

SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT 2022 YEAR END REVIEW

In this report, the Santa Ana Police Department provides an overview of our accomplishments in 2022.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Building and sustaining community trust continues to be our top service priority. We recognize and appreciate the continued opportunity to address the community safety challenges we identified during this year with community input, and moving forward into 2023. Policing continues to transform itself based on community expectations and shifting safety priorities. We continue to demonstrate our commitment to listening to our community and placing the **COMMUNITY FIRST**.



Our focus on training is unparalleled to minimize liability exposure and to keep our community and police personnel safe. We have and will continue our focus of learning from critical, high profile incidents in an honest, accountable and responsive manner. Our continued training focus on de-escalation and learning through debriefings, exceeds the extensive analysis of whether incidents are legal and within policy. We also evaluate incidents on whether they were necessary, humane and whether other options could have been considered, depending on incident circumstances. For a consecutive third year, our response times to emergency calls for service have decreased by over -20%, while at the same time our community engagement events and interactions have increased significantly. Our traditional policing response to violent crime has resulted in significant increases of illegal firearms and unserialized ghost gun seizures. We have increased the redeployment of appropriate calls for police service involving homelessness, and other quality of life concerns, to civilian non-profit service providers that focus on short-term problem solving and long term supportive housing. We have restructured our Department's intentional focus on workforce recruitment, centered on diversity, equity and inclusion; including focus on local community talent. Internally, we continue our focus on employee wellness with various resources, centered on career survivability. We also facilitated our second successful "31 FOR 31" Holiday Fun Walk/Run, which raised extensive financial support for our most impacted children and families during the holiday season.

The Department is poised to continue to provide critical leadership to our Santa Ana community and our policing service industry into 2023. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in our Department's dedicated and professional staff. Together, there is no policing issue we can't address in our Santa Ana community!

DAVID VALENTIN
CHIEF OF POLICE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



2022 was a year to get back to normal, away from pandemic restrictions, and it allowed us to stay committed to our community engagement efforts in accordance with our **Department's 2019-2024 Strategic Plan**. Throughout 2022, SAPD hosted, participated in, and contributed to a total of 301 events. Such events included Class #9 and #10 of the rebranded Community Police Academy, Coffee with a COP, Teen and Parent Academies, Read Across America, SAPD Open House, SAPD Trunk or Treat, Pancakes with Santa, the SAPAAL Kids Christmas

Party, and Spark of Love Toy Drive. Community participation and attendance at these events more than **doubled** from last year. Also, each month SAPD staff attended Neighborhood Association meetings throughout the City.

Our Santa Ana Police Athletics and Activities Program (SAPAAL) expanded to an additional location at the Roosevelt/Walker Community Center, creating the Roosevelt SAPAAL Station. With City Council granting the historical Cypress Fire Station to be the SAPAAL Cypress Station, we look forward to opening our third SAPAAL Center in 2024. Additionally, our SAPAAL Program implemented its own Girls Softball League with two teams coached by SAPD staff: the Ladybugs and the Bumblebees. As our SAPAAL Program continues to expand, so does the Softball League, with now five teams at the start of 2023.

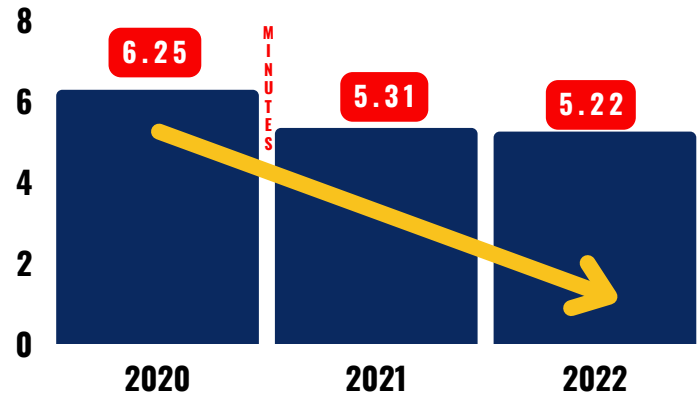
We also celebrated three years of successful community service with 16 partner agencies in our Santa Ana Family Justice Center; an original platform co-located (1st in the country) within the main police administration building.



FIELD OPERATIONS RESPONSE TIMES

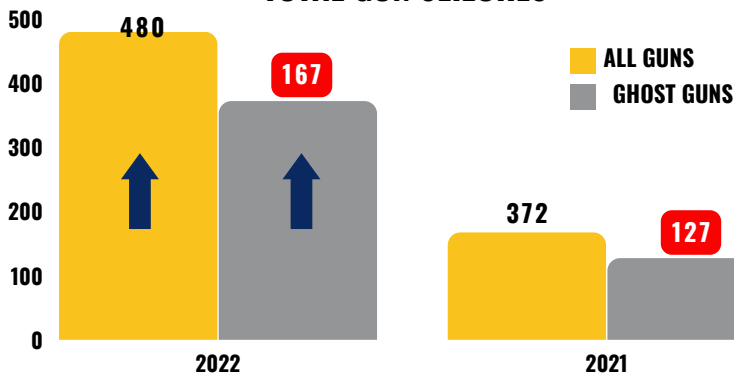
Supporting core community policing services, SAPD's staffing continues to maintain at the highest levels with a total of 168 members dedicated to our Field Operations Bureau, and a total of 134 patrol officers dedicated to handling calls for service and general patrol duties. In 2022, SAPD patrol officers handled a total of 126,973 Calls for Service (CFS) with a monthly average of 10,581 CFS. When not responding to calls, our patrol officers engaged in a total of 51,739 community engagement contacts and enforcement actions, for a total of **178,712** community contacts. For the third consecutive year, there has been a continued reduction in response times to high-priority emergency calls for service by **-20%**.

3 YEAR 911 EMERGENCY RESPONSE TIME COMPARISON



PROACTIVE RESPONSE TO CRIME

TOTAL GUN SEIZURES



In 2022, there was a total of 25 homicides; 16 of which were classified as gang-related and 9 were non-gang related. Thanks to their hard work and commitment to community safety, SAPD Detectives successfully solved 77% of these complex homicide investigations.

There has been a continued increase in the seizure of firearms. Through proactive engagement and traditional policing, in service of our community, field personnel and specialized units seized 480 guns; 167 of which were classified as unserialized ghost guns. SAPD also hosted a successful Gun Buy-Back Program that recovered an unprecedented **557** firearms.



QUALITY OF LIFE TEAM (QOLT) / ALTERNATIVE POLICE RESPONSE

The Quality of Life Team (QOLT) works closely with the Community Development's Homeless Services Division Manager, City Manager's Office and Public Works to address homeless related concerns and the sheltering of qualified unhoused individuals.

In 2022, QOLT made a total of **3,586** contacts with individuals facing homelessness which resulted in 1,072 individuals receiving shelter or placement with options best suited for each contact (shelter, residential, housing, detoxification programs, relocation, and hospitalization or skilled nursing). We increased the frequency of addressing quality of life issues in various targeted areas of the City; including the South Bristol and East First Street corridors.

