

GRAND JUNCTION POLICE DEPARTMENT



Quarterly Report
April - June 2025



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MATT SMITH

Hello Community members and friends,

The safety of our community is the top priority of the Grand Junction Police Department. As staffing levels increase, we're able to conduct more pro-active policing which allows us to identify and address potential issues early.

One growing public safety concern affecting our neighborhoods, local businesses, and overall quality of life is parking lot takeovers. These events are part of a national trend, and unfortunately, we are seeing them take hold here in Grand Junction.



Parking lot takeovers typically involve large gatherings of vehicles in commercial or retail parking areas. They often include dangerous driving behavior like burnouts and reckless maneuvers, along with loud noise and large crowds. These gatherings not only put participants and spectators at serious risk, but also cause disruption to businesses, damage to property, and threaten the safety of our community.

In response, over the last several months, we've conducted two targeted enforcement operations in areas known for this activity. During these efforts, officers made 64 contacts, issued 44 citations, and made nearly 20 arrests for offenses such as exhibition of speed, vehicular eluding, and reckless endangerment.

These are not harmless meet-ups—they are dangerous and illegal.

We want to assure our residents and business owners that we are actively working to stop this behavior. Thank you to business owners and community members for partnering with us to keep Grand Junction safe. Your vigilance, support, and cooperation make a difference.

Sincerely,

Chief Matt Smith



By the Numbers

GJPD CALLS FOR SERVICE



Calls for service are incidents sent to officers by the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center or incidents that officers come upon while working.

20,517



1,087 ARRESTS

Felony	243
Misdemeanor	844



408 TRAFFIC CRASHES

Non-injury	318
Injury	90



OPEN RECORDS REQUESTS

1,208



PROPERTY & EVIDENCE ITEMS COLLECTED

5,336



TRAFFIC STOPS

2,435

TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED
(COUNTY & MUNICIPAL)

1,098



GJPD HIGHLIGHT

The Grand Junction Police Department Co-Responder Unit was established in 2018 to help address the growing behavioral health needs in our community. This innovative, grant-funded program pairs a GJPD officer with a master's-level clinician to respond together to active calls for service involving individuals in crisis.

The unit currently consists of two officers, four clinicians, one sergeant, and one commander, all dedicated to delivering compassionate and effective crisis response within city limits.

With recent changes in the availability of services from local mental health providers, the GJPD Co-Responder Unit is busier than ever. Their work has become a vital resource for individuals experiencing behavioral health crises.

In addition to their frontline efforts, the GJPD Co-Responder Unit collaborates with local behavioral health organizations, has an active seat on the Behavioral Health Summit Committee, and provides training opportunities for law enforcement agencies across the Western Slope.

From January through June 2025, the GJPD Co-Responder Unit has responded to **771** behavioral health-related calls for service, highlighting the essential role this specialized team serves in supporting our community.

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