



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Cathedral City Police Department is to provide the community with progressive and professional police services dedicated to ensure public order, a sense of community well-being, and a responsiveness with integrity and excellence.

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

TRAVIS E. WALKER, CHIEF OF POLICE

As Chief of Police, it is my honor and a pleasure to present the 2018 Annual Report. I am confident that you will find the information contained in this report to be a valuable resource relating to the operations of your Police Department. The year 2018 was one of great progress for our community, highlighted by yet another year where we saw a reduction Part I crime. Part I crimes include: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Burglary, Aggravated Assaults, Auto Theft, Larceny, and Arson. The achievements by the men and women of our organization are an example of our steadfast commitment to our mission to provide the community with progressive and professional police services.



I attribute our success in 2018 to our continued efforts to collaboratively work with our community stakeholders. Our community can be proud of the outstanding work performed by the dedicated men and women of the Cathedral City Police Department, both sworn and professional staff. They have courageously and diligently demonstrated that teamwork, along with a "can do" attitude, can improve the quality of life for our residents, who we proudly serve. As we continue to build our community policing model using advanced technology and our ongoing data-driven deployment, I remain confident that in the years ahead our department, in partnership with the community, will continue to help keep Cathedral City a safe place to live, work, and visit.

In closing, it continues to be my privilege serving this community as your Chief, and I remain committed to ensuring that the professional men and women of this organization continue to provide the community with effective public safety strategies, community engagement and inclusion, and organizational excellence.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Travis Walker

Chief of Police

POLICE OFFICER MEMORIAL

With the help of our community partners, in 2018 we were able to create a memorial plaza just west of the Police Department to honor our two Officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving the City of Cathedral City. The memorial, titled "The Protector", tastefully expresses the immense responsibility of all Peace Officers to serve in such a manner that it honors the great responsibility of trust that has been bestowed upon us by the community, while also allowing the community to understand the human aspect of those who volunteer to protect them from all forms of evil.



POLICE OFFICER DAVID VASQUEZ
End of Watch: Friday, October 28, 1988

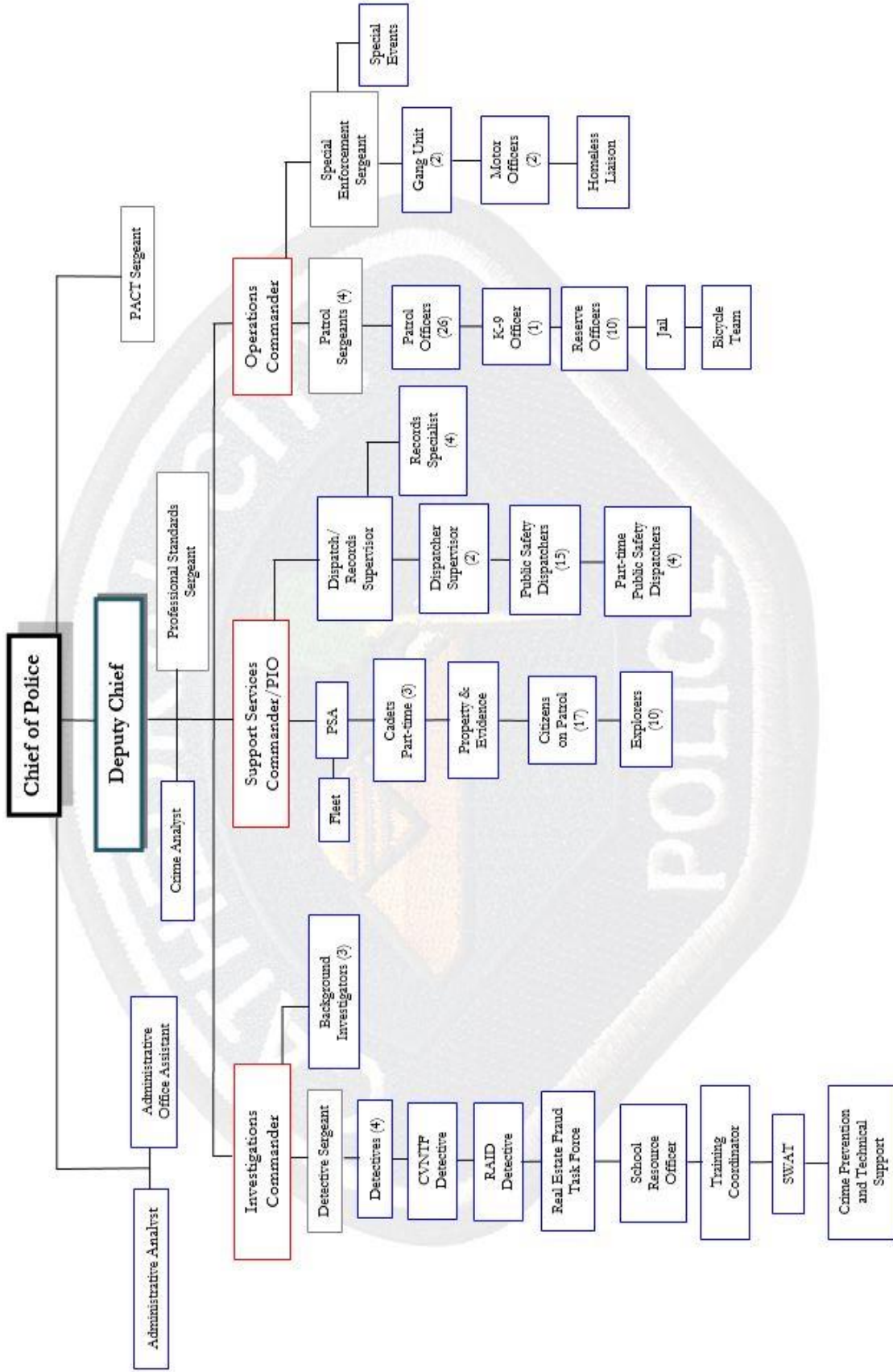
Officer Vasquez was assigned to provide traffic control at a non-injury collision. A civilian driver, later found to be driving on a suspended license, drove into the closed lane and struck Officer Vasquez at approximately 30-40 mph, killing him almost instantly.



POLICE OFFICER JERMAINE GIBSON
End of Watch: Saturday, March 19, 2011

Officer Gibson attempted to pull over a stolen vehicle in Cathedral City and a vehicle pursuit ensued. Officer Gibson was tragically killed when his vehicle left the road and crashed into a tree in the city of Palm Springs.

CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CRIME STATISTICS

PART I Crime Comparison

(Murder, Robbery, Burglary, Larceny, Aggravated Assaults, Rape, Auto Theft, Arson)

2016 Total Part 1 Crimes = 1,250

2017 Total Part 1 Crimes = 910

2018 Total Part 1 Crimes = 901

2018 Part 1 Crimes down 1%

2018 Total Arrests: 1,990

Traffic Collisions: 297

DUI Arrests: 195

Homeless Liaison calls: 492

Traffic Citations issued: 2,922

Criminal Reports Taken: 6,690

Response Times to Priority Calls: 6mins

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division, the largest division of the Police Department, is comprised of the Patrol Bureau, Traffic Bureau, Homeless Liaison Officer, and Gang Unit. This division is responsible for the following: first police response to emergencies; preliminary and follow-up investigations on property, person, grand theft auto crimes; and basic police patrol services.

In 2018, Patrol Officers handled 58,896 calls. The Police Department is currently staffed with 51 duly sworn Peace Officers, and 32 Professional Staff employees.



Commander
Dane Dickson
District 3



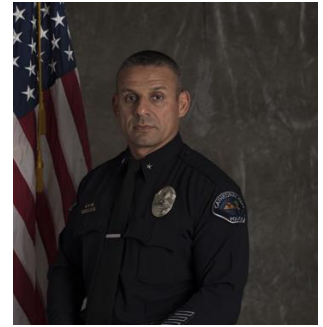
Officers Lamb
and Vega at a
traffic accident
scene.



CCPD Bike Team
patrolling CV-Link
and performing
homeless outreach

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Investigations is comprised of Detectives, Specialized Detectives and Evidence Units, and is responsible for conducting critical incident investigations, follow-up criminal investigations, and preparing cases for prosecution. Detective Bureau investigations include homicides, officer-involved shootings, assaults, armed robberies, sexual assaults, domestic violence, fraud cases, computer crimes, and identity theft. Specialized Detectives conduct investigations of cases involving drugs, vice activities, criminal intelligence gathering to include gangs, and dissemination of intelligence information. Specialized Detectives also aid Federal and State task forces. In 2018, the detectives investigated 235 cases. These cases included two Homicides, 14 Robbery investigations, and 32 Burglaries.



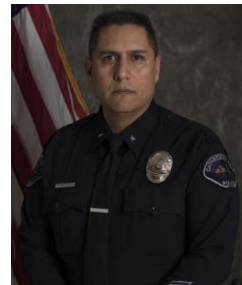
Commander Julio Luna
Districts 4 & 5



The Cathedral City Police Detective Bureau was recognized as, the Detective Unit of the Year, by the Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce at their yearly Peace Officer & Public Safety Awards Luncheon. This was a result of excellent investigative work that led to the identification and arrest of a violent sexual assault suspect.

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Support Services Division is responsible for:
The Communications Center, Records, Training, Property and Evidence, and Community Relations.



Commander Paul Herrera
Districts 1 & 2
Public Information Officer

Records Division

Submitted 1,928 criminal cases to the District Attorney's Office
Processed 1,226 parking citations
Processed 2,822 traffic citations



Property and Evidence Division

308 Evidence requests from District Attorney
5,511 items of evidence processed
182 firearms were seized



October 2018
Community Academy



Training Division

Sworn and Civilian employees attended over 4,500 hours of mandated training in De-escalation of Force, Perishable Skills and Crisis Intervention Training in 2018

COMMUNICATIONS

The Dispatch Center provides the vital initial contact between the communities of Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs for Police Services, and the Cathedral City Fire Department. Acting as the Public Safety Answering Point, the Dispatch Center is also responsible for answering all inbound Emergency 9-1-1 calls, including medical aid and fire related calls. Dispatchers must immediately evaluate each call to determine an appropriate police and/or fire response, refer to another division, or transfer to the appropriate agency. Additionally, dispatchers must possess exceptional communication skills, along with the ability to multi-task in a high-stress environment. Several of our dispatchers have received training as "tactical dispatchers" and respond to Crisis Negotiation and SWAT calls, providing key communications support for high-risk operations.

Our Dispatch Center handles the highest call volume in the Coachella Valley, and our fifteen full-time dispatchers answered 189,742 calls in 2018. Those calls resulted in Cathedral City Police Officers being dispatched to 46,730 calls, while 35,436 calls were dispatched to Desert Hot Springs Police Officers, and 5,732 calls were dispatched to Cathedral City Fire services.



CITIZENS ON PATROL

The Cathedral City Police Department has operated a Citizens on Patrol program for over 25 years. Cathedral City COP's currently have 12 active members that participate and contribute in significant ways. COP members assist the department in staffing community and governmental events. They conduct vacation checks on residences and business checks in commercial districts, they assist at crime scenes, traffic collision scenes, and have assisted with weather related emergencies and language translation. They perform weekly neighborhood patrols and notify officers of crime and traffic issues.

The COP crime-prevention value, through their daily patrols, is immeasurable. What can be measured is their contribution of time. The Cathedral City COP members average over 475 hours of volunteer time a month. In 2018, they volunteered over 5,690 hours of service to Cathedral City. They are truly ambassadors for the city and the department, adding a sense of inclusion and well-being to the community. If interested in volunteering, please contact Sergeant Larry Sanfillippo. lsanfillippo@cathedralcity.gov or (760) 770-0306



COMMUNITY



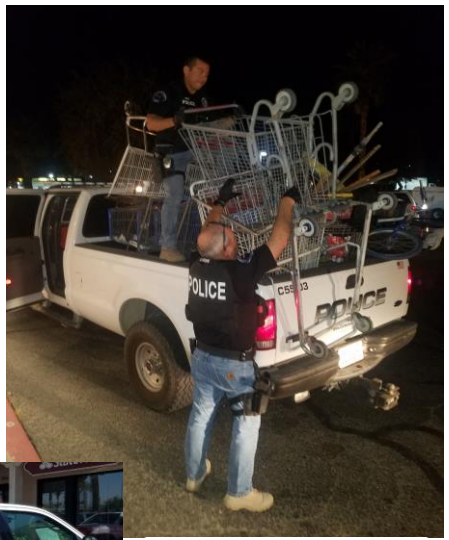
Shop with a Cop!
Several kids were treated to Christmas shopping with the help of donations from local businesses.



Above: SWAT Officer demonstrating the tools they use at the City's Spooktacular Halloween event.



Left: DUI education car. Funded in part by the generous donations of local businesses.
Right: CCPD Quality of Life team helping to clean up the city of abandoned shopping carts.



Left: Homeless outreach services with our partners from CVRM.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



CCPD Officers participated in the 2018 International Walk to School Day



Breast Cancer Awareness



Read Across America with Chief Walker at Cathedral City Elementary

The importance of partnerships between a police department and the community it serves cannot be overstated. It is through these types of partnerships that a high quality of life and low-crime rate can be preserved for those who live and work in Cathedral City, as well as those who visit our great community.

CATHEDRAL CITY POLICE EXPLORERS

The Explorer Program is designed to assist young adults through training, education and preparing them for a career in law enforcement. The Police Department has strict policies in place to develop responsibility and professionalism while also instilling strong morals and ethics in our young adults that carry over to many careers other than law enforcement. Candidates who wish to become Explorers must successfully complete and pass the testing and background process to become Explorers.

Explorers assist Police Officers and Police Personnel in a variety of assignments such as Patrol, DUI Check Points, Dispatch, Records as well as attending the Explorers Conference Competition in Las Vegas, Training Academy in San Diego, and the Central Coast Law Enforcement Explorers Competition in Paso Robles. In a recent Explorer competition in Chandler, Arizona, our Explorers won 3rd place in two different tactical competition events, beating out 60 other teams from around the country. If interested in our Explorer Program, contact Officer Jeffrey Barnett. jbarnett@cathedralcity.gov or (760) 770-0710





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