

WICHITA FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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A Message from the Chief

Chief Manuel Borrego



On behalf of the men and women of the Wichita Falls Police Department, we want to thank our citizens for your continued support and confidence in our ability as a police department to provide you with professional and competent police services. Your police department continually strives to deliver professional and relevant policing excellence to you and we stay committed to our primary mission of protecting our community as a whole.

The Wichita Falls Police Department's 2023 Annual Report is submitted for your review. This annual report highlights the different strategies and various programs we've used to ensure the safety and protection of our citizens and neighborhoods. This report also gives insight to some of the challenges and immediate impacts we faced as a law enforcement agency.

In 2022, our community saw an increase in drug overdoses due to the opioid, Fentanyl. The WFPD along with the District Attorney's Office made a commitment to prosecute for Murder those dealing in Fentanyl which results in a death. In 2023 three individuals were charged with Murder associated with a Fentanyl drug overdose death. Since their arrest one individual was found guilty by the courts of murder and another guilty of manslaughter, the other awaits trial. Two other individuals were prosecuted and found guilty in federal court for selling Fentanyl. The WFPD and the DA's Office will continue to pursue murder charges when applicable and prosecute those who sell this deadly drug.

This same year we saw an increase in homicides and motorcycle fatalities. Detectives worked diligently to investigate these homicides and make arrests. Officers working our Selective Traffic Enforcement Program placed emphasis on speed violations to mitigate the fatality accidents occurring as a result of speeding. In 2023 we saw a significant reduction from the past year as the Homicide rate dropped 66% and fatality accidents involving both vehicles and motorcycles dropped 55%

The police department strives to remain relevant and effective in the world of 21st Century Policing through crime reduction outcomes while building and maintaining public trust. We continue to evaluate our programs and General Orders to ensure fair and sustained effectiveness and operational efficiency of our police department. Command Staff annually reviews the departments pursuit and use of force policies to ensure we are acting in accordance with the law and meeting our citizens standard for policing in our community.

Please take the time to review the Wichita Falls Police Department's 2023 Annual Report which presents an overall assessment of your police department. I hope you find the information in this report useful and informative as we review the actions and activities of the past year. In closing, I want to thank the citizens of Wichita Falls for allowing us the opportunity to serve and protect our community.



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Office of the Chief of Police

The Office of the Chief of Police has the ultimate responsibility for the management and administration of the Wichita Falls Police Department. This office coordinates the Police Department's activities with other City Departments through administrative direction of the City Manager. This office insures the efficient operation of the Police Department through planning, organizing and directing its activities. This direction assures law and order is maintained and other



measures are implemented to prevent crimes and to protect the lives and property of the citizens and visitors to the City of Wichita Falls. Some of the duties involve consulting with other public safety officials in developing plans and policies to be followed in conducting operations involving joint concerns and activities. The Police Department's policies, rules and regulations are interpreted and applied from the Office of the Chief of Police.

The Community Operations Division, the Investigative Services Division, and the Office of Professional Conduct report directly to the Chief of Police. These two divisions are responsible for organizing and directing the personnel under their commands. The Community Operations Division is responsible for the uniformed services such as patrol, traffic enforcement, and community services. Responsibility also includes the civilian and administrative functions of our department, records management, communications, property and evidence. The Investigative Services Division is responsible for the Criminal Investigation Section to include Crimes Against Person Unit, Crimes Against Property Unit, Misdemeanor Unit, Juvenile Unit, Financial Crimes Unit, and Crime Scene Technicians. This division is also responsible for the special operations units such as: Gang Task Force, Tactical Unit, Organized Crime Unit, and the SWAT team. The Office of Professional Conduct investigates allegations of officer/employee misconduct at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

Accomplishments of note for 2023 include: Secured State grant funding for our AXON body cam project and our FLOCK License Plate Reader (LPR) project. We developed a Police Officer Reserve program to assist our detective division in investigating misdemeanor crimes. We received funding from a local Foundation to develop a Multidisciplinary Community Response Team to connect with and support through positive intervention our citizens who are experiencing mental health issues. A Peer support program was also developed to assist in police officer wellness. Our Police Department continues to evolve into the law enforcement agency our City deserves, one that is highly respected, professional, compassionate, and mission focused.

W.F.P.D. Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide exceptional police service and protection for our community.

Wichita Falls Police Department Organizational Structure



Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant is primarily responsible for the preparation of the Police Department's annual budget. The budget and all department accounts are closely monitored and adjusted to keep the department within budget constraints. This office is also responsible for the leave accounting of all personnel and the department's payroll records.

Annual Budget Fiscal Year 2023

Account	FY 2023 Budget
Personnel	\$26,488,285.00
Supplies	\$405,955.00
Maintenance & Repairs	\$51,114.00
Services (Utilities, Fuel, Phone, Etc)	\$2,356,788.00
Insurance / Contingency	\$2,015.00
Other Operational Expenses	\$97,087.00
Net Total	\$29,399,229.00

Authorized Staffing Levels 2023

Total Authorized Sworn Positions	2023
- Total Sworn Supervisors	37
- Total Sworn Officers	165
Total Authorized Civilian Positions	97
- Total Civilian Supervisors	15
- Total Civilian Employees	82
Total Authorized Employees	299



WFPD Headquarters - 610 Holliday Street

Wichita Falls Police Department Staffing and Demographics

Sworn Personnel				
Category	Male	Female	Total	Percentage
White	138	10	148	83.4%
Black	1	1	2	1.12%
Hispanic	21	4	25	14.04%
American Indian	0	0	0	0%
Asian	3	0	3	1.68%
Total	163	15	178	100%

*Total Sworn Personnel, Officers, and Supervisors, on 12/31/2023

Sworn Supervisors				
Category	Male	Female	Total	Percentage
White	32	2	34	91.89%
Black	1	0	1	2.70%
Hispanic	1	1	2	5.40%
American Indian	0	0	0	0%
Asian	0	0	0	0%
Total	34	3	37	100%

*Total Sworn Supervisors, on 12/31/2023

Wichita Falls Police Department 2023 Demographics

Civilian Personnel				
Category	Male	Female	Total	Percentage
White	15	46	61	78.20%
Black	1	5	6	7.69%
Hispanic	2	5	7	8.97%
Pacific Islander	0	1	1	1.28%
Asian	0	3	3	3.84%
Total*	18	60	78	100%

*Total Non-sworn Personnel and Supervisors, on 12/31/2023

Civilian Supervisors				
Category	Male	Female	Total	Percentage
White	3	6	9	81.81%
Black	0	0	0	0%
Hispanic	1	0	1	9.09%
American Indian	0	0	0	0%
Asian	0	1	1	9.09%
Total*	4	7	11	100%

*Total Non-sworn Supervisors, on 12/31/2023

Office of Professional Conduct

When requested by the Chief of Police, the Office of Professional Conduct will ensure that complaints or misconduct is investigated and submitted to the Chief. These investigations are categorized as either Class “A” or Class “B” investigations. Class “A” investigations are more serious in nature and are completed by the Office of Professional Conduct. Class “B” investigations are conducted by the employee's supervisor and reviewed by the chain of command.

Possible dispositions of investigations are as follows:

Sustained: Evidence tends to support the allegation of misconduct.

Not Sustained: There is insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegation of misconduct.

Unfounded: Evidence tends to disprove the allegation of misconduct.

Exonerated: The evidence tends to support factual occurrence, but conduct falls within policy.

Policy / Training Issues: The evidence tends to support a finding of improper action, which may or may not have been consistent with policy. May indicate a need for training rather than disciplinary action.

A total of **25** cases were investigated in 2023. Of these 25 cases, 14 were Class A investigations and 11 were Class B investigations.

Class “A” Investigations		
Findings	Total	Total %
Sustained	8	57.14%
Not Sustained	1	7.14%
Exonerated	4	28.57%
Unfounded	0	0%
Open Investigations	1	7.14%
Total*	14	100%

*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent

Class "B" Investigations		
Findings	Total	Total %
Sustained	3	27.27%
Not Sustained	2	18.18%
Unfounded	6	54.54%
Exonerated	0	0%
Open Investigations	0	0%
Total*	11	100%

*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent

*Investigative review results are included in the Class A findings

Investigations by Beat

These are the beats on which the incidents occurred. Beat location is not applicable to all investigations, i.e. off-duty conduct, ongoing conduct in numerous locations, etc.

Investigation by Beat		
Beat	Investigations	Total %
1 – Northside	3	12%
2 – Downtown	6	24%
3 – Eastside	3	12%
4 – Southside	6	24%
5 – University	4	16%
6 – Hill	2	8%
Internal	1	4%
Total*	25	100%

*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent

Origin of Investigations

This is the number of cases based on the origin of the complaint, for example, a traffic stop or a call for service. An internal charge is a complaint filed within the department by the Chief, which involves alleged misconduct with no basis in any specific police action. Work environment complaints are about department environmental issues such as employee conflicts.

Category	Class A	Total %	Class B	Total %	Total	Total %
Accident	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Calls for Service	0	0%	3	27.7%	3	12%
In-Custody Death	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Internal Charge	7	50%	6	54.54%	13	52%
Observed by Citizen	0	0%	1	9.09%	1	4%
Off-Duty Matter	1	7.14%	1	9.09%	2	8%
Officer Initiated	1	7.14%	0	0%	1	4%
In Compliance	4	28.57	0	0%	4	16%
Work Environment	1	7.14%	0	0%	1	4%
Total*	14	100%	11	100%	25	100%

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent

Allegations

There was a total of 14 separate allegations reported during 2023. The number of allegations may be higher than the number of investigations due to more than one officer and/or allegation in one case.

Category	Class A	Total %	Class B	Total %	Total	Total %
Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Conduct Unbecoming	4	28.57%	2	18.18%	6	24%
Damaged Property	0	0%	1	9.09%	1	4%
Discourtesy	0	0%	3	27.27%	3	12%
Excessive Force	1	7.14%	0	0%	1	4%
Failure to Investigate	0	0%	3	27.27%	3	12%
Failure to Make a Report	0	0%	1	9.09%	1	4%
Firearm Discharge - Use of Force	2	14.28%	0	0%	2	8%
Firearm Discharge - Other	3	21.42%	0	0%	3	12%
Neglect of Duty	1	7.14%	0	0%	1	4%
Policy review	1	7.14%	0	0%	1	4%
Property Not Returned/Missing	2	14.28%	1	9.09%	3	12%
Total	14	100%	11	100%	25	100%

*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole percent so the total may not equal 100%

Professional Standards Unit

The Professional Standards Unit is composed of four components that serve the Wichita Falls Police Department in a variety of ways. The components are identified as Grant Management, Texas Best Practices Recognition Program, Strategic Planning and Research, and management of the Department's Manual of Written Directives. The mission of the Professional Standards Unit is to support the planning and execution of the Department's law enforcement operations and investigations.

Grant Management: This component applies for various grants for Departmental projects which are not within the budget. The component applied and the Department received the following grants in 2023:

- **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant:** The Department applied for a grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance program. The Department was awarded \$37,692.00 with co-applicant Wichita County Sheriff's Office. The Department used \$20,730.60 to purchase equipment for the Criminal Investigation Section, Special Operations Section, the Crime Scene Investigation Section, and the WFPD Patrol Section.
- **Office of the Governor - 2023 State Homeland Security Program:** The Department applied for a grant from the Office of the Governor 2023 State Homeland Security Program. The Department was awarded \$65,259.00 to purchase a C3 Pathways ASIM (Active Shooter Incident Management) Course to bring to the region.
- **Officer of the Governor – 2023 ALERRT Travel Reimbursement Grant.** The department sent two officers to the ALERRT Level 1 Train the Trainer course in Ft. Worth, Texas. The department was awarded \$868.12 for ALERRT Travel Reimbursement for this training opportunity.
- **Department of Justice - 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant:** The Department applied for a grant from the Department of Justice - 2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership. The Department was awarded \$2,244.67 to assist with the purchase of bulletproof vests for officers in the Patrol Section.
- **Office of the Governor 2023, Body-worn Camera (BWC) Program:** The department applied for a grant to assist in purchasing several AXON body-worn cameras for patrol officers and other sections. The department was awarded \$150,334.65 to assist in the purchasing and modification of cloud-based services for use with the new body-worn camera equipment. This grant had a 25% match which totaled \$50,111.55. The total for the Body-Worn Camera Project is \$200,446.20.

- Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The department applied for a grant to assist in sending several officers to necessary training and to bring specialized training to local officers. The department was awarded \$113,560.00 for various Officer Training courses and various trainers to come teach our officers locally.
- TxDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant: The Comprehensive STEP program focuses on four traffic safety elements: Speed, Occupant Protection, Intersection Enforcement, and Distracted Driver violations. FY 2023 Comprehensive Grant total was \$58,727.47 (city contribution: \$11,748.65 plus state contribution: \$46,978.82).
- TxDOT Click it or Ticket Campaign 2023: \$17,536.43 was allocated for vehicle occupant protection enforcement during the Memorial Day holiday.
- Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Reimbursement Grant: This DOJ Reimbursement Grant assist ICAC Task Forces in funding forensic equipment and training opportunities related to ICAC crimes. Total grant funding \$6,515.24.

Texas Best Practices Recognition Program: This component is responsible for ensuring that the Department is in compliance with the 168 standards identified by the Texas Police Chief's Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. These standards are based on Texas law, court decisions, and contemporary best practices. This voluntary process helps agencies in the effective and efficient delivery of services, the reduction of risk, and the protection of individual rights. A department is deemed "Recognized" if it's policies and facilities are in compliance with the established standards. The Wichita Falls Police Department was originally "Recognized" in 2012 and "Re-Recognized" in 2017. The Department was inspected by assessors from the Texas Police Chief's Recognition Program in May of 2021. On 06/11/2021 the Department was notified that it had received "Re-Recognition" status for the second time since becoming recognized in 2012. The Department will be reviewed in the up-coming year of 2025.

Strategic Planning and Research: This component completes annual reports required by Texas Best Practices Recognition Program. These reports include an Annual Report, an Accident/Injury Analysis Report, a Use of Force Analysis Report, a Vehicle Pursuit Analysis Report, and a Property/Evidence Room Annual Inventory Report. This component also performs research based on Departmental needs.

Manual of Written Directives: These directives contain the administrative policies of the Police Department. This component ensures that policies are reviewed, amended, and added to the Manual of Written Directives as needed.



Community Operations Division

Deputy Chief Scott Vaughn



The Deputy Chief over the Community Operations Division is responsible for both Field Services and Community Services. Two Captains under this division report to the Deputy Chief. One Captain is over Field Services and the other is over Community Services.

Field Services is composed of the Patrol and Traffic Sections. These sections are staffed by uniformed police officers. The Patrol Section answers calls for service 24 hours a day. It is the largest and most recognized section of the Police Department.

The Traffic Section is made up of the Motorcycle Unit which specifically enforces traffic laws, and Crash Investigators who conduct both on-site and follow-up investigations of vehicle accidents.

Community Services is composed of two sections, Support Services and Technical Services. Support Services is responsible for the department's community-based programs. Crime Stoppers, Citizen Police Academies and Crime Free are a few of those programs. The Public Information Officer also falls under Support Services. The Training Unit is responsible for managing a Certified Police Officer Training Academy. This unit is also responsible for ensuring compliance with TCOLE training standards and the department's in-service training. Technical Services is composed of the Communications Unit, Records Unit, and the Property / Impound Unit. The Communications Unit is responsible for managing the calls for service for not only the Police and Fire Departments but also for the Wichita County Sheriff's Department. The unit also conducts its own Telecommunicator Academy. The Records Unit is the repository for all police reports. It is also home to the Front Desk which provide a service to citizens by taking certain police reports from walk-ins or by telephone. The Property / Impound Unit handles, stores, and inventories all property, vehicles, and evidentiary items turned in by police.



Field Services - Patrol Section

The Patrol section consists of two 12-hour shifts deployed across the city to provide a 24/7 operation. The two shifts are each divided into two platoons. There is an overlap between shifts to provide continual police coverage. Their deployment is constantly re-evaluated so that their assigned hours meet the needs of the community.

The Patrol section monitors the city and continuously answer calls for service. Patrol also utilizes crime analysis information with the goal of disrupting current crime trends and targeting known offenders. Using directed patrols and up-to-date intelligence information, Patrol has continued to work with other units of the department in reducing property-related offenses throughout the city.

A select group of officers provided field training for those recruits who graduated the academy in August, 2023 and into the first week of January 2024. These Field Training Officers (FTOs) are assigned to academy graduates and supervise their transition from the classroom to the streets. Nine probationary officers started field training and were introduced into the Patrol section this year. All but one of the probationary officers completed their field training phases. The single officer that did not complete the field training due to being called up for active military duty. The remaining eight probationary officers moved to solo patrol on January 13, 2024.



Field Services - Traffic Section

The Traffic Unit includes three different components, traffic enforcement, on-site crash investigation and follow-up crash investigation.

The objectives of the traffic enforcement component are to reduce the number of traffic crashes by the use of selective traffic enforcement and to have a force that is highly mobile and flexible enough to respond to the special traffic and/or police investigations that are required. Examples include parades, escort service for visiting dignitaries, or any other special operation.



The crash investigation component is responsible for investigating crashes with an emphasis placed on major traffic crashes involving serious injuries and/or death. The follow-up investigators will continue the process of the investigation. Their responsibilities are to collect evidence, complete formal reports, and prepare prosecution reports in order to file appropriate charges.

The Traffic Enforcement Unit is composed of 11 Motor Officers operating BMW 1250 RT-P police motorcycles. The City participated in the TxDOT Click It or Ticket, Operation Slowdown, and the Comprehensive STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program) Grant campaigns in 2023. A total of 1,024 man-hours produced 2,001 citations for all STEP programs. The majority of the citations were for speeding (1,429), intersection violations (96), and seatbelt violations (174).

The Traffic Enforcement Unit worked events such as the Hotter’N’Hell 100, 4th of July Celebration and the “Red River Harley Davidson Law Enforcement Day” putting on demos for the Citizens of Wichita Falls. The Traffic Enforcement Unit was also detailed to retail area directed patrol during the heavy Christmas shopping season, which significantly reduced vehicle burglaries and thefts in the target areas.

The Traffic Enforcement Unit held their first Annual Citizens Riding Academy on September 30, 2023. They had 10 civilians show up for the Riding Academy. They were taught to safely maneuver their bikes through a series of training exercises including a decelerate and brake exercise that teaches a rider how to properly brake and maneuver under stressful conditions. They received personal instruction on how to safely operate their motorcycles on the roadway from our highly trained Traffic Enforcement Officers. The next Citizens Riding Academy is scheduled for April 20, 2024.

Traffic Citations 2023

Citations		
Tickets Issued	2022	2023
Traffic Enforcement Unit	12,829	13,139
All State STEP Programs	2,620	2,001
Patrol & Other Units	838	1,046
City STEP	3,711	5,890
Total	19,998	22,076

Traffic Accidents 2023

Accidents		
Accident Statistics	2022	2023
Accidents	2,769	2,524
Fatality Accidents	21	10
Motorcycle Accidents	47	35
Fatality Motorcycle Accidents	8	3



Support Services Section

The Support Services Section includes the following units, Community Services Unit, Training and the Public Information Office.

The Community Services Unit is responsible for the following programs: Crime Free, SAFECAM, Crime Stoppers, Crime Stoppers Safe School Institute, Neighborhood Watch (nextdoor.com), Lock-Take-Hide, CRASE, Coffee with a Cop, Citizens Police Academy and Junior Police Academy. This Unit also includes the Volunteer Police Chaplains, Sentinels and Public Information Office.

The Training Unit is involved in all aspects of training for the department. Basic Police Academies are conducted by an in-house staff of police instructors. Instructors not only teach the police academies but also the continual in-service training provided to officers. Both Department Training Records and the Alarm Permit Program are managed by the Training Unit.

The Public Information Office works regularly with our local media. It also manages the department's website and social media.



Community Services Crime Free Program

The Crime Free program is the most widely used crime prevention strategy in the city. Since 2008, a continued reduction in crime can be traced, in part due to the Crime Free training for hotel/motel, small business, self-storage, multi-housing, and family lifestyles. Two Crime Free instructors, one civilian and one sworn officer currently support the Patrol Section in its mission of providing a safe and secure environment for residents and visitors. The program is proving to be a huge success, resulting in a decrease in both criminal reports and arrests in area apartment communities. The Crime Free Business program continues to focus a targeted patrol on the business district downtown and the shopping district around the mall that is designed to identify and address any crime related issues that may arise in these areas. The Community Services Officers are Crime Free certified instructors and train other officers and agencies around the State of Texas. In the year 2023, The Community Services instructors hosted nine Crime Free classes for property managers, six safety Socials, 56 apartment complex managers meetings, and two property inspections.



SAFECAM

The SAFECAM program was implemented by the WFPD Community Services Unit in 2023. The program is an extension of the Neighborhood Watch concept in which citizens with security cameras can sign up to participate. The citizens volunteer to share information on their security cameras systems they currently have for their residences or businesses. The database is available to all of the sworn officers in the department for investigative purposes. The program has 146 participants.



Crime Stoppers



Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers, Inc. continues to provide outstanding support to the community. It is composed of one police officer, a clerk, and a civilian board, who manage the program. Crime Stoppers, Inc. serves the counties of Archer, Clay, Young, and Wichita. The Campus Crime Stopper Program, now called Crime Stoppers Safe Schools, includes Archer City ISD, Burkburnett ISD, City View ISD, Electra ISD, Henrietta ISD, Holliday ISD, Iowa Park ISD, Wichita Falls ISD, and Windthorst ISD.

Since its inception in February of 1981, Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers, Inc. accounted for 5,555 arrests, 8,432 offenses cleared, and \$1,152,235 in rewards paid. Information received by Crime Stoppers has netted \$4,978,806 in stolen property recovered and over \$27,570,098 in narcotics seized.

Offense	2022		2023		Since Inception	
	Arrests	Cleared	Arrests	Cleared	Arrests	Cleared
Homicide	4	7	0	0	51	61
Sexual Assault	1	1	0	0	4	12
Assault	0	0	0	0	30	47
Robbery	0	0	0	0	128	228
Theft	0	0	0	0	298	470
Burglary of Vehicle	2	7	0	0	48	111
Burglary of Habitation	0	0	0	0	180	544
Burglary of Building	1	2	0	0	161	200
Forgery	0	0	0	0	47	234
Arson	0	0	1	2	47	50
Narcotics	5	11	3	5	1,949	2,585
Fugitive	19	29	6	25	1,958	2,834
Other / Felon in Poss. Firearm	1	30	0	0	640	830
Indecency with a Child	0	0	0	0	2	3
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0	12	223
Total	33	87	10	32	5,555	8,432

Campus Crime Stoppers

Since its inception in September 1994, Wichita Falls Campus Crime Stoppers Program has accounted for 1,763 arrests, 1,824 offenses cleared, and 630 reward payouts totaling \$257,416. These rewards netted \$173,247 in stolen property recovered and over \$23,686 in narcotics seized.



Safe Schools

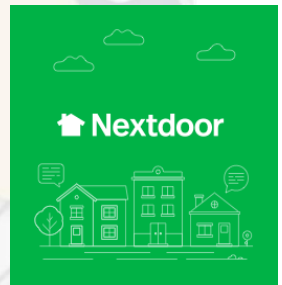
The Safe Schools intent is for the Crime Stoppers Coordinator and other Community Services Unit officers to impact K-12 students with life-lesson classes while also educating and encouraging age-appropriate students to use the P-3 App to submit their own Crime Stoppers tips. Approximately 500 tips have been received since the inception of the Safe Schools program. In 2022, the Safe Schools officers produced and presented a Fentanyl awareness class that reached thousands of Jr. High and High School students in the local area.

Offense	2022		2023		Since Inception	
	Arrests	Cleared	Arrests	Cleared	Arrests	Cleared
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	8	10
Assault	0	0	1	1	84	90
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	1
Theft	1	1	0	0	608	609
Arson	0	0	0	0	10	11
Burglary	0	0	0	0	16	26
Drug Offenses	11	11	18	18	279	282
Weapons Offenses	2	2	1	1	23	25
Tobacco Offenses	13	13	26	26	117	130
Public Order Crimes	0	0	0	0	22	22
Truancy/Skipping	0	0	0	0	142	150

Vandalism/Graffiti/Crim.Misc.	1	1	0	0	334	340
Threats	0	0	0	0	58	66
Paraphernalia	1	1	15	15	27	27
Alcohol Offenses	0	0	0	0	30	31
Computer Crimes	0	0	0	0	4	4
Total	29	29	61	61	1,763	1,824

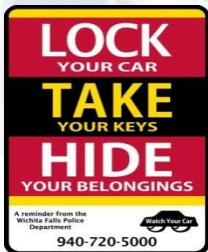
Nextdoor.com

In 2014, we began to promote nextdoor.com, which is an online neighborhood program. Currently, with 110 different neighborhood groups and 15,354 residents participating, nextdoor.com will continue to be a tool endorsed by the department to further enhance communication between the police and the public.



Lock, Take, Hide

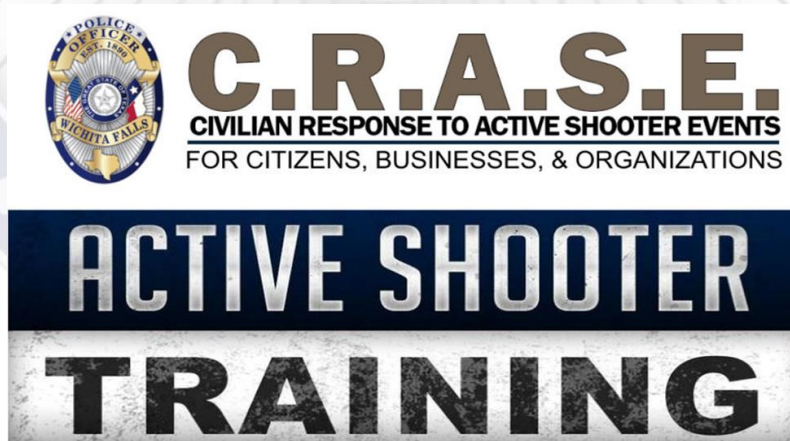
Lock, Take, and Hide is an ongoing community campaign to discourage vehicle burglaries.



The program encourages our citizens to LOCK their car, TAKE their keys, and HIDE their belongings. Since its inception, vehicle burglaries have decreased, especially among unlocked vehicles. The local media has been instrumental in the success of this program through aggressive advertisement. Lock, Take, and Hide signs are now visible throughout the city, with more being requested all the time.

CRASE – Civilian Active Shooter Training

CRASE stands for Civilian Response To Active Shooter Events. The CRASE course, designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT, provides strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. In 2023, the Community Services Unit taught 21 CRASE classes and 7 Stop the Bleed classes to various businesses, groups, and churches in our city.

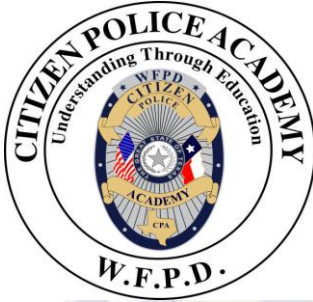


Coffee with a Cop

In 2023, the Community Services Section hosted 3\4 Coffee with a Cop events at local coffee shops in our city: United Market Street, McDonalds, Eight Street House, and Chick – fil-A. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Building relationships one cup at a time!



Citizen Police Academy



The Citizen Police Academy was first formed in 1999, and is dedicated to the education of the citizens of Wichita Falls on how their police department operates. The participants are provided hands-on training on how the officers are trained and the challenges they face through a 12-week program. Two academies are held each year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The academy has graduated almost 1,000 citizens since its inception. The Citizen Police Academy alumni Association (C.P.A.A.), made up of class alumni, has contributed several hundred volunteer hours since the Department implemented the “Volunteers In Police Service” (VIPS) program. Since its inception, C.P.A.A. fundraising donations to the Police Department for equipment have exceeded \$100,000.00.



Junior Citizen Police Academy

In June and July of 2023, the Community Services section hosted two Junior Police Academies. The academies were a week-long class each and were designed for 6th through 8th graders. The courses covered various law enforcement topics to include criminal investigations, K-9, SCUBA, SWAT, and patrol tactics. A total of 43 students attended the two academies in 2023.



Volunteer Police Chaplains

The Volunteer Police Chaplain program is a ministry to the officers of the Wichita Falls Police Department and to the citizens of the City of Wichita Falls. Their services are invaluable during times of critical incidents involving officers and citizens.



Sentinels

The Sentinel program consists of five civilian part-time employees. The Sentinels respond to residential property patrol checks and abandoned vehicles. They also handle property and evidence reports, which in turn frees up patrol officer time. Sentinels respond to city code violations, writing We Can Fix It memos that help enable other City departments respond to city maintenance deficiencies. The Sentinels deploy and maintain Department's radar trailer that monitors vehicle speeds at key locations throughout the city.

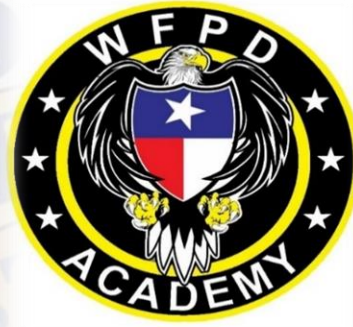
Sentinel Summary		
Activity	2022	2023
Patrol Checks	2,739	2,010
Reports written	460	444
Calls for Service / Assistance	992	777
Code Violations reported	41	18
Check Unattended Vehicles – Impound	1,212	1,063

Social Media

The Wichita Falls Police Department's Public Information Office (PIO) continues to utilize the most current forms of social media in order to more effectively communicate with and receive feedback from the community. The PIO maintains the Police Department's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, as well as the WFPDNow.com website. Facebook followers have increased from 28,115 in 2021 to 31,578 in 2022 to 33,000 in 2023. The WFPD has 2,211 followers on Instagram. The Community Services Unit began utilizing the City of Wichita Falls TikTok account in 2023



Training Unit



76th Police Academy

The 76th Police Academy began on February 21st, 2023 and ended on September 1st, 2023. Upon graduation, 10 recruits had received a total of 7,200 aggregate hours of training.

77th Police Academy

The 77th Police Academy began on October 2nd, 2023. They will graduate April 12th, 2024. There are 6 WFPD recruits and 2 WFFD recruits.

78th Police Academy

The 78th Police Academy is slated to begin February 12th, 2024. There are 5 recruits starting this academy.

79th Police Academy

The 79th Police Academy will have civil service testing February 13th, 2024 and February 17th, 2024.



Texas Best

Texas Best training began in November 2023 and continued halfway through December 2023. Each year Officers are required to attend Texas Best training which includes updates on Use of Force, General Orders, Less Lethal, and Taser Re-Certification. Also, all Sworn were qualified on their duty pistols for the Falls.

The Training Unit worked to bring in specialized courses during 2023. A few of the noted courses were:

- Group Crisis Intervention and Assisting Individuals in Crisis
- Specialized Impaired Driving Investigation Course
- Interdiction for the Protection of Children
- TCOLE 3737 New Supervisor Course
- Background Investigator Course
- Organizational Leadership
- FEMA O-305 Course
- Intoxilyzer Course



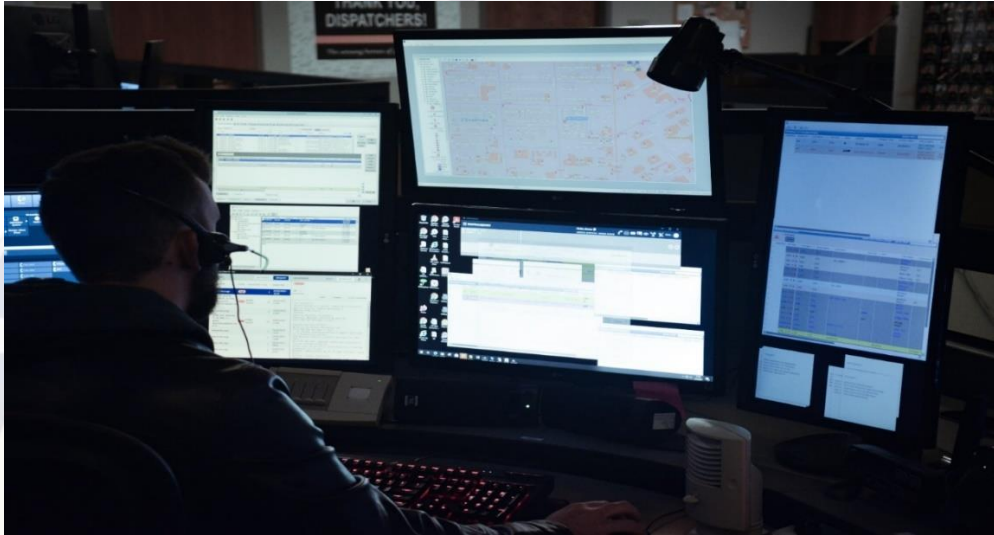
Alarm Permits

The Training Unit oversees the alarm permit program which includes billing, processing and enforcement. The Department utilizes an alarm management software called “Crywolf”. The Crywolf software allows for much more efficient data collection, and streamlines billing.

Alarm Permits 2023		
Type	2022	2023
Burglar/Panic Alarm Permits	3,263	3,164
False Alarms	2,192	2,433



Technical Services Section



The Communications Section is staffed by licensed civilian telecommunicators who are responsible for answering all 9-1-1 emergency and non-emergency calls for service for the city of Wichita Falls and Wichita County. This unit remains in constant communication with all police, fire, and county units in the field by monitoring, relaying, and transmitting information for emergency services. Calls on 9-1-1 for medical services are received by this unit and referred to AMR for medical dispatch. The unit is also responsible for receiving, monitoring, and dispatching calls for service for the Water Department after hours, on holidays, and on weekends. Calls after hours and on holidays and weekends for other city departments are also handled by the Communications Unit. The Communications Unit is responsible for conducting monthly tornado siren test to ensure the safety of the citizens of Wichita Falls during inclement weather situations.

The Communications Unit maintains complete records of all communications transactions through computer documentation, computer programs and digital recording equipment. The Communications unit is a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week operation. Calls per year for the different organizations are as follows.

Calls for Service		
Department	2022	2023
Police	104,613	110,024
Fire	13,703	14,116
Sheriff	18,991	23,550
Total	137,307	147,690

Communications Unit

The Communication Unit manages an in house Telecommunicator Academy. Our department's Telecommunicator training and hiring process was modified to adapt to changes in Telecommunicator licensing in the state of Texas through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). TCOLE allows for someone to be hired and work as a Telecommunicator on a temporary basis for up to 12 months prior to them completing a licensing course and passing the TCOLE licensing exam.

New Telecommunicator trainees attend an in-house academy that provides basic dispatch training for new employees. After successfully completing the 3-week academy, trainees begin on-the-job training for the various assignments within dispatch. During this period of on-the-job training, trainees return to classroom training



periodically for additional training specific to the next assignment as they work towards being fully licensed. A final licensing course is mandated by TCOLE, prior to the trainee attempting the TCOLE licensing exam. After successful completion of all mandated training, the trainee will take the TCOLE licensing exam for Telecommunicators. Upon passage of the exam, the trainee will become a TCOLE licensed Telecommunicator.

WFPD conducted two Telecommunicator academy classes during 2023 and graduated twelve new Telecommunicator trainees.

Dispatch also saw the release of the new Cardiac Emergency Communication class that is now required for all telecommunicators. The Training Unit worked with Dispatch to make sure all telecommunicators receive this training by August 2023.

Records Unit

The Records Unit is responsible for maintaining and filing of the department's original documents and ensuring paper documentation is converted to digital images. The unit is also responsible for court ordered expunctions, processing requests for reports, running criminal history checks, and providing reports to other law enforcement agencies, court officials and various entities. Records Clerks are in charge of addressing citizen inquiries, along with assisting officers, investigators, other agencies and departments. Clerks also quality control information entered into various data bases used by the department.

The Front Desk is part of the Records Unit. It is responsible for receiving public inquires and reports of criminal offenses not requiring the physical presence of a police officer. This includes missing person reports and entry of stolen property into the national data base (NCIC/TCIC). These reports are filed by the citizens either calling or responding directly to the Police Department. Front Desk Community Service Officers are tasked with documenting private lot impounds, visitor log, and various other duties. Their work assignments cover a full range of clerical duties to include a significant amount of data entry and retrieval.

Records for 2022 / 2023		
Item	2022	2023
CAD Call Input	6,241	5,672
Report Requests from Other Agencies	1,947	909
Open Records Requests	1,617	2,075
Subpoena Requests for Reports	41	35
Report and Supplement Entries	7,575	5,859
Ride-Along Requests Processed	64	65
Private Lot and Vehicle Repossessions Reported	747	715
Clearance Letters and Local Background Checks	931	623
Accident Reports Sold	802	864
Offense Reports Sold	1,604	626
Reports Reviewed for QC by Clerks	16,584	18,168

Property / Impound Unit

The Property / Impound Unit is responsible for the cataloging, storing, preservation and chain of custody for all evidence and property (including impounded vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles etc.) taken into the custody of the police department. The Evidence Technician assigned to this unit is also responsible for properly disposing of evidence, which is no longer needed as evidence for court.

Property Room		
Item	2022	2023
Firearms received	250	281
Controlled Substances received	1,497	1,830
Total Items received in property	9,262	8,064
Items disposed of / discarded from property	8,631	7,729

This unit is also responsible for the intake, cataloging, storing, preservation, and chain of custody for all impounded motor vehicles whether impounded for seizure or as evidence.

Impounded Vehicles		
Item	2022	2023
Vehicles Seized	111	104
Vehicles Impounded as Evidence	165	107
Total Impounded Vehicles	276	211

Towed Vehicles		
Item	2022	2023
Police Tows	1,093	979

Investigative Services Division

Deputy Chief Guy Gilmore



The Investigative Services Deputy Chief is an appointed position and is responsible for command of the Investigative Services Division. An Investigative Services Captain is also assigned to this Division, who answers to the Deputy Chief

The Investigative Services Division is responsible for all follow-up criminal investigations of unsolved crimes reported in the field, and for investigation of special crimes. This division is traditionally known as a “plain clothes” division and is composed of the Criminal Investigation Section, the Organized Crime Unit, the Gang Task Force and the Tactical Services Unit. The Crime Scene Unit, the SCUBA Dive Team, the SWAT Team and the Honor Guard are also components of the Investigative Services Division.



Criminal Investigation Section

The Criminal Investigation Section is responsible for the follow-up investigations of all felony arrests, juvenile and misdemeanor. These include murders, robberies, sexual assaults, assaults, burglaries, thefts, stolen vehicles, financial crimes and criminal mischiefs, etc.

The Criminal Investigation Section is composed of five investigation units & two supporting units. These units are Misdemeanor, Property Crimes, Juvenile, Crimes Against Persons and Financial Crimes. There are two support units; Criminal Intelligence & Crime Scene Unit. The Detective section is authorized to have one Lieutenant, five Sergeants and 30 Investigators. There were also four Reserve Officers that were assigned to the section. There are twelve civilian personnel and two civilian supervisors.



Crimes Against Persons Unit

The Crimes Against Persons Unit is responsible for the investigation of felony cases such as homicide, robbery, sexual assaults, and aggravated assaults and kidnapping. They also follow up on suicides and unattended deaths. The unit is staffed by six full time detectives. The case load for each detective is approximately 20-25 cases per month. One detective is assigned to “Cold Case” investigations in addition to regular cases.

In 2023 the Crimes Against Persons unit investigated (6) homicides and (1) officer involved shooting. (5) of the homicides have been solved with (1) still under investigation. Cold Case Detective Fowler actively worked on (20) cold cases, resulting in the identification of (2) previously unidentified human remains, bringing closure to the families involved.

Property Crimes Unit

The Property Crimes Unit is staffed with one Sergeant and seven Detectives. Two investigators are responsible for investigation of auto thefts and unauthorized use of motor vehicles. One investigator is responsible for the pawn / second-hand dealer detail. The four remaining detectives are responsible for the follow-up investigation of all burglaries, felony thefts, and all other felony property crimes. The case load of the detectives is approximately 40 - 50 cases per detective per month. The Property Crimes Section detectives issued 188 at-large warrants, 45 evidentiary warrants and 95 in-jail arrests.

Misdemeanor Unit

The Misdemeanor Unit is responsible for follow-up investigations of Class A & B misdemeanors, selected felony cases and missing persons. The Misdemeanor Unit receives approximately 200 cases weekly for review. The unit is authorized five detectives and a Sergeant. There are also four Reserve investigators assigned to this unit. Misdemeanor Detectives are responsible for investigating reported cases that are assigned and are responsible for the filing of all Misdemeanor “in-jail” cases from arrests made by patrol.

Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile Unit is responsible for investigation of crimes against children, juvenile offenders and the tracking of sex offenders. This Unit investigates felony and misdemeanor crimes involving juveniles. The Unit is staffed by eight detectives and a Sergeant. Four investigators in this Unit work at Patsy’s House Children’s Advocacy Center, where they are part of a multi-disciplinary team along with CPS, the D.A.’s Office, and SANE nurses. One investigator works crimes committed by juvenile offenders and one investigator, in addition to his normal case load, is assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Unit also has an investigator that is responsible for tracking all registered sex offenders in the city.

Financial Crimes Unit

The Financial Crimes Unit is composed of one Sergeant and three Detectives. They investigate all manner of financial crimes such as identity theft, fraud, credit card abuse, embezzlement, counterfeiting, money laundering and computer crimes. The unit works hand-in-hand with federal agencies such as the Secret Service, Postal Inspection Service, and FBI. One detective is assigned to a Secret Service task force to assist in major cases. The monthly case load for this unit is approximately 30 cases per detective. The unit strives to educate the public on identify theft and other fraud related crimes by presenting programs throughout the year for different civic and public organizations. The unit has an in-house forensic lab manned by a Financial Crime Detective who has specialized training in cellular phone and computer forensics. Due to our relationship with the Dallas Secret Service Task Force, the training and equipment for the lab were grant funded through the United States Secret Service.



Intelligence Unit

The Intelligence Unit is comprised of one officer, two civilians, and a sergeant (also serves as the Financial Crimes Sergeant). This office serves as the intelligence center for the department. The Intelligence Unit is responsible for gathering, collating, and analyzing recorded and reported information concerning types of crime, identified criminals, and suspected criminal groups.

This office works cooperatively with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and is responsible for identifying problem areas, active offenders, and crime trends discovered through criminal intelligence and analysis.

The intelligence unit officer serves as the anti-terrorism liaison for the department. He is a member of the Texas Oklahoma Criminal Investigators Association, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Joint Terrorism Task Force, and regularly attends intelligence briefings in the area and throughout the state.

This unit presented twenty-four intelligence briefings & seven regional intelligence briefings during 2023. By using our intelligence led policing approach, resources are directed toward specific criminal activity, higher crime areas, and active offenders. This strategic and targeted approach to law enforcement allows for better resource allocation, crime disruption, and eventually crime reduction. The briefings help identify crime patterns and trends, which in turn develops strategies for dealing with problem areas and active offenders.



Crime Scene Unit

The Crime Scene Unit (CSU) consists of five crime scene technicians, whose duties include responding to crime scenes 24 hours a day 7 days a week for crime scene documentation. Crime scene documentation includes, but is not limited to, photography, videography, diagramming, the collection, packaging, preservation and transportation of evidentiary items, and processing for latent prints.

The CSU also performs fingerprint and palm print comparisons. Crime scene technicians enter unknown latent fingerprints and palm prints into the Automated Fingerprint Identification System databases for the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Crime scene technicians also provide expert testimony in crime scene and finger/palm print examination in Wichita County courts, courts for surrounding counties, as well as the federal judicial system. The CSU provides forensic support to approximately twenty- six (26) other city, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies within a two-hour radius to include the FBI, ATF and Texas DPS. The CSU educates the public and provides training to law enforcement officers and new crime scene technicians concerning forensics, such as finger/palm print processing, and crime scene processing and documentation. The CSU must also stay informed regarding the latest scientific developments and court cases in the field of forensics to aid them on crime scenes, in the lab and in the courts.

Crime Scene Statistics

Crime Scene Unit Statistics 2023	
	2023
Reports	602
Items of Evidence Collected	1,109
Subpoenas Received	72
Work Orders	157
Calls	473
Training Hours	2639
Maintenance Hours	834.75
Latent Comparison	34,380
Patrol SD Card Case Download	2,646
Case Photo Requests	1,908
Texas and Federal Latent Print Case Entries	146
Texas and Federal Latent Print Entries	271
Texas and Federal Latent Print Case Hit	30
Texas and Federal Latent Print Hit	50

Special Operations Section



The Special Operations Section is composed of the Organized Crime Unit, the Tactical Unit, the Gang Task Force, and the SWAT Team. Each unit is uniquely specialized but with similar and often overlapping responsibilities. Having these units under a single Special Operations umbrella allows for a unified effort and maximizes efficiency when the officers train and work together.

The Special Operations Section is responsible for gang suppression, gang intelligence, narcotic investigations, vice investigations, the execution of high-risk arrest/search warrants, SWAT assignments, and a variety of specialized operations. In 2023, the Special Operations Section focused heavily on targeting narcotics users, dealers, and their supply networks. Large,

long-term investigations were conducted this year targeting high-level dealers and suppliers. Federal Task Force Officers assigned to the Special Operations Section opened and filed numerous federal cases relating to fentanyl, methamphetamine, cocaine, and weapons offenses. Members of the Special Operations Section continued to provide training to local educational institutions and our local law enforcement partners relating to fentanyl.

The extensive training, ability to stay on a specific task for an extended time, and very flexible work schedule allow this section to meet a tremendous need. The section also supports other units within our department on an as-needed basis in special cases, supplies manpower for specialized events, and conducts undercover police operations.

Gang Task Force

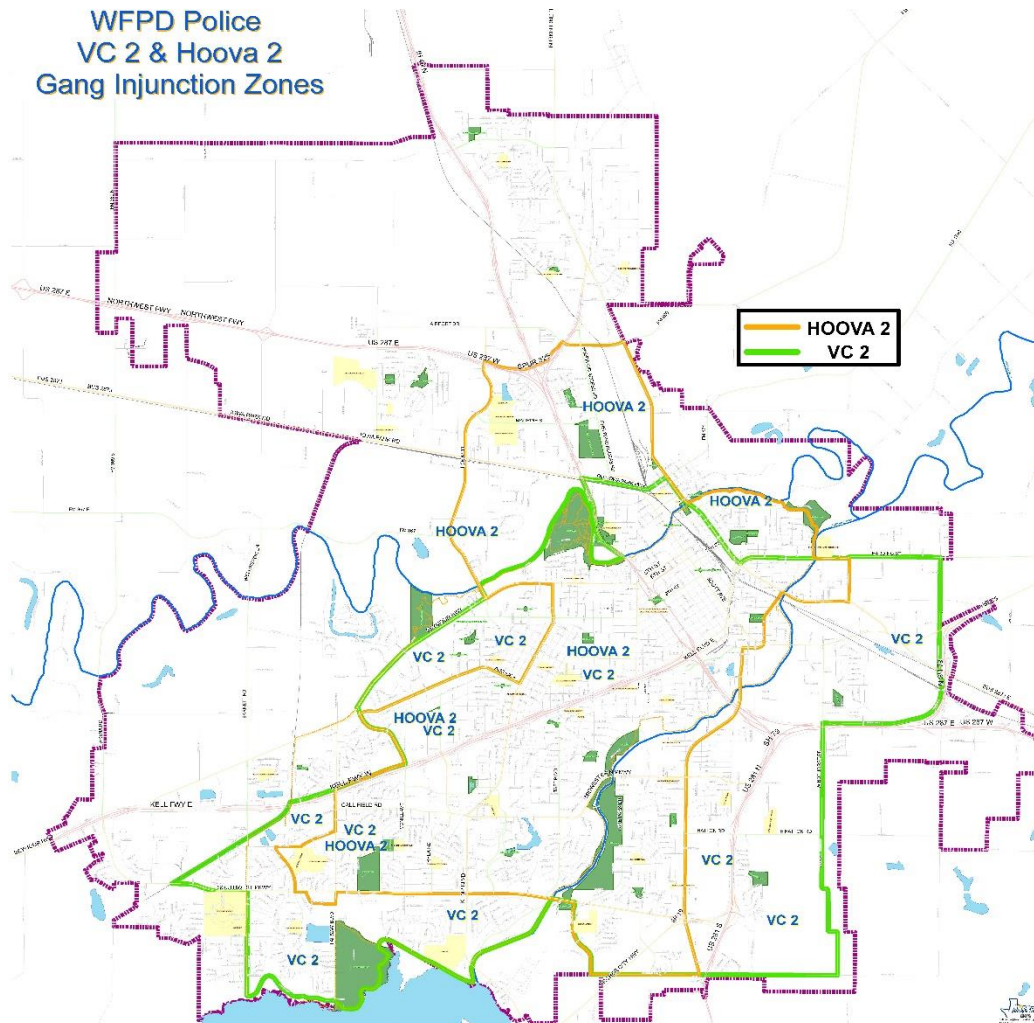
The WFPD Gang Task Force (GTF) is responsible for the identification and documentation of gang members, as well as performing interdiction duties to disrupt and prevent criminal street gang activity and crime within the community. The Gang Task Force was organized as a full-time unit in 2007 and is composed of a Sergeant, six full-time Officers, and a K9 Lock. There are currently three officers assigned as full-time FBI TFOs. This additional responsibility has aided with the federal prosecution and conviction of numerous individuals. In 2023, GTF TFOs were able to obtain 10 indictments from WFPD drug/gun cases in the federal courts.



Although the primary role of the Gang Task Force is deterring gang violence, the unit has transitioned into a multi-functional street crimes unit, taking on roles of intelligence gathering and fugitive apprehension. The Gang Task Force accomplishes this mission with a combination of no-tolerance street-level enforcement, intel-based proactive policing, and an insight into local organized criminal activity. The Gang Task Force works closely with other units within the department to achieve such goals and accomplish the mission. In turn, this proactive approach helps reduce violent crime, property crime, and narcotic distribution.

Wichita Falls Gang Injunctions

As of December 31, 2023, the City of Wichita Falls has implemented six gang injunctions over the last 15 years. There are still two gang injunctions currently in operation (VC #2, Hoova #2). The VC#2 gang injunction was implemented in 2014. The most recent gang injunction, Hoova Crip #2, was implemented in December 2018. There are currently 12 total defendants still active on the various injunctions. Out of those 12 defendants, 7 are currently incarcerated. Hoova Crip # 2 injunctions will not expire until 2028. Crime in the neighborhoods that make up the various gang injunction zones has been significantly reduced since the injunctions have taken effect.



K-9 Unit



K-9 Lock was acquired by the Wichita Falls Police Department in early 2021. Officer Bartow is the K-9 Handler and works with Lock on a daily basis. Officer Bartow returned from training with Lock in February 2021 and he went into service near the end of that month. Lock is a Belgian Malinois. He was imported from Poland by Southern State K-9 in Petal, Mississippi.

Southern State K-9 trained and certified him in narcotics detection.

He was imprinted on marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin. Southern State K-9 also trained and certified him in tracking/trailing. After Officer Bartow completed training with him in Mississippi they were certified as a canine team. They continue to certify yearly by two independent third party nationally recognized law enforcement canine organizations (United States Police Canine Association – USPCA and the National Police Canine Association – NPCA). Lock is assigned to the Gang Task Force but is utilized department wide.

Lock has assisted multiple other units within the department to include OCU, TACT, PATROL, and CIS for article searches. Lock has also conducted vehicle sniffs for outside agencies. Lock’s stats for 2023 are as follows. The seizure and arrest numbers include only those made possible by a positive alert from Lock.

Activity Type	Total
Felony Arrests	20
Misdemeanor Arrests	15
Narcotic Detection Deployments	38
Other Unit Deployments	20
Assist Outside Agency	9
Tracking/Search Deployment	1
Handler Initiate Stops	22
Citations	18
School/Civic Demos	10
Cash Seizures	\$1,834
Firearms	4
Marijuana	1.4oz
THC/Wax	1.06g
Fentanyl	925g
Methamphetamine	3,258g

Organized Crime Unit

The Organized Crime Unit is responsible for narcotics, vice, and organized crime investigations within the city of Wichita Falls. This involves the filing of all the departmental drug-related cases, undercover operations, surveillance, reversals, drug buys, and buy-bust types of cases. In addition, they investigate prostitution, gambling, and organized crime problems in the city. Members have received highly specialized training in the investigation and handling of labs, and a majority are lab-certified. The WFPD filed 319 drug-related cases with the District Attorney's Office. The Organized Crime Unit continued to place information into the NIBIN system through its two full-time ATF TFOs. There was evidence entered into NIBIN from 120 cases. This has resulted in matches to 15 criminal cases that were committed with the firearm that was tested. In 2023, OCU TFOs were able to obtain 19 indictments from WFPD drug/gun cases in the federal courts.



Tactical Unit



The Tactical Unit is responsible for conducting surveillance and apprehending suspects involved in burglaries, thefts, and other high-profile crimes. The Tactical Unit often assists other units in the Criminal Investigations Section as well as other units assigned to the Special Operations Section in their investigations. The unit consists of a Sergeant and four assigned Officers. Since its inception, the unit has made numerous felony

arrests, recovered stolen vehicles, stolen firearms, and recovered large amounts of stolen property taken in burglary and theft cases.

The Tactical Unit is also a proactive unit that has evolved into executing narcotic search/arrest warrants, evidentiary warrants, electronic communication warrants, and conducting both short and long-term undercover operations.

Special Operations Activity

While each unit within the Special Operations Section has its specialized focus, the goal this year has been to cross-train the section to ensure that all members are knowledgeable in all tasks undertaken by this section. This has created a large team that has handled investigations involving serial arson cases, fentanyl overdoses, violent fugitive apprehension, the safe apprehension of murder suspects, and large-scale long-term investigations with agencies such as TXDPS, OBN, TDCJ, AFOSI, DEA, FBI, ATF, USMS, USPS, and others. Below are the combined totals of the Special Operations Section for 2023.



Activity Type	Total
Felony Arrests	223
Misdemeanor Arrests	67
Cases Assigned	348
At-Large Warrants	143
Search Warrants	42
Tracker Orders	11
Phone Warrants	34
Federal Cases Submitted	29
Fentanyl Overdose Responses	31
UC Operations	25
Gang Injunction Violation	1
Gang Contacts	15
Vehicle Impounds	23

Seizure	Total
Recovered Stolen Property	\$18,376
Heroin	2g
Cocaine	855g
Fentanyl	3,249.25g
Methamphetamine	14,506g
Marijuana	484.2g
THC Wax/Liquid	20g
Firearms	44
Vehicles	18
Cash	\$20,501

SWAT Team and Negotiators



The Special Operations Section is responsible for the training and operational readiness of the SWAT Team. The SWAT Team consists of 20 members, 2 in command positions, 1 drone pilot, and 1 medic. The SWAT Team is responsible for responding to high-risk incidents. These include hostage situations, barricaded subjects, dignitary protection, high-risk search warrants, and the protection of undercover officers. This section also trains and coordinates the efforts of the police negotiators. Negotiators are a vital element and allow for communications between distressed individuals and police officers. Negotiators have been very successful in the peaceful outcome of many high-risk situations.

In 2023, SWAT had a total of 62 operations which included:

Activity	Total
Narcotics Search Warrant	10
Barricaded Call Outs	7
Security Protection Detail	1
CIS Search Warrant	1
Assist Outside Agency	1
UC Safety/Rescue	42

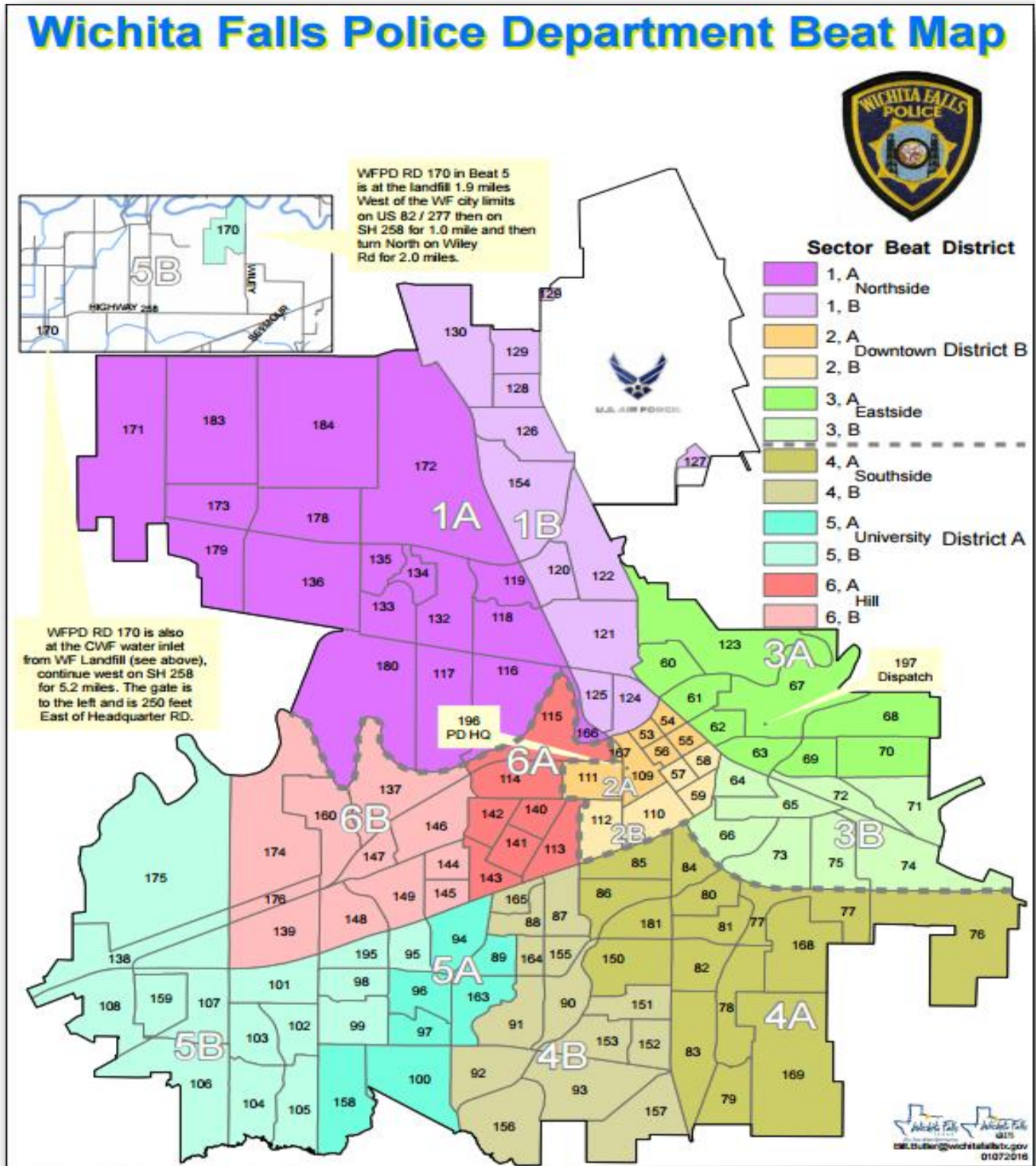
NIBRS Year End Reporting Totals for Crimes

Crimes Against Person	2022	2023
One count per Victim		
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	12	4
Manslaughter By Negligence	4	4
Justifiable Homicide	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	23	14
Sexual Assault	160	170
Aggravated Assault	303	298
Simple Assault	1,409	1,298
Threat	700	564
Crimes Against Property		
One Count Per NIBRS Code Per Incident		
Robbery	52	66
Arson	0	2
Extortion/Blackmail	19	28
Burglary Breaking and Entering	514	459
Purse Snatching	16	16
Shoplifting	482	535
Theft From Buildings	450	387
Theft From Coin – Operated Machine or Device	13	12
Theft From Motor Vehicle	422	378
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	150	73
All Other Larceny	638	651
Forgery/Counterfeiting	176	171
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	228	249
Fraud Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	244	304
Impersonation	2	2
Wire/Computer/Other Electronic Manipulation	1	15
Identity Theft	209	170
Hacking/Computer Invasion	8	9
Embezzlement	57	38
Stolen Property Offense (Receiving, ETC)	15	25
Destructive/Damage/Vandalism of Property	869	939
Bribery	1	0
Stolen Vehicles with 240 Code		
Count one per Vehicle		
Motor Vehicle Theft	303	224

Crimes Against Society		
Case Number		
Drug/Narcotic Violation	611	628
Drug Equipment Violations	43	27
Pornography/Obscene Material	19	12
Betting and Wagering	20	0
Prostitution	2	0
Purchasing Prostitution	1	2
Weapon Law Violations	156	154
Animal Cruelty	11	9
Total	8,343	7,937, (5.1 % decrease)

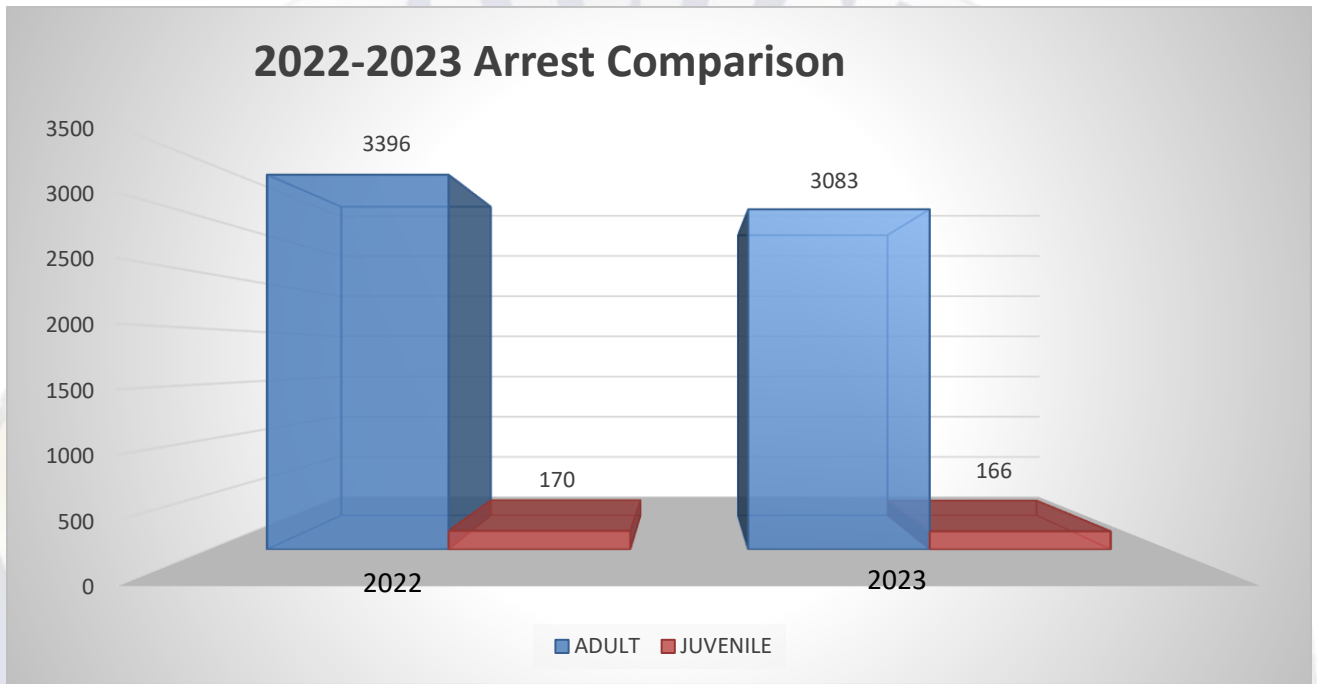
In January 2021, the Wichita Falls Police Department switched from a Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to a National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for criminal activity. The NIBRS reporting system provides a greater specificity in reporting offenses, collects more detailed information, helps give context to specific crime problems & provides a greater analytic flexibility according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For more information about the new reporting system, please visit: <https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/ucr/nibrs>

City of Wichita Falls Beat Map



Beat 1- Northside / Beat 2- Downtown / Beat 3- Eastside
 Beat 4- Southside / Beat 5- University / Beat 6 - Hill

Arrests



Note: According to the Criminal Investigation Section’s juvenile sergeant, as of January 2000 runaway arrests are no longer entered in the Records Management System’s arrest file. The Wichita County Commissioner’s Court ruled juvenile runaways are not to be arrested, nor handled by the Wichita County Juvenile Detention Center. Runaways are to be transported to the Teen Shelter by law enforcement personnel.

2023 Police Awards

Certificate of Merit



Lt. Jonathan Lindsey
Sgt. Danny Zimpel
Sgt. Jason Leavelle
Sgt. Michael Poirot
Officer Daniel Wilson
Officer Jesse Bartow
Officer Robert Jones
Officer Mario Olivarez
Officer Andrew Schenck
Officer Kaleb Littleton
Officer Ross Dilbeck
Officer Tony Ozuna
Officer Beau Jackson
Officer Travis Jones
Officer Corey George
Officer Colby Preston
Officer Michael Hayhurst

Certificate of Police Excellence and Bar



Deputy Chief Guy Gilmore
Cpt. Karl Lillie
Lt. Brian Sheehan
Sgt. Rick Cullar
Sgt. Joseph Felts
Sgt. Chris Foster
Sgt. Brett Keith
Sgt. Todd Myracle (Retired)
Sgt. John Spragins
Sgt. Joe Esteves
Sgt. Marissa Hughes
Sgt. John Chesar
Sgt. Michael Goins
Officer Robert Stacey
Officer Joey Anderson (Retired)
Officer Scott Stoecklein

Officer Mitchell Parker
Officer Danny Saravane
Officer Eron Awakuni
Officer Patricia Duncan-Ferguson
Officer Casey Kirkpatrick
Officer Jacob Vasquez
Officer Dale Finnegan
Officer Robert Phelan
Officer Corey Whited
Officer Jeff Li
Officer Taylor Shoffit
Officer John Cook
Officer Christopher Newell
Officer Tony Ramirez
Officer John Gordon
Officer Robert Welch
Officer Tanner Fowler
Officer Kylar McKinely

Certificate of Civic Achievement



Zari Espinal
Delora King