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City Council

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VISION COMMITTEE MEETING
January 22, 2025
5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** City Council Chambers, City Hall
- 2. ROLL CALL:** COUNCIL MEMBERS DENNEHY,
MELONI, SCHMISSEUR, STEIN, TRACY,
WORTHINGTON, MAYOR PRO TEM HAMRICK,
MAYOR TROUTMAN.
- 3. DISCUSSION:**
 - A.** Firearms in Public Places Ordinance and Police Department.
Statistics
- 4. ADJOURN** The next scheduled meeting is February 19, 2025.

Posted pursuant to code on Wednesday, January 22, 2025.
Cindy Foster Owens, City Clerk



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City Administrator

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Ryan Stevens, City Administrator
PREPARED BY: Tim R. Bell
DATE: 01/22/2025
RE: Firearms in Public Places Ordinance and Police Dept. statistics

SUMMARY: * This meeting will be held to discuss Police Department Crime Analysis statistics for 2024 as well as have discussion surrounding recent court decisions, announced by the City Attorney, and how they relate to the City's current Firearms ordinance:

Sec. 9.44.090. - Firearms prohibited—Exceptions.

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No person, except a peace officer, shall carry any firearm into, or upon, or across any public park, playground or other property held, owned or controlled by the City; provided, that any person holding a permit from the City to kill or trap predatory animals may carry firearms for such purpose.

(Prior Code, § 9.68.020)

REVIEWED BY LEGAL? ☒ Yes ☐ No

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To discuss the Firearms ordinance and recent court rulings as well as crime statistics

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CAÑON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL REVIEW



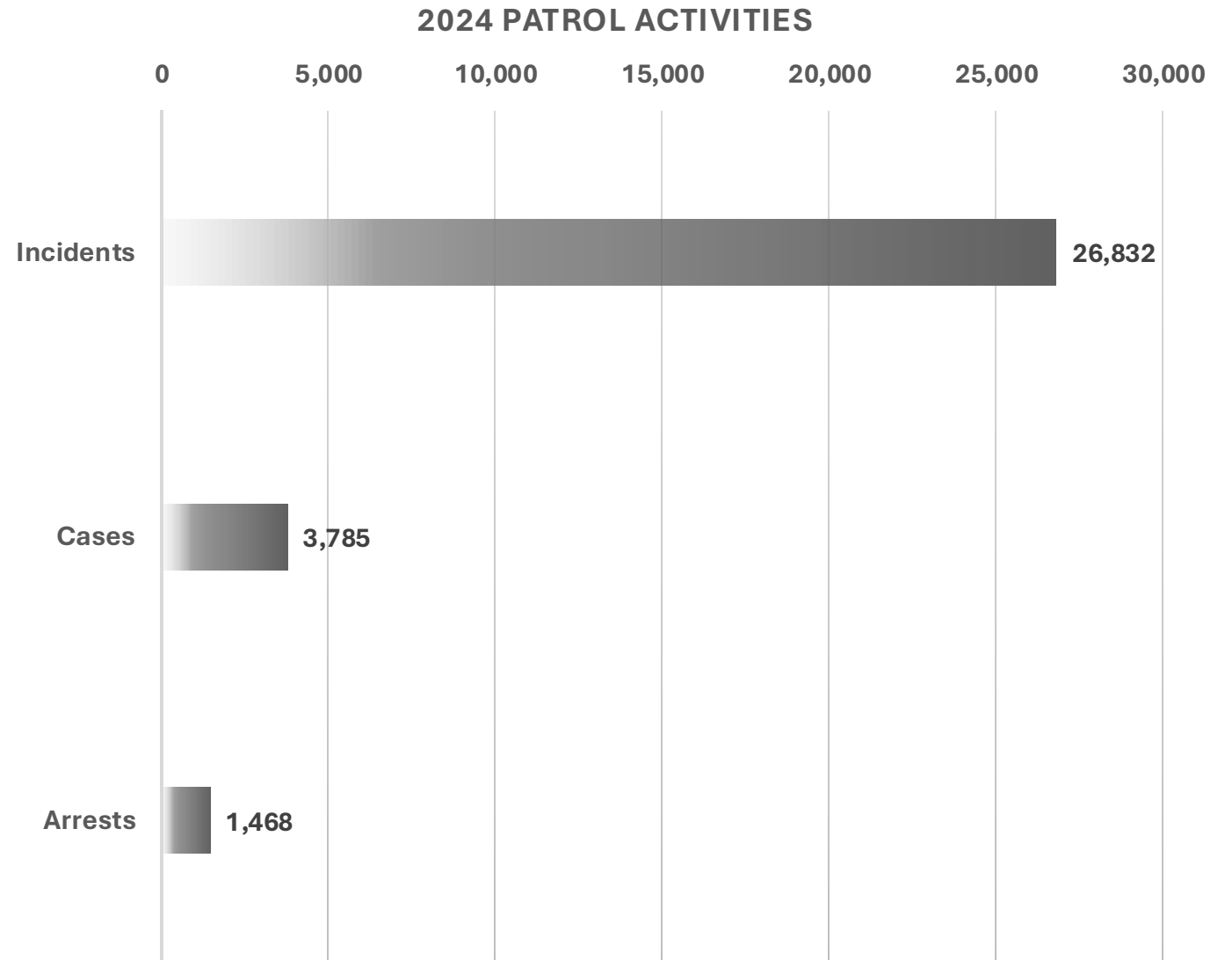
Sources include data gathered from the ITI/Omnigo Records Management System/Data Archive, Tyler RMS including Tyler Law Enforcement Explorer, Performance Dashboard, Tyler Law Enforcement Analytics and Computer Aided Dispatch or CAD. Any case not fully processed may not be included. All aggregations are based on cases subject to NIBRS corrections and therefore should not be considered official or final. Other source data includes Packtrack K-9 systems, EvidenceOnQ, FileOnQ, Monday.com, CIVIGOV and FBI Crime Data Explorer.

Comparative quarterly and annual count equals one offense for each victim of crimes against persons and property. The agency along with others in the region changed report management systems on May 7th, 2024, from Omnigo/ITI to Tyler Law Enforcement Explorer. This change in RMS may affect comparative analysis for 2024 and previous years. It should be noted that although CCPD clearance rates are higher than recent national clearance rates, the Federal Bureau of Investigations suggests, "since crime is a sociological phenomenon influenced by a variety of factors, the FBI discourage ranking locations or making comparisons as a way of measuring law enforcement effectiveness. Some of this data may not be comparable to previous years because of differing levels of participation over time". (FBI Crime Data Explorer, cde.ucr.cjis.gov. 1/14/2025).

PATROL DIVISION

- At the time of this report (January 2025), the Cañon City Police Department employs four patrol sergeants, eleven patrol officers and one active K-9 unit (two K-9 units were active from January to September of the year). K9 officers also cover patrol shifts when needed and perform traditional patrol duties.
- Patrol staffing has changed throughout 2024. Sixteen patrol officers were employed with CCPD in January of 2024. Patrol shifts currently work twelve-hour shifts from either 6:00am to 6:00pm (day shift) or 6:00pm to 6:00am (night shift). Shifts work four days on shift/three day off shift or four day on shift/three day off shift rotation. The rotation changes every other week. Shifts change from day shift to night shift four times during the year.
- CCPD sponsored four cadets with the Pikes Peak Regional Law Enforcement Academy at Pikes Peak State College for the fall 2024 semester. Those cadets are scheduled to begin field training with the Agency in 2025.
- Patrol teams responded to or initiated a total of **26,832 incidents** for 2024 and initiated **3,785 cases**.
- Of those cases, a total of **1,468 arrests** were made. Arrests include suspects taken into custody through the execution of arrest warrants, on view or probable cause arrests as well as summons to appear in court.

Patrol Activity Overview



PATROL DIVISION CLEARANCE RATE

For the purposes of this report, CCPD calculates clearance rates by dividing the number of cleared cases (cleared by arrest, exceptional means or warrant issued) by the total number of cases reported not including cases where no crime was found to have occurred.

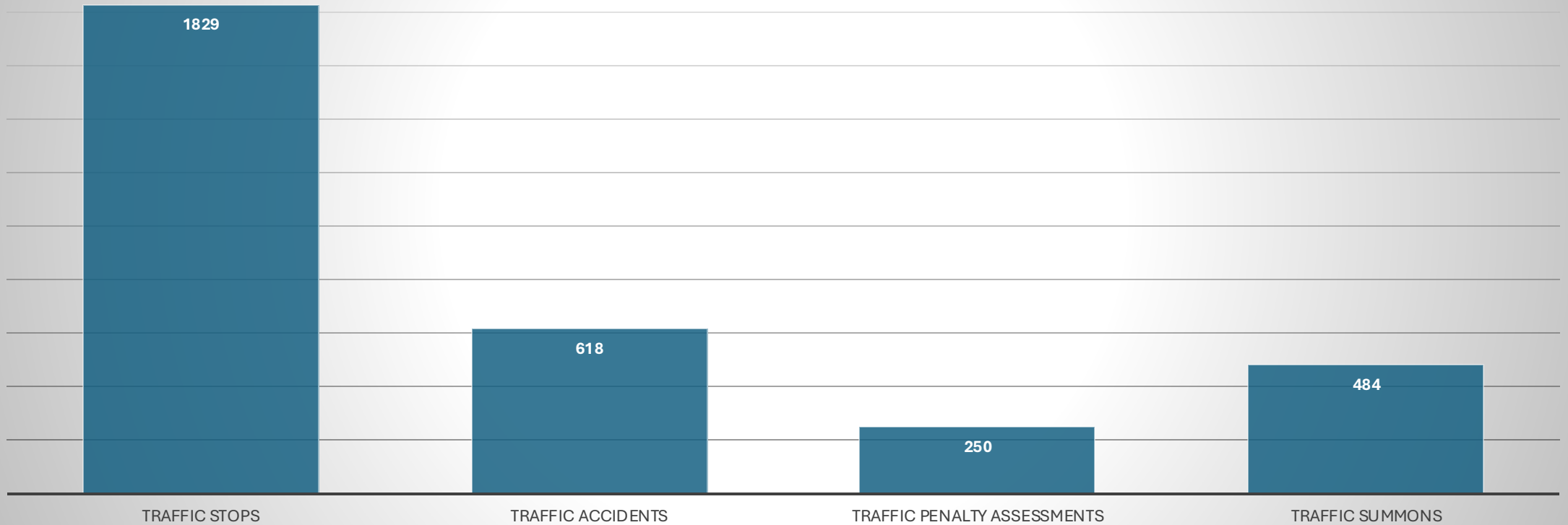
- CCPD annual **clearance rate for crimes against persons is 72%** (murder, kidnapping, sex offenses, assault, intimidation).
- CCPD annual **clearance rate for property crimes is 34.25%** (arson, burglary, damaged property, fraud, robbery, theft).
- FBI reports most recent (2022) preliminary clearance rates average 34.7% for violent crimes and 12.3% for property crimes cleared by arrest or exceptional means. [CDE](#).
- Tyler RMS reports average call start to arrival time by agency as 15:38 (min/sec) and call en route to arrival time as 3:08 (min/sec) Data gathered on January 16, 2025.
- For the purposes of this report, clearance rates are defined as the number of resolved cases in given time frame (month, year, quarter), divided by the number of cases investigated in the same time frame. The clearance rate is a term defined by the [FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program](#). This FBI definition of resolved cases includes both arrests and "exceptional clearances," or instances where police have identified a suspect but are unable to make an arrest (for example, death of suspect, victim's refusal to cooperate or denial of extradition).

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

- At the time of this report, CCPD does not have a dedicated traffic team. The data below represents the patrol division traffic initiatives.
- The patrol division of the agency initiated **1,829 traffic stops** for the purposes of traffic enforcement, education and overall public safety.
- The patrol division also responded to and investigated a total of **618 traffic accidents** during the year.
- Since the change to Tyler RMS (May 7, 2024) CCPD officers have issued **250 traffic penalty assessments and 484 summons**.
- A total of **25 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI) arrests** were made in 2024.

TRAFFIC

2024 Traffic Enforcement Overview



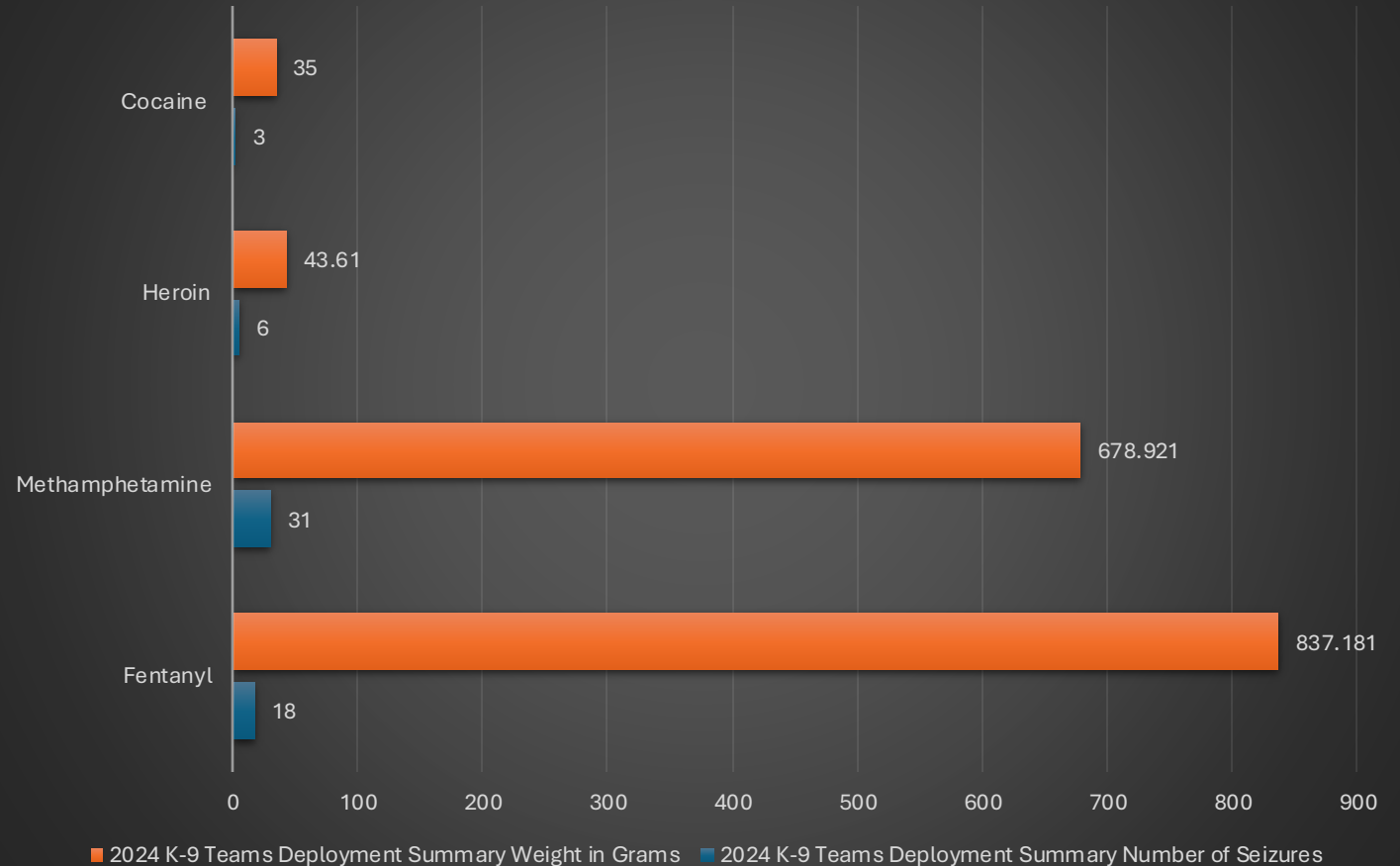
K-9 TEAMS

- K-9 handlers and K-9s work independently, with patrol and investigations and assist other agencies in the area including Fremont County Sheriff's Office and Colorado State Patrol. Handlers and K-9s are certified as both bite and drug detection units. The deployment summary shows both drug paraphernalia indicators as well as drug specific indicators and seizures.

• Source: Packtrack K-9 systems

2024 Deployment Summary

Source: Packtrack



Tyler Evidence query shows CCPD seized or collected approximately 2,472 pills containing fentanyl and over 120 substances presumptively testing positive for the narcotic.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

- The investigations unit were referred to or initiated **two hundred fifteen** investigations during the year with an overall **clearance rate of 45.5%**. Active cases assigned to the investigations unit have been initiated up to and including December 31st, 2024. Therefore, some cases will show as “active” as they have only recently been assigned.
- Of the reported **two hundred fifteen cases, eighty-seven** or **40%** were for **sex crimes** and **twenty-one were for narcotic related offenses**.
- CCPD employs one detective sergeant and five detectives working general crimes, sex assaults, drug crimes and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) among other felony level cases. Several investigations are time intensive, involving several months to complete the work necessary to make arrests/close cases.
- CCPD employed a full-time Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) with the International Association Of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS) in 2024. The CFCE certification through IACIS greatly benefits our agency by enhancing digital forensic capabilities, specifically regarding computer systems.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SRO)

- At the time of this report CCPD employs two full-time POST certified officers responsible for eight campuses ranging in education levels from kindergarten to high school. SROs perform law enforcement, community policing and educational functions and work with patrol, investigations and forensic interviewers to ensure the safety of our community youth.
- CCPD and the Canon City School District have an agreement where 75% of the officers' compensation/benefits are paid through the district while 25% of that responsibility is met by the police department.
- Not only are SROs responsible for the physical safety of campus locations, but also for the safety of approximately **3,237 students** and over **500 school employees**. These numbers do not include visitors to campus or attendees of sporting and other events.
- Throughout 2024, SROs responded to or initiated activity for **1,455 incidents** and initiated **99 cases**. SROs **clearance rate for investigated cases is 72.5%** when including cases filed for charges through the district attorney's office.

PARKS OFFICER

- At the time of this report, CCPD employs one POST certified law enforcement officer to patrol city parks. CCPD has one vacancy for a second parks officer at the time of this report.
- The vacancy is planned to be filled by May of 2025.
- A recorded total of **521 incidents** were logged by the parks officer for 2024.
- Parks included in this measurement are Centennial Park, Veterans Park with limited data for the River Walk.
- New Tyler RMS may gather more data specific to river walk coordinates throughout the CCPD jurisdiction which will allow the department to capture more specific information for that area.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

- The Community Service division of the Canon City Police Department currently employs one full-time supervisor and four full-time Officers. The unit supervisor J. Inman provided 970 training hours to her team during the year.
- The division is responsible for several enforcement and community initiatives such as responding and investigating animal complaints/crimes, city code violations, parking enforcement, vin inspections, mobile home park inspections and trash hauler inspections.
- The division responded to and/or initiated activity for **1,926 incidents and investigated 67 cases**. NOTE: this data was extracted from Tyler RMS; the community service division uses various software for measurement.
- The division is currently working on a workload assessment for their division to be implemented in 2025. The new assessment will include various data sets to capture a clearer picture of their activities.

KINDRED KIDS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

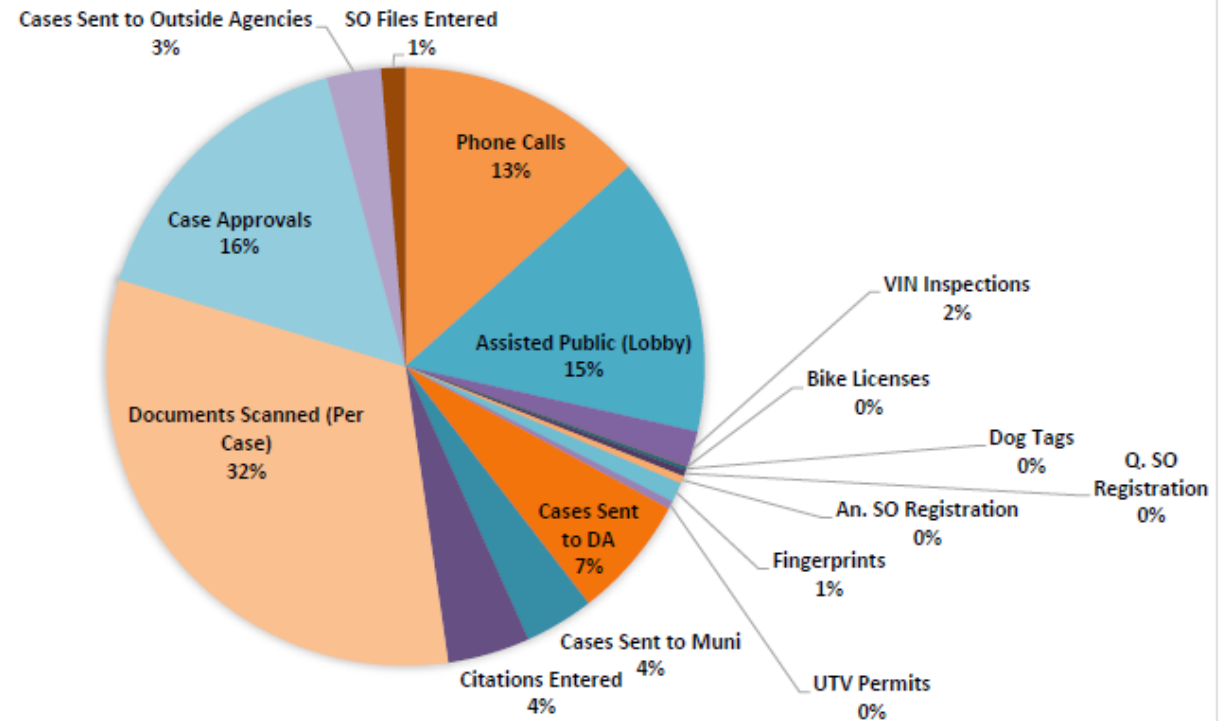
- Kindred Kids Child Advocacy Center serves children who have experienced abuse or witnessed violence.
- The center provides forensic interviews in a child-friendly setting, medical evaluations by specialized pediatric providers, and trauma-focused counseling and therapy referrals.
- The CAC offer family advocacy and support services to help navigate the investigation process, coordinate team investigations among various agencies, and deliver prevention education programs to the community.
- During 2024, the CAC performed over:
 - 125 forensic interviews
 - 150 hours of advocacy (victim support).
 - Over 600 advocacy interactions (follow up):
 - Over 100 hours of outreach (community events and fund raisers) with one director and two full time employees.

RECORDS DIVISION

At the time of this report, the division is staffed with one full time supervisor and two part time records technicians. CCPD is in the process of hiring another full-time technician and one part time technician.

RECORDS UNIT STATISTICS 2024

2024 Stats	Total
Phone Calls	2324
Assisted Public (Lobby)	2626
VIN Inspections	334
Bike Licenses	4
Dog Tags	34
Q. SO Registration	61
An. SO Registration	69
Fingerprints	184
UTV Permits	74
Cases Sent to DA	1154
Cases Sent to Muni	651
Citations Entered	772
Documents Scanned (Per Case)	5553
Case Approvals	2792
Cases Sent to Outside Agencies	507
SO Files Entered	226
Hours Spent on Case Approvals	173:50:00

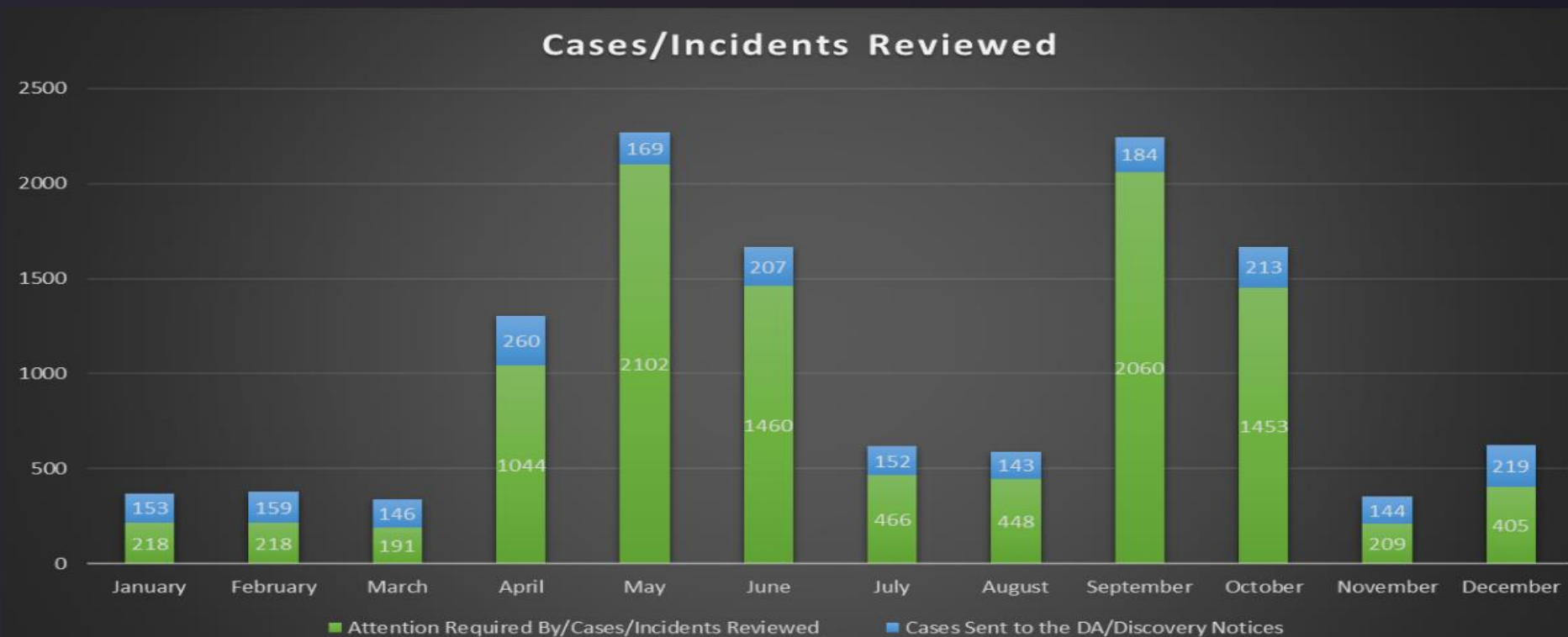


DIGITAL EVIDENCE

The cases and incidents reviewed spiked during the periods when both Digital Evidence Technicians were working full time. The number of cases being sent to the District Attorney remained consistent. A total of 10,274 incidents/cases reviewed and 2,149 cases sent to DA.

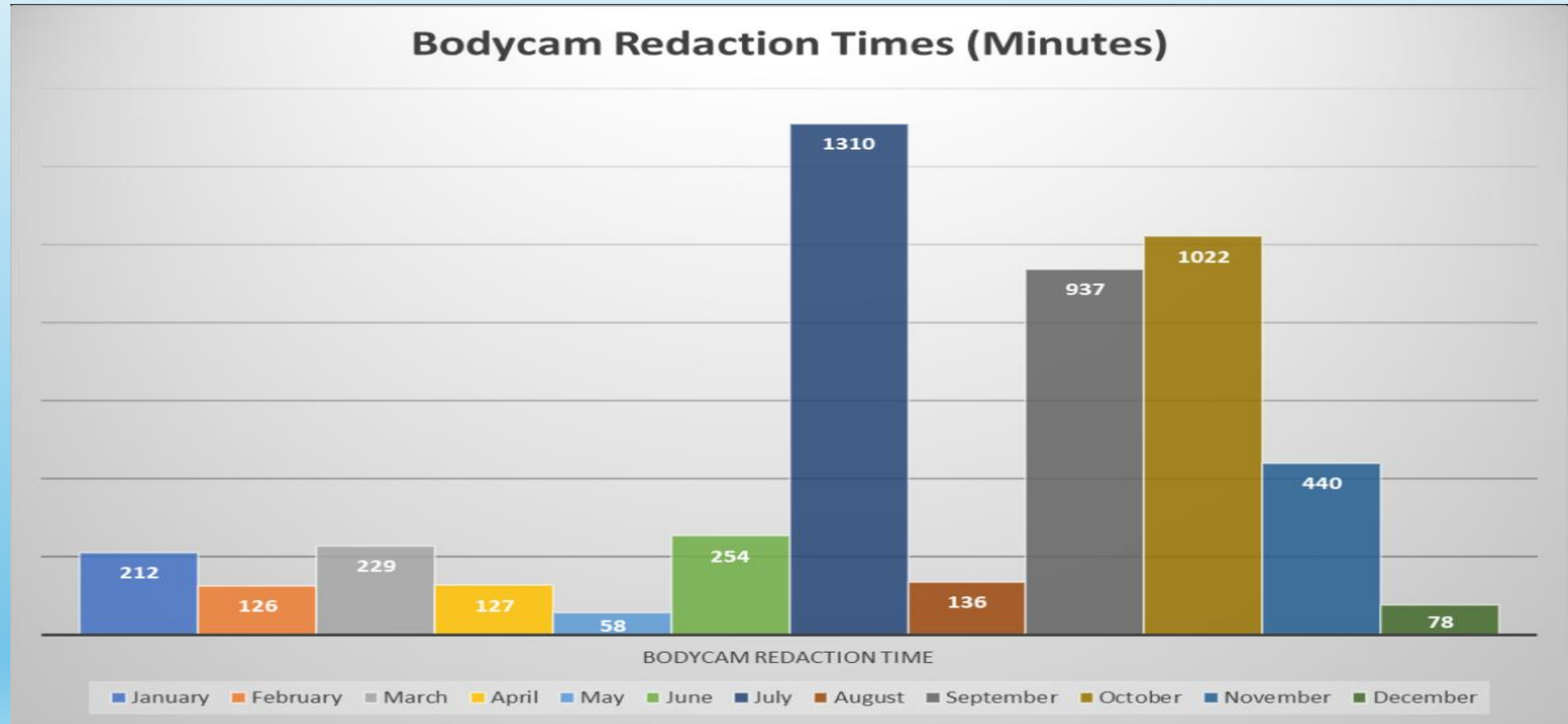
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DIGITAL EVIDENCE

The bodycam request varies significantly throughout the year due to the length of footage being requested. There are no pending requests leaving 2024. The total time spent was 4,929 minutes or 82.15 hours.



PHYSICAL EVIDENCE INTAKE

The information below does not include evidence held from previous years not number of items released or destroyed.

- Physical Evidence is collected and process for the Canon City Police Department by one full time Evidence Technician hired in July of 2023. All physical evidence for every case where physical evidence was collected was managed by the technician. The technician reports to the department Administrative Sergeant.
- Physical evidence is a fluid process with items being collected, released, disposed of and destroyed during various times throughout the year. Multiple assignments and tasks may be processed during a parallel time frame and/or date range.
- EVIDENCE INTAKE OF PHYSICAL ITEMS 2024:
- Total intake items equal 2,229
- Total firearms collected equal 468 (may be collected as evidence, safe keeping or property. Not all items used in or evidence of a criminal charge).
- Total drug items equal 1532 (items include narcotics and other drugs and drug paraphernalia).

2025 GOALS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Citizen connect “go live”
- RGB Traffic study
- Jake Brake ordinance
- PowerEngage/Tyler
- Resource allocation
- Tracking mechanisms for stolen guns and seized narcotics
- Use of force analysis
- Neighborhood watch
- Co-response affect