



ANNUAL REPORT **2024**

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About Peoria PD

220

Sworn Personnel

29

Civilian Personnel

9

Divisions

125,268

Calls for Service

28K

Written Reports

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The men and women of the Peoria Police Department are dedicated to building a strong Peoria. Through the delivery of exemplary service with a focus on problem solving, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods by “Building a Partnership” with the community we serve. As your Chief of Police, I am committed to continually provide transparency and insight into the day-by-day operations of your police department. I am proud of our team and collaborative partners' commitment and dedication to ensuring the safety of our community. In 2024 the Peoria Police Department continued to focus on four primary goals:

- 1.Reducing serious crime (City Strategic Priority-Community Safety)
- 2.Fostering community partnerships (City Strategic Priority-Quality of Life)
- 3.Improving traffic safety (City Strategic Priority-Community Safety)
- 4.Promoting employee development. (City Strategic Priority-Embrace Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion)

We will continue focusing on these four primary goals through 2025.



ERIC ECHEVARRIA
CHIEF OF POLICE



Department Goals

Department Goals



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Our vision will always be to continue fostering **Partnerships**, exemplifying **Professionalism**, and increasing workforce **Diversity**.

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Reduce Serious Crime

- Continue exploring technology enhancements that support crime prevention.
- Support programs focused on individuals and families affected by violence to address the root causes.
- Continue exploring new methods through federal, state, and community partnerships.
- Continue expanding data-based policing strategies.
- Educate community on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design strategies.
- Strive for higher clearance rates.
- Partner with federal, state, and local elected officials to seek legislative solutions.



Foster Community Partnership

- Build positive relationships between community members and the police department ton solving neighborhood-level issues.
- Find new ways to educate, engage, and report crime.
- Continue to expand data transparency initiatives.
- Create safe pathways for youth to neighborhood schools.
- Inclusive messaging to Peoria’s diverse populations.
- Youth engagement.
- Senior citizen engagement.



Improve Traffic Safety

- Explore and invest in technology to support traffic safety.
- Analyze high traffic crash locations.
- Community involvement.
- Safe driving campaigns/ directed patrols focused on traffic issues.
- Expand traffic unit.



Promote Employee Development

- Continue to develop a highly engaged, diverse, culturally responsive, and high-performing police department.
- Create new and different educational opportunities for employees.
- Mentorships.
- Physical and mental health awareness.
- Succession planning.
- Supervisor leadership training program.

Department Priorities

Department Priorities

Priority One – People. People are our greatest asset inside the PPD and within the Peoria Community. We will continue to enhance our recruiting and hiring efforts without lowering our standards. This will be exemplified by increasing the recruitment and retention of all employees in the police department, emphasizing increasing the number of officers and professional staff that resemble our community.

Initiatives:

- **Recruiting:** Increase viable candidates for all sworn and civilian positions. Analyze methods used in previous years and continue to ensure best practices in recruiting, fitness team, and community visibility.
- **Diversity:** Work towards increasing a diverse workforce (experience, race, ethnicity, and gender). Continuing promoting the lateral transfer program, extending reach to diverse populations wanting to relocate, creating internship pathways, and creating more college and military partnerships. Continue working on the 30X30 Initiative.
- **Career Growth:** Prepare PPD employees for the next step in their career movement. Position analysis, mentorships, extending educational resources, and leadership training.
- **Creativity:** Provide venues for new projects and ideas from all levels of the agency. Project days with think tanks to help implement the best ideas. (Innovation team opportunities)
- **Health and Wellness:** Strengthen opportunities for health and wellness. Focus on mental health, employee incentives, and physical fitness for all employees by researching and implementing new strategies.

Priority Two - Community Expectations.

The importance of bringing the community into the conversation when identifying crime trends must be considered. We will continue to expand occasions for our community to engage with and learn about the Peoria Police Department through educational and outreach opportunities.

Priority Three - Technology.

We will continue to evaluate the expectations the citizens of Peoria place on our department and create new ways to engage. Some approaches are hoped to inspire future career exploration for those interested in the opportunities offered at the Peoria Police Department, sworn and civilian alike. We will continue to audit our current technology, plan for anticipated needs, and explore and leverage new technology while fostering a culture of innovation and initiatives.

Initiatives:

- **Transparency:** Work on providing expanded data viewing options to the community.
- **Accessibility:** Explore online or video conferencing capabilities to file a police report.
- **Initiative:** Outreach. Inclusive messaging to Peoria's population.
- **Create a PPD Innovation Team.**

Department Priorities

Department Priorities

Priority Four – Fiscal Responsibility

Continue to manage the budget and grants in an efficient, sustainable, and ethical way. This involves careful budgeting, prudent spending, and strategic planning to ensure long-term financial health. We can avoid excessive spending and invest in needed priority areas by prioritizing fiscal responsibility.

- Monthly budget updates.
- Monthly grant updates.

Priority Five - Future Projects.

Meeting residents where they are is an important goal. From online reporting to looking to relocate station #2, our goal is to continue to be as accessible as possible. As we explore technology and future innovations, we will continue researching the best available options and making the needed requests to implement our choices. Research will include talking to internal and external staff to determine what the needs are.

Projects:

- Technology efficiencies
- Information sharing
- Training
- Building updates

Hiring:

- Police Officers.
- Data/ Crime Analyst Team
- Social Workers



CRIME STATISTICS

2024



Crime Statistics

NIBRS

TOTAL CRIME REPORTS



NIBRS	2023	2024	% CHANGE
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON	4,812	5,757	19.64%
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	8,216	8,665	5.46%
CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	1,590	1,642	3.27%
TOTAL GROUP "A" OFFENSES	14,618	16,064	9.89%



Total Crime in Peoria **increased by 9.9% in 2024.**

NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM



The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is a groundbreaking approach to crime reporting. Unlike the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary, which only covers eight Part I Offenses (murder, rape, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, human trafficking – commercial sex acts, and sex crimes), NIBRS comprises 29 Group A Offenses Categories. NIBRS is designed to enhance the accuracy and reliability of crime statistics by improving the methodology used in data compilation, analysis, auditing, and publication. A significant advantage of NIBRS is that it tracks crimes against individuals, properties and crimes against society. This third category of crime data provides a more comprehensive picture of crime trends and patterns, essential for policymakers, law enforcement agencies, and the public.

Violent Crimes are offenses that involve force or threat of force. Per NIBRS definitions, violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Crimes Against Society are typically victimless crimes in which property is not the object; e.g., gambling, prostitution, and drug violations represent society's prohibition against engaging in certain types of activity.

Property Crimes are theft-type offenses of money or property where there is no force or threat of force against the victims. Per FBI Uniform Crime Reporting definitions, property crime includes burglaries, thefts, and motor vehicle thefts.

Crime Statistics

Part "A" Offenses

	2023	2024
Crimes Against Persons Total	4,812	5,757
• Murder	21	14
• Non-consensual Sex Offenses:	48	91
• Rape	100	167
• Aggravated Assault	1,108	1,158
• Simple Assault	3,045	3,692
• Intimidation	406	542
• Kidnapping/Abduction	72	83
• Consensual Sex Offenses:	10	9
• Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	2	1
Crimes Against Property Total	8,216	8,665
• Robbery	122	141
• Burglary/Breaking & Entering	855	1,608
• Larceny/Theft Offenses	2,431	2,404
• Motor Vehicle Theft	1,150	932
• Arson	69	54
• Destruction Of Property	2,689	2,622
• Counterfeiting/Forgery	61	77
• Fraud Offense	761	769
• Embezzlement	6	2
• Extortion/Blackmail	8	5
• Stolen Property Offenses	64	51
Crimes Against Society Total	1,590	1,642
• Drug/Narcotic Violations	307	416
• Drug Equipment Violations	130	126
• Gambling Offenses	0	1
• Pornography/Obscene Material	40	54
• Prostitution	0	6
• Weapons Law Violation	1,112	934
• Animal Cruelty	1	15
Total Part "A" Offenses	14,618	16,064



19%

Crimes Against Persons **increased by 19%** in 2024, accounting for **36% of all reported crimes.**



5%

Property Crime **increased by 5%** in 2024, accounting for **54% of all reported crimes.**



3%

Crimes Against Society **increased by 3%** in 2024, accounting for **10% of all reported crimes.**

Arrest Data

Adult Arrest



4,342 Adult Arrests

In 2024, the Peoria Police Department conducted over 712 more adult arrest then in 2023. 60% of all arrest were male, and 13% were juveniles.



Adult Arrests



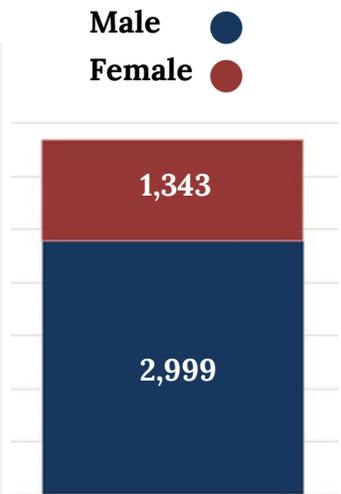
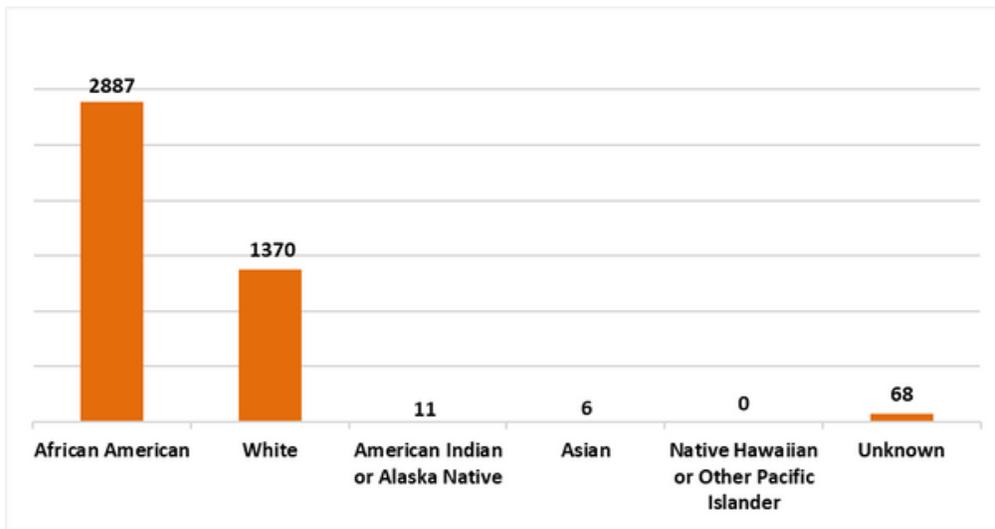
Increase in female adult arrests compared to 2023



Increase in male adult arrests compared to 2023



of all arrest were juveniles



Most common offenses - Adult

Simple Assault	1154
Aggravated Assault	262
Drug/Narcotic Violations	334
Trespass of Real Property	231
Weapons Law Violations	185

Arrest Data

Juvenile Arrest



648 Juvenile Arrests

In 2024, the Peoria Police Department conducted 84 more juvenile arrests than in 2023. 65% of all arrests were male, with a 18% increase of female juveniles arrest compared to 2023.



Juvenile Arrests



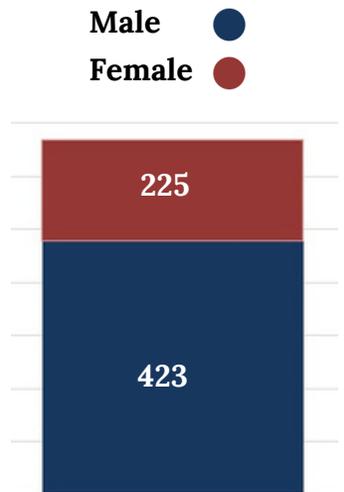
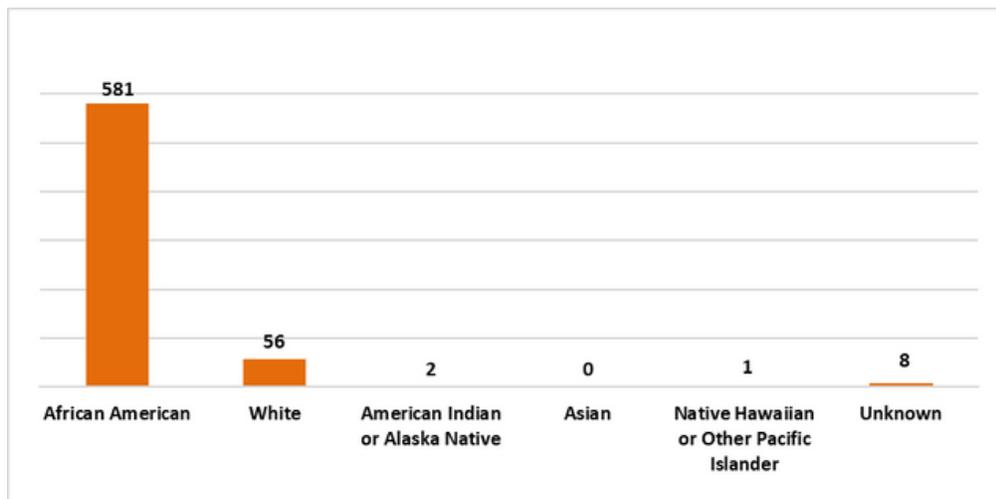
Increase in female juveniles arrests compared to 2023



Increase in male juveniles arrest compared to 2023



of all arrest were juveniles



Most common offenses - Juvenile

Simple Assault	170
Motor Vehicle Theft	22
Weapons Law Violation	45
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	49
Burglary / Breaking and Entering	76

Shots Fired Incidents

Gunshot Victim Statistics



Shooting Incidents



Gunshot Victims

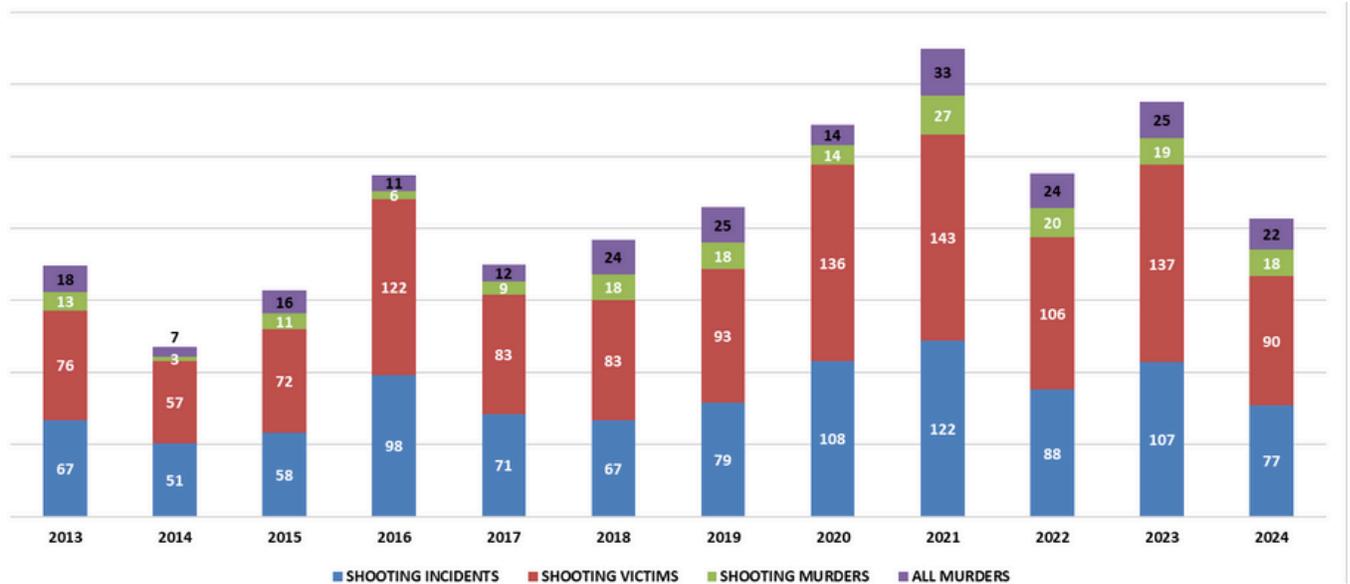


Homicide by Gunfire

The Peoria Police Department defines a "Shooting Incident" as any gun-related crime resulting in a gunshot victim.



There was a **28% decrease in shooting incidents** in Peoria from 2023 to 2024. A total of 90 people were struck by gunfire, resulting in 18 deaths. In comparison, there were 137 people who were struck by gunfire in 2023, with 19 fatalities.



Peoria also saw a **9% decrease in homicides**, going from 25 homicides in 2024 to 23 homicides in 2024. Through the work of police detectives, **17 of the 23 homicides in 2024 have been cleared**, establishing a **73% homicide clearance rate for 2024** (15% higher than the national average of 58% -NIBRS 2023 homicide clearance data).

17 Homicide cleared

2 Stabbing Homicide

2 Neglect Homicide

402 Weapons Recovered

18 Shooting Homicides

1 Blunt Force Trauma Homicides

59 Stolen Weapons Recovered

Shots Fired Incidents

ShotSpotter Alerts

Peoria's commitment to public safety has been unwavering. Starting with the implementation of ShotSpotter's recommendations in 2013, Peoria has continued to expand its coverage area to ensure that residents are safe and secure. With the addition of a second area in Northeast Peoria in 2015 and a 1 square mile expansion to the north in 2024, the city now boasts an impressive 7 square miles of ShotSpotter coverage.

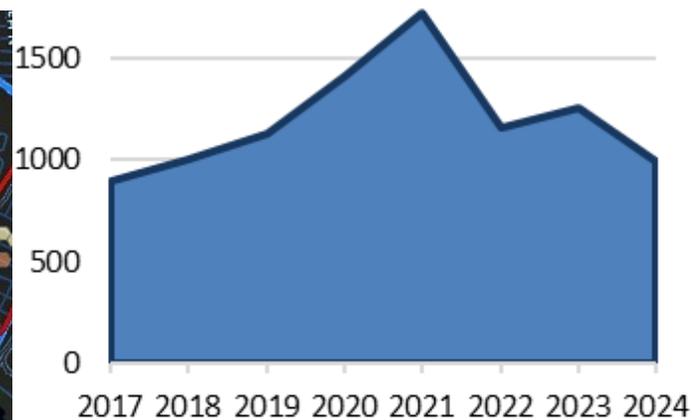
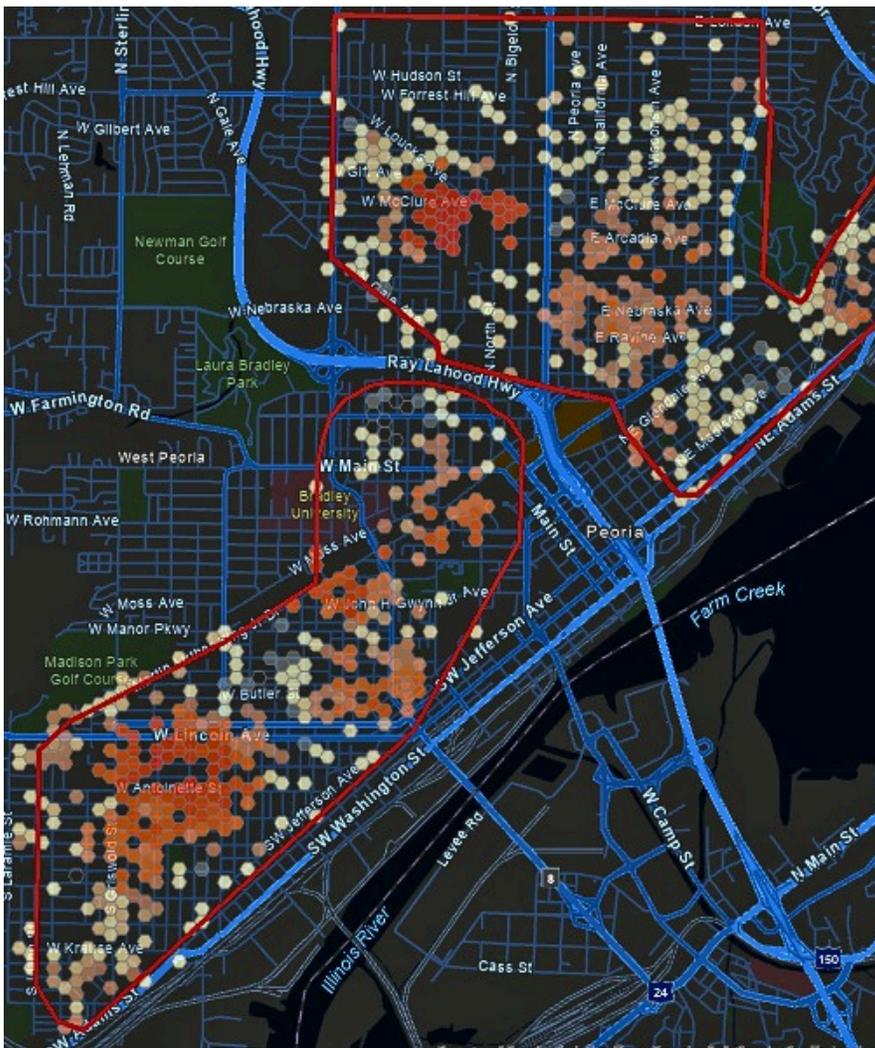
ShotSpotter
990
Alerts



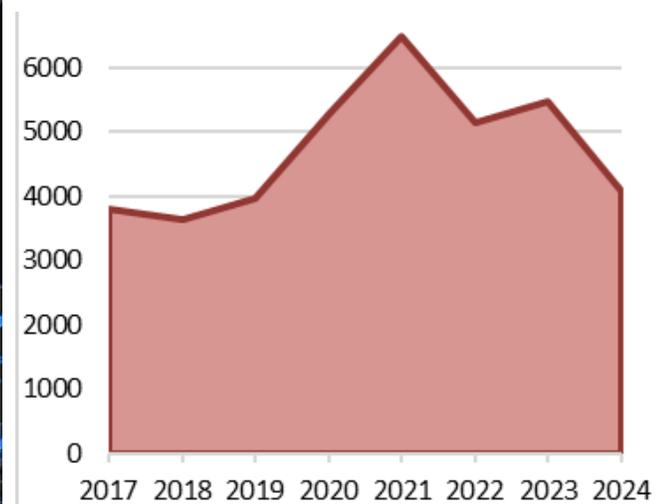
Rounds
4,084
Fired



ShotSpotter 2023 Heat Map



ShotSpotter Alerts



Rounds Fired



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION

2024



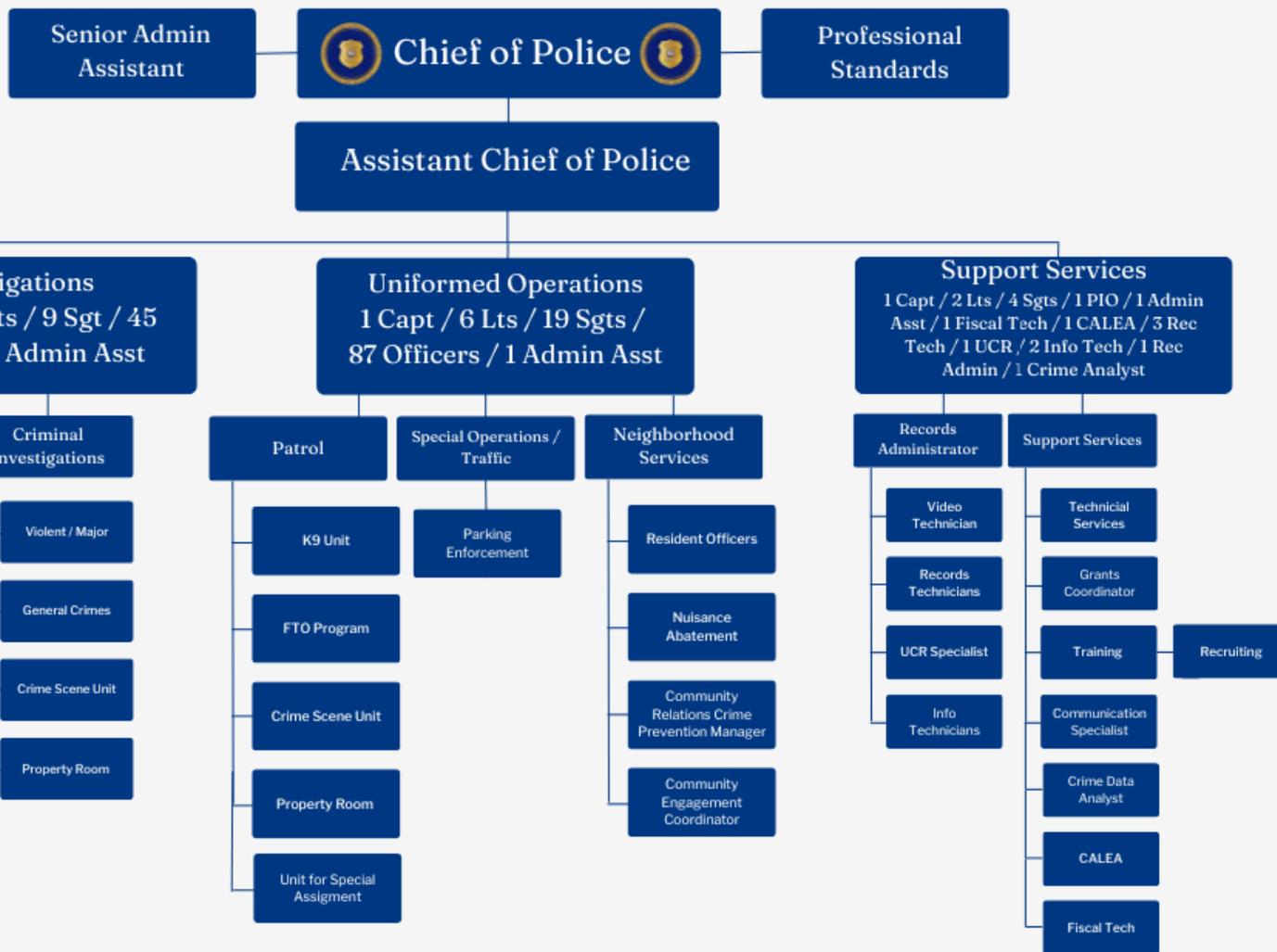
Department Organization

Organizational Chart



Peoria Police Department Organizational Chart

2024



Department Organization

Demographics



In 2024, the department hired **39 new officers**. Among these new hires **13% are female candidates** and **41% are from minority groups**. We continue to work at creating a law enforcement agency that is representative of the community it serves. As of January 1, 2025, the department continues to prioritize recruitment by hiring 11 new recruit officers, a significant increase from the 5 new recruits hired in January 2024.



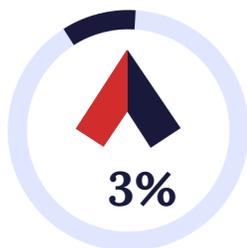
Minority officers **make up 23%** of all sworn police officers, **up 1%** from 2023.



Female officers **make up 13%** of all sworn police officers.



White



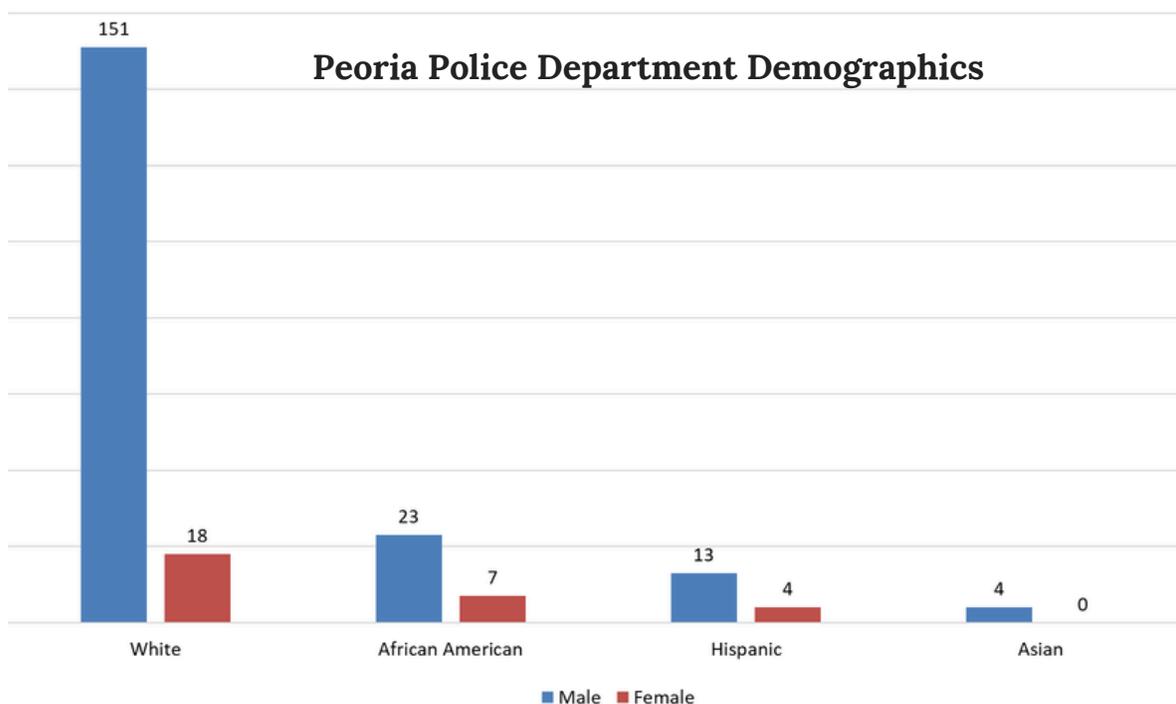
African American



Hispanic



Asian





PATROL

2024

Department Organization

Patrol

The **Police Patrol** unit is the backbone of our police department, ensuring round-the-clock public safety. In 2024, the Peoria Police Department received a decrease of **-7%** in calls for service, jumping to 117,530 calls for service. On average, officers were dispatched to over **340 calls per day**, totaling **125,268 for the year**.

Comprising over 100 officers assigned to three separate shifts, the patrol unit is the largest in the department. Not only do these officers respond to calls for service, but they also play a crucial role in securing special events in the city. In 2024, they secured over 20 such events, ensuring that residents and visitors could enjoy them safely and without incident. The officers are ready to be called in due to increased crime or special events, working over **13,800 overtime hours**, **writing around 28,000 reports**, **conducting over 8,500 traffic stops** and **over 5,000 arrests**. Officers assigned to patrol account for over **62% of all police reports**, **80% of all traffic stops**, and **72% of all arrests**.

Traffic officers play a fundamental role in ensuring the safety of our streets and neighborhoods. By diligently enforcing traffic laws and regulations, they work tirelessly to prevent accidents and protect the lives of all road users. Their unwavering dedication to reducing driving-related deaths and injuries is crucial to creating safer and more livable communities for everyone. In 2024, officers assigned to the traffic division planned or assisted with **22 special events**, conducted more than **3,000 traffic stops**, responded to **3,679 traffic accidents**, and investigated **Three fatal accidents with a 100% solve rate**.



Written Reports



Traffic Stops



Overtime Hours Worked



Arrest conducted



Traffic Accidents

125,268



6% 

Total Calls for Service in Peoria **increased by 6% in 2024**.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

2024

Department Organization

Special Investigations

The **Special Investigations Division (SID)** is a team of highly skilled officers dedicated to keeping the city of Peoria safe. Comprised of officers from the **Vice/Narcotics Unit, Street Crimes Unit, Liquor Investigator, Intelligence Officer, Neighborhood Services Unit, Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T)**, this division investigates violent offenses, including state and federal weapon offenses, narcotics, and fugitive apprehension. More importantly, SID is committed to researching, investigating, and disseminating crucial information about the area's violent offenders. Our agency takes great pride in the outstanding work that our officers have done in collaboration with our Federal partners. Five of our officers from SID have been assigned as Task Force Officers to the ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm), USMS (United States Marshal's Service), and DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency).



**Controlled
Substances Seized**



**Firearms
Recovered**



**Search Warrants
executed**



**Felony Arrest
conducted**

ATF Federal Task Force has been actively working to reduce crime in Peoria, and their efforts have been incredibly effective. Their work has led to the indictment and arrest of multiple violent offenders on Federal charges and the confiscation of dangerous. The Task Force continues to operate and is heavily involved in several ongoing long-term federal investigations aimed at bringing more criminals to justice and making the area safer for residents.

USMS Fugitive Task Force has played an invaluable role in ensuring the safety of the city of Peoria. Their actions have resulted in the arrest of several violent offenders, making a significant impact on curbing criminal activities in the area.

DEA Taskforce officers are tirelessly working to keep Peoria safe from dangerous drugs and criminal activity. Their ongoing investigations into several long-term cases aim to bring the culprits to justice and deter future criminal activities in the area.

S.W.A.T team operators are highly trained and have the responsibility and duty to successfully handle various incidents, including Hostage Situations, Barricade Situations, Sniper Situations, High-Risk Apprehensions, High-Risk Warrant Service, Special Assignments, Personal Protection Details, and many other job assignments. With their expertise, the S.W.A.T. team is the ideal solution for any critical incident. **The 49-member S.W.A.T team conducted more than 110 hours of critical response training in 2024 and responded to 3 critical incidents and executed over 20 search warrants.**



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

2024

Department Organization

Criminal Investigations

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is a specialized unit that comprises a range of highly skilled teams, each with a specific focus and expertise in areas such as **Juvenile Crimes, General Crimes, Auto Theft, Financial Crimes, Domestic Violence, Cyber Crimes, and Violent Crimes**. The detectives within this division are among the best trained and most experienced in the field, and they spare no effort in investigating a crime. CID is dedicated to upholding the law and protecting the community it serves. Its detectives work tirelessly to gather evidence, interview witnesses, and pursue leads until the truth is uncovered.

In 2024, CID investigated **23 homicide cases**, and the detectives successfully closed **14 cases with an arrest; two of the homicides were deemed justifiable, and two homicide suspect was deceased**. According to the This closure rate is a testament to our detectives' unwavering commitment and tireless efforts to ensure justice is served. CID detectives handled more than 1,139 cases in 2024. The expertise of our CID detectives assigned to adult crimes is unparalleled. **With their knowledge and experience, they handled an average of 81 cases each in 2024.**

The Juvenile Investigations Unit is a team of highly skilled detectives that handle various unique and challenging cases involving both adult and juvenile offenders. From status offenses to criminal investigations, these detectives handle it all. **With a total of 1,230 cases assigned in 2024, CID detectives assigned to juvenile crimes handled an average of 205 cases each in 2024.**

The work of our **Crime Scene Unit, Cyber Crime Detectives, and Property Room Clerks** is critical to maintaining the integrity of evidence collected from crime scenes. These professionals are responsible for meticulously documenting all evidence and ensuring it is properly stored to keep the chain of custody.

Cyber Crime Detectives investigate crimes involving digital devices, computers, and the internet. They use cutting-edge techniques to collect and analyze digital evidence. In today's digital age, where cybercrime has become increasingly sophisticated and prevalent, the work of our cybercrime detective is of the utmost importance.

Department Organization

Criminal Investigations

The **Crime Scene Unit (CSU)** personnel are experts in their field, with specialized training and skills that enable them to carry out their responsibilities with precision and accuracy. They are tasked with collecting and analyzing evidence from crime scenes, analyzing fingerprints, and performing ballistic analysis, in addition to coordinating with the police department's lab for further analysis. Their close collaboration with law enforcement agencies ensures that all evidence collected meets the highest standards and is admissible in court. In 2024, our CSU processed over **7,100 pieces of evidence**, which included **546 controlled substances, over 500 shell casings, 438 DNA samples, over 400 firearms, 436 cellular phones, and 317 drugs/narcotics equipment**. Another crucial role our crime scene unit is responsible for is the proper examination of shell casings into the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN). NIBIN is an important part of any gun crime investigation. This system helps relate shooting incidents together by examining shell casings for unique markings left on the casing by the firearm, much like a fingerprint left on a weapon.

Our **Property Room Clerks** are an integral part of the process, responsible for maintaining the chain of custody of evidence collected from crime scenes. With their attention to detail and commitment to excellence, they ensure that all evidence is properly labeled, stored, and secured to prevent contamination or tampering. Their diligent work also includes the release of evidence when it is no longer needed for investigations or court proceedings, maintaining the integrity of the evidence at all times. Without their expertise, the process of collecting and analyzing evidence would not be possible.

Together, our CSU and Property Room Clerks work tirelessly to ensure justice is served and to make our community a safer place.



Controlled Substances



Shell Casings



DNA Samples



NIBIN Leads



+6,000 pieces of evidence



Firearms Handguns

2,369 Total Assigned Cases



On Average, CID Detectives handle **140 cases each.**



TRAINING

2024

Department Organization

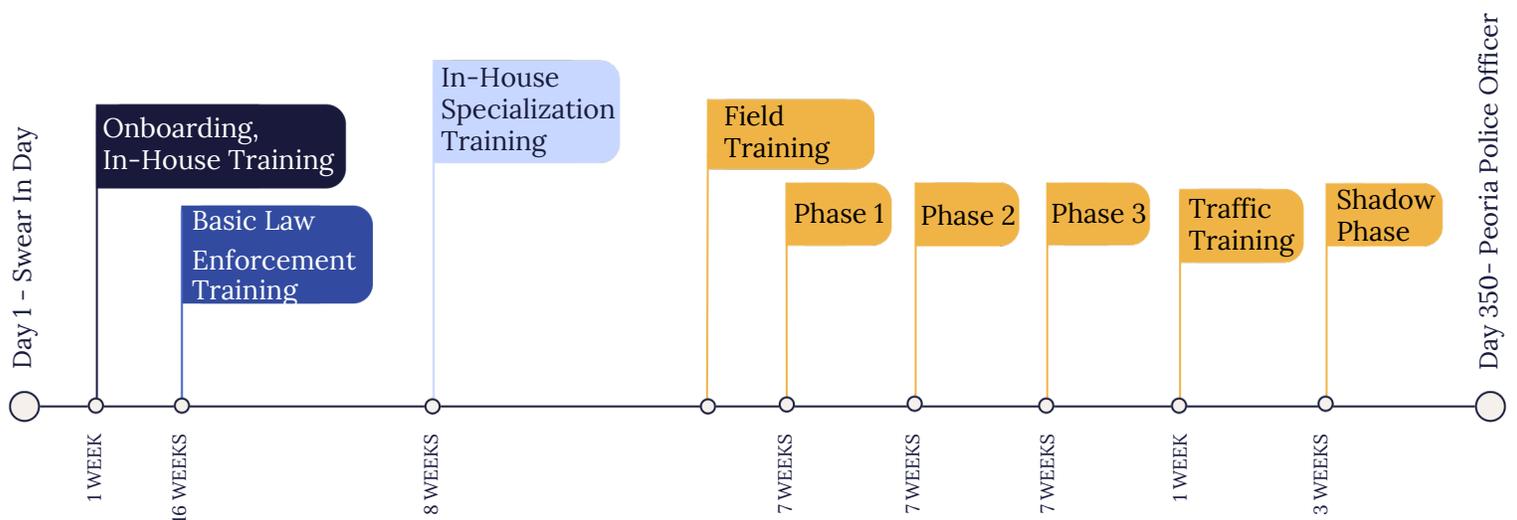
Training

The Training Unit is committed to providing its officers with the best possible training. The excitement and challenges of the job make it a popular choice, but rigorous training is needed to prepare officers for the split-second decisions they must make. That is why every officer undergoes over **1,500 hours of training, from entering the police academy to being assigned to patrol.** The training does not stop there. Once officers graduate from the academy, they continue their training at the PPD by working with Field Training Officers (FTO), who play a crucial role in officer development. They ensure officers can apply what they learned in the academy to their daily jobs.

New officers work with an FTO every shift to ensure they are prepared for each shift's challenges. Officers must undergo at least 40 hours of refresher training yearly to keep their skills sharp.

The Peoria Police Department utilizes a combination of online, in-person, and third-party training to ensure that officers get the training they need. Effective police training records management helps reduce training costs while aiding with accreditation and accountability, which is crucial for agencies. Providing the best possible training, the Peoria Police Department ensures its officers are well-prepared to serve and protect the community.

Becoming a Peoria Police Recruit Officer is a challenging feat. Once hired, the recruit officer must undergo a rigorous training program that spans approximately one year. During this time, they will be subjected to various physical and mental challenges to prepare them for the demands and responsibilities of the job. The training is carefully designed to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to handle any situation that may arise while on duty. Once they have completed the training, they will be released to solo patrol, where they will put their training to the test and serve the community as fully-fledged police officers.





SUPPORT SERVICES

2024

Department Organization

Support Services

The Office of Professional Standards reports directly to the Chief of Police. It is an essential department responsible for receiving, processing, and supervising internal affairs investigations that involve allegations of criminal conduct and acts of misconduct made against the members of the police department. This department ensures that the police force maintains high professionalism, trust, and integrity while serving the community.

The Office of Professional Standards received 41 written complaints (handwritten and online) in 2024. There were sustained findings for 3 complaints directly related to the complaint content itself. This number does not include complaints made in person directly to and handled by a supervisor. Of these 41 received complaints, 3 were found to be related to agencies outside of the Peoria Police Department. These were forwarded to the appropriate agency. There were 15 professional standards investigations in 2024. There were sustained findings discovered in 11 of the 15 investigations.

Administrative Specialists play a crucial role in the smooth functioning of the police department. They perform various complex and varied clerical, administrative, and financial work. They also frequently interact with the public and serve as a point of contact for various administrative inquiries.

Fiscal Technicians are responsible for overseeing the financial aspects of the police department. They perform various budgetary, fiscal, and calculation duties that ensure officers' timely payments and manage all the purchases made by the police department. This ensures that the department functions efficiently without any financial constraints.

Management Analysts are critical in conducting organizational studies and evaluations that help design systems and procedures that streamline the department's daily operations. They perform work simplification and measurement studies that help identify areas that need improvement and help create strategies to address them.

Record Technicians are vital in maintaining the department's records, criminal information, reports, and documents. They perform various highly responsible and sensitive clerical and administrative work to ensure the department's records are accurate and up-to-date. They also work with the public and assist with any request for police records or information. **In 2024, our records technicians received and completed 4,647 Freedom of Information Act requests (FOIA).**

The Technical Service lieutenant is responsible for maintaining the monitoring systems, the Body-Worn Camera program, in-squad car video systems, and communication devices. They ensure that all these systems function correctly and are up-to-date with the latest technologies. This ensures that the department is well-equipped to handle any situation that arises. The technical services lieutenant is also responsible for managing the department's technology. They plan, direct, and guide technology decisions to ensure the department's current technologies work correctly while identifying new technologies to improve efficiency.

Department Organization

Support Services

Public Information Officer (PIO) is crucial in disseminating accurate and timely information to the media. They act as the department's primary spokesperson during incidents, ensuring that all communication with the media is consistent, transparent, and truthful. The PIO attends regular meetings and activities, forging a solid relationship with the media and ensuring that the department's message is delivered effectively.

Community Engagement Coordinator works tirelessly to bridge the gap between the community and the Peoria Police Department. As a liaison between neighborhood groups and the department, they collaborate with other city departments and organizations to coordinate programs and services that will reduce violence, improve neighborhoods, and educate the public on programming available through the Police Department. They are also responsible for building partnerships with local organizations to provide community members with available resources and support.

Community Relations Crime Prevention Manager manages the department's crime prevention initiatives. They work closely with the department's leadership to implement and manage a standard case intake management system, collect and disseminate data on violence prevention, maintain related training and materials, and support the city and partner organizations involved in violence prevention and interruption. Their work is critical in ensuring that violence prevention efforts are coordinated and effective.

Grants Coordinator is critical in securing funding for the Peoria Police Department. They are responsible for preparing and submitting grant applications on behalf of the department, implementing and administering grants received, providing staff support related to grant and fiscal management, and interpreting regulations and documents to ensure grant compliance. The Grants Coordinator's work is essential in ensuring the department has the necessary resources to accomplish its mission. **In 2024, our grants coordinator helped secure over \$16,000,000 in new grants and managed over \$21,000,000 in total.**

Parking Enforcement ensures that parking laws are enforced professionally and courteously. They organize available parking, ensuring parking is as efficient as possible and prohibited parking areas are free from congestion. Additionally, they maintain, repair, and install parking meter devices and collect money from meters. Their work is critical in ensuring that parking is managed effectively and the community can access parking.



CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

2024

Department Organization

Chaplains Program

The Chaplain Program, led by Pastor Martin Johnson of New Beginnings Ministries of Peoria, is a recently revitalized initiative that has gained immense momentum in 2023. The program now comprises eight volunteer members representing a diverse group of clergy in the Peoria community. The program's primary objective is to provide much-needed emotional and spiritual care to police officers, victims, and their families while also playing a vital role in bridging the gap between the police and the community.

The Chaplain Program is a crucial resource during critical incidents. The chaplains are trained to offer support and care to all who need it, helping them navigate the aftermath of such traumatic events. Additionally, the chaplains aim to ensure that police officers have access to the emotional and spiritual support they need to perform their duties effectively.

In 2024, the eight dedicated chaplains volunteered 858 hours at the police department, with over 294 hours spent on police ride-alongs. They responded to 09 critical incidents, providing much-needed support and care to the officers and their families. Their unwavering commitment to serving the community and the police department is commendable and has helped bridge the gap between the police and the community.



858

**Volunteer
Hours**



294

**Ride Along
Hours**



09

**Critical Incident
Response**



**PROMOTIONS
NEW HIRES
RETIREMENTS**

2024

Department Organization

Promotions / New Hire / Retirements

New Hires

- William Bahnfleth
- Drake Barr
- Timothy Bell
- Jordan Blain
- Zachary Boles Iszaiah
- Cruz Ryan Fitch
- William Justin Merritt
- Ryant Skyler Polhemus
- Gavin Watland
- Michael Mattern Taha
- Alrawi
- Isidro Rodriguez
- Cameron Dillefeld
- Macenzie Payton
- Jesus Romero
- Daniel Melland
- Caitlyn Barnes
- Triston Watson
- Zachary Novoa
- Jordan Mills
- Brianna Davis
- Zachary Clark
- Billie Smith
- Michael Bailey
- Lena Steiner
- Christopher Muckey
- Kalob Ross
- Anthony Faulkner
- Ahmad Washington
- Tyler Siddles
- John Harris
- Adrielle Powell
- Michael Williams
- Benjamin Hanley
- Austin Park
- Damerio Taylor
- Luis Covarrubias
- Shundale Wilcox

Retirements

- Shannon Parnell - 23 years of service
- Felicia Smith - 20 years of service
- Craig Williams - 22 years of service
- Corey Miller - 24 years of service
- Michael Featherstone - 24 years of service
- Matthew Ray - 26 years of service
- Conor Wowra - 20 years of service
- Donald (Scott) Buhl - 21 years of service
- Earnest McCall - 25 years of service
- Keith Burwell - 25 years of service

Promotions

- Erin Barisch to Captain
- Michael Johnston to Lieutenant
- Roberto Vasquez to Sergeant
- Andrew Connor to Sergeant
- Matthew Rogers to Sergeant
- Jenna Long to Sergeant