



2024 Annual Report

RENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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A Message from Chief Schuldt



I'm pleased to present the 2024 Report to the Community, detailing the Renton Police Department's accomplishments and challenges this past year.

2024 began with a troubling spike in gun violence, particularly involving juvenile suspects. To combat this trend, our teams focused their investigations on the most prolific offenders, understanding that, typically, a few people commit most crimes. Detectives also worked closely with King County Prosecutors to ensure they had everything needed for the maximum charges.

I'm happy to report that gun violence decreased by mid-year 2024. In fact, most categories of violent and property crimes for both adults and juveniles dropped by year's end compared to 2023. You can find our statistics online at [Renton Police Crime Statistics](#).

There's still work to do! We are committed to partnering with all involved in preventing and solving crime, including social service agencies, law enforcement partners, and, most importantly, the community. I have always believed that policing is not something you do for or to the community but with the community.

Our recruiting department has worked incredibly hard to keep our staffing levels up. At the end of the year, we added five more vacancies as the city council approved four new commissioned officers and a non-commissioned evidence technician. It's a good problem to have!

I'm excited to report that the Renton Police Department earned a prestigious accreditation through the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs in 2024. This accreditation signifies that we uphold the best practices and standards for law enforcement. We are required to provide annual reports and will undergo a full accreditation review every four years.

We look forward to continued success in 2025 in combating crime and holding offenders accountable for their actions. This past year, we held a city-wide Public Safety Forum, and I look forward to several smaller neighborhood meetings in 2025 to receive your input and hear feedback.

— Chief Jon Schuldt

137

Sworn
Police
Officers

38

Professional
Staff

21

Volunteers

1,142

Volunteer
Hours

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Working together to provide professional and unbiased law enforcement services to our community.

Meet the Commanders



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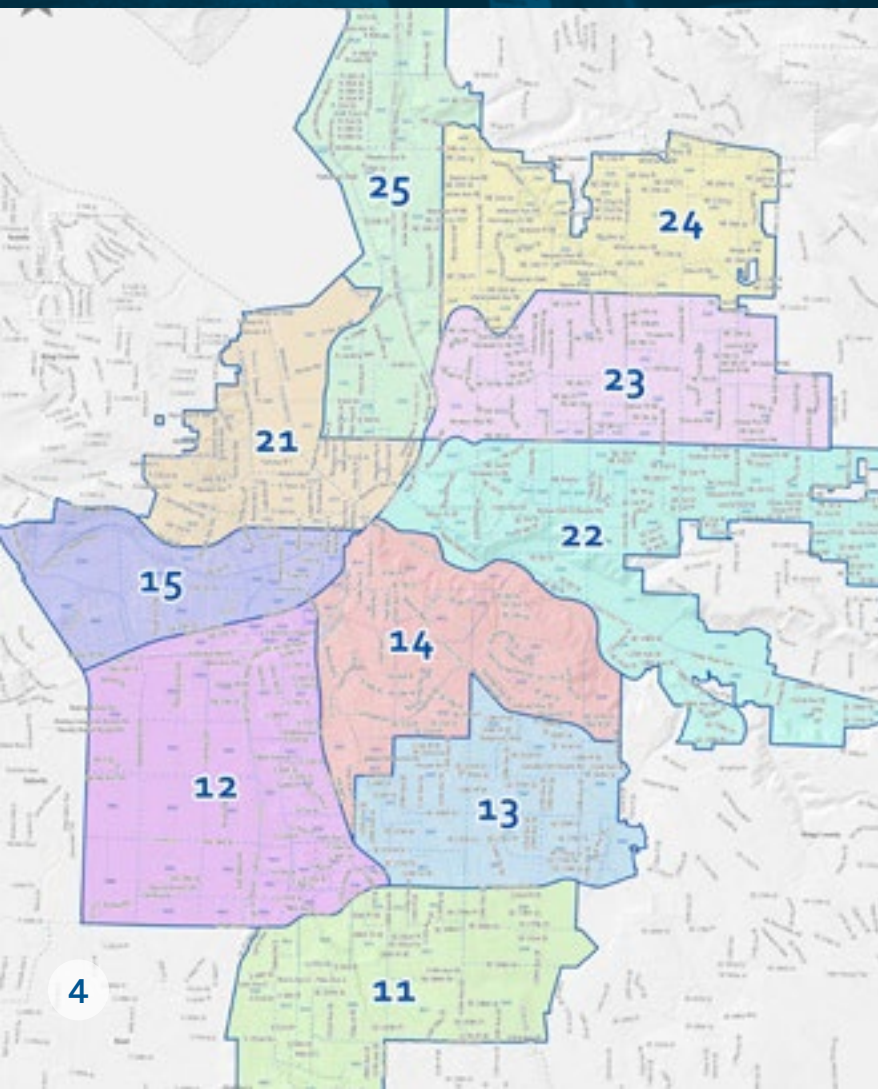


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Renton at a Glance



Population
108,800

Our officers
patrol
23.54
sq. miles

Patrol splits the city into districts to ensure maximum police coverage. Two patrol commanders, one from the north and one from the south, oversee the city.



Answering Your Call



71,160

911 Calls for Service



4:01 min.

Priority 1 average response time

CALLS HANDLED BY PRIORITY

1

812

Life-threatening

2

14,328

In progress felony calls

3

29,836

Higher priority not-in-progress calls

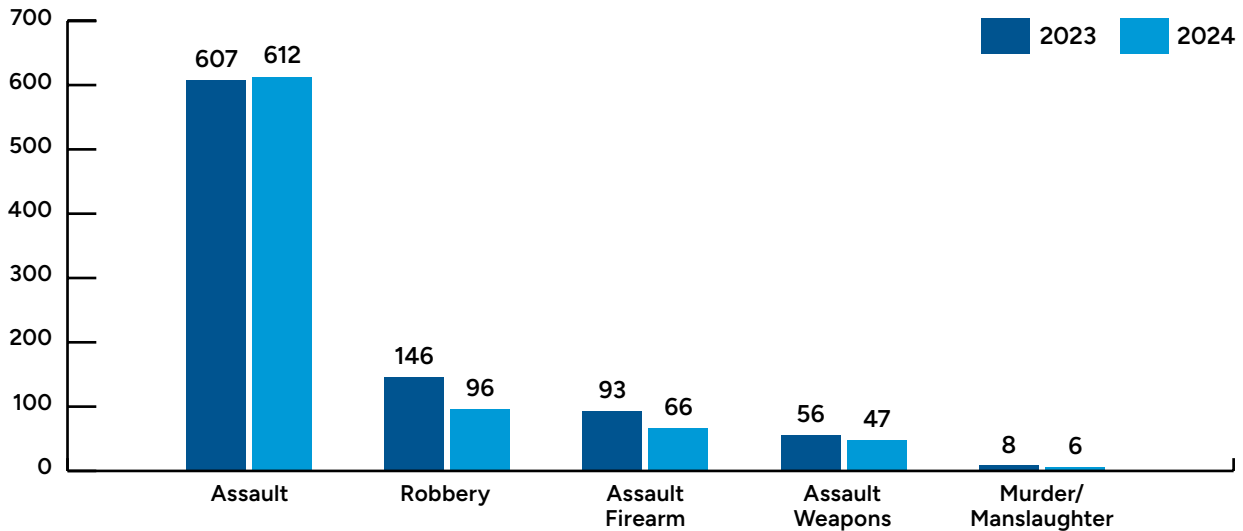
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25,974

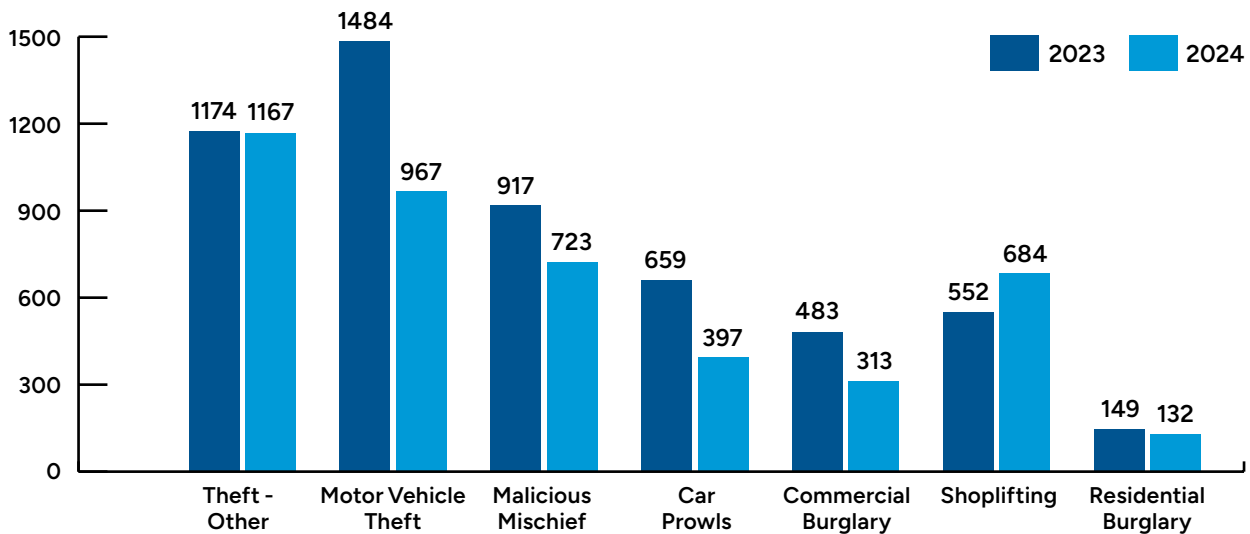
Not-in-progress calls

Stats, Reports & Records

PERSONS CRIME



PROPERTY CRIME



**POLICE RECORDS,
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE**



13,042

Police reports
filed



4,255

Public records
requests

Animal Care & Control



ANIMAL INTAKE

2,586

Calls for
Animal Care
& Control
Service



159
Dogs



62
Cats

80 Pets returned to loved ones

45 Adoptions

Others placed in area shelters.



Our Department



Patrol Operations

Patrol officers are the uniformed first responders to incidents, dispatched by the 911 center 24 hours a day. The Patrol Operations Division comprises 64 commissioned officers and is divided into the North and South sectors. Patrol officers have dynamic, diverse, and exciting jobs where every shift brings a variety of calls, a chance to interact with a diverse group of people, and a chance to solve new and ongoing issues.



Patrol Services

Traffic enforcement, collision investigations, parking enforcement, animal control, and special events fall under Patrol Services. The traffic unit's enforcement includes special emphasis patrols targeting impaired driving, distracted driving, and street racing. They also use camera enforcement at the most dangerous intersections and school zones across Renton. Patrol Services is also responsible for coordinating events such as the Seahawks 12K Run and Renton River Days.





Special Operations

The Special Operations Division includes two Directed Enforcement Teams (DET) and one Special Enforcement Team (SET), proactively addressing ongoing issues and crimes in the city. SET also includes Vice and Narcotics investigations. The Violent Crime Unit (VCU) focuses on the most violent offenders and armed suspects. VCU, DET, and SET can take on lengthy investigations traveling outside the City of Renton.



Drones

The Renton Police Department is a regional leader in using drones to investigate crimes and serious collisions. The department's 25 pilots conducted 1,364 flights in 2024, including training flights.



Our Department



SWAT

The Renton Police Department partners with Federal Way, Kent, Auburn, Tukwila, Des Moines, and Port of Seattle to provide a combined Special Weapons Tactics (SWAT) Team. Valley SWAT responds to extraordinary law enforcement situations, such as active threats, high-risk warrant service, barricaded subjects, hostage, and sniper situations. Each agency staffs and equips the team, training and responding to provide exceptional service to the communities.



Investigations

The Renton Police Department Investigations unit includes detectives specializing in persons and property crimes. Persons crimes include the most serious, including homicide, robbery, sexual assault, felony assault, felony domestic violence, and crimes against children. Property crimes include theft, burglary, car theft, shoplifting, and economic crimes. The unit also has a Domestic Violence Advocate and is supported by a crime analyst.





K-9 Officer, Zoey



K-9 Officer, Xander



K-9

Two K-9 officers, Xander and Zoey, call the Renton Police Department home.

Xander is a four ½-year-old generalist German Shepherd trained in building and area searches, suspect tracking, and evidence searches. He works with patrol to find suspects who've fled a crime scene. At home, Xander loves to work on his hockey skills with his human brother. Xander has had nearly 20 captures and evidence recoveries so far.

Zoey is an eleven-year-old narcotics detection K9 trained to sniff out heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine. She has found over eight million dollars worth of narcotics. She loves her rubber ball more than anything, but co-workers' lunches run a close second.

Staff Services

The Staff Services Division is the police department's information gateway, providing officers and the public with information, processing reports, and releasing public records. The Property and Evidence team manages the intake, storage, and disposal of property and evidence collected by officers during their work.

Administrative Services

The Administrative Services Division includes officer training and recruitment, equipment, community programs, media relations, social media, and the volunteer program. In 2023, RPD hired nine entry-level and two lateral officers. Each officer receives 1,512 hours of training before working solo. The department has 21 volunteers who contributed 915.75 hours of service to the department in 2023.

Community Engagement

RPD holds dozens of events and actively discovers new ways to engage with the community annually. We believe partnering with our residents and business community makes us all safer.



Shred-A-Thon, Rx Take Back & Food Drive

RPD collected and disposed of 13.5 tons of sensitive documents and 290 pounds of unwanted prescriptions. We also collected over \$900 and 1400 pounds of food to benefit the Salvation Army Food Bank.



Community Academy/ Renton Youth Academy

The Community Police Academy is a seven-week program that guides community members through all aspects of the Renton Police Department. Participants learn about police operations, investigations, and the department's behind-the-scenes.

The Renton Youth Academy is four days of fun-filled learning activities for 36 middle school students. Renton police partner with the King County Sheriff's Office, Newcastle Police, and the DEA, among other public safety agencies, to lead the participants through mock crime scenes, combat challenges, fingerprinting activities, drones, K-9s, and emergency simulations.



National Night Out

Each year, we participate in National Night Out and attend neighborhood gatherings. We bring some police cars and let the kids (and adults!) check them out. It's an opportunity to talk about crime prevention strategies with entire neighborhoods.





Red Ribbon Week

RPD teams up with the Renton School District and DEA for a poster contest to help educate students on the dangers of drug use and urge them to pledge to a drug-free lifestyle. The winners get to spend recess with officers and eat donuts!



Neighborhood/ Business Watch

These programs encourage collaboration between the police, neighborhoods, and businesses to help reduce crime. The Crime Prevention team offers security surveys and education to help the community.



Battle of the Badges

Regional public safety agencies gather in Renton to celebrate the holidays by decorating their vehicles, floats, and sometimes boats! This event attracts over a thousand community members and allows agencies to battle for the best display.



Shop with a Cop

Fifteen 3rd-5th grade students are carefully chosen to be paired with Renton police officers for a festive holiday shopping spree. The day includes breakfasts, crafts, shopping, and gift wrapping to ensure everyone has a gift to open over the holidays. The kids receive gift cards to shop for everyone in their family, including a gift for themselves.

2024 Honors

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Kevin Lane



LIFESAVING AWARD

Girello, Noah	2/27/2024
Weber, Jacob	2/27/2024
Ediger, Tyler	7/12/2024
Smith, Lacey	7/12/2024
Raygoza, Javier	7/12/2024



MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Adam, David	7/14/2024
Ediger, Tyler	7/14/2024
Selbert, Jonathan	7/14/2024
Summers, Paul	7/14/2024
Trader, Jason	7/14/2024
Bowie, Blake	11/27/2024

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD

30 YEARS	Morris, Cyndie
20 YEARS	Coleman, Mark Morgan, Patrick Rutledge, Ryan
10 YEARS	Bauer, Scott Moynihan, Denis Sangder, Nicolas





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File a police report: rentonwa.gov/policereport

Police non-emergency number: 425-430-7500

Call 911 in an emergency