Best Practices: Yolo County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Program

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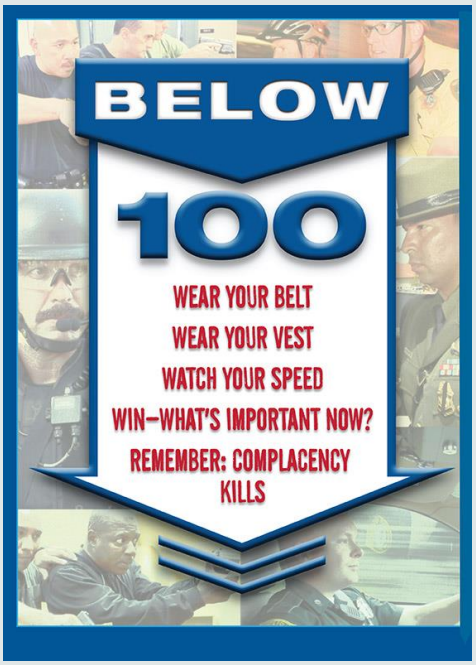

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Why Do Cops Speed?

- Got to get to the call!
- Everyone else does it!
- This is what my FTO told me to do!
- My sergeant knows I do it!
- Even he or she speeds!
- It doesn't seem to be a problem!
- Because they are allowed to!

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Is It a Problem at Your Agency?

Yes!

Do some homework!

It is probably worse than you think!

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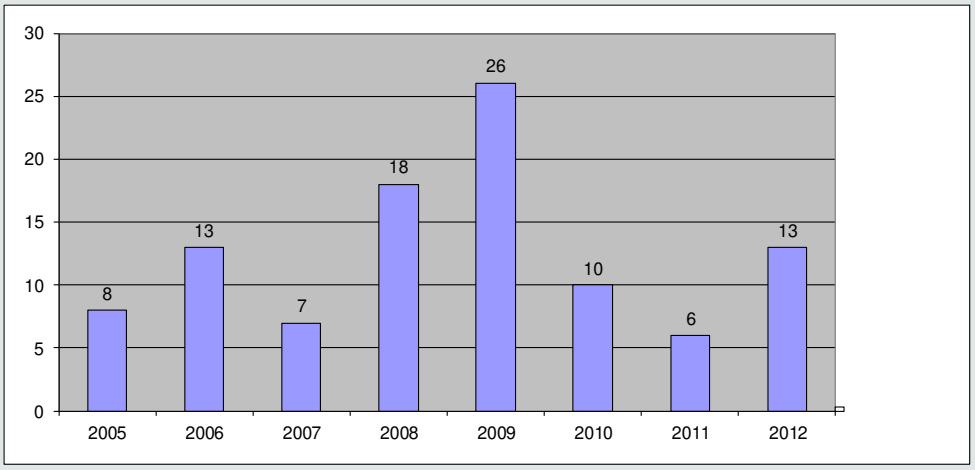
YCSO On-Duty Crashes 2005–2012 (101)



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Employee Injuries Due to Crashes 2005–2012

15 Employees Injured

2 Retired

$450,570.71 Paid Out in Workers' Compensation

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Injuries and Damages to Others in Last 10 Years

Bodily Injury/Property Damage, Plus Legal Fees

$340,118.84

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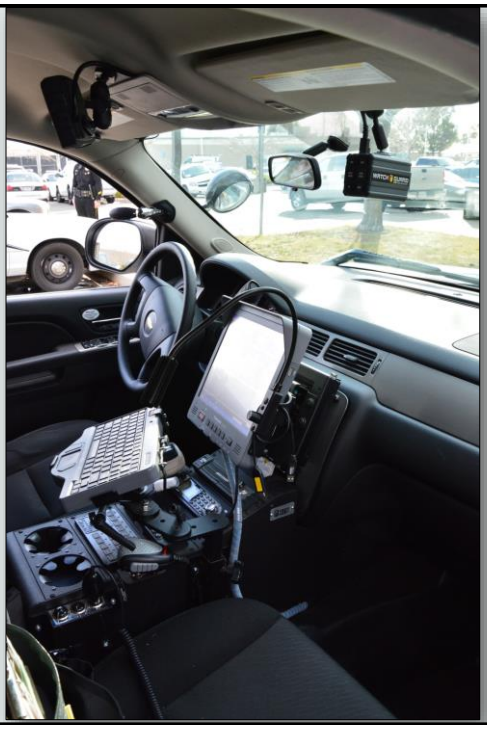

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YCSO Speed Activations June 2011 – October 2012

90–99 mph	578
100–109 mph	177
110–114 mph	81
115–119 mph	22
120–124 mph	7
125-plus mph	1
Total	866

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YCSO Patrol Speed Activations November 2011–2012

616

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"YOU CAN'T MAKE PEOPLE SUSTAIN CHANGE IF THEY DON'T WANT TO CHANGE"

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Seat Belt Policy Before Below 100 Training

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Below 100 Training

- Implemented seat belt policy
- Downloaded and printed Below 100 posters (hung in popular locations at sheriff's office)
- Created "Uhl Sisters" poster
- Created "Danielle Davidson" poster
- Created Below 100 PowerPoint (YCSO-specific)
- Started training on November 15, 2012
- Training still ongoing
- 70-plus employees trained so far

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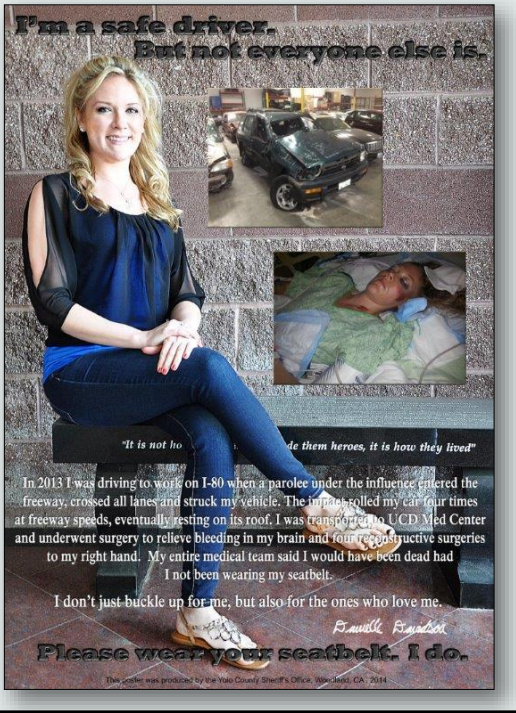

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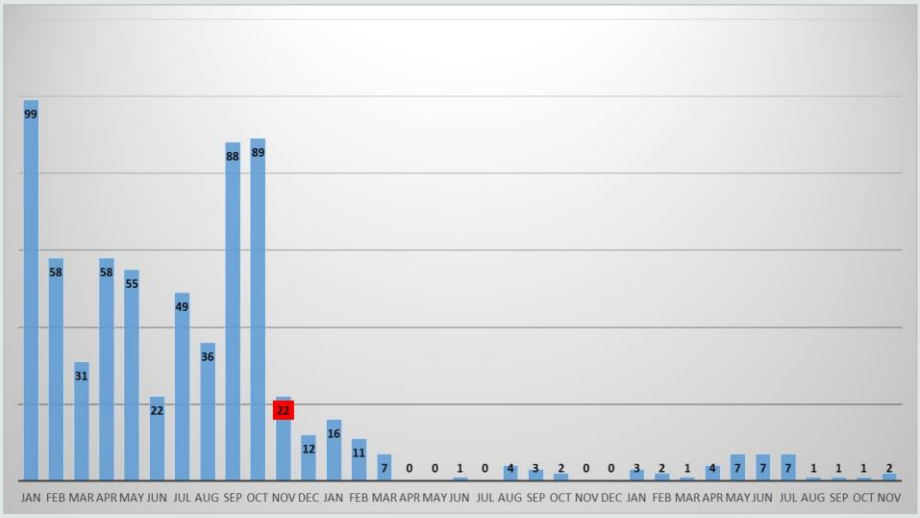
Speed Activations
January 2012 – November 2014



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Rewards

11 deputies received safe-driving awards for having zero speed activations during the first quarter since training

YOLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SAFE DRIVING AWARD

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO

Deputy Rafael Vicente

In recognition of your commitment to public and traffic safety through your safe driving and for demonstrating your dedication to the tenets of the Below 100 Officer Safety Program.

AWARDED THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH 2013

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Regrets

- Deputies with 1 speed activation received documented counseling (for violating policy and CVC)
- Deputies with 2 to 4 speed activations received letters of instruction
- One deputy had 17 speed activations and received a permanent written reprimand

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Since Below 100 Training

Speed Activations

-94%

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Since Below 100 Training

On-Duty, At-Fault Crashes

0

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Since Below 100 Training

Deputies Injured

0

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Since Below 100 Training

Payouts to Others

$0

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Since Below 100 Training

Damage to Patrol Vehicles

$0

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Media

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NLEOMF Award 2015

Best Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Program in America

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Cost to Implement

Posters, Certificates, Coins, and Picture Frames for 40 Deputies and Sergeants

$900

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Cost Savings in First Two Years

Liability, Property Damage,
Legal Fees, Workers' Compensation, and
Damage to Our Own Patrol Vehicles

$199,992.92

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Cost Savings to Date

Liability, Property Damage,
Legal Fees, Workers' Compensation, and
Damage to Our Own Patrol Vehicles

$275,273.86

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