

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



# DENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## BY THE NUMBERS

The City of Denton Police Department is made up of 300 employees that serve the more than 158,000 members of the Denton community.

# 190

## Sworn Staff

# 110

## Professional Staff

*\*As of December 31, 2024*



The Denton Police Department Annual Report was produced by the Media Relations team and provides insight into the community-oriented work for the City of Denton completed in calendar year 2024 by sworn and non-sworn personnel.





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## A YEAR OF GROWTH & GRATITUDE

Since arriving in Denton in April 2024, I have been thoroughly impressed by the dedicated service of the Denton Police Department. Every day, community members share how our officers and professional staff have helped them in big and small, but still significant, ways. I am proud to present those stories of excellence, among other accomplishments, in our 2024 Annual Report.

I saw the true heart of our agency within my first week at Denton PD. Recognizing a need, detectives in our Criminal Investigations Bureau contacted the Project Beloved nonprofit and First Christian Church to install soft interview rooms. Volunteers transformed two stark rooms into comforting, emotionally safe environments for sexual assault survivors. Because trauma-informed care matters to our detectives, community members now experience a significantly improved interview process when they are most vulnerable.



As with the interview room improvements, we are constantly seeking new ways to enhance the services we provide to the Denton community. Supporting the wellness of our Denton PD officers and professional staff is a critical part of that mission. We hosted our first-ever Family Night to welcome new recruits and introduce them and their families to key wellness resources before they step foot into the academy. We also strengthened our Peer Team program this year. The team has attended new trainings, evaluated critical incident debrief methods, and met with service providers and area agencies to ensure we are offering comprehensive options to our Denton PD family.

Throughout this report, you will learn how we are leveraging technology, protecting the community, and working to hire the best to serve Denton. On top of some outstanding police work, you will also see ways we've engaged with our community this year. Looking ahead to 2025, I invite the community to join us for quarterly town halls and follow our social media channels for details.

I am so proud to serve on Team Denton PD during such a pivotal time for our growing department. Thank you to the Denton community for welcoming me with open arms. Your trust and support of our agency means the world.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Robledo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Jessica Robledo**

Chief of Police

## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Having proudly served our community since 1873, we constantly strive to connect and build new relationships while working together to improve the quality of life for everyone. The Denton Police Department is an intelligence-led, data-driven, proactive policing organization focused on the tenets of Relational Policing. We hope that whether you are a first-time visitor, live, or work in Denton, you enjoy the diverse culture that makes our city unique.

### Mission

The Mission of the Denton Police Department is to make Denton a safe, sustainable, and livable city for everyone.

### Vision

The sanctity of human life is the foundation by which the Denton Police Department serves. We are committed to leveraging technology, innovation, collaboration, and imagination to make us trusted and respected by our diverse community.

### Core Values

Embracing our past and shaping our future, our PRIDE values embody our culture and guide how we work every day.

- Professionalism
- Respect
- Integrity
- Dedication
- Excellence

### Accreditation

As of August 2022, the Denton Police Department is an accredited agency through the Texas Police Chiefs Association (TPCA) Texas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. This means that Denton PD meets or exceeds more than 170 best practices for Texas law enforcement.





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▶ **MEET OUR  
Leadership**



## OUR LEADERSHIP



### **Jessica Robledo**

Chief of Police

Jessica Robledo was sworn in as the Chief of Police for the City of Denton Police Department on Oct. 8, 2024. Prior to her swearing in, Robledo served as the interim chief for five months. In that capacity, her priorities included recruitment, retention, and community engagement. She also emphasized the importance of officer safety and wellness. Chief Robledo has over three decades of experience in law enforcement and 17 years of executive and supervisory experience. She served with the Austin Police Department for 30 years, where she retired as an assistant police chief and then served four years as the Chief of Police in Pflugerville, Texas.

In addition to her experience in local communities, Robledo served as the Executive Chair of the Texas Police Chiefs Association and Vice President of Law Enforcement Executives of Central Texas.

Robledo is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Police Executive Research Forum's Senior Management Institute for Police, and the Leadership Development Program at the Major Cities Chiefs Association's Police Executive Leadership Institute.



### **Tony Salas**

Assistant Chief of Police

Assistant Chief Tony Salas joined the Denton Police Department in 2005. He has served in various roles over the past 19 years, starting as a patrol officer, then serving as a Narcotics and Major Crimes detective. In 2015, Salas promoted to the rank of Sergeant. In this role, he supervised multiple specialized units in the Operations Bureau and the Criminal Investigations Bureau. Salas then promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief over the North Operations Bureau and now serves as the Assistant Chief.

During his time with the Denton Police Department, Salas has been nominated multiple times for Officer, Detective, and Supervisor of the Year awards. In 2023, Salas was named Supervisor of the Year. Throughout his career, Salas has received numerous commendations for his performance as a patrol officer, detective, and supervisor.

Salas was born and raised in Dallas in the Oak Cliff area. He comes from a close-knit Hispanic family of eight, and he and his siblings were first-generation Mexican American citizens. Family is extremely important to Salas. He has been happily married to his wife, Melissa, for 25 years, and they have three children together.

## OUR LEADERSHIP



### **Derek Bradford**

Deputy Chief, Operations Patrol Bureau

Deputy Chief Derek Bradford joined the Denton Police Department in 2010. Bradford received his police instructor certificate in 2013 and began instructing in the Denton Police Academy's Basic Peace Officer Course. He is also a Rape Aggression Defense Instructor, firearms and patrol rifle instructor, Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement instructor, and an Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response and Training instructor.

Bradford joined the Student Resource Officer (SRO) Unit in 2014 where he served as the McMath Middle School SRO. In 2019, he promoted to Sergeant and served as the Student Resource Sergeant. Bradford was promoted to Lieutenant in January 2023 and served the Training and Recruitment Division. In May of 2023, he was promoted to Deputy Chief. Bradford holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of North Texas. In 2024, Bradford attended the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command #579 where he was awarded the Franklin M. Kreml Leadership Award.



### **Mike Christian**

Deputy Chief, Criminal Investigation Bureau

Deputy Chief Mike Christian fulfilled a lifelong dream when he joined the Denton Police Department as a police officer in 2010. His career started as a patrol officer where he served for eight years. During that time, his duties included field training officer, police instructor, and firearms instructor.

In 2018, Christian was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where he served in several capacities including patrol and downtown. Christian promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2021 and served as a Patrol Shift Commander before becoming the Traffic Division Commander. Christian was promoted to Deputy Chief in 2022 and is currently commander over Investigations,

Forensics, and Evidence.

Christian spent the first part of his childhood in Santa Fe, Texas, and the second half of his childhood in Ukraine where his parents were missionaries. He attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, but during his time there, the events of Sept. 11 led him to join the US Army. After the military, Christian worked on the administrative side of a local business, while also owning a few different businesses of his own. Christian and his wife, Aimee, have three children who all love living and working on their farm.



## OUR LEADERSHIP



### **Bryan Cose**

Deputy Chief, Logistics & Training Bureau

Deputy Chief Bryan Cose joined the Denton Police Department as a police officer in 2003 while attending the University of North Texas. He began his career as a patrol officer before joining the department's Traffic Safety Unit in 2008. There, Cose served in additional assignments as a Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) enforcement officer, motorcycle officer, vehicular crimes investigator, and crash reconstructionist. In 2014, Cose was named a "Top 10 DWI Officer" for the State of Texas by the Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA).

Cose served as the department's Public Information Officer until his promotion to Sergeant in 2019. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2022, where he served as a Patrol Watch Commander before moving to the Support Services Bureau as the Interim Training Division Commander. He was promoted to his current position in December 2022. He holds a Master Peace Officer License and a Mental Health Peace Officer License, issued by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE).

Cose grew up in College Station before moving to Denton in 2001 to attend the University of North Texas. He received a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Systems and Criminology from UNT and a Master of Public Service and Administration from Texas A&M. He is a graduate of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) course and the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) class #579.



### **Paul Willenbrock**

Deputy Chief, Operations Support Bureau

After serving honorably in the Marine Corps, Deputy Chief Paul Willenbrock joined the ranks of the Denton Police Department in 2000. During his tenure, he has served in Operations as an officer and supervisor, as a training coordinator, shift commander, and traffic supervisor. As a deputy chief, he has overseen both Operations and Support Services Bureaus. He is currently assigned as the Operations Support Bureau commander.

Willenbrock is a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) certified instructor and has instructor credentials in firearms, urban rifle, reality-based training, active assailant response, defensive tactics, and de-escalation strategies. He is a certified Force Science Certified Analyst and has taught a variety of topics for officers and professional staff. Willenbrock has two decades of Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) work, including assignments as entry team member, squad leader, team leader, and team commander.

Willenbrock holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Master of Science in Applied Psychology. He is an avid reader on topics related to organizations and leadership and considers himself a student of systems theory and strategic thinking. Willenbrock lives in Denton with his wife, Susan.

## OUR LEADERSHIP



### **Suzanne Kaletta**

Assistant Director, Public Safety Communications Bureau

Suzanne Kaletta has spent more than three decades in police communications and has served as the Assistant Director for the Denton Police Department Public Safety Communications Bureau since 2018. As the Assistant Director, Kaletta oversees the hiring, training, recruiting, public education, and general operations of the 43-person bureau. She also manages the maintenance of telephones, computers, radios, and other communications equipment associated with public safety communications. In addition, she is responsible for compiling statistical data pertaining to public safety communications operations and is also a

liaison between various governmental agencies and other City departments.

Kaletta came to Denton PD after spending more than 14 years at Frisco Police Department where she was a Communications Manager after being promoted from Communications Supervisor. Prior to her stint at Frisco PD, Kaletta was a Communications Supervisor for the City of Plano's Public Safety Communications and served in various capacities.

Kaletta grew up in the North Texas area in Dallas and Garland. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Dallas Baptist University. Kaletta and her husband have been married for 30 years after meeting while both were at Plano PD where he retired as a Sergeant. The couple reside in Cross Roads and have three grown children and six grandchildren, who all live in the area. They enjoy spending time with their family, especially grandchildren's sporting events.



### **Shanika Mayo**

Assistant Director, Administrative Services Bureau

Shanika Mayo has served as the Assistant Director over the Administrative Services Bureau for the Denton Police Department for over five years. With nearly 20 years of experience in local government, she joined the City of Denton Police Department in June 2018. Prior to her current role, Mayo spent a decade with the City of Dallas Police Department, where she held various administrative roles.

In her current role, she is responsible for providing fiscal oversight of an annual operating budget of \$59 million and manages essential administrative functions which include payroll, grants, purchasing and records management.

Throughout her career, Mayo has contributed to various community and professional organizations. She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Texas Christian University. Mayo and her husband, Stephen, have two children.

► **A CLOSER LOOK**  
**Bureau Reports**



# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

## Key Successes

The Administrative Services Bureau provides fiscal oversight over the department’s operating budget of more than \$59 million. The team is responsible for managing the department’s payroll, grant programs, purchasing, and open records requests in addition to other functions.

## Grants Management

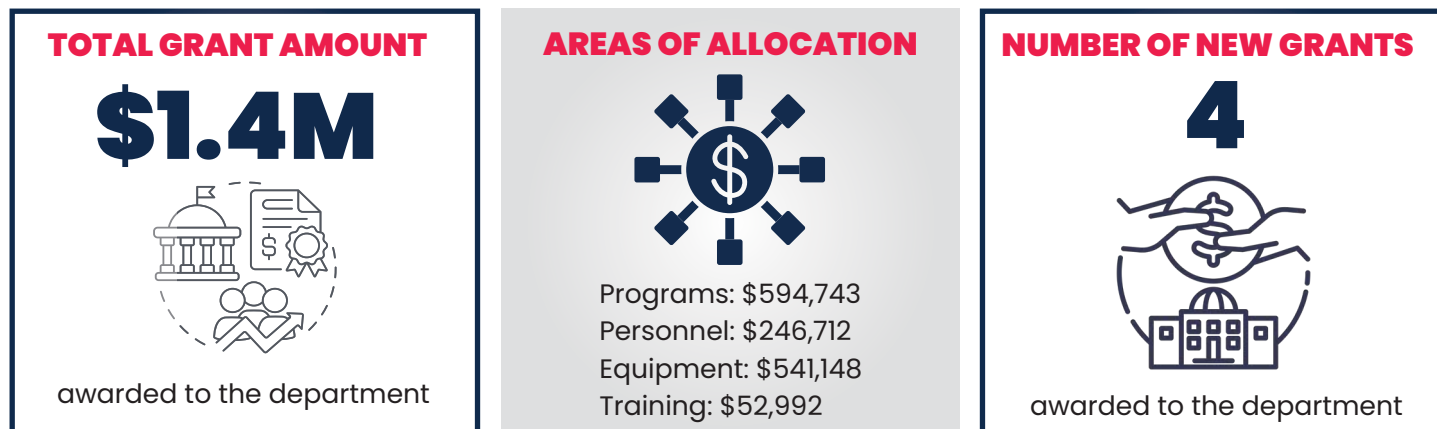
The Grant Management team secured \$1.4 million in funding, including four new grants from three different funding agencies:


### Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

- Traffic Safety Grant - Phlebotomy Program
- Impaired Driving Mobilization STEP Grant

### Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

- Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) – Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities Grant






### Administrative Services

- Total personnel action requests (PAR) processed - 215
- Total purchase orders processed as of December 2024 - 88


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### Electronic Filing

- Number of cases sent to the District Attorney’s Office - 9,680  
 (January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)

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### Records Management

- Issued 244 Alarm Permits
- Number of Open Records requests answered - 3,220
- Accident reports requested/processed - 628

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

## Key Successes

The Public Safety Communications Bureau concentrated on recruiting, hiring and training in 2024 and were able to become fully staffed. Those efforts allowed the team to focus on Quality Assurance and the Training Program, which has been submitted to the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) for review. Their goal is to achieve APCO Training Program Certification in 2025.

**OUR CALL NUMBERS**

**333,025**



total calls were processed in calendar year 2024

**OF THE TOTAL CALLS**

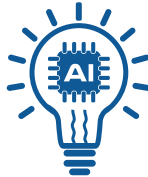
**110,595**



emergency calls were made to 9-1-1 in calendar year 2024

**TECHNOLOGY AT WORK**

Installation of AI program



from Denco911 that provides medical call practice scenarios, and transcribes the calls.

OFFICER-INITIATED CALLS	
CALL TYPE	# OF CFS
Traffic Stop	17,729
Directed Patrol	2,397
Follow-Up Investigation	2,056
Speak with Officer	2,041
Outreach	1,551
Parking Violation	1,337
Abandoned Vehicle	1,039
Suspicious Vehicle	1,008
Crisis Intervention Response Team	788
Criminal Trespass	636

DISPATCHED CALLS	
CALL TYPE	# OF CFS
Speak with Officer	6,717
Welfare Concern	4,586
Burglar Alarm	4,495
Close Patrol	3,978
Motor Vehicle Accident - No Injury	3,950
Reckless Driver	3,823
Noise Complaint	3,674
Criminal Trespass	3,453
Disturbance (Other)	3,288
Domestic Disturbance	3,856

TOP CALLS FOR SERVICE			
CALL TYPE	# OF CFS	CALL TYPE	# OF CFS
Traffic Stop	17,763	Motor Vehicle Accident - No Injury	4,184
Speak with Officer	8,758	Criminal Trespass	4,089
Welfare Concern	4,801	Reckless Driver	3,946
Close Patrol	4,533	Noise Complaint	3,720
Burglar Alarm	4,505	Disturbance (Other)	3,639

# PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

## Key Successes

Dispatchers are the calming voice that help lead people through life's most difficult moments. When someone needs help in our community, Denton PD dispatchers are the initial first responders to provide assistance. Not only do they help callers in Denton, our dispatchers have also answered emergency and non-emergency phone calls for the Town of Little Elm since 2021. Below are two interactions that led to the lives of our community members being saved.



When a Little Elm resident's husband began experiencing chest pains and then became unresponsive, Dispatcher **Luke Moon's** 9-1-1 instructions turned panic into a lifesaving phone call. Luke and the responding paramedics were recognized by the Little Elm Fire Department for their July 26, 2024, lifesaving efforts.



Dispatcher **Tayler Knight**, top, received a harrowing 911 call on Christmas from a woman whose husband went into cardiac arrest. Tayler instructed the caller to get her husband onto the floor to begin CPR. She remained empathetic, calm and professional while giving instructions on how to properly administer CPR until paramedics from the Denton Fire Department arrived on scene to take over patient care.



Dispatcher **Deiva McCarthy**, bottom, then took it upon herself to contact the hospital directly and advised them of the critical nature of the patient that was enroute to them. The actions by both dispatchers contributed to a positive outcome for the patient, who thankfully recovered.



# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

## Key Successes

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The Criminal Investigations Division, Forensics Division, and Student Resource Officers compose the Criminal Investigations Bureau. In 2024, bureau personnel thoroughly investigated cases and participated in the trials of arrested individuals, leading to several significant convictions.

## Case Updates

- **Phoenix Ho Case Concludes with Conviction and Memorial**

On Jan. 22, 2024, Sabrina Ho was convicted of Capital Murder and six counts of Injury to a Child for the April 1, 2022, murder of her 7-year-old son, Phoenix.

For Capital Murder, Ho was automatically sentenced to a life sentence without the possibility of parole. For the Injury to Child convictions, Ho received life in prison on two serious bodily injury counts and 10 years in prison on each of the four bodily injury counts. The jury also assessed a \$10,000 fine on all six Injury to a Child counts. Ho's boyfriend, Todd Shaw, was sentenced to life in prison without parole after pleading guilty in 2023 to Phoenix's murder.

On a rainy May 16, 2024, Denton PD and other involved agencies joined Phoenix's family and teachers at Rivera Elementary for the Phoenix Garden dedication in memory of a life taken too soon.

- **Sex Offender Sentenced to Life in Prison**

On Oct. 9, 2024, Paul Merritt was sentenced to life in prison following two convictions related to a 2022 Denton home invasion.

On the morning of Nov. 18, 2022, a woman reported that a man broke into her Denton home then physically assaulted and restrained her. Officers, detectives, and forensics personnel worked quickly together to identify and arrest Merritt, a registered sex offender, that same day. A Denton County jury convicted Merritt of Burglary of Habitation – Intend other Felony. Merritt was also convicted for the offense of Fail to Comply Sex Offender – Duty to Register for Life/Annual and received a 20-year sentence.

- **Capital Murder Suspect Found Guilty**

On Oct. 8, 2024, Benjamin Teal was found guilty of Capital Murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murders of Breanna Dunn and Ronald Calvert. Denton PD detectives linked Teal and Silvester Williams, whose trial is set for 2025, to the fatal shooting that occurred on March 23, 2023.



# LOGISTICS & TRAINING BUREAU

## Key Successes

### Logistics Updates

The Bureau was renamed from the Support Services Bureau to the Logistics and Training Bureau to better reflect the work of the team members assigned. With this update, the department established a Logistics section to more effectively manage the agency's fleet, quartermaster, and technology functions.

The department also created a public safety technology management team which oversees the exploration, procurement, implementation, training, and usage policymaking of all technology projects within the department.



#### • **City Council Approves Handgun and Rifle Program**

Denton PD began implementing a program to issue handguns and patrol rifles to officers. This is a historic and positive change for the agency, representing the culmination of over a year of planning, researching, and negotiating.



#### • **Flock Safety ALPR Cameras Approved**

City Council approved a contract allowing Denton PD to install the first 10 Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras in the city. The locations where cameras will be installed were chosen to coincide with numerous privately funded Flock cameras that have been installed or are planned to be installed adjacent to our network. Data will be collected to support future expansion of the camera network in other areas of the city.



#### • **Technology Updates**

Denton PD recently renewed its contract with Axon, and will launch Draft One, an AI-assisted narrative writing tool that will help officers write reports using transcriptions of audio collected on body-worn cameras. While officers must still review and contribute to the final narrative, agencies using Draft One have significantly reduced the time it takes for report writers to complete their narratives.





# LOGISTICS & TRAINING BUREAU

## Key Successes

### Recruiting Updates

Recruitment efforts ramped up to new heights in 2024. The department leveraged the new auxiliary recruiting team to attend multiple career fairs, create advertising campaigns, and host our inaugural recruiting and engagement event at our Denton Public Safety Training Center in May 2024.

#### # OF CLASSES HOSTED

41



at the Denton PD  
Training Center

#### TOTAL TRAINING HOURS

52,608



spent over the course of 90  
classes taught to 2,167 students

#### TRAINING NUMBERS

115



total number of agencies that  
attended training at Denton PD



#### • Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC) Graduations

Denton PD completed two police academies in 2024 (BPOC 19 & 20) and started BPOC 21. The department graduated 12 new recruits from those academies and 25 other police recruits from 11 partner agencies. BPOC 21 started in October 2024 with a department record of 11 Denton PD recruits and 12 other recruits from partner agencies.



#### • Civil Service Exam Applicants Increase

Denton PD had 314 potential applicants sign up for the Civil Service Exam in June, with 129 taking the exam. Those numbers are both the best turnout rates in over 10 years.



# OPERATIONS PATROL BUREAU

## Key Successes

### Helping Our Neighbors

- **Tornado Lifesaving Efforts**

On May 25, 2024, an EF-3 tornado struck the city of Valley View in Cooke County. The tornado's path caused significant damage to a large neighborhood of manufactured homes and a travel plaza. A team of Denton PD officers and the Public Safety Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) team responded to assist.

After a local family reached out for help locating their elderly family member, the Denton PD team searched through debris to locate her amongst the rubble and get her to safety. The team was able to get the woman onto a backboard and extract her from what was left of her home. She was taken by ambulance to the hospital. No single officer would have been able to assist the woman due to the amount of debris at the scene. It was only through teamwork that officers were able to rescue her. She had been trapped under her house for almost five hours before the Denton PD team found and removed her.

- **Patrol Officers Save Trapped Woman**

On Feb. 26, 2024, two Denton police officers saved a woman who was trapped in an overturned vehicle that went off a bridge. Around 2:29 a.m., a 911 caller reported that a vehicle drove off a bridge along I-35W just south of Vintage Boulevard. Officers Hupp and Lopez began searching for the vehicle, which they located upside down in a creek. As officers called out to anyone inside, the woman sounded the horn. The officers quickly removed their gear to get in the water to provide help. Officer Lopez broke the rear driver's side window and pulled out the woman, who was alone in the vehicle. Both officers helped the woman to dry ground, and medics treated her for non-life-threatening injuries.

### Honor Guard Updates

- **National Honor Guard Academy Hosted in Denton**

In October, the largest-ever National Honor Guard Academy was hosted in Denton. This program focuses on caring for the families of those lost in the line of duty on their greatest day of need – the day they bury their loved one. Denton PD co-hosted this important training for first responders from across the country. Sgts. Jared Raye and Travis Nicholas and Officers Ryan Grelle and Yancy Green proudly graduated from the program, with Officer Grelle (third from left) earning special recognition for his coordination efforts.



# OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

## Key Successes

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The Operations Support Bureau is made up of a diverse team that provides a critical role to the department. The Bureau includes Community Resource Officers, K-9 Unit, Operations Support, Public Safety, Traffic, DWI Enforcement, Crime Analysis, Downtown patrol, the Bike team, Tactical Operations team, as well as the Outreach team.

### DWI Unit Updates

- **In-House Phlebotomy Program Success Continues**

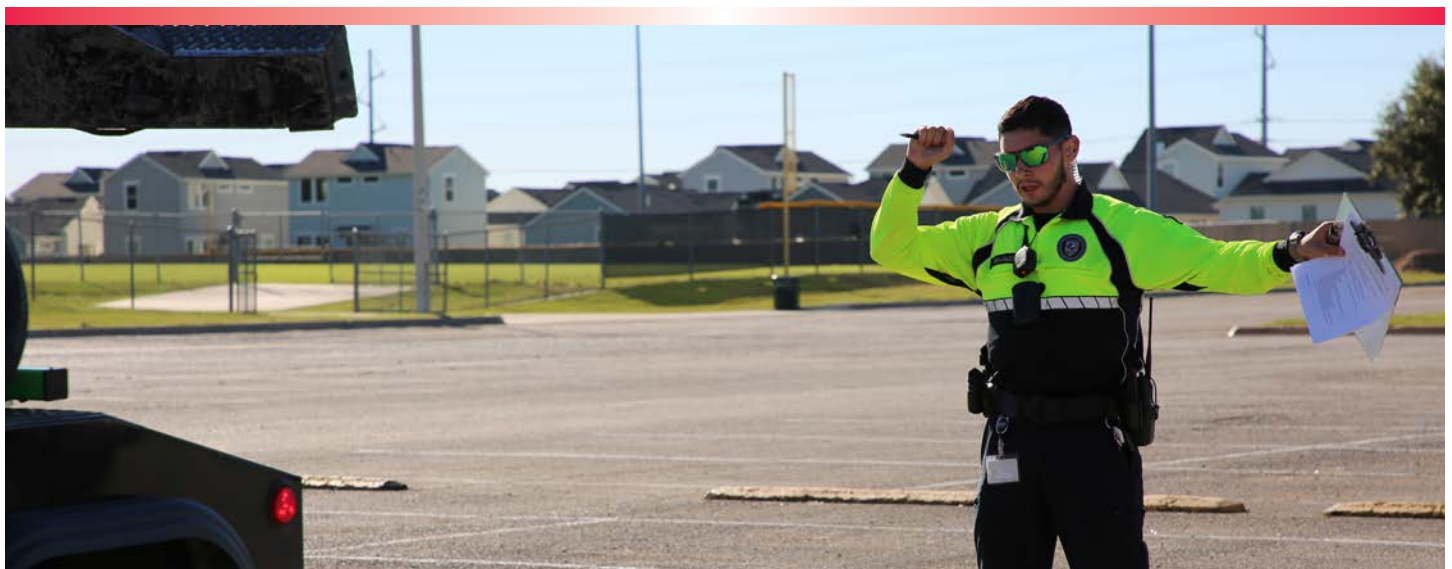
Denton PD continues working with TxDOT to use in-house phlebotomists to enhance our DWI enforcement efforts. The in-house phlebotomy program has significantly impacted our DWI program by streamlining the process of obtaining blood samples and improving the overall efficiency of investigations.

Trained phlebotomists draw blood samples directly at the jail, reducing delays caused by transporting suspects to medical facilities. Blood samples provide more precise measurements of blood alcohol content (BAC) compared to breath tests, which can be crucial in court cases. With in-house capabilities, officers can quickly obtain search warrants for blood draws, minimizing the chances of suspects refusing to provide samples. The availability of accurate and timely evidence strengthens cases against impaired drivers, leading to higher conviction rates and improved public safety.

### Traffic Unit Updates

- **Towing Ordinance Updated**

The first update to Denton's towing ordinance since 2015 improves safety and increases the base non-consent tow fee while limiting surcharges. With a consistent fee schedule in place, the ordinance creates transparency and ensures tow companies treat drivers fairly. Additionally, the ordinance, which was developed through extensive stakeholder meetings, now allows for booting and barnacle technology as towing alternatives. Following City Council approval of the ordinance, the Traffic Unit conducted vehicular inspections for all tow companies seeking a permit, resulting in safer tow trucks in Denton.



# OPERATIONS SUPPORT BUREAU

## Key Successes

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### Outreach Unit Updates

- **Outreach Unit Consolidation**

The mission of the Denton PD Outreach Unit is to serve our most vulnerable citizens with compassion and steadfastness by connecting those in a serious mental health crisis or experiencing homelessness with help. This unit, previously consisting of separate resources for mental health and homelessness response, has been reimagined as a combined function handling outreach efforts for those in need of services. By consolidating these specially trained officers into one group, the department hopes to field a more effective and efficient response, working in partnership with patrol officers and other City departments.

### Bike Team Updates

- **Pedal Bikes Replaced**

Denton PD replaced many of its traditional pedal bikes with e-bikes in 2024, and this upgrade will continue into 2025. E-bikes are an excellent tool for improving community engagement in policing, as they make officers more visible, approachable, and connected to the communities they serve. Police bikes allow for increased visibility in neighborhoods and pedestrian areas and approachability of officers by removing them from the car, participation in local events, and access to hard-to-reach areas not readily patrolled by vehicle. E-bikes allow officers to navigate through congested urban areas, parks, and trails more efficiently than traditional patrol cars and with their electric assist, officers can respond to incidents more quickly, especially in areas where vehicles might face delays.



▶ **INSIDE THE NUMBERS**  
**Crime Statistics**



# CRIME STATISTICS

## Top 10 Reported Crimes

Offense	2024
• Theft of Property $\geq$ \$100<\$750	812
• Theft Under \$100.00	663
• Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member	612
• Driving While Intoxicated (First Offense)	602
• Criminal Trespass	545
• Burglary of Vehicles	504
• Theft of Property $\geq$ \$2,500<\$30,000	363
• Theft of Property $\geq$ \$750<\$2,500	345
• Harassment	331
• Criminal Mischief $\geq$ \$100<\$750	311

## Calls for Service

Call Type	2024	2023
• Dispatched	93,530	96,894
• Officer Initiated	39,726	43,836
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>133,256</b>	<b>140,730</b>

## Part I Crimes

Offense	2024	2023
• Murder	6	7
• Murder Victims	7	7
• Sexual Assault	128	113
• Robbery	50	59
• Aggravated Assault	202	215
• Burglary	225	317
• Theft	2,493	2,894
• Motor Vehicle Theft	237	352
<b>Total Part I Crime</b>	<b>3,342</b>	<b>3,957</b>



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EMERGENCY

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*These statistics are preliminary counts of the original police incident reports and may vary from the final UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) statistics published by the FBI.*

► **COMMUNITY PRIDE**  
**Events & Outreach**





# IN THE COMMUNITY

## Connecting with our Citizens

### Shop With a Cop



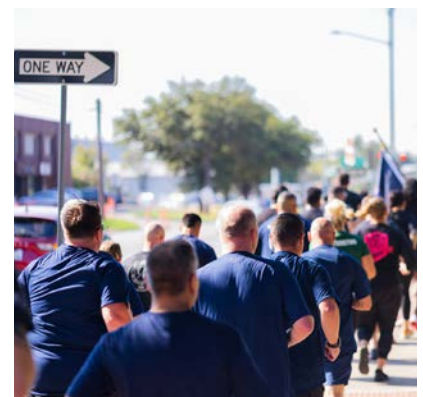
The Denton Police Officers Association made Christmas a little brighter for 133 kids and 47 families at the annual Shop With a Cop event, hosted by Walmart.

### 9/11 Wreath-Laying Ceremony



### Inaugural Chief's Graduation Run

### Annual MLK Jr. March



▶ **LOOKING AHEAD**  
**Future Plans**



# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

## On the Horizon for 2025

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### • Technology

#### Virtual Reality Training Goggles

As part of Denton PD's comprehensive technology plan, the Training Section acquired 11 sets of virtual reality training goggles. These goggles are yet another tool to ensure Denton PD officers receive the best training. Manufactured by Axon, the VR goggles allow officers to engage in over 30 immersive scenarios designed to refine their decision-making skills, de-escalation tactics, and use of force applications. The system will even allow officers to go through mental health scenarios from the perspective of the person experiencing a crisis.

#### Fūsus Platform

Fūsus is a real-time data integration platform that brings what is now available to officers on multiple platforms and applications, to a single screen and a single application. This map-based system will allow officers to benefit from a common operating picture and improve the efficiency of access to vital information when needed most. From safety cameras, to the GPS positions of officers, Fūsus will serve as the primary point for command and control and will allow supervisors to monitor and coordinate incidents. Looking forward to the future, Fūsus will allow the police department to collaborate with local businesses, schools, places of worship, and others to integrate their systems for faster and more situationally aware responses.

### • K-9 Unit

Denton PD recognizes that a canine program is a valuable tool in policing and is in the process of building a program that will field two police canines in 2025. Police canines (K-9's) bring immense value to law enforcement efforts due to their unique abilities and skills that complement human officers. K-9's have an extraordinary sense of smell, enabling them to detect narcotics more accurately and quickly than humans or technology. Police dogs can assist in tracking and safely apprehending fleeing suspects, reducing the risk of injury to both officers and the public. K-9's are trained to protect their handlers, potentially saving lives in dangerous situations.

### • Communication Efforts

In an ongoing effort to provide transparency and have meaningful conversations with our community, Denton PD will continue its series of community town halls designed to increase engagement and collaboration. The goal will continue to be to bridge the communication gap between the community and police department, foster community outreach and engagement efforts, and increase awareness of city resources available to the community.



“As the City continues to grow and evolve, our Police Department has remained committed to empowering officers to be problem solvers for the community and that has created a safer, more connected Denton for all. I feel privileged to have such a dedicated group of first responders working relentlessly to combat crime and build relationships to deepen Denton’s trust in public safety.”

*– City Manager Sara Hensley*

