

# MADERA POLICE DEPARTMENT



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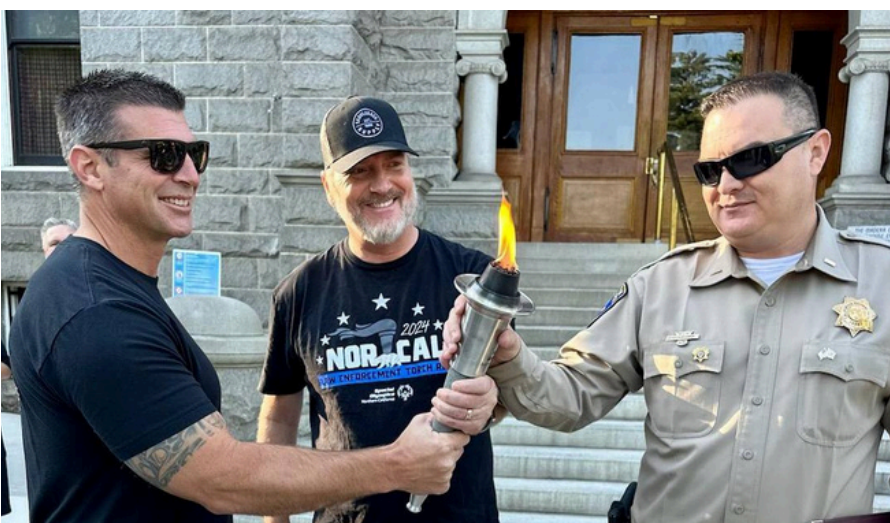


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# THE CITY OF MADERA

The City of Madera is located in the heart of the Central Valley and spans 20 square miles. The City was incorporated on March 27, 1907. The population has continued to grow over the years and according to recent studies it was at 68,598. The City of Madera is the gateway to Yosemite National Park, hosting tourists and locals alike.

Median Household Income: \$63,056  
Median Age: 31

## DEMOGRAPHICS

81 % HISPANIC  
12.1 % WHITE  
3.2 % BLACK  
1.8 % ASIAN  
1.9 % OTHER

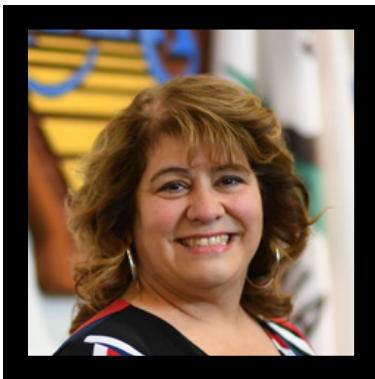
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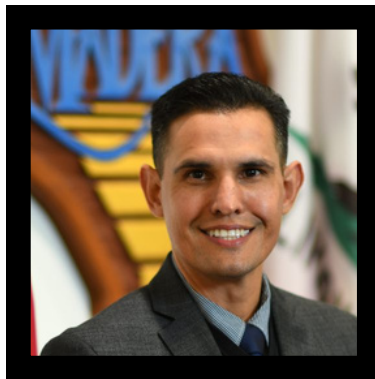
# CITY OF MADERA COUNCIL MEMBERS



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Mayor Pro Tem  
Cecelia (Cece) Gallegos  
District 1



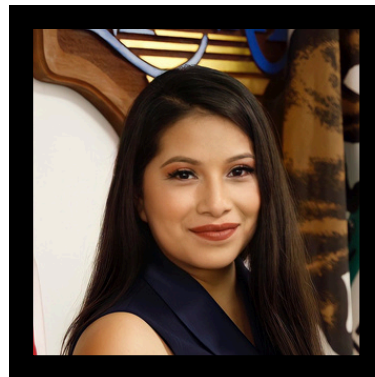
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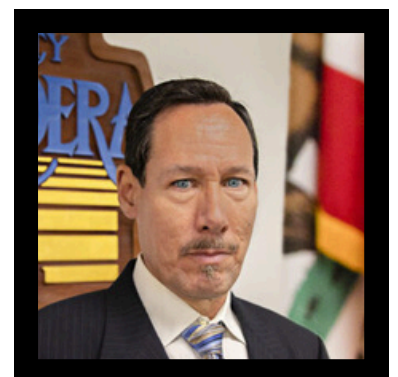
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District 4



Council Member  
Elsa Mejia  
District 5



Council Member  
Artemio Villegas  
District 6



# Department

## CHIEF'S MESSAGE



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Welcome to the Madera Police Department's 2024 Annual Report. As Chief, I'm pleased to share a snapshot of our work and vision for the future. Our foundation rests on the ethics and honesty of every Madera PD member. We earn trust through every interaction, treating everyone with dignity and listening to understand before acting. I'm incredibly proud of our dedicated team; they are the heart of Madera PD. This report highlights our crime data, trends, community programs, technology investments, and school partnerships.

A major highlight of 2024 is achieving 98% staffing. This significant accomplishment allows us to not only maintain essential services but also enhance our community engagement. I'm especially excited about the launch of our new outreach programs this year. We've revitalized our Business Watch and Neighborhood Watch programs and introduced a fun, community-building event: the National Night Out Spooktacular Edition. Thanks to our improved staffing, we were also able to create a dedicated Community Response Team (CRT). The CRT focuses on quality-of-life issues related to mental health, homeless outreach, and opioid addiction, working collaboratively with community partners to find long-term solutions.

Community policing remains our core principle. We believe in working not only for, but with our community. Our officers and staff are actively engaged in community events, educational programs, and outreach initiatives, building trust and fostering a shared commitment to safety.

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rtment*

2024 has been a year of both challenges and growth. We welcomed new members to the Madera PD family, bringing fresh ideas and perspectives. Looking ahead to 2025, I'm optimistic. We'll continue building on our progress, providing exceptional service in partnership with you. I'm grateful for the support of our community, organizations, and leaders. Together, we're making Madera a safer and more vibrant place.

Yours in service,  
Giachino Chiaramonte, Chief of Police



# ADMINISTRATION



**Chief of Police**  
**Giachino Chiaramonte**  
23 years of service



**Commander**  
**Josiah Arnold**  
21 years of service



**Lieutenant**  
**Alicia Videgain**  
17 years of service



**Lieutenant**  
**Felix Gonzalez**  
21 years of service

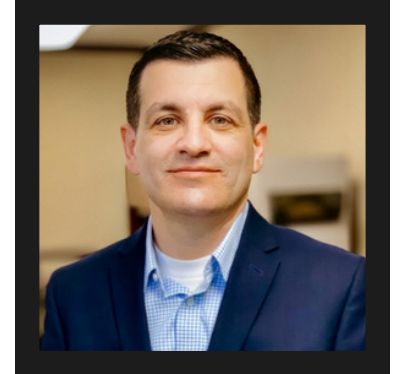


**Lieutenant**  
**Mark Adams**  
15 years of service

# POWERS, DUTIES, & FUNCTIONS

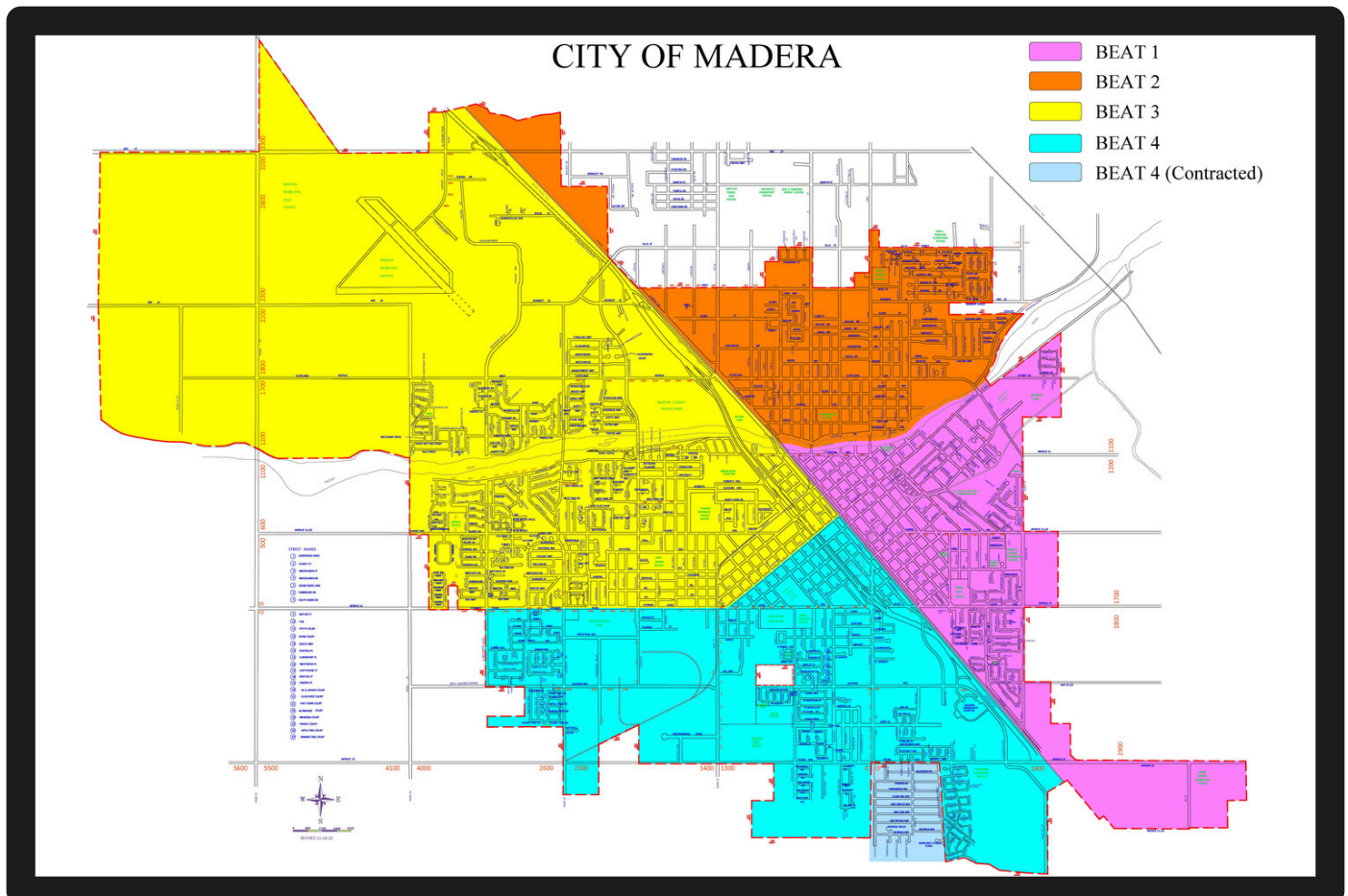
The Madera Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency consisting of sworn officers and professional staff employees. The Chief of Police is directly accountable to the City Manager and directs the operation and administration of the agency. The department is responsible for:

- Preservation of the public peace;
- Protection of the rights of all persons and property;
- Prevention of crime;
- Detection and arrest of offenders;
- Enforcement of violations of state laws and city ordinances;
- Building partnerships with citizens;
- Proactive patrols to deter criminal activity;
- Traffic enforcement and education to reduce crashes;
- Provide superior service.



**City Manager**  
**Arnoldo Rodriguez**

The department covers 20 square miles with a population of 68,598 residents. The city is divided into four beats. Our patrol officers work 12 hour shifts, which includes a day and night shift. Each shift is staffed with one Sergeant, one Corporal and a minimum of five officers.





# AT A GLANCE

UNIFORM  
CRIME  
REPORTING  
COMPARING  
2023-2024

OVERALL CRIME  
DECREASED 7 %

VIOLENT CRIME  
DECREASED 17 %

PROPERTY CRIME  
DECREASED 3.4 %



**2**

Homicides



**34**

Professional Staff  
Employees



**65,073**

Dispatched Calls  
for Service



**5,487**

Total Arrests

**2024**



**293**

DUI Arrests



**7**

Fatality Crashes



**74**

Sworn Officers



**10,121**

Traffic Stops

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## JANUARY

In January, officers participated in the Red Sand Project, raising awareness about human trafficking.



## FEBRUARY

MPD proudly participated in the Support the Blue run, showcasing their support and commitment to the community



## MARCH

The annual Egg-s-tra Special Event at Town & Country Park was egg-citing as ever! The community enjoying a day of festive activities and photo ops.



## APRIL

In April, we honored our dedicated dispatchers at the Dispatcher Appreciation Banquet.



## MAY

Officer Gaona enjoyed spending time with Nishimoto students. He spoke with them about being a Police Officer and gave them a tour of his police car.



## JUNE

MPD hosted the annual Battle of the Badges blood drive. Law enforcement and the community came together to support an essential need which saves lives!





## JULY

MAD-KIDS Summer Camp was a BLAST! 60 Madera campers enjoyed 3 days of jam packed fun with officers!



## AUGUST

MPD was honored to participate in Esmerelda Soria's backpack giveaway. Students were provided with all of the essential school supplies for the upcoming school year.



## SEPTEMBER

We had some good old fashion down home fun at the Old Timer's Parade and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new and improved Courthouse Park.



## NOVEMBER

We had a SWEET time connecting with the community at the Pomegranate Festival, hosted by the Madera Chamber of Commerce at the Madera Fairgrounds.



## DECEMBER

Our annual, "Cookie with a Cop" was a holiday treat. Sergeant Bushey delighted the children as Santa and officers provided cookies to our guests.







## PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest and most dynamic unit within the Madera Police Department, entrusted with a broad spectrum of responsibilities to ensure the safety and well-being of the community. This division operates with four teams, each working 12-hour shifts to provide comprehensive coverage across the city. Each team is led by a dedicated sergeant and corporal, with a minimum of five officers.

Patrol responds promptly to a wide array of incidents, including traditional law enforcement calls such as vehicle collisions, thefts, robberies, violent crimes, fires, noise complaints, persons in distress, and missing persons. As the first line of response, the division plays a pivotal role in addressing immediate community needs and fostering public safety.

Every officer in the Patrol Division is committed to delivering superior service and maintaining the trust placed in them by the citizens of Madera. They fully embrace the significant responsibility of safeguarding the community and approach their duties with professionalism, integrity, and accountability.

The Patrol Division takes great pride in the trust and confidence of the community it serves, striving to exceed expectations and perform at the highest standards every day.



# OFFICER WORKLOAD



5,487  
Arrests



65,073  
Dispatched Calls  
for Service



10,121  
Traffic Stops  
Conducted



32,424  
Officer Self-  
Initiated Calls

## THE AVERAGE TIME AN OFFICER SPENDS ON A CALL:

Priority 1: 19 minutes 24 seconds

Priority 2: 17 minutes 30 seconds

Priority 3: 18 minutes 48 seconds

An explanation of how calls are prioritized can be found on page #15.





## COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Communications Center serves as the vital hub of the Madera Police Department, ensuring seamless coordination and timely responses to community needs. In 2024, the center handled a total of 121,140 emergency and non-emergency calls from residents within the City of Madera, including 27,647 9-1-1 calls. Each call is carefully assessed to dispatch the appropriate personnel based on the situation at hand.

Equipped with three dedicated 9-1-1 lines and six non-emergency lines, the Communications Center efficiently manages the volume and variety of calls. With a single touch, calls can be transferred to surrounding jurisdictions to ensure swift responses across boundaries.

Dispatchers communicate with officers via police radio, keeping meticulous track of their status using the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. This system also monitors the activities of Animal Control, Code Enforcement, and Parking Enforcement officers, ensuring a coordinated approach to public safety and service.

The Communications Center is a cornerstone of the department's operations, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to connecting the community with the critical services they depend on.



In 2024, the Police Department handled 65,073 events, which include calls for service from the community (e.g., crimes, public safety concerns) and officer-initiated activities, such as vehicle stops and pedestrian checks. Calls for service can result in a report being filed, an area being checked, an arrest being made, or simply a discussion with a citizen.

We are committed to providing prompt and superior service to the community, aiming to maintain the lowest possible response times to calls for service. When a call is received, it is categorized based on its priority and immediate need. Calls are classified into three categories:

- **Emergency:** Code 3, “Lights & Siren” response, such as a report of a man with a gun, a traffic collision with injuries, or a medical emergency.
- **Priority 1:** High priority, such as a domestic disturbance, a missing child, or a fight in progress.
- **Priority 2:** Urgent calls, such as a disturbance or a non-injury traffic collision.
- **Priority 3:** Non-urgent calls involving incidents that have occurred and the suspect is no longer on scene and with no immediate need for an officer, such as vandalism that occurred the day before.

The response times shown in the chart are measured from the moment the call is received by our dispatcher to the time the officer arrives at the scene.

	2024	2023	2022
<b>Emergency</b>	4 mins. 40 secs.	4 mins. 30 secs.	6 mins. 12 secs.
<b>Priority 1</b>	6 min. 54 secs.	7 min. 42 secs.	7 min. 24 secs.
<b>Priority 2</b>	7 min. 18 secs.	7 min. 2 secs.	7 min. 16 secs.
<b>Priority 3</b>	35 mins. 42 secs.	35 mins. 42 secs.	37 mins. 38 secs.





## INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigations Unit of the Madera Police Department is led by Sergeant Matthew McCombs, who oversees a dedicated team that includes Detectives Reynard Camp, Jacob Dunn, Dina Santos, Priscilla Ramirez, Marco Martinez, Cody Luginbill, and Crime Analyst Lacy Burleson. In 2024, the unit managed a total of 447 cases, showcasing their commitment to addressing complex and serious crimes within the City of Madera.

The Investigations Unit is tasked with handling all felony cases reported in the city. These cases encompass a wide range of crimes, including homicides, assaults, sexual assaults, robberies, missing persons, and fraud. Each case is assigned to a Detective, who is responsible for conducting a thorough and aggressive investigation to ensure justice is served.

Detectives work closely with the District Attorney's Office to build strong cases for prosecution, with the ultimate goal of holding offenders accountable. The unit takes immense pride in providing closure to victims and ensuring the safety and well-being of the Madera community.

Through their dedication and professionalism, the Investigations Unit plays a vital role in upholding the department's mission to protect and serve the citizens of Madera.



# TOP 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE

2024		2023		2022	
TRAFFIC STOP	10,121	TRAFFIC STOP	7,667	TRAFFIC STOP	6,990
FOLLOW -UP	4,658	FOLLOW -UP	5,546	PATROL CHECK	4,636
PATROL CHECK	4,333	PATROL CHECK	3,656	FOLLOW-UP	4,224
REQUEST OFFICER	3,096	CHECK VEHICLE	3,205	REQUEST OFFICER	3,591
CHECK VEHICLE	2,827	REQUEST OFFICER	3,120	CHECK VEHICLE	2,980
CHECK AREA	2,326	CHECK AREA	2,057	CHECK WELFARE	2,305
MEDICAL AID	2,062	STRAY ANIMAL	1,822	CHECK AREA	2,081
CHECK WELFARE	1,899	PEDESTRIAN CHECK	1,754	STRAY ANIMAL	1,732
PEDESTRIAN CHECK	1,890	CHECK WELFARE	1,669	NOISE, LOUD PARTY	1,684
ALARM	1,680	MEDICAL AID	1,559	ALARM	1,610

## CRIME STATISTICS

	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	VIOLENT CRIME	BURGLARY	LARCENY	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	PROPERTY CRIMES
2024	2	25	55	260	342	203	656	230	1089
2023	3	35	54	318	410	142	792	223	1157
2022	2	22	72	279	375	64	706	140	910
2021	4	44	40	259	347	76	587	223	886





## SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (SIU)

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is a collaborative, multi-agency task force dedicated to reducing crime, fear, and disorder in the City of Madera through proactive policing strategies. Comprised of members from the Madera Police Department, Madera County Sheriff's Office, and Madera County Probation Department, SIU brings together diverse expertise to address complex criminal issues.

The team primarily focuses on gang-related crimes, high-risk offenders, drug trafficking, and stolen vehicles. As a valuable resource to the Patrol Division, SIU takes on cases and issues that are too extensive or complex for routine patrol operations. Additionally, the unit analyzes crime statistics and trends to implement targeted enforcement operations aimed at suppressing violence and addressing recurring crimes such as burglaries and thefts.

By focusing on these critical areas, SIU strives to minimize crime and enhance the overall quality of life for Madera's residents. Through teamwork and dedication, the Special Investigations Unit plays a pivotal role in creating a safer and more secure community.



# TRAFFIC DIVISION

Traffic safety continues to be a top priority for the Madera Police Department. Our goal is to enhance community safety through a combination of traffic education and enforcement. In 2024, our Traffic Division was staffed by one full-time Sergeant, three traffic officers, and a part-time Downtown Parking Enforcement Officer. The division focuses its efforts on high-priority areas such as school zones, speeding, and impaired driving enforcement.

In 2024, we increased our personnel dedicated to traffic enforcement, leading to a significant rise in traffic stops. Officers conducted 7,667 traffic stops in 2023, and 10,121 in 2024. This increase in enforcement efforts is helping to improve safety through both education and strict adherence to traffic laws.

One of our major initiatives, the School Zone Blitz, specifically focused on enhancing safety in school zones. This initiative, along with our ongoing traffic education efforts, is helping to reduce risks and create safer roads for our children and the community at large.



## TOTAL COLLISIONS 737

The total traffic collisions investigated by MPD in 2024 include both injury and non injury collisions.



## TOTAL FATAL COLLISIONS 7

Fatal traffic investigations include collisions involving pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles alike.



## TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS 1,376

Citations are issued by both patrol officers and our Traffic Division. Additionally our officers participate in county wide enforcement operations with other local agencies.



## TOTAL DUI ARRESTS 293

DUI investigations are conducted by patrol officers and traffic officers. Our department conducts DUI and Drivers License Checkpoints throughout the year.



# NEW IN 2024:

## COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM (CRT)

The Community Response Team (CRT) was launched as a forward-thinking initiative aimed at enhancing community outreach and addressing the complex challenges of unhoused encampments. This new program brought together dedicated professionals to foster a stronger, more connected community, with a focus on supporting vulnerable populations and improving livability for all residents. Staffed by Sergeant Nick Webster, and Officers Jaron McAlister and Brandon Bianchi, the CRT is committed to proactively engaging with the community through various outreach efforts and programs, building positive relationships with residents, local businesses, and service organizations.

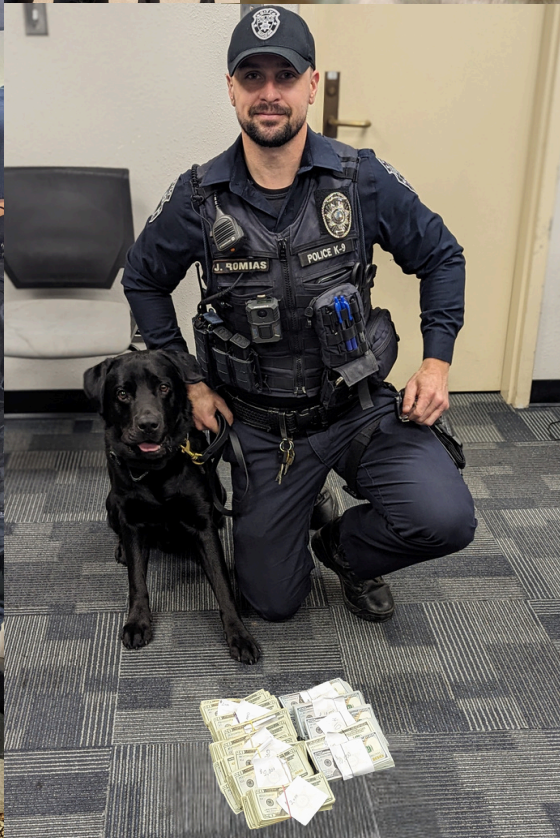
The team is deeply involved in fostering community engagement through a wide array of programs. Notable events such as the Citizens' Academy provide residents with the opportunity to learn more about their local law enforcement, while programs like MAD-Kids Summer Camp offer a fun and educational experience for children. Events like Egg-stras Special, Halloween Spooktacular (National Night Out-Halloween Edition), Cookie with a Cop, Star of Hope, and the numerous Coffee with a Cop sessions provide positive informal spaces for the community to interact with officers, strengthening trust and communication. Additionally, the CRT supports the Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs, empowering community members to work together to create a safer, more vibrant environment.

Beyond these community-building efforts, the team is also dedicated to assisting the unhoused population by addressing the pressing issues of encampments and connecting individuals to the appropriate resources. By collaborating with local Madera County Behavioral Health services and facilitating access to housing opportunities, the CRT plays a crucial role in offering support to those experiencing homelessness. Their work is centered on compassion and solution-based approaches that aim to improve the lives of those affected, while also working to preserve the quality of life for the broader community. Through a holistic approach combining community outreach, direct support, and resource coordination, the CRT is making a meaningful impact in both the lives of individuals and the overall community.











# SHOWCASE:

## CANINE “K9” PROGRAM

The Madera Police Department has proudly maintained its Canine "K9" Program for several decades, emphasizing the crucial role these dogs play in supporting officers' everyday tasks. Currently, the department operates with three K9 units. These K9's live with their assigned officers, working alongside them each day to keep Madera safe.

The K9 teams undergo daily training, both at home and in the field, ensuring that their skills remain sharp and effective in serving the community. In addition to their daily routines, they participate in formal training sessions every two months to improve their proficiency and adaptability. Despite the intensity of their roles, our K9's bring a friendly and positive presence to the department.

Outside of their work, our K9's engage in community outreach, participating in school and public events to strengthen bonds with residents and fellow officers.

- Corporal Smith and Goose: Partners since 2020, Corporal Smith works with Goose, a six-year-old Malinois, specializing in apprehension and narcotic detection. They are part of the Patrol Division.

- Officer Romias and Ulf: A three-and-a-half-year-old black Labrador, Ulf is trained for narcotic detection. Known for his focus and love of people, Ulf is a popular figure at community events. Officer Romias and Ulf have been a team since 2023, also assigned to the Patrol Division.

- Officer Trinh and Bonnie: Bonnie, a four-year-old Golden Retriever, specializes in drug detection. Her energetic and affectionate nature makes her a hit with people, especially at school functions and public gatherings. Officer Trinh and Bonnie have been partners since 2023 in the Patrol Division.

These dedicated K9 teams exemplify the department's commitment to both public safety and building strong community ties.







## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officer Wayson Juarez, Officer Sandra Higareda, and Officer Ruben Hernandez are dedicated to serving the high schools and middle schools within the Madera Unified School District. These officers address any criminal issues that arise on campus during school hours and collaborate closely with MUSD security staff to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.



## HOUSING AUTHORITY OFFICER

Officer Juan Gaona is assigned as the Housing Authority Officer for the Housing Authority of the City of Madera, where he provides dedicated police services to approximately 1,044 housing units throughout the city. His role involves ensuring the safety and security of residents, addressing any concerns that arise within the housing communities and fostering positive relationships.







## PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Our dedicated staff work to provide exceptional service to both our departmental team and the community. The Records and Property & Evidence division is led by Celia Garnica, Auxiliary Services Supervisor.

The Records Department is staffed by five full-time Records Clerks: Jaclyn Gonzalez, Melissa Martinez, Jannalyn Barrera, Erika Contreras, and Barissia Galindo Garcia. This team is responsible for processing and ensuring the timely submission and receipt of all necessary reports and documents. The Records Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Property and Evidence Officers Karyn Burns and Mayra Suarez-Jimenez oversee the proper storage and documentation of all evidence and items held in safekeeping. They collaborate closely with the District Attorney's office to manage video and evidence requests.





## ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control is dedicated to serving both the citizens and animals of the City of Madera. We have two full-time Animal Control Officers, Jordan Delarosa and Brett Letourneau, who are committed to assisting the community with any animal-related concerns. Our officers respond to a wide range of issues, including animal noise complaints, stray animals, dangerous animals, and deceased animals. Our mission is to provide education and services that support responsible pet ownership and ensure the well-being of both animals and residents.





BEFORE



AFTER



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement is dedicated to enhancing community beautification and development. The team addresses both residential and commercial property violations in accordance with the Madera Municipal Code, tackling issues such as public nuisance complaints, abandoned vehicles, vacant buildings, illegal dumping, and substandard housing. Code Enforcement works to identify violations and inform responsible parties, offering services and education to help them correct the issues.

Additionally, Code Enforcement supports community development by enforcing permit and license requirements across various city departments, including Business License, Building, Engineering, Planning, and Public Works.







# OFFICER TRAINING

The Madera Police Department takes great pride in the extensive training our officers undergo. Our training team works closely with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) to ensure our officers stay current and fully compliant with all state and local regulations. Officers participate in quarterly training, held every three months, which includes areas such as arrest and control tactics, firearms handling, less-lethal devices, de-escalation techniques, emergency driving, tactical communication, domestic violence response, and CPR.


We are committed to providing our officers with the most advanced and effective training available. Our goal is to surpass P.O.S.T. standards to ensure we deliver exceptional service to the residents of Madera.

Officers in specialized units or programs attend additional, targeted professional development training tailored to their specific roles. Examples of these units include S.W.A.T., Crisis Negotiation Team, Detectives, SIU, Traffic Officers, Parent Project, School Resource Officers, and Drone Pilots.

The health and wellness of our officers is also a top priority. To effectively serve the community, our officers must maintain both mental and physical well-being. This year, we expanded our Peer Support Team to six members, who provide critical assistance during both on-duty and off-duty situations. They offer guidance and help officers access stress management strategies, ensuring they thrive in both their professional and personal lives.







## SHOWCASE:

# MADERA COUNTY REGIONAL SWAT TEAM & CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Madera County Regional S.W.A.T. team is a multi-agency unit comprised of sworn personnel from local law enforcement agencies in Madera County. It includes officers from the Madera Police Department, Madera County Sheriff's Office, and Chowchilla Police Department. Established in 2001, the team has since been dedicated to handling high-risk situations requiring specialized skills and equipment.

**Team Composition:** The Madera County Regional S.W.A.T. team consists of 21 members:

- 11 Deputies from the Madera County Sheriff's Office

- 8 Officers from the Madera Police Department

- 2 Officers from the Chowchilla Police Department

The team includes tactical operators, snipers, and tactical medics, all trained to handle a variety of high-stakes situations.

**Mission & Operations:** The S.W.A.T. team responds to incidents involving armed suspects, barricaded individuals, hostage rescues, and other situations requiring specialized operational skills. To ensure readiness, the team trains monthly in areas such as entry tactics, breaching, distraction device operations, precision rifle use, and the deployment of chemical munitions.

In addition to the S.W.A.T. team, the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) plays a key role in resolving high-risk incidents. The CNT is made up of members from both the Madera Police Department and Madera County Sheriff's Office. This team includes both sworn officers and professional staff who are specially trained in crisis intervention techniques.

CNT members are tasked with initiating constructive dialogue with individuals involved in suicidal, barricade, or hostage situations, aiming for a peaceful resolution. The CNT is also called to assist with pre-planned operations and high-risk warrant services.



# SHOWCASE: DRONE PROGRAM

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), commonly known as drones, have become an essential tool for law enforcement, first responders, and emergency services. A drone is a remotely operated aerial device, controlled by a pilot on the ground using a handheld controller, and typically equipped with a video camera.

The Madera Police Department currently has three officers trained as drone pilots. These pilots undergo specialized training and hold a pilot's license issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Drones serve a range of purposes, with the primary objective of enhancing public and officer safety. They are deployed in critical situations such as active searches, crime scene and traffic accident investigations, structure fires, and to provide aerial security for public events or locations. Drones help protect the public, prevent crime, and deter criminal activity.





# JOIN OUR TEAM!

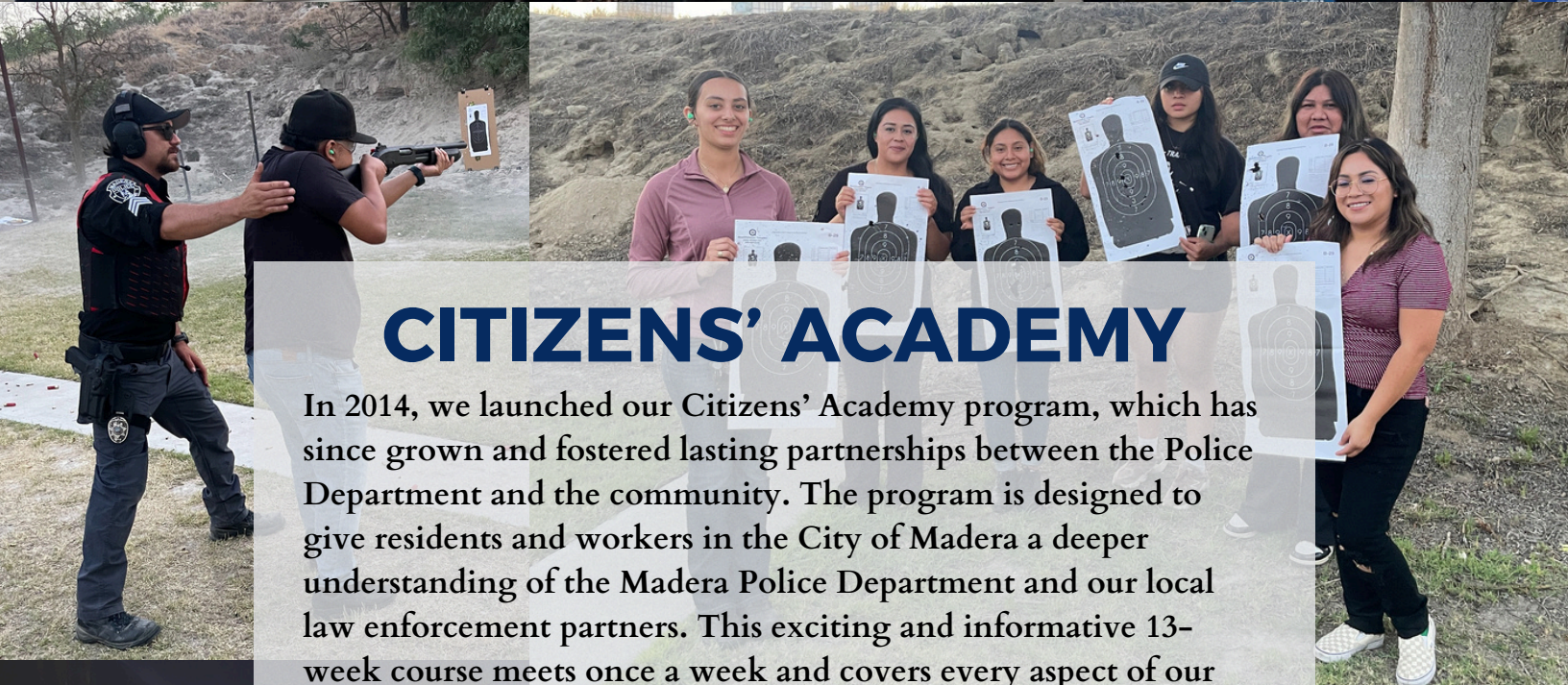
The Madera Police Department is actively seeking motivated, professional individuals for a range of career opportunities, including lateral transfer Police Officers, Police Officer Trainees, and Police Officer II positions. We are looking for qualified candidates who are committed to serving the City of Madera with integrity and respect.

If you're interested in making a meaningful impact in our community, please contact the Madera Police Department at (559) 675-4287 to speak with Sergeant Bushey. You can also reach him via email at [sbushey@madera.gov](mailto:sbushey@madera.gov) or find more details about job openings at [madera.gov/apply](http://madera.gov/apply).

**APPLY TODAY  
PROTECT TOMORROW  
A REWARDING CAREER**







## CITIZENS' ACADEMY

In 2014, we launched our Citizens' Academy program, which has since grown and fostered lasting partnerships between the Police Department and the community. The program is designed to give residents and workers in the City of Madera a deeper understanding of the Madera Police Department and our local law enforcement partners. This exciting and informative 13-week course meets once a week and covers every aspect of our department through both classroom sessions and hands-on activities. We proudly graduated Class 16 this year and plan to continue offering the program for many years to come.

If you're interested in participating, please visit the City of Madera website at [madera.gov](http://madera.gov) to complete an application.







## MAD-KIDS SUMMER CAMP

Our annual Mad-Kids Summer Camp, held every July, is one of the most exciting and fun outreach programs we offer. This three-day camp is designed for kids in 4th through 6th grade and focuses on sports-based activities that help build positive relationships between our officers and the youth in our community. The camp emphasizes teamwork while teaching important values such as accountability, respect, integrity, and compassion.

At the Madera Police Department, we believe investing in the young people of our community is investing in our future. Each year, the camp serves as a reminder of how bright the future of Madera truly is and inspires us to continue working towards strengthening these connections.





## EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Explorer Program is designed for teens ages 14–21 who are interested in pursuing careers in the Criminal Justice System. Led by our dedicated officers, the program provides valuable mentorship and training. Corporal Kayla Bianchi serves as the lead advisor, with Officers Brian Rosas, Nathan Munoz, Ruben Hernandez, Jeremy Trinh, Salvador Zaragoza, and Brandon Bianchi assisting as advisors. Together, they teach explorers a wide range of law enforcement and life skills.

The group meets twice a month for training, which includes classroom instruction, hands-on scenario-based exercises, and physical fitness activities. Explorers also have the opportunity to participate in ride-alongs with officers to gain firsthand insight into daily law enforcement work. Additionally, they've assisted in undercover tobacco sting operations, ensuring local stores are not selling tobacco products to minors.

Throughout the year, the explorers volunteer at various community events, such as nonprofit fundraisers, school carnivals, MAD-Kids Summer Camp, the Egg-stra Special Event, Old Timer's Parade, Halloween Spooktacular, Christmas Parade, Pomegranate Festival, and the 4th of July Firework Spectacular, to name a few. The program's primary goal is to develop the youth of our community into future leaders, fostering lasting relationships built on trust and respect.



# CHAPLAIN & VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Chaplain Tim Echevarria



Chaplain Mike Unger



Chaplain Derek Sylvester



Chaplain Father John Shearer

The Chaplain Program is a volunteer initiative that fosters a partnership between local faith leaders and the Madera Police Department. Chaplains are available to support officers during critical or sensitive situations, offering assistance to both officers and community members in need. Their role is to provide comfort, counsel, support, advice, and referrals to anyone seeking help during challenging times.

The Madera Police Department Volunteer Program is a vital resource that benefits both the City of Madera and its residents. By leveraging the skills, time, and experience of volunteers, the department enhances its ability to serve the community. We strive to align volunteers with tasks that match their strengths and abilities. No prior experience is necessary, and scheduling is flexible.

We are currently accepting volunteer applications and encourage anyone eager to make a positive impact in our community to apply. Applications are available at the Madera Police Department, or you can call us at (559) 675-4220, and we will gladly send one to you.



Volunteer Anita Eden



Volunteer Joseline Guerrero



In December of 2024, we lost a dear friend and devoted volunteer, Jutta Webb. Jutta dedicated over 20 years to the Madera Police Department, volunteering every Tuesday in our Records Division. Originally from Germany, Jutta loved sharing stories of her childhood and teaching German phrases to anyone eager to learn, leaving a lasting impression on all who met her.

Jutta had a long and meaningful career with the California Department of Corrections, where she taught upholstery for many years before retiring. Jutta was a passionate and active member of our community. She served as a board member for the Camarena Health Foundation, was a member and served a term as President for the Evening Lion's Club and she was an avid bowler. Jutta was also deeply involved in Harvest Community Church, where she made lasting connections.

Jutta was small in stature, but large in spirit. Her kindness, generosity and zest for life touched the hearts of everyone around her. Her dedication to service and her bright, positive presence will be dearly missed. She leaves behind a legacy of love, community, and service that will never be forgotten.



Jutta Webb  
August 16, 1941 – December 3, 2024  
“Auf Wiedersehen”, “Until we meet again”





# 2024 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



**Supervisor of the Year**  
Sergeant Matthew McCombs



**Officer of the Year**  
Detective Dina Santos



**Dispatcher of the Year**  
Dispatcher Jolene Wyatt



**Professional Staff of the Year**  
Property & Evidence Officer Karyn Burns



# 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Distinguished Service Award**  
Detective Cody Luginbill &  
Officer Fidel Amezola



**Distinguished Service Award**  
Det. Sgt. M. McCombs, SIU Sgt. R. Vasquez,  
Detectives: D. Santos, R. Camp, J. Dunn,  
M. Martinez, J. Gibbs, J. Maciel,  
Dep. R. Vermeulen, Prob. Ofc. A. Valadez.,  
Ofc. J. McCool, & Ofc. J. Quintana



**Distinguished Service Award**  
Officer Jerron Romias



**Meritorious Service Award**  
Officer Jaron McAlister



**Meritorious Service Award**  
Code Enforcement Officer Maribel Hernandez



**Award of Appreciation**  
Chaplain Tim Echevarria



**Top Shot**  
Detective Cody Luginbill



**Award of Appreciation**  
Fleet Mechanic Juan Puentes



**Citizens of the Year Award**  
The Nishimoto Family



# SERGEANTS & CORPORALS



Shawn Bushey  
Sergeant, Administrative  
24 years of service



Nick Webster  
Sergeant, Administrative  
22 years of service



Brent Cederquist  
Sergeant, Traffic  
Crisis Negotiation Team  
19 years of service



Matthew McCombs  
Sergeant, Detective  
18 years of service



Ryan Vasquez  
Sergeant, SIU  
Range Master  
10 years of service



John Rosel  
Sergeant, Patrol  
14 years of service



Chris Anaya  
Sergeant, Patrol  
SWAT, Range Master  
19 years of service



Blake Short  
Sergeant, Patrol  
Range Master  
7 years of service



Steven Boehm  
Sergeant, Patrol  
18 years of service



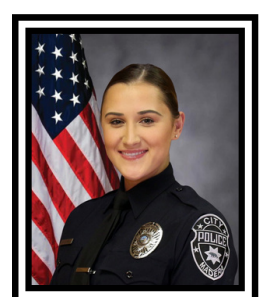
Jeremy Smith  
Corporal, Patrol  
K9, FTO, Range Master  
7 years of service



Shawn Fadley  
Corporal, Patrol  
FTO, Drone Pilot  
7 years of service



Richard Gonzales  
Corporal, Patrol  
FTO  
9 years of service



Kayla Bianchi  
Corporal, Patrol  
FTO, Lead Explorer Advisor  
7 years of service



# OFFICERS



Juan Villegas  
Officer, Patrol  
29 years of service



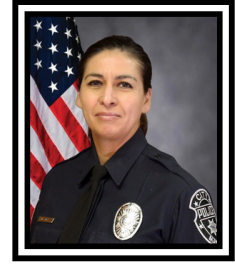
Marisela Noriega  
Officer, Patrol  
28 years of service



Wayson Juarez  
Officer, SRO  
24 years of service



Juan Gaona  
Officer, Housing Authority  
CNT, Drone Pilot  
20 years of service



Lori Alva  
Officer, Patrol  
CNT  
20 years of service



Kenneth Hall  
Officer, Patrol  
FTO  
10 years of service



Brandon Bianchi  
Officer, CRT  
FTO, Explorer Advisor  
9 years of service



Jaron McAlister  
Officer, CRT  
9 years of service



Jacob Dunn  
Detective, Investigations  
8 years of service



Jesse Quintana  
Officer, Patrol  
7 years of service



Joshua Gibbs  
Detective, SIU  
SWAT  
7 years of service



Jared Maciel  
Detective, SIU  
SWAT  
6 years of service



Priscilla Ramirez  
Detective, Investigations  
CNT  
5 years of service



Dina Santos  
Detective, Investigations  
5 years of service



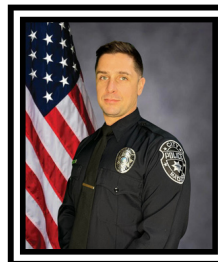
Reynard Camp  
Detective, Investigations  
5 years of service



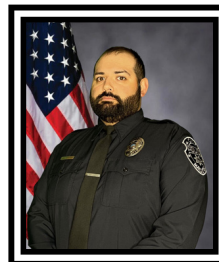
Nathan Munoz  
Officer, Patrol  
SWAT, Explorer Advisor  
4 years of service



Silas Varela  
Officer, Patrol  
FTO, SWAT,  
Range Master  
3 years of service



Jerron Romias  
Officer, Patrol  
K9, FTO,  
Range Master  
2 years of service



Ruben Hernandez  
Officer, SRO  
Explorer Advisor  
2 years of service



Salvador Zaragoza  
Officer, Traffic  
Drone Pilot, Explorer Advisor  
2 years of service





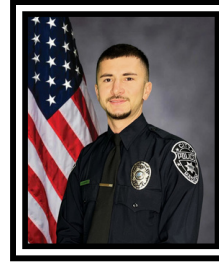
Jeremy Trinh  
Officer, Patrol  
K9, Range Master,  
Explorer Advisor  
2 years of service



Brian Rosas  
Officer, Patrol  
FTO,  
Explorer Advisor  
2 years of service



Marco Martinez  
Detective, Investigations  
2 years of service



Alvaro Sanchez  
Officer, Traffic  
2 years of service



Bradley Arnold  
Officer, Patrol  
2 years of service



Sandra Higaredal  
Officer, SRO  
Explorer Advisor  
2 years of service



Justin Manriquez  
Officer, Traffic  
2 years of service



Marcus Crouch  
Officer, Patrol  
2 years of service



Gabriel Johnson  
Officer, Patrol  
2 years of service



Cody Luginbill  
Detective, Investigations  
SWAT  
2 years of service



Tristan Okpalaugo  
Officer, Patrol  
2 years of service



Phillip Thomas  
Officer, Patrol  
2 years of service



Jose Barajas  
Officer, Patrol  
2 years of service



Fidel Amezola  
Officer, Patrol  
FTO  
1 year of service



Nick Aguilar  
Officer, Patrol  
1 year of service



Jeremy McCool  
Officer, Patrol  
1 year of service



Cristian Delgadillo  
Officer, Patrol  
1 year of service



Cipriano Pineda  
Officer, Patrol  
1 year of service

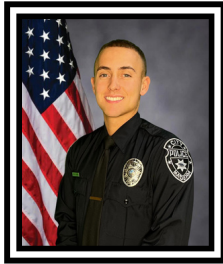


Ryan Harland  
Officer, Patrol  
1 year of service



Reuben Rodriguez  
Officer, Patrol  
8 months of service





Trent Herzog  
Officer, Patrol  
8 months of service



Gabriel Mayorga  
Officer, Patrol  
6 months of service



Sergio Hernandez  
Officer, Patrol  
6 months of service



Jose DeLaO  
Officer, Patrol  
6 months of service



Tyler Aldecoa  
Officer, Patrol  
6 months of service



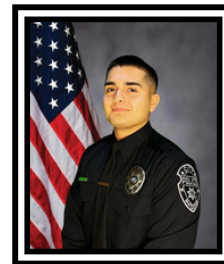
Aaron Mao  
Officer, Patrol  
1 month of service



Roberto Saavedra  
Officer, Patrol  
1 month of service



Dayana Elms  
Officer, Patrol  
1 month of service



Matthew Dias  
Officer, Patrol  
1 month of service



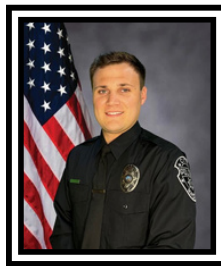
Joseph Alcala  
Officer Trainee



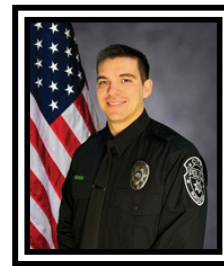
Salvador Rangel  
Officer Trainee



Izac Maravilla  
Officer Trainee



Brandon Cox  
Officer Trainee



Reese Rolfo  
Officer Trainee



Phillip Lopez  
Officer Trainee



Adam Camacho  
Officer Trainee



Shant Sheklanian  
Reserve Officer  
Range Master  
20 years of service



# DISPATCHERS



Victoria Garcia  
Police Office Supervisor  
12 years of service



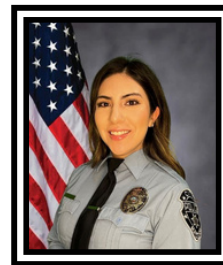
Joseph Lopez  
Dispatcher  
28 years of service



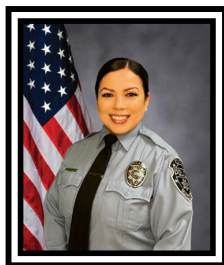
Jolene Wyatt  
Dispatcher  
14 years of service



Travis Varney  
Dispatcher  
9 years of service



Brianna Corona  
Dispatcher  
6 years of service



Yalixia Moreno  
Dispatcher  
3 years of service



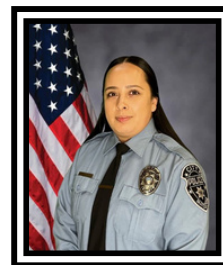
Adrianna Rubio  
Dispatcher  
2 years of service



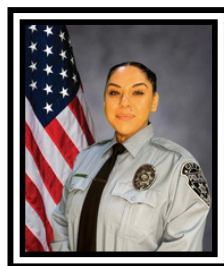
Isabel Perez  
Dispatcher  
1 year of service



Kimberly Cristobal  
Dispatcher  
1 year of service



Rosa Padilla  
Dispatcher  
1 month of service



Berenice Andrade  
Dispatcher  
1 month of service



Matthew Solorio  
Dispatcher  
1 month of service



Marianne Croxen  
Dispatcher, PT  
21 years of service



Beatriz Solano  
Dispatcher, PT  
7 years of service



Griselda Martinez  
Dispatcher, PT  
18 years of service



# RECORDS & PROPERTY & EVIDENCE



Celia Garnica  
Auxiliary Services  
Supervisor  
2 years of service



Jaclyn Gonzalez  
Records Clerk  
3 years of service



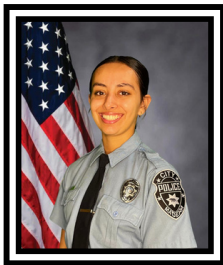
Melissa Martinez  
Records Clerk  
2 years of service



Jannalyn Barrera  
Records Clerk  
2 years of service



Erika Contreras  
Records Clerk  
1 year of service



Brissia Galindo Garcia  
Records Clerk  
1 year of service



Karyn Burns  
Property & Evidence  
Officer  
16 years of service



Mayra Suarez-Jimenez  
Property & Evidence  
Officer  
4 months of service

## PROFESSIONAL STAFF



Sarah Sarquiz  
Administrative Analyst  
3 years of service



Lacy Burleson  
Crime Analysis  
Technician  
15 years of service



Christina Herrera  
Neighborhood Outreach  
Specialist  
10 years of service



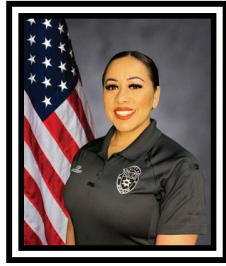
Ari Adams  
Network  
Administrator  
5 years of service



# CODE ENFORCEMENT



Claudia Mendoza  
Code Enforcement  
Supervisor  
11 years of service



Maribel Hernandez  
Code Enforcement  
Officer  
17 years of service



Fabela Rodriguez  
Code Enforcement  
Officer  
9 years of service



Kathleen Varela  
Code Enforcement  
Officer  
1 year of service



Jason Skipper  
Code Enforcement  
Officer, PT  
1 year of service

# ANIMAL CONTROL



Jordan Delarosa  
Animal Control  
Officer  
1 year of service

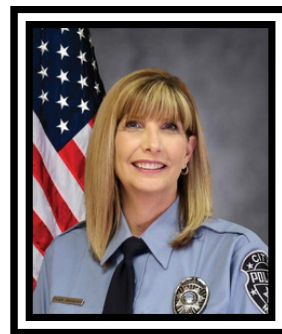


Brett Letourneau  
Animal Control  
Officer  
1 year of service

# 2024 RETIREMENTS



Michael Powell  
Officer  
25 years of service



Paige Gacayan  
Property & Evidence Officer  
20 years of service



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# **MADERA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

It is the mission of the  
Madera Police Department  
to be devoted  
to family and community  
through superior service  
and partnerships.  
We will reduce crime  
while treating people  
with dignity and respect.

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# **MADERA POLICE DEPARTMENT 2024 ANNUAL REPORT**