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TPD Patrol Newsletter

East



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Operations Division East

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Staying Vigilant

Residents in a neighborhood near 5th Avenue and Camino Seco observed an individual who appeared to be looking into vehicles and checking residences, possibly to break into them. When a resident went to get a picture of the subject, he produced a handgun and fired rounds into the air. The subject then fled on an electric scooter. The resident called 911 and our officers responded.

One of our sergeants located the individual in an alley, and he fled on foot, jumping into a backyard. The sergeant went around toward the front of the house, where he contacted the individual, who was armed with a handgun. Thankfully, the individual followed the directions of the sergeant, and was detained in handcuffs.

The individual was positively identified as the one who had fired rounds into the air, and the handgun in the individual's possession had been reported stolen. The individual was a prohibited possessor and was arrested on several charges.

Catching Car Thieves

During the month of December, Operations Division East (ODE) saw a sharp spike in the number of vehicle thefts and attempted thefts. The two most common targets were Hyundais and Kias. These makes have become favorites of car thieves.

On December 14, 2025, one of ODE's Community Response Teams (CRTs) located a stolen Hyundai occupied by three individuals. They were able to contact the driver of the vehicle when he exited near a convenience store. He was arrested on charges related to the theft of the vehicle and, in fact, this was the second time he had been arrested for auto theft in three months. The other two occupants, unfortunately, were able to flee on foot and were not located.

On December 22, 2025, one of our Community Service Officers (CSOs) was conducting follow-up related to another stolen Hyundai. The CSO was able to watch surveillance video that captured the two suspects involved. A short time later, the CSO saw the two suspects get into another stolen car. Officers responded to the area and were able to locate the two suspects, and both were arrested on charges for both stolen cars.

Since the arrest of these three subjects, the number of stolen vehicles and attempted stolen vehicles in ODE has dropped significantly.

Still, ODE recommends using a theft deterrent device, especially if you own a Hyundai or Kia. ODE and TPD provide steering wheel locks on a regular basis to apartment complexes and at events. We also encourage people not to leave firearms or other valuables in your vehicles.

TPD's Primary Goals

The Tucson Police Department is focused on three main areas to help make our community safer. Those three areas are:

- Reduce gun violence
- Impact narcotics activities
- Reduce serious and fatal traffic collisions

TPD and ODE are implementing several strategies to address these areas. We have seen a decrease in gun violence and we continue to make arrests and referrals for narcotics events.

The third area, reducing serious injury and fatal traffic collisions, is something the community can help us with. A number of these collisions involve some common factors, which include driving too fast, not wearing seatbelts, and pedestrians not using crosswalks.

We're asking people to please wear your seatbelt, please slow down, and please use crosswalks when crossing the street. We want everyone to stay safe.

ODE Statistics

Activity

Type	2026 Division Year to Date	2026 Department Year to Date
Calls for Service	1,401	5,941
Officer-initiated Activity	404	2,506
Gun-related Crime	0	6
Homicide	0	3
Traffic Citations	382	3,394

Staffing

Type	2026 Division Year to Date	2026 Department Year to Date
Sworn Members	101	812
Community Service Officers	27	133
Professional Staff Investigators	3	31
Professional Staff	2	225

ODE Holiday Events



Decisions, decisions ...

The holidays are special and TPD and ODE enjoy being able to spend time with our community during this time of year. This is an opportunity for us to interact with our community in a positive way and hopefully help spread some cheer.

TPD was able to participate in several holiday events. Officers and staff from ODE spent time with families and children at two different “Shop With a Cop” events. The Tucson Police Officers Association (TPOA) and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) each hosted events where kids and their families were able to shop at local retailers for new clothing and toys. As part of the FOP event, kids were also able to have “Breakfast With Santa” at the Gaslight Theatre.

ODE also had a great time with the Elks Lodge on December 20th. ODE staff helped hand out stockings and toys for their “Cookies With Santa” event.

We also had another “Coffee With a Cop” event, this time at the Rincon Country East RV Park. Officers and CSOs were able to enjoy coffee while speaking with the residents there about personal and property safety.

These events are so rewarding for us, and we truly appreciate our community letting us participate. Thank you from ODE!

Member Highlight



Officer Jorge Crespo has demonstrated exceptional dedication, productivity, and professional growth during his 2.5 years of service with the department.

Between July 13 and December 30, Officer Crespo cleared an impressive 452 calls for service and completed 94 case reports, reflecting his reliability and attention to detail in both routine and complex incidents. His enforcement efforts resulted in 38 arrests, not including those from POPP (Problem-Oriented Precision Policing) or on-site enforcement. He conducted 84 self-initiated stops, demonstrating proactive patrol techniques and a willingness to take initiative beyond

dispatched calls. His enforcement and community safety efforts are further highlighted by his completion of 92 POPPs, contributing directly to achieving division goals.

Officer Crespo consistently volunteers to stay late, come in early, and work additional shifts when needed, demonstrating exceptional reliability and teamwork. He further enhanced his professional development and skills by attending Patrol Rifle, CIT (Crisis Intervention Team), LIDAR, LPR, and Struggle Well training courses. He has also been entrusted with the assignment of a 40mm launcher, reflecting confidence in his judgment, training, and ability to deploy less-lethal options appropriately.

With goals of joining SWAT and Bravo, Officer Crespo’s consistent performance and commitment to training make him a strong candidate for future specialized assignments. Officer Crespo is the ideal patrol officer who continues to be highly motivated, an asset to the division, and a strong example of department values.

Crime Prevention Tip



With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it's a good reminder to watch out for romance scams – whether they're targeting you or a loved one.

AARP has [information on how to avoid these scams](#), which are often, but not always, targeted at older adults. So do the [FTC](#) and the [FBI](#).

These are some of the saddest crimes, as they prey upon the human need to love and be loved. Victims sometimes can't be convinced that they are victims, preferring to believe – against all evidence to the contrary – that the person they're interacting with loves them and has their best interests at heart.

If you're concerned that a loved one may have fallen victim to a romance scam, AARP has [suggestions for how to talk to them about it](#). These crimes can be devastating, financially and emotionally.

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Send them this QR code and encourage them to apply!

Links

[Graffiti Removal](#)

[TPD Non-Emergency Online Reporting System](#)

[Report a Code Violation](#) (weeds, trash, junked vehicles, building or sign violations)

[Report a Homeless Encampment](#)

[File a Trespass Letter](#) (for businesses)

[TPD Website](#)

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