El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal

Annual Report

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El Paso County Sheriff's Office press conference in Falcon for substation groundbreaking.

Sheriff's Office celebrates groundbreaking for Substation in Unincorporated El Paso County.

After years of planning, today, El Paso County Sheriff Joseph Roybal led the groundbreaking effort for the future Sheriff's Office substation in the Falcon area of unincorporated El Paso County.

This substation, which is scheduled for completion in fall of 2026, will be a vital part of the Sheriff's Office mission to hold criminals accountable and reduce the number of victims in our community.

Growth in the Pikes Peak region has been extensive, and this project will enhance our Office's delivery of public safety services and help meet the elevated demands resulting from a 35% increase in population over the past two decades.

Once completed, this substation will enable a more expanded presence of law enforcement on our roads and in our neighborhoods, ensuring the safety and well-being of families, businesses, and visitors throughout northern and eastern El Paso County.

The substation will be located at 12062 Royal County Down Road, in Falcon, Colorado, adjacent to Falcon Fire Protection District Station 1.

In the spring of 2025, Sheriff Roybal announced Buildings By Design, L.L.C., had been selected as the contractor for the project.

In December 2024, the Board of County Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the substation plans and began the process for bid proposals from contractors.

In April of 2024, the Board of El Paso County Commissioners approved $16 million in financing for the planned substation. (see additional photos on pages 118-121)

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ABOUT US

Our History

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office was created in 1861, when El Paso County was formed as one of the 17 counties in the new Colorado Territory.

Sheriff R. Scott Kelley was appointed Sheriff, the first of 29 men to hold the title over the next 150+ years and laid the foundation for an Office which currently sets the national standard in providing the best possible service to the citizens. El Paso County is 2,130 square miles and has a population which exceeds 757K. Our 543 sworn and over 300 professional staff employees are our greatest asset and ensure our mission is carried out each and every day.



View from Palmer Park of El Paso County.



Honor Guard presenting colors during opening ceremonies at the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Regional Academy.



Our Values

Vision

Our vision is to ensure El Paso County remains the safest and most enjoyable place to live and visit in the State of Colorado. We are committed to holding the highest standard for public safety to achieve a county free of crime and public disorder.

Mission

Our mission is to provide the citizens of El Paso County effective and efficient public safety services. We deliver them consistently with character, competence, and transparency.

Honesty

Our personal and professional behavior will be a model for all to follow. Our actions will match our words. We will have the courage to stand up for our beliefs and do what is right.

Loyalty

We are loyal to our oath to protect the constitutional rights of those we serve by empowering our employees to make decisions that support the letter and spirit of the law.

Unity

We have a united commitment to serve our diverse community with fairness, dignity, and equality. We commit to excellence in all we do.

Strategic Plan

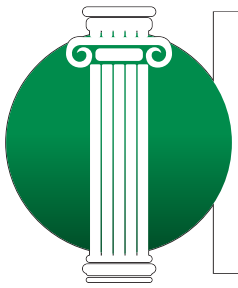
Our law enforcement strategic plan sets the pillars which encapsulate the agency's core values, identifies strategic objectives, and establishes the strategies and initiatives necessary to fulfill its mission. It enables agency leaders to align resources, personnel, and technology to address community needs and enhance public safety.



El Paso County Sheriff's Office various units and other agencies.

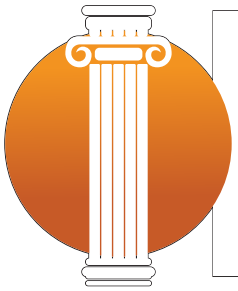
Strategic Pillars

These four strategic pillars serve as the compass that guides our actions and decisions. We believe by aligning ourselves with these principles, we can better serve you and achieve shared success. Our commitment to these pillars is unwavering, and we are dedicated to continuously improving and adapting to meet evolving needs of the community.



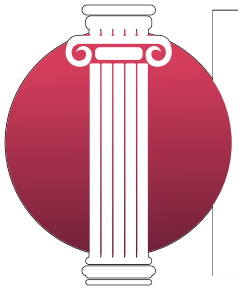
COMMUNITY TRUST

Increase community trust through improved communications and transparency



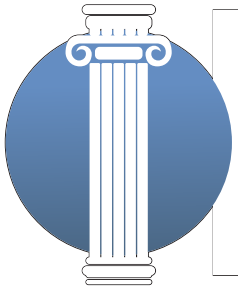
REDUCE VICTIMS

Reduce the number of crime victims in the community



LEGISLATION

Proactively support responsible legislation and work to combat legislation which is bad for public safety and contrary to a healthy and safe community



QUALITY SERVICE

Improve the quality of service provided to the citizens with qualified and engaged workforce dedicated to continuous improvement

Words from Our Sheriff

“As Sheriff, I am wholly committed to keeping the citizens and deputies who live and work in my community safe.”



El Paso County Sheriff, Joseph J. Roybal, at Operation Homefront.

Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal

Sheriff El Paso County

2025 marked my third full year as the duly elected 29th Sheriff of El Paso County. Within my first few days in office, I shared my **Strategic Plan** with our Office and the community, a clear roadmap for our agency's future. Built on four pillars: **Community Trust**, **Reduce Victims**, **Quality Service**, and **Legislation**. This plan serves as the foundation for every decision we make in the interest of public safety.

Throughout 2025, our Office continued making strong progress toward these goals. With a sustained focus on maintaining full staffing within our sworn ranks, we celebrated the graduation of Regional Academy Classes 24-3, 25-1, and 25-2; strengthened technology systems with new radios; upgraded Mobile Data Computers in our Law Enforcement and Detention Bureaus; and hosted dozens of collaborative training events with law enforcement partners across Colorado and the nation.

The first pillar, **Community Trust**, emphasizes building durable partnerships through clear, consistent communication and a visible presence throughout El Paso County. Our Office expanded public outreach through press releases, proactive social-media engagement, and participation in community events, reinforcing transparency and open communication with residents and media partners. In 2025, deputies and professional staff supported numerous initiatives, including National Night Out, the Blue Envelope Project, the Latino Community Luncheon, Shop with a Cop, Citizens' Academies, community tours of the El Paso County Jail, and Christmas for Kids with Catholic Charities. These efforts created meaningful opportunities for engagement and strengthened relationships between law enforcement and the communities we serve.

The second pillar, **Reduce Victims**, focuses our mission on holding offenders accountable, strengthening community education around crime prevention, and deploying proactive, intelligence-led policing strategies to protect residents and visitors across the Pikes Peak region. In 2025, our Office prioritized enhancements to operational capability and training, including the addition of a new dual-purpose K9, Mako; targeted traffic-safety education and enforcement campaigns; and the reintroduction of the **Sheriff's Posse**, community volunteers who support operations by assuming designated duties, allowing sworn personnel to remain focused on core law-enforcement functions. The Investigations Division also launched an outreach campaign to educate senior citizens and vulnerable populations about financial scams, a problem negatively impacting families nationwide. Additionally, our Office expanded its technological capabilities, including deploying drones and advanced equipment, to further support proactive, intelligence-led crime-reduction efforts.

Within the El Paso County Jail, the **Therapeutic Response Unit** and **Stabilization Team (TRUST)** Program earned national recognition from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) with the 2025 Program of the Year Award. This recognition reflects a more than 80% reduction in use-of-force incidents during TRUST deployments and enhanced safety for both staff and Incarcerated individuals.

The third pillar, **Quality Service**, centers on delivering exceptional service through a highly qualified, dedicated, and engaged workforce. In 2025, our Office opened the newly expanded El Paso County Sheriff's Office Regional Communications Center, the largest and most technologically advanced communications center in the State of Colorado, strengthening emergency response capabilities and improving service delivery.

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"Serving as Sheriff is a privilege I do not take lightly. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and committed to earning it every day."

Sheriff El Paso County

Our **Wildland Fire Uni**t increased by 75%, expanding both core staff and volunteer personnel to meet growing wildfire response and mitigation demands. The Office also developed advanced emergency plans to ensure preparedness for all hazards, including wildfires, floods, blizzards, and other large-scale emergencies common to the Pikes Peak region. Additionally, the Traffic Unit certified a member as a **Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)**, strengthening accountability for impaired driving.

Groundbreaking also took place for the new substation located in the Falcon area, keeping the project on track for a fall 2026 opening and supporting continued growth in one of the county's fastest-growing areas, with the Pikes Peak region projected to reach one million residents by 2050.

In 2025, Colorado ranked as the nation's eighth-highest state for violent crime and fourth-highest for auto theft and overall property crime, placing seventh nationwide for total crime rates. Our focus on **Legislation**, the fourth pillar, seeks to reverse these trends and keep the Pikes Peak region safe for everyone who lives, works, and visits here. This pillar guides the Office's efforts to shape public policy at both the state and federal levels by opposing proposals undermining public safety and supporting laws which protect the rights of law-abiding citizens. Throughout 2025, our team testified more than a dozen times, participated in numerous stakeholder meetings, pushed back against unfunded mandates which strain already limited resources, and provided legislators with data-driven analysis and real-world examples to ensure community perspectives were clearly represented.

Looking ahead to 2026, we anticipate the opening of our Intelligence-Based Operations Center (IBOC), co-hosting the Second Annual Guns and Hoses City Slicker Rodeo, and opening the doors of a state-of-the-art substation; the first of its kind for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

I remain fully committed to addressing the evolving needs of both our Office and the community we call home. Serving as your Sheriff is a great honor, and I am deeply grateful for your trust and confidence. Together, we will continue leading our Office toward sustained success and a safer future.



"We appreciate the ongoing support we receive from our residents and remain steadfast in our mission to provide quality service, strengthen community trust, and enhance safety for every person who calls El Paso County home."



Picture Above & Left: El Paso County Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal and his wife, Melissa Roybal.

Words from Our Sheriff

"My wife has been my steady foundation through every challenge and success, and I am deeply grateful for her strength, grace, and unwavering support for me and our community."

Meet the Command Staff



Joseph J. Roybal

Sheriff



Jeff Kramer

Undersheriff



Scott Deno

Bureau Chief



Andy James

Bureau Chief



Andrew Prehm

Bureau Chief



Jacob Abendschan

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Eric Carnell

Commander



Deborah Harris

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David Manzanilla

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Mitch Mihalko

Commander



Bud Perry

Commander

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES & SUPPORT

Administrative Management Bureau



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El Paso County Sheriff's Office

About

The Administrative Services Division is comprised of several sections and various units to include: Human Resources, Training, Accreditation, Background Investigations, the Volunteer Program, Concealed Handgun Permits, and Extra Duty. Of the 35 positions allocated to staff these areas, 14 are designated for sworn personnel and 21 for professional staff members. In addition, the Administrative Services Division includes the ancillary teams of Recruitment and Peer Support.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Volunteer Program

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) Volunteer Program welcomed 53 new volunteers, expanding its diverse and passionate team, united by a shared mission to support the Sheriff's Office and the residents it serves.

In June, Sheriff Roybal proudly re-established the Sheriff's Posse, a cornerstone of community engagement and public safety. Twenty-six volunteers graduated from the program, including individuals who previously served in other volunteer roles and members of the former Citizen Patrol Unit, now integrated into this expanded initiative. The Sheriff's Posse represents a renewed commitment to partnership, empowering residents to assist deputies in non-sworn capacities. From supporting essential operations to reinforcing community trust, these volunteers embody the spirit of service that strengthens El Paso County.

Throughout the year, 232 active volunteers contributed an extraordinary 46,337 hours of service, representing a financial value of more than $1.79 million to our organization and community. These hours reflect far more than statistics; they represent countless acts of training, service, dedication, and care that directly enhance public safety, operational efficiency, and community trust.

The unwavering commitment of our volunteers embodies the values of service, partnership, and resilience. Their contributions help us respond to growing community needs, strengthen relationships, and create safer neighborhoods. We are profoundly grateful for their impact and continued support as we work together to ensure a stronger, safer future for all who call El Paso County home.

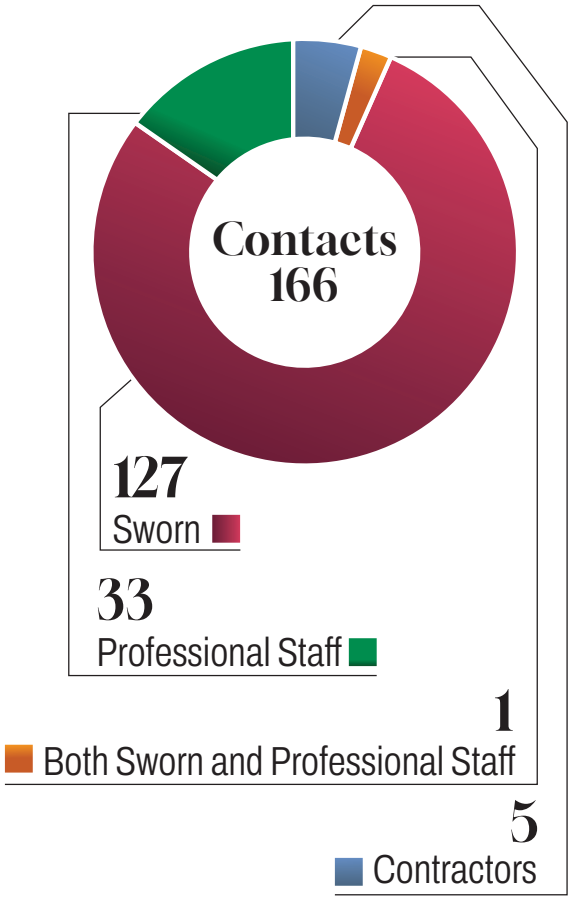


16 Volunteer Awards Celebration.

Peer Support

In 2025, Peer Support members held a year-in-review meeting to reflect on the year's experiences.

During this meeting, members shared insights gained from their on-call shifts, discussed challenges and successes, and brainstormed ways to improve the program. This collaborative approach ensures the program continues to grow and effectively meet the needs of all members.



Contact Initiations

166

Clients Initiated: 91

Peer Support Team Initiated: 55

Office Initiated: 20

Other Peer Support Activities

Call-outs: 9

Briefing Sessions: 3

Debrief Sessions: 4

Office Events: 2

Contact Methods

In-Person: 103

Phone: 61

Work Emails: 1

Resource Line: 0

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Human Resources

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) Human Resources (HR) team is comprised of three HR specialists who demonstrate strong foundational knowledge of human resources functions and continue to grow into well-rounded strategic partners for the office.

The HR specialists manage and process all human resources functions for the Sheriff's Office. Their responsibilities include daily fingerprinting, issuing employee and contractor ID badges, onboarding and off-boarding, management of all job postings, coordination of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) placements, processing payroll change requests (PCRs), and oversight of testing coordination, including promotional processes.

To better meet personnel needs, the HR specialists expanded their presence by establishing a weekly in-person service day at the El Paso County Jail, increasing accessibility and providing direct support to employees and staff.

829

Sworn applications received

4,558

Civilian applications received

167

Total Hired (3%)



 Background Unit & HR team photo.

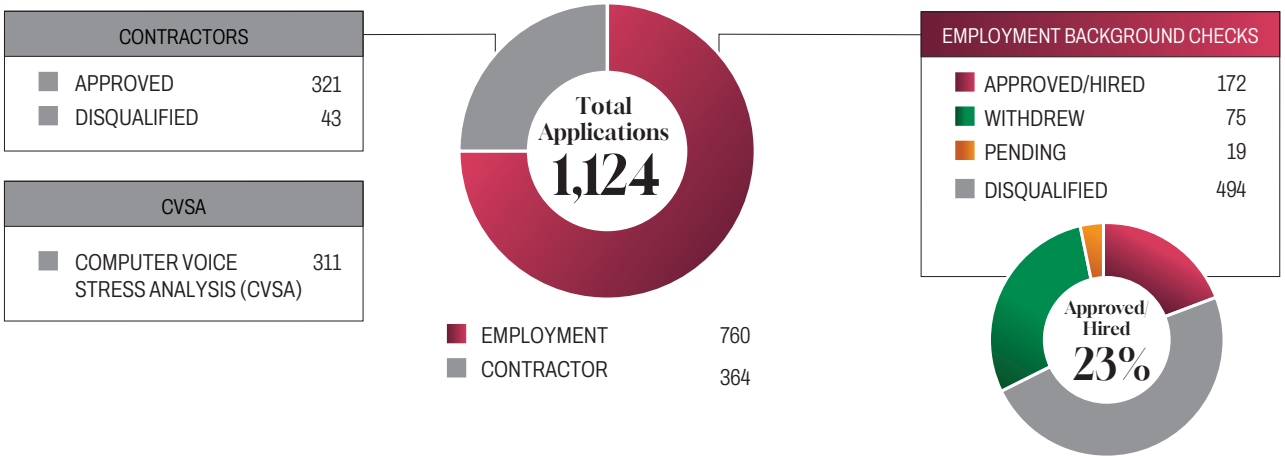
Background Unit

The Background Unit continues to play a critical role in safeguarding the integrity and professionalism of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) by conducting comprehensive background investigations for all sworn personnel, professional staff, contractors, volunteers, interns, and Career Skill Program (CSP) fellowships.

In 2025, the unit received 1,124 total applications, including 760 employment applications and 364 contractor applications. Employment background investigations resulted in 172 approved candidates, 75 withdrawals, 19 pending cases, and 494 disqualifications. Contractor background checks resulted in 321 approvals and 43 disqualifications. Additionally, 311 Computer Voice Stress Analysis (CVSA) examinations were conducted in support of the investigative process.

The Recruiting Sergeant and team, supported by members of the Background Unit and Human Resources (HR) specialists, remained actively engaged in community outreach and recruitment efforts throughout the year. The team attended job fairs, community events, and high school career days, conducted jail tours, and held one-on-one meetings with prospective applicants to answer questions and discuss career opportunities within the Sheriff's Office.

Applications received at a glance



Training

The Training Section conducted three Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified regional academies in 2025. These academies included EPSO personnel and participants from the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) Adult Division of Parole, Costilla County Sheriff's Office, Fremont County Sheriff's Office, Las Animas County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Sheriff's Office, Teller County Sheriff's Office, Canon City Police Department, and Florence Police Department.

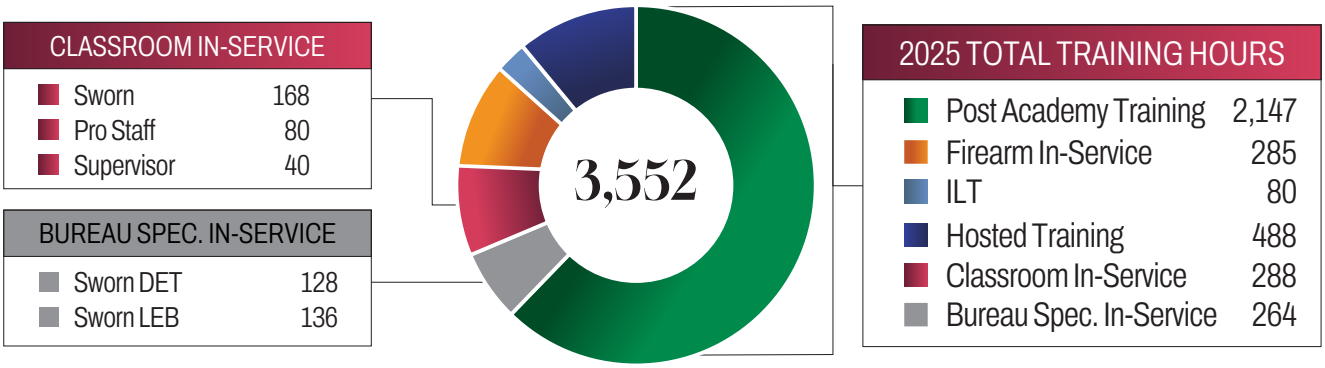
Collectively, these academies represented 89 new-hire Deputy recruit positions, including 10 internal professional staff members transitioning within the office, 15 Deputy Sheriff - non-certified participants, and 21 recruits from outside agencies.

In addition to academies, the Training Section is responsible for administering annual in-service training for all EPSO employees. POST-mandated in-service training for sworn personnel includes driving, arrest control, and firearms. Training provided to professional staff and county security personnel includes CPR, driving, Title VII prevention, verbal de-escalation, and mental health.

Throughout the year, the Training Section coordinated and hosted a range of specialized and advanced training courses, including:

- Initial Leadership Training
- Glock Armorer
- 40mm Initial Training
- Handgun Instructor Course
- Arrest Control Instructor Course
- Arrest Control Recertification
- Patrol Rifle Course
- Designated Marksman School
- Rocky Mountain Tactical Team Association (RMTTA) Basic Sniper School
- Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

Total Training Hours at a glance







Instructors training recruits in the El Paso County Sheriff's Office Regional Academy 25-2, at Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex.

"Congratulations, Recruit Class... You are now part of something greater, welcome to the peacekeeper family."
—Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

The Administrative Support Division is comprised of Sworn and Professional Staff members who are an essential support mechanism for our uniformed personnel and provide a high-quality service experience for the members of our community.



Newly remodeled Communications Center.

Communications Center

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) Regional Communications Center provides emergency communications support to first responders, residents, and visitors in unincorporated El Paso County, the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), and the municipalities of Fountain, Manitou Springs, Green Mountain Falls, Calhan, Palmer Lake, and Monument.

A comprehensive remodel of the Communications Center was completed in July 2025. The expanded facility now includes 20 technologically advanced dispatch consoles, an increase of eight positions. Additional improvements, such as sound-dampening technologies, personal lighting controls, and a dedicated quiet room, support enhanced staff wellness. The Communications Training Center was also remodeled and now features six state-of-the-art dispatch consoles and an instructor workstation.

The Communications Center actively participates in regional working groups and intergovernmental partnerships to enhance coordination and response capabilities. Established agreements and response plans allow dispatchers to deploy resources across jurisdictional boundaries for priority incidents. Personnel further supported regional collaboration and employee wellness initiatives through Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) and participation in the Peer Support Team (PST).

In August 2025, the Communications Center achieved re-accreditation as an International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) Medical Accredited Center of Excellence. During the year, employees successfully guided 11 callers through childbirth and received recognition for 10 "911 Life Save" outcomes resulting from medical pre-arrival instructions.

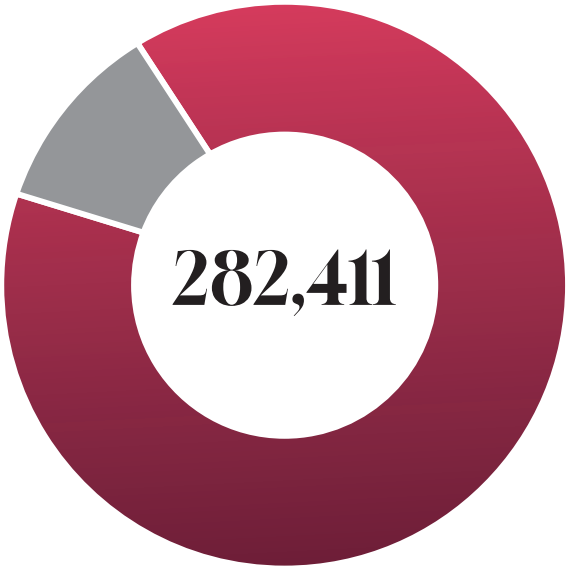
Communications training coordinators conducted four General Academics sessions, six Fire Academics sessions, and four Law Academics sessions. Training officers successfully guided three Emergency Services Call Takers (ESC) and 13 Emergency Services Dispatchers (ESD) through call handling training, 13 ESDs through Fire Dispatch training, and nine ESDs through Law Dispatch training. (Continued Next Page)

ACCREDITATION PERIOD
2025-2028

EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Call Statistics

Total Calls



LE Calls for Service	243,303
Fire Calls for Service	39,108

TOTAL CALL VOLUME STATISTICS

Total Telephone Activity	266,413
Calls Received via ASAP to PSAP	2,781
Inbound Administrative Calls	134,708
Outbound Administrative Calls	50,555
911 Calls	77,570
911 Hangups Cleared by Automated Callback (EABD)	799





911 Hero receiving award.

Tactical Dispatch Unit

The EPSO Tactical Dispatch Unit (TDU) serves as a resource to law enforcement and partner agencies throughout El Paso County. In 2025, the unit was deployed on 52 operations, totaling 207.75 operational hours. Deployments included support for the EPSO Tactical Support Unit (TSU), Fountain Police Department (FPD) Rapid Response Team (RRT), Metro VNI, wildland fire incidents, and special events such as the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb and the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) graduation.

The TDU also implemented bimonthly team trainings during the year, covering topics such as Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD), K9 operations, Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI), and active shooter drills with the Monument Fire Department. Additionally, the unit participated in reality-based and tabletop training exercises with EPSO TSU, FPD RRT, and the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management Emergency Coordination Center (PPROEM ECC).

The 911 Education and Outreach Program

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) Regional Communications Center 911 Education Program coordinated and participated in numerous outreach events throughout the year. The team supported seven nights of "Boo at the Zoo" at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, attended multiple school career fairs, engaged with community members during National Night Out, and hosted community tours of the newly remodeled Communications Center.

A highlight of the year was the recognition of six young residents as 911 Heroes. Personnel from all EPSO bureaus supported these outreach efforts, collectively engaging with more than 18,500 community members.

Technology Services Section

In 2025, the Technology Services (TS) Section supported the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) by maintaining critical daily operations while delivering several major technology initiatives, strengthening infrastructure, improving reliability, and enhancing operational readiness across the agency. These efforts ensured personnel had modern, secure, and dependable technology to support public safety services throughout El Paso County.

Key accomplishments for the year included the continued refresh of mobile data computers (MDCs), with 95 new units deployed to the Patrol Division as part of a multi-year replacement strategy. Technology Services also led the implementation of the Intelligence Based Operations Center (IBOC), deploying advanced workstations, multi-screen display systems, and supporting technology to enable real-time data analysis, drone operations, and enhanced situational awareness.

The section completed a full technology upgrade of the Sheriff's Conference Room, improving visual presentation capabilities and establishing direct video connectivity with the IBOC. In preparation for the end of support for Windows 10, TS successfully upgraded 1,131 computers, including 369 MDCs to Windows 11 ahead of the required deadline.
In response to radio communication issues identified in the northeast region of the county, Technology Services conducted testing and completed comprehensive reprogramming of nearly 1,300 radios, improving connectivity and reliability across the office. Additionally, TS completed an office-wide mobile phone refresh, replacing approximately 400 issued iPhones in three weeks as part of the scheduled device lifecycle.

Looking toward the future, Technology Services played a key role in planning the technology infrastructure for the new substation, coordinating with county departments and vendors to establish data connectivity, access control, and video conferencing systems well ahead of the building's projected 2026 completion.

In addition to these projects, the Technology Services Section closed 8,737 work orders in 2025. Help Desk requests accounted for 3,653 tickets, while 2,375 requests were related to access control and system account management.

These efforts reflect the section's ongoing commitment to operational support, system reliability, and continuous modernization.



Technology Services Manager testing presentation equipment.

Technology Services
2025 Work Order Stats

8,737 Total Work Orders

3,653
Help Desk

2,375
Access Control

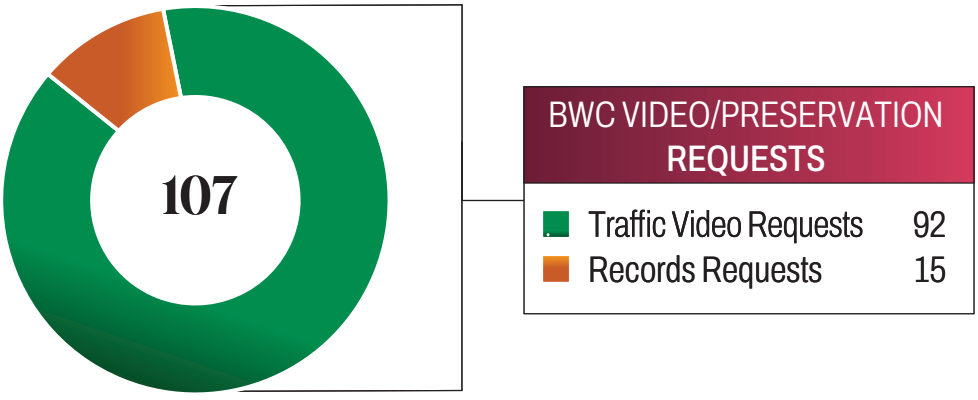
1,329
Personnel

647
Radio

517
BWC

216
Facilities

Total Requests



Records Unit

The Records Unit provides essential foundational support for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO), ensuring the seamless flow of information between the agency, our legal partners, and the community. The team is responsible for the precise management of case filings and court-ordered seals, while also facilitating public transparency through the processing of citations and official records requests.

As the Sheriff's Office continues to maintain staffing levels, the workload within the Records Unit has increased. Records technicians managed a merge queue of more than 19,000 cases, arrest reports, and field interviews, along with over 13,300 supplemental reports. Colorado Criminal Justice Records Act (CCJRA) and Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests increased by 8%, and more than 1,760 hours were dedicated to the review, redaction, and release of requested body-worn camera (BWC) video.

Records technicians entered 10,016 citations in 2025—a 23% increase over the previous year—supporting the efforts of traffic and patrol deputies. The Detention Bureau also benefited from the assignment of a records technician to the jail three days per week, providing in-person support to floor security and Intake and Release deputies.

Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) assigned to the Sheriff's Office front desk answered 11,143 phone calls and assisted 21,244 visitors seeking services such as Concealed Handgun Permits (CHP), sex offender registration, background checks, and civil process assistance.

The Records Unit also welcomed one new records technician and one new CSR during the year.

19,000

Merged cases, arrest reports, and field interview queue managed by Records Technicians

1,760

Hours dedicated to the review, redaction, and release of requested body-worn camera (BWC) video

8%

Increase in requests for Colorado Criminal Justice Records (CCJRA) and Colorado Open Records Act (CORA)

23%

Increase over the previous year in citations entered

11,143

Front desk phone calls answered

21,244

Visitors assisted

Records	Amount	Hrs. Spent on
Filings	4,363	N/A
Records Requests- Completed	5,798	N/A
Sealings & Expungements	2,981	214.5 Hrs.
Cases Merged	19,196	Note: includes all case reports, arrest reports, and FIs
Supplements Merged	13,529	N/A
Tickets Entered	10,016	N/A
CBI Stat Entry	N/A	345 Hrs.
BWC Redactions	N/A	1,763 Hrs.
Ticket Payment Processing	N/A	559.25 Hrs.
Front Desk	**Amount**	
Phone Calls	11,143	
Visitors	21,244	Note: Front desk interactions include – CHP, SOR, Volunteers, Records Release requests, Investigations, Misc. walk in, impound, subpoena, file a report, and civil



Records Unit Team picture in front of El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Evidence Unit

The Evidence Unit remains a vital component of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO), dedicated to safeguarding the integrity, secure storage, preservation, and appropriate release or disposal of all evidence and property entrusted to the agency.

In 2025, the Evidence Unit received more than 13,000 items, including 207 vehicles, 935 drug-related items, and 269 firearms. While overall intake remained consistent with the previous year, the unit increased the number of items destroyed by 28%, totaling 7,189 items. Additionally, 221 items were sent to auction, with proceeds returned directly to the evidence budget to help offset supply and operating costs.

The Evidence Unit utilized the incinerator seven times in 2025, supporting EPSO four times and Metro VNI three times.

Several facility improvements were completed in early 2025 to enhance security and storage capacity. A new layer of milling was added to the east lot to improve access and storage for permanent-hold and oversized vehicles. Facility upgrades also included enhanced fencing and the addition of razor wire to increase security. Inside the evidence facility, five new rows of shelving were installed to expand available storage space.

These improvements allowed for the consolidation of evidence storage and are expected to increase long-term storage capacity.





Evidence team inside the evidence facility.

The Evidence Unit remains a vital component of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Employee Advisory Committee - EAC

The Employee Advisory Committee (EAC) remains committed to fostering a supportive, family-oriented workplace while promoting morale, teamwork, and employee engagement throughout the Office.

EAC members actively organize team-building initiatives which contribute to a positive organizational culture.

Throughout 2025, the EAC coordinated a variety of events designed to strengthen connections among employees, their families, and the community. These activities included:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Fourth of July ice cream treats
- Annual Employee Picnic: This year's picnic achieved record attendance, providing staff and their families with an opportunity for fellowship in a relaxed setting that encouraged camaraderie.
- Trunk-or-Treat: Creativity and collaboration were highlighted during the Office's first-ever Trunk-or-Treat event and decorating contest. Employees transformed vehicles into imaginative displays, creating a safe and engaging environment for children.
- Christmas Movie Night: The year concluded with this festive gathering, which featured the Office's first "Cake Walk" fundraiser.

The Cake Walk was particularly well-received; thanks to generous donations of homemade treats from staff, the event successfully raised $360 for the Employee and Family Fund.







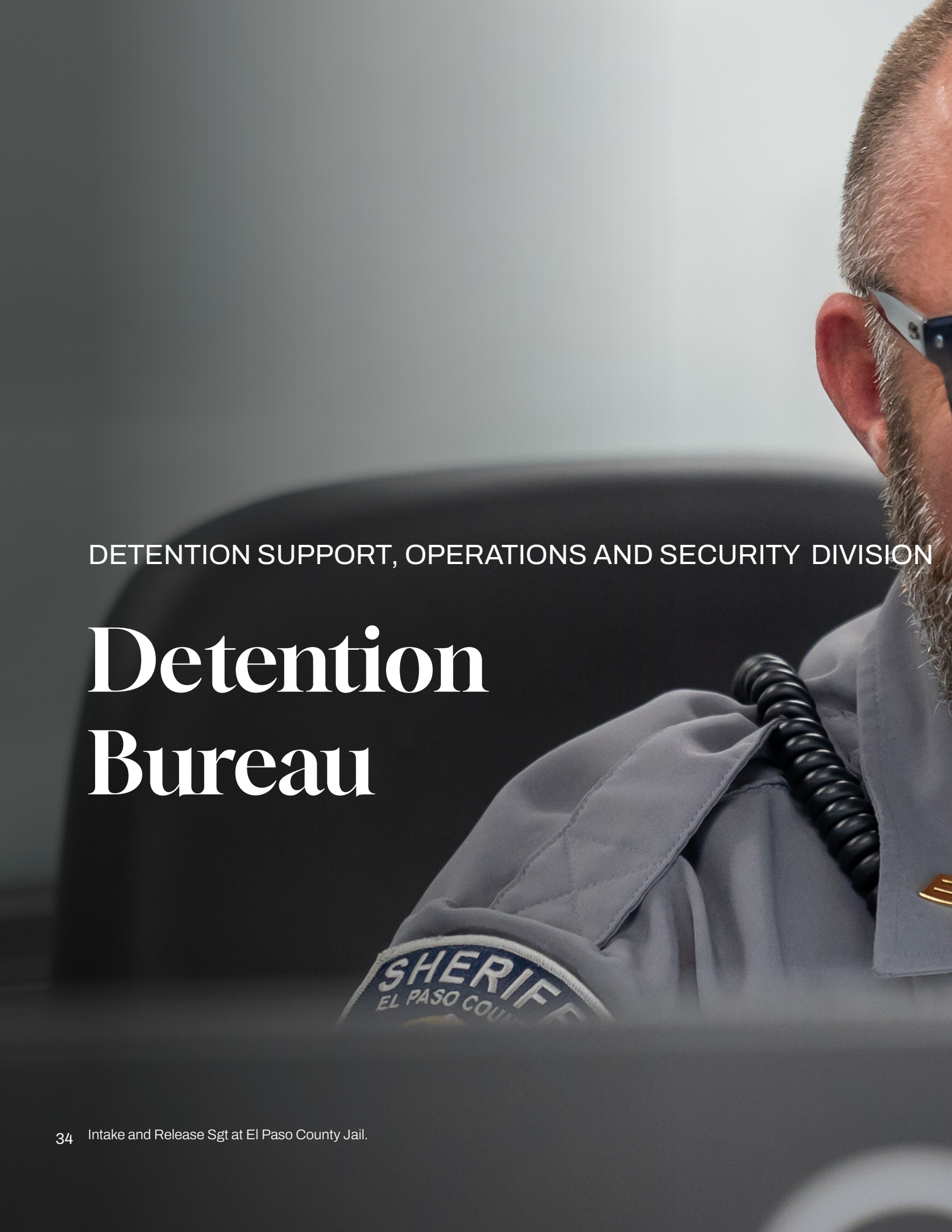


Events curated by EAC including: EPSO Employee Picnic, Trunk-or-treat, EPSO Christmas Party.

The EAC oversees and manages the Employee and Family Fund to ensure its effective use in supporting personnel and enhancing the workplace environment.

DETENTION SUPPORT, OPERATIONS AND SECURITY DIVISION

Detention Bureau



 Intake and Release Sgt at El Paso County Jail.



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El Paso County Jail Criminal Justice Center

About

The Detention Operations Division oversees the essential functions required to keep the jail operating safely and securely. Responsibilities include Intake & Release, Court & Transport, and the Special Response Team, each supporting the safe, secure, and efficient operation of the facility. Division personnel remain committed to protecting those in our custody, our staff, and the community.

Court Services

The Court Services Section of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office oversees all court proceedings for both adult and juvenile cases across 52 courtrooms within the El Paso County combined courts.

COURT STATISTICS

28,113

Incarcerated Citizens transported to court

TRANSPORT STATISTICS

215,594

Total Miles Driven

In addition to maintaining order and security within the courtrooms, Court Services deputies are responsible for:

- Courtroom Remands & Warrant Arrests: Handling immediate custody orders within the courthouse.
- Extraditions: Supervising all in-state extraditions in coordination with the Extradition and Transport Coordinators.
- Specialized Transports: Facilitating transports to the Colorado Mental Health Institute, executing court-ordered Writ of Habeas Corpus transports, and coordinating all external medical appointments for incarcerated citizens.

Due to a Department of Corrections (DOC) backlog this year, Court Services arranged multiple transports throughout the state to help reduce the facility's Average Daily Population (ADP). The year featured several high-profile trials, including the Jon and Carie Hallford cases and the Nicholas Jordan case. Throughout 2025, the section conducted numerous courthouse tours for local schools, leadership programs, and citizens' academies. The Court Services Section continues to foster strong collaborative relationships with judges, magistrates, and judicial support staff to ensure proceedings are fair, accurate, and efficient.

COURT STATISTICS

375

Juvenile Incarcerated Citizens transported to court

1,820

Remands taken into custody

TRANSPORT STATISTICS

508

Out-of-county warrants

629

Writs from DOC & Counties

253

Outside Medical Appointments

199

Incarcerated Citizens transported to State Hospital

896

Total Trips with vehicle

2,889

Incarcerated Citizens transported

Intake & Release

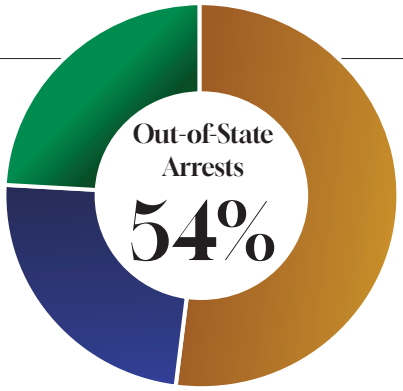
The Intake and Release Section is the primary entry and exit point for all individuals arrested in El Paso County. This section manages several critical and distinct areas of responsibility, including:

- Processing: Pre-admit, booking, and release.
- Administration: Court updates, warrants, and bookkeeping.
- Logistics: Inmate property and the Fugitive from Justice Coordinator.
- Extradition: Oversight provided by the Extradition Coordinator.

The division successfully implemented the E-Bonds system. This new platform allows for online bond posting, which has significantly improved the efficiency of the release process. This initiative ensures full compliance with state law while providing enhanced customer service to the citizens of El Paso County.

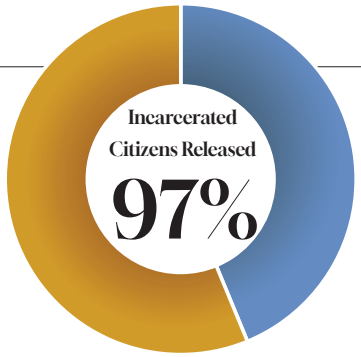
EXTRADITION **STATISTICS**

Out-of-State Arrests	365
Approved by DA's Office	181
Declined for Extradition	125



INTAKE & RELEASE **STATISTICS**

Incarcerated Citizens Booked	16,653
In-custody Bookings	2,121
Incarcerated Citizens Released	16,214
PR Bonds Issued	6,325





Intake & Release staff.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

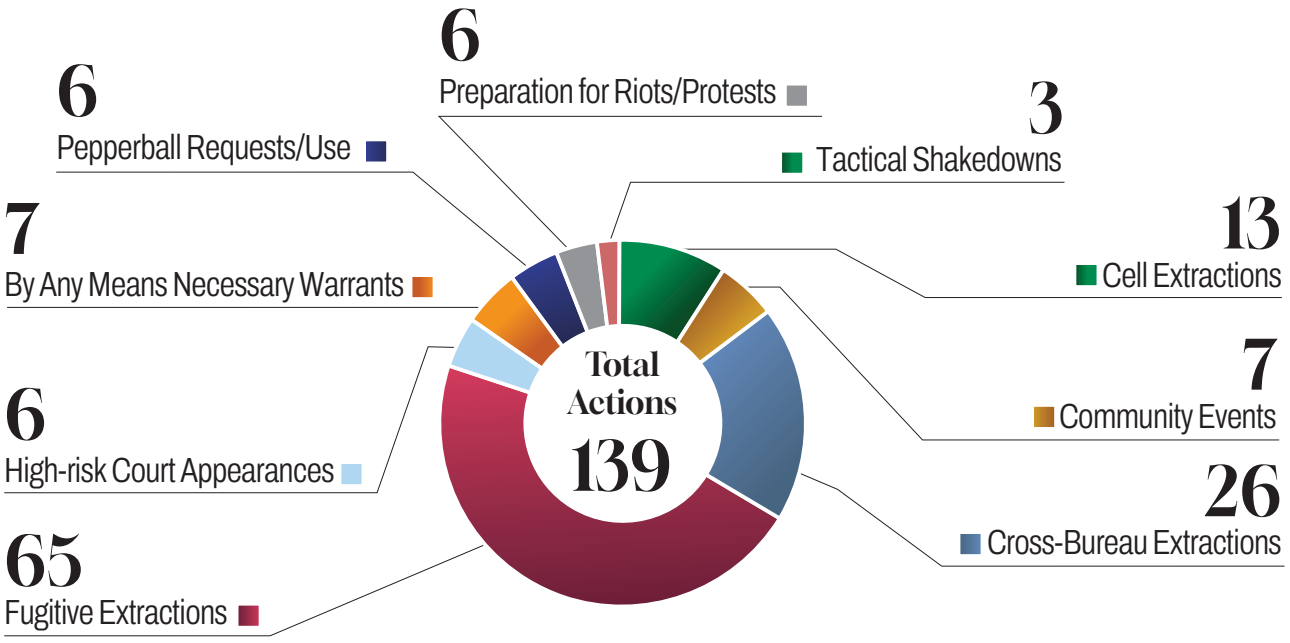
Special Response Team

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team (SRT) expanded its operational footprint in 2025 by adding four new members.

Throughout the year, the SRT completed over 120 hours of intensive training covering restraint techniques, range proficiency, use of force, leadership, and riot control. Beyond internal development, the team served as a regional resource by providing over 130 hours of Emergency Restraint Chair instruction and less-lethal training to Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) academies.

The team successfully conducted over 50 missions in 2025. These operations included providing security for the United States Air Force Academy graduation, executing high-risk transports and cell extractions, and maintaining courtroom security for high-profile trials.

Parallel to their tactical duties, the SRT remained deeply committed to community outreach. The team participated in the Special Olympics "Tip-a-Cop" event, the Torch Run, and the Catholic Family Christmas program. Notably, SRT Deputy Jillian Erlemeier served as the EPSO Special Olympics Coordinator, further strengthening the bond between the office and the community.







Above: SRT graduation team photo.

Below: Recruits training through SRT Endurance Week.

Security Division

The Detention Security Division is responsible for the daily operations of the El Paso County Jail, ensuring the safety and security of staff and the incarcerated citizens housed there. The facility consists of 23 housing units and a medical infirmary. The Security Division is currently authorized 19 sworn supervisors, 202 line-level sworn positions, and 58 professional staff positions.



Deputy providing security.

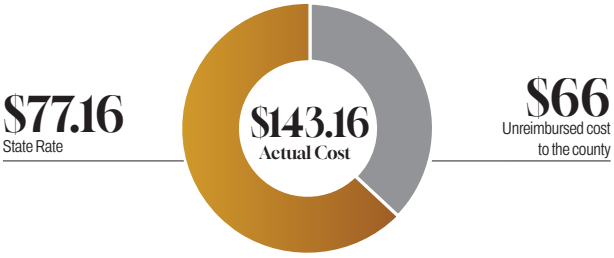
Operational Statistics

1,250 Average Daily Population (ADP)

The division provided 25 jail tours for various community groups. Overall, more than 400 people gained a realistic perspective of the facility's day-to-day operations. Jail tour participants included representatives from local schools, government agencies, and community organizations, such as:

- Palmer, Cheyenne Mountain, Lewis-Palmer, and Falcon High Schools
- Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Victim Advocacy Unit
- El Paso County Board of Commissioners and Citizens' Academy
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
- El Paso County Justice Services and Department of Human Services (DHS) Caseworkers
- 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office Interns
- Leadership Pikes Peak and Sheriff's Posse Academy
- University of Denver College of Law and University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) Criminal Justice and Forensic Social Work Programs
- Colorado Jail Association and Colorado Public Defender's Office

Cost to House a State Inmate

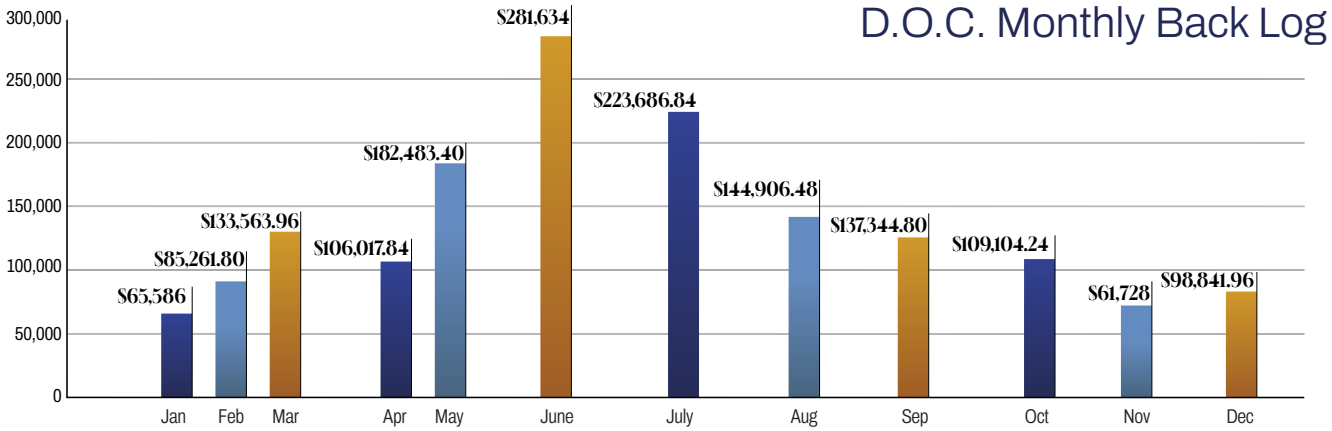


Per Inmate/Per Day

Over $1.6 MIL Total

D.O.C. yearly backlog

D.O.C. Monthly Back Log



SUPPORT DIVISION

The Detention Support Division was created in 2025 to provide centralized support services to the Detention Bureau. This includes oversight of medical and food services contracts. Additionally, the division provides vocational training, behavioral health services, discharge planning, laundry service, supplies, and project management.

Inmate Classification

In 2025, the Inmate Classification Section classified 12,120 incarcerated citizens and processed 1,071 trusty contracts and 1,922 volunteer applications. The section processed the files of 843 incarcerated citizens verified under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They also processed 2,095 grievances, 198 records requests, and reviewed 1,485 incarcerated citizens placed into Special Management housing (Seg All, Ad-Seg, Pre-Hearing, and Protective Custody).



Incarcerated Citizen jump suits.

Inmate Programs

In 2025, Inmate Programs advanced its mission by expanding access to education, legal resources, personal development, and community connection at the El Paso County Jail.

Through innovation and collaboration, the team strengthened existing programs and reintroduced key initiatives to support rehabilitation and equitable access.

One significant achievement was the overhaul of the Law Library Program. In partnership with Correct Solutions, Inmate Programs transitioned to an automated law library system. This system provides up-to-date legal information and expands access from seven computers to fifteen fully discovery-capable kiosks. This will be fully operational in early 2026, significantly improving legal access and efficiency. Approximately 1,400 incarcerated citizens utilized law library services in 2025.

The program also reinstated the Book Club to support literacy and personal growth. Educational programming expanded through a pilot Essential Education Program using Chromebooks for incarcerated citizens preparing for the GED. Additional Spanish-language reading materials were added to better serve Spanish-speaking citizens and encourage participation across all programs.

Incentive Carts continued to promote positive behavior across housing units. Free greeting cards with postage were periodically included to support family connections.

Projects

In 2025, jail staff completed several projects which enhanced facility safety and reliability. Notably, the elevators in the Alpha and Bravo modules were modernized, replacing outdated components with advanced systems. C and D Modules underwent a comprehensive bunk modification initiative to mitigate ligature anchor points, reducing opportunities for self-harm. Additionally, the jail's main briefing room was renovated to create a more professional environment.

SUPPORT DIVISION

Jail Based Behavioral Health Services

The Jail Based Behavioral Health Services (JBBS) program is committed to supporting incarcerated citizens during one of the most vulnerable periods of their lives.

By providing behavioral health services, substance use treatment, and thoughtful discharge planning throughout incarceration, JBBS helps individuals build insight, hope, and motivation for meaningful change. Through the development of strong partnerships with community agencies, the program ensures that those leaving the jail are not left to navigate recovery alone but are connected to the resources and support needed to continue their progress and rebuild their lives.

TRUST STATISTICS

322

Total # of TRUST calls

77%

Successful de-escalation of these events

3,500

Individual counseling sessions to Incarcerated citizens experiencing mental illness, competency involvement, or situational crisis offering timely support and stabilization during moments of greatest need

RELEASE PLANNING SERVICES

3,036

Total # of people who were provided Release Planning

118

Individuals enrolled in state Section 8 housing lottery

3,000

Sober living applications submitted

833

Individuals connected to community-based peer support, reinforcing stability, accountability, and ongoing support beyond incarceration

In 2025, the JBBS Therapeutic Response Unit and Stabilization Team (TRUST) program received the National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) Program of the Year award, recognizing its impact in responding to individuals experiencing acute emotional distress.

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program experienced its most significant growth this year following the receipt of additional funding from the Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council. This grant allowed JBBS to hire five additional SUD-focused staff members and expand the scope of services available in the jail.

Relapse prevention programming, previously limited to the tower wards, was expanded into the Alpha and Charlie wards. The program also added a dedicated SUD specialist who escorts community recovery support peers into the jail. These peers, who have lived experience with substance use and, in many cases, incarceration, provide an evidence-based model of support that is rarely accessible within correctional settings. Through this unique approach, incarcerated citizens can engage with recovery support peers and gain a meaningful resource to support long-term recovery upon release.

While the primary focus of the JBBS team remains the delivery of comprehensive and compassionate care to incarcerated citizens, 2025 also presented an opportunity to support staff well-being innovatively.

With the support of the JBBS SUD supervisor, goats were brought into the jail's secure perimeter for weed mitigation. In addition to serving a practical purpose, this initiative provided a positive diversion throughout the facility. This effort reflects the commitment of JBBS to fostering a healthy, supportive environment for both those in custody and the professionals who serve them.



Commander helping herd goats at El Paso County Jail.

SUPPORT DIVISION

Facility Inspector

In 2025, the Facility Inspector completed more than 100 comprehensive inspections covering fire protection, health compliance, and overall safety. The inspector played an integral role in implementing a new chemical delivery system for laundry operations. This resulted in reduced chemical consumption and annual cost savings exceeding $40,000.

Vocational Program

The Vocational Program provides incarcerated citizens with marketable skills to support successful reintegration. In 2025, the program delivered training in areas such as professional janitorial services and construction flagging. Participants also received instruction in essential life skills, including job interview preparation, resume development, and effective communication.

Hearing Board Officer

The Hearing Board Officer processes and documents all administrative disciplinary hearings within the Detention Bureau. Incarcerated citizens are encouraged to maintain a safe environment and follow the rules established in the Incarcerated Citizen Handbook. When expectations are not met, a formal disciplinary process begins. The Hearing Board Officer processed 2,394 incidents of rule violations, resulting in 1,745 guilty findings.

2,394

Processed incidents of rule violations

1,745

Guilty findings

Accreditation

The Accreditation Unit is comprised of two full-time Accreditation Specialists. In 2025, they completed an annual review and publication of 492 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), 66 Post Orders, and 171 Policies.

They conducted internal audits, provided PowerDMS coordination to staff, developed monthly Detention Roll Call training, and assisted with the maintenance of the Incarcerated Citizen Handbook.

This year, the unit facilitated an onsite audit by the American Correctional Association (ACA). After a review of 422 files from 2022–2025, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) achieved 100% compliance with 61 mandatory standards and 99.1% compliance with 361 non-mandatory standards. This was the highest ACA audit score in EPSO history.

The Accreditation Unit also facilitated the National Commission for Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) audit. While the audit occurred in 2024, the jail was awarded re-accreditation in March 2025, achieving 98.9% compliance with 59 standards.

99.1%

ACA

compliance achieved; highest audit score in EPSO history

98.9%

NCCHC

compliance achieved with 59 standards. Awarded re-accreditation in March 2025



El Paso County Jail Criminal Justice Center.

OPERATIONS, PATROL AND INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Law Enforcement Bureau



Sergeant delivering a public safety announcement regarding the Thanksgiving holiday DUI enforcement surge on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.



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El Paso County Sheriff's Office

About

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division consists of six investigative and five administrative units or sections. The Investigative Units include sworn and professional staff members assigned to the Major Crimes Unit (MCU), Cold Case Unit, Special Victims Unit (SVU), Financial Crimes Unit (FCU), Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU), and the Digital Forensics Unit (DFU). The administrative units include professional staff assigned to the Sex Offender Registration Unit (SOR), the Victim Assistance Unit (VAU), the Crime Analysis Unit (CAU), the Metro Crime Laboratory, and the Crime Prevention Office. Together, all members assigned to the Division continually support a team environment and collaborate with all units to achieve the mission of the Office.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Major Crimes Unit

The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) investigates the Sheriff's Office's most serious and complex criminal cases, including homicides, serious assaults, suspicious deaths, officer-involved shootings (OIS), and long-term cold cases.

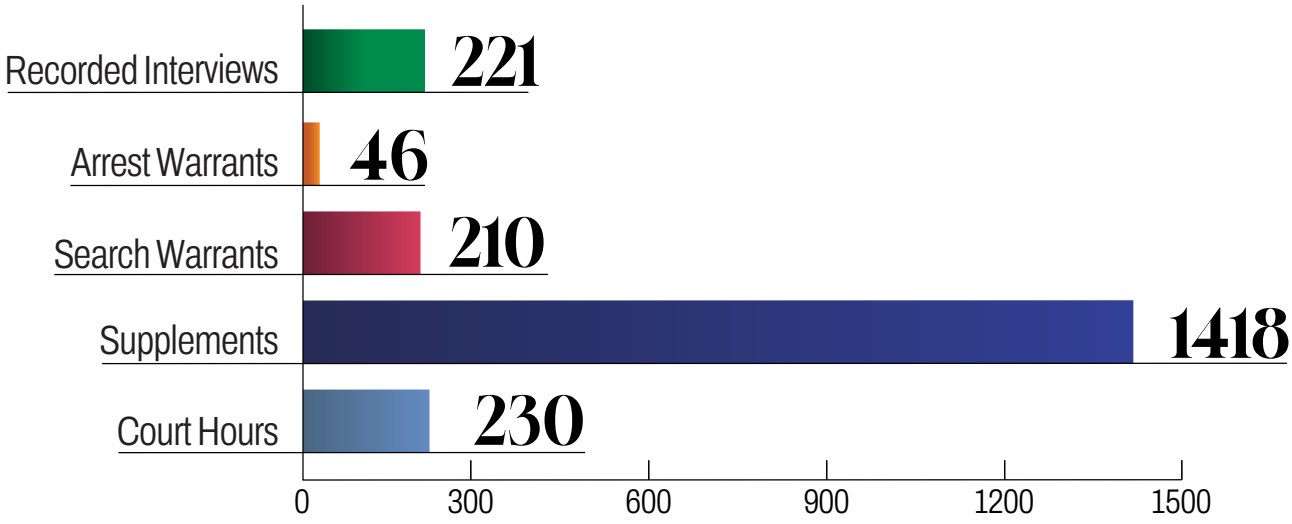
In 2025, the MCU investigated ten homicides involving eleven victims. Of these ten cases, six resulted in murder arrests; the remaining cases remain under active investigation as the unit works to bring the guilty to justice and exonerate the innocent. The unit also investigated or assisted with ten officer-involved shootings, one of which involved the Sheriff's Office.

Legal resolutions for past investigations also reached milestones in 2025. The suspect in the 2022 homicide of Fountain Police Department Officer Julian Becerra received a 132-year sentence. Additionally, the trial for a 2023 homicide involving a ranch hand from eastern El Paso County concluded, resulting in a sentence of 40 to 48 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections (CDOC).

Cold Case Unit

Through its cold case function, the MCU maintains active oversight of unsolved and long-term investigations. These efforts focus on unresolved homicides, unidentified persons, and cases where forensic advancements, new information, or witness cooperation provide renewed investigative opportunities.

The unit's work reflects the time-intensive nature of major crime investigations, which often require months or even years of sustained effort. Detectives ensure continuity over extended periods by following new leads, reviewing forensic results, and meeting rigorous legal requirements while preserving evidentiary integrity.



Special Victims Unit

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit (SVU) is a dedicated team that works daily to support and protect some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

The unit is committed to handling deeply sensitive cases with care, dignity, and respect. The SVU investigates crimes including sexual assault, child abuse, exploitation of at-risk adults, incest, and allegations of sexual misconduct involving those incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail.

Every investigation is guided by a trauma-informed, multidisciplinary approach. This model brings together specialized expertise from Safe Passage, the 4th Judicial District (4th JD), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and other local agencies to support victims throughout the investigative and judicial processes. This collaborative approach empowers victims and seeks to reduce further harm while holding offenders accountable.

In 2025, the SVU investigated 363 new cases, representing a 30.58% increase from 2024. Most of these cases involved crimes against children, encompassing both sexual offenses and child abuse investigations.

363

New cases investigated

30.58%

Increase in cases investigated since 2024

Victim Assistance Program

The Victim Assistance Program (VAP) specialists provide critical on-scene response and ongoing support following criminal incidents. They ensure victims and survivors receive timely information, safety planning, and access to local and state resources. Through a regional partnership model, the VAP also represents and supports five additional local law enforcement agencies: the Monument, Fountain, Manitou Springs, Calhan, and Palmer Lake Police Departments. Under the Sheriff's Office umbrella, the unit helps these smaller jurisdictions meet their statutory obligations under the Colorado Victim Rights Act (VRA), ensuring victims across El Paso County receive consistent, equitable support.

In 2025, the unit collaborated with the El Paso County Office of Emergency Management and other regional partners to develop the El Paso County Mass Violence Recovery Plan (MVRP), the first manual of its kind. This plan provides a structured framework for coordinated recovery following a mass violence incident. Prioritizing privacy, accessibility, and trauma-informed care, the MVRP ensures victims, survivors, and families receive comprehensive support.

Additionally, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office began participating in the newly formed El Paso County Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT). This local multidisciplinary team is authorized under Colorado's domestic violence fatality review statute to examine fatal and near-fatal incidents of domestic violence. Modeled on the work and protocols of Colorado's statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, the DVFRT brings together law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service providers, treatment providers, and other system and community partners. Their goal is to identify missed or underutilized services, examine how domestic violence homicides are investigated, and highlight intervention points to prevent future deaths.

VICTIM STATISTICS

4,017
# of new victims

7,079
 # total number of all criminal victimizations

1,604
# of domestic violence victimizations

227
# of child sexual abuse victimizations

106
# of adult sex assault victimizations

74
# of survivors of homicide victims

66
# of victims receiving crisis response on scene

Internet Crimes Against Children

In 2025, the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) program transitioned to a new format which focuses on both internet-based crimes and human trafficking, addressing the significant crossover identified between these offenses.

Coordinated with:

The restructured unit is coordinated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), providing flexibility to prosecute at either the state or federal level. This partnership brings additional resources to bear when investigating crimes against our most vulnerable populations. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) currently has two detectives assigned to this task force.

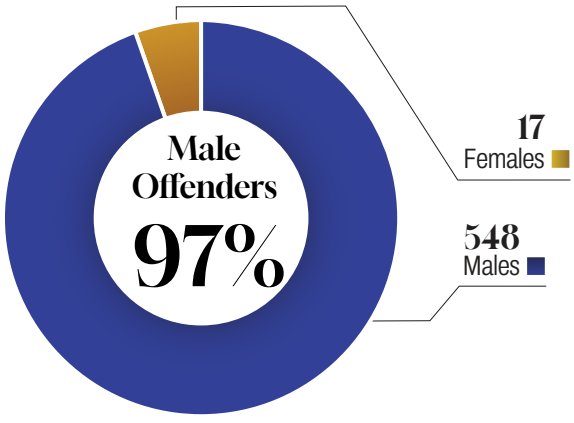
ICAC investigations remain a prolific challenge in our community. The task force analyzes thousands of tips annually from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). As the task force's capabilities grow, we will continue to aggressively pursue perpetrators using every tool at our disposal.

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Sex Offender Registry

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Registration (SOR) Unit works to ensure convicted sex offenders are compliant with court-ordered information and tracking.

The unit tracks 565 Sex Offenders in unincorporated El Paso County, including those incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail. Of those 565 offenders, 548 are male, and 17 are female. At the end of 2025, forty-two of the offenders were currently incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail, four were reported homeless, and nine were Sexually Violent Predators. Also, as of the end of 2025, forty-three offenders have active arrest warrants for being out of compliance.



42

Offenders that are currently incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail

43

Offenders that have active arrest warrants for being out of compliance

37.5 kg

Fentanyl (approx. 375,000 pills)

10

Firearms

DEA Task Force

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office continues its critical participation in a federal task force with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) through the Metro Narcotics Section.

This task force focuses on high-level drug traffickers impacting the El Paso County community. Throughout 2025, the DEA task force achieved significant disruptions of major drug trafficking organizations (DTOs).

With the support of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the task force identified 20 money services businesses operating in our region that collaborated with the Sinaloa and CJNG cartels to launder illegal funds.

In August 2025, following an extensive investigation, over 200 local and federal law enforcement personnel executed simultaneous, coordinated searches of these businesses.

The operation resulted in:

- **$2.8 Million**
  Seizure of Illicit Currency
- The confiscation of money remittance equipment, virtually paralyzing the businesses' ability to continue laundering drug proceeds.

The task force also identified and investigated a long-standing DTO associated with international cartels. This organization had been operating in the Pikes Peak region since 2013, supplying narcotics to over 400 local customers and low-level dealers.

Pikes Peak Seizure

The ongoing investigation culminated in the execution of two search warrants, leading to the seizure of:

3.5 kg
Methamphetamine

2.5 kg
Heroin

3 oz
Cocaine

$402,441
Cash

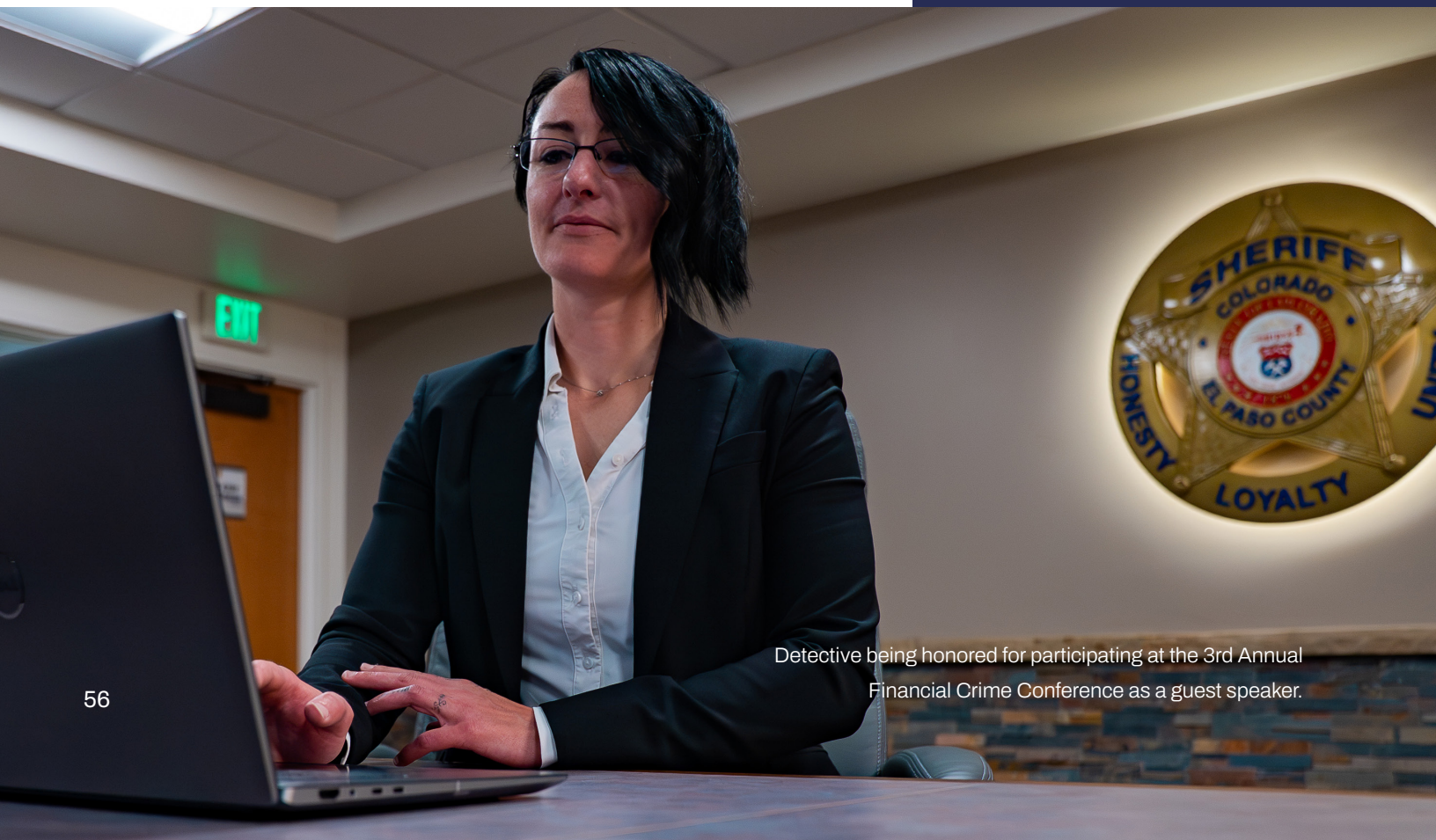
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Vehicles used in criminal activity

$3 Mil.

Financial crimes cost El Paso County victims upwards of $3 million last year alone.

In recognition of the unit's outstanding work, an FCU detective was invited to lead a case study presentation at the International Fraud Conference hosted by the Ontario Provincial Police.

She detailed a sprawling eight-year investigation involving more than 260 victims, reaching an audience of over 400 law enforcement officers and financial crime professionals from across North America.



Detective being honored for participating at the 3rd Annual Financial Crime Conference as a guest speaker.

Financial Crimes Unit

Financial crime cases, ranging from government and romance scams to banking, cryptocurrency, contractor fraud, gold bar schemes, and elder exploitation were prolific in 2025.

These crimes cost El Paso County victims upwards of $3 million last year alone. In response, the Financial Crimes Unit (FCU) was highly active, obtaining 33 arrest warrants, serving 287 search warrants, and authoring 701 supplemental reports.

In 2025, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office established an asset recovery account specifically designed to retrieve fraudulently acquired cryptocurrency. The FCU is currently conducting seizures in two separate cases and is set to return approximately $74,000 to the victims.

Beyond investigations, FCU detectives continued visiting schools, community centers, and senior centers to educate citizens on the risks of exploitation. A primary focus was the Seniors Against Financial Exploitation (S.A.F.E.) program. Launched in 2024, this program expanded its reach in 2025 to better protect the county's growing senior population.



$75,000

Gold Bar Fraud Scheme

One of the most significant cases of 2025 involved a complex fraud scheme resulting in the theft of a gold bar valued at over $75,000. With ties spanning the United States and overseas, FCU detectives utilized extensive investigative resources to track the suspects and bring the case to a successful prosecution.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Digital Forensics Unit

In 2025, the Digital Forensics Unit (DFU) processed over 395 devices, a sharp increase driven by the addition of a new detective to the team.

This surge in capacity has arrived at a critical time, as nearly every criminal investigation undertaken by the division now involves some form of digital evidence.

The two-detective unit has become indispensable to modern law enforcement. By extracting vital information from electronic devices, social media platforms, and online sources, the DFU often provides the evidence that makes the difference between solving a case and hitting a dead end. Their work identifies suspects, prevents further criminal activity, and supports every component of the Investigations Division through the application of cutting-edge forensic technology.

The unit's capabilities extend beyond local resources through a formal partnership with the United States Secret Service (USSS) Mountain West Cyber Fraud Task Force in Denver, Colorado. This collaboration connects DFU detectives with a network of over 200 professionals, including:

- Federal, state, and local law enforcement officers.
- Network security experts and private-sector specialists.
- Academic researchers.

This partnership delivers crucial hardware and software resources, provides supplementary examination support, and offers ongoing training to ensure the unit remains at the forefront of digital forensics.

From cellular phones to cloud storage, the DFU retrieves, examines, and preserves the electronic evidence that has become central to solving modern crimes and bringing perpetrators to justice.

Criminal Intelligence Unit

It is well documented that a small number of criminals are responsible for an overwhelming number of criminal acts in any community. These are the prolific offenders the Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) focuses on investigating and apprehending. The crime sprees investigated by the CIU often involve property crimes, such as motor vehicle theft or burglary. Experience has demonstrated that these frequently have a link to illegal drugs and often lead to serious crimes against persons. By interrupting ongoing criminal episodes, the CIU plays a vital role in protecting El Paso County citizens and their property.

The CIU continues to participate in the regional Beat Auto Theft Through Law Enforcement (BATTLE) task force alongside local agencies and the Colorado State Patrol. During deployments, this multi-jurisdictional team has recovered scores of stolen vehicles and made numerous arrests of the prolific offenders found driving them.

In recent years, the task force and the unit have noted a disturbing trend: an increasing number of prolific juvenile offenders who are difficult to hold accountable under current Colorado law.

In 2025, notable investigations conducted by the CIU included:



Vehicle and Residential Burglaries

Investigators identified a known prolific offender responsible for a pattern of car break-ins and residential burglaries. The suspect was arrested, and thousands of dollars in stolen property were recovered and returned to victims.



Construction Site Burglaries

In collaboration with the Colorado Springs Police Department, the unit identified and arrested multiple suspects involved in a series of construction site thefts. Over $100,000 in stolen property was recovered and returned.



Organized Fraud and Identity Theft

An investigation into a fraud ring resulted in the identification of 12 suspects. The operation uncovered identity theft, retail theft, and firearm thefts affecting over 100 victims; arrest warrants have since been issued.



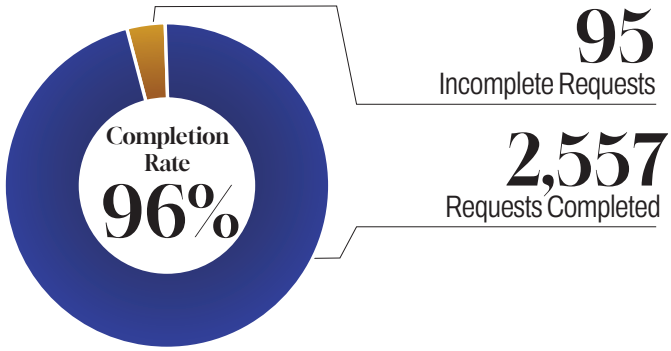
Long-term Case Disposition

An extensive case initiated in 2023 reached final disposition. The primary suspect was sentenced to 12 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections, and thousands of dollars in property were returned to the victims.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

Metro Crime Lab

In 2025, the Metro Crime Laboratory completed 2,557 of the 2,652 requests for service received across seven forensic disciplines: an exceptional 96% completion rate.



This workload included 163 crime scene responses and the forensic testing of more than 1,126 recovered firearms.

The laboratory currently provides a comprehensive suite of services, including:

- Field Services: Crime scene response/processing and shooting incident reconstruction.
- Pattern & Impression Evidence: Bloodstain pattern analysis, latent fingerprint processing and comparison, and footwear/tire track comparison.
- Laboratory Analysis: Firearm and tool mark analysis and forensic DNA analysis.

A major milestone was achieved in 2025 as the Metro Crime Lab was re-accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) under ISO/IEC 17025 standards. This accreditation reflects the laboratory's unwavering commitment to forensic services of the highest quality and technical integrity.

ANAB

ANSI National Accreditation Board

ACCREDITED

ISO/IEC 17025

Beyond casework, laboratory personnel provided forensic training to eight regional law enforcement academies and delivered more than 15 community presentations. These sessions highlighted the lab's capabilities in specialized topics such as forensic chemistry, DNA, and crime scene documentation.



Lab Technician on site.

Metro Narcotics Section

The Metro Narcotics Section (formerly Metro Vice, Narcotics, and Intelligence) focuses on the distribution of illicit drugs within El Paso and Teller Counties.

As a true “metro” unit, it is comprised of sworn personnel and professional staff from several local agencies, including the El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD), Monument Police Department, and Fountain Police Department.

The section maintains a primary focus on investigating overdose deaths. In 2025, the Opioid Survivor Family Advocate (OSFA) program launched to provide direct services to the survivors and witnesses of fatal overdoses and poisonings. These advocates work closely with families, guiding them through the investigative and prosecutorial processes. While these efforts cannot replace the loss of a loved one, they bring a sense of justice to families and increase community trust. It is the section’s goal that the rigorous sentencing of offenders will reduce the prevalence of fentanyl dealers and, ultimately, the number of overdose victims.

Metro Narcotics Agencies:

Evidence Seized

5,986g
Cocaine

169,522
Fentanyl doses

1,166g
Heroin

73,994g
Meth

1,189DU
Pharma

$559,601
Illicit Cash Seizures



K-9 Styx with evidence.

In 2025, the section also achieved the following:

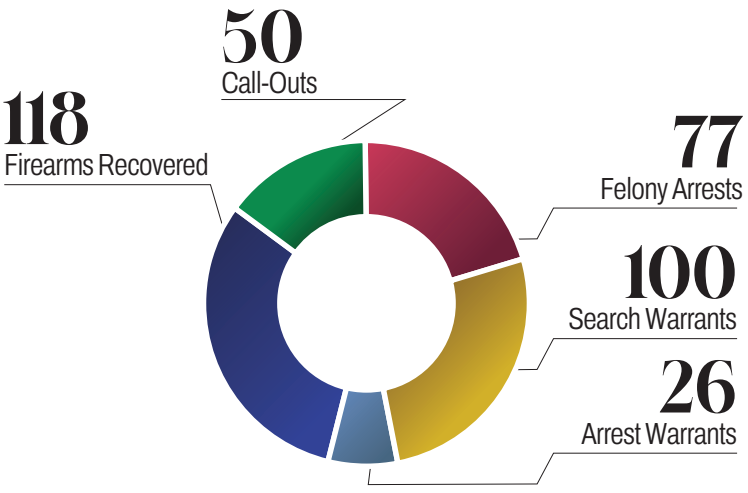
Undercover (UC) School

The section continued its annual hosted UC School, geared toward individuals interested in narcotics work or those who have demonstrated proactive investigative skills in drug-related offenses.

Metro Narcotics Subject Matter Expert (MNSME) Program

This new initiative was developed to bridge the gap in continuing education for deputies, officers, and detectives. The program focuses on crucial areas such as Intelligence-Led Policing, Officer Initiated Activity (OIA), and Search and Seizure, empowering personnel to conduct more effective, proactive investigations.

2025 Statistical Highlights



Patrol Division

Dedicated to maintaining a secure and thriving community, the Patrol Division serves as the primary law enforcement presence for our unincorporated neighborhoods. We meet the evolving needs of El Paso County by combining the strengths of the Uniformed Patrol and County Security sections with specialized units, ensuring professional and transparent service for every citizen.



Deputies securing a scene.

Patrol

Patrol represents the frontline of our law enforcement efforts. Consisting of dedicated sworn and professional staff members, this section stands as the most recognizable face of our agency, working daily to build trust and ensure public safety. Operating 24/7, our deputies provide proactive crime deterrence, immediate emergency response, and preliminary investigations of criminal incidents.

Serving the most populous county in the state, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) manages a massive jurisdiction of 2,130 square miles. In 2025, deputies responded to 87,964 calls for service, an increase of 5,709 calls, or 6.9%, from the previous year. These statistics highlight not only the rising demand for law enforcement but also the dedication and work ethic of the deputies assigned to our districts.

The Patrol Division strengthened its operational capacity in 2025 by welcoming 28 new transfers. Led by a team of supervisors and Patrol Training Officers (PTOs), the division successfully graduated 19 deputies into full service, while nine trainees are set to conclude their programs by year's end. This investment in personnel ensures our newest deputies are expertly prepared for the diverse challenges they face on the road.

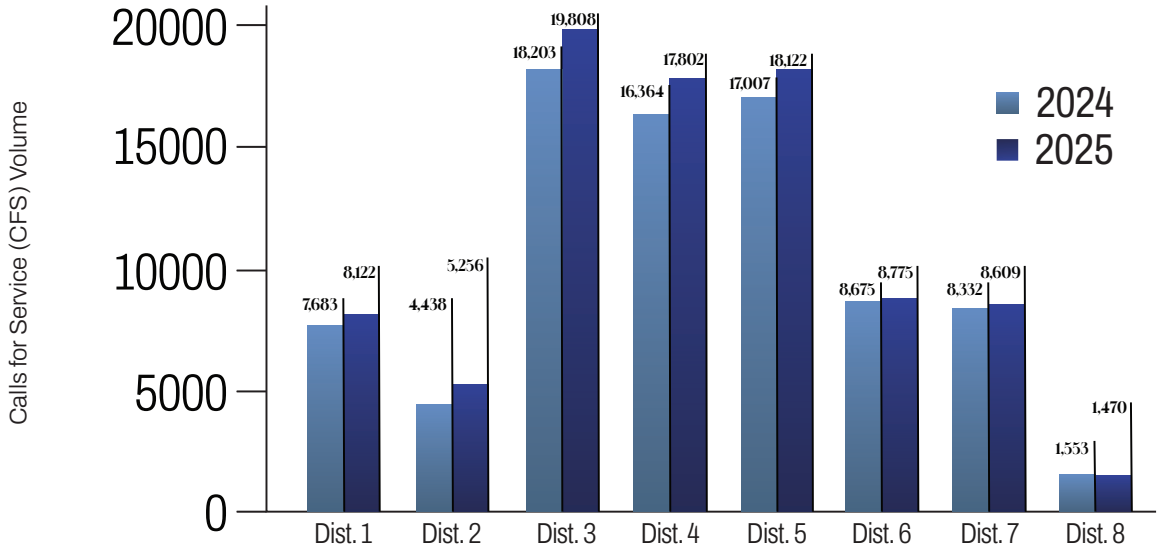
In 2025, Patrol remained committed to prioritizing training as a cornerstone of our law enforcement standards.

The successful implementation of the Patrol Advanced Training Program (PATP) provided deputies with 32 additional in-person modules over the past year, cultivating a more prepared force.



El Paso County Sheriff's Office Patrol Vehicle.

Calls for Service (CFS) Comparison by District (2024 vs 2025)



Intelligence Based Operations Center - IBOC

A significant highlight of 2025 was the creation of the Intelligence Based Operations Center (IBOC), the Sheriff's Office's inaugural Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC). Following the completion of construction in late 2025, the facility is scheduled to begin full operations in spring 2026.

The IBOC is staffed by a dedicated team including:

- Crime Analysts
- Crime Prevention Coordinator
- Sworn Deputies and Drone as First Responder (DFR) Pilots
- One Sergeant

As the central hub for data analysis and distribution, the IBOC will provide critical, real-time support to the Patrol Division and all specialized units. By integrating crime analysis and prevention functions, the center aims to utilize actionable intelligence to proactively inform and protect the community.

Core Capabilities:

Unified Intelligence Platform

The IBOC integrates disparate data sources, including cameras, Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs), and geospatial mapping into a single, comprehensive operations interface.

Drone as First Responder (DFR)

The center provides specialized support for DFR programs, allowing for rapid aerial assessment of active incidents before deputies even arrive on the scene.

Enhanced Field Support

By delivering immediate intelligence to the field, the IBOC strengthens officer safety and improves the probability of successful outcomes during calls for service.



LT. at an IBOC console.

PATROL DIVISION

Community Service Specialist

The Community Service Specialist (CSS) Unit serves as a critical force multiplier for the Patrol Division. Comprised of professional staff dedicated to managing lower-priority “cold” property crimes such as motor vehicle thefts, auto burglaries, criminal mischief, and fraud where no immediate suspect is present, the CSS Unit relieves a significant burden from patrol operations. This strategic division of labor allows sworn deputies to remain available for high-priority calls and active community threats.

Beyond administrative investigations, CSS members provide versatile field support which enhances operational efficiency. They assist deputies by retrieving digital evidence and managing electronic records, streamlining the flow of information. Furthermore, the unit is essential during large-scale operations, providing traffic control and perimeter support during planned events as well as critical emergencies, such as school lockdowns or active crime scenes.

In 2025, the unit demonstrated exceptional productivity and resource management:

- 1,220 calls for service handled.
- 2,338 original reports completed.
- 1,384 hours of sworn field response time saved.



68 Community Service Specialists.

By conducting thorough follow-up investigations and collecting vital evidence, the unit ensures a seamless investigative process, identifying suspect information whenever available and forwarding actionable cases to deputies for enforcement.

CSS Statistics

1,220

Calls for Service

2,338

Original Reports Completed

288

Supplemental Reports Completed

1,384

Deputy Hours Freed

Crime Analysis Unit - CAU

The Crime Analysis Unit (CAU) provides the tactical intelligence necessary to transition from reactive policing to proactive crime prevention. Comprised of three dedicated specialists, one embedded within the Investigations Division, one in the Intelligence Based Operations Center (IBOC), and one stationed at the El Paso County Jail, this unit serves as the agency's central hub for data interpretation and pattern recognition.

By aggregating data from disparate sources, analysts identify emerging trends and forecast likely criminal activity. Their work is critical in solving open cases, offering direct support to deputies by linking suspects to specific incidents.

In 2025, the unit focused on high-impact areas, including:

- Complex automobile thefts
- Cryptocurrency fraud
- Construction site burglaries
- Mail theft
- Illicit activity monitoring within the detention facility

By identifying vulnerabilities, the CAU effectively bridges the gap between sophisticated data analysis and real-world crime prevention.

The unit's analysis translates directly into community safety strategies. This actionable intelligence enables the Sheriff's Office to launch targeted public service announcements and allows the Crime Prevention Coordinator to educate Neighborhood Watch groups on specific "target hardening" techniques.

Crime Prevention

The Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the philosophy that proactive community engagement is as vital to public safety as enforcement. The Crime Prevention Coordinator (CPC) serves as the bridge between the agency and the citizens we serve, focusing on education, situational awareness, and the fostering of strong neighborhood partnerships to reduce victimization.

The Neighborhood Watch (NHW) program remains the backbone of these efforts, currently supporting 33 active groups that cooperate directly with the Sheriff's Office to detect and deter criminal activity. The program has achieved broad saturation, with active chapters established in seven of the eight patrol districts.

Throughout 2025, the CPC maintained a robust engagement schedule. These meetings featured a collaborative presence, bringing residents together with deputies and professional staff from across the agency, including:

- Patrol Division
- Investigations Division
- Traffic Enforcement Unit
- Community Affairs and Research Section

This cross-divisional approach ensures that residents receive comprehensive, specialized answers to their safety concerns.

Sheriff's Office personnel attended 12 separate events hosted by NHW groups in unincorporated El Paso County, strengthening the partnerships essential for effective community policing.

A primary focus of the unit is promoting camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, a mission exemplified during the National Night Out (NNO) campaign held throughout August



Patrol Drone Support

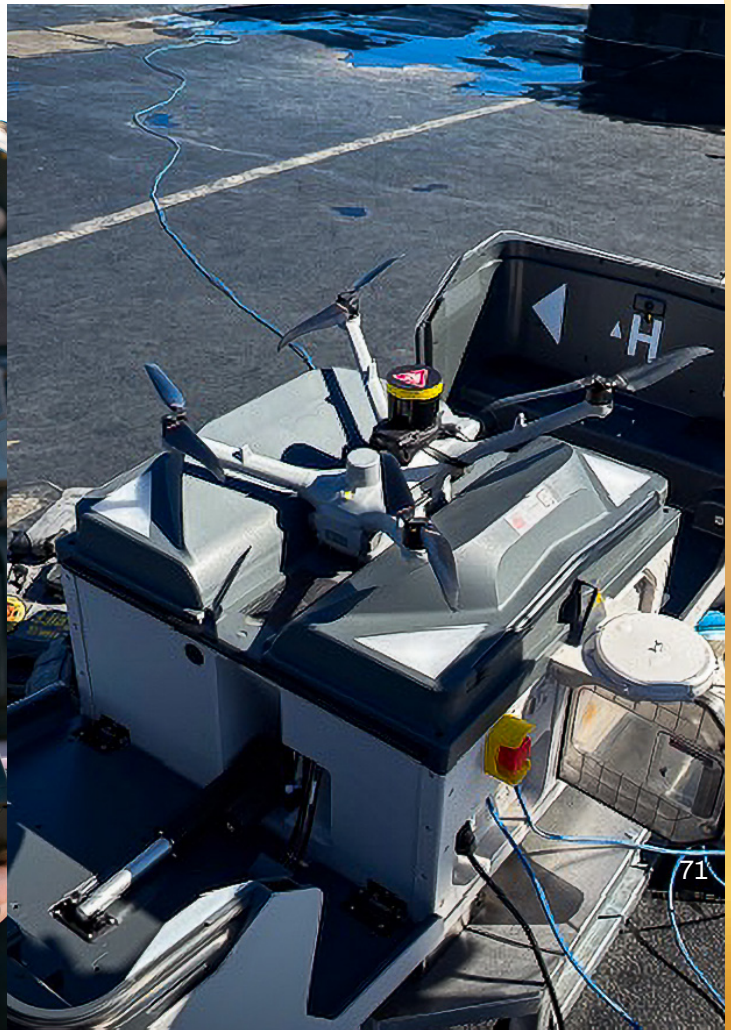
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Another highlight of 2025 was the implementation of the Patrol Drone Program. This initiative represents a strategic modernization of field operations, placing advanced aerial technology directly into the hands of frontline supervisors and deputies.

By equipping patrol units with rapid-deployment Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), the program enhances citizen safety and significantly increases officer safety. This technology allows for the remote visual clearance of hazardous areas and active crime scenes before deputies make physical contact, providing a critical tactical advantage.

In its inaugural year, the program focused on the rigorous training of deputies, ensuring tactical flight proficiency. Working in concert with the IBOC, the Patrol Drone Program ensures that the Sheriff's Office maintains a tactical advantage through superior visibility and real-time intelligence.





Left: Deputy operating drone.
Right: Drone release capsule.

PATROL DIVISION

Designated Marksman Team

The Designated Marksman Team (DMT) underwent significant growth and modernization in 2025, integrating several new members while initiating a comprehensive equipment upgrade.

56 Tactical Deployments

Throughout the year, the unit executed 56 tactical deployments, providing critical over-watch and real-time intelligence to ensure the safety of personnel and the public across a diverse range of operations.



72 Designated Marksman team photo.

BHCON Responses

100%

Diverted from Jail

95%

Placed on Involuntary Holds

94%

Diverted from ER

90%

Treated in Place

El Paso County Co-Responder Program - BHCON

The Behavioral Health Connect (BHCON) program serves as a strategic partnership between the Sheriff's Office and UCHealth, integrating mental health clinicians directly into patrol operations.

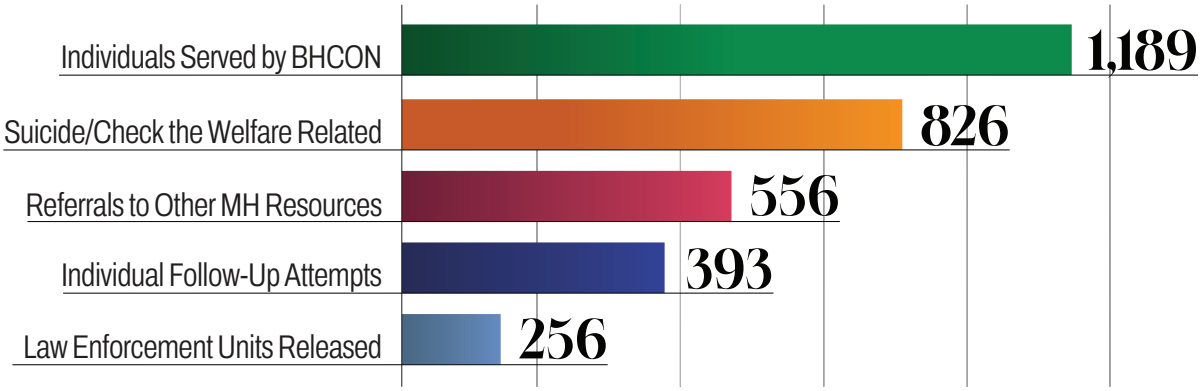
By having clinicians accompany deputies to mental health crisis scenes, the unit prioritizes de-escalation and therapeutic support, significantly reducing the reliance on incarceration for individuals whose primary needs are clinical.

In 2025, the unit achieved key operational milestones, including:

- Expanded Coverage: The launch of a third BHCON team to provide expanded coverage.
- Field-Based Screenings: Increased use of field-based, court-ordered screenings, which has streamlined the judicial process.
- System Efficiency: These initiatives have successfully reduced unnecessary jail bookings and transports while ensuring faster case resolutions.

Beyond field response, BHCON clinicians lead statewide Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, preparing officers to safely manage high-risk mental health situations. The unit also continues its collaboration with Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention on lethal means restriction strategies. Currently, this partnership is exploring voluntary safe-storage options to reduce immediate risk for individuals experiencing suicidal ideation.

BHCON Responses





SRO team picture.

PATROL DIVISION

School Resource Officer Unit - SRO

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit serves approximately 35,000 students across the unincorporated areas of El Paso County.

With 10 dedicated officers assigned to 16 secondary schools and supporting more than 40 campuses in total, the unit provides a consistent, positive law enforcement presence.

SROs prioritize student well-being by focusing on mentorship and non-punitive intervention, utilizing citations or arrests only as a last resort. Beyond maintaining safety and addressing campus disorder, these officers serve as trusted role models who educate students on critical topics, including:

- Cyber safety
- Substance abuse awareness
- Safe driving habits

As vital members of school emergency response teams, SROs lead threat assessments, coordinate safety plans, and act as the primary liaison between schools and first responders during emergencies.

Throughout the year, the SRO Unit prioritized professional development by attending the Colorado Association of School Resource Officers (CASRO) and National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) safety conferences. Additionally, the team completed the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) “Train the Trainer” course.

The unit maintained its strong community presence through active participation in:

- The Teen Academy
- The Drive Smart Coalition
- Falcon and Widefield homecoming parades

County Security & Parks

For El Paso County, 2025 was defined by a deep commitment to the safety of our citizens.

The County Security Section served as a vital safeguard, extending its reach beyond government buildings into the 8,000 acres and 154 miles of trails that comprise our 30 county parks.

Our dedicated Parks Officers have been true game changers this year, significantly reducing vandalism and proving that security is rooted in community care. Their impact ensured residents could enjoy the county's natural beauty with peace of mind through critical actions.

Inside our facilities, that same spirit of service kept local government running smoothly. We managed incredible volume at our busiest hubs:

- Judicial Building: Nearly 570,000 entries.
- Citizens Service Center (CSC): Over 269,000 entries.

As the first faces the public encounters, our officers acted as true ambassadors, offering everything from navigational assistance and ADA support for residents to safety escorts for employees.

To bolster facility safety, we championed the "I Love U Guys" Standard Response Protocol (SRP). This establishes a universal language for crisis response: Hold, Secure, Lock down, Evacuate, and Shelter, ensuring our facilities are more resilient and prepared than ever before.

We take pride in our ability to act decisively, neutralizing risks before they escalate and ensuring our public spaces remain welcoming.

Park Officer Impact

- *Recovering Stolen Vehicles*
- *Identifying Arson Suspects*
- *Conducting search and rescue operations for at-risk individuals lost in outdoor spaces*

4,000

Plus proactive building checks conducted

70

Medical calls with immediate first aid, leading to positive outcomes

It is an honor to serve the residents of El Paso County, and we look forward to continuing this standard of safety, transparency, and professional excellence in 2026.

Operations Division



Posse Member at event.

Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit works throughout El Paso County to enhance roadway safety through targeted enforcement, education, and community outreach. The unit is comprised of four deputies and one supervisor who work collaboratively to reduce fatal and serious bodily injury crashes.

Unit members identify safety trends by analyzing crash data and citizen complaints, applying this information to guide strategic enforcement efforts across the county. Team members are certified instructors in a wide range of traffic-related disciplines, including Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST), RADAR and LiDAR operation, and Intoxilyzer 9000 operation.

In 2025, one traffic deputy earned certification as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), providing the agency with a critical resource for identifying impaired drivers. DREs are specially trained to detect and evaluate individuals under the influence of drugs and to determine the specific category of impairment. Fewer than 150 certified DREs currently serve across Colorado.

The unit also leveraged two federal grants, focused on speed, distracted driving, and impaired driving to support additional enforcement efforts and educational initiatives. In 2025, Traffic Unit deputies issued 2,166 traffic citations.



Traffic Deputy conducting enforcement.

Chaplain Volunteers

The Sheriff's Patrol Chaplain Team is an all-volunteer unit dedicated to providing support to the Law Enforcement Bureau and the community by assisting with calls for service throughout the county. The team is available 24 hours a day and often responds to traumatic situations, including unattended death callouts and death notifications.

In 2025, chaplains responded to 59 callouts. The team also provided support by participating in ride-alongs with deputies, offering devotional encouragement in pre-staff leadership meetings, and leading invocations at El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) and other county events. Additionally, one chaplain officiated at four funerals, including one for a family member of an EPSO deputy.

Five on-call chaplains served a total of **9,232** volunteer hours in 2025.



Volunteer chaplain with Posse member.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Emergency Services Section

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Section (ESS) provides comprehensive planning, training, equipment, and mitigation support for emergencies and special events within the county. The ESS manages every phase of incident oversight, from initial preparation and response to long-term recovery.

In partnership with the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management (PPROEM), ESS career staff, volunteers, and affiliated teams support the El Paso County Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) when it is activated. The Emergency Response Manager overseeing the ESS serves as the Deputy Fire Warden under Sheriff Roybal, the liaison to PPROEM and Search & Rescue partners, and the Pikes Peak Regional Incident Management Team (PPRIMT) Coordinator.

PIKES PEAK REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ESS leads broader emergency management initiatives within the Sheriff's Office and consists of the following units:

- Wildland Fire Unit (WFU)
- Mobile Command Unit (MoCom)
- Pikes Peak Regional Incident Management Team (PPRIMT)
- El Paso County Search & Rescue (EPCSAR) partnership

Wildland Fire

The Wildland Fire Unit (WFU) focuses on the mitigation, preparation, and response to wildland fires within and around El Paso County.

Key responsibilities include coordinating fire suppression efforts and processing burn permit requests for the county's unincorporated areas. When not acting as the lead agency, the WFU supports neighboring fire jurisdictions with these essential processes. In 2025, the WFU consisted of nearly 25 members, including over 20 "fire-line-ready" personnel. The team is a hybrid of dedicated career staff and volunteers.

Beyond local response, individual members deployed to multiple fires across Colorado and California throughout the year. To bolster local readiness, the WFU hosted two EPSO wildland fire academies and conducted dozens of slash pile burns and chipping events to promote mitigation. Additionally, the unit engaged the community through public outreach, education, and awareness training throughout the year.

In fulfillment of Sheriff Roybal's statutory responsibility, WFU members responded to several major incidents, including the South Meridian Fire (Ellicott), the Sanford Fire (Ellicott), and the Entemann Fire (Crystal Park).



Wildland Fire team picture.

Mobile Command Unit -MoCom

In 2025, the Mobile Command Unit (MoCom) expanded its operational capacity by onboarding additional ancillary staff and volunteers.

To ensure mission readiness, the unit conducted multiple driver and operator training sessions and enhanced its response capabilities through significant equipment upgrades.

MoCom deployed over two dozen times throughout the year in support of diverse missions, including:

- Wildland Fire Response: Such as the South Meridian Fire.
- Law Enforcement: Investigations and specialized operations.
- Search and Rescue (SAR): Coordinated rescue efforts across the county.
- Community Events: High-profile events including the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb and the El Paso County Fair.

El Paso County Search & Rescue -EPCSAR

El Paso County Search and Rescue (EPCSAR) is dedicated to providing search and rescue missions within El Paso County.

As an all-volunteer team extensively trained in mountaineering and specialized rescue techniques, EPCSAR provides its life-saving services at no cost to the community.

In 2025, the team's 70+ members responded to 167 incidents and participated in 152 exercises and 367 events. In total, EPCSAR members contributed over 18,000 volunteer hours in service to the citizens of El Paso County.



El Paso County Search & Rescue team picture.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Reserve Unit

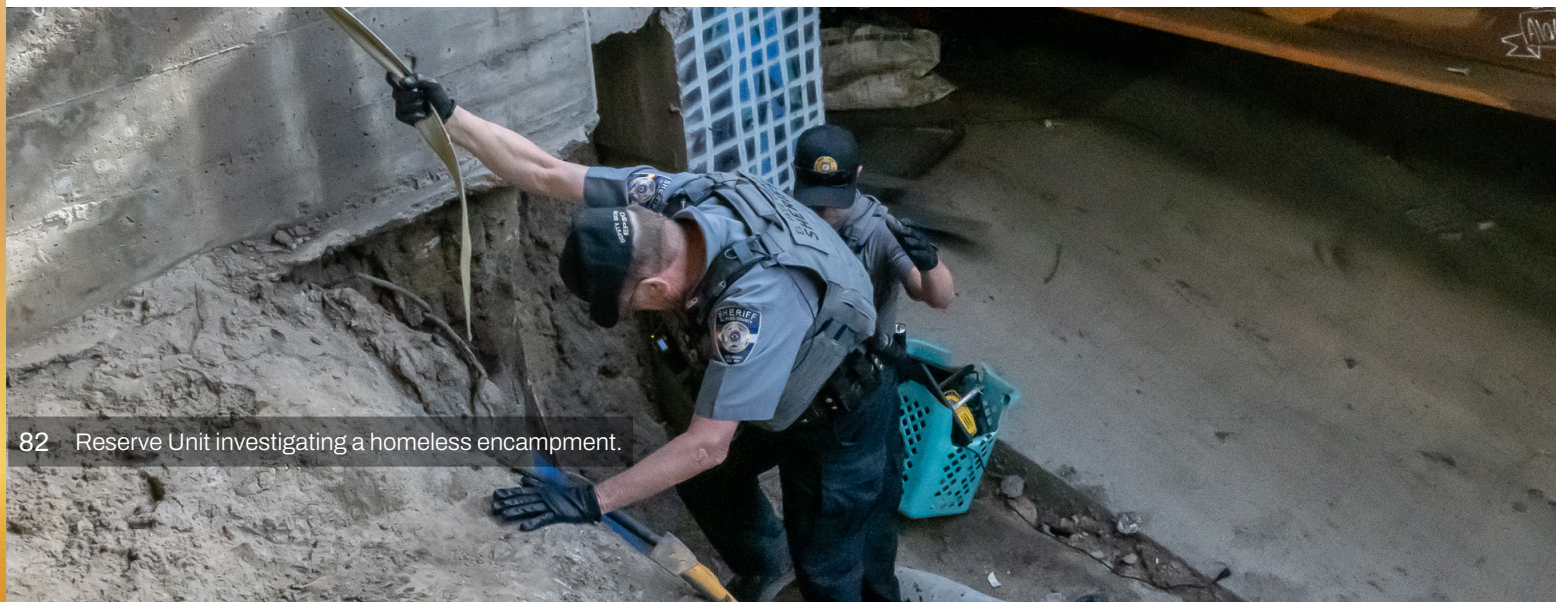
The Reserve Unit provides essential staff support across the Law Enforcement and Detention Bureaus. As the Sheriff's Office's only all-volunteer unit comprised of POST-certified (Peace Officer Standards and Training) deputies, members serve in various capacities which support numerous agency functions.

A primary focus of the unit is providing a law enforcement presence at community-organized events. In 2025, the Reserve Unit provided dedicated services for several high-profile traditions throughout El Paso County, including:

- Air Force Academy: Cadet Graduation and six home football games.
- Community Festivals: The Black Forest Easter and Fall Festivals, and the Monument 4th of July and Widefield Community Parades.
- Rodeos & Major Events: The first annual City Slickers Rodeo, Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, and the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb.
- Regional Attractions: Fort Carson's Community Appreciation Day, and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo's Moonlight on the Mountain and Electric Safari.
- Public Safety Initiatives: The El Paso County Fair, the Law Enforcement Torch Run, and bi-annual DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day events.

Beyond event support, many Reserve Unit members serve as skills instructors and role players for in-service and recruit academies. All Reserve deputies are held to the same rigorous training standards as full-time sworn deputy sheriffs. In 2025, the Unit contributed 4,295 hours, resulting in an estimated cost savings of $202,251 to the Office.

$202,251 Cost savings to the office



 Reserve Unit investigating a homeless encampment.

K-9 Unit

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) K9 Unit provides critical support to all operations and divisions across the agency.

In 2025, the unit welcomed K9 Mako, bringing the team to three dual-purpose canines (trained in apprehension, tracking, and narcotics detection) and one single-purpose canine (focused on odor-based searches). The single-purpose canine, a black lab named Jack, focuses on drug detection searches in the El Paso County Jail, and schools in unincorporated El Paso County, among his and his handler's other duties. Handlers and their partners operate on a rotating on-call schedule to ensure continuous, 24-hour availability. Each handler is responsible for the comprehensive care, training, and maintenance of their canine, including during off-duty periods.



K-9 Mako.

The EPSO K9 Unit continued its participation in the canine blood drive program, which proved vital to the lifesaving efforts for a fellow police canine this year. CSPD K9 Roam sustained life-threatening injuries during a call for service and required multiple blood transfusions during a several-hour surgical procedure. Members of the EPSO K9 Unit responded immediately to assist with blood donations, directly supporting his emergency care. Without this established program, the outcome for K9 Roam could have been fatal.

Whether performing patrol and tactical support, assisting local and federal agencies, or conducting searches within the jail and local schools, these teams provide specialized, dedicated service to the community through the unique capabilities of their canine partners.



K-9 Unit team picture.

Civil Unit

The Civil Unit experienced a significant increase in activity during 2025, driven by a steady climb in overall court orders and Writs of Restitution (evictions). Despite the higher volume, the unit continues to execute all court orders within strict statutory deadlines.

In 2025, the Civil Unit hosted the Adams County Sheriff's Office Civil Unit. Seeking to improve their own efficiency, the visiting agency observed EPSO's operations and subsequently implemented several of our unit's practices, policies, and procedures.

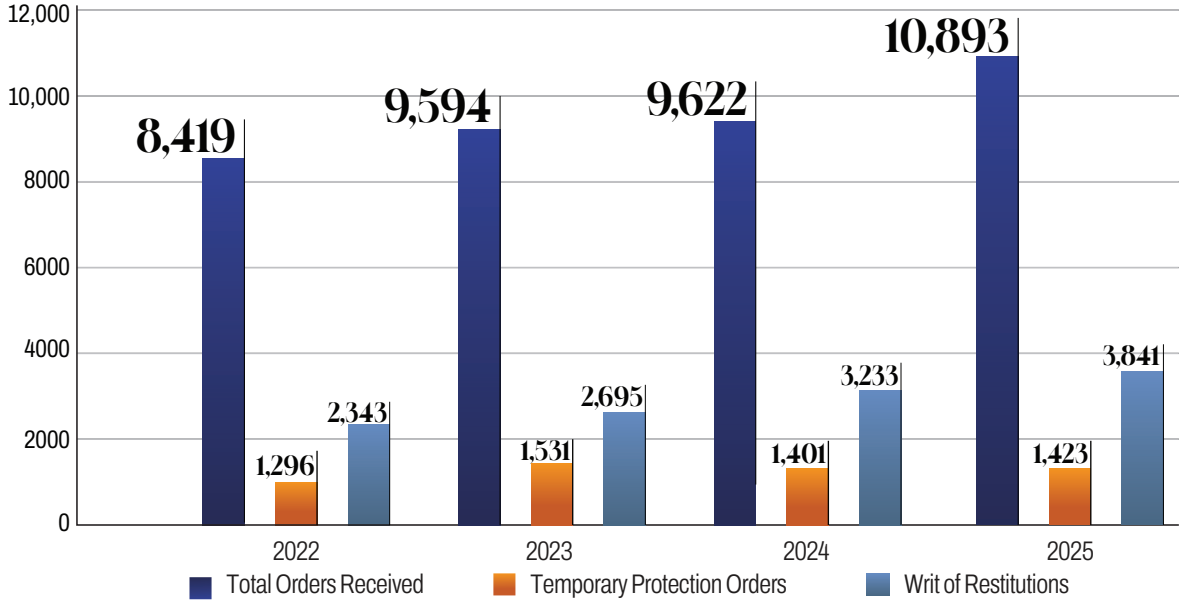
As a statutorily mandated service, the Civil Unit is dedicated to serving orders from the 4th Judicial District Court, as well as other jurisdictions. These include Writs of Restitution, Protection Orders, Writs of Assistance, Court Summonses, Orders of Possession, and Sheriff's Sales.

The team consists of seven full-time deputies, one part-time deputy, one sergeant, three professional staff members, and a paralegal.



Deputy in Civil Unit executing an eviction notice.

Civil Unit Statistics 2022 to 2025



Additional Responsibilities:

Specialized Roles

BEAR (Ballistic Engineered Armored Response) vehicle operation, firearms instruction, and the Mounted Unit.

Training & Recruitment

Serving as academy instructors, participating in the Patrol Training Officer (PTO) program, and assisting the recruiting team.

Field Support

Responding to high-priority in-progress calls, managing critical incidents, and conducting homeless camp enforcement.



Civil Unit executing an eviction notice.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Special Weapons & Tactics - SWAT

The SWAT Team is an ancillary duty unit comprised of 15 deputies from the Law Enforcement Bureau, including personnel from the Patrol Division, the Specialized Enforcement Section, and the Traffic Unit.

In 2025, EPSO SWAT members were recognized for their actions during a high-risk incident on Highway 94. After a barricaded suspect engaged the team with gunfire from inside a residence, the unit successfully took the individual into custody without injury to any personnel involved.



86 SWAT training day.

Many of these members also serve as Patrol Training Officers (PTOs), playing a vital role in training the next generation of EPSO deputies.

The mission of the SWAT Team is to provide specialized support for critical field operations that require tactical deployment methods beyond the capacity of standard patrol operations. The team works in close coordination with other specialized units, including K9, the Tactical Dispatch Unit (TDU), the Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU), and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). Additionally, the team provides essential response capabilities to multiple regional law enforcement agencies.

Throughout the year, EPSO SWAT completed 42 operational missions, including barricaded suspect apprehensions, the execution of search warrants, and dignitary protective details.



SWAT training day.



SWAT providing support.

Furthermore, team members served as instructors for the Rocky Mountain Tactical Teams Association, a regional SWAT school, and specialized Sniper and Designated Marksman courses, alongside hundreds of hours of EPSO Academy instruction.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Violent Offender Fugitive Task Force - VOFTF

The Violent Offender Fugitive Task Force (VOFTF) is a multi-jurisdictional unit dedicated to apprehending violent and prolific offenders, as well as locating high-risk suspects.

The unit collaborates regularly with tactical units, K9, and drone elements from the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) and EPSO to remove the county's most dangerous individuals from the streets. Utilizing both physical and technical surveillance, VOFTF members are recognized as Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in fugitive apprehension.

Case Highlights:

- Multi-Jurisdictional Apprehension (January – February): VOFTF was assigned an EPSO case involving a suspect wanted for Sexual Assault on an At-Risk Victim and Extortion, along with six additional felony warrants. Detectives tracked the suspect, who was driving a vehicle stolen from CSPD into the Denver Metro area. In coordination with the Denver FBI Safe Streets Task Force, detectives conducted extensive surveillance. During the apprehension near 84th and Pecos St., the suspect fled on foot, discarding a loaded handgun before being taken into custody. Subsequent investigation by CSPD linked the suspect to an additional shooting involving a business owner.

- Homicide Suspect Location (April): EPSO detectives requested VOFTF assistance in locating five suspects wanted for Second-Degree Murder. The task force immediately located and arrested the first suspect following a vehicle surveillance operation. By establishing secondary surveillance at an associated residence, detectives identified two additional suspects. A search warrant was executed in coordination with EPSO Investigations, resulting in three more arrests. The final outstanding suspect subsequently turned himself in to authorities.

Task Force Impact

262

Individuals Arrested

362

Felony Warrants Cleared

92%

Cases successfully closed via arrest, 84 EPSO cases assigned

The primary mission of the CNU is to resolve critical incidents safely through direct communication with suspects.

Crisis Negotiations Unit

The Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU), commonly known as the hostage negotiations team, is a regional ancillary unit specializing in communications, negotiations, and intelligence gathering. The CNU leadership team consists of two EPSO Sergeants (representing the Detention and Law Enforcement Bureaus) and one Sergeant from the Manitou Springs Police Department (MSPD). The unit is comprised of 14 EPSO deputies and one MSPD officer.

As a regional asset, the unit deploys to support tactical operations and often takes the lead in intelligence-gathering when active negotiations are not required.

This past year, CNU achieved several key milestones:

Professional Development
Three members attended the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) Basic Negotiations Course.

Regional Support
The unit provided mentorship and technical assistance to the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office in the development of their crisis negotiations program and mobile response vehicle.

Operational Impact
The CNU assisted in 21 operations, including both emergency call-outs and pre-planned tactical missions.

Training
In addition to monthly internal sessions, the team conducted joint regional training with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office.



CNU team picture.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Mounted Unit experienced a highly productive and high-visibility year in 2025, significantly enhancing both its operational capabilities and community engagement.



Above: Western Walk Promenade.

Picture right: Mounted Unit regional academy.

Mounted Unit

The unit expanded its resources with the addition of two horses, Vader and Guapo, bringing the total number of office-owned equines to four. The team is currently supported by 10 auxiliary members.

Key highlights from 2025 include:

- **Community Outreach:** The unit successfully hosted the Guns and Hoses City Slicker Rodeo, a signature event that showcased interagency cooperation and public outreach.
- **Facilities & Legacy:** Significant barn upgrades were completed to improve safety and equine care standards. The year also featured a formal barn dedication honoring Deputy Larry Murphy, the longest-serving Mounted Unit Deputy in the agency's history.
- **Operational Impact:** The unit supported more than 30 events and operational details, providing high-visibility patrols, traffic enforcement, and parade support.

Through these efforts, the Mounted Unit continues to bolster the effectiveness and professional image of the Sheriff's Office while maintaining a strong connection to our regional Western heritage.



OPERATIONS DIVISION

Regional Explosives Unit - REU

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) participates in the Regional Explosives Unit (REU), commonly known as the Bomb Squad. The unit is comprised of two EPSO deputies and five members of the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD). Together, they assist agencies throughout Southern Colorado with unexploded ordnance, illegal explosive devices, suspicious packages, and arson investigations. Additionally, the REU provides integral support to both EPSO and CSPD tactical units during critical incidents.

It was also a highly active year for the REU, with the team completing 179 missions across El Paso, Teller, Park, Lake, and Chaffee Counties. These operations included:

- Render-safe and disposal operations
- Explosives detection canine deployments
- VIP security details
- Tactical support for high-risk missions

A notable incident occurred in June 2025, when the REU responded to a clandestine explosives laboratory. This mission evolved into a large-scale joint operation involving the ATF, FBI, and Colorado Springs Fire Department HazMat Team. The teams worked together to identify chemical precursors and execute a safe disposal plan, ultimately leading to the successful arrest of the offender.

2025 brought significant advancements to the unit, including the addition of four new team members and EPSO's first Explosives Detection Canine: a five-year-old Black Labrador named Amp.



Bomb Squad team picture with K-9 Amp.



K-9 Amp.

Specialized Patrol Unit

The Specialized Patrol Unit (SPU) is a select group of specifically trained deputies and a sergeant who specializes in managing complex and technical criminal cases throughout El Paso County. This dedicated team provides expertise in diverse areas, including domestic animal abuse, illegal marijuana cultivation and distribution, and livestock complaints, directly supporting the mission of the Patrol Division.

Throughout 2025, the SPU executed multiple search warrants related to illegal narcotics, resulting in the seizure of more than 750 pounds of refined marijuana and over $27,000 in U.S. currency.

In addition to narcotics enforcement, the unit acted as a safeguard for animal welfare. The SPU seized multiple donkeys and horses in criminal cruelty cases and collaborated with partner agencies to ensure these animals were placed in healthy, permanent homes.

$27,000

Seized in U.S. currency as a result of multiple executed search warrants

750 lbs.

Seized in refined marijuana as a result of multiple executed search warrants

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Language Services Volunteer Unit

The Language Services Volunteer Unit (LSVU) consists of seven members providing specialized linguistic support in Spanish, French/Creole, and Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese)

The LSVU mission is to provide 24/7 assistance to all EPSO personnel whenever a language barrier impacts the agency's ability to serve and protect the citizens of El Paso County. The group provides on-site and telephonic interpretation, as well as the translation of legal documents and audio/video recordings for investigations.

Aligned under the Law Enforcement Operations Division, the LSVU is led by Reserve Deputy Edwin Kohl. To ensure seamless integration with sworn personnel, volunteers participate in patrol shift briefings, ride-along training with deputies, and sit-along training with dispatchers.

Responded Requests for Service

413.75 hrs
Total Hrs. Volunteered

243
Patrol Division

41
Investigations Division

4
Detention Bureau

5
Civil Unit

2
Coroner's Office

1
BHCON Unit

8
Outside Agency Assists

Sheriff's Posse

"Your efforts will directly contribute to public safety, strengthen community relationships, and extend the reach of our sworn deputies."
—Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal

In 2025, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office launched its inaugural Posse Academy, proudly graduating 26 members in May. The Sheriff's Posse is a citizen-driven volunteer program which empowers residents to support law enforcement through non-sworn duties, directly strengthening the bond between the community and the Office.

Posse members play a vital role in meeting the growing demands of El Paso County by assisting with:

- Field Support: Traffic control, motorist aid, and parking complaints.
- Asset Management: Addressing abandoned vehicles and assisting with emergency evacuations.
- Training & Outreach: Participating in community events and serving as role players for reality-based training scenarios.

In its first several months of operation, the Posse contributed over **2,000** hours of service; an incredible testament to the civic engagement and support found within El Paso County.



Posse Graduation ceremony: Being sworn in by El Paso County Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal.

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Staff Support



96 Finance team picture.



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El Paso County Sheriff's Office

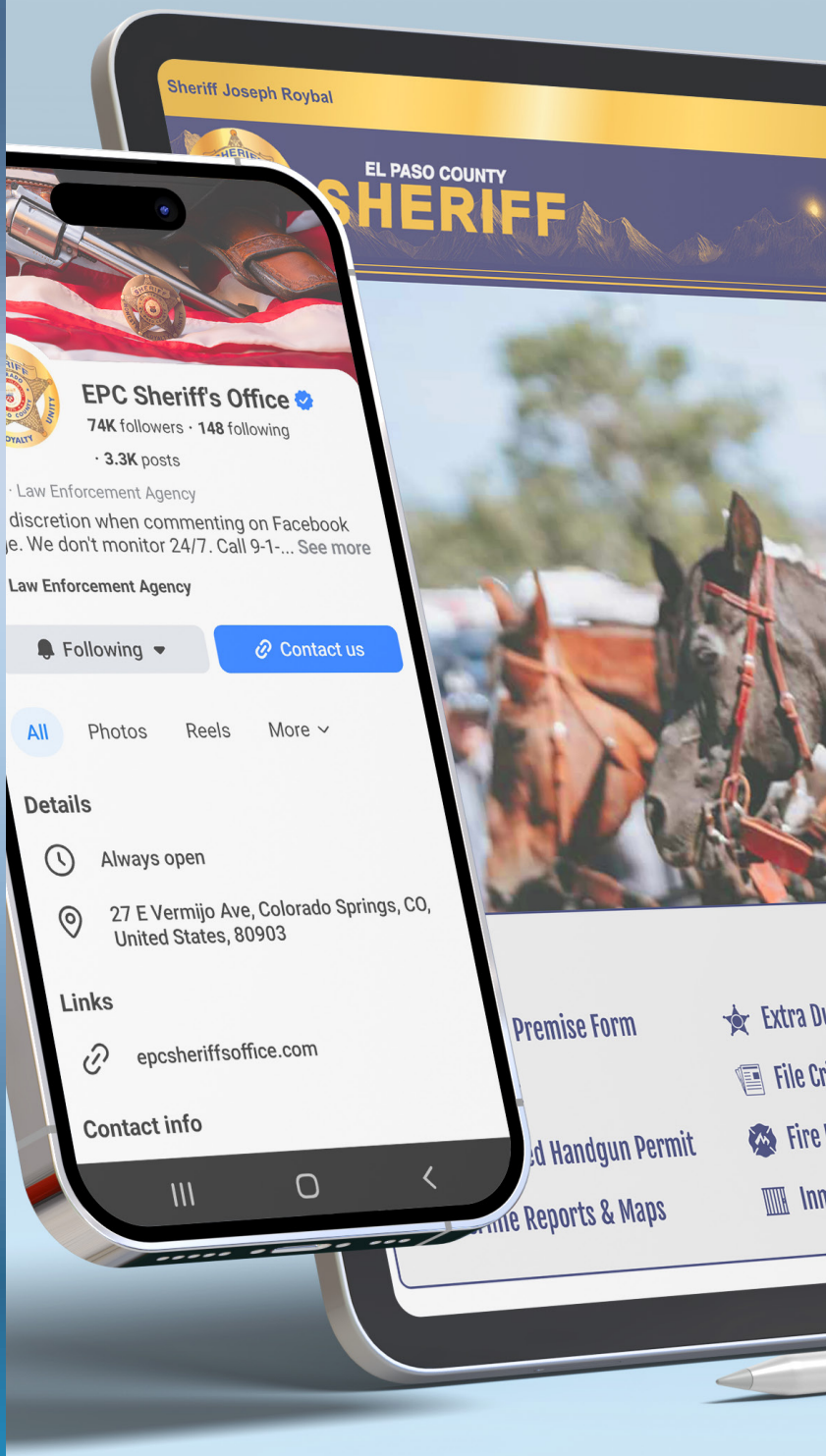
Staff Support at the Office of the Sheriff comprises the executive functions of the office, including the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Budget & Finance, Community Affairs & Research, the Honor Guard, and Internal Affairs. These units support the Sheriff's Office through funding, communication, and organizational excellence.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Community Affairs and Research Section

2025 Year in Review

This year was a landmark year for the Community Affairs and Research Section (CAR), defined by expanded outreach, strengthened partnerships, and deeper community connections across the Pikes Peak region.



Home Screens for Facebook and Website for El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

Our team participated in or coordinated more than 300 events, including community meetings, town halls, school visits, neighborhood outreach programs, and public safety initiatives.

These efforts allowed us to engage thousands of residents while building lasting relationships grounded in trust, transparency, and collaboration.

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) remains committed to being accessible and responsive to the community. In 2025, this commitment was highlighted by the launch of a new ADA-accessible public website, which significantly expanded access to information, services, and resources for individuals of all abilities. By prioritizing accessibility and clarity, the Sheriff's Office ensures all community members can easily engage with and understand public safety initiatives.

The section also plays a key role in legislative monitoring and advocacy. During the 150-day 2025 Colorado Legislative Session, our team reviewed, tracked, and advocated for or against more than 100 bills impacting law enforcement, public safety, and constitutional rights. This proactive approach ensures the voices of El Paso County residents and the public safety community are represented at the State Capitol, reflecting a commitment to responsible and transparent governance.



Digital engagement became an increasingly vital component of community outreach in 2025. Through coordinated campaigns on the Sheriff's Office's official Facebook page and other social platforms, the section delivered:

- Timely public safety messaging and crime-prevention resources.
- Promotion of community events and neighborhood initiatives.
- Recognition of the dedication shown by deputies, professional staff, and volunteers.

Social media enabled real-time communication with residents, extended the reach of in-person outreach, and supported the rapid dissemination of accurate information during critical incidents. These platforms also provided an effective means to address public inquiries and mitigate misinformation.

Effective communication remains a cornerstone of public trust. Our Public Information Officers (PIOs) serve as the critical link between the Sheriff's Office, the media, and the public. They ensure residents receive timely, accurate, and reliable information, providing a clear understanding of how we serve and protect the Pikes Peak region.



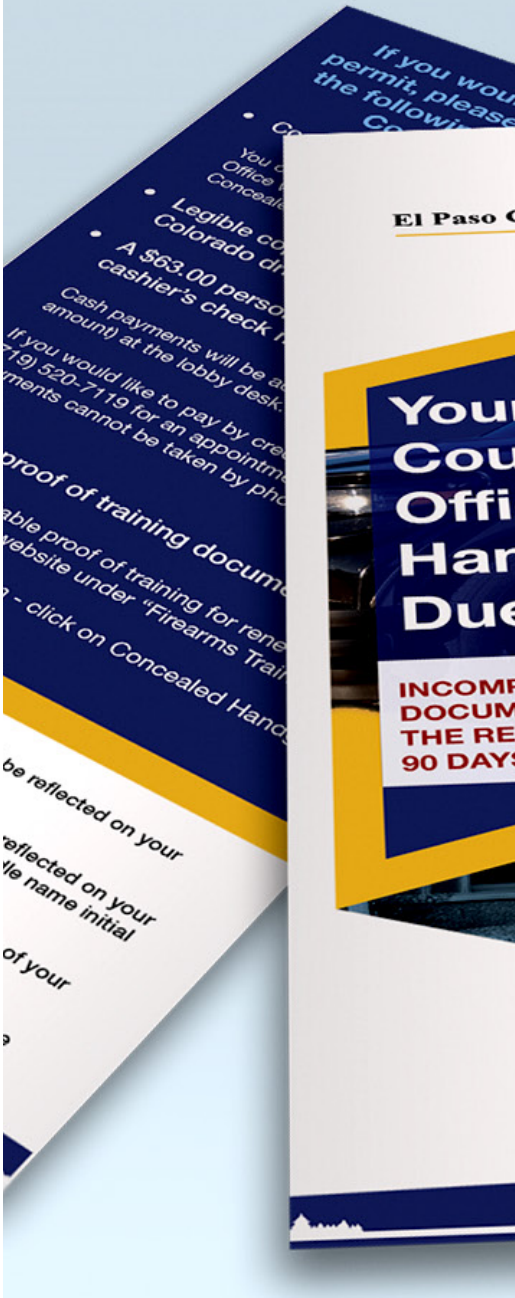
Media Services in the studio filming a special Christmas video.

Concealed Handgun Permit Unit - CHP

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office Concealed Handgun Permit (CHP) Unit continued to fulfill one of the Sheriff's Office's core statutory responsibilities while adapting to significant legislative changes in 2025.

The Sheriff's Office has administered a CHP program since 1995 and continues to operate the largest program in the State of Colorado.

In June, the CHP Unit was realigned under the Community Affairs & Research (CAR) Section to strengthen program oversight, improve efficiency, and better align the unit with community-focused service delivery. This realignment enhanced coordination, supported evolving legislative requirements, and reinforced the Sheriff's Office's commitment to transparency and customer service.



HB24-1174

The passage of HB24-1174, which took effect on July 1, 2025, had a substantial impact on unit operations. The legislation implemented stricter training requirements for both new and renewal applicants, resulting in a significant surge in application volume prior to the effective date. This influx placed added strain on staffing and appointment availability during the summer months. Despite these challenges, the CHP Unit successfully met the 90-day statutory processing requirement for all applications.



Concealed Handgun Permit renewal reminder mailer/brochure (2025).

Following the implementation of the new law, appointment demand stabilized, allowing the unit to improve customer access. Beginning in September, the CHP Unit consistently offered next-day appointments, reflecting its adaptability and continued focus on efficient customer service.

Extra Duty Program

In addition to its permitting responsibilities, the CHP Unit supported agency operations by fulfilling 395 extra-duty assignments for 16 customers in 2025. These assignments provided necessary staffing for special events while ensuring that core permitting services and statutory timelines remained uninterrupted.

Through the appeals process, 10 appeals were approved and 16 were denied, ensuring all actions remained in compliance with statutory review standards.

The unit concluded the year with 56,982 active permits, reflecting continued countywide growth. During 2025, the CHP Unit processed:

5,831
New Applications

3,590
Renewal Applications

173
Permits denied, suspended, or revoked

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Budget and Finance Unit

The Budget and Finance Unit manages the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) budget and performs all core accounting functions for the Office.

These responsibilities include procurement, accounts payable, accounts receivable, capital asset tracking, grant management, and the preparation of comprehensive financial reports.

The unit also processes Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) resolutions for grant awards and donations. Additionally, the team works closely with Office Commanders to provide budgetary oversight and ensure the fiscal health of individual divisions.

The Budget and Finance Unit is comprised of four dedicated professional staff members:

- One Supervisor
- Two Financial Services Specialists
- One Grant Coordinator

Our Grant Coordinator oversees 30 active grants, which serve as a vital supplement to the annual operating budget. These funds enable the Office to provide enhanced public safety services and specialized programs that might otherwise lack funding.

2025 Grant-Funded Initiatives Include:

- Victim Assistance and Behavioral Health Services
- Drug Enforcement and Substance Use Disorder programs
- Traffic Safety and regional enforcement waves
- Deputy Training and Retention initiatives

Many of these awards are multi-year grants, ensuring continuous, stable support for both the community and the Office.

2025 Operating Budget

$11,452,727
Inmate Medical

$3,120,000
Inmate Food

$1,853,800
Other Detention Operations

$377,200
Law Enforcement Operations

$515,703
County Security

$1,896,093
Fleet Maintenance & Vehicles

$3,006,775
Tech Services

$279,314
Training: Equip, Uniforms, Weapons & Ammo

$387,081
Admin Services & Backgrounds

$83,050
Comm Affairs & Media Services

$1,280,685
Office Wide Supplies, Equipment, & Parking

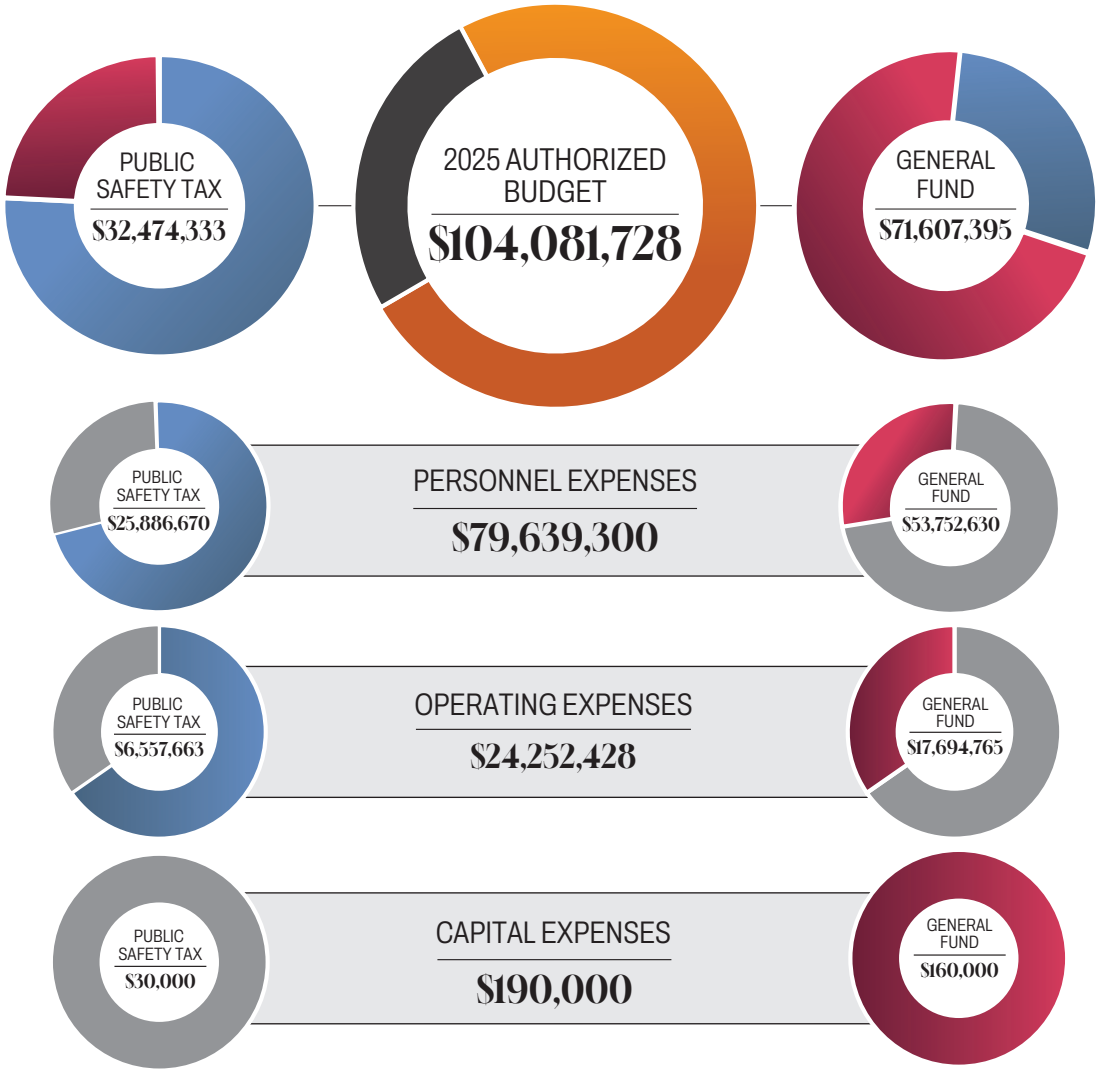
$7,867,104

The total amount of monetary awards managed by the Unit in 2025

Our Public Safety Tax dollars are restricted to law enforcement, criminal justice, and emergency response needs. While these needs are wide-reaching, they include expenditures related to hiring, training, and equipping both sworn deputies and professional support staff. We are also able to update our communication, video surveillance, emergency response equipment, and other operational supplies to include ammunition and fuel.

In 2025, the Budget and Finance Unit facilitated the transition to a new County Purchasing Card program for the Office. We also faced challenges and embraced opportunities which come along with the attrition of several tenured personnel.

The Original Adopted Budget for the Sheriff's Office for 2025



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

Fleet Services

This unit provides overall maintenance and management of the Sheriff's Office fleet, Fleet Services operations, and fuel systems.

Fleet Services is comprised of five members:

- One Fleet Supervisor
- Four Mechanics

EPSO has a fleet of 423 registered and maintained vehicles and trailers. This includes patrol units, vehicles used for inmate transport and extraditions, and specialty vehicles such as our Mobile Command Unit and Tactical Vehicles for SWAT, Metro Division (formerly VNI), and Investigations.

In 2025, Fleet Services completed over 2,900 work orders.

Throughout the year, Fleet decommissions older vehicles and rotates our existing vehicle inventory throughout the agency. Fleet also orders new vehicles and up-fits those vehicles with necessary law enforcement equipment before they are placed into service. As part of the Fleet replacement process, 16 vehicles were decommissioned and sold at auctions, while 22 new vehicles were purchased.



Fleet Services team picture.



Honor Guard Presenting Colors at El Paso County Sheriff's Office Regional Academy graduation.



Honor Guard

In 2025, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) Honor Guard maintained a dedicated team of 19 members and concluded the year with the addition of three new members, increasing the total membership to 22. Throughout the year, the Honor Guard completed 45 official missions, contributing more than 1,235 service hours in support of the Office and the law enforcement profession. A primary highlight of the year was the team's trip to Washington, D.C., for National Police Week.

There, members represented the Sheriff's Office at the national level and honored fallen officers from across the country. This annual commitment reflects the Honor Guard's enduring responsibility to ensure that those who made the ultimate sacrifice are never forgotten.

In addition to national representation, the Honor Guard provided ceremonial support for a variety of local and regional events:

Law Enforcement Honors
5 line-of-duty funerals, the Colorado Law Enforcement Memorial, and the Pikes Peak Regional Peace Officers' Memorial.

Agency Milestones
3 regional academy graduations and 2 EPSO promotion ceremonies.

Community and Sporting Events
6 parades, as well as ceremonies for the Colorado Rockies and the Colorado Avalanche.

The Honor Guard continued to advance its ceremonial proficiency through the development of its Drill Team, which performed multiple formal routines throughout the year. The team remains committed to refining its skills with the long-term goal of competing in the national Honor Guard competition held during Police Week in Washington, D.C.

Beyond operational duties, the Honor Guard hosted a Statewide Honor Guard Training Workshop, attended by more than 70 participants from agencies across Colorado. Due to the success of this event, it is now scheduled to become an annual training opportunity, promoting professionalism and consistency among honor guard units statewide.

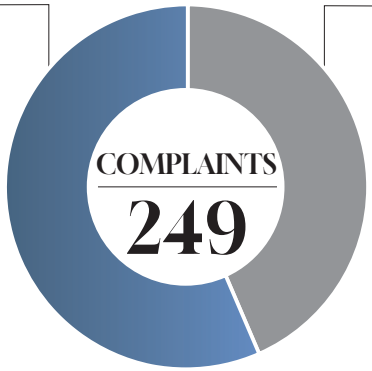
The Honor Guard remains steadfast in preserving the traditions of the law enforcement profession and upholding its core values: Honor, Respect, Remember, and Salute.

Internal Affairs - IA

2025 Statistics from Internal Affairs

Complaint Sources

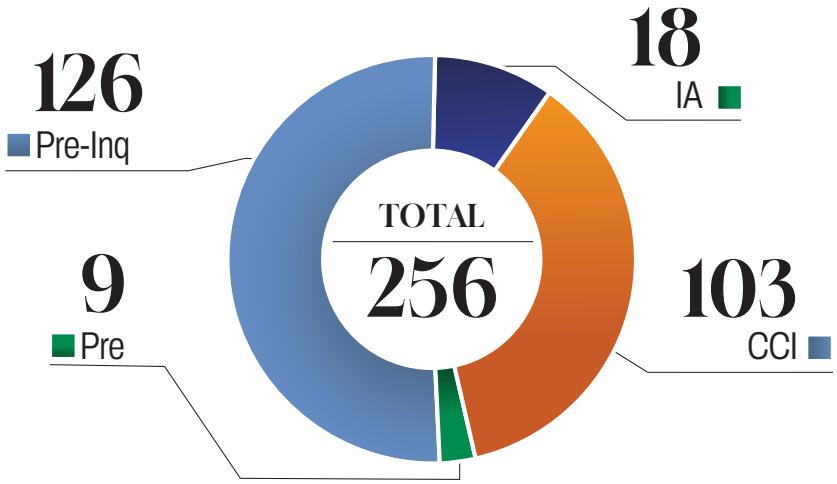
EXTERNAL COMPLAINT TYPES	
IA	8
CCI	30
PRE	6
PREINQ	114



INTERNAL COMPLAINT TYPES	
IA	10
CCI	69
PRE	3
PREINQ	9

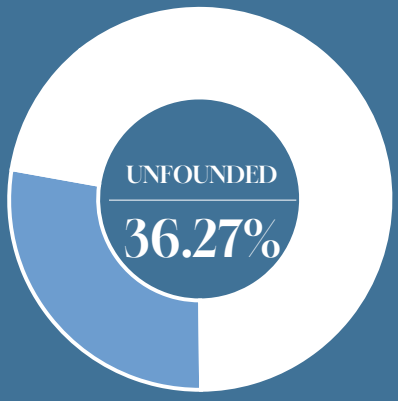
Internal Complaints 91
External Complaints 158

Case Types

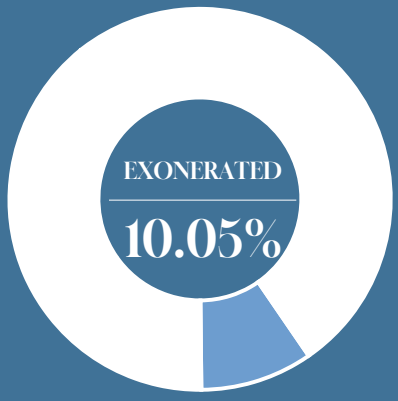


Case Outcomes

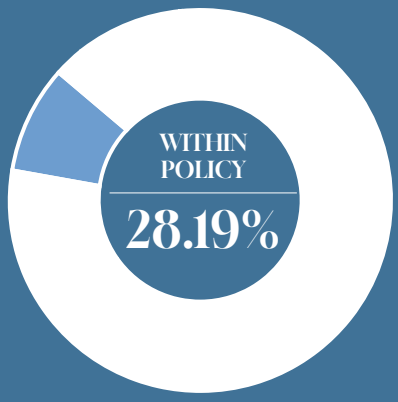
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148 Unfounded



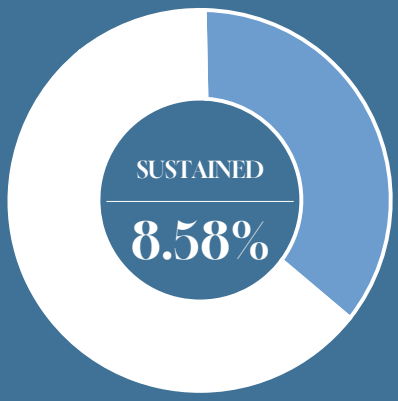
41 Exonerated



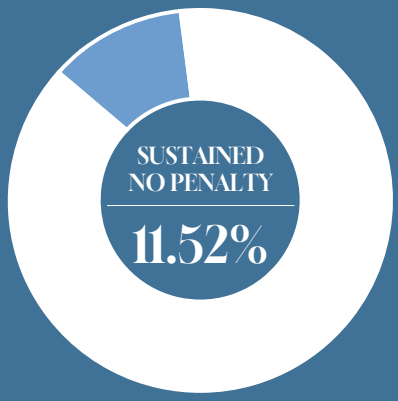
115 Within Policy



22 Not Sustained



35 Sustained



47 Sustained No Penalty

Actions Taken

Numbers and Percentages do not directly represent the number of persons involved per incident.

11.81% *Termination*	**7.75%** *Suspension*	**7.38%** *PIP*
4.06% *Resigned in Lieu*	**33.95%** *Reprimand*	
12.18% *Supervisory Discussion*	**22.88%** *Remedial Training*	

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

2025 Annual Awards Banquet



Honor Guard presenting colors at El Paso County Sheriff's Office Annual Awards.



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El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Each year, our Office hosts the Annual Awards Banquet to honor the dedication, bravery, and exceptional service of those who go above and beyond for the citizens of El Paso County. This event is one of our most meaningful traditions, an evening when we celebrate the people who exemplify courage, integrity, and service before self.

Award Categories & Recipient List

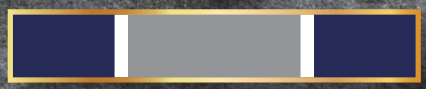




Medal of Valor

Deputy Travis Mundt
Deputy Matthew Gaw
Deputy Gregory Rollins
Deputy Ryan Georg
Deputy Mark Carle
Deputy Jonathan Pennington
Deputy Ronnie Hancock
Sergeant Christopher Donatell

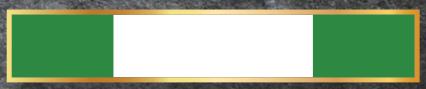




Distinguished Service

Sergeant David Fisher
Deputy Kyle Shelhamer
Deputy Zachary Lacey
Deputy Spencer Stringham
Deputy Ryan Gonzales
Deputy Joshua Offutt
Sergeant Robert Mihill





Life Saving Medal

Sergeant William Brown
Deputy Naja Allen
Deputy Chad Johnson
Deputy Jillian Erlemeier
Deputy Ryan Georg
Deputy Marie Wedemeyer



Civilian Distinguished Service Award

Mr. Jeffrey Trujillo
Mr. Erick Vargas
Mr. Jared Heinze
Mr. Gregory Brown



Civilian Life Saving Award

County Security Officer Madysen Blaty
County Security Officer Grace Logan



Sworn Meritorious Service Award

Lieutenant Scott Robblee
Lieutenant Michael Pitt
Sergeant Lené Lipford

Award Categories & Recipient List



Civilian Meritorious Service Award

Sarah Somers
Thomas Masterson
Eric Baxter
Caroline Ytzen



Achievement Award

Deputy Michael DeCesaro
Sergeant John Hammond
Detective Zachary Margurite
Deputy David Glenn
Deputy Gregory Clarke Jr.
Detective Bradley Whitehead
Deputy Steven Paddack
Deputy Stacia Schroder
Deputy Joel Watkins



Civilian Achievement Award

Mr. Benjamin Kimbley
Mr. Slayd Gray
POSSE Member William Carter

20

Years of Service

Manager Elizabeth DeStefano
Manager Kyla Gingrich
Deputy Amanda Harris
County Security Officer Mark Hudson
Sergeant Jeremy Juhl
Randi Kline
Lieutenant Christopher Klug
Lieutenant Scott Robblee
James Troublefield, Jr.
Detective Bradley Whitehead
Nicole Frahm
Deputy Amanda Kelsey
Russil Moody
Sergeant Aaron Palm

25

Years of Service

Lieutenant Michael Baier
Deputy Craig Ezell
Rachelle Jones

30

Years of Service

Casey Campbell
Sheriff Joseph J. Roybal
Betsy Harrison

Employee of the Year



Hayley Suppes

Professional Employee of the Year



Marissa Williams

Sworn Employee of the Year

High Honors



Sheriff's Attorney Heidi Williams

Tanya M Bell Award



Detective Jennifer Liberti

Micah Flick Narcotic Enforcement Award



06 Retirements



Jerrod Hall
Mechanic



Brian Morse
Deputy



Anthony Aldas
Mechanic



Jane Fromme
Mgr. of Fiscal & Compliance Srv.



Traudy DeLacretaz
Sergeant



William Webster
Sergeant



Michael King
Deputy



Susan Malinski
Deputy



Eric Miller
Deputy

Retirements



James Lawler
Deputy



Karen Lowther
Deputy



Jason Simpson
Sergeant



Anna Lopez
Intake & Release Spc.



Darryl Simpson
Security Technician



Amy Ward
Sergeant



Jerry Hodge
Deputy



Cy Gillespie
Commander

07 Promotions



Dana Bean
Comm. Shift Supv.



Jessica Brooke-Hess
Sergeant



Terry Marshall
Sergeant



Jessica Riley
Sergeant



Jacob Ronk
Sergeant



Joshua Wray
Sergeant



Maelee McKee-Borah
SUD Supv.



Veronica Everett
Fiscal & Compliance Mgr.



Curtis Lenz
Sergeant

Promotions



Charles Border
Sergeant



Thomas Zwally
Sergeant



Ryan Payne
Sergeant



Greg Stoneham Jr.
Sergeant



Christopher Ritchie
Sergeant



Katie Otto
Lieutenant



Stephanie Happ
Crime Lab Supv.



Austyn Swanson
TRUST Supv.

Substation

Groundbreaking

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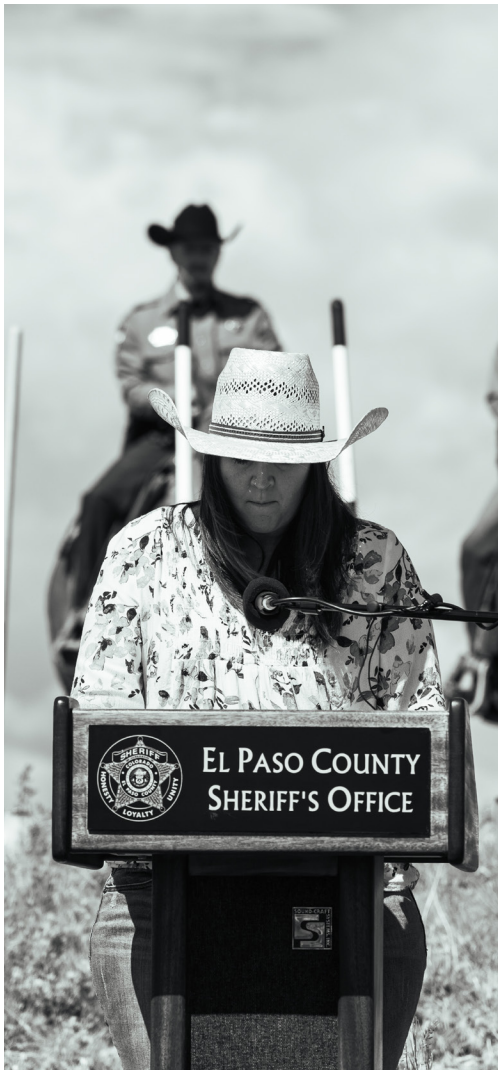

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Christmas for Kids

Gallery







El Paso County Sheriff's Office had the privilege of adopting 22 families in need at the Hunt Family Housing project through our partners at Catholic Charities of Central Colorado, delivering gifts, warm smiles, and an abundance of holiday cheer.










Goat Herding at El Paso County Jail Criminal Justice Center

Gallery

...nearly 40 goats cleared approximately 3 acres of invasive weeds near the El Paso County Jail. Owned by a local rancher, B3C Show Goats, these four-legged partners will graze around the El Paso County Jail and surrounding facilities. This method provides natural weed control, enriches the soil, and offers a zero-cost approach to land management.


















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Work With Us

The El Paso County Sheriff's Office is intentional about hiring and maintaining a dynamic workforce. We believe our professional staff and Sworn employees are our greatest asset and the key to our collective success. The Office has many statutory responsibilities and serves the most populous county in Colorado. As such, it's vital our workforce consists of the most qualified applicants; our mission could not be fulfilled without the men and women who are committed to carrying out the mission each day.

For more information, please call 719-520-6196 or email EPSO Recruiting at shrrecruiting@elpasoco.com
Office hours: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

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