



Rancho Santa Margarita  
Police Services  
FY 2025/2026 Budget  
Presentation



ORANGE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

# RSM Police Budget and Staffing



## RSM Police Services Budget Overview

2023/2024: \$10,985,365 (+3.56%, \$377,467)

2024/2025: \$11,853,107 (+7.90%, \$867,742)

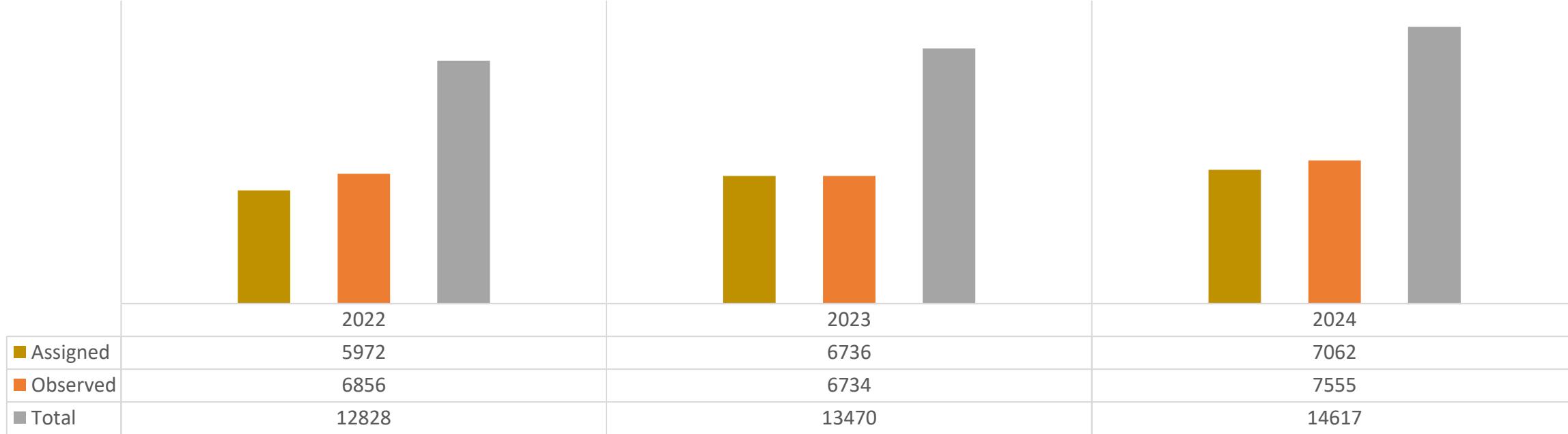
2025/2026: \$12,486,050 (+5.34%, \$632,943)

## RSM Police Services Staffing

1 Captain  
3 Sergeants (1 Admin + 2 Patrol)  
1 Investigator  
21 Deputies  
1.33 Investigative Assistants  
2 Community Service Officers  
1 Crime Prevention Specialist  
Total = 30.33

- This budget **preserves our staffing, proactive policing, and national reputation for safety.**
- Staffing includes: patrol coverage, investigations, community outreach, and crime prevention.
- This team structure is formatted to keep crime low and community trust high.
- No staffing increase requested.

# CALLS FOR SERVICE & RESPONSE TIMES



Year	2022	2023	2024
Priority 1 (P1) Response Times	4:54	5:04	4:38

# CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS)



## RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA POLICE SERVICES

- **2022:** Calls for service (assigned + observed) increased by more than **2,317**
- **2023:** Calls for service increased by more than **600**
- **2024:** Calls for service increased by more than **1,100**



# CURRENT CRIME TRENDS

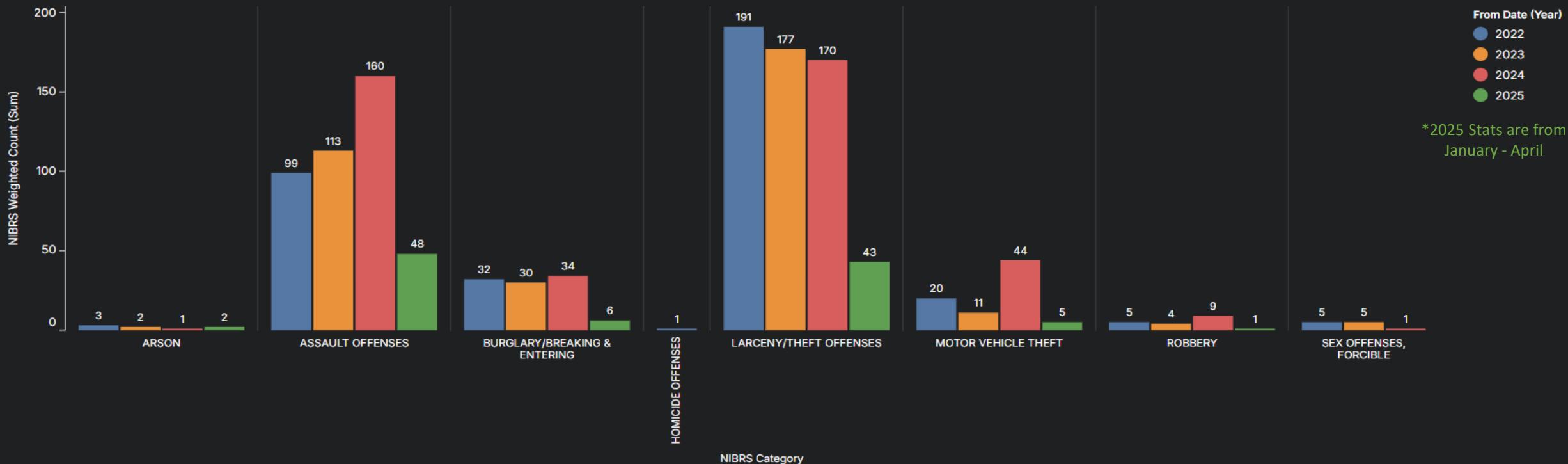


- **Property thefts & Commercial thefts:** 4-8 incidents per month
- **Graffiti:** Ongoing reports in public and private spaces
- **Fraud/Cyber Crimes:** Increasing reports, often targeting residents online and the elderly population
- **Traffic violations:** Continued enforcement focus on safety and education

# HISTORICAL CRIME STATS



## CRIME GROUP COMPARISON



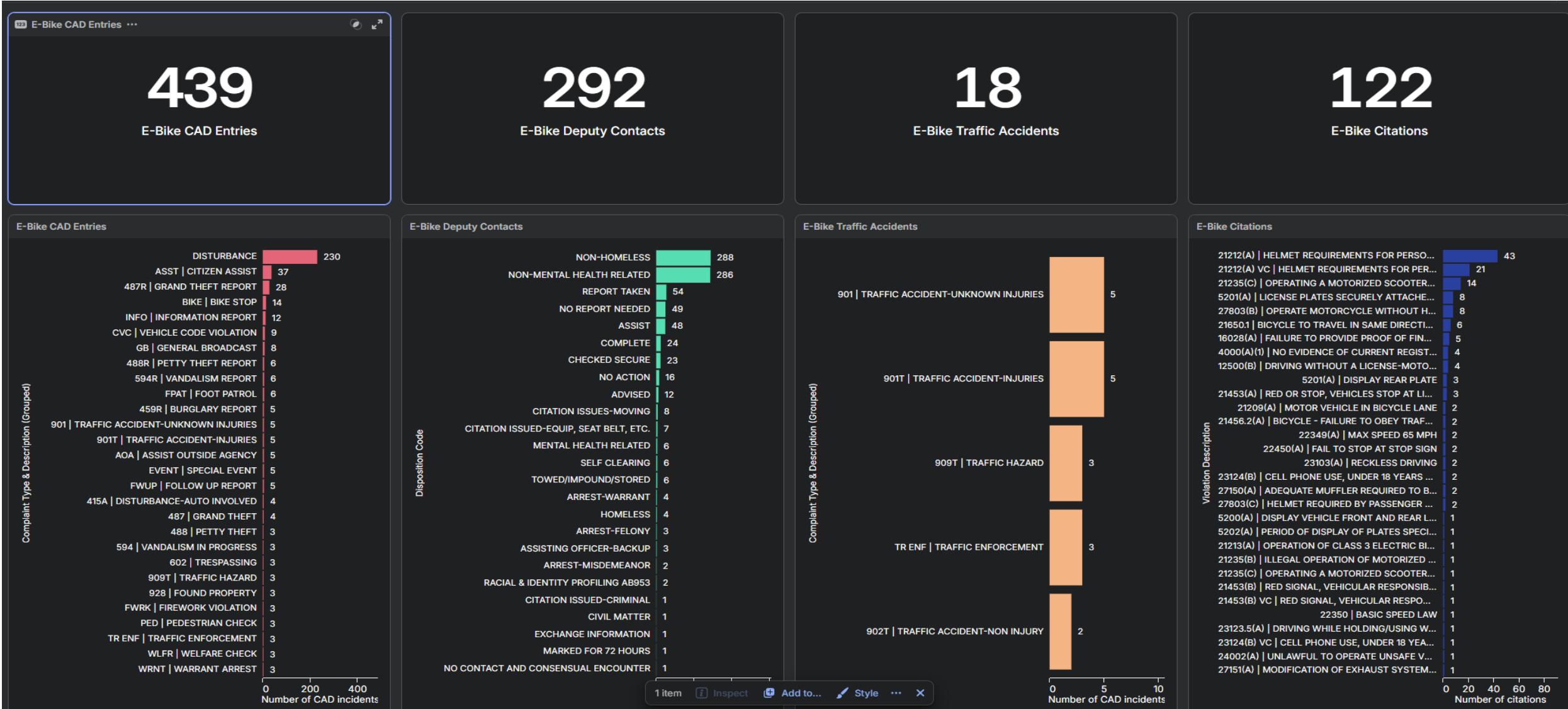
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2025	2	48	6		43	5	1		105
2024	1	160	34		170	44	9	1	419
2023	2	113	30		177	11	4	5	342
2022	3	99	32	1	191	20	5	5	356
Total	8	420	102	1	581	80	19	11	1,222

# TRAFFIC STATISTICS



Traffic Statistics	2022	2023	2024
Fatal Accidents	3 *Head on collision/DUI Veh vs tree Veh vs bicyclist	0	0
Injury Traffic Accidents	48	41	77
Non-Injury Traffic Accidents	83	70	68
Accidents on Private Property	19	18	14
<b>Parking Citations</b> *Produces revenue of about 100k/yr	<b>1819</b>	<b>2038</b>	<b>1942</b>
<b>Tows</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>165</b>

# E-Bike Statistics (2023 & 2024)



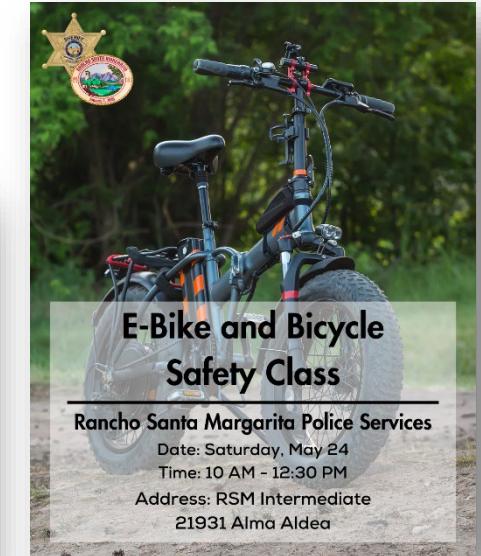
# E-Bikes Safety Initiative



- Police Services continues to approach the e-bike problems in the city through a three-prong approach:
  - ❖ **Education, Engagement, and Enforcement.**
- 2022: RSM Police Services participated in the Bike Rodeo where we educated and reinforced positive riding behavior.
- 2024: Hosted multiple community e-bike safety events.
- 2025: Expanding educational and enforcement initiatives.



2024



2025

Youth safety is a priority.

Preventing accidents today protects families tomorrow.

# E-Bikes Safety Initiative



By summer 2025, Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services will deploy three e-bikes as part of our community safety strategy.

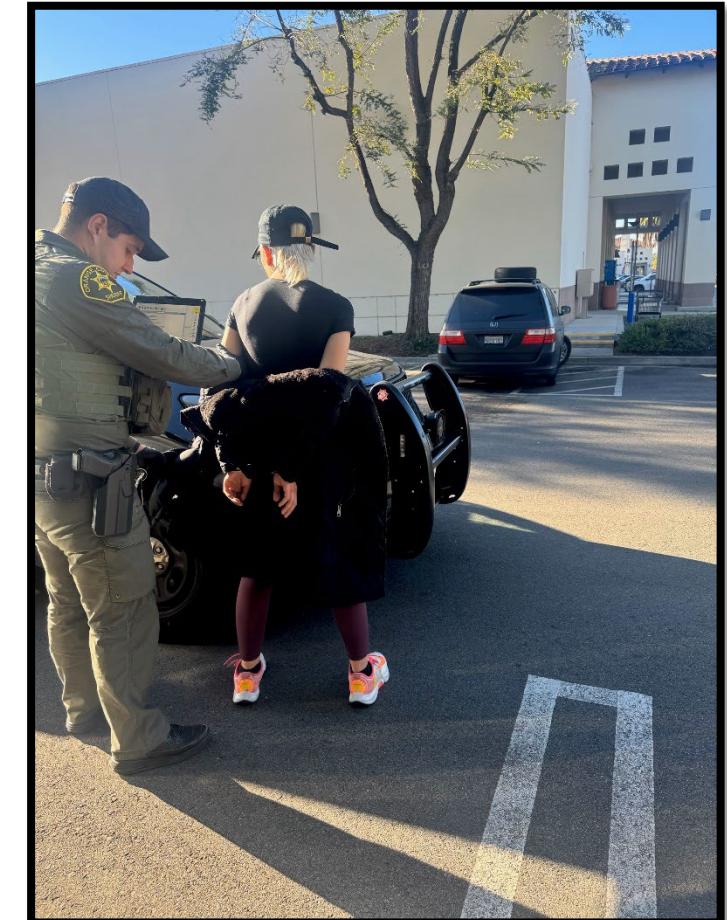
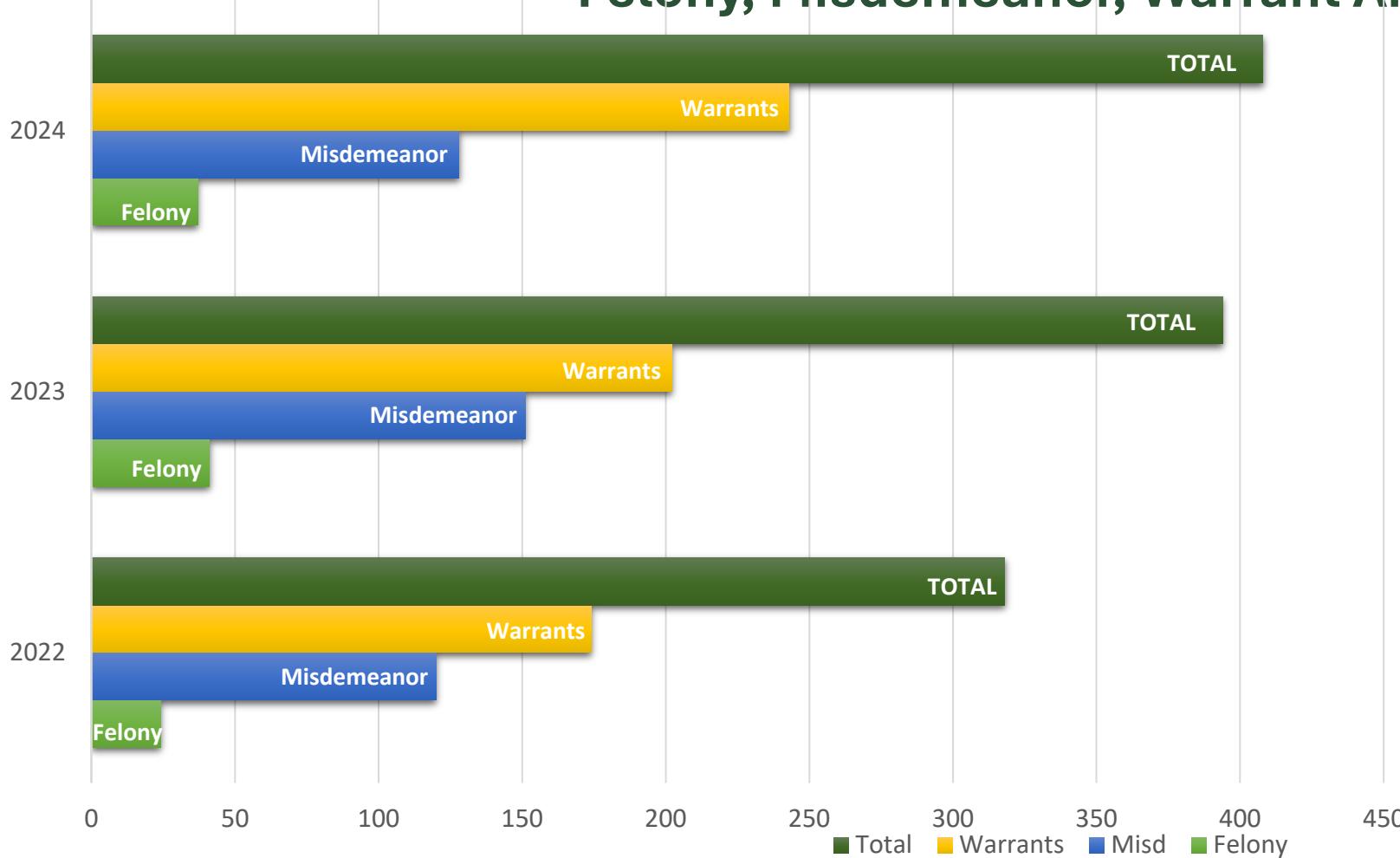
- These e-bikes will serve as a visible and approachable platform to engage with youth and other riders about bike safety and responsible riding habits.
- Deputies will also utilize them for targeted enforcement operations, allowing for increased mobility on trails, parks, and high-traffic pedestrian areas.



# ARRESTS



## Felony, Misdemeanor, Warrant Arrests



# Community Service Unit (CSU)



In March 2025, Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services rebranded the **Special Enforcement Team (SET)** as the **Community Service Unit (CSU)** to better reflect our mission of proactive policing and community partnership.

## CSU is comprised of:

- 3 Deputies (includes our SRO)
- 1 Crime Prevention Specialist

## Core Responsibilities:

- 🔎 **Problem Solving:** Address recurring community issues that extend beyond day-to-day patrol responsibilities
- 🤝 **Engagement:** Lead neighborhood and business watch programs, host community meetings, and strengthen resident relationships
- 🚨 **Proactive Enforcement:** Conduct focused operations targeting crime hotspots and chronic offenders



# CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST (CPS)



A **Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS)** serves as the bridge between law enforcement and the community—focusing on education, outreach, and proactive strategies to reduce crime before it occurs.

## Core Responsibilities:

- **Community Engagement:**

Leads Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and school safety programs

- **Crime Trend Analysis:**

Identifies problem areas and supports focused prevention strategies

- **Public Education:**

Provides presentations on burglary prevention, fraud, personal safety, and more

- **Liaison Role:**

Connects police services with residents, HOAs, businesses, and community groups

- **Outreach & Problem Solving:**

Supports patrol operations by promoting long-term solutions to recurring issues

# FLOCK CAMERAS



## Current Status:

### 16 FLOCK License Plate Reader (LPR) Cameras

- Strategically placed throughout Rancho Santa Margarita
- Used to identify and locate vehicles tied to criminal activity
- Assists with investigations, real-time alerts, and crime deterrence



## Future Plans:

### Adding 10 More Cameras

- Expanding total to **26**
- Increases citywide coverage and enhances response capabilities
- Supports proactive policing and regional crime tracking



# FLOCK CAMERAS



## Success Stories:

- January 2025 – Commercial burglary at business in RSM with over 200k+ stolen in hair extensions. **FLOCK** was used as an investigative tool to locate the suspects who were subsequently arrested a few weeks later. Almost all of the stolen property was recovered.
- February 2024 – Residential burglary where several thousand dollars worth of jewelry was stolen from the home. **FLOCK** cameras were used to identify the suspect vehicle where it was traced back to the city of Los Angeles. The investigation revealed occupants driving the vehicle were involved in several other residential burglaries throughout the county. The suspects were arrested the following month for several counts of burglary, including the one from Rancho Santa Margarita.



## NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE TO COORDINATE EFFECTIVELY (NICE)



Implemented the **Neighborhood Initiative to Coordinate Effectively (NICE)** program. It is a cross-departmental initiative that enhances how the City of Rancho Santa Margarita identifies and addresses local issues.

**Purpose:** To improve how the City of Rancho Santa Margarita identifies, communicates, and resolves local issues through stronger cross-departmental collaboration.

- Identify issues quickly
- Identify reoccurring issues
- Build relationships between departments and the community
- Get problems to the correct people to handle in a more efficient manner
- Utilize the right tool in the toolbox for identified issues and problems

**Real World Example:** Street Vendors

# COMMUNITY SAFETY ACHIEVEMENTS



## Recognized as One of the Safest Cities in America

### 🥇 #1 Safest City in California

- SafeWise, for the second consecutive year

### 🏆 #15 Safest City in the U.S.

- Based on FBI crime data from the Uniform Crime Reporting Program



### Neighborhood Scout National Report

- RSM's violent crime rate is well below the national average
- Violent crimes like assault, rape, robbery, and murder occur **far less often** than in most U.S. cities
- Your chance of becoming a victim of violent crime in RSM is just **1 in 2,099** — a violent crime rate of **0 per 1,000 residents**

# COMMUNITY SAFETY RANKINGS



## Here are the 10 Safest Cities in California for 2025:

According to SafeWise, these cities lead the state in public safety:

1.Rancho Santa Margarita 

2.Danville

3.Alico Viejo

4.Lincoln

5.Yorba Linda

6.Calexico

7.Laguna Niguel

8.Simi Valley

9.San Ramon

10.Lake Forest

# KEY PRIORITIES



## Focus areas:

-  **Graffiti & Vandalism Prevention**  
Proactively identify and eliminate problem areas
-  **Traffic Safety Expansion**  
Enhance outreach, education, and enforcement efforts to reduce collisions and improve road safety for all users
-  **Increase Positive Public Contacts (PPCs)**  
Build trust through daily interactions and visibility
-  **CSU Team Implementation**  
Transitioned from SET to **Community Service Unit**  
Crime Prevention Specialist position to be filled **May 2025**

## The Mission:

To deliver real results not by asking for more, but by using what we have more effectively. Through focused enforcement, strategic partnerships, and visible community engagement, we are committed to keeping Rancho Santa Margarita one of the safest cities in America.



# CLOSING REMARKS



“I believe Rancho Santa Margarita didn’t become the safest city in the state by accident. It’s the result of intentional leadership, strategic policing, and a deep partnership with this community. With your continued support, we’re not just maintaining public safety, we’re setting the standard for it.”

- Captain Dwayne Chapple

# QUESTIONS



Rancho Santa Margarita  
**SAFEST CITY IN THE STATE**  
Two years in a row

**Captain Dwayne Chapple**  
RSM Police Services

**Brian Wayt**  
OCSD Executive Director  
Administrative Services Command

