



2024 Annual Report

Moscow Police Department

Protecting with Commitment, Integrity, and Honor



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The Mission of Moscow Police Department

Our mission is to provide public safety services that are designed to fairly, efficiently, and effectively prevent crime and safeguard lives and property. We will provide professional police services by inviting public participation resulting in a community atmosphere where citizens are free of unnecessary regulation and are treated with dignity and respect. Our personnel will maintain high ethical standards, training, and professional development. Our goal is to provide a community that is safe, secure, and a pleasant place to live and visit.





From the Desk of Chief Dahlinger

Honorable Mayor Bettge, distinguished members of the City Council, City Administrator Bill Belknap, and, most importantly, the citizens of Moscow, it is an honor to present the 2024 Annual Report for the Moscow Police Department. This report highlights the many accomplishments of members of the Moscow Police Department who protect and serve our community daily.

As we all are aware, change is frequently the only constant, and 2024 was no exception for our police department. In April, Chief James Fry Jr. retired after 31 ½ years of service to the Moscow community. The police department also saw the retirements of two other long-standing members this year, Captain Tyson Berrett and Officer Jay Waters. We appreciate their decades of service. More information about their careers can be found in the Staff Recognition Section of this report. In May, I was appointed by Mayor Bettge and confirmed by the City Council to fill the role of Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief Fry. I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Moscow in this new capacity.



Due to retirements, two captain positions became vacant, prompting a promotional testing in June. Following this process, Sergeant David Hathaway and Sergeant Joe Sieverding were selected for promotion to the rank of captain. Captain Hathaway was assigned as the Services Division Commander, while Captain Sieverding was assigned as the Operations Division Commander. Captain Dustin Blaker was also transferred from the Services Division to become the Campus Division Commander.



The law enforcement profession continued to face challenges with recruitment and retention this year, and unfortunately, our department was not exempt from these struggles. We began the year with three officer vacancies. However, with three retirements, three resignations, and several recruits unable to complete our rigorous field training program, we continued to lose ground. By year-end, we had seven vacant officer positions. Those vacancies equated to a significant 20% reduction in our force. This meant that for the vast majority of 2024, our

department operated at minimum staffing—with three police officers on duty each shift, serving and protecting our nearly 27,000 residents. Operating at minimum staffing meant that each officer was required to take more calls for service, work more overtime, and have far fewer opportunities to take time off. This creates a scenario ripe for employee burnout.

Additionally, due to our staffing challenges, there has been an unavoidable increase in the frequency of instances where officers must prioritize calls for service when multiple calls are received simultaneously or in rapid succession. The unfortunate outcome of this situation is

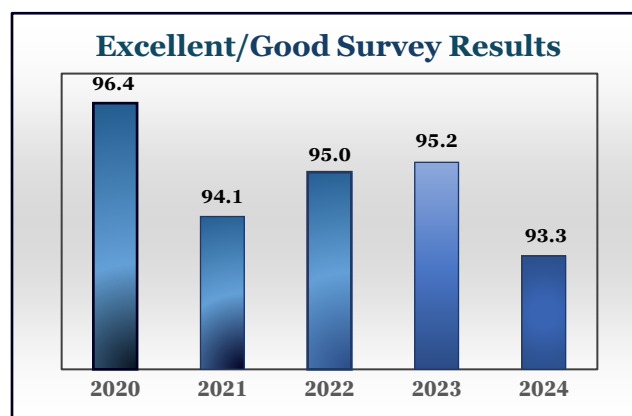


delayed response times for lower-priority calls. Our officers are dedicated to answering every call for service that is received and are doing their utmost to respond to each promptly. I am incredibly proud of the level of service our officers have provided to the community, despite the significant number of vacancies we have. This is truly a testament to their commitment to our community and our department's core values of Service, Pride, Integrity,

Compassion, and Excellence. This is just one reason I am so proud to be a part of our organization and to work alongside such amazing people.

To date, our greatest recruitment success has come from our Cadet Program. This marks the third year since the program began, and it has grown from an inaugural cadre of five cadets to 12 in 2024. Since its inception, four cadets have been recruited and hired to become full-time patrol officers. The Cadet Program is overseen by the Operations Division Commander, with its day-to-day functions supervised and conducted by Corporal Jacob Tesdahl, Officer Jonathon Rosinsky, and Officer Bransen Stirk, who continue to do a phenomenal job. The Cadet Program is described in more detail in the Operations Section of this report.

The department remains committed to soliciting feedback from our community about our services. A random selection of citizens who called the police for assistance were invited to complete surveys on the level of customer service they received. The high number of “good-to-excellent” ratings directly correlates with our strong community policing philosophy and the great work that your officers do every day. Their responses are tabulated monthly, and feedback is evaluated and shared with the officers. The following chart represents the 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:

I am amazed by Officer Fuchs and how his kindness and empathy were shown--above and beyond! He had good listening and follow up. He was humble and showed kindness.

Officer Alley communicated on the process of how our problem would be handled. He helped in a timely manner, which was very important for our problem taking place.

Sgt. Snyder was concise and polite in his question. He was great at explaining and informative. He arrived within four minutes of the call--impressive!

Officer Sneve showed up right where I needed him with excellent timing to prevent a bad situation from getting worse.

Everything that Officer Lanie did was the best!

Sgt. Thueson was prompt and kind in our interactions.

Sgt. Gunderson contacted me immediately. He reported what he saw and continued to search long after I made the call.

As we adapt to change and strive to recruit the best possible police officer candidates, I would like to thank the members of the Moscow community for their continued outpouring of support and understanding. On behalf of all the hardworking officers and staff who comprise the Moscow Police Department, I would like to thank you for allowing us to serve you honorably.



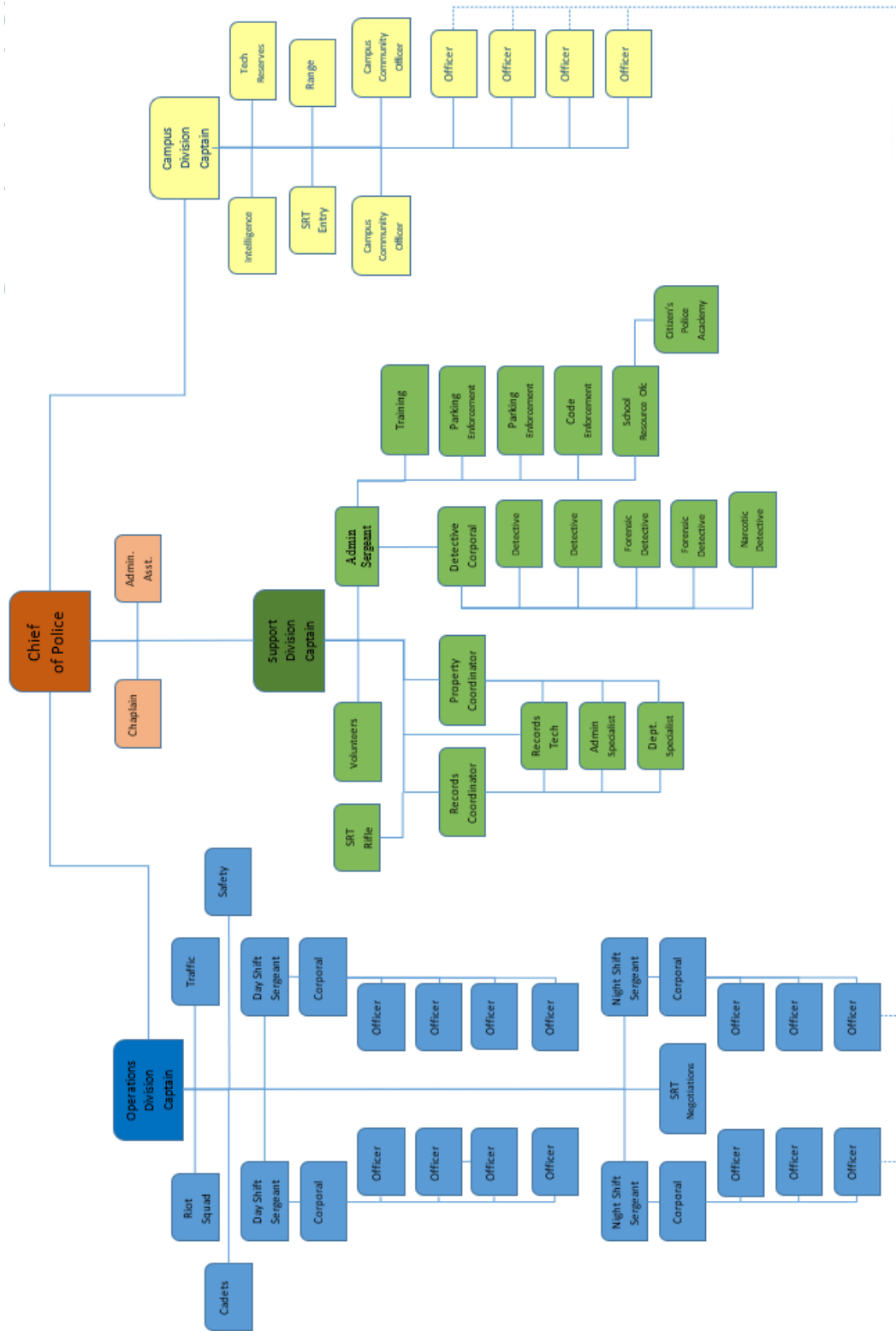
Chief Anthony Dahlinger
Chief of Police





Moscow Police Department

Organizational Structure



STAFF RECOGNITION

Retirements

Chief James D. Fry Jr.



Chief James Fry Jr. retired from the Moscow Police Department in May after 31 1/2 years. He began his career with us in 1993 as a reserve officer and was hired as a full-time officer in 1995. During this time, he also earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Idaho. Later, he became a guest lecturer at the University of Idaho, teaching a course titled "Professionalism in Policing." He attended the FBI National Academy Session 275 in 2019 and earned 12 graduate-level leadership credits from the University of Virginia while at the academy. During his tenure, he served on several



governor-appointed boards, including the Idaho School Safety and Security Board (serving two terms), the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, and the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Advisory Group.

Throughout his law enforcement career, he advanced through the ranks, holding nearly every position in the department, such as reserve officer, patrol officer, corporal, sergeant, detective sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and chief.



Additionally, he served in various roles, including crime prevention officer, SRT leader and assistant leader, range master, Taser instructor, and arrest techniques instructor.

During his tenure as Chief of Police, Chief Fry led the department through some extremely challenging times, including the COVID-19 pandemic and a 2022 quadruple homicide investigation, which became an international media event. Chief Fry's service to our community was a testament to his character, and he embodied the department's core values of Service, Pride, Integrity, Compassion, and Excellence.



Chief Fry is enjoying his retirement hunting, camping, and spending time with his family.

Captain Tyson Berrett



Captain Tyson Berrett began his law enforcement career with our department as a reserve officer in October 1995. He was hired as a full-time patrol officer in 1997. Over the next 21 years, Captain Berrett advanced through the ranks of the police department, holding numerous positions, including patrol officer, detective, campus community officer, bicycle officer, firearms instructor, and SWAT team leader. At the time of his retirement, he served as the Campus Division



Commander at the University of Idaho campus. Additionally, Captain

Berrett was actively involved in the police department's community policing programs, such as Shop with a Cop, National Night Out, the Lee Newbill Safety Fair, and Downtown Fridays. He is a member of the Idaho Chiefs of Police Association and chairman of the Moscow Elks Lodge Board. Captain Berrett is remembered for his compassion and servant leadership towards the department and the community. He plans to travel, golf, and spend time with his family during retirement.



Officer Jay Waters

Officer Jay Waters joined our department in 2007. During his time with the department, he served as a patrol officer, traffic officer, bike patrol officer, and field training officer. He was known for his passion for adherence to traffic laws, especially for not texting while driving. In 2017, Officer Waters was recognized for orchestrating a traffic emphasis patrol to identify motorists distracted by their cell phones. He utilized a school bus, providing him and other officers with a vantage point to observe motorists using their phones while driving and radioing patrol officers to initiate traffic stops on violators. More significantly, Officer Waters received the Idaho Law



Enforcement Medal of Honor from the Governor's Office for his "extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at the risk of his very own life" on the night of May 19, 2007, when an assailant opened fire on the Latah County Sheriff's Office. He was employed with the sheriff's office as a patrol deputy at the time. Officer Waters was one of several officers who, upon hearing that Officer Lee Newbill had been shot, risked their lives to extract Officer Newbill from the area where there was active gunfire and the shooter's location was unknown. Officer Waters also received lifesaving awards in 2018 and 2021. He is spending his

retirement camping and enjoying time with his family.

Dianna Erickson



After 19 years of service as one of the department's parking technicians, Dianna Erickson retired in March. Dianna began her employment with the department in 2005. During this time, she worked on city streets, marking vehicles and issuing citations to those who overstayed their time in city lots and downtown areas. Dianna worked tirelessly in all conditions—rain, snow, wind, and heat. Additionally, she took on many other responsibilities in the department without being asked, simply because they needed to be done. She served for years as the police department's Employee Advisory Board representative, acted as our department seamstress, managed the kitchen, and was always ready to assist with cleaning tasks. Dianna was honored as the

2022 Services Staff Member for her hard work and dedication to the department. Her hobbies during retirement include camping, sewing, paddleboarding, and mountain biking.

Our department extends its best wishes to all our retirees as they embark on this next chapter of their lives.

Promotions

Due to the retirements of Chief Fry and Captain Tyson Berrett, significant administrative changes occurred in 2024. Chief Dahlinger was appointed as the Chief of Police for the Moscow Police Department. In June, David Hathaway and Joe Sieverding were selected as new captains. Captain Dustin Blaker was assigned to the University of Idaho campus as the new Campus Commander replacing Capt. Berrett; Captain David Hathaway took over as Services Commander; and Captain Joe Sieverding was appointed as Operations Commander.



(L to R: Chief Dahlinger, Capt. Hathaway, Capt. Sieverding)

Promotional testing for the positions of patrol sergeant and corporal is scheduled for spring 2025.

Special Recognition

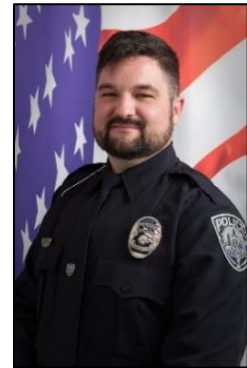
Lifesaving Awards



On May 21, 2024, Cpl. Jacob Tesdahl responded to the LaQuinta for a report of an individual who had overdosed and was not breathing. Upon arrival, Cpl. Tesdahl rubbed the patient's sternum, but he did not respond. Cpl. Tesdahl then administered a dose of Naloxone through the individual's nasal cavity. He and the reporting party then dragged the man into the hallway to ensure his airway was clear. The man started breathing and had a pulse. Cpl. Tesdahl maintained his airway until EMS arrived and restrained him until he calmed down from the drug administration. He was transported by ambulance for further treatment.

On June 8, 2024, at 10:30 p.m., an ongoing report of a missing three-year-old non-verbal autistic child in Whitman County came over the radio. After communicating with Whitcom, our dispatch service, about our department's drone capabilities, Detective Andrew Fox responded to the call from his home an hour away, where he quickly deployed the drone. He was able to locate the child one mile from his home, lying in a farm field. The child was cold but unharmed.

Without Detective Fox's prompt response to the scene, it remains uncertain if or when this young person might have been located. Detective Fox was praised for his readiness to go above and beyond his duties in aiding the search efforts for this child. Undoubtedly, Detective Fox's actions played a crucial role in saving this young life.



On July 8, 2024, Campus Officer Jon Rosinsky was off-duty and returning home from a fishing trip with Latah County Deputy Jordan Welch along Highway 12 when they saw a vehicle on the side of the road with a Nez Perce Tribal Officer running from her patrol vehicle. After stopping to help, they discovered that the individual in the car was unconscious and not breathing. Officer Rosinsky and Deputy Welch pulled the man from the vehicle and performed CPR for ten minutes until additional law enforcement agencies and medical units arrived. Life Flight transported him to a local hospital, where he made a full recovery.



Officer Rosinsky's awareness, quick action, competence, and teamwork enabled the administration of fast and effective medical aid to this individual, contributing to his survival.

Officer of the Year – Officer Nate Rosendahl



Officer Nate Rosendahl was selected as the Officer of the Year for 2024. Officer Rosendahl exemplified our core values of service, pride, integrity, compassion, and excellence throughout the year. He inspired others with his strong work ethic by responding to the highest number of calls for service while addressing complex cases and supporting his fellow officers. Officer Rosendahl has been a reliable resource during staffing shortages, frequently adjusting his schedule by working extended hours and covering additional shifts.

Even with his demanding patrol responsibilities, Officer Rosendahl is dedicated to excelling as a SWAT team member. His knowledge has enhanced the team's overall effectiveness, and his expertise in tactics, law, and case law surpasses that of many others. Officer Rosendahl was also recognized by his peers as the kind of individual any officer would want by their side in a critical situation.

We proudly recognized Officer Nate Rosendahl as our 2024 Officer of the Year.

Top DUI Award – Officer Kris Sneve

Officer Kris Sneve received a special award in 2024 for his dedication to tackling drunk driving offenses. He conducted investigations into 25 impaired drivers, many of which were initiated through his own traffic stops. Officer Sneve demonstrated dedication to excellence and hard work, enhancing driving safety in our community. He approached these incidents with careful attention to detail and a proactive mindset.

We are so glad to have Officer Sneve on our team.



Ironman Award – Cpl. Mitch Nunes



The Ironman Award is presented to the officer who achieves the highest score on our department's physical fitness readiness test. This award recognizes the officer's dedication and commitment to maintaining an outstanding physical condition and readiness.

Law enforcement is one of the most physically unique professions on the planet. Officers often spend hours writing reports or patrolling, then must transition from inactivity to immediate physical combat in the blink of an eye, all while maintaining the mental acuity needed to make sound decisions under stress. Additionally, shift work and the stresses of the profession are a constant detriment to the health and well-being of law enforcement.

officers. Our department strives to cultivate a culture of physical and mental wellness to address these situations.

Cpl. Nunes received the 2024 Ironman Award. Throughout his career, he has consistently worked hard to maintain his physical fitness, and his exceptional performance reflects this dedication.

Services Staff Member of the Year – Detective Andrew Fox



Detective Andrew Fox was selected as the Services Staff Member for 2024. He served as the lead investigator in a child sexual exploitation case that led to the seizure of two cell phones from an incarcerated suspect. Throughout this year-long investigation, which required numerous warrants and multi-agency cooperation, the suspect was federally indicted and extradited to Idaho for his crimes. During this investigation, Detective Fox continually demonstrated diligence and professionalism.

Detective Fox also played an integral role in locating a juvenile female who had reportedly been kidnapped by her father. This case was assigned to Detective Vargas, and Det. Fox willingly jumped in to help. The team worked directly with other law enforcement partners to uncover a complex plan enacted by the father and likely other family members to kidnap the child and take her to another country. The suspect was apprehended, and the child was safely returned to her mother. Detective Fox played a crucial role in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

In addition to his lifesaving efforts for an autistic child in Whitman County (see the Lifesaving Award section below), Detective Fox is a POST-certified EVOC instructor for our department and other agencies.

Detective Fox is truly an invaluable member of our department. He has been repeatedly recognized and commended by his coworkers for his willingness to assist others in any capacity possible.

City of Moscow C.H.A.M.P.S Award Nominees

Each year, during Public Service Recognition Week, the City of Moscow recognizes exceptional work by city staff with a City Higher Achievement by Moscow Public Servants (CHAMPS) Award.

CHAMPS Award nominees from the police department in 2024 were:

- ☐ External Customer Service: Cpl. Tesdahl
- ☐ Internal Customer Service: Officer Nate Rosendahl, Sgt. Shaine Gunderson, Karen Potter
- ☐ Rookie of the Year: Detective Andrew Fox and Officer Kris Sneve
- ☐ Teamwork: Cpl. Mitch Nunes, Officer Alex Jenkins, and Sgt. Shaine Gunderson

It is an honor to serve alongside these outstanding staff members!

Idaho POST Graduation



In April, Officers Sneve and Neu graduated from the POST Academy, with Officer Sneve earning the top fitness and top shooter awards.

In August, Officers Lanie and Fuchs graduated from the Academy. Officer Fuchs received a Firearms Marksman Award, and Officer Lanie was recognized

with a Fitness Award and a “possible” rating in firearms training.



Officers Alley, Hering, and Stooks graduated from POST in December. Officer Hering was recognized at graduation for setting the all-time POST records in the vertical jump.



After returning from the academy, these officers began or continued their 16 weeks of rigorous training in our Field Training Program before being cleared for solo patrol.

Idaho POST Certificates

The Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council awards certificates to acknowledge and enhance the level of competence in law enforcement. Depending on the certificate, achievements are determined by the number of POST training hours, college credits, and years of experience in law enforcement.

□ Advanced Certificate

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

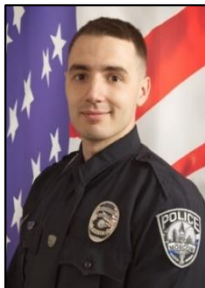
- Cpl. Jacob Tesdahl – November 02, 2024



□ Basic Certificate

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

- Ofc. Kris Sneve – April 25, 2024
- Ofc. Alex Jenkins – April 29, 2024
- Ofc. Brandon Nigh – July 9, 2024
- Ofc. Jeremiah Lanie – August 6, 2024
- Ofc. Frank Fuchs – October 7, 2024
- Ofc. Riley Alley – December 23, 2024



Years of Service Milestones

The police department appreciates the dedication of these staff members and is thankful for the contributions they make to our team:



Sgt. Thueson
10 Years



Ofc. Rosinsky
5 Years



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Newbill Safety Fair



In 2024, the Moscow Police Department participated in the 18th Annual Officer Newbill Kids Safety Fair on June 1st at the Eastside Marketplace.

The Newbill Safety Fair Board and the Moscow Police Department collaborated with other sponsoring agencies and private organizations to host this free public event. The fair represents one of the department's primary community policing efforts, focusing on children's bike safety and other educational initiatives.

Each year, our department contributes by donating free bike helmets and fittings, while facilitating a partnership with the Idaho Department of Transportation's Car Seat Program to offer free car seat inspections. Again this year, the police department brought two patrol cars and a motorcycle to demonstrate how each type of vehicle and its equipment operates.



Area first responders, including the Moscow Volunteer Fire Department, Whitcom, Life Flight, the Latah County Sheriff's Office, and many others, were on hand to educate our youngest citizens about safety on and off their bicycles.

We were grateful to have help fitting helmets from the University of Idaho Football Team again this year, and we also welcomed help from the Vandals Men's Basketball Team for the first time! These young athletes always bring energy and excitement to our booth!

Over 300 bike helmets were distributed this year, 14 car seat inspections were conducted, and seven families received new car seats.



National Night Out

The Moscow Police Department hosted its 10th 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 Intentions provided musical entertainment for the event, captivating the crowd in Friendship Square, while vendors offered giveaways and information to attendees.



Our crime-fighting dog, McGruff, teamed up with our drug detection K9, Ragnar, and Sparky from the Moscow Fire Department to entertain the crowd. They work well together to keep our community informed about safety!

Moscow Police Department's cars and motorcycle were displayed with officers on hand to answer questions. Additionally, Bike Patrol Officer Jon Rosinsky rode through the crowd and visited with community members.



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

For the past nine years, Old Navy has sent a host of volunteers to assist with games. We appreciate the continuous support they provide!

We introduced several new games this year that were a huge hit:



- Our hand-held traffic radar measured how fast NNO attendees pitched a baseball,
- Our drug and alcohol impairment goggles were worn while trying to score with our department's new cornhole boards, and
- Officers, detectives, and new fire department residents graciously offered to be plunged into a dunk tank.

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

Walmart and Rosauers offered complimentary hot dogs and drinks, while Umpqua Bank (Moscow Branch) supplied ice cream. Additional vendors included Whitcom 911, the Latah County Sheriff's Office, P1FCU, the Latah County Search and Rescue K-9 Unit, RE/MAX Connections of Moscow, Les Schwab Tire Centers, Idaho Central Credit Union,

Gritman Medical Center, the Idaho Department of Lands, the Boy Scouts of America, Latah CERT, Latah County Youth Services, and the Latah Youth Challenge.

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



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

Shop with a Cop

The 9th Annual Shop with a Cop was held on Saturday, December 7th. This year, Crista VanOvermeer coordinated and facilitated this successful event. A Walmart Foundation Grant of \$3,000 was awarded to Real Life Church of the Palouse, which partnered with Moscow Police officers to shop alongside students from the Moscow School District. Additionally, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #149 donated funds to the Moscow Police Department and the Latah County Sheriff's Office for the event.



Law enforcement officers from the Moscow Police Department, the Latah County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Forest Service, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Idaho State Police united to assist local children in shopping for gifts for their families and personal items.

Once the children finished shopping, they took their purchased gifts to be wrapped by volunteers from Latah County Dispatch, the Moscow Police Department Cadet Program, and family members of the Moscow Police Department and Latah County Sheriff's Office. While waiting to be picked up by their caregivers, the children enjoyed breakfast sandwiches provided by McDonald's.



The Moscow Police Department utilized surplus grant funds from the event to purchase gifts from the Walmart Giving Tree, benefiting children across Latah County. These gifts included items such as bikes, cards, board games, boots, and coats.

We are incredibly grateful to the Walmart Foundation, Real Life Church, McDonald's, and our partnering law enforcement agencies and volunteers for their support of Shop with a Cop and our community's children. This

invaluable event enables us to establish a positive connection and impact with young citizens and their families while providing a memorable Christmas experience. It was an honor and privilege to serve our community again this year.



Citizens Police Academy



School Resource Officer Jason Summers hosted our 22nd Annual Citizens Police Academy from January to March.

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 gained an in-depth understanding of how their police department operates and a clearer comprehension of the complexities involved in day-to-day law enforcement operations.

Participants attended classes over eleven weeks, receiving instruction in various topics, including patrol procedures, crime scene investigations, forensic computer investigations, firearms training, etc. 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, gaining opportunities for firsthand experience in firing weapons and deployment tactics.



Additionally, each student participated in a two-hour ride-along with our officers to gain real-world, experiential knowledge, and to understand what it means to be a law enforcement officer.

The 2024 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 a graduation certificate to show our appreciation for their participation in the program, and all UI students received course credits toward their degrees.

Car Seat Program



Since 2003, the Moscow Police Department has provided low-income families with access to safe and affordable car seats through a grant from the Idaho Transportation Department (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.

Crista VanOvermeer is our department's Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST). As a CPST, she conducts car seat safety checks, educates caregivers on the proper installation and use of car seats, and facilitates educational events and training for our community. On May 29-31 of this year, the Moscow Police Department hosted a CPST certification course. Following the course, newly trained CPST's completed their certifications by performing car seat checks at the Newbill Safety Fair on June 1st. CPSTs from around Region 2, Region 2 Coordinator Brian Raucher, and State CPST Coordinator Carma McKinnon also attended. During this event, thirteen car seat checks were conducted, and eight child passenger safety seats were distributed.



National Night Out provided an additional opportunity to interact with and educate community members, and schedule car seat checks. During this event, Crista staffed a booth with information about child safety seats and their proper use. In 2024, Crista conducted 41 car seat checks at the Moscow Police Department and provided 17 seats to families in need.

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

Other Community Engagement / Partnerships

Latah County Problem Solving Courts

Latah County Problem-Solving Courts represent a collaborative effort built on the principle that by uniting service providers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and law enforcement, they can reduce recidivism associated with underlying issues like drug addiction or mental health disorders. Frequently, these issues remain untreated while offenders navigate their legal challenges. Problem-solving courts offer a structured and rigorous level of supervision combined with daily counseling and treatment to tackle addiction and mental health concerns. Offenders who complete a specialty court program may qualify for the dismissal of their original charges. A thriving specialty court participant typically spends 18 to 24 months in the program, honing coping strategies and self-assessment skills while receiving guidance from trained counselors, probation officers, police officers, and judges. Participants engage in regular meetings with their peer group, gaining insights from both the successes and setbacks of others. Each participant begins their journey with close supervision, attending thirty meetings within thirty days. As they progress in the program, they are granted greater freedom and reduced oversight until graduation. All participants celebrate graduations as a collective achievement.



□ Latah County Drug Court

Captain David Hathaway served as the police department's drug court representative in 2024. 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. Capt. Hathaway's most important role is to provide input to the court regarding the department's daily interactions with clients. For many, drug court offers perhaps the final opportunity to change their behavior and regain control of their lives.

□ Latah County Mental Health Court

In 2024, Capt. Joe Sieverding assumed responsibilities as the department's representative for mental health court. Mental health court consists of dedicated providers and representatives who meet weekly to develop strategies for assisting a limited number of qualifying candidates. Unlike drug court, which is exclusively available to candidates charged with felony offenses, mental health court is also accessible for cases involving misdemeanor crimes. Candidates must have an official diagnosis of major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, schizoaffective disorder, or delusional disorder.

The Moscow Police Department continued to collaborate closely in 2024 with the Latah Recovery Center and Crisis Center. The Crisis Center played a vital role in offering individuals essential support and skilled services within our community.

Prescription Drug Takeback Program

This progressive program accepts both prescription and non-prescription medications for proper disposal. In 2024, the Moscow Police received over 210 pounds of unused and outdated medications in our lobby drop-off container. Tim Smalldridge was responsible for disposing of all collected prescription drugs, which were ultimately destroyed through incineration in Spokane, Washington.

Palouse Anti-Crime Team (PACT)

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

2024 Crime Statistics for the City of Moscow

Compiled by Idaho State Police

Total Offenses	732	Clearance Rate	45.9%
% change from last year	-17.66%	Last years rate	37.46%
Total Arrests	467	Hate Crime Offenses	0
% change from last year	-1.68%	Law Officers Assaulted	3
Group A Crime Rate per 100,000 Population :	2749.30	Summary based reporting Crime Rate per 100,000 Population :	1036.62
Arrest Rate per 100,000 Population :	1753.99		

Offense Reporting

Group "A"	Offenses Reported	Offenses Cleared	Offenses Reported Last Year
Murder	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	5	4	4
Burglary	29	7	59
Larceny	236	86	321
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	0	14
Arson	0	0	4
Simple Assault	89	47	92
Intimidation	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	0	1
Vandalism	90	14	102
Drug/Narcotic Violations	101	90	124
Drug Equipment Violations	96	82	96
Embezzlement	0	0	1
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	4
Fraud	64	0	49
Gambling	0	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0	0
Pornography	1	0	0
Prostitution	0	0	0
Sodomy	0	0	0
Sexual Assault w/Object	0	0	0
Fondling	2	0	2
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Stolen Property	1	1	0
Weapons Law Violations	9	5	15
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0
Animal Cruelty	1	0	2
Total Group "A"	732	336	889

Population : 28625

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

Crime Against Person

96 - This year
96 - Last year
-2.04% - Percent Change

Crime Against Property

429 - This year
555 - Last year
-22.7% - Percent Change

Crime Against Society

207 - This year
236 - Last year
-12.29% - Percent Change

Arrest Reporting

Group "A"	Adult	Juvenile	Unknown	Total Arrests	Arrests Reported Last Year
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	0	0	1	1
Burglary	14	0	0	14	22
Larceny	79	0	0	79	72
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Simple Assault	46	0	0	46	40
Intimidation	0	0	0	0	0
Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	12	0	0	12	7
Drug/Narcotic Violations	86	0	0	86	96
Drug Equipment Violations	22	0	0	22	18
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	1	0	0	1	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	9
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	266	0	0	266	266
Group "B" Arrests					
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew/Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	3
DUI	83	1	0	84	82
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0
Family Offenses-nonviolent	0	0	0	0	2
Liquor Law Violations	75	2	0	77	81
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Runaways	0	0	0	0	0
Trespass	3	0	0	3	3
All Other Offenses	37	0	0	37	37
Total Group B Arrests	198	3	0	201	209
Total Arrests	464	3	0	467	475

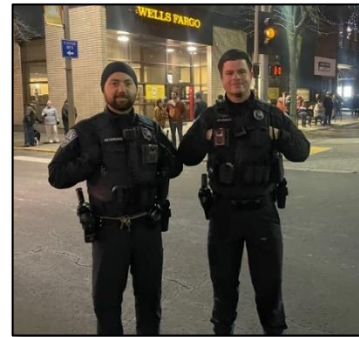
OPERATIONS DIVISION



Capt. Joe Sieverding

The Operations Division also experienced changes in 2024 with the promotion of Capt. Dahlinger to chief and the subsequent promotion of Sgt. Joe Sieverding to Captain of the Operations Division. This division is responsible for delivering all patrol functions and responding to police service requests from the Moscow community. It comprises various specialized units and programs, including the Field Training Officer Program, Bicycle Patrol Program, Traffic Safety and Motor Unit, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) Program, Narcotics Detection K9 Unit, SWAT Team, and Riot Team.

Officers responded to all service calls in person, as staffing allowed, unless a phone contact was specifically requested. Business checks and citizen interactions were prioritized when officers were not engaged with calls. Throughout the year, staffing challenges continued to affect the Operations Division. Retirements and other departures exceeded the capacity to find qualified police officer candidates. Regular testing processes often yielded only one or two candidates per test day. Our rigorous state standards, background investigations, and field training program disqualified some candidates. Consequently, this low staffing resulted in vacancies in several specialized positions this year.



Events such as the Lee Newbill Safety Fair, Downtown Trick-or-Treat, Moscowberfest, Light Up the Night Holiday Parade, Palouse Sprint Triathlon, and National Night Out Against Crime showcased the Moscow Police Department's strong community engagement. The third annual Independence Day Parade featured eight sworn officers who managed crowd and traffic control, assisting numerous volunteers involved in the event.



officers per 12-hour shift.

Our patrol officers work a 12-hour shift schedule to foster a team concept and enhance shift coverage during staffing shortages. These shifts run from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 6:00 am. Each shift is staffed by one of four teams, consisting of one sergeant, one corporal, and two to three officers, ensuring 24-hour community policing services. Officer staffing fluctuated throughout the year due to resignations, retirements, leaves of absence, and training needs, while maintaining a minimum staffing level of three

The Operations Division employed various specialized patrol methods throughout the city, using 11 marked police vehicles, one BMW motorcycle, and police bicycles, including several E-bikes.

One sergeant supervised each patrol team and was responsible for all patrol activities during their shift. This included resource allocation, personnel management, report approvals, addressing citizen concerns, and ensuring compliance with laws, policies, and procedures. The patrol sergeants also managed the work and training schedules for their team members and made recommendations for necessary ongoing training. As first-line supervisors, they needed to be effective leaders, mentors, and decision-makers. Given that police services operate 24/7, they made all operational decisions outside of regular business hours in the absence of the Command Staff. Throughout most of 2024, the patrol operated with one of the four sergeant positions vacant. Several corporals were designated as the "Acting Sergeant" to lead a patrol team. Promotional testing for the available sergeant role is scheduled for Spring 2025.



Patrol sergeants for 2024 were as follows:



Officers responded to a wide range of emergency and non-emergency calls throughout the city. Traffic collisions, noise complaints, animal-related incidents, medical emergencies, disturbances, and suspicious activities accounted for a significant portion of daily in-progress and priority calls. Patrol officers also addressed non-urgent or “cold” calls, prioritizing their responses as soon as they were available. When not handling calls, officers engaged in proactive patrols of residential and business areas. Business checks, extra patrols, and citizen interactions were integral parts of the daily routine for each team, aligning with the community-oriented policing philosophy of the Moscow Police Department.

The table below summarizes the prominent call and activity types, along with the number of responses recorded by our department in 2024:

Type of Incident	Responses	Type of Incident	Responses
Total Calls for Service	10,328	Noise Complaints	336
Suspicious	592	Agency Assist	187
Vehicle Accidents	698	Burglary Calls	47
Burglary Alarms	146	Domestic Disputes	264
Citizen Disputes	63	Alcohol Offense	65
Animal Calls	592	Found Property	668
Mental Hold/Transport	2	Threatening	111
Thefts	285	VIN Checks	137
Parking Complaints	399	Traffic Offense	537
911 Hang Up Calls	211	Drugs	195
Malicious Injury/Vandalism	101	Weapon Offense	19
Abandoned Vehicles	174	Fraud	194
U of I Related Calls	1,336	Missing Person	43
Welfare Checks	547	Runaway	16
Felony Arrests	39	Harassment	208
Misdemeanor Arrests	143	Traffic Stops	4,720
Warrant Arrests	68	Business Checks	1,804

New Patrol Officers

In 2024, six new officers were appointed to fill entry-level positions.



Officer Riley Alley was hired in February. A graduate of Coeur d'Alene High School, Officer Alley also attended Grays Harbor College. Before joining us, Officer Alley served as a firefighter for the Idaho Department of Lands. After graduating from the POST Academy, Officer Alley completed the FTO program and was subsequently assigned to solo patrol.

Officer Brandon Nigh joined in March. He graduated from Post Falls High School and came to us from the Post Falls Police Department, where he attended the North Idaho College Law Enforcement Academy in 2022. Officer Nigh completed our field training program and was assigned to patrol.





Officer Jurian Hering was hired in June. A graduate of Gig Harbor High School, he then attended the University of Idaho. In 2023, while at the university, Officer Hering joined our Cadet Program. After graduation, he was hired as an officer and attended the POST Academy. Officer Hering is expected to complete the field training program by March 2025.

her studies, Officer Stooks joined our Cadet Program in 2023. After graduating, she was hired as an officer and attended the POST Academy. Officer Stooks is set to complete her field training program in April 2025.

We are thrilled to see two of our cadets transition into patrol officers!

Officer Jordan Johnson was hired in December. A graduate of Brighton High School, he served as a detention deputy with the Benton County Sheriff's Department in Bentonville, Arkansas. He will attend the POST Academy in Meridian, Idaho, in January 2025 and begin the field training program following his graduation in April.



Field Training Officer Program

The Field Training Officer (FTO) Program integrates the training received at the Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy with the responsibilities of officers assigned to patrol duties. Police recruits undergo 16 weeks of comprehensive training and assessment by Field Training Officers. This training is organized into four phases, with a different training officer assigned to each one. Recruits are evaluated daily across 31 distinct performance categories. They receive practical, hands-on training alongside personal insights from their training officer. A variety of decision-making exercises and weekly assessments designed by the FTOs reflect the latest laws, court decisions, and patrol procedures. Successful completion of the FTO program is essential for officers to obtain their Basic Police Officer Certification and to progress to solo patrol status.

In 2024, the FTO program continued to evolve, with updates to the information and techniques used to train new officers. A two-week orientation helps new officers navigate the onboarding process, acquire uniforms and equipment, and understand the Field Training Officer (FTO) program, including its evaluation procedures.

Field Training Officers (FTOs) educate new officers while also performing their regular duties. Each FTO is selected for their exceptional knowledge, skills as police officers, and effective teaching and communication abilities. These trainers are required to complete a 40-hour training

course and participate in ongoing education. The FTO program is regularly assessed to integrate updates in laws, policies, tactics, and widely accepted police practices.

Drug Enforcement Efforts

The Moscow community joined the rest of the country, once again, this year to witness a substantial and consistent rise in mental health issues alongside increased drug abuse. Drugs continued to impact our community profoundly. Overdoses and thefts saw a notable decline compared to the previous year, highlighting the efforts of our proactive officers and K9 teams.

As noted below, the popularity of illegal drugs shifted once again as users were constantly seeking drugs that were most available. In 2024, our officers saw fentanyl in various powder and pill forms.

This chart illustrates drug activity in our community:

MPD Drug Seizures	2022	2023	2024
Methamphetamine (grams)	596.4	137	74.5
Fentanyl (grams)	412.5	214.62	13.4
Fentanyl Pills	-	-	126
Cocaine (grams)	20.9	32.2	25
Heroin (grams)	2.1	66.5	0
Marijuana (grams)	630.8	1117.52	952.05

K9 Team



The Narcotics Detection K9 program was launched in 2022. Since then, Sgt. Ryan Snyder and K9 Ragnar have continued in their dedication against illegal drug usage in our community, and 2024 was no different. K9 Ragnar was again the center of attention at community events such as National Night Out, Lee Newbill Safety Fair, Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week, and the UI Career Fair. During these events, Sgt. Snyder answered questions about the program, and K9 Ragnar enjoyed interacting with people of all ages. The K9 position has opened a new door of cooperation with



other K9 handlers from the Lewiston Police Department and the Idaho State Police, who collaborated closely with Sgt. Snyder and K9 Ragnar during training and operations in our North Idaho area. From January 1 to December 31, 2024, our K-9 team participated in 215 hours of training, conducted 33 deployments, and made 14 arrests. They were involved in 35 seizures, which resulted in 39.1 grams of methamphetamine, 95.2 grams of marijuana, two grams of fentanyl, and 193 paraphernalia items.

The Moscow Police Department is grateful to have this team on the front lines, working to curb illegal drug use in our community.

Cadet Program

Our Cadet Program offers college students the opportunity to gain knowledge, training, and experience in law enforcement. This year, the program expanded from ten to twelve members. Our department partnered with the University of Idaho again, 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 for a minimum of 20 hours per month.
- 6.) Possess a valid driver's license.
- 7.) Pass the application, testing, and background investigation processes.
- 8.) Attend all program trainings and/or meetings.



The program runs concurrently with the University of Idaho's academic calendar year. New cadets are required to attend a Cadet Mini-Academy, which takes place the week before the start of the fall semester. This academy consists of 40 hours of classroom instruction and scenario-based training covering various aspects of law enforcement.

After completing the academy, cadets must participate in bi-weekly training at the police department and complete one ride-along with an officer each month. They are also encouraged to engage in numerous additional activities, such as working alongside officers at the University of

Idaho sporting and entertainment events, city parades, National Night Out, and the Newbill Safety Fair.

To date, four cadets from the program have been hired as full-time patrol officers by our department, while several others have secured law enforcement positions in various locations. The program has been beneficial for both the department and the participating students.



Bicycle Patrol Program

Patrol bicycles serve as a crucial tool for community engagement, enabling officers to connect easily with citizens during routine patrols and public events. They offer numerous advantages, including improved community relations, increased public interaction, operational cost savings, faster response times, and environmental benefits. Moreover, these bikes are effective for crime prevention and detection, allowing officers to integrate into the environment, utilizing their senses to identify illegal activities, and access areas inaccessible by patrol cars. Officers can discreetly concentrate on areas of concern without attracting attention. Bicycles are especially beneficial in residential neighborhoods, business districts, and on the UI Campus at night.



To ensure safe operation while on patrol, officers must complete a 40-hour Police Bicycle Training Course. This training covers essential biking skills, practical techniques, traffic rules, interactions with citizens, traffic stops, and strategies for crowd control.

Our officers have increasingly utilized electric-assist bikes (E-Bikes) for patrol duties. E-bikes enable officers to respond more quickly to emergency calls while conserving energy. With a top speed of 28 mph, officers can cover greater distances more rapidly without losing the benefits of bicycle patrol. Using E-bikes has resulted in an expanded patrol area and more efficient time management compared to standard bikes. Captain Joe Sieverding, a certified bike instructor, managed the Bike Patrol Program in 2024.

Drone Program

Our Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), or drone, has significantly enhanced our ability to efficiently search extensive areas in our community. Utilizing infrared technology, nighttime searches for individuals have proven to be highly effective and quick. Furthermore, the capability to record officer training from an overhead perspective has aided in evaluating performance. The

live feed feature supports special operations, such as SWAT Team deployments and high-risk calls. The drone has been deployed during several challenging incidents to locate at-risk individuals 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 2024, the drone was deployed 14 times. The outdoor drone was utilized in a variety of ways, from locating at-large suspects to finding missing children who were in danger. It has proven to be an effective tool for criminal and lifesaving efforts. The implementation of the indoor drone has enhanced operational functionality, allowing officers to operate more safely during deployments. Both indoor and outdoor drones have contributed to keeping our community safer.



Motor Unit / Traffic Officer



During 2024, the department had one active, trained motorcycle officer, Eric Warner. Although staffing shortages prevented him from serving in a dedicated traffic enforcement role for the entire year, Officer Warner continued to organize targeted emphasis patrols in conjunction with grant opportunities. He also patrolled on the department's police motorcycle as scheduling and staffing allowed. The motorcycle's maneuverability on congested streets provided advantages not available with our larger police vehicles. The relatively small motorcycle enabled quicker access to scenes when incidents, such as traffic collisions, hindered police vehicle entry. Additionally, the motorcycle was used for community events, escorts, and educational purposes.

The patrol conducted numerous investigations in collaboration with the Moscow School District's bus transportation services to identify motorists who violated the law by passing a school bus while its stop arm and flashing lights were activated. Each school bus was equipped with a video camera, enabling officers to collect vehicle and driver information for follow-up investigations. Such violations pose an extreme danger to children boarding and departing the bus. This partnership has resulted in increased awareness among motorists in residential neighborhoods and school zones.



Grants Managed by Traffic Officer

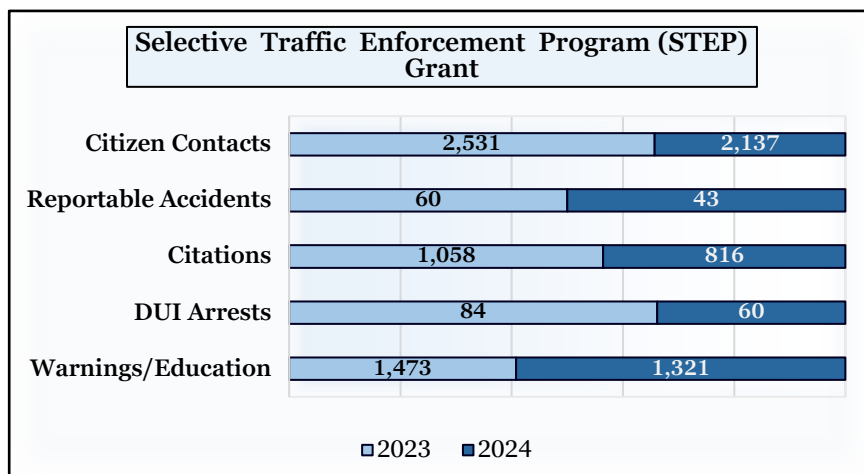
Investigating vehicle accidents and addressing traffic complaints are the primary duties of the traffic officer. In this assigned position, an officer develops organizational and advanced skills in traffic accident investigation. The traffic officer served as an important liaison with the Office of Highway Safety within the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), while also gaining experience in grant writing and management. Our department benefits from grant funding by participating in emphasis patrols to address specific traffic safety issues. Traffic Officer Warner managed the following grants and emphasis patrols:

□ Mobilizations - ITD

In 2024, there were five opportunities to participate in ITD mobilizations: aggressive driving in July; impaired driving in May, July, and August; and seat belt usage in May. During these special emphases, 160 contacts were made, with 28% of those contacts cited for speeding, lack of insurance, and other registration-related issues, as well as various moving and equipment violations.

□ Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant - ITD

The STEP Grant took effect on October 1, 2024, covering the salary for one full-time officer, 2,080 hours of dedicated traffic enforcement, and 200 hours of overtime for special mobilizations. It aimed to address aggressive and distracted driving to reduce traffic crashes.



This grant financed the acquisition of two radar units for patrol vehicles. The installed hardware in the cars enhanced the fleet by adding four patrol units equipped with mobile radar capabilities. This equipment was utilized to monitor areas of roadways where there is no feasible location for an officer to park and enforce speed limits. Managing the grant entailed tracking dedicated and matching hours and organizing special patrols to address specific issues, such as failing to yield to pedestrians. The total grant award for 2024 was \$54,000. Unfortunately, due to the limited number

of patrol officers, less time was allocated to STEP Grant traffic enforcement in 2024 as compared to the previous year.

During the dedicated STEP hours, officers also seized:

- 159.8 grams of marijuana,
- 26.3 grams of methamphetamine
- 14 pieces of drug paraphernalia.

□ Office of Drug Policy Grant

The Office of Drug Policy Grant allocated overtime funds for officers to conduct “party patrols” on and around the University of Idaho campus. Teams of two officers in plain clothes carried out patrols, looking for apparent alcohol violations in public areas.

During patrols in 2024, 49 contacts were made with the following citations issued:

- Minors who were in possession or consuming alcohol - 16
- Possession of marijuana - 4
- Possession of paraphernalia – 3
- Providing false information to an officer - 1
- Driving under the Influence - 1

Additionally, during these patrols, a total of 129 grams of marijuana was seized.

Whitcom

Since 2004, the City has contracted all dispatch and Emergency 911 services with Whitcom 911 in Pullman, Washington. For 2024, the City allocated \$776,874 for police and fire dispatch services. An additional \$38,600 was paid to provide Whitcom and the City of Moscow access to the Idaho Law Enforcement Teletype System (ILETS), which includes 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 various agencies, including Washington State University, the City of Pullman, Whitman County, Asotin County, the City of Clarkston, and the City of Moscow. They also offer dispatch services to several other small fire and ambulance agencies.



Capt. Joe Sieverding
Operations Division Commander



SERVICES DIVISION

Capt. David Hathaway



The Services Division command underwent changes once again this year. Capt. Blaker began the year as the Services Division Captain before moving to the Campus Division to take over for Capt. Berrett following his retirement in July. Captain David Hathaway was promoted from patrol sergeant to captain in June and assumed the position of Services Division Captain. Capt. Hathaway's promotion allowed for a period of overlap leading up to Capt. Berrett's retirement, providing everyone an opportunity to acclimate to their new positions before Capt. Berrett's departure.

At the end of 2024, 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, one part-time department specialists, two parking enforcement specialists, one code enforcement officer, and one full-time school resource officer. The administrative sergeant position remained vacant due to patrol staffing levels.

Some highlights of the training attended by our personnel in 2024:

- 14-week Patrol POST Academy
- Leadership in Police Records
- NTOA's Supervising Critical Incidents
- Confidential Informant Management
- Kaminsky's Field Training Officer
- Taser Instructor Certification Course
- Grenadier Training
- Tactical Operations Liability
- FBI Intermountain Command College
- ARIDE Training
- FBI LEEDA Command Leadership
- OSForensics
- Verbal Judo
- Radar & Lidar Certification
- Tac-Med Training
- ARCON
- FBI LEEDA Supervisor Leadership
- ICAC NW Conference
- ICAC Intermediate Training
- Active Shooter Response
- Implicit Bias
- Inter-Agency SWAT



School Resource Officer



Officer Jason Summers continued as our department's School Resource Officer (SRO). Throughout the year, he handled 181 calls specifically related to the Moscow School District (MSD) as well as other incidents involving student-aged juveniles. Officer Summers collaborated with the MSD to improve each school's emergency lockdown procedures. He regularly worked from his middle and high school offices to remain accessible and foster a welcoming environment that encouraged positive relationships with students. Throughout the year, SRO Summers organized and participated in numerous student-focused events, including the Newbill Safety Fair, Downtown Trick-or-Treat, National Night

Out, the Citizen's Police Academy, and Shop with a Cop. He also planned and coordinated the department's involvement in the annual FOP Turkey Drive for Thanksgiving. In addition, SRO Summers provided 44 in-classroom lectures and attended various evening sporting events, school dances, attendance court sessions, juvenile services meetings, and monthly Child Abuse Task Force meetings.

Investigations Unit



The Investigations Unit consisted of Detective Cpl. Payne, General Detective Dani Vargas, and Forensic Detectives Lawrence Mowery and Andrew Fox. Due to staffing issues, the second general detective position remained unfilled for another year.

Detectives Payne and Vargas investigated a total of thirty-five (35) criminal cases in 2024, encompassing offenses from simple theft and burglary to homicide and parental kidnapping. Det. Payne collaborated with the Idaho State Police Cold Case Unit to reopen two cold cases from the department, employing new investigative techniques and exploring current avenues to resolve them. He partnered with department members to establish a new physical readiness program and a wellness book that addresses mental, physical, nutritional, financial, and wellness support needs of our officers.



Detective Vargas, along with her many other responsibilities, investigated a kidnapping case in which the child was taken to Mexico by her father, violating Idaho law. She worked with the FBI, Customs and Border Protection, Pullman Police Department, and the Seattle Police Department to locate the child. The child was safely rescued and returned to her mother, and the suspect will be tried in 2025. Det. Vargas identified numerous other suspects in other cases due to her extensive experience as a detective. She was also recognized by the United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for her outstanding contributions to public safety through the

investigation and prosecution of significant federal cases. Detective Vargas played a crucial role in a case involving six individuals from Nigeria who laundered millions of dollars through sophisticated fraud schemes. Elderly U.S. citizens were primarily the targets of this crime. Six individuals were indicted.



In 2024, Forensic Detectives Fox and Mowery managed eighty (80) cases, primarily involving internet crimes against children (ICAC). In addition to ICAC cases, they assisted with numerous agency-assist calls related to digital investigations. Due to their dedicated work ethic and readiness to support surrounding agencies, the Moscow Police Department's Digital Forensics Unit has emerged as an investigative digital hub for northern Idaho. Agencies from as far north as Rathdrum and as far south as Grangeville have sought assistance from



this unit. Detectives Fox and Mowery also took part in various operations and training with the Idaho Attorney General's ICAC Unit, leading to multiple arrests and convictions of individuals involved in crimes against children.



Det. Mowery received recognition on two occasions. As an ICAC Investigator, the Idaho Attorney General's Office praised Det. Mowery for his dedication to his profession and consistent hard work on ICAC cases across the state. His second recognition of the year came from the U.S. Secret Service for his accomplishments in digital forensics and cybercrime investigations. Detective Mowery continued to enhance the department's forensics



laboratory technology through ongoing training in his field.

Det. Fox was also recognized for his dedication in two incidents in 2024. He worked on a case involving an inmate incarcerated in Arkansas, which led to this individual's conviction and extradition for ICAC offenses. As mentioned earlier in this report, Detective Fox also received a lifesaving award for going above and beyond his duties to search for a non-verbal autistic child using the department's unmanned aircraft system (drone). Both Det. Mowery and Det. Fox are invaluable to the Moscow Police Department and law enforcement agencies throughout Idaho.



In addition to the previously mentioned criminal investigations, detectives were also deeply involved in various other aspects of the police department. Detectives Mowery and Fox were responsible for enhancing the department's Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program, significantly improving capabilities such as thermal imaging, high-altitude overwatch, and the ability to clear a building. This technology was utilized numerous times throughout the year.

Despite remaining understaffed for another year, the Moscow Police

Department Investigations Section performed exceptionally. They not only handled their assigned workloads with professionalism and attention to detail, but they also worked tirelessly to enhance the department's capabilities.

Records Unit



Mariah Atkinson served as the Records Coordinator for 2024, collaborating with Administrative Specialists Cassie Macy and Katie Gower-Short, as well as part-time Department Specialist Crista VanOvermeer.



In 2024, the Records Unit managed 10,311 case records, along with numerous other records and documents related to the police department's daily operations. The unit also processed 2,235 citations and 1,041 freedom of information requests. Follow-up on

false business alarms resulted in the recovery of \$750 to cover expenses incurred by patrol officers who responded to alarms caused by malfunctions or employee errors. The data 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., 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 performed numerous other record-keeping duties and managed countless requests from department members and the public. Our records division referred 751 cases to the Latah County Prosecutor's Office and 1,689 cases to the City of Moscow's Prosecutor's Office for prosecution.

Additionally, Mariah organized and facilitated a surplus auction, resulting in the sale and repurposing of numerous items, which generated \$32,593.28 in revenue for the city.

Licensing



In 2024, Administrative Specialist Katie Gower-Short continued to process licensing. Her additional responsibilities included processing applications, conducting fingerprinting, performing background checks, and handling licenses for childcare providers, taxicab drivers, vendors, second-hand and pawn shops, and solicitors. Katie processed 91 new daycare provider applications and 59 renewals, along with 22 taxi driver applications, five vendor licenses, and 14 solicitors' licenses. She also assisted with day-to-day operations in the Reception and Records Unit, while maintaining social media accounts. Katie shared 115 posts on Facebook and 91 on Instagram in 2024.

Department Specialist Crista VanOvermeer once again represented our department by greeting citizens in our lobby and answering their phone calls. Additionally, she took on various responsibilities to support her co-workers in the Records Unit by assisting with licensing and entering citation and pawn slip information into our database. Crista conducted 84 background checks for the Moscow Fire Department's Resident and EMS programs. She also serves as the department's car seat technician and managed the program in 2024.



Property and Evidence Management



Tim Smalldridge continued as the department's Property/Evidence Coordinator in 2024. Tim again utilized Cassie Macy as his backup for property and evidence, relying on her to fulfill his duties in his absence. Cassie also regularly assisted him with scheduled destructions.

Following is a table of significant property and evidence amounts for the year:

2024 Property and Evidence	Amount
Property Booked (pieces)	1,931
Property Released	532
Property Destroyed	2,379
Evidence to Crime Lab	109
Items for Video/Audio Replication	912
Items designated for Auction	28

Parking Enforcement



Scott Springer and Ronnie Morgan served as our Parking Enforcement Specialists in 2024, with Ronnie joining the team after Dianna Erickson's retirement. This year, a total of 5,646 parking citations were issued.

During fiscal year 2024, revenues from parking fines totaled \$155,250 in addition to \$7,200 from parking boots placed on vehicles with more than three overdue parking tickets.



The City of Moscow utilized the green parking permit system in downtown lots, improving parking availability for business owners, their employees, and customers. The total fees collected from parking permits amounted to \$35,253 with 109 permits issued.

Code Enforcement



Gary Stedman served as the department's Code Enforcement Officer. His responsibilities were centered on animal care and control, with a specific emphasis on code violations related to dogs. Additionally, the Code Enforcement Officer handled complaints regarding junk vehicles, snow on sidewalks, noxious weeds, sight obstructions, and abandoned bicycles.

A separate responsibility of the Code Enforcement Officer involved deploying our radar trailers throughout the city. The radar trailers served as a tool to educate the motoring public. They were placed in problem areas to remind drivers of speed limits through visual feedback on the large digital display. Additionally, the trailers collected valuable traffic data, assisting the police department in evaluating and verifying potential speeding issues and traffic volumes in specific areas.

Type of Service	Amount
Animal Related Calls	650
Noxious Weed Complaints	10
Snow-Covered Sidewalks	2
Abandoned Bicycle Retrievals	25
Other Code Violations	62

The department continued to collaborate under an agreement with the Humane Society of the Palouse. The City of Moscow provides financial support to the Animal Shelter to ensure its operations. For the fiscal year 2023/2024, the City allocated \$56,460 to cover personnel costs for the Humane Society, with \$9,332 designated for shelter utilities. Sanitation expenses totaled \$5,338, and \$2,905 was reserved for building repair and maintenance. In 2024, the Animal Shelter took in 211 dogs and 209 cats, returning 132 dogs and seven cats to their owners. Additionally, the shelter successfully placed 71 dogs and 176 cats into new homes through its adoption processes.

Moscow Police Chaplaincy Program

The department recognizes the need for a chaplain or clergy member to provide counseling, spiritual support and guidance for members, their families, and citizens of our community when a need arises. Chaplains are integrated into our department and serve as a resource for assistance and support to all department members upon request. 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.



This year, we sadly lost Chaplain Rod Olps, who passed away unexpectedly in June. Chief Dahlinger and other officers had the privilege of escorting him to his final resting place on his family's land outside Troy, Idaho. Chaplain Olps was a dedicated resource to our community and our staff; above all, he was steadfastly committed to the Lord and his family. He is greatly missed.

In September, we welcomed Chaplain Larry Kirkland to the MPD family. A member of the Bridge Bible Fellowship, Chaplain Kirkland has served in ministry for over 40 years. He spent the last few months of the year getting to know the department staff and officers, completing multiple ride-alongs, and familiarizing himself with his new role.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hathaway".

Captain David Hathaway
Services Division





CAMPUS DIVISION

Capt. Dustin Blaker



In 2024, the Campus Division underwent changes. In July, Capt. Tyson Berrett retired from the Moscow Police Department after 29 years, including eight years as the Campus Division Commander. Capt. Dustin Blaker assumed his position in August, serving as the law enforcement liaison between the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho while overseeing the Campus Division. This Division continued to operate from Memorial Gym, Suite 111, located in the heart of the University of Idaho campus. It consisted of one command staff officer, two campus community policing officers, and four patrol officers scheduled through the Operations Division. Officers assigned to the Campus Division were selected from patrol teams and dedicated to the campus effort. The Campus Division also collaborated with the University of Idaho Office of Public Safety and Security and Vandal Security to ensure that our campus remained one of the safest in the United States.

In 2024, the following officers served on the Campus Division team at various times: Officer Jon Rosinsky, Corporal Aaron Morris, Corporal Corbin Smith, and Officer Bransen Stirk. Their community policing and outreach initiatives included alcohol and drug awareness, sexual assault prevention, personal safety, and active shooter presentations for the University's faculty, staff, students, and living groups. Members of the Campus Division collaborated closely with the Dean of Students Office, the Women's Center, Student Involvement, Athletics, Residence Life, Greek Life, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Counseling and Testing Center, the International Programs Office, Student Health, and Veterans Affairs. This level of commitment and involvement highlighted our team's approach, which fostered a safe, healthy, and positive atmosphere for everyone who worked, visited, or attended the University of Idaho Moscow campus.



Officer Rosinsky served as our UI Conduct Team Liaison, working closely with the Dean of Students, Title IX, and Housing and Residence Life Offices. He was also a member of the Latah County Regional SWAT team and a certified bicycle patrol officer. In October, he received a commendation for his outstanding service to the University of Idaho from the Office of Public Safety, Security, and Parking.

“...You have a solid reputation as a community policing officer, have been extremely vigilant in attending all requests for cop-talks and other calls for service, and openly engage students, staff, and faculty. In addition to common calls for service, your willingness to pursue delicate matters in a professional manner while being cognizant of the concerns of the

university is greatly appreciated... Your approachable and respectful demeanor is much appreciated.”

We appreciate Officer Rosinsky’s continued dedication and the outstanding work he does on campus.

Officer Stirk was assigned to campus in the fall of 2024 and began serving as the department’s liaison to the Women’s Center, the Vandal Climate Education Support Team, and the Campus Community Response Team. He is a Field Training Officer for the department and assists with the ARCON and Cadet Programs. Additionally, he is a certified bicycle patrol officer.



This year, our Campus Division also participated in numerous events, including UI football, men's and women’s basketball, the UI Summer Country Showdown, and spring and fall commencement—just to name a few. Our officers conducted “Cop Talks” for the entire Greek community on the UI campus, establishing strong relationships between the students and the police department.



Crime statistics reveal that the University of Idaho remains an exceedingly safe campus. The low crime rate at the University of Idaho is directly attributed to the ongoing collaboration between the Moscow Police Department and the UI community, comprising students, faculty, staff, and administration. Campus Division personnel continue to work closely with all entities on campus to maintain the University of Idaho as one of the safest residential campuses in the country. For the most current University of Idaho crime rates, please visit the University of Idaho website and search for the “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!

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Captain Dustin Blaker
Campus Division



THE YEAR IN PICTURES



Chief Dahlinger & Capt. Blaker grilled for National Telecommunicator Week



SRO Summers Gets a Pie in the Face On the Last Day of School



Cpl. Tesdahl Teamed Up with Special Olympics To Carry the Torch on Main Street



Cadets Showcased MPD at the UI Career Fair Table



Local Schools Showered the Department with a "Heart Attack" on Valentine's Day



Capt. Berrett at the Newbill Safety Fair



Cpl. Nunes Helping with Games at NNO



*BFF's Dedicated to
Our Keeping Our Community Safe*



Cpl. Smith and Officer Skully Patrolling the Streets



*Young Ladies at the Newbill Fair
Checking Out the "Ride"*



*Officers Assembling Thanksgiving Day Dinners for
Area Families In-Need*

Ragnar's 2024 Recap



Operating a Vehicle Without a License



Aiding and Abetting - Theft



Do the Crime – Do the Time

Ragnar is Excited to Be Back on the Job!



