

FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Scott J. Mayberry
Chief of Police



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City Council



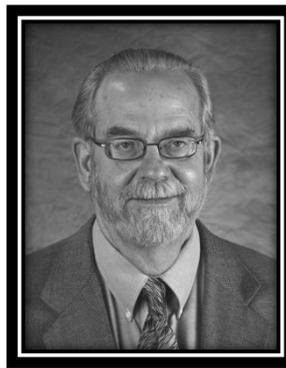
Mayor

Dave Turner



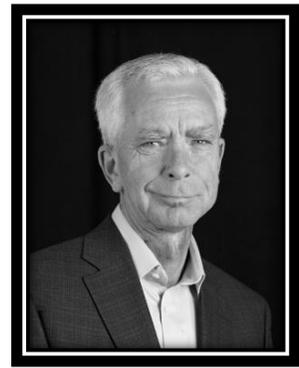
Vice Mayor

Meg Courtney



Councilmember

Doug Hammerstrom



Councilmember

Scott Deitz

Mission Statement

*Fort Bragg is a small town
with a strong sense of community
that seeks to preserve its natural beauty
while providing exceptional public facilities and
infrastructure, safe streets,
and a well-planned framework
for sustainable development and prosperity.*

The Fort Bragg City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 363 N. Main Street, Fort Bragg, California. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in City Council meetings.



Message from the City Manager

The Fort Bragg Police Department plays a key role in protecting the quality of life in our community. Our police officers are responsible for ensuring that Fort Bragg is safe, that laws are enforced with an even hand, and that complaints are dealt with promptly. In a small town like ours with a small police force, officers are required to perform a complex variety of tasks. Our officers respond to emergencies, investigate crimes, patrol the streets, respond to complaints, work with local youth, and collaborate with the many agencies and institutions that serve our community.

The work of a police officer is very challenging. The officers of the Fort Bragg Police Department must contend with difficult and demanding situations on a daily basis, whether responding to a traffic accident, intervening in a domestic dispute, or investigating a serious crime. Our officers are well-trained, hard-working and dedicated to serving this community. They have earned the strong support of the Fort Bragg City Council, the City Manager, fellow City departments, and a broad cross-section of our community. This annual report summarizes the accomplishments of the Fort Bragg Police Department over the past several years and it serves as a testament to the exceptional work of our officers and employees.

Sincerely,

Linda Ruffing

Linda Ruffing



Message from the Chief of Police



I want to thank all of the staff at the Fort Bragg Police Department for their efforts, excellent service and dedication to this department and the community. The last couple of years have been challenging in so many ways but you never gave up and continued to push forward in the face of adversity.

To all of the community members, “Thank you” for all of your support, not only to me but to all of the members of this agency. If it was not for all of us working together we would not have been able to accomplish all the things we have in the last two years. Together we have set into motion several Neighborhood Watch Programs, started a Downtown Business Watch group, reduced gang violence and made arrests of several narcotic offenders who continue to attempt to pollute this community and our children.

As always the Department will continue to work hard for you, “our community”, with pride and respect. We will continue to find ways to improve our performance and level of service, despite the challenges we all face.

In closing I want to challenge each of you to continue to stay involved within our community and your neighborhoods. I do believe, “Together we can make a difference.”

Sincerely,

Scott Mayberry

Scott Mayberry



Mission Statement

The Fort Bragg Police Department is committed to providing the highest quality of services to our community. As professionals, we strive to be responsive to all matters that impact our community. We want to preserve a quality of life standard for our citizens by establishing community partnerships built on prevention, education, enforcement, and collaboration strategies.



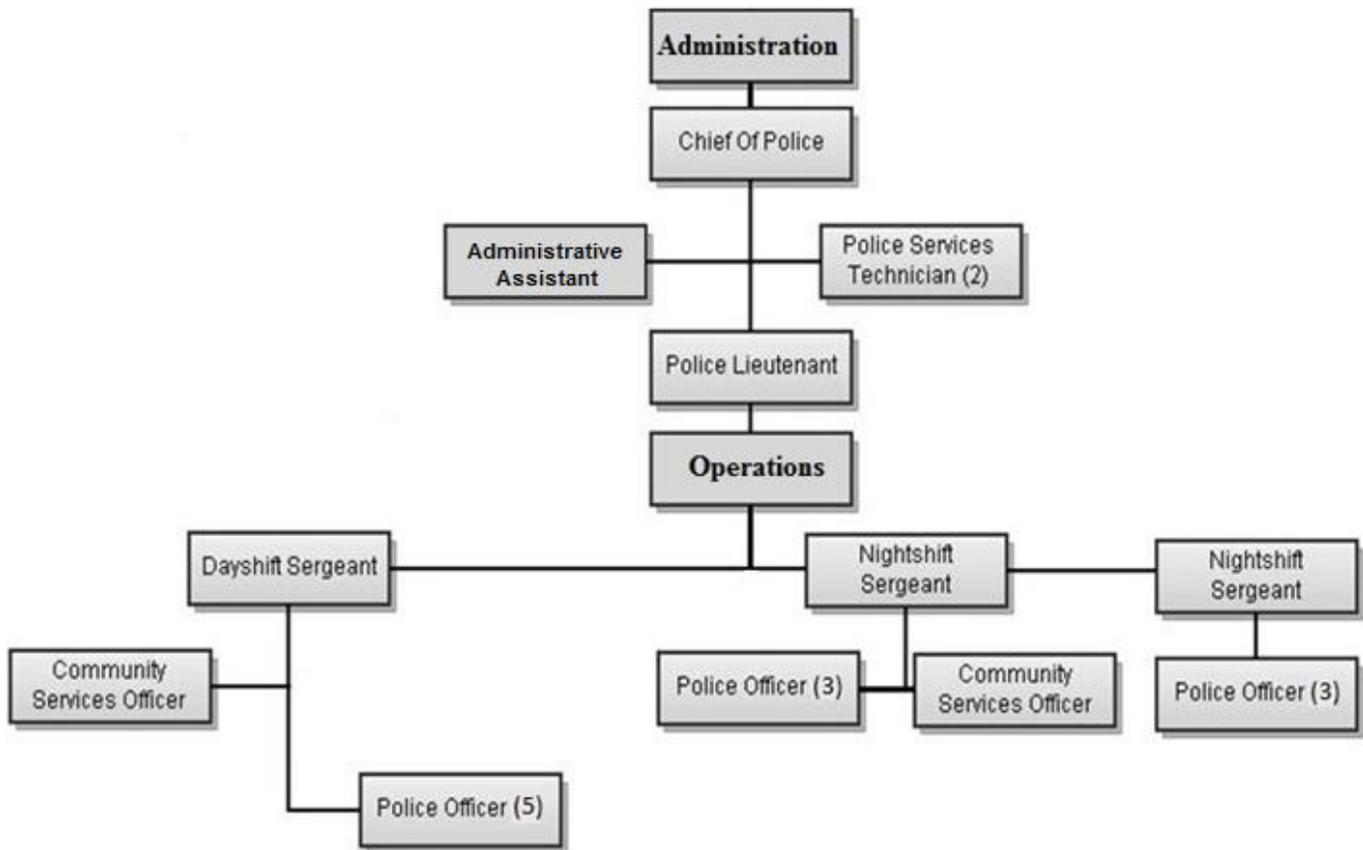
Department Summary

The Fort Bragg Police Department is made of up 21 full-time employees and is divided into 2 divisions. Chief Scott Mayberry, Lieutenant John Naulty, Administrative Secretary Debbie Desmond, and Police Service Technicians Sally Provencher and Gretchen Leinen make up the Administrative Division. Along with administrative responsibilities the Administrative Division is responsible for records management, property and evidence management, Live Scan services and other duties. The Operations Division is comprised of 3 Sergeants, 11 full-time sworn Police Officers, and 2 Community Service Officers. The Operations Division is tasked with handling all items related to the enforcement of laws.

The Fort Bragg Police Department is the only law enforcement agency on the California coast between Eureka and the San Francisco Bay Area with sworn law enforcement officers on duty 24 hours per day. The Police Department is divided into 4 teams, each working 12-hour shifts. Police Officers respond to a variety of calls for service, including criminal and non-criminal incidents. Examples of criminal incidents include assault/battery, domestic violence, burglaries and public intoxication. Examples of non-criminal incidents include non-DUI traffic collisions, civil disputes, and landlord-tenant disputes.



Organizational Chart





Community Involvement



Police Activities League Bicycle Rodeo

Officers work with the youth in our community teaching them the rules of the road and safe habits when riding their bicycles on our local streets. Shown here is Officer McLaughlin riding the obstacle course with Fort Bragg youth at the annual PAL Bicycle Rodeo. One of the goals of the Bicycle Rodeo is to teach children good bicycle safety. Free helmets are given out by the Police Department to any child who needs one. It's a great opportunity for the members of the Police Department to connect with the community.



Police Activities League Fishing

Shown here are youth from our community getting an opportunity to fish in a local pond during the annual Police Activities League Fishing Clinic. Mr. Joe Moura allows use his pond for this great event. The Fish and Wildlife Department stocks the pond with trout every year and then, along with other law enforcement members, helps the children with their catch. The children have a great time learning about different kinds of fish, fishing, licensing requirements and caring for the environment.



National Night Out

Pictured here is Lieutenant John Naulty and his son Justice "J.T." in front of the Police Department during the first "National Night Out" event held in our community. This was one of several different block parties where local law enforcement, Fire Department, and council members stopped by to answer questions or hear concerns about their neighborhoods.



Community Involvement



Fort Bragg Skate Park Re-opening

The Police Department was involved in the re-opening of the C.V. Starr Center in July 2012. Seen here is Police Service Technician (PST) Gretchen Leinen handing out helmets free to any person needing one. The day included skate contests for all age groups, food and fun for all.



Fire Safety Day

Each year the Police Department joins many other agencies such as the Fire Department, CalFire, Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, Fish and Wildlife, CalStar and PG&E on Fire and Safety Day. This event is usually held at Timberwolf Stadium and is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Dana Gray School. Seen here is Officer McLaughlin explaining the law concerning bicycle helmets, the reasons for wearing a bicycle helmet and offering other bicycle safety tips to the groups of children who rotate from station to station throughout the day. Community Service Officer Lesley Bryant offers the children Bicycle Safety brochures and stickers.



Blue Santa

Operation "Blue Santa" is an annual effort to reach out to members within our community during the Christmas holiday season. Police Department personnel and local businesses donate food and funds so that families can have a wonderful Christmas complete with handpicked gifts and all the fixings for a delicious Christmas dinner. Pictured here is our "Blue Santa" after he delivered gifts and Christmas dinner to one of our featured families for 2012.

Employee Recognition



Officer of the year

Pictured with Chief Scott Mayberry is Community Service Officer Lesley Bryant at the Elks Lodge in Ukiah. Each year the Elks Lodge sponsor a wonderful dinner for law enforcement members and their families. The Elks take the time to thank the law enforcement members for their outstanding service.

Our CSO Lesley Bryant received the "Officer of the Year" for her hard work, positive attitude and commitment to not only our department, but our community. Congratulations Lesley on a job well done!

OTHER RECOGNITIONS



In October 2012 Officer Kendl received recognition from the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Following a delicious dinner prepared by the VFW Auxiliary, Officer Kendl was awarded a Gold National Award Certificate from the Veterans for his service to the community.



Officer Jeremy Mason was recognized by the Fort Bragg City Council for his response to a citizen that had been arrested by another agency. Officer Mason noticed the citizen was suffering from respiratory arrest and a cardiac emergency. Due to Officer Mason's training as an Emergency Medical Technician he was able to offer life saving measures and as a result of his efforts, saved the citizen's life.

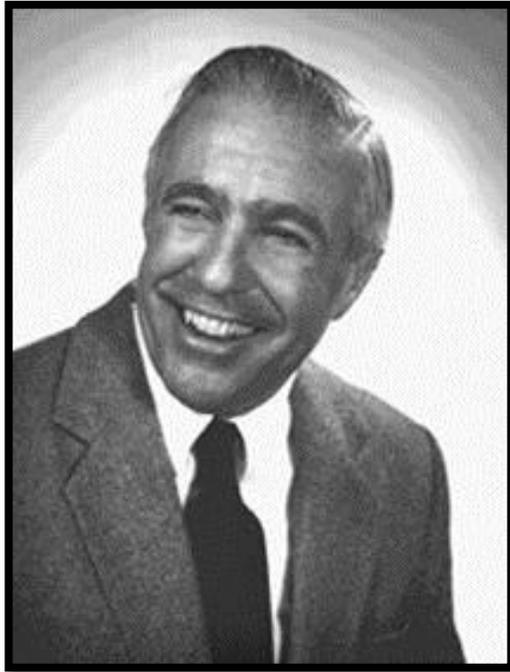


Sergeants Brandon Lee and Charles Gilchrist were recognized by the Fort Bragg City Council for assisting in saving a man's life in November 2012 after he had succumbed to a heart attack. Sergeants Lee and Gilchrist rendered first aid and life saving measures until medical personnel arrived in the area. Had it not been for their efforts and involvement the event could have ended tragically.





In Remembrance



COUNCILMEMBER JERE MELO

The Fort Bragg Police Department would like to take a moment to recognize a former Councilmember and Public Safety Committee Member, Jere Melo. Councilmember Melo was gunned down while working for a private timber company protecting our surrounding woods against illegal trespassers.

Councilmember Melo was a very supportive member of our community and friend of the Fort Bragg Police Department. Jere always took the time to go out of his way to thank every department member for their service and dedication to this community.

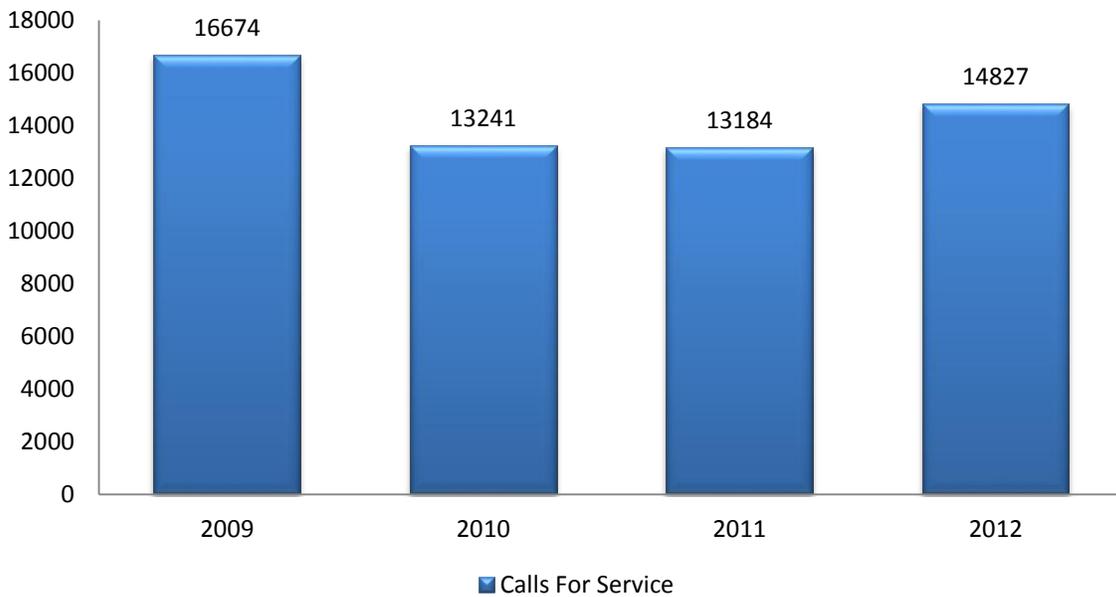
Councilmember Melo will always be remembered by the Department and will live in our hearts for his willingness to serve not only the Department, but this community.

“Thank you Jere. You are truly missed.”



Calls for Service

In 2012, Fort Bragg Police Officers responded to a total of 14,827 calls for service and wrote 1840 Crime Reports associated with those calls for service. Fort Bragg Police Officers also made 727 arrests in 2012.

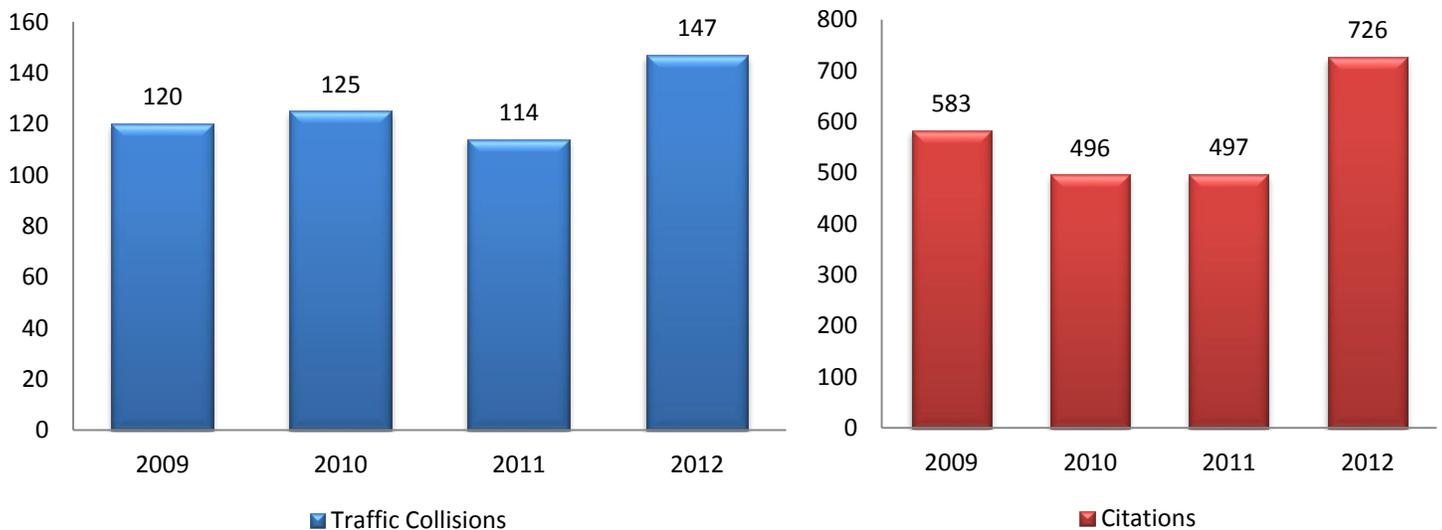




Traffic Safety

A major concern for the Fort Bragg Police Department and community alike is traffic safety. There have been many street improvements in recent years, increasing the safety of motorists traveling within Fort Bragg city limits.

The Fort Bragg Police Department initiates traffic stops on traffic safety violators with the purpose of education and enforcement. These two aspects combined lead to greater driver awareness and an ultimate goal of decreasing traffic collisions, thus increasing traffic safety in our community. Below are statistics for the number of traffic collision reports taken and traffic violation citations issued by Fort Bragg Police Officers from years 2009 through 2012:

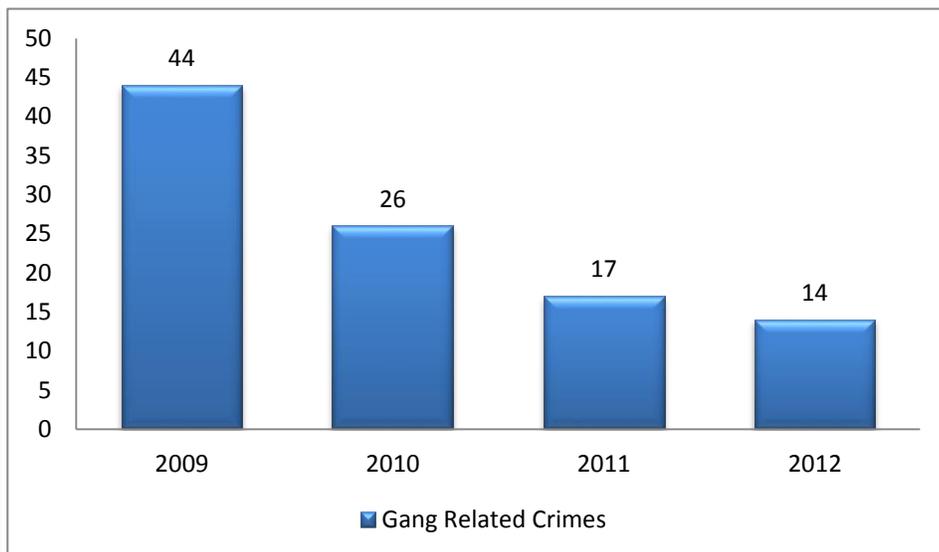




Gang Crime

Criminal Street Gangs present a threat to the safety of law enforcement and the community alike. Criminal Street Gangs are responsible for drug sales and trafficking, weapons violations, property crimes for the benefit of the gang, violence against citizenry, law enforcement and rival gang members, rape, and murder.

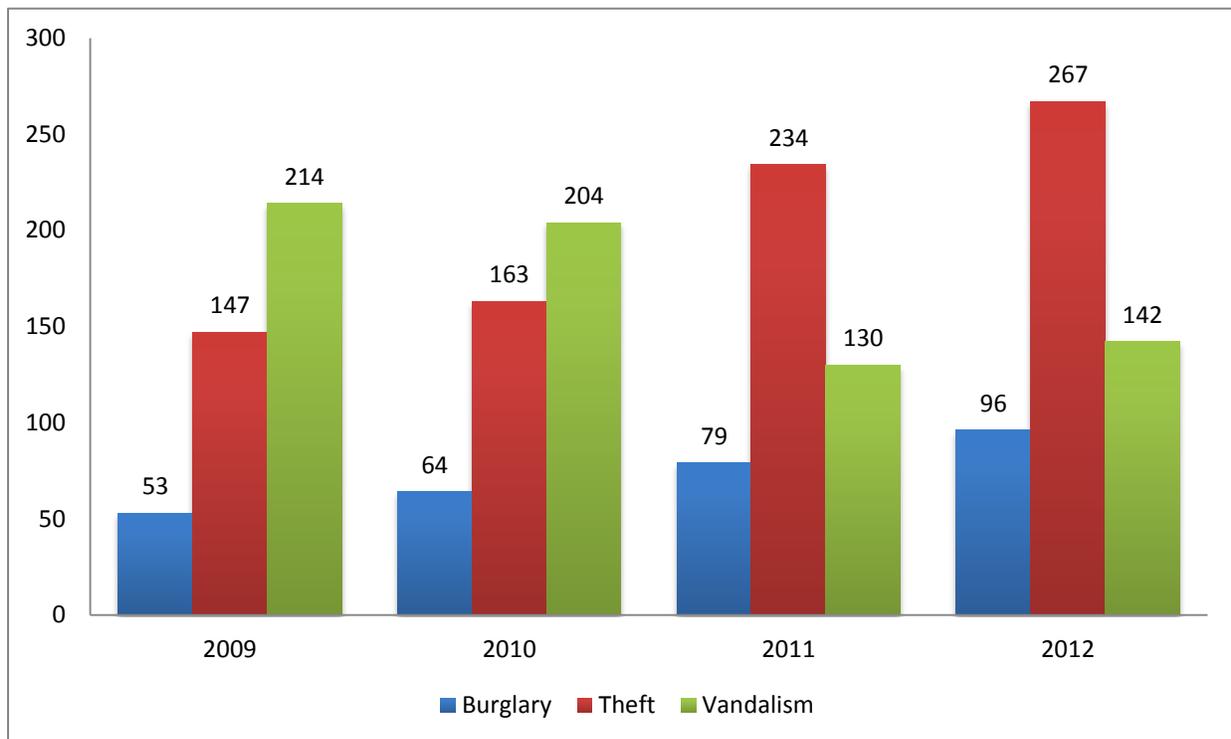
The Fort Bragg Police Department, in conjunction with local allied agencies participates in the Multi-Agency Gang Suppression Unit (MAGSU). With the increased efforts of these agencies, the City of Fort Bragg has seen a trend in decreased gang activity. Statistics of reports taken for gang related crimes from years 2009 through 2012 are as follows:





Property Crime

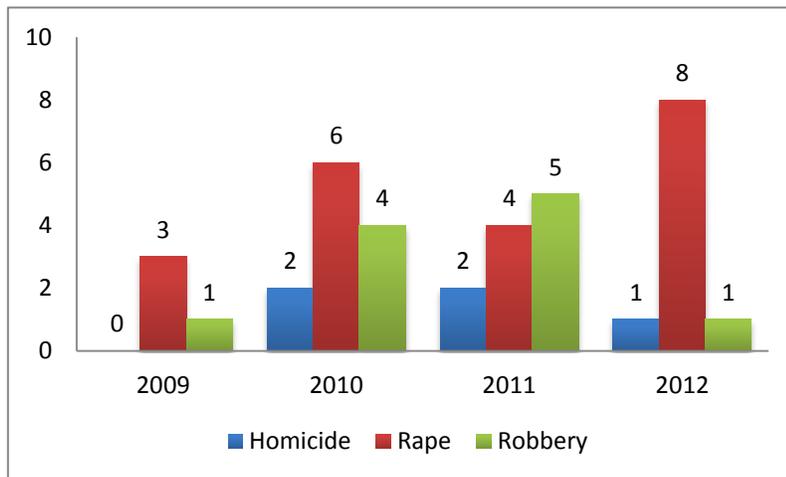
The Fort Bragg Police Department retains a list of problem areas where community members report activities or conditions that could lead to criminal activity. Fort Bragg Police Officers conduct frequent patrols of these areas throughout their shifts and whenever time permits. These “Extra Patrols” serve as a pro-active method for catching in-progress crimes and deterring would-be criminals. Reports taken for Burglaries, Thefts, and Vandalisms from years 2009 through 2012 are as follows:





Crimes against Persons

Over the last four years, the City of Fort Bragg remained a safe place to live. The number of homicides and robberies in 2012 showed a slight decrease while reported rapes showed a 50% increase. Reports taken for Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, and Robbery from the year 2009 to 2012 are as follows:



Assaults can refer to many different types of crimes against persons, including but not limited to gang fighting, simple or aggravated battery and domestic violence assaults. The year 2012 showed a slight increase in Assaults from the previous two years, but still remained comparatively low. Reports taken for assaults from years 2009 to 2012 are as follows:

