A WORD FROM
THE CHIEF OF POLICE

My reflections of 2023 remind me of a quote from Winston Churchill, “Difficulties mastered are opportunities won.” Arvada Police Department (APD) won many opportunities in 2023. We faced the challenge of prosecuting one of the most complex cases in the Department’s history. The person charged in the death of Officer Dillon Vakoff on September 11, 2022, was convicted on all counts, and sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole. Success depended on the entire Department and the First Judicial District Attorney’s Office. The support APD received from the community, the City team, and other public safety agencies was comforting in many ways. In recognition of Officer Vakoff, many Department members escorted some of Dillon’s family to the National Police Week events in Washington, D.C. It was an impressive and sad occasion. Officer Vakoff’s name became enshrined on the Memorial Wall, and his name was read aloud at the Candlelight Vigil. This year, we look forward to sending a smaller contingent to Washington, D.C, to remember and honor all APD’s fallen heroes.

The conviction and sentencing in Dillon’s case provided some closure, as did the resolution of the lawsuit from our Olde Town tragedy. The professional City legal team eventually settled this case, ending another chapter to allow for closure for the Department and our members.

On a more positive note, 2023 was the first full year of implementing Body Worn Cameras (BWC). The program implementation was seamless because of fantastic prior planning. As you will see in this report, our BWC team processed over 85,000 videos and related requests. I want to thank our officers for diligently using the system, our professional staff for the corresponding processing work, and our community for understanding the usefulness of this tool. The cameras have captured the tragedies and triumphs over the past year and have resolved many community members’ inquiries more efficiently.

Even though recruiting is our stated number one priority, the hard work and commitment of our current APD family members is not lost on this Council, City, or PD. We have continually analyzed our employee benefits and adjusted accordingly to make APD a desirable workplace while maintaining our high standards. We look to hire professional, ethical individuals from all walks of life.

We continue to focus on the enforcement of the law as well as providing services to our community. We continue to enjoy a very robust Co-Responder Unit and look forward to expanding some of those services in 2024 with the addition of a case manager.

You may see a few changes as you pass by officers on the street. Officers have been provided external load-bearing vests to distribute many of their tools on their person to reduce back pain and improve physical health. When officers are on a break or away from public view, they can remove the vest and decompress from the difficult calls they deal with daily.
You may also notice a change in some officer’s appearance. Facial hair (in addition to mustaches) has been authorized. Additionally, the restriction requiring the tattoos to be covered was lifted, and now officers are allowed to display their arm tattoos. There are policies governing both facial hair and tattoos, which align with community expectations. I have seen some incredible artwork since the policy change.

2023 was my first year as the Chief of Police. It was a year, as most are, with highs and lows, opportunities and obstacles, smiles and tears, and satisfaction and frustration. However, one area that did not fluctuate was my unwavering belief in this community, this City Team, and the members of the Arvada Police Department. I am always in awe of the men and women in Arvada Blue, the professional staff’s commitment to serve, and their professionalism and integrity. I am blessed to be in their ranks, and this community can be assured that they have a professional, caring, and highly trained police department that is working 24/7 to protect them.

Respectfully,

Edward Brady
Chief of Police
ABOUT THE CITY OF ARVADA

Founded in 1870 and incorporated in 1904, Arvada is located in Jefferson and Adams counties just 10 miles from downtown Denver.

Arvada’s land encompasses nearly 40 square miles. Three proximate interstate highways provide easy access to the larger metropolitan region and Denver International Airport. An extraordinary trail system links with Denver trails on the east and the foothills of the Rocky Mountains to the west, punctuated with thousands of acres of parks and open spaces.

Arvada offers unique amenities. Historic Olde Town Arvada, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provides an eclectic shopping and dining experience and one of three transit stops along the G Line commuter rail line, part of the metropolitan FasTracks light rail system. Arvada’s diverse economic base, highly educated workforce, low crime rate and superb quality of life have helped shape our community into one of the most attractive and competitive cities in the Centennial State.

The City of Arvada operates within a council-manager form of government. This system of local government combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a council, with the managerial experience of an appointed City Manager who in turn is responsible for the hiring of and overseeing the Chief of Police and Arvada Police Department.

The Mayor represents the entire City of Arvada, presides over City Council Meetings and performs official duties; there are two Council Members At-Large, who represent the entire City of Arvada; and four District Council Members, each residing within and representing the community members of their specific District as indicated on the City Council District Map.

Councilmembers
(from left to right)
Bob Fifer, District 4
Lisa Feret, At-Large
John Marriott, District 3
Lauren Simpson, Mayor
Randy Moorman, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 1
Sharon Davis, At-Large
Shawna Ambrose, District 2

Find your Arvada City Councilmember on the City’s website.
FAST FACTS

125K+ residents

42 median age

49K+ households

3,400 acres of parks and open space

100% ALL residents live within 1/2 mile of a park

$96K median income

<3% unemployment rate

40 square miles

154 miles of off-street pedestrian and bike trails
ABOUT THE ARVADA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Arvada Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in Colorado and the 18th agency in the United States to achieve accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

Arvada has been accredited since 1986 and is designated as a CALEA Flagship agency, one of the highest honors bestowed upon a police department through this accreditation organization.

In order to achieve accreditation status, the Arvada Police Department must meet 370 standards developed by CALEA.
THE EARLY YEARS

The community was organized and incorporated as the town of Arvada on July 26, 1904. The City hired a marshal to keep order, eliminate farm animals, cats, and dogs from the streets and supervise the water ditches.

Lee Beghtol

Lee Beghtol and his wife Cora moved to Arvada in 1920. Lee held a number of jobs, and he and his wife also owned a number of different eating establishments along Grandview Avenue in early Arvada. The first was known as the “Pig ‘N’ Bun,” which they opened in 1936. Others were known as Lee’s Tavern, Nick’s Inn, and the L&G Grill. People would now recognize the location of these businesses as “The 12 Volt” Tavern at 7514 Grandview.

Before that, though, Lee served as the Night Marshal and later the Town Marshal for Arvada. He would serve as a Marshal while operating the food businesses. His “claim to fame,” though, was that in 1941, he was hired by the Town to be the first uniformed police officer. The rationale for his hiring was that the Town Board of Trustees had received numerous complaints about speeding and traffic problems, and Lee was hired as a “traffic cop.” However, Lee had to purchase his police uniforms and initially provide his own car. Later, the Town would buy a car for his use. Pictured below is Lee Beghtol and his 1941 Chevrolet Arvada patrol car.

Lee and Cora had a son named Robert Lee Beghtol, who worked as an Arvada Police Officer for some time and then left to become the Deputy Chief for the Brush Colorado Police Department. Robert had a son named Robert Gene Begthol, who would unfortunately become Arvada’s first officer to die in the line of duty. He died while participating in dive training with the Department’s underwater rescue team. All three of the Beghtol’s are buried in the Arvada Cemetery.

(Stay tuned to future Annual Report issues for more historical stories about APD.)
The Arvada Police Department (APD) addressed staffing issues through vigorous recruitment efforts during 2023. The APD ended 2023 with a staffing shortage of 32 officers. The APD has made recruiting new officers its number one priority. The APD is one of two police departments within the State of Colorado that require a four-year college degree for new officers. The APD requires an associate degree for Colorado POST Certified Officers with two years of experience to hire lateral personnel. The APD has implemented various initiatives and strategies to hire the best applicants. The Arvada Police Department Recruitment Team has developed relationships with local colleges and police academies to assist in identifying the future of the department.

The APD offers applicants the chance to be hired well before their planned police academy. The applicants are provided pre-academy training, including physical fitness, local geography, Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS), and Policy and Procedure. This allows the applicants to create strong bonds within the Department as they prepare to become officers. Applicants undergo mental health assessments and rigorous testing to assist the APD in identifying candidates with the emotional resilience and sound judgment required to be an Arvada Police Officer. The APD makes a significant effort to attract and select the best candidates dedicated to upholding the principles of justice, fairness, and public safety.
**Benefits Summary**

- 104 hours of holiday leave
- Sick leave is accrued at eight hours per month. Sick leave may be used for the employee’s own illness, medical/dental/vision appointments, and to care for an ill/injured family member.
- Overtime is calculated on a 40-hour work week.

**City of Arvada offers a robust and complete benefits package:**

- Health Plans - several
- Dental plan
- Vision plan
- Life insurance

**Wellness Clinics:** The City has partnered with Everside Health to provide a wellness clinic to all employees and their dependents that are enrolled in one of the City’s health plans. Services provided at the clinic include wellness exams, chronic disease management, acute care episodes, and coordination of care with your primary care provider or specialist. Approximately 50 of the most prescribed medications are available on site. The clinic is available at no or low cost, and is staffed by a certified Family Medicine physician who is available for emergencies 24/7.

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**Vacation Accrual**

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- **Wellness Incentives:** You can save up to $520 yearly and receive one day off for completing wellness goals. Several flexible Spending Accounts to include: Healthcare Flexible Spending Account, Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, and a Health Savings Account.

- **Police Money Purchase Plan (PMPP):** Sworn officers contribute 12% of salary; the City contributes 12%. This is a 401k defined contribution plan, and is a replacement for Social Security. Supplemental 457 deferred compensation program is available to all employees. 457 deferred compensation program is available to sworn police personnel through the Fire and Police Pension Association (FPPA).

- **Additional benefits**
  - Life insurance and Long-Term Disability Insurance.
  - Basic life insurance of 2x their annual salary.
  - Tuition reimbursement up to $2,000 yearly.
  - Fitness center and equipment for free use.
  - Discounts at the Apex Center.
  - Discounts for the Arvada Center.
COMMUNITY BASED POLICING

Community Stations

Three substations are located throughout the city, or community based policing model, designed to build familiarity of officers within the community they are responsible for while also having the added benefit of allowing for quicker deployment and response time of officers throughout Arvada.

A. Adam Sector
The northeast corner of Arvada from W. 88th Ave. to W. 64th Ave., and Sheridan Blvd. to Simms Street

Lake Arbor Station
8110 Vance Drive,
Arvada, CO 80003
ArvadaCO.gov/adam-sector

B. Baker Sector
The southeast corner of Arvada roughly bordered by W. 64th Ave. to I-70, and Sheridan Blvd. to Kipling Street

Headquarters at City Hall,
8101 Ralston Rd.,
Arvada, CO 80002
ArvadaCO.gov/baker-sector

C. Charlie Sector
The southwest section of Arvada from W. 72nd to W. 60th avenues, and Kipling Avenue to State Highway 93

West Woods Station
6644 Kendrick Drive,
Arvada, CO 80007
ArvadaCO.gov/charlie-sector

D. Delta Sector
The newest sector, in the northwest portion of the city, from W. 96th to W. 72nd avenues and Simms Street to the mouth of Coal Creek Canyon

Whisper Creek Station
14360 W. 89th Drive,
Arvada, CO 80005
ArvadaCO.gov/delta-sector

Commander Jason Ammon
Commander Kelly Sheehan

Commander Melanie Thornton is in our Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Commander Ron Avila is assigned to the Administration Bureau.

Commander Anthony Baros is assigned to Field Services.

For more information regarding the different sectors citywide, visit the Sector Policing webpage.

Staying Social
Sector Commanders are encouraged to have a presence in the community, establishing relationships with residents and business owners, in-person and via social media, such as NextDoor and Neighbors app.
Environmental Responsibility

All three Arvada Police Department Substations maintain Gold Level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) ratings. LEED is the most widely used green-building rating system in the world.

For more information visit the Sector Policing webpage.

Community Rooms

Adam Sector, Charlie Sector and Delta Sector have community rooms available to the community members in the sectors, free of charge, to use for meetings or gatherings. Reserve Community Rooms on the City’s website.
ADAM SECTOR

For those unfamiliar, the boundaries for the Adam Sector are 64th to 88th avenues and Simms Street to Sheridan Blvd. Adam has a large volume of traffic traveling through the sector between the Wadsworth and Sheridan corridors. Within the sector, there are several shopping centers that bring in consumers throughout the day. The sector is primarily a “bedroom community” sector with multiple apartment complexes spread throughout. Adam Sector was second to Baker in calls for police services during 2023. The highest crimes reported included criminal mischief, auto theft/recovered stolen vehicles, first-degree criminal trespass (to cars), and burglary. Apartment complexes and shopping centers were targeted for many crimes because of the high density of cars parked in one area, allowing criminals more opportunities to commit criminal offenses. Although auto theft is still a problem, it declined in Adam in 2023.

In 2023, Parr, Thompson, and Peck Elementary schools closed their doors and consolidated with the other schools nearby. The two high schools, Arvada and Pomona, saw a decline in enrollment. In 2024, Pomona will combine with Moore Middle School, bringing grades 6 - 8 into the high school.

Part of the sector strategy in 2023 was to address problem areas or properties to combat criminal activity and improve the quality of life. Throughout the year, the police department had several success stories where patrol, CRIT, CODE Enforcement, and the community came together to address problem properties within the Adam Sector. One example of this involved an apartment complex. The tenant moved in and brought several of her associates with her. The police department began receiving numerous calls for service for disturbances, auto thefts, and recovered stolen vehicles, leading to several arrests. The police department and management company worked collaboratively to address the emerging criminal activity. Within 30 days, management was able to evict the tenant, eliminating calls for service at the complex. The goal was, and continues to be, to address issues associated with neighborhoods collaboratively.

Adam Sector saw an increase in both contacts and calls for service with those experiencing homelessness and mental health-related issues. Officers often used co-responders to help those who were experiencing a crisis. Unfortunately, homelessness and mental health issues are often intertwined, which poses challenges to the officers.

The Wadsworth corridor produced the highest number of accidents within Adam, with the 80th Avenue intersection at the top. Most of the accidents occurred during both morning and evening rush hours, and rear-end/red light violations were at the top of the proximate cause. Adam officers made over 100 DUI arrests in 2023.

BAKER SECTOR

Baker Sector is located in the southeast part of the city. It is home to approximately 25,825 people, with a large number of multi-family housing complexes, and a high concentration of large commercial and retail centers.

Olde Town Arvada is the central focus with numerous restaurants, bars, and locally owned small businesses that attract two million visitors per year. The Olde Town Transit Hub provides access to the Gold Line commuter rail, connecting Olde Town Arvada to Denver’s Union Station. There has been significant development in this area with new shops, a Residence Inn by Marriott, and a large residential complex with 252 apartments/townhomes set to open mid-2024.

With a high concentration of vehicles traveling from I-70 to Ralston Road on Wadsworth Bypass, this sector generally sees the highest number of vehicle collisions during the year, as well as the highest number of target crimes (burglary, vehicle trespasses, and motor vehicle thefts) in the citywide.

Homelessness continues to be a major focus in Baker Sector as well. The Community Outreach Resource Enforcement (CORE) team assists patrol with numerous calls per day related to homelessness. Approximately 68% of all homelessness-related calls in citywide occur in Baker. The top call types include: community member reports of unwanted parties, ordinance violations, welfare checks, warrant arrests, theft, and drugs.
CHARLIE SECTOR

The area that makes up our Charlie Sector is challenging to police due to the overall size and geographic and demographic differences. In 2023, sector officers most frequently responded to disturbances, domestic incidents, mental health-related calls, and pattern property crimes.

Charlie Sector has many large parks, sporting complexes, and daycare centers. These locations are often targeted by criminals, as valuables and credit cards are often left unattended inside vehicles. Vehicle trespass sprees, followed by fraudulent use of stolen credit cards, are common at these locations. In 2023, the Arvada Police Department (APD) utilized many strategies to prevent vehicle trespasses, including general crime prevention education, bringing awareness to community members by installing warning signs, and deploying a surveillance camera trailer equipped with license plate reader and live feed cameras.

Officers contacted members of the homeless population in the Charlie Sector more frequently in 2023 than in years past. Officers are frequently dispatched to unwanted party calls, welfare checks, thefts, and trespasses as more homeless people transit from the I-70/Kipling area to commercial areas of the sector near 51st/Kipling, 58th/Kipling, and 64th/Ward Rd.

In October, APD officers partnered with officers from the Wheat Ridge Police Department on a directed enforcement operation near I-70 and Kipling. The operation’s goal was to address an increase in general disorder and property crime activity in the area while providing assistance and resources to the homeless community.

DELTA SECTOR

Delta Sector was easily the quietest of the four sectors in 2023. Although Delta had the lowest amount of calls/crime, it was not immune. Construction thefts, car break-ins, storage unit burglaries, criminal mischief, and an occasional auto theft reared up in Delta. The area is vastly residential, but several businesses opened their doors in 2023.

Multiple meetings were held with various communities concerned with fire mitigation. The City, APD, Arvada Fire, and various stakeholders met to come up with plans “in case of another Marshall fire.”

With the residential influx of families moving to west Arvada, Ralston Valley High School is busting at the seems. Due to the increasing student population comes additional traffic issues along both Indiana Street and 80th Avenue. Traffic congestion led to accidents along Indiana Street.

The HOAs within the sector frequently sought suggestions on improving safety within their neighborhoods. Officers were tasked with engaging the community by knocking on doors to alert homeowners who left their garage doors open. Locking doors, removing valuables and shutting garages proved to a successful way to minimize criminal activity.
The Police Service Technicians (PST) team is the front line in customer service for our community stations. They support the needs of the community in person, over the phone, and online by providing many police services to include documenting non-emergency criminal and non-criminal incidents. They are the friendly faces that provide report record requests, collect evidence, perform VIN verifications, manage community room reservations, and processing dog licenses. This versatile team also assists the Records Unit with data entry, helps with research projects for the Crime Analysts and aides the Crime Lab by collecting and logging evidentiary swabs necessary for automobile theft prosecution. In addition, the PSTs follow up on runaway reports, process the paperwork for abandoned vehicles, maintain supplies at the community stations, and fingerprint new employees and liquor license applicants. Arvada PD now has four locations to contact the police: Headquarters and three community stations, all appointed with a front desk for a PST to provide superior service to the community.

This hard working team of seven averages over 6000 Calls for Service that result in almost 3000 reports generated annually. The reports that were submitted online have increased by 54% over the past three years resulting in over half of the reports that the PSTs are documenting being submitted online.

### POLICE SERVICE TECHNICIAN - 2023 Top Criminal Call Types

- **Theft**
  - Patrol: 1,010
  - PST: 656
  - Total: 2,110
  - Percentage: 39%

- **Criminal Trespass**
  - Patrol: 450
  - PST: 230
  - Total: 680
  - Percentage: 34%

- **Fraud**
  - Patrol: 269
  - PST: 317
  - Total: 586
  - Percentage: 54%

- **Criminal Mischief**
  - Patrol: 372
  - PST: 208
  - Total: 580
  - Percentage: 36%

- **Total Calls**
  - Patrol: 2,101
  - PST: 1,411
  - Total: 3,512
TRAFFIC UNIT

In 2023, the Arvada Police Department (APD) Traffic Unit consisted of five officers: three motorcycles and two cars. Authorized manpower for the unit is seven motor officers and three cars. Their primary objective is to support Patrol operations by responding to crashes throughout the city and conducting enforcement operations based on the following priorities: high accident and high violation locations, school zones, and substantiated neighborhood complaints.

The Traffic Unit works closely with City Traffic Engineering to conduct speed studies in areas where complaints are received. These complaints come from a variety of channels, but primarily through Ask Arvada. Once speed study data is collected, it is analyzed and various strategies are employed, if warranted, including traffic calming and enforcement.

In addition to these primary duties, the Traffic Unit also participates in regional motorcade operations for dignitary visits and line of duty death funerals, as well as numerous special events throughout the year.

Because of overall low patrol staffing numbers, APD went to ongoing Accident Alert in the final quarter of 2022. In January 2023, we resumed normal accident response protocols. By the end of 2023, the Traffic Unit investigated 885 vehicle collisions.

In addition, the Traffic Unit also participates in APD’s Critical Accident Response Teams. During the year, these teams were utilized to investigate five fatal crashes and 11 serious crashes resulting in significant injuries on Arvada roadways.

APD Traffic Statistics

1,676 Total accidents
885 Total accidents investigated by APD Traffic Unit
ARREST CONTROL

In 2019 Arvada Police Department (APD) identified additional training needed to supplement the existing Arrest Control Program and to improve the quality of instruction provided to officers at the agency. Instructors were tasked with attending ground-defense courses offered by various companies and organizations. The instructor cadre ultimately decided to supplement the existing Arrest Control Program, which was primarily aligned with Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT), with Gracie Survival Tactics (GST). From 2019 to 2023, approximately 20 instructors attended GST courses and became certified as instructors. In 2023, several instructors achieved Level II certification to bring additional skills and training to APD officers. As a result, the Arrest Control program was reenergized, and the addition of ground defense tactics has led to a more well-rounded and modernized system. Additionally, with GST being a jiu-jitsu based program, many instructors and APD officers have been inspired to enroll in local jiu-jitsu gyms, where they can further their knowledge and improve their confidence and skills.

WOMEN’S SELF DEFENSE

In 2023, we redesigned and updated our self-defense course taught to women in the community. The arrest control group wanted to incorporate new ideas into the course and increase attendance while also leaning on the skills and expertise of APD Arrest Control instructors. A group of instructors (Lt. Ammon, Sgt. Losey, Sgt. Stephens, Officer Wonderly, Officer Alonso, Officer Deering, Officer Tinsley, and Officer Stuart Scott) surveyed local agencies before ultimately creating a brand-new program titled Women’s Awareness Defense and Empowerment (W.A.D.E.). The one-day course incorporates lecture and repetition-based learning methods culminating in realistic scenarios. The first W.A.D.E course was held in August of 2023 for community members and City employees. The response and feedback were overwhelmingly positive, resulting in additional classes being scheduled every month. Word about these free self-defense courses also spread to the DeAngelis Foundation and the Hope House, who have asked for other courses specific to their clientele.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND RESOURCE ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The Arvada Police Department Community Outreach Resource Enforcement Team (CORE) was established with the purpose to develop a lasting community alliance by providing options, support, and outreach for families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

In addition to the regular duties and responsibilities of a police officer, the CORE Team has the following responsibilities:

- Develop a multi-pronged partnership to increase collaboration of services provided to assist the homeless in becoming self-sufficient. We work closely with the City’s Homeless Navigator;
- Foster ongoing personal contact between the CORE Team officers and homeless individuals and families to increase trust and make referrals to service providers;
- Work closely with local organizations to facilitate public and private resources, mental health services, treatment programs, housing, employment, and medical services; and enforce state and municipal laws and ordinances.
- CORE partners with the Arvada City Attorney’s office and Municipal Court in the One Small Step Program (OSS). The OSS is a specialized problem-solving Court designed to assist defendants who are experiencing homelessness.
- Citywide calls for service involving the phrase “homeless” or “transient”

In 2023 the CORE team consisted of two officers:

- **2,327** calls for services
- **190** arrests
- **272** camps tagged
- **189** camps cleaned up
- **35** tons of trash
- **361** citations issued
- **197** times services offered
- **233** new unhoused people contacted
COMMUNITY RESPONSE IMPACT TEAM

At full staff, the Community Response Impact Team (CRIT) consists of five full-service police officers and a Sergeant. They are assigned to specific areas throughout Arvada to establish problem solving partnerships with residents, rental property owners/managers, schools, places of worship, and business owners. CRIT focuses on community policing efforts in order to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our neighborhoods.

The mission of CRIT is to address criminal activity and statistical trends that have a negative impact on the quality of life for community members of Arvada. The team concentrates on high crime areas, problem properties, and current crime trends that present a drain on patrol and the criminal investigations bureau.

The CRIT:
- Identifies and resolves crime related issues to improve the quality of life in those neighborhoods.
- Applies creative and advanced technical resources to provide support and concentrated law enforcement efforts toward achieving long-term resolution of high crime areas and problem properties.

What does CRIT do?

CRIT officers are usually dressed in plain clothing and driving unmarked police vehicles. This helps the team by allowing officers to conduct surveillance and gives the officers a better opportunity to catch criminals in the act. The CRIT spends a majority of time doing the following:
- Impacting crime at problem properties by providing long term resolutions.
- Working proactively to prevent crime before crime occurs.
- Conducting surveillances and apprehensions of wanted fugitives.
- Conducting stationary and rolling surveillances on occupied stolen vehicles. When the opportunity presents itself, CRIT will place these auto thieves into custody.
- Working closely with internal departments (patrol, investigations, neighborhood services, housing) and with external agencies (Department of Corrections, US Marshals, FBI Safe Streets, Secret Service, ATF, DEA, and with multiple metro-area police departments and fugitive and impact teams.)
- Providing free training to the community throughout the year. Some of the classes that are taught include Crime Free Multi-Housing, Crime Prevention, Neighbors Connected, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), Safety and Security in your place of Worship, and the Community members Police Academy.
- Teaching multiple classes for Red Rocks Community College Police Academy and to current Arvada PD sworn at in-service training classes throughout the year. Some of these classes are Building Searches, High Risk Vehicle Stops, Pedestrian Contacts, RAID, Single Officer Response to an Active Shooter, Rescue Task Force, and Officer/Citizen Down Rescue.

In 2023 CRIT, working shorthanded, with three officers and a Sergeant, was responsible for 66 arrests and submitted close to 20 felony case files to the District Attorney’s Office for review. The CRIT unit worked on cases that included homicide, attempted homicide, first-degree assault, motor vehicle theft, possession of narcotics, felony menacing, domestic violence, and multiple warrant arrests. Additionally, the CRIT unit led 47 classes in the community and for police officers. CRIT also worked closely with 54 multi-family crime-free housing communities that attended Arvada Police Department’s Crime-Free Multi-Housing class.
The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) is comprised of three crime analysts, one of whom functions as the unit’s lead, helping to guide the team and work as a liaison with command staff. The CAU’s core activities include analyzing crime and related data, performing research, identifying, and communicating crime trends, providing support for case investigations, and creating a variety of analytical products.

During 2023, in addition to its regular duties and ad hoc requests, the CAU designed and launched a new quarterly report to keep City leadership apprised of trends in calls for service and crimes in Arvada. They also worked with Arvada Police Department (APD) commanders to revamp the Department’s monthly sector reporting process, allowing the commanders to focus less on the data and more on their policing strategies.

The analysts have been actively engaged in efforts to refresh/redesign the Department’s intranet site and help streamline communications and reporting in various products that can sometimes feel duplicative.

Another significant project the CAU was heavily involved with in 2023 was the effort to make Facial Recognition (FR) tools available for APD employees. Due to new state legislation in 2022, Colorado agencies had a very lengthy list of requirements that must be completed to be eligible to use FR. APD staff, including the CAU, along with the Senior City Attorney worked hard to complete the required steps, allowing for this valuable tool to be used at APD.

The CAU also created 57 crime and intelligence bulletins and disseminated them to internal employees, outside law enforcement agencies and in some cases, the public. Of those bulletins, slightly more than two-thirds were requested by APD officers or detectives. The rest were initiated by the analysts to follow up on unassigned or inactive cases.

When time permits, the analysts often monitor various social media networks and assist with follow-up on crimes that are being discussed in those forums. They routinely help make connections between related cases both internally and with other agencies.

As part of its efforts to continually educate about the valuable contributions the CAU can provide, the analysts periodically meet with new recruits and existing employees, in addition to presenting a session to the APD Community members’ Police Academy once per year.

In the coming year, the CAU analysts are looking forward to continuing their work toward utilizing additional technology in ways to improve data querying capabilities, data visualization, and timely reporting.
YEYRAL CRIME TRENDS

Top 10 officer calls

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Top 10 resident calls

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CO-RESPONDER UNIT

The Arvada Police Department’s (APD) Behavioral Health Co-Responder Unit (CRU) continues to grow and develop in the most customized, cost-effective framework designed to meet the Arvada community’s needs. The scope and scale of behavioral health calls for service in Arvada demand a customized approach in every jurisdiction and community.

The APD responds to an average of four behavioral health calls for service per day, resulting in over 100 calls for service and referrals to CRU where a person is experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis, or has recently experienced one, and a first responder or community member is seeking intervention or information to support that person.

The Department spends an average of 20 hours per week in direct contact with individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. In 2022, APD transitioned from having a contracted clinician to hiring two behavioral health clinicians who work directly for the City of Arvada. The program is funded by the State of Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA), who oversees funding and provides a network of Colorado Co-Responder programs to maintain communication and continually assess best practices in this new profession.

In addition to two Behavioral Health Clinicians, C.R.U. partners with graduate students through an internship program. C.R.U. typically hosts one intern per academic year to provide experience and connection with future clinicians. In late 2023, the City, APD, and BHA collaborated to fund and add a Case Manager position to the C.R.U. who primarily focuses on data entry and analysis, responding to incoming referrals, conducting follow-up with clients, and connecting clients to needed resources. This follow-up support is considered the secondary response model for the CRU. The Case Manager position began in January 2024.

Internally, CRU also provides ongoing in-service training for police personnel, and they provide expert instruction to area training, such as the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training.

The two CRU clinicians serve under a primary response model, meaning they respond to active calls for service alongside police officers, including working closely with the Community Outreach Resource and Enforcement (CORE) Team. Clinicians provide crisis de-escalation, support for clients and their support systems, and make recommendations and linkage to needed resources. CRU partners with the Arvada Fire Department on behavioral health calls, especially when a client has any urgent medical needs or is placed on an emergency mental health hold. The Arvada Fire Department and other community partners, such as the Jefferson Center for Mental Health and WestPines Behavioral Health, also participate in the Steering Committee for the CRU to aid in the direction and vision of APD’s CRU.

CRU’s top goals include reducing repeated client crises and the need for emergency services by increasing the options and depth of services provided to community members in crisis. This reduces first responder responses and increases first responder availability for emergencies, and decreases the number of mental health holds by providing effective services and options to clients and their support systems. CRU connects community members to a wide variety of behavioral health resources, follow-up case management, and they identify alternative, effective resources for clients in crisis not limited to emergency medical facilities. The APD looks forward to continuing to provide an innovative, cost effective, and progressive co-responder program that sets the example for professional police departments in Colorado and beyond.
BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

The Arvada Police Department (APD) has had a robust Body Worn Camera (BWC) program since July 2022.

Half of the BWC team is comprised of two digital media technicians (DMTs) who reside in Property and Evidence. These highly trained specialists maintain the security of the footage, as well as uploading, storing, retaining, and controlling all digital media stored as evidence. They are also responsible for ensuring the proper uploading chain of custody for all digital media and managing the retention schedule for all our digital files. This team is also responsible for ensuring the disposition information is current to manage the stored data effectively.

The BWC team in Property and Evidence handled 85,511 BWC videos and 1,112 Axon Fleet videos.

The other half of the BWC team resides in Records, performing technical and administrative tasks related to controlling, redacting, and disseminating digital records. These DMTs process requests for digital media for internal and external customers per Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act/Criminal Justice Information Service regulations and departmental policies and procedures.

In 2023, our Digital Media Technicians in Records generated the following work statistics:

- 7,582 videos released to various district attorney offices.
- 414 videos released to the Arvada City Attorney’s Office.
- 85 public cases released to attorneys and community members.
- 970 video redactions.
- 9,869 videos shared.
- 20,735 images shared.
- 1,303 “other” pieces of digital media shared, including audio, surveillance, and interviews.

The amount of time it takes to redact/blur footage from the BWC and other digital media is staggering. Redaction time averages four times the original length of the video clip, which means that if there were three cameras on one call, each with 15 minutes of footage, this would equate to three hours and 45 minutes to process for release.

Body Worn Camera Digital Media Team has four technicians

85,511 videos

20,735 images shared

1,303 other types
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

For over two decades, the Arvada Police Department (APD) has placed police officers in schools within Arvada. The Department invests over one million dollars into the School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit/Program, with eight officers currently assigned to Arvada schools. The APD knows that student safety is a top priority and assists in providing students in the community with a safe place to learn. Currently, the APD deploys an officer at each of the four Arvada public high school locations, including Ralston Valley High School, Arvada West High School, Pomona High School, and Arvada High School. APD also staffs three other schools in the city (Oberon Middle School, North Arvada Middle School, and Arvada K-8) with a dedicated SRO. In late 2023, Officer Richard Brown returned to the SRO Unit as a “floating” SRO, providing additional coverage for these larger schools while dedicating time to other schools in Arvada without a resource officer.

Each SRO collaborates with the school administration to provide resources and services to the students and surrounding communities. The SROs also offer coverage at the feeder and private schools; host and teach parent academies to empower parents; respond to most Safe2Tell (an anonymous reporting platform for schools in Colorado) reports; and provide visible security at numerous after-school events and activities. In June of 2023, Officer Albino Guerrero received the 2023 Gordon Beesley School Resource Officer of the Year Award, nominated by his peers and the Jefferson County School District.

Elementary Schools

Elementary schools (on a rotating basis)
Patrol Officers respond to assist the schools in their sectors.

Middle Schools

Arvada K-8 - Officer Kelly Lechuga
Three Creeks K-8 - Officer Nicole Deering
North Arvada Middle School - Officer Kevin Lewis
Oberon Middle School - Officer Adrienne Blackwood

High Schools

Arvada High School - Officer Albino Guerrero
Arvada West High School - Officer Craig Smith
Ralston Valley High School - Officer Nicole Deering
Pomona High School - Officer Matt Ortega, Richard Brown
TEEN EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Arvada Police Department (APD) and the Boy Scouts of America jointly sponsor our volunteer Explorer Post, a program for youth aged 14 to 21 that supports law enforcement-based education, skills, and community service. Arvada has had an active Explorer Post for over 25 years, with officer advisors, a sergeant, and a commander all involved in the operations and supervision of the program. In addition to receiving training from Arvada Police Officers, the Explorers help with various City functions, including the Fourth of July Celebration, Kite Festival, and the annual Secrest Bike Rodeo. Explorers help with parking at concerts and assist the Liquor Enforcement Unit with liquor stings. APD Explorers attend the Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor’s Association of Colorado (LEEPAAC) conference at Western State College in Gunnison every summer.

Youth Engagement
Christmas Event

Over the last several years, an anonymous donor has partnered with APD and graciously donated Christmas gifts to 35 students each year in Arvada. Arvada SROs obtain the name of students who are in need and provide it to APD. After the gifts are ready, APD officers distribute them to the students in need.
The Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) conducts major case and follow-up investigations. CIB consists of specialized functions: Major Crimes, Crimes Against Children, Crimes Against at Risk Adults, Sex Offender Registration, Domestic Violence, Intelligence, and Narcotics.

743
Cases assigned to detectives in 2023.

**Major Crimes**
- Concluded the criminal investigation on behalf of Officer Vakoff. The suspect was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison, without the possibility of parole.
- **AR23011240 Stabbing/Incest**
  Anthony Burchfield was arrested after being stabbed by his step-daughter. It was determined he had been engaged in a sexual relationship with her for over nine years since she was 12. He was charged with multiple counts of sex assault and aggravated incest.
- **AR23011841 Attempted Murder**
  Zimeal Cain, Raymoun Moore and Priscilla Mendez were arrested for shooting three transient people in front of the 7-Eleven (W. 58th Ave./Wadsworth Blvd.). Zimeal shot the three transients after others attempted to intervene to stop Zimeal and Raymoun from shoplifting. Zimeal was charged with three counts of attempted murder.
- **AR2300715 Manslaughter**
  Officers found Salvador Vasquez lying at a bus stop (58/Independence) with signs of being assaulted and was pronounced deceased. It was determined Ashley Romero and Michalee Britt were in a fight with Salvador after he allegedly sexually assaulted Ashley. Due to their involvement in the fight, both were later charged with manslaughter.

**Elder Abuse**
- 84 cases investigated

**Drugs**
- 553 hours of enforcement
- 262 pounds of meth seizure
- 1.2+ million fentanyl pills
- 17.5 kilograms of fentanyl powder
- 20 pounds Marijuana
- 24 kilograms cocaine
- 1 kilograms heroin
- 6 pounds of MDMA
- 38 firearms
- $467,500 in cash

**Motor Vehicle Theft**
- 28 CODIS hits assigned
- Recovered 133 stolen vehicles
- 90 arrests
- 64 guns seized

**Special Victim’s Unit NEW**
- In 2023, the CIB reorganized, adding a Special Victims Unit (SVU) to enhance coordination of investigations involving vulnerable victims. The areas of specializations involving crimes against children, crimes against seniors, crimes involving domestic violence, and investigation of sexual offenders have been incorporated into the SVU.

**Crimes Against Children**
- 93 Forensic Interviews
- 23 ICAC case investigated
CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATIONS

Arvada Police Department Crime Scene Investigators are specially trained sworn officers who analyze crime scenes, collect evidence from crime scenes, suspects, and victims, and collect various items of evidentiary value, such as DNA, fingerprints, and crime scene information.

2023 STATISTICS

- Responded to 536 incidents
- Performed 205 UAS (Drone) flights
- Processed 212 vehicles
- Extracted 63 cell phones
- Conducted 59 digital scan projects
- Called out 40 times
The Liquor License Control Administrator (LLCA) falls under the Police Operations Bureau within the Arvada Police Department and is responsible for three major tasks: liquor license investigations, inspections, and compliance checks for businesses with liquor licenses.

**Liquor License Investigations:**
The Deputy City Clerk processes liquor license applications, and once a new application file is complete, it is sent to the LLCA to begin an investigation. All new licenses, transfer licenses, and structure change applications require a full investigation by the LLCA. This investigation includes, but is not limited to, fingerprinting, a background investigation, social media searches, financial searches, local jurisdiction checks (for out-of-state applicants), etc. Upon completing the license investigation, the LLCA prepares a report to send to the Deputy City Clerk and the Arvada Liquor Authority. The Authority conducts a public hearing based on information supplied in the LLCA’s investigation report.

**Inspections:**
The LLCA completes “boots on the ground” liquor inspections of every Arvada business holding a liquor license. All new licenses will receive an initial inspection upon State and local approval for a liquor license around the time of opening the business or issuing the license. During the inspections, the LLCA will make sure necessary signage is posted and visible, as well as the general cleanliness of the liquor storage areas. If they are available, the general manager and owner are spoken with during the inspection. If the location sells tobacco products, the LLCA will look for necessary signage and warnings to be posted as per license requirements.

**Compliance Checks:**
For underage compliance checks, we utilize our minor-aged Police Explorers who are accompanied by sworn officers and the LLCA. These operations last four to six hours and consist of undercover compliance checks at several businesses. If a location fails, a Show Cause hearing process is started and will conclude in a hearing before the Arvada Liquor Authority.
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT OFFICERS

Following up on one of our bigger cases in 2023, illegal Breeding Case:

Caesar Camarena from 7776 Carr Drive was sentenced in municipal court for Accumulation of Debris, No Kennel License, and Neglect for his illegal puppy breeding operation. He was sentenced to 100 days in jail, two years of supervised probation, and approximately $50,000 in restitution. All dogs were ordered surrendered to Foothills Animal Shelter and will be fixed and adopted out to new homes. He was also ordered that he cannot own any animals.

Animal Management

| Calls for service responded to and investigated | 4,978 |
| Animal-related complaints assigned | 407 |

The most frequent calls for service

- 784 Leash Law Violations
- 517 Wildlife Issues
- 425 Deceased Animals
- 286 Barking Dogs
- 281 Animal Cruelty
- 255 Injured Animals
- 172 Animal Bites
- 100 Aggressive Animals
CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement Officers conduct numerous inspections and investigate a variety of complaints, including weeds, trash accumulation, neighbor disputes, condemning unsafe buildings, etc. Code Enforcement had approximately 2,300 cases assigned from Ask Arvada and resolved 995 Ask Arvada submissions without having to create a code case. In addition, Code Enforcement received approximately 1,900 voicemails that were responded to accordingly.

1,063 cars tagged

626 complaints about abandoned vehicles

86 vehicles towed

5 stolen vehicles recovered
PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE

Arvada Police Department’s (APD) Evidence Team is tasked with managing the chain of custody for every piece of evidence that is collected by the officers and/or investigators for a criminal case. Chain of Custody means maintaining the integrity of the evidence from point of collection until the disposition of a case. This requires tracking every move a piece of evidence makes. The evidence team is also responsible for many other critical functions including evidence transfers and destruction, mandatory audits, conversions, evidence, and property releases, and auction preparation. Over the past five years, the Unit has managed the intake of almost 23,000 items per year. This is an increase of 33% over the previous five years. With the advanced crime scene processing and criminal case load maintained by the Arvada Police Department, our Evidence Unit handles just under 100 item transfers daily. Working in the Evidence Unit requires a high attention to detail and the ability to provide exceptional customer service to the employees of the police department, the city, and the community members of Arvada.

Evidence Team has four evidence technicians.

Total Items in Storage - 66,366
(this is down from 76,699 in 2022)

Total Intake in 2023 - 13,593
(not including digital media uploads of photos and surveillance)

Total items dispositioned in 2023 - 20,470
This would include items released, converted, auctioned, or destroyed.
In 2020, the City of Arvada announced its leadership role as a founding member in the newly formed Colorado Smart Cities Alliance. This statewide, multi-jurisdictional collaboration of public, private, and academic members work together to accelerate smart city projects across the state. The partnership was the first of its kind in the U.S. to collaborate on the design, development, and testing of smart city technologies.

The Arvada Police Department (APD) was tasked with heading the Public Safety and Security section. Utilizing an existing vendor for car-based License Plate Reader (LPRs) cameras, APD obtained grant funding to purchase a surveillance trailer equipped with LPR cameras and a live-feed surveillance camera. The surveillance trailer has been used to supplement incident command centers at large events and to provide intelligence and deterrence in high-crime areas.

From 2021 to 2022, APD expanded its use of smart technology and purchased static LPR cameras, attaching them to various intersections across the city. APD also identified existing cameras owned by other city departments to be used as LPR cameras, providing officers further real-time email alerts when a suspected stolen vehicle, stolen license plate, or an otherwise wanted vehicle is scanned. By the end of 2022, APD officers and investigators controlled or had access to 19 LPR cameras in the city.

In 2023, the APD entered into a contract with Flock, a new and emerging LPR company with a robust platform and growing list of law enforcement clients in the Denver area, to further enhance capabilities.
ARVADA FIRE PARTNERS

Our unique relationship with our first responder friends at Arvada Fire is second to none. We could not support this community without you!

The Family Justice Center serves victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, child abuse, and human trafficking. They are a proven partner with the Arvada Police Department.

The Ralston House was created to help the youngest victims of crime. The outstanding people in this organization put our children on the path to healing from the start.

Thank you, Arvada Center, for providing the Arvada Police Department with support, from supporting our events to hosting events such as “Touch A Truck” and “National Night Out.”

The Jefferson Center for mental health is our partner on the front lines of the mental crisis in America.

Unfortunately, for two consecutive years, we received help from the Colorado Fallen Hero Foundation. The Arvada Police Department will be forever grateful.

We provide crisis intervention, information about victim’s rights and the criminal justice system, and offer referrals to help clients deal with the resulting trauma and life changes. Our services continue through the criminal justice process.