March, 2003

As Mayor of Sacramento, it is an honor to be part of the City of Sacramento Police Department's Annual Report. I am proud of the Police Department's commitment to serve our residents and the tremendous strides you have made.

The Police Department's professionalism and dedication to service continues to grow. Your progress as a department parallels the rise of Sacramento as a metropolitan center for government, commerce, and culture.

This annual report serves as a testament to the spirit of service embodied by members of the Sacramento Police Department. I look forward to working with you as we serve the people of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

HEATHER FARGO
Mayor

HF:cd
March 20, 2003

A Message from the Chief:

It is an honor and a pleasure, as your new Police Chief to present the 2002 annual report on behalf of the Sacramento Police Department. During the past year, we have hired and trained many new officers, incorporated new technology and moved to a new headquarters building. Throughout these challenges, our people time and time again demonstrated their dedication, hard work and innovation.

The Sacramento Police Department remains committed to serving the citizens of Sacramento. Our community knows that when they call us, our men and women in blue will be there. We will continue to work with our partners throughout the community to ensure that Sacramento is the city of choice to live, learn, work and play. And we strive to meet the needs of our diverse community through our education, outreach and recruiting efforts.

Sincerely,

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ALBERT NÁJERA
Chief of Police
The Mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.

**Office of the Chief**

The Office of the Chief is responsible for planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and administering all Department activities, and communicating the future vision of the Department. The Office has two Captains who report directly to the Chief of Police. One Captain oversees the Internal Affairs Section and the Professional Standards Unit. The other Captain oversees the Criminal Intelligence Unit, Public Information Sergeant, Administrative Staff, Economic Development Section and Fiscal Section.

**Office of Operations**

The Office of Operations is responsible for Patrol, Problem Oriented Policing, and specialty units such as SWAT, Air Operations, Traffic, Canine, Bicycles, Marine, Mounted, EOD (Bomb Squad), School Resource Officers and Reserves. This Office has five Captains who are responsible for the six patrol sectors and the Metro Division. It makes up the largest segment of the Sacramento Police Department with more than 500 sworn positions.

**Office of Investigations**

The Office of Investigations is responsible for developing information leading to the arrest of criminal offenders, preparing cases, recovering stolen property, crime scene investigations, drug enforcement, tracking and investigating gang related activities, locating missing persons, and addressing family violence issues. This Office has three Captains and a civilian Police Manager who oversee the Major/Property Crimes, Family and Youth Services, Special Investigations Divisions and the Forensic Identification Section.

**Office of Technical Services**

The Office of Technical Services is responsible for the auxiliary functions that support the Police Department's line units. This Office has four Captains, one Police Manager and one Information Technology Manager. The Office is organized into the Personnel, Training, Communications, Records, and Technology and Information Services Divisions.
Office of Operations

- The Return to Residence Program continues to be a success. Annually, over 500 homeless people are given free bus transportation, enabling them to return to their homes and benefit from the support of their families. Since its inception, the program has provided transportation to 1,600 individuals, and 74 families, including 175 children.

- Project Hope remains one of the most innovative response methods to address the needs of the homeless suffering from mental illness. Problem Oriented Policing (POP) officers, teamed with social workers, have made approximately 3,185 contacts with the mentally ill. Of these, 833 cases have been referred to some type of treatment or housing program.

- The Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Unit began significant training with regard to explosive breaching. The unit had several opportunities to participate in explosive entry training with EOD officers. This training was video taped and new watch command officers were invited to observe the training. The robot is becoming valuable for tasks such as delivering the hostage negotiations phone, gaining entry into locations, searching locations for suspects, and deploying certain weapons.

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- Officers Chapman, Forbeck, Garner, Joy, Merten, and Osborn participated in the Western States Police Canine Association trials/competitions throughout the year. They represented the Department, and the Canine Unit well, winning numerous trophies.

- The EOD unit provided training to the Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento Fire Department, the Davis Police and Fire Department, the West Sacramento Fire Department, Arden Fair Mall Management/Security, local District Attorneys’ Offices, and the public.

- The School Resource Unit responded to over 3,500 calls for service on school campuses and 317 patrol calls for service. Officers made 209 felony arrests, 83 misdemeanor arrests, issued 223 misdemeanor citations, and returned 1,337 truants to school.

- During the fall school year of 2002, Hiram Johnson High School experienced an increase of gang activity involving Hispanic and Asian gangs. The increase of gang violence peaked during the first week of December when a suspected Sureno gang member sustained a concussion in a beating by several Norteno gang members. Gang members and problem students had taken over the school, being verbally disrespectful to the staff; with no discipline imposed for their actions. Hiram Johnson became the center of attention with the media, school district headquarters, police, and the community. A special response team from the school district began an immediate expulsion and inter-district transfer of approximately 300 students who appeared to be
the problem. The School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit assigned a second officer to assist; taking a no-tolerance approach for criminal violations, and for identifying and validating gang members. Additionally, a community team, composed of Police/SRO, Neighborhood Services, and members from the school district, is now in place to ensure a future safe environment for the students and staff.

- When the Parole Intervention Team (PIT) was formed, there were 566 parolees with warrants for being at large, and approximately 4,400 parolees living in Sacramento County. As of December 1, 2002, the number of parolees with warrants has dropped to 463, and the parolee population has risen to approximately 5,000. The team attends a Parolee Orientation Meeting each Tuesday for new parolees who are released to Sacramento County. There are many services provided each week for parolees to assist with their re-entry into the community. The services include employment opportunities, livable wage skill training, and housing assistance. The Department of Motor Vehicles attends and provides California ID cards, which are needed for employment. Each parolee completes a personal action plan, which is kept by their supervising parole agent and can be used as a gauge for success.

- PIT has served as a test unit for the newly developed mobile LEADS Program by having the system installed in their patrol cars. The team has numerous success stories of identifying parolees in the field, saving time for officers to concentrate on catching more criminals, freeing up other personnel.

- Regional Transit Police Services (RTPS) provide training on several topics to security guards, fare inspectors and other RT personnel. An outreach program has been established which provides education on safety and security issues to schools and businesses. RTPS partners with POP (Problem Oriented Police) and narcotics officers, specifically to focus on enforcement in areas such as Alkali Flats and K Street. Proactive in its efforts, RTPS uses traditional and non-traditional enforcement methods such as multi-agency fare enforcement, plainclothes operations and bike stings.

- The zero tolerance posture of the Metro Operations Units on law violators in the “Core Area,” coupled with the Patrol Wagon and efforts in dealing with public intoxication has resulted in reduced calls for service and a dramatic drop in public inebriates. The Metro Operations Division conducted monthly training exercises, which included all members of the division and allied agencies, in crowd control and civil disobedience.

- The Bike Unit conducted routine inspections of the Greyhound Bus Depot, all downtown Single Resident Occupancy Hotels, and the downtown entertainment venues. The Bike Unit assisted the security department at the Greyhound Bus Station in implementing a new security system, which included cameras, uniformed security officers, and enforcing both city and penal codes.

- A $100,000 grant was received from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) in which the ABC grant officer worked cooperatively with the local ABC district officer, and the community-based organization, La Familia Counseling Center. Working together, ABC officers and La Familia Counseling Center identified 2 neighborhoods, one in the north area and one in the south area, where they implemented project SNAP (Sacramento Neighborhood Alcohol Prevention Project).

- ABC investigators conducted 8 minor decoy operations during the year, and 19 licensed establishments were cited for the sale of alcohol to a minor. Education for owners and employees of licensed establishments
(Responsible Beverage Service training) was held to mitigate future problems. The team also conducted community outreach and education to youth residing in the City of Sacramento, and education and enforcement training to more than 150 Sacramento Police Officers.

- The Helmet Diversion Grant was also implemented during the year. This grant provided helmets for over 950 youths through bike safety seminars at elementary schools. There were also 37 youths that participated in the Helmet Diversion Class.

- Volunteers In Policing Services (VIPS) are assigned to special events, community outreach programs and events, safety fairs, bike helmet distribution events, park events and parades. Other assignments include high visibility visits to large businesses and neighborhoods in the city, and vacation home checks.

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- Metro Traffic initiated a new high-profile Targeted and Saturated Enforcement Strategy, which focuses on specific "high accident" intersections and corridors in an effort to reduce the rising accident rate. Early results on the success of the program are noteworthy. In December of 2002, 10 Traffic Enforcement Officers issued 2,191 citations, compared to 944 citations written by 15 officers during December of 2001. Collisions at 4 major intersections declined from 13 to 4. A total of 174 vehicles were towed for a variety of violations, compared to 81 in December 2001. Citywide Hit and Run Accidents declined from 149 to 137. Most importantly, the collateral impact on crime and calls for service was extremely noteworthy, as the areas surrounding the four impacted intersections fell from the list of "Top 25 Calls for Service" areas.

- Air Ops flew 1,385 hours in the helicopters in support of patrol and 251 hours in the airplane in support of investigations. The Air Unit assisted in special events such as 4th of July and New Years Eve celebrations in Old Sacramento and Cal Expo. The Unit's video down linking system was particularly useful in assisting incident commanders during pursuits, special events and in combating street drag racing.

### Office of Investigations

- Barbara Anderson, Forensic Artist, completed 21 composite sketches and 3 postmortem drawings this past year.

- Barbara Anderson completed her first clay facial reconstruction from human remains on a high profile homicide case. She is currently working on her second clay reconstruction.

- Forensic Identification Section developed the protocol for recovering fingerprints off of human skin.

- Identification Technician II, Carla Murray had the department's first positive results on a sex crime/robbery entered into the FBI Automated System. Identification Technician III, Liz Troxel, obtained the latent prints.
• Automated fingerprints can now be requested not only through Sacramento Police arrestees, but anyone arrested, through the Sacramento County Live Scan System. This includes juveniles whose prints can be located through the F.I.N.D. System (Fingerprint Identification Network Database) and maintained by the Sacramento County's IT Help desk.

• A self-monitoring system was purchased that enables law enforcement to track vehicles stolen by area car thieves and promptly make arrests. The system is a sophisticated, high security surveillance and tracking system developed by HGI Wireless Inc. The GPS tracking system is installed in a bait vehicle owned by the Police Department and randomly placed in the community.

• In an effort to combat the spike in vehicle crimes that occur during the holiday season, the Vehicle Crimes Unit worked in conjunction with security personnel at area shopping malls. Along with an aggressive media campaign, a proactive approach was taken by distributing safety flyers to shoppers, and by surveillance conducted by auto theft detectives at Arden Fair Mall and Natomas Marketplace. Preliminary figures show a 25% decrease in auto thefts and auto burglaries in these shopping areas.

• Detective Langston, in partnership with Adult Protection Services, investigated an elder abuse case that was two years old. Langston regularly met with the 86-year-old victim and previewed her mail to see if she was being victimized. The victim was defrauded on an identity theft by a caretaker for a total of $150,000. The suspect was arrested and is being prosecuted on felony charges.

• The Major Crimes Section established a partnership with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office to investigate "cold case" homicides based on DNA evidence. DNA technology has made tremendous advances in the past few years and has allowed the Department to reopen homicide cases from as far back as 30 years ago. In 2002, one arrest was made on a homicide from 1983, and plans are to make at least three more arrests on cold cases in early 2003.

• The Gang Unit began downloading their activity log onto the Department's Intranet in order to facilitate communication and share gang intelligence between gang investigators and patrol officers.

• Sexual Abuse/Child Abuse (SACA) formed a new partnership with the Department of Justice, Sexual Predator Apprehension Team (DOJ SPAT) enabling the Sacramento Police Department to have a DOJ Special Agent assigned to SACA full-time to work cases. Additionally, SACA renewed an existing partnership with Child Protective Services (CPS) to assure the continued service of a full-time social worker to work in-house with the Sacramento Police Department. The social worker assists detectives and patrol with protective custody issues, Spanish translations, gathering CPS information, and reading and reviewing approximately 100-200 forms received by the Sacramento Police Department on suspected child abuse.

• Special Investigation Division (SID) entered into the California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team to engage in a regional approach in aggressive efforts to combat methamphetamine manufacturing and distribution in California.
• SID developed plans to implement a new Street Crimes Unit in 2003. Historically, there has been a connection between drug sales, use of narcotics, and property crimes. The plan calls for using a variety of problems solving strategies to reduce property crime in the city of Sacramento and arrest narcotic offenders. The Police Department plans to implement the program prior to the 2002 holiday season, which is a time when property crimes typically tend to rise.

• SID and SACA detectives provided criminal investigation follow up on an HBO documentary entitled, "A Small Town Ecstasy." This documentary focused on an adult parent providing his teenage children with the drug, Ecstasy. This resulted in the video's main character being arrested on child endangerment charges.

• Vice implemented the Beat Feet Program, a city ordinance that allows the Department to seize vehicles of subjects who use their cars while soliciting prostitution from an undercover officer in the City of Sacramento. The program continues to be successful and to date no "customers" have returned. Vice conducted 11 Beat Feet operations resulting in 84 arrests and the seizure of 52 vehicles.

**Office of Technical Services**

• During 2002 Data Services completed the rollout of Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) to all of Field Patrol. At mid-year, the long awaited access to the County CIIS system from all MDCs was added, a very popular upgrade with patrol officers. Soon after, through a joint pilot project with the Department of Corrections, SPD became the first Department to have access to Parole LEADS in all of its patrol cars, through a product called Mobile LEADS. This product was developed in conjunction with the Department of Corrections and won a statewide award for Corrections. The Department won recognition in the Center for Digital Government's Best of California 2002 Awards, for its participation in the project.

• The Sacramento Police Academy held three Intensive Academies in 2002. A total of 47 cadets graduated from two academies. The third academy, which began in September 2002, will host its graduation in March 2003.

• Personnel Services Division began Sacramento Police Department's television series "City Beat."

• Personnel Services Division began Phase I of the DOJ COPS "Hiring in the Spirit of Service" initiative. The best
methods for recruiting, community outreach, occupational testing and psychological screening processes are identified and implemented to attract the best police officer candidates for community and service-oriented policing. Significant accomplishments, to date, include identifying desired traits for police officer candidates, revamping the recruiting campaign and website, and developing a recruiting video and new brochures. In addition, staff presented at the DOJ Community Oriented Policing Conference in Washington, DC.

- Volunteers made significant contributions to the Sacramento Police Department, logging nearly 7,000 hours in 2002. They worked in nearly all divisions and units within the Department, including Identification/Crime Scene Investigations, Special Investigations, Financial Crimes, 290 Registrant Program, Sex Assault/Child Abuse, Narcotics and Gangs, and storefront service centers. Volunteers were recognized for their contributions at a dinner in April.

- "The History of the Sacramento Police Department" episode received an International Communicator Award of Distinction in the Cable TV/Documentary Category.


- Records Division implemented an Optical Imaging Project.

- The Crime Analysis Unit has made improving the intranet web site a high priority. Special Orders, Narcotics Tip Log, and an Abatement Log were added.

- Officer Tim Dunham worked with the Patrol Captains and restructured the districts within the city to better distribute the workload. He was also heavily involved in patrol planning.

- 5 Dispatchers from the Communications Division participated in Read Across America for Dr. Seuss's Birthday, reading Dr. Seuss stories to elementary school age children.

- Speakers Bureau/Public Information Program was initiated for the purpose of providing staff to schools, neighborhood/business associations, community meetings and any occasion where a dispatcher is requested to speak about services provided by the Communications Center and job opportunities. 9-1-1 for Kids/Red E. Fox arrived and staff visited ten schools with 9-1-1 for Kids program.

- The high rate of Dispatcher attrition was eliminated. Since July 2001, no Dispatcher II's have left the Sacramento Police Department for other positions or outside agencies.
Communications implemented a two-way paging system to aid deaf or hearing-impaired callers who may need assistance when a TTD machine is unavailable. This concept has gained national attention as many members of the deaf/hearing-impaired community communicate via two-way pagers. They may now call the Sacramento Police Department directly for assistance.

Office of the Chief

- Office of the Chief (OOO) coordinated efforts throughout the Department to raise over $5,000 for the Special Olympics.

- Office of the Chief hosted the Major 10 Cities and Counties Conference that featured Governor Gray Davis as the keynote speaker to the State's Major 10 Mayors, Supervisor Chairpersons, City Managers, County Executives, Police Chiefs and Sheriffs.

- The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) received certificates of recognition from the United States Attorney's Office and the FBI for its assistance in the Suburban Propane case. The two suspects were found guilty and were sentenced to 22 years and 24 years in federal prison.

- CIU provided training on Middle Eastern Terrorism and Cultural Awareness to personnel at SPD, DOJ, and the FBI and presented at meetings involving the Middle Eastern community. Domestic Terrorism training was also provided to SPD personnel, allied agencies, and regional business locations.

- Fiscal assisted in the purchase of 'High Technology' items such as the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) robot, Mobile Data Computers (Entire Fleet), Video down-linking system for the helicopter, and the latest equipment for the Forensic Identification Unit using the various grant funds and programs that they administer.

- Economic Development has received national recognition for its work with the Department's traffic stop data collection project. The project was hailed as one of the most com-
prehensive traffic stop analysis efforts in the nation. Staff have presented the study at three conferences in Washington D.C. during 2002.

- Economic Development developed and incorporated the tax-exempt Sacramento Police Foundation to raise funds to support law enforcement and promote community public safety partnerships through education, training, crime prevention awareness, recognition award ceremonies, community activities and assistance programs.

- Economic Development helped obtain more than $3.8 million in grant funds for: Gang Resistance Education and Training (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), Tobacco Compliance (Alcohol Beverage Control), Racial Profiling Data Collection (California Highway Patrol), Traffic Safety (Office of Traffic Safety), Racial Profiling (Community Oriented Policing Services), and Universal Hiring Program (Community Oriented Policing Services).

- Professional Standards Unit revised 15 orders.

Special Feature: Move to Freeport Square

The Sacramento Police Department moved its headquarters, formerly located at 900 8th Street in downtown Sacramento, to the newly refurbished Public Safety Center at 5770 Freeport Boulevard in south Sacramento. Formerly known as Freeport Square, the complex had been a shopping center since the 1960s and more recently used as city offices. Among the unusual features of the Center is an atrium that has already hosted various ceremonies and events.

The long anticipated move to the Public Safety Building was completed in October 2002 without any interruption in service. In fact, the smooth transition could not have occurred without the hard work of Captain Mike McCarthy and the entire Data Services Division that involved months of detailed planning against a constantly shifting deadline. In addition to moving hundreds of computer users with minimal downtime, Data Services staff took the opportunity to upgrade the Department’s network during this transition. While this greatly added to their workload, it reduced the need for future downtime and created a more robust network for the entire department.

The Public Safety Center is shared with the Sacramento City Fire Department. In December 2002, the Public Safety Center was dedicated to retired Chief of Police John P. Kearns and the late Fire Chief Thomas A. Diese. Kearns served the Sacramento Police Department from 1956 to 1992 and was Chief of Police from 1977 until his retirement in 1992. Diese served the Fire Department from 1932 to 1969. The dedication reads:

"In recognition of and appreciation for leadership and vision in providing outstanding public safety services to the Sacramento community, this facility is dedicated Police Chief John P. Kearns and Fire Chief Thomas A. Diese."
## Crime Statistics

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## Budget

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TOTAL  $86,622,428  $95,449,972
Did You Know

☆ Dispatch began a mentoring program.
☆ Personnel’s page on www.sacpd.org received nearly 1,900 hits requesting applications for various positions.
☆ An on-line application/info request form was created to link directly to recruiters’ e-mail.
☆ Grant High School’s magnet program received the Golden Bell Award for the Best School to Career Program, awarded by the California State School Board Association.
☆ Fleet and Supply produced card keys for 1,200 employees as part of the move to the new building.
☆ Fiscal administered over 70 different grants and programs that totaled over $43 million for Fiscal Year 2002.
☆ Between October and January, officers worked in community events that included Halloween, Thanksgiving food giveaways and many Christmas events.
☆ A Bar-B-Que was held in conjunction with Sectors 1 and 3 that raised nearly $2,000 to buy gifts for 40 needy families.
☆ POP officers with other community members and 100 needy youth participated in a Christmas dream shopping spree at Wal-Mart.
☆ Metro Special Operations provided dignitary protection for Vice-President Cheney.
☆ Buddy, Officer Garner’s canine partner, received training to detect explosives.
☆ Marine Unit Officers Jacoby and Phillips received Distinguished Service Awards for their work on the river including the removal of several transient and unsafe vessels.
☆ The Mounted Unit sent two members of the unit to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Training Academy in Ottawa, Canada by invitation of their government.
☆ The Reserve Unit volunteered a total of 2,885 hours to the Sacramento Police Department. Events included: California International Marathon, MMA Toy Run, American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk, and the Run to Feed the Hungry.
☆ 204 separate Off-Duty assignments were contracted through the Supplemental Off-Duty Coordinator for a total of 32,593 hours.

Communications
Received 198,490 9-1-1 calls
Received 601,861 7-digit calls
Dispatched 198,658 calls
Had 125,905 Officer-Initiated calls
Had 277,048 Outgoing calls

Property
Booked 61,848 items of property/evidence including the following:
6,096 narcotics related items
$453,569.13 in cash
1,126 firearms
Destroyed 1,799 lbs. of seized narcotics
Destroyed 721 seized firearms (502 handguns and 219 rifles/shotguns)

Records
Processed 19,192 arrests
Processed 109,230 crime/incident/accident reports
Report writers took 27,268 of the above crime/incident/accident reports
Volunteers took 639 reports
On-line system resulted in 4,625 reports

☆ Air Ops flew 1,385 hours in the helicopters in support of patrol and 251 hours in the airplane in support of investigations. Other highlights include: average response time of 1.7 minutes, canceled 484 ground units, and 33 vehicle pursuits.
☆ Crime Scene Investigations (CSI) responded to a total of 9,013 calls for service.
☆ Community Service Officer Cervantes received an annual award from the Deputy District Attorney’s Office for her commitment to excellence in Domestic Violence over the years.
☆ The Communications Center now has a web site, located at www.sacpd911.org.
The Sacramento Police Department would like to wish Chief Venegas a happy retirement and best of luck in his future endeavors.