

City of Casa Grande Police Department



2012 Annual Report

Mission Statement

“The mission of the Casa Grande Police Department is to protect, serve, and sustain supporting partnerships with the community.”

Vision Statement

“The Casa Grande Police Department is a leading, progressive, and unified agency of highly trained professionals who inspire excellence within law enforcement and partner with all people to protect, serve, and create a safe community.”

Core Values

Professionalism

We value the diversity of all people in our community and will serve with equal dedication, respect, fairness and compassion. We pledge to protect and serve and are guided by an internal sense of pride and morality.

Responsibility

We hold ourselves accountable for our individual and Departmental actions. We value the trust and confidence of our community and believe in treating all people with respect and dignity.

Integrity

We commit ourselves to elevated standards of trust, responsibility, and discipline while promoting justice in a fair and impartial manner. We value our integrity and strive for personal and professional excellence.

Determination

We are dedicated to the organization, each other, our families and the citizens we serve. We maintain an unquestionable work ethic and strive to be the best at all we do.

Ethics

We strive to maintain a personal and professional set of moral principles that guide our behavior. We embrace our responsibilities and expect to be held accountable for our actions.

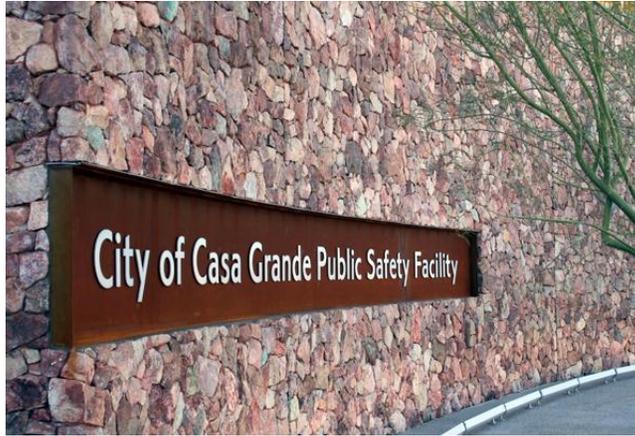


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Message from the Chief



This annual report of the Casa Grande Police Department is prepared as a report to the Mayor City Council, but is available to all citizens of Casa Grande. It is a 2012 snap shot of the activities and productivity of the Police Department and its many dedicated men and women. Although many areas are reported on, the report only focuses on the high profile or critical services provided by the Department. Officers, Civilian staff and Volunteers perform numerous services to the Community each day that are too many to report here.

Recently the Department has entered an era of Strategic Planning and Crime Analysis that will be apparent in this report. As the City of Casa Grande has grown, the Police Department has seen the need to expand services and capabilities in these practices and procedures.

Comparative Statistics or COMPSTAT is the process of timely review of data within public safety in order to identify trends, and take preventive or enforcement action rapidly. The Department has embraced this practice and through reports generated by our new Crime Analyst, staff is able to address crime issues as they unfold, providing more efficient service to the Community.

The Department continues to be dedicated to the principles of Community Policing. Volunteerism, Community partnerships, and problem solving are the cornerstones of the Casa Grande Police Department. We continue to work closely with the Community and see Crime Prevention and Public Safety as a group effort for Police and Citizens alike.

Casa Grande continues to grow and remains a wonderful City in which to live, work, and enjoy life. By working together, we can make each year better than the last, and keep Casa Grande Safe and Beautiful.

Robert Huddleston
Chief of Police
Casa Grande Police Department

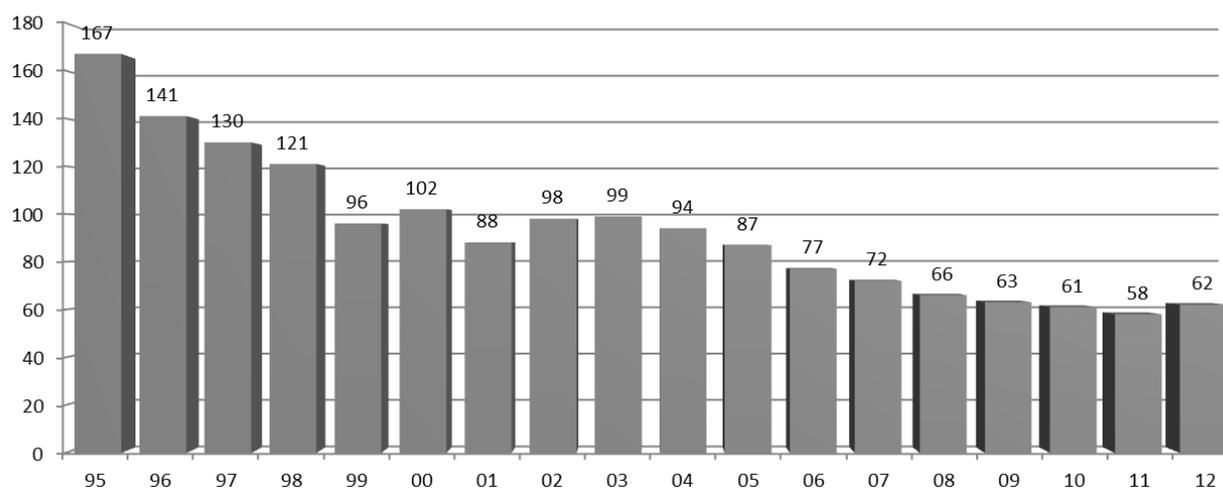
Department Crime Statistics

2011-2012 Uniform Crime Report Comparison

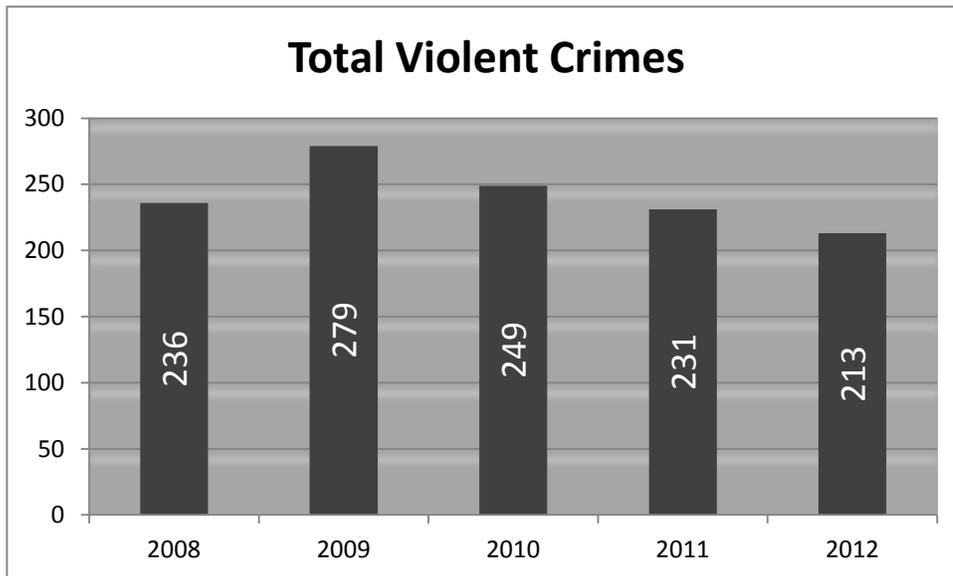
Crime	2011	2012	# Change	% Change
Homicide	3	1	-2	-67%
Sexual Assault	3	4	1	33%
Robbery	53	49	-4	-8%
Aggravated Assault	172	159	-13	-8%
Burglary	625	775	150	24%
Theft	1,892	1,931	39	2%
Arson	19	31	12	63%
Motor Vehicle Theft	147	152	5	3%
Yearly Total	2,914	3,102	188	6%

**Some numbers may vary from previous reports as crimes are reported or re-classified.*

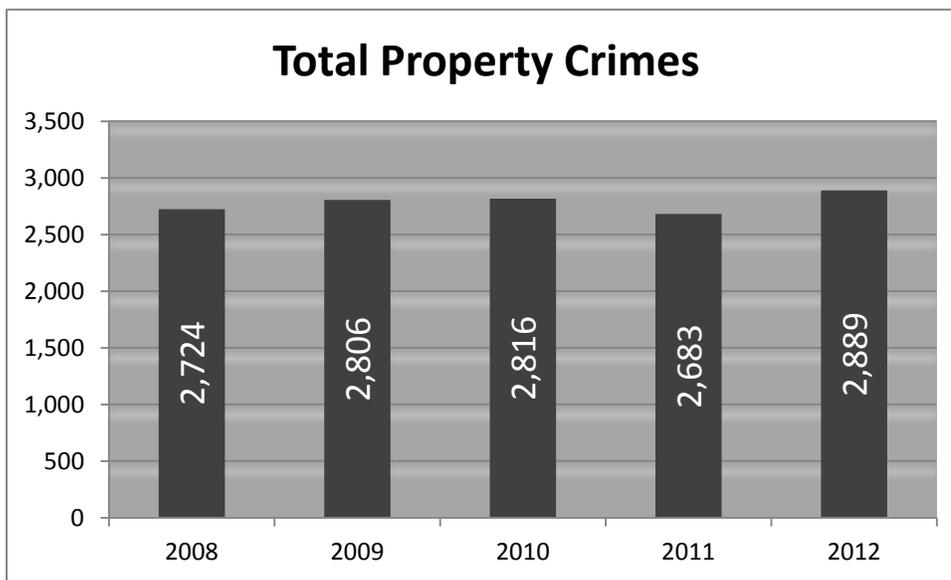
Part 1 Crime Rate Trend per 1,000 Population



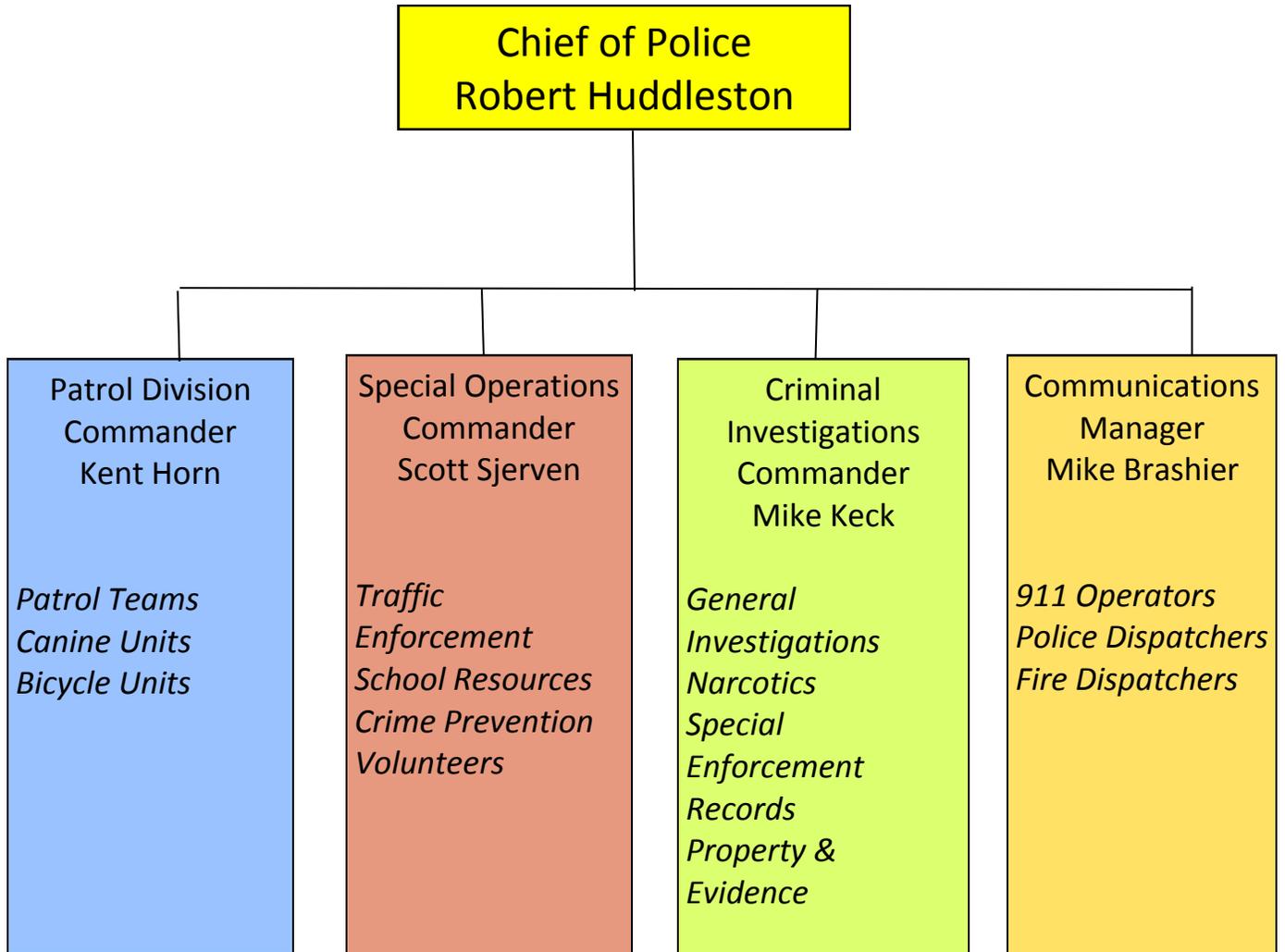
Violent Crimes 5-Year Trend
(Homicide; Sexual Assault; Robbery; Aggravated Assault)



Property Crimes 5-Year Trend
(Burglary; Theft; Arson; Motor Vehicle Theft)



Organizational Chart



Patrol Division

Division Commander- Kent Horn

The Patrol Division is allocated 37 officers, 5 Corporals, 6 Sergeants, 5 Police Transport Officers, 1 Commander and 1 Police Aide.

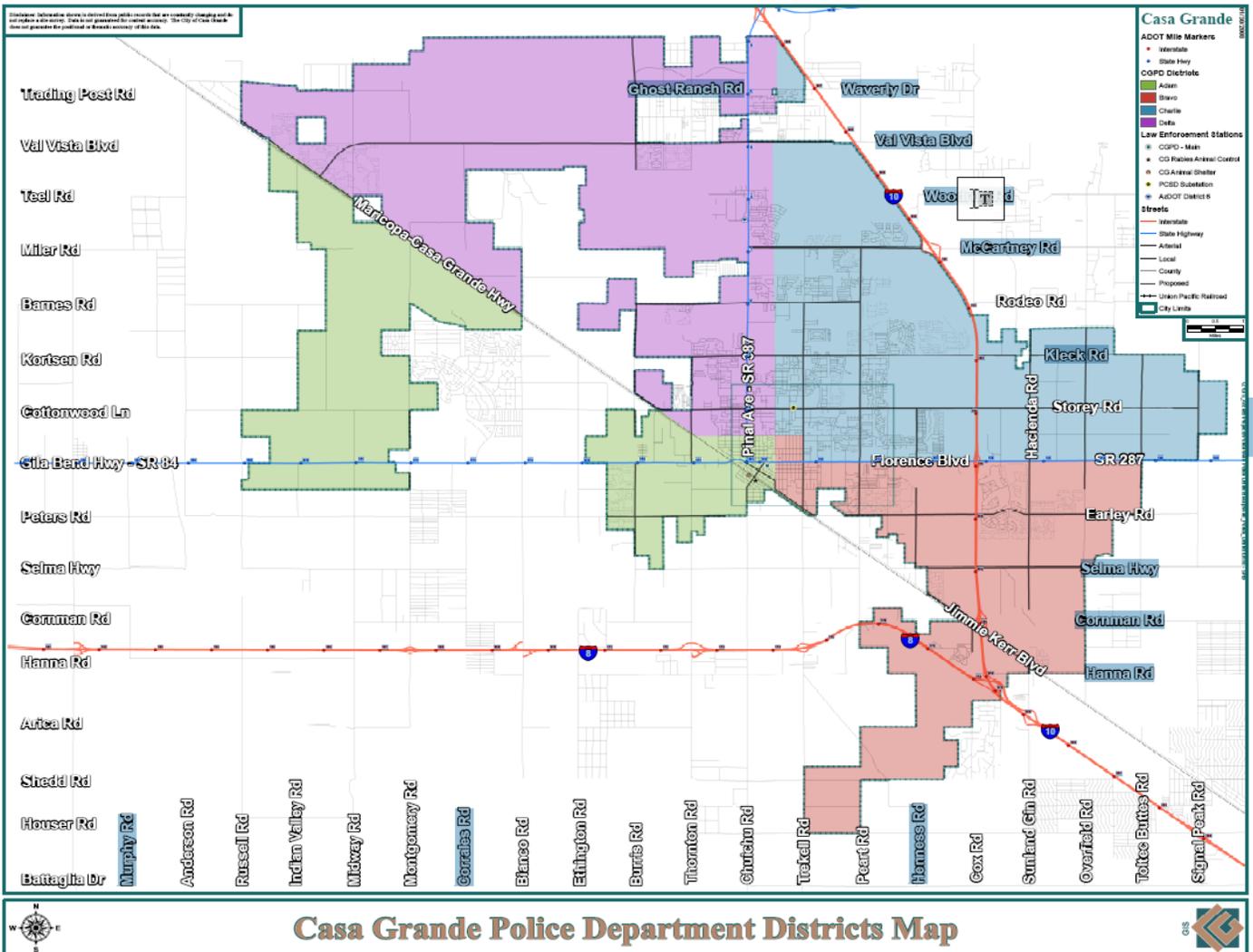
Patrol is commonly referred to as the "backbone" of any municipal police department. In addition to comprising the largest number of personnel, uniformed patrol officers are the most visible and recognized symbol of the Department within the community. Providing 24 hour a day service patrol officers are considered



"essential" employees who work nights, weekends and all holidays. As the first responders they answer 911 calls, initial calls for service and pro-actively patrol to ensure order and public safety. While providing these services in 2012 the men and women of the Patrol Division worked over 116,074 hours, drove in excess of 873,210 miles and responded to an estimated 32,163 calls for service and self-initiated activities.

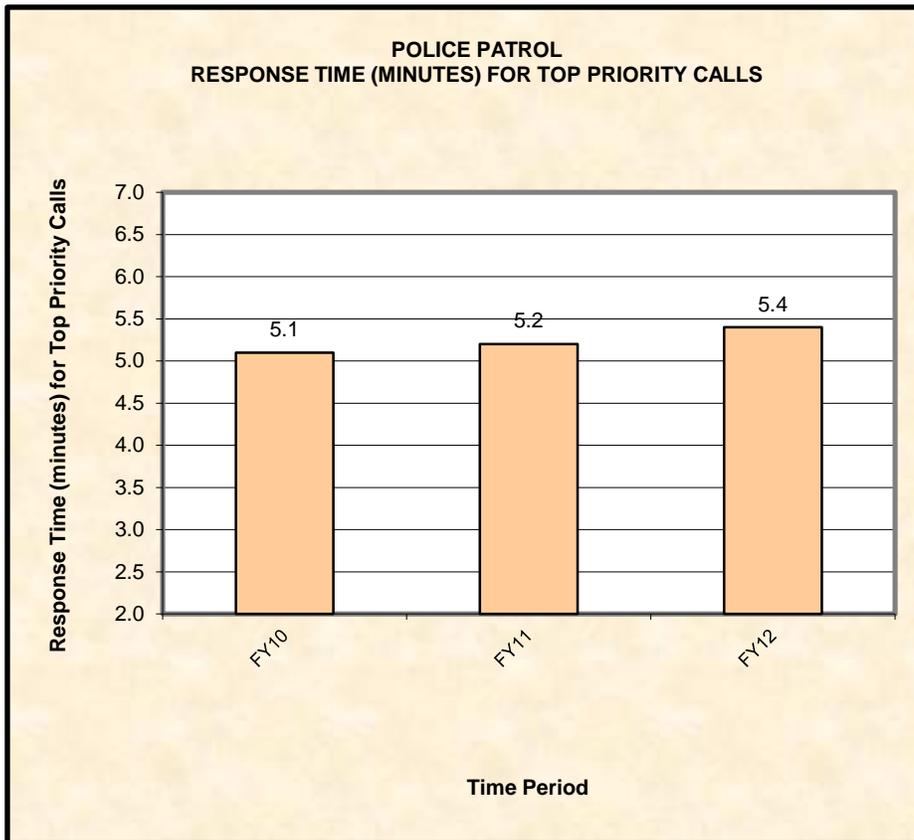
A patrol officer never knows from hour to hour what they will face. Whether assisting accident victims, responding to robbery alarms, mediating domestic situations, acting as grief counselors or confronting violent subjects they are truly versatile problem solvers who wear many hats. While the nature of the work makes it inevitable that there will be complaints and mishaps, in 2012 those were once again fractional percentages that illustrate the professionalism and dedication to excellence of the first responders of the CGPD Patrol Division.

Patrol District Boundaries



Patrol Stats

Activity	2009	2010	2011	2012
Calls for Service	39,788	39,499	35,666	32,136
Case Reports	10,923	10,120	9,572	10,086
Arrests	4,164	3,788	3,723	3,544
Citations Issued	8,230	5,033	5,789	7,294



K-9 unit

The Casa Grande Police Department's K-9 unit competed in the Annual Desert Dog K-9 Trials in Scottsdale on April 14 and 15 and walked away with several awards. Canine teams from the US



Air Force, Mexico and various law enforcement agencies across Arizona competed in Handler Protection, Tactical Building Search, Agility/Obstacle Course, Area Search, and Narcotics and Explosive Search exercises. Corporal Scott Tracy competed in the event with

PSD "Clint" and scored a 5th place in Area/Patrol Search. Officer Scott Reed teamed with PSD "Wyatt," who has only four months in service, placed 1st in Building Search, 5th in Narcotic Search and 5th in Tactical Obedience. As a team, both handlers placed 5th in Patrol and 6th in Narcotics. The Desert Dog Police K-9 Trials recognizes the hard work of police service dogs and their handlers.



K9 Team Corporal Tracy and PSD Bono are also assigned to the Pinal County Regional Swat Team as the tactical K9 element. During 2012 both the original Casa Grande PD K9's were replaced due to medical illness and retirement. Currently both dogs have less than one year of service with the Department.

Special Operations Division

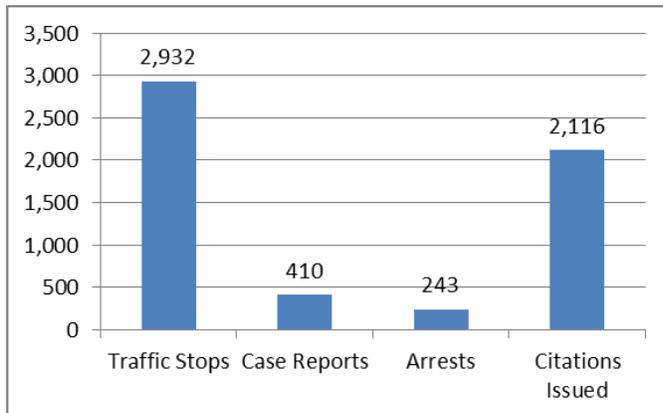
Division Commander- Scott Sjerven

The Special Operations Division is responsible for special operations within the department and maintains the following special programs.

- Traffic Enforcement
- S.W.A.T. & Crisis Negotiations
- School Resource Officers
- Volunteer Services
- Crime Prevention
 - Neighborhood Block watch
 - Crime Free Multi-Housing
 - Public Information Officer
- Animal Care and Control
- Alarms Reduction
- Policy Development

Traffic Enforcement

Enforcement of traffic statutes
Public education
DUI patrols
Critical Accidents



The City of Casa Grande has seen a steady decline in traffic collisions for the past several years. This has been done through the combined effort of our patrol and traffic officer's efforts. The traffic unit is focusing deployment dates and times by using information gathered thru our Crime Analyst and Command Central. The traffic unit focuses enforcement to peak collision times with the goal of motorists following traffic laws, which in turn makes safer streets in our community.

Traffic comparison results show that the months that have the fewest collisions are those when traffic enforcement is increased above our regular deployments. These extra deployments are made possible thru overtime grants provided by the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, which allows for more officers on the streets to conduct DUI & traffic enforcement.

In 2012, The Critical Accident Investigation Team has investigated 5 fatal traffic collisions, and assisted C.I.D. with diagramming homicide scenes.

Traffic Accidents	2009	2010	2011	2012
Private Party	108	102	99	113
Non-Injury	621	633	622	644
With Injury	214	213	212	193
Fatality	7	7	9	4
Total Accidents	950	955	942	954
Estimated Population	45,993	49,575	50,018	50,276
Rate per thousand	21	19	19	19
% Change from Previous Year	-15%	-10%	0%	0%



Graffiti Abatement

For the calendar year of 2011, there were 992 reports of graffiti. For the calendar year of 2012, there were 673 reports of graffiti. We attribute the decrease in reports due to the Adopt-a-Wall program as well as educating the community on how to handle their own graffiti. The decrease can also be credited to the graffiti abatement crews being able to keep up with the eradication process with several options of reporting available such as via telephone, email, city website, and the city's own mobile app which is called "myCasaGrande", currently only available on Android phones, and allows the user to take a picture and add text information before submitting. The Graffiti Abatement Coordinator will receive a picture of the graffiti, a map with coordinates, and any other information that the user would like to send.

The first picture is Cactus Middle School National Junior Honor Society who was working on their adopted wall. The second picture is a community project we completed last year in Rancho Grande subdivision. Notice that the turn-out for each of our graffiti clean-up projects is HUGE! It shows the community that we care about the community we live in and allows people to get past the fear of picking up a paint brush and painting.



Criminal Investigations Division

Division Commander- Mike Keck

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for complete investigations of all major crimes occurring in the city. The division also has a crime analyst that helps detect crime trends with similar methods of operation and develop predictions on where and when similar crimes may occur.

- General Investigations
 - Crimes not solved by uniformed Patrol
 - Major Crimes with Complex Elements
 - Highly Skilled Interrogators
 - White Collar and Fraud Crimes
 - Court Preparation and Presentation

- Records Section

- Property and Identification Section
 - Evidence
 - Found Property
 - Drug Disposal
 - Evidence Research
 - Laboratory Examination
 - Fingerprint Examination
 - Evidence Packaging
 - Bodily Fluids
 - Trace Evidence



- Narcotics Unit
 - Major Drug Dealers
 - Large Scale and Area Investigations
 - Interdiction Activities
 - Property Forfeiture / RICO Seizures
 - Undercover Investigations

- Special Enforcement Unit
 - “Street Crimes”- Robberies, Burglaries and Vehicle Thefts
 - Gang Intelligence
 - Special Enforcement Cases
 - Proactive Property Crime Investigations
 - Backup to Patrol/General Investigations/Narcotics
 - Unique or Special Investigations
 - Liquor Licenses
 - Pawn Shops



U.S. MARSHAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCE PINAL COUNTY



The U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force is comprised of deputy U.S. Marshal's, state, county and local law enforcement personnel. The U.S. Marshal Task Forces are located nationwide, therefore allowing communication from state to state in order to track and apprehend fugitives of justice.

The Pinal County Fugitive Task Force based out of the Casa Grande Police Department is relatively new. The Group has been operational since June of 2011. Although small in numbers (CGPD Sergeant, CGPD Detective, PCSO Detective, and 2 deputy USM), the Pinal County Group is responsible for more fugitive apprehensions than any other Marshal fugitive task force in the State of Arizona.

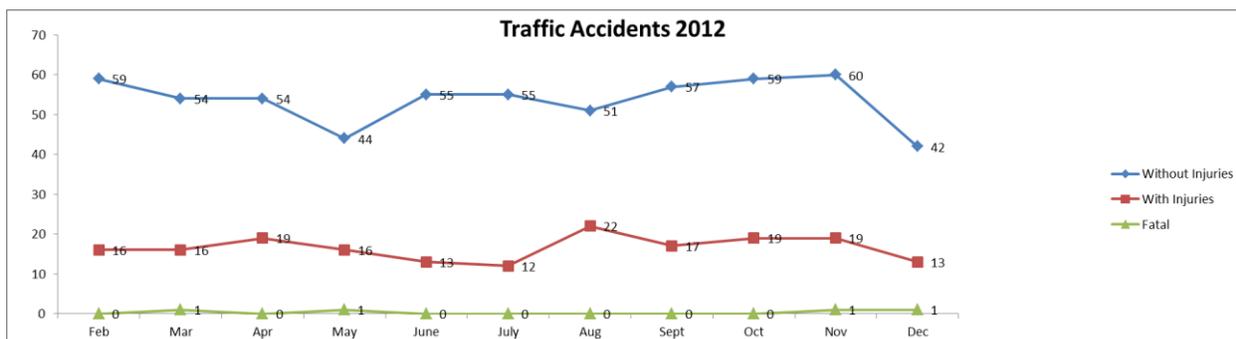
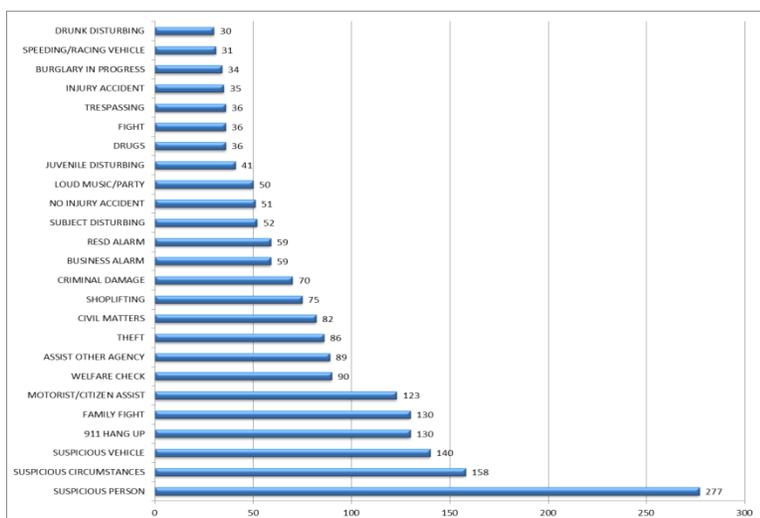
The Pinal County Fugitive Task Force utilizes unconventional tactics, surveillance and tracking techniques to apprehend fugitives. The Group also conducts high profile street sweeps in high crime areas. By doing so, criminals without arrest warrants are apprehended for a multitude of new crimes ranging from illegal drugs, possession of stolen property and burglary. Detective units around the county call upon the Group to track and apprehend violent suspects in current cases. The Group prioritizes targets based upon the violent nature of the crime. The Group has tracked and apprehended homicide suspects, rapists, child molesters and aggravated assault suspects. Pinal County and the cities within are never untouched by the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Task Force.

Total Arrests in 2012: 432

Compstat

The Department began utilizing CompStat in 2012.

The strategy consists of generating monthly reports from each of the four divisions: Patrol, Special Operations, Criminal Investigations and Communications. Monthly stats are compiled by the department's crime analyst, who receives the information from calls for service. The compiled data contains specific crime and enforcement locations and times. It also includes the types of service calls, the 25 top calls for service and the top 10 locations for services. The data is then analyzed and appropriate measures are taken to tackle particular issues.



Communications Division

Division Commander- Mike Brashier



The Communications Division is responsible for the personnel that coordinate the communication between the public and the sworn police officers in the field 24 hours a day.

- 911 Operators
- Police services
- Fire services
- Animal Control
- Public works emergencies
- Phones, Radio's, Computers
- Enter and query data through the State and National Criminal Justice System



New Employees to the Department

Brian Langeliers- Police Officer
Julie Tiemann - Kennel Assistant
Amanda Ghysels - Communications Supervisor
Christine Prezant – Communications Supervisor
Bernardette Munoz - Dispatcher
Anna Valenzuela - Dispatcher
Cheryl Bonsall - Part-time Dispatcher
Steve Shanafelt - Part-time Public Safety Clerk
Traci Weahkee - Dispatcher
Thomas Gleason - Dispatcher
Matthew Harper - Property Technician
Velora Guitierrez – Patrol Transport Officer
David Tena - P/T – Patrol Transport Officer
Michelle Aros - P/T – Patrol Transport Officer
Kenneth Daszczuk - P/T – Patrol Transport Officer

Police Employees Give Back to the Community

Throughout the year, police employees volunteer their time and efforts to a number of worthwhile causes. Ranging from helping with community events to delivering to families experiencing hardships, police employees step up when it comes to making their community a better place.

- Back to School Shop with A Cop
- Sponsor Local Families for Christmas
- Silent Witness Night
- Neighbors United Graffiti Event
- Citizen's Academy
- Animal Control Clinics
- Victim's Rights Week
- Smoke Detectors Installation
- City Wide Neighborhood Clean Up
- Public Safety Days

