



PRAIRIE VILLAGE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

A Tradition of Service

Annual Report
2024



Eric McCullough

Chief of Police

Prairie Village Police Department

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To our dedicated Prairie Village and Mission Hills communities,

It is with immense pride that I present the 2024 Annual Report on behalf of the 62 dedicated individuals – 47 sworn officers and 15 civilian staff – who make up your Prairie Village Police Department. This report offers a glimpse into the unwavering commitment and exceptional work performed daily to ensure our communities remain safe and vibrant.

Our motto, "A Tradition of Service", isn't just a phrase; it's the foundation of our core values: Dedication, Integrity, Professionalism, and Service. Every member of our team strives to uphold these principles, working tirelessly to protect our most vulnerable and uphold the quality of life we cherish in Prairie Village and Mission Hills.

In 2024, we experienced an increase in calls for service, a trend largely driven by our close partnership with Fire and Paramedic services in responding to a greater number of medical emergencies. While this reflects our expanded role in community well-being, we were encouraged to see a decrease in overall offenses and thefts compared to the five-year average.

However, we did observe a rise in auto thefts and auto burglaries, often linked to unlocked vehicles with keys inside or valuables left in plain sight. Living in such a safe environment is a privilege we work hard to maintain, and your partnership is crucial. Simple actions can significantly deter these crimes:

- **Secure Your Vehicles:** Always lock your car doors and take your keys with you.
- **Protect Your Valuables:** Remove them from your vehicle or keep them out of sight.
- **Embrace the 9 PM Routine:** Each night at 9:00 PM, take a moment to ensure your vehicles are locked, garage doors are closed, and home doors are secure. Activate exterior lights and alarm systems, and check the functionality of your security cameras.

By embracing these straightforward crime prevention measures, you become an active partner in our efforts to keep Prairie Village and Mission Hills safe for everyone. The entire Prairie Village Police Department is honored to serve you and looks forward to continuing our collaborative work in the year ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric M.", written over a light blue background.

Chief Eric M. McCullough



2024 Prairie Village and Mission Hills Statistics

19,503
Dispatched Calls
for Service
+ Traffic Stops

636
Offenses

- Residential & Business Burglary
- Forgery
- Sex Offenses

862
Arrests

- DUI, Alcohol or Drugs
- Warrants
- Offenses

8,352
Traffic Stops

- Failure to Yield
- Motorist Assist

297
Thefts

- Auto Theft
- Theft from a Motor Vehicle
- Shoplifting

1,413
Crime Prevention

- House Checks
- Open Door (Garage/Car)

277
Crashes

- Injury
- Non-Injury
- Hit and Run

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PRAIRIE VILLAGE / MISSION HILLS ANNUAL (Q1-Q4) CRIME REPORT - 2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average	2024+/-
Calls For Service							
Calls By Officers	7,856	8,492	9,457	10,234	10,182	9,244.2	937.8
Calls By CSOs	1,179	1,050	1,079	1,125	969	1080.4	-111.4
Calls For Service Total	9,035	9,542	10,536	11,359	11,151	10,324.6	826.4
Offenses							
Burglary Residence	16	35	27	29	12	23.8	-11.8
Aggravated Burglary	9	30	16	12	15	16.4	-1.4
Burglary Business / Church / Other	4	2	9	1	4	4.0	0.0
Arson	0	0	1	0	1	0.4	0.6
Assault / Battery	78	91	89	84	93	87.0	6.0
Criminal Damage	98	110	129	137	94	113.6	-19.6
Forgery	9	9	9	13	20	12.0	8.0
Fraud	83	77	105	81	72	83.6	-11.6
Homicide	1	1	0	0	0	0.4	-0.4
Rape	2	5	4	3	2	3.2	-1.2
Robbery	4	3	3	2	0	2.4	-2.4
Sex Offenses	7	9	13	7	6	8.4	-2.4
Trespassing	13	10	0	3	8	6.8	1.2
Weapons Violations	8	4	4	15	12	8.6	3.4
Offenses Total	332	386	409	387	339	370.6	-31.6
Thefts							
All Other Theft	58	45	60	56	43	52.4	-9.4
Auto Theft	52	71	84	57	74	67.6	6.4
Shoplifting	23	20	24	26	21	22.8	-1.8
Theft from Building	41	34	30	48	40	38.6	1.4
Theft from Motor Vehicle	85	120	147	80	111	108.6	2.4
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	11	22	20	19	2	14.8	-12.8
Thefts Total	270	312	365	286	291	304.8	-13.8
Arrests							
Alcohol Related	49	27	16	13	18	24.6	-6.6
Drug Arrests	99	78	69	84	74	80.8	-6.8
DUI	135	127	104	123	96	117.0	-21.0
Arrests Total	283	232	189	220	188	111.2	76.8
Crashes							
No Injury	165	204	206	226	177	195.6	-18.6
Injury	52	71	63	70	66	64.4	1.6
Hit and Run Accidents	32	36	41	40	30	35.8	-5.8
Private Property	6	3	2	0	4	3.0	1.0
Fatal	1	0	0	0	0	0.2	-0.2
Crashes Total	256	314	312	336	277	299.0	-22.0

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Crime Prevention							
Open Door (Garage / Car)	669	664	471	420	423	529.4	-106.4
Residence Checks	137	129	132	104	64	113.2	-49.2
House Checks	413	722	750	1,101	926	782.4	143.6
Crime Prevention Total	1,219	1,515	1,353	1,625	1,413	1,425.0	-12.0
Miscellaneous							
Failure to Yield	0	103	91	161	151	101.2	49.8
Medical Calls	508	598	941	1,400	1,666	1022.6	643.4
Mental Health Total	328	291	268	321	294	300.4	-6.4
Traffic Stops	8,502	9,741	7,329	10,102	8,201	8775.0	-574.0
Miscellaneous Total	9,338	10,733	8,629	11,984	10,312	10,199.2	112.8

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division comprises one Captain, five Sergeants, three Corporals, and 15 uniformed patrol officers. This Division provides 24-hour uniformed patrol for the Cities of Prairie Village and Mission Hills. Alongside the Uniformed Patrol, the Patrol Division comprises Traffic Safety, Patrol Operations, Mental Health Co-Responders, and Animal Control.



Uniformed Patrol

- Three Sergeants
- Three Corporals
- 21 patrol officers
- Engage in many community events
- Proactive Patrols
- Conduct crime prevention activities
- Respond to calls for service

Mental Health Co-Responders

- We partner with JOCO Mental Health to employ two Co-Responders
- Assists with handling calls involving those facing mental health and/or substance abuse challenges
- Assisted officers on the scene 143 times & conducted 337 follow up investigations in 2024

Animal Control

- Two CSOs (Community Service Officers)
- Responded to 969 animals calls in 2024



Traffic Safety

- One Sergeant
- Four total officers including:
- Two motorcycle officers
- Enforcement of traffic laws
- Educate the public about the importance of traffic safety
- 24 citizen car seat installations in 2024
- 1,225 Booster Seat Checks in 2024
- Achieved Silver Community Traffic Safety Award in 2024

Patrol Operations

- One Sergeant
- One directed patrol officer
- One canine officer
- One K9, "Blitz"
- 32 total deployments of K9 unit
- Blitz and canine officer Overesch attended 99 training sessions in 2024

- Handle calls for lost, injured, or abused animals, assist with wild animals & patrol for stray animals

Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is comprised of a Captain, a Detective Sergeant, two traditional Detectives, two School Resource Officers (SROs), a D.A.R.E. Officer, a Corporal and Detective assigned to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), as well as the Crime Prevention Unit.

School Resource Officers (SROs)

The Department has two SROs, one assigned to Shawnee Mission East (Det. Jeremy Shull), and one assigned to Indian Hills Middle School (Det. Alexander Flores). Our SROs work in tandem with their respective schools to provide a safe learning environment for the students. During the 2024 school year (Spring & Fall), SROs collectively spent thousands of hours interacting with staff and students, taught law enforcement topics, and kept our schools safer. They also add to the Department resources as fully-trained, traditional detectives, who specialize in juvenile offender cases.



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D.A.R.E. Program



Officer Marandah Sherrick started with the Department in 2022, and began leading the D.A.R.E. program for the 2024-2025 school year. She currently makes an impact in six area elementary schools, completed 809 presentations for K-6th grade, facilitated six graduations, and taught the D.A.R.E. curriculum to 2,743 elementary students in 139 classrooms.

Special Investigations Unit (SIU)

The Special Investigations Unit is comprised of a corporal and a detective. The unit was not staffed for much of 2024 due to personnel shortages. SIU is a select unit used to focus on drug, vice, and other unconventional investigations in order to keep the community safe by using progressive and proactive strategies.

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit is made up of one detective, who is responsible for providing crime prevention resources to the community, as well as taking on the role of a traditional detective investigating cases. The Crime Prevention Unit aims to reduce and prevent crime by bringing programs and awareness to the community. Several community outreach initiatives are maintained by the unit year round, a few of which are:

- National Night Out
- Cops, Costumes and Candy
- Neighbors by Ring Partnership
- Crime Tips
- Community Awareness Signage
- Increased Social Media Presence
- Village Video Cooperative
- Coffee with a Cop



Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT)

Our Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) consists of 14 members: One captain (the team commander), three sergeants (team leader, assistant team leader, sniper team lead), and ten officers. Team members are extensively cross-trained in various disciplines including snipers, breachers, entry team members, and intelligence officers. The team is utilized in high-risk situations like barricaded suspects and hostage rescue situations.



Photos from a few training sessions our officers receive throughout the year.



Staff Services Division

The Staff Services Division is comprised of a Captain, the Records Unit, Professional Standards, Communications Unit, Property & Evidence Room, and the Crime Analyst. Peer Support, employee fitness, recruiting, and training are also managed out of Staff Services.

Records Unit

- One full-time Records Specialist
- All police reports generated by officers are routed through the Records Unit for review, filing, preservation, and dissemination of all reports
- Handled 2,675 incident reports and approximately 277 accident reports in 2024
- The Records Unit also performs fingerprint services and handles open records requests as needed

Professional Standards

- The Professional Standards Sergeant manages the hiring, certification, and training of all Department personnel, and ensures all officers meet State and Department standards
- Kansas Law Enforcement officers are required to maintain a minimum of 40 hours of training per year. In 2024, PVPD officers averaged 219 hours of training
- Our annual Citizens Academy course is organized by Professional Standards

Communications Unit

- The Communications Supervisor oversees the Communications Unit, the Property Room, and the Records Unit
- Six dispatchers that handle all incoming 911 calls, dispatch officers for service, and enter calls into the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) System
- In 2024, the Communications Unit handled 28,669 calls for service
- First voice heard when someone calls for help and are the officers' lifeline while on patrol

Property & Evidence Room

- The Property and Evidence Specialist receives, secures, maintains, and monitors all evidence and property acquired by the Department
- She is the liaison between criminalistics laboratories, the District Attorney's Office, the Municipal Court, and law enforcement officers



Crime Analyst

- The Crime Analyst provides crime data reports to the Department and City.
- Assists the Investigations team in their efforts to mitigate crime.
- Assists with the creation of ad-hoc statistical requests, as well as using location technology and social apps to locate persons of interest for the Investigations Division.

Peer Support Team

- The Peer Support Team is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of all sworn and civilian personnel and their families.
- The team is actively engaged in events for staff and families, regular staff check-ins, and facilitates Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) for nearby agencies to assist their employees in navigating challenging situations.

Department Awards, Promotions and Anniversaries



- Captain Brady Sullivan celebrated 20 years of service.
- Dispatcher Tim Kobe celebrated 30 years of service.



- Property Specialist Sarah Schreck celebrated five years of service.
- Sergeant Eric Mieske celebrated 15 years of service.





Detective Seth Meyer celebrated 20 years of service.



Master Patrol Officer Drew O'Neill celebrated 15 years of service.



Officer Seth Dittimore celebrated five years of service.



Sergeant Josh Bernal celebrated 15 years of service.



Officer Mark Brown became a Master Patrol Officer.



Detective Jeremy Shull celebrated five years of service.



Corporal Ryan Mixdorf was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Ted Rule to Corporal.



Officers Alex Flores and Spencer Patrick received awards after apprehending suspects in an aggravated assault.



Corporal Matt Boggs was promoted to Sergeant, Sergeant Adam Taylor was promoted to Captain, and Captain Eric McCullough was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police/Major.



Officer Ben Overesch and Canine Blitz were awarded the Police Meritorius Service Award.

Officers Austin Gordon and Blaise Hinton, Corporal Pat Mahoney, and CSO Courtney Sievers were all recognized for their acts of bravery and dedication.





Retirements



Sergeant Luke Roth
retired after 26 years
of service



**Executive Assistant
Jennifer Wright** retired
after 25 years of
service



Captain Brady Sullivan
retired after 20 years
of service

Out in the Community





