

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**KILLEEN POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**

# MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Killeen Police Department is to serve and protect in a manner that preserves the public's trust. We accomplish this by tirelessly upholding the principles of justice, protecting the innocent, and holding those who violate the law accountable. The pillars of the 21st Century Policing Report serve as the foundation of our commitment to Community Policing. Together, we build trust, promote transparency, and create a safer, more inclusive community for everyone we serve.

# OUR VISION

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# OUR VALUES

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- Reduce Crime and the Fear of Crime in the Community
- Power of Transparency
- Accountability
- Provide Exceptional Customer Service
- Encourage Employee Involvement
- Engage in Ethical Conduct
- Respect Human Rights
- Support Wellness Initiatives

# MESSAGE FROM CHIEF LOPEZ

As we reflect on 2024, I want to take a moment to thank our community, city leadership, and the dedicated men and women of the Killeen Police Department for a year marked by progress, innovation, and teamwork. Here are some of the key accomplishments we achieved together:

- Launched the 2024–2029 Strategic Plan to guide our vision for safer, smarter policing.
- Expanded community engagement through new outreach events, revitalized partnerships, and the launch of the Chief’s Advisory Board.
- Reduced violent crime in key areas by focusing on hotspots and using data-driven patrol strategies.
- Opened the first Real Time Crime Center in Bell County—a major step toward proactive policing and improved situational awareness.
- Enhanced officer wellness and training, including updates to our Field Training Program and leadership development initiatives.
- Significant progress has been made on infrastructure projects and upgrades to training facilities.
- Invested in technology, upgrading radios, launching digital reporting tools, and preparing for cloud-based body-worn camera systems.
- Continued to improve transparency, increasing use of social media and publishing timely crime data and updates.

These accomplishments are just the beginning. With continued community partnership and commitment, I’m confident we’ll build on this momentum in 2025 and beyond.

Thank you for your support and trust.



# KPD ORGANIZATION



**Jeff Donohue**  
Assistant Chief  
Operations Bureau



**Pedro Lopez Jr.**  
Chief of Police



**Alex Gearhart**  
Assistant Chief  
Investigations Bureau



**Antonia McDaniel**  
Commander  
Support Services



**Ronnie Supak Jr.**  
Commander  
Patrol



**Anthony Lourence**  
Commander  
Criminal Investigations



**Robert Rush**  
Commander  
Special Investigations

## KPD PERSONNEL

  
**10**  
Lieutenants

  
**29**  
Sergeants

  
**191**  
Officers

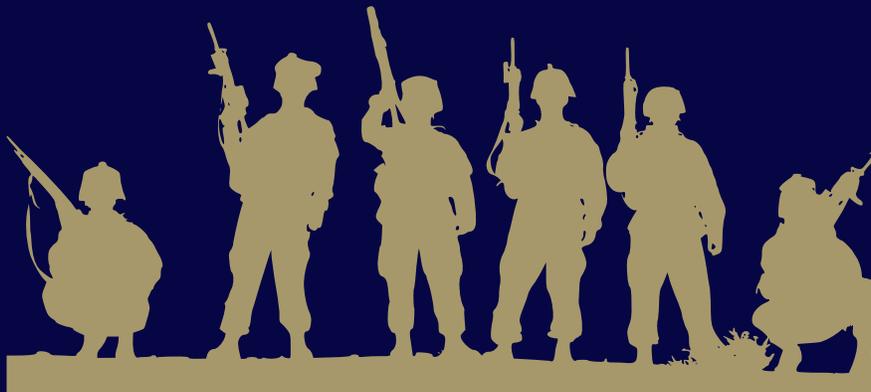
  
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Civilians

# DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

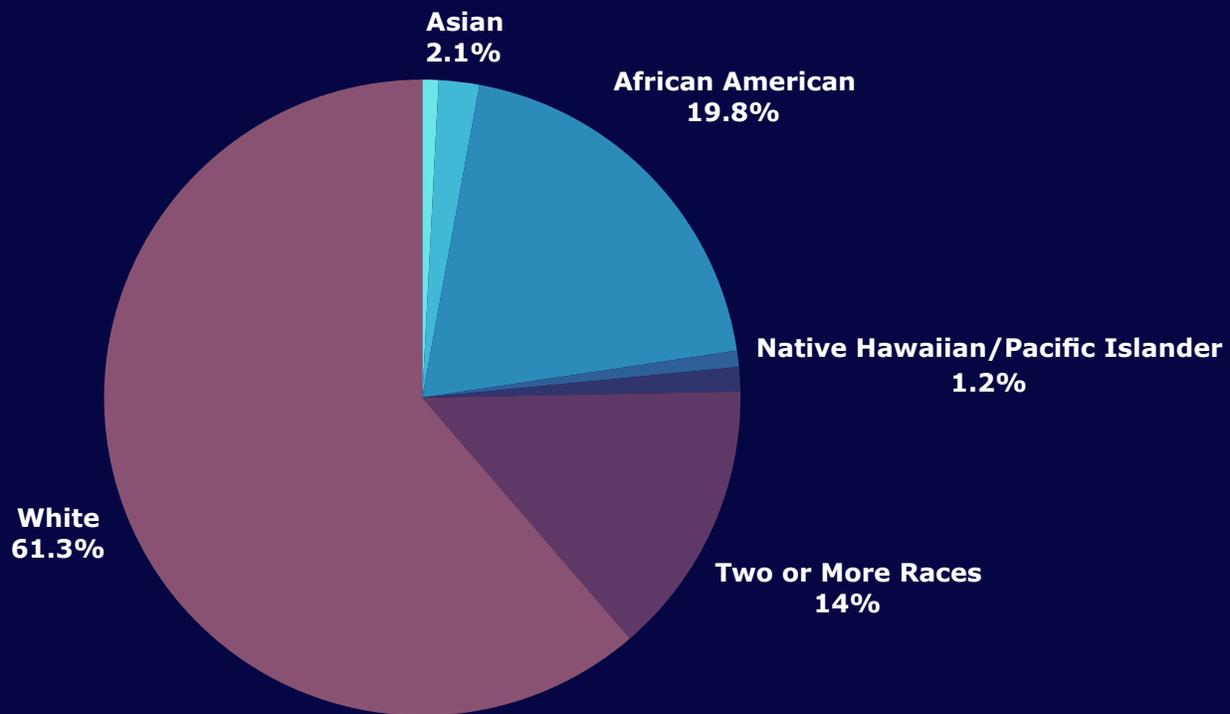
## Military Service



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Served in the Military



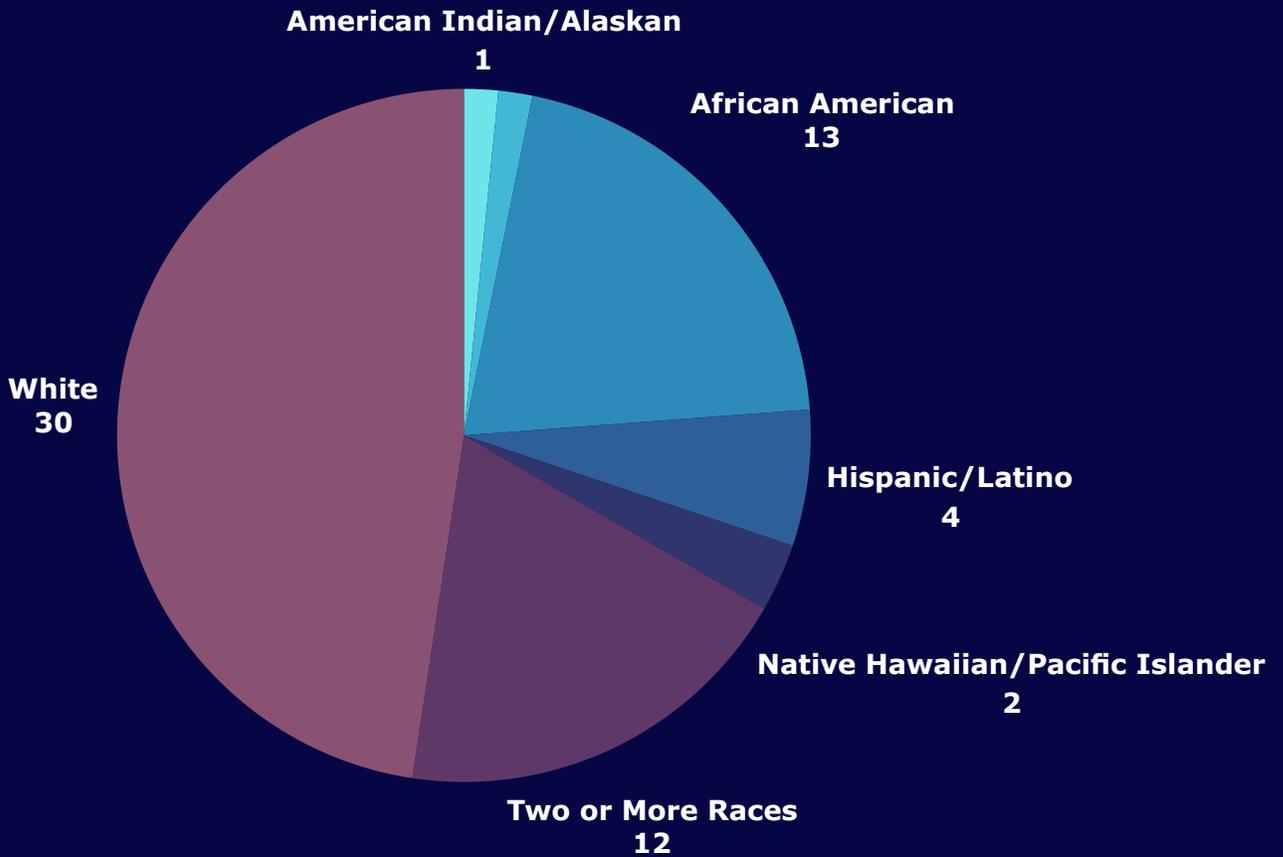
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# DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS CIVILIAN



**Civilian**



# OPERATING BUDGET

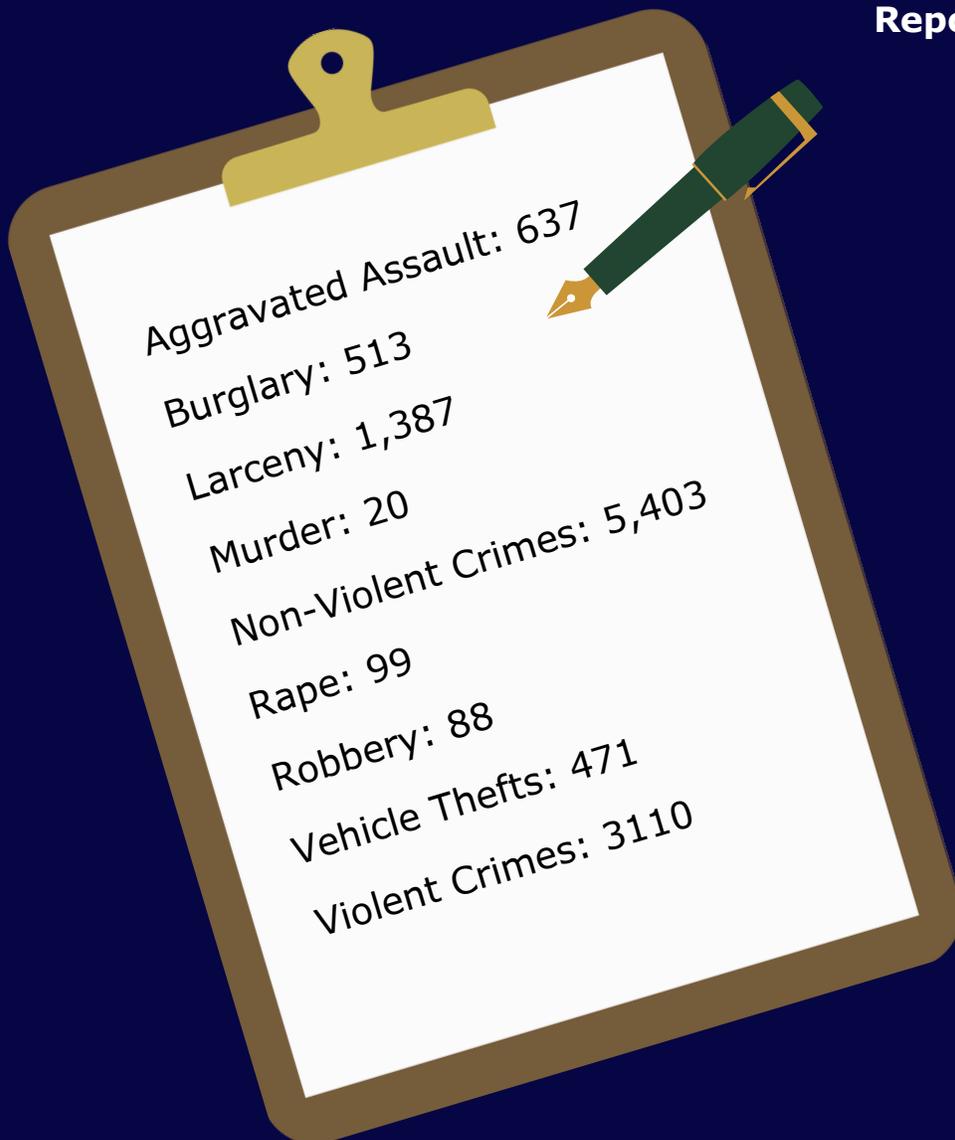


**Total Budget  
(Includes Salary & Benefits)**

**\$37,840,257**

# BY THE NUMBERS

**Felony Arrests: 1,311**  
**Misdemeanor Arrests: 7,629**  
**Citations: 38,533**  
**Accident Reports: 2,296**  
**Calls for Service: 17,027**  
**Reports Taken: 13,282**



# CRIME DATA

The Killeen Police Department remains deeply committed to the safety and well-being of everyone in our city. As we review the 2024 crime data, we want to acknowledge both the progress we've made together as a community and the areas where continued focus is needed.

Our approach to public safety continues to be rooted in transparency, innovation, and partnership with the people we serve. The following comparison reflects year-over-year trends in key crime categories and helps guide our ongoing efforts.

<b>Crime Category</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Murder	10	20	+100.0%
Aggravated Assault	607	637	+4.9%
Assault (Simple)	1943	1897	-2.4%
Burglary	510	513	+0.6%
Vehicle Theft	699	471	-32.6%
Weapons Violations	409	378	-7.6%

**\*Figures reflect preliminary 2024 crime data for the City of Killeen.**

# CRIME DATA

## Positive Progress and Community Impact

- Vehicle thefts saw a dramatic 32.6% decrease, a direct result of community awareness, increased patrol activity, and the use of technology to deter and investigate thefts.
- Weapons violations also declined, reflecting proactive policing and stronger community partnerships that help keep illegal firearms off the streets.
- Assault (Simple) incidents saw a modest decline, suggesting that early intervention strategies and support services are making a difference.

## Challenges and Areas for Continued Focus

While we celebrate these improvements, we remain deeply concerned about the rise in murder and aggravated assault cases. Each act of violence represents a personal tragedy and a call to action. In response, we are expanding our violence interruption initiatives, strengthening partnerships with social service agencies, and investing in neighborhood outreach and youth engagement.

## Looking Ahead

Our vision for Killeen is one of a safe, united, and resilient community. That vision is only possible through the strong relationships we continue to build with our residents, businesses, and local leaders.

In 2025, we will further enhance our data-driven policing strategies, expand officer training in crisis intervention and de-escalation, and increase visibility in neighborhoods across the city. We will also continue to listen, learn, and adapt to the needs of our community.

We thank the people of Killeen for their trust, cooperation, and commitment to safety. Together, we are building a stronger future.



# PROMOTIONS



**Sergeant  
Jacob McCoy**



**Sergeant  
Brett Boynton**



**Sergeant  
Joshua Martinez**



**Sergeant  
Richard Hatfield Jr.**



**Sergeant  
Denise Lawson**



**Sergeant  
Hailong Nguyen**



**Sergeant  
Keith Potvin Jr.**

*Congratulations!*

# ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Office of the Chief of Police oversees and coordinates all department functions to ensure the successful operation of the agency. This office provides strategic leadership and administrative direction, integrating a wide range of tasks essential to the department's mission.

### **KEY UNITS WITHIN THE OFFICE INCLUDE;**

#### **1. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNIT:**

The Public Affairs Unit is responsible for managing the department's communications with the public, overseeing media relations, and leading the community outreach efforts. The primary goals are to foster positive relationships, promote transparency and ensure the accurate dissemination of information regarding the department's activities and initiatives.

#### **2. INTERNAL AFFAIRS UNIT:**

The Internal Affairs Unit investigates allegations of misconduct, policy violations, and other forms of wrongdoing involving department personnel. Its primary objective is to ensure accountability, maintain public trust, and uphold the integrity and professionalism of the agency.

#### **3. LEGAL UNIT:**

The Legal Unit provides advice, guidance, and representation to the agency's leadership and personnel. Its primary goal is to ensure the department operates within the law, maintains compliance with all legal requirements, and effectively addresses legal matters that arise during operations.

Together, these units support the Chief of Police in executing the department's mission, upholding public trust, and promoting professionalism within the ranks.

# INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

The Investigations Bureau is led by an Assistant Chief who oversees its operations and personnel. This leadership ensures that all investigations are carried out effectively, efficiently, and in compliance with applicable laws and procedures.

The Bureau is comprised of the following divisions:

## Special Investigations Division

The Special Investigations Division is led by a Commander who oversees investigations into high-level crimes such as organized crime, drug and human trafficking, corruption, financial offenses, cybercrimes, terrorism, and other cases that demand specialized expertise. The SID Commander, in coordination with a Lieutenant, manages the following units:

### ORGANIZED CRIME UNIT:

This unit is tasked with identifying, investigating, and dismantling criminal organizations that operate in a structured and systematic way. Their responsibilities include gathering intelligence, conducting both covert and overt investigations, seizing assets acquired through illegal activities, and collaborating with state and federal prosecutors to support successful prosecutions.

### Significant Events:

Drugs Seized: 16 kilograms of Methamphetamine  
42 grams of Fentanyl  
5.8 kilograms of Cocaine  
166 grams of Ecstasy  
5 grams of Heroin  
8.2 kilograms of Marijuana  
34 grams of THC  
Currency Seized: \$78,649  
Seized Firearms: 100  
Seized Vehicles: 7  
Seized Residence: 1



# Special Investigations Division

## **VIOLENT CRIMINAL APPREHENSION TEAM (VCAT):**

VCAT is a specialized unit dedicated to identifying, locating, and apprehending violent offenders who present a serious threat to public safety. Their work involves tracking down fugitives, focusing on repeat offenders, gathering critical intelligence, and providing support to other units within the Killeen Police Department.

### **Significant Events:**

**Drugs Seized:** 3 kilograms of Marijuana  
3.6 kilograms of THC wax  
555 grams of Dangerous Drugs  
80 grams of Cocaine

Currency Seized: \$16,726.58  
Firearms Recovered: 69  
Stolen Vehicles: 28  
Over 200 arrests  
140 arrest warrants served



## **PROPERTY CRIME UNIT:**

This unit is responsible for investigating offenses involving property, including theft, burglary, vandalism, fraud, and property damage. Their duties include conducting thorough investigations, processing evidence, identifying and apprehending suspects, and coordinating with state and federal prosecutors to pursue charges.

### **Significant Events:**

- Solved major gas theft cases
- Arrested suspects in county wide heavy equipment theft cases
- Assisted in closing a predatory car repair theft business
- Conducted several crime prevention presentations

# Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is generally tasked with managing a broad spectrum of criminal cases within the department. Its main objective is to investigate crimes after they have been reported or detected. The CID Commander, along with a Lieutenant, oversees the following units:

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## **ROBBERY & HOMICIDE UNIT (RHU):**

The Robbery Homicide Unit is a specialized team dedicated to investigating cases involving robbery, homicide, and other violent crimes. Their responsibilities include conducting in-depth investigations, processing evidence, identifying and apprehending suspects, and collaborating with state and federal prosecutors to ensure successful case outcomes.

### **Significant Events:**

**Case Cleared: 227**

**Warrants Filed: 53**

**Arrests Made: 147**



## **GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT (GIU):**

The General Investigations Unit is tasked with handling a broad array of criminal investigations that do not fall within the scope of specialized units such as homicide, narcotics, or fraud. GIU addresses diverse cases, including non-fatal assaults, property crimes, and other complex offenses that require thorough investigative efforts.

### **Significant Events:**

**Case Cleared: 451**

**Warrants Filed: 66**

**Arrests Made: 114**



# Criminal Investigations Division

## **SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT (SVU):**

The Special Victims Unit is dedicated to investigating crimes involving especially vulnerable victims or cases that require heightened sensitivity due to the nature of the offense. SVU primarily handles cases such as sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking. Their work includes conducting detailed investigations, processing evidence, identifying suspects, and collaborating with state and federal prosecutors to pursue justice.

### **Significant Events:**

Case Cleared: 767

Warrants Filed: 194



## **VICTIM SERVICES (VSU):**

The Victim Services Unit offers support, guidance, and resources to individuals affected by crime. Its primary mission is to ensure victims receive compassionate, comprehensive care to help them cope with the impact of the crime and successfully navigate the criminal justice process.

### **Significant Events:**

Victims Served: 1,787

Services Provided: 6,909



## **SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE:**

The Sex Offender Compliance Unit is tasked with overseeing and enforcing laws that require convicted sex offenders to adhere to specific legal obligations. These include registration, community notification, and other conditions imposed through sentencing or supervision to ensure public safety and legal compliance.

### **Significant Events:**

Home Visits: 126

Office Appointments: 778

# OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau is led by an Assistant Chief who plays a vital role in ensuring the agency functions efficiently to uphold public safety and address the needs of the community. The Operations Bureau is comprised of the following divisions:

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The Uniform Patrol Division serves as the department's primary and most visible presence in the community. Officers are strategically assigned throughout the city to enhance visibility, enforce laws, and build strong relationships with residents. The Patrol Division manages four shifts (day and night) and oversees several key areas, including Traffic Enforcement, the Canine Unit, Jail Personnel, and the Communications Unit.

## **TRAFFIC UNIT:**

The Traffic Unit oversees and manages any traffic or parking matters that may arise and need to be resolved within the community. Officers assigned to this division are responsible for investigating car crashes, especially those involving serious bodily injury or death.



# OPERATIONS BUREAU

**CANINE UNIT:** The Canine Unit plays a vital role in law enforcement operations, leveraging the unique abilities of trained dogs to detect concealed items, track suspects, and enhance overall security. Handlers receive extensive training to effectively partner with their canines, developing a strong bond and mutual understanding that is critical to their success in the field.



**COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS:** KPD Communications Specialists serve as a vital connection between the public, law enforcement officers, and other emergency responders. Their core responsibilities include handling incoming and outgoing communications, coordinating emergency response efforts, and providing essential support to personnel in the field.

**WARRANTS CLERK:** The KPD Warrants Clerk plays a key role in overseeing the department's warrant processing procedures. Core responsibilities include managing warrant documentation, coordinating with law enforcement officers, court officials, and other agencies, and ensuring all warrants are handled with accuracy and efficiency.

**MUNICIPAL JAIL:** KPD Jail personnel are responsible for processing individuals into the jail facility. Their duties include gathering personal information and fingerprints, completing booking documentation, entering data into the jail management system, conducting contraband searches, securing personal belongings, and coordinating with law enforcement agencies regarding inmate intake and release.

# OPERATIONS BUREAU

## Support Services Division

The Support Services Division of a law enforcement agency generally oversees a wide array of administrative and logistical functions essential to the agency's overall operations. The SSD Commander, along with two Lieutenants, is tasked with managing the following units:

### TRAINING OPERATIONS UNIT:

The Training Operations is responsible for planning, coordinating, and executing training programs and activities for law enforcement personnel. The Training Lieutenant supervises the following units:

- **POLICE ACADEMY:** Police Academy personnel provide comprehensive training to individuals aspiring to become law enforcement officers. These training programs are designed to prepare recruits for the challenges and responsibilities of police work. In 2024, the Training Unit provided over 43,000 training hours.
- **RECRUITER:** The KPD Recruiter is responsible for attracting, selecting, and preparing qualified individuals to serve as law enforcement officers. In 2024, the recruiter was able to hire over 25 police officers.



- **QUARTERMASTER:** The duties of a law enforcement quartermaster involve managing the procurement, distribution, and inventory control of equipment, supplies, and uniforms.

# Support Services Division

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

The Community Outreach Unit fosters positive relationships between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. This unit typically engages in various activities and initiatives to build trust, improve communication, and enhance collaboration between law enforcement officers and community members. The Community Outreach Lieutenant supervises the following units:

- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT:** The Community Engagement Unit facilitates positive interactions and partnerships between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. This unit builds trust, fosters collaboration, and improves communication between law enforcement officers and community members.



- **YOUTH OUTREACH:** The Youth Outreach Unit is tasked with engaging and building positive relationships with young people in the community. This unit focuses on addressing the needs and concerns of youth, providing them with support, guidance, and positive opportunities, and fostering trust and cooperation between law enforcement officers and young community members. The unit is responsible for the KPD Police Explorers Program.



- **CRIME PREVENTION UNIT:** The Crime Prevention Unit is committed to educating the public on effective strategies to reduce the likelihood of becoming victims of crime. Through outreach, community presentations, and safety programs, the unit empowers individuals and neighborhoods with the knowledge and tools needed to enhance personal and community safety.

### **Significant Events:**

- Summer Camp: Hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Summer Camp for over 100 children
- Created the Community Closet, which provides clothing and toiletries
- KCOPS Relaunch: Trained 30 volunteers for the Killeen Citizens on Patrol Program
- Citizen Police Academy & Alumni Impact: 42 citizens attended CPA in 2024 and logged in over 3,700 volunteer hours
- Expanded the Neighborhood Watch program to over 20 locations

# Support Services Division

## **RECORDS UNIT:**

The Records Unit is responsible for the organization, maintenance, and retrieval of a wide range of law enforcement documents, including traffic reports, police incident reports, arrest records, parking tickets, permits, citations, and court-related documents accessible to the public. Effective records management is essential for accurately documenting incidents, investigations, and arrests, while also supporting the agency's administrative operations and ensuring compliance with legal requirements.

## **INTELLIGENCE UNIT:**

The Intelligence Unit within a law enforcement agency is tasked with gathering, analyzing, and disseminating intelligence information to support the agency's mission of preventing and investigating criminal activity.

## **COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR:**

The Compliance Coordinator Unit within a law enforcement agency ensures the agency operates according to all applicable laws, regulations, policies, and standards.

## **EVIDENCE PROCESSING UNIT:**

The Evidence Processing Unit within a law enforcement agency is responsible for the proper handling, storage, analysis, and documentation of physical evidence collected during investigations. Their primary goal is to ensure that evidence is processed accurately, securely, and in accordance with established protocols and legal requirements.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Domestic Violence Walk

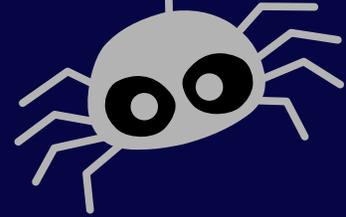


## Haybranch Career Day



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Trunk or Treat



## Community Water Fight



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

COFFEE  
TIME

Coffee with a Cop @ Black Rifle



## CSI Camp



# DEPARTMENT AWARDS



Christian Suess  
Supervisor of the Year



Martin Alvarado-Garcia  
Rookie of the Year



Joseph Liwak  
Officer of the Year



Elisabeth Dill  
Public Servant of the Year



Matilde Uvalle  
Plain Clothes Officer  
of the Year



Kawena Greene  
Civilian of the Year

# AWARDS



Willroy Pitrucha Award  
for Excellence  
Detective Amanda Holtzclaw



Spirit Exchange Club Award  
Officer Derrick Townsend

# GRADUATION

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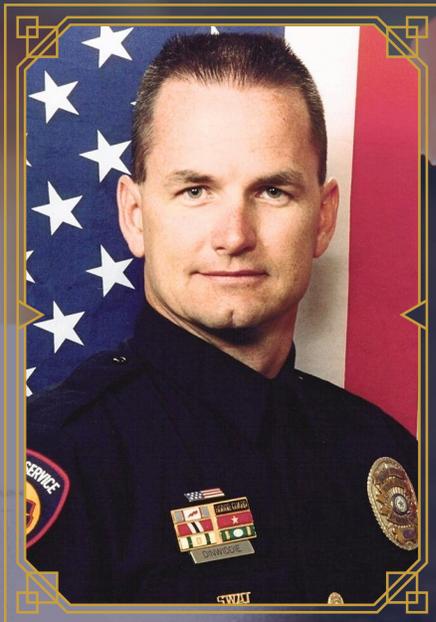
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# FALLEN OFFICERS



Robert "Bobby" Hornsby  
End of Watch  
7/14/2013



Charles "Chuck" Dinwiddie  
End of Watch  
5/11/2014

# CONTACT US



Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 254-501-8830

Crime Stoppers: 254-526-8477



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