

2024

Fort Collins Police Services

CHIEF'S Message

I am honored to share the 2024 Year End Report on behalf of Fort Collins Police Services. Our goal is to make Fort Collins the safest city in the nation, and we take this goal seriously. As part of our duty to serve a well-informed public, we share this report to highlight what we have accomplished over the past year. We welcome any questions you may have about the report or our work.

This is YOUR police department, and we are committed to serving you in line with our Mission Statement, **SAFETY AND SERVICE FOR ALL.**

Thank you for your continued support and interest in Fort Collins Police Services.



TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:

84,090
(2023: 82,716)

183

PRIORITY 1 CALLS
(2023: 159)

4:11

AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME
(2023: 4:58; national avg. 5:15)

CRIME DATA: National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

	2022	2023	2024	+/- from previous year
Crimes Against Persons	1,839	1,766	1,629	- 8.07 %
Crimes Against Property	7,430	7,028	6,385	- 9.58 %
Crimes Against Society	1,355	1,330	1,349	+ 1.41/%

* The data above reflects Group A Offenses as defined by the FBI's NIBRS system (<https://ucr.fbi.gov/nibrs/2011/resources/nibrs-offense-codes>). Some data is still in processing for Spring 2025 completion; numbers from 2023 have been updated from the previous annual report.



Safety and Service for ALL

LEADING the Way

Police Leaders Summit

The actions of police departments help shape the trajectory of our profession, and building national networks between agencies ensures we create strategies that recognize the unique needs of our communities. The inaugural Police Leaders Summit in 2024 brought together police leaders, legal experts, and community specialists from seven different states to discuss critical issues in policing, including ethics, human behavior, and community connections. By facilitating open conversations and networking, the Summit aimed to elevate the profession, foster community trust, and promote proactive crime prevention. Through collective expertise and information sharing, the Summit focused on integrating diversity of thought into standard operating procedures, as well as encouraging an overall culture of transparency, credibility, and advocacy in law enforcement.

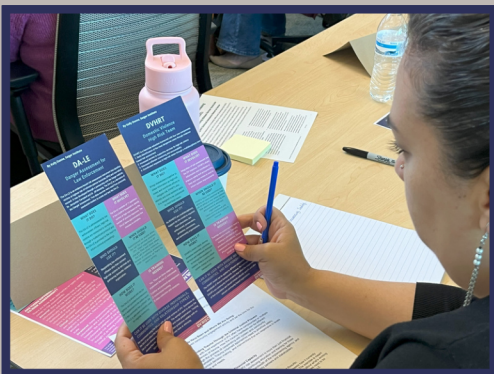


Major **CASE** Investigations

Three homicide investigations were conducted in 2024, resulting in the arrest and filing of criminal charges for suspects in two of the cases; the third case, which involved domestic violence, was cleared due to the death of the offender.

Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT)

In the past 10 years, 33% of homicides in Fort Collins were related to intimate partner/ domestic violence. FCPS is leading the charge to identify high-risk individuals and prevent domestic violence homicides by bringing together a team of professionals that include local service providers and multiple entities in the 8th Judicial District. The DVHRT helped



implement a lethality assessment tool—titled Danger Assessment for Law Enforcement (DA-LE)—that allows police officers responding to a domestic violence situation to quickly identify high-risk victims and connect them to necessary services, while simultaneously providing data for critical decisions in the judicial process. In November and December (2024), a total of 103 DA-LE assessments were completed, with 34 cases identifying the victim at high risk.

COMMUNITY Engagement

7,777

COMPLETED
RECORDS REQUESTS
(2023: 6,082)

The Records Unit manages non-emergency reports made online, over the phone, and at the police building. In 2024, this Unit managed 22% OF TOTAL REPORTS—with the highest months of 26% in July, 25% in August, and 26% in September.

The Homeless Outreach and Proactive Engagement (HOPE) Team is a unit of three officers and one sergeant. They spearhead FCPS' comprehensive response to public safety issues surrounding homelessness in the City. The goal of HOPE is to address public safety concerns through accountability and collaboration with other City departments, service providers, and outreach programs.



In 2024, HOPE:

- handled **3,179 calls for service**
- facilitated **161 outreach events**
- **recovered 31 stolen bicycles**
- **removed 23 RVs**
- issued **893 citations/arrests**

The Mental Health Response

Team (MHRT) consists of four officer-clinician teams and a sergeant. In 2024, they responded to **1,870 calls for service**—alleviating 842 hours of mental health related calls from patrol officers and facilitating a return to service for EMS crews 44 times, fire crews 77 times, and police officers 360 times. The team also conducted **42 community events**.

Located in the FCPS Campus West office, the **Strategic Operations Group (SOG)** was established in May 2024 as a rebranding and refocusing effort for an existing unit. Consisting of a sergeant, a corporal, and three officers, SOG is a relationship-based, data-driven policing unit that uses innovative strategies to address persistent criminal complaints. Last year, they conducted **36 outreach events**, including neighborhood discussions about how they are addressing chronic criminal behavior and nuisance properties within the city.



COMMUNITY Engagement

Three presentations on **Fentanyl Awareness** were conducted for the community, with the intent of sharing valuable information regarding fentanyl: where it comes from, what it looks like, the impact it has on individuals, and other critical information to educate our community. Included in one of the presentations was a victim impact statement from someone personally touched by overdoses involving fentanyl.

In 2024, there were 13 fentanyl overdose death investigations in Fort Collins – down from 28 in 2023.

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Human Trafficking/Child Exploitation, Fraud and Computer Scam presentations were conducted at 14 events, including schools, the Senior Center and to other groups interested in learning about cyber-crimes.

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In 2024, the Mental Health Interagency Group, consisting of 35 regional law enforcement, mental health, medical, and social service agencies, chaired by FCPS Police Psychologist Dr. Robert Seals, assisted over 491 community members with chronic mental health, substance abuse, or co-occurring disorders. The Interagency Group works to assist at-need community members avoid chronic engagement with the legal system, hospitalization, or other negative outcomes, by facilitating effective delivery of services, identifying problems in referral processes, aligning protocols, and enable agencies prevent chronic arrests or unnecessary engagement with the legal system.



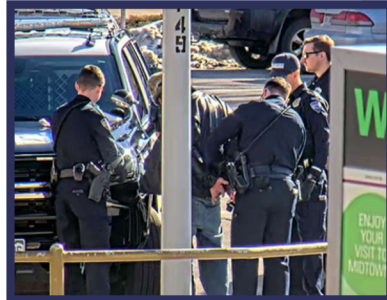
FCPS Police Psychologist,
Dr. Robert Seals

In October, FCPS established a new position for a **Community Engagement (CE) Officer** as a police liaison for a variety of public requests and events. The CE Officer plays a crucial role in fostering relationships between police and Fort Collins community partners.



UNIT Highlights

The **District One** Team's primary goal is to provide a safe environment in the downtown area. The team also handles liquor and marijuana compliance. In 2024, District One officers cited or **arrested 1,056 people** and completed **351 compliance checks** for area businesses.



The **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drone)** Team provides valuable forensic scene data while minimizing risk to people, property, aircraft, and safeguarding the right to privacy of all persons. In 2024, they **flew 1,299 missions**, totaling 339 hours of flight time (compared to 113 hrs in 2023 and 58 hrs in 2022). The Drone Team assists with CRASH scene recording, SWAT calls, and other mission critical assignments.

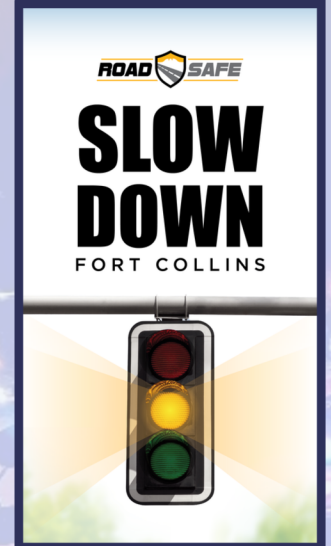
The **K9** Team was deployed to 707 incidents in 2024, including 295 narcotics searches and 112 explosive searches. **They assisted in the seizure of over \$8,000 in currency, 16 firearms and 8 pounds of illegal drugs.**

Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) Team carried out **39 high risk warrants**, and an additional 12 search warrants; responded to **16 barricade situations**, and **1 hostage rescue**; assisted Patrol, Mutual Aid, and Mobile Field Force; and attended **35 Community Service Talks** and 2 special events.

Traffic Safety

In support of Vision Zero, the new Road Safe: Slow Down Fort Collins campaign promotes safer driving by encouraging everyone to slow down and follow speed limits. The campaign's initial launch in 2024 included social media messaging, flyers and bus shelter posters around the City.

Also in 2024, City Council adopted speed corridors based on changes to state law that expanded use of photo/radar speed enforcement tools. As a result, the City's six intersections with red-light cameras now also detect and issue citations for speeds 11 mph or more over the posted limit.



- officers issued **7,708 traffic citations** (16.8% increase from 2023)
- The Collision Reconstruction and Scene Handling (CRASH) team responded to 20 calls (46% decrease from 2023; 9.5% decrease from 2022)
- There were **13 traffic-related fatalities** (compared to 15 in 2023, and 8 in 2022).
- In a single month of operation, **8,952 citations were issued for speed at the red-light camera intersections**
- Red-light cameras issued **16,732 citations for red-light violations**
- Speed vans monitored 755,622 vehicles (16,631 citations issued)

Since the first class of **Fort Collins Police Academy**

cadets graduated in late 2021, our academy continues to allow FCPS to

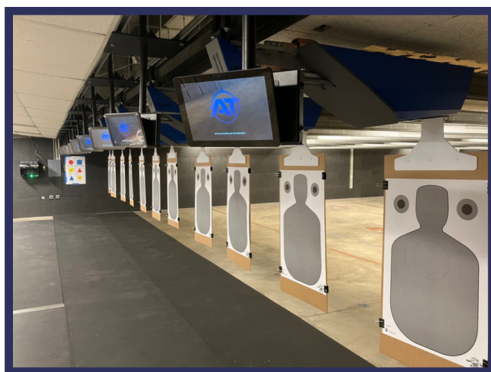


train recruits from day one on the skills, mindset, and values required to be a Fort Collins police officer. In 2024, two academy classes were held with a total of **20 officer graduates**. To date, over 25% of FCPS officers have been trained in our own academy. We also hired two additional Community Service Officers in 2024, who attended portions of the academy with their sworn co-workers.

Officers attended an average 90 hours of skills training (per officer), including Defensive Tactics, driving and firearms training. Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) requires 24 hours annually, per officer.



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In 2024, a **full-time Range Manager** was added to our Training Unit staff.



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Following the program launch in late 2023, our **Firearms Training Unit** has transitioned 135 of 236 police officers to optical sights (sometimes known as RDS) on their agency-issued pistols. These devices increase safety for officers and community members by allowing officers to keep both eyes open (increasing special awareness) and allowing them to see their aiming point in the dark, even during times of great stress.



Commitment to Excellence

Victim Witness Spec. Tim Braun	Supv. Tricia Leslie
Det. Andrew Edmonds	Dsp. Julie Maynard
Dsp. Aaron Fisher	Ofc. Carrie Ripsam
Dsp. Lucas Hensley	Ofc. Joe Schilz
Sgt. Annie Hill	Ofc. Kelsey Skaar
Dsp. Duncan Jimenez	Crime Analyst Taylor Smith
Ofc. William Kilcoyne	Crime Analyst Amy Soloman
Ofc. Cory Kiper	Dsp. Laurie Westby
Ofc. Bailie Kozlowski	Dsp. Katie Woodruff

Police Chief's Commendation

Det. Kristie Allen
 Cpl. Justin Butler
 Ofc. Kyle Duncan
 Ofc. Ryan Fandre
 Cpl. Bryan Grosshans
 Det. David Guy
 Det. Jason Lang
 Det. CJ O'Loughlin
 Tech. Services Mgr. Troy Miller
 Ofc. Tyler Payne
 Inv. Aide Jaime Silva
 Det. Matt Shuh
 Det. RJ Tuttle
 Det. Al Wilson

Distinguished Service

Ofc. Ben Barenburg
 Cpl. Matt Chernak
 Ofc. Gabe Estrada
 Ofc. Zach Gladden
 Ofc. Ryan Leppich
 Ofc. Alex Travaille

Purple Heart

Ofc. Peter Nolan

Medal of Valor

Ofc. August Barber
 Ofc. Ryan Fandre
 Det. Cole Giandomenico
 Sgt. Brian Mallory
 Ofc. Peter Nolan

Dispatch

Life Saving Awards

Dsp. Abby Adams
 Dsp. Grace Anderson
 Dsp. Alec Christian
 Dsp. Aaron Fisher
 Dsp. Alli Gundry
 Dsp. Duncan Jimenez
 Dsp. Haylee Korzendorfer
 Dsp. Chelsie Price
 Supv. Tracey Staruck
 Dsp. Devin Stilwell
 Dsp. Lauren Wallace

Medal of Merit

Ofc. Trever Cacciatore
 Ofc. Steven Fruh
 Ofc. Sean Gavin
 Cpl. Mike Harres
 Det. Dollie Knab
 Ofc. Malcolm Jones
 Ofc. Rick Mainwal
 Ofc. Max Rader
 Cpl. Josh Treutler
 Ofc. Gary Trujillo
 Ofc. Kyle Watling

Volunteer of the Year

Chaplain Kimberly Salico-Diehl

Rookie of the Year

Ofc. Benjamin Melusky

Professional Staff of the Year

Investigative Aide Jaime Silva

Officer of the Year

Ofc. Scott Brittingham

Detective of the Year

Det. Kristie Allen

Professional Staff

Supv. of the Year

Dispatch Supv. Emma McDowell

Sworn Supv. of the Year

Sgt. Annie Hill



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