



PUEBLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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Pueblo County Sheriff

...ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT, 2006...

To the Citizens of Pueblo County:

The men and women of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office continue to serve our community with honor, integrity, and commitment to public safety and security.

This annual report presents an excellent opportunity to provide you with information regarding the operations of your sheriff's office, the effective application of your valuable tax dollars and the general condition of our community. Comments, suggestions, and questions regarding your sheriff's office are always welcome and are vital to the success of our partnership.

With the start of a new year, come new changes. I look forward to serving the citizens of Pueblo County as sheriff. Thank you for your confidence.

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Honor Guard

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was organized and formed approximately fifteen years ago. The award-winning unit is under command of Sergeant Jerry Russell, an original team member of this unit.

This admired unit has had the privilege of being awarded top honors in local community events for their appearance and marching abilities. These events include

the Colorado State Fair Parade, Fiesta Day Parade, Pueblo West Parade, and many other civic events.

This meritorious unit has exemplified and presented the colors of our flag at notable occasions such as: the Denver Bronco Football games, Latino Chamber of Commerce, Home of the Heroes/Medal of Honor ceremonies, Sons of Italy, Martin Luther King events, special events for the County Commissioners and others.

This long-standing unit has presented the colors at numerous CLETA graduation ceremonies and other academic events. This unit also has provided law enforcement honors at services of funerals for fallen officers. In 2006, the Honor Guard consists of thirteen members which includes ten men and three women.

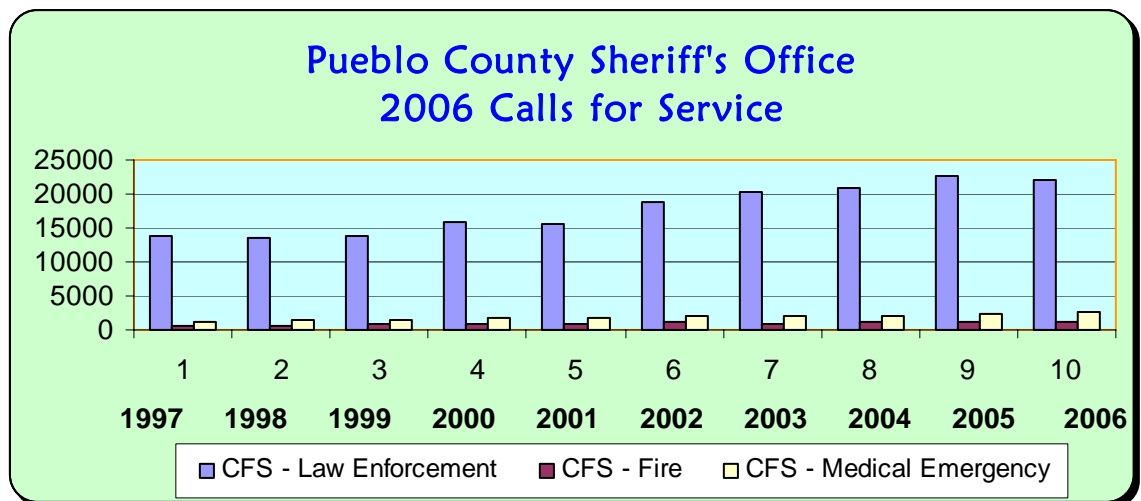
LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

The Sheriff's Office believes in a community-oriented policing philosophy and provides around-the-clock patrol services to all Pueblo County communities. Law Enforcement also handles specialized programs such as Crime Prevention, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), the School Resource Officer Program, A Community Organization for Victim Assistance (ACOVA), K-9 Unit, and the Bicycle Patrol Unit through its four divisions: Patrol, Investigations, High Tech Crimes, and Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Patrol Services

In reviewing the calls for service over the past year (Dec. 1, 2005 thru Nov. 30, 2006) it shows that we had approximately an 5.38% increase in calls for service (cfs) based on case report numbers.

Our busiest month of the year was June followed by August then May. The slowest month of the year was February.



The busiest day of the week on average was Friday followed by Tuesday. The slowest day of the week on average was Sunday.

We averaged 1,263 calls for service per hour during the time period of 8am – 9pm and from 9pm – 8am it drops to an average of 536 calls for service per hour. These numbers are for the entire year and are a yearly average.

In our current staffing of patrol shifts the highest number of staff is scheduled on Fridays, as it is a common workday or double coverage day. During the 1500 – 1700 time frames we do have an assigned overlap of shifts from days to afternoons and from 2100 – 0200 we have an overlap on afternoons to graveyard. Traffic units are also out during the week on day shift with one traffic unit working a later shift such as an early afternoon shift.

Of our calls for service we provided 1,356 VIN inspections and received 1,648 alarm calls. It should be noted that we had 1,127 abandoned 911 calls, 7 accidental 911 calls, 1,636 medical related calls.

By sector the west sector had approx. 10,200 cfs, the east sector had 6,515, and the south sector had 1,770. 19% cfs fall into a category that is not sector specific such as within the city limits or other common areas wherein someone is assigned the call from any of the sectors based on availability and who is closest to the area where the call is. The **south** sector had approx. 78 calls for service more than they did in the previous year, the **west** sector had approx. 447 calls for service more than they did in the previous year and the **east** sector had approx. 224 more than they did in the previous year.

Reserve Program

In 2006, the reserve program had five active reserves. They are required to put in 2 shifts or 20 hours per month as a minimum. Reserve deputies currently supply their own office authorized sidearm but the office will issue them uniforms and some of their other equipment. In order to join the reserves you must contact our human resource division to find out when any scheduled testing will be held or to get on a testing notification list. In order to be a reserve you must complete and pass the same testing that a full time deputy must go through. Only the top candidates will be considered for the reserve program. In order to be a reserve you must be Colorado POST certified or certifiable upon being accepted into the reserve program. If you meet all of the criteria, pass all of the testing and are offered a reserve position you will be required to successfully complete our Field Training and Evaluation program within 2 years.

Our reserve program has been around since the mid 70's and was originally called the Posse. We have several supervisors and command staff members that started their career with the Sheriff's Office as a Posse member. Reserve Deputies provide a valuable service to our community as volunteers working side by side with full time paid deputies.

Crisis Intervention Team

Across the country, there is a dramatic increase in incarceration rates of people with mental illnesses. Colorado is no different – especially Pueblo, home of the State Mental Health Institute. Since 1990, the percentage of persons with serious mental illness in the Colorado prison population has increased from 4 to 16-percent. Alarmingly, over 24-percent of juveniles in the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness. Criminal justice practitioners know that a large number of individuals with mental illness enter the criminal justice system as a result of their unrelated mental illness.

Accessing treatment in Colorado is not an easy task. According to a 2002 Colorado "Population in Need" study, over 66,000 Coloradoans with serious mental illness are unable to access any treatment. Adding to the problem is the fact that public funding for mental health services is decreasing. In the past 2-years, the budget for Colorado's public funding for mental health services was cut by nearly 12-million dollars. Denver's public mental health center alone suffered 5-million in budget reductions.

With a growing number of Coloradoans unable to access mental health services, law enforcement officers are increasingly becoming the "first responders" to mental health crisis calls. Aside from the risk of arrest for inappropriate and sometimes dangerous behavior, both officers and citizens run the risk of these types of calls escalating into volatile and even violent interactions. Prior to CIT, Colorado's law enforcement agencies had no program to educate officers the skills needed to safely and effectively handle calls that dealt with mental illnesses.

Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) gives law enforcement officers new strategies and tools for identifying, preventing, and de-escalating mental health crisis calls. CIT decreases arrest and injury rates for people with mental illnesses, increases officer and citizen safety and enhances public involvement in law enforcement efforts.

CIT results in a corps of law enforcement officers specially trained to handle calls for service for persons who suffer from mental health illness and other disabilities. These specially trained law enforcement officers comprise the Crisis Intervention Team. Given sufficient time and distance, CIT deputies can successfully prevent and/or de-escalate volatile mental health crisis situations – calls that too often become violent interactions that threaten both officer and civilian safety.

When available, CIT trained deputies respond to calls for service that indicate an individual may be experiencing a crisis and is suffering from some type or form of mental illness. When circumstances warrant, CIT deputies follow up with the individual, the individual's family, and/or a mental health agency to determine if further action is necessary.

Created by the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department in 1981, CIT has been replicated in over twenty-four major cities across the country. The core components of the CIT program include: 1) Selective recruitment and intensive 40-hour training of deputies who become specialists in crisis intervention and de-escalation; and, 2) Improved understanding and access to mental health care and services. More often than not, the CIT deputy's efforts result in voluntary transports to appropriate mental health and psychiatric care facilities.

Fueled by the July 2003 Paul Childs death in Denver, there has been an overwhelming emphasis being placed on the law enforcement agencies in Colorado to provide CIT to their respective agents in hope that CIT will provide law enforcement officers with an alternative to physical or physical deadly force when dealing with individuals who are mentally impaired or handicapped at the time of a law enforcement contact or encounter.

In 2004 a coalition was formed by the Fountain Police Department, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Springs Police Department, Pueblo Police Department

and Pueblo County Sheriff's Office to provide CIT training to their respective agents. The coalition is sponsored and funded by the State of Colorado, Division of Criminal Justice and hosted by the Fountain Police Department.

In the spring of 2004, two of our patrol deputies attended CIT training at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and successfully obtained their CIT certification. In the fall of 2004, three of our patrol deputies and one commander attended CIT training at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and successfully obtained CIT certification.

In the spring of 2005, one deputy and one commander attended the CIT facilitator course at the Douglas County Sheriff's office and successfully obtained certification as state-wide CIT field training facilitators. Also this spring two more patrol deputies and one more commander attended CIT training at the Fountain Police Department and successfully obtained their CIT certification.

Currently, we have ten patrol deputies and two patrol commanders certified in CIT. We are now in the process of creating policy for CIT. When implemented, our intent is to use our CIT trained deputies to respond to all calls involving mentally impaired or handicapped individuals. This fall we are anticipating ten slots in the CIT course for our patrol deputies. In March we have another scheduled training.

Since training, we have utilized our CIT deputies on mental health related calls at CSU-Pueblo and county-wide with acceptable results not leading to the use of physical or physical deadly force.

Traffic Division

Colorado law defines the impaired driver to have .05 to .079-blood alcohol content, and a DUI driver to have a blood alcohol content starting at .08 and increasing from that point.

The year 2006 marked the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office fifteenth year of participation in the Colorado Department of Transportation, LEAF Program. This program (Law Enforcement Assistance Fund) funded through grants from monies generated from fines imposed against convicted drunk drivers, is earmarked to assist partnership agencies with the purchase of specialized equipment and budget dollars to fund officer overtime in the enforcement of DUI laws in Pueblo County.

Statistics gathered from 2006 DUI data:

DUI citations totaled 171. Traffic enforcement and citation analysis for 2006 included 3,116 written citations.

2006 TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Traffic Crashes: 839

DUI Arrests: 171

Traffic Citations: 3,116

Counter Reports: 44

Hit and Run Reports: 140

Property Damage: 399

Personal Injury: 195

Private Property Damage: 61

In addition to investigating traffic crashes, issuing citations, implementing traffic missions and arresting DUI drivers, this unit staffed by one sergeant and four deputies, do commercial motor vehicles inspections, Child Safety Seat installation/inspection and participated in safety belt enforcement efforts and conducted numerous safety seat inspections. Our deputies attend monthly traffic-safety coalition meetings with Drive Smart Pueblo. In addition to traffic enforcement, the Traffic Unit conducts over two hundred traffic mission per year in problem traffic areas around Pueblo County.

K-9 Unit

Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4 th	Year Total
DEPLOYMENT TYPE					
Vehicle Narcotic Search	9	9	7	6	31
Building Narcotic Search	3	3	3	4	13
Tracks	5	1	8	5	19
Open Seeks	3	0	0	0	3
Public Demos	3	4	3	10	20
Building Search (suspect)	1	2	1	0	4
Total Deployments	25	20	22	25	92
Callouts	1	2	0	2	5
RESULTS					
Apprehensions	0	0	0	0	0
Surrenders	0	1	0	0	1
Subjects Located	2	1	1	3	7
Agency Assist	0	0	3	0	3
Seizures (metric measure)					
Marijuana	0	.014	.007	.014	.035
Cocaine	0	0	0	.005	.005

2006 K-9 Teams

Sergeant Victor Boley and K-9 Lexx - In 2006, this team obtained all three United States Police Canine certifications in narcotics detection, tracking, and patrol dog work.

Deputy Jonathan Post and K-9 Rainbow – Obtained certification in tracking.

Deputy Brandon Talton and K-9 Duke – Obtained all three united States Police Canine certifications.

In addition to the existing K-9 Units, we located a suitable candidate named K-9 Major to begin training with Deputy Jonathan Post as a multi-purpose Police K-9.

The 2006 year was yet another challenging year and a continued struggle for the K-9 Handlers to find adequate time for training and proactive interdiction efforts. The drug seizures were minimal but the K-9 units did support the District 70 schools as a deterrent against drugs and assisted law enforcement officers with tracking suspects. With the recent retirement of the experienced K-9 King, we worked diligently to bring our new dog, K-9 Lexx, up to the minimum standards as set by the United States Police Canine Association.

Civil/Fugitive Unit

In 2006, this unit that consists of one sergeant, two detectives, and two criminal justice technicians generated \$183,512.37 in revenue for services. Revenues have increased on the aggregate in this section for the past decade. With over 6,527 services rendered in 2006 and on average 75% probability of service provided this section is working constantly to provide professional service to Pueblo County. In addition to service, this section is required to arrange fugitive transportation and they provided monthly "Most Wanted" information resulting in 21 arrests. Fugitive warrants served by local law enforcement agencies documented by this section are 1,105 persons placed in custody.

Records

The Records division at the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office is made up of several sections: Records, Investigations, Patrol, Civil, Traffic, Pueblo West Sub Station, and Reception. Currently, there are 10 posts of Criminal Justice Technicians; three are assigned to the Records Division, one to Investigations, one to Patrol, two to Civil, one to Traffic, one to the Pueblo West Sub Station, and one to Reception. Eight are full-time positions and two are paid hourly.

The Records division maintains records of incidents involving arrests, citations, and summonses and criminal incident reports for the Office. The Records division is responsible for processing all reports relating to any law incidents and ensuring reports are entered into the database. Other tasks include maintaining and filing all reports; following up; providing the District Attorney's Office with needed documentation for their use in prosecutions; preparing record requests and record and background checks for release to the public; maintaining jail files; releasing law summary reports and daily arrests to the media; and sealing records.

All requests for records must be submitted on a Sheriff's Office Records Request form, filled out completely, and the pecuniary statement signed per CRS 24-72-305.5. There is a \$5.00 fee which covers the search and reproduction of the records and the first 10 pages. An additional fee of \$.50 will be charged for each additional page thereafter. Costs for reproduction have been approved under CRS 24-72-306.

Determination of release of records will be made in accordance with CRS 24-72-305 and PCSO Records Release Policy. Records are not released immediately upon request, and depending on the type of record requested, can take several days. If a report is still active or has been referred to the District Attorney, it will not be released.

A Record Check/background check - provides information on an individual as to when they were booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center and/or charges filed by the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. If no arrest history is located, a letter stating such will be produced. The person's first and last name and date of birth must be given in order to do the check. There is a \$10.00 fee.

Fingerprinting hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Tuesday thru Friday. Cost is \$10.00 cash, check, or money order and must be paid before prints can be taken. Applicants must also provide their own fingerprinting cards and a picture ID.

Fingerprints are taken at the Sheriff's Office Transportation Department located at the Judicial Building on 10th and Grand.

Records hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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Evidence/Property and Quarter Master

This section has an evidence custodian and an evidence supervisor and is responsible for checking and placing 10,948 pieces of evidence or property into custody. This section further generated \$1,136.20 for unclaimed property and money for the general fund. Members of this section are required to participate in best practices as represented by their membership with International and Colorado Association's of Property and Evidence.

Concealed Handgun Permits

In 2006, there were 308 applications received and 267 permits issued. Four permits were denied per arrest record and eight permits were denied by discretion. One permit was denied based on a restraining order and two were revoked per arrest record after issue. The types of permits include new applicants, renewals, permanent retired law enforcement, and temporary emergency permits.

STAR (Special Tactics and Rescue) Team

In 2006, we had approx. 160 hours of SWAT training (mandatory monthly training). We participated in one joint training operation with the detention STAT Team as well as working and preparing for 2 additional events that we worked jointly. The STAR Team and STAT team worked together for the 4th of July weekend Bike Fest at the Fair grounds as well as the last man standing competition held in the Event Center at the Fair grounds during the Fair. These were crowd and riot control assignments using small and large group team tactics.

The STAR Team also participated in several community outreach public safety day events at various locations in our community as well as being in the Veterans Day Parade.

We sent two of our team members to outside training and had them attend a training day with the Colo. Springs PD SWAT team. We also had two team members attend National Tactical Officers Association Instructor (NTOA) Training in Virginia.

We responded to approx. 11 SWAT missions in 2005, which included the following types of incidents, crowd control, high-risk prisoner transport for the US Marshall Office, high-risk arrest, high-risk search warrant, barricaded subjects (taken care of with on – duty team members and patrol deputies), and VIP/dignitary protection. During 2006, SWAT missions no officers were seriously injured or killed and no suspects were killed.

Underage Drinking Task Force

Established in 2005 by members of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office with Pueblo's Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking as a result of an underage drinking problem was the foundation for this task force being developed, which specifically

targets opportunities today's youth may have to obtain, and consume alcohol.

The task force consists of Sheriff Dan Corsentino, Commander Greg McCain, Sergeant Ray DeBiase, Deputies Gary McCarthy, Tracy Swearingen, Alan Brooks, J.C. Williams, Byron Franklin, Cliff Kindred, and Detective Tom Proud. With the use of volunteers over the age of 18 and under 21 the task force has attempted to purchase alcohol from retail liquor establishments and local taverns 185 times since its inception, responding to information received about these establishments selling to minors in our county. The task force affirmed alcohol was sold to the volunteers during some of the 21 separate operations each of these liquor violations were sent to the County Commissioners, who are seated as the Liquor Board.

The task force gathers intelligence and directs patrol to respond to underage drinking parties in Pueblo County. In 2005 approximately 1100 minors were contacted at parties, with 221 citations being issued for underage consumption. Several parties had underage attendees exceeding 100 persons. Each of the 221 citations required a parent or guardian to respond to the location of the incident and take personal custody of the minor.

The Sheriff's Office presented over 30 hours of instruction to a combined total of over 900 school aged kids regarding effects of drinking and laws pertaining to underage possession and consumption. Sheriff Corsentino also held a meeting with store owners/licensee's of local liquor establishments and discussed their checking ID's and preventing the sale of alcohol to minors. The group was very supportive and willing to help reduce underage drinking and vowed to work harder at getting their employees to check ID's.

SRO (School Resource Officer) Program and DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)

In 2005 there are 5 deputies assigned to the school program and one sergeant (part time). The School Resource Officers educate and work with the students regarding bullying, have implemented mentoring programs, and have facilitated student crime stoppers. We have a School Resource Officer assigned to each High School and Middle School. The Rye High School Resource Officer also serves as the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) deputy for our Rye, Colorado City, and Beulah Schools.

The DARE school curriculum is designed to teach students to understand the dangers of the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs; to develop the skills necessary to refuse; and to encourage the use of newly acquired refusal skills. We have a DARE deputy assigned to the east schools and a DARE deputy assigned to the west schools. We have continued to talk about the DARE program and if we are going to continue it in our schools. 2600 fifth grade students graduated from the DARE program in 2005. Two of our school deputies continue to be involved with our underage drinking task force as well as the alcohol task force coalition.

Investigations Division

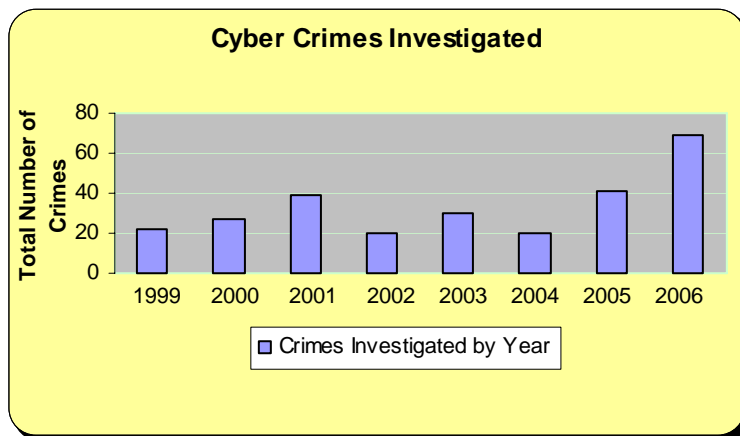
One sergeant, seven detectives and one criminal justice technician make up the staff assignment for the Investigations section. New science and techniques are now becoming the standard for this unit. DNA analysis, latent print recovery and firearm

ballistics have all proven beneficial to criminal cases that are investigated in Pueblo County. This section participates actively with the Joint Terrorism Task Force through the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Two detectives assume the duties of crime scene assessment and working with other agencies such as the Police Department and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation to solve local crime is a mainstay of operations in this section. Case referrals to the District Attorney's Office continue to climb with 1,839 cases sent in 2005.

High Tech Crimes Unit and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

Established in 1998, the High Tech Crimes Unit was staffed with one commander and one partial federally funded ICAC investigator. In 2005, the team moved to a new computer crimes lab in the Investigations Annex doubling its useable workspace. In 2006 the computer crimes categories of Fraud-Theft, Child Pornography, Threats-Harassment, Enticement of a Child, and sexual assault on a child were the top five computer crimes. For the past five years, the unit has handled 28 child enticement cases. The HTCU's computer forensic exam workload increased in 2006 to 69, up from 41 in 2005. These forensics cases involved the examination of computers, cell phones, and personal data assistants (PDAs). In addition to their caseload, the staff made 27 visits and presentations to homes, schools, and businesses to speak to 2,207 parents, children, and professional persons about internet safety, cyber stalking, cyber fraud, and cyber bullying.



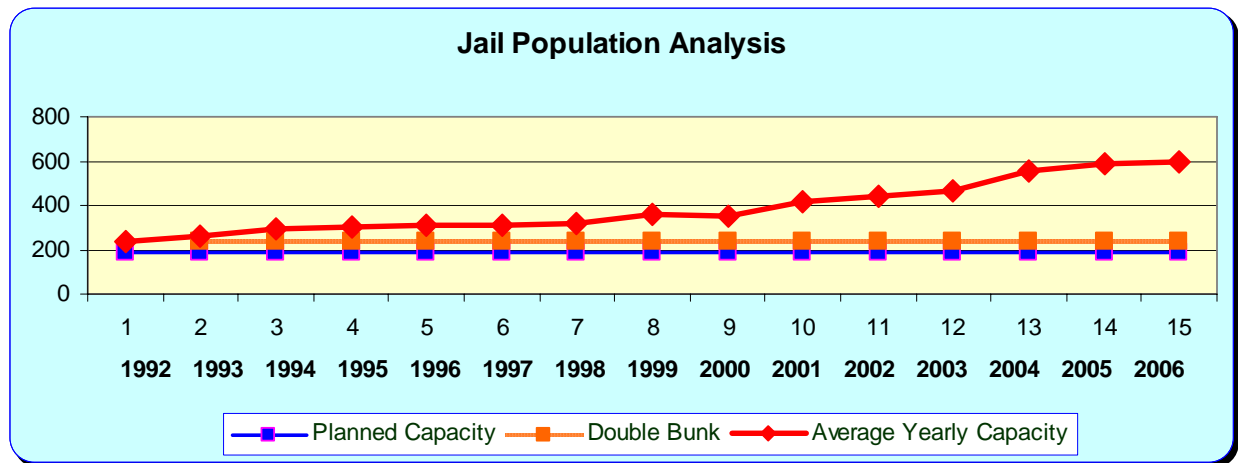
DETENTION BUREAU

Detention is comprised of several areas including Jail Security, Inmate Services, Commissary and other special programs. In addition to the Pueblo County Jail, some inmates are housed at the Colorado Mental Health Institute in an off-site work release program. Inmate labor is also provided for various agencies and organizations throughout Pueblo.

The inmate population of the jail has reached crisis levels within the last few years. The Sheriff's Office has proactively attempted to control the tide of inmates. The jail was originally built to house 189 inmates. In 1993 double bunking in cells was initiated. Many programs such as an improved work release,

home monitoring, daily reporting (Alternatives to Incarceration), have allowed the overcrowded jail to operate within safety requirements.

A policy continues under which the jail only accepts new arrests for felony crimes, those suspected of DUI, Domestic Violence and other charges involving violence and the safety of a person. Even with all of these programs in place, the jail population continues to rise at a rate of 6.3% annually. The average daily population for 2006 was 596. There were 8,537 people booked into the jail in 2006. Of those 8,537, over 80% were recidivists who had been booked into the Pueblo County Jail before 2006.



Literacy and GED Program

In the literacy program, every inmate sentenced to the county jail must go through literacy testing. The Literacy and GED Program is offered to all inmates and always has a waiting list to attend.

Sheriff Taylor continues to conduct a graduation ceremony for those inmates who successfully pass the GED test while incarcerated in the facility. This ceremony involves allowing family and friends to come and share in their accomplishments. To date, we have graduated 113 people, with a class of 10 currently in the testing process.

Alternatives to Incarceration Program

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office works with the judges and area community corrections and businesses to formulate a day reporting and home electronic monitoring system. The program served 283 pre-sentenced people in 2006.

The program has been expanded this year to include sentenced inmates. An inmate who has a major medical problem that would be costly to keep in the confines of the facility may be eligible for county paid monitoring. This helps keep the medical costs down for the county.

Inmate Labor Crew Program

Several inmate labor crews are employed throughout the city and county. The Colorado State Fair, Pueblo County Courthouse, Parks and Recreation, Pueblo Police Department, Pueblo West Golf Course, and CSU-Pueblo all have benefited from the labor of the crews. As well non-profit community services agencies such as the YWCA, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Posada, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Red Cross, Pueblo Library District, Kiwanis Club, Avondale Health Center, Pueblo Zoo, Runyon Field and

the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Garden have extended services and budget funds with the help of the labor crews.

The inmate labor crews remove graffiti, and help at special events by cleaning up and removing trash. The labor crew has adopted a portion of I-25 that is kept clean of trash. They also maintain the equipment used for numerous activities.

For the year 2006, the inmate labor crew program donated 6,800 hours of labor to human-services agencies, for a total savings to these agencies of \$ 245,267.38.

Work Release Program

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Work Release program has been located at the state hospital since July of 1996. Inmates who have been sentenced to county jail and are employed may seek acceptance to the program. Currently, the facility houses between 60 to 80 work release inmates, and a few inside trustees. The program staff includes one sergeant, eight officers and one work release coordinator. This program gives inmates an opportunity to pay fines and court costs while serving sentences for a crime. The inmates must supply us with a work schedule and a pay stub to verify their hours worked from their employer and frequent job checks are conducted to guarantee work release inmates are working. Random UA's are completed to assure inmates remain drug and alcohol free while in the program. The inside labor crew is responsible for the daily cleaning of the facility and odd jobs as determined by the officers.

Welfare Fraud Program

Beginning in 1996 we have worked closely with the welfare department to get persons incarcerated and not eligible for assistance purged from the books. This resulted in a statewide program that must be followed by all welfare departments.

To date the welfare fraud program has saved Pueblo County taxpayers over two million dollars.

Social Security Program

Along with the welfare fraud program, the facility has been active with the Social Security Administration. This program also allows us to stop payments to people who are incarcerated. This program has been active since 2001. For each person taken off social security, the Social Security Administration gives the agency one-half of the amounts of the inmate's monthly payment. To date this program has netted the county over \$90,000.00 with a like amount of savings to the taxpayers.

Habitat for Humanity

The inmate labor crew began building houses with Habitat for Humanities in approximately 1999. To date they have helped build 10 new homes, remodeled 3 houses and stripped the insides out of 12 apartments. They also helped build a large storage for the Habitat for Humanities Organization.

The Chain Gang Program

The Chain Gang, a convicted felon inmate labor crew, was started on June 1, 2002. In 2006, this service to the community provided by this group of inmates contributed 24,196 work-hours, and collected 130 tons of trash representing total savings of \$150,000.00 to Pueblo County taxpayers.



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The 9-1-1 Emergency Services Communications Center provides emergent and non-emergent telephone and radio dispatch services for all public service agencies in the county of Pueblo which includes the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, CSU-Pueblo, eight area fire departments, two ambulance companies, and support agencies for search and rescue and victim advocates.

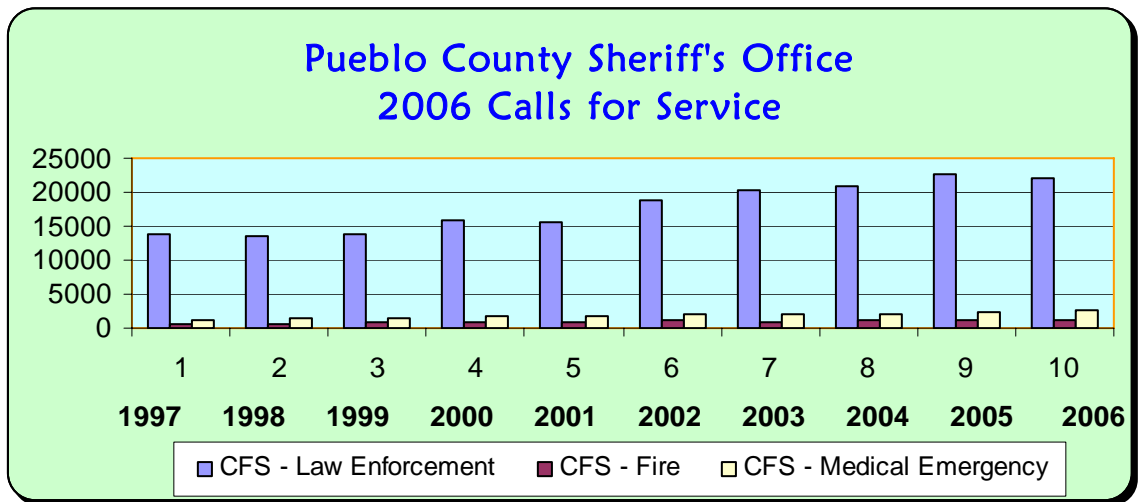
In addition to receiving, prioritizing and dispatching law, fire and medical calls for service, PCSO Communication participates in the yearly Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program exercise, provides 9-1-1 educational awareness for local grade schools as well as providing 9-1-1 educational awareness outreach programs for civic and community events.

Emergency service communication officers are trained as first responders in first-aid and CPR and are trained, certified and received diplomas from the National Academy of Emergency Dispatch.

Our emergency service communication officers are committed to providing dedicated, professional, and expedient emergent and non-emergent communications to all law enforcement, fire, medical and support personnel, and to deliver a public safety service to the citizens of our county that we are sworn to protect.

In 2006, the 9-1-1 center experienced a 5.52% increase in law enforcement calls for service at CSU-Pueblo, a 2.05% increase in fire calls for service, and an 8.99% increase in emergency medical calls for service.

The table and graph below depicts the calls for service trend from 1997 to present.



MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS, 2006

New dorm opened

In September of 2006, a new dorm built to hold an additional 320 capacity was opened.





Sex Offenders added to Sheriff's Website:

Searching for a convicted sex offender in your neighborhood became easier with the addition of Sex Offender link added to the Sheriff's Web Page (www.sheriff.co.pueblo.co.us). You can search by last name, streets, localities or zip codes to see if there is a registered sex offender living in your neighborhood.

Underage Drinking Task Force

The Underage Drinking Task Force is still going and had much success in 2006. The purpose of this task force is to combat the problem of underage drinking in our community by addressing the issue with the consumers, parents and distributors. Numerous underage citizens along with several liquor outlets were cited for violations during the year. Over 200 tickets were issued for underage possession and consumption, and 10 establishments were cited for sale to minors. Two establishments were cited twice in 2006.

Administrative Services

Administrative Services is responsible for the Sheriff's Office budget, logistics, contracts, accounts payable and receivable, payroll and human resources. During 2006, there was five staff members assigned to Administrative Services and one Director of Administrative Services.

Two staff members were assigned to Human Resources. Human Resources consist of testing, hiring, promotions and recruiting of all members for the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. These two staff members work closely with the Pueblo County Human Resources department to ensure that we maintain all hiring standards. During 2006 we hired 25 new employees to fill vacancies that occurred throughout the year.

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office Recruiting team attended several university career fairs throughout the state to attract students to our area. Each of the events taking place in Denver and Pueblo were successful in attracting college students that will test with us in the future.

Human Resources conducted several testing cycles and created eligibility lists for Detention, Patrol, and Clerical positions throughout 2006.

The third staff member was assigned to payroll and is responsible for completing all functions of timekeeping and payroll to ensure that our 282 members received their

correct pay and leave times during 2006.

The fourth staff member was assigned to accounts receivable, billing and responsible for all of the workers compensation claims for the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. In working with our internal safety committee and working with Pueblo County Human Resources we were able to successfully reduce the amount of workers compensation claims that we had in 2006 as compared to 2005.

The fifth staff member was assigned to accounts payable, inventory and all other fiscal duties. This staff member worked closely with the Director of Administrative Services to prepare the 2007 budget requests. These requests were submitted during 2006 using the zero base budget model that Pueblo County adopted. Each line item was justified and every penny that was needed for 2007 in those line items was justified. This was quite a task but was successfully completed.

During 2006, policies and procedures in the Administrative Services area were reviewed to ensure that they complied with standards for accreditation. They were updated and changed as necessary.

During 2007, Administrative Services will strive to become more public friendly and accessible by the public. Our hope is that during 2007 our web page will become fully accessible to apply for positions within the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office.