

2023 Camas Police Department Annual Report

PERSONNEL



Twenty five percent of the Camas Police Department's current authorized positions were filled in 2023, which includes both sworn and professional staff. We hired Officers Ryan Devaney, James Donlon, Colton Reed, and Diane Dyra. Records Lead Shawna Sommerville and Parking Enforcement Officer Wendi Peebles also joined the team.

Officer Tony Braunstein retired after nearly 24 years of service. Deb Riedl who served as both a Police Officer and a Parking Enforcement Officer also retired after 24 years of service. After 32 years with the Camas Police Department (15 as Chief) Mitch Lackey retired in July. Tina Jones was sworn in as Chief of Police on July 3.

Recruiting and hiring our new members was a major undertaking involving a lot of work and time. We are excited to begin a new era and many of our members are in various stages of training for their new roles.

EVENTS



Camas Police Department staff participated in several community events this year including Boo Bash, First Friday, the Skate Park Grand Opening, Camas Days, Hometown Holidays and Coffee with a Cop. For the first time, Camas Police Department joined the National Faith and Blue effort in October which strives to bring together members of the faith community and law enforcement. Journey Church partnered with the department to bring our groups together for this event.



2023 Performance Objective - Response Time

Maintain minimum response times: As the City continues to grow, we face challenges in providing rapid response due to increasing calls, road mileage and increasing traffic congestion.

We will strive to maintain response times of priority 1 and 2 (most critical) calls to under six minutes, priority 3 calls to under 8 minutes and priority 4 and 5 calls to under 10 minutes.

2023 Yearly Average Data

BEAT 92

Priority	Number of Calls	Average Response Time
1	11	04:24
2	185	04:38
3	1685	05:35
4	991	05:48
5	257	02:56
Extended		N/A
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BEAT 93

Priority	Number of Calls	Average Response Time
1	6	06:50
2	138	07:44
3	1030	08:01
4	724	08:11
5	82	05:20
Extended		N/A
Tot	tal 1980	

Note: This data reflects the averages for the calendar year 2023.

STATISTICS

Patrol

Our patrol officers handled 5,109 calls for service, made 6,019 traffic stops, issued 1,055 tickets, and made 54 Driving Under the Influence arrests in 2023.

School Resource Officers

Camas Police Department has 2 School Resource Officers assigned to our schools. The two SROs handled 886 calls in 2023. These calls range in topic from incidents occurring at schools to off campus events involving students as victims, witnesses, or perpetrators.





Officers positively engage with students and staff, provide education on topics related to crime prevention, and attend various school events with large crowds.

SRO's made 7 arrests (including one Driving Under the Influence arrest), initiated 317 traffic stops and issued 13 traffic tickets.

Detectives

Our Detective Division had a vacancy due to staffing shortages for the year. Despite this, the unit was able to investigate numerous cases, wrote 127 reports and logged 26 Adult Protective Services and 52 Child Protective Services cases.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Our Records Division

Reports - 2052
Public Records Requests - 627
Emails - 2985 (estimated value, tracking started in October)
Fail to Appear - 498
Concealed Weapons Permit License - 393
Background Checks - 273
Pawn Slips - 178

Code Enforcement

Our Code Enforcement Officer responded to 147 calls in 2023, ten of which are still open and under review. These cases range from complaints about signs displayed in public areas to overgrown vegetation to abandoned vehicles.

Parking Enforcement

Even though the parking enforcement position was only filled for 2/3 of the year, 1287 tickets were issued in 2023 by officers and parking enforcement. Parking enforcement focuses primarily on the areas of Downtown Camas and Heritage Park.

Work Crew

Two Work Crew Supervisors supervised 189 defendants for a total of 873 days ordered by the Municipal Court. Work crew helped clean up and beautify the city throughout the year with the focused efforts of the team.

INITIATIVES

Chief Jones established committees to work on initiatives for wellness, research uniform options for sworn and professional staff, and an awards and recognition committee. The goals are to increase wellness and resiliency for our team, create a peer support team, identify uniform needs and options, and to find ways to recognize excellence in a formal way. In 2024, we expect to achieve these goals and more with the work of our committees and team members.



CHIEF TINA JONES