

GRAND JUNCTION POLICE DEPARTMENT



Quarterly Report
October - December 2025



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MATT SMITH

Hello community members and friends,

The responsibility of answering calls for service never stops, and it remains the foundation of what we do. As our community continues to grow, so does the demand for our services. When help is needed, you're our priority.

Our officers are sworn to enforce the laws as they are written and are bound by both state law and the Constitution of the United States. At times, these laws may not align with public expectations—they can limit what we are able to say about ongoing cases, the options available for holding people accountable, and how certain situations are handled. Even so, our commitment does not waver. We continue to investigate crimes thoroughly, hold offenders accountable within the framework of the law, work closely with our diverse community, and focus on proactive efforts that keep our community safe.



Public safety, however, is more than responding to calls and laws. It's about the people we serve and the relationships we build every day. The time our officers spend talking with residents, visiting schools, attending community events, teaching safety and traffic classes, and simply being present makes a meaningful difference.

Trust and connection are built through everyday interactions. Whether it's Coffee or Ice Cream with a Cop events, Shop with a Cop, the Stuff the Bearcat Toy Drive, National Night Out, or the many other community events we take part in, these moments allow us to listen, learn, and better understand the needs and concerns of our residents. Strong relationships help us to prevent crime, solve problems more effectively, and ensure we serve with empathy and understanding.

Even on our busiest days, our commitment to our community remains strong. It's a reminder that behind every call for service is a person, a family, and a neighborhood deserving of care, respect, and partnership.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. The men and women of the Grand Junction Police Department are proud to serve with integrity, professionalism, and compassion as we work together to make our community a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Chief Matt Smith



By the Numbers

GJPD CALLS FOR SERVICE



Calls for service are incidents sent to officers by the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center or incidents that officers come upon while working.

18,827



1,037 ARRESTS

Felony	211
Misdemeanor	826



493 TRAFFIC CRASHES

Non-injury	404
Injury	89



OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS

1,251



PROPERTY & EVIDENCE ITEMS COLLECTED

5,048



TRAFFIC STOPS

2,190

TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED
(COUNTY & MUNICIPAL)

1,102



GJPD HIGHLIGHT



The Grand Junction Police Department proudly hosted its 33rd Annual Shop with a Cop, a cherished tradition that began in 1992 with just seven children and a handful of GJPD officers. Over three decades later, the event now serves 50 local fifth graders and local law enforcement officers from across Mesa County.



Each year, local fifth graders are paired with an officer for a day with shopping, meals, and fun. Children not only get to pick out gifts for themselves and their families, but they also get a chance to connect with officers, in a positive, meaningful way. The program is entirely made possible because of the generosity of local businesses, organizations, and community members.



In addition, the GJPD hosted its annual Stuff the Bearcat Toy Drive. For nearly 15 years, GJPD SWAT operators have designated day to collect new and unwrapped toys for Mesa County kids, a tradition that continues to be a highlight of the team's year.

Together, these programs are more than just gifts. They're about building relationships, spreading kindness, and creating lasting memories for the children and officers who participate. It's a reminder of the power of community and the impact of giving back.



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