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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 13, 2024

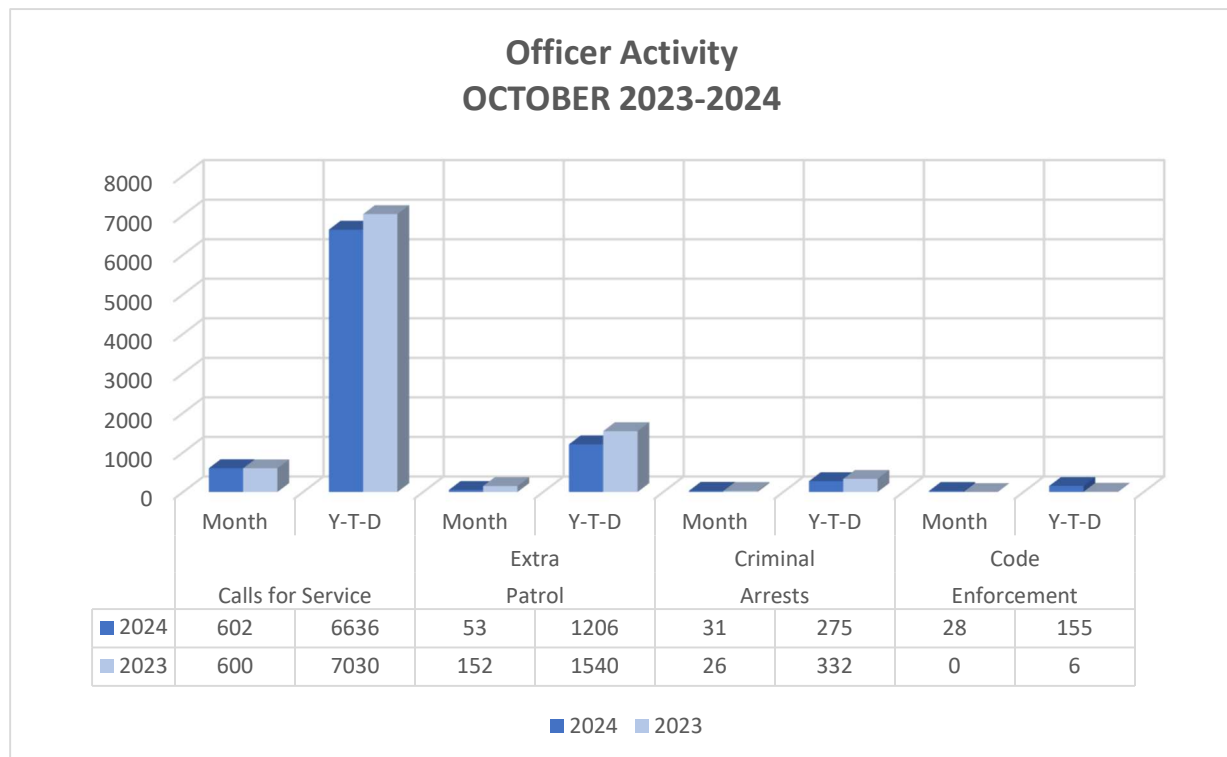
TO: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Joseph Mehline, Chief of Police

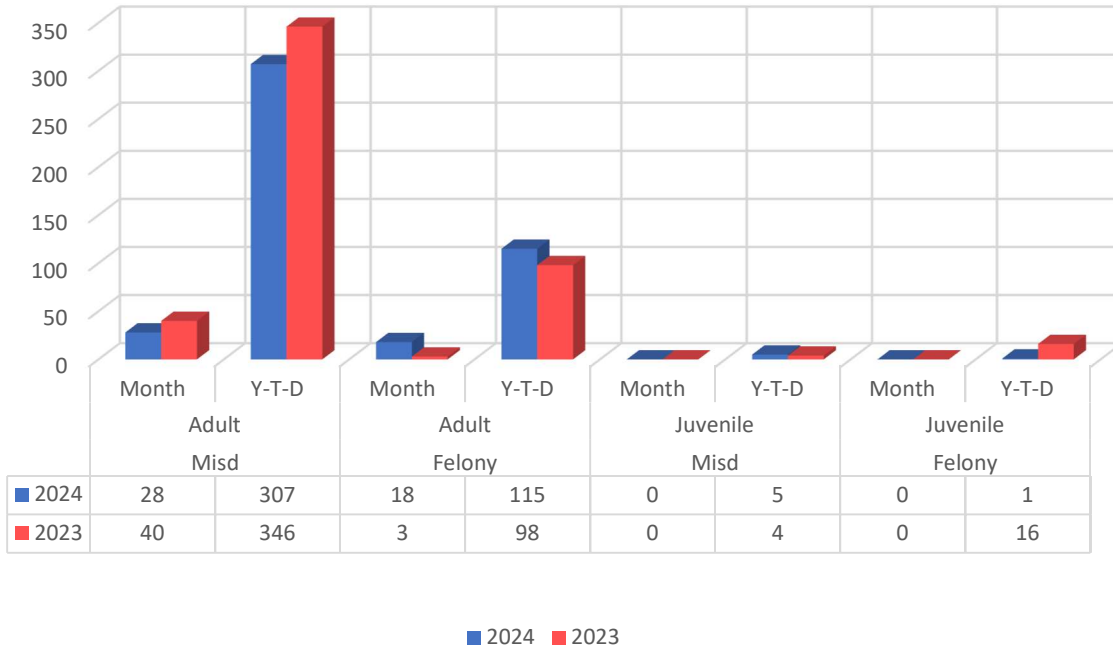
RE: Police Department Activity and Staff Report, October 2024

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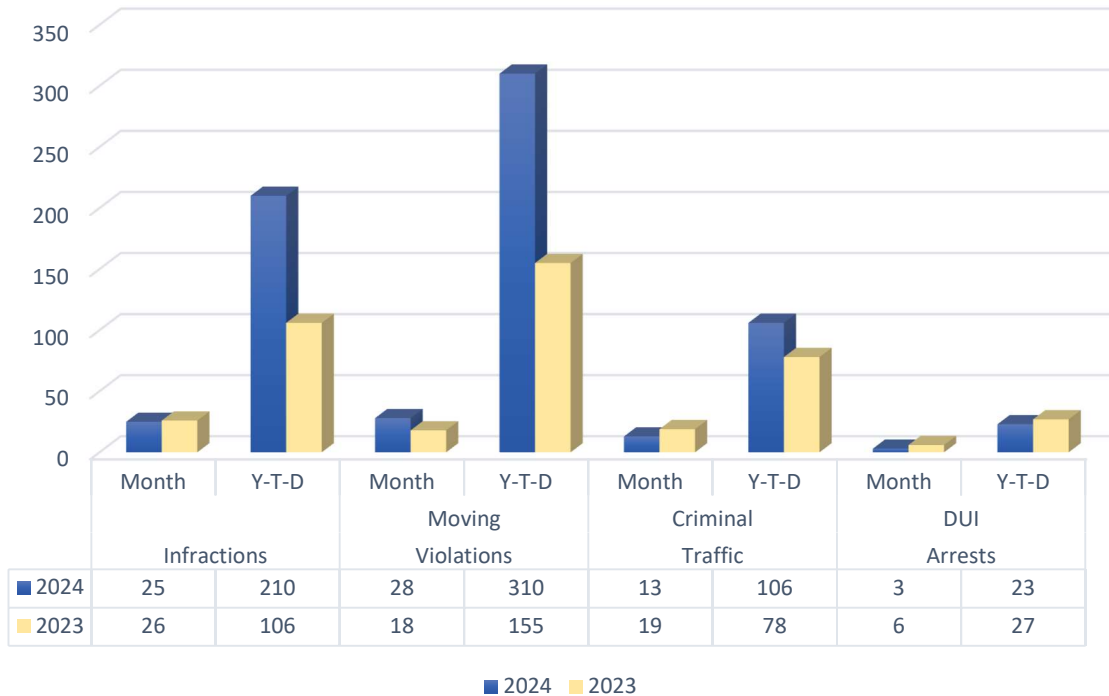
The following is to report the Police Department activities for October 2024:



## Criminal Arrests OCTOBER 2023-2024



## Traffic Enforcement OCTOBER 2023-2024



## **Gang Activity:**

In October, thirteen (13) documented incidents related to gang activity occurred. All incidents were malicious mischief.

## **Major Incidents/Special Emphasis Patrol:**

- TPD continued to conduct extra patrols and enforcement in the city
- TPD participated in the Trunk or Treat
- TPD met TSD schools to introduce K-9 Grom and his new handler
- TPD K-9 Grom had two deployments after being certified for only 1 day
- TPD responded to 9 overdoses including 0 overdose death (September ~ 8 including 0 deaths)

### **TPD Case #24P5170**

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to assist YSO with a subject pinned under a vehicle just outside of Toppenish. The male was pronounced deceased after life-saving efforts were provided. This was a mechanical accidental death.

### **TPD Case #24P5182**

Toppenish Officers responded to an unresponsive subject in the “Jungle”. The female was pronounced deceased after life-saving efforts were performed. The scene was turned over to the YNPD.

### **TPD Case #24P5295**

Toppenish Officers and detectives responded to a sex offense involving a juvenile on the east side of town. The suspect was still on scene and taken into custody. Search warrants were executed, and the male was taken to YCDOC for felony charges. The investigation is still ongoing.

### **TPD Case #24P5479**

A Toppenish Officer was dispatched to a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident on the west side of town. The female pedestrian suffered injuries to her leg and hand. A Detective found the suspect vehicle and a possible suspect utilizing FLOCK. Felony charges have been filed. The victim was transported to the hospital for her injuries.

### **TPD Case #24P5490**

Toppenish Officers and Detectives were dispatched to the downtown area for a male that had pointed a firearm at another male. Through investigation, it was determined the incident was gang related, and no one had sustained injuries. Four subjects were arrested and booked into YCDOC for various charges. Multiple search warrants were completed resulting in multiple guns and narcotics being seized.

**TPD Case #24P5507**

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to the south side of town for a No Contact Order Violation/Kidnapping. The father of a child had arrived at a restricted address and took his toddler in violation of the court order. The father returned the toddler shortly after and fled from the area. Officers searched the area for the father but were unable to locate him at the time. Charges have been filed and a warrant for his arrest will be issued. The child was not harmed.

**TPD Case #24P5540**

Toppenish Officers were alerted by FLOCK for a stolen license plate on a vehicle on the south side of town. When the vehicle was located, the driver of the vehicle fled, running from the police. Toppenish Police were able to apprehend the suspect who was booked into YCDOC on multiple charges.

**TPD Case #24P5170**

Toppenish Officers were dispatched to the south side of town for a shots fired call. There was damage to a parked vehicle and to a house, but no one was injured. Numerous casings were collected and sent to the crime lab for testing.

**TPD Case #24P5535**

A Toppenish Officer conducted a traffic stop. While performing the traffic stop, the officer was able obtain consent from the driver and seized over 25 items of stolen property. Over 25 charges were filed against the suspect.

**TPD Case #24P5539**

Toppenish Officers responded to an assault in progress in the downtown area. A male was cut under his eye with a knife. The victim denied medical treatment and the suspect was located the following day without incident. The suspect was arrested and booked into YCDOC.

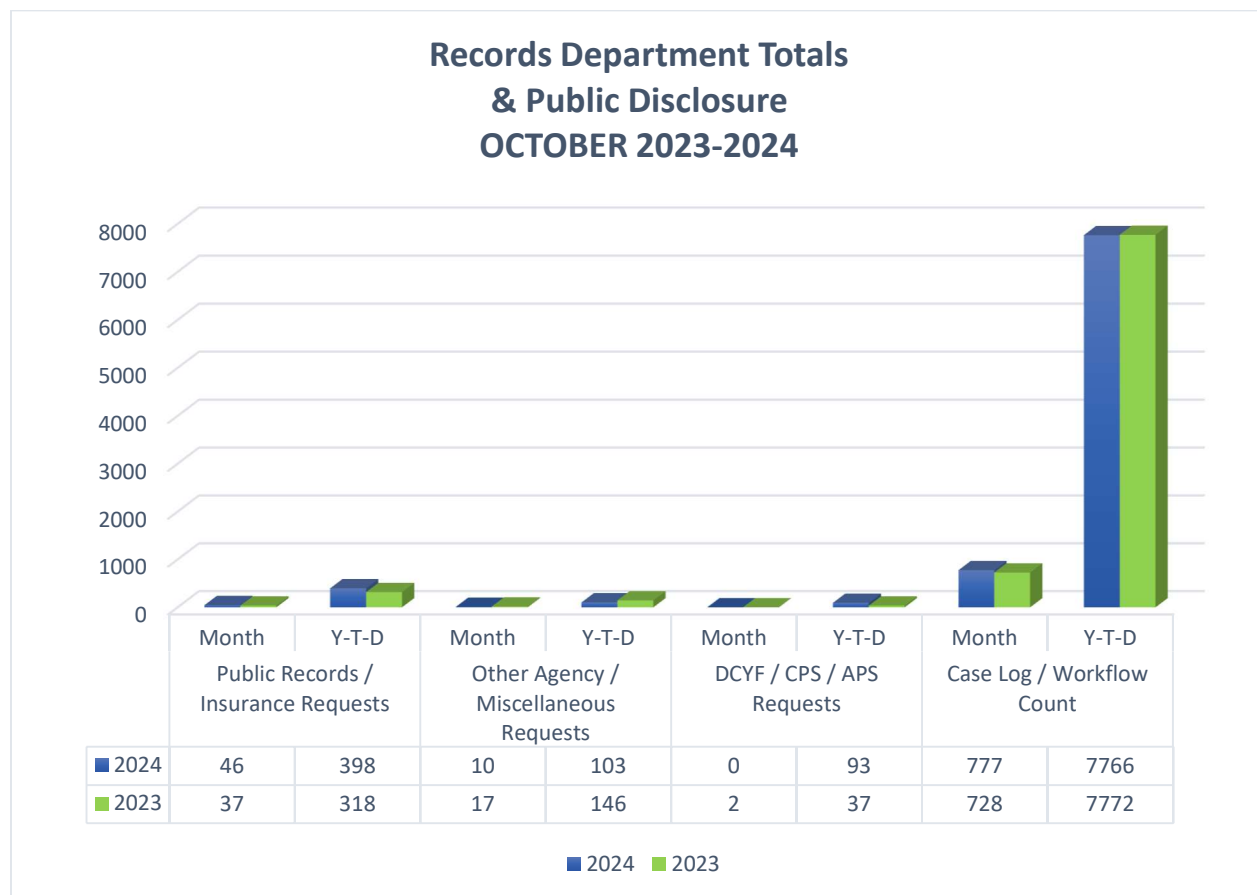
**Training:**

Officers attended and completed various training events in the month of October including, K9 School, SWAT Basic Training, EVOC, Reality Based Training, FBI LEEDA Executive Leadership, Radar Instructor, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Capstone, Confidential Informant Rescue, and Confidential Informant Management.

**Records Unit:**

The Records Unit received 56 new requests for records and closed 62. It took an average of 5.82 business days to process requests. There were 602 calls for service/case entries, and the unit processed 777 records, which consisted of new cases and follow-up.

The Records Unit attended the following training(s): Crafting a Connected Camera Policy; and Electronic Service Training;



### Personnel Update:

- All current positions in the Police Department have been filled.