

PERSONNEL SECTION

The Personnel Section is responsible for the coordination of recruitment, hiring, evaluation, promotion, and training of Department personnel, as well as the maintenance of Department personnel records.

TRAINING ACADEMY

The Training Academy is primarily responsible for providing entry-level training to new police recruits, lateral officers from other agencies, and comparative compliance police officer candidates. In addition, the Training Academy conducts yearly in-service training to police officers as mandated by the state, including certifying officer qualification to use firearms. Specialized management and supervisory training, county-sponsored training programs, and department training bulletins are also coordinated by the Training Academy.

ANIMAL CONTROL SECTION

The Animal Control Section is responsible for the intake of stray and unwanted animals, promoting awareness to responsible pet ownership, investigation of animal complaints, and regulating licensing fees for animals. Protection of the public, being of paramount importance, is accomplished through enforcement of county and state animal laws. In cooperation with the Health Department, the Animal Control Section aids in the prevention of the spread of rabies. The Animal Control Section also promotes educational programs to the residents of the County for responsible pet ownership, and to promote spaying and neutering of pets.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT DIVISION

The Operations Support Division is comprised of the Evidence Management Section, Management Information Services Section (MISS), Community Relations Section, the Communications Section, and the Central Records Section

EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SECTION

The Evidence Management Section is comprised of the Property Management Unit, the Evidence Collection and Identification Unit, and the Crime Laboratory.

Crime Laboratory

The Crime Laboratory is responsible for conducting forensic analysis, including serology/DNA, trace evidence, and controlled dangerous substances (CDS), and provides for the custody and periodic destruction of CDS.

Evidence Collection and Identification Units

The Evidence Collection and Identification Units have responsibility for crime scene processing, including fingerprint collection and analysis, collecting, analyzing and identifying evidence from crime scenes, and providing photographic support.

Property Management Unit

The Property Management Unit is responsible for maintaining accountability and custody of evidence and recovered property, and distribution of supplies, materials, uniforms, weapons, and equipment for the Department.