



Monthly Newsletter

March 2025

2025 Wilhaggin Del Dayo Neighborhood Assn. Budget

2025 Revenue	
Membership Dues	\$310,000
Reserve Carryover	\$ 44,564
TOTAL	\$354,564

2025 Expenses	
Sheriff Patrol Charges	\$330,614

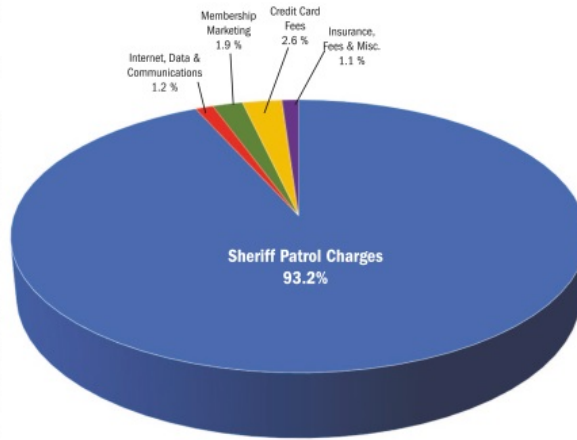
Website, Data & Communications	
Database License Fees	\$1,500
Website License Fees	\$800
Constant Contact	\$775
Newsletter Mailing	\$600
Database Consultants	\$500
Subtotal	\$4,175

Membership Marketing	\$6,850
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Credit Card Fees	\$9,100
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Insurance, Fees & Misc.	
Insurance	\$1,800
CPA	\$775
Legal	\$50
P.O. Box	\$250
Software	\$800
Misc.	\$150
Subtotal	\$3,825

TOTAL	\$354,564
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2025 WDDNA Budget

As you know, WDDNA was forced to raise annual dues to \$350 for the 2025 year to keep pace with the increased cost of our off-duty deputy patrols. This was the first dues rate increase in five years.

Not surprisingly, this increase resulted in a modest decline in our membership. Our total membership, which at its peak was approximately 1,020 members, now stands at 953. This was anticipated and we are hopeful that some of those former members will rejoin soon.

Last year, the Sheriff's Department hourly rate increase covering deputy wages, vehicles and an administrative fee brought our hourly rate to \$127.74. To accommodate that increase we reduced the number of shifts we support from 11 to nine, each of them eight hours long.

We anticipate another department rate increase in July and we believe it will be comparable to the increase we received last year. We do not anticipate that we will need to decrease either the number or duration of our shifts in 2025, despite this increase. Our plan is to tap into our reserves to cover any revenue shortfall while we work on marketing efforts to rebuild membership.

Patrol expenditures in 2024 totaled just under \$259,000. This year, assuming a rate increase comparable to last year's, we are budgeting to spend \$330,614 for our patrols, or 93.2% of our total budget.

Our other anticipated expenditures are as follows:

- Credit card fees, \$9,100, or 2.6%
- Membership marketing, \$6,850, or 1.9%
- Website, data and communications, \$4,175 or 1.2%
- Insurance, fees and misc., \$3,825, or 1.1%

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Report serious traffic issues to CHP POP

Drivers who speed and run stop signs are among the top concerns expressed by WDDNA members.

As a result, each WDDNA deputy makes an effort to monitor speeders and stop-sign runners during key commute hours. However, it is not possible for a deputy to monitor multiple locations at once.

So, if you live near a spot that sees particularly dangerous traffic activity on a daily basis, you also can report the issue to the California Highway Patrol Problem Oriented Policing (POP) unit at the North Sacramento office.

About the POP unit

CHP's POP unit focuses on special enforcement issues in neighborhoods, on county streets, highways and freeways.

The North Sacramento office has had a POP unit for years. However, according to POP Officer Brien Callaway, staffing has been inconsistent.

"A few years ago, there were 10 POP officers for the North CHP office," noted Callaway. "That was awesome because we could totally be everywhere all the time."

However, recently, CHP staffing has been hit hard by attrition and a shortage of recruits.

"These days, so few people want to be police officers," Callaway explained. "So, we have lost a lot of officers, which has reduced our staffing levels. We are down officers statewide. Because of that, our POP team has had to shrink in size. We've gone from about seven positions back in 2017 to just three now. For a time, there was just one."

The three POP officers cover a huge swath of Sacramento County stretching from the Placer County line over to West Sacramento in Yolo County and down to the American River. (See map). So, according to Callaway, the team takes a triage approach and focuses on those issues that pose the greatest safety risk at any point in time.

At present, Callaway said his team most frequently works to keep the Highway 80 corridor clear for commuters. They also have spent time in the vicinity of El Camino, Garfield and

Fair Oaks Boulevard following a series of injury accidents, including a couple of fatalities.

Callaway encourages WDDNA members to report serious safety issues that occur repeatedly in the same location. He cited as an example the case last year of a teenage boy who was seen speeding, blowing through stop signs and driving recklessly around Saverien and Ashton drives every morning. The case was reported to CHP POP. Callaway set up at the intersection and apprehended him.

"When you have a problem, be the squeaky wheel," he added. "An issue that comes up more often will get a better chance of being higher on our list. If we get a lot of calls on a particular spot, I can more easily justify it to my sergeant. Always describe an issue in terms of the safety factor."

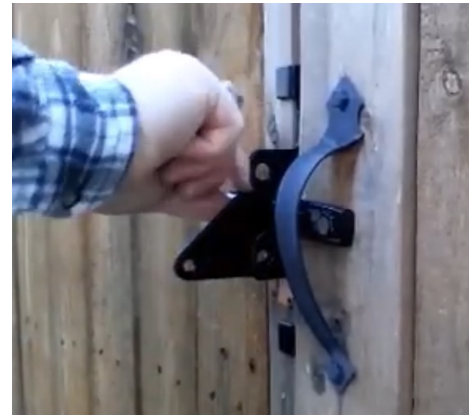
He said it is important to provide complete information when reporting a problem. Include license plate numbers and vehicle descriptions and/or images or videos. Report the exact time of day and frequency of the problem, where it occurs, full details of the driver's actions and a description of the driver. If you know the name and address of the driver, provide that, too. Callaway said such information will make it difficult for an offender to claim that someone else was driving the car.

Send all the information via email to 250pop@chp.ca.gov along with your name and contact information.

Lock your gates

We have often written about the importance of having your packages stopped or delivered elsewhere while you are away. But, according to our WDDNA deputies, locking your gates is just as important. Burglars can easily enter through an unlocked gate and, once inside your fence, can take their time breaking into your home or out buildings without fear of being seen.

Many homeowners choose not to lock their gates because they want their gardeners or pool people to easily access the back yard. But leaving gates unlocked can turn out to be a very expensive convenience if it also attracts burglars.



The solution is to use dual-sided locking gate latches that allow service professionals to enter, while keeping the bad guys out.

There are a number of locking gate latches on the market. Some use keys on both sides of the gate, some are even digital and can be activated by a smart phone. Many are very expensive.

One of the simplest, strongest and least expensive dual-sided latches we have seen is made of steel, works for either a right- or left-hand installation and can be used with a padlock on either side of the gate.

The cost of this device – the Nidaye self-locking gate latch – is less than \$20 on Amazon. [CLICK HERE](#) to see it.

There also is a video on YouTube that illustrates how to install a version of the lock on a standard wooden fence gate. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch it.

Once you have installed a dual-sided latch, you can secure it by buying a simple keyed padlock, a keyless padlock that unlocks by punching in a code, or even a smart padlock that can link to your phone and allow you to operate it remotely via your smartphone.

Whatever your choice, the goal should be to secure your gates while you are away so intruders cannot enter and you can enjoy more peace of mind during your vacation.

Defensive landscaping tips

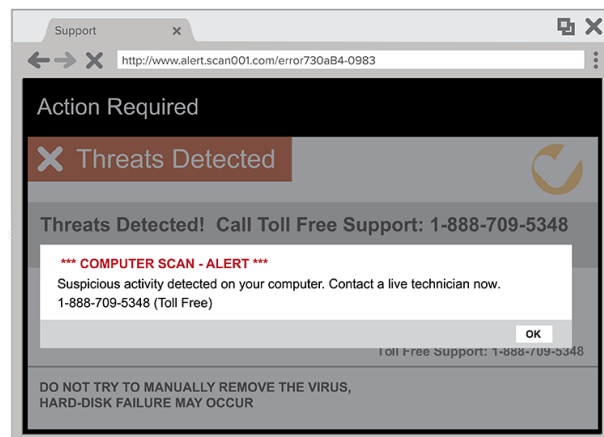
While we spend a lot of time and money on security cameras and alarm systems, there are simple landscaping tips that security experts say can help protect your home from burglars. Following are some of the best:

- Keep shrubs pruned no higher than three feet tall in front of windows.
 - Don't grow tall hedges along a fence line that may allow burglars to climb over your fence unseen.
 - Prune tree limbs back from second story windows.
 - Remove trellises from walls that could allow burglars to climb up to second-story windows.
 - Holly plants are thick with thorns. Planting them under windows can deter burglars. (NOTE: Some holly plants are invasive.)
 - Install gravel under bedroom windows so that footsteps can be more easily heard.
 - Well planned landscape lighting is both attractive and can cause burglars to look elsewhere for a target.
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Don't fall for 'frozen computer' scam

An elderly woman in our neighborhood recently was the target of a scam by computer hackers who demanded that she send them \$40,000 from her investment account to free up her computer.

According to our WDDNA deputy, the 92-year-old woman said she was locked out of her computer and called the phone number that appeared on her screen. She was told to email the scammer a photo of her drivers' license and to transfer \$40,000 out of her investment account to get the computer freed up.



Fortunately, the victim contacted her stock broker, who told her it was a scam and the money was not transferred.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, real security warnings and messages will never ask you to call a phone number. If you get this kind of pop-up window on your computer, don't call the number.

If you think there may be a problem with your computer, update your computer's security software and run a scan.

If you need help fixing a problem, go to someone you know and trust. Many software companies offer support online or by phone. Stores that sell computer equipment also offer technical support in person.

If you gave a scammer remote access to your computer, update your computer's security software. Then run a scan and delete anything it identifies as a problem.

If you gave your username and password to a tech support scammer, change your password right away. If you use the same password for other accounts or sites, change it there, too. Create a new password that is strong.

Phishing scams can be hard to spot

From the Federal Trade Commission

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. Maybe it's an unexpected email or text message pretending to be from a company you trust, such as a utility company asking you to make a payment. Or it might be an unexpected party invitation that looks like it's from a friend or family member.

Don't click on links or download attachments in these messages. It might lead to a request for personal information that could lead to identity theft. Or the link or attachment could download harmful malware onto your device.

How can you spot these scams?

If you get an email or text message that asks you to click on a link or open an attachment, ask yourself: Do I have an account with the company or know the person who contacted me? If the answer is "No," it's likely a phishing scam. If the answer is "Yes," contact the company using a phone number or website you know is real, not the information in the email. Or contact your friend directly on a separate email or text to confirm it's really them.

While real companies might communicate with you by email, legitimate companies won't unexpectedly email or text with a link to update your payment or account information. For other signs of phishing, check out [How to recognize phishing](#).

County offers help to victims

Sacramento County's Office of Victim Services Program provides services free of charge to victims of crime and abuse.

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, elder abuse, human trafficking or homelessness, there are confidential, safe and free services available. Assistance is offered in a variety of languages.

Local services are available to help with safety planning, emergency shelters and housing options, one-on-one counseling and support groups, restraining orders, transportation, children's services, food and legal advocacy.

According to the department's website, advocates are trained to assist people in coping with the trauma and safety concerns of people experiencing violence at the hands of a current or former intimate partner or family member and there is help with housing and living assistance.

For more information, go to Get Help Sacramento at https://gethelpsac.org/index_lg.html.

Member Q&A - About our patrols

Q: You say WDDNA has 9 eight-hour weekly shifts by off-duty deputies? When do the shifts occur? Do they occur randomly? Are all the shifts based on a pre-set schedule? What is the rationale for when they occur?

A: Our shifts are not random. Their schedules are fixed, but they are somewhat determined by our ability to find deputies willing to sign up for them.

The shift planning process begins when we identify days and times we would like to have a permanent shift. We post those permanent open shifts with the Sheriff's Department's Off-Duty office. Deputies who are interested in signing up to routinely work on a specific day of the week when they are off-duty check that list of available shifts. If they see a shift that appeals to them, they sign up for it, knowing that they will be expected to work that shift every week.

When a deputy first signs up, we give him or her a brief orientation. Then, the deputy works that specific shift every week, except when he or she is ill, on vacation, has to appear in court or has departmental training.

When a regular deputy is not able to work his shift, we post that temporary vacancy with the Off-Duty office in hopes of finding someone willing to fill in for that day only.

At present, we have five daytime shifts, two shifts that begin in the afternoon and go into the evening and two more that are night shifts that run from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m.

We have long sought to have night shifts on Fridays and Saturdays. However, most deputies do not want to give up their free time on weekends to work for us.

We were able to fill the Friday night shift. However, the deputy who chose that shift is also the department's public information officer and is often pulled away to deal with media.

We found one deputy willing to work from 4 to 10 p.m. every other Saturday, so we agreed to that.

So, in short, our patrol schedule is partially ruled by us and partially by the availability of deputies interested in working off-duty for us.

HOW TO CALL FOR HELP

IN AN EMERGENCY

If you have an immediate emergency - if your life or property is in immediate danger, if you feel threatened by someone on or near your property, if you have just become the victim of a crime or if you are witnessing a crime in progress:

- CALL 911 from a land line.
- Or, if calling from a cell phone within Sacramento County, call (916) 874-5111.

TO REPORT A CRIME

There are two ways to report a crime to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department:

1. Call the Sheriff's Department NON-EMERGENCY LINE at (916) 874-5115. To bypass the recorded messaging when you call, dial 0 after the line is answered.
2. File a report online through the Sheriff's Department website. Click on this link to begin the process: https://www.sacsheriff.com/pages/crime_report.php

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY (Not an emergency)

If you see someone engaged in suspicious activity but it is not an emergency, call 916-874-5115 (Sheriff's Department non-emergency line).

GENERAL CONCERNS, REPORTS OR QUESTIONS

If you have an issue that can be addressed later, you may contact our neighborhood patrol

officers about it. The best way is via **EMAIL** at wilhaggin4@sacsheriff.com.

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