



# CITY OF WHEATLAND

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

April 13, 2021

**SUBJECT:** 2020 POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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### **Background/ Discussion**

Each year, the Police Department presents a report to City Council discussing the previous year crime stats, code enforcement, and community engagement. Please see attached 2020 annual report, which will be presented.

### **Attachments**

1. Police Department Annual Report PowerPoint Presentation

2020 Annual Report  
Wheatland Police  
Department



## Mission Statement

We strive to achieve excellence while keeping Wheatland safe, placing an emphasis on enhancing the quality of life in our community. We dedicate ourselves to be consistent with the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics and our Department Core Values.

## Department Core Values

The Wheatland Police Department established a set of core values that provide a guidance for all employees in the organization to achieve a common goal.

**Integrity** – The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Even though ethical conduct cannot be assured by written policies, codes of ethics. It must be an integral part of the organization, a deeply ingrained tradition that assumes citizen unethical conduct will not be tolerated. Our actions match our words, and we hold each other and ourselves accountable to our core values.

**Professionalism** – Excellent service is both a personal and organizational commitment. The department will make every effort to deliver professional, quality service to our citizens as we encounter incidents of crime and public safety. We are committed to working towards improving the quality of life in our community.

**Respect** – We show respect for ourselves, our organization, and our community by always acting in a manner above reproach both in public and with each other. While maintaining personal safety, we remember we often meet individuals on their worst days and strive to preserve their dignity.

As members of the Wheatland Police Department, we treat each other and everyone we contact with decency and respect. We are proud of our accomplishments and dedication to our profession, along with our strong bond with our community.



## Message from the Chief

On behalf of the Wheatland Police Department, I'd like to thank you for the honor of serving you. We are committed to engaged community service and we work hard every day to maintain that commitment. We pride ourselves on maintaining a high level of service, including our quick and effective response to priority calls, good tactics, relentless follow-up and a very close partnership with our community.

We are one of the safest cities in California, and I would like to thank my exceptional sworn and professional staff, as well as our community, for making this such a special place.

Sincerely,

Chief Damiean Sylvestre

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## Personnel Updates

**Retirement:**  
Chief Allyn Wightman

**Promotions:**  
Chief Damien Sylvester  
Sgt. Christopher Ellis  
Cpl. Kirk Rekers

**New Hire:**  
Officer Axel Alarcon

## Proudly Serving our Community



## New in 2020

- Revised yearly evaluations
- Developed training matrix
- Increased patrol fleet
- Implemented permanent badge numbers
- New badge design
- Upgraded handguns
- New flagpole



## Officer of the Year

Sgt Christopher Ellis earned the 2020 Officer of the Year award. Sgt. Ellis was promoted in March of 2020, during this past year he was the Incident Commander during four critical incidents in our community and successfully resolved all of them.

Sgt. Ellis has been described by his subordinates as a "leader and someone who not only cares about officer's professional development, but also cares about their personal development."



## Community Relations and Safety Awareness

During a challenging year, we found many opportunities to engage with our community, including providing Safety Awareness tips to the future leaders of Wheatland, escorting the bunny rabbit during Easter, and handing out treats during the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual SAFE Trick or Treat 2020.



## Community Support

2020 was a challenging year in many ways for everyone, but our community continued to support us in different ways. We are thankful for all the support we received.

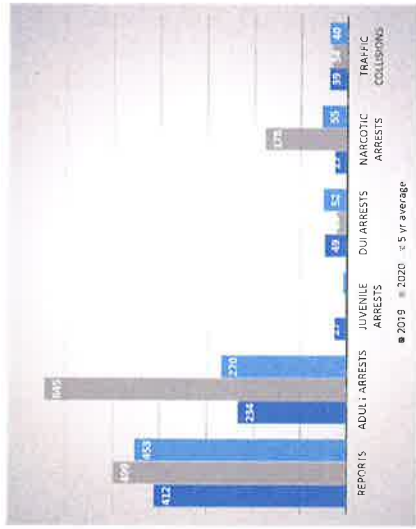


# Training and Education

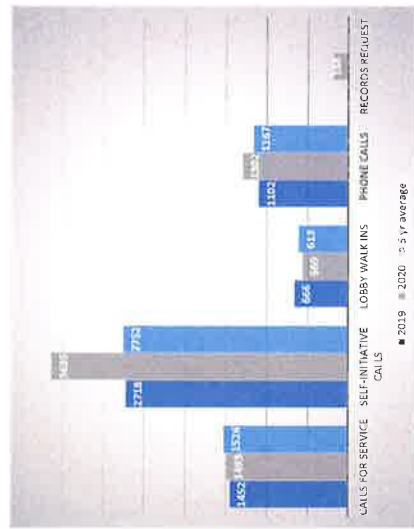
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- Use of Force Summit
- Doger Training
- Field Training Officer
- Investigation Interview & Interrogation
- Range
- FVCC
- Laser Trained Training
- Arrest/control
- CLETS
- De-escalation and Tactical Tactics
- Officer's Aid
- Training Manager Update
- Traffic Collision Investigation
- Radar Operator
- Interviewing for First Responders



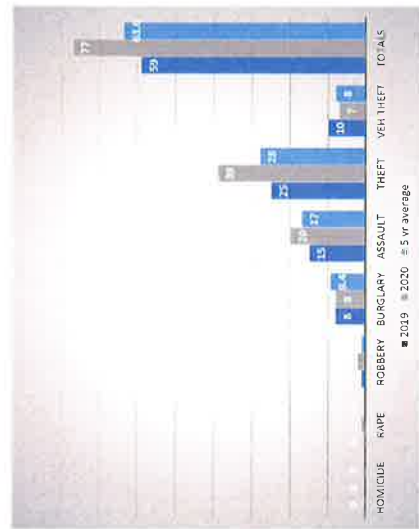
# PATROL STATS



# Administrative Staffing



# Part One Crimes



# Code Enforcement

## 2020 Statistics

Cases Investigated	26
Cases Closed	20
Cases remaining open	6

In July 2020, Wheeland Police Department took over Code Enforcement for the City of Wheeland. One part-time Code Enforcement Officer was hired to oversee, respond, enforce, and process all code violations within the city limits. The officer is currently working with residents and private citizens and businesses in hopes of gaining voluntary compliance for all code violation complaints.

Citizens can bring forward any complaints or concerns of code violations by completing a Code Enforcement Complaint Form. These forms are available on the City of Wheeland website. By reporting to the police department, complainant names and information are kept confidential.

We look forward to serving and working with our community.

