

MAINTAINING A SAFE COMMUNITY, TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY



2023

ANNUAL REPORT

ANAHEIM POLICE DEPARTMENT



OUR MISSION

MAINTAIN A SAFE COMMUNITY TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am pleased to announce the release of the Anaheim Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. This report provides an overview of our Department's activities and initiatives during 2023. The report highlights some of the exceptional work done by the men and women of the Anaheim Police Department, who worked together to maintain Anaheim as a safe community to live, work, and play. We accomplish this by proactively impacting crime, striving to be a high-performing organization, and enhancing community relationships.



We are proud that crime has continued to decrease in our community. When compared to 2022, crime went down 6% across all types of crimes, including 20% fewer homicides, a 11% decrease in property crimes, and a 16% decrease in fatal traffic collisions. In addition to a reduction in crime, the Department's additional staffing resulted in reduced response times to all call types, including a 10% reduction in emergency, life-threatening calls. The Anaheim Police Department continues to attract, recruit, and retain high-quality employees. In 2023, we hired 45 police officers and 57 professional staff. Additionally, the Department continued its efforts to strengthen our relationship with the community and promote collaboration with residents, businesses, and community stakeholders.

It is challenging to summarize public safety in one document. I encourage you to take the time to review it and learn more about the vital role the Anaheim Police Department plays in keeping our community safe.

It is an honor to be the Chief of Police for the Anaheim Police Department, and value your trust and partnership.

RICK P. ARMENDARIZ
CHIEF OF POLICE





OUR VALUES

RESPECT ★ TEAMWORK ★ PROFESSIONALISM
COMPASSION ★ INTEGRITY ★ EMPLOYEE WELLNESS
INCLUSIVE ★ COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

COMMUNITY CARE RESPONSE TEAM

Police focus on homeless calls that require public safety response or involve criminal activity. **Anaheim's Community Care Response Team**, a partnership between the **City of Anaheim** and our nonprofit homeless outreach partner **City Net**, provides more effective outreach and better use city resources by diverting homeless calls from the Anaheim Police Department.



DO YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT OR CONCERN REGARDING HOMELESSNESS?

Submit your complaint online at Anaheim Anytime, Anaheim.net/anytime or call (714) 820-9090.



2023 HIRING EFFORTS #JOINAPD

4,659 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

102 POSITIONS FILLED

46 SWORN OFFICERS

56 PROFESSIONAL STAFF

WE'VE INCREASED OUR BUDGETED SWORN POSITIONS TO **421**

The Anaheim Police Department is a premier, growing, full-service law enforcement agency. We invite you to take a look at the exciting opportunities that are available when you join the Anaheim Police Department.

GOVERNMENTJOBS.COM/CAREERS/ANAHEIM



6% LESS CRIME

OVERALL IN 2023
COMPARED TO 2022

Published in the
California DOJ Group
A Offense Report.

↓ **20% LESS HOMICIDES**
IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2022

2023 DOJ HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATE
✓ **163%** 13 SOLVED
8 OCCURRED

↓ **17% LESS AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS**
IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2022

↓ **9% LESS ROBBERIES**
IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2022

↓ **11%
LESS BURGLARIES/
BREAKING & ENTERING**
IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2022



**16% DECREASE IN FATAL
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS**
IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2022

↓ **11%
LESS AUTO THEFTS**
IN 2023 COMPARED TO 2022

OUR VISION

In partnership with our community, we will be innovative, strategic, and collaborative in how we provide exceptional public safety service.



CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES

To learn more about how to participate in these programs, go to anaheimpd.org

 NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH	 COFFEE WITH A COP	 DOG WALKER WATCH
 FLASHLIGHT WALKS	 VACATION HOUSE CHECK	 TRESPASSING LETTER PROGRAM
 BUSINESS WATCH	 CRIME MAPPING	 CRIME ALERTS
 HOME & BUSINESS SECURITY INSPECTIONS		 DISTRICTS

If you are experiencing long-term problems in your neighborhood, your **Crime Prevention Specialist** can assist in working with you to remedy the issue.

WEST DISTRICT

CARMELA MENDOZA
CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST
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CENTRAL & EAST DISTRICTS

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CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST
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SOUTH DISTRICT

JASMINE ARANA
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WHAT'S YOUR DISTRICT?

Find out at anaheim.net/2907/Districts

WHEN YOU CALL

503,938 

CALLS DISPATCH RECEIVED IN 2023
32.6% WERE 9-1-1 CALLS

WE RESPOND

 **IN 2023**
AIR SUPPORT
ASSISTED WITH
609 ARRESTS

- Giving officers a significantly increased level of safety and have a tactical advantage.
- Making fewer Officers required at crime scenes and perimeters.
- Giving officers a stronger likelihood to locate an outstanding suspect or missing person.

 **2023 AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME**

PRIORITY 1: 06 MIN 42 SEC

IMMEDIATE THREAT TO LIFE
IN-PROGRESS FELONY CRIME

↓ **10%** REDUCTION WHEN COMPARED TO 2022

PRIORITY 2: 09 MIN 43 SEC

ESCALATING THREAT TO SAFETY
IMMEDIATE SUSPECT APPREHENSION POSSIBLE

↓ **2%** REDUCTION WHEN COMPARED TO 2022

PRIORITY 3: 28 MIN 08 SEC

NON-VIOLENT CALLS
DISTURBANCES, SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

↓ **18%** REDUCTION WHEN COMPARED TO 2022

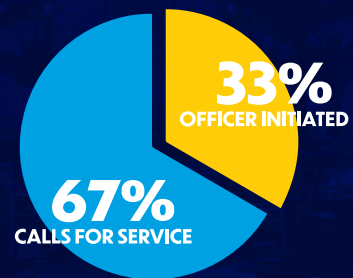
PRIORITY 4: 70 MIN 38 SEC

REPORT CALLS / PARKING VIOLATIONS

↓ **14%** REDUCTION WHEN COMPARED TO 2022

196,001

TOTAL POLICE INCIDENTS IN 2023



IN 2023,
OUR RECORDS
BUREAU PROCESSED



36,533
POLICE REPORTS

3,580

REPORTS WERE TAKEN BY FRONT
COUNTER POLICE CADETS IN 2023

Anaheim Police Cadets

are a committed group of college students who work part-time at the Anaheim Police Department. Police Cadets assist APD personnel with numerous tasks and duties, including taking police reports, staffing the Front Counter, and supporting investigative and administrative personnel. The Cadet program gives Cadets an early start to their law enforcement careers and is just one example of how APD strives to be high-performing through hiring, training, mentoring, and developing its employees.

**WANT TO BECOME AN APD CADET?
SUBMIT A JOB INTEREST CARD AT
[GovernmentJobs.com](https://www.GovernmentJobs.com)**

TRANSPARENCY

The Anaheim Police Department continuously strives to be a progressive leader among law enforcement agencies. It is important to provide information about the way we work and the policies that govern us.

The Department is currently developing a **Transparency Portal** on **AnaheimPD.org** to provide meaningful information about:

ANNUAL REPORTS &
LETTERS TO THE COMMUNITY

CALEA ACCREDITATION

CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING INITIATIVES

DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURE

HOMELESSNESS &
MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS
AND IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

POLICE OVERSIGHT

TRAINING, INNOVATION
& TECHNOLOGY

USE OF FORCE

 **85**

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS
IN 2023

70 EXTERNAL

15 INTERNAL



OUR GOALS

STRIVE TO BE A HIGH-PERFORMING ORGANIZATION
PROACTIVELY IMPACT CRIME ★ ENHANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2023 AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

51ST ANNUAL POLICE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING AND SKILLS COMPETITION

Approximately 200 motors from all over Orange County competed in this event hosted by the Orange County Traffic Officers' Association.

2ND PLACE - "TOP GUN" CATEGORY OFFICER M. RAMOS

2ND PLACE - TEAM COMPETITION

OFFICERS R. NICHOLS, M. VARGAS, & D. RAMOS

3RD PLACE - OVERALL OFFICER S. ANDERSON

24TH ANNUAL EXPLORER TACTICAL COMPETITION

Our Explorer Advisors trained the 13-member explorer Competition Team weekly for several months in preparation to compete against 50 Explorer teams from across the nation at this highly competitive event in Chandler, Arizona. Testing their tactical skills, logic, and physical ability in several team and individual exercises.

1ST PLACE SWAT FITNESS CHALLENGE

1ST PLACE VERTICAL ASSAULT

3RD PLACE CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS

5TH PLACE SWAT TECHNICAL SUPPORT

5TH PLACE TACTICAL RELAY RACE

2023 ORANGE COUNTY EXPLORER COMPETITION

Anaheim Explorers competed in a variety of scenarios against 27 other teams from agencies across California. After months of preparation, with the guidance of our Explorer Advisors, practicing during weekly Explorer Meetings and on weekends, they walked away with the following awards:

1ST PLACE (TEAM A) DUI

1ST PLACE (TEAM A) HIGH-RISK WARRANT SERVICE

2ND PLACE (TEAM A) BURGLARY IN PROGRESS

2ND PLACE (TEAM B) SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

3RD PLACE (TEAM A) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

3RD PLACE (TEAM A) ACTIVE SHOOTER

3RD PLACE (TEAM B) TACTICAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

4TH PLACE (TEAM B) DUI

4TH PLACE (TEAM C) BURGLARY IN PROGRESS

5TH PLACE (TEAM A) VEHICLE STOP

5TH PLACE (TEAM A) TUBULAR ASSAULT

EXCON EXPLORER LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPETITION

Our Explorer competition team competed against 500 explorers across the nation. Our dedicated team trained extra hours to showcase their abilities and strategies in problem-solving tactical scenarios that simulate real-world law enforcement challenges.

1ST PLACE (TEAM A) OFFICER NEEDS ASSISTANCE

1ST PLACE (TEAM B) VEHICLE AMBUSH

2ND PLACE (TEAM A) SUSPICIOUS SITUATION

2ND PLACE (TEAM A) BURGLARY IN PROGRESS

2ND PLACE (TEAM B) CSI FORENSIC CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

3RD PLACE (TEAM A) EXIGENT ENTRY

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

EDWARD "GUNNY" SMITH VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OFFICER K. GULLEY

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC - SAFETY RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC

DISPATCHER D. DROOTIN

DISPATCHER K. RAMIREZ

DISPATCHER K. CRADDICK

DISPATCHER M. HERNANDEZ

TRAUMA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (TIP)

OFFICER W. HEMERSON

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Special recognition for outstanding performance of duties of his position for a significant length of time in terms of skill, devotion to duty, originality, or like manner.

OFFICER M. ELLIS

DETECTIVE R. REYNOSO

DETECTIVE M. FLEET

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER B. AMARO

POLICE INVESTIGATION TECH V. EMAMI

DETECTIVE J. WOO

LIFESAVING AWARD

Exceptional action where the first aid rendered resulted in the saving of a life.

OFFICER S. CORTEZ

SERGEANT P. PICONE

OFFICER B. BELSHE

OFFICER M. DE LA FUENTE

OFFICER J. ADDINGTON

OFFICER R. WALLACE

OFFICER B. SNOWDEN

CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

At least five years of service to the Department, continuing personal and professional development, consistent exemplary performance of duties and behavior of an outstanding role model for other law enforcement professionals and members of the community.

OFFICER S. SPIELMAN

PROACTIVELY IMPACTING CRIME: INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS



Mounted Officer Pilot Program

- Strategic focus on areas with recurring problems and complaints from our community.
- Horses have the ability to reach places patrol cars can't, as well as perform all other normal patrol officer duties such as traffic stops and arrests.
- Horses offer a unique ability to enhance community relationships.

Live 911

- This software gives officers the ability to hear what 911 callers tell our dispatch in real time.
- Leads to improved response time, officer safety, and service provided.

Real Time Crime Center

- Information and intelligence hub of the Department.

Drones as First Responder Unit

- Increase officer safety, situational awareness, and mitigate minor calls.

STRIVE TO BE A HIGH PERFORMING ORGANIZATION ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH



Women of APD was founded in 2023 by a team of sworn and civilian staff. It is a branch of Anaheim PD's Peer Support program concentrating on the well being and mental health of the department's women.

ENHANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE



The Explorer Program offers Anaheim's youth, between the ages of 14 and 21, the opportunity to be involved in community activities, make new friends, and gain valuable knowledge.



Public Safety Pipeline at Sycamore Junior High School, is class that teaches students about careers in Public Safety, emphasizing character building, public service, communication, and teamwork.



The Anaheim Safe Schools program places School Resource Officers in middle schools and high schools to ensure safe campuses and to enhance relationships between our youth and law enforcement.



Anaheim Confidential is a fundraiser where APD Homicide Detectives give a true-crime presentation of an Anaheim homicide case. Proceeds go to supporting the community's non-profit Cops for Kids | APAL (C4K).



The Car Seat Check-Up is a recurring event where APD Traffic Officers install and inspect child car seats for child passenger safety.



Coppers & Cycles is a quarterly motorcycle safety event hosted by APD Traffic Motor Instructors to help motorcycle riders enhance their riding skills and lead them to become more confident, safer riders.



Coffee With A Cop events are held at local businesses, where residents have the opportunity to casually build relationships with officers who work and have knowledge of what goes on in their area.



Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) provide volunteer support to aid police personnel in the delivery of services to the citizens of Anaheim by supplementing existing departmental services.



PACE (Public Awareness through Citizen Education) is a 14-week course designed to teach citizens about the philosophy, policies and principles of law enforcement.



Anaheim Anytime is an online service providing the community the ability to share problems, issues or other concerns they see in their neighborhood or around the city 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Anaheim Alerts is a notification system used to contact you during urgent or emergency situations with useful information and updates. Sign up at Anaheim.net.



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@AnaheimPD social media platforms enhance public safety education and awareness. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and X!



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