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TPD Patrol Newsletter East

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Traffic Safety is an ODE Priority

Methamphetamine and crack cocaine seized in a traffic stop.

Operations Division East (ODE) officers recently partnered with Traffic Zebras for a traffic enforcement deployment along several busy corridors on Tucson's northeast side. Nine officers participated in the five-hour deployment on a Saturday evening, emphasizing high-visibility enforcement of traffic violations that contribute to collisions.

During the deployment, officers conducted 79 traffic stops, impounded three vehicles, and made one felony arrest and one misdemeanor arrest. One notable traffic stop involving a bicyclist resulted in the seizure of 121 grams of methamphetamine and 25 grams of crack cocaine.

Traffic safety continues to be a priority in ODE. These deployments allow us to focus resources on areas experiencing higher numbers of collisions, address dangerous driving behaviors, and improve safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians alike. Our goals are simple: reduce collisions, encourage responsible driving, and keep our community safe.

Safe City Initiative

The Tucson Police Department partners with other City departments and local service providers to address crime and help connect individuals with the services they need to improve their situation. This is a collaborative effort to address the needs of individuals dealing with homelessness, addiction, and possibly mental health issues.

In September, Operations Division East partnered with several agencies in a Safe City operation that focused on areas selected using crime data and officer observations throughout the division. The deployment lasted approximately five hours.

During that time, 43 individuals were contacted. Of those contacted, 9 accepted

services of some type; 17 were arrested for misdemeanor charges and seen by a judge in a virtual court appearance; and 3 were arrested for felony charges. Those arrested for felony charges were in possession of fentanyl and methamphetamine – one of the arrestees had 12 grams of methamphetamine and was wanted for organized retail theft charges.

Additionally, 6 tons of trash were removed by Environmental Services, and 12 shopping carts were recovered and returned to their associated businesses.

ODE Statistics

Activity and staffing for Operations Division East and the Tucson Police Department.

Activity

Type	2026 Division Year to Date	2026 Department Year to Date
Calls for Service	27,722	117,320
Officer-initiated Activity	25,990	110,638
Gun Crime With Non-fatal Injury	10	72
Homicide	9	33
Traffic Citations	4,849	39,953

Staffing

Type	2026 Division Year to Date	2026 Department Year to Date
Sworn Members	114	828
Community Service Officers	23	124
Professional Staff Investigators	3	33
Professional Staff	2	223

ODE in the Community

ODE officers, CSOs, and Elks Club members at the Erik D. Hite substation.

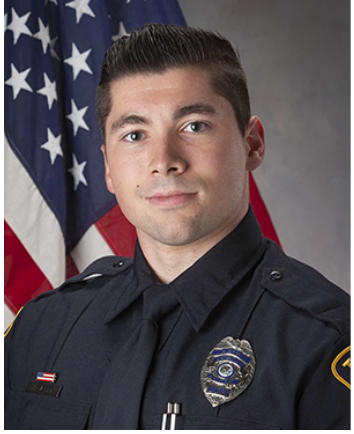
Last month, Operations Division East had the honor of being recognized at several different events. We also received tokens of appreciation from the community.

We are truly honored to serve the community here in Operations Division East, and we cannot thank you enough for the appreciation you show us. We are very lucky to have such a supportive community, especially as we cannot do our jobs without help from the community. TPD's mission statement reflects the importance of this partnership: “To serve the public in partnership with our community, to protect life and property, prevent crime, and resolve problems.”

Thank you to the Leman Academy East Campus for having us over for breakfast and to the Legacy Traditional School for having us join your First Responders/Patriot Day celebration parade. We also want to thank the Elks Lodge for bringing our folks lunch as a way to show appreciation for first responders. Thank you all!

At Legacy Traditional School for their Patriot Day celebration.

Member Highlight



Lead Police Officer (LPO) Joshua Everitt has been assigned to Operations Division East since joining the Tucson Police Department in 2020. In July of this year, he was promoted to LPO and assigned to Squad 4.

LPO Everitt has excelled in his new role, demonstrating outstanding leadership through his mentorship of junior police officers and Community Service Officers (CSOs). He has become an invaluable resource to the squad, sharing his knowledge and experience both as an LPO and as a Field Training Officer – often performing both roles simultaneously!

With his extensive knowledge of the division, LPO Everitt continues to make a positive impact. Most recently, he has focused his efforts on the intersection of 22nd Street and Kolb Road. Working alongside squad members, LPO Everitt has contributed to numerous on-sight arrests and law enforcement contacts in the area.

LPO Everitt's teamwork, leadership, and experience continue to strengthen his squad, support the division, and positively impact the community he serves. We are proud to recognize LPO Everitt for his continued dedication, outstanding work, and commitment to the Tucson Police Department!

Halloween Safety

Halloween is rapidly approaching, which means it's a good time for some safety reminders. While trick-or-treating is not as popular as it used to be, there will still be kids out and about on Halloween.

We want to remind drivers to be careful, slow down, and be on the lookout for kids in costumes who may or may not look both ways before crossing the street, due to excitement. We also ask parents to please make sure your kids are safe and visible using lights and reflectors.

Please go with your children and remind them to use the sidewalks and cross where it is safe to do so, at intersections and designated crosswalks.

We want everyone to have a fun and safe Halloween! The holidays are right around the corner…

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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
For emergencies: call 911
For police non-emergencies: call (520) 791-4444

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