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# TPD Patrol Newsletter

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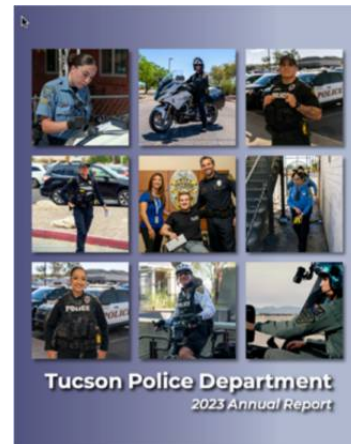
## TPD Releases 2023 Annual Report

TPD's 2023 Annual Report is available on the City's website. Check it out at the link, here:

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/Departments/Police/About-TPD/TPD-Annual-Reports>

Some highlights:

- All the effort poured into Place Network Investigations (PNI) and Problem-Oriented Precision Policing (POPP) paid off in a reduction in violent gun crime.
- New approaches to investigating these crimes resulted in an even more impressive homicide clearance rate than last year, as well as apprehending suspects before they have an opportunity to offend again.
- TPD was designated a Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) by the U.S. Department of Justice and our increased capacity to analyze ballistic evidence is yielding dividends.
- Staffing remains a challenge, but we succeeded in cutting attrition in half.
- TPD continues to invest in, and commit to, employee wellness - which most likely contributed to the reduction in attrition.



## Bomb Threats at Three Vail Schools



On April 16, 2024, officers responded to three separate bomb threats at Cienega High School, Desert Sky Middle School, and Empire High School.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., personnel from TPD's Threat Mitigation Unit (TMU) were made aware of three back-to-back bomb threats. All three schools reported receiving similar threats via telephone. Based on review of the initial information by TMU, the incident was a swatting incident; however, all three schools had already initiated full evacuations with a substantial law enforcement response before investigators arrived.

TMU personnel collaborated with Pima County Sheriff's Department investigators, since one of the schools was under the County's authority. Information on the suspect's phone number was linked to a 15-year-old Cienega freshman. Later, a voice message was located on one of the school's administrative lines, and a teacher at Cienega reported that it sounded like a current student's voice. There were no previously reported concerns or incidents with the minor, who admitted to the incident, saying it was just a joke. A threat evaluation was conducted, and no indicators of self-harm or harm to others were found.

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We appreciate the quick response from and collaboration with our partners at the Pima County Sheriff's Department as well as the Vail School District Safety Director and staff. School administrators and safety personnel attended a debrief several days later and we discussed areas for improvement.

## Place Network Investigations (PNI) Project



PNI is a proven method to reduce crime by disrupting the infrastructure that criminals rely on to operate. This can, and often does, include physical changes to the environment.

On April 5th, Lieutenant Lissette Gomez, CSO Terry Hayward, and Ward 4 Project Manager Martha Cantrell met with other City department representatives and community members at an open house to discuss a proposed alley closure behind 7450 East 22nd Street.

Closing this alley, it is believed, would help decrease criminal activity and violent crime in the area.

Special thanks to the partners we've been working with on this PNI project: Ward 4 Council Member Nikki Lee and her staff; Community Safety, Health & Wellness; Environmental & General Services; Transportation & Mobility; Housing & Community Development; Dietz Neighborhood Association; and area businesses.

## ODE Statistics

### Activity

Type	2024 Division Year to Date	2024 Department Year to Date
Calls for Service	11,405	50,501
Officer-initiated Activity	1,649	13,628
Gun-related Crime	7	68
Homicide	5	20
Traffic Citations	1,090	16,261

### Staffing





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