

Law Enforcement Update

December 14, 2017



Lake Elsinore Police Department

About Our Law Enforcement



- Lake Elsinore is a Contract City with Riverside County Sheriff's Department.
 - 130 patrol hours per day
 - 20 persons per 24 hour day
- The Department is responsible for:
 - Enforcement of Local, State and Federal Statutes
 - Public Safety
 - Traffic Enforcement
 - Maintaining Public Order
- Overall 90 total staff, 3 command staff and approx. 70 sworn personnel for patrol/traffic/investigations. 20 support staff-clerical and non-sworn.

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Mission Statement



To protect and serve the Lake Elsinore Community with courage, compassion and clarity of purpose. We will utilize professional policing tactics to maintain trust when pursuing justice and safeguarding our citizens.



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The Legislative Problem



- **2011 – Assembly Bill 109** Passed by State Legislature
 - Aimed to reduce state prison populations.
- **2014 – Proposition 47** – Passed by California Voters
 - Changed a large group of felonies to misdemeanors.
 - Leads to less arrests and prison terms.
- **2016 – Proposition 57** – Passed by California Voters
 - Changed the status of several crimes from violent to non-violent.
 - Allows prisoners good credit time and early discharge.

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Attacking the Problem

- Focused Patrol
 - Follow Crime Trends
 - Quality of Life Focused
- Special Teams
 - Special Enforcement Team (SET)
 - Quality of Life Patrol, i.e. Problem-Oriented Police Team (POP)
 - Bike Patrol
 - Downtown Foot Patrol
 - Lake Patrol
 - Crime Prevention / Neighborhood Watch
 - Community Involvement is Key



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Neighborhood Watch



2013

Kicked Off in February

76 Members

2016

388 Members

121 Block Captains

30 Neighborhoods

2017

537 Members

151 Block Captains

24 Neighborhoods



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Addressing Homelessness



- Homelessness is **NOT** a crime. Rather, situations connected to the homeless population lead to crimes, e.g. Drugs, Theft & Trespassing
- Calls for service are prioritized based on type of crime.
 - Trespassing and homeless related calls are normally a low priority.
- All calls go to dispatch and sent to deputies in the field.
 - Handled based on priority and availability.
- Key changes this year:
 - POP Team for Quality of Life
 - New Community Services Deputy – Starting Soon!

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Considerations for Arrests



- Not all calls for service will result in arrests and jail time.
- Key factors used in determining an arrest:
 - Whether a crime has been committed
 - Needs in the community, i.e. call volume
 - Time to arrest and book (approx. 2 hours)
 - Outstanding warrants
 - Medical & behavioral health concerns
 - Liability concerns



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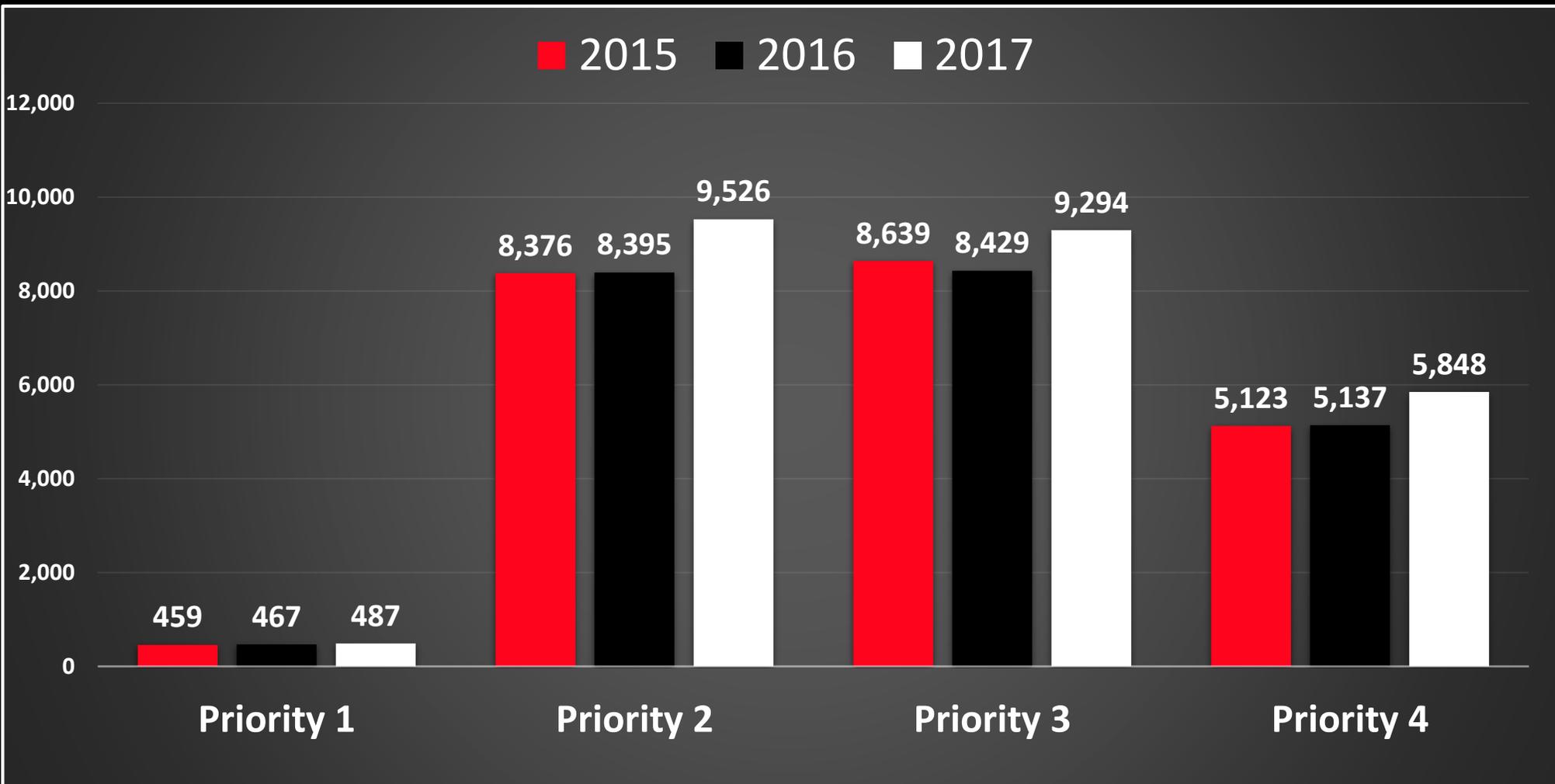
Calls for Service

Priority 1 =
Robbery, Serious
Assault, Rape

Priority 2 =
Family Disturbances,
Verbal Disturbances,
Traffic Collisions

Priority 3 =
Trespassing, Homeless,
Alarms, Some Past
Calls

Priority 4 =
Past Calls,
Non-Emergency Calls

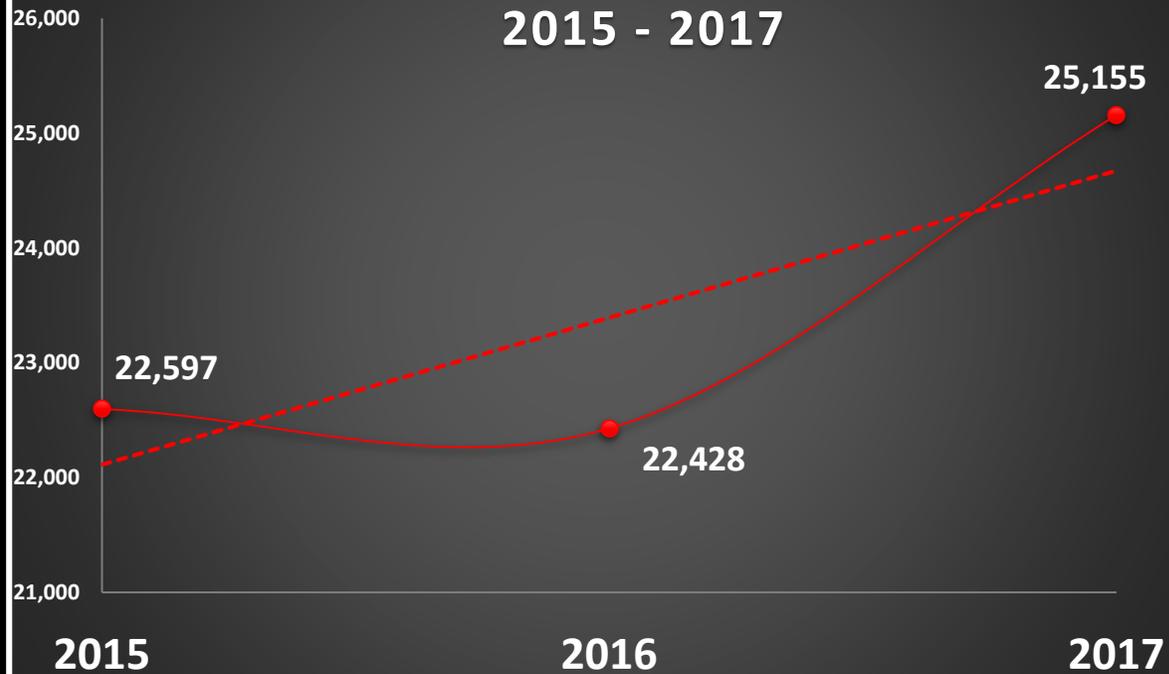


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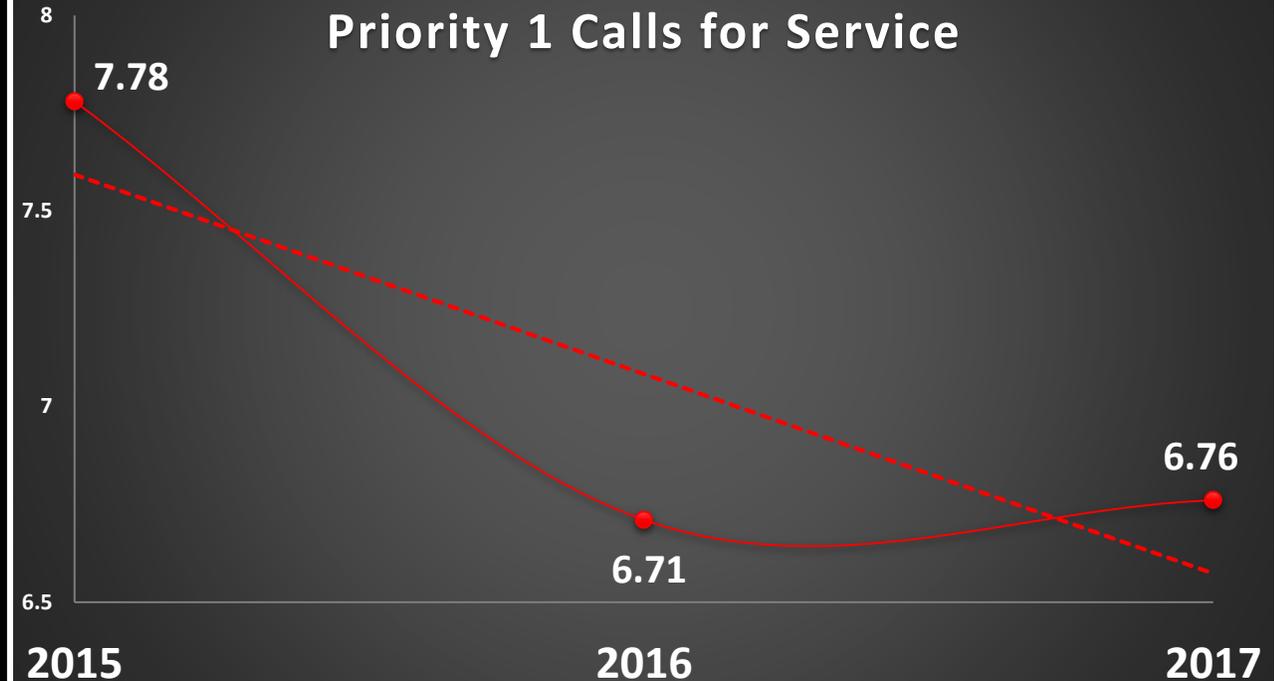
Total Calls and Response Times



Total Calls for Service 2015 - 2017

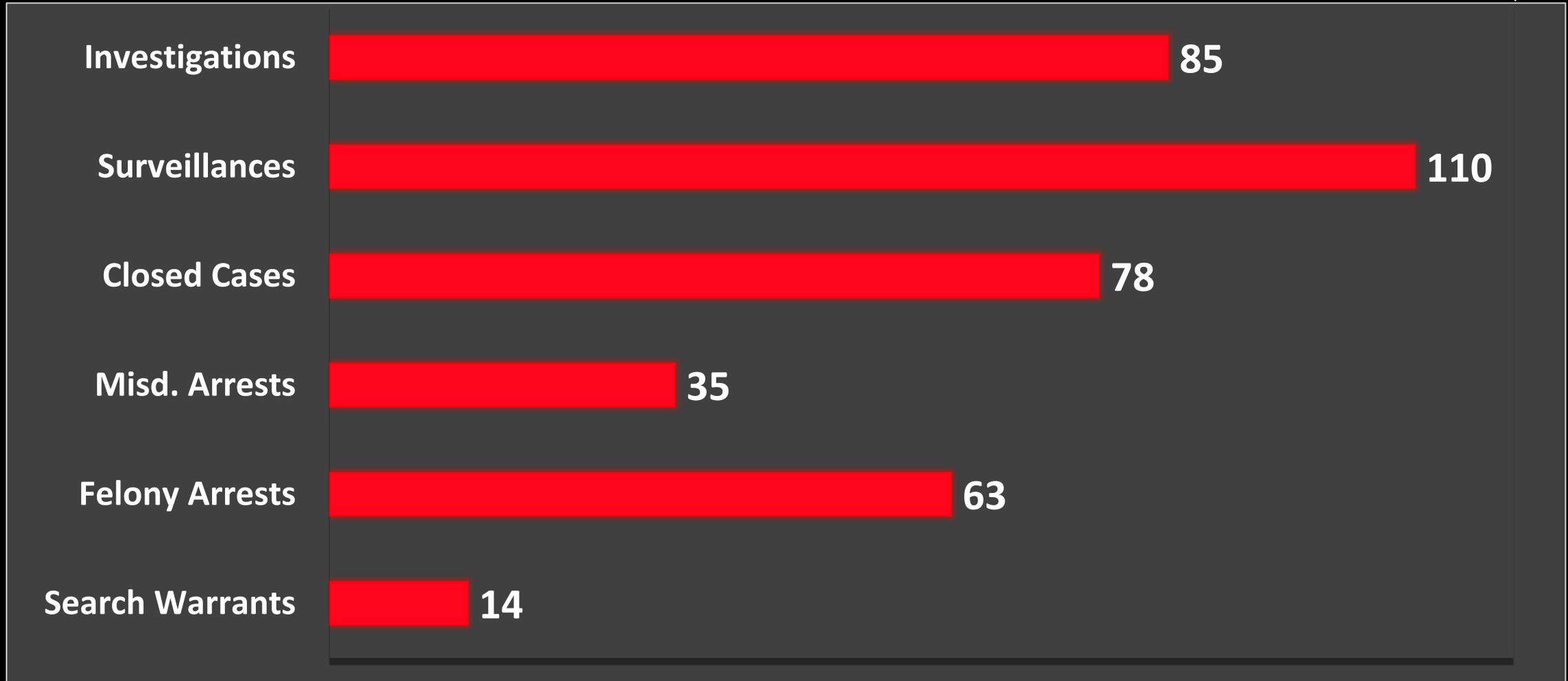


Average Response Time Priority 1 Calls for Service



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Problem-Oriented Police Team



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Contact Information



Police/Fire/Medical Emergencies Only: **Dial 911**

Lake Elsinore Non-Emergency Line: **(951) 776-1099**

Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday

**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY
Call 911**