



PASCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT **2023**





Message from the Office of the Chief



As we reflect on another challenging yet transformative year, I am proud to highlight the remarkable strides made by the Pasco Police Department in fostering a safer and more connected community. Our unwavering commitment to public safety, trust building, and community engagement has driven endeavors and guided our actions throughout the year.

In our pursuit of public safety, we have continued to implement innovative strategies aimed at crime prevention and proactive policing. Through data-driven policing, collaboration with local partners, and leveraging advanced technologies, we have effectively addressed emerging challenges while maintaining a steadfast presence to ensure the safety of our community.

While we celebrate the progress made, we acknowledge that our work is ongoing. As we look ahead to the coming year, the Pasco Police Department remains resolute in its dedication and commitment to continuous improvement, adaptability to evolving challenges, and a relentless pursuit of excellence in serving and safeguarding our community. Together, we will continue to build upon the foundation of trust and cooperation, ensuring Pasco remains a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

Chief of Police



Brent Cook
Deputy Chief of Police

Our Mission

We are dedicated to serving our community with excellent law enforcement services.

Organizational Values

PASSION: We are passionate about policing Pasco with the highest of ethics and integrity while being transparent with our community.

PRIDE: We take pride in our department and the professional service we provide that instills confidence from the community.

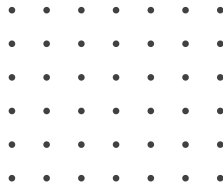
DEDICATED TO SERVE: We serve our diverse community by treating everyone with dignity and respect while honoring our oath with humility and empathy.

Our Vision

We will ensure Pasco is a safe place to work, live, and visit. We will do this by engaging with our community to strengthen their trust in us. We will maximize technology and best practices to solve crime and make Pasco a safer community. We will create a culture for our employees to maximize their talents and will recognize their value in accomplishing our mission.



2023 BY THE NUMBERS



81,280

City Population

55,145

Calls for service answered

99

Number of sworn personnel

5 minutes & 36 seconds

Average response time for
priority calls

3,549

Number of cases solved

2,924

Number of arrests

3,752

Number of traffic stops

66

Number of Use of Force incidents





FIELD OPERATIONS

Captain Bill Parramore

Captain Bill Parramore heads the Field Operations Division (FOD), which is comprised of highly visible members of our police department. This division operates 24/7, addressing all community service requests.

You will find Patrol Officers, District Resource Officers, and School Resource Officers within the Field Operations Division. Captain Parramore also supervises specialized units, including the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, the Canine Unit, the Homeless Liaison Unit, and the Traffic Unit.

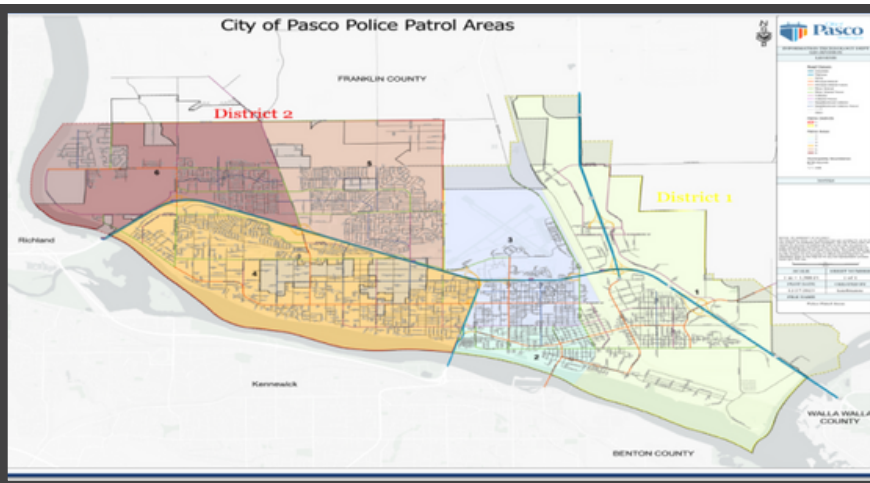


2023 FOD at a Glance

- **2,924** number of arrests
- **2,563** number of traffic tickets written
- **2,088** number of collisions responded to
- **55** number of guns recovered
- **67** number of SWAT activations
- **86** number of K9 deployments



FIELD OPERATIONS – DISTRICT POLICING



Chad Pettijohn
District 1 Lieutenant



Matthew Decker
District 2 Lieutenant

In 2022, the Pasco Police thoroughly analyzed their existing patrol model and the patrol division's capability to address the community's needs. Following this assessment, the decision was made to transition to a district policing model in early 2024. Under this model, the city was strategically restructured into two districts, each overseen by a lieutenant with a designated sergeant in each district. This is a departure from the previous approach, where one sergeant was responsible for the entire city.

Additionally, the model involved restructuring the existing four zones into six patrol zones, resulting in smaller areas of responsibility for patrol officers. As Pasco Police expands its department by adding more officers over the next five years, the implementation of district policing is expected to enhance the level of community service provided to the citizens of Pasco.

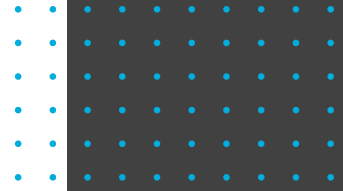
Moving to District Policing has Direct Benefits to our Community:

- Increased community-based problem solving with the addition of strategic task management by lieutenants and sergeants. District Officers are assigned to each shift to ensure task management of problems at the patrol level.
- Increases direct supervision for front-line officers, ensuring access to a sergeant with the experience necessary to undertake problem solving measures during critical incidents.
- Smaller patrol zones allowing for faster response times and more flexibility in moving officers around the city to directly address increasing problems in a certain area.



SUPPORT OPERATIONS

Captain Jeff Harpster



Support Operations Division (SOD), led by Captain Jeff Harpster, is comprised of detectives, task force officers, evidence, and records. Detectives investigate all felony-level crimes that occur within the City of Pasco. SOD has twelve detectives, with four of them assigned to Street Crimes Unit (SCU). They are supervised by two Sergeants. Pasco has one evidence technician whose job entails processing crime scenes, tracking and managing all evidence, and submitting evidence to the crime lab. Records is overseen by the records manager, who ensures every police report, arrest, and ticket is approved and accurately imputed into the records management system. Records offer the first point of contact for customer service, responding to public records requests, offering fingerprinting services, approving concealed pistol license applications, and ensuring background checks for all applicants.



2023 SOD at a Glance

- **390** number of cases assigned to detectives
- **229** number of cases solved
- **58.7%** cases clearance rate
- **1,093** number of public records request
- **3,547** number of items entered into evidence





PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Captain Brian Vaught

The Professional Standards Division (PSD), led by Captain Brian Vaught, maintains the integrity and professionalism of the Pasco Police Department and its employees, ensuring its standards are maintained through professionalism and accountability.

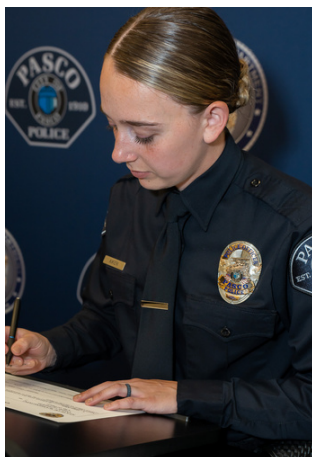
Professional Standards oversees the hiring of new officers, citizen complaints, use of force, internal investigations, and ensures Pasco's policies align with the requirements for Pasco's dual accreditations from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA) and the Washington State Association of Chiefs and Sheriffs (WASPC).



Thomas Groom
Professional Standards Lieutenant

2023 PSD at a Glance

- 11 number of new hires
- 66 number of use of force incidents investigated
- 36 number of external complaints handled
- 12,493 number of training hours completed
- 29 number of commendations awarded
- In 2023, Pasco passed both the CALEA and WASPC inspections, earning re-accreditation from both agencies.





2023 CRIME DATA

Crime Statistics

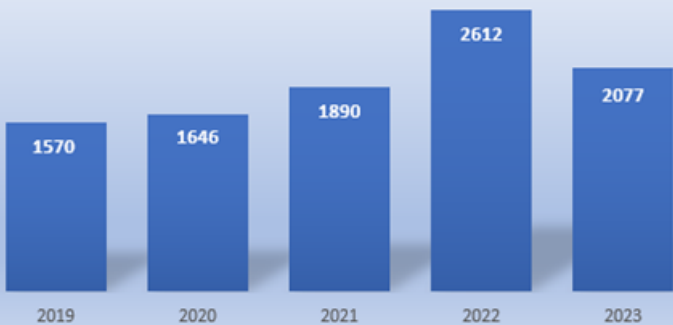


Pasco Police Department saw a notable reduction in crime across all categories in 2023, compared to 2022. In 2023, the rate of crime in Pasco was roughly 54 per 1,000 population, down from 64 per 1,000 in 2022. Overall, crimes against property had the largest reduction in incidents compared to 2022, a reduction of 22%. This is significant because property crime represents 42% of all crime in Pasco. Violent crime decreased 5% from 2022-2023, with a notable 13% reduction in shootings from 2022-2023.

2023 Crime Data at a Glance

- Arrests down 7.7% from 2022
- Citations up 3.6% from 2022
- Traffic collisions down 16.0% from 2022

TOTAL PART I CRIMES



Part I crimes include the categories of homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, auto theft, and arson

Part I crimes are down 20% from 2022-2023. A large part of this reduction is due to rates of auto theft decreasing 40% from 2022-2023. The only category that did not show a reduction in incidents was robbery, representing no change from 2022-2023.

Part II crimes include the categories of simple assault, forgery, fraud, stolen property, malicious mischief, weapons offenses, sex offenses, narcotics offenses, DUI, trespass, and kidnapping.

Part II crimes are down 5.3% from 2022-2023. Stolen property offenses saw one of the greatest decreases in incidents from 2022 to 2023 of 44%. This category includes the charge of possession of a stolen vehicle.

TOTAL PART II CRIMES





2023 CRIME DATA



PROPERTY OFFENSES FROM 2022-2023:

Burglary



From 314 to 287
-Down 9%

Auto Theft



From 539 to 326
-Down 40%

Larceny



From 1482 to 1205
-Down 19%

Arson



From 17 to 12
-Down 29%

VIOLENT OFFENSES FROM 2022-2023:

Homicide



From 4 to 1
Down 75%

Rape



From 24 to 22
Down 8%

Robbery



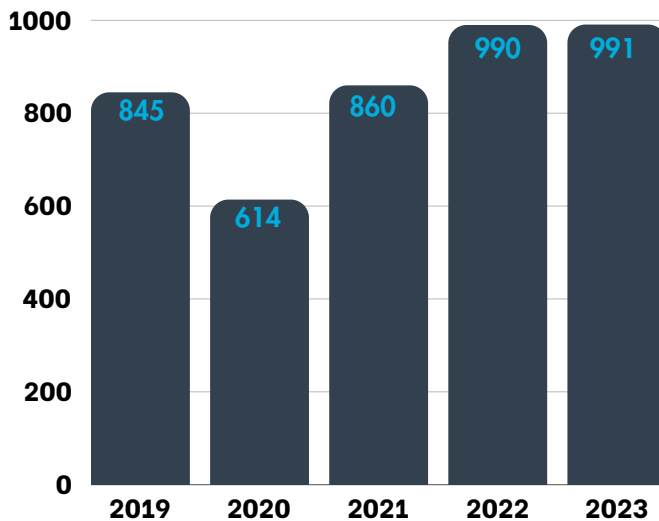
From 57 to 57
0% change

Aggravated Assault



From 175 to 167
Down 5%

REPORTABLE COLLISIONS



TRAFFIC DATA:

The numbers of traffic stops increased 2.7% from 3,655 traffic stops in 2022 to 3,752 in 2023.

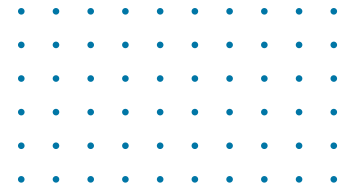
In 2023, officers issued 2,563 traffic tickets. Reportable collisions remain about the same for the past two years.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2023, Pasco Police Officers responded to 55,145 calls for service. Calls for service in 2023 are down 5% compared to 2022.



RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE



Regional Academy - Excellence in Instruction



In 2023, Pasco Police Department spearheaded the launch of a regional police academy that opened in May of 2023, led by PPD Sergeant Ward. By November of 2023, certificates of excellence were presented to (from left to right): BCSO Lt. Magnuson, PPD Sergeant Ward, KPD Officer Sullivan, and PPD Officer Vargas for delivering the curriculum that will help to keep police recruits local and provide them with the highest quality of training. The academy has trained 28 recruits since its opening and is set to graduate 28 more in February of 2024.

Chief's Commendation Awards



Officers Christenson and Dillsworth were presented with a Chief's Commendation Award for their quick response and life-saving measures provided to a 2022 shooting victim.



Officer Acock was presented with the Chief's Commendation for his response to an officer-involved shooting, where he expertly applied a tourniquet to his fellow officer and took control of a chaotic scene.



The Chief's Commendation was presented by Chief Roske to KPD Officer McCalmant, PPD Sgt. Thompson, and PPD Officer Mendoza for their life-saving measures when Officer Jones was shot attempting to take a suspect into custody.

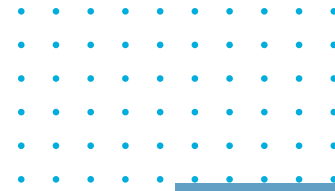
Officer of the Year



Officer Adam Wright brings extensive experience and knowledge, spanning 16 years, to his role as a Field Training Officer (FTO) and Firearms instructor. He has consistently displayed exceptional leadership qualities. Over the past year, Officer Wright has gone above and beyond to support his colleagues, investing personal time and dedicating a significant portion of workdays to training, particularly for new recruits. He has contributed significantly to the development and enhancement of firearms training programs, both instructing and leading these efforts. Notably, Officer Wright has trained six officers and spent 727 hours on training in the past year alone. Despite his vast responsibilities, he remains humble and dedicated, serving as an advisor and providing guidance to seasoned officers. His commitment, positivity, and dedication made him an outstanding candidate for Employee of the Year.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



COFFEE WITH A COP



Building bridges one coffee cup at a time. Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together-over coffee-to discuss issues and learn more about each other.

PASCO FIELD DAY



Pasco Police Foundation sponsored family field day, complete with water activities, face painting, balloon art, basketball, soccer, kickball, and the Pasco PD ice cream cart of course.

COPS AND KIDS



2023 Cops and Kids was a success! Cops and Kids give opportunities for struggling community members to receive gifts for Christmas. The program pairs a police officer with a child, who shops for the family. The presents are then delivered to the child's family, wrapped and ready to be opened on Christmas morning. PPD Officer Yazwinski even made sure to arrest the Grinch for stealing holiday cheer.



WE LOVE SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

