

Ouray County Sheriff's Office 2022 Annual Report



Justin Perry, Ouray County Sheriff



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Message from the Sheriff's Office Leadership

Sheriff Justin Perry

It is an honor to once again have the opportunity to say a few introductory words for the Ouray County Sheriff's Office 2022 Annual Report. This report is comprised of multiple sections that will recapitulate the incredible services our deputies, court security, victim services, administration, and other Ouray County officials have provided throughout the past year. My gratitude for all of our first responders cannot effectively be put into words, as they selflessly serve all of us each day. I have the unique opportunity to observe their continuous efforts, and am constantly amazed by their dedication, loyalty and love for the people they serve. Our quality of life as citizens of Ouray County, continues to improve as they serve with integrity, accountability, respect and community focus.



2022 was an incredibly busy year for the Sheriff's Office with an increase in calls for service, more complex crimes, increased community programming, special events and greater backcountry presence. As is highlighted in this report, extensive proactive law enforcement services are being provided to county residents as way to solve existing identified problems, and to improve our ability to prevent and deter crime from occurring. The Ouray County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the people, and we provide a service that is community policing centric. As the famous community policer himself, Sir Robert Peel, stated in 1829, "The police are the public and the public are the police". We are dedicated to one of the fundamental principles of our mission, "building positive relationships of trust and partnerships through community policing."

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the incredible support of the community and the partnerships and trust we have built together. Community Policing is only successful if this trust and respect is initially formed as the fundamental cornerstone. Policing undoubtedly requires an interdependent relationship between law enforcement and the people to be successful. With this synergy, we have witnessed countless improvements in solving identified issues, and have seen the love the people have for our quality of life and the incredibly beautiful and majestic place we call home.

Lastly, I want to express my great appreciation for the entire County staff and elected officials, our Public Information Officer, County Administrator, County Attorney, and our County Commissioners. Their support for the Sheriff's Office has been amazing on every level. Much of our success is directly correlated to their involvement and participation with our programs, professional services and fiscal needs.

Undersheriff Tammy Stroup

2022 was another amazing year for the Ouray County Sheriff's Office. I am proud to be your Undersheriff and to be part of the leadership of our dedicated deputies and civilian personnel as they work every day to provide professional service to the citizens' of Ouray County.

This past year we have built tremendous working relationships with our local, state, and federal partners with a shared mission to fight crime and promote safer communities. The Ouray County Sheriff's Office team has continued to work on community outreach through programs such as our Backcountry Committee, which focus' primarily on education to backcountry recreationalists, the committee is moving forward with new ideas all of the time to promote safety while citizens and visitors recreate in our beautiful mountains.



With the addition of our full time Investigator, we have successfully opened and closed cold cases that were in need of a second look and resolution. Additionally, current and ongoing cases are being investigated with detail and attention required for successful outcomes.

In January of 2022, the Ouray County Sheriff's Office was awarded a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the sum of \$65,000 to acquire new radios and in car computers to enhance our communication efforts, regionally. The purchase and implementation of this new equipment has shown to be instrumental in staying up to date with technology and more importantly, keeping our community and law enforcement officers safe. Along with the JAG grant award, we also received grant funding from Colorado Post for training needs and equipment.

The Sheriff's Office was able to significantly increase the training deputies received in 2022, in order to stay abreast of new laws and procedures for best practices in law enforcement. We have worked with our surrounding agencies to ensure information sharing and build strong working relationships. As often times surrounding agencies are our backup officers or we are theirs.

In late 2022, the Ouray County Sheriff's Office was asked to take on the transfer of the Ouray County Victim Service Program that was being overseen by the Ridgway Marshal's Office. This program is grant funded by local and state funds. The program supports a part-time advocate to provide system based victim services for the Ouray Police Department, Ridgway Marshal's Office and the Ouray County Sheriff's Office. The program is an essential part of law enforcement in serving victims of crime and we are proud to take it on. During the past year, efforts have been made to start a system based SART (Sexual Assault Response Team), this team will be comprised of our surrounding law enforcement agencies, Victim Advocate, the District Attorney, and other important stakeholders with the mission of providing a team approach to better serve victims of sexual assault during the investigative process, judicial process, and beyond.

While I am proud of our many accomplishments this last year, I recognize the many variables that contribute to Ouray County being a safe place where people want to work, live, and recreate. The strong support from our County Administration, County Commissioners, community support and partnerships with the citizens throughout Ouray County are clearly reflected in our ability to help keep Ouray County safe.

Corporal Derrick Linnell

Throughout 2022, all the patrol deputies were very busy and did outstanding work while on patrol. The deputies went above and beyond on many calls and treated citizens with respect and dignity.

During 2022 we saw an increase of traffic related problems on our County Roads due to the Highway 550 construction that was taking place. The patrol deputies spent much of their time patrolling these roads in an attempt to slow down traffic and keep these areas safe in an attempt to prevent vehicle accidents. Traffic contacts in 2022 were up 43.49% from the previous year in 2021 with our devoted time on the County Roads. We did see a decrease in traffic complaints from 2021 to 2022 by 20.18%.



Also, in 2022 The Ouray County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$5,000 through the Click it or Ticket grant funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). This grant requires specific enforcement for unrestrained drivers and deputies worked three separate periods set by Colorado Department of Transportation. These enforcement waves were conducted during the months of April, May and July. Throughout the 2022 Click it or Ticket enforcement periods, there were a total of 39 seatbelt violations that drivers were cited for, along with other violations including one impaired driver. The program was a success and we look forward to participating in the 2023 Click it or Ticket program.

This last year, the Sheriff's Office was able to purchase a Polaris Ranger all-terrain vehicle that was a desired asset to add to our backcountry patrol. The all-terrain vehicle has been equipped with a windshield, roof and side doors for the adverse weather conditions in the backcountry. This piece of equipment will better assist us with quicker responses to emergent calls on our mountain passes and allow us to respond to areas we before could not access in a normal patrol vehicle. This all-terrain vehicle will also be utilized throughout the summer months during our routine forest patrols, as it is now a marked vehicle with Sheriff's Office lettering.

The Sheriff's Office was proud to have had the Intoxilyzer moved this year from the Ridgway State Park into our Office. The Intoxilyzer is available to be used by all other agencies in the area, including Colorado State Patrol. Time was taken to ensure the other agencies would have access to it 24/7. This appeared to be a great location for the Intoxilyzer as Deputy Perez became an Intoxilyzer instructor and can maintain the instrument.

In 2022, patrol deputies provided 16 ride alongs to anyone who wished to join us and see what our day to day operations look like. These were great opportunities to build relationships with citizens and answer any questions they had about law enforcement in Ouray County. The deputies really enjoyed the times they spent having individuals with the community riding along with them.

Patrol deputies were also involved at the National Night Out event that was held at the Log Hill Fire House on County Road 22. The event was a success and provided us with the opportunity to spend time getting to know our community. Deputies helped cook the food and answer questions with the community. We are looking forward to this event for many years to come.

Over the year, the Ouray County Sheriff's Office spent time being involved in several training and activities in Ouray and Ridgway Schools, such as talking with student about internet safety, Halloween safety tips and being involved in school lockdown drills to better help the school staff. Deputies also tried to be present as much as possible in the Schools by doing walkthroughs. We plan to continue being involved within the schools and providing safety and security for the students.

In December, the Ouray County Sheriff's Office was involved with Shop with a Cop, at the Ouray Toy Store. While being involved with this program, deputies are assigned one or two children and take them around to shop for themselves or other family members. After the shopping was finished, they were able to enjoy hot chocolate with kids and spend a little extra time with them at Mouse's Chocolate. Ouray County Sheriff's Office participates in the program along with the Ridgway Marshal's Office and Ouray Police Department. Deputies always look forward to participating in this program to spend time with the kids and allow them to get to know the deputies. We believe that building these relationships with our community will never be forgotten and provides a positive image for law enforcement with our youth in the community.

The Ouray County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies did a fantastic job this previous year keeping the community safe and being proactive.

Mission, Vision & Core Values



Ouray County Sheriff's Office Mission

The Ouray County Sheriff's Office is committed to building positive relationships of trust and partnerships through community policing, and will continuously serve with integrity, professionalism, compassion, and accountability.

Ouray County Sheriff's Office Vision

Creating and maintaining high level professional standards, response, and investigations

Maintain relationships of trust and partnerships with county residents and visitors

Fiscal responsibility while advancing and progressing in a new era of law enforcement

Provide quality services by highly trained, educated, and dedicated deputies

Create an improved quality of life that includes a safer and more crime-free county

Ouray County Sheriff's Office Core Values

Integrity

Professionalism

Compassion

Accountability

Code of Ethics



Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement

Sheriff's Office Overview



Ouray County Sheriff's Deputies provide law enforcement services to the public 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Deputies respond to a myriad of calls for service as dispatched by Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center, and they perform extensive self-initiated activities. The Sheriff's Office has two shifts each day, consisting of a day shift and a night shift. Due to limited staffing, only one patrol deputy is on duty at a time, and shift

timeframes may vary depending on current enforcement operations, special events, seasons, and population fluctuation. There is never a time period when Ouray County does not have a deputy on duty or on call. In 2022, we were approved for a full-time Investigator position, which was filled and operational by March. This position has proved to be an essential and critical component of the Ouray County Sheriff's Office.

A typical shift for a patrol deputy often includes responding to dispatched calls for service, civil service processes, investigative follow up, and performing proactive policing activities. Proactive activity involves conducting directed vehicular patrols, foot patrols, security checks, community policing activities, etc. In addition, because the Sheriff's Office is a 100% reporting agency, deputies spend time in the office and their patrol vehicles writing reports. As part of our efforts of raising the bar of professionalism and standards, every law enforcement action requires a written report by the deputies. This ensures accountability of law enforcement activity and the Office's actions as a whole.

Ouray County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the Community Policing philosophy and strives daily to build and foster relationships of trust. This has been a very proven and effective method of policing nationwide, and in Ouray County has involved citizens on various levels with enforcement and problem solving. The Ouray County Sheriff's Office believes there is no problem that can't be fixed or solved, and therefore we do whatever it takes with the community to strategize and respond to each identified issue. Frequently, deputies assist with not only criminal issues, but civil problems as well. If an issue has been identified, regardless of nature, we respond to assist. If we can't solve the problem, we partner with citizens, groups, and organizations that can.



Reporting Structure

To ensure the highest of professional standards and accountability, deputies write formal reports for all calls for service, which include not only calls generated through dispatch but also self-initiated activities. Every call for service requires a case number which is an identifying method of documenting activity. The reporting structure consists of three main report forms, namely, Minor Incident Report “MIR”, Incident Report “IR”, and Accident report “AR”.



MIRs are utilized for documenting activity that does not rise to a criminal level such as directed patrols, security checks, civil issues or field interviews. IRs are used when documenting all criminal cases, lost and found property reports, runaways, missing persons, etc. ARs are written for all vehicle accidents



that we might be involved in. Typically, this is a Colorado State Patrol function, however we are occasionally requested to handle these investigations and as such, provide the documentation required. Either the Sheriff, Undersheriff, or Corporal reviews all reports daily to ensure completeness of response, and thorough documentation standards are met. Having this type of workflow structure ensures that proper response, investigation, documentation, and case completion occurs every time. This method of reporting

enhances the likelihood of convictions on cases, and dramatically improves the Sheriff’s Office’s ability to respond to citizen complaints regarding law enforcement response. Without proper documentation of deputy activity, our ability to respond to citizen complaints and questions would be virtually impossible.

In addition to the aforementioned, this type of reporting structure provides the Sheriff’s Office with critical information regarding criminal activity, locations of identified problems and offender information. This data can be highly useful for determining focal points for patrol, strategic law enforcement operations, and community policing program development. Information from the given data can provide officers with a better response to issues and more meaningful proactive activity to prevent crimes from occurring.

Evidence



Ouray County Sheriff's Office utilizes two evidence technicians who are responsible for all property and items of evidence submitted for safekeeping or retention in the evidence vault. Guided by policy, deputies are required to properly collect, handle, package, document and submit items. All items submitted are thoroughly documented in a case report by the collecting deputy, and in an evidence log book by the evidence technicians.

In the profession of law enforcement, evidence management is essential for the successful prosecution of cases, public safety, officer safety, and preservation of evidence. In 2022, the Sheriff's Office undertook an evidence vault project to address these areas and ensure the utmost ethics and professional standards are being met.

The purpose of this project was to purge the evidence vault of items that were no longer needed for case adjudication, create an up-to-date itemized inventory, clear out outdated lost and found items, complete an ATF trace on all firearms, and secure items of evidence that needed to be stored for future criminal justice purposes. Safely securing evidence creates a trail of accountability that is legally required for evidence to be admissible in court. In addition to this, properly storing evidence locks important information away that could be used as technology changes with the future of the profession of law enforcement such as DNA. The final stage of this



project is the implementation of a digital barcode tracking system to assist in organizing, tracking, and auditing evidence.

At the start of the project, the vault held over one hundred items. Dozens of these items were lost property. Investigators were able to identify the owners of some of the items of lost property and were reunited with their owners. Other lost and found items were donated when an owner could not be found. Pieces of evidence that were no longer needed for criminal



adjudication purposes were destroyed with permission from the District Attorney's Office in accordance with department policy. Purging these items significantly reduced the number of items stored in the evidence vault, allowing for better organization and space management of the vault. A federal trace was administered to all firearms in the vault. This was to ensure these firearms were not stolen, purchased illegally, or transferred erroneously. All evidence associated with an active investigation, or items that fit statute of limitations criteria was safely stored for future purposes.

The final stage of the project is the implementation of a digital barcode system to associate each item of evidence with the appropriate case. This system will improve the organization, tracking, and auditing of evidence in the future.

Training

Ouray County Sheriff's Office places significant emphasis on training that will increase knowledge and understanding, decrease complacency, build confidence and skills, reduce liability, and enhance ethical decision-making abilities. In 2022, Ouray County Sheriff's Office participated in a combined total of 1145.44 hours of training, with an average of 114.5 hours per full-time deputy, to include Court Security. The following is a detailed



account of 2022 trainings attended:

- Defensive Driving & Tactics
- Victim Rights
- Defensive Tactics
- Development Considerations for Forensic Interviews
- Interviewing Preschoolers
- Forensic Interview Certifications
- Sheriff and Undersheriff Conferences
- Rocky Mountain Command College
- Colorado Opioid Abatement Conference
- Creating SART Protocols
- HIS Adult First Aid/CPR/AED
- CIT – Crisis Intervention
- Community Policing
- Anti-Bias
- De-Escalation

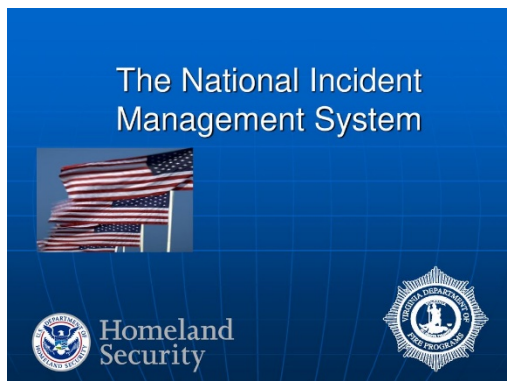


- Firearms
- Victim Services
- Emotional Intelligence for Law Enforcement
- Firearms Tactical Response
- Duty to Intercede
- Gunshot Residue and Trace Evidence Collection

- Cold Case Homicide Investigation
- Behavior Analysis
- Investigative Interview and Interrogation Techniques
- Combat Application of Tourniquet
- Brandt Narcan Deployment
- Security Awareness
- CCIC/NCIC user training
- Body Worn Camera
- Distress Response with Children
- Mental Health Conference
- PIO and Social Media
- Active Shooter
- Lexipol Policy and Procedure
- Child Death Investigations
- 911 Homicide Call Analysis
- ICS 300
- ICS 400
- Taser Instructor Course
- Internal Affairs Investigations
- Salem-Keizer Student Threat Assessment
- Death and Homicide Investigation
- FBI Defense Tactics
- Handcuffing and Restraints
- Vehicle Safety Course
- High Liability Policy and Procedure



According to POST requirements and policies beginning January 2015, certified officers are required to complete 24 hours of In-Service training each calendar year (Rule 28). This includes the mandatory disciplines of three high liability areas, Firearms, Driving, and Arrest Control. In addition, every full-time, part-time, and reserve peace officer in the State of Colorado, is required to train in Proper Holds and Restraints, Anti-Bias training, Community Policing / Community Partnership training and De-Escalation training.



The Ouray County Sheriff's Office has dedicated significant time, money and energy to training, not just to adhere to a mandate or to be in compliance, but more so we can develop and maintain the trained and educated deputies the county deserves. As part of our official Vision Statement, we will continuously strive to "Provide quality services by highly trained, educated, and dedicated deputies". The following is the official Policy Statement,

Training Philosophy and Training Objectives from the Ouray County Sheriff's Office Policy and Procedure manual:

Training

203.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

It is the policy of this office to administer a training program that will meet the standards of federal, state, local and POST training requirements. It is a priority of this office to provide continuing education and training for the professional growth and progressive development of its personnel. By doing so, the Office will ensure its personnel possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a professional level of service that meets the needs of the public.

203.2 PHILOSOPHY

The Office seeks to provide ongoing training and encourages all personnel to participate in advanced training and formal education on a continual basis. Training is provided within the confines of funding, requirements of a given assignment, staffing levels and legal mandates. Whenever reasonably possible, the Office will use courses certified by the Colorado POST Board or other regulatory or nationally recognized entities.

203.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the training program are to:

- (a) Enhance the level of law enforcement service to the public.
- (b) Increase the technical expertise and overall effectiveness of Office personnel.
- (c) Provide for continued professional development of Office personnel.
- (d) Assist in compliance with statutory requirements.

As we began developing our training strategy for the Sheriff's Office, one main goal was to have in-house instructors. By having local instructors, we are not dependent on other organizations for the training success of our deputies. We now have instructors in all high liability areas of training, which are as follows:

Sheriff Justin Perry – Firearms Instructor, Community Policing Instructor

Undersheriff Stroup – Firearms Instructor, Taser Instructor, VRA Instructor

Deputy Perez – Intoxilyzer Instructor, Driving Instructor

Corporal Linnell – Taser Instructor

Investigator Chism – Driving Instructor, Alcohol Server Instructor

Deputy Harlow – Driving Instructor, Force on Force, Drone Pilot

Deputy Mendoza – Arrest Control Instructor

Deputy Chell – Peer Support Coordinator

Special Events & Security Details

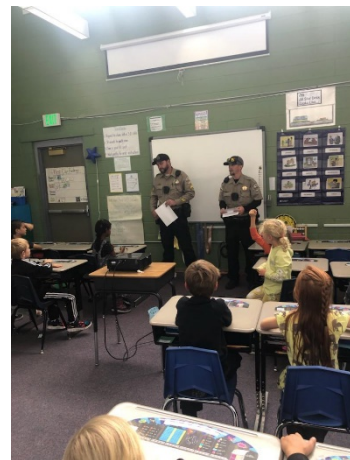
Special events are an important part of Ouray County and occasionally deputies are requested to assist with security functions. In some circumstances small events only required minor road closures or occasional walk-throughs. Due to time frames involved and minimal security needs, these events were handled as a courtesy by the



Sheriff's Office and considered public relation opportunities. The following are events that deputies participated in throughout the year:



- Fire Department Dance at Fellin Park
- National Night Out – Log Hill
- Mount Sneffels Half-Marathon
- Halloween Main Street Community Policing Event
- 9/11 Patriot Day ceremony and presentation by the police department, Sheriff's Office, fire department and EMS
- Internet Safety Classes for 7th and 8th graders
- Thanksgiving family donation event
- Christmas Shop with a Cop
- 4th of July backcountry education and engagement event
- Imogene Run
- Log Hill Hustle
- Law Enforcement Backcountry Forest Service Patrols
- Angel Tree Drive
- Skijoring



- Ouray County Fair
- Federal Campaign security Details
- Ouray County Election Office Security





Community Policing / Public Relations

As stated in our Mission Statement, “The Ouray County Sheriff’s Office is committed to building positive relationships of trust and partnerships through community policing...” For the Ouray County Sheriff’s Office, we know the importance of building incredibly strong bonds of trust and relationships that promote and lead to partnerships. Together, the public and law enforcement can address problems in a much more effective manner than any individual deputy could ever achieve. The famous declaration by Sir Robert Peel of the London Metro Police Department in the 1800s rings just as true now as it did then, “The police are the public and the public are the police”.



Our policy manual states the following regarding community relations:

“It is the policy of the Ouray County Sheriff’s Office to promote positive relationships between office members and the community by treating community members with dignity and respect and engaging them in public safety strategy development and relationship-building activities, and by making relevant policy and operations information available to the community in a transparent manner.”

The Office of Sheriff is about the people and for the people, and community policing is the professional standard by which we police. With consistent

collaboration, our vision of creating an improved quality of life that is safer and with less crime, will become the reality. The following are community programs that we began and or participated in, which are focused on a collaborative community approach to solving problems:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Ranch Watch
- Backcountry Education Committee
- Community Advisory Committee
- Private Property Education Campaign
- Traffic Safety and Patrol Program
- Community Scholarship Program
- Wayfarer Program
- Volunteer Sheriff's Posse



In addition to the above programs, we believe in as much community engagement as possible, and work with state and local groups/partners to provide input or assistance. The following is a list of groups the Sheriff's Office worked with throughout 2022:

- Men Ending Rape Culture
- VASA
- Safer More Affirming Communities
- Dolphin House/MDT – Ouray County Sheriff's Office maintains a satellite forensic interview room for multi-jurisdictional use and collaboration.
- Voyager
- Neighborhood Watch
- Log Hill group (specifically the County Road 22 region)
- Ouray Silver Mines (through the first quarter of the year) – Working with the mines and focusing efforts on safety, traffic problems, community and backcountry awareness
- Juvenile Services – Teaching classes at Ridgway and Ouray Schools regarding internet safety and situational awareness
- Center for Mental Health/Axis
- Working closely with FS, CPW, Homeland Security, CDPHS, CBI, DHS, and the District Attorney's Office
- Montrose SART (Sexual Assault Response Team)
- Ouray County Residents – Continuous in-person contacts



- Undersheriff Stroup is serving on the Sheriffs of Colorado Legislative Committee along with serving as the State Representative for the Western Slope FOP and VP of Western Colorado Peace Officers Association
- Colorado POST Board
- Sheriff Perry serving on the Colorado Search and Rescue working group
- Instructing at both law enforcement academies in our region
- Working with local church organizations within the Ouray County Faith-based Community



Victim Services

The victim services program is one of the most important divisions or resources for any policing agency. Our job as law enforcement officers is to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone, and quite frankly without an effective victim services program, our ability to do this is drastically decreased. Consistent and continuous monitoring and support provides the necessary means by which our victims remain safe and receive the dedicated service they deserve.



Ouray County law enforcement agencies attempted volunteer programs in the past, but these were sadly ineffective. The difficulties with volunteer programs in our region has been finding citizens who have the knowledge and experience dealing with and handling the situations many of our victims encounter. The time it takes to provide the necessary service often surpasses any volunteer's timeframe capabilities. In addition, very few volunteers desire to be in an on-call status, which is a very critical



aspect of a victim services program. Crimes against persons occur at all times of the days, nights, and holidays. In 2015, Ouray PD, Ouray Sheriff's Office, and Ridgway Marshal's Office teamed up with Tri-County Resources and created a Victim Services program tailored specifically for Ouray County. Through grant funds (Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement Fund grant), victim advocacy services were funded and provided to all who were in need.

In 2017, the program was primarily functioning through an amazing group of victim advocates within the Seventh Judicial District, who were on-call and highly responsive to the agencies of our county. Towards the middle of that year, Ouray county law enforcement agency executives came together and decided a more formal system-based program was essential to better serve our victims. The three presented to the Victim Assistance & Law Enforcement grant board and were successful in receiving over \$40,000 in non-matching funds to support our new victim services program, which included a part-time employee with guaranteed weekly hours. The format and structure of the Victim Services program has not changed since its inception and still functions with a part-time victim advocate. In late 2022, it was decided to administer the Victim Services Program through the Ouray County Sheriff's Office, which began in January 2023.

The following is a recap of Ouray County 2022 Victim Services cases:



Cases	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Domestic Violence	6	2	2		1	1	1	2	1	2	1	3
Criminal Mischief	1	1	2		1							
Assault	1						2	1	2	1		1
Harassment	1	1	2			1		1		2	1	1
Death		1	1						3			1
DUI		1	1									
Child Abuse		1										1
PO Violation		1	1		1	1					1	1
Stalking					1							
Burglary/Theft					1		1					
Sex Assault							2					
Menacing												2

Administrative Services

The Ouray County Sheriff's Office handles many administrative details behind the scenes, which takes a high level of knowledge and understanding to accomplish. Our Administrative Deputy, Shelly Kuhlman, is an expert in this area and has extensive experience working in law enforcement. In 2022, Shelly worked extensively to help create a more efficient and effective billing, civil process, records request and evidence dispositions system, minimizing paper retention and easier recall for future reference. Additionally, Ouray County Sheriff's Office now has an online payment system where people can pay fines and fees. Below is a table showing specific administrative items completed in 2022 (not to include records management or evidence items):



Concealed Handgun Permit – Renewals	28
Concealed Handgun Permit – New Applicants	17 (total of 504 permits currently)
Civil Processes	137 (This number reflects administrative processing only and not deputy services)
VIN Inspections	203
Fingerprints	32

Court Security

2022 COURTHOUSE SECURITY YEARLY REPORT

<u>Month</u>	<u># of People</u>	<u># of Days Worked</u>	<u># of Weapons</u>
January	640	16	48
February	631	15	52
March	801	19	63
April	935	17	66
May	929	17	61
June	1,699	18	68
July	1,106	16	85
August	1,244	19	70
September	1,059	16	68
October	1,124	16	60
November	706	17	43
December	620	16	50
Total	11,494	202	734

Courthouse Security was busy in 2022. It was the second busiest year since 2017. Most of the Global Pandemic Covid-19 restrictions for in-person business had been lifted in 2021. The mask requirement was still in place from January 1 through March 8, 2022. After March 8 if a person wanted to wear a mask while inside the building they could. Masks were available for those who asked for a mask.

During the course of the year there were a total of 36 jury trials scheduled. Of the 36 scheduled we had only 3 jury trials that took place. Some of the jury trials early in 2022 were cancelled due to an increase of Covid-19 cases in the District. There was a total of 12 days for these three jury trials. For the processing and security for these trials three part-time deputies were utilized in addition to the one full time deputy.

There was a fourth part-time deputy utilized in addition to staffing from administration and the patrol division to cover for the full time deputy.

In 2022 there were three Fridays that Deputies had to work. Two of the Fridays were due to jury trials. The third Friday worked was due to the Voti XR3D x-ray machine having its annual inspection. The machine did pass the inspection. It should be noted that an inspection of this machine cannot be completed during normal business hours. In order to complete the inspection, all of the decorative woodwork surrounding the machine must be moved, so that the inspector can access all of the panels on the machine.



The Deputy did not fingerprint anyone for the courts this year. One person was scheduled to come in for fingerprinting. The person failed to appear for this.

The Deputy did make 92 entries into the NIBRS (National Incident Base Reporting System).

The Security Deputies did stop a total of 734 weapons from entering the building. The majority of weapons stopped were knives (703). The remaining weapons (31) consisted of the following: 10 credit card knives, 3 handguns, 1 Taser, 6 canisters of pepper spray, 1 Kubaton, 3 pairs of scissors, 1 cable cutter, 1 Kitty Kat personal defense weapon, 1 pair of pruning shears, 1 spark plug wrench, 2 multi-tool knives, and 1 box cutter.

One of the on-going goals of the Courthouse Security staff is to reduce the amount of weapons being brought into the Courthouse building. In comparing 2022 to 2021 we did continue to accomplish this goal. In 2021 comparing the number of weapons to people we averaged one weapon per every 6.75 persons. In 2022 the number of weapons to people averaged one weapon per every 6.39 persons. There was a reduction of six handguns, 13 canisters of pepper spray and 1 Taser from 2021.

In 2022 the Deputy had 43 hours of training for the POST requirement. The Deputy had 4 hours training in firearms, 1 hour in firearm tactics, 8 hours defensive tactics, 8 hours in First Aid/CPR certification, 1 hour training in how to administer Narcan, 1 hour training in the new bonding procedure, 1 hour in victim services, 3 hours in community policing, 1 hour in duty to intercede, 8 hours defensive driving, 2 hours in Anti-Bias 2 hours De-escalation, 2 hours in Victim Rights, 1 hour training and recertify in LEADS/CCIC and one Security Concept class.

There was a change in the County Judge in 2022. Judge Martin resigned in February and was replaced by Judge Thomasson in May. There were two fire alarms in 2022. One alarm was a smoke investigation. An evacuation of the building was conducted. It was found that smoke from outside the building was being drawn into the building through the ventilation system. The second fire alarm call did not involve an evacuation of the building and was found to be a malfunction with the system. There were three panic alarms throughout the year. All three were found to be accidental activations.

The Deputy did assist in a civil process service. The Deputy assisted in three warrant arrests. There was one request to have an additional Deputy present in the Courtroom for a civil case. There was one in custody sentencing hearing that required additional personnel. A deputy from the patrol division was utilized.



Calls for Service

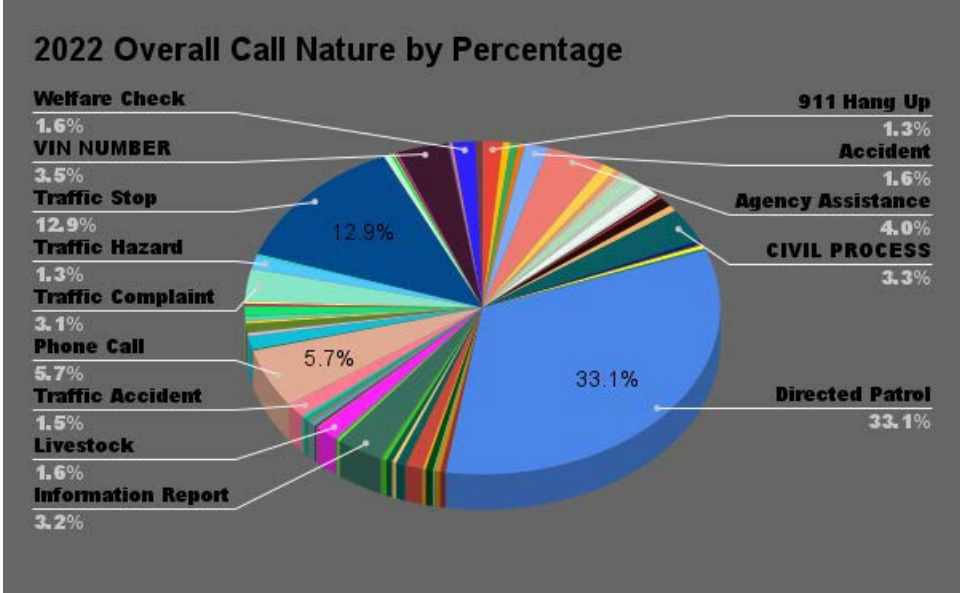
Call by Nature	2022
911 Call	4
911 Hang Up	75
911 Misdial	31
911 Open Line	32
Abandoned Vehicle	23
Abdominal Pain	3
Accident	93
Agency Assistance	231
Alarm	58
Allergy/Medical Reaction	1
Animal Bite	17
Animal Bite Dog	1
Dead Animal	4
Animal Noise	13
Animal Problem	6
Animal Stray	72
Animal Vicious	7
Animal Welfare	11
Animal Wildlife	2
Assault	1
Assault Cold	3
Motorist Assist	62

Bar Check	2
Bear	11
Breathing Problems	3
Burglary	3
Car Camping, RV Camping	4
Cardiac or Respiratory attack	1
Possible Heart Attack	10
Citizen Assist	55
Civil Matter	34
Civil Process or Service	190
Civil assist, Keep the Peace	21
Muni Ordinance violation	2
Controlled Burn	1
Convulsions or Seizures	4
Community Policing Service	21
Criminal Mischief	9
Diabetic	2
Directed Juvenile	1
Directed Patrol	1915
Disturbance	21
Domestic Violence	23
Controlled Substance Problem	5
Personal Injury	24
False Information to Police	1

F.I.	12
Fire	68
Fireworks	2
Flooding	2
Investigation/Case Follow Up	35
Foot Patrol	1
Found Property	16
Fraud	24
Harassment	19
Hazardous Materials	1
Head Pain	1
Heart Problem	2
Heat/Cold	1
Personal Injury	5
Information Report	187
Injured Person	12
Intoxicated Person	3
Juvenile Problem	2
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	4
Livestock	90
Lockout	4
Lost Property	12
Medical Emergency	22
Felony Menacing	1

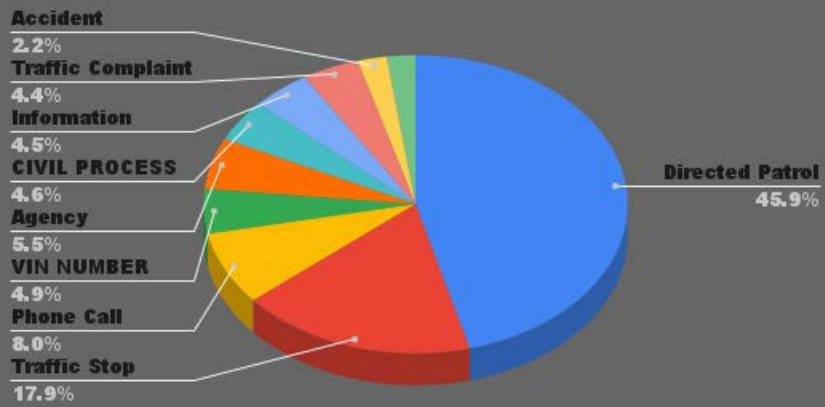
Mental Subject	1
Missing Person	3
Natural Disaster, flood, etc.	5
Noise, loud music, disturbance	4
Overdose	1
Missing Person	22
Parking Problem	11
Traffic Accident W/Damage	84
Phone Call	332
Prisoner Transfer	3
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	2
DUI Complaint	75
Restraining Order Violation	4
RIDE ALONG	16
Search Warrant	1
Security Check Res/Business	46
Sex Assault	1
Sex Offense	1
Sex Offender Registration	2
Sick Person	15
Smoke Investigation	28
Penetrating Trauma Stab Shot	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstances	52

Theft	16
Threatening	13
Traffic Complaint	182
Radar Enforcement	1
Traffic Hazard	76
Traffic Violation	8
Traffic Stop	749
Patient transfer, Medical	1
Trespassing	27
Unconscious Person	10
Person Down	6
Trespass, drunk on property	4
Utility Problem	2
Vagrancy	3
Victim Notification	5
VIN Number Inspection	203
Wanted Person	3
Attempted Warrant Service	1
Distrain Warrant	5
Weapon Offense	8
Welfare Check	91
DOW Calls	27
Total Calls for Service	5791



Top 10 Calls for service	
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Top 10 Calls for Service



Calls by nature	2021	2022	%Change
911 Call	8	4	-50.00%
911 Hang Up	59	75	27.12%
911 Misdial	30	31	3.33%
911 Open Line	46	32	-30.43%
Abandoned Vehicle	30	23	-23.33%
Abdominal Pain	0	3	300.00%
Accident	75	93	24.00%
Agency Assistance	205	231	12.68%
Alarm	70	58	-17.14%
Alarm Medical	1	0	-100.00%
Allergy/Medical Reaction	1	1	0.00%
Animal Bite	18	17	-5.56%
Animal Bite Dog	0	1	100.00%

Dead Animal	6	4	-33.33%
Animal Noise	8	13	62.50%
Animal Problem	8	6	-25.00%
Animal Stray	35	72	105.71%
Animal Vicious	2	7	250.00%
Animal Welfare	8	11	37.50%
Animal Wildlife	0	2	200.00%
Assault	2	1	-50.00%
Assault Cold	1	3	200.00%
Motorist Assist	66	62	-6.06%
Bar Check	0	2	200.00%
Bear	8	11	37.50%
Breathing Problems	9	3	-66.67%
Burglary	3	3	0.00%
Business Contact	1	0	-100.00%
Car Camping, RV Camping	2	4	100.00%
Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest	8	1	-87.50%
Chest Pain/Possible Heart Attack	3	10	233.33%
Citizen Assist	70	55	-21.43%
Civil Matter	48	34	-29.17%
Civil Process/Service	185	190	2.70%
Civil assist, Keep the Peace	12	21	75.00%
Muni Ordinance violation	0	2	200.00%
Code Enforcement	2	0	-100.00%

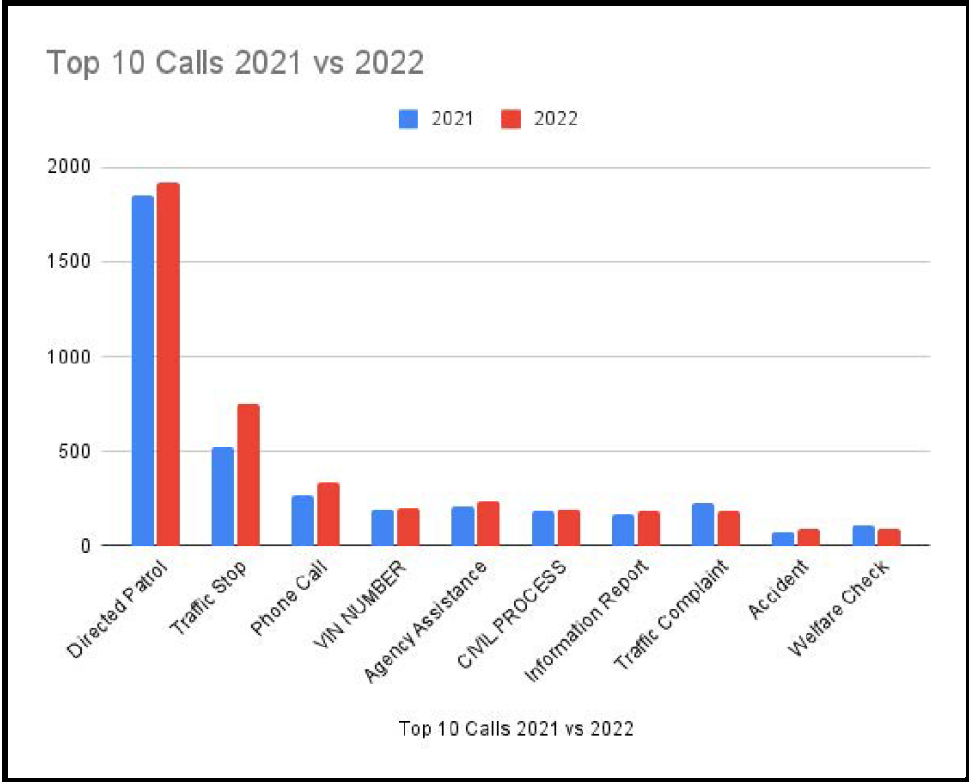
Controlled Burn	2	1	-50.00%
Convulsions or Seizures	9	4	-55.56%
COPS/Community Policing Service	16	21	31.25%
Court Security	1	0	-100.00%
Criminal Mischief	7	9	28.57%
Diabetic	0	2	200.00%
Directed Juvenile	0	1	100.00%
Directed Patrol	1852	1915	3.40%
Disturbance	19	21	10.53%
Domestic Violence	13	23	76.92%
Drowning	1	0	-100.00%
Drugs/Controlled Substance Problem	2	5	150.00%
DUI	1	0	-100.00%
Fall Victim/Personal Injury	21	24	14.29%
False Information to Police	0	1	100.00%
F.I.	16	12	-25.00%
Fire	54	68	25.93%
Fireworks	5	2	-60.00%
Disaster/Flooding	1	2	100.00%
Investigation/Case Follow Up	34	35	2.94%
Foot Patrol	1	1	0.00%
Found Property	15	16	6.67%
Fraud	32	24	-25.00%
Harassment	17	19	11.76%

Hazardous Materials	0	1	100.00%
Head Pain	1	1	0.00%
Heart Problem	6	2	-66.67%
Heat/Cold	0	1	100.00%
Hemorrhage	5	0	-100.00%
Personal Injury	0	5	500.00%
Impounded Vehicle	1	0	-100.00%
Information Report	163	187	14.72%
Injured Person	13	12	-7.69%
Intoxicated Person	1	3	200.00%
Juvenile Problem	0	2	200.00%
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	6	4	-33.33%
Livestock	124	90	-27.42%
Lockout	6	4	-33.33%
Lost Property	21	12	-42.86%
Medical Emergency	14	22	57.14%
Felony Menacing	0	1	100.00%
Mental Subject	0	1	100.00%
Missing Person	3	3	0.00%
Natural Disaster, flood, etc.	4	5	25.00%
Noise, loud music, disturbance	6	4	-33.33%
Overdose	0	1	100.00%
Overdue Party/Missing Person	32	22	-31.25%
Parking Problem	20	11	-45.00%

Traffic Accident W/Damage	65	84	29.23%
Phone Call	265	332	25.28%
Prisoner Transfer	10	3	-70.00%
Property Damage	2	0	-100.00%
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	2	2	0.00%
REDDI Report/DUI Complaint	76	75	-1.32%
Restraining Order Violation	3	4	33.33%
Ride Along	5	16	220.00%
Search Warrant	1	1	0.00%
Security Check Res/business	50	46	-8.00%
Sex Assault	1	1	0.00%
Sex Offense	1	1	0.00%
Sex Offender Registration	1	2	100.00%
Sick Person	6	15	150.00%
Smoke Investigation	22	28	27.27%
Special Event	2	0	-100.00%
Stolen Property	1	0	-100.00%
Stroke	3	0	-100.00%
Penetrating Trauma Stab Shot	1	1	0.00%
Attempted Suicide	1	1	0.00%
Suspicious Person/Circumstances	41	52	26.83%
Theft	23	16	-30.43%
Theft-Motor vehicle	3	0	-100.00%
Threatening	11	13	18.18%

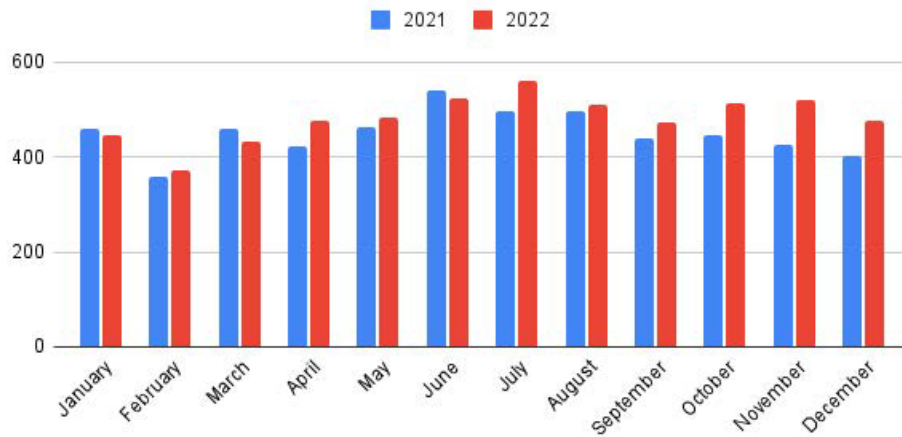
Traffic Complaint	228	182	-20.18%
Traffic Offense	1	0	-100.00%
Radar Enforcement	0	1	100.00%
Traffic Hazard	60	76	26.67%
Traffic Violation	0	8	800.00%
Traffic Stop	522	749	43.49%
Patient Transfer, Medical	0	1	100.00%
Trespassing	47	27	-42.55%
Unconscious Person	9	10	11.11%
Person Down	0	6	600.00%
Trespass, drunk on property	0	4	400.00%
Unknown Medical	3	0	-100.00%
Unwanted Person	12	0	-100.00%
Utility Problem	2	2	0.00%
Vagrancy	6	3	-50.00%
Victim Notification	5	5	0.00%
Vin Number Inspection	192	203	5.73%
Wanted Person	3	3	0.00%
Attempted Warrant Service	0	1	100.00%
Distraint Warrant	0	5	500.00%
Weapon Offense	19	8	-57.89%
Welfare Check	104	91	-12.50%
DOW Calls	29	27	-6.90%
Total Calls for Service	5413	5791	6.98%

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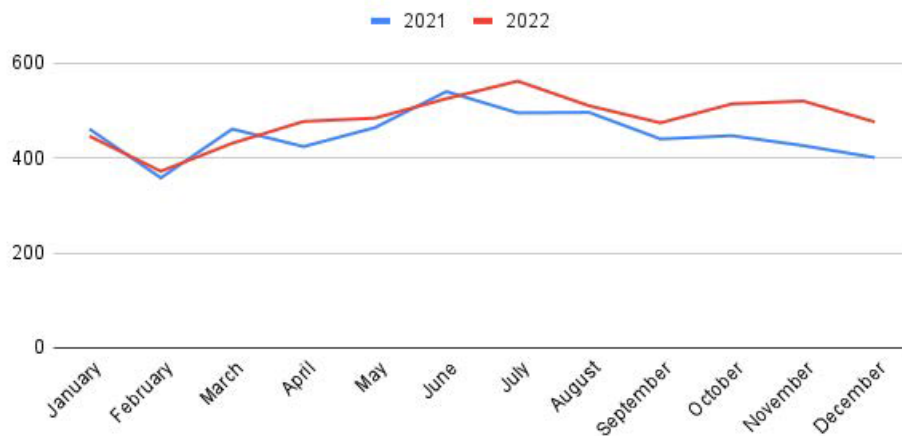
Calls per month	2021	2022	% change 21-22
January	461	446	-3.25%
February	358	372	3.91%
March	461	431	-6.51%
April	424	477	12.50%
May	464	484	4.31%
June	540	525	-2.78%
July	495	562	13.54%
August	496	510	2.82%
September	440	474	7.73%
October	447	514	14.99%
November	426	520	22.07%
December	401	476	18.70%
Total	5413	5791	6.98%

Calls by Month 2021 vs 2022



Bar chart of calls per month

Comparative Yearly Caseload Overview



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