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Denison Police Department

ANNUAL REPORT



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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."

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.

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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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 and State Highway 84 borders northern Denison, providing direct access to Lake Texoma, which is the 12th largest man-made lake in the U.S.

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Quick Facts

Founded: 1872

Population: 26,800

Square Miles: 29.06

Higher Educational Institutions: Grayson College

Message from the Chief



On behalf of the men and women of the Denison Police Department, I thank you for your interest in our annual report. The Denison Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency responsible for providing professional police services to the residents, business owners, and visitors in our community. The Police Department responds to roughly 20,000 calls for service each year. We are staffed by fifty-three sworn police officers who are assigned to patrol, criminal investigations, or as school resource officers. We are supported by twenty-eight full-time civilian employees, to include police, communications, and neighborhood services. The police facility is open 24 hours per day, seven days a week. We maintain a 9-1-1 Communications Center and our own temporary holding facility.

The Denison Police Department is accredited through the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Program. Accreditation is a voluntary process in which the Department is reviewed and must meet an established set of 173 difficult standards. Every fourth year, independent subject matter experts conduct a comprehensive assessment of our organization, policies, and performance. In 2022, TPCA Best Practices Accreditation Program completed an assessment of our department and we received our second award in August of 2022. The Denison Police Department has held accreditation continuously since 2018. This is a significant accomplishment as of the over 2700 Law Enforcement agencies in Texas, only 188 agencies have achieved "Accredited" status, and fewer than that have been re-accredited.

One of our biggest accomplishments of 2022 relates to our crime rate. Denison PD achieved a historical drop in crime. The City of Denison's crime rate fell 31% from 2021. All the credit goes to the great men and women who make up this department, sworn and civilian. Because of their hard work, commitment, and dedication, we are able to trend crime down to an all-time low. Several things factored into reaching this momentous occasion to include our strong commitment to community policing, our responsibly aggressive enforcement, and our dedication to building relationships with our community members, business owners, and visitors.

It will be a difficult task to maintain such a dramatic drop in crime, but I am confident that our staff will continue to work towards making this community one of the safest cities in the state of Texas. We will continue to build trust while sustaining our crime fighting efforts which ultimately improves the quality of life. I am both blessed and honored to be a part of this great community and organization.

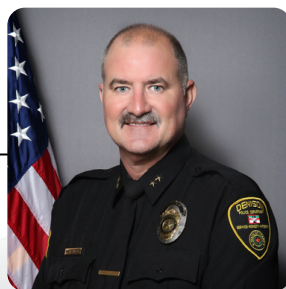
Each member of our police department believes in the powerful commitment of "SERVING AND PROTECTING" while providing fair and un-biased services. This report is meant to provide a snapshot of our agency and provide some data as it relates to our activity in the community. If we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us and as always, thank you for your continued support.

Chief Mike Gudgel

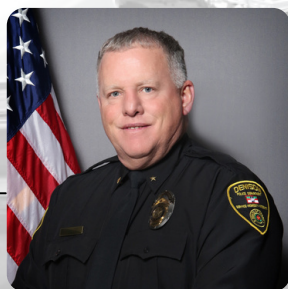


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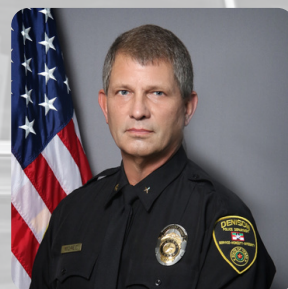
Leadership Team



Mike Gudgel
Chief of Police



Joe Clapp
Asst. Police Chief



Don Moree
Asst. Police Chief



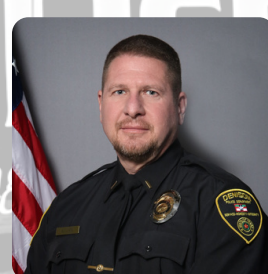
Brent Rains
Lieutenant



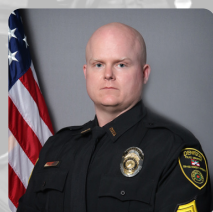
Chris Nordhoff
Lieutenant



Holly Jenkins
Lieutenant



Chris Kuhn
Lieutenant



Travis Mullican
Sergeant



Robby Carney
Sergeant



Jeremy Monroe
Sergeant



Troy Laroche
Sergeant



Jordan Jones
Sergeant



Colby Hogenson
Sergeant

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



2022 At a Glance

Uniform Crime Reporting



Violent Crime
Decreased
22%



Property Crime
Decreased
33%



Total Crime
Decreased
31%



53
Sworn Staff



28
Professional Staff



8,680
Traffic Stops
7

Total Fatality Crashes



0
Homicide Case



1,591
Total Arrests
86
DWI Arrests



18,127
Calls for Service

\$3,656,260
Drugs Seized



473
Public Relations Calls



2,181
Reports Filed



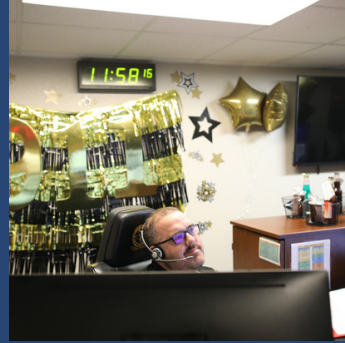
2022 Year in Review

JANUARY



In honor of our city turning 150 this year, we debuted our new badges and commemorative coins. We wore these badges throughout 2022.

APRIL



We celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week with our Communications Specialists.

FEBRUARY



We located and recovered the city's Centennial Time Capsule that was buried in the PD lobby 50 years ago!

MAY



Officers Buchanan and Echo were awarded the Rookie Dog Team Award by the United States Police Canine Association.

MARCH



We participated in the annual Texoma Family Fest! Thanks to all who came out to meet Sgt. Monroe and Officer Molina.

JUNE



Our friends at Legend Martial Arts stopped by the police department for a tour! We love getting to meet camp groups and show them how our department runs!

JULY



We participated in the Battle of the Badges blood drive. DPD took home the trophy after donating 26 pints of blood.

AUGUST



We had a great time meeting so many wonderful Denison ISD students and handing out some backpacks before the school year started.

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 21 years ago.

OCTOBER



We hosted our 3rd annual National Night Out event, a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

NOVEMBER



The latest class of our Citizens Police Academy celebrated their graduation. We were joined by guest speaker, Congressman Pat Fallon.

DECEMBER



We partnered with TxDOT to discuss the dangers of impaired driving with citizens at their Holiday Safety: Impaired Driving event.



Police Department Budget

Total Police Department Budget
(Includes: Police,
Communications, and
Neighborhood Services)

\$7,756,694

Police % of City Budget
22.7%

City of Denison
General Fund
Budget

\$34,072,567



Operational Expenses
— \$1,011,082

Personnel Expenses
— \$6,745,612

Cost of a New Recruit



Salary

\$51,876



Benefits

\$18,115



Equipment

\$4,500

Fleet

We currently
have 36
street driven
vehicles in
our fleet.

20

Tahoes
(Marked)

3

Chargers
(Marked)

1

Explorer
(Marked)

1

Chevy
Pickup
(Marked)

11

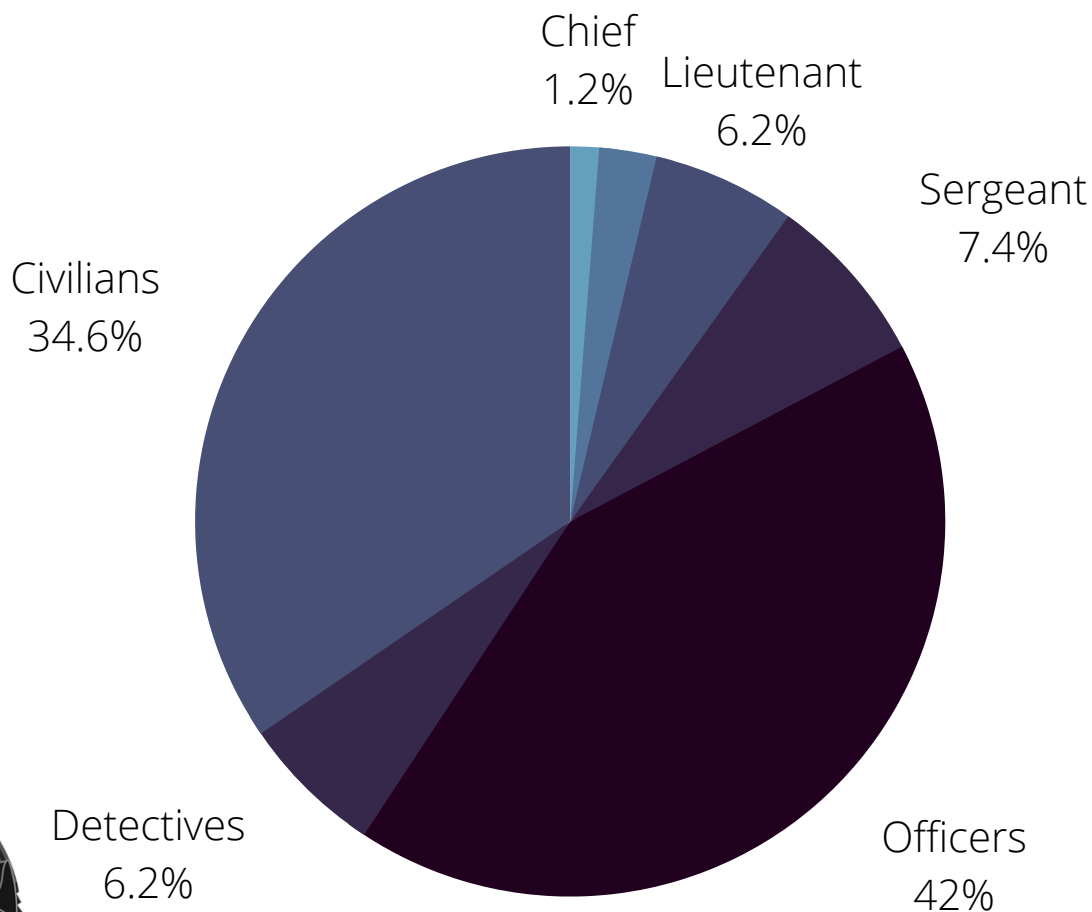
Unmarked
Vehicles





Police Department Staffing

Chief of Police	1
Assistant Chiefs	2
Lieutenants	4
Sergeants	7
Officers	34
Detectives	5
Civilians	28



Total: 81



Recruiting/Training

Civil Service Exams

3

Background
Investigations

24



2022

2022 Hiring Statistics

10 Officers Hired

5 Civilians Hired

2 Promotions

Promotions

- Colby Hogenson was promoted from Officer to Sergeant
- Rana Daugherty was promoted from Records and Data Specialist to Property and Evidence Technician

Specialized Training

- 2 - New TCOLE Instructors
- 2 - New Advanced Collision Investigators
- 9 - New Field Training Officers
- Active Shooter Training
- LEMIT - Module 1
- New Supervisors Training
- Low Light Tactical Operations Training
- ASP/Baton Instructor Certification
- Less Lethal Chemical Weapons Training
- Diversionary Device Training
- Duty to Intercede for Law Enforcement Training
- Statement Development and Analysis Training



Drones:

- Mavic 2 Enterprise - Visible and Thermal Imagery
- Phantom 4

Total Training Hours

6,988





Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is comprised of over 30 officers whose 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

2021	2022	↓ 13% decrease from 2021
33,327	29,064	

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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	607
Cases filed with the D.A.	1277
Cases Solved/Closed	2,276
Stolen Property Reported	\$1,894,634
Recovered Property	\$437,025

Evidence

Items Received	1,722
Items Disposed	5,091
Lab Submissions	340
Lab Returns	396

Narcotics Unit

New Cases	412
Joint Investigations	20
Arrests Made	186
State Dollar Amount Seized	\$21,683.29

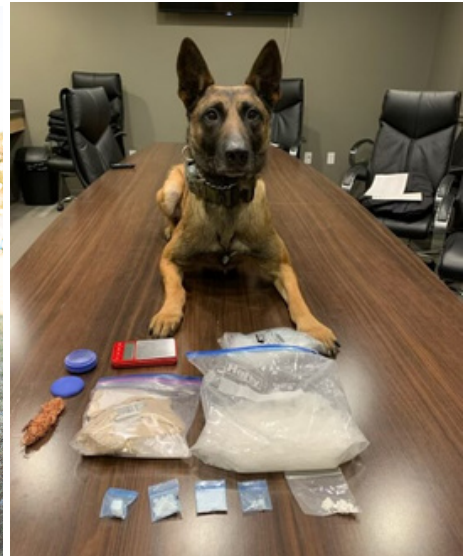
Administrative Investigations

Complaints Investigated	6
Sustained	3
Not Sustained	3



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 10 hours of training each week (40 per month.) The pair also goes through a recertification process yearly.



K9 Echo 2022 Workload

Traffic Stops	364
Arrests	71
K9 Deployments	35
Money Seized	\$2,558
Meth Seized	1,665 gm
Cocaine Seized	9.3 gm
Marijuana Seized	46.4 oz
Illegally Possessed Guns Seized	6



2022 Denison PD Drug Seizures

Marijuana

Meth

Heroin

Cocaine

4,124
grams

34,868
grams

4
grams

41
grams

Drugs Seized

\$3,656,260.00



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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.

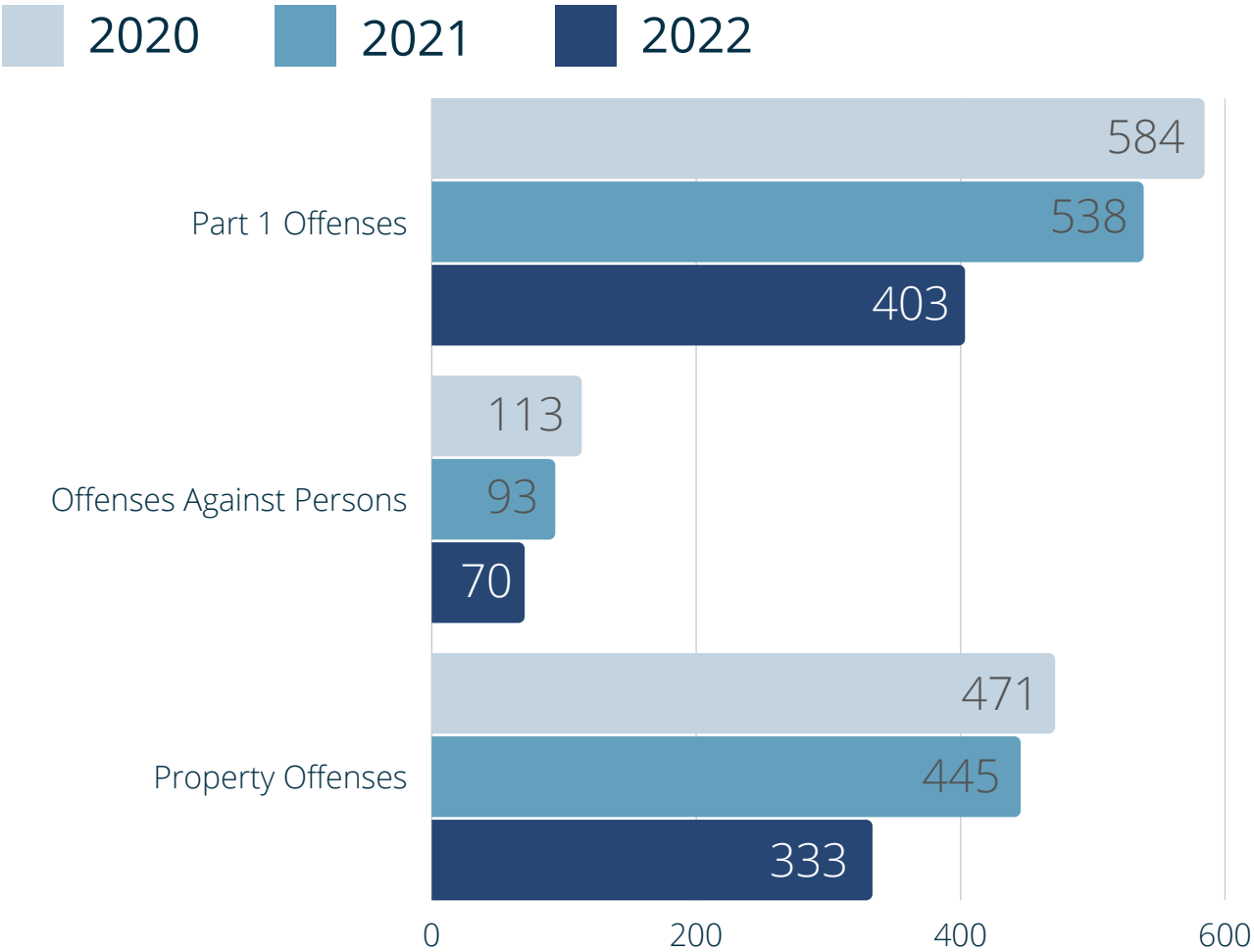
The Denison Police Department is proud to report a historic decrease in crime rates from the year 2021 to 2022. **The City of Denison recorded a 31% decrease in overall crime in 2022. Denison's violent crime rate dropped 22%, and property crime numbers fell 33%.**

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

2022 Total Crime:
Down **31%** from
2021

Violent Crimes
↓ **22%**

Property Crimes
↓ **33%**





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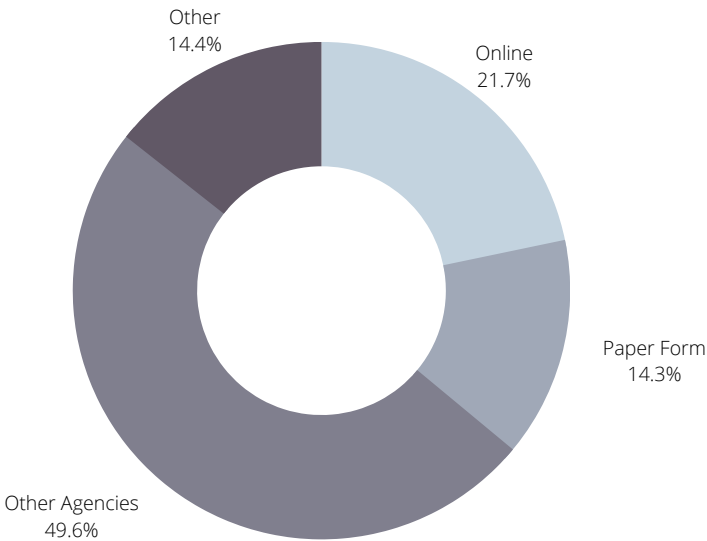
Records

The primary function of the Records Division includes 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	2,187
Accident Reports	350



Open Records Requests

Online	272
Paper Form	179
Law Enforcement Agencies	621
Other	180
Total	1,252
Monthly Average Requests	104

Front Desk Visitors

	2022 Numbers	Monthly Average
Walk-In	2,810	234
Phone	1,811	151
Officer	780	65
Total	5,401	450

Once again, our Records Division saw a record number of front desk visitors. With a total of 5,401 for the year, they (on average) served 450 visitors a month which totals about 22 parties per day*.

*considering work week periods



Communications

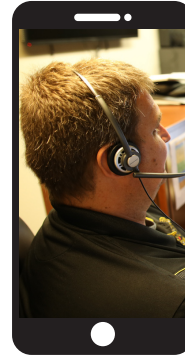


The Communications Division is a vital part of the Denison Police Department. They operate 24/7 and 365 days a year. The Denison Police Department Communications Division is comprised of 12 TCOLE Licensed civilian personnel who are tasked with triaging incoming emergency and non-emergency calls and determining proper response of resources. In 2022, our Communications Division upgraded equipment including, monitors, radios, etc. At the Texoma Council of Governments banquet in February of 2022, multiple staff members were recognized:

- Communications Specialist Andrew Baldridge received the Silent Hero Award
- Communications Specialists Sholandra Moore and Kavin Estabrook received the Life Saving Award
- Communications Supervisor Chad Allen received the Supervisor of the Year award.

9-1-1 Calls Received & Processed

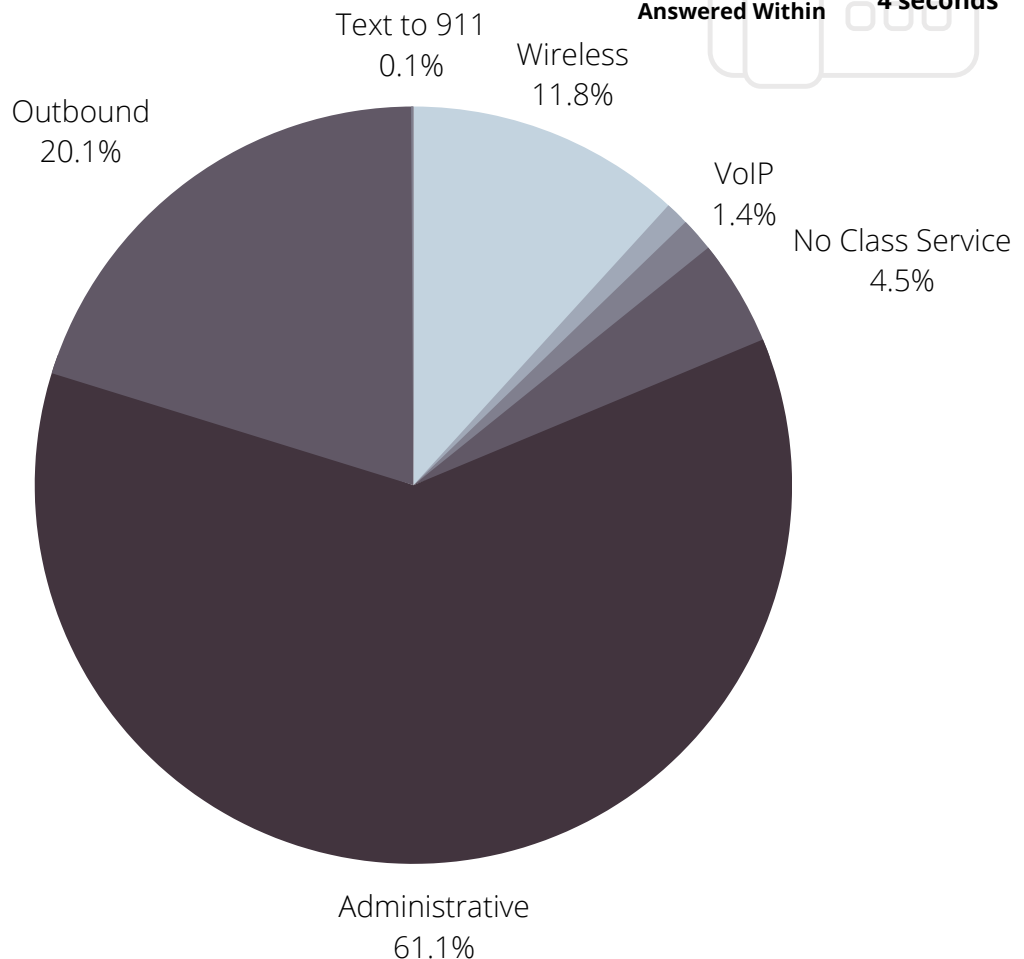
2022	16,244
2021	16,266
2020	15,785



We received 62.63% of 9-1-1 calls from a Wireless Carrier

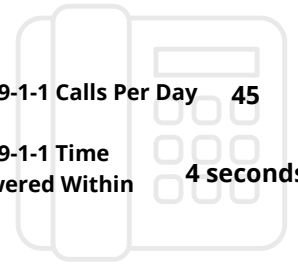
2022 Class of Service

Wireless	10,173
Landline	871
VoIP	1,244
No Class Service	3,899
Administrative	52,819
Outbound	17,406
Text to 9-1-1	57
TTY	28



Avg. 9-1-1 Calls Per Day 45

Avg. 9-1-1 Time Answered Within 4 seconds



A photograph of an Animal Services Officer from behind. The officer is wearing a dark green short-sleeved polo shirt with "ANIMAL SERVICES OFFICER" printed in white on the back. He is also wearing a light-colored straw hat with a dark band. A patch is visible on his right sleeve. He is standing outdoors under a large white canopy. In the background, there is a blurred figure of a woman and some tables with items on them.

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Neighborhood Services

Code Compliance

The Code Compliance Division inspects properties within the city limits to ensure compliance with ordinances in regard to trash, high grass or weeds, tall grass, and junked or abandoned vehicles and Minimum Property Standards of existing structures. Code Compliance Officers and staff help assist and educate homeowners and landowners in the City about the Code of Ordinances, and in turn helps keep occupants and neighbors safe, protect property values, and make our city an attractive, secure place to live and conduct business. The City of Denison Code Compliance administers the Code of Ordinances relating to environmental issues.

2022 Statistics

High Grass	3,056
Buildings	246
Litter and Debris	1,109
Minimum Property Standards	161
Open Storage	94
Zoning	11
Vehicles	797
Signs	315
Forced Pickups	570
Other Violations	602

2022 Total Violations
6,961



Animal Services

The City of Denison 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.

2022 Statistics

Total Calls	2,411
Animals moved to DAWG for adoption	508
Citations Issued	69



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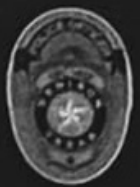


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Media Relations

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. In 2022, we welcomed Haley Banks as our new Media Relations Coordinator.



Social Media

	Jan. 1, 2022	Jan. 1, 2023	Total Increase
 Facebook Followers	17,020	18,608	+1,588
 Instagram Followers	764	1,048	+284
 Twitter Followers	38	116	+78

Veterans in DPD

The Denison Police Department is proud to have 20 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.

Sgt. R. Carney
Officer C. Tate



Lt. C. Nordhoff
Lt. H. Jenkins
Officer C. Hunt
Officer J. Dornstadter
Officer J. Garber
Officer N. Brossman
Officer D. Brown
Recruit C. Elmore



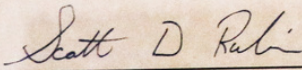
Lt. C. Kuhn
Sgt. J. Jones
Det. S. Mackay
Officer K. Jakovac
Officer A. Albarenga
Officer D. Hair
Recruit B. Brewer



Det. T. Unerfusser
Officer D. Riddick
Recruit G. Shafer




Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation, Inc.
To all that see this certificate know that the
Denison Police Department
having fulfilled the necessary qualifications and mandatory requirements of the Texas Police Chiefs Association's
Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices Accreditation Program
by voluntarily proving their compliance with the Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices,
the Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation, Board of Directors does hereby award this
Certificate of Accreditation
Effective this 22nd day of August, 2022 through 2026.


Recognition Committee Chairperson




Foundation Board Chairperson

Best Practices Accreditation



In August of 2022, the Denison Police Department received notice of gaining our reaccreditation as an “Accredited Law Enforcement Agency” from the Texas Police Chiefs Association: Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

The Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is a voluntary process where police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 170 Texas Law Enforcement Best Practices. These Best Practices were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk, and the protection of individual's rights.

We were officially named an “Accredited Law Enforcement Agency” back in 2018. The “Accredited” status is awarded for a four-year period. During the four-year period, the agency must submit an annual report and show continuing compliance with several performance-related standards. These are reviewed as they are received, and compliance verified. During the last year of the period, the agency must prepare updated documentation on all Best Practices and another on-site review is conducted. The Accreditation Committee must then vote again to approve “Accredited” status for the next four years.

To gain reaccreditation, this voluntary process required the Denison Police Department to conduct a critical self-review of the agency's policies, procedures, facilities, and operations. Beginning early 2022, the department, led by Program Coordinator Lt. Chris Nordhoff, began the often-lengthy process of getting reaccredited as an “Accredited Law Enforcement Agency”. Upon completion of the internal review, an outside audit and review was requested. The result of this review was then sent to the Texas Police Chiefs Association's Recognition Committee for final analysis and decision to renew DPD's already secured “accredited” status.

In November, our Best Practices team was recognized at our City Council meeting.

For more information you can visit: <https://www.texaspolicechiefs.org/accreditation-program>





National Night Out



For the first time ever, our NNO event was submitted for an award. Out of thousands of events, we are proud to say we placed 22nd in the nation! We will continue to improve and expand this event, in hopes to place higher in the future .



In October 2022, the Denison Police Department had the opportunity to celebrate with our community for our third annual National Night Out (NNO)! We saw a record-breaking turnout with over 500 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, more caring places to live. We strive to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of the community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together.

Police departments build community engagement and build relationships through games, food, and activities! This last year, citizens had the opportunity to see demonstrations by Echo, our K-9, and watch a helicopter landing demonstration!

Why is it important?

We are proud to share that in 2022, our crime rate dropped 31%. 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 out for our 2023 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!



Shop with a Cop

The Denison Police Department once again partnered with the Denison Fire Department, the Denison Walmart, and the Denison Kiwanis Club for Denison's Annual Shop with a Cop.

Since the 1990s, the Denison Kiwanis Club has held this Christmas shopping event hosted by the Denison Walmart. DPD has been participating for over 20 years. 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 their 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 companion.

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



Citizens Police Academy



In 2022, we hosted two more classes of our Citizens Police Academy.

The Denison Citizens Police Academy 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 could include:

- Patrol
- K-9
- Criminal Investigations Division
- Firearms
- Communication Operations
- Juvenile Law



A huge congratulations to the 15th and 16th CPA classes who graduated in 2022!



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

Officer:

Carroll A. Spaugh	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



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