

Administration – The responsibility for the overall administration of departmental operations and coordination of departmental activities lies within the Administration Division. Inherent in the task is the responsibility of budgeting (oversight of a \$75+ million budget), procurement, planning, and personnel assignment. Within the Administration Division is the Personnel and Training section responsible for the administration of over 600 employees.

Operations – The Operations Division has principal law enforcement jurisdiction in all unincorporated areas of the County. The Sheriff provides law enforcement to a population of over 100,000 covering an area of approximately 1,521 square miles. The Sheriff also provides the full spectrum of law enforcement to four contract cities – Patterson, Riverbank, Hughson, and Waterford.

In Patrol, uniformed patrol officers respond to citizen calls for assistance on a 24-hour, 7 day-a-week basis. Uniformed officers are expected to investigate crime, make arrests, provide preventive patrol and render assistance or aid where necessary.

The Investigations Unit is responsible for the follow-up of major crimes that are reported to the Department. Detectives routinely recover stolen property, identify and apprehend offenders, collect and prepare necessary evidence, and testify at trial. The Operations Division also has a Special Services Unit which consists of Crime Analysis (to predict crime series and patterns), Crime Prevention (STARS, DARE, Citizens' Academy, and Neighborhood Watch), and educational programs for students, PAL, Community Cars, Identification, Alarm Coordination and the Reservoir Boat Patrol.

Services Division – This Division generally provides support functions to crime investigations as well as providing services that are not directly law enforcement related. In the Records and Identification Section, the activities of the Department are recorded in an extensive record keeping system. The Civil Bureau is responsible for serving civil processes for both attorneys and private litigants. The Sheriff is also the County Coroner and handles all investigations into the circumstances, manner and causes of violent, sudden or unusual deaths. The Public Administrator administers the estates of deceased persons in the instances where there is no known family or no family available to take charge or when a will has been contested. After merging with the Marshal's Office in 1992, the Sheriff's Department now provides a consolidated Court Services Bureau to serve the security needs of the Superior Courts, provide security for the entire Court complex and transport inmates to and from County and State correctional facilities.

Adult Detention – At any given time, the Adult Detention Division is responsible for the care and custody of over 1,300 pre-trial, sentenced, and out-of-custody inmates. In addition to meeting the physical needs of inmates in the facilities, there are other programs such as church services, counseling, library facilities, vocational and skills workshops, educational and recreational programs available to the inmates. Inmates may also be eligible for the Sheriff's Work Furlough and Home Detention Programs which allow inmates to serve out their sentence while still maintaining their regular employment, thereby contributing to their family's financial needs. Inmates may also qualify to serve their time through the Jail Alternatives Program which allow inmates to serve their time by doing community service type work through various non-profit and government agencies.

Any Sheriff's Office employee can be reached by calling our Public Service Officer desk at 525-7114.

Sheriff Adam Christianson graduated from San Joaquin Delta College with a degree in Paramedicine. He worked as a paramedic in Stanislaus County for several years including work as a flight paramedic for Medi-Flight of Northern California.

Sheriff Christianson started his law enforcement career with the Ceres Police Department. He also worked for the Modesto Police Department before joining the Sheriff's Department in 1996. He has worked a variety of assignments including Patrol, the Reservoir Unit, K-9 handler, Bailiff, Field Training Officer, Hi-Tech Crimes Detective, and Sergeant. He has supervised the K9 Unit and the Satellite Office of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force.

Christianson was promoted to Lieutenant in February of 2004 and asked by Sheriff Les Weidman to lead the Homeland Security Division. As a Lieutenant, Christianson worked with several other federal, state and local agencies in developing Emergency Response Plans, dealing with domestic disaster preparedness issues and sharing information that is critical to the protection and safety of our communities. He also worked with the California Anti-Terrorism Task Force and the Joint Terrorism Task Force. He also held the positions of Administrative Lieutenant overseeing Human Resources, Training/Recruitment, Background Investigations, Internal Affairs, and the Injury Management Coordinator, the Commander of the K-9 Unit and the Northwest Area Commander including the town of Salida.

Sheriff Adam Christianson was sworn into office on July 11, 2006.