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Lake Forest Police Services



Provided by the Orange County Sheriff's Department

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2023 Annual Report



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 before Self

Professionalism in the Performance of Duty

Vigilance in Safeguarding our Community





Lake Forest Police Services

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Lake Forest Police Services

General Overview

The City of Lake Forest was formally incorporated on December 20, 1991. Before its incorporation, the area was recognized as El Toro and primarily functioned as an agricultural region. With the establishment of the El Toro Marine Base, however, the landscape shifted towards residential, commercial, and industrial development, gradually supplanting the agricultural activities. Consequently, there arose a demand for additional housing and ancillary services. In the year 2000, Lake Forest experienced further expansion as the community voted to extend the city's boundaries to encompass the master-planned developments of Portola Hills and Foothill Ranch.

Police Services is responsible for public safety and general law enforcement, including patrol services, traffic enforcement, and criminal investigation. Police Services also provides a variety of crime prevention outreach programs for the public, including Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and other community awareness programs.

Captain Christine Berryman was selected as the Chief of Police Services in March 2023. She commands and directs the overall operation of Police Services in the city and is assigned to City Hall.





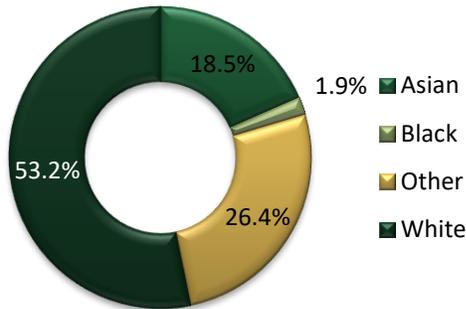
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City Demographics

Demographic Composition

Population: 85,965

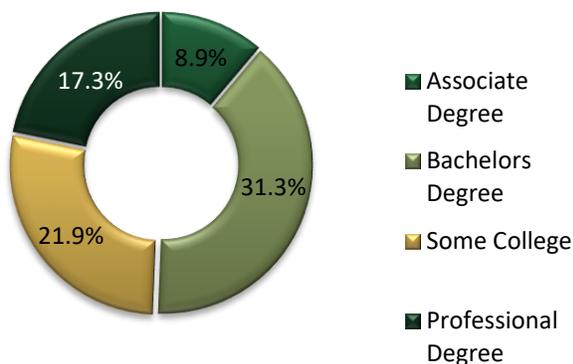
Distribution by Ethnicity & Race



Development

Residential: 3,756 acres
 Commercial & Professional Office: 353 acres
 Business Park & Light Industrial: 925 acres
 Open Space & Parks: 3,065 acres

Educational Attainment



Lake Forest Parks & Amenities

30 Neighborhood/Community Parks
 Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park
 Heritage Hill Historical Park
 Lake Forest Sports Park
 Lake Forest Golf & Practice Center
 Serrano Creek & Aliso Creek Trails
 Etnies Skatepark of Lake Forest
 The Arbor on El Toro
 Foothill Ranch Town Centre

Education Profile

Total Public Schools: 11
 Total Private Schools: 4

2023 City Council

Mayor
 Doug Cirbo

Mayor Pro Tem
 Mark Tettermer

Council Member
 Scott Voigts

Council Member
 Robert Pequeno

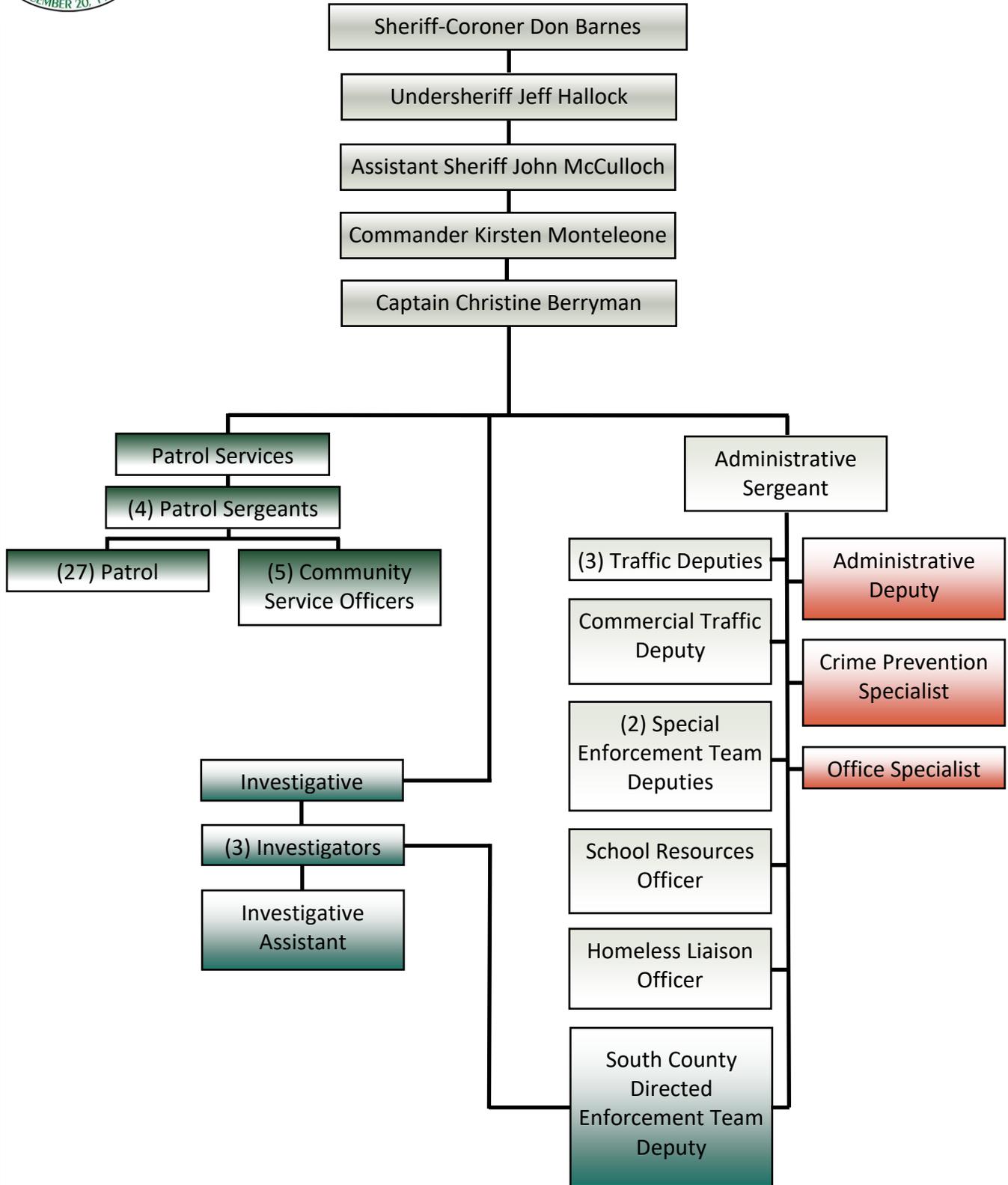
Council Member
 Benajmin Yu

*City Demographics and Statistics are found on the City's website:
<https://lakeforestbusiness.com/239/Demographic>



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2023 Organizational Chart





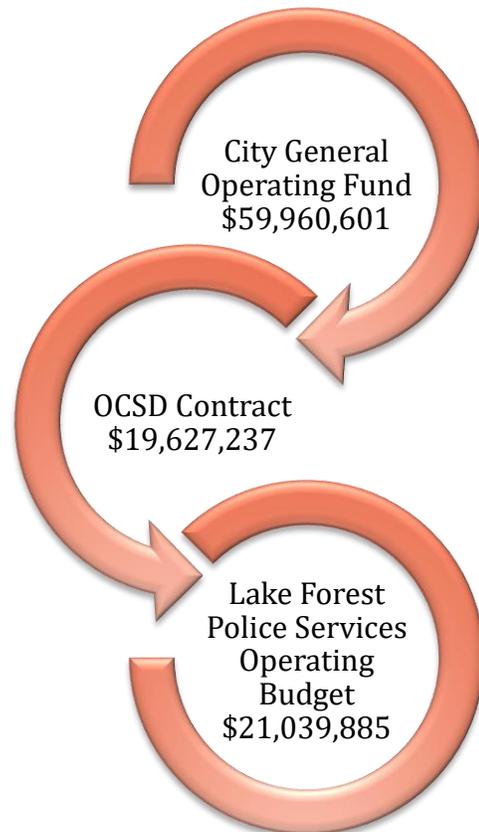
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Police Services Budget

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Number of Personnel	Sworn Staff
1	Captain
5	Sergeants
3	Investigators
27	Patrol Deputies
2	Motor Deputies
1	Commercial Traffic Deputy
1	Traffic Enforcement Deputy
2	Special Enforcement Deputies
1	Directed Enforcement Deputy
1	School Resources Officer
1	Homeless Liaison Officer
1	Administrative Deputy
Number of Personnel	Professional Staff
1	Investigative Assistant
5	Community Service Officers
1	Crime Prevention Specialist
1	Office Specialist
Total OCSD Contract Staff: 54	

City Programs
Public Safety Manager
23 Crossing Guards
Animal Care
Special Events



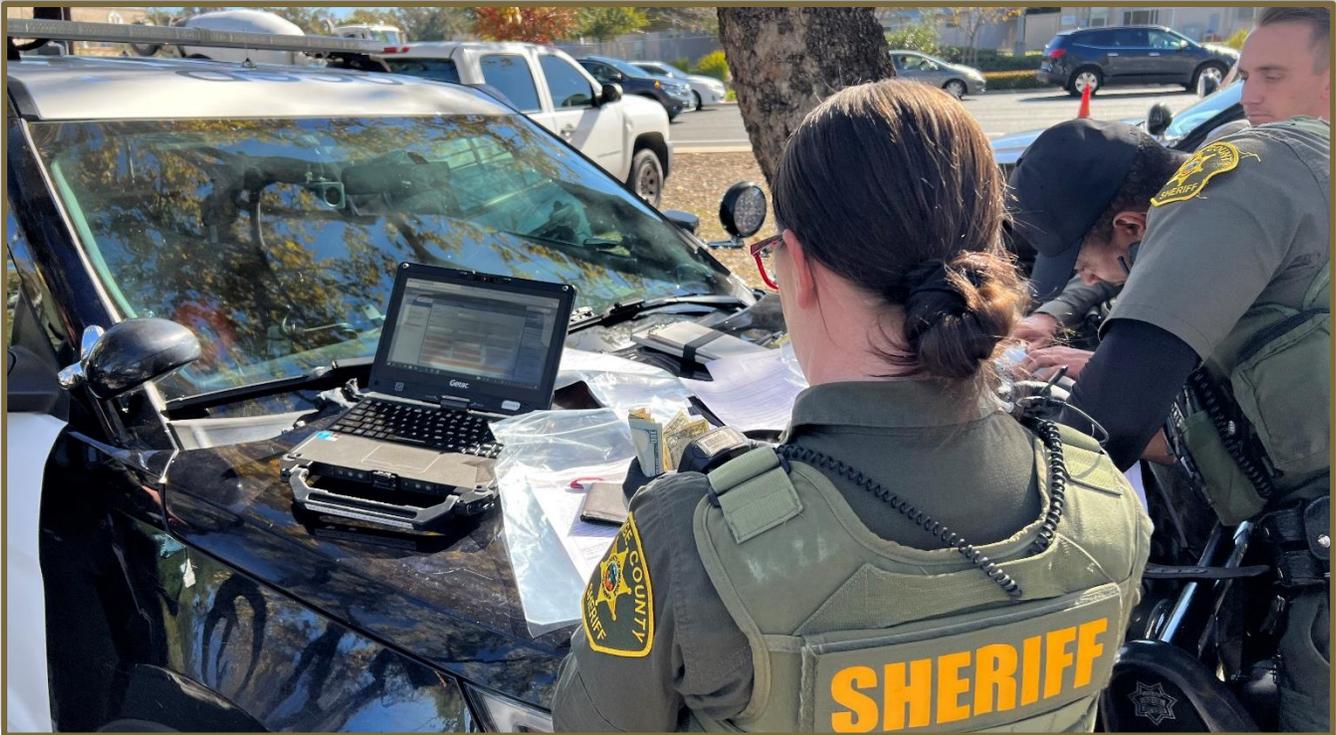
**Police Services Operating Budget during 2022-2023 Fiscal Year:
\$21,431,000**

*Police Services Budget is provided by the City's Finance Department



Lake Forest Police Services

Police Services Staffing



The men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department tirelessly uphold the law with impartiality, safeguarding lives and property within the community of Lake Forest. They maintain a constant presence on the streets, ensuring safety around the clock, and fulfill multiple roles as enforcers, peacemakers, mediators, mentors, counselors, educators, and role models.

Understanding the crucial role of law enforcement in our society, staffing levels are carefully calibrated to address the city's anticipated service demands. Supervision is overseen by one captain, four patrol sergeants, and one administrative sergeant. As of 2023, Lake Forest was served by 27 patrol deputy positions. Additionally, the department includes two Motor Deputies, one Commercial Enforcement Deputy, one Traffic Enforcement Deputy, two Special Enforcement Team (SET) Deputies, one Directed Enforcement Team (DET) Deputy, one School Resource Officer, one Homeless Liaison Officer, one Administrative Deputy, five Community Service Officers (CSO), three Investigators, and one Investigative Assistant, all actively engaged in protecting the community. This team is supported by the Crime Prevention Specialist and Office Specialist.

Lake Forest Police Services boasts five Master Field Training Officers and 10 Field Training Officers, responsible for the comprehensive training of 15 deputies through the Field Training Program in 2023.



Special Recognition

Medal of Valor Awards

The Sheriff's Advisory Council hosts the Medal of Valor ceremony to recognize and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments made by the men and women from the Orange County Sheriff's Department. This year, Lake Forest investigator, Rodney Elcock, was honored at the 35th annual Medal of Valor ceremony. He was presented the Medal of Merit for his diligence and dedication in investigating a robbery case that included more than 10 search warrants and the suspects being extradited from Las Vegas, NV.



Gold Star Award



Deputy Jarlin Debolt was honored as a 2022-2023 Gold Star Recipient. Deputy Debolt holds the esteemed roles of Master Field Training Officer and a member of the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), having undergone specialized training in weapons and tactics. She has earned recognition for her outstanding work ethic, proactive policing, and steadfast dedication to public safety. Among her notable achievements over the past year, Deputy Debolt played a pivotal role in several significant cases, including a remarkable car stop resulting in the recovery of over 2 kilograms of fentanyl.



Special Recognition

MADD Award

Deputy Jeremiah Stephens was honored with the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Recognition Award for his unwavering commitment to enhancing road safety. Deputy Stephens' exceptional achievement of making 41 DUI arrests in Lake Forest throughout 2022 underscores his remarkable vigilance and determination in addressing this crucial issue.



Deputy of the Year



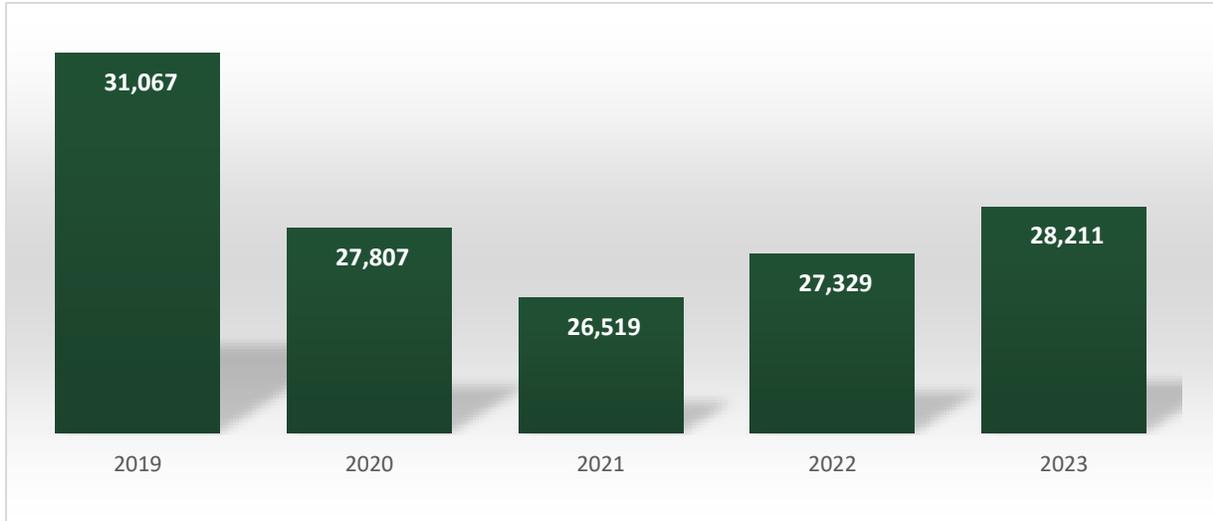
Deputy Daniel Serrano has been honored as this year's Deputy of the Year in recognition of his unwavering work ethic, reliability, and dedication to mentoring others. His exceptional abilities were showcased during an active shooter incident at Cook's Corner on August 23, 2023, where he courageously engaged the suspect and rescued numerous victims. In addition to his heroic actions, Deputy Serrano has served as a Field Training Officer, guiding more than 15 trainees through their training process. His commitment to excellence in training led to his designation as a Master Field Training Officer in October 2023.



Patrol Statistics

Calls for Service

Lake Forest Police Services responded to 28,211 calls for service in 2023. The total calls for service include calls that were generated through dispatch and by the patrol deputies' self-initiated observations.



Preventative Patrol Time

Consumed time is the measurement of time a deputy spends responding to calls for service, conducting self-initiated activities, finishing reports, attending briefings, lunch breaks, and other activities that consume a deputy's time.

Preventative Patrol Time is time used by deputies to be visible for crime suppression, speak with people in the community, enforce traffic laws and look for criminal activity. A deputy visibly patrolling the city helps deter crime, promotes a sense of security within the community, and provides faster response times to priority or life-threatening calls for service.

Consumed Time	Preventative Patrol Time
57.7%	40.3%

*Calls for Service Statistics are calculated using the Orange County Sheriff's Department's Operations Dashboard

** Patrol Time calculated using Patrol Daily Activity Review (PDAR)



Patrol Statistics

Response Times

Emergency Response calls are all calls for service that have the potential of being a life-threatening incident and require the deputies to respond using the vehicle's lights and sirens.

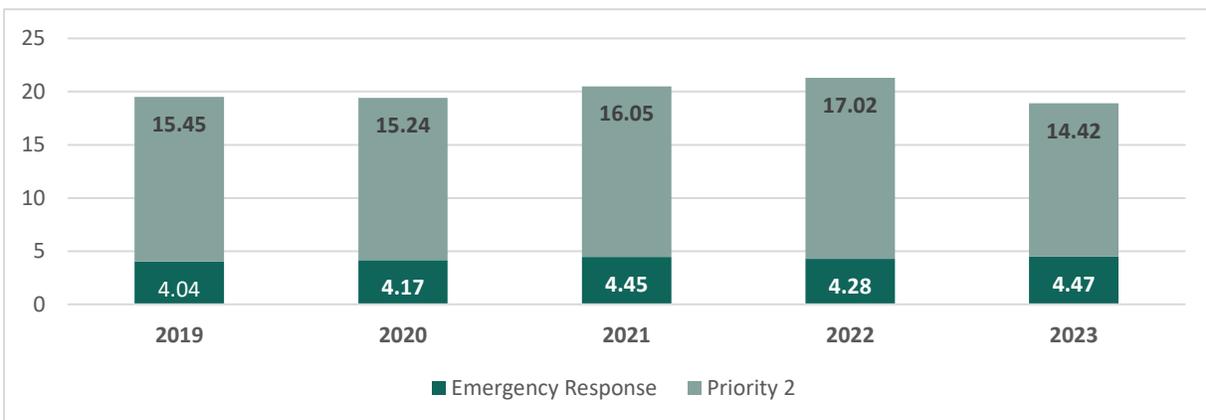
In 2013, the Sheriff's Department began looking at all emergency response calls that took longer than 5 minutes to determine and record the reason for a delay in response. It was found that the program responsible for calculating response times did not consider many situations that affect response times, including but not limited to calls that escalate or de-escalate in severity. As a result, emergency calls are calculated utilizing the Interquartile Range (IQR) method to report a more accurate "reconciled" response time.

- ❖ The average reconciled response time during 2023 for Emergency Response calls was **4 minutes and 47 seconds**.

Priority 2 calls include serious crimes that just occurred, incidents likely to escalate to a crime against a person, or any incident where a delay would impede a further investigation or cause someone to be in jeopardy.

- ❖ The average response time during 2023 for priority 2 calls was **14 minutes and 42 seconds** from when the call was received to when a deputy arrived at the scene.

Response Times 5-Year Comparison





Lake Forest Police Services

Patrol Statistics

Arrest Statistics

Police Services made a total of 1,329 arrests for 2023. The number of street arrests totaled 429. A street arrest is an arrest that results in the suspect being transported and booked at the Intake/Release Center in Santa Ana. A total number of 665 citation arrests were made in the same time frame. A citation arrest is a misdemeanor arrest that results in the suspect being released in the field after being issued a criminal citation. Another category is warrant arrests with a total of 235 for 2023. Arrest statistics vary year-to-year based on several factors including but not limited to: staffing levels, calls for service and crime trends.

Type of Arrest	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Street Arrests	799	657	663	439	429
Citation Arrests	962	730	628	694	665
Warrant Arrests	163	73	188	285	235
Total	1,924	1,460	1,479	1,418	1,329



*Arrest Statistics are received from the OCSB Information Services Bureau and the Command Center CompStats Dashboard



Crime Statistics

In June 2021, the Orange County Sheriff’s Department began the process of transitioning from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to the new National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) requirements. The transition to NIBRS represents a significant shift – and improvement – in how reported crime is measured and estimated by the federal government.

NIBRS captures detailed data about the characteristics of criminal incidents. NIBRS data more accurately reflect the types of crime addressed by police agencies, like simple assault, animal cruelty, destruction of property, intimidation, and identity theft. The broad scope of the information collected in NIBRS will greatly improve the nation’s understanding of crime and public safety.

Although some individuals might perceive the additional data collected through NIBRS as an apparent rise in crime, a closer look at how NIBRS provides more data also shows why it replaced the SRS as the UCR data standard. This report addresses the following ways more data are obtained via NIBRS:

- Without the SRS Hierarchy Rule, NIBRS captures more offenses when two or more occur in the same incident.
- With expanded offense categories, NIBRS captures more offenses to establish a broader baseline for crime.
- With greater specificity for reporting, NIBRS captures more detailed information about each crime occurrence.

Crime	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Criminal Homicide	1	1	3	0	0
Rape	14	7	9	9	11
Robbery	36	14	26	26	35
Assaults	108	44	57	45	58
Burglary - Residence	73	48	35	33	32
Burglary – Non-Residence	66	60	89	57	92
Larceny-Theft	510	503	626	624	652
Auto Theft	112	73	100	81	125
Arson	10	2	4	5	12
Total	930	752	949	880	1017

* The statistics provided from DOJ – Open Justice



Investigations

Investigators write follow-up reports; examine crime scenes; interview victims, witnesses, and suspects; and present cases to the District Attorney’s Office for criminal filings. Investigators are highly trained and not only investigate crimes, but study patterns of criminal offenses to deter further criminal activity within the community.

The Investigators assigned to the City of Lake Forest investigate felony crimes such as residential and commercial burglaries, aggravated assaults, as well as misdemeanor crimes like vandalism and petty theft, and other non-criminal cases such as runaways or missing juveniles.

Out of the 28,211 calls for service, 1,298 cases were assigned to Lake Forest Investigations. Other cases were assigned to special investigation units such as the Bank Robbery Apprehension Team (BRAT), Economic Crimes, Homicide, and Special Victims Detail. The remaining reports were cleared by arrest, citation or dismissed.

Total Cases Assigned to Lake Forest Investigations

2021	2022	2023
1,338	1,557	1,298

Total Cases Assigned to Southeast Investigations

2023
2,655

*Statistics gathered from the Field Base Reporting System and provided by Real Time Operations Center (RTOC) Analyst



Lake Forest Police Services

Traffic Enforcement

Traffic issues continue to be a priority of the community. Police Services has been very responsive to this and has reacted with a combination of education and enforcement. The goal of Police Services in this regard is to reduce traffic accidents by utilizing a heightened level of police presence, education, and enforcement.

Motor Deputies

The primary assignment of the City's two motor deputies is to enforce the California Vehicle Code and the prima facie speed limits in the city. However, if a need arises, Patrol Deputies, Investigators, and Community Service Officers can utilize the motor deputies to assist with traffic accident investigations.



Commercial Traffic Officer

The City's Commercial Traffic Officer is assigned to enforce the laws that govern commercial vehicles. He is a sworn peace officer and is specifically trained in this area. This officer is assigned to day shift, to accommodate the high level of commercial vehicles in the city. He is also available to handle traffic collisions and routine calls.

Community Service Officers

The city has four Community Service Officers assigned to perform parking enforcement and complete reports of non-injury and injury traffic collisions. They are non-sworn personnel and are specifically trained in these areas. These officers are assigned to separate shifts to provide the best coverage for the city. In July 2017, the city added a fifth CSO position whose primary role is parking enforcement.





Traffic Statistics

Parking Enforcement

Parking citations include street sweeping, permit parking, handicap, and vehicle code violations. In 2023, Police Services' staff issued a total of 4,357 parking violations.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
7,179	6,510	6,273	4,592	4,357

Hazardous Moving Citations

A hazardous moving citation constitutes any act or omission of the vehicle code that is done while the vehicle is moving. This would include violations such as speeding, following too closely and failure to yield. Most of these types of violations are commonly found to be the primary factors in traffic accidents. Enforcement has proven to be one of the major factors in the reduction of traffic accidents. In 2023, Lake Forest deputies issued a total of 2,144 hazardous moving citations.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
2,072	1,603	1,018	2,591	2,144

All Other Citations

"All other" citations include all traffic related citations other than parking and hazardous moving violations, such as licensing and equipment violations. Deputies issued a total of 1,584 citations in 2023.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1,869	1,254	726	453	1,584

*Traffic Citation Statistics vary based on a number of factors including but not limited to traffic trends, staffing, and calls for service

**Parking Enforcement Statistics are received from the Citation Processing Center

***Citation Statistics are received from the OCSD Operations Dashboard



Traffic Statistics

The enforcement index is a measure of traffic enforcement effectiveness related to the incidents of fatal and injury collisions. The index is based on the percentage of citations issued for hazardous violations compared to fatal and injury collisions. The index is determined by dividing the number of hazardous violations by fatal and injury collisions. Per the Office of Traffic Safety, an enforcement index in the 25-35 percent range is desirable.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
13.11 %	13.39%	16.4%	18%	12.25%

Traffic Accidents

The City of Lake Forest had a total of 327 reported traffic accidents in 2023. There were 4 fatal incidents resulting from these traffic accidents. Below is a graph showing the breakdown of traffic accidents in the city during 2023.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Non-Injury	293	208	236	173	152
Injury	152	114	150	138	171
Fatalities	6	1	4	6	4



*The Enforcement Index & Traffic Accidents Statistics are received from the OCSD Operations Dashboard



Lake Forest Police Services

Specialty Details

Special Enforcement Team (SET)

The Special Enforcement Team (SET) handles specific community issues, enforces laws, and assists the Investigative team with identifying and apprehending suspects in Lake Forest. This two-Deputy team also assists Patrol Deputies and Investigators in dealing with gang members, parolees, and probationers. The SET team also operates frequent DUI surveillances.

Directed Enforcement Team (DET)

The Directed Enforcement Team (DET) handles specific crime problems or concerns of South County Communities. The goal of DET is to apprehend offenders, search premises, and seize evidence of illegal activity. The team is comprised of two Sergeants, one Investigator, and eight Deputies. One Lake Forest Deputy is assigned to the team for an eighteen-month rotation.

Bicycle Patrol Team

The Bicycle Patrol Team is an integral part of the Community Policing Program. They can provide enforcement in specific areas such as shopping centers, bike trails, business parks, community parks, and special events, while providing a one-on-one interaction with the community. Lake Forest Police Services supplies specially trained Deputies and law enforcement equipped police bicycles for the team.



School Resource Officer

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is a sworn peace officer that is dedicated to serving the students and staff at the schools within Lake Forest. The SRO has been to copious amounts of specialized training for the purpose of assisting with school security and safety. This allows for all students and staff to be able to function in a safe learning environment. In addition, the SRO will also assist in providing educational opportunities such as “Every Fifteen Minutes” (a DUI awareness program), Red Ribbon Week, and bicycle safety rodeos.





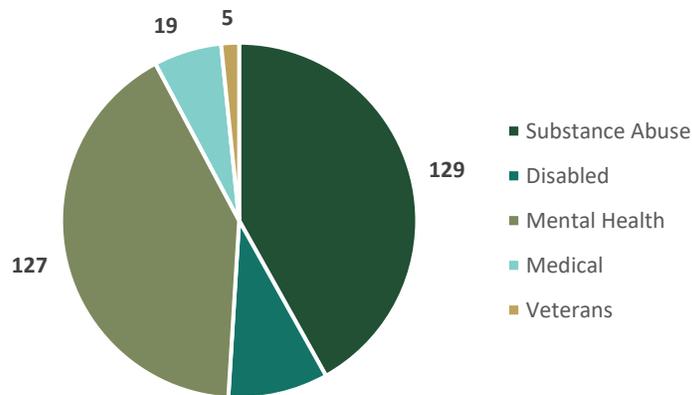
Specialty Details

Homeless Liaison Officer (HLO)

The City's Homeless Liaison Officer is assigned to handle homeless individuals and patrol city parks for public safety concerns such as suspicious persons or activity, loitering problems, and vandalism concerns. The Deputy dedicated to this position has specialized training to handle mental illness, homelessness, and graffiti enforcement. He is equipped with information on obtaining resources and services offered by governmental, private, and faith-based organizations to individuals in need.



Homeless Assisted with Resources in 2023



Field Interviews	Sheltered	Physical Arrests	Citations	Probationers	Parolees
256	20	18	26	30	5

*The statistics regarding the homeless are received from the ESRI Dashboard



Specialty Details

T.A.G.R.S.

The Tracking Automated and Graffiti Reporting System (TAGRS) is a program used to store and track graffiti incidents and designed to help investigators identify and prosecute graffiti suspects. TAGRS receives its data from two sources. The main source is from an agency contracted through the City. They enter the graffiti information including the address, amount of damage, photos of the graffiti and the date and time it was discovered through an internet portal. After they document the damage, it is electronically sent through the internet portal to the law enforcement official responsible for investigating crimes within Lake Forest. The law enforcement official will receive these incidents, including photos of the damage through TAGRS and they will have the ability to view, edit, and update the report with known information including the moniker, gang or crew name. The second source of data will come from crime reports. These reports will be entered into TAGRS along with the photos of the damage. The investigating officer will then be responsible for adding any other known information, such as damage amount, moniker, and gang or crew name.

Upon the discovery of the identity of a graffiti suspect, the information will be added to TAGRS. Any future searches of TAGRS might reveal or uncover further graffiti incidents involving the same suspect allowing the suspect to be charged for all past incidents of graffiti.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Complaints	241	208	304	595	455
Removal Cost	\$18,075	\$15,600	\$22,800	\$44,625	\$33,115



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Crime Prevention

The City's Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) works closely with the community of all ages to help educate the residents on how to help prevent crime and promote safety within their sphere of influence. Some of the many programs run by the CPS are as follows.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch focuses on each neighborhood separately and the concerns they may have in their area of the city. The CPS educates residents how they can better protect themselves and their property, how the sheriff's department operates for better communication between residents and deputies and helps promote communication between neighbors.

Business Watch

This program has the same premise as neighborhood watch but applied to the business population of Lake Forest. Businesses are encouraged to submit emergency contact information to be utilized by deputies should a major crime occur. This program will soon offer training and educational seminars in topics relating to robbery prevention, business security, how to be a good witness, counterfeit money detection, and many others.

Social Media

The Crime Prevention Specialist is currently using four Social Media platforms - Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor. By using these applications, Police Services can provide crime prevention tips, reinforce current crime prevention campaigns, alert residents of suspicious activity, ask for assistance in locating a missing person, inform followers of the latest scams and highlight the accomplishments of deputies.

Community Outreach

The CPS is also involved in numerous community events throughout the year including but not limited to: National Night Out, Get Safe Child Safety Academy, Red Ribbon Week, Bike Rodeos, Walk-to-School events, station tours, and informational booths at special events.





Lake Forest Police Services

Volunteers

Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Senior (STARS)

The City of Lake Forest is proud to have a program where retired seniors can volunteer their time and talents to the community. The Sheriff's Team of Active Retired Seniors (STARS) consists of 24 seniors who provide a variety of services to Lake Forest on a daily basis. Some of the duties performed by the STARS are:

- Clerical support
- Van patrol
- Shopping center patrols
- Fire watch
- City park watch
- Vacation home checks
- Special events



	2020	2021	2022	2023
Hours Donated	1,176	2,224	3,264	3,852
	\$51,744	\$97,856	\$143,616	\$169,488

The County of Orange (CEO'S Office) assigns an hourly rate for each volunteer category. STAR Volunteers fall under the category of a PSR (Professional Service Responder) at an hourly rate of \$44.00 per hour.



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Volunteers

Reserves



Reserves support the Orange County Sheriff's Department patrol operations and contract cities. Reserve Deputies act as a second officer in a patrol car, perform crowd/riot control, maintain crime scene security, perform foot patrol, bike patrol, work special events, traffic control, and transport suspects to jail. These duties help free-up regular patrol deputies to continue to provide police services without delay in response times and be proactive in policing and preventing crimes in Lake Forest. Utilizing the Reserves saves time and money when additional staffing is required. Reserve Deputies donated 499 uncompensated hours to Lake Forest in 2023. Based on the hourly rate of \$62.15, the County CEO's office, Reserve Deputies saved the city approximately \$31,012 in 2023.

	2021	2022	2023
Hours Donated	440	728.5	499
	\$24,860	\$45,276	\$31,012.85



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Volunteers

Explorers



The Explorer Program is sponsored by the Orange County Sheriff's Department as a community-based policing program. This successful program educates and involves young men and women in police operations to learn leadership skills and personal responsibilities. Whether or not they pursue law enforcement as a career, the Explorers can give back to their community through this volunteer program. The Explorers volunteered over 855 hours to Lake Forest in 2023. Based on the hourly rate of \$15.00, Explorers saved the city approximately \$12,825 in 2023.

	2021	2022	2023
Hours Donated	207	850.5	855
	\$3,105	\$12,757	\$12,825



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Fallen Officers

Darryn L. Robins



Born 1963

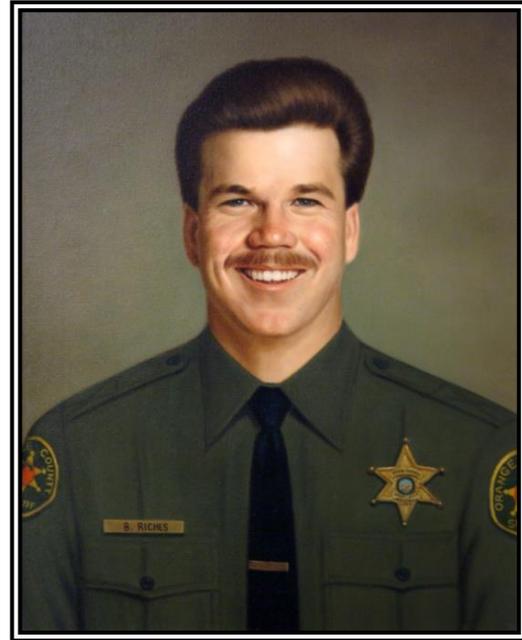


End of Watch
December 25, 1993

Bradley J. Riches



Born 1965



End of Watch
June 12, 1999

Both Deputies gave their lives while in service to the residents of Lake Forest and will be forever remembered.

