

LOS LUNAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2021

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Greetings!

As Chief of Police for the Los Lunas Police Department, I am honored to present to our community members the 2021 annual report. It has been an exciting yet challenging year for the police department. COVID-19 continued to pose several challenges for our entire community, and the police department has been no exception. Despite the pandemic challenges, we have worked hard to ensure we have continued providing our community with the high levels of service our community deserves. Our department's call volume has continued to steadily increase, and we continue to have the highest call volume of any agency in Valencia County. Our patrol officers have worked diligently to answer these calls for service while still conducting proactive activity.

The administrative team has been working hard behind the scenes for the department and community throughout the year. Our clerical staff members have tirelessly maintained department records and assisted members of our community with records requests. They also successfully coordinated several events during 2021, such as national night out, coffee with a cop, and shop with a cop. They frequently go above and beyond for our officers, and we cannot express how thankful we are for their service.

Professional Standards Lieutenant Lisa Valenzuela was instrumental in our agency's re-accreditation process this year. As a result, our department was successfully re-accredited with the New Mexico Municipal League. Accreditation is a significant achievement as it provides structure and discipline within the police department through standardized operating procedures. These operating procedures ensure decreased liability and stronger community relations through transparency and accountability to the public. Lieutenant Valenzuela also helped obtain alternative revenue grant funding to help provide our officers with the necessary equipment to help officers better protect our community.

The criminal investigations team has investigated numerous felony crimes throughout the year, processing scenes and closing many cases by making arrests or filing charges. They have also conducted multiple background investigations on applicants and conducted recruiting selection and hiring assignments. The auto theft unit has investigated many auto thefts and auto burglaries this year. Additionally, they have worked several successful undercover operations throughout the year, deploying bait cars within our community, recovering stolen vehicles, and making arrests. The auto theft unit conducted V.I.N. etching events and continues to provide V.I.N. inspection services to our community.

Traffic unit officers have conducted educational traffic enforcement when practical and have worked with our unique challenges in the traffic corridor. The D.W.I. unit has made several D.W.I. arrests throughout 2021; the D.W.I. unit looks forward to resuming D.W.I. checkpoints in 2022. We would also like to congratulate our D.W.I. Officer and Drug Recognition Expert Raymond Torres for being selected as the New Mexico D.R.E. officer of the year. Our S.W.A.T team commander Buster Whitley secured alternative revenue grant funding through The Department of Homeland Security to provide additional equipment for our tactical team. Our SWAT team had numerous successful activations throughout 2021 and is an asset that helps keep our community members safe during critical incidents.

Within the department, we have experienced movement due to the retirement of former Chief Naithan Gurule and Deputy Chief Vince Torres. We wish them well in their future endeavors and thank both of them for their service to the police department and community. The Los Lunas Police Department and Los Lunas Fire Department have collaborated efforts for both agencies to join the State of New Mexico's Digital Trunked Radio System. We officially migrated onto the system in December of 2021. This communications system upgrade has been vital to both agencies as the existing systems were antiquated and failing. The new system utilizes the latest in technology, improving communications which improves the safety of our public safety personnel. This improvement in communications will directly enhance the level of services we can provide our community. We sincerely appreciate our Village administration for supporting the migration onto the system and purchasing the necessary equipment.

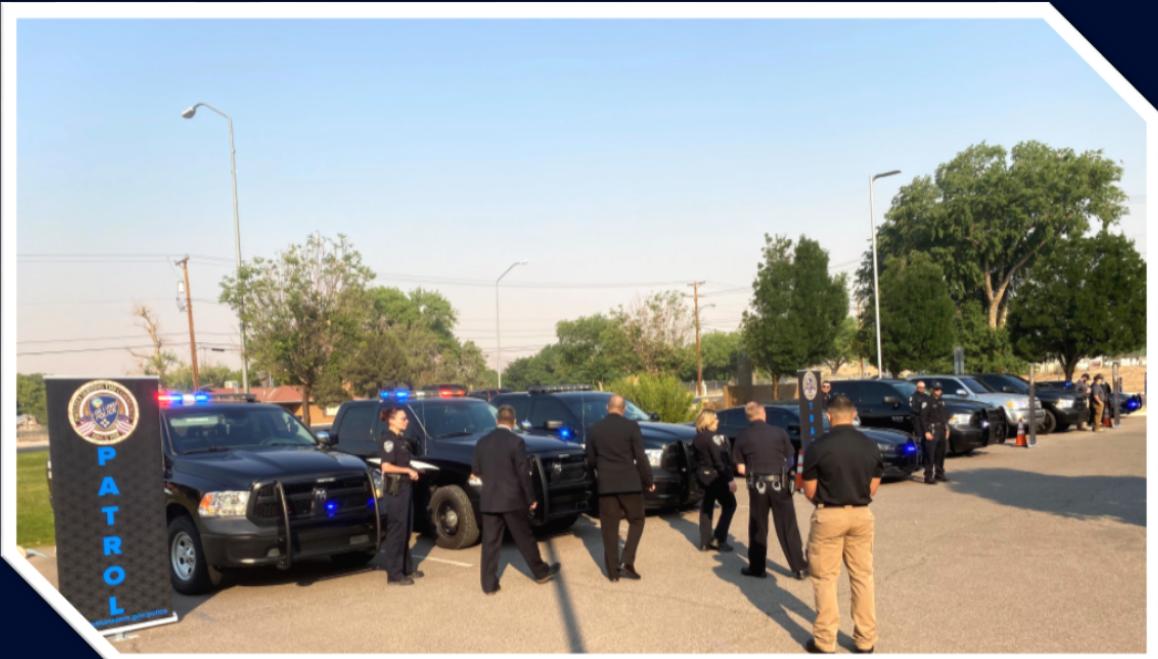
In closing, we extend our appreciation to all of our partners for assisting us throughout the year: The Valencia Regional Communications Center, Los Lunas Schools District, and our partner law enforcement agencies, to name a few. Most importantly, we thank our community for having trust and confidence in the Los Lunas Police Department. As you can see, you have a hard-working, dedicated team of officers who care about our community. Our officers will continue working hard each and every day to fulfill the Los Lunas Police Department Mission, "Building Relationships, Solving problems, and Making a Difference."

Sincerely,

Frank E. Lucero

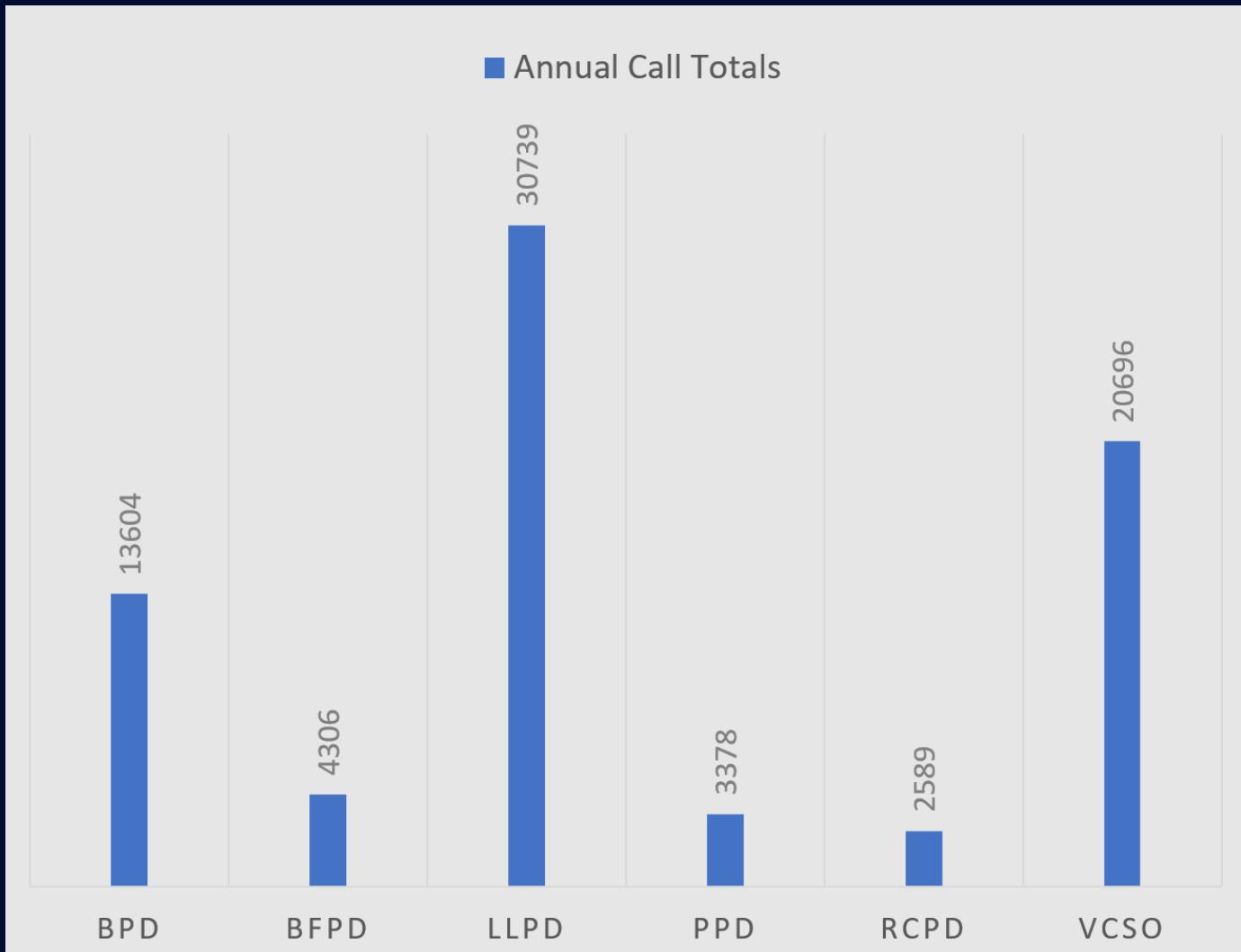


ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

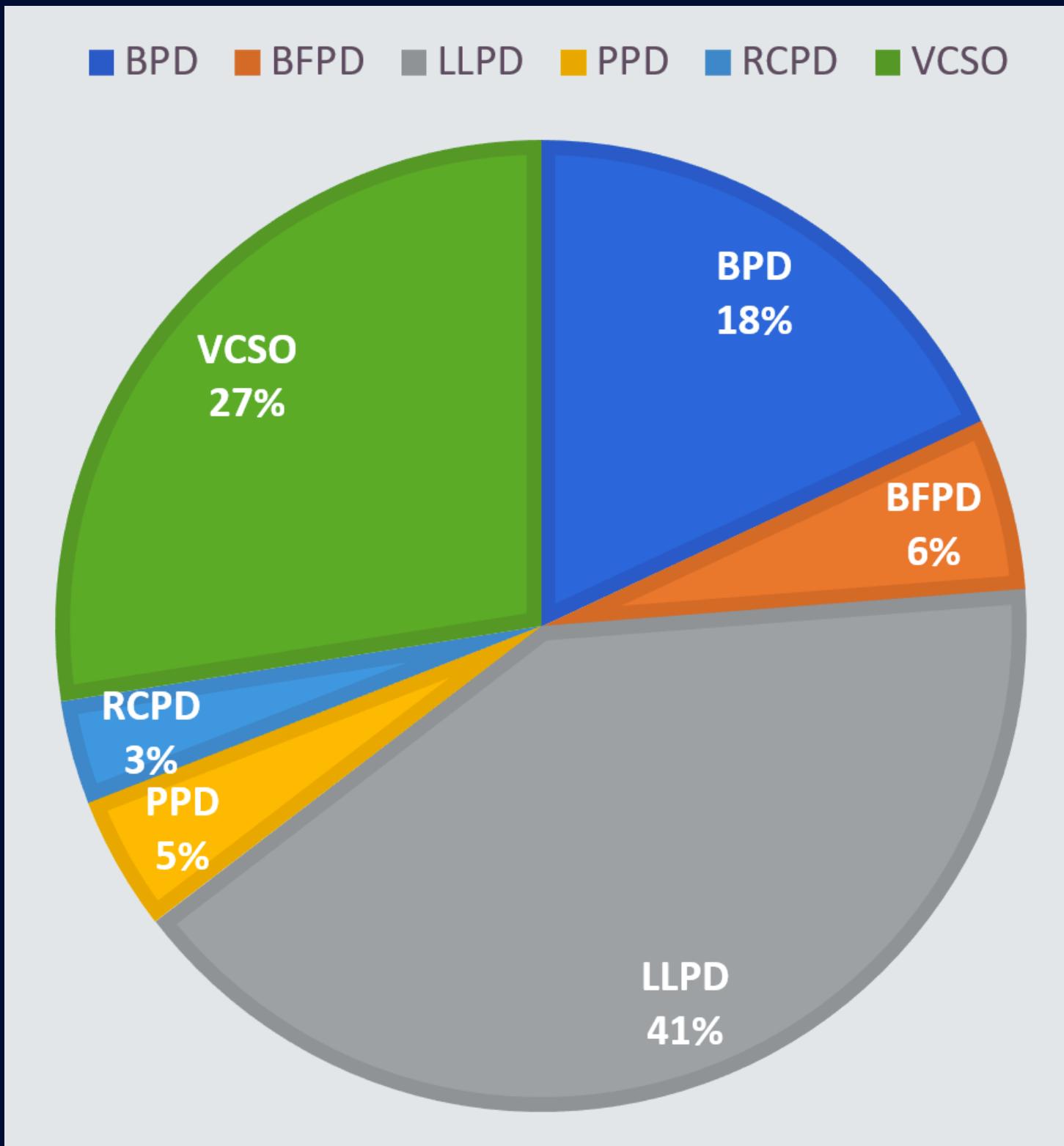


2021 Call For Service Statistics

- Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center dispatched 104,417 total calls for service in 2021.
- The Village of Los Lunas represented the highest call volume at 33.1% of all calls for service. This is LLFD and LLPD Combined.
- Annual calls for service increased across all agencies in Valencia County 14.2% from 2020.
- The following data charts only depict the law enforcement agency calls for service in Valencia County: Belen PD, Bosque Farms PD, Los Lunas PD, Peralta PD, Rio Communities PD, and Valencia County SO.



2021 Call For Service Statistics



Alternative Revenue

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program	\$4,200
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant 2021	\$15,740
State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)	\$88,000
New Mexico Department of Transportation for ENDWI Checkpoints, Seatbelt Enforcement and Selective Traffic Enforcement.	\$37,390
TOTAL	\$145,330



ARRESTS BY TYPE 2021

Robbery	1
Aggravated Assault	51
Simple Assault	47
Intimidation	7
Arson	2
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	15
Shoplifting	31
All Other Larceny	6
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Impersonation	3
Embezzlement	1
Stolen Property Offenses	21
Destruction / Damage / Property	9
Drug / Narcotics / Violations	20
Drug Equipment Violations	1

ARRESTS BY TYPE 2021

Weapons Law Violations	2
Disorderly Conduct	5
Driving Under the Influence	82
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	3
Trespassing	15
All Other Offenses	14
TOTAL	337



INCIDENT REPORTS LOGGED BY CRIME TYPE 2021

Negligent Manslaughter.....	0
Justifiable Homicide.....	0
Rape.....	5
Fondling.....	4
Aggravated Assault.....	116
Simple Assault.....	158
Intimidation.....	29
Kidnapping/Abduction.....	17

Crimes Against Persons Total: 329

Robbery.....	17
Burglary/Breaking & Entering.....	217
Larceny/Theft Offenses.....	443
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	109
Arson.....	6
Destruction Of Property.....	234
Counterfeiting/Forgery.....	9
Fraud Offense.....	126
Embezzlement.....	9
Extortion/Blackmail.....	1
Bribery.....	3
Stolen Property Offenses.....	41

Crimes Against Property Total: 1,215

Drug/Narcotic Violations.....	40
Drug Equipment Violations.....	7
Prostitution.....	0
Weapons Law Violation.....	16
Animal Cruelty.....	0

Crimes Against Society Total: 63

Total Offenses: 1,607

Response to Resistance

The use of force by a police officer is an extremely sensitive issue and requires careful study and understanding by every officer. Although the careful use of force is authorized by law, the use of unnecessary or unreasonable force is strictly prohibited and is not tolerated.

The Los Lunas Police Department response to resistance policy permits officers to use only reasonable force necessary to effect lawful objectives in responding to perceived threats. Each time an officer with LLPD uses force, a supervisor will conduct an extensive review of the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident

TYPE OF FORCE	Occurrences
BODILY FORCE (strikes/Take down)	23
TASER	6
FIREARM (Includes pointing of firearm)	6
EXPANDABLE BATON	0
OTHER LESS LETHAL (Flash Bangs, 40mm gas)	1
OTHER (Control Holds, Firm Grip)	12
EMERGENCY MEDICAL (Physical Restraints)	3
TOTAL	51

Citizen Complaints

The Los Lunas Police Department takes all complaints against our members seriously. The public has a right to expect and demand fair and impartial law enforcement services. In providing these services, department employees must be free to exercise their best judgment and to initiate action in a reasonable, lawful and impartial manner, without fear of reprisal. While the mutual rights of the public and the police officer are normally respected, situations may arise when these rights are reported to be violated. To protect the rights of the public and our employees, it is necessary that allegations of misconduct be thoroughly investigated. Outcomes of citizen complaint investigations are classified as:

- **Exonerated**- The behavior in question was proper in all terms of applicable law and department directive requirements.
- **Not Sustained**- Insufficient evidence either to proper or disprove the allegation(s).
- **Sustained**- The allegations are supported by sufficient evidence.
- **Unfounded**- The allegations, upon investigation, are determined to be without bias.
- **Sustained violation not based on original complaint**- Where the investigation determines, by preponderance of the evidence, that misconduct did occur that was not alleged in the original complaint but that was discovered during the misconduct investigation.
- **Mediation**- A meeting between the accused officer, the complaint, and the officer's supervisor.
- **Administratively closed**- Where the policy violation are minor, the allegations are duplicative or investigation cannot be conducted because of lack of information in the complaint.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT FINDINGS	QUANTITY
Exonerated	5
Not Sustained	3
Sustained	2
Unfounded	4
Mediation	0
Administratively closed	4
TOTAL	18

LLPD K-9 Officer Perone



K9 "Perone" Statistics	
Call Outs	13
Apprehension	1
Drug Cases	4
Community Events	5







NOW HIRING

Department Recruiting Information

Detective Nikki DeAnda
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Specialty Assignments

- Detectives
- Internet Crimes
- Community Policing
- Media (PIO)
- K-9
- Cops and Kids
- Underage Ops
- DWI
- Traffic Unit
- SWAT Team

Benefits

- 100% Paid Health Coverage for Employees
- 80/20 Dental Coverage
- Vision Insurance
- 25 Year PERA Retirement
- \$20,000 Life Insurance
- 8-12 Hours Annual and Sick Leave per Month
- 11 Paid Holidays per Year
- 1 Personal Day per Year
- Tuition Reimbursement
- All Equipment is Provided
- Clothing Allowance at the Discretion of the Chief of Police
- Take Home Vehicles at the Discretion of the Chief of Police

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Pre-Hire Assessment

Physical Agility*

Currently we are using the physical agility test required by the New Mexico Law enforcement Academy for entrance requirements. (Must pass in-order to continue in the selection process.)

Written Exam*

Nelson Denny Exam: This exam consists of multiple-choice questions designed to measure the minimum aptitude levels in vocabulary, reading, and comprehension.



**Laterals Do Not Do Physical or Written Exams*

Background Investigation

Upon receipt of your personal integrity questionnaire, the background phase will begin. The personnel packet will be assigned to an investigator who will conduct a thorough background check. When an applicant has successfully completed the background, the investigator will make his/her recommendation to the Chief for an oral interview.



Oral Interview

During this phase a panel will ask the applicant questions that may or may not be job related. The panel may ask questions regarding your background investigation.

Chief's Interview

Candidates that are selected for the Oral Interview will have a Chief's Interview as well. Recommendation for hire will be made after all candidates have had their Chief's Interview.

Pay Rates

Compensation for Certified Police Officer

Wages (Based on 86 Hour Pay Period): \$52,300
Pension Plan: \$16,255
Retiree Health Care: \$2,092
Medical Insurance (Full Family Coverage): \$16,240
Dental Insurance (Full Family Coverage) \$713

Total: \$87,600

Compensation for Uncertified Police Officer

Wages (Based on 86 Hour Pay Period): \$49,818
Pension Plan: \$15,483
Retiree Health Care: \$1,993
Medical Insurance (Full Family Coverage): \$16,240
Dental Insurance (Full Family Coverage): \$713

Total: \$84,247