

Fort Collins Police Services' efforts to Support Vision Zero Goals

Below is a list of enforcement operations and educational efforts that were conducted by FCPS, led by the Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU) from 2023 to present. This list is not all inclusive of efforts but highlights several of the more major events.

Vision Zero Action Plan Accomplishments

Outlined below is our progress regarding the 2023 Vision Zero Action Plan. Specifically mentioned are those initiatives, efforts, and line items which Police Services was considered the lead implementer for or was solely responsible for implementing. Police Services is listed as a “supporting implementer” on many other initiatives, efforts and line items most of which are not included in this document (and will likely be referenced by the lead implementer.

- **(Goal Area) Promote a Culture of Traffic Safety**
 - **Supporting Action 3.7 (*Police Services*) Fill current vacancies to fully staff the Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU)**
 - **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** In 2022, the TEU began its expansion to include officers working night and evenings shifts. The new scheduling allowed for more resources to focus on dangerous driving, especially nighttime racing and excessive speeding to be addressed, while also enhancing overall traffic safety in our community. In 2024, the TEU was authorized to fully staff the unit, and the team has remained fully staffed at 6 officers, 1 half-time corporal, 1 sergeant, and 1 (professional staff) Camera Radar Coordinator since that time.
 - **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Starting in 2022, the TEU's expansion has resulted in staffing coverage 6 days a week. While operational hours vary day-to-day, officers have coverage on busy days 7am until 1am. The team staffs 3 officers who work night or evening shifts and 4 officers (including 1 half-time corporal and 1 sergeant) who work day shifts.
- **(Goal Area) Increase Data Transparency and Partnerships**
 - **Supporting Action 4.5 (*Police Services, Traffic Operations, Information Technology*) Provide a dashboard with accessible data about traffic**

fatalities and serious injury crashes on the City’s website and incorporate data and trends into the annual safety report

- ACCOMPLISHMENTS: A Vision Zero dashboard (which displays traffic and crash information) was created and is updated regularly. The TEU does not specifically maintain this.
- <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/5244bcd8f4164f52983baa0419253a3c>

- **(Goal Area) Center Equity**

- **Supporting Action 5.1 (Police Services, FC Moves) Pilot a diversion program with education to encourage safe behaviors over more punitive measures such as fines**
 - ACCOMPLISHMENTS: This was accomplished through Traffic Circles. Please see information regarding this program under “Education and Outreach Efforts”
- **Supporting Action 5.3 (Police Services, Traffic Operations, FC Moves) Expand use of automated traffic enforcement (speed, redlight cameras) and deploy throughout the HIN; any revenues received from fines should be used to improve traffic safety.**
 - ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Since the onboarding of a Camera Radar Coordinator, the Camera Radar program has expanded significantly, including growing the team of hourly Camera Radar Operators to 12 in 2026. After City Council approved the Automated Vehicle Identification Systems (AVIS) Corridors (also called Speed Corridors) and AVIS usage, FCPS added speed enforcement to its intersection cameras and began deploying its four camera radar vehicles throughout the AVIS Corridors and in accordance with AVIS laws. In July 2025, two unmanned portable camera radar units (Transportables) were deployed and are being used on a 24/7 basis throughout the AVIS Corridors to reduce speeding.



- ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Stats related to **AVIS** C.R.S. 42-4-110.5, Muni Ord 1106 (speed) and 615 (red-light):

CAMERA RADAR/RED-LIGHT CITATIONS

	2023	2024	2025
Intersection (6) Red-Light	14458	16220	10409
Intersection (6) Speed	n/a	128 (dec)	36305

Camera Radar Vehicles (4)	12289	16631	11205
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Transportable Units (2)	n/a	n/a	18303 (jul-dec)
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*Fixed speed at intersections started in December 2024 and Transportables started in July 2025.

Enforcement Efforts

- Team Enforcement Days – Established to assist in responding to chronic safety and community concerns, the TEU engages in enforcement based on data regarding recent crashes/community problems to further the Vision Zero initiative. These Days have consisted of pedestrian/bicycle safety, Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)

enforcement efforts, excessive speeding violations, school zone enforcement and unreasonable noise violations.

○ Examples:

- The TEU conducted a school zone enforcement operation on February 5th, 2025. In roughly 2.5 hours, there were 40 traffic stops conducted with 40 citations issued.
- In February 2026 FCPS officers partnered with Larimer County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and Colorado State Patrol (CSP) to conduct a focused effort on school zones and bus routes, promoting student safety. As a result, the combined team conducted 62 traffic stops, issued 47 citations (27 of which were school zone violations) and made 1 arrest for DUI, speeding, and resisting arrest. The highest speed cited was 43mph in a 20mph school zone
- December 2025: The TEU partnered with the School Resource Officer (SRO) Unit and LCSO to conduct traffic enforcement and a saturation effort. Specifically, the joint team targeted school zone violations and expired registrations. Collectively, the team conducted 81 traffic stops, issued 69 citations (38 of which were school zone violations) and made 1 arrest. The highest speed cited was 47 in a 20mph school zone and the most expired registration cited was 12/2013 (twelve years expired).
- July 2025: The TEU worked afternoon/evening hours to address multiple citizen complaints regarding mufflers/excessive noise from vehicles and either expired registrations or no registrations. In total, there were 58 stops made which resulted in 53 citations being issued. There were 7 muffler/noise related violations that were cited. In addition to expired plates and muffler violations, there were also multiple no insurance citations, citations for racing/exhibition of speed, and one DUI arrest made.
- March 2025: The TEU partnered with Loveland Police Department (LPD), CSP and the Larimer County DA's Office to conduct a DUI saturation effort around Fort Collins and surrounding areas. Officers made over 60 traffic stops and responded to REDDI (Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately) reports, resulting in several arrests and a variety of citations being issued. Arrests ranged from numerous DUIs to drug charges, including a stop with a road rage suspect illegally in possession of a firearm.

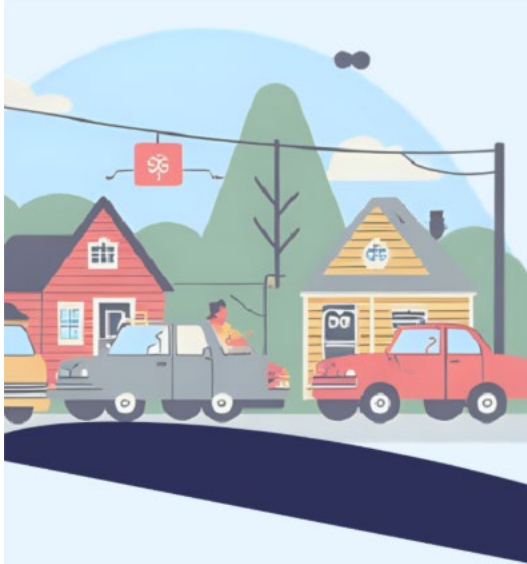


- FCPS currently has 3 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Level 1 inspectors. 1 inspector is certified in bulk and non-bulk hazmat, and tankers. FMCSA Inspectors handle commercial motor vehicle enforcement within the city, keeping our community safe from 80,000 pound loaded semi-trucks and ensuring compliance with federal, state and local laws.





- Camera Radar/Red Light Program: TEU officers serve speeding tickets to those caught on the camera system speeding in excess of 25mph over the speed limit (violations of 11mph or more but less than 25 mph over the speed limit are handled by mail). Because this speed is a Traffic Misdemeanor, violations of 25+ mph over the speed limit must be investigated and cited by a police officer. TEU officers work diligently to hold these egregious “super speeders” accountable with notable violations including 95mph in a 40mph zone of S College Ave at Drake Rd.
- Noise Enforcement: In direct response to overwhelming community concern and complaints, the TEU led the police response with a citywide initiative to reduce vehicle noise violations. This included developing an ordinance and revitalizing other ordinances, creating educational materials and engaging in public outreach, and then conducting focused enforcement efforts for unreasonable noise and modified muffler violations. Noise violations commonly accompany dangerous driving behavior including excessive speed and racing. Enforcing vehicle-based noise ordinances allows officers to influence overall driving behavior and prevent some dangerous driving.



ALL UNREASONABLE VEHICLE NOISE & ILLEGAL MUFFLERS ARE PROHIBITED IN FORT COLLINS

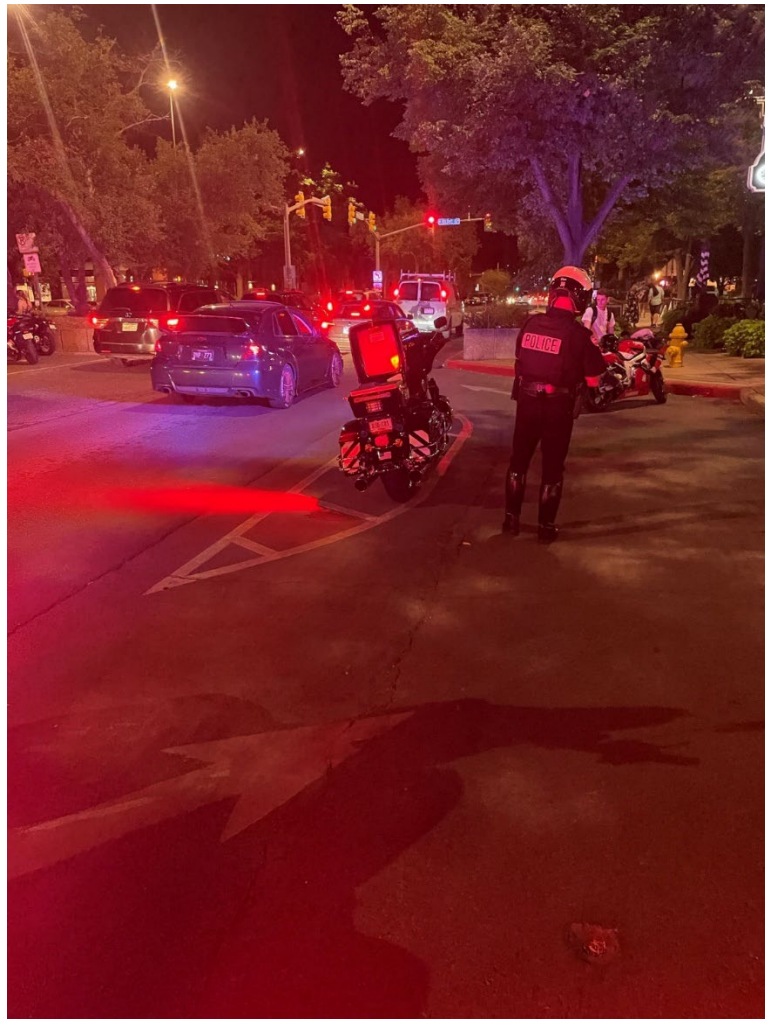
Things to know:

- Violations of the Unreasonable Vehicle Noise ordinance is a misdemeanor with a mandatory court appearance. Muffler ordinance violations are traffic infractions which could result in a fine of up to \$300.
- Fort Collins Municipal Traffic Code, Section 1418 - Unreasonable Vehicle Noise - makes it unlawful for a person to operate a vehicle which produces unreasonable noise. Some examples of unreasonable noise include:
 - Loud or defective mufflers
 - Missing exhaust systems
 - Revving engines, rapid acceleration, or tire squeals
 - Horns or sound devices used excessively (except for safety)
 - Music or amplified sound at disruptive volumes
- Fort Collins Municipal Traffic Code, Section 225 - Mufflers - outlines the muffler requirements for vehicles operated in Fort Collins:
 - Vehicles must have a working muffler that prevents excessive noise
 - No cut-offs, bypasses, straight pipes or similar devices
 - No modifications that make the vehicle louder than the original factory muffler
 - Engine compression brakes on commercial vehicles must have a muffler

Unreasonable vehicle noise disrupts neighborhoods and impacts everyone's quality of life. Enforcement is in full effect – Keep it legal to help ensure a safe and peaceful community for everyone!



- Deployment of Resources: Since 2023, the TEU began deploying officers at varying times and days to more effectively respond to the community's traffic concerns. This deployment strategy allowed for the unit's officers to utilize problem-oriented policing strategies to combat chronic traffic complaints – especially those which previously lacked consistent enforcement. The TEU now covers 6 days a week with varying schedules, with officers staffed during busy traffic times from 7am until 1am. The team's expansion into nighttime enforcement has had a direct impact on night-time complaints about racing, excessive speeding and exhibition of speed on weekend nights along College Avenue.



2023-2025 Traffic Citations

Traffic Violations by Speed Category								
Violation	2023	23-24 Diff	23-24 %	2024	24-25 Diff	24-25 %	2025 Totals	
1-4 MPH Over	99	232	234%	331	-240	-73%	91	521
5-9 MPH Over	417	614	147%	1031	-328	-32%	703	2151
10-14 MPH Over	10	1	10%	11	-9	-82%	2	23
10-19 MPH Over	1158	150	13%	1308	-164	-13%	1144	3610
20-24 MPH Over	222	17	8%	239	-17	-7%	222	683
25-39 MPH Over	114	69	61%	183	51	28%	234	531
40+ MPH Over	22	-6	-27%	16	7	44%	23	61
Speed Exhibition/Contest	71	11	15%	82	-6	-7%	76	229
Too Fast for Conditions	70	-5	-7%	65	21	32%	86	221
N/A	5462	1249	23%	6711	81	1%	6792	18965
Totals	7645	2332	31%	9977	-604	-6%	9373	26995

CR & RL Spreadsheet Stats	
Transportables Citations	
2025	18303
Red Light Camera System Citations	
2023	14458
2024	16220
2025	10409
Mobile Camera Citations	
2023	12289
2024	16631
2025	11205
Speed Corridor Fixed Red Light Camera Citations	
2024	128
2025	36305

DUIs	
2023	424
2024	428
2025	525

Education and Outreach Efforts

- Hero Fest – Annually, officers have participated in Hero Fest, highlighting the agency’s resources for traffic safety. The Team has brought the CRASH Scene response vehicle and police motorcycles to the festival in past years. The TEU consciously engages in conversations about traffic safety with the Fort Collins community during this event.



- Coffee with a Cop – (many examples, multiple occurrences in a year)
 - In one example, the TEU partnered with the CSO’s for books and badges and also with FC Moves to host a *Coffee with a Cop* event. This partnership and the outreach event specifically focused on traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle safety.



- Muffins & Motors – The TEU hosted an informal event at the Starbucks near Horsetooth and Mason where there were multiple discussions regarding traffic safety and community concerns. Staying true to the theme of the event, the team brought muffins, coffee and police motorcycles to supplement the conversation.



- The TEU partnered with Poudre School District and FCPS School Resource Officers to make an informational video regarding school bus stop arm laws. This educational video was created in both English and Spanish.



- Hash Browns & Heroes (annually) – an event hosted by Chick-Fil-A to promote public safety and allow the community to meet first responders. We have attended this event multiple times to engage with the public and promote traffic safety.



- Restorative Traffic Circles (RTC) – The TEU participates in the program monthly as part of its broader Vision Zero education efforts. RTC is administered through Municipal Probation and is designed to educate high-risk, high-point drivers, particularly younger drivers, on the real-world impacts of their driving behavior.

Participants who qualify are offered an opportunity to reduce fines and point assessments in exchange for completing the program. RTC uses a panel-based and discussion-driven format, incorporating perspectives from law enforcement, insurance professionals, and community members directly impacted by traffic incidents. Officers contribute by explaining the purpose of traffic enforcement and illustrating the consequences of unsafe driving.

- First Responder Day at Zach Elementary School – school outreach to educate juveniles on seat belt safety, interacting with traffic safety (i.e. – use of crosswalks and watching for cars), and a conversation about a police officer’s role in traffic safety.
- Chief Chat radio show – Chief Swoboda regularly supports traffic safety initiatives and educates the motoring public in our community during his weekly radio show.
- While many efforts related to traffic safety and Vision Zero are led by the TEU, it should be noted there is a concerted effort and support for this initiative across the agency and all members play a part in the implementation and results of those efforts.

Social Media

- Road Safe Campaign – focused on motorcycle safety, Slow Down Fort Collins and pedestrian safety awareness.
 - Posters and rack cards were delivered to 12 motorcycle shops in Fort Collins and Loveland in 2024.
 - Posters were installed at 5 bus shelters in Fort Collins



- Vertical banners were installed for a 2-week timeframe during Spring Break 2025



- 500 Slow the FOCO Down bumper magnets were made; most have been given out at a variety of engagements.



Multiple Facebook posts were made to support safety efforts, including:

- School Zone Safety Stop arms & Pedestrians (8/18/23 & 8/23/23)
- Excessive Speed 103 mph in a 40 mph zone (11/12/23)
- Move Over Law (12/2/23)
- Excessive Speed (1/11/24, 2/4/24, 3/6/24, 3/18/24)
- Speed Post with a tow (5/21/24)
- Seatbelt posts (5/28/24 & 6/4/24)
- Excessive Speed (7/23/24)
- Road Safe/Slow Down Fort Collins (8/27/24 & 9/24/24)
- School Bus Traffic Safety (10/1/24)
- Photo Radar (10/17/24)
- Pedestrian Safety Post (10/22/24)



- Photo Radar (2/4/25)
- 2024 Year End Highlight – Traffic Safety (2/18/25)
- Work Zone/Roadway Safety (4/24/25)
- Smart Steps (Crosswalk/roadway safety) (7/23/25)
- Muffins & Motors (9/23/25)
- Micromobility Post (11/4/25)
- 2025 Year End Report Traffic (3/24/26)

Grants for Traffic Safety

The TEU has recognized the need to support traffic safety in our community by better funding efforts. While still balancing enforcement, outreach, education, and CRASH investigations, the team manages several grants to supplement enforcement efforts and bolster resources.

The grants range from funding for increased DUI enforcement to staffing operations to tackle seat belt violations and dangerous speeding. Other grants include funding equipment to impact traffic safety – including a recent grant submission for additional LiDARs (speed measurement tool) and drug-based portable saliva tests for impaired drivers.

- High Visibility grant- DUI Enforcement
 - \$25,474 (awarded, FY26)
 - \$29,688,88 (requested, FY27)
- Speed/seat belt enforcement (Click It or Ticket)
 - \$22,000 (awarded)
- Equipment to conduct traffic enforcement
 - \$21,096.78 (requested)
- Digital ticket writing software grant
 - \$171,613 (awarded)
- Safer Speeds grant
 - \$80,000 (awarded, FY27)