



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

City of College Place Police Department
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Chief Troy Tomaras

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Message from the Chief

Thank you for taking time to review the College Place Police Department (CPPD) annual report. This report outlines our year in review for 2022, and guides our decisions for 2023. The annual report serves as a measurement for success, while providing analytics for areas of improvement. Ultimately, this is our report card to our community to whom we serve.

2022 marks the end of a dangerous pandemic and transition to an endemic, acknowledging COVID hasn't gone away. And, although the State of Washington has observed an increase in crime, College Place continues to remain a safe community to live and work. With that said, Fentanyl is on the rise within our community. This dangerous drug has taken the lives of College Place residents and continues to influence other crimes such as stolen property and burglary. Although we have challenges ahead, our community is resilient and strong.

Other challenges for our community include recent legislation that limits police involvement in vehicle pursuits, simple drug possession and mental health. Please know we are working in partnership with crisis teams, mental health professionals and the fire department to assist individuals and families in need. We have also partnered with our city attorney to provide criminal diversion opportunities to help individuals struggling with addiction and mental health.

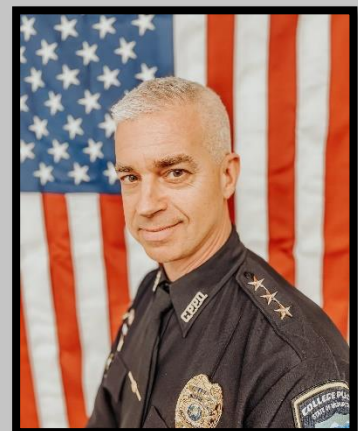
Under the leadership of Mayor Norma Hernandez and City Administrator Mike Rizzitiello, you can be assured the police department will receive the necessary funding, training and support to serve our community. With that said, I am happy to report the CPPD has exceeded every mandated training requirement and continues to maintain our law enforcement accreditation through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC).

We are happy to report the CPPD has successfully deployed body worn cameras for over a year and continues to incorporate technology into our daily operations. We are also proud to say we did not experience a single sustained complaint in 2022. These are some of the ways we are maintaining public trust.

Sincerely,



Troy Tomaras
Chief of Police
College Place Police Department



MISSION

The College Place Police department embraces the Philosophy of community oriented policing and strives to enhance the quality of life and safety of our citizens with the highest degree of ethical behavior, fairness and professional conduct.

VISION

Our vision is to ensure the City of College Place is a safe place to live, work and do business through the delivery of quality law enforcement services.

VALUES

Every member of the College Place Police Department is part of a team who inculcates courage, commitment, community and character in their daily operations through open and honest cooperation, service, respect and diversity.

Courage – Moral and ethical desire to act in the face of danger or adversity.

Commitment – Dedication to the department, professional policing and those we serve.

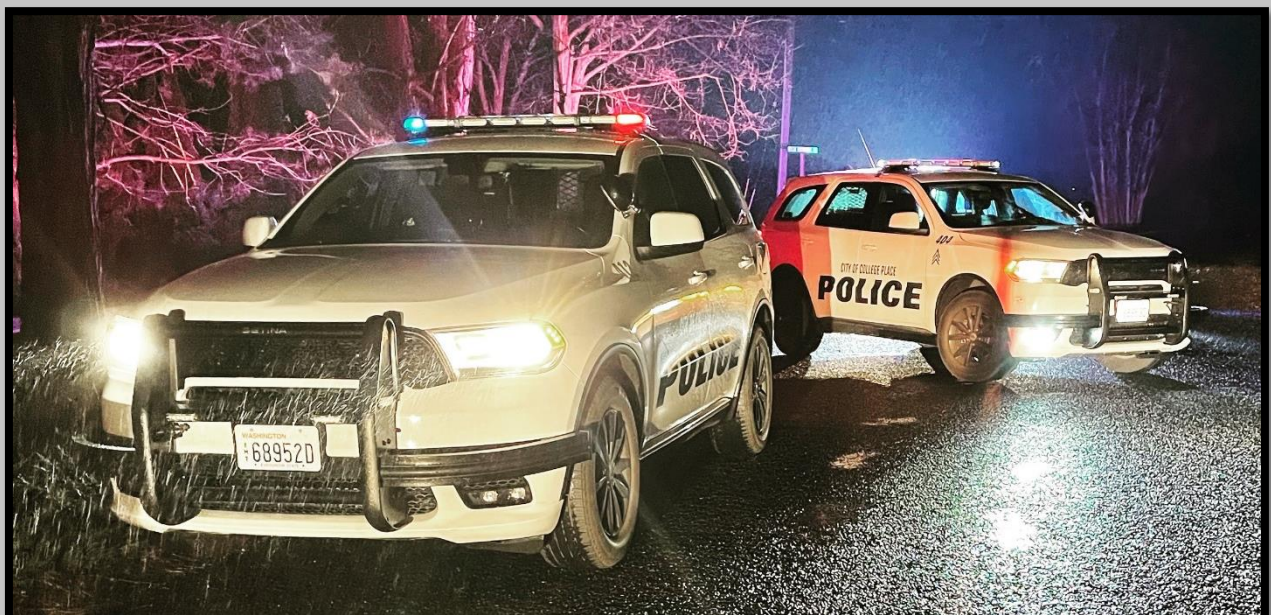
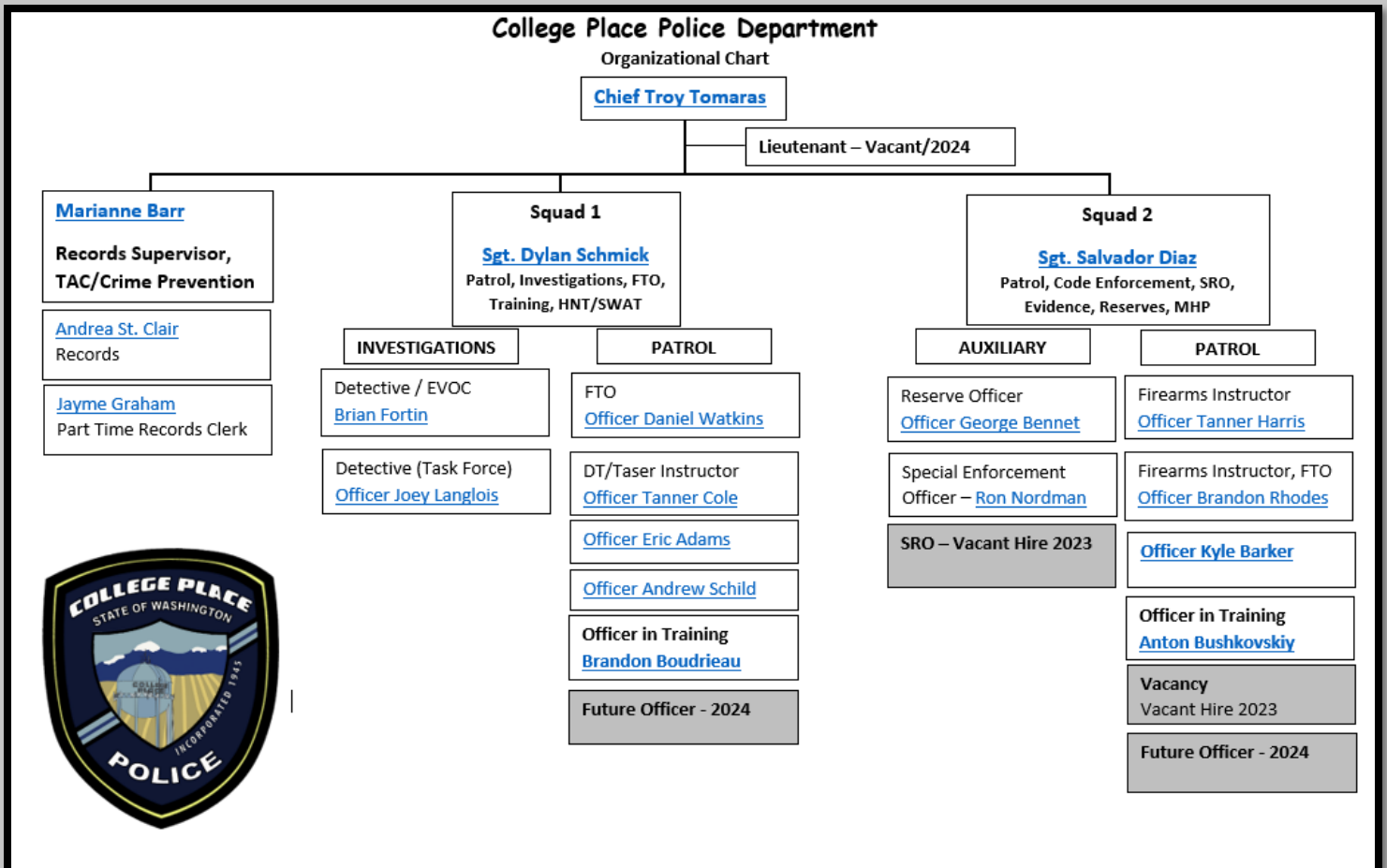
Community – Respecting and protecting individual rights while fostering relationships with whom we are called to serve.

Character – Performing with integrity while demonstrating strength to uphold and instill pride, honor and a call to public service.

GOALS

1. Reduce crime and improve traffic safety within our community.
2. Provide quality services and innovative policing strategies delivered through excellent customer service.
3. Provide leadership and resources to attract, retain and foster a safe, ethical, innovative, knowledgeable, and diverse workforce.
4. Work collaboratively with our stakeholders to improve the quality of life within our city.

Organizational Chart



New Hires

The CPPD welcomes the addition of three new officers in 2022. Officer K. Barker was hired and completed training in 2022. Officer Barker was commissioned in December as we hired two additional officers in training. Officers A. Bushkovskiy and B. Boudrieau are currently attending the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) and expected to graduate early summer 2023. We are grateful to have them serving within the CPPD.



Officer Kyle Barker



Officer Anton Bushkovskiy



Officer Brandon Boudrieau

Retirement(s)



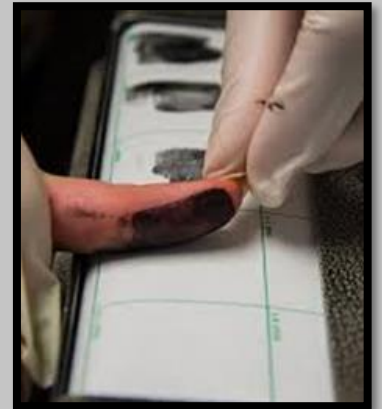
Lieutenant Robert Benfield retired after serving the City of College Place for 18 years. Lieutenant Benfield began as a reservist in 2005. He then accepted a full-time position becoming a commissioned officer in 2006. Robert promoted to sergeant in 2016 and retired as a lieutenant in June 2022.

The CPPD is grateful for your dedicated and devoted service to the City of College Place community.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Our friendly support services staff is available Monday through Friday during business hours to assist with concealed weapons permits, fingerprinting, special events applications, dog licenses, permits, disclosure requests, property, neighborhood watch and crime prevention.

Our team can help file a report or simply answer questions. Our support staff also assists with records management, billing, report merging and processing. Focused on providing the very best customer service, our support services team is essential to our daily operations.



Records Supervisor
M. Barr



Records Clerk
A. St. Clair



Administrative Support Services at a glance.	2020	2021	2022	21 – 22 % of Change
Number of fingerprints processed	57	205	283	38.05%
Number of CPL Permits Processed	70	83	85	2.41%
Public Disclosures Processed	102	169	164	-2.96%
BWC Disclosures processed	0	0	10	NA
Dog licenses sold	106	93	156	67.74%

Note: BWC = Body Worn Camera

PATROL

Our patrol section provides 24-hour coverage for the City of College Place. Patrol officers respond to general calls for service, crime prevention and traffic safety enforcement. During non-assigned time, officers work to accomplish agency goals in support of our Operations Plan.

CPPD Patrol Statistics at a glance:

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2021-2022 % of change
Arrests	480	405	332	333	0.30%
Cases	874	615	585	614	4.96%
Incidents	11,194	11,279	10,138	11,011	8.61%
Tickets	837	588	577	559	-3.12%
Traffic stops	3,515	2,345	2,026	2,032	0.30%



Sergeant Sal Diaz



Sergeant Dylan Schmick



INVESTIGATIONS

The College Place Police Department has two detectives who handle complex cases, which require special training, resources and/or time to solve crimes. Typically, our detectives investigate felony cases which if proven, could result in a prison sentence. Additional duties include assisting patrol with follow-up, interviews, evidence collection, latent fingerprint and photographs.



Detective B. Fortin



Detective B. Fortin - special investigations

Special Investigations Statistics at a glance:

Year	2021	2022	% of change
Cases Taken	41	57	39.02%
Cases Cleared	30	42	40.00%
Search Warrants	13	9	-30.77%
SIU Assists	1	0	-100.00%
Agency Assists	79	62	-21.52%

Detective J. Langlois - Regional Drug Task Force

Drug Taskforce statistics at a glance:

CPPD Taskforce Cases	2022
Primary Investigation	5
Assists	14
City of College Place Cases	4



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Due to staffing challenges in 2022, the College Place Police Department (CPPD) temporarily suspended our School Resource Officer (SRO) position. We are planning to return the position in 2023. Although staffing was a challenge for a full time SRO, the CPPD showed up in College Place schools on a daily basis. The CPPD is invested in the safety of our kids.

Our SRO's duties include mentoring and working with students, acting as liaison between school, parents and police department, providing training to students and staff on security, anti-bullying, social media dangers, traffic safety, law and justice. The SRO also assists with truancy, checking on the health and welfare of students and the investigation and deterrence of criminal activity.

SRO Statistics at a glance:	2019	2020	2021	% of change
Incidents	36	32	73	128.13%
Criminal Investigations	18	9	22	59.09%
CPS Referrals	1	2	2	0.00%
Charges Filed	1	0	14	
Training Provided	21	16.75	20	19.40%



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER



The Special Enforcement Officer (S.E.O.) is a limited commission position which focuses on Code Enforcement, Animal Control and Parking violations. This position also serves as the department evidence and property custodian. S.E.O. The majority of the S.E.O. calls gain compliance through education and awareness.

S.E.O. R. Nordman

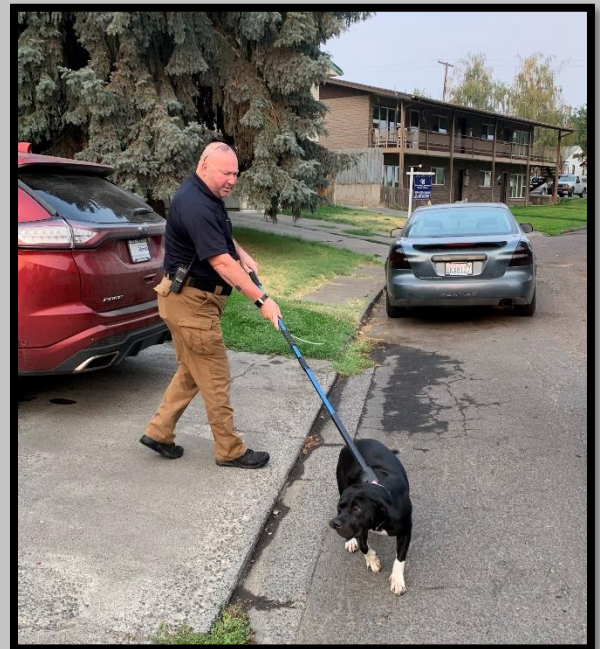
SEO Activity	2019	2020	2021	2022	% of change
Code Enforcement Inv.	240	86	126	86	-31.75%
Animal Calls	111	129	112	136	21.43%
Parking Violations	172	214	164	88	-46.34%

Code enforcement generally involves the removal of junk, junk vehicles and nuisances from property. Junk and neglected property reduces property value which has a negative impact on our neighbors, business and the entire community. This can create health issues, attract crime, and promote neighborhood disputes.



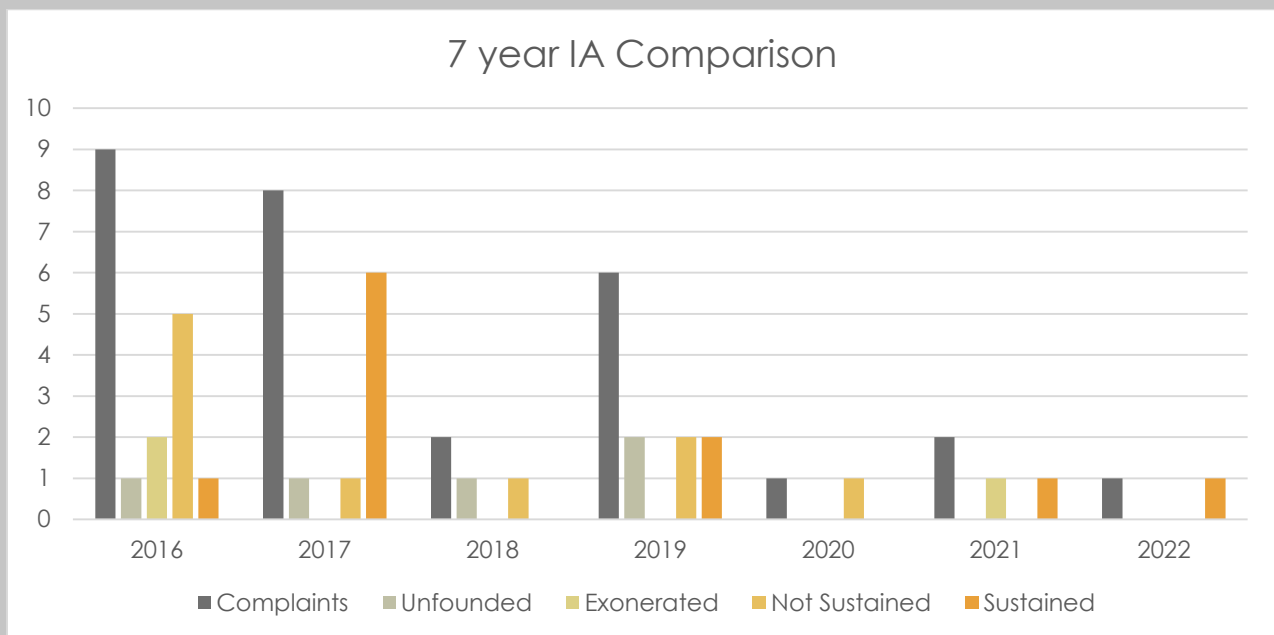
Parking and abandoned vehicles continue to challenge our community's limited parking availability. It is our goal to work with residents to remove unlicensed or non-working vehicles in an effort to promote resilient communities.

We are a pet friendly city. **Animal control** involves the response to calls involving domestic animals. This generally involves loose animals, feral or stray cats, aggressive and/or barking dogs.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The College Place Police Department inculcates courage, commitment, community and character in their daily operations through open and honest cooperation, service, respect and diversity. We strive to foster public trust through professional, unbiased policing. When an allegation of misconduct or violation of policy against one of our employees occurs, we conduct a thorough investigation while protecting and respecting the rights of everyone involved.



Complaints include violation(s) of policy such as courtesy, lost equipment or vehicle operation.

Unfounded – When the investigation discloses that, the alleged acts did not occur or did not involve department members.

Exonerated – When the investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.

Not sustained – When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the member.

Sustained – When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted a violation of policy or misconduct.

Note: 2022 - CPPD had one sustained vehicle incident (Vehicle backed into a pole).

CRIME & TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Category	2020	2021	20-21 % of change	2022	21 - 22 % of change	3 year average	20 - 22 % of change
Burglaries	41	36	12.20%	38	5.56%	38.29	-7.32%
Thefts	143	108	24.48%	193	78.70%	147.92	34.97%
Collisions	82	74	-9.76%	69	-6.76%	74.97	15.85%
DUI	18	14	22.22%	20	42.86%	17.26	11.11%
Narcotics Arrests	37	4	89.19%	1	75.00%	13.70	97.30%
Traffic Stops	2345	2,026	13.60%	2,032	0.30%	2134.29	13.35%
Warrant Apprehension	207	319	54.11%	352	10.34%	292.85	70.05%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	27	33	22.22%	15	54.55%	25.07	44.44%
Vehicle Prowls	38	31	18.42%	19	38.71%	29.27	50.00%
Shoplifting	145	157	8.28%	189	20.38%	163.69	30.34%
Domestic Violence	20	18	10.00%	23	27.78%	20.30	15.00%
Other Assaults	29	12	58.62%	6	50.00%	15.47	79.31%

Pursuits

CPPD Pursuit Tracking by year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Number of pursuits	2	2	1	2	1	19	27
Authorized	2	2	1	2	1	1	9
Unauthorized	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IA Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Following the 2021 passage of HB 1054 (RCW 10.116.060) pursuits have increased within our community and across the state of Washington. Under the current law, officers must terminate any eluding unless the suspect has committed a violent offense or was suspected of impaired driving.

2022 SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The CPPD celebrated "Chief for a Day" with Chief Manny.
- The CPPD Clerk, A. St. Clair received the city employee of the quarter award.
- CPPD Officer Brandon Rhodes completed FTO and was sworn in as a commissioned Peace Officer.
- Officer K. Barker Graduated from BLEA and was sworn in as new officer.
- The CPPD hosted Trunk or Treat.
- CPPD Lieutenant Robert Benfield retired.
- Officer D. Watkins received outstanding achievement award for DUI enforcement.
- CPPD added a detective position to the Walla Walla Regional Drug Taskforce.
- The CPPD developed and implemented a 2022 Operations Plan
- The CPPD submitted a traffic stop study and Bias Report. We are proud to report no indicators of bias or profiling by our officers through traffic enforcement.
- The CPPD collaborated with the Walla Walla Police Department and the Walla Walla County Sheriff's office to implement a regional training plan for 2022.
- The CPPD hired two new officers in 2022. Officer Brandon Boudrieau & Officer Anton Bushkovskiy.
- The CPPD hosted a WWU student for her student practicum.
- Our SEO position continues to partner and promote positive improvements within our community through Code Enforcement, Animal Control and parking enforcement.
- The CPPD worked with the Walla Walla Traffic Safety Task Force to conduct traffic safety events within the city to improve the safety of our roadways.
- CPPD helped sponsor Cops and Kids families to help provide during the holidays.
- Two prescription drug take-back events.
- Worked closely with College Place Schools to improve safety
- CPPD collaborated with city leadership and Diversity and Inclusion Board.
- CPPD sold old property through Propertyroom.com.
- CPPD has increased communication through social media (Instagram & Facebook).
- CPPD participated in the Walla Walla Valley National Night Out.
- CPPD participated in the "light up the Ave" holiday parade through the city.
- CPPD has added "Now you know" informational videos.
- CPPD in partnership with Blue Mountain Lodge recognized Officer Jimmy Duede as the officer of the year.
- CPPD added a wrestling mat and equipment to range classroom to improve defensive tactics training.
- CPPD partnered with Walla Walla Area Crime watch and Life Church to conduct graffiti abatement throughout city.
- CPPD partnered with the Walla Walla Valley Traffic Safety to host a bike rodeo at Valle Lindo & Davis elementary school.

EVENTS/PHOTOS

National Night Out & Chief for a Day



Blue Mountain Lodge Officer of the year – CPPD Officer Jimmy Duede (photo left). Traffic Safety DUI award – Officer Daniel Watkins (photo right)



Drug Take Back events



Fall Festival



Walmart Community Partnership Award



Bike Rodeo at Valle Lindo & Davis Elementary School



Winterfest Parade



Annual Cops & Kids