

# 2025 Annual Report



DANA POINT  
POLICE SERVICES



*Provided by the Orange County Sheriff's Department,  
In partnership with the City of Dana Point.*

## VISION STATEMENT

“A Community Where Every Person Feels Safe and Valued”



## MISSION STATEMENT

The men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department are dedicated to the protection of all we serve. We provide exceptional law enforcement services free from prejudice or favor, with leadership, integrity, and respect.



## CORE VALUES

**Integrity** without compromise;

**Service** above self;

**Professionalism** in the performance of duty;

**Vigilance** in safeguarding our community.

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**SECTION 1  
EXECUTIVE & STRATEGIC OVERVIEW**

# MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

Orange County Sheriff-Coroner  
**Don Barnes**



The Orange County Sheriff's Department is proud of our continued service to the City of Dana Point. Together, with the engagement of Dana Point residents, we have continued to keep our community safe.

In 2025 we saw significant advancements in the use of technology to assist our deputies in their work to prevent and respond to crime. 2025 was the first full year of operation for the Orange County Sheriff's Real Time Operations Center (RTOC). The RTOC has allowed deputies to respond safely and swiftly to crimes in progress or that have recently occurred. At the RTOC, analysts assist deputies in responding to crimes more resourcefully and consciously, with improved operational intelligence and a proactive concentration on community and officer safety. This year we also field tested our Drones as a First Responder program. The drones have shown to be a critical tool for providing our deputies with information before they arrive at a scene, ensuring a better response for the public.

Passage of Proposition 36 in November 2024 marked a significant shift away from California's decade-long decriminalization of drug and property crimes. The measure increased accountability for repeat retail theft offenders and drug traffickers while requiring treatment to address addiction and homelessness. In Orange County, Proposition 36 has already resulted in more than 10,000 bookings and has helped sustain our low crime rates.

However, its full impact is limited by the State's failure to provide adequate funding. I join public safety leaders statewide in urging the Legislature to fully fund Proposition 36 in the Fiscal Year 2026–27 budget.

As we work to make Proposition 36 a success, we continue to be proactive in addressing homelessness. The strategy of outreach and enforcement has helped us reduce the number of encampments and mitigate their impacts on our community. Such a proactive strategy has also helped those with addiction-related homelessness. The annual report of homeless deaths produced by the OC Sheriff's Coroner Division shows a 25% decrease in deaths from 508 in 2023 to 378 in 2024. This is largely driven by a decline in drug overdose deaths. While numbers are not yet finalized for 2025, we expect this positive trend to continue.

The efforts of 2025 reflect a comprehensive approach to public safety—one that combines accountability, treatment, technology, and proactive engagement. These results are made possible by the dedication of our deputies, the support of our city government partners, and the continued trust of the communities we serve.

The men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department remain honored to serve the people of Dana Point. We look forward to meeting the challenges of 2026 and keeping Orange County a great place to live, work, and raise a family.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE SERVICES

## Chief of Dana Point Police Services **Captain Frank Gonzalez**

Throughout 2025, Dana Point Police Services (DPPS) focused on providing responsive service, enforcing proactively, and fostering strong community engagement while adapting to the city's evolving public safety needs. Deputies improved operational efficiency throughout the year, achieving the fastest average response times while managing an increasing number of calls for service through focused deployment, enhanced visibility, and timely responses.

Crime reduction efforts showed measurable success, particularly during the second quarter, when crimes against property declined by more than 15 percent. Reductions in fraud, motor vehicle thefts, and stolen property offenses reflected the effectiveness of proactive patrol strategies, enforcement efforts, and community awareness. Deputies also leveraged technology and regional partnerships to support successful interagency operations, including the identification and detention of burglary suspects using city camera systems.

Proactive policing remained central to DPPS operations, with increased enforcement activity involving arrests, criminal citations, and traffic enforcement focused on vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles. Traffic safety remained a priority throughout the year, with DUI enforcement intensifying during the holiday season through visible patrols and coordinated operations, supported by public awareness messaging promoting sober driving and designated drivers.

To address seasonal demands, DPPS implemented focused deployment strategies, including a dedicated weekend Beach Patrol team staffed through overtime.

This focused effort increased visibility in coastal areas and surrounding parking zones, contributing to a reduction in thefts from vehicles and thefts occurring on the beach. DPPS also supported major events, such as the Ohana Music Festival, through coordinated planning and multi-agency collaboration, resulting in safe and well-managed events.

Community engagement continued to play a key role in DPPS' policing approach. The department participated in community events and public safety campaigns. It launched Dana Point's first-ever Citizens Academy, offering residents a behind-the-scenes look at the Orange County Sheriff's Department's operations and enhancing the public's understanding of law enforcement services.

Throughout the year, DPPS worked closely with the city's Homeless Outreach Liaison and dedicated Homeless Outreach team to deliver coordinated, service-focused responses that emphasized connection to resources and faster resolutions. The Neighborhood Initiative to Coordinate Efficiency (NICE) program also continued to see success, supporting a unified and efficient approach to addressing quality-of-life concerns.

Overall, 2025 reflected a balanced and forward-looking approach to policing focused on efficiency, prevention, and partnership. Through consistent service delivery, proactive enforcement, and collaboration with city departments and regional partners, DPPS continued to protect public safety while preserving the character and quality of life that define the Dana Point community.

# INTRODUCTION TO POLICE SERVICES MODEL



The men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department assigned to the city of Dana Point provide professional, community-focused law enforcement services through a shared-services contract model. Dana Point Police Services delivers full-service policing 24 hours a day, year-round, with an emphasis on proactive patrol, impartial enforcement, crime prevention, and strong community partnerships that safeguard lives and property.

To meet the city's operational needs and ensure officer safety, staffing levels are structured to support continuous patrol coverage and specialized services. Dana Point Police Services is staffed by one Captain, six Sergeants, two Investigators, one Investigative Assistant, 23 patrol-trained Deputy Sheriffs, two Motor Deputies, three Community Services Officers, and a Crime Prevention Specialist. This staffing model supports patrol operations, targeted traffic enforcement, investigative follow-up, and ongoing community engagement and crime prevention outreach.

In addition to city-dedicated personnel, Dana Point contributes to the cost of regional Orange County Sheriff's Department positions that provide specialized countywide support, including traffic enforcement, auto theft investigations, court processing, directed enforcement, and regional motorcycle supervision. This blended model of local staffing and shared regional resources allows the city to maintain comprehensive, high-quality police services while remaining fiscally responsible. The contract is reviewed annually to ensure alignment with community needs and long-term public safety priorities.



# CITY OVERVIEW



The city of Dana Point is a coastal destination community characterized by its distinctive geography, rich natural resources, and strong civic identity. Nestled along the Pacific Ocean, the city features expansive coastal bluffs, multiple beaches and coves, protected state and county parklands, and one of the few operating harbors in Orange County. Dana Point balances a year-round residential population with significant tourism driven by its harbor, resorts, beaches, restaurants, and signature community events. The city also maintains deep historical roots and an active civic culture, supported by engaged residents, veterans' organizations, historical preservation efforts, and community-based programs. As a result, Dana Point is a coastal city where a working harbor, protected natural land, and an engaged community all share the same shoreline without losing their soul.



The city's active harbor, tourism activity, and extensive beach and park access create increased demands on traffic enforcement, coastal and marine safety, crowd management, and quality-of-life protection. These conditions require strong regional coordination, proactive crime prevention, and an engaged law enforcement presence. In response, policing priorities emphasize transparency, responsiveness, and collaboration with community and regional partners, with a focus on proactive engagement, traffic and e-bike safety, emergency preparedness, and enhanced public safety throughout the city.





# STRATEGIC PLAN / ANNUAL PRIORITIES

## STRATEGIC PLAN

Dana Point Police Services (DPPS) supports the city of Dana Point's Strategic Plan by proactively engaging residents, visitors, and businesses to ensure a safe and secure community. DPPS emphasizes responsive policing, proactive crime prevention, and coordinated outreach efforts. The department enhances community safety through emergency preparedness, traffic enforcement initiatives, modern technology, and data-driven tools, as well as expanded volunteer and community programs. Ongoing collaboration with city departments, regional partners, and initiatives such as the Neighborhood Initiative to Coordinate Efficiency (NICE) program ensures a unified, efficient, and forward-focused approach to public safety that enhances quality of life throughout Dana Point.

## ANNUAL PRIORITIES

DPPS' annual priorities focus on delivering consistent, high-quality service through proactive crime prevention, strong community partnerships, and effective use of technology. DPPS continues to expand its Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs and supports vulnerable populations through coordinated outreach and the VIPS Friends in Need program. DPPS also prioritizes emergency preparedness, traffic safety initiatives, and volunteer program development, while expanding tools such as FUSUS, digital crime reporting, and e-citation to improve transparency and efficiency. DPPS utilizes social media and digital messaging to disseminate crime prevention information, foster safety awareness, and foster community trust. These priorities align with the evolving safety needs of Dana Point.

## SECTION 2 ORGANIZATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

# 2025 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Sheriff- Coroner Don Barnes

Undersheriff Jeff Hallock

Assistant Sheriff Jeff Puckett

Commander Virgil Asuncion

Captain Frank Gonzalez

**Dana Point  
Police Services**

Administrative  
Services

1 Administrative  
Sergeant

1 Administrative  
Deputy

1 Administrative  
Community Service  
Officer

1 School Resource  
Officer

Patrol Operations

4 Field Supervisors

18 Patrol Deputies

2 Motor Deputies

2 Community  
Service Officers

Operational  
Support

2 Investigators

1 Investigative  
Assistant

1 Direct  
Enforcement Deputy

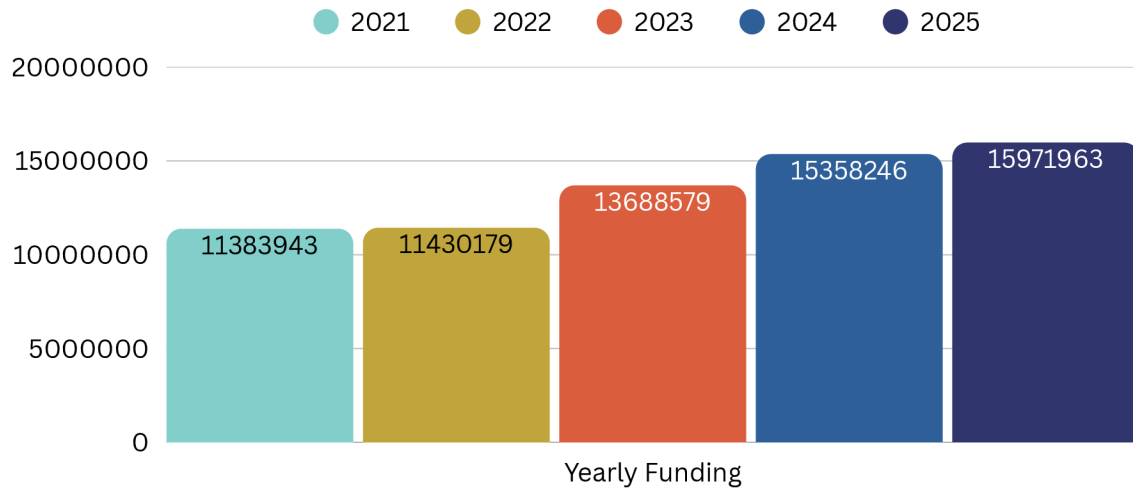
Community  
Service Unit

1 CSU Sergeant

4 CSU Deputies

1 Crime Prevention  
Specialist

# POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT & BUDGET SUMMARY



The city of Dana Point contracts with the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) for all law enforcement services through a shared-services model designed to provide full-service policing in a cost-efficient manner. The annual cost of the contract is about \$16 million, which funds all local staffing, supervision, operations, and support services dedicated to Dana Point.

Dana Point Police Services is staffed by a full complement of sworn and professional personnel, including one Captain, six Sergeants, two Investigators, one Investigative Assistant, 23 Patrol-trained Deputy Sheriffs, two Motor Deputies, three Community Services Officers, and a Crime Prevention Specialist. This staffing structure is designed to ensure 24/7 patrol coverage, targeted traffic enforcement, community engagement programming, crime prevention outreach, and investigative follow-up.

In addition to city-dedicated staffing, Dana Point contributes to the cost of 17 regional OCSD positions that provide essential countywide support to all contract cities. These shared resources allow the City to maintain access to specialized units without bearing the full financial burden of staffing them independently. Regional cost shared resources include:

- Traffic Office
- Auto Theft
- Court Processing
- Directed Enforcement Team
- Regional Motorcycle Sergeant

This blended model of dedicated staffing and shared regional resources enables Dana Point to receive comprehensive, high-quality police services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The contract continues to be evaluated annually to ensure that staffing levels, community needs, and citywide priorities align with long-term public safety goals.

# STAFFING OVERVIEW

(SWORN, PROFESSIONAL, VOLUNTEERS, AND CONTRACTED PARTNERS)



The men and women of Dana Point Police Services represent a diverse range of professional backgrounds, skills, and experiences, working collaboratively to uphold the law with professionalism, impartiality, and a strong commitment to public safety. Deputies and professional staff maintain a consistent, visible presence throughout the community, serving not only as enforcers of the law but also as peacekeepers, problem-solvers, educators, and trusted community partners. Together, they provide safety, support, and service to the community 24 hours a day.

Staffing levels are strategically structured to meet the city's operational needs and anticipated service demands. Dana Point Police Services is led by a command staff consisting of a Captain, an Administrative Sergeant, and multiple Patrol Sergeants who oversee daily field operations. The department is supported by patrol deputies, motor officers, traffic enforcement specialists, investigators, and a dedicated Community Service Unit (CSU). The CSU includes Community Service Officers, crime prevention personnel, school resource and homeless liaison officers, and staff focused on outreach, education, and quality-of-life initiatives.

Professional staff and volunteers play a vital role in supporting department operations through crime prevention, public education, administrative services, and community engagement efforts. Specialized assignments, such as Investigators, Motor Deputies, Directed Enforcement, Special Enforcement Team members, and community-focused officers, provide targeted enforcement and prevention strategies tailored to Dana Point's unique needs. In addition, many personnel hold advanced training certifications, including Field Training Officers and Master Field Training Officers who are responsible for mentoring and developing new deputies.

Dana Point Police Services personnel reflect the diversity of the community they serve, bringing a range of languages, educational backgrounds, and lived experiences to their roles. Many team members hold bachelor's and master's degrees and actively participate in professional law enforcement and public safety associations at the local, state, and national levels. These affiliations span specialized areas such as investigations, narcotics enforcement, traffic safety, emergency management, legal services, and fraud prevention, further strengthening departmental expertise and readiness.

Together, this integrated team of sworn deputies, professional staff, CSU personnel, volunteers, and specialized units enables Dana Point Police Services to deliver comprehensive, community-focused public safety services while maintaining high standards of training, accountability, and service excellence.

# SECTION 3 COMMUNITY & DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

# CITY DEMOGRAPHICS

## 2025 City Council

**Mayor** Matt Pagano  
**Mayor Pro** John Gabbard  
**Council Member** Mike Frost  
**Council Member** Jamey Federico  
**Council Member** Michael Villar

## Development

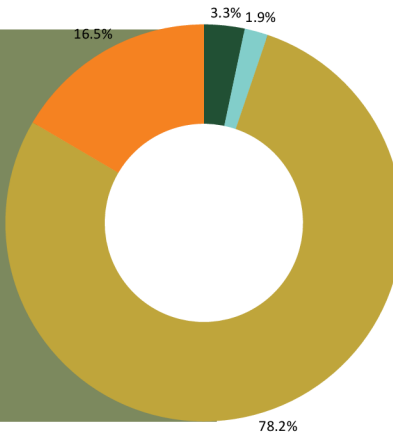
Residential: 420 acres  
 Commercial & Professional Office: 1 acre  
 Business Park & Light Industrial: 4.5 acres  
 Open Space & Parks: 112.5 acres

## Parks & Amenities

30 Neighborhood/Community Parks  
 Salt Creek Beach  
 Strands Beach  
 Doheny State Beach  
 Capistrano Beach  
 Monarch Bay Shopping Plaza  
 Ocean Ranch Shopping Plaza  
 Doheny Park Village

## Distribution by Ethnicity & Race

- Asian
- Black
- White
- Hispanic

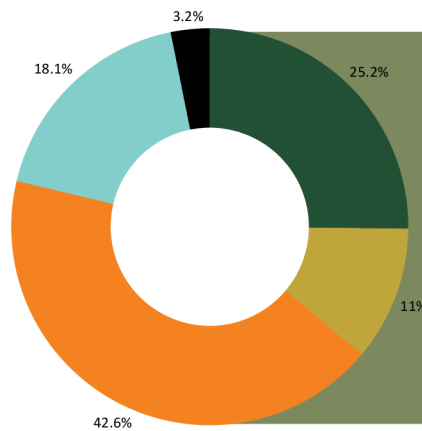


## Demographic Composition

Population:  
 32,585

## Education Profile

Total Public Schools: 3  
 Total Private Schools: 5

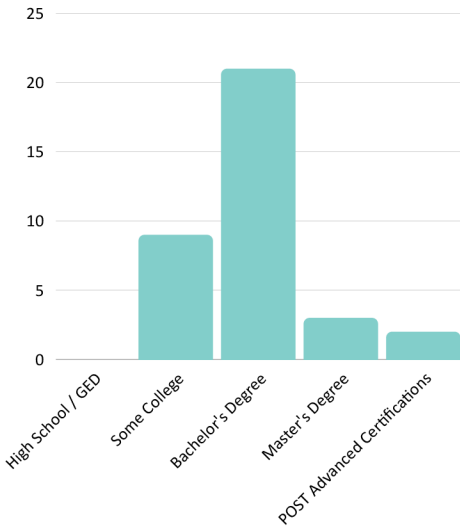


## Educational Attainment

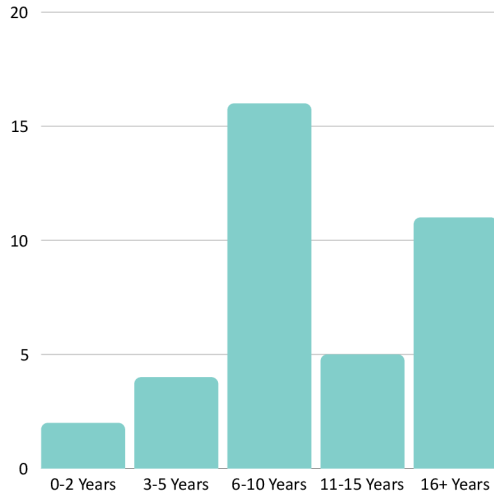
- Some College
- Associate's Degree
- Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Doctorate Degree

# POLICE SERVICES DEMOGRAPHICS

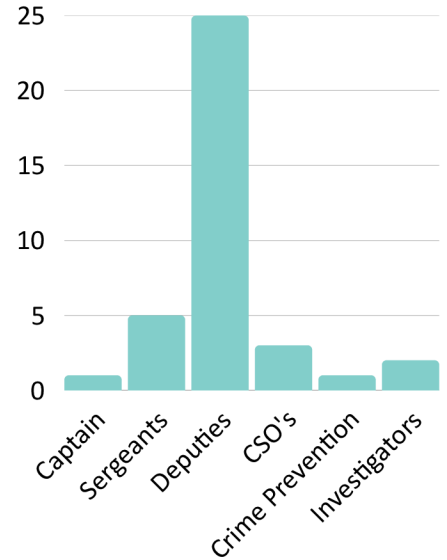
**Education Levels**



**Years of Service**



**Rank Distribution**



**Personnel Overview**

Total Personnel Assigned to the City:  
40

Total Sworn Staff:  
34

Total Professional Staff:  
6

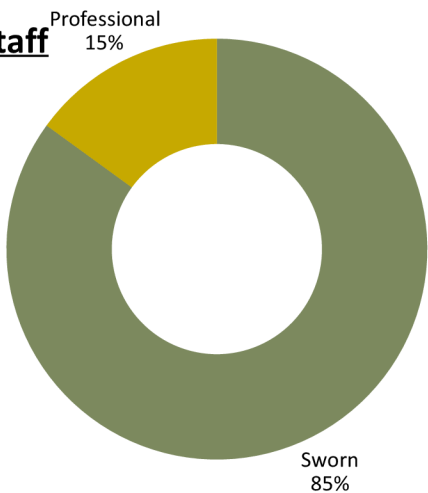
Total Volunteers:  
12

**Veteran Status**

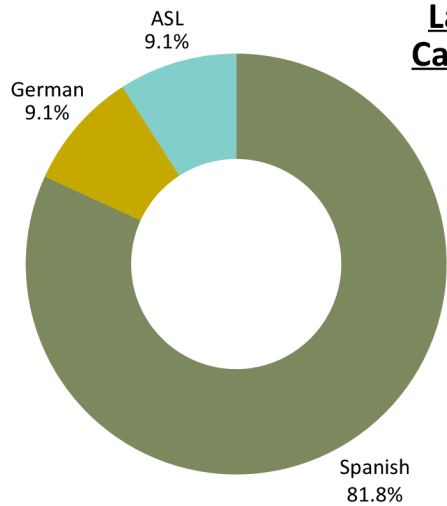
Total Veterans:  
4

Branches:  
Navy  
Coast Guard  
Marines

**Sworn vs. Professional Staff**



**Language Capabilities**



# VETERANS IN POLICE SERVICES



**Joseph Briseno**

*U.S. Navy*

Petty Officer First Class

2017-Present



**Kevin Jensen**

*U.S. Coast Guard*

Chief Warrant Officer 3

2003-2025



**Joseph Owen**

*U.S. Marine Corps*

Corporal

2007-2011



**Tyler Smith**

*U.S. Coast Guard*

Petty Officer Third Class

2012-2020

## SECTION 4 CRIME & STATISTICAL REPORTING

# CRIME REPORTING STANDARDS

The Orange County Sheriff's Department utilizes the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), the current crime reporting standard established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. NIBRS provides a comprehensive view of crime by capturing detailed information for each reported incident, including offense characteristics, victim and offender demographics, relationships, property involved, and related circumstances. The system allows multiple offenses to be recorded within a single incident, offering a more complete representation of criminal activity.

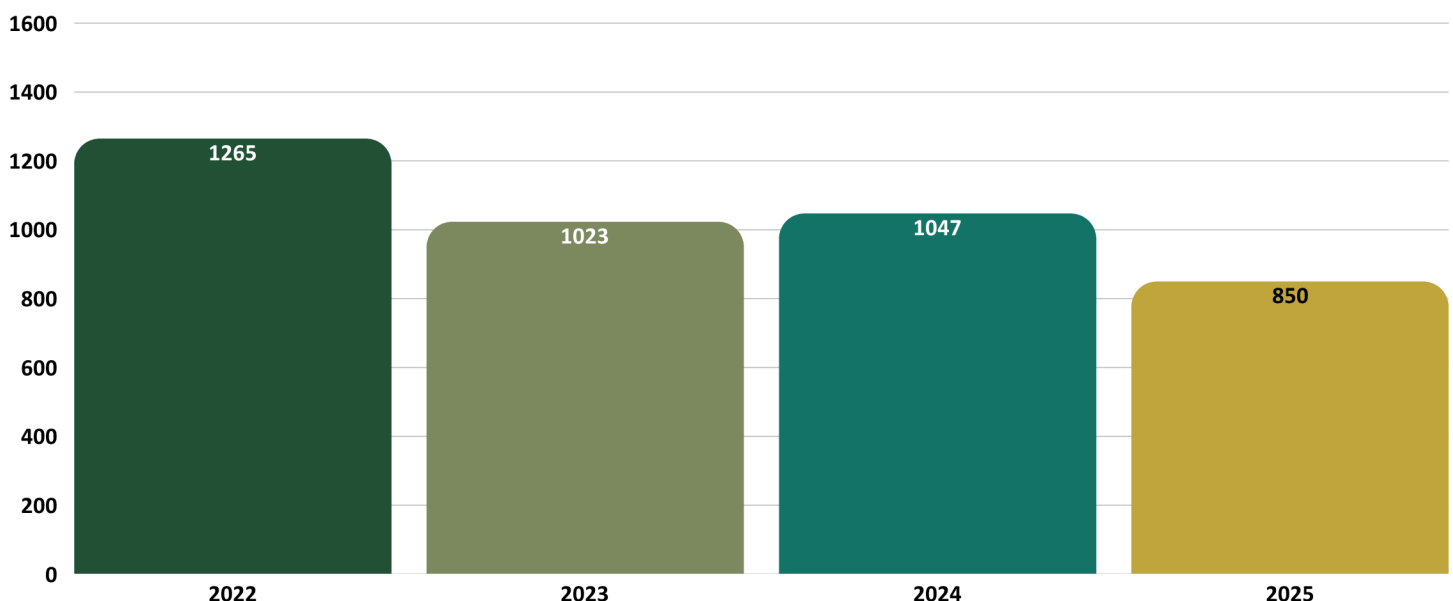
The Orange County Sheriff's Department began submitting NIBRS-compliant data in June 2021. This transition enhanced the Department's ability to analyze crime trends, identify emerging public safety concerns, and evaluate patterns related to domestic violence, child and elder abuse, hate crimes, gang involvement, and drug-related offenses. The standardized structure of NIBRS supports more consistent analysis and improved insight over time.

The bar graphs included in this report reflect crime trends from 2022 through 2025, allowing for observation of changes and patterns across multiple years. These trends provide contextual insight into public safety conditions and support informed evaluation of operational priorities and resource planning.

To support timely preparation of this report, crime and statistical data were extracted from the OCSO Records Division at a specific point in time. The data presented should be considered approximate and preliminary, as incident classifications, report statuses, and submissions may continue to be reviewed and updated. As a result, figures included here may differ from finalized or certified data submitted to state or federal reporting systems.

All statistics contained in this report are based on the date a crime or arrest occurred and are subject to revision. These figures are intended to serve as working data summaries to support trend analysis and general understanding, rather than final or certified crime statistics.

## NIBRS GROUP A OFFENSES



The offenses shown above represent crimes reported within the city and recorded in accordance with the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) offense classifications. All statistics are considered approximate and reflect reported incidents at a specific point in time, subject to revision as cases are reviewed or reclassified.

# CRIME STATISTICS

## NIBRS GROUP A OFFENSES 2025 - SELECTIVE BREAKDOWN

Crime	Total
MURDER & NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1
MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE	1
FORCIBLE RAPE	3
FORCIBLE SODOMY	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	2
FORCIBLE FONDLING	4
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	43
SIMPLE ASSAULT	114.5
INTIMIDATION	4
POCKET PICKING	2
SHOPLIFTING	63
THEFT FROM BUILDINGS	22
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	60.5
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES	24
ALL OTHER LARCENY	40
FALSE PRETENSE / SWINDLE / CONFIDENCE GAME	15

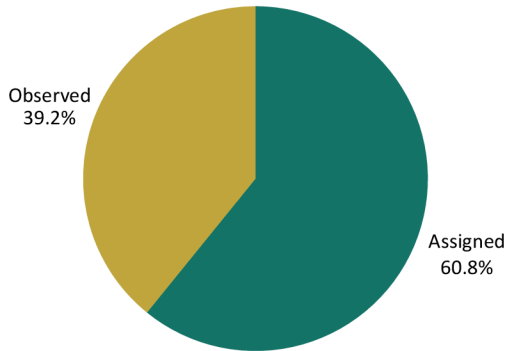
Crime	Total
FRAUD - CREDIT CARD / ATM	18
IMPERSONATION	12
WIRE / COMPUTER / OTHER ELECTRONIC MANIPULATION	6
FRAUD - IDENTITY THEFT	17
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	104
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	98
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	9
ROBBERY	7
ARSON	1
EXTORTION / BLACKMAIL	2
BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING	36
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	44.5
FORGERY / COUNTERFEITING	15
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES (RECEIVING, ETC.)	9
DESTRUCTIVE / DAMAGE / VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	58
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	13
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>849.5</b>

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# COMPLAINTS & USE OF FORCE



## CALLS FOR SERVICE



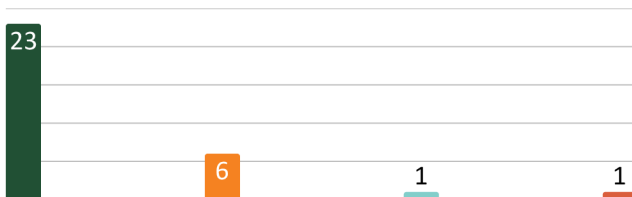
● Within Policy    ● Training / Corrective Action



## PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

● Within Policy    ● Training / Corrective Action

● Referred to IA    ● Pending



## USE OF FORCE

OCSO is committed to transparency, accountability, and respectful policing. Public complaints and use-of-force reviews play an important role in shaping training, policy, and service delivery. Deputies interact with the community thousands of times each year, and while force may occasionally be required to overcome resistance or protect the public, each incident is carefully reviewed to ensure it aligns with department policy and professional standards.

In the reporting year, Dana Point Police Services handled over 30,000 calls for service, including dispatched calls, traffic stops, and self-initiated activity. Of these contacts, four resulted in public complaints, all of which were formally investigated. Three were found to be unfounded and one was within policy but required counseling, resulting in a complaint rate of approximately 0.01%.

There were 31 use-of-force incidents, each undergoing a full administrative review. 21 incidents were found fully within policy, six were within policy but resulted in additional training or corrective action, one was referred for Internal Affairs review, and one remained under evaluation. Compared to total community contacts, use of force occurred in approximately 0.01% of all interactions.

These low percentages reflect the professionalism, training, and restraint exhibited by the deputies serving the community.

# FIELD OPERATIONS & TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Traffic safety and proactive patrol remain core priorities for Police Services, reflecting the community's concerns regarding speeding, collisions, and neighborhood-level safety. The department addresses these issues through a balanced combination of education, enforcement, and high-visibility patrols designed to reduce traffic incidents, improve roadway safety, and maintain an active presence throughout the community.

## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT & TRAFFIC STATISTICS



Traffic operations are supported by a team of sworn staff and Community Service Officers who work collectively to identify collision trends, address high-complaint areas, and maintain roadway safety. The city's Motor Deputies focus on enforcing the California Vehicle Code, monitoring speed compliance, conducting high-visibility traffic enforcement, and supporting patrol operations during major incidents. Their presence provides both enforcement and a deterrent effect in problem areas.

Community Service Officers (CSOs) play a key role in traffic safety, handling parking enforcement and investigating non-injury and minor-injury traffic collisions. As non-sworn personnel trained in traffic and parking operations, they help maintain circulation, respond to community concerns, and support sworn staff by freeing up deputies for higher-priority calls. CSOs are deployed across multiple shifts to provide consistent coverage and ensure prompt response to parking and traffic-related issues.

## PATROL OPERATIONS



Patrol Operations form the backbone of daily policing and public safety. Deputies provide 24/7 coverage through overlapping 12-hour shifts that maintain consistent service levels and rapid response capabilities.

Patrol activity falls into two primary categories:

- Assigned Calls: Calls generated through 911 or the Sheriff's non-emergency line, including crimes in progress, welfare checks, suspicious circumstances, missing persons, thefts, and traffic collisions.
- Observed Activity: Self-initiated enforcement and investigatory activity based on deputies' observations, helping prevent crime before it occurs.

Deputies assigned to marked police vehicles, including Ford Explorer patrol units and motorcycle units, respond to the majority of calls for service and conduct proactive patrols across neighborhoods, parks, business centers, and major traffic corridors. CSOs and motor units generally conduct more self-initiated traffic and parking activity, though they remain available to support priority incidents as needed.

**SECTION 5  
OPERATIONAL SERVICES & SPECIALIZED UNITS**

# INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigations Unit provides comprehensive follow-up on criminal cases and plays a vital role in identifying trends, filing cases with the District Attorney's Office, and supporting frontline patrol operations. Investigators assigned to the city bring specialized training and work closely with regional OCSD units to provide full investigative support.

## PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

City-assigned investigators handle a wide range of cases, including:

- Crimes against persons
- Residential and commercial burglaries
- Property and financial crimes
- Identity theft
- Aggravated assaults
- Vandalism, petty theft, and other misdemeanor cases
- Sensitive investigations (runaways, missing juveniles, etc.)

Investigators also study crime patterns to identify emerging trends and direct enforcement strategies.

## FIELD OPERATIONS

When not completing follow-up reports or preparing case filings, investigators are actively engaged in fieldwork such as:

- Responding to investigative "call outs"
- Conducting surveillance operations
- Interviewing victims, witnesses, and suspects
- Formulating arrest plans
- Drafting and serving search warrants
- Collecting evidence and processing crime scenes

Their work supports both immediate case closures and long-term crime prevention.

## COLLABORATION & SPECIALIZED UNITS

Some cases require the expertise of countywide specialty teams. Depending on the case type, investigators work closely with units such as:

- Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC)
- Economic Crimes Detail
- Homicide Detail
- Special Victims Detail
- Real-Time Operations Center (RTOC)

This shared-services system ensures every case receives the appropriate level of expertise without increasing city costs.

## CASELOAD

City investigators manage a significant volume of complex cases each year.

Examples from recent reporting periods:

- Dana Point investigators submitted 116 cases to the District Attorney and closed 316 cases.
- Dana Point investigators were assigned 466 cases out of 16,177 calls for service.
- Additional cases were handled by regional investigative units.
- Remaining reports were cleared by arrest, citation, or dismissal following review.

## IMPACT

The Investigations Unit strengthens public safety by ensuring detailed case follow-up, supporting patrol operations, improving case solvability, and proactively addressing crime trends within the community.

# TRAFFIC STATISTICS

The Dana Point Traffic Team provides full-time, proactive traffic enforcement throughout the city. The team is composed of two Motor Deputies and three Community Service Officers (CSOs) dedicated to improving roadway safety, reducing collisions, and responding to community traffic concerns.

The team focuses on:

- Speed enforcement
- Parking enforcement
- School zone safety
- E-bike enforcement
- California Vehicle Code violations
- Neighborhood and community-reported traffic concerns

This partnership between motor deputies, CSOs, city staff, and the community ensures responsive and targeted solutions to traffic issues throughout Dana Point.

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Traffic statistics are influenced by staffing, traffic volume, roadway improvements, and community activity. These totals reflect citations and enforcement actions completed by deputies and CSOs.

### PARKING CITATIONS

Parking citations include violations such as street sweeping, permit parking, handicap violations, and other vehicle code infractions related to stopped/parked vehicles.

2025 Total: 10,932 citations

Yearly Totals:

- 2024: 6,510
- 2022: 6,273
- 2023: 4,592
- 2024: 4,357
- 2025: 10,932

### COLLISION TRENDS

Citywide collision reports—ranging from non-injury incidents to major injury or fatal collisions—have historically fluctuated based on community traffic volume, roadway design changes, and travel patterns. After widespread pandemic-related reductions in vehicle traffic, collisions increased as residents returned to normal routines and citywide travel volume rose.

### TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Hazardous moving violations are issued for vehicle-code offenses committed while a vehicle is in motion, such as speeding, following too closely, or failing to yield. These violations are commonly primary contributors to traffic collisions.

2025 Total: 1,691 citations

Yearly Totals:

- 2021: 1,752
- 2022: 2,023
- 2023: 1,080
- 2024: 1,397
- 2025: 1,691

### DATA SOURCES

- Parking Enforcement Statistics: Citation Processing Center
- Traffic Citation Statistics: OCSD Operations Dashboard
- Traffic trends may vary due to staffing, enforcement focus, and vehicle volume

# COMMUNITY SERVICE UNIT (CSU) & DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT TEAM (DET)

Dana Point Police Services utilizes two proactive enforcement teams—the Community Service Unit (CSU) and the Directed Enforcement Team (DET)—to address crime trends, conduct targeted operations, and support large-scale enforcement efforts throughout the city and South Orange County. These teams focus on problem-oriented policing, surveillance, suspect identification, high-risk arrests, and proactive field activity that supplements patrol operations.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE UNIT (CSU)

The CSU is comprised of one Sergeant, four Deputy-Sheriffs, and one Crime Prevention Specialist.

### Mission & Focus

CSU has in-depth understanding of the community and is multi-faceted with their primary responsibilities including:

- Work in partnership with Dana Point Code Enforcement, Parks, Public Works, and other city departments to improve the quality of life for Dana Point residents.
- Identify crime trends and work to solve community problems beyond the scope of normal patrol operations.
- Coordinate Dana Point's Neighborhood and Business Watch programs, including providing informative presentations.
- Conduct targeted enforcement in high problem areas.
- Conduct surveillance and proactive operations to observe crimes in progress, apprehend the perpetrators and submit comprehensive reports.
- Work directly with investigators on priority Dana Point criminal cases.
- Execute probation, residential and vehicle searches.
- Identify and monitor parolees and probationers in Dana Point in cooperation with the OC Probation Department.
- Homeless Liaison Officer – work in concert with the city in providing outreach services to the homeless and enforcement actions when indicated.
- Plan, organize and execute the Police Services deployment for numerous special events occurring throughout the year in Dana Point. Emphasis on public safety, homeland security and quality of service to the community.

CSU members routinely use open-source intelligence, field observations, and community generated information to locate suspects and disrupt criminal activity. Additionally, CSU integrates Field Training Officers (FTO's) and trainees into operations, creating stronger development opportunities and producing highly capable patrol deputies for the city.

## DIRECTED ENFORCEMENT TEAM (DET)

DET is a regional OCSD detail dedicated to addressing major crime trends across South Orange County communities. The team specializes in:

- Suspect apprehension
- High-risk warrant service
- Targeted crime suppression
- Surveillance operations
- Search and seizure operations

DET is staffed by one Sergeant, one Investigator, and eight Deputies, including one Dana Point Deputy assigned on an 18-month rotation. This partnership gives the city access to a highly specialized enforcement team without bearing the full staffing cost.

# SPECIALTY DETAILS & OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

Police Services personnel support the community through a wide range of specialized assignments that extend beyond routine patrol. These roles enhance proactive enforcement, school safety, community engagement, crime prevention, and investigative support.

## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)**

The School Resource Officer is a sworn peace officer assigned to serve students, staff, and school campuses within the city. The SRO receives specialized training in school safety, crisis response, and youth engagement. In addition to providing a law enforcement presence on campus, the SRO participates in youth outreach, family support programs, and instruction such as the Parent Project course.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS (CSO)**

CSOs are professional, non-sworn staff trained in traffic collision reporting, parking enforcement, neighborhood patrols, and community service functions. They support sworn personnel by handling non-emergency calls, improving response efficiency, and assisting with events, traffic control, and community complaints.

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LIAISON (BHL)**

The BHL works directly with individuals experiencing homelessness, connecting them with resources, conducting outreach, and addressing quality-of-life concerns. The role focuses on balancing compassionate engagement with enforcement of municipal codes and long-term problem-solving.

## **BICYCLE PATROL TEAM**

The Bicycle Patrol Team provides flexible, high-visibility enforcement in parks, shopping centers, trails, business districts, and special events. In 2024, the team deployed electric bicycles to enhance mobility and assist with the growing e-bike population. Bicycle patrol emphasizes approachability, visibility, and community engagement.

## **GRAFFITI REPORTING/REMOVAL SYSTEM**

The city of Dana Point actively removes graffiti from public property within 48 hours, while property owners are required by ordinance to remove it from private property with a few days (often 48-72 hours) or face the city removing it and assessing cost as a lien. Residents can report graffiti via a Graffiti Hotline (949-248-3573) or the "Report to DP" application. Dana Point's Code Enforcement handles enforcement, working to quickly eradicate vandalism and deter future occurrences.

Graffiti Activity:

- Complaints: 106 (2021), 258 (2022), 173 (2023), 149 (2024), 250 (2025)
- Removal Costs: \$7,420 (2021), \$18,060 (2022), \$12,110 (2023), \$10,430 (2024), \$17,500 (2025)

## **COUNTYWIDE SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED AT NO COST**

Through Board Resolution 89-1160, all OCS D contract cities have access to a broad range of countywide specialty units, including:

- Homicide
- Special Victims
- Family Protection
- Economic/Cyber Crimes
- Narcotics/Vice/Human Trafficking
- RNSP (Regional Narcotic Suppression Program)
- Forensics/Crime Lab
- SWAT
- Bomb Squad
- Canine
- Crisis Negotiations
- Air Support
- Surveillance & Protection
- Internal Affairs
- Intelligence Assessment Center
- Mounted Patrol
- Search & Rescue
- Mutual Aid Bureau
- Reserve Bureau
- Field Training
- Coroner
- Crime Analysis
- Property & Evidence
- Records
- Information Systems
- Inmate Transportation

# SECTION 6 TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

# TRAINING COURSES COMPLETED

Ongoing professional development is essential to ensuring high-quality public safety services for the community. Deputies, Investigators, Sergeants, and supervisory staff must meet training standards established by California POST, legislative mandates, and OCS D policy. Many courses require renewal every two years to maintain operational readiness, legal compliance, and tactical proficiency.

The OCS D Regional Training Facility ensures that all personnel remain current in required skills and exceed minimum state mandates. OCS D requires a minimum of 36 hours of training every two years, surpassing POST baseline requirements.

## **SPECIALIZED & ADVANCED TRAINING**

Beyond mandatory requirements, personnel are encouraged to pursue additional training to enhance expertise in investigations, enforcement, supervision, technology, and community engagement. Training completed during the year included:

- Basic Narcotics Investigation
- Rolling Surveillance & Covert Online Operations
- Social Media and Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)
- Background Investigations
- Search Warrants for Patrol
- FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot Certification
- CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)
- Critical Incident Leadership
- Homeless Liaison Officer Training
- LIDAR/Radar
- Basic Motorcycle Officer Training
- Pursuit Intervention Technique (PIT)
- Bicycle Patrol
- E-Bike Patrol
- ATV Operator
- UTV Operator
- Suicide by Cop: Intervention & Response
- ICS Intermediate & Advanced Command
- DUI Detection - Field Sobriety
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement
- Traffic Collision Investigation
- Academy Instructor Certification Course
- Breath Alcohol Testing Device
- Special Weapons & Tactics
- Field Training Officer

These courses strengthen department capabilities across investigative, tactical, and community-focused disciplines.

## **MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

All sworn personnel complete recurrent training in the following core areas:

- Arrest & Control Techniques
- Firearms Update
- Driving Simulator
- Tactical & Interpersonal Communication
- Domestic Violence Response
- Bias-Free Policing
- Vehicle Pursuit Policy
- CPR/AED Certification
- Less-Than-Lethal Tools
- Search & Seizure
- Ethical Decision-Making
- Extremism Awareness
- Active Shooter & Patrol Rifle Response
- Mobile Field Force & Crowd Control
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

These foundational courses ensure deputies remain well-prepared to respond safely, legally, and effectively to the needs of the community.

## **COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE**

Continuous training ensures that personnel remain prepared to address evolving public safety challenges with professionalism, skill, and integrity. OCS D's investment in training supports safer operations, enhanced service delivery, and improved outcomes for the community.

# FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Field Training Program (FTP) is one of the most critical components of patrol operations. Field Training Officers (FTOs) are responsible for developing the next generation of law enforcement professionals, ensuring they meet the high performance, safety, and service standards expected within the city and the Sheriff's Department.

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

New patrol deputies entering the division participate in a structured, four-month training program consisting of 12-hour shifts alongside a certified FTO. Trainees are introduced to a wide range of scenarios, calls for service, and operational expectations. Daily evaluations measure performance in areas such as decision-making, officer safety, communication, investigations, and community interaction.

Trainees rotate through multiple phases, each with increasing responsibility and complexity. FTOs evaluate competence through standardized rating scales, narrative evaluations, and scenario-based assessments. Only those who consistently meet or exceed expectations progress through the program.

## ROLE OF THE FIELD TRAINING OFFICER

FTOs are selected from among the most experienced and skilled patrol deputies. The position requires:

- Mastery of patrol procedures and criminal law
- Strong communication and teaching skills
- Sound judgment and decision-making
- Demonstrated leadership ability
- Patience, professionalism, and adaptability

FTOs are entrusted with shaping the department's future workforce, ensuring trainees are prepared for the complexities of modern policing. Their influence extends beyond training—FTOs also serve as mentors, role models, and coaches.

## PROGRAM IMPACT

In a typical year, the division trains numerous patrol trainees, many of whom remain assigned to the city after completing FTP. This strengthens local knowledge, continuity of service, and operational consistency. Throughout the training process, FTOs pass on critical skills and reinforce department values, contributing directly to higher quality service for the community.

The FTP not only develops new deputies—it also serves as a leadership pipeline. The time, dedication, and expertise required to train new personnel position FTOs for future opportunities, including assignments as Sergeants, Investigators, and specialty detail supervisors.

## MASTER FIELD TRAINING OFFICERS (MFTOS)

The OCSO Field Training Bureau oversees the Master Field Training Officer (MFTO) program. MFTOs are advanced trainers selected through a competitive process that includes:

- Demonstrated excellence in report writing
- Strong investigative and legal knowledge
- Proven teaching and adult learning skills
- An oral board interview
- A minimum of 1,200 FTO hours

MFTOs support training across all Patrol Operations Divisions and play a key role in shaping departmentwide standards. The city is proud to have MFTOs assigned within its ranks, reflecting a high level of expertise and commitment to training excellence.

**SECTION 7  
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS**

# CRIME PREVENTION & PROGRAMS

Crime Prevention is a core component of community safety. Through education, outreach, and partnership-based programs, Police Services empowers residents and businesses to reduce crime, increase awareness, and strengthen neighborhood connectivity. The city's Crime Prevention Specialists (CPS) lead these efforts, offering programs and resources at no cost to the community.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Dana Point Police Services supports active and engaged Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the city to strengthen communication between residents and deputies. Through regular contact, safety updates, and awareness of crime trends, DPPS encourages residents to report suspicious activities, share information, and take proactive steps to protect their neighborhoods.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PROGRAMS

Community outreach remains a core focus for DPPS, with programs designed to build trust, increase safety awareness, and support residents of all ages. Through educational events, safety presentations, volunteer programs, and partnerships with community organizations, DPPS works to strengthen relationships and address local needs beyond traditional enforcement.

## BUSINESS WATCH

DPPS partners with local businesses through the Business Watch program to promote crime prevention and improve information sharing in commercial areas. By providing safety resources, training opportunities, and direct communication with law enforcement, DPPS helps businesses address theft, fraud, and quality-of-life concerns while fostering a safer commercial environment.

## CPTED – CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

DPPS incorporates Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles to reduce opportunities for crime through thoughtful planning and environmental improvements. The department provides guidance and assessments that focus on lighting, visibility, access control, and property layout to help residents and businesses enhance safety through practical and cost-effective measures.

## SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

DPPS uses social media and digital platforms to share timely crime prevention information, safety tips, and department updates. These tools support transparency, promote community engagement, and provide residents and visitors with real-time information that enhances awareness and public trust.

Crime Prevention is most effective when the community and law enforcement work together. Through education, partnerships, communication, and public engagement, Police Services fosters a safer environment and strengthens the quality of life throughout the city.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EVENTS

Dana Point Police Services (DPPS) is committed to community engagement through consistent, visible involvement in city-sponsored and community-led events. Deputies, professional staff, and volunteers work closely with the city of Dana Point to support public safety, connection, and quality of life.

## DANA POINT EVENTS & CITY PARTNERSHIPS

DPPS actively participates in a wide range of city events and annual traditions through close collaboration with city leadership, departments, and community partners, allowing DPPS to support a high volume of Dana Point events throughout the year. DPPS presence at these events often includes deputy meet-and-greets, safety demonstrations, static displays, and interactive engagement with residents and visitors. Regular participation includes:

- City festivals and seasonal celebrations
- Community runs and outdoor events
- Holiday events and parades



## EDUCATIONAL & SAFETY PROGRAMS

Throughout the year, DPPS provides prevention-focused education for residents of all ages, including:

- Personal and property safety education
- Fraud and scam prevention presentations
- Bicycle and e-bike safety classes
- Crime prevention presentations led by the Crime Prevention Specialist

These efforts promote awareness and encourage shared responsibility for community safety.

## NEIGHBORHOOD & BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT

Deputies and Crime Prevention Specialists attend meetings, walk-throughs, and outreach events focused on:

- Neighborhood Watch groups
- Business Watch partners
- HOA meetings
- Community problem-solving sessions

These engagements create open communication between residents, businesses, and deputies, allowing issues to be addressed quickly and collaboratively.



## COFFEE-WITH-A-COP & INFORMAL MEETUPS

“Coffee with a Cop” remains one of DPPS’s most effective outreach efforts. Hosted at local businesses, these informal gatherings allow residents to connect with deputies, ask questions, and share concerns in a relaxed, approachable setting.

## YOUTH & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

DPPS prioritizes youth and family outreach through:

- School drop off and classroom safety presentations
- Participation in Dana Hills High School graduations
- Youth safety events and demonstrations
- Family-oriented city events

Early engagement helps build positive relationships and long-term community trust.



# EMERGENCY PLANNING

A coordinated, citywide effort to plan, train, and respond to disasters and major incidents.

## **EVACUATION PLANNING**

- Citywide Evacuation Zones created to support safe and efficient resident movement.
- Operational evacuation maps developed for deputies and first responders.
- Integration with AlertOC enables targeted emergency notifications.
- Public-facing evacuation maps available on the city website for resident preparedness.

Strong advance planning ensures swift, coordinated evacuations during wildfires and other fast-moving incidents.

## **TRAINING & REAL- WORLD PREPAREDNESS**

- Annual drills and tabletop exercises with city departments and partner agencies.
- Communications testing with ACS and other volunteer teams.
- Participation in countywide disaster responses, providing real operational experience.
- Staff involvement in Incident Management Team (IMT) roles including Planning, Operations, Intelligence, and Safety.

These training opportunities strengthen the city's readiness for both planned and unexpected emergencies.

## **RESPONSE INFRASTRUCTURE**

The city's Department Operations Center (DOC) enhances emergency response through:

- Rapid activation capabilities
- Improved interagency coordination
- Real-time situational awareness tools
- Dedicated equipment and technology

The DOC enables quicker decision-making, stronger field support, and seamless integration with outside agencies during major incidents.

## **VOLUNTEER RESPONSE TEAMS**

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
  - CERT members receive training in basic fire suppression, disaster medical operations, search techniques, and neighborhood safety. They serve as force multipliers during emergencies and assist with drills and community education.
- Volunteers In Police Services
  - VIPS supports traffic control, situational awareness, logistics, and large community events. They work closely with ACS and CERT during coordinated responses.

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



## Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS)

Dana Point Police Services' Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) program is made up of community volunteers who donate their time to support Police Services through non-enforcement duties, enhancing public safety, visibility, and community engagement.

### VIPS support includes:

#### Van Patrol

Volunteers patrol residential and commercial areas, reporting suspicious activity, hazards, parking concerns, and quality-of-life issues.

#### Bike Patrol

Volunteers patrol parks, trails, neighborhoods, and commercial areas, reporting safety concerns, graffiti, and maintenance issues while maintaining an approachable presence.

#### Administrative Support (Front Desk)

Volunteers assist with front desk operations, visitor assistance, phone calls, and clerical support.

#### Vacation Home Checks

Volunteers conduct exterior checks of homes while residents are away to help ensure properties remain secure.

#### Friends In Need (FIN)

FIN provides wellness checks and safety reassurance for seniors and vulnerable residents, offering connection and peace of mind

#### Special Events Support

Volunteers assist with logistics, traffic control, crowd management, and public engagement during city events.

Year	Hours Donated	Estimated Value
2022	2,209	\$97,196
2023	2,434	\$107,096
2024	2,296	\$101,024
2025	1,962	\$86,328

Volunteer value is calculated using the County's hourly rate for Professional Service Responder (PSR) equivalent roles. PACT volunteers donate thousands of hours annually, directly supporting citywide safety initiatives and reducing operational costs.

# VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS



## Reserve Deputies

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Reserve Deputies are state-certified volunteers who augment patrol operations and provide support for special events and city needs.

Primary Duties Include:

- Acting as a second officer in patrol units
- Traffic and crowd control
- Crime scene security
- Foot and bike patrol
- Transportation of arrestees

2025 Impact:

- 184 volunteer hours

## Explorer Program

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The Explorer Program provides young adults, ages fourteen to twenty-one, with leadership development, mentorship, and hands-on law enforcement experience. Through this program, they are able to support OCSD directly and learn the skillset necessary to enter the career path into adulthood.

Explorer Contributions:

- Traffic and event support
- Administrative and station tasks
- Crime prevention outreach
- Ride-alongs and training opportunities

## SECTION 8 RECOGNITION AND LEGACY

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION



## Proactive Traffic Enforcement Leads to Retail Theft Arrest:

Deputies involved were J. Riley, J. Denevan, G. Meyer, and B. Webster

A traffic stop for a cell phone violation near La Cresta Drive and Golden Lantern led to the arrest of a driver with multiple active warrants, including charges related to grand theft and organized retail theft. During the investigation, deputies identified the driver as a wanted individual and conducted a search of the vehicle.

The search revealed stolen retail merchandise, which was later confirmed to have been taken from two CVS locations in San Clemente. As a result, the driver was taken into custody on the outstanding warrants and was additionally charged with organized retail theft.

The suspect was booked into jail, and the recovered merchandise was returned to the retailers. This incident demonstrates how routine traffic enforcement, combined with thorough investigative follow-up and interagency coordination, can lead to the successful identification and arrest of individuals involved in broader criminal activity, contributing to ongoing public safety and crime prevention efforts in Dana Point.



## Proactive Enforcement Results in Drug Arrest:

Deputies involved were J. Denevan, G. Meyer, R. Recinos, M. Vasquez, and S. Westbrook

Deputies initiated a patrol check at the Dana Strands Beach parking lot and contacted a vehicle with expired registration. During the contact, deputies observed an open knife inside the vehicle and safely detained the occupants for further investigation.

A records check revealed the driver was on probation with search and seizure conditions. A subsequent search of the vehicle uncovered narcotics paraphernalia and multiple baggies containing a crystalline substance later identified as methamphetamine. The driver admitted ownership of the narcotics and was found to have prior drug-related convictions.

The driver was arrested and booked into the Orange County Jail on multiple drug-related charges, including possession of a controlled substance with prior convictions and possession of paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed, and the passenger was released after the investigation determined she was not involved.



## Traffic Stop Leads to Pursuit and Firearm Arrest:

Deputies involved were M. Rosenau, E. Aguilar, M. Torres, J. Herrera, B. Webster, K. Pendergast, and CSO Everest

Deputies initiated a traffic stop near Pacific Coast Highway and Doheny Park Road that rapidly escalated into a vehicle pursuit. After initially yielding, the driver made a split-second decision to flee the scene, leading deputies on a brief pursuit. The pursuit ended when the vehicle crashed, after which the driver attempted to flee on foot. Deputies quickly closed in and safely apprehended the individual without further incident.

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a loaded firearm. Deputies also observed clear indicators that the driver was under the influence of a controlled substance at the time of the arrest. Further investigation confirmed prior methamphetamine use and the consumption of additional narcotics earlier in the day.

The driver was booked into jail on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges, including driving under the influence, evading law enforcement, resisting arrest, and firearm-related offenses.

# EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



## DEPUTY JOSEPH HODGES

Dana Point Police Services proudly awarded Deputy Joseph Hodges with the VFW Public Servant Award and the Employee of the Year Award in recognition of his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the Dana Point community.

Deputy Hodges graduated from the Orange County Sheriff's Department Training Academy in 2018 and began his career in Jail Operations at Theo Lacy. In 2021, he transferred to Patrol Operations and later joined Dana Point Police Services.

In June 2024, Deputy Hodges joined the Community Services Unit (CSU), supporting quality-of-life efforts, proactive enforcement, investigations, and special events. As a senior member of CSU, Deputy Hodges balances

patrol responsibilities, investigative support, and community engagement with professionalism and efficiency. He is highly self-motivated, consistently completes assignments with minimal supervision, and is widely regarded by peers and supervisors as a leader within the unit. His positive attitude and strong work ethic contribute to high morale and effective teamwork.

Deputy Hodges also serves as a police services liaison, collaborating with city staff to provide outreach services and connect individuals in need with appropriate resources, strengthening partnerships that are essential to community-focused policing. In addition, he is a Field Training Officer who mentors new deputies, tailoring instruction to individual learning styles to promote confidence, competence, and success.

Beyond his professional role, Deputy Hodges is a devoted family man who takes great pride in being a husband and father. After long shifts and demanding assignments, he looks forward to returning home to his wife and their three children, a grounding reminder of the importance of service, responsibility, and balance. His commitment to his family mirrors the same dedication, patience, and integrity he brings to his work, reinforcing the values that guide his approach to policing and leadership.

Deputy Hodges further demonstrated his dedication to service and professional excellence by being selected for the Sheriff's Department SWAT team. His commitment to continuous improvement, proactive policing, and community service exemplifies the Orange County Sheriff's Department's core values and reflects the high standard of representation expected of Dana Point Police Services.



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