# 2024 Camas Police Department Annual Report



# **CHIEF MESSAGE**

#### 2024 was a great year for the Camas Police Department!

Our team accomplished a lot throughout the year while focusing on improving our service and striving for excellence.

One key area where we improved was in **integrating technology solutions**, such as for records requests, concealed handgun applications, and for our field training program. Finding ways to leverage technology to increase efficiencies and improve our service to the community has been a key goal for us. We also achieved full staffing for half the year with our sworn staff, which was exciting. We ended the year with one sworn vacancy and two records vacancies and are navigating several hiring processes to get back to full authorized staffing in 2025.

**Crime rates remain low per capita,** but we still have crime in our city. Our patrol officers handled over **13,000 calls** for the year, including over 5,000 traffic stops! For the first time in a while, our Detective Division was fully staffed for most of the year and that team handled an extraordinary caseload on top of attending over 200 hours of critical training.

Our **Code Enforcement Officer** responded to many community livability concerns, especially during a busy election year. Our **Parking Enforcement Officer** conducted a lot of proactive patrols in our Downtown and Heritage Park areas to enforce traffic codes.

Not a week goes by without me hearing from a community member about how one of our Camas Police Department members treated them with dignity and respect either on a traffic stop, during a call response, or when they came into the department and needed something from our Records staff. I am very proud of how our team handles their service to our community, with care and empathy.

We have challenges ahead in 2025. We remain **understaffed** given the growth of the city and demands on our services. We have not added a supervisory position in over 20 years. Given the focus and attention on law enforcement practices the past few years, there is more focus and attention on providing adequate supervision and guidance for police officers than ever to **support our officers and reduce risk to the city.** Further, in the next 5 years, 43% of our current sworn staff are eligible to retire. Adding needed team members, especially supervisors, retaining our amazing staff, recruiting new members, hiring, and training remain challenges for our team.

We are excited to face a new year and hope you will **follow us on our social media** to stay current on our latest happenings. I continue to be inspired by our Camas Police Department team and am very proud of the team's continued efforts to serve the Camas community with excellence and care.

Warm Regards,

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# PERSONNEL

**Sergeant Scot Boyles** retired after 26 years of service. He was assigned to the Detective Division in his final assignment.

This year we hired **Officer Lawson Parkhurst**, who was in the first graduating class of the SW Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Vancouver. We also hired **Officer Zoey Pitts**, who was elected Vice President for her academy class and was a squad leader during the academy.

**Dick Golladay r**etired after 37 years of service to the City of Camas. His final role was as a Work Crew Supervisor.

**Records Specialist Kaylee Young** moved onto another career, and we hired **Terri Adams** to fulfill this critical records role. **Records Specialist Alicia Stevens** took another position with the city, and we are working to fill this position.

Photos to right, from top: Sergeant Scot Boyles, Officer Lawson Parkhurst, Officer Zoey Pitts, Dick Golladay, Kaylee Young, Terri Adams, Alicia Stevens

















# TRAINING

2024 was a huge training year for us as we had many staff members who were assigned to new roles and responsibilities. We assigned a new **Detective** Sergeant, new Patrol Sergeant, two new Detectives, and assigned new duties to a **Public Information** Officer, two Active Threat instructors, Firearms instructor, Vehicle Operations instructor, and new Peer Support Members. Additionally, there is on-going training required to maintain State certification for our members and instructors. Administrative Sergeant Brie Bieber does a fantastic job of managing all the training to keep our team on track and certified. In the past few years, there has been an increase in training expectations to maintain State certifications. We strive to stay current with our training and provide opportunities for professional development and growth.



City Administrator Doug Quinn with Sgt. David Garcia at our Emergency Vehicle Operator Course



Officers learning to deploy "The Wrap" device to restrain individuals who are trying to hurt themselves or others

#### TECHNOLOGY



Installation of an Axon fleet camera



Axon camera in interview room



An officer training on the UAS (drone)

Our Public Information Officers have been working hard to increase our presence on social media. Additionally, we joined the city in joining a new Public Records Request system called **Just FOIA.** 

We also implemented a new electronic system for **concealed handgun permit applications** which streamlined the process for the applicants and our records staff.

This year, we got **Axon cameras** installed in our facility interview rooms and in our patrol vehicles. These systems have already been extremely helpful for our investigations and to reduce risk.

We also purchased an **UAS** (aka "drone") and have trained several operators in the technology. We are finalizing our policy and hope to get this program operational in 2025.

Our **Field Training** program documentation was out-of-date and required handwritten evaluations and notes. We implemented a new program to assist with streamlining the process in a computer database.

# POLICY



We embarked on an overhaul of our agency policies and procedures with the **Lexipol system**. We are over **2/3 done** with the project and hope to finish the update in 2025.

# **STATISTICS**

#### PATROL

The Patrol Division has two squads that handle 24 hour a day patrol service. When we are fully staffed, there are 4 Patrol Sergeants and 18 Patrol Officers who cover 4 shifts throughout the day. We do not have supervisory coverage for all of night shift from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m. During that timeframe there are 2 officers to cover all calls in our 17 square mile city.

The Patrol Division handled over 6,100 calls from community members for service. This does not count proactive enforcement, such as traffic stops or follow up. Our Officers and Sergeants conducted over 5,000 traffic stops. In a city with a population of over 27,000 that is a lot of traffic enforcement! There were 40 DUI arrests, 41 warrant arrests, 238 misdemeanor arrests, and 30 felony arrests. In total, 349 arrests were made.

#### SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Camas Police Department has 2 School Resource Officers assigned to our schools. These incidents 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. Our School Resource Officers (SRO's) handled 470 calls and there were 3 arrests for the year. The SRO's engaged in proactive events with Police Activities League and at various sporting events at Camas schools. Officer Kevin Hermann joined the SRO program in the Fall.



Patrol coverage during the annual Camas Days festival



*Sgt. David Garcia and Detective Gary Manning performing at an Honor Guard function* 



Officer Kevin Hermann and Sgt. Brie Bieber at a Camas High School Football game



School Resource Officers Brent Mayhugh and Kevin Hermann at the Boo Bash event

# **STATISTICS**



Sgt. Stefan Hausinger, Detective Gary Manning and Detective Tim McNall

#### **DETECTIVE DIVISION**

Sergeant Stefan Hausinger and Detective Gary Manning joined the unit in January and Detective Tim McNall joined in March. This team handled 411 reports and investigated 146 cases. They completed 56 search warrants, which is a tedious and time-consuming process. They also handled 58 adult protective services and 29 child protective services referrals and 26 sex offender registration checks. 26 arrests or charges were referred to the Prosecutor's Office. They also assisted with 3 officer-involved shooting investigations with the regional team. Somehow, they managed to complete about 200 hours of training related to the position, including child interview, sexual assault, sudden infant death syndrome, basic homicide, background investigation training, and more.



*Code Enforcement Officer Kraig Anspach* 



Parking Enforcement Officer Wendy Peebles

# **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Our Code Enforcement Officer responded to **102 calls** in 2024. Flve of the 2024 cases 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**

There were **1,529 parking tickets** issued in 2024. Parking is enforced in downtown Camas and at Heritage Park.

# **STATISTICS**

# RECORDS

Our Records Division engages in critical work to support our team and the community. They coordinate with local prosecutors, other agencies, and the public to provide important records and information, often on deadlines. These statistics are especially impressive given the several months we have had two open positions in the unit.



Records Lead Shawna Sommerville

	2021	2022	2023	2024
BACKGROUND CHECKS	207	193	272	290
CPL	946	413	393	282
EMAILS	N/A	N/A	622	3880
FTA	498	939	498	N/A
PARKING TICKETS	N/A	N/A	246	88
PAWN SLIPS	94	131	178	109
PUBLIC RECORDS	581	495	627	711
REPORTS HANDLED	2584	2838	3197	3297
TOTALS	4910	5095	6033	8657

#### **EVENTS**

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



Coffee with a Cop event



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