



Service Honesty Integrity

Denison Police Department



2024

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DENISON, TX 75021

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Values

Service

We strive to meet or exceed the expectations for those in need of law enforcement assistance.

Honesty

We adhere to the facts with fairness and straightforwardness of conduct.

Integrity

We are committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct, with strict adherence to moral values and principles.

Mission

The Denison Police Department is committed to serving and protecting while partnering with our community to enhance public safety and quality of life within the city.

Oath of Honor

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Peace Officer for the City of Denison of the State of Texas, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State, so help me God."



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Quick Facts

Founded: 1872

Population: 27,500

Square Miles: 29.06

Higher Educational Institutions:
Grayson College

Denison, Texas is located in northeastern Grayson County on U.S. Highway 75, just 75 miles north of Dallas and 4 miles south of the Texas / Oklahoma border. State Highway 120 passes through Denison from east to west, as does State Highway 84 Denison, providing direct access to Lake Texoma, which is the 12th largest man-made lake in the United States.

“MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with pride in the accomplishments of the Denison Police Department. Together, we have achieved a 6% reduction in crime from 2023, a testament to the tireless efforts and dedication of every employee in this department along with our community members. The exceptional work and commitment to serving our community has made Denison a safer place for all.

This year has also brought challenges that tested our strength and resilience. The loss of Officer Will Deering was a profound tragedy, leaving a void in our hearts and our ranks.

Yet, in the face of this heartbreak, we came together as a family, supporting one another and continuing to carry out our mission with unwavering resolve. This resilience is a defining characteristic of the Denison Police Department and a reminder of the strength we draw from each other.

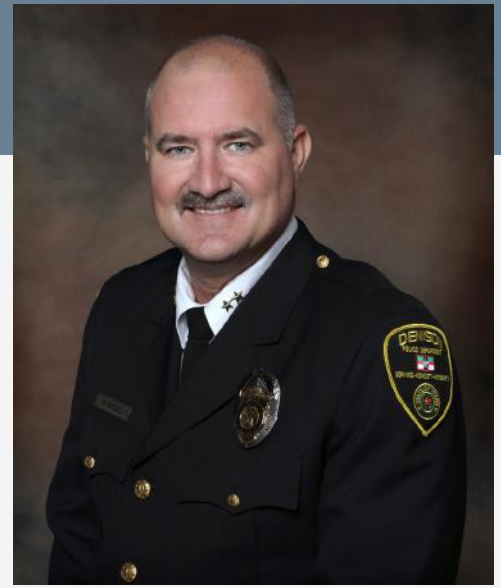
Our commitment to community policing has continued to shine brightly, as we have strengthened relationships with the citizens we serve. Through outreach programs, partnerships, and innovative initiatives, we are building trust and fostering a spirit of collaboration that benefits our entire community.

As Denison continues to grow and thrive, the Denison Police Department remains steadfast in our mission to serve and protect our community with excellence. Our city's growth brings new opportunities and challenges, and we are committed to staying ahead by adapting and preparing for the future.

To meet the demands of a growing population, we are focusing on one of the most critical aspects of our success: hiring the best officers we possibly can. Our recruitment efforts prioritize finding individuals who embody the values of integrity, professionalism, and service. We are attracting top-tier candidates who are not only highly skilled but also deeply committed to community policing.

We continue to invest in advanced training and development programs to ensure that our officers are equipped to handle the complexities of modern law enforcement. This commitment to excellence enables us to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Denison while fostering a culture of accountability and continuous improvement within our department.

As we look to the future, I am confident in our ability to grow alongside our community, maintaining the safety and security that make Denison a great place to live, work, and play. I remain confident in our ability to overcome challenges and achieve even greater success. Together, we will continue to make Denison a city we are proud to call home. Thank you for your continued trust and support as we move forward together.



MIKE GUDGEL
CHIEF OF POLICE



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Chief of Police



Mike Gudgel

Assistant Chiefs of Police



Joe Clapp



Don Moree

Lieutenants



Brent Rains



Chris Nordhoff



Holly Jenkins



Robby Carney

Sergeants



Travis
Mullican



Jeremy
Monroe



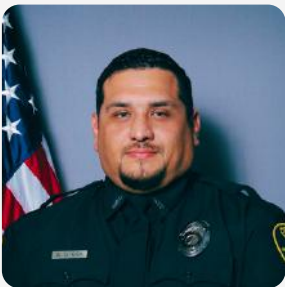
Jordan Jones



Kristijan
Jakovac



Nathaniel
Brossman



Anthony Cox



Due to the nature of his work, our Narcotics Unit Sergeant is not pictured.



COMMAND STAFF



2024 At a Glance

Uniform Crime Reporting



Violent Crime
Decreased
6%



Property Crime
Decreased
5%



Total Crime
Decreased
6%



59

Sworn Staff



22

Unsworn Staff



12,749

Traffic Stops

3

Fatality Crashes



1,788

Total Arrests

88

DWI Arrests



2

Homicide Cases



16,973

Calls for Service

\$242,838

Drugs Seized



523

Public Relations Calls



1,779

Reports Filed



A QUICK SNAPSHOT OF 2024



JANUARY



Celebrated **Law Enforcement Appreciation Day** and honored those who contributed to the safety of Denison.

APRIL



Participated in **TxDOT's Work Zone Safety Event** to spread awareness of construction safety when driving.

FEBRUARY



Introduced **CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events)**. Allowing community members to receive education and a knowledge of resources needed during a crisis involving an active shooter.

MAY



Participated in the **8th Annual Texoma Back the Badge Foundation's golf tournament**, an event that benefits the families of local law enforcement agencies.

MARCH



Highlighted the women within the department for **National Women's Day**.

JUNE



Celebrated the graduation of our **18th class for the Denison Citizens Police Academy**.



JULY

Welcomed students from Cognac, France and Denison High School, as part of the **Sister Cities Exchange Program**.



OCTOBER

Hosted our 5th annual **National Night Out** event, a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.



AUGUST

We lost one of our own from a battle with leukemia. **Officer Will Deering** left a legacy within the department and we continue to honor his memory.



NOVEMBER

Conducted a **Dive Team Training** at the local Waterloo Pool to ensure that the team is ready at any moment.



SEPTEMBER

On **September 11th**, we gathered, united as Grayson County, for a ceremony to honor the fallen and to reflect on the tragedy that befell our great nation 23 years ago.



DECEMBER

Visited the Senior Center in Denison to play in **Chair Volleyball**. Officers and staff had a blast competing with some very talented community members.





2055



DENISON
POLICE
Serving Since 1872

Police Department Budget



Total Police Department Budget
(Includes: Police, Communications, and Animal Services) **\$8,968,859**

Police % of City Budget **19%**

City of Denison General Fund Budget **\$46,118,823**

Cost of a New Recruit



Salary
\$73,164



Benefits
\$23,776



Equipment
\$5,500

Operational Expenses
\$676,018

Personnel Expenses
\$8,292,841

Fleet

30
Patrol Units
(Marked)

4
Tahoes
(Unmarked)

3
Chargers
(Marked)

1
Explorer
(Marked)

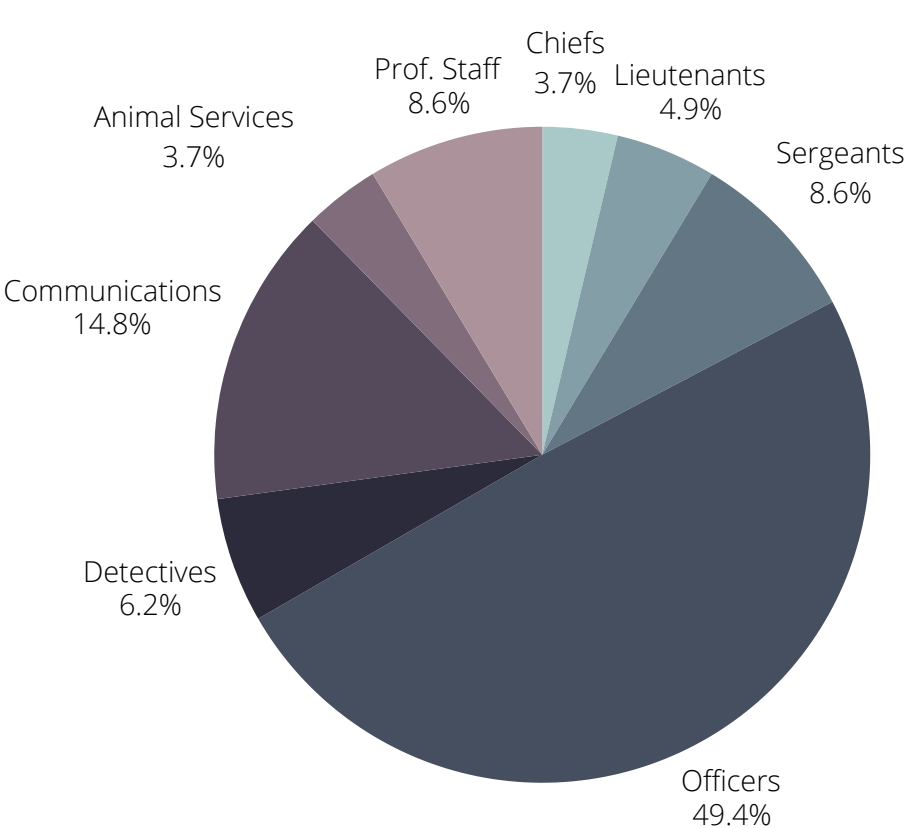
2
Chevy Pickups
(Marked)

2
Side by
Sides

We currently have 44 street driven vehicles in our fleet.



Police Department Staffing



Chief of Police	1
Assistant Chiefs	2
Lieutenants	4
Sergeants	7
Officers	40
Detectives	5
Communications	12
Animal Services	3
Professional Staff	7

Total: 81

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DENISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Recruiting/Training

Civil Service Exams

2

Background
Investigations

30



2024 Hiring Statistics

5 Officers Hired

6 Civilians Hired

2 Promotions

Promotions

- **Robby Carney** was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant
- **Nathaniel Brossman** was promoted from Officer to Sergeant

Specialized Training

- 2 - RAD Instructors
- 1 - RAD Replicating Adverse Dynamics Instructor
- 2 - Firearms Instructors
- 1 - Basic Narcotics Investigations
- 2 - ALERRT Instructors
- 1 - Interview and Interrogation for Drug Violations
- 1 - Advanced Instructor
- 1 - SORD
- 3 - Gracie Survival Tactics Instructors
- 1 - Less Lethal Instructor
- 4 - ABLE Instructors
- 2 - Taser Instructors
- 1 - Undercover Social Media Investigations

Drones:

- DJI Mavic 2 Enterprise - Visible and Thermal Imagery
- DJI Mavic 3 Enterprise - Visible and Thermal Imagery
- DJI Phantom 4
- AUTEL EVO II Enterprise V3 - Thermal Imagery

Total Training Hours

8,903





Patrol Division

The Patrol Division’s primary functions include law enforcement, crime detection, traffic enforcement, collision investigations, and responding to calls for service. This is the largest division in our department. There are four patrol shifts: A1, A2, B1, and B2, each of which are 12 hour shifts.



Total Activity





Investigations

The Investigations Division is comprised of The Criminal Investigations Division, The Narcotics Unit, The K9 Unit, and Property and Evidence. The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is responsible for investigating criminal cases. CID consists of sworn and civilian personnel with extensive law enforcement backgrounds and training. Investigators may be responsible for locating and interviewing complainants, witnesses, and defendants. They thoroughly survey local crime scenes. At times, they will coordinate investigations with federal and other local law enforcement agencies and perform related duties. The Narcotics Unit is responsible for incidents surrounding narcotics, intelligence, and surveillance.

Criminal Investigations

New Cases	1,159
Cases filed with the D.A.	844
Cases Solved/Closed	1,078
Stolen Property Reported	\$1,193,302
Recovered Property	\$813,791

Evidence

Items Received	1,636
Items Disposed	4,733
Lab Submissions	365
Lab Returns	380

Narcotics Unit

New Cases	195
Joint Investigations	94
Arrests Made	173
State Dollar Amount Seized	\$17,984

Administrative Investigations

Complaints Investigated	5
Sustained	3
Not Sustained	2

Digital Computer Forensics

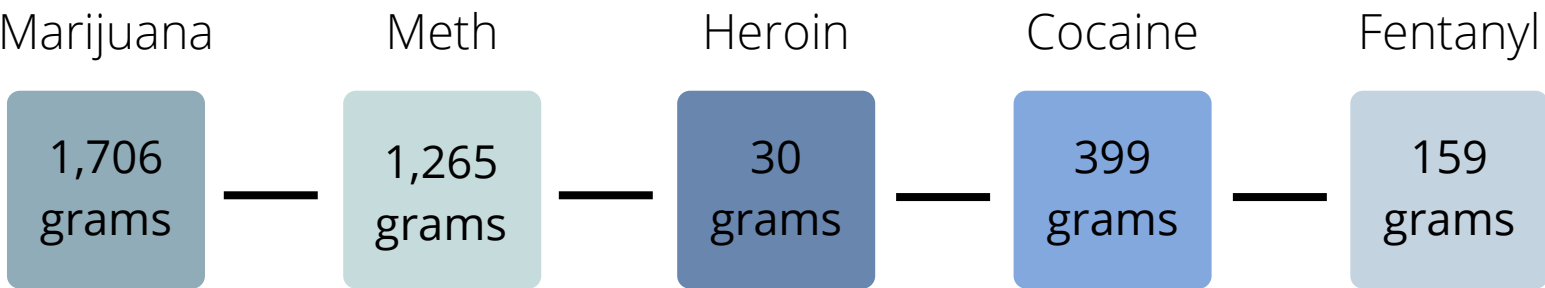


Detectives use various tools to extract, collect, review and analyze critical digital evidence from various devices in their investigations. Denison PD is one of the few agencies in the area with these capabilities and offers these services to their surrounding partnering agencies. **In 2024, Denison PD provided digital forensic work on (29) different devices with a 90% successful extraction rate and assisted (6) other neighboring law enforcement agencies.**



Narcotics/K9 Unit

2024 Denison PD Drug Seizures



Drugs Seized **\$242,838**

K9 Unit

The K9 Unit provides support for our officers in the field searching for evidence, narcotics, and suspects. The team is made up of one handler, Officer Tyler Buchanan, and K9 service dog Officer Echo. Officer Buchanan and Echo go through 8 hours of training each week (32 per month). The pair also goes through a recertification process yearly.

K9 Echo 2024 Workload

Traffic Stops	367
Arrests	34
K9 Deployment	33
Money Seized	\$5,065
Meth Seized	29 gm
Marijuana Seized	4 oz
Cocaine Seized	33 gm
Heroin	31 gm
Fentanyl	11 gm
Hydrocodone Pills	99
Illegally Possessed Guns Seized	7

*K9 Echo teamed up with outside agencies for some of his drug seizures.





UCR Part 1 Crime Comparison

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program generates reliable statistics for use in law enforcement. It also provides information for students of criminal justice, researchers, the media, and the public. The program has been providing crime statistics since 1930. These crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, theft, and vehicle theft.

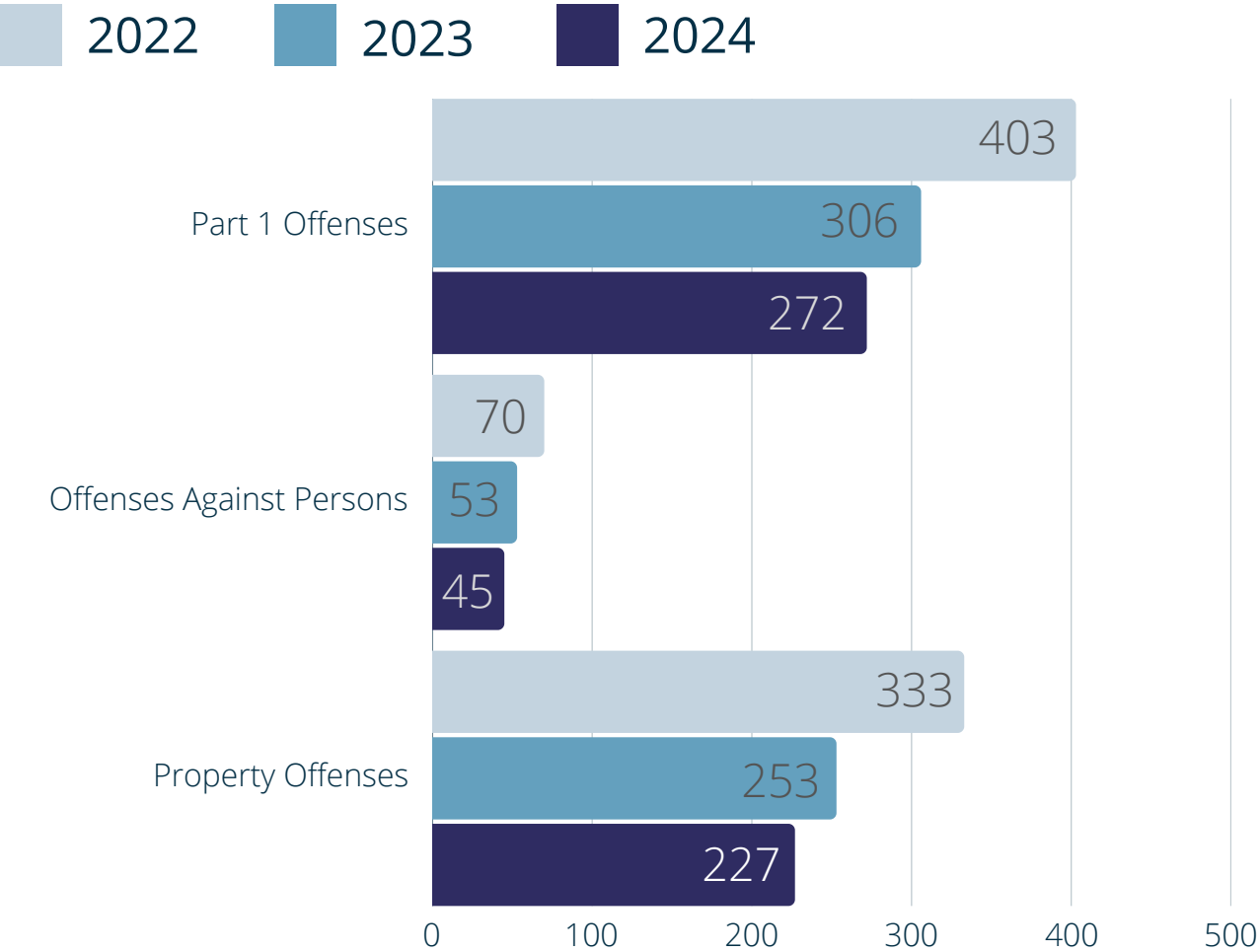
The City of Denison recorded a 6% decrease in overall crime in 2024. Denison’s violent crime rate dropped 6%, and property crime numbers fell 5%.

Several factors contributed to this momentous occasion including the department’s strong commitment to community policing, responsibly aggressive enforcement toward the criminal element, and dedication to building relationships with community members, business owners, and visitors.

2024 Total Crime:
Down 6% from
2023

Violent Crimes
↓ 6%

Property Crimes
↓ 5%





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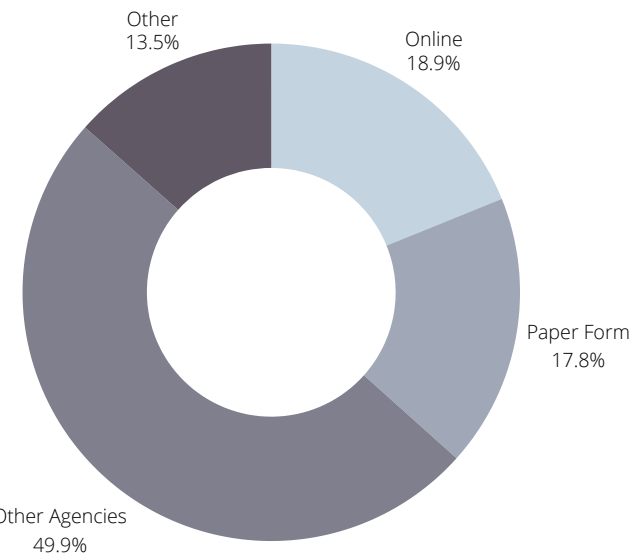
Records

The primary functions of the Records Division include requests for open records, processing, and approval of reports, including accident reports, and monthly statistical submissions to TIBRS (Texas)/NIBRS (FBI) repository system. In addition, they are also responsible for staffing the reception area of the main lobby.



Reports Processed and Approved

Incident Reports	1,779
Accident Reports	405



Open Records Requests

Online	546
Paper Form	381
Law Enforcement Agencies	1,071
Other	289
Total	2,287

Front Desk Visitors

	2024 Numbers	Monthly Average
Walk-In	2,895	241
Phone	1,645	137
Officer	1,129	94
Total	5,669	472

In 2024, there was a total of 5,669 visitors at the front desk. On average, 472 visitors were served per month which totals about 17 parties per day.*

*considering work week periods



Communications



The Communications Division is a vital part of the Denison Police Department. They operate 24/7, 365 days a year. The Denison Police Department Communications Division is comprised of 13 TCOLE Licensed civilian personnel who are tasked with triaging incoming emergency and non-emergency calls and determining proper response of resources.

At the Texoma Council of Governments banquet in February of 2024, Communications Specialist Tori Forsythe was recognized with the Silent Hero Award.

2024 Class of Service

Wireless 9,362

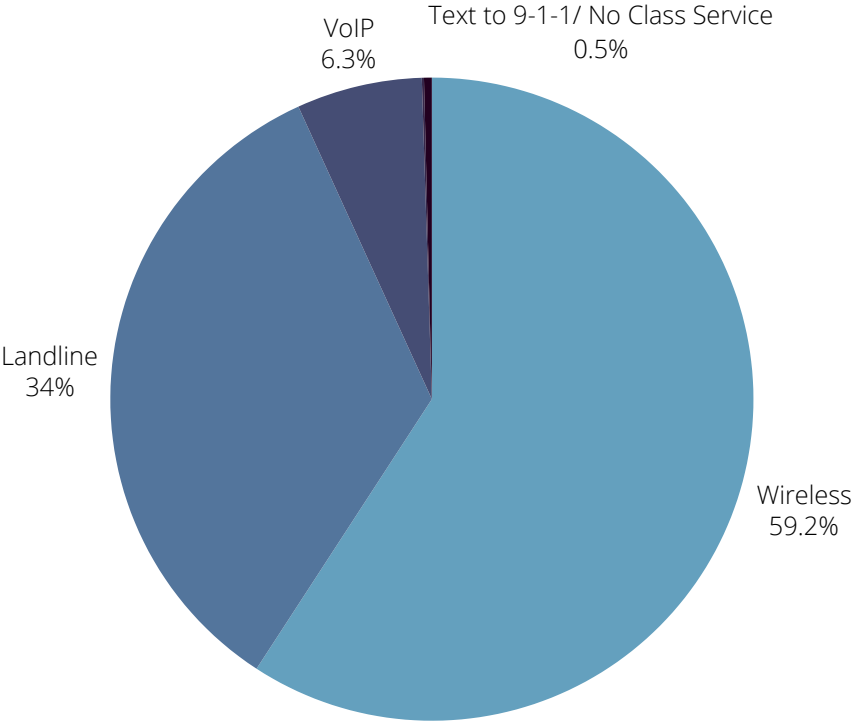
Landline 5,380

VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) 999

No Class Service 17

Text to 9-1-1 62

TTY (Teletype-writer used by the Deaf) 0



Other Class of Service

Administrative 43,231

Outbound 18,990

9-1-1 Calls Received & Processed

2024 15,758

2023 16,258

2022 16,244

Average 9-1-1 Calls Per Day 43

Average 9-1-1 Time Answered Within 4 seconds



We received 59.4% of 9-1-1 calls from a Wireless Carrier.



Dive Team

The Denison Dive Team is a specialized unit comprised of highly trained officers from the Denison Police Department and firefighters from Denison Fire Rescue. This dedicated team plays a crucial role in water rescues, recoveries, and emergency response operations. Working closely with surrounding agencies, they provide vital support in critical situations, ensuring swift and effective action when lives are on the line.

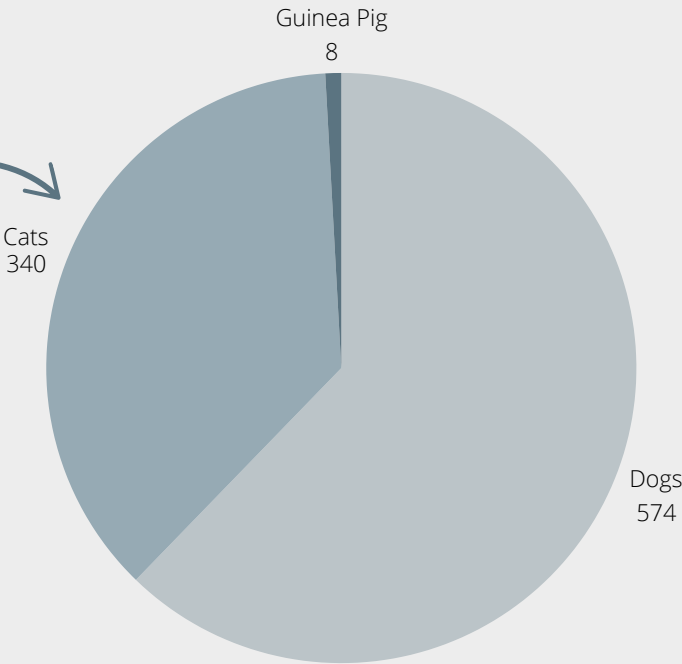


Animal Services

Denison Police Department’s Animal Services Division is committed to partnering with Denison's citizens, veterinarians, and animal welfare organizations to promote responsible pet ownership, and to provide outstanding animal health and welfare and human health protection services.

2024 Statistics

Total Calls	2,385
Animals Moved to DAWG for Adoption	922
Citations Issued	55





Media Relations

The Media Relations team is responsible for the department's media relations, social media, outreach, event photography, and web page. They also focus on building relationships with the community through public relations and various programs. The Public Information Office works in cooperation with local, state, and national media to disseminate public safety information relative to major incidents or situations that are newsworthy in an effort to engage with the community.



Social Media	Jan. 1, 2023	Jan. 1, 2024	Total Increase
 Facebook Followers	20,629	22,313	1,684
 Instagram Followers	1,153	1,255	102
 X (Originally Twitter)	147	180	33

Veterans in DPD

The Denison Police Department is proud to have 21 veterans currently working for our department. The same leadership skills, integrity, honor, trust, and duty to serve that led our brave men and women to the military transfer to a successful career at DPD.



Lt. R. Carney
Off. C. Tate



Sgt. J. Jones
Sgt. K. Jakovac
Det. S. Mackay
Det. B. Brewer
Off. A. Albarenga
Off. D. Hair



Lt. C. Nordhoff
Lt. H. Jenkins
Sgt. N. Brossman
Off. C. Hunt
Off. J. Dornstadter
Off. J. Garber
Off. D. Brown

Off. C. Elmore
Off. A. Groft
Off. J. Baxter



Det. T. Unerfusser
Off. G. Shafer
Off. B. Johnson



Annual Awards Banquet

The Denison Police Department had the great opportunity to celebrate some of our outstanding team members. We are truly grateful for each of our officers, communications specialists, professional staff employees, and volunteers. We would not have the continued success that we do without each and every one of them!

INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT AWARD HONORS



Police Commendations

Officer William Deering
Officer Connors
Officer Albarenga



Life Saving Awards

Sergeant Brossman
Officer Aaron Groft
Officer Connor Elmore



Chief Awards

Officer William Deering
Haley Banks



3RD ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Volunteer
of the Year

Janice Stephens



Animal Services Officer
of the Year

Joseph Reinsch



Professional Staff
of the Year

Rana Daugherty



Communications Specialist
of the Year

Sholandra Moore



Rookie
of the Year

Officer Brady Brewer



Detective
of the Year

Detective Kevin Venton



Supervisor
of the Year

Sergeant Kristijan Jakovac



Officer
of the Year

Officer Anthony Cox





National Night Out



In October 2024, the Denison Police Department had the opportunity to celebrate with our community for our annual National Night Out (NNO). We saw a record-breaking turnout with over 3,000 people.

What is National Night Out?

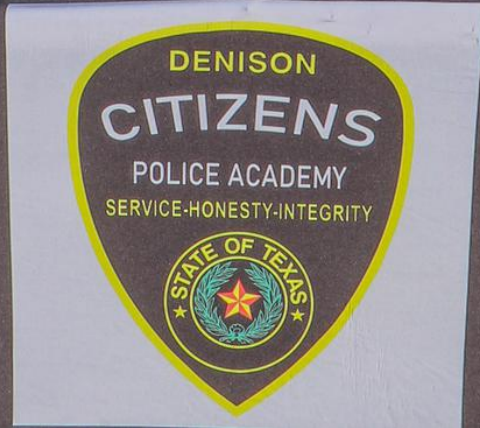
NNO is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, and more caring places to live. We strive to enhance the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement to create a true sense of the community. This event provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together. Police departments build community engagement and nurture relationships through games, food, and activities.

Why is it important?

We are proud to share that in 2024, our crime rate dropped 6%. We truly believe National Night Out is helping us to continue this trend. By improving our relationship with those in our community, we know it will continue to help lessen crime in our city. We know that for us to be able to positively impact just one life is reason for us to continue this important event.

How do I get involved?

Be sure to stay engaged with our social media and watch for our 2025 NNO scheduled for the first Tuesday in October. You can also find details on our website. It is a completely free event so pick up your friends, family members, and kiddos to join us. We hope to see you there!



Citizens Police Academy

The Denison Citizens Police Academy (DCPA) is designed to build understanding between citizens and the Law Enforcement Officers who serve them.

It is the goal of the department to increase police/community relationships and police awareness, as well as dispel suspicions and misconceptions of law enforcement. The classes cover different divisions within the department and are taught by officers and detectives that are directly involved in that division.

Some of the topics covered may include: Patrol, K9, Criminal Investigations, Firearms, Communications Operations, and Juvenile Law.



Members of the DCPA Alumni Association (DCPAAA) strive to work alongside the Denison Police Department to help keep the citizens of our community safe. They support our officers at local events directing traffic, providing assistance as needed, or simply helping out our department by distributing water during the hot weather months.

This year alone, the DCPAAA has dedicated approximately 1,751 volunteer hours.

Shop with a Cop

For over 20 years, the Denison Police Department has partnered with local organizations for Denison's Annual Shop with a Cop including, but not limited to, Denison Fire Rescue, Denison Walmart, and Denison Rotary Club.

Since the 1990s, Denison Shop with a Cop has been hosted by Denison Walmart for this Christmas shopping event. We are continuously grateful to be included in such a wonderful event in our community.

Police officers and firefighters strive each and every day to make a positive impact on our local community. Shop with a Cop allows our law enforcement family to have an opportunity to build quality and lasting relationships with local children. During the event, children of all ages received a gift card to purchase items of their choice throughout the store. Officers and firefighters are assigned to a child as a chaperone and shopping companion.

The Denison Police Department and Denison Fire Rescue are honored to be able get to know and spend time with such incredible kids.





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D. E. RIDDICK



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Retirement & Memoriam

Chief:

J.R. Dishner	1924-1949
Paul S. Borum	1929-1974
Edwin E. Eubank	1952-1985
Clyde W. Nave	1966-1991
Jimmy A. Lovell	1975-2011
Johnnie C. Burch	2011-2019

Assistant Chief:

Herman R. Allen	1977-2003
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Captain:

Lewis H. Winchester	1937-1971
Clarence C. Faeke	1937-1971
Vincent R. Silva	1952-1984
Lewayne Clifton	1961-1989
Harvin C. Strandlien	1964-1991
Henry J. Shearer	1967-1979
Ronald W. Gallia	1975-2000
Ricky L. Morris	1980-2005
Jimmy W. Dancer	1982-2009
Billy G. Shaw	1991-2012
John B. Nelson III	1974-1978 1981-2007

Lieutenant:

Gary W. Lance	1973-1998
Michael A. Lorensen	1988-2005
Richard K. Starr	1978-2014
Jeffery G. Camp	1988-1992 1997-2015
Danny P. Neumann	1999-2019
Michael B. Eppler	1990-2022

Sergeant:

Michael W. Byrd	2001-2015
William H. Hayth	1983-2016
Jackie W. Thomas	1983-2017
Clayton D. Pyles	1990-2019
Brian D. Conrad	1999-2019
Michael S. Kumler	1995-2005 2006-2023

Officer:

Carroll A. Spough	1984-1989 1990-2012
Thomas F. Fair	1985-2012
Timothy E. Murrin	1995-2015
Jeffrey D. Bellows	1995-2016
Gregory A. Brown	1999-2010
Donald E. Rhodes	2003-2021
K9 - Ivar	2013-2021
Stuart M. Prigge	1999-2022
Darren Riddick	2006-2017 2018-2024
William Deering	2010-2024



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