



MOSCOW POLICE DEPARTMENT



2023
Annual Report

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Moscow Police Department's Vision

We envision the Moscow Police Department as a dedicated partner to those we serve to reduce crime and its associated fear; advocate community civility; deliver exceptional municipal policing initiatives; and to endeavor persistently as a responsible, innovative, ethical and accredited agency. We shall be devoted to excellence in all mission aspects ensuring the highest quality customer service by way of accountability and community involvement. Through this vision we will always strive to:

- ◆ Provide optimum public safety and security to enhance the quality of life in our community;
- ◆ Foster trusting, caring partnership with the community in all its diversity;
- ◆ Develop effective communications within our organization and with those we serve;
- ◆ Assure a collaborative, equitable, and safe work environment, allowing for the professional development of employees to their fullest potential;
- ◆ Inspire training and lifelong learning; and
- ◆ Attain and utilize resources competently and conscientiously.



From the Desk of the Chief James Fry Jr.

Honorable Mayor Bettge, distinguished members of the City Council, City Supervisor Bill Belknap, and, most importantly, the citizens of Moscow, it is an honor to present the 2023 Annual Report for the Moscow Police Department. This report highlights the many accomplishments of members of the Moscow Police Department who protect and serve this community daily.

The Moscow Police Department and the 2022 Moscow quadruple homicides continued to garner national attention in 2023. Throughout the year, our department remained under a non-dissemination order issued by the court regarding the incident. Encouragingly, our community has started the long process of healing, which was boosted by several significant events that took place over the last year: a grand jury indictment obtained in May by the Latah County Prosecutors Office; a challenge coin designed by our department to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the homicides; and the demolition of the King Street residence in December. At this writing, the presiding judge has not yet set a trial date.



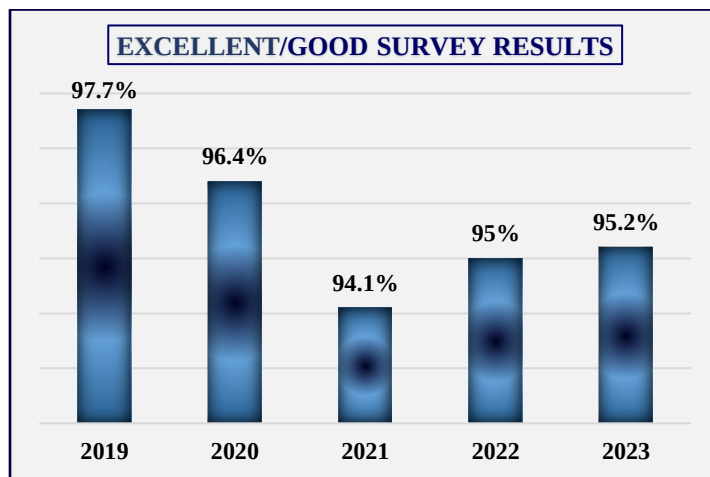
As we continue our second year in the new police facility, the members of the Moscow Police Department would like to once again thank our community for the passage of the bond, which has allowed more space and an up-to-date facility to meet our growing needs.

Captain Roger Lanier and Corporal Casey Green retired this year and received warm thanks and appreciation for their service. It is always exciting to see officers with decades of service successfully and honorably depart to begin new chapters of their lives. In our Staff Recognition Section, you can read more about these two staff members and their noteworthy careers.



Throughout the past year, the police department, with help from the City of Moscow's Human Resources, has worked hard to fill vacant police officer positions. Due to funding issues, the police department held back hiring two of our open patrol officer positions. At this writing, there are currently candidates in our background process that will fill our existing vacancies. Although this is excellent news, it will take many months for our new officers to get through the 14-week Police Officer Standards in Training (POST) Academy as well as the department's 16-week Field Training observation period.

The department remained committed to ensuring excellent customer service, which we measured through weekly citizen surveys. A random selection of citizens who called the police for assistance were asked to fill out surveys regarding the level of customer service they received. The high number of “good-to-excellent” ratings is directly correlated to our strong community policing philosophy and the great work that your officers do every day. Their responses were tabulated monthly, and feedback was evaluated and shared with the officers. The following chart represents surveys returned over the past years in which officers were rated good to excellent:



Here are a few of this year's citizen comments on what our officers did best:

Officer Stirk was understanding and helped answer questions that were led by anxiety. I felt heard and understood after asking repetitive questions. I didn't feel rushed or burdensome.

Officer Warner was patient, very attentive, and made me feel like he cared about what had happened to me. He was very thorough with questions and writing the report.

Officer Rosendahl listened! I was afraid I wouldn't be seen as credible, but instead, I was validated and cared for!

Everything Sgt. Snyder did was the best. He introduced himself, listened intently to my story, and took a copy.

Cpl. Patton was amazing. He was extremely professional and reassuring. He answered our questions on what we should do in the future. He gave us confidence in MPD. Give Cpl. Patton a raise!

Officer Waters reassured me and gave me warning signs to watch for if scammers call again. He didn't judge my overreaction or that I almost fell for the scam. Thank you, MPD!!!

Sgt. Hathaway was very professional and made me feel comfortable and safe. He made sure my problem was addressed in a timely and great manner.



I want to thank our MPD wives' group, who, over this past year, supported their officers and each other in times of crisis and need. This profession taxes officers and their families. Our department is strong and resilient because of the family foundation that is in place. In February, the wives arranged to give the staff a "heart attack" and line our halls with hearts expressing appreciation and gratitude for the staff. I am proud of the wives and their dedication.

Administrative Professional's Day was celebrated again in 2023 with a BBQ on a sunny day at the station. Command Staff cooked and served lunch for all attendees. In addition, one morning in June, the Command Staff treated personnel to a "home-cooked" breakfast. Serving our staff is one small way we can show our appreciation for everything our administrative staff accomplishes for our organization. Many tasks are done behind the scenes daily to keep the police department running smoothly. We like to think of the Operations Division as the department's backbone and the Services Division as its heart.



Our department was honored to have a small handful of former officers and dispatchers visit us in June. These men and women, who primarily worked for the Moscow Police Department in the 1970s, met for their 51-year reunion this year. Much has changed since they served our community-the least of which is our location and building. It was an honor to spend time with these former staff members and listen to their stories of the days gone by.

The Palouse and LC Valley experienced a monumental gas outage in November after a main gas pipeline was punctured. The outage affected approximately 36,750 customers. We are thankful to Avista Utilities and other companies that worked day and night to resolve the issue as quickly as possible. Even with the inconvenience of this event, your police department continued to serve our community, ensuring all citizens were safe in this time of need.

On behalf of all the hard-working sworn and non-sworn employees who make up the Moscow Police Department, I thank you for allowing us to honorably serve you.

Chief Fry

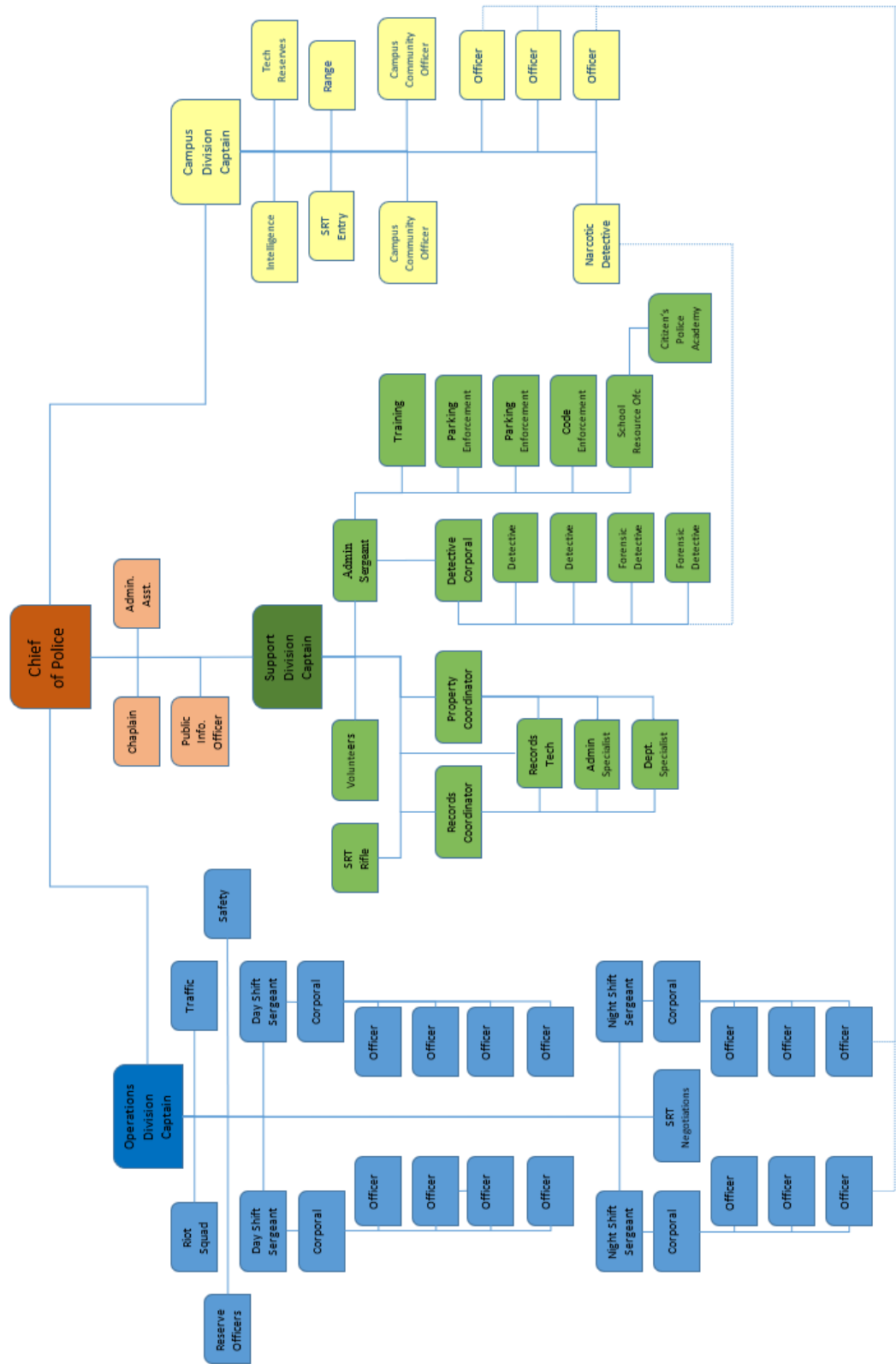
Chief James D. Fry Jr.
Chief of Police





Moscow Police Department

Organizational Structure



STAFF RECOGNITION

Retirements

Captain Roger Lanier

Captain Lanier began his law enforcement career in 1993 with the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, where he worked as a deputy from 1993 to 1995. From 1995-2016, he moved through the ranks of the Lewiston Police Department as a patrol officer and retired as a deputy chief. He was hired by our department in 2016 as a captain.



Capt. Lanier contributed to and played vital roles in programs such as Shop with a Cop and our first drug dog program, as well as projects such as reshaping our Field Training Officer Program, acquiring body-worn cameras, and updating our radios and radio towers. He also assisted with the design of the new building and the quasiquicentennial badge. Utilizing his previous experience, knowledge, and management of dispatch services, Capt. Lanier served as Interim Director of Whitcom during a transitional phase.



Capt. Lanier plans to work as a U.S. Forest Service park ranger and enjoy many hobbies, including hunting, fishing, camping, and smoking meat.

Corporal Casey Green

Cpl. Green retired from the Moscow Police Department in October after 28 years in law enforcement. He started his career with the Moscow Police Department as a Reserve Officer in 1995 and worked as a full-time dispatcher until 1999. In 1999, Casey was hired by the Moscow Police Department as a patrol officer, and in 2010, he was promoted to corporal. He was part of many aspects of our department, serving as a negotiator with our Regional SWAT Team, the department's first School Resource Officer, and numerous assignments on the University of Idaho campus.



Cpl. Green had an innate ability to connect with everyone and always took the extra time to turn a conversation into a learning opportunity. He exemplified "community policing" for our department. During retirement, he plans to explore employment opportunities outside of law enforcement and spend time with his family.



Promotions

As a result of scheduled retirements, there were many promotions in the Operations Division in 2023:

Officer Ken Patton was promoted to corporal on January 23, when Corporal Justin Deane resigned to join the Latah County Sheriff's Office. Capt. Lanier's retirement made several promotional spots available, and others were created through subsequent promotions. On June 26, Sergeant Dustin Blaker was promoted to captain and took over as Commander of the Services Division; Corporal Ryan Snyder was promoted to patrol sergeant; and Officer Mitch Nunes was promoted to corporal. On November 13, Officer Aaron Morris was promoted to corporal and filled the vacancy created by Cpl. Green's retirement. Cpl. Morris continued working in the Campus Division throughout the remainder of the year.



(L to R: Cpl. Patton, Capt. Blaker, Sgt. Snyder, Cpl. Mitch Nunes, Cpl. Aaron Morris)

Special Recognition

Valor and Lifesaving Awards – Sgt. Ryan Snyder

On July 9, 2023, Moscow Police Officers responded to a report of a fire alarm sounding in an apartment complex. Officers found the door was unlocked and, upon opening it, saw the apartment



was filled with thick smoke, making it nearly impossible to see inside. The officers called out to anyone who might have been inside the apartment but received no response. Sgt. Snyder entered the apartment to check for anyone inside. He soon located an unconscious male subject lying on a bed. Sgt. Snyder did not hesitate and quickly grabbed the male and dragged him out of harm's way. After leaving the victim with other department staff, he re-entered the smoke-filled apartment to search for additional occupants. Although Sgt. Snyder found no one in the apartment, he was able to pinpoint the source of the fire. Upon exiting, he signaled to fire units looking for the apartment. The actions of Sgt. Snyder likely saved the life of the victim. This is distinguishing in and of itself; however, his

decision to enter the smoke-filled apartment to search for and ultimately rescue the victim demonstrated exceptional bravery at imminent risk to his own life.

Sgt. Snyder was not equipped with any firefighting protective gear or breathing apparatus. He could have easily suffered injury from smoke inhalation and the active fire. He quickly decided to risk his life and health to protect the citizen voluntarily and without hesitation.

Certificate of Recognition – Cpl. Mitch Nunes

On September 5, a suspect barricaded himself in an apartment near downtown and was firing rounds. Cpl. Nunes was acting Watch Commander for the first time since his promotion. He responded to the incident and quickly took command of the scene. During this time, he remained calm and collected and communicated with his team to maximize the safety of the public and the officers. Cpl. Nunes established an Incident Command Post, coordinated units inside and outside the area, staged medical resources, and activated a SWAT response. Once resources arrived, he transitioned from Watch Commander to SWAT Assistant Team Leader. Throughout this incident, Cpl. Nunes demonstrated excellent leadership and professionalism during this critical call for service.



Officer of the Year – Cpl. Brett Payne



Cpl. Brett Payne was selected as the Officer of the Year for 2023. He was chosen for his massive role in the quadruple homicide investigation and his excellent job overcoming all the hurdles that led to the suspect's arrest. As lead detective, Cpl. Payne coordinated and collaborated with multiple law agencies to provide direction for the case. Cpl. Payne utilized his military background to direct the Command Center. He forwarded information and directed investigative units regarding what was needed each day. Idaho State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation personnel commended Cpl. Payne for his ability to lead the case professionally. Cpl. Payne continues to work relentlessly on this investigation.

American Legion Officer of the Year – SRO Jason Summers

In September, SRO Jason Summers was awarded the American Legion Officer of the Year award by American Legion Vice President Rand Lewis and Adjunct Brenda Hokenson. SRO Summers was recognized for his relationship-building with Moscow public schools' staff and students. After responding to a



possible active shooter incident, he approached school district personnel with safety issues and worked with them to correct problems. At the end of the school year, Ofc. Summers was moved to a patrol schedule to assist with short staffing. He has been a valuable asset to our department over the last year. He also comes to work with a great attitude every day. Officer Summers' work ethic and willingness to go above and beyond his normal duties make him the perfect recipient for American Legion Officer of the Year.

Services Staff Member of the Year – Tim Smalldridge

Tim Smalldridge oversees property and evidence for the department. He was chosen as Services Staff Member of the Year for his dedication to improving evidence processes and efficiencies and continually looking for ways to streamline patrol processes. Tim is open-minded regarding alleviating patrol responsibilities and typically does not fall into the 'we've always done it that way' mentality. Tim keeps an open line of communication and is always willing to ask questions or seek clarification and advice



During the quadruple homicide investigation, he was tasked with providing the defense team access to view the evidence. This was daunting as hundreds of items were booked in this case. Tim was present the entire time while keeping the chain of custody evidence documentation intact. In addition, his personality and ability to ensure all of his "ducks are in a row" alleviated stress for investigators and the Records Unit during this ongoing investigation.

City of Moscow C.H.A.M.P.S Award – Capt. Tyson Berrett

Capt. Berrett was awarded the City Higher Achievement by Moscow Public Servants (CHAMPS) Exceptional External Customer Service Award. Captain Berrett was assigned as the liaison between the University of Idaho, the police department, and the victims' families during the homicide investigation. He interfaced with the four families daily and provided authorized information about the investigation. Understandably, families were grieving profoundly and were anxious to receive information. During his many conversations with them, Capt. Berrett was compassionate and professional without compromising the integrity of the investigation. We are very thankful for his service to the University of Idaho campus, our community, and the department.



Other 2023 CHAMPS Award nominees from the department included:

- ☐ External Customer Service: Aaron Morris
- ☐ Internal Customer Service: Jacob Tesdahl
- ☐ Rookie of the Year: Nate Rosendahl
- ☐ Teamwork: Jon Rosinsky, Mitch Nunes, and Crista VanOvermeer

FBI National Academy – Capt. Anthony Dahlinger

Capt. Anthony Dahlinger graduated from the 288th Session of the FBI National Academy. During this ten-week academy in Quantico, Virginia, he earned 18 graduate-level credits in subjects such as advanced communication, leadership education, and fitness training.

The FBI National Academy has a long history of preparing command officers with professionalism and knowledge to lead their department, city, and community.



This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is awarded to only one percent of law enforcement officers worldwide. The 288th session included members of law enforcement agencies from 45 states, 24 countries, four military organizations, and six federal civilian organizations. The relationships he built and the lessons he learned at the academy will continue to provide opportunities for Captain Dahlinger, his career, and the Moscow Police Department.

Idaho POST Graduation



In December, Officer Alex Jenkins, an original member of our first Cadet Class, graduated from the POST Academy. He received acknowledgment as a “Top Shooter” in his class. After his return he spent a few more weeks in the Field Training Program before he was released for solo patrol.

Idaho POST Certificates

Certificates and awards are presented by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council to recognize or raise law enforcement's competence level. Achievements are based on a combination of POST training hours, college credits, and years of law enforcement experience, depending on the certificate.

☐ Advanced Certificate

An Advanced Certificate requires an officer to hold a current POST Basic Certificate, possess or be eligible to possess an intermediate certificate, and have acquired either a combination of college credits and/or POST training hours combined with law enforcement experience or an associate, baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree from a college recognized by a regional accreditation agency.

- Cpl. Brett Payne, March 7, 2023



☐ Basic Certificate

This certificate denotes an officer has obtained the basic training requirements to be certified as a peace officer in the State of Idaho. An officer must successfully complete the Basic Patrol Academy or approved college law enforcement program, complete six (6) months of a probationary period, and graduate from an approved Field Training Officer Program.

- Ofc. Nathanael Rosendahl, February 13, 2023



□ Certified General Topics Instructor –Defensive Tactics Instructor

- Cpl. Corbin Smith, August 10, 2023



Years of Service Milestones

We appreciate our staff members who have been with us for “the long haul” and are thankful for the contributions they bring to our team!

Department Member	Years of Service
Mariah Atkinson	20
David Hathaway	15
Cassie Macy	15
Shaine Gunderson	10
Jason House	10
Lawrence Mowery	5
Brett Payne	5
Katie Short	5
Gary Stedman	5
Jacob Tesdahl	5



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Newbill Safety Fair



In 2023, the Moscow Police Department continued its tradition and took part in the 17th Annual Newbill Safety Fair held on June 5th at the Eastside Marketplace.

The Newbill Safety Fair Committee and the Moscow Police Department partnered with other sponsoring agencies and private organizations to host this free public event. The Fair is one of the department's keynote community policing efforts directed toward children's safety and education.

The Fair's main attraction is the distribution of free helmets by police department staff and car seat fittings. Officers helped attendees check out two of our patrol cars and our police motorcycle while flashing their lights and buzzing their horns.

Area first responders were on hand to educate our youngest citizens about safety on and off their bicycles. This included instruction from Officer Morris and Cpl. Tesdahl, who rode their electric bike patrol bicycles throughout the event.



This year, UI football players volunteered as guest helmet technicians. The football players provided an upbeat and energized atmosphere, and we are grateful for their continued support of this program.

K9 Ragnar and Sgt. Snyder, our K9 handler, returned to the fair for their second annual appearance and was once again the star of the show. Ragnar continued to be a friend to everyone he met and garnered much attention from fairgoers.



Activities for the event included:

- Bicycle safety, including information from Safe Routes2School
- Car Seat Safety Checks:
 - 27 seats were inspected
 - 18 new child seats were distributed
- Bike helmet fitting and allocation: 450
- Fire safety and education by Moscow Volunteer Fire Department
- Emergency vehicle displays and demonstrations.

A host of local community organizations and businesses participated in the event, which once again made the 2023 Newbill Safety Fair a huge success.



National Night Out



The Moscow Police Department hosted its 9th year of National Night Out in August. Main Street was jam-packed with community families who played games, visited vendor booths, and interacted with police and fire personnel.

The John and Rand Band's music captured the crowd in Friendship Square, where vendors provided giveaways and information to attendees.

Our crime-fighting dog, McGruff, teamed up with Ragnar, our drug-detection dog, to entertain the crowd. Ragnar wanted to play, but McGruff wasn't so sure! They work together to stop crime in our community.

A new crowd pleaser this year, our drone team demonstrated our new drone's capabilities. Officers provided crime materials and got to know community members. Moscow Police Department's patrol car, motorcycle, and bicycle were displayed.



For the last eight years in a row, Old Navy sent a host of volunteers to help with games. We appreciate the extra help that they continuously provide!



Our cadets were an incredible help with setup, balloons, and takedown, and they helped wherever they needed throughout the event.

The Moscow Volunteer Ambulance provided tours of the ambulance and equipment, and the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department supplied a ladder truck and smokehouse to promote fire safety training.

The department hosted a trivia challenge/drawing contest where adults could win prizes donated by local merchants and organizations.

Walmart and Rosauers provided free hot dogs and drinks, and Umpqua Bank (Moscow Branch) provided ice cream. Other vendors included Whitcom 911, Idaho State Police, P1FCU, Latah County Search and Rescue K-9 Unit, RE/MAX Connections of Moscow, Les Schwab Tire Centers, Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse, Idaho Central Credit Union, Gritman Medical Center, Idaho Department of Lands, Civil Air Patrol, Latah CERT, Latah County Youth Services, and Latah Youth Challenge.



Businesses that donated to our trivia challenge/drawing were Tri-State Outfitters, LaCasa Lopez (who sponsored the bouncy house), Target, Northwest River Supplies, the Breakfast Club, Flying Squirrel-Moscow, Hyperspod Sports, the Locker Room, Mingles, Mad Greek, MOD Pizza, Tapped Taphouse and Kitchen, Pets Are People Too, Pour Company, Paradise Creek Bicycles, Inland Cellular, Hodgins Drug, AutoZone, O'Reilly's, Paradise Creek Café, and others.

We appreciate the long-standing support from the community and generous donations from our local businesses again this year! We could not have done it without them!

Child Safety Seats



Since 2003, the Moscow Police Department has provided low-income families access to safe and affordable car seats through a grant from the Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD). The purpose of the Moscow Police Department's Car Seat Program is to reduce cost barriers to members of our community by providing child safety seats at no cost to low-income families and to educate our community on best practices in regarding child passenger safety seats.

Currently, Crista VanOvermeer is our department's certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST.) In April, she attended the Idaho Child Passenger Safety Update event in Coeur d'Alene. The two-day event, sponsored by ITD and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), provided educational workshops, hands-on training, and networking with other CPSTs from Idaho while providing continuing education credits for CPST recertification.



At the Lee Newbill Safety Fair, CPSTs from Region 2, along with Region 2 Coordinator Brian Raucher and State CPST Coordinator Carma McKinnon, conducted a total of 23 seat checks and provided eight child passenger safety seats to families in need. At National Night Out, Crista staffed a booth with information about child safety seats and their proper use. During the year, Crista conducted 28 car seat checks by

appointment at the Moscow Police Department and provided 15 seats to families in need.

The Moscow Police Department is excited to extend the reach of our car seat safety program and to collaborate with other CPSTs in our region to educate families on best practices for child passenger safety and encourage the proper use of child safety seats.

Shop with a Cop



The 8th Annual Shop with a Cop event was our largest to date. It was held on December 16th, with Cpl. Corbin Smith heading the effort. The Walmart Foundation granted a combined total of \$5,000 to children in Moscow and Latah County schools. Law enforcement officers from the Moscow Police Department, Latah County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Fish and Game, and Idaho State Police accompanied 40 local children as they shopped for gifts for their families and something for themselves.

Once the children were finished with their purchases, volunteers, some of our officers' families, and staff from the Latah County Prosecutor's Office wrapped gifts. While the children waited for their parents, they enjoyed breakfast sandwiches donated by McDonald's and chose a Christmas ornament donated by Walmart.

We are deeply appreciative of the Walmart Foundation and McDonalds for their involvement this year. What an incredible opportunity to connect with our young citizens, foster positive relationships with them and their families, and ensure they have a memorable Christmas.



In addition to Shop with a Cop, the Moscow Police Department used surplus funds from this grant to purchase gifts from the Walmart Giving Tree. This included a bike, board games, socks and shoes, and other gifts. The giving tree was a new addition to this year's Shop with a Cop and was equally rewarding! It was an honor and privilege to serve our community again this year.



Citizens Police Academy



School Resource Officer Jason Summers hosted our 21st Annual Citizens Police Academy from January to March. This was also the second year the Academy was held in our new facility and training room.

In the spirit of community policing, the Academy continued to provide this excellent opportunity for citizens to meet and get to know our officers personally and witness their commitment to the community firsthand. Attendees acquired an in-depth view of how their police department operates and better understood what is involved in day-to-day law enforcement operations.

Participants attended classes over a period of eleven weeks, with instruction in topics such as patrol procedures, crime scene investigations, forensic computer investigations, and firearms training, among other topics. The class also participated in a highly interactive range day at the department's firearms range. Class members were supervised by the regional SWAT team and were given opportunities to gain firsthand experience firing weapons and in deployment tactics. Each student also participated in a two-hour ride along with our officers to gain a real-life, out-of-the-classroom experience to see what it is like to be a law enforcement officer.



The 2023 session had a total of 32 community and University of Idaho students who completed the program and graduated on March 29th. Each class member received an individual graduation certificate to show our appreciation for their participation in the program, and all of the UI students received course credits toward their degrees.

Fraternal Order of Police / Palouse Lodge #149



The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) is an organization consisting of sworn law enforcement officers nationwide. The local chapter, Palouse Lodge #149, is a memorial lodge in remembrance of fallen MPD Officer Lee Newbill #149. The FOP is a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations, and corporations to carry out their work.

During 2023, the Palouse Lodge hosted several fundraising events despite staffing and local event scheduling challenges. These fundraisers included the Police and Fire Softball Game Fundraiser

(the police department was the champion again!), No Shave November, the Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner Drive, the year-end silent auction, and the police member Christmas party.



The contributions from these various fundraisers gave back to those in our community and others. Twenty Moscow families received turkey dinners during the Thanksgiving Turkey Drive. Proceeds from the softball game (\$2,000) were donated to the Latah Recovery Center's Crisis Center. Donations from No Shave November (\$425) were donated to Gritman Medical Center's Light a Candle Foundation. Additionally, the



Christmas Party's silent auction raised \$900 to be donated to the family of Post Falls Officer McDaniel, who passed away in the line of duty. We sincerely appreciate the community's support of these activities and look forward to your continued support for our 2024 events.

Other Community Engagement /Partnerships

Latah County Problem Solving Courts

Latah County Problems Solving Courts are a collaborative effort based on the idea that by working together, service providers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and law enforcement can reduce recidivism when the underlying problem is drug addiction or mental health issues. Often, these issues go untreated while offenders deal with their legal issues. Problem-solving courts provide a structured, intense level of supervision coupled with daily counseling and treatment to address addiction and mental health issues. Offenders who graduate from a specialty court program are eligible to have their original charge dismissed by the court. A successful specialty court participant will spend 18-24 months in the program developing coping strategies and self-assessment techniques while also receiving coaching from trained counselors, probation officers, police officers, and judges. Participants attend regular meetings with their peer group and benefit from the successes and failures of others. Each participant starts their program with intense supervision, attending thirty meetings in thirty days. As they progress through the program, they earn more freedom and less oversight until graduation. Graduations are celebrated by all participants as a group success.



□ Latah County Drug Court

Chief James Fry serves as the police department's drug court representative. This court meets twice a month to manage drug-related client cases. Through this valuable community policing initiative, the department assists Probation and Parole with random curfew checks and home searches. Chief Fry's most important role is to provide input to the court regarding the department's daily interactions with clients. For many, drug court is possibly the last opportunity to change their behavior and get their lives back in order.

□ Latah County Mental Health Court

In 2023, following Cpl. Casey Green's retirement, Captain Anthony Dahlinger assumed the responsibilities as the department's representative for mental health court. Mental health court is made up of dedicated providers and representatives who meet weekly to generate ways of helping a limited number of qualifying candidates. Unlike drug court, which is only available to candidates charged in felony cases, mental health court is available in cases of misdemeanor crimes as well. Candidates must have an official diagnosis of major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, schizoaffective disorder, or delusional disorder.

Palouse Anti-Crime Team (PACT)

Palouse Anti-Crime Team (PACT) created an avenue for collaboration among regional law enforcement agencies. Through PACT, agencies share opportunities for training, interchange equipment, and resources, and impart expertise to one another. Agency executives meet once a quarter. This combined team has enhanced regional cohesion and effectiveness. Partners include the Latah County Sheriff's Office, Pullman Police Department, Whitman County Sheriff's Office, Washington State University Police Department, and Colfax Police Department.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Moscow Drug Seizures

The Moscow community joined the rest of the country in witnessing a substantial, consistent rise in mental health issues along with increased drug abuse. This increase continued to make a profound impact on our community with an increase in overdose calls and thefts associated with narcotics addiction. As noted below, the popularity of illegal drugs shifted frequently as users were constantly seeking drugs that were most available, cheaper, and easier to use with the most satisfying high.

This chart presents drug activity in our community:

MPD Drug Seizures	2022	2023
Methamphetamine (grams)	596.4	137
Fentanyl (pills)	412.5	214.62
Cocaine (grams)	20.9	32.2
Heroin (grams)	2.1	66.5
Marijuana (grams)	630.8	1117.52

The Moscow Police Department continued to work hand-in hand with the Latah Recovery Center and Crisis Center. The Crisis Center was instrumental in assisting individuals who need help with their skilled services in our community.

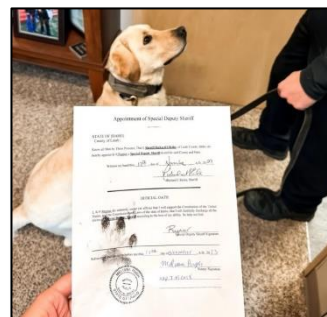
K9 Team Statistics



From January 1 through December 31, 2023, our K-9 team participated in 160 hours of training and 42 deployments. They were involved in 30 seizures, which resulted in five grams of methamphetamine and 37.8 grams of marijuana.

This year, Sheriff Richie Skiles deputized K9 Ragnar and he can now assist with drug searches beyond the City of Moscow limits in greater Latah County. If a Latah County Deputy stops a vehicle during an emphasis and believes

there are illegal drugs in it, K9 Handler Sgt. Snyder and Ragnar may assist with searching the stopped vehicle. We are thankful for this collaboration to combat drug issues in our community.



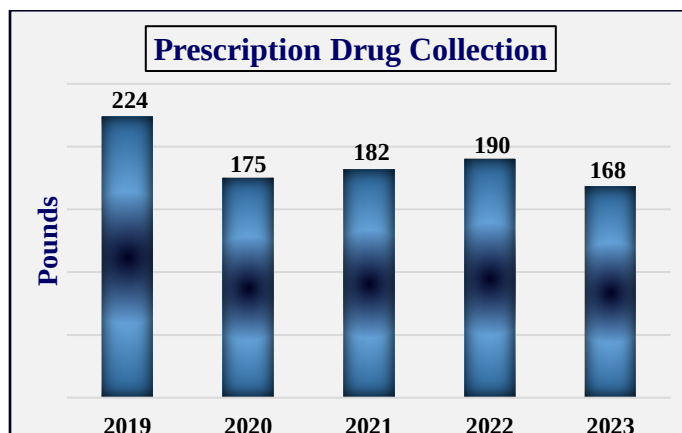
Quad Cities Task Force

The Moscow Police Department continued to partner with the Quad Cities Task Force, law enforcement agencies, and prosecuting attorney offices in Nez Perce, Latah, Asotin, Whitman, and Garfield Counties; the Nez Perce Tribe; Washington State University; Washington State Patrol; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to collaborate in the investigation and prosecution of drug offenses in their respective jurisdictions.

QCDTF Statistics	2021	2022	2023
Cases Worked	47	69	38
Arrests	30	60	21
Heroin Seized (grams)	222.63	17.55	45.04
Methamphetamine Seized (grams)	2852.06	371.97	1506.5
Cocaine Seized (grams)	252.9	170.1	45.1
Fentanyl Seized (pills)	0	6,288	8,624

Prescription Drug Takeback Program

This progressive program accepts both prescription and non-prescription medication for proper disposal. In 2023, Moscow Police received 190 pounds of unused and outdated medications in our lobby drop-off container. Tim Smalldridge was responsible for disposing of all prescription drugs that were collected, which were ultimately destroyed by incineration in Spokane, Washington.



2023 Crime Statistics for the City of Moscow

Compiled by Idaho State Police

Agency: MOSCOW PD

Total Offenses	346	Clearance Rate	37.28%
% change from last year	-54.71%	Last years rate	34.69%
Total Arrests	199	Hate Crime Offenses	0
% change from last year	-53.72%	Law Officers Assaulted	2
Group A Crime Rate per 100,000 Population :	1318.60	Summary based reporting	544.97
Arrest Rate per 100,000 Population :	758.38	Crime Rate per 100,000 Population :	

Offense Reporting

Group "A"	Offenses Reported	Offenses Cleared	Offenses Reported Last Year
Murder	0	0	4
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	2
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2	1	16
Burglary	34	8	60
Larceny	101	13	276
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0	10
Arson	4	0	3
Simple Assault	43	20	66
Intimidation	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	9
Vandalism	31	6	119
Drug/Narcotic Violations	52	42	77
Drug Equipment Violations	43	34	62
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	4	0	3
Fraud	21	0	46
Gambling	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0
Pornography	0	0	1
Prostitution	0	0	0
Sodomy	0	0	0
Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	2
Fondling	0	0	1
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	1
Stolen Property	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	8	5	5
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	1	0	1
Total Group "A"	346	125	764

Population : 26240

Note: Last years figures are provided for comparison purposes only.

Crime Against Person

45 - This year
92 - Last year
-51.09% - Percent Change

Crime Against Property

197 - This year
526 - Last year
-62.65% - Percent Change

Crime Against Society

104 - This year
146 - Last year
-28.77% - Percent Change

Arrest Reporting

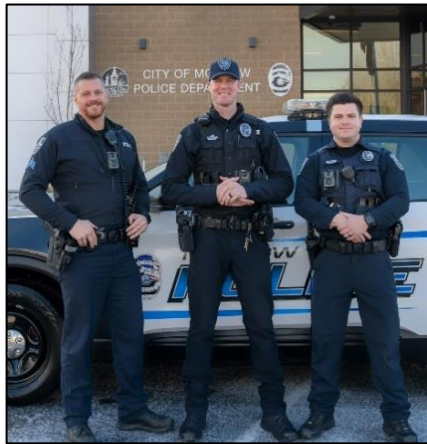
Group "A"	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown	Total Arrests	Arrests Reported Last Year
Murder	0	0	0	0	1
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	3
Burglary	9	0	0	9	32
Larceny	11	0	0	11	63
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	15	0	0	15	29
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	3	0	0	3	11
Drug/Narcotic Violations	43	0	0	43	72
Drug Equipment Violations	8	0	0	8	16
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Sodomy	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0
Weapons Law Violations	5	0	0	5	2
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	1
Total Group A Arrests	94	0	0	94	230
Group "B" Arrests					
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew/Vagrancy	1	0	0	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	2	0	0	2	10
DUI	43	1	0	44	65
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0
Family Offenses-nonviolent	2	0	0	2	4
Liquor Law Violations	37	1	0	38	71
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Runaways	0	0	0	0	0
Trespass	3	0	0	3	1
All Other Offenses	15	0	0	15	47
Total Group B Arrests	103	2	0	105	200
Total Arrests	197	2	0	199	430



Operations Division

Capt. Anthony Dahlinger

The Operations Division is responsible for providing all patrol functions and responding to calls for police services from the Moscow community. It includes several specialized units and programs, such as the Field Training Officer Program, Bicycle Patrol Program, Traffic Safety and Motor Unit, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle or Drone Program, Narcotics Detection K9 Unit, Negotiations Unit, and Riot Team.



Officers responded to all calls for service in person, as staffing allowed, unless telephone contact was specifically requested. Business checks and citizen contacts were a priority when officers were not busy on calls. Staffing issues continued to plague the Operations Division throughout the year. Retirements and other departures outpaced the ability to find qualified police officer candidates. Regular testing processes were held with as few as two candidates per test day. Our rigorous background process and field training also eliminated some candidates. As a result, specialty position officers in the

police department, such as traffic, school resource, general detective, and campus, spent time working in patrol to ensure adequate staffing.

The Lee Newbill Kid's Safety Fair, Downtown Trick or Treat, Moscowberfest, Light up the Night Holiday Parade, Palouse Sprint Tri-Athlon, and National Night Out Against Crime (and numerous other small events), all highlighted the high level of community interaction the Moscow Police Department shares with citizens. The second annual Independence Day Parade was staffed by eight sworn officers who provided crowd and traffic control to assist numerous volunteers associated with the event.



During 2023, the Operations Division was staffed with a 12-hour shift model to employ a team concept and provide better shift coverage during staff shortages. Twelve-hour shifts spanned from 6 am/pm to 6 pm/am and were staffed by four teams, each comprised of one sergeant, one corporal, and two to four officers to provide 24-hour community policing services. Officer staffing varied throughout the year due to resignations, retirements, leaves, and training needs, with a minimum staffing level of three officers (combination of sergeant, corporal, and officers) on duty per shift.

The Operations Division incorporated a variety of specialized approaches to patrol the City of Moscow, which included 11 marked police vehicles, one BMW motorcycle, and police bicycles, including several E-bikes.

Each patrol team was supervised by a sergeant. This supervisor was responsible for all patrol activities during their shift, including resource allocation, personnel management, report approval, citizen concerns, and policy and procedure compliance. Sergeants also managed the work and training schedule for officers assigned to their team and made recommendations for ongoing training as needed. They are the first-line supervisors and must be good leaders, mentors, and decision-makers. Because police services are available on a 24/7 basis, they make all operational decisions in the absence of Command Staff outside of regular business hours. Patrol sergeants for 2023 were as follows:



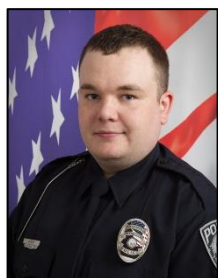
Officers responded to a variety of emergency and non-emergency calls throughout the city. Traffic collisions, noise complaints, and calls pertaining to animals, medical situations, disturbances, and suspicious incidents comprised a large portion of in-progress and priority calls handled daily. Patrol officers also handled calls that were not in progress or “cold” calls. They responded to all calls for service based on priority as soon as they were available. When officers were not responding to calls for service, they conducted proactive patrols of residential and business districts. Business checks, extra patrols, and citizen contacts were all part of the daily routine for each team and part of the community-oriented policing philosophy of the Moscow Police Department.

The following table lists the major call/activity types and number of responses for our department during 2023:

Type of Incident	Responses	Type of Incident	Responses
Total Calls for Service	10,647	Noise Complaints	366
Suspicious	700	Agency Assist	140
Vehicle Accidents	616	Burglary Calls	41
Burglary Alarms	187	Domestic Disputes	258
Citizen Disputes	59	Alcohol Offense	72
Animal Calls	764	Found Property	415
Mental Hold/Transport	12	Threatening	105
Thefts	353	VIN Checks	167
Parking Complaints	386	Traffic Offense	483
911 Hang Up Calls	233	Drugs	211
Malicious Injury/Vandalism	117	Weapon Offense	19
Abandoned Vehicles	203	Fraud	202
U of I Related Calls	1,169	Missing Person	43
Welfare Checks	592	Runaway	22
Felony Arrests	60	Harassment	223
Misdemeanor Arrests	204	Traffic Stops	4,806
Warrant Arrests	77	Business Checks	1,941

New Patrol Officers

During 2023, six new police officers were hired to fill vacant positions. All six began as entry-level officers.



Officer Matthew Neu-Griffin was hired in May. He was previously a Detention Deputy with the Latah County Sheriff's Office before applying to the Moscow Police Department. Officer Neu-Griffin completed his field training in August and is due to attend the Idaho POST Academy in January 2024.



Officer Alex Jenkins joined the Cadet Program's inaugural class in 2022. He was hired as an officer in April and attended POST in September. He is due to complete his field training program in January 2024. We are very excited to have one of our cadets become one of our patrol officers!

Officer Kris Sneve was hired in July and has ties to the area. He attended the University of Idaho and was a former Moscow Volunteer Fire Department member. At the time of his application, he served as a State of Idaho Park Ranger in northern Idaho. Officer Sneve completed his field training in October and is due to attend POST with Officer Neu in January 2024.



Officer Tristan Schneider was hired in August. He is originally from California and served in the United States Marine Corps. Officer Schneider is currently in the field training program and is scheduled to attend POST in April 2024.

Officer Jeremiah Lanie, originally from Indiana, was also hired in August. He served our country in the United States Army. Officer Lanie is also in field training and is scheduled to attend POST in April with Officer Schneider.



Officer Frank Fuchs was hired in November. He is originally from the Spokane area. Before applying with our department, he was employed as a security company's K9 handler in Yakima, Washington. Officer Fuchs is currently in field training.

Field Training Officer Program

The Field Training Officer (FTO) Program blends training acquired at the Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy with the commitments and obligations of an officer assigned to patrol duty. A police recruit is assigned to 16 weeks of comprehensive training and evaluation by Field Training Officers. Training is divided into four phases, with a different training officer for each phase. The recruits are critiqued daily on their performance in 31 distinct categories. The recruit receives hands-on, practical training and personal experiences from their training officer. A series of decision-making exercises and weekly tests developed by the FTOs reflect the most recent laws, court rulings, and patrol procedures. Completion of the FTO program is a prerequisite for an officer to be awarded their Basic Police Officer Certification and to move to solo patrol.

During 2023, the FTO program continued to evolve, and the information and techniques used to train new officers were updated. A two-week “mini academy” orientation helps new officers navigate the start-up process, obtain uniforms and gear, and become familiar with the FTO program and evaluation process.

Field Training Officers (FTOs) train new officers in addition to their regular duties. Each FTO is selected based on their above-average knowledge and skills as a police officer and ability to teach and communicate effectively. These trainers are required to complete a 40-hour training course and participate in ongoing training. The FTO program is under continual review to address updates in laws, policies, tactics, and generally accepted police practices.

K9 Program



The Narcotics Detection K9 program was launched in 2022 after City Council approval. In 2023, Sgt. Snyder and K9 Ragnar trained nearly every shift. K9 Ragnar was a big hit at community events such as National Night Out, Lee Newbill Safety Fair, Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week, and the UI Career Fair. The K9 Team also attended the Friendly Neighbors meeting, where Sgt. Snyder answered questions about the program, and K9 Ragnar gave a demonstration. K9 Ragnar also enjoyed his time with lunchtime visits to the Moscow High School and Moscow Middle School, where students interacted with him. The K9 position has opened up a new



door of cooperation with other K9 handlers from the Lewiston Police Department and Idaho State

Police, who have worked closely with Sgt. Snyder and K9 Ragnar with training and operations in our north Idaho area.

Cadet Program



This year, the Cadet Program expanded from five to ten members. This program is designed to give college students an opportunity to gain knowledge, training, and experience in law enforcement. Our department partnered with the University of Idaho, allowing our cadets to earn college credits toward their degrees through participation.

The requirements for membership in the Moscow Police Department Cadet Program are:

- 1.) Eighteen years of age or older.
- 2.) Currently enrolled as a full-time student in a college or university.
- 3.) Interested in a career in law enforcement.
- 4.) Meet and maintain a 2.5 GPA or higher.
- 5.) Commitment to participate in the program a minimum of 20 hours a month.
- 6.) Possess a valid driver's license.
- 7.) Pass the application and testing process and background investigation.
- 8.) Attend all program trainings and/or meetings.

The Cadet Program runs concurrently with the University of Idaho academic calendar year. New cadets are required to attend a Cadet Mini-Academy, held the week before the start of the fall semester. The Mini-Academy consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and scenario-based training in many different aspects of law enforcement. Two cadets from the inaugural class who remained in the program assisted with planning, organizing, and facilitating this year's Mini-Academy.



After completing the Mini-Academy, cadets are required to attend bi-weekly training held at the police department and must complete at least one ride-along with an officer each month. They are also encouraged to participate in many of the department's community events. Cadets have many other opportunities to be involved in

other functions, including working alongside officers at University of Idaho sporting/entertainment events.

Bike Officer Program



Patrol bicycles are a community engagement tool that officers use to interact easily with citizens while on routine patrol and to navigate public events. Patrol bicycles have many advantages, including improved community relations, increased public contacts, operation cost savings, quick officer response times, and environmental benefits. These bicycles are also effective crime prevention and detection tools that allow officers to go unnoticed, use all their senses to detect illegal activity, and go where patrol cars cannot. Officers can target problem areas without being seen. Bicycles are especially effective in residential areas, business districts, and at night on the UI Campus. Throughout

2023, six officers patrolled 191 hours and 490 miles on police bicycles.

Officers are required to participate in a 40-hour Police Bicycle Training Course to ensure they can safely operate a bicycle while on patrol. The training course topics include the fundamental elements of biking, practical skills, rules of the road, citizen contacts, traffic stops, and crowd control techniques. In the spring of 2023, our department hosted a multi-agency bike patrol training that certified six officers.



Our officers continued to increase their use of Electric Assist Bikes (E-Bikes) for patrol. E-bikes allowed our officers to respond faster to emergency calls while expending less energy. With a top speed of 28 m.p.h., officers covered more miles faster without sacrificing the advantages of bicycle patrol. Compared to standard bicycles, riding E-bikes resulted in an expanded patrol area and more efficient use of time. Sgt. Joe Sieverding, a certified bike instructor, oversaw the Bike Patrol Program in 2023.

Drone Program



Our Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) (or drone) has dramatically expanded our ability to efficiently search large areas in our community. With infrared technology, searching at night for individuals has been very effective and fast-moving. Additionally, the ability to video officer training from an overhead perspective has helped evaluate performance. The live feed capability assists in special operations such as SWAT Team deployments and high-risk calls. The drone has been utilized during multiple challenging

incidents and to locate at-risk persons in large areas. The program is certified through the Federal Aviation Administration. Cpl. Kenneth Patton and two other officers hold UAV operator pilot licenses. During 2023, the drone was deployed ten times. The department also purchased an interior drone this year to help clear areas deemed risky, ensuring officer safety. Operators also provided a drone demonstration at National Night Out, which was also a crowd favorite.

Motor Unit / Traffic Officer



During 2023, the department had one active, trained motorcycle officer; however, staffing shortages prevented him from functioning in a dedicated traffic enforcement role for the duration of the year. Officer Warner organized and managed dedicated emphasis patrols in conjunction with grant opportunities. He also patrolled on the department's new BMW F850 GS-P police motorcycle as the schedule and staffing allowed. The maneuverability of the motorcycle on congested streets offered advantages not provided by our larger police vehicles. The motorcycle's relatively small size allowed it to get to scenes more quickly when incidents such as traffic collisions slowed down police vehicle access. The motorcycle was also used for community events, escorts, and as an educational tool.

Patrol conducted numerous investigations, in partnership with the Moscow School District bus transportation services, for violations by motorists passing a school bus while the stop arm and flashing lights were activated. Each school bus was equipped with a video camera, which allowed officers to collect vehicle and driver information for a follow-up investigation. These violations pose an extreme danger to children boarding and departing the bus. This partnership resulted in increased motorist awareness in residential neighborhoods and school zones.



Grants Managed by Traffic Officer



grants and emphasis patrols:

- Mobilizations - ITD

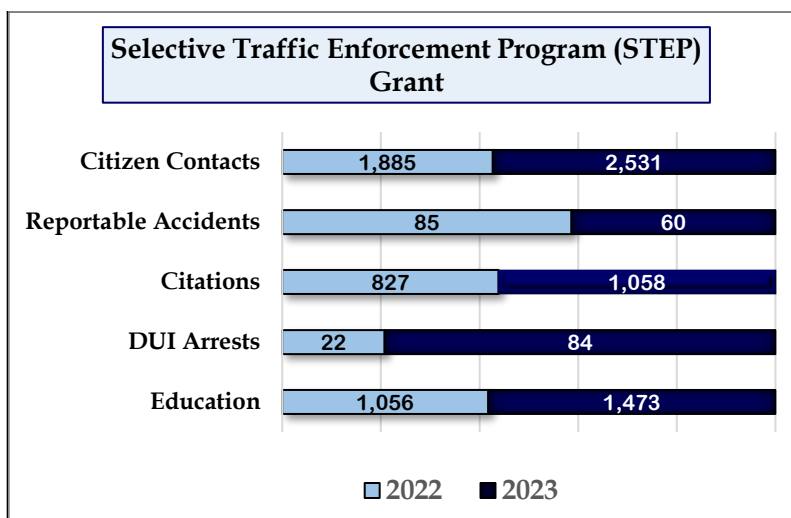
Investigation of vehicle accidents and traffic complaints are the primary duties of the traffic officer. An officer develops organizational and advanced traffic accident investigation skills in this assigned position. The traffic officer is an important liaison with the Office of Highway Safety Division of the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) while gaining experience in grant writing and management. Our department benefits from grant monies by participating in emphasis patrols to address specific traffic safety issues. Traffic Officer Warner managed the following

In 2023, the department did not participate in any ITD mobilizations. All overtime hours fell under the STEP Grant.

□ Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant - ITD

The STEP grant took effect on October 1, 2023, and is equivalent to one full-time officer's salary, 2080 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement, and 200 hours of overtime for special mobilizations. It addresses aggressive and distracted driving with the goal of reducing traffic crashes.

Management of this grant requires tracking dedicated and matching hours and organizing special patrols to address specific problems, such as failing to yield to pedestrians. The total grant award for 2023 was \$129,000.



One emphasis under the STEP Grant 2023 was using marked patrol units coordinated with bicycle patrol teams to target distracted drivers. During one four-hour emphasis, officers contacted 53 individuals. Thirty-nine distracted driver citations were issued, including one operator of a commercial tractor-trailer combination.

During the dedicated STEP hours, officers also seized 283.2 grams of marijuana, 3.3 grams of methamphetamine, and 13 pieces of drug paraphernalia.

□ Office of Drug Policy Grant

Regular patrol officers operated campus patrols. On- and off-campus patrols resulted in 86 Minor Possession/ Consumption of Alcohol citations.

Whitcom

Since 2004, the City has contracted all dispatching and Emergency 911 services with Whitcom 911 in Pullman, Washington. The City expended \$833,391.00 for fiscal year 2023-2024 for police and fire dispatching services. Another \$38,600 was paid to provide Whitcom and the City of Moscow access to the Idaho Law Enforcement Teletype System (ILETS), which provides driver's license, vehicle registration, and warrant information as well as alerts for missing and endangered persons to officers in the field.

Whitcom 911 provides regional police and fire dispatch services to the following agencies: Washington State University, the City of Pullman, Whitman and Asotin Counties in Washington, the City of Clarkston, and the City of Moscow. They also provide dispatch services to numerous other small fire and ambulance agencies.

Capt. Dahlinger

Capt. Anthony Dahlinger
Operations Division Commander



Support Services Division

Capt. Dustin Blaker

The Services Division command experienced changes this year. Capt. Dahlinger began the year as the Services Captain before moving to the Operations Division to take over for Capt. Lanier after his retirement in June. Captain Dustin Blaker was promoted from Administrative Sergeant to Captain at that time and assumed the Services Captain position.



At the end of 2023, the Services Division was staffed with one captain, one detective corporal, two forensics detectives, one general detective, one records coordinator, one property/evidence coordinator, one administrative specialist-records/property, one administrative specialist/licensing coordinator, two part-time department specialists, two parking enforcement specialists, one code enforcement officer, and one full-time school resource officer. The administrative sergeant position was vacant due to patrol staffing levels.

Some highlights of the training attended by our personnel in 2023:

- Five-Day Basic Criminal Investigation and New Detective Training
- Managing Police Records
- Basic SWAT
- 1st Responders Conference
- Supervising and Managing the FTO Unit
- Internal Affairs and Professional Standards
- Dealing with Problem Employees
- Management and Supervision
- Advanced Search and Seizure
- Criminal Apprehension for Patrol
- ARIDE Training
- FBI LEEDA Command Leadership
- FTO School
- OSForensics
- Bike Patrol Certification
- Magnet Axiom
- ICISF Assisting Individuals in Crisis and Group Crisis Intervention
- Tac-Med Training
- Instructor Development
- FBI LEEDA Supervisor Leadership
- ICAC NW Conference
- CAST Phone Analysis
- FBI Intermountain Command College
- FBI National Academy
- ICAC Basic and Intermediate Training



Administrative Sergeant

Sergeant Dustin Blaker was assigned as the department's Administrative Sergeant at the beginning of the year. He was responsible for setting up training for our officers and non-sworn staff and completing background checks for new officers. Sgt. Blaker was also the direct supervisor for detectives, the school resource officer, code enforcement, and parking enforcement. This position was left vacant at the end of June when Sgt. Blaker was promoted to Captain and will be filled once patrol staffing levels increase.

School Resource Officer



Officer Jason Summers continued in his role as our department's School Resource Officer (SRO). During the year, he handled 233 calls specific to the Moscow School District (MSD) and others dealing with student-age juveniles. Ofc. Summers worked with the MSD to improve the protocols for lockdown procedures during emergency events. He had offices at the high school and middle school, which he utilized regularly to be

available and to provide a welcoming environment to foster and build positive relationships with the students. During the year, SRO Summers attended many events, including the Newbill Safety Fair, Downtown Trick or Treat, and National Night Out, where he interacted with students and community members.



Detectives Unit

The Detectives Unit was comprised of Detective Cpl. Payne, General Detective Dani Vargas, and Forensic Detectives Lawrence Mowery and Andrew Fox. Due to staffing issues, we were unable to fill the second general detective position, which was left vacant this year.

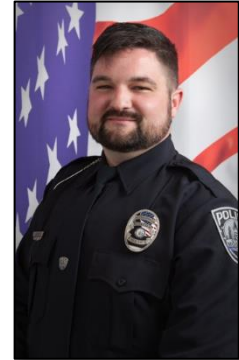


In 2023, detectives handled 35 general and 48 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases. They were very involved with Health and Welfare investigations, the Child Abuse Task Force, and the Coordinated Community Response Task Force for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.



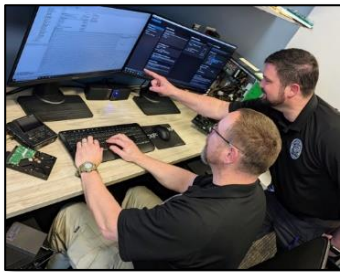


Forensic Detective Mowery took over the department's role as the ICAC Investigator, formerly held by Eric Kjorness, who retired in 2022. Detective Mowery was based at the Moscow Police Department in partnership with the Idaho Attorney General's Office. He also worked closely with department detectives and assisted other State of Idaho ICAC Investigators with their cases.



With Det. Mowery's move to the ICAC, Andrew Fox joined the department's forensic detectives' team.

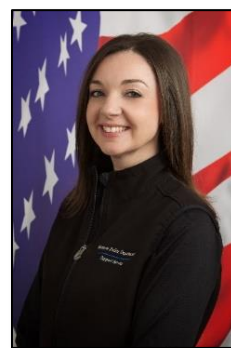
Detective Fox was previously a corporal with the Lewiston Police Department. He grew up in Lewiston and is passionate about technology's role in law enforcement



Forensic Detectives Mowery and Fox collectively processed 47.57 TB of data during the course of their duties, including 94 devices consisting of cellphones and computers.

Records Unit

Mariah Atkinson was the Records Coordinator for 2023, working with Administrative Specialists Cassie Macy and Katie Gower-Short and two part-time Department Specialists, Crista VanOvermeer and Afton Hoch.



In 2023, the Records Unit managed 10,568 case records and many other records and documents related to the police department's day-to-day operations. The unit also processed 2,376 citations and 1,203 freedom of information requests. Follow-up on false business alarms resulted in the recovery of \$1,100 towards expenses incurred by patrol officers who responded to alarms resulting from malfunctions or employee errors. The data they entered into our Spillman Records System was forwarded to NIBRS for statistical reporting and to the Idaho State Police. The unit was also responsible for customer service assistance in the front lobby from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Monday

through Friday. Services offered included phone inquiries and transfers; freedom of information requests; receiving and recording parking citations and fines; processing false alarms; tracking abandoned and towed vehicles; processing license fees; conducting criminal history checks; Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (ILETS) entries and purges; NIBRS statistical reporting; and posting the daily press log. Mariah, Cassie, and Katie also performed numerous other record-keeping duties and managed countless requests from department members and the public.

Licensing



In 2023, Administrative Specialist Katie Gower-Short continued to handle licensing. Her other duties included processing applications, fingerprinting, conducting background checks, and handling licenses for childcare providers, taxi cab drivers, vendors, second-hand and pawn businesses, and solicitors. Katie processed 90 new daycare provider applications and 51 renewals, 28 taxi driver applications, and conducted 47 background checks for the Moscow Fire Department's resident and EMS programs. She also assisted with day-to-day operations in Reception and the Records Unit while maintaining social media accounts. Katie posted 156 Facebook and 108 Instagram messages in 2023.

Department Specialist Crista VanOvermeer continued her primary duty of serving as the department's face as she greeted citizens in our lobby and answered their phone calls. She also assumed other duties to assist her co-



workers in the Records Unit by helping with licensing and entering pawn slip information into our database. Crista is the department's car seat technician and oversaw the program in 2023.

As our second part-time Department Specialist, Afton Martin helped to cover our Reception area and assist with other Records duties. She also covered for a staff member who was out on maternity leave.



Property and Evidence Management



Tim Smallldridge continued in his role as the department's Property/Evidence Coordinator.

Below is a table of significant property and evidence amounts for 2023:

2023 Property and Evidence	Amount
Property Booked (pieces)	2,027
Property Released	382
Property Destroyed	1,312
Evidence to Crime Lab	284
Items for Video/Audio Replication	978
Items Designated for Auction	138

Tim continued to utilize Cassie Macy as his backup for property and evidence, relying on her to fulfill his duties in his absence, and she regularly assisted him with scheduled destructions.

Parking Enforcement

Dianna Erickson and Scott Springer were our Parking Enforcement Specialists. A total of 6,022 parking citations were issued this year.



During fiscal year 2023, revenues from parking fines totaled \$127,845, in addition to \$5,900 from parking boots placed when vehicles were found with more than three past-due parking tickets.



The City of Moscow utilized the green parking permit system for downtown parking lots again this year. By doing this, the City has improved parking availability in the downtown area to business owners, their employees, and customers. Parking permit fees collected were \$34,149, with 104 parking permits issued.

The department utilized the Automated Accounts, Inc. collection agency for overdue parking citations. During the year, they were successful in collecting \$1,640 for parking citations that were sent to the collections when fines were over 45 days past due.

Code Enforcement



Gary Stedman continued as the Code Enforcement Officer. Gary's responsibilities focused on animal care and control, while emphasizing code violations pertaining to dogs. The Code Enforcement Officer also responded to complaints of junk vehicles, snow on sidewalks, noxious weeds, sight obstructions, and found bicycles.

A separate responsibility performed exceptionally by the Code Enforcement Officer was the deployment of our radar trailers throughout the city. The

radar trailers were used as a tool to educate the motoring public. Trailers were placed in problem areas to remind drivers of speed limits through visual feedback on the large digital display. The trailers were also used to collect valuable traffic data, which helped the police department evaluate and verify potential speeding problems and traffic volumes in specific areas.

Type of Service	Amount
Animal Related Calls	758
Noxious Weed Complaints	3
Snow-Covered Sidewalks	0
Abandoned Bicycle Retrievals	51
Other Code Violations	66

The department continued to work in partnership through an agreement with the Humane Society of the Palouse. The City of Moscow supports the Animal Shelter with fiscal funds to keep the shelter functional. For the fiscal year 2023/2024, the City of Moscow distributed \$54,816 to support personnel costs for the Humane Society, with \$6,408 spent on shelter utilities. Sanitation expenses were \$3,230, and \$5,913 was spent on building repair and maintenance, including replacing the kennel area's roof. In 2023, the Animal Shelter took in 270 dogs and 211 cats. The shelter was able to return 192 dogs and six cats to their owners. The animal shelter adopted out 66 dogs and 181 cats to new homes.

Moscow Police Chaplaincy Program

The department recognizes the need for a chaplain or member of the clergy to provide counseling,



spiritual support, and guidance to members, their families, and citizens in our community when a need arises. Chaplains are incorporated into our department and are a resource for assistance and support to all department members when requested. The primary mission of the Chaplaincy Program is to provide spiritual guidance, counseling, education, training, support, and non-sectarian functions. Chaplains serve those in need during



emergencies, which strengthens the service provided by the department to the community.

The department is very fortunate to have Chaplain Rod Olps and Chaplain Jean Knierim, who support our department through their presence and prayer. The Chaplaincy Program has proven to be an invaluable resource to the Moscow Police Department, the community, and surrounding areas.

LEMHWA Grant

In 2022, the Pullman Police Department invited our department to participate in the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Grant. This grant funded the development of a Peer Support Team who were trained to employ effective mental health and wellness strategies for fellow law enforcement officers and other department staff members in need. The program used various resources, including peer support, training, family resources, suicide prevention, and other practices for optimal mental wellness.

This successful effort was completed, and the grant closed on August 31, 2023. We were very thankful to be part of this endeavor, as the mental health of our officers and other staff members continues to be a high priority for the Moscow Police Department.

Capt. Blaker

Capt. Dustin Blaker
Services Division





Campus Division

Capt. Tyson Berrett

Capt. Tyson Berrett, Campus Division Commander, oversaw the Campus Division and was the law enforcement liaison between the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho in 2023. This Division operated from Memorial Gym Suite 111, located in the core of the University of Idaho campus. It was comprised of one command staff officer, two campus community policing officers, and one narcotics detective, in addition to three patrol officers who were scheduled through the Operations Division. Officers assigned to the Campus Division were selected from patrol teams and were dedicated to the campus effort. The Campus Division also teamed up with the University of Idaho Office of Public Safety and Security and Vandal Security to ensure our campus remained one of the safest in the United States.



In 2023, Capt. Tyson Berrett, Officer Jon Rosinsky, and Corporal Aaron Morris served as the University of Idaho's campus team. Community policing and outreach by the Campus Division included alcohol and drug awareness, sexual assault prevention, personal safety, and active shooter presentations to the University's faculty, staff, students, and living groups. Members of the Campus Division worked closely with the Dean of Students

Office, Women's Center, Student Involvement, Athletics, Residence Life, Greek Life, Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, Counseling and Testing Center, International Program's Office, Student Health, and Veteran's Affairs. This level of commitment and involvement emphasized our team's approach, which provided a safe, healthy, and positive atmosphere for everyone who worked, visited, or attended the University of Idaho Moscow campus.

The Moscow Police Campus Division incorporated the police department's five core values of Service, Pride, Integrity, Compassion, and Excellence into every call for service, contact, or safety talk we participated in. We believe these values establish the basis of customer service that parents, and University administration, students, and staff deserve.

Cpl. Morris was the department liaison with the Women's Center, Vandal Climate Education Support Team, and Campus Community Response Team. He is a Latah County Regional SWAT team member and a certified bicycle patrol officer. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in December 2023.

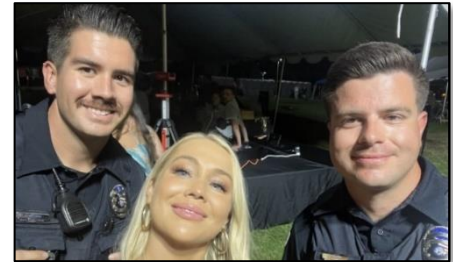


Officer Rosinsky was our UI Conduct Team Liaison. He worked closely with the Dean of Students, Title IX, and Housing and Residence Life Offices. He was also a Latah County Regional SWAT team member and a certified bicycle patrol officer.



Officer Rosinsky and Cpl. Morris played an important role on campus this year. They worked closely with students, faculty, and staff, providing public safety awareness presentations to living groups, office staff, and other organizations on campus. These opportunities allowed our officers to continue building relationships with incoming freshmen, returning students, faculty, and staff.

In 2023, Cpl. Morris and Officer Rosinsky worked on campus and participated in many events, such as UI football, men's and women's basketball, the UI Country Music Showdown, the Styx Concert, and spring and fall Commencement—just to name a few. Cpl. Morris and Officer Rosinsky conducted “Cop Talks” for the entire Greek community on the UI campus, which established strong relationships between the students and the police department.



Crime statistics revealed the University of Idaho remains an exceedingly safe campus. This low crime rate at the University of Idaho directly resulted from the continued interaction between the Moscow Police Department and UI students, faculty, staff, and administration. Campus Division personnel continued to work closely with all entities on campus to preserve the University of Idaho as one of the safest residential campuses in the country. For more information regarding the most current University of Idaho crime rates, please visit the University of Idaho website and search for “Annual Security and Fire Safety Report.”

We, at the Moscow Police Department, stand dedicated to continuing to enrich public safety and education services for the University of Idaho faculty, staff, and students both on campus and in our community. Go Vandals!

Captain Berrett

Captain Tyson Berrett

Campus Division



THE YEAR IN PICTURES



We were the Lucky Recipient of Girl Scout Troop #4910's Service Project!



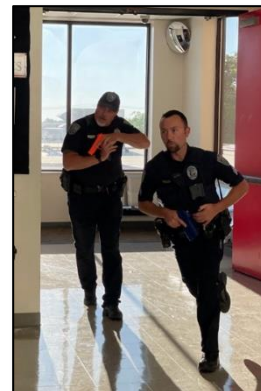
Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run with MPD SWAT Team



Light Up the Night Parade
Main Street



UI Concert Headliner: Jake Owen



School Safety Exercise



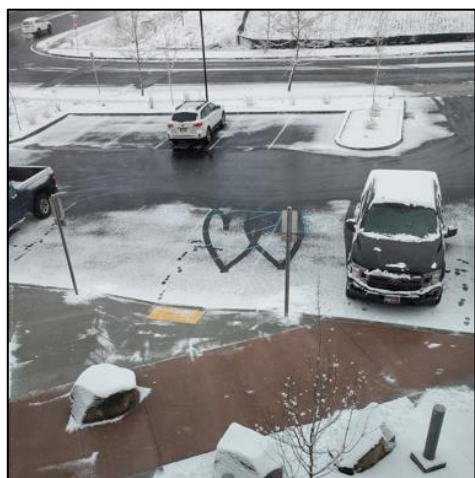
Officer Skelly and Confisgated Evidence after some Pre-Halloween Mischief



Defensive Tactics Training



School Safety Exercise



Wintery Morning Message from a Citizen



Thank you, Moscow High School 2023 Senior Class, for the Clean and Shiny Car!

