

Hughson Police Services

2010 YEAR-END REPORT





Law enforcement services for the City of Hughson are performed under a mutual contract with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. Personnel assigned to Hughson Police Services perform Patrol, General Investigations, Traffic Enforcement, Crime Prevention and Business Office functions. A wide array of ancillary services, such as the SWAT Team, Dive Team, Bomb Team and other Administrative functions are also provided by the Sheriff's Operations Center, located on Hackett Road in the City of Modesto.

“Our Department exists for no other purpose than to protect and serve our community.”

- Sheriff Adam Christianson

Message from the Chief

“On behalf of the men and women who work for Hughson Police Services, it is my pleasure to present this year-end report. We in law enforcement have seen many changes over the course of the last year. These changes have caused us to streamline services and rely on existing partnerships and new relationships in order to adequately combat crime within the city.



Our Deputy Sheriffs have shown great pride and dedication to the residents and City of Hughson. In these changing times, our ability to work with, and respond to citizen needs will be more important than ever. The continued support and active roll the community has taken to assist our Deputies must be fostered and maintained.

Together, through vigilance and teamwork, I am confident that the City of Hughson will continue to be a safe place for families, and a great City for business.”

- Janet Rasmussen, Chief of Police Services

Hughson Police Services Staff

The staff at Hughson Police Services is comprised of a Chief of Police, 5 Sworn Deputy Sheriff-Coroners, a Code Enforcement Officer, a Legal Clerk and a Clerical Aid. Together we provide law enforcement services to the 6,127 residents of the City. The existing ratio is .97 Deputies per thousand residents, which is below the P.O.S.T. recommended average. In 2007, the City adopted a policy to increase its staffing ratio to 1.3 field Deputies per thousand residents, but with the current economic climate, it is uncertain when the City will be able to reach this goal.



Our Patrol Deputies responded to 4,209 calls for service, wrote 2,641 reports, made 1,027 traffic stops and issued 530 citations. They contacted 311 suspicious vehicles/persons, investigated 41 traffic collisions, and made 147 arrests.

Our Code Enforcement Officer responded to 254 calls for service, towed 57 abandoned vehicles, inspected 134 properties, abated 4 public nuisance homes, assisted with probation and parole compliance searches, and took care of a number of other quality of life issues.

Case Highlights

Hughson Police Services takes a very proactive approach to reducing crime in our City and enjoys the reputation of being the “*Safest City in Stanislaus County.*” Our overall “Part One Crime Rates” are down 24.1% over last year.



During 2010, the Department has coordinated two large-scale probation and parole compliance checks, which focused on violent offenders, sex offenders and general probationers/parolees who live in the City of Hughson. These joint operations between Hughson Police Services, State Parole and County Probation have been very successful in terms of the number of arrests and the recovery of stolen property, illegal narcotics and firearms.

In addition to the large-scale compliance checks, Hughson Police personnel have participated in a number of Burglary Suppression Details, which directly attribute to our reduction in burglaries by 23.2% and other thefts by 62.1%

H10-0037: One person was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia after Deputies located these items inside their residence during a probation compliance check.

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H10-0176: One person was arrested on a traffic stop for possession of a concealed weapon; confiscated a .9 mm Smith and Wesson Semi-automatic handgun.

H10-0528: Two people were arrested after one admitted to possession of methamphetamine for sale during a probation compliance check; confiscated methamphetamine, marijuana, a glass pipe, and currency.

H10-0601: One person was arrested for possession of marijuana for sale after locating a large amount of marijuana that was individually packaged, concentrated cannabis (hash), a digital scale, a glass pipe and currency during a probation compliance check.

H10-1010: One person was arrested for possession of a concealed weapon, concentrated cannabis, and marijuana during a bike stop.

H10-1123: One person was arrested for possession of methamphetamine for sale and parole violation after Deputies located a baggie containing methamphetamine in a sock, as well as crossbows, swords, and surveillance equipment at his residence during a parole compliance check.



H10-1474: One person was arrested for possession of crystal methamphetamine and resisting arrest by the Burglary Suppression Team during a subject stop.

H10-1777: One person was arrested at the conclusion of a lengthy investigation for attempted robbery, possession of illegal weapons and violation of probation.

H10-1910: One person was arrested for parole violation, possession of a hypodermic needle and syringe, attempting to assault Deputies and for brandishing a deadly weapon in an angry and threatening manner.

H10-1979: One person was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and attempted armed robbery. The victim reported going in to purchase an ice cream at a local convenience store when an unknown number of males entered the store and said something like, "who you calling scraps." The subjects took off their shirts and were trying to stab the victim's cousin when he stepped in to protect him. The victim was stabbed, hit and knocked to the ground in the process.

H10-2101: One person was arrested for possession of methamphetamine for sale after locating methamphetamine, a digital scale, and packaging materials inside the vehicle he was operating.

H10-2017: Two subjects were contacted at a bus stop bench by the Burglary Suppression Team. One was on probation and during a probation search a hypodermic needle and methamphetamine were located.

H10-2267: One person was arrested for possession of methamphetamine during a probation compliance search.

H10-2378: One person was arrested at the scene of a family disturbance for being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm (.38 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver), 41 rounds of ammunition, possession of stolen property (the gun was stolen) and two warrants for possession of marijuana.

H10-2392: One person shot in the left ear. A stolen .22 caliber Ruger target semi-automatic handgun and 41 rounds of ammunition were recovered at the crime scene.

H10-2454: One person arrested for possession of methamphetamine and narcotic paraphernalia after admitting to being in possession of them during a traffic stop.

H10-2633: One person was arrested for possession of methamphetamine during a probation search.

2010 Crime Statistics

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Part 1 Crimes	Year Total 2009	Year Total 2010	Numerical Difference	Percent Difference
Total CFS	5,723	4,209	1,514	-26.5%
Felony Crimes				
Homicide	0	0	0	N/C
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	6	5	-1	-16.7%
Rape	1	0	-1	-100%
Robbery	2	1	-1	-50%
Burglary (Total)	56	43	-13	-23.2%
Commercial	14	12	-2	-14.3%
Residential	21	19	-2	-9.5%
Vehicle	21	12	-9	-42.9%
Grand Theft	17	7	-10	-59.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	11	3	37.5%
Weapons Violation (Not ADW)	5	5	0	N/C
Child Molest/Incest, Etc.	4	1	-3	-75%
Kidnapping	0	0	0	N/C
Forgery/NSF	18	15	-3	-16.7%
Arson	0	0	0	N/C
Narcotics Violations	14	20	6	42.9%
Other Felonies	27	12	-15	-55.6%
Total Felonies	158	120	-38	-24.1%

Part One Crime Rates

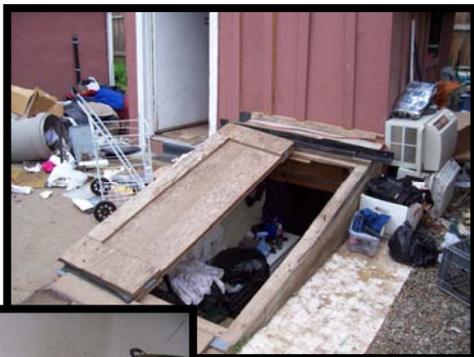
Hughson Crime Rate Per 1,000 Population 1995-2010

Year	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total Part 1	Population Estimate	Per 1,000
1995	1	0	2	32	25	67	12	139	3,690	37.67
1996	0	0	1	31	13	54	16	115	3,740	30.75
1997	0	1	0	36	20	60	19	136	3,800	35.79
1998	0	2	0	28	32	69	10	141	3,860	36.53
1999	0	3	0	30	23	64	14	134	3,910	34.27
2000	0	0	0	28	16	67	10	121	3,980	30.40
2001	0	1	0	25	28	75	12	141	4,125	34.18
2002	0	0	2	29	44	58	16	149	4,254	35.03
2003	0	0	1	14	53	48	33	149	4,942	30.15
2004	0	1	1	39	48	158	24	271	5,267	51.45
2005	0	0	2	36	42	143	28	251	5,955	42.15
2006	0	0	1	26	28	94	20	169	6,095	27.73
2007	0	1	1	15	39	120	27	203	6,054	33.53
2008	0	3	4	27	39	92	17	182	6,187	29.42
2009	0	1	2	23	35	68	8	137	6,127	22.36
2010	0	0	1	18	31	48	11	109	6,127	17.79

Code Enforcement Statistics

City of Hughson Code Enforcement Annual Report Summary

	Year Total 2009	Year Total 2010	Numerical Difference	Percent Difference
Total CFS	265	254	-11	-4.2%
Abandoned Vehicles Abatements	113	57	-56	-49.6%
Public Property	84	45	-39	-46.4%
Private Property	29	12	-17	-58.6%
Graffiti	21	18	-3	-14.3%
Property Maintenance	47	134	87	185%
Parking Issues	20	18	-2	-10%
Animal Related	14	10	-4	-28.6%
Miscellaneous/Zoning	50	17	-33	-66%



Street Gang Activity

In 2009, Stanislaus County was estimated to have 15,000 gang members, with approximately 5,000 of them documented. The vast majority of the documented gang members are Latino (87 percent) with the predominate Criminal Street Gangs, being Norteño and Sureño.



The City of Hughson has approximately 100 documented gang members. They range from Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs, white pride gangs, to Norteño and Sureño street gangs. The Criminal Street Gang activities here involve Norteño and Sureño

gang members, with the Sureños having the most dominate presence in the area.

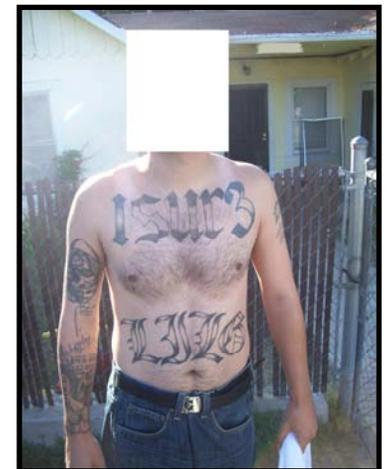


There are several sub-sets of the Sureño Criminal Street Gangs in Hughson, such as Sureño Por Vida (SPV), Mexican Locitos Sureño (MLS), South Side Trece (SST), and Brick City Sureños (BST).



Exact crime statistics are hard to compile on offenses committed by gang members. Fear and intimidation tactics are often used against victims and witnesses to keep them from reporting crimes. Gang members themselves frequently refuse to come forward as a victim or witness for fear of being

labeled a "rat" or "snitch", which could have severe consequences. Frequently, criminal street gang members attack members of their own gang or rival members and will not report the crimes they are victims of as they feel they or their gang can handle the matter without law enforcement assistance.



2010 Gang Statistics

Gang Statistics Annual Report Summary

Criminal Gangs	Year Total 2009	Year Total 2010	Numerical Difference	Percent Difference
Total Activity	13	8	-5	-38.5%
Assaults	1	1	0	0%
Drive by Shooting	1	0	-1	-100%
Weapon Charges	2	0	-2	-100%
Graffiti	4	3	-1	-25%
Miscellaneous	5	4	-1	-20%

Our goal is to protect our community and neighborhoods by utilizing every available resource to effectively investigate, evaluate, and prosecute members of Criminal Street Gangs. We are dedicated to suppressing gang activities by working closely with local law enforcement agencies and community members. Together, through community awareness and cooperation, we are confident that we will be able to protect the City's reputation as a peaceful and productive environment, for both families and businesses.

Traffic Enforcement



The men and women assigned to police the City of Hughson understand the need to maintain safe roadways and ensure vehicles are operated in a safe manner. To that end, we have embarked upon a public awareness campaign that attempts to address minor vehicle code violations with education, rather than citation. While not every situation calls for a warning to be given, we have seen overall vehicle speeds in the city reduced, and do feel the positive impact of our campaign. We have seen a reduction in citizen complaints regarding speeding drivers. Our Deputies also helped the California Highway Patrol with their *“Cellular Telephone Zero Tolerance Enforcement Campaign”* and issued several citations to drivers talking and texting on cell phones.

Traffic Activity/Services	Year Total 2009	Year Total 2010	Numerical Difference	Percent Difference
Total Accidents	38	41	3	7.9%
Fatal Accidents	2	0	-2	-100%
Injury Accidents	6	8	2	33%
Property Damage/Non-Injury	25	27	2	8%
Hit and Run Accidents	5	6	-1	-20%
Total Drunk Driving	7	6	-1	-14%
Involved in Accidents	2	1	-1	-50%
Driving Under Influence	7	6	-1	-14%
Citations Issued	612	530	-82	-13%
Moving Violations	209	130	-79	-38%
Non-Moving Violations	153	138	-15	-10%
Mechanical Violations	89	88	-1	-1%
Parking Violations	161	174	13	8%

Training

In an effort to ensure the most efficient and highest level of law enforcement services possible, the men and women of the Hughson Police Services undergo and participate in thorough training throughout the year. We train to utilize Radar/Lidar units, handle traffic collisions, identify and arrest drivers who are under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and successfully deal with the problems associated with criminal street gangs.



Our Deputies train in order to maintain proficiency with their issued firearms, defensive tactics and less-lethal weapons systems. In fact, the City recently invested in a chemical delivery platform commonly referred to as a “pepperball gun”. This tool allows us to introduce a chemical agent that is designed to irritate a suspect or combatant, without the danger of long lasting side effects. Deputies also train throughout the year with the TASER. This device has helped to resolve numerous violent confrontations in the City without serious injury to Deputy or suspect.

Our Deputies have also received training in the areas of harassment, narcotics related expert testimony, media relations, critical incidents, and domestic violence.

Community Events

Hughson Police Services participated in a number of community events. These include but are not limited to the 100 year Hughson Unified High School Centennial Celebration Alumni Football Game and Dance, Child Safety Fair, Read Across America, Career Day, Halloween Parade, Christmas Parade, City Wide Clean Up and tours of our office to the Boy Scouts and 2nd Graders at Hughson Elementary School.

We also partnered with Stanislaus County and the nine cities in the development of a Stanislaus County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazardous Mitigation Plan. This plan also encompasses a Local Hazard Mitigation

Plan for the City of Hughson which specifies the City's unique needs. These plans are intended to assist the County of Stanislaus and the City of Hughson in reducing its risk from all types of hazards by identifying resources, information, and strategies for risk reduction. The plans will help guide and coordinate mitigation activities throughout the City. The purpose of the Hughson Hazard Mitigation Plan is:

- To protect life, property, and insure safety by reducing the potential for future damages and economic losses that result from natural hazards; and
- To qualify for additional grant funding, in both the pre-disaster and post-disaster environment; and
- To protect the continuity of local government to ensure no significant disruption of services during or due to a disaster; and
- To comply with both State and Federal legislative requirements for Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.

ShakeOut
The Great California ShakeOut
Annual Statewide Earthquake Drill

CITY OF HUGHSON
Get Ready to ShakeOut!

At 10:21 a.m. on October 21, 2010, millions of Californians will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" in *The Great California ShakeOut*, the largest earthquake drill ever! All local governments and their agencies are encouraged to participate in the drill (or plan a more extensive exercise).

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you work, live, or travel in California. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

Why is having a "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill important? As with anything, to act quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or before something falls on you.

Over 6.9 million Southern Californians participated in the 2009 ShakeOut. Now statewide, the *Great California ShakeOut* will be held on the third Thursday of October each year.

Everyone can participate! Individuals, families, businesses, schools, government agencies and organizations are all invited to register.

Register today at ShakeOut.org

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

Plan Your Drill:

- Register at www.ShakeOut.org/register to be counted in the ShakeOut Drill, get email updates, and more.
- Have a "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" drill at 10:21 a.m. on October 21.
- You may also want to coordinate an exercise of your emergency plan.
- Discuss what you learned and make improvements.

Get Prepared for Earthquakes:

- Check your emergency supplies and equipment;
- Inspect your facilities for items that might fall and cause injury, and secure them.
- Encourage employees to prepare at home.
- Provide first aid and response training for employees.

Share the ShakeOut:

- Encourage employees to ask their friends, families, and neighbors to register.
- Agencies with outreach roles can include ShakeOut messaging in their routine activities.
- Posters, flyers and other materials for promoting the ShakeOut are at www.ShakeOut.org/resources.
- Share your experience at www.shakeout.org/drill.

More information is available at ShakeOut.org/localgovernments.

DROP! COVER! HOLD ON!

As a registered ShakeOut participant you will:

- Learn what you can do to get prepared
- Be counted in the largest earthquake drill ever!
- Receive ShakeOut news and other earthquake information
- Set an example that motivates others to participate

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We recognize there isn't a community that is immune from natural hazards; whether it is an earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storm, drought, heat wave, or dam failure. Hughson Police Services took the lead to promote disaster preparedness and coordinated the City of Hughson's participation in **The Great California ShakeOut Drill** on October 21, 2010 at 10:21 a.m.

Community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community – individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government.

By participating in **The Great California ShakeOut** the City of Hughson had the opportunity to join and support 7.9 million other Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency.

By registering at www.ShakeOut.org government employees were able participate in the ShakeOut's "Drop Cover and Hold on" earthquake drill and encouraged the public, schools, businesses, and other community stakeholders to also register. By taking the time to recognize and acknowledge the importance of preparing our City for the purposes of building a safer community, we reduce the loss of life and property from a major earthquake event by taking proactive steps today.



Schools



Our Deputies continue to work closely with school officials in order to maintain the highest level of safety possible on all of our school campuses. Patrol Deputies are readily available and assist with any law enforcement need that may arise. Additionally, personnel from Hughson Police Services provide security for events such as high school football games and dances.



Awards

Hughson Police Services Reserve Deputy Fidel Alonzo received the “2010 Stanislaus Civitan Club Officer of the Year” Award for his outstanding service. He was nominated for the award by his peers, based upon his hard work and dedication to the community. During the past year, he participated in several community functions, where he spoke to schoolchildren on pedestrian safety. Reserve Deputy Alonzo illustrates the epitome of a public servant, putting others first and placing service above self.

Sergeant John Walker and Deputy Jesse Grogan were given life saving awards by the Mayor for their heroic and courageous efforts in safely removing an elderly female and five children from a residential fire on Tully Road at Fox Road in the City of Hughson.

City of Hughson Public Works Superintendent Sam Rush was recognized for the assistance he provided law enforcement in March of 2010 which lead to the subsequent arrest of two subjects for possession of stolen property.

We had a Service Recognition and BBQ luncheon for Deputies Jason Garner, Brandon Green, and Reserve Deputy Fidel Alonzo who were RIF'd (reduction in force) as a result of the County's budgetary woes in June of 2010. The Sheriff, several members of the Sheriff's Department, and every City employee attended the event to show their thanks and appreciation for these wonderful men and the service they provided this community.

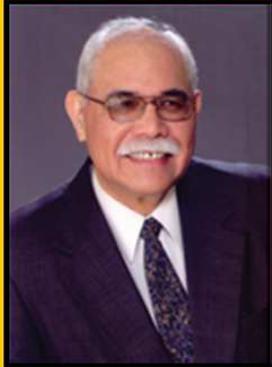
Deputies Shane Rohn and Ryan Killian were recognized for 5 years of service and Julie Shadel was recognized for 15 years of service.

Partnerships

Stanislaus County Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA)
Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT)
Gang Impact Task Force (GIT)
Stanislaus Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance (SEAPA)
Stanislaus Family Justice Center (SFJC)
Hughson Family Resource Center



Hughson City Council



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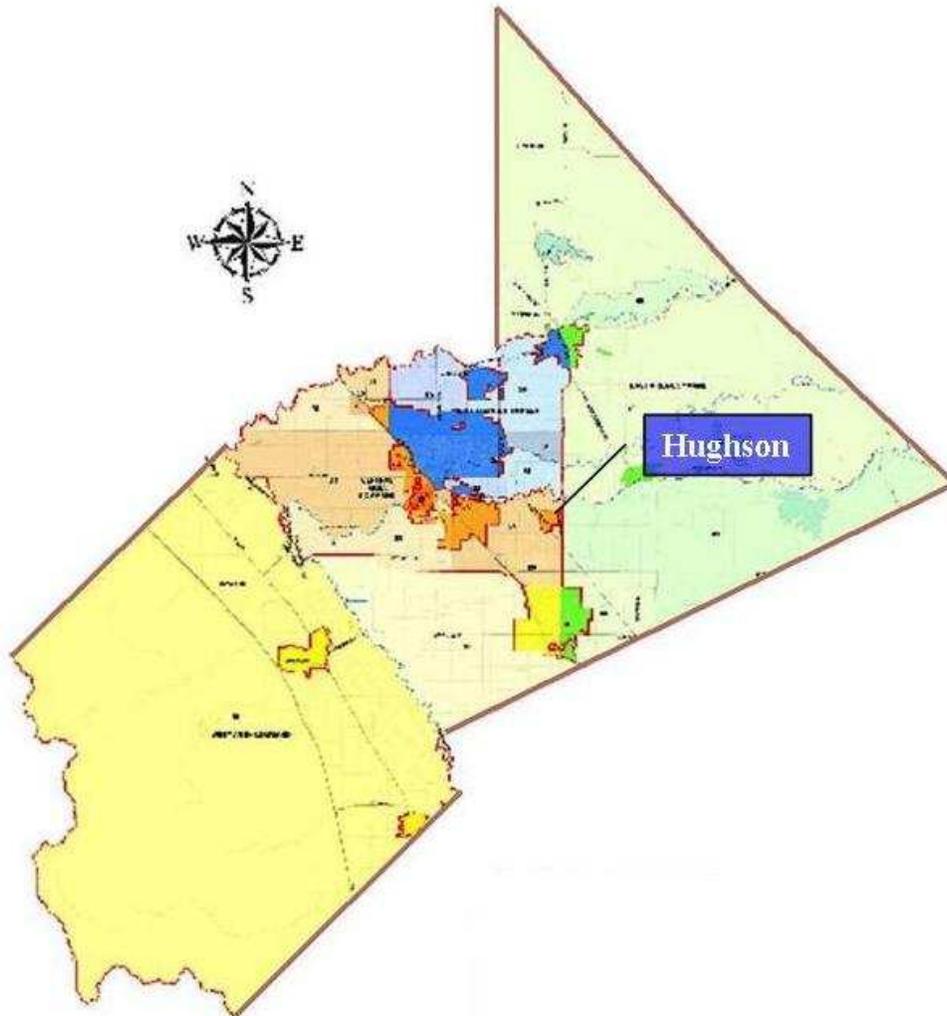
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