

DIXON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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CORE VALUES & MISSION

Dixon Police Department

Core Values

The Dixon Police Department's core values are embedded in the foundation of how we view our role in serving and protecting our community. They are the basis for every interaction we have. By aspiring to the highest level of dedication and service, we are constantly striving to exceed expectations in providing truly exceptional police service to the City of Dixon. Our core values guide how we commit ourselves fully as professional peace officers, and human beings. We believe each value is interconnected, and each build on and enhances the others.

- **Service**
- **Honesty & Integrity**
- **Accountability**
- **Respect**

Mission Statement

The mission of the Dixon Police Department is to enhance the quality of life in our city by working collaboratively with our community to preserve the peace, protect the public, and provide a safe environment for everyone to enjoy all Dixon has to offer.

The logo of the Dixon Police Department incorporates the City of Dixon logo in the center, with a reference to the year 1945, the year the Police Department was founded.



2021 was a year of evolution and transformation, for both your police department as well as me personally. Watching the members of this department navigate another year of COVID, working through the ever-changing myriad of regulations and rules, we learned a level of adaptability we have never experienced as a city. If nothing else, Year 2 of COVID taught us to adapt.

Despite all of the challenges, it was a year of progress and growth for the police department, and indeed all over our city. As development fueled unprecedented growth and population, the police department laid foundational elements to help the department of today prepare for the demands of tomorrow. The construction of the new police training facility, to replace a dirt field, is a prime example of this growth. The replacement of the aged and failing classroom is another.

We're committed to providing tools AND techniques to train your police officers and police staff to develop new methods for delivering the police services you deserve and have come to expect. We've expanded our defensive tactics program, introduced new less-lethal devices to reduce injuries, and expanded our Investigations Section to provide training and experience to the next generation of police detectives and leaders.

We also lost a dear friend and mentor along the way. In December, Lt. Mike Tegeler passed away unexpectedly at his home off-duty. Mike was a larger-than-life presence in our department. He was a friend and a mentor, a leader and a gentleman. Mike was a fearless advocate for right, and a noble guardian for justice. While we will miss him dearly, his impact on who we are, and as importantly, who we strive to become, will be felt for a generation of young police officers.

We accept Mike's challenge to always try and be the kind of police department we would want to serve our families. Thank you, Mike. Your dedication to service continues to inspire.

Robert Thompson



Chief Robert Thompson
Dixon Police Department

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Note to readers

This report contains information about the structure and organization of the Dixon Police Department, crime statistics for the previous year, and general information about how the police department made efforts to provide police services to the residents and businesses of the City of Dixon.

Members of the Dixon Police Department worked at every level to compile information which is meaningful and relevant to the operations of the police department, and highlight areas where engaging the community helped create an open and honest environment where community members, police employees and others could interact.

While this report has a slightly different look from previous versions, we hope you find the content useful and informative. In the end, this is your police department, and we want it to be one you are proud to call your own.



Staff Recognition



Officer Alberto Oliveira was recognized as the Police Department's **Officer of the Year for 2021**. Officer Oliveira was chosen by his supervisors and peers for his hard work and dedication to the people of Dixon.

In December 2021, the Dixon Police Department suffered a tragic loss in the sudden and unexpected death of Lieutenant Mike Tegeler. In preparation for the services, officers volunteered to become part of the Dixon Police Department Honor Guard. With very little time to prepare and practice, the team members drilled and trained to ensure our police department honored the family and legacy of Lt. Tegeler. The conduct and actions of these officers not only reflected positively on themselves but on the entire team and the police department.

Honor Guard pictured left to right: Officer Hollingshead, Officer Carella, Officer Bennett, Officer Thompson, Officer Gyurina and Officer Oliveira. Not pictured: Officer Dawson and Sgt. Stevens.

Our Community

Dixon Police employees used every opportunity in the last year to reach out and interact with our community in positive and proactive ways.

We're always dedicated to service and protection.



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION



Lieutenant Mike Tegeler
Commander
Field Operations Division

In 2021, Lt. Mike Tegeler was the commander of the Field Operations Division of the Dixon Police Department and managed all patrol teams for the city. On December 18th, he passed away unexpectedly at his home.

Lt. Tegeler joined the Dixon Police Department in 2012 after spending 22 years with the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff. He was promoted to sergeant in 2013, and he led the Investigations Section, supervising the investigations carried out by detectives.

In 2018, Sergeant Tegeler was promoted to lieutenant and was given command of the Field Operations Division. In that capacity, Lt. Tegeler led all patrol operations. Lt. Tegeler was also a proud veteran of the United States Air Force and was laid to rest on January 8th at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery.



The Patrol Section of the Dixon Police Department falls under the Field Operations Division. Patrol is the primary provider of police services for the residents of Dixon. Patrol deploys over 20 officers to 7 square miles of the City on a 24-hour basis. Patrol personnel are prepared to respond to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service, the ones seen on the street behind the wheel of a police car, looking for a lost child, comforting the victim of a crime, or arresting an intoxicated driver. The quality of life and low crime rate experienced in Dixon can be greatly attributed to the service provided by these individuals.

In January 2021, patrol located an abandoned semi-truck which was carrying several vehicles. With the use of a K9, officers discovered several of the vehicles were filled with duffle bags containing over 1440 pounds of processed cannabis. The Investigations unit responded and continued with the investigation.



Dixie Fire

In July 2021, Dixon Police Department responded to assist with evacuations and patrols. The Dixie Fire was the largest single (i.e. non-complex) wildfire in recorded California history, and the second-largest wildfire overall (after the 2020 August LNU Lightning Complex Fire). The fire damaged and destroyed several small towns, including: Greenville, Canyon Dam, and Warner Valley.



Drug Takeback

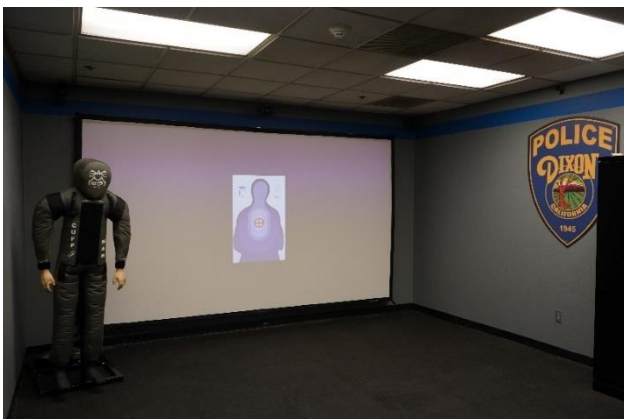
Twice a year the Dixon Police Department partners with the Drug Enforcement Agency to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs.

During 2021, we took in more than 350 pounds of unwanted/expired medication. All year round we provide a safe and convenient opportunity for citizens to dispose of their unwanted/expired medication with a Safe Medication Disposal box within the lobby of the Dixon Police Department.



Force Option Simulator

Our officers continue to utilize the Force Option Simulator as a training tool. This interactive video device allows us to engage in force response simulations.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Dixon Police Department's Support Services Division provides internal support to the police department and external services to the community. Captain Tom Cordova manages the division. It consists of the Investigations, Community Services & Engagement, Property & Evidence, Code Enforcement, and Records units.

The Investigations Unit consists of a sergeant and two detectives. Their primary responsibility is conducting follow-up investigations of crimes against people or property in the City of Dixon. The types of cases they investigate include robbery, burglary, assaults, sexual assaults, missing persons, domestic violence, homicide, child abuse, ID theft, grand theft, forgery, and other complex cases.

The Community Services Section includes various services and consists of a sergeant, traffic/motorcycle officer, a school resource officer, a K-9 officer, a community service officer (CSO) assigned to property and evidence, and a CSO assigned to patrol and code enforcement. Other functions include community outreach, training, recruitment, and hiring.

The Records Unit consists of a records supervisor and two records technicians. When the public enters the police department, the Records Unit is the initial point of contact to assist or provide general information. Some of the services they provide are processing police reports and citations, producing requests for public records, processing vehicle tow and impound releases, processing special event permits, and reporting crime data to state and federal agencies. The Records Unit is the repository of all records of the Dixon Police Department.



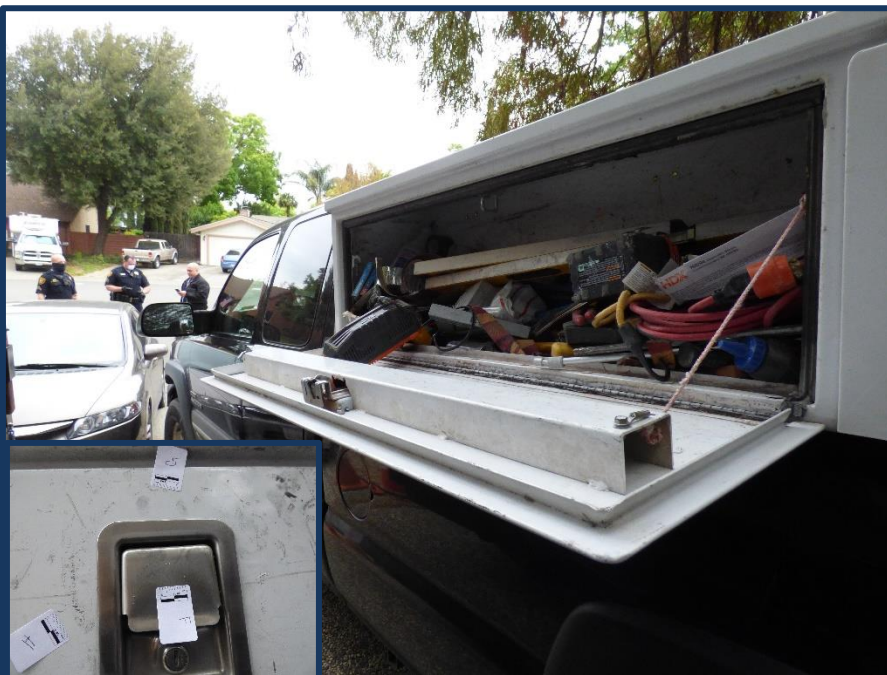
Captain Tom Cordova
Commander
Support Services Division



Under the command of the Support Services Division commander, the detective sergeant supervises the investigators assigned to this section. The Investigations Section investigates all crimes not cleared by the Patrol Section by utilizing specialized training, advanced investigative techniques, advanced technology, and other resources. In addition to their normal duties, one Detective is also assigned to participate in the Solano County Major Crimes Task Force, organized by the Solano County District Attorney's Office.

COVID had a continuing impact on investigations in 2021 with surveillance video and suspect photos often showing faces concealed by a face covering, making identification more difficult. The Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) system has been an important part of many investigations that would have otherwise been had to be suspended due to a lack of investigative leads. In May of 2021, a burglary occurred at the Grocery Outlet where several price scanner devices were stolen. Despite the suspects wearing face coverings, the ALPR system was able to identify a suspect vehicle which led to the identification of both suspects.

In October of 2021, Detective Oliveira was selected by his peers as the Officer of the Year for his outstanding work in the Investigations Division and his contributions to helping patrol officers with their cases. Detective Oliveira took the initiative to help train patrol officers to help develop their investigative skills and completed the Officer in Charge program. Through Detective Oliveira's investigations, numerous stolen firearms and tens of thousands of dollars of stolen property were recovered. Throughout the year, Detective Oliveira investigated numerous high-profile cases which involved collaboration with multiple local, state, and federal agencies to complete the investigations as well as provide them with investigative details he discovered for prosecution in their jurisdictions.



INVESTIGATIONS SECTION



Sergeant Mick Geisser

Supervisor Investigations
Section

COMMUNITY SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT



Sergeant Jenna Cameron

Supervisor
Community Services
Section

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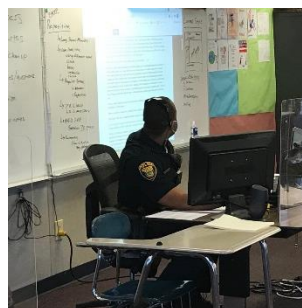
The Police Department operates a Community Services Section program, led by a police sergeant. This program continues to encompass a wide range of services and programs the Dixon Police Department offers to the community.

Grounded in the philosophy of sustained and continuous engagement, the police department believes the more ways we can positively interact with our residents and businesses, the more effective we are in promoting the sense of respect, trust and order needed to serve our city.

As we continued to deal with Covid, the majority of the traditional community events like our annual May Fair parade and festival, Grillin-N-Chillin, and others events had to be cancelled or modified.

In June, we had the opportunity again to participate in the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. Due to Covid restrictions we again missed running with Olympians. Drive-by parades continued throughout the year for birthdays and graduations. These events continue to allow police employees to interact with residents in safe settings designed to promote interactions.

Later in the year, the Dixon Police Department had the opportunity to participate in the annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat event held in Downtown Dixon by handing out candy to the trick-or-treaters. Our officers also attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival held in the Women's Improvement Park.



The Community Services Section manages police-community programs like our K-9, motor unit, School Resource Officer, Community Services Officers, cadets, organizes neighborhood watches, plans special events, and is the first line for business, civic, religious or community groups.



2021 Community Services Events

- Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics of Northern California
- Birthday Parades
- Dixon High School Graduation Parade
- Downtown Halloween Trick-Or-Treating
- Christmas Tree Lighting



Property & Evidence Section

Our Property & Evidence Section is staffed by dedicated Community Service Officers who have special training in the processing and handling of evidence and property coming into the department. When officers seize evidence on the street, detectives recover evidence at a crime scene, or staff locates found property, these staff members sort and store them.

Other tasks completed by the Property & Evidence staff include property audits, purging, and inventorying of items stored at the police department, as well as handling discovery requests for the District Attorney's Office.

They process drugs and physical evidence, produce evidentiary discovery for trial, and dispose of items no longer needed by the department. There are thousands of pieces of property in police custody.

Purging of property is accomplished based on criteria from federal, state and local laws, as well as case dispositions from the District Attorney's Office, detectives and officers. When the property cannot be returned to the owners, they are properly destroyed. Items associated with retainable cases such as homicides and sexual assaults are infrequently purged and account for many stored items in the property room.



In 2021 Dixon Police received and processed 1648 pieces of evidence, property and found items. This includes physical and digital evidence, which are maintained on secured servers.

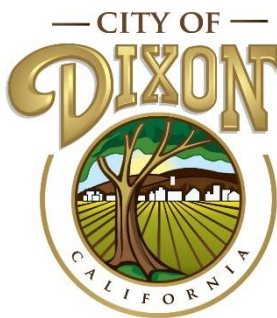


Code Compliance Section

The police department has Community Service Officers who enforce Dixon Municipal Code violations related to public nuisances as well as parking complaints. They conduct proactive patrols of the City to address code violations.

The mission of the Code Compliance Section is to educate the public on City Codes. With the cooperation of property owners, we can reduce the number of abandoned and inoperative vehicles, unsightly accumulation of debris, junk, and other defined nuisances. By enforcing the City's Municipal Codes; property values will rise, quality of life will increase, neighborhoods will become more beautiful, and the City will be a safer place to live and work.

Code compliance efforts always try and mitigate violations at the lowest possible level but may result in the issuance of administrative citations which may lead to fines for noncompliance.



The Dixon Municipal Code is a living document and may be updated by the City Council. Things like building standards and permits, prohibited conduct like public drinking, fire hazards like overgrown weeds, and other issues are often addressed through the code. Working with other city departments, the police Code Compliance Section tracks all code issues in a single database to ensure uniform and consistent enforcement of the code provisions.

The most current Dixon Municipal Code can always be found online at the city's website.

Records Section

Records staff are available Monday-Friday every week from 9am-5pm, excluding holidays, to assist the public. Records staff interact with the public daily and handle everything from walk-in counter service to requests for reports or information and a variety of tasks in between. They provide a critical link between the public and the officers on the street.

In addition, Records Staff are responsible for processing, validating and electronically filing all criminal reports, vehicle accident reports, tows, citations, and any other reports or documentation through our Records Management System (RMS). They work with other agencies to provide and obtain the documentation needed to proceed with prosecution, insurance claims and more.

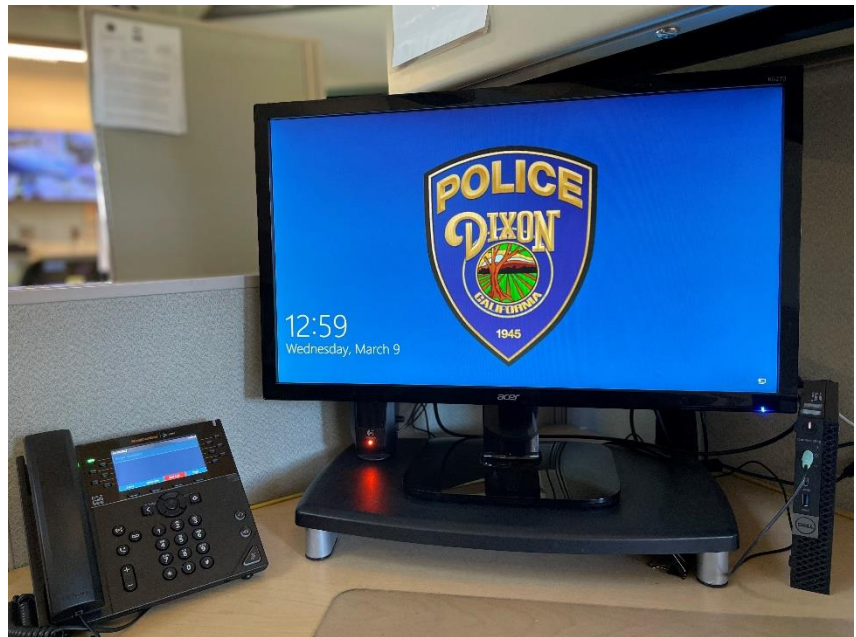
This year, as the California Department of Justice (DOJ) converted to a new method of collecting crime statistics for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Records staff worked with DOJ and Dixon Police Department's RMS vendor to successfully transition to the new method of collecting crime statistics.

RECORDS SECTION



Renee Protich

Police Records
Supervisor



The life-cycle of a police report begins with an officer submitting a report, a supervisor reviewing and approving, Records Staff processing (which may include sending it to the District Attorney and other outside agencies), and validating the NIBRS/CIBRS crime codes. With the Records Management System, all reports are electronic and are not stored in paper form.

Crime Reporting – Transition from UCR to NIBRS/CIBRS

Starting January 1, 2021, DOJ phased out its previous method of collecting crime statistics for purposes of reporting consistent with the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) while including some additional data for DOJ's California Incident-Based Reporting System (CIBRS). NIBRS is a more comprehensive crime data collection system that captures specific details about crimes and offenders through incident-based reporting. NIBRS expands the previous Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) from summary counts of eight crime categories to specific incident-level data for 49 different crimes. The details captured in NIBRS include date, time, location and circumstance of the incident as well as characteristics of the victim and offender such as age, sex, race and ethnicity. In total, there are 58 data elements that are potentially reported for a NIBRS incident.

In 2021, Dixon Police recorded 1,678 case numbers for crime and incident reports. Case numbers are issued once per incident, and they may have many additional reports which are filed under the same number.

We also handled 1,077 safety or security checks, 959 citizens assists and 552 welfare checks. Our average response time to a citizen-initiated call for service was 7 minutes 44 seconds.

In 2021, Dixon Police initiated or responded to 18,183 unique calls or events in the City. These include 3,282 traffic stops, 1,795 follow up investigations and 385 suspicious vehicles/persons checks.



Crime and Report Data

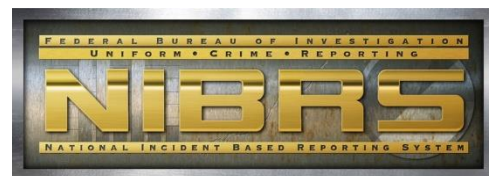
Police statistics are compiled over the course of the reporting period, in this case 2021.

2021 Group A NIBRS Offenses

NIBRS OFFENCES	2021
Animal Cruelty	0
Arson	4
Assault Offenses	
- Aggravated Assault	41
- Simple Assault	94
- Intimidation	20
Bribery	0
Burglary	49
Counterfeiting/Forgery	14
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	198
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	147
Embezzlement	2
Extortion/Blackmail	1
Fraud Offenses	28
Gambling Offenses	0
Homicide Offenses	0
Human Trafficking	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	15
Larceny/Theft	215
Motor Vehicle Theft	34
Pornography/Obscene Material	3
Prostitution Offenses	2
Robbery	7
Sex Offenses (Forcible)	14
Sex Offenses (Non-Forcible)	1
Stolen Property Offenses	36
Weapon Law Violations	35

2021 Group B NIBRS Offenses

NIBRS OFFENCES	2021
Bad Checks	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	3
Disorderly Conduct	27
Driving Under the Influence	48
Drunkenness	4
Family Offenses (Non-Violent)	3
Liquor Law Violations	3
Peeping Tom	1
Trespassing	19
All Other Offenses	311



2021 Part I Crimes

OFFENSE	2020	2021	Actual Change	Percentage Change
Homicide	0	0	0	0%
Rape	9	7	-2	-22%
Robbery	10	7	-3	-30%
Assault (Aggravated)	36	41	5	14%
Burglary	42	49	7	17%
Larceny Theft	191	215	24	13%
Auto Theft	53	34	-19	-36%
Arson	4	4	0	0%
TOTALS	345	357	12	3%
Domestic Violence	57	62	5	9%
Senior Violence	0	4	4	N/C
TOTALS	57	66	9	16%

2021 Part II Crimes

OFFENSE	2020	2021	Actual Change	Percentage Change
Crimes against Family	19	3	-16	-84%
Curfew & Loitering	0	3	3	N/C
Driving under the Influence	51	48	-3	-5%
Disorderly Conduct	3	27	24	800%
Drug Abuse/H&S Codes	111	147	36	32%
Drunkenness	29	4	-25	-76%
Embezzlement	3	2	-1	-33%
Forgery & Fraud	59	14	-45	-76%
Missing Person - Adult	14	13	-1	-7%
Missing Person - Juveniles	5	11	6	120%
Liquor Laws/B&P Codes	0	3	3	N/C
Sex Offenses	18	8	-10	-56%
Simple Assaults	81	94	13	16%
Stolen Property	9	36	27	300%
Vandalism	137	198	61	45%
Weapon Possession	10	35	25	250%
All Other Offenses	628	311	-317	-50%
TOTAL	1,177	957	-220	-19%

N/C: Not Calculable; when a certain type of crime does not occur the previous year, there is no percentage change to calculate from.

Statistical Crime Data

In addition to the Uniform Crime Report reporting, the City of Dixon Police Department collects and disseminates other statistical data that assists in assessing crime trends, criminal conduct, and acts as a tool for crime analysis purposes.

Arrest Statistics

	2020	2021	Actual Change	Percentage Change
Adults	607	504	-103	-17%
Juveniles	17	26	9	53%
TOTALS	624	530	-94	-15%

Traffic, Parking and Other Citations

	2020	2021	Actual Change	Percentage Change
Traffic	579	690	111	19%
Non-Traffic	132	175	43	33%
Warning	237	350	113	48%
Parking	939	1043	104	11%
Administration	176	176	0	0%
TOTALS	2,063	2,434	371	18%

Traffic Collision Reports

	2020	2021	Actual Change	Percentage Change
Fatal	0	0	0	0%
Injury	21	19	-2	-10%
Non-Injury	97	95	-3	-2%
TOTALS	118	118	-4	-3%



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In Loving Memory



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