



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**PRESENTED BY THE
COTTAGE GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

SERVICE - EMPATHY - INTEGRITY - COURAGE

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Cottage Grove, OR 97424

A message from Chief of Police **CORY CHASE**

We are proud to present the 2024 edition of the Cottage Grove Police Department's Annual Report, reflecting on our progress and accomplishments throughout 2024. This report reaffirms our commitment to transparency, accountability, and excellence in law enforcement.



Within these pages, you will find detailed insights into the department's performance, initiatives, and achievements over the past year. Building on the foundation laid in our inaugural 2023 Annual Report, we have included comparisons to prior years to measure progress and guide our continued improvement.

We have worked hard to overcome the challenges of the previous year, such as leadership transitions and staffing demands. Our officers and staff have remained steadfast in their dedication to serving the community and ensuring the safety of our citizens. Our mission remains clear: to provide a safe and secure environment for all residents, visitors, and businesses in Cottage Grove.

We are proud to report again this year that we continue to make progress in key areas, including staffing for the police department, technological advancements that help us track and document use of force, and enhanced community policing efforts. As we continue to fill our vacant positions, we will have greater flexibility for proactive policing. Additionally, we have worked diligently to foster a positive cultural shift within the department, laying the groundwork for sustained growth and progress in the coming years.

Building trust and legitimacy within our community remains at the forefront of our efforts. Through initiatives such as Coffee with a Cop, Shop with a Cop, and Kindness 9-1-1, we continue to strengthen relationships with the people we serve. Our partnership with Trauma Intervention Program NW (TIP) has further enhanced our ability to support those experiencing traumatic events. We have also built a new partnership with Working Dogs Oregon that will allow us to continue providing police K9 services to the community. We continue to prioritize transparency by leveraging social media, updating our website, adopting innovative technology, and fostering professional relationships with local media and citizen groups.

While we celebrate our accomplishments, we remain mindful of areas where improvement is needed. Our commitment to continuous evaluation and enhancement ensures we do not lose sight of our goals and opportunities. We constantly strive to evolve, adapt, and better meet the changing needs of our community while upholding the highest standards of service, empathy, integrity, and courage.

We are grateful for the unwavering support and partnership of the residents, businesses, and community organizations of Cottage Grove. Together, we will continue building a safer, stronger, and more resilient community for all.

Sincerely,
Cory Chase

Chief of Police

CORE VALUES

At the Cottage Grove Police Department, we are guided by a firm commitment to upholding the highest standards of service, empathy, integrity, and courage in all our interactions with the community we serve. These core values serve as the foundation of our mission, and we pledge to uphold them with unwavering dedication.

SERVICE: We are dedicated to serving and protecting our community honorably and respectfully while responding to their needs and being a reliable source of support and safety.

EMPATHY: We actively listen to understand and show compassion in all interactions, working to de-escalate and remove barriers while providing support to those in need.

INTEGRITY: We uphold the highest ethical standards, maintaining transparency, accountability, and consistency in our actions, always acting with honesty and fairness.

COURAGE: We have the courage to face difficult and dangerous situations, making tough decisions when necessary to protect and serve our community, and standing up for what is right, even in the face of adversity.

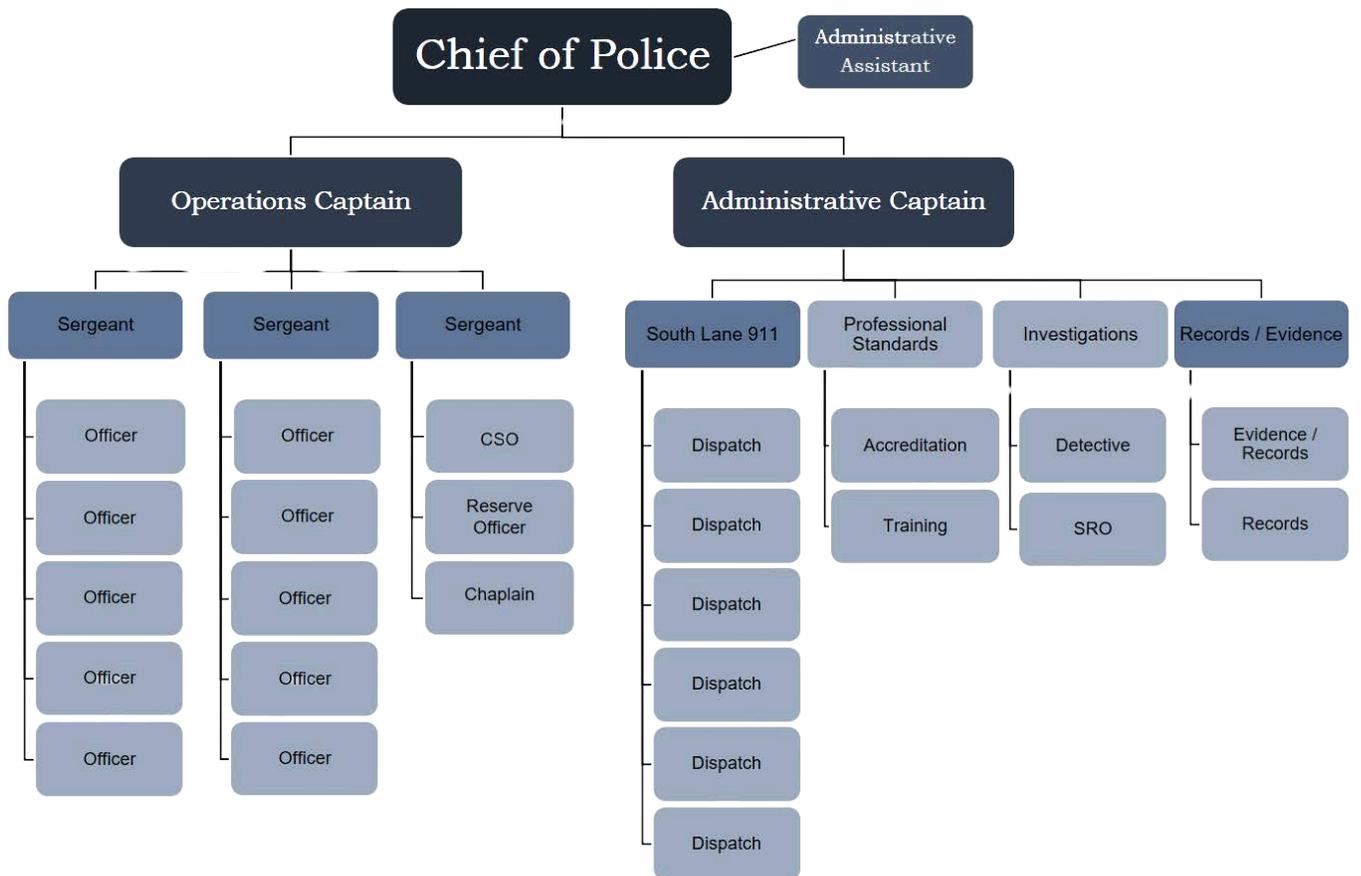
These core values are the pillars of our department and the guiding principles that inform our actions and decisions. We will constantly strive to improve, learn, and grow in our pursuit of service, empathy, integrity, and courage. Our unwavering commitment to these values ensures that the Cottage Grove Police Department will continue to be a beacon of trust and safety in our community, working tirelessly to make it a better place for all.

DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The Cottage Grove Police Department is comprised of two divisions - Operations and Administrative.

Operations Division includes Sergeants, Officers, Community Service Officer, Reserve Officer and Chaplain.

Administrative Division includes Dispatch (South Lane 9-1-1), School Resource Officer, Records, Evidence, Investigations, Training and Accreditation.

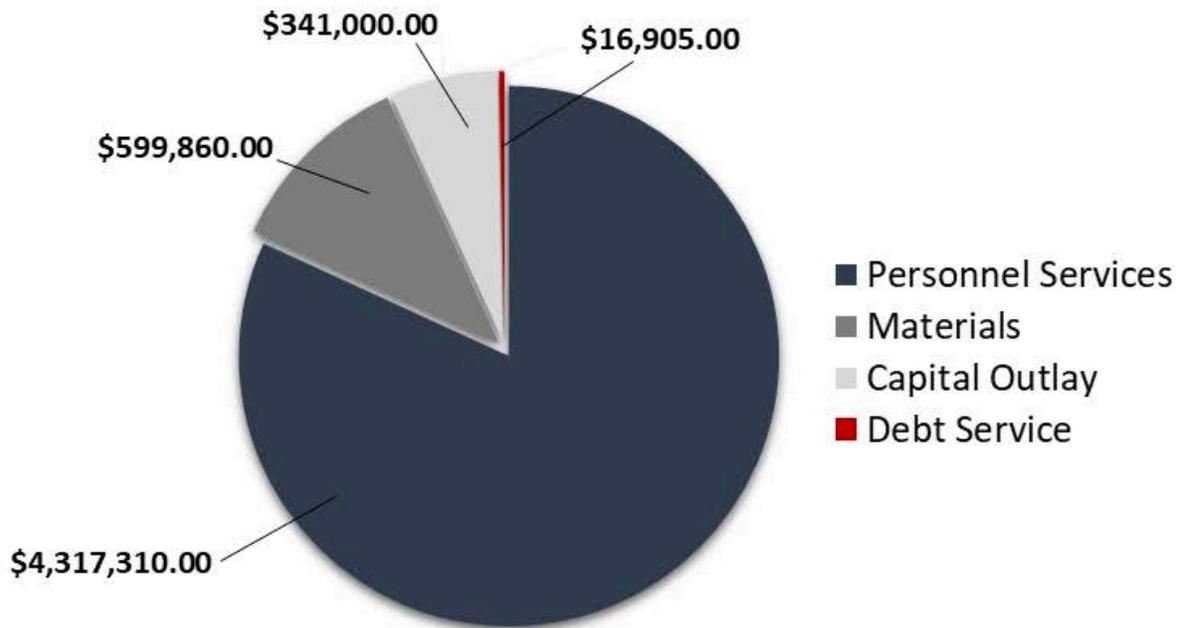


DEPARTMENT BUDGET

The following table compares the size of the Cottage Grove Police Department and its budget between fiscal years 2021-22 through 2024-25.

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Population	10,939	11,095	11,095	11,095
Total Budget	\$4,546,660	\$4,630,750	\$5,233,070	\$5,275,075
Sworn Personnel	18	18	19	17
Non-Sworn Personnel	14	11	10	10
Department Personnel	32	29	29	27
Total Officers Per Thousand Residence	1.65	1.62	1.75	1.53

ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2024-25

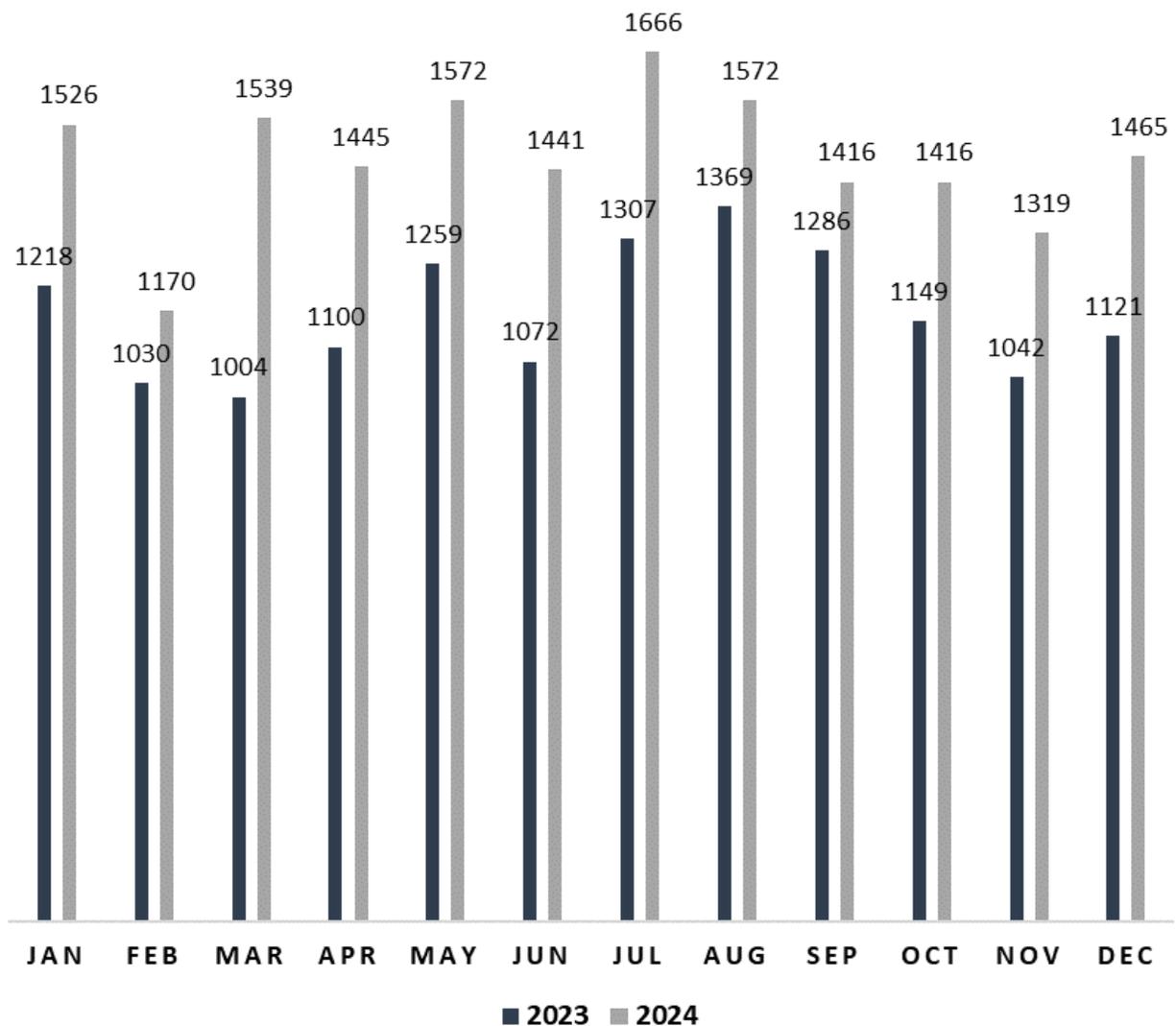


CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Cottage Grove Police Department operates the South Lane 911 Center. Cottage Grove calls for police services are dispatched through South Lane 911.

A call for service is captured when an officer is dispatched to an incident that was received from a 911 call or a result of officer initiated activity.

The following graph details the total calls for service each month during the calendar years 2023 and 2024.



The Cottage Grove Police Department recorded a total of 17,547 calls for service during the 2024 calendar year and recorded 13,957 in the previous calendar year.

CALL TYPES

The table below details some of the most frequent call types over the past three (3) calendar years.

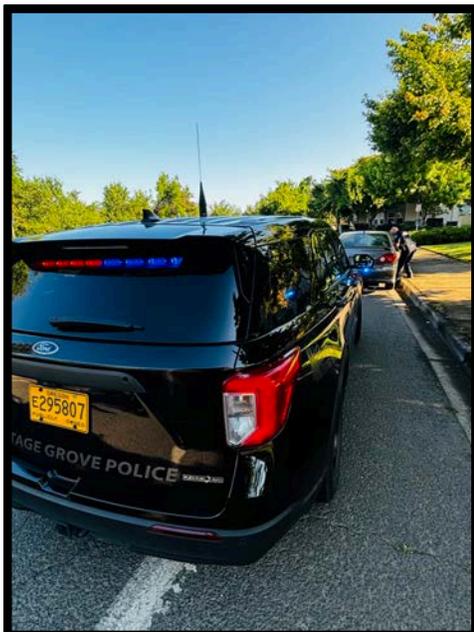
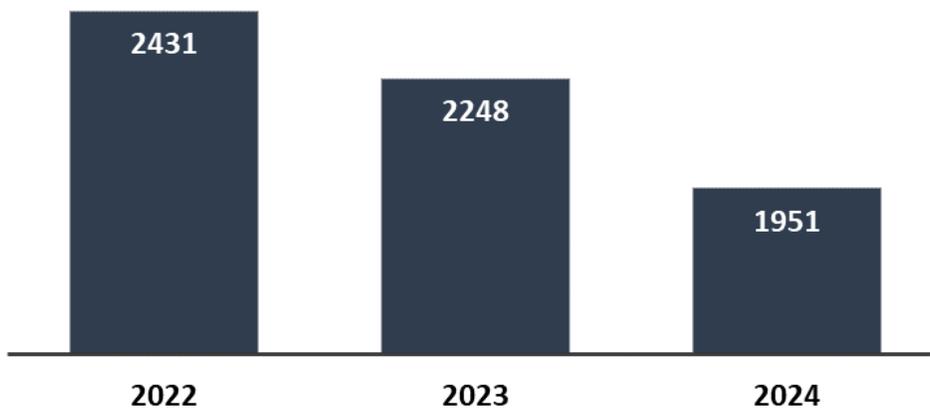
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Dispatched Incidents	17,319	13,898	17,668
Suspicious (Conditions, Subjects, Vehicles)	1,004	823	1,013
Disturbance	539	520	431
Welfare Check	486	445	621
Theft	314	376	321
Trespass	290	371	340
Criminal Mischief	284	226	178
Child Abuse/Neglect	284	325	321
Motor Vehicle Crash	187	217	257
Hit & Run	106	104	102
Juvenile Problems	102	171	184
Harassment	92	141	126
Suicide (Threat or Attempt)	81	65	72
Traffic Complaint	80	35	83
Assault	75	107	107
Burglary	67	63	46
Drug Info/Activity	37	47	61
Death Investigation	32	23	41
Sex Crimes - Rape	25	24	28
DUII (DUII & DUII Attempt To Locate)	30	21	32

CASE NUMBERS BY YEAR

Not every call for service generates a police report. When it is necessary to write a police report, the report is assigned a case number. The Cottage Grove Police Department used 1,951 case numbers in 2024.

Due to changes in internal processes and procedures, this reflects the decrease in case numbers. The decrease in case numbers is not a direct reflection of a decrease in crime.

The following graph details the number of case numbers used during the past three (3) calendar years.



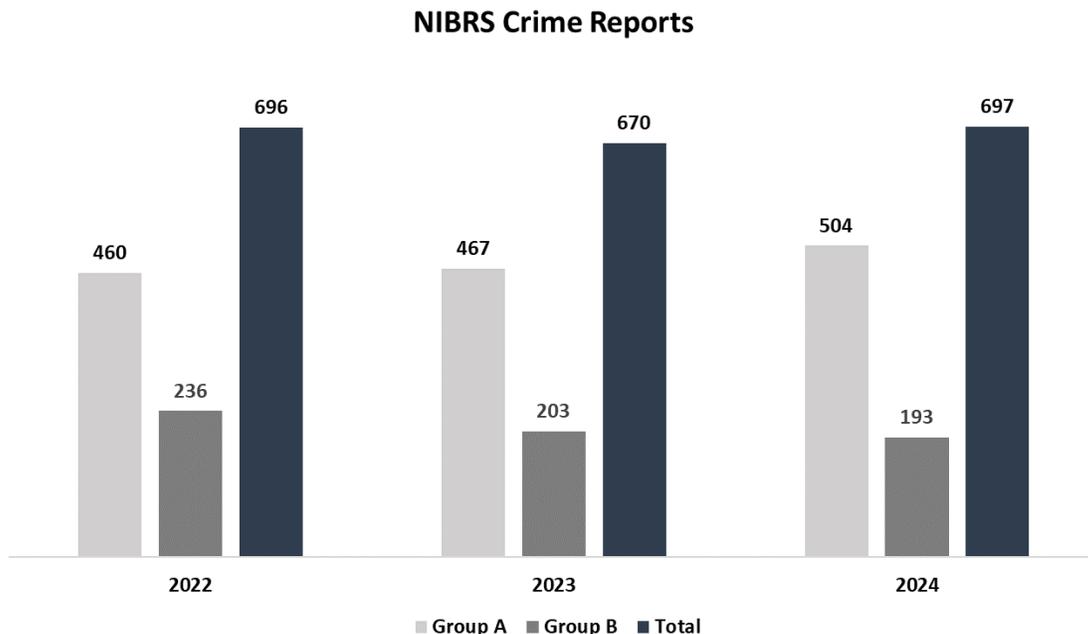
NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)

The Cottage Grove Police Department submits crime data to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) of the FBI.

NIBRS is a system used by law enforcement agencies in the United States for collecting and reporting data on crime incidents. Unlike the older Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system, which primarily counts only the most serious offense in a given incident, NIBRS provides a more detailed and comprehensive view of crime by capturing data on each individual crime that occurs within an incident.

NIBRS collects data on various aspects of crime, including the type of offense, location, victim and offender demographics, weapons used, and relationship between victim and offender, among other details. This level of detail allows for more accurate and nuanced analysis of crime trends and patterns, as well as more targeted law enforcement strategies and resource allocation.

Through NIBRS, the Police Department reports data on each offense within 52 specific crimes identified as Group A offenses, and 10 other categories identified as Group B offenses.

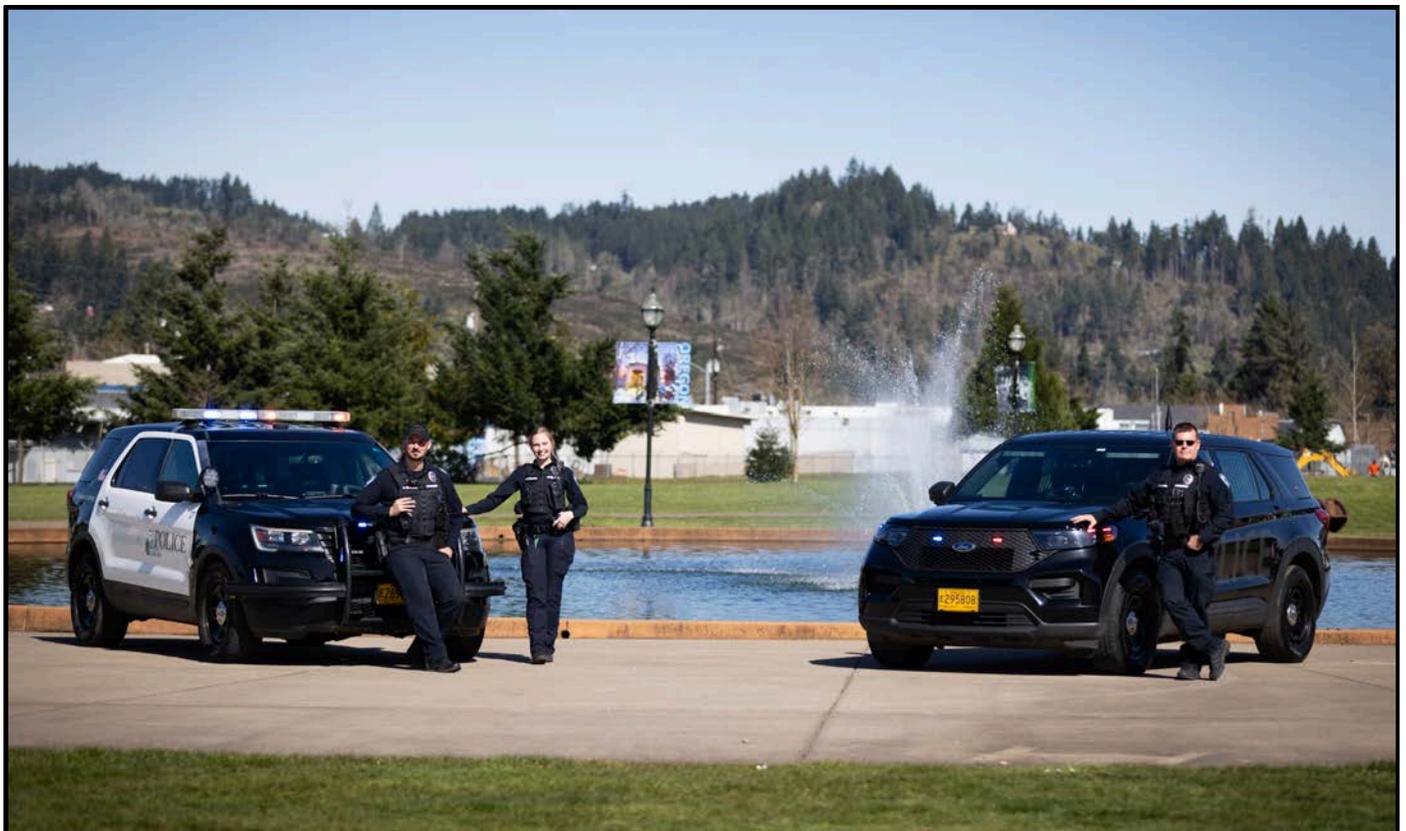


NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS)_{CONT.}

Our department uses the EIS Public Safety Software Suite for data entry, record keeping, and data analysis.

The records management system (RMS) is a key component of the EIS Public Safety Software Suite. It meets State and Federal reporting requirements effortlessly, with features like quick data collection, enhanced investigative capabilities, and a fully integrated workflow process.

On the following page you will see the data in greater detail. It may be helpful to see a few of the offense categories and compare the numbers with data collected over the past three (3) years.



NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS) CONT.

		2022	2023	2024
Group A	Aggravated Assault*	24	23	18
	Animal Cruelty	1	1	2
	Arson	3	6	3
	Burglary	9	17	15
	Drug Offenses	16	9	20
	Counterfeit/Forgery	0	0	18
	Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	2
	Fraud	32	24	16
	Homicide	0	0	1
	Kidnapping	2	1	1
	Pornography	1	2	2
	Forcible Rape	0	4	3
	Robbery	1	2	3
	Sex Crimes**	7	8	8
	Simple Assault	50	43	46
	Stalking/Intimidation	10	12	13
	Theft ***	93	137	170
	Theft of Vehicle	6	11	15
	Vandalism	179	145	120
Weapon Laws	26	22	28	
Group B	All other offenses	31	31	26
	Child Neglect	1	3	4
	Criminal Mistreatment	5	0	2
	Disorderly Conduct	42	45	39
	DUII	29	22	14
	Escape	3	0	6
	Exposer	1	1	0
	Family Offense - Other	0	1	0
	Liquor Laws	3	4	1
	Reckless Endangering	10	3	3
	Restraining Order Violations	20	18	18
	Sex Crime - Other	0	0	2
	Trespass	69	60	69
	Unlawful entry into Motor Vehicle	22	15	9

* Aggravated Assault includes Attempted Murder

** Includes all sex crimes except Forcible Rape, Exposer, Contributing to Sexual Delinq. of a Minor

*** Includes all types of Theft except Theft of a vehicle

ARREST DETAILS

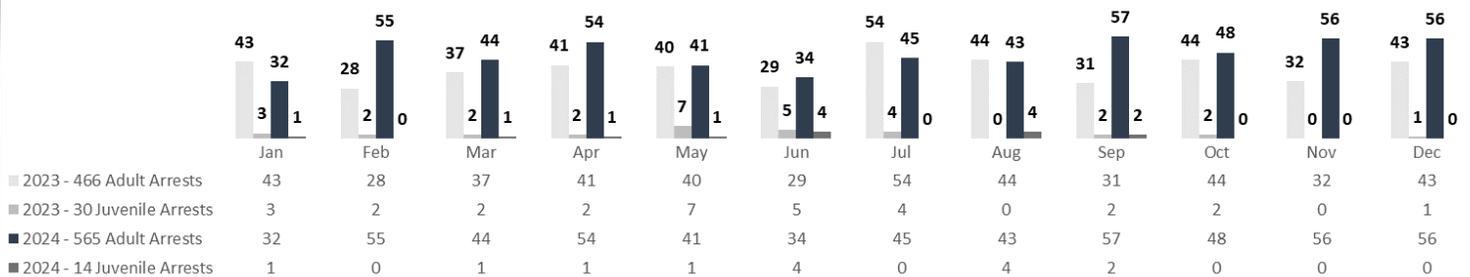
As a result of our calls for service and investigative efforts the Cottage Grove Police Department may arrest individuals suspected of criminal behavior.

The majority of arrests made by our officers are based on probable cause developed during the course of an investigation. Some; however, are arrested when a warrant is issued by the courts.

During the calendar year 2024, the Cottage Grove Police Department was responsible for the arrest of 565 adult offenders and 14 juvenile offenders.

Below is a chart of arrest details for the past two (2) calendar years.

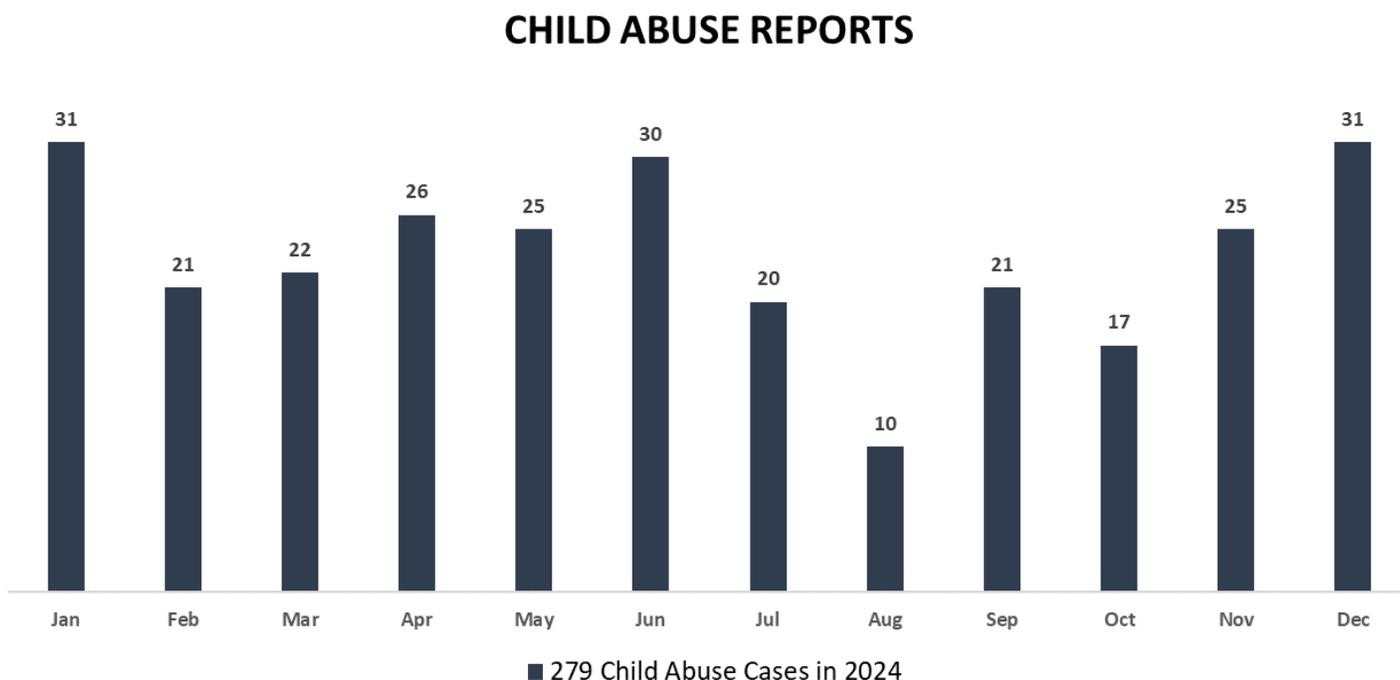
2023 & 2024 ARREST DETAIL



CHILD ABUSE REPORTS

The Cottage Grove Police Department reviews all child abuse reports that are sent in from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) in addition to reports received by the police department. Each report that comes in receives a case number and an officer is assigned to investigate the allegations. The officers work closely with our local Child Protective Services case workers.

Below is a graph of child abuse reports by month for the past calendar year.



TRAFFIC

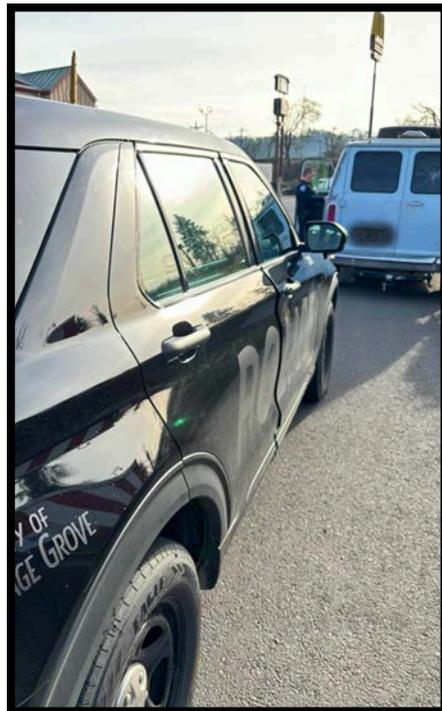
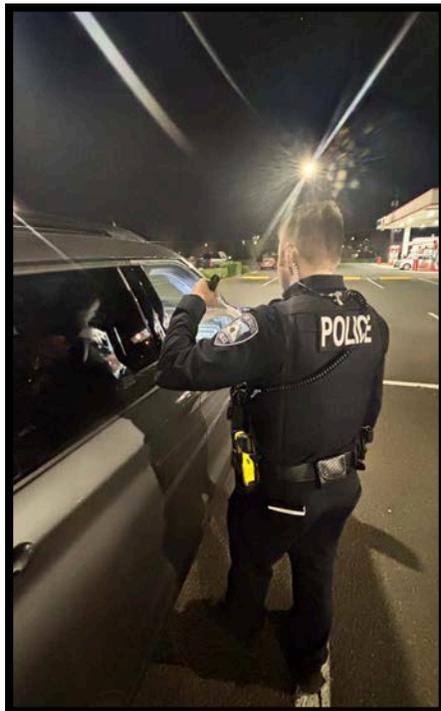
The mission of traffic safety is to save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce the number and severity of crashes. Our goal is to accomplish this through education, enforcement, and engineering. The Cottage Grove Police Department has applied for and received grants from ODOT to provide funding for enhanced education and enforcement to help accomplish our mission. We strive to make the roads safer for all users in Cottage Grove.

Traffic	2022	2023	2024
DUII	30	21	17
Traffic Stops	1,894	884	1,402
Crashes	187	217	257
Citations	1,222	616	899



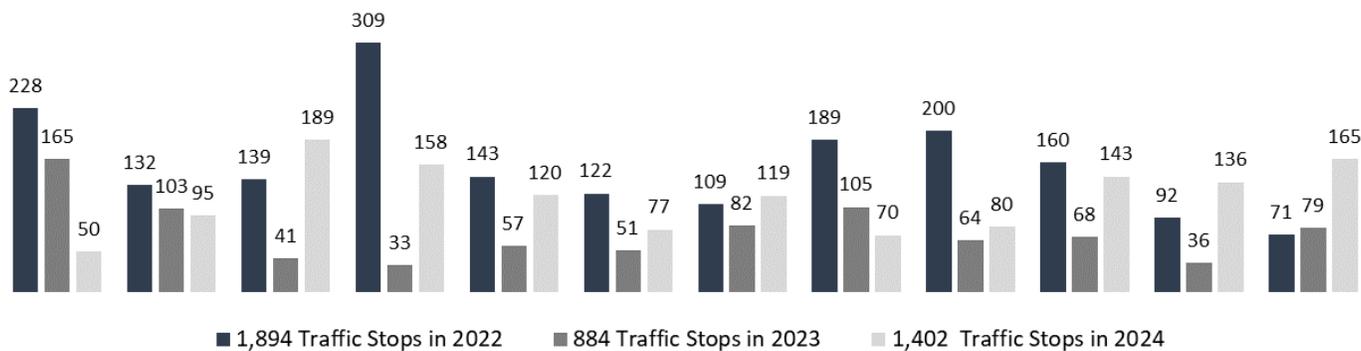
TRAFFIC STOP DATA

The Cottage Grove Police Department gathers and analyzes data from our traffic enforcement efforts. Our officers conducted 1,402 traffic stops in the calendar year 2024.



The following graph details the number of traffic stops the officers conducted over the past three (3) calendar years.

TRAFFIC STOPS DATA



CITATIONS

The following chart shows the most frequently issued citations entered into the Cottage Grove Municipal Court for the past three (3) calendar years.

	2022	2023	2024
Violation of Speed Limit	193	13	116
Driving While Suspended	232	126	163
Driving Uninsured	185	124	143
Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants	30	21	17
No Operator's License	53	49	69
Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device	56	14	35



JANUARY ICE STORM

The past year brought unique challenges, including the severe ice storm in January 2024 that impacted our entire community. This natural disaster tested our resilience, but it also highlighted the strength of our partnerships and the dedication of our officers and staff. Whether clearing hazardous roadways, conducting welfare checks, or coordinating emergency responses, our team worked tirelessly to support Cottage Grove during this crisis.

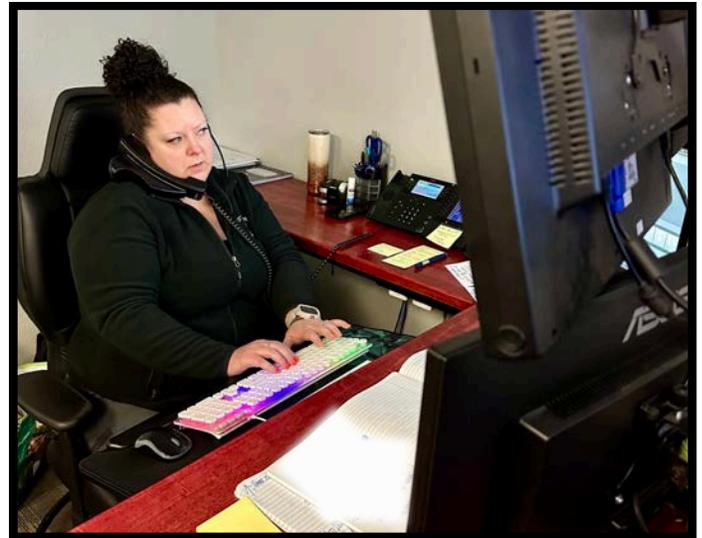
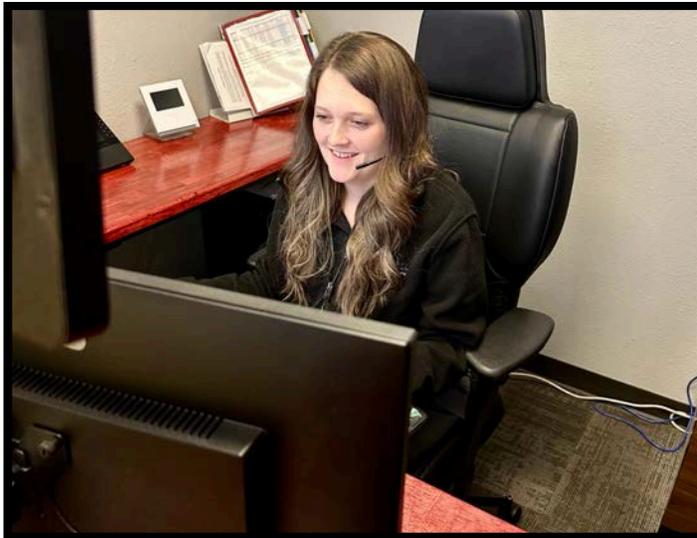


DISPATCH

Calls	2022	2023	2024
911 Calls	2,485	2,755	2,251
Non-Emergent Calls	14,834	11,143	15,238
Online Reporting	0	0	179
Total Calls	17,319	13,898	17,668

Agencies Receiving Call Taking/Dispatch Services:

- Central Lane Communications Center
- South Lane Fire & Rescue
- Douglas County Sheriff's Office
- Lane County Sheriff's Office
- Oregon State Police



In 2024, the Cottage Grove Police Department has been operating with four (4) dispatchers, with 24/7, 365 day coverage. This makes for long hours and limited vacation days. We are extremely proud of our dispatchers' continued commitment to serving the City of Cottage Grove during our staffing shortage. At the end of 2024 we hired a fifth dispatcher who is currently in Phase One of her Field Training Program.

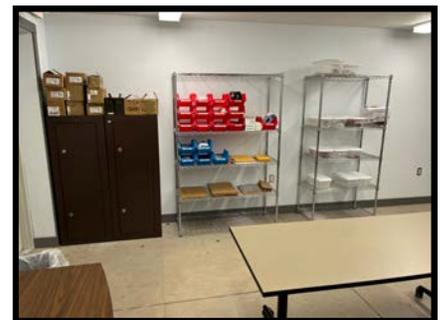
RECORDS/EVIDENCE

The responsibilities of the Records Unit include:

- Filing and storage of police reports.
- Providing copies of reports to the public, DA's office, and other interested parties.
- Entering arrest warrants.
- Storing evidence and maintaining a "chain of custody" on all stored items.
- Releasing evidence to the public when no longer required.
- Entering and filing the required reports to various County, State & Federal agencies.
- Storing and controlling all "lost and found items."
- Organizing the yearly auction of unclaimed items.

In 2024 we focused on consolidating our property and evidence into one secured location, offsite. This evidence prep room, provides a clean 24/7 video surveillance room with a computer for report writing, lockers to store the evidence, and a table for all necessary prep work.

In 2024 we upgraded the department's evidence management system. A proper evidence management system is essential for maintaining the integrity, security, and accountability of law enforcement evidence. FileOnQ is a comprehensive evidence management software designed to streamline the tracking, storage, and retrieval of evidence, ensuring a secure and efficient chain of custody. By using this new technology we can reduce human error, enhance transparency, and comply with legal and regulatory standards. The software provides digital documentation, real-time tracking, and audit capabilities, which allows us to manage evidence with better accuracy and efficiency. Having a reliable evidence management system also strengthens public trust by demonstrating a commitment to professionalism.



FUJI

In October, Captain Shawn Marsh and Fuji retired from the Cottage Grove Police Department. Although their time was short with us, we thank them both for their service and wish them a happy retirement.

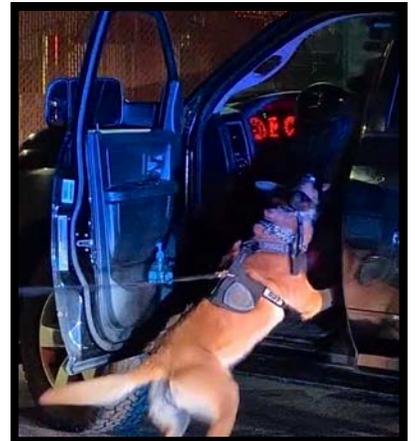
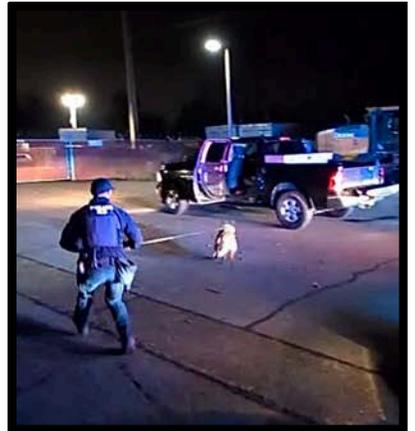
Your Cottage Grove Police Department is partnering with Working Dogs Oregon again, where we will receive a Comfort K9 at no cost to the city. Our puppy is currently in training and we look forward to introducing her to the community.



K9 RIPP

The Patrol K9 Unit consists of one canine, “Ripp”, and his handler, Officer Derek Carlton. Ripp was donated to the department by Working Dogs Oregon and is a six year old Belgian Malinois. Please note, the action photos of Ripp and Officer Carlton are from training scenarios and not actual criminal pursuits.

45 Total Deployments **14** Arrests with K9 on Scene **34** Area Searches (Suspect or Items) **202** Training Hours



NEW HIRES



Police Officer
Brad May



Police Officer
Matthew Callahan



Police Officer
Luke Monahan



Police Officer
Logan Sall



Police Officer
Josh Israel



Dispatcher
Abbigayle Chmela

SWEARING IN CEREMONIES



We had the honor of swearing in five (5) patrol officers - Officer Monahan, Officer May, Officer Callahan, Officer Israel, and Officer Sall.

We are glad you are all here serving the community of Cottage Grove.

GRADUATIONS



We celebrated Officer Lane, Officer Monahan, Officer Sall, and Dispatcher Roselle graduating from Basic Academy at DPSST.

The Police Department staff spent a total of 2,116 hours at Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) in Salem, Oregon.

DPSST CERTIFICATION RECOGNITION



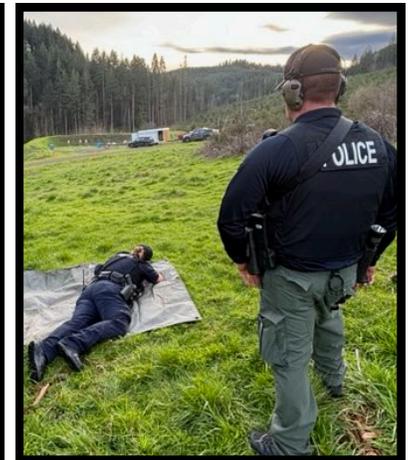
In 2024 we honored the following personnel with certificates earned through DPSST:

- Dispatcher Erbes received her Intermediate Telecommunicators Certificate.
- Dispatcher Roselle received her Basic Telecommunicators Certificate.
- Officer Lane, Officer Callahan, and Officer Israel all received their Basic Police Officer Certificates.

In order to receive the basic certification the individual must complete their field training program. For intermediate and above certificates, DPSST reviews the individuals formal education, continuing education hours, and years of service.

Congratulations on your hard work!

TRAINING



In 2024, the entire Cottage Grove Police Department spent a total of 3,586.5 hours in training.

That training total includes range days, in class training, online continuing education, DPSST academy, and K9 training hours.

DPSST has a minimum training hour requirement that each sworn personnel and dispatcher has to achieve to keep their certification valid.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



February's Coffee With A Cop



CGHS Boys Basketball Huddle



Chamber Business After Hours



Bohemia Park Easter Egg Hunt



Babe Ruth Car Wash



Bohemia Mining Days Parade

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONT.



Halloween Down Main Street



Walmart CMN Fundraiser



Bike Donation to Relief Nursery



Visit To Great Days



Girl Scouts Meeting



LMS Walk-A-Thon

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONT.



October's Coffee With A Cop



Preschool Visit



Shop With A Cop



Kiwani's Lunch



Movie At The Firehouse

SERVICES



The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Lane County is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the immediate assistance they need. TIP is comprised of a group of specially trained and screened volunteers available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Proudly serving Lane County, TIP Volunteers are called by law enforcement, fire and hospital personnel to assist victims, families, friends, witnesses and bystanders by providing emotional support and practical resources.



Lane County Behavioral Health (LCBH) provides mental health professionals to our area who respond to people experiencing a mental health crisis. Calls that cannot be resolved over the phone with a dispatcher can be evaluated for a medical or law enforcement response, as well as a co-response from MCS or a hand-off to them. The MCS team is mobile in a LCBH van and can respond directly to a scene once the scene has been stabilized and made safe for their staff.

We have made space in our report room to have the MCS team for South Lane County co-located in our building. As staffing increases we will see a greater presence in Cottage Grove.

This is a new program and a great resource for us here in Cottage Grove that we have not had before. We will be working closely with LCBH to fine tune the program to provide a high level of service.

SERVICES CONT.



Kindness 911 is a nonprofit support organization connecting local law enforcement agencies with those they directly serve. Through thoughtful and intentional means we recognize individuals/groups for their genuine, positive impact on their community.

Through the generosity of our community we also donate financially to local law enforcement and firefighter supported charities in the name of those who exemplify kindness, compassion and goodwill.

We partnered up with Lincoln Middle School (LMS) and joined them during their monthly Kindness Assemblies. Each month a student is selected by LMS staff who exemplifies kindness. That student is issued a kindness citation by Chief Chase and other CGPD staff.

NEW PATCH



September of 2023, department staff came to Chief Chase with a request to update and change the current uniform patch. The current supply of patches had become worn and the supply was getting low. Chief Chase agreed to allow the department members to come up with a design for the patch that would also become the new logo of the Cottage Grove Police Department. Officers Blalack and Gordon submitted two design concepts for the Chief to work with. The design concepts that were submitted each had a covered bridge and evergreen trees, both of which are synonymous with Cottage Grove and South Lane County.

After the two design concepts were submitted, Administrative Assistant Brooke Crow contacted Jayden Tucker, a teacher at Cottage Grove High School, to inquire about his interest in assisting with this project. Tucker teaches electronic design, graphic design, and yearbook. Tucker enthusiastically agreed to volunteer his time to create a new design for the police department.

Chief Chase had a few requests for the new design. He wanted a way to update the design while still honoring the history and traditions of the police department. The size and shape of the patch was to remain the same. The Chief also wanted to use the same font as the previous patch and incorporate some of the colors from the old patch into the new patch. He also asked Tucker to come up with a creative way to add “Oregon” to the patch to distinguish Cottage Grove, Oregon from other towns around the country with the same name.

Tucker worked on the patch in his spare time and also incorporated feedback from some of his students. The end result was fantastic. Tucker’s final design incorporated the concepts submitted by Officers Blalack and Gordon. The department’s new core values of “Service, Empathy, Integrity, and Courage” were also added to the patch. Rather than use a traditional circle style seal, Tucker used the outline of the state of Oregon to encompass a covered bridge and evergreen trees. This was the creative way of adding “Oregon” to the patch that the department was looking for. The previous patch was primarily light blue so that shade of blue was used for the sky behind the trees and the bridge.

This project embodied the spirit of building relationships in the community and honoring our history, while creating a fresh look for the Cottage Grove Police Department. We are extremely grateful for the generosity and creativity of Mr. Tucker and we are proud of our new patch.

PROMOTIONS



Officer Soleil Gordon was assigned to the detective position in June, 2024. Officer Gordon has been with the Police Department since December, 2021 and has done an outstanding job of developing her skills as an investigator. She has already been working closely with our neighboring agencies to provide assistance on some complex investigations and has quickly earned a reputation in the region as a smart and dedicated detective.

The work she did in her first few weeks as a detective has provided her with invaluable on the job experience and training.

KidsFIRST provided a full scholarship to CGPD for Detective Gordon to attend the JuST Juvenile Sex Trafficking training conference in Phoenix, AZ that was held in October. This was an amazing opportunity for Detective Gordon and our department and was offered at no expense to the police department.

STAY CONNECTED

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency:
(541) 942-9145 ext. 1

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Online Reporting:
cgpd.mypdconnect.com

Records Request:
cottagesgroveor.nextrequest.com/



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