

City of Piedmont
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 3, 2025
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Piedmont Police Department 2024 Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

This report is submitted for information purposes only.

BACKGROUND

The Piedmont Police Department annual report is provided to the Council and community as an overview of reported crime data and departmental efforts aligned with its public safety mission. The Annual Report includes departmental data associated to crime reporting trends and compares 2024 to prior years. The annual report also highlights the department's community outreach efforts and provides an overview of how technology is utilized to detect, respond to, and investigate crime in order to maintain a high level of public safety in Piedmont. The annual report does not provide granular crime reporting information, nor is it exhaustive of all the services the Piedmont Police Department provides. The public can find more information on all of the services provided, and additional reporting data, through the department's webpage.

The Department's partnership with the community will continue to be critical in the shared responsibility of public safety. While there are many factors that contribute to crime statistics, the efforts of the men and women of the Piedmont Police Department to maintain a high level of public safety for those who live, work, and visit Piedmont are significant factors. The Department continually assesses crime trends, and perceptions of safety and applies effective policing approaches in a constitutional, equitable, and just manner.

The City of Piedmont experienced a decrease in overall reportable offenses in 2024 as compared to 2023 across a broad range of crime categories. The decline in reported offenses in 2024 as compared to 2023 was most notably due to decreases in robberies, larceny thefts, and assaults. Burglaries, defined generally as the unlawful entry into a dwelling or specified structure with the intent to commit a theft or other felony, increased from 47 reported incidents in 2023 to 76 reported incidents in 2024. Employing crime prevention measures such as ensuring external doors are locked, private property is well-lit, and using technology such as cameras and home monitoring systems can deter burglars and aid investigations when burglaries do occur. Larceny-theft decreased from 337 reported offenses in 2023 to 206 reported offenses in 2024. The reduction in catalytic converter thefts is a contributing factor in the reduction of larceny-thefts. While the Police Department continuously conducts proactive patrols to mitigate thefts and other crimes, we cannot overemphasize the importance of residents and visitors employing basic crime prevention actions such as not leaving valuables in vehicles.

The table below reflects the number of robberies, larceny thefts, burglaries and motor vehicle thefts reported through the fourth quarter over the last three years.

2022 Robberies – 5	2023 Robberies – 10	2024 Robberies – 3
2022 Assaults – 15	2023 Assaults – 46	2024 Assaults – 27
2022 Burglaries – 38	2023 Burglaries – 47	2024 Burglaries – 76
2022 Larceny/Theft – 318	2023 Larceny/Theft – 337	2024 Larceny/Theft – 206
2022 Motor Vehicle Theft-61	2023 Motor Vehicle Theft-74	2024 Motor Vehicle Theft-75

In 2024, Piedmont police officers made 405 arrests for various offenses. Sixteen (16) of the 405 arrests were arrests directly related to the ALPR cameras. The 16 arrests do not include the arrests made by detectives using ALPR and Public Safety Camera technology in follow up investigations. Use of the ALPR cameras contributes to public safety beyond the arrests directly attributed to the cameras. The technology, and the staff approach of leveraging it, enables a capability to prevent and deter crime because of the rapid response to ALPR alerts.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The department continues its practice of community engagement through its social media presence, print media and in-person interactions to educate the public on crime prevention measures, department activity, and significant public safety events. The Coffee, Cars, and Cops and National Night Out events were extremely successful in terms of participation and attendance in 2024.

The department is committed to collaborating with the Piedmont Unified School District (PUSD). Members of the Piedmont Police Department attend and provide feedback for campus-specific safety meetings and lock-down drills. The Juvenile Officer continues to provide day-to-day support and collaboration with PUSD staff. The department is also working with PUSD leadership as it works to develop and implement a Threat Assessment and Management capability.

By: Jeremy Bowers, Chief of Police