on department morale.

Worked with a consultant to create a concept plan for a new police facility.
Although specific funding has not yet been identified for a new Police facility, a concept plan was designed by a consultant as part of the initial planning stages of the project.
DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Highlights from 2018

- Identified new goals for Reducing Harm in SLO: reduce crime and fear of crime, increase multi-modal safety, increase personnel resiliency, strengthen regional partnerships, and prioritize community involvement.
- Partnered with San Luis Obispo County Behavioral Health and through a grant added a social worker to the department's Community Action Team (CAT).
- The Department's PACT (Police and Community Together) was Awarded the Sherwood Prize by the Anti-Defamation League.
- Created a Safe Trade Zone in front of the police station for sellers/buyers of Craigslist and other online marketplaces.
- Provided Naloxone training for all officers and obtained kits for officers to carry while on duty.
- Implemented a neighborhood camera mapping program. Residents can sign up by visiting the department website.
- Entered into an agreement for a Dispatch Consolidation Feasibility study for San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, Atascadero and Cal Poly agencies.
- All officers, Records Clerks, and dispatchers received Crisis Intervention Training.
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POLICE OPERATIONS OVERVIEW
The Downtown Bicycle Team is divided into two teams of officers covering day time and night time activities in the downtown area. The team consists of one sergeant and four officers. Two of the officers are assigned to daytime and two to nighttime downtown patrol.

The two daytime officers handle a variety of calls for service ranging from theft-related crimes to aggressive panhandling. The officers work closely with Downtown SLO security personnel to coordinate activity and provide outreach with downtown businesses. These officers also work closely with the Community Action Team officers to identify problems and crime trends that negatively impact the quality of life for residents, business owners and visitors to the City of San Luis Obispo.

The late-night hours in the downtown bring different types of activities as patrons frequent the local restaurants and nightclubs. Most nighttime enforcement activity in the downtown is related to alcohol consumption. Officers work closely with nighttime establishments to help ensure they are operated in a safe and orderly manner.

Bike officers conduct regular training sessions with employees of restaurants and nightclubs to help combat underage drinking and excessive alcohol consumption.
The Downtown Bicycle Team helps ensure a safe environment at a variety of special events, including festivals, parades, athletic events, and school activities. The Downtown Bicycle Team regularly assists other agencies within the County during a variety of special events that require officers on bicycles.

In 2018 the San Luis Obispo Police Department experienced significant staffing shortages within patrol, requiring back fill by officers serving in special assignments. During the last shift rotation, both night and daytime bikes were pulled from their assignment to help fill patrol shifts. These officers will return to the bicycle shift special assignment in early 2019.
The Community Action Team (CAT) identifies problems and crime trends that effect the quality of life in San Luis Obispo. CAT focuses on collaborating with other agencies when addressing trends that negatively impact our residents, business owners and visitors to the City of San Luis Obispo.

In 2018 the San Luis Obispo Police Department began working with County Behavioral Health to add a social worker to the department's CAT team. This position was approved and through an RFP the contract was awarded to Transition Mental Health Association (TMHA). After an extensive search both TMHA and SLOPD selected Social Worker John Klevins for the position. John has been a tremendous resource for both the Police Department and individuals suffering with mental illness. The police department is excited about this much needed resource and look forward to the positive impact it will have within our city and county.
Since the opening of the new Prado Homeless Services Center, CAT has been able to work with several individuals to obtain services.

With the help of Social Services, several individuals were placed in sober living homes or reunited with family.

CAT also collaborates with City Rangers to help protect and preserve the City's open spaces. Additionally, they also ensure that those residing in the creek area are aware of the potential for flooding during rainy seasons. The City recently approved a service level agreement with Rangers, Public Works, Code Enforcement and the Police Department to ensure illegal camps are posted and removed in a timely manner.
The Office of Neighborhood Services help coordinate city services in residential neighborhoods of the City. The Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP), community and student outreach, and crime prevention are all programs coordinated by the Neighborhood Outreach Manager. The Neighborhood Outreach Manager also serves as a liaison to City neighborhood associations, Cal Poly University, Cuesta Community College, SLO Solutions and various community groups.

Student Neighborhood Assistance Program

The Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) created in 1992, utilizes student employees to act as first responders to noise complaints in the City. SNAP employees are able to issue formal warnings when noise violations occur and help educate residents of noise standards in the city. SNAP also assists with the enforcement of neighborhood parking districts, conduct graffiti abatement and tag abandon vehicles for towing.

In 2018, SNAP responded to 629 noise complaints, issued 363 noise violation warnings and issued 1903 parking citations, mainly in the neighborhood residential permit districts.

Party noise complaints have continued to decrease with maintained efforts in education and enforcement.
Community Outreach

The Neighborhood Outreach Manager works with a local advertising agency to provide information and crime prevention materials to the community. Print media (posters, flyers and door hangers) are utilized as are social media posts and paid ads on Instagram and Facebook. Materials disseminated include information about Safety Enhancement Zones, personal and property safety reminders, noise and blight municipal code explanations and vehicle code (bikes and pedestrian) information.

In 2018, the Neighborhood Outreach Manager and Chief Cantrell provided outreach at nine SLO Days summer orientation sessions with students and supporters. The Neighborhood Outreach Manager also participated in Week of Welcome events (WOW leader orientation and the resource fair), student government meetings, Cuesta new student orientation, several Inter-Fraternal and PanHellenic Council meetings, Greek Summit, all-Greek risk managers meeting, neighborhood meetings and the annual Neighborhood Forum.

The Neighborhood Outreach Manager and Chief Cantrell participate as voting members in the Student Community Liaison Committee which serves as a mechanism of communication among Cal Poly, Cuesta College, City and County of San Luis Obispo and community organizations.

Learn more about the Student Community Liaison Committee
The Neighborhood Outreach Manager helps with the referrals of residents to the SLO Solutions Conflict Resolution Program (a program of Creative Mediation, a local non-profit organization.) This program offers mediation and conflict resolution service for San Luis Obispo residents at no charge.

The types of disputes handled include landlord/tenant, roommates, student/non-student, and neighbor-to-neighbor issues. Per the SLO Solutions Annual Report, 1,122 residents received services through the program in 2018. Approximately 300 of those self identified as students of either Cal Poly or Cuesta College.

Additionally, SLO Solutions conducted workshops and discounted customized trainings that involved individuals from Cal Poly’s orientation programs, Cuesta College Government/Leadership, Cal Poly Graduate programs, several Cal Poly Departments, AmeriCorps VIP, Cuesta College staff, as well as a San Luis Obispo-based non-profit.

“I had no idea this was an option for dealing with my landlord. I’m so glad I heard about it from the housing people at Cal Poly. I was finally able to have a civil conversation with my landlord about my security deposit.”

Conflict Resolution Specialist
Contact Information:
805.549.0442
info@creativemediation.net
Neighborhood Watch

The Neighborhood Outreach Manager assists residents with starting Neighborhood Watch groups in the neighborhoods. Neighborhood Officers and the Neighborhood Outreach Manager educate residents how to successfully set up and maintain Neighborhood Watch groups and provide information on neighborhood crime prevention.

Volunteers

The Police Department utilizes fifteen (15) volunteers for a variety of tasks including clerical work, archive and scanning of records, tagging abandoned vehicles, graffiti abatement, cold case assistance, Chaplin, and Project Lifesaver battery changing. In 2018, our generous volunteers gave the Police Department 1,971 hours of service.
POLICE ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW
The Records Division consists of four full-time Records Clerks, one half-time Operations Support specialist and a Records Supervisor who reports to the Administrative Lieutenant. The Records Division was downsized in 2018 to shift a position to Property & Evidence. Records clerks are the first faces you are likely to see when visiting the Police Department as they serve the front counter of the station.

Records clerks complete a wide variety of clerical tasks: transcribe police reports, enter crime and citation data into computerized data bases, convert paper records to electronic format, prepare crime statistics for State and Federal reporting, fulfill public records requests, and transfer reports to the District Attorney’s office for criminal prosecution.

The technical clerical tasks include:

- Entering Restraining Orders
- Processing massage, taxi, mobile food vendor and CCW permits
- Registering sex, arson and drug registrants
- Processing background requests from government agencies
- Entering field interview cards
- Entering disturbance advisement cards
- Processing ride along forms
- Posting activity logs to the internet
- Managing discovery orders
- Responding to subpoenas for records
- Responding to informal discovery requests
- National Crime Information Center validations
- Court-Ordered Records Sealings
- Signing off correctable citations
- Issuing Clearance Letters
- Entering Trespass Letters
The Operations Support Specialist is a half-time position in the Records Unit. This specialist meets with the Sex, Drug, and Arson Registrants processing required monthly and annual paperwork. In addition to working with registrants this position processes backgrounds, Field Interview cards, Disturbance Advisements, and conducts other data processing.

The Records Clerks also provide support to the annual Bike Rodeo and with record keeping during DUI checkpoints.

The Clerks processed 8,102 reports and 7,093 citations in 2017.

They processed 7,466 reports and 6,013 citations in 2018.

Record's Counter Hours:
- Mon & Wed 8 am - 5 pm
- Tues & Thurs 10 am - 5 pm
- Closed on Friday
TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

The Traffic Safety Division uses a balanced and proven philosophy of enforcement, engineering, and education solutions to improve safety and reduce collisions.

The Traffic Team consists of a full-time Motorcycle Sergeant and two full-time Motorcycle Officers. The responsibilities of the Traffic Team include traffic control and event planning for many special programs, projects, and events including sporting activities, parades, and other festivities.

Additionally, the traffic team reviews DUI cost recovery claims, maintenance of all traffic related equipment, collection and dissemination of traffic complaints and training department personnel on new traffic laws and the operation of traffic equipment.
Officers assigned to the Traffic Team work closely with Traffic Engineering and Community Development, and neighborhood groups to improve traffic safety issues. The Traffic Team actively participates in traffic safety programs such as Click It or Ticket, Child Safety Seat Week, Safe Routes to School, Every 15 Minutes, Bicycle Rodeos, MADD, Distracted Driving Month and school traffic safety presentations.

The Traffic Team receives grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety. In 2018, the Traffic Safety Unit assumed the responsibility of managing the “Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant”. This grant focused on reducing fatal and injury DUI crashes throughout the year and especially during special holiday periods with statistically high DUI collisions. These include Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick’s Day, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day Weekend, Independence Day Weekend, the two-week period leading up to the end of summer for Labor Day Weekend and the Winter Holiday period for Christmas and New Year’s.

Do you have a traffic concern? Email SLOPD's Traffic Division trafficenforcement@slocity.org
The grant funding allows the Traffic Safety Unit to work traffic and alcohol related objectives identified by OTS using our city’s traffic collision data. As noted in the 2017 City of San Luis Obispo Traffic Safety report, collisions citywide have been steadily decreasing; in no small part to the continued the grant funding. Also, in 2017 was the Traffic Team secured 3D diagramming equipment and software from FARO to assist in serious or fatal traffic collision investigations.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department partners with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Public Works Department, the San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition, and numerous bike shops in the area to host an annual “Bike Rodeo”. The Rodeo includes a “Safety Town” to teach safety and basic skills to smaller children and a supervised road ride on surface streets to give the older children supervised experience with safe cycling on the road.

Check out the City's annual Traffic Safety Reports. The report is a collaboration between the City's Public Works and Police departments.
The dedicated Communications personnel at the Emergency Communications Center (ECC) dispatch Police and Fire personnel, answer emergency and non-emergency calls for service and handle after-hours callouts for City personnel.

During 2017-2018, ECC personnel trained six Communications Technicians and one Communications Supervisor. Full staffing of the Center consists of eleven Communications Technicians, two Supervisors and one Manager.

**Total Dispatch Phone Calls (Incoming/Outgoing):**

- 2016: 94,771
- 2017: 101,917
- 2018: 106,780

The Dispatch non-emergency line is 805.781.7312
Dial 911 for emergencies
Dispatch Technology Overview

On October 4, 2017, Text to 9-1-1 was implemented allowing callers in the City of San Luis Obispo to text when they have an emergency if they cannot call 9-1-1.

On November 6, 2018, the RAVE application was installed on the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) computers, giving Communications Technicians the ability to send text messages to callers. This supplements Text to 9-1-1 which does not allow Communications Technicians to send an initial text. The RAVE app also has a mapping component which can provide more accurate location information of cell phone callers based on the GPS on their phones rather than the distance from a cell tower. Schools in the San Luis Coastal School District have the option of having their staff add the RAVE app to their cell phones. When activated, the RAVE app dials 9-1-1 while simultaneously notifying staff members of the emergency. Additionally, the app can provide better location information from pre-programmed geo-fencing of the campus, allows messages to be sent between users to provide updates, and can include premise information and documents added by the schools.

A Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System software and hardware upgrade occurred on June 20, 2017.

In November, the Avtec radio consoles were upgraded and the Avtec servers were moved to new hardware to ensure our radio systems remain functional and radio channels are properly recorded. The process was started to replace aging audio equipment that cannot be repaired.
Dispatch Personnel Overview

One Communications Supervisor continues to serve as a SWAT Scribe for the Regional SWAT team. In addition, two Communications Technicians joined the Regional SWAT team as SWAT Scribes.

Community Outreach

Communications personnel participated in the Fire Department Open House providing 9-1-1 education and provided tours for the City’s Onboarding Day of Welcome events. Tours of the ECC were provided to community groups including, Regional Transit and youth organizations, to gain insight on how the Center handles calls.
INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Investigations Bureau is comprised of five highly trained investigators who are assigned to investigate crimes against persons and property crimes. At any time, the Investigations Bureau typically has an average of 80 active cases.

In 2017 and 2018, the bureau investigated 177 Suspected Child Abuse Reports, 87 missing persons cases, and followed up on 584 cases.

In 2018, a MET (Marijuana Enforcement Team) was created to enforce regulations related to the City's new cannabis business licenses. For more information visit the City's website.
Property and Evidence

The Property and Evidence Unit is assigned to the Investigations Bureau. This unit provides safe and secure storage for all items seized by Officers or turned in by the public. A full-time employee is assigned as the Property and Evidence Technician. The Property and Evidence Technician is responsible for the preservation, destruction, and release of all items placed in their care, as well as providing all items of evidence to courts. The Technician attends frequent specialized trainings to keep up to date in storage techniques to insure the integrity of evidence is maintained.

Found property is held for 90 days and all property that is turned in to the Police is investigated to identify the owner. The best way to insure lost property is returned is to inscribe your property by etching your name or phone number on the property. Property marked in this manner is easier to return to owners and is more difficult to alter. It is important to always document serial numbers and inscribe owner identification on items of value. Property of value that cannot be returned, and has been held past the prescribed time, is auctioned online via an online auction website called PropertyRoom.com.

Video Evidence Booked
2017: 62,815
2018: 79,375

Evidence/Property Intake
2017: 7,931
2018: 7,196
Elder Abuse
The family of an elderly victim with an Alzheimer diagnosis and deteriorating health contacted law enforcement after they began seeing unauthorized amounts of money being withdrawn from the victim’s accounts. The family also reported the victim’s car had been taken and the current location of the vehicle was unknown.

Sapphire Grace was identified by the family as the person likely responsible for the thefts. An investigation lasting two months identified the true identity of Sapphire Grace as Candice Kato. Kato has been using the alias of Sapphire Grace for the past 20 years. Our investigation led to the discovery of approximately $100,000.00 in fraudulently obtained money from the victim’s accounts.

Kato was taken into custody for being in possession of a stolen vehicle, trying to pass forged checks, burglary and being in possession of a fraudulent California driver’s license in the name of Sapphire Grace. Kato was booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail with bail set at $250,000.00 and later pled no contest to five counts of forgery.
County Wide Increase in Stolen Vehicles

In June and July of 2017 the San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach and Pismo Beach Police Departments along with the San Luis Obispo County Auto Theft Taskforce (SLOCATT) collectively had 40 vehicles reported as stolen. A majority of the vehicles stolen were late 90's to early 2000's Honda Civics and Accords. This was a significant increase in the number of stolen vehicles normally reported within the County.

Zachary Hamlin was identified as the suspect responsible for several of the stolen vehicles. Hamlin was taken into custody and was later booked at the County Jail on several counts of possessing a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools and a no bail probation warrant. Hamlin was sentenced to 8 years in county prison for his involvement in these crimes.

Kristen Marti Homicide

On January 18, 2018, Kristen Marti was reported missing to the San Luis Obispo Police Department. Investigators learned the last person to be with Kristen alive was a suspect identified as Robert Koehler.

Weeks of investigation led Detectives to an area of Prefumo Canyon where they believed evidence of what happened to Kristen would be found. On March 25th, San Luis Obispo Police investigators along with the assistance of the San Luis Obispo County Search and Rescue Team located Kristen deceased in a rural portion of Prefumo Canyon. Kristen’s death was ruled a murder.

During a search warrant served at the home of Robert Koehler, investigators located evidence they believe links him to the murder of Kristen. Koehler was tracked to Minnesota where he was arrested for the murder of Kristen Marti. Robert Koehler is currently in custody at the San Luis Obispo County Jail awaiting trial for this crime.
Arthur Rocha Residential Sexual Assault and Rape Cases

On Sunday July 8, 2018, Officers responded to a residence for a sexual assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, the suspect was no longer inside the residence or in the area. The female victim told officers shortly before calling police she awoke to a male in her bedroom. The male suspect was holding a sharp object and threatened to harm her if she screamed. The suspect sexually assaulted her and fled from the residence.

During the early morning hours of Friday July 13, 2018, Officers responded to another residence regarding an attempted sexual assault that just occurred. When Officers arrived, the suspect was no longer inside the residence and had fled the scene.

Two female victims told Officers that they awoke to an unknown male in their bedroom. The male suspect was holding a knife and threatened to harm them if they screamed. The suspect attempted to sexually assault both females. Both females fought the suspect, causing him to flee from the residence. Officers searched the area but were unsuccessful in locating him.

The evidence collected in both investigations led to a DNA match of Arthur Rocha. Rocha was identified through the use of DNA technology and had been previously unidentified in this case. Evidence from the crime scenes was located with Rocha when a search warrant was served at his residence. Rocha was taken into custody and booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail. Rocha is currently awaiting trial for these crimes.
UBER Sexual Assault and Rape cases

During the early morning hours of December 18, 2017 and January 14, 2018 there were two separate sexual assaults reported to the San Luis Obispo Police Department. On Wednesday January 17, 2018 Detectives from the San Luis Obispo Police Department located Alfonso Alarcon-Nunez near his home in Santa Maria where he was arrested. A search warrant was served at his residence and evidence linking him to several crimes was located.

During an extensive investigation, Detectives learned that Alarcon-Nunez was employed as an Uber driver and had provided service in the City of San Luis Obispo. The investigation revealed Alarcon-Nunez was targeting intoxicated females and escorting them into their residences where he would sexually assault them. In both of these cases it is believed Alarcon-Nunez also stole items of property from the victims including cellular phones, computers, and jewelry. There were multiple victims identified in each of these cases. Detectives believe Alarcon-Nunez would search for parties in San Luis Obispo and solicit rides as an Uber driver. The investigation revealed Alarcon-Nunez would collect payments for rides through the Venmo app in order to disguise his identity and his Uber records.

During the search warrant at Alarcon-Nunez's residence, Detectives found several items of property belonging to the victims in these sexual assaults and theft cases. Alarcon-Nunez was booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail and bail was set at $200,000. Alarcon-Nunez is awaiting trial for these crimes.
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DEPARTMENT AWARDS

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Chief Cantrell, Officer Miguel Lozano, and Officer Joshua Walsh receiving the Sherwood Prize award.

San Luis Obispo Police Department's PACT (Police And Community Together) was awarded the Sherwood Prize in Los Angeles by the Anti-Defamation League. The Sherwood Prize was created in 1996 by Joe and Helene Sherwood, founders of family owned and operated Daniel's Jewelers, to recognize those in the law enforcement community that go above and beyond their job descriptions in combating extremism, bigotry, and hatred.

The Helene and Joseph Sherwood Family Prize recognizes law enforcement officers, agencies or programs that:

- Demonstrate an outstanding commitment to combating extremism, bigotry and hatred by performing acts outside the normal scope of duties.
- Make an impact on victims of hate crimes or bias-motivated incidents.
- Provide opportunities for education to reduce hate crimes and bias motivated activity.
- Use innovative approaches to enforce or prosecute hate crime laws.
- Make a significant difference in their community and served as a role model for his or her agency.

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AWARDS

2017

Officer Steve Orozco – Mason’s Public Safety Award
Property & Evidence Technician Shelby Liddell – Elk’s Public Safety Award & Medal of Valor
Officer Luca Benedetti – MADD California Hero Award (for most DUI arrests in the region)
Officer Chris Chitty – Footprinter’s Award
Dispatch Supervisor Mark Anselmi – Footprinter’s Award
Dispatchers Kim Palmer & Kathy Righetti – Distinguished Service Award
Officer Jeff Middleton – Distinguished Service Award
Officer Caleb Kemp – Life Saving Award
Officer Paul Sisemore – Life Saving Award
Neighborhood Outreach Manager Christine Wallace – Employee of the Year
Sergeant Kurt Hixenbaugh – Employee of the Year

2018

Officer Caleb Kemp – Mason’s Public Safety Award
Records Clerk Adria Smith – Elk’s Public Safety Award
Officer Steve Orozco – MADD California Hero Award (for most DUI arrests in region)
Dispatcher Shauna Lichty – Footprinter’s Award
Officer Joshua Walsh – Footprinter’s Award
Officer Jeff Koznek – Distinguished Service Award
Officer Jeff Middleton – Distinguished Service Award
Lieutenant Brian Amoroso – Employee of the Year
Investigations Unit – Employee Group of the Year
STATISTICAL DATA
CRIME DATA

Part 1 - Violent Crimes

9% reduction from 2015/16 to 2017/18

Part 1 - Property Crimes

8% reduction from 2015/16 to 2017/18

In all, Part 1 crime for the City of SLO decreased from 2015/16 to 2017/18 by 8.5%
TRAFFIC & ARREST DATA

Traffic Related

Arrests

[Charts showing traffic-related data and arrests over the years 2015 to 2018]
Since 2015, Noise Party calls for service have decreased by 19%.
IN THE COMMUNITY
IN THE COMMUNITY
Visit our website at:  www.slocity.org/police