



# Annual Report 2016

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**"Building Relationships,  
Solving Problems &  
Making a Difference"**



# Message From the Chief



Greetings,

As the Chief of Police for the Village of Los Lunas, I am pleased to present to you the Los Lunas Police Department's 2016 Annual Report. This report is very informative and is an accurate representation of the year's highlighted activities. I would like to thank all of the men and women of the Los Lunas Police Department for another year of hard work and dedication to our community. We made great progress last year in furthering our strategic priority of strengthening our partnership with the community through Community Policing. We have enhanced our partnerships with community members through monthly community meetings and participation in community activities.

Your department's administration has made continued training and education of its staff a top priority. This has resulted in our officers being well trained in current police operations. Several of our officers have also continued their education by taking college courses, while providing you with the high quality service you deserve.

The Los Lunas Police department has maintained its state accreditation since 2011. Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria, or standards, that were developed for the law enforcement community by the New Mexico Municipal League, New Mexico Self-Insurers' Fund, and the New Mexico Association of Chiefs of Police. The standards are guidelines for what should be done in the obtainment of accredited status for serving the community with dedication and professionalism.

***“Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives”***

-Will A. Foster

What this means for the residents and visitors of the Village of Los Lunas, is that we have adopted the best practices and policies in law enforcement. The men and women of the Los Lunas Police Department deliver professional, high quality and timely service to the citizens of the Village.

I pledge that the Los Lunas Police Department will continue to provide high level policing service through training, accountability and professional conduct. Following the criteria outlined in the pledge will help guide us to fulfill our mission of *“Building Relationships, Solving Problems and Making a Difference”*.

Honored to Serve,  
Chief Naithan Gurule

*Naithan Gurule*

# Department Updates

## Partnerships

- The Los Lunas Police Department in conjunction with Benny's II hosts a community business watch meeting the last Wednesday of every month at 8:30 A.M. at Benny's II.
- Members of the department also attend a monthly breakfast with residents of Jubilee.
- The Los Lunas Police Department participates in a drug and property task force comprised of local law enforcement agencies.
- The Los Lunas Police Department participates in the Valencia County Police Athletic League (Chief Gurule is the Vice President of the board).

## Training and Education

**Training and education continues to be a top priority. In accordance with our strategic priority of community policing in 2016:**

- 7 supervisors and 20 officers completed first line supervisor training.
- 3 Lieutenants, 3 Sergeants and 2 officers completed mid-level management training.
- 4 Lieutenants and 3 Sergeants completed Internal Affairs investigations training.
- 9 Supervisors completed Use of Force Investigations training.
- The Chief, Deputy Chief, 2 Lieutenants and 1 Sergeant attended Use of Force Instructor Training.
- 4 Command Staff members and 13 Officers completed Crisis Intervention training.

**Police Officers of the Department have made obtaining college degrees a top priority. The following either completed a college degree or are currently working on completing a college degree:**

- Chief Naithan Gurule-Completed Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.
- Lieutenant Lisa Valenzuela Medina-Completed a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and is scheduled to begin Graduate school in the spring of 2017.
- Deputy Chief Vince Torres is currently working on his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice.
- Detective Buster Whitley is currently working on his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice.

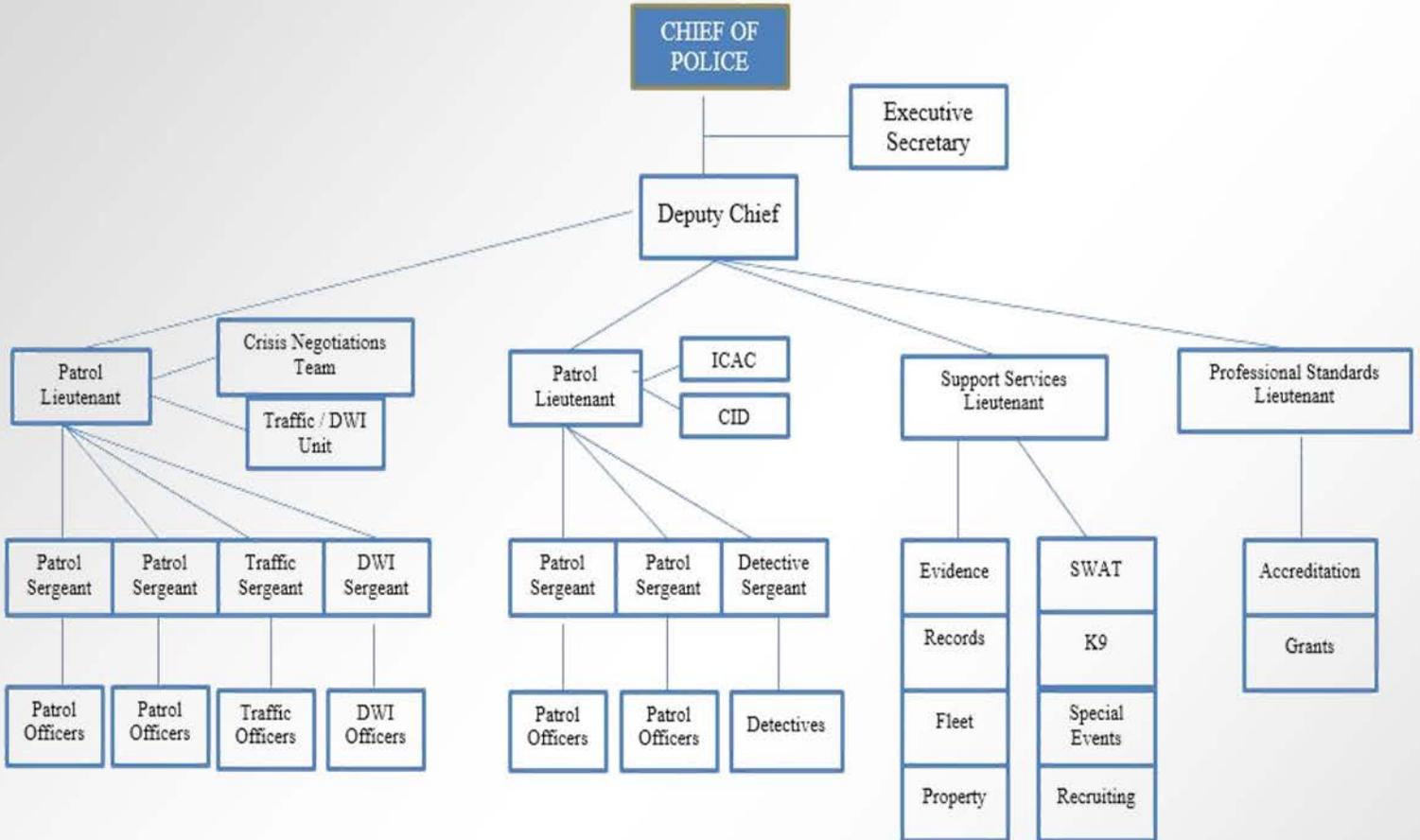
## New Units

**Two new specialized units were created, a Traffic Unit and D.W.I. Unit:**

- The Traffic Unit consists of a Sergeant and two police officers. The unit responds to traffic crashes and conducts traffic enforcement in areas where there are increased crashes and areas where citizens have complaints of traffic issues. The unit conducts speed surveys using the speed trailer. The officers collect and analyze the data to increase traffic safety.
- The D.W.I. Unit consists of a Sergeant and one police officer. The D.W.I. Unit is in charge of detecting and arresting drivers who are impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. The Sergeant manages the traffic safety grant. The officers are both Drug Recognition Experts and instructors in their field. The police department arrested 115 people for D.W.I. in 2016 and of the 115, the D.W.I. unit arrested 59 of those people beginning in July of 2016 when the unit started.

# Organizational Flowchart

## Los Lunas Police Department



# Crime Statistics

INCIDENT REPORTS LOGGED BY TYPE OF CRIME		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>						
<b>Murder and Nonnegligent Homicide</b>		0	0	2	1	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>		0	0	0	0	0
<b>Rape</b>						
	RAPE	4	4	4	5	8
	Attempts to Rape	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Robbery</b>						
	Firearm	6	4	3	4	2
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	0	3	1	0	3
	Other Dangerous Weapon	2	1	1	2	2
	Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.)	1	1	0	5	3
<b>Assault</b>						
	Firearm	19	22	23	17	9
	Knife or Cutting Instrument	13	10	6	13	2
	Other Dangerous Weapon	16	12	11	23	30
	Strong-Arm (Hands, Fists, Feet, etc.)	68	74	62	68	79
	Other Assault Simple	114	130	116	124	160
<b>Burglary</b>						
	Forcible Entry	70	54	69	70	86
	Unlawful Entry No force	49	42	60	54	72
	Attempted Forcible Entry	4	3	4	8	10
<b>Larceny Theft</b>	Shoplifting etc.	498	448	546	422	386
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>						
	Auto	27	23	21	9	33
	Trucks & Buses	21	6	2	0	5
	Other Vehicles	57	50	36	33	24
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>915</b>

## Arrest Statistics

<u>ARRESTS BY TYPE OF CRIME</u>		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Classification of Offenses	UCR				
*MURDER	01 A	0	0	0	2
MANSLAUGHTER	01B	0	0	0	0
CSP/RAPE	02	0	0	1	0
ROBBERY	03	1	1	0	2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	04	41	37	30	37
BURGLARY	05	5	9	21	14
LARCENY/THEFT (EXCEPT MV)	06	70	33	35	42
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	07	17	26	2	3
OTHER ASSAULTS	08	18	23	15	15
ARSON	09	0	0	0	0
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	10	5	1	0	1
FRAUD	11	10	6	11	8
EMBEZZLEMENT	12	3	1	0	4
STOLEN PROP: BUYING, RECEIVING, POSSESSING	13	0	1	3	4
VANDALISM	14	1	4	1	2
WEAPONS: CARRYING, POSSESSING	15	6	4	7	2
PROSTITUTION	16	0	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES (EXCEPT FORCIBLE RAPE;/PROSTITUTION)	17	1	1	1	12
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	18	38	20	20	18
GAMBLING	19	0	0	0	0
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY AND CHILDREN	20	1	3	3	7
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	21	88	50	53	39
LIQUOR LAWS	22	4	1	0	1
DRUNKENNESS	23	0	0	1	0
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	24	0	4	4	2
VAGRANCY	25	0	0	0	0
ALL OTHER OFFENSES (EXCEPT TRAFFIC)	26	36	32	40	28
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>345</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>243</b>

# Use of Force/Citizen Complaints

## Citizen Complaints

Complaint	Quantity
Unfounded	12
Exonerated	8
Not Sustained	4
Sustained	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

- **Exonerated**—Incident occurred but was lawful and did not violate policy.
- **Not Sustained** —Insufficient evidence either to prove or disprove the allegation(s).
- **Sustained**—The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence, and/or acts of misconduct where discovered during the investigation which were not alleged in the complaint.
- **Unfounded**—The allegation, upon investigation, is determined to be without basis of fact.

## Response to Resistance

<b>Total Response To Resistance Incidents</b>	<b>14</b>
Reasonable	14
Unreasonable	0

# Alternative revenues

<b>Alternative Revenues Report 2016</b>	
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant	\$12,000.00
U.S. DOJ Justice Assistance Grant	\$11,692.00
New Mexico Municipal League Body Worn Camera Reimbursement	\$11,039.00
1033 Program (Tactical Robot)	\$187,812.00
NM Traffic Safety Grant	\$26,384.00
NM Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$41,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$290,527.00</b>



# Acknowledgments and Awards

## Officers and civilians recognized for completing 5 years of service:

Santiago Beyer	Curtis Lucero	Heather Killingsworth
Lisa Valenzuela-Medina	Nikki DeAnda	Rene Ruiz
Buster Whitley	James Rich	Jesus Sedillos
Jonathan Norris	Mark Gurule	Charles Files
Cassandra Kanyuck	Michael Romero	Jeremy Shaw
Rhonda Sanchez	Misty Shiplet	

## Officers and civilians recognized for completing 10 years of service:

Naithan Gurule	Frank Lucero	Heather Killingsworth
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## Officers and civilians recognized for completing 15 years of service:

Jose Hernandez	Vince Torres	Thomas Taylor
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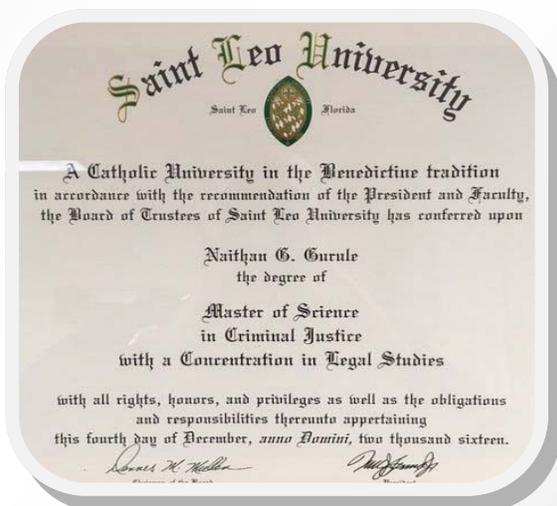
## Officers and civilians recognized for completing 20 years of service

Treena Saavedra	Marcella Cavalier
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## Officer receiving degrees in 2016:

**Naithan Gurule: Masters Degree in Criminal Justice with a Concentration in Legal Studies**

**Lisa Valenzuela-Medina: Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice**

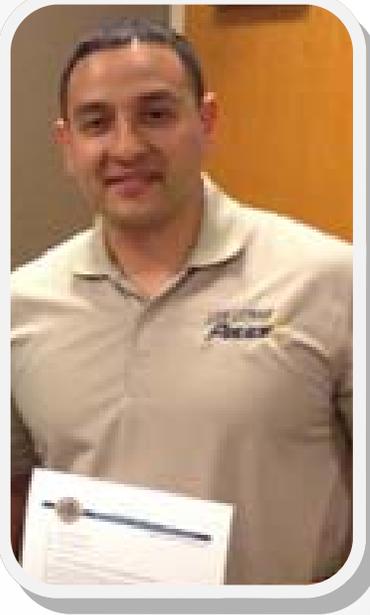


# Medal of Honor 2016



**Sgt. Mark Gurule**

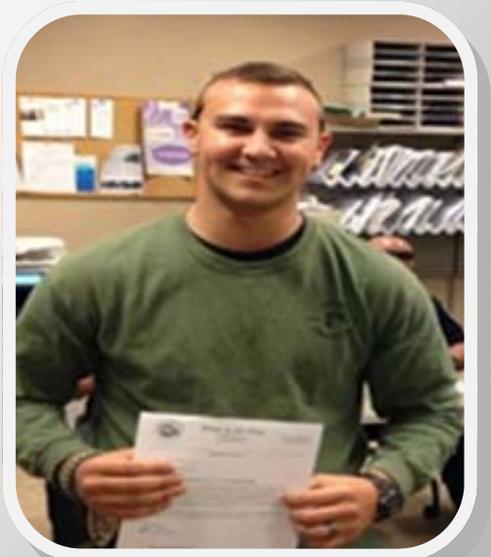
**Officer Efrain Nunez**



**Officer Marcus Taylor**



**Officer Juan Jojola**



**Officer Brandon Carta**

## Acknowledgments and Awards

# LIFE SAVING MEDAL

On behalf of all members of the community, elected officials and the police department it is my honor to present to you this Letter of Commendation and Life Saving Medal for your performance during a call for service on April 23, 2016. On this date Los Lunas Police Officers responded to a report of a suicidal male at 1450 Adela Road. When officers arrived they were directed to a vehicle that was leaving the scene and told that the suicidal male subject was driving away. Officers were also told that the driver of the vehicle was intoxicated and allegedly had a needle in his arm.

This suicidal subject drove a short distance before crashing his vehicle and running from the scene. Officers saw the subject jump into a nearby ditch that was full of water. The subject refused to get out of the ditch and at one point became submerged under the water and appeared to be drowning.

Concerned for his safety, Officer's Jesus Sedillos and Efrain Nunez jumped into the ditch and heroically pulled the drowning subject to safety.

As Chief of Police for the Los Lunas Police Department, I am honored to present you with this Letter of Commendation and Life Saving Medal. Thank you for a job well done!

-Chief Naithan Gurule.



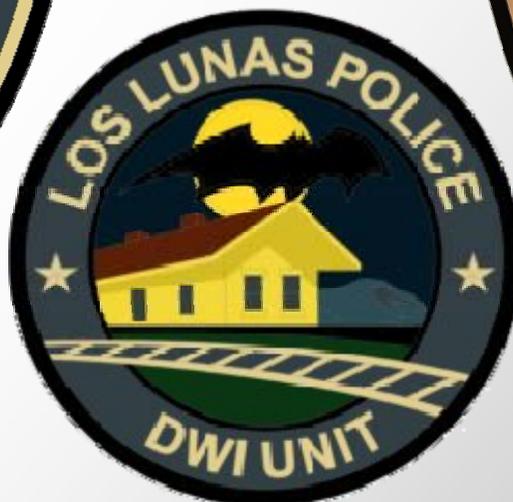
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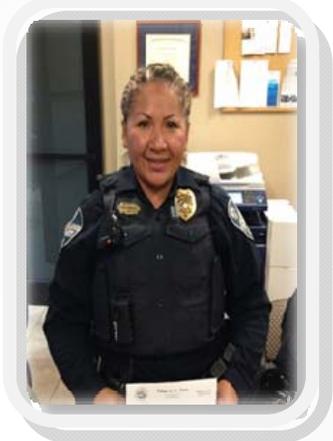
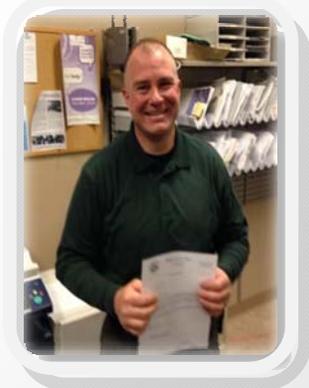
**Officer of the Year 2016  
Brandon Carta**



**DWI Officer of the  
Year 2016  
Ryan Gray**



# Monthly recognition



# Community Appreciation



# Community Events

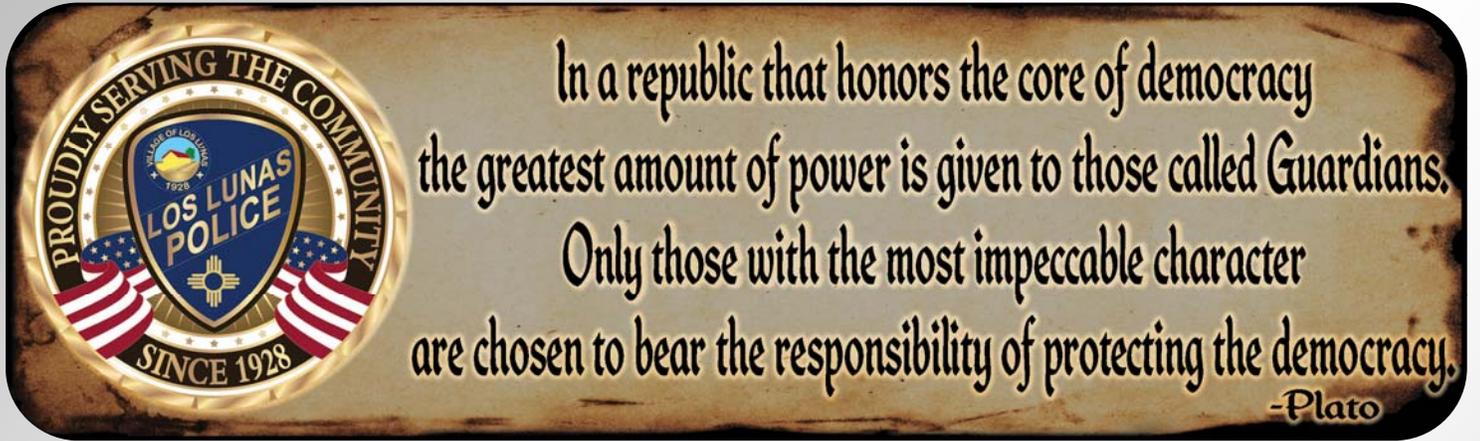


# Community Events





## Special Thanks



**The Los Lunas Police Department will continue to participate in community events, school functions, and business meetings to build relationships, solve problems, and make a difference.**