

2020  
DENISON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT

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# DENISON STRONG



Denison Police Department





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Mayor

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Place 3

**Brian Hander**  
Place 6

**Obie Greenleaf**  
Place 2

**Robert Crawley**  
Place 4

**Kristofer Spiegel**  
Place 5

## Spotlight on Denison

Population 25,529

City Size 24.6 Sq. Miles

Average Household 2.52

Average Home Price \$161,068

Median Income \$45,257

Median Age 39.5

Education Top 10 Best School Districts in TX.

Bachelor's Degree or Higher 19.4%

Amenities Historic Downtown District  
Lake Texoma





# Mission, Values & Motto



## 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.

## Motto

**Serving and Protecting**

# Chief of Police Mike Gudgel



It is an exciting time to be a part of our Denison Community. With that, I am eager to bring you the first ever published Denison Police Department Annual Report. We continually strive for improvement and to be the premier law enforcement agency in Texas. As part of that, we work together with others in our community, including the city council, city staff, residents, businesses, and visitors to provide exceptional, compassionate service. Every member of the police department is here to serve you and maintain our core values of honesty, service, and integrity.

The year 2020 has been a year like we have never seen before and will not likely soon forget. A global pandemic and unrest throughout our nation has certainly changed how the Denison Police Department approaches public safety service to the city. The year also presented a number of remarkable opportunities for our agency, which allowed for innovative measures that improved efficiency while enhancing our community policing efforts. This is a remarkable time in the history of our city and as law enforcement, our staff is continually tasked with meeting new challenges every day. We take these challenges head-on with a positive attitude and a commitment to you. As Denison is one of the fastest growing cities in the North Texas Area, we have a unique opportunity to adapt and plan for this growth from a public safety standpoint. We take this seriously, and as we grow, we will continue to provide cost effective, innovative, and professional service to the citizens of Denison.

The most important aspect of our department is the people. The people who work here are men and women of character who want to make your life better. Those who represent our department are true professionals dedicated to serving the noble cause of policing. They are service-minded individuals committed to the welfare and safety of this community. Our mission reads: "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." We will live by this mission statement every day in fulfilling our commitment to you.

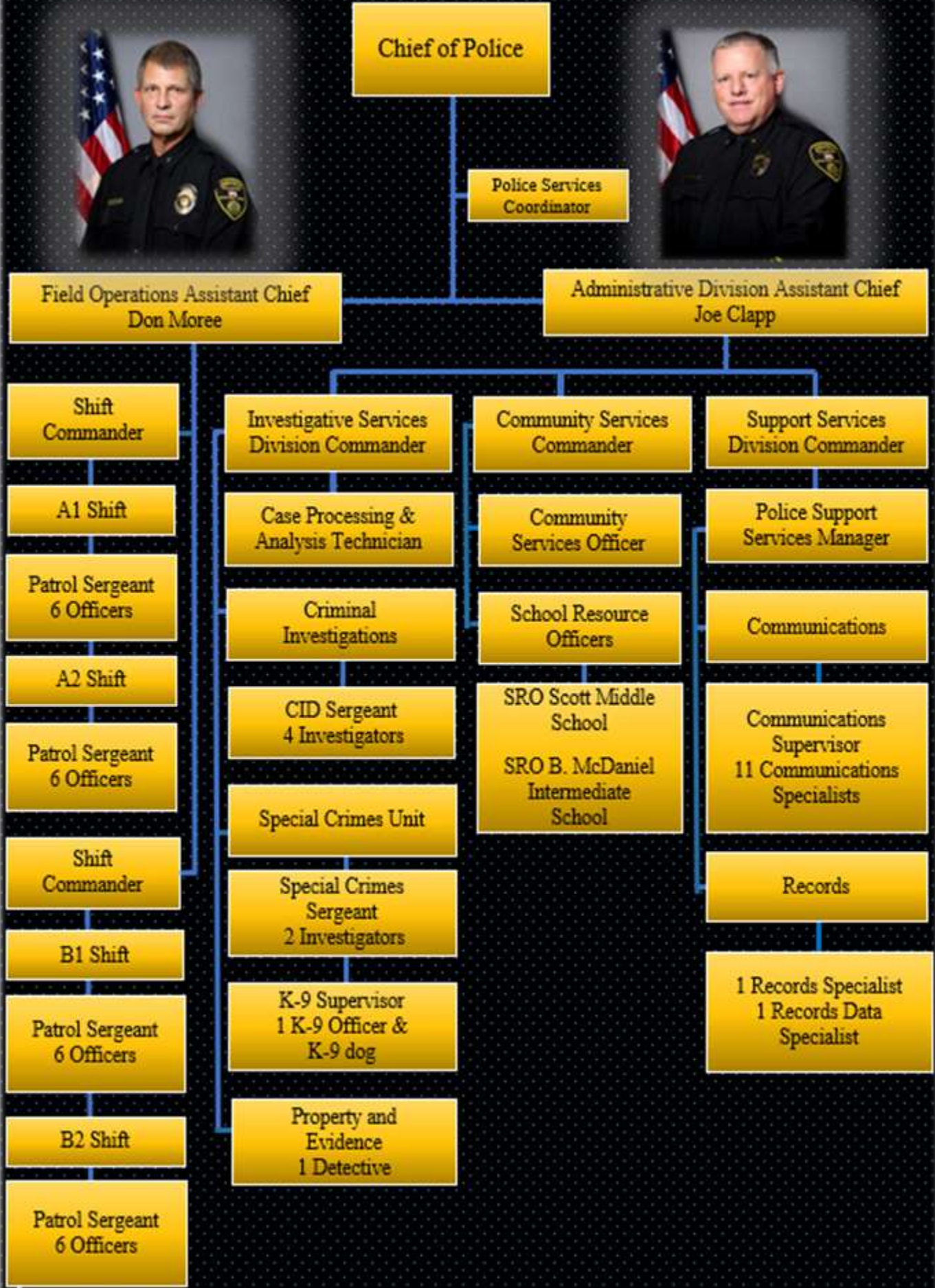
In conjunction with others in our community, we are surpassing expectations of what law enforcement is and what we can accomplish together. With your help, we will continue to make Denison a stronger and safer community in which to live, work and play. Thank you for being our partners in this journey. As always, please visit our website, [www.cityofdenison.com/police](http://www.cityofdenison.com/police), and become a follower of the Denison Police Department Facebook page.

It is my honor to be your Chief of Police.

Mike Gudgel



# Organizational Chart



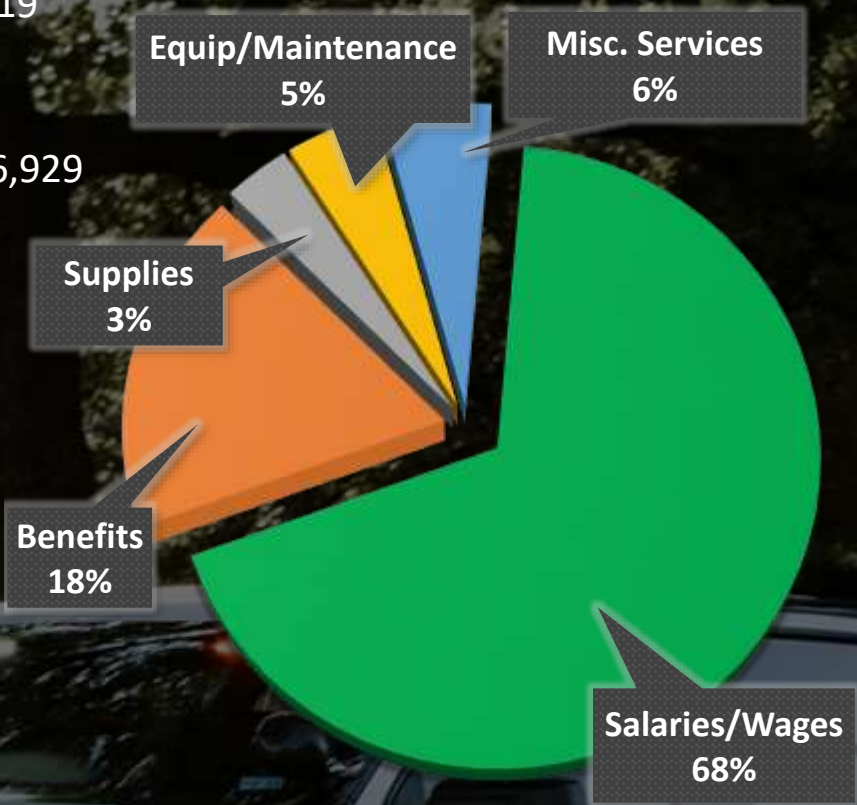


# Police Department Budget 020/023

## Budget 020/023

- Salaries/Wages \$3,998,319
- Benefits \$1,064,494
- Supplies \$203,338
- Equip/Maintenance \$276,929
- Misc. Services \$334,077

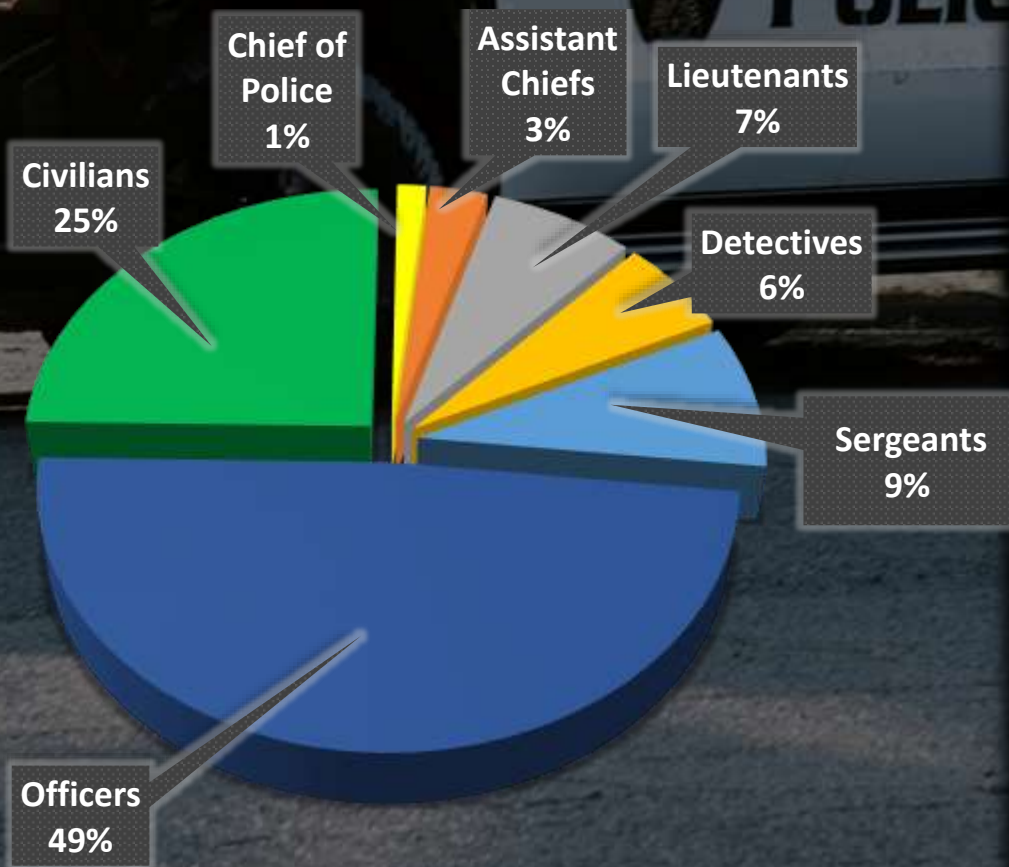
**Total \$5,877,157**



## Staffing

- Chief of Police - 1
- Assistant Chiefs of Police - 2
- Lieutenants - 5
- Sergeants - 6
- Officers – 33
- Detectives - 4
- Civilians - 17

**Total 68**





# Training and Recruitment

## Personnel

5

Civil Service Exams

56

Background Investigations

9

Sworn Personnel Hired

2

Civilian Personnel Hired

17,971

Training Hours (Sworn/Civilian)



## Specialized Training

- Glock Armorers School
- Highway Drug Interdiction for Patrol
- Street Smart Cop/Pro Active Patrol Tactics
- Police Cyclist Course
- School Resource Officer Course
- Strategic Public Information Officer Course
- Criminal and Homicide Investigations Course
- Active Shooter Response for Schools
- Less Lethal Weapons Training

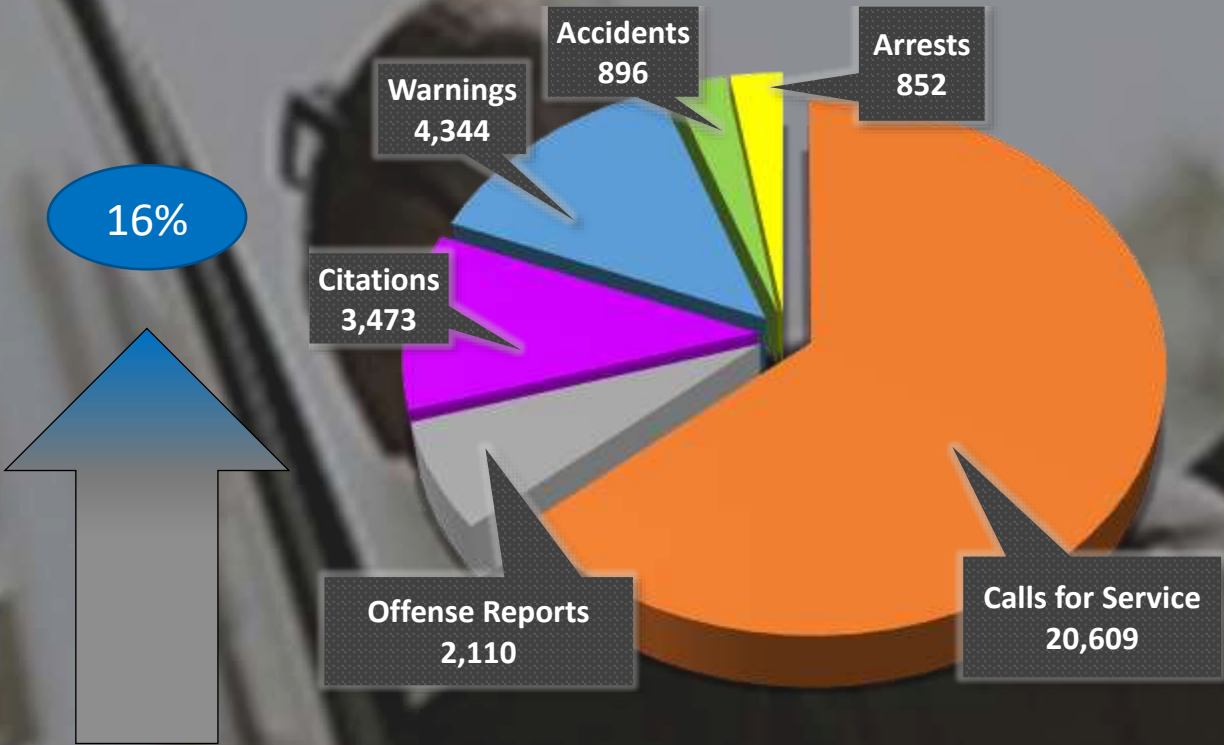
We currently have (2) two officers that are certified as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Pilots through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

DPD's Drones

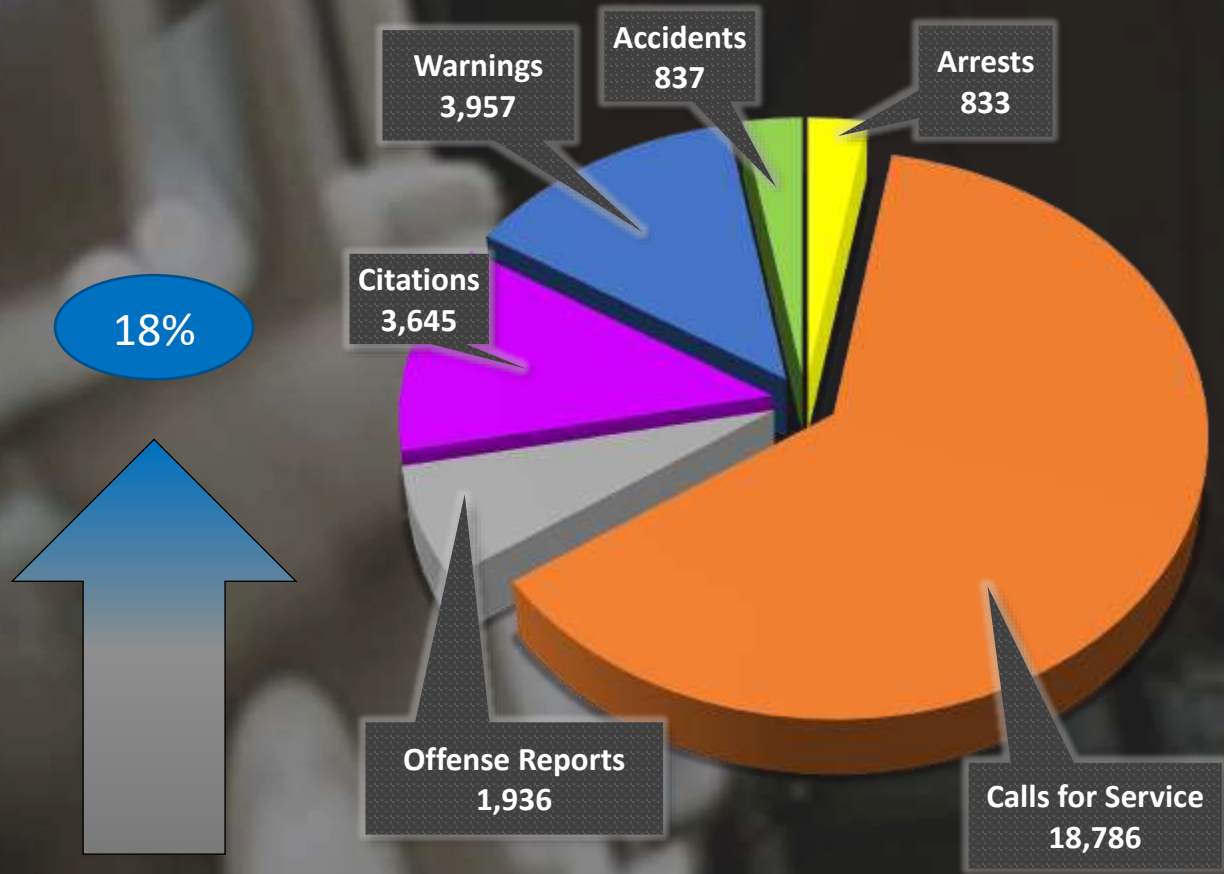
- Mavic 2 Enterprise - Visible & Thermal Imagery
- DJI Phantom Drone



# Police Department Productivity



2020 Total Activity – 31,708



2019 Total Activity – 27,318



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# Investigations

## Criminal Investigations

- New Cases -543
- Cases Filed with D.A. – 1,146
  - \* includes Special Crimes Unit Cases
- Cases Solved/Closed -1,788
- Stolen Property - \$1,251,346
- Recovered Property - \$758,849

## Property/Evidence

- Items Received – 1,960 items
- Items Disposed – 115 items
- Lab Submissions - 250

## Special Crimes Unit

- New Cases - 432
- Joint Investigations - 13
- Arrests Made - 134
- State Dollar Amount Seized - \$53,341

## Administrative Investigations

- Complaints Investigated – 4
- Sustained - 2
- Not Sustained - 2





# 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. Additional responsibilities include answering the main phones and staffing the reception area of the main lobby.

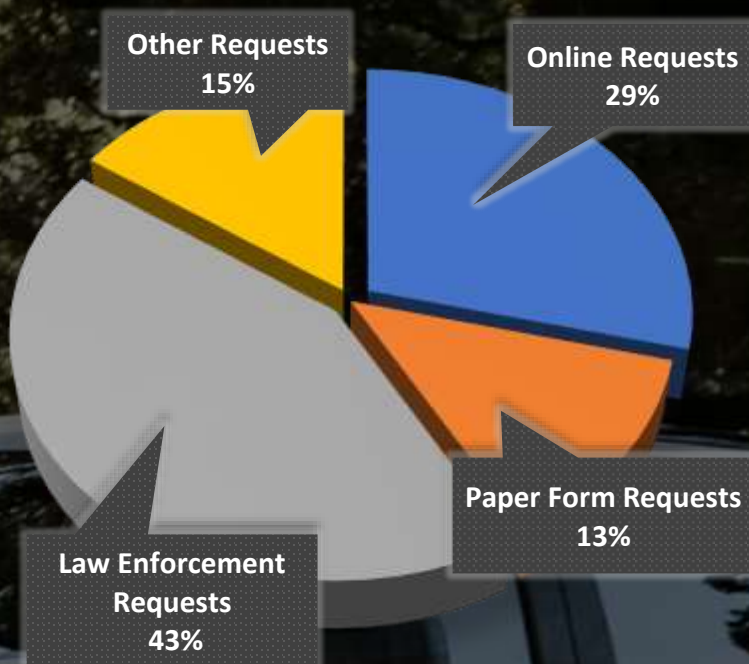
## Reports Processed and Approved

- Incident Reports - 2,157
- Accident Reports– 450

## Open Records Requests

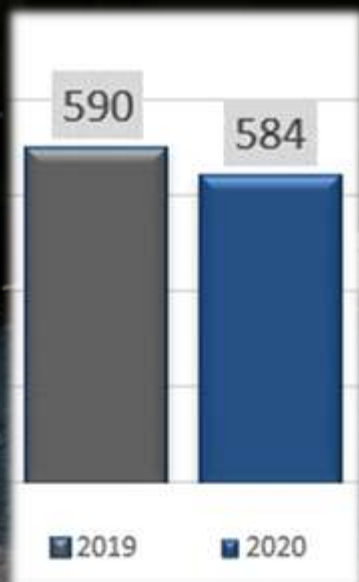
- Online - 264
- Paper Form -118
- Law Enforcement Agencies- 393
- Other - 141

**Total 916**

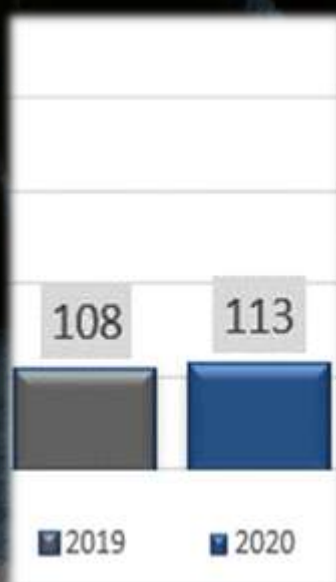


## UCR Part 1 Crime Comparison

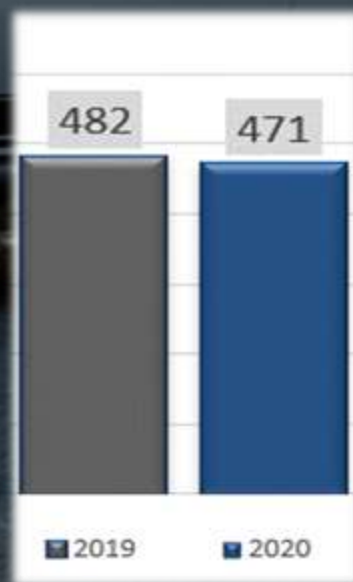
These crimes include homicide, rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, theft and vehicle theft.



Part 1 Offenses



Offenses Against Persons



Property Offenses

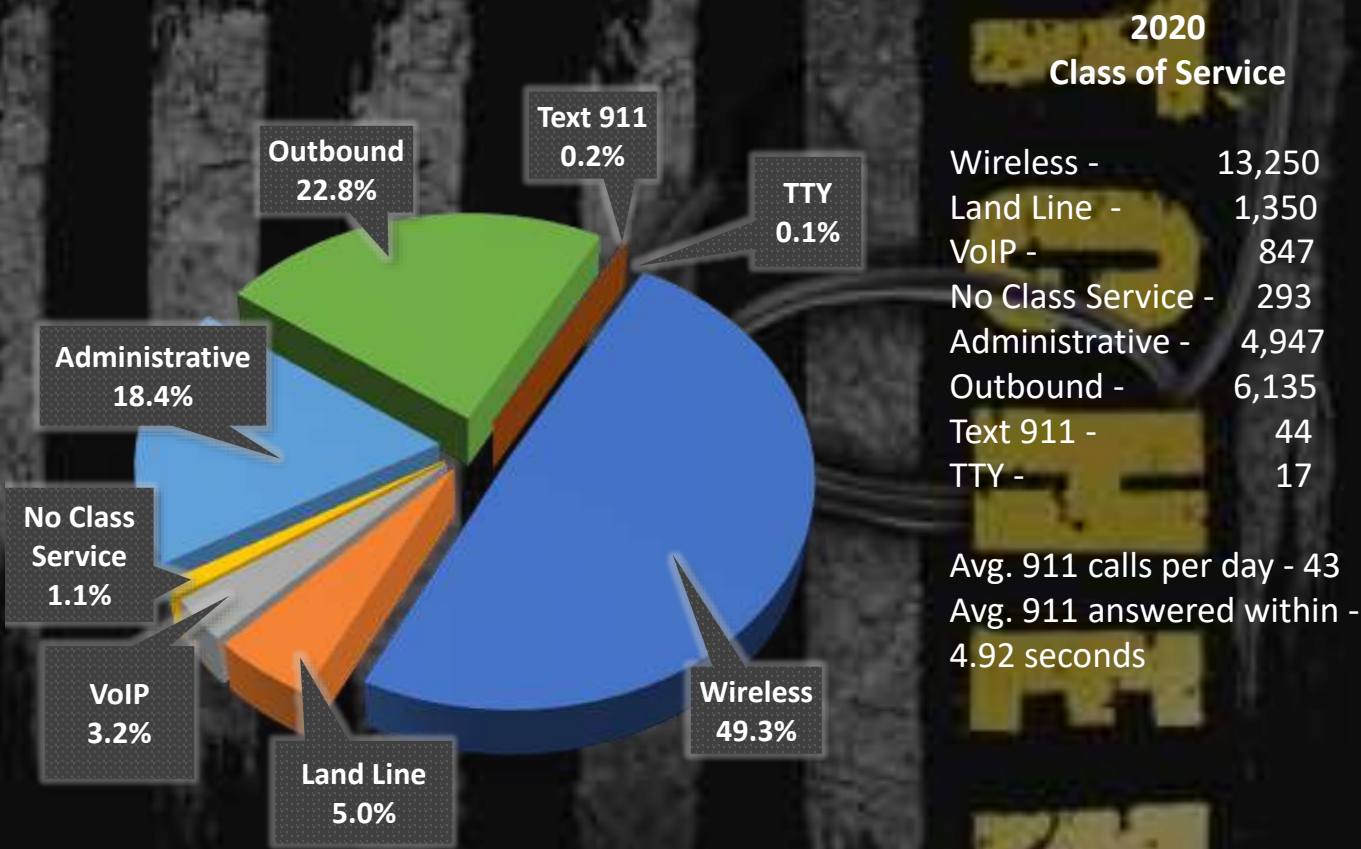
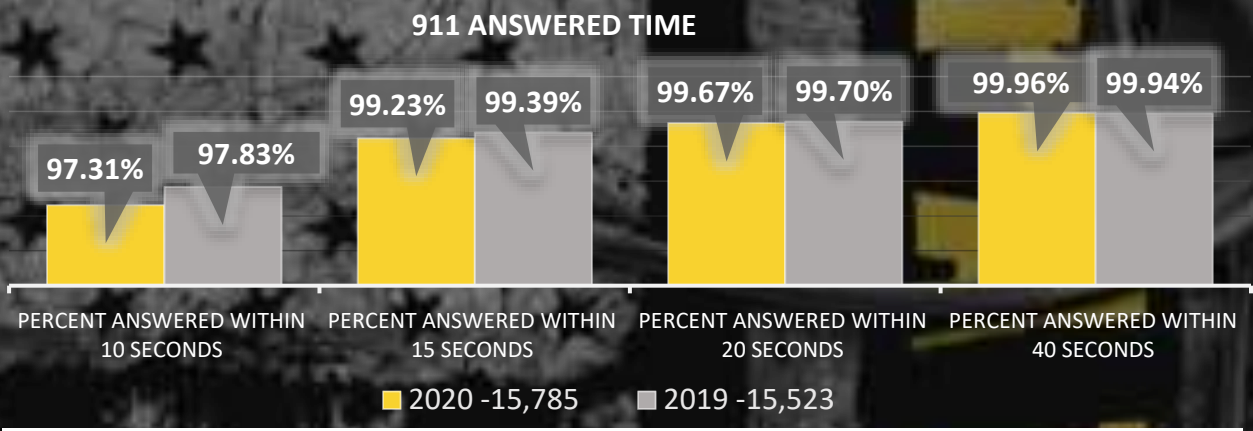




# Communications

The Communications Division is a vital portion of the Denison Police Department that operates 24/7 and 365 day a year. The Denison Police Department Communications Division is comprised of 11 TCOLE Licensed Telecommunications Operators. Our Communications Specialists are trained civilian personnel that are tasked with triaging incoming emergency and non-emergency calls and determining proper response of resources.

Communications was presented with a framed original, signed copy of the HOUSE BILL 1090 during Telecommunicator Week 2020. This Bill classifies dispatchers as First Responders in the State of Texas.



**911**  
CALL IF YOU CAN  
TEXT IF YOU CAN'T

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# Services and Programs



The following is a list of services and programs provided by the Denison Police Department. For more information on any of these programs, call the Community Services Division at (903)465-2422 ext. 2314 or 2324. [www.cityofdenison.com/police](http://www.cityofdenison.com/police)

- Chaplain Program
- Child Safety ID Fingerprinting
- Cops and Kids School Lunch Program
- Coffee with a Cop
- Citizens Police Academy
- Civilian Observation/Rider Program
- Firearm Safety
- Safe Exchange Zone
- Fingerprinting
- Home Security Assessment
- National Night Out
- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Safety Fairs
- Vacation Watch
- Medical Drug Disposal Drop Box
- Active Shooter/Attacker Training
- Senior Lockbox Program





# Services and Programs



## THE OFFICE OF MEDIA AFFAIRS

The Community Services team is responsible for the department's media relations, social media outreach, event photography and web page, and building relationships with the community through Public Relations and Programs. During 2020, the department reached 15,979 followers on social media on its platforms, conducted 1,293 interactions with businesses and residences, and 68 Birthday Drive By(s). The Community Services team members continued to increase their responsiveness to the local news organizations and have distinguished themselves as a lead example of an effective police media relations group.





# Involve the Community



## **DENISON CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY**

Citizens participated in the educational program designed to provide the public with a working knowledge of the Police Department. Once they complete the academy, they volunteer at events to help DPD. There are 12 active members.

## **DENISON Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (DCPAAA)**

Volunteers donated 240 hours during 2020. Additional duties include traffic diversion and helping with special events. DCPAAA are observers/reporters only and do not become physically involved or place themselves in dangerous situations.

## **COFFEE WITH A COP**

Coffee with a Cop provides residents with an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in their neighborhood in an informal and casual setting.

## **COPS and KIDS Lunch Program**

Cops and Kids Lunch Program provides the kids an opportunity to meet, ask questions and build trust and positive interaction between children and our Patrol Officers and Communications Specialists, while enjoying lunch within the school building.



# Involve the Community





# Accomplishments



- A New Mission Statement and Motto
- Formation of the Shared Leadership Team
- Redesign of Badges
- Patches and Decals for Vehicle and Uniforms Updated
- Reserve Officers Program Revitalized
- Medication Disposal Program
- Upgraded Uniforms - Blauer RS
- Transitioned to Glock 9mm Handgun
- Fingerprint Readers for MDT's
- Challenge Coins Created
- Formation of Community Leaders Group Meetings
- Community On-Line Reporting System
- Re-establishment of our Bike Patrol Program – Seven (7) Certified Bike Officers
- Formalized the Internal Affairs Process
- “City Employee of the Year” awarded to Detective S. Mackay
- Meritorious Service Award - Officer J. Shoemate
- Officer C. Arrington and Officer J. Molina recognized as Outstanding Officers by KLBC
- Officer J. Shoemate was honored by Hometown Hero for his services and sacrifice while serving in the U.S.M.C
- 2020 winner of the Battle of the Axe Blood Drive
- Recertified as a “Recognized Agency” under the Texas Police Chiefs Association Best Practices Accreditation Program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- TCOG – Silent Hero Award - Communications Specialist J. Young
- TCOG - Life Saving Award - Communications Specialist R. Williams
- Participated in “No Shave November.” All proceeds are being donated to the American Cancer Society.
- Exchange Zone Designated for Citizens

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# Retirement and Memoriam

**Chief:**

J.R. Dishner  
Paul S. Borum  
Edwin E. Eubank  
Clyde W. Nave  
Jimmy A. Lovell  
Johnnie C. Burch

**Service Dates:**

1924 –1949  
1929 –1974  
1952 –1985  
1966 –1991  
1975 –2011  
2011 –2019

**Asst. Chief:**

Herman R. Allen

1977 –2003

**Captain:**

Lewis H. Winchester  
Clarence C. Faeke  
Vincent R. Silva  
Lewayne Clifton  
Harvin C. Strandlien  
Henry J. Shearer  
John B. Nelson III  
Ronald W. Gallia  
Ricky L. Morris  
Jimmy W. Dancer  
Billy G. Shaw

1937 –1971  
1937 –1971  
1952 –1984  
1961 –1989  
1964 - 1991  
1967 –1979  
1974 –1978, 1981 – 2007  
1975 –2000  
1980 –2005  
1982 –2009  
1991 –2012

**Lieutenant:**

Gary W. Lance  
Michael A. Lorensen  
Richard K. Starr  
Jeffrey G. Camp  
Danny P. Neumann

1973 –1998  
1988 –2005  
1978 –2014  
1988 –1992, 1997 - 2015  
1999 –2019

**Sergeant:**

Michael W. Byrd  
William H. Hayth  
Jackie W. Thomas  
Clayton D. Pyles  
Brian D. Conrad

2001 –2015  
1983 –2016  
1983 –2017  
1990 –2019  
1999 –2019

**Officer:**

Carroll A. Spaugh  
Thomas F. Fair  
Timothy E. Murrin  
Jeffrey D. Bellows  
Gregory A. Brown

1984 –1989, 1990 – 2012  
1985 –2012  
1995 –2015  
1995 –2016  
1999 –2010



