MISSION STATEMENT

The El Cerrito Police Department is committed to service, safety, and enhancing the public trust through professionalism and leadership.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

As members of the El Cerrito Police Department we accept responsibility for contributing to the safety and quality of life in our community. We will meet the challenge of fulfilling our responsibility through our shared values and commitment to:

Honor
We will express with our fellow department members, and the public, that we are genuinely concerned with how we treat each other. To honor and respect others in the delivery of law enforcement service is the mindset and spirit that enables us to model our values.

Integrity
We will demonstrate our allegiance to the character of sound moral principles as described in the Police Officer’s Code of Ethics coupled with the qualities of honesty and openness. Our words will match our actions.

Pride
We will reflect in our actions that every member of our department matters and that how we get the job done is as important as simply getting the job done.

Leadership
We will serve with humility, authenticity, initiative, bearing, and courage at every level of our organization.

Accountability
We consistently improve our individual and organizational performance by enabling a culture of responsibility, openness, and continuous development. We will take responsibility for our actions and be willing to admit our mistakes.

Commitment
We will reflect our inner strength through our dedication to public service in how we carry out our mission, pursue our vision and exhibit our values.
I am proud to present the El Cerrito Police Department annual report that provides insight of the efforts we made in 2013 in furtherance of our mission. Central to our mission is commitment and in the pages of this annual report, our commitment is clearly reflected.

The Police Department continues to examine the means in which we provide responsive service to our community during times of fiscal constraints and staffing challenges. We decided that investing in further developing our sworn and professional staff, increasing our readiness through enhanced tactical capability, and leveraging data driven approaches to fighting crime were the best methods to increase safety in our city.

Through efforts at every level, the Police Department added SWAT as an integrated team with Richmond Police, Volunteers in Policing, and Crime Analysis. In the technology arena we added Twitter and our own App openly available at no cost to the public. The technological advances are in direct response to community desire for more information and our vision for providing information at the fingertips of those who want increased communication with our police department.

In 2014 the Department will continue to hire qualified applicants who share the character, work ethic, and service view demanded of every El Cerrito Police Department employee. We will promote ongoing partnerships with local businesses and residents to prevent crime and foster a greater sense of safety in our city. We will also enhance our readiness and partnerships regionally and statewide so in the event of a disaster, we are disciplined and prepared to provide competent aid to our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report as it reflects a snapshot of our commitment to safety and crime reduction in El Cerrito.

Sylvia M. Moir
Chief of Police
End of 2013 Staffing Levels

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EL CERRITO BY THE NUMBERS

FY 13-14 Budget
Police Department

Administrative Services Division
$2,858,170.00

Field Operations Division
$6,177,699.00

Investigations Division
$1,348,199.00

Total Operating Budget
$10,384,068.00

Investigations 14%
Administrative Services 24%
Field Operations 62%
## Crime Stats

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### Additional Information

- **12,910 Calls for Service**
- **4,349 Reports Taken**
- **1125 Arrests made in 2013**
  - **1049 Adults**
  - **79 Juveniles**
- **169 Stolen Vehicles Recovered**
  - 26 Stolen Locally, Recovered Locally
  - 59 Stolen Locally, Recovered Other
  - 84 Stolen Other, Recovered Locally
The Records Bureau work as a team to provide public assistance at the front counter, providing public information, performing live scan requests, signing off correctable citations and various other tasks to assist the public.

In 2013, the Records staff entered 4,349 reports into the records management system (RMS). Much of the statistical data entered by the Records staff is required by the FBI, Department of Justice (DOJ), National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and other law enforcement entities.

The Records staff also provides assistance to the Detective Bureau, preparing booking packages to include copies of reports, printouts of sensitive and confidential information, to be provided to the District Attorney’s office.

The Records staff assists Patrol Officers during the booking process itself, providing information by searching the various automated systems, including warrants, criminal history, stolen vehicles, missing persons and several other automated law enforcement systems. They perform matron duties, monitoring the prisoner cells and occasionally performing searches of the prisoners themselves.

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Administrative Division

Division Lieutenant: Stephen Bonini
The Administrative Division plays an essential role in the management, training, risk reduction, and effectiveness for the Department. The mission of the Division is to manage, support, and develop programs by ensuring the services provided are consistent with the expectations of the community, are practiced under the standards established by the law enforcement profession and are completed in accordance with legislatively mandated and continual professional training.

The Division is responsible for recruiting, testing, and hiring individuals with the character and work ethic to support the mission, vision, and values of the Police Department and strive to provide quality service to the community that we serve. Administrative Services is also responsible for providing initial and ongoing training to all personnel to maintain a constant state of readiness.

Those assigned to this Division ensure that training; inter-agency agreements and policies are aligned with contemporary practices and legal standards. The Administrative Division includes the professional staff members comprising the Records Unit, who are responsible for the management, reporting, and dissemination of the vast number of records maintained by the Department and Property Unit.

Hiring & Training

2013 Hiring

Staffing levels in 2013 continued to suffer for many reasons, as nine officers left the department during the year. The nine officers leaving this year matched the number of officers hired in 2012. Several testing processes were held, including multiple recruiting and testing field trips to the surrounding geographical area in an effort to locate qualified candidates for employment. The Department hired eight officers in 2013, one Reserve Police Officer, one Parking Enforcement Officer, one Records Specialist, a full time Evidence and Property Specialist, and two Police Cadets. The Department suffered from a limited number of police applicants. Two entry level recruit tests were held with less than 40% of the applicants taking part in the written and physical agility tests. Approximately 10% of those people taking the physical agility test failed, and were removed from the hiring process.

Department Training

In 2013, department members attended 7,685 hours of training; an increase of 18.5% over the 6,487 of training in 2012. Examples of some of the significant training events in 2013 are:

- Officers received Active Shooter Training conducted at our local schools. This was based on recent events throughout the United States.
- Officers attended tactical medical courses to enhance our high risk responses and render aid to fallen officers.
- A yearlong commitment was also made toward High Risk Entry and Tactical training.
- Lt. Steve Bonini graduated from the Los Angeles Police Department’s Leadership Program. The program focuses on the behavioral science of leadership. Those attending the highly competitive training program are selected by their agency as effective leaders and represent the future of the law enforcement agency. Previous graduates of the program are; Chief Moir, Captain Regan, Lt. Keith, and Lt. De La Campa.
- The department also hosted several courses for surrounding law enforcement agencies which included; bicycle patrol courses, mandated driver training, active shooter, and a mandated jail safety course.
- All officers received Terrorism Liaison Training held at the ECPD and conducted by the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC).
- Sgt. Ian Wong and Sgt. David Hartung graduated from the Sherman Block Leadership Institute held in Sacramento, Ca.
- Cpl. Gilbert Tang attended and graduated from the first Inner Perspectives Leadership development program in Contra Costa County. This program is designed to enhance and foster leaders throughout law enforcement agencies with topics covering leadership concepts, styles, leadership skill development, and communication. Cpl. Tang was selected by the Command Staff for this opportunity.
New Courses From the Department

Canine Agitator:
The course is designed to provide law enforcement personnel instruction and techniques to work interactively with a K9 handler and a police K9. The course was created to meet the emerging training demands of police K9’s. The course is 16 hours long and can be attended by experienced as well as inexperienced agitators, trainers, and handlers of police service dogs. The agitator is a vital component of police K9 training and there are specific techniques required to be able to take a bite from a dog and specific ways the agitator works in order for the dog to get the best training possible.

Lifetime Physical Fitness
Part of the hiring and training aspect of the Administrative Division is a new focus on lifetime fitness. Two officers traveled to Dallas, Texas to attend the Cooper Institute’s law Enforcement Physical Fitness course. The Cooper Institute has been certifying personal trainers for over forty years and has designed job specific fitness programs for law enforcement. The officers received hands on practical fitness training, nutrition curriculum, and instruction from the top professionals in the personal training field. Upon implementation of the program, officers will be able to maintain a level of fitness, strength, and endurance commensurate with their chosen profession.

Active Shooter
Recent events throughout the U.S. where active shooters have gone into movie theaters, schools, and military bases prompted the Administrative Division to focus on being prepared for when an incident. Multi-agency training events such as the one pictured, gave El Cerrito Police Department officers and members of our surrounding agencies a chance to train together. We learned the importance of pre-planning, target identification, and developed the skills to enter a school as shown, to engage and end a threat. The real life application of this training held within our schools in El Cerrito, provided officers with expertise and skills they previously did not have.

All Hands Department Training Day
In 2013, the Police Department held the first all-hands training day at the Concord firearms range. This training included firearms, team movements, barricade movements, active shooter drills, building searches, canine deployment, foot-pursuits, arrest control, baton, Taser, and other essential training.
Division Lieutenant: Robert De La Campa

The Special Operations Division Contains the Investigative, Traffic Enforcement, School Resource Officers (SROs), and Special Events Sections of the Police Department, as well as volunteer programs. Members of this Division are responsible for responding to and examining major crime scenes, conducting criminal investigations, providing liaison services to community groups as well conducting proactive investigations into events or circumstances that could negatively impact the safety of our community.

The Special Operations Division conducts a majority of the Department’s community outreach efforts through events such as Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch meetings, National Night Out, Tri-City Safety Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, ECHS Homecoming Parade, Little League Baseball Parade and fundraisers for the Special Olympics. The Division also oversees the training and deployment of the Department’s representatives to the County Mutual Aid Mobile Field Force, Richmond-El Cerrito Crisis Response Team (CRT -SWAT) Evidence Technicians, and Crisis Negotiation Team, as well as volunteer programs including Reserve Officers, El Cerrito Citizens Academy, and the Volunteer in Police Service Program.

Investigations

The Investigations Section conducts the on-scene investigations of major incidents, investigates crimes that require an extended time commitment or a specific expertise in an effort to solve crimes and thoroughly prepare cases for prosecution, and maintains liaison with other investigative bodies to increase department potential to efficiently address investigative needs. Traffic officers bring their own special expertise to round out the diversity of the Division, using advanced collision investigation training to untangle major traffic accidents and focus much of their patrol efforts on increasing motorist safety.

In 2013, Detective Marte Strang received the Chief’s Special Agent Award. Detective Strang started his assignment as the Crimes against Persons investigator in December 2012. Since that time, he has exemplified himself through his hard work, dedication and the outstanding quality of work he produces.

Detective Strang has utilized his training and experience to enhance the Departments ability to investigate computer and cell phone related elements of crimes. Through his connections, he was able to acquire a forensic examination computer at no initial cost to the Department. He is also the coordinator for the newly acquired Cellebrite system. He integrated the two systems and has trained his fellow Department members in the use of the devices.

Detective Strang has put together several outstanding investigations; ranging from Domestic violence cases, child and adult sexual assault cases, several shooting cases and robberies but most notably he solved a “whodunit” shooting of two juveniles next to our City’s Library and Elementary school. The shooting left our community unsettled. He had to overcome several obstacles to successfully resolve this case. One of the victim’s family was uncooperative and did not want to assist our investigation. Undeterred, Detective Strang left no rock unturned. He wrote numerous cellular telephone records, scoured thousands of text messages, pieced together information from other Departments. He established a relationship of trust with the uncooperative victim’s family and was able to get the information he needed. He worked with the school’s administration to not only calm their concerns but to also gather information from potential witnesses. He located the outstanding suspect and conducted a search of his residence, recovering evidence in our case and an assault rifle. Along the way, he helped solve one another agencies robbery case. He also obtained a confession from the suspect during his interview. Overall, this was an excellent investigation that not only resulted in two dangerous individuals being arrested and charged but also helped our community feel safer as a result.
The mission of the Traffic Safety Unit is to gain voluntary compliance with the California Vehicle Code to increase safety for the motoring and pedestrian public. The Traffic Unit utilizes a multitude of proactive enforcement efforts including, RADAR and LIDAR, preventative patrols, technology, community education, and analysis of traffic collision data.

This unit coordinates many programs related to Traffic, to include; Child Safety Seat installation programs; Sobriety Checkpoints; Commercial Vehicle Checkpoints; Enforcement campaigns, such as “Click It or Ticket” and Distracted Driving operations; Avoid the 25 DUI Programs.

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School Resource Officer

El Cerrito Police Department SROs interact with a population of 1,800 students and 100 staff at the city’s two school sites. One of the current focuses of the SRO program in El Cerrito is juvenile criminal activity during school hours. The Police Department and El Cerrito City Council have recognized the need for specific attention to address this growing concern. SROs spend a portion of their work day locating and identifying truant students and referring continued attendance issues to school administration. Officers from both schools also participate in a district wide truancy sweep which occurs several times throughout the school year.

They also work directly with the school administrators and other safety personnel to develop a unique safety plan for each school site. SROs may provide presentations, attend safety meetings, and assist in the coordination of safety training such as fire drills.

School Resource Officer Activity

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SWAT Team

In early 2013, the ECPD entered into an agreement with the Richmond PD to add a small contingent to their Special Response Team (SWAT) and to have their team be the SWAT team element for the ECPD in the event of an incident in El Cerrito.

This was a means of getting our personnel advanced tactical training and experience with high risk operations. Until this time, the ECPD lacked such training and resources. In conjunction with an overall initiative to increase awareness and preparedness for active shooter incidents, this program fell in line with our mission and values.

Corporal Wahrlich passed one of the most rigorous physical tests in the profession including a grueling obstacle course, a tactical handgun qualification, and oral board presentation only to then have to pass the SWAT school to make the team. Cpl. Wahrlich’s membership on the team as an ancillary assignment represents a regional approach to readiness and response that was a turning point for both agencies.

Our Negotiators also trained with their Crisis Negotiations team throughout the year and will respond to events with them to gain valuable experience and to enhance our readiness for such incidents in El Cerrito.

Throughout the year, Cpl. Wahrlich was deployed as part of the Richmond team to assist with several high risk arrests. In October, Cpl. Wahrlich participated in Urban Shield as the EL Cerrito PD member of the Richmond PD/El Cerrito PD Team.

Urban Shield is a 48 hour continuous team based competition via active scenario tests that takes place throughout the greater Bay Area. The teams compete in scenarios ranging from home entries, and school active shooters to terrorists on a train or airplane.

Volunteers in Policing

In the spring of 2013 the ECPD began Volunteers in Police Service program. Our first and thus far only members were graduates from the 2012 Citizens Police Academy.

Volunteers have helped the department in the following ways:

- Being a role player at police training
- Assisting with public outreach events, National Night Out, 4\textsuperscript{th} of July etc.
- Helped set up and break down at our sobriety checkpoints
- Fleet maintenance, taking police vehicles to service appointments
- Took our traffic enforcement scales to Modesto for service
- Helped administer Citizens Police Academy classes
- Making computerized crime prevention maps

In 2013 the VIPS contributed 180 hours to the service of the ECPD and the community.

The ECPD goal is to have 10 active Volunteers. Applicants are encouraged to attend our Citizens Police Academy to learn about the ECPD. Application forms are available on our web page.

Citizens Police Academy

In September 2013, El Cerrito Police Department put on their second Citizen’s Police Academy. The program offered a chance for community members to learn what happens behind the badge. Fourteen members of the community went through the academy and graduated on October 16, 2013. Each student went on a ride-along with an ECPD patrol officer and learned about the K9 program, the CSI Unit, Detectives, and Bicycle Patrol. They also attended a training class on the Use of Force and Driving Simulators.
The El Cerrito Police Department offers Police Explorers an opportunity to serve the community, participate in community events, and gain a basic understanding of the everyday workings of law enforcement.

In 2013, the ECPD conducted our first Explorer Academy. For one summer week, our Explorers went through a rigorous training program. They learned about California law, firearms, physical fitness, defensive tactics traffic stops and driving simulators.

Our Explorers spent the rest of the year putting that training to use through ride-alongs with patrol officers, assistance at DUI Checkpoints, and various special assignments within the department. They also participated in their first regional Explorer competitions in Brentwood and Paso Robles, earning trophies for their performance.

The El Cerrito Police Explorers participated in regional training by being role players at the annual Urban Shield training event. They were also role players for crowd control training and Simunitions training.

A total of 15 Explorers donated 2,455 hours of service and training to the ECPD and community.
FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

Division Lieutenant: Paul Keith

The uniformed members of the Field Operations Division are the front line of the El Cerrito Police Department’s law enforcement effort. This division includes patrol officers, corporals, sergeants, and canine handlers. If a person calls the Police Department with a problem or a need for help, members of the Field Operations Division respond to help.

These officers respond to emergencies, both large and small. Patrol officers are among the first to arrive at traffic collisions, medical crises, and crimes in progress. The canine (K-9) handler addresses problems using different means: Canine handlers rely on the enhanced senses of their canine partners for tracking and apprehension. K-9’s provide enhanced safety for their human counterparts in the department during searches of buildings and spaces where suspects hide which compromise the safety of police officers.

The proposed new Community Services Officers (CSOs) will be non-sworn members who investigate crimes for which sworn officers are not needed. The CSOs will provide essential service to the community in reporting, minor investigations, crime scene processing, and parking enforcement.

Members of the Field Operations Division serve as Field Training Officers (FTOs) for newly hired officers. In the El Cerrito Police Department we hire civilians who we sponsor through the Basic Police Academy, Basic Academy graduates, and Officers who laterally transfer from other police departments. Officers newly hired by the police department endure rigorous on the job training in the field. While in training, officers are closely monitored, evaluated, trained, and mentored by seasoned officers. Police corporals and sergeants act as supervisors for officers in this division.

Patrol

Field Operations personnel (Patrol) are what most people think of as "the police." They are the men and women who patrol the City in marked cars, motorcycles, and sometimes bicycles or on foot. These officers come from diverse backgrounds and speak several different languages, including Spanish, Cantonese, and Tagalog. Patrol is the backbone of the Police Department's community oriented policing effort.

The Field Operations Division provides directed police patrols on a 24 hour basis. We respond to calls for service in a timely fashion, in an effort to provide a safer environment for citizens and their property by investigating crimes and subsequently arresting and prosecuting offenders.

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Patrol Highlights

January
Officers responded to a shooting at the Ohlone Greenway between Lincoln Ave and Stockton Ave. Three black male juveniles (victims) were confronted by 2 juveniles (suspects). The suspects shot 2 of the 3 victims and fled north on the Ohlone Greenway. Both victims were taken to the hospital for gunshot wounds. The Suspects were later arrested and charged by the District Attorney with attempted murder and robbery and case is currently in trial.

March
Based on the recent rash of robberies on the BART path, an Officer was deployed in an unmarked car in uniform to call out suspicious people to marked ECPD units. Upon arrival in the area, the Officer spotted three suspects running after a jogger on the BART path. The suspects were unable to catch the jogger so they discontinued their pursuit. One of the suspects then ran past a person walking along the bicycle path while the other two followed closely behind. The first suspect that ran past the pedestrian then hid behind a pillar while the remaining two suspects walked behind the pedestrian and began to check their surroundings. For an unknown reason all three suspects then began to run southbound on the BART path away from the pedestrian. Officer Alvarez broadcasted this information to responding units and coordinated a response to ensure the area was sealed off. Officers arrested the three suspects for attempted robbery and transported them to the ECPD. Detectives were able to obtain confessions from all three suspects about all of the robberies that occurred earlier in the week.

June
Our first Home Security Expo was held on June 1st. The intent of this event was to bring a variety of vendors to the community center as a central location for our residents to view and research home security products. Over one hundred people attended and they were very pleased with the Expo.

September
A citizen called to report three individuals rang the doorbell at his neighbor’s house and then began to kick the front door. After a failed attempt at kicking the door open, the three suspects walked to the rear of the residence. After the Officers arrived on scene and set up a perimeter, the suspects fled the scene in a rental vehicle. Officers followed the vehicle until all three suspects fled on foot. A perimeter was established and a SPPD K-9 unit was requested. Prior to the K-9 search, one suspect surrendered to a KPD officer who was manning the perimeter. During a K-9 search of a rear yard a second suspect was detained by the K-9 unit and the third suspect was detained by an Officer. The property from the burglarized residence was located inside of the vehicle and returned to the victim. The three suspects were interviewed by the detectives and then all three were transported to the MDF

Reserve Officers

The El Cerrito Police Department’s Reserve Police Officer Program has a lengthy history of service to the City of El Cerrito. Reserve Police Officers are volunteers who, depending on their POST certification, either partner with another officer or work as a solo officer.

Reserve Police Officers assist in a variety of capacities in addition to their general patrol duties. These duties include providing prisoner transports, assisting with scene security during major incidents, participating in community events, conducting bicycle patrol along the Ohlone Greenway and in the El Cerrito Plaza, and assisting School Resource Officers at High School sporting events.

In 2013 Reserve Police Officers logged 2,729 hours of volunteer time working patrol and assisting the department and community in a wide variety of assignments.

One of our Reserves did most of his volunteer service hours in support of the Detective Unit in an undercover capacity. Another Reserve donated time to the Traffic Unit, including riding the Harley Davidson motorcycle.

The Reserves attended a POST certified Driver Training Update course. One attended training on Explosive Device Awareness and all completed ECPD Firearms training.

In 2013 the Reserve Police unit consisted of nine volunteer officers. During 2013 two Reserve Police Officers were hired by the ECPD as a full time officer and left the Reserve Police Unit. The El Cerrito Police Department continually seeks to expand its Reserve Police Officer ranks in an effort to improve the department’s service to the residents of El Cerrito.
Officer Del Prado and Koda started 2013 with a modified schedule which had them working a swing shift during the weekends. Officer Del Prado and Koda continued to attend 16 hours of scheduled training each month. These trainings are conducted with members of other departments which have given Officer Del Prado the chance to observe different behavior and handling techniques from other K-9 Officers. In addition to monthly training, Officer Del Prado was able to attend training hosted by a specialized group of K-9 handlers from Las Vegas Metro PD.

Officer Del Prado and Koda continue to serve as a valuable tool in narcotics detection. On one occasion, Officer Del Prado and Koda were called to assist in a narcotics search of a vehicle. During the search, Koda alerted to narcotics near the fuse box in the vehicle. A thorough search was performed and a cloth bag was located secreted in the dashboard with a string attached. A search of the bag revealed methamphetamine and paraphernalia for the ingestion of methamphetamine.

Officer Del Prado and Koda have developed a strong working bond that has proven beneficial to the patrol teams. On one occasion, Officer Aguilar located a stolen vehicle which he followed into Richmond. Officer Del Prado and Koda responded to the area in the event the driver would attempt to flee on foot. The suspect drove onto a dead end street as Koda and Officer Del Prado arrived. The suspect fled on foot from the vehicle and Officer Del Prado advised the subject that Koda would be used if he did not stop which the suspect ignored. Officer Del Prado took quick appraisal of the severity of the crime and followed department policy in releasing Koda. Koda pursued the subject and quickly apprehended him less than a block away.

In addition to working and training, Officer Del Prado and Koda have made several community appearances. One of which was for four elementary school classes near Officer Del Prado’s home in which the children were able to see Koda and ask questions of Officer Del Prado. In response to this, the school children wrote thank you letters and drew pictures of Koda. Officer Del Prado and Koda were also able to participate in Tri-City Safety Day with El Cerrito Fire, Richmond Fire, and the El Cerrito Police Department. Officer Del Prado and Koda were fortunate enough to do an apprehension and narcotic demonstration for the 2nd annual Citizen’s Academy. The class was able to see the work put into training for Koda and were able to ask a copious amount of questions of Officer Del Prado.

Towards the end of 2013, the K-9 program was fortunate to be able to incorporate a second dog into the program. This meant that the department would need a second handler. Oral boards were held and Corporal Hernandez was selected as the newest K-9 handler. El Cerrito PD purchased his K-9 partner, Denzel from Frank Romano at Golden Gate K-9. Cpl. Hernandez will soon attend same rigorous apprehension and narcotics training that Officer Del Prado and Koda did. We look forward to seeing Cpl. Hernandez and Denzel bond and become a much needed addition to the K-9 program.

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Torch Run
Escorted by police vehicles, motorcycles, and bicycles, seven El Cerrito Police Department employees participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run on June 9, 2013. They started at the Albany/El Cerrito city limits where Albany PD greeted El Cerrito and handed them the torch. El Cerrito runners ran alongside San Pablo stopping in front of City Hall and continuing into San Pablo where they handed the torch over. The goal of the run is to support Special Olympics programs through fundraising and public awareness.

Special Olympics is dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition.

Tip-A-Cop
El Cerrito Law Enforcement Officers gave a whole new meaning to "protect and serve" at a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser held at Macaroni Grill in El Cerrito, on October 5, 2013. Officers serve as celebrity waiters and donated all the tips they received to the Northern California Special Olympic program. Tip-A-Cop has been a favorite way for officers to raise money, and the public loves to have the officers wait on them hand and foot.

Bike the Bridges
On Sunday, June 9, 2013 the 4th Annual “Bike the Bridges” fundraising event, to support Special Olympics of Northern California, was held. This was the result of a partnership between the El Cerrito, Hercules, Martinez, and Oakland Police Departments. The concept for the event was for riders of all levels, including those assigned to ride bicycles at their respective police departments, to cross the Carquinez and Benicia Bridges along the scenic bicycle route connecting both bridges.
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El Cerrito PD App

In 2013, the Police Department unveiled their new El Cerrito PD APP from Apple and it is also available for Android. This APP features contact information, safety tips, SRO information, press releases, community information, a place for people to commend our officers, and other data. The intent is to continue to provide information to those who want it and appeal to those who want a progressive means of communicating with the PD.

Dual Sports

In November, the department purchased two new Honda CRF250L dual sport motorcycles to add to the increasingly diverse fleet of vehicles available for use by El Cerrito police officers. These motorcycles have the unique ability to ride both on the street and off road which increases the area where officers can patrol within the city. The addition of the dual sports has also increased the deployment options available for officers when conducting various operations. The motorcycles can be utilized during city celebrations, search and rescue operations, and special enforcement details. The motorcycles can also assist with emergency medical responses in remote areas such as the walking trails in Hillside Park.

New Radar Device—Jamar

El Cerrito is now using a new mobile radar to monitor problem areas 24 hours for days at a time to make data driven deployment decisions. JAMAR Radar Recorder allows the Police Department to gather hard evidence of whether or not a problem really exists. This data can then be used to find where stepped up enforcement is really needed. If the data does show that a speeding problem really does exist, it can help determine the best time for enforcement, the best locations, and evaluate the effectiveness of enforcement.
Volunteer of the Year
Todd Nowajewski

Explorer of the Year
Anderea Walle

10851 Award
Recognizes Officers superior efforts in the recovery of stolen vehicles and apprehension of vehicle thieves
Officer Saul Aguilar

Avoid the 25 Mother’s Against Drunk Driving Award (MADD)
Awards an Officer for their DUI statistics during the year
Officer Bailey Thepkeysone
Officer Saul Aguilar
Sergeant Lauren Caputo (Hand Off Award)

Life Saving Award
Recognizes the actions of ECPD employees that result in the preservation of human life
Officer Chi Lee
Special thanks to everyone who helped contribute to creating our 2013 Annual Report

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