

Canon City Police Department



2024 Annual Report

Canon City Police Department

Canon City, Colorado

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Chief J.W. Schick Jr. M.S.C.J.

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Chief's Statement

The Cañon City Police Department is dedicated to the Pillars of 21st Century Policing, and the spirit of Service Excellence. The Pillars of 21st Century Policing are:

Trust and Legitimacy
Policy and Oversight
Technology and Social Media
Community Policing and Crime Reduction
Training and Education
Officer Safety and Wellness

These principles represent the best practices in policing today. Our community can and should expect its police department to provide not only protection, but Service and Guardianship to every person. These pledges were updated in 2023 and are outlined within our Vision and Mission Statements as well as our Agency Values.

Service Excellence means we will do our utmost to provide the highest level of professional police service to our community, without fail, in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, the State of Colorado, the City of Cañon City, and our Core Values.

Each member of the department is charged with promoting Service Excellence, the Vision of the Department, and the Pillars in all our efforts. As a team we constantly strive to maintain and improve ourselves and our response posture through accountability standards and enhanced training. Working in partnership with the community we proactively prevent crime, support victim recovery, and hold offenders accountable. Additionally, we will continue to increase our community engagement footprint while demonstrating accountability, trust, and transparency.

I thank and commend this community for their support. I thank the men and women of the Canon City Police Department for their character and commitment to all of you. I look forward to demonstrating with them our continuing pledge to Service Excellence and community partnerships.



At Your Service,


J.W. Schick Jr.
Chief of Police



Vision Statement

We will be innovative leaders who are committed to our community and each other.

Mission Statement

Service Excellence

Core Values of the Department

- **Courage** –
 - To speak up for those without a voice and to speak against those who would deny the value of that voice, and;
 - By the ready offering of individual sacrifice in protecting and preserving life.
- **Professionalism** –
 - To seek and preserve public trust, by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law and maintaining at all times a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and that the public are the police.
- **Respect** –
 - To recognize always that the power of the police to fulfill their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behavior, and;
 - To treat every person with the dignity and equality demanded by the Constitution of the United States of America, the State of Colorado, and the City of Cañon City.
- **Integrity** –
 - To ensure my character in my professional and personal life will portray the highest sense of honesty and virtue in both words and actions.
- **Diligence** –
 - Exhausting all pathways to preventing crime and disorder, and in response to criminal activity.
- **Excellence** –
 - Provide Service Excellence through the ready offering of individualized cooperation and friendship to all members of the public.



Overview

The Canon City Police Department subscribes to the Six Pillars of 21st Century Policing identified in the Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing:

- Building Trust and Legitimacy.
- Policy and Oversight.
- Technology and Social Media.
- Community Policing and Crime Reduction.
- Training and Education.
- Officer Safety and Wellness.

The department is divided into four major divisions: Law Enforcement, Support Services, Professional Standards, and Business Management Divisions.

While each member of the department is tasked with promoting each of these pillars, specialization within the department means that the divisions within the department are more involved in some areas than others. For example, as a matter of principle, all personnel are responsible for maintaining Officer Safety and Wellness, however, Community Policing and Crime Reduction are the primary role of the Law Enforcement and Support Services Divisions, Technology and Social Media falls under the Support Services Division, and Policy and Oversight is the primary role of the Professional Standards Division, and financial oversight is the primary role of the Business Management Division.

The Chief of Police exercises control and delegates responsibility through three Commanders, a Business Manager and a variety of staff and line supervisors. The Chief of Police provides general supervision and leadership to the department through initiating department programs, conducting policy administration, responding to community safety concerns, budget management, providing public information about department matters, and strategic planning. The department forecasts its budgeting needs but is always looking for ways to cut costs and be fiscally responsible without comprising service. The department annually develops an annual strategic plan and develops a budget based on strategic priorities to address department and community concerns.

The implementation of a new records management system (RMS) took place in May, which was the culmination of the last several years of preparation for the switch. A bulk of the information contained in this report was retrieved from the new RMS, however, everything prior to May 7, was information that had to be extrapolated from the old system.

During 2024, our relationships with partnering agencies were strengthened. Our lines of communication with the Fremont County Sheriff's Office (both Patrol and Detentions) have been polished throughout the year. We are in regular communication at the command staff level, and officers at the line level work hand in hand together. We were honored to assist the Custer County Sheriff's Office with the funeral procession for their fallen Paramedic, Andrew

Fernandez, which began in Canon City and ended in Westcliffe at Andrew's beautiful service. Due to heavy rains, our National Night Out (NNO) event was cancelled, but we were able to later have a regional NNO event and barbecue. Florence PD, Colorado State Patrol, Fremont County Sheriff's Office, AMR, and other local Fire/EMS agencies were all in attendance which fostered a great community turnout. It was an amazing opportunity to connect with our Canon City residents and residents' county wide!

In response to community concerns, a new shopping cart ordinance was enacted and several "shopping cart roundup" operations were conducted, in which officers teamed up to collect and return shopping carts to their respective stores and provide education (enforcement in some cases) to those individuals in possession of said carts. The ordinance required stores with carts to create and enforce "cart management plans" designed to help the individual stores maintain their carts in a manner that would forestall potential theft of the carts, which inevitably become abandoned throughout the city.

In one of the most significant accomplishments, CCPD officers were able to join the fight against narcotics in a very proactive way in 2024. One officer alone was directly involved in seizing approximately 552 grams of methamphetamine (1.21 pounds), 3305 fentanyl pills, 170.1 grams of a fentanyl/meth mixture, 4.7 grams of black tar heroin, and 1.4 grams of cocaine throughout the year. One traffic stop, in particular, resulted in the seizure of 105.6 grams of methamphetamine, 1647 fentanyl pills, and 5 grams of black tar heroin. In addition, the narcotics unit organized, conducted and participated in nearly a dozen drug interdiction operations.

All these accomplishments were made despite the patrol division being very short handed for the latter half of 2024. Our officers have done an exceptional job of covering short shifts as necessary while continuing to be proactive and providing the high level of service excellence expected of all officers.

In addition to regular patrol duties, municipal code enforcement, animal control, evidence management, and record-keeping, the Department again significantly increased its Community Engagement activities throughout the year. Officers staffed a regular series of annual events such as the Blossom and Whitewater festivals and provided community presence at major holidays and smaller community festivities, totaling twenty-nine separate events throughout the year staffed with officers assigned to meet with community members and stakeholders.



Law Enforcement Division

- Pillar 1 – Trust and Legitimacy
- Pillar 2 – Policy and Oversight
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The Law Enforcement Division is the backbone of the Canon City Police Department, and handles calls for service ranging from traffic complaints and neighborhood disputes to sexual assaults and homicides. As the most visible division in the department, the Law Enforcement Division supports Trust and Legitimacy by directly engaging the community to address concerns. This Division supports Policy and Oversight through direct supervision of officers and their interactions. The Division supports Community Policing and Crime Reduction with proactive patrol and criminal investigations. Finally, the Law Enforcement Division supports Officer Safety and Wellness through an established peer support program, regular shift training on safe officer tactics, and a culture of officers looking out for one another.

Significant Accomplishments

- A vehicle pursuit with a suspected homicide suspect, which began in Pueblo, came to an end in the City of Canon City in 2024. The suspect vehicle eventually drove through a field and crashed into a fence, resulting in the two occupants of the vehicle attempting to flee on foot. One suspect's escape avenue was blocked by responding officers, however the second suspect was able to flee from officers who lost sight of him. Every available officer was called in to assist with the subsequent search for the outstanding suspect. This event culminated into a mutual aid response from regional partners, including Pueblo PD, Fremont County Sheriff's Office (including SWAT), the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and Custer County Sheriff's Office. The suspect was eventually located and apprehended and found to be in possession of a loaded/stolen firearm. He was taken into custody without incident due in large part to the response from area partners and the dogged determination of CCPD officers.
- The CCPD SWAT Team handled two barricaded suspect calls in 2024. The Fremont County Sheriff's Office provided a drone & operator for one, and their entire team for the second. Both situations resulted with safe outcomes, where the respective suspect was taken into custody without incident.
- Patrol officers were also able to safely resolve at least two other barricaded suspect calls, prior to SWAT being activated. All incidents were safely resolved and with the suspect surrendering.

- Only one of two K9 officers were operational for the entirety of 2024. Despite this partial staffing, the two K9 officers combined to have 65 K9 deployments with 37 of those incidents resulting in an arrest.
- Detective Burton, who is the CCPD Digital Forensic Detective, was able to obtain certification through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS) as a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE). This training was 76 hours of intense training and testing which is the gold standard of computer forensics investigations. In addition to this training, Det. Burton also attended 116 hours of training in Network Intrusion Response and will continue to obtain additional certifications in 2025.
- Det. Burton was assigned to the Mountain West Cyber Fraud Task Force which has resulted in the acquisition of over **\$60,000.00 worth of computer forensic equipment, software and subscriptions**, which are required for the technical work this specialty requires.
- 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 and summons to appear in court.
- The Canon City Police Department patrol division annual clearance rate for **crimes against persons was 72%** and a **crimes against property at a rate of 34.25%**. 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 unfounded/no crime cases.
- The patrol division of the agency initiated **1,439 traffic stops** for the purposes of traffic enforcement, education and overall public safety. The patrol division also responded to and investigated a total of **479 traffic accidents** during the year. The highest reported accidents were recorded at 9th St and Royal Gorge Boulevard. A total of **25 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI) arrests** were made during this period.
- The above case load and clearance ratings were achieved despite having an average staffing level of **76%** in 2024.

Support Services Division

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The Support Services Division assists and supports the daily operations of the police department by employing people who are responsible for community caretaking and community

engagement, as well as the administration and management of equipment. The Division supports Technology and Social Media by working with the city's Information Technology department to ensure that up-to-date technology equipment is available to members and by maintaining Department social media accounts. A full-time community engagement coordinator housed in the Division provides neighborhood watch coordination and organizes regular community events in support of Community Policing and Crime Prevention. This Division also oversees the Mental Health Co-Responder Unit, as mentioned above, which is responsible for providing mental health services to community members who might otherwise fall through the cracks. The Support Services Division includes the Community Service Officer Unit, the Physical and Digital Evidence Units, the Co-Responder Unit, Fleet Services, Quartermaster, and Crime Prevention. Among other responsibilities, this Division also manages police records and reporting to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).



Significant Accomplishments



- Completion of new radio implementation.
- Completion of dash camera implementation.
- Flock cameras (Automated License Plate Reader cameras) were adopted and implemented with full deployment of 14 cameras by 2025.
- Tyler, the new records management system, was adopted and implemented.
- Adopted the Co-Response Program internally and it is now fully functioning as a part of the PD.
- Expanded our Digital Evidence Unit with the addition of a part-time Digital Evidence Technician.
- Crime Prevention was retitled to Community Engagement/Peer Support and our community engagement efforts have expanded.
 - Public Service Announcement Videos/Media Posts
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - In Coordination with the Training Sgt. the Second Annual Citizens' Academy was hosted.
 - Senior Mini College
 - Coffee with a Cop has expanded to include several new locations
 - Active role within recovery court/specialty courts
 - Enhanced presence at community events/activities
 - Peer Support Team/Peer Support K-9 program involvement
 - Coordination of CCHS PaiCE interns
- Acquired an evidence hood for safer narcotics testing.



- Acquired a new fridge and freezer for DNA evidence storage as mandated by legislation to expand what we already have.
- We hosted an FBI National Academy luncheon to expand leadership opportunities for Fremont County Law Enforcement.
- Leadership retreat featuring a nationally recognized speaker
- Support Services is almost fully staffed.
 - CSO Unit
 - CSO Supervisor
 - Four CSOs
 - Co-Response
 - Consulting Clinician
 - Co-Response Clinician
 - Co-Response Navigator (**1 Vacant position**)
 - Evidence
 - (2) Digital Evidence Technicians (1 full time/1 part time)
 - Physical Evidence Technician
 - Parks Officers
 - (2) Park Specific Officers (one of which is in training for POST certification, which is a requirement of the position with an anticipated deployment date in May of 2025)
 - Administrative Sergeant
 - Community Engagement Coordinator/Crime Prevention
 - Chaplain
 - Implemented an Award's Committee to provide opportunities for member input, from the line level up, on awards. Additionally, they had a significant role in updating policy and ensuring that any awards, medals and ribbons are consistent.



Professional Standards Division

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The Professional Standards Division supports the Chief of Police, Law Enforcement Division, and Support Services Division of department by performing the administrative functions necessary to maintain operational effectiveness and Service Excellence. These functions include policy review and updates, conducting, coordinating training including all POST requirements for sworn officers, recruitment and hiring, and discipline and internal affairs. The Division supports Trust and Legitimacy by investigating complaints and major incidents to

ensure compliance with relevant law and policy. This Division supports Policy and Oversight by conducting regular policy reviews and overseeing all disciplinary issues. The Division supports Training and Education by coordinating all officer training and promotes Officer Safety and Wellness by focusing training on officer and public safety concerns.

Significant Accomplishments

- Individual officer training hours in 2024 as of December 3, 2024, totaled 4,207 hours.
- Internal training classes held in 2024 as of December 3, 2024 totaled 460 hours.
- Established procedures to pull statistical data from the new RMS (Records Management System, also known as Tyler) to track the crime picture in the City.
- Transitioned the Professional Standards unit to a new Commander (Cmdr. Bell) upon the retirement of Cmdr. Walsh.
- The K9 unit combined completed 65 K9 deployments, of which 37 resulted in arrest.
- Processed 155 applicants for open positions within the agency throughout the year
 - 92 police and cadet applicants of which 15 positions were filled
 - 27 records applicants of which 4 positions were filled
 - 24 CSO applicants of which 3 positions were filled
 - 8 other positions (Co-Responder/Evidence/Community Engagement) applicants of which 4 positions were filled
- Coordinated the promotional testing of three Sergeant positions (2 patrol/ 1 training)
- Training Sergeant is drafting subject matter expert training tracks to accompany the agencies Career Development Program.
- Two officers were certified nationally as internal investigations investigators and will assist the Professional Standards Unit in ensuring accountability and due process standards for agency personnel.
- Training Sgt. Chad Gary obtained full certification through the Force Science Institute which is advanced training into the area of use of force. This certification qualifies Sgt. Gary as a Use of Force subject matter expert. In this capacity, Sgt. Gary reviews all use of force incidents the department members are involved in and provides analysis in those cases.

In 2024, the Department initiated three internal affairs investigations. All three investigations resulted in sustained findings and all three officers were disciplined. Two were terminated and one was suspended. The Department initiated sixteen disciplinary actions for incidents that did not rise to the level of an internal affairs investigation. These actions resulted in a total of nine Notices to Correct (considered a written counseling statement rather than a disciplinary action), one written reprimand, and one suspension (mentioned above) over the course of the year.

Officers were involved in sixty-five incidents where some level of force was used against a suspect. Reportable levels of force applied ranged from mere officer presence with display of a Taser or other intermediate weapon, to Taser deployment, strikes and takedowns. No officers or suspects received injuries requiring hospitalization as a result of any application of force.

Supervisors and command staff reviewed all use of force incidents and found no violations of law or policy with respect to such use of force.

Crime Analyst Program

The analyst actively works on various division projects including but not limited to recording and describing daily police activity, leading to more accurate quarterly and annual reports. Ongoing projects include assisting the department in the development of a Direct Investigations and Community Engagement (DICE) team. This team is tasked with patrolling and investigating crime in the general business district and surrounding areas. Other projects include researching community concerns such as drug crimes, impaired driving, homelessness, runaways and general and specific crime patterns. The crime analyst also responds to external requests from stake holders such as the Department of Public Health & Environment and higher education institutions.

In 2024, the crime analyst continued meeting with crime and intelligence analysts from surrounding areas and jurisdictions in an effort to develop consistent methods between agencies and deliver actionable intelligence to departmental leaders. The analyst was able to continue education and training and complete the credential of Certified Law Enforcement Analyst through the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA). These goals incorporate standardized and technological training in the areas of administrative, strategic, and tactical analysis including crime mapping.

- Completed 75 hours of continuing education with the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA) including 60 hours of specific course work in “Crime Analysis for Small Jurisdictions”.
- Completed the IACA “Tactical Series” which included course work in identifying crime patterns and series, criminal behavior and tactical profiling as well as other courses regarding pattern recognition.
- Released monthly intelligence bulletins regarding department of corrections intelligence.
- Became a member of the DOC intelligence group in both Fremont and Pueblo Counties.
- Worked with regional partners and Tyler Enterprise to plan the deliver of a citizen facing crime mapping web site where citizens can gather limited data regarding incidents and cases in Fremont and Custer Counties.
- Attended community meetings regarding crime and policing in the Canon City/Fremont County area.
- Began development of a new quarterly and annual reporting method. This project will continue to develop and evolve in 2025.
- Conducted statistics projects for 11 peer agencies

Business Management Division

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The Business Management Division was established in 2023 to help ensure proper budget planning and oversight, grant applications and management, and improve documentation in finance. The Police Department is the largest department within the city with 62 personnel and over \$9 million budgeted in 2024. The Division is headed by the Business Manager, who also oversees the Records Unit and volunteers.

The Records Unit is responsible for handling all documents and records requests in the department, along with sex offender registrations, animal licenses, VIN verifications, UTV permits and additional duties. In 2024, combined, the members of the unit responded to over 2300 phone calls, 2600 public assists in the department lobby, and processed 1295 public records requests. This was all accomplished with police department staffing levels averaging 84%, which included shortages within the Records Unit, over the course of the year.

Significant Accomplishments

- The department was awarded a Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant of \$1,000,000 to establish a dedicated community policing team in our downtown business district and parks, which is an ongoing 5-year grant period.
- CCPD has also renewed its Co-Response grant with BHA and the In-Service POST grant for continuing officer education and training.
- Created and changed processes to streamline work based on the implementation of our new Records Management System.
- The Records Unit updated the standard operating procedure to enhance sex offender monitoring and compliance.
- Fully implemented a new records request management system to better identify, track, and handle public records requests more efficiently.
- In conjunction with the Support Services Unit, have worked to acquire multiple equipment procurements to outfit our evidence unit and patrol unit for better efficiency and safety.
- Adoption of a new finance operating system to streamline fiscal accountability with the city.

Police Department Goals for 2025

- Continuation of the purging project so that CCPD can fall into compliance with State Archives and Statutory requirements for records maintenance and storage. – Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***
- Implement new policies and protocols for the collection and storage of records to fall in line with industry and statutory standards. – Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***
- Develop a plan for all records technicians to become and maintain certification through Colorado Certified Records Network. – Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***; Pillar 2, ***Policy and Oversight***; Pillar 5, ***Training and Education***
- Develop and begin the process of transition to a new Records Management System by backing up all current case reports and documents. – Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***; Pillar 2, ***Policy and Oversight***; Pillar 5, ***Training and Education***
- Continue the accreditation process with the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police and gain full accreditation. – Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***; Pillar 2, ***Policy and Oversight***
- Bring the department to full staffing. – Pillar 6, ***Officer Safety and Wellness***
- Complete a full staffing analysis to project agency and community needs for the future. – Pillar 6, ***Officer Safety and Wellness***
- Maintain ABLE Certification in Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement for all officers in the Department. – Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***
- Host mini-academy training for new officer recruits and in-service training for existing officers, stressing the importance of the WIN (What's Important Now) philosophy which is a decision-making model employed to mitigate unnecessary risks and incident escalation - Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***; Pillar 5, ***Training and Education***
- RGB traffic accident study regarding the potential effect of recent construction projects in the area. - Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***;
- Resource allocation project to determine the most efficient use of resources. - Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***; Pillar 2, ***Policy and Oversight***
- Develop tracking mechanisms for stolen guns and seized narcotics – Pillar 3, ***Technology and Social Media***
- Use of force analysis - Pillar 1, ***Trust and Legitimacy***; Pillar 2, ***Policy and Oversight***; Pillar 5, ***Training and Education***; Pillar 6, ***Officer Safety and Wellness***
- Co-response affect - Pillar 3, ***Technology and Social Media***





CAÑON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 ANNUAL CRIME STATISTICS 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 most 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

At the time of this report (January 2025), the Cañon City Police Department employs four patrol sergeants, eleven officers and one active K-9 unit (two K-9 units were active from January to September of the year). 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 January of 2025.

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TRAFFIC

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accidents were recorded at 9th St and Royal Gorge Boulevard. A total of **25 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI)** arrests were made during this period.

K-9

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 below shows both drug paraphernalia indicators as well as drug specific indicators.

Deployment Summary

Group Report for 2 Handlers

Using all 81 Records from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025

Drug Paraphernalia Indications

Paraphernalia  16 seizure incidents (100%): 70 items






Packaging Around Drug Paraphernalia

None: 9 (56%)

Plastic Bag: 5 (31%)

Bag: 2 (12%)

Drug Indications

Methamphetamine  31 seizure incidents (53%): 678.921 grams
fentanyl  10 seizure incidents (17%): 524.701 grams and 30 items
fentanyl  8 seizure incidents (14%): 312.48 grams
Heroin  6 seizure incidents (10%): 43.61 grams and 70 milliliters
Cocaine  3 seizure incidents (5%): 35 grams

Packaging Around Drugs

Plastic: 21 (36%)

Plastic Bag: 18 (31%)

None: 6 (10%)

Bag: 5 (8%)

Glass: 2 (3%)

Pl: 2 (3%)

Aluminum Foil: 2 (3%)

In A Metal Contin...: 1 (1%)

Syringe: 1 (1%)

INVESTIGATIONS

CCPD employs 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.

The investigations unit referred to or initiated two hundred fifteen cases for investigation 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.

CCPD employed a full-time Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE) with the International Association Of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS). The CFCE certification through IACIS greatly benefits our agency by enhancing digital forensic capabilities, specifically regarding computer systems.

Of the reported **two hundred fifteen cases, eighty-seven were for sex crimes and twenty-one were for narcotic related offenses.**

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

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.

CSO

The Community Service division of the Canon City Police Department currently employs one full-time supervisor and four full-time Officers. 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 is currently working on a work load assessment for their division to be implemented in 2025.

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. As previously stated in this report, the division is developing an improved method in order to analyze all variables of their division.

