Denver Police Department

2024 Council Presentation

Preventing crime and increasing public trust while honoring the responsibilities granted to us by those we serve, with continued focus on partnerships, learning, and innovation.



BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION

Innovative Crime Prevention Customer Service

BUILDING SAFE & HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- · Fear of Crime
- Multimodal Transportation

INNOVATIVE TRAINING

- Education for a 21st Century Police Organization
- Community-Informed Innovations in Training
- · Support Lifelong Learning

PRECISION POLICING

INCREASING PURLIC TRUST

- Identify Neighborhood-Specific Issues
- Focused Deterrence

Transparency

- · Holistic Approach to Community
- Evidence-Based, Data-Informed

BUILDING A MORE EFFICIENT & RESILIENT ORGANIZATION

- Resilience & Wellness Programs
- Improving Work/Life Balance
- Reintegration Support

SET THE EXAMPLE

I FAR WITH INTEGRITY



Organizational Chart Mayor **Executive** Director of **Public Safety Police Chief Deputy Chief Police** Police **Police Patrol Police Recruits Police Airport** Administration Investigations



DPD Vacancy Rates

(as of September 1, 2023)

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Uniform	Personne

Time to Fill
Uniform Personnel

Turnover
Uniform Personnel

6.14%

135 Days (average)

5.41%

Vacancy Rate
Non-Uniform Personnel

13.07%

Time to Fill Non-Uniform Personnel Turnover
Non-Uniform Personnel

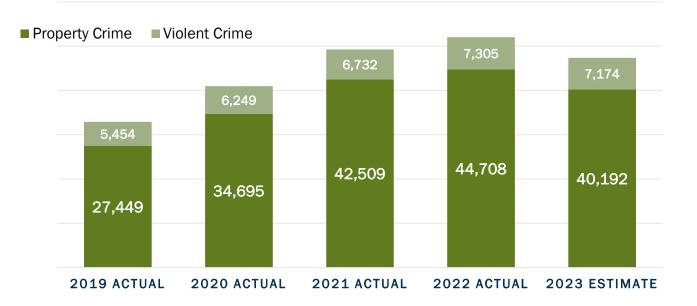
38 Days

8.59%

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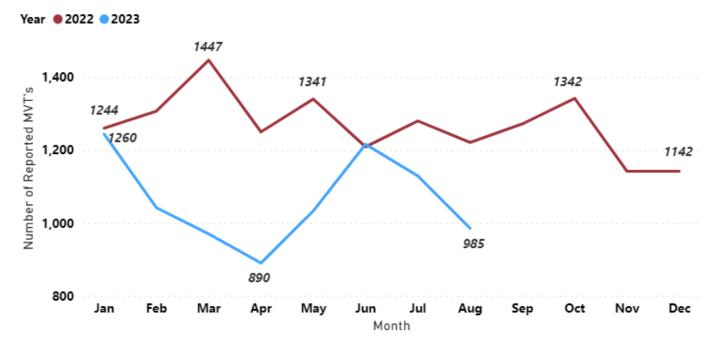
Key Strategic Metrics: Crime

PART I CRIME BY YEAR



Key Strategic Metrics: Motor Vehicle Theft (MVT)

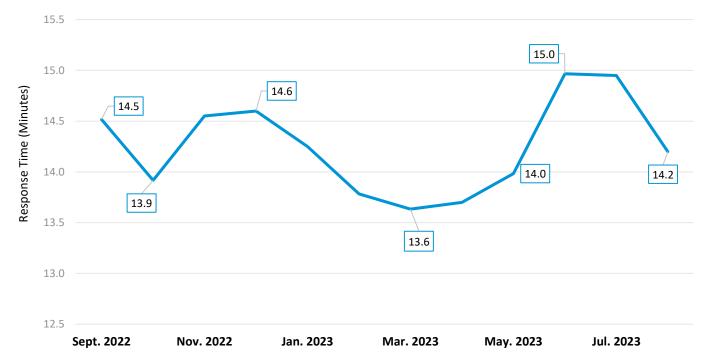
Count of Reported Motor Vehicle Theft's by Month





Key Strategic Metric: Response Times

DPD Response Times to Emergency Calls

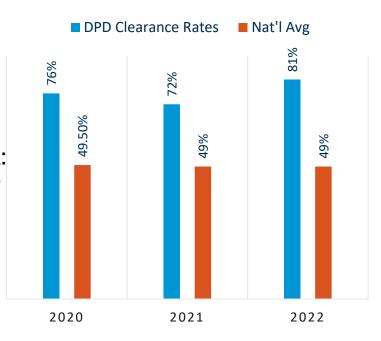


Key Strategic Metric: Transparency and Trust

Dashboards

- Community Crime Prevention Coalition Meetings
- Long Term Measure of Trust: Denver Public Safety Survey
- Short Term Measure of Trust: Instant police satisfaction surveys

HOMICIDE CLEARANCE RATES



Addressing Inequities

Place Network Investigations (PNI)

Place Network Investigations (PNI) is DPD's flagship violence reduction strategy. It combines complex investigations of the locations where violence is concentrated with a board of city and community partners to develop long-lasting changes.

Desired Outcomes

- Alameda and Federal (Westwood, Barnum, Athmar Park, Valverde) Shootings reductions: 7.6
- 45th and Peoria St (Montbello) Shootings Reductions 4.6
- Colfax and Uinta (East Colfax) Shooting reductions: 6.6

Overall, we can demonstrate empirically, that the PNI efforts at the three locations have resulted in 18.8 fewer shootings in these neighborhoods over 18 months. Based on the success of the program we have expanded the program to:

- Mississippi and Raritan (Athmar Park and Ruby Hill)
- 5959 Dunkirk Ave (Green Valley Ranch)



Addressing Inequities

Denver Police Department (DPD) Equity Strategies

DPD has focused on a variety of recruitment tactics seeking to increase the candidate pool of potential employees and attain a diverse workforce that is reflective of the communities they serve including:

- *30X30 Initiative
- *DPD Women's Academy
- *Before the Blue & Beyond the Badge
- *Youth Academy
- *Spanish Academy
- *Partnership with Telemundo
- *Collecting District Racial/Gender numbers
- *Career Expo day

Desired Outcomes

DPD will have a more diverse workforce, which would lead to employment opportunities for more representative populations and more officers who identify with communities that have been historically marginalized.

Addressing Inequities

30 by 30 Initiative

The department is focusing on recruiting female officers through efforts such as specialized women's academies, promotional campaigns, informational sessions, and participation in the nationwide "30x30" initiative.

The department has employed several development opportunities for sworn and professional staff, including leadership programs, a mentoring program, and talent review and career planning.

Desired Outcomes

This will benefit all communities. Research has documented the following:

- female officers are less likely to use excessive force,

female officers are more likely to implement community-oriented policing,

• female officers have improved law enforcement's response to violence against women



2024 Budget Goals



Reduce Response Times

- Implemented SAFER (Strategic Allocation for Emergency Responses)
- Expanded alternative responses
- Provide sufficient academy classes to fill needed positions



Decrease Crime

- Multipronged approach to auto theft
- Focused on illegal guns
- Uplifting neighborhoods through partnerships and not over-policing

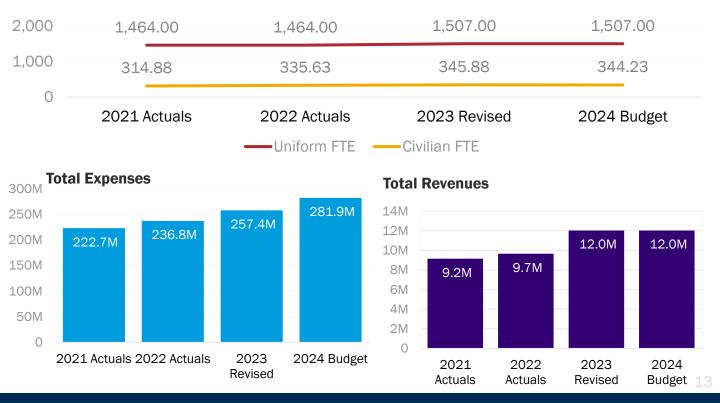


Increase Public Trust

- Improved transparency with public-facing dashboards
- Before the Blue, Beyond the Badge
- Building neighborhood-based survey for improve responsiveness to unique needs

General Fund Expenses, Revenues, and FTEs





2024 Budget Alignment with City Council Priorities



Reframe safety in a public health, evidence-based context with community investment to ensure healthy neighborhoods.



Focus on improving Customer Service to support residents navigating city services, resources, and accessibility, including language access.

2024 Budget Alignment with City Council Priorities (continued)

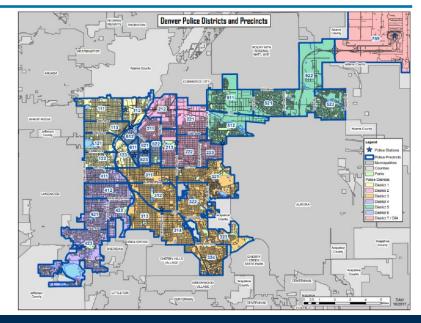


Police Patrol Districts

Protects life and property through crime prevention and community engagement.

• General Fund: \$152.3M

 General Fund FTE: 1,080.63 (1,052 – Uniform; 28.63 – non uniform)



2024 Budget Alignment with City Council Priorities (continued)

DPD Co-Responder Program			
General Fund	\$ 700,000		
Grant – Caring for Denver Foundation	\$ 2,772,032		
Total Investment	\$ 3,472,032		



- Reduce the number of people with mental health issues in the jail system. To date less than 2% arrest/Citation
- To improve information sharing and coordination with 1st Responders
- To reduce overall costs relating to people with mental or behavioral health concerns, including the use of emergency services.



City Council Priority

- The Co-Responders ("clinicians") are licensed mental health providers who work in close partnership with First Responders on calls for service involving people who present with acute or chronic symptoms related to mental health and/or substance use.
- Clinicians attempt to provide crisis-based treatment in a format that best decreases the client(s)' current stressors and replaces them with long-term community-based supportive services. This sometimes does not require a formal treatment referral. Co-Responders can also help identify alternative treatment options, long-term community supports in an area identified by the client, and psychoeducation to families/support systems.

2024 Budget Alignment with City Council Priorities (continued)



Community Engagement Bureau

Builds relationships with members of the Denver community, promoting positive interaction between community members and personnel of the Denver Police Department.

- General Fund: \$2.8M
- General Fund FTE: 20.75 (3 Uniform; 17.75 non uniform)

Crisis Services Bureau

Provides support services to victims of crimes and persons experiencing mental health crisis.

- General Fund: \$1.7M
- General Fund FTE: 18



Summary of 2024 Budget Expansions			
Account Category	Permanent	One-Time	

Personnel

Services and Supplies

Capital Equipment

Internal Services

Permanent FTE

0.00

Total

\$78,087

\$1,224,035

\$0

\$0

\$ 1,302,122

On-Call/Limited FTE

0.00

Total 2024

\$509,557

\$2,011,895

\$0

\$0

\$ 2,521,452

Total 2024 FTE

0.00

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\$431,470

\$787,860

\$0

\$0

\$1,219,330

Recruit Academy Classes

Description	Expenditures
2024 Base Academies (106 New Recruits) (Included in the 2024 base allocation)	\$7,018,648
Additional Recruits Academy (61 New Recruits)	\$1,253,769

Total budget includes all expenditures related to salary, supplies and equipment for 167 candidates. The duration of the classes are approximately 6 months. The first two classes are already included in the 2024 base budget. The additional class of 61 would start in December 2024.

			2024	
Actual	Actual	Estimate	Objective	
105*	184**	188	167	
57	102	110	140	
145	132	81 YTD	90	
	105∗ 57	105- 184 57 102	105- 184 188 57 102 110	

In 2021, an additional recruit class was restored through federal funding to try to address higher than normal attrition.

Out of the \$8.2m, \$452,293 is funded by the DPD Retirement Special Revenue Fund

⁻⁻ In 2022, 144 recruits were budgeted, while an additional 40 recruits were not budgeted and paid though vacancy savings.

Projected Authorized Strength

Year-end authorized strength is an estimate and takes into consideration the following

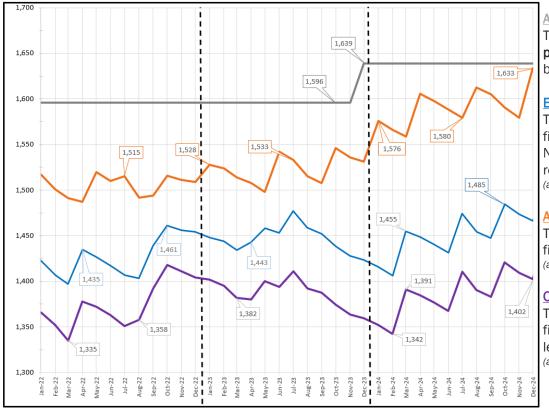
- Budgeted number of recruits
- Projected attrition rate over the past two years, attrition has been high but is beginning to normalize

Maximum DPD recruit class size is 56 (three classes for a total of 168 recruits)

If projected actual strength is +/- 10, it is anticipated DPD can reach authorized strength within a given year

Staffing Optimization Chart

DENVER POLICE STAFFING OPTIMIZATION



Authorized Strength

Total number of uniform **positions** approved in the budget

Effective Strength

Total number of **people** filling uniform positions NOT including recruits/trainees (accounts for attrition)

Actual Strength

Total number of **people** filling uniform positions (accounts for attrition)

Operational Strength

Total number of **people** filling uniform positions less modified duty/FML (accounts for attrition)

Contract Increase – Body Worn Cameras

Description	Expenditure
Increase in Axon Contract	\$1,440,035

Axon is the supplier who provides the Police Department with body worn cameras along with the services related to the cameras including maintenance and video storage.

This expansion provides necessary funding to support an increase of \$1,440,35 needed to fulfill the \$2,940,035 amount agreed to in the terms of the contract for the 2024 budget year.





Approved Capital Improvement Programs

Title/Description

Budget Impact

DPD - Property & Evidence

\$6,858,485

This funding will support relocation and building rehabilitation for DPD property and evidence storage. This facility will be moving from its current location to a building on the Park Avenue West campus.





Appendix



DPD - 2024 Budgeted FTE by Cost Center

General Fund	On-Call	CSA	Uniform	Total
3511000-Police Administration		170.25	108.00	278.25
Administrative Management		72.00	36.00	108.00
Chief of Police		17.50	15.00	32.50
Community Relations and Public Affairs		17.75	3.00	20.75
Financial Services		3.00	0.00	3.00
Fleet Services		36.00	1.00	37.00
Internal Affairs		1.00	17.00	18.00
PDA Police Grants		0.00		0.00
Planning, Research and Support		2.00	1.00	3.00
Property Management		19.00	6.00	25.00
Training		2.00	29.00	31.00
3512000-Police Investigations	2.00	143.35	347.00	492.35
Crisis Services	2.00	16.00		18.00
Forensics and Evidence		59.75	0.00	59.75
Investigative Services		20.00	96.00	116.00
Major Crimes		8.00	115.00	123.00
Patrol Districts			0.00	0.00
Photo Traffic Enforcement		17.50		17.50
Special Operations		22.10	136.00	158.10
3513000-Police Patrol Districts		28.63	1,052.00	1,080.63
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11879/3515000 Airport (132 Uniformed FTE Paid by DEN)				



342.23

1,507.00

1,851.23

2.00

Grand Total

Denver Police Districts with City Council Districts

