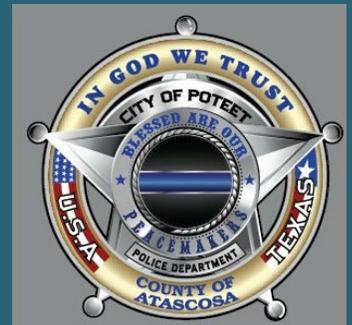


2024 Annual Report



Mayor Denise L. Sanchez
City Administrator Melissa Popham
Police Chief Bruce Hickman



I am pleased to present you with our 2024 Report. This report contains statistical and informational data about our department in an effort to keep our community informed about public safety.



The challenge of any growing city is to maintain excellent services, reduce crime, maintain staffing levels, predict future needs based on historical data, and maintain community support coupled with mutual respect from those we serve. As can be seen in this report, we have increased our dedication to community policing and will continue to work closely with our school district police to protect our children.

We aim to keep this community safe and protect our citizens; this is the foundation of policing. We are especially mindful that every police department needs to develop ways to achieve high trust and respect within their respective communities. We are fortunate to have volunteer organizations such as the Poteet Police Association and the Alliance of churches known as Shalom Ministries to help create events and opportunities to increase public trust.

It is truly an honor and a blessing to lead this agency for the last 9 years. We have a committed group of police officers, civilian employees, and volunteers who strive to provide excellent service to those in our community.

In conclusion, we look forward to the challenges of a growing community and appreciate the support from the city staff, the mayor, the city manager, the council, and our citizens.

Chief Bruce Hickman

Poteet Police Department Organizational Chart



Community Policing

Reading with Heroes Program

We are happy to have been invited by Potteet Elementary to join them in the 2023-2024 READING WITH HEROES PROGRAM and to pop in to read to the kids at Ink. We had a great time reading and interacting with the kids.



Trunk or Treat



In October, the Potteet Police Association organized a great time, providing a family-friendly/kid-safe environment where we enjoyed hanging out with our community. Several organizations joined in to decorate trunks and booths and give out candy. We were wiped out of candy again. The Potteet Police Association awarded prizes to winners of the costume contest.



Out and About



Blue Santa

The Potteet Polic Association partnered with the Potteet ISD to host the 2024 Blue Santa. Blue Santa gave out gifts to all the waiting and very excited children. During the event, everyone who attended received candy canes, hot chocolate, and cookies. Our local churches and organizations partnered with Blue Santa to provide the snacks.



Events like these would not have been possible without the cooperation and support between Potteet Police Association, the Potteet Police Department, the City of Potteet, the community and the many volunteers.

Firearms Proficiency Training

This year, we received grant funds to purchase ballistic shields. We also partnered with the Poteet Police Association to buy a new weapons system for the Department. This purchase included a Red Dot Sight (RDS) system, a weapons-mounted light, and holsters.

We spent time on the range, providing instruction and scenario-based training on applying and using these tools.



 Posted by Noe Rodriguez
Oct 5, 2024 · 🌐

We were able to get training in to transition to our new weapon system with optics. Thanks [City of Poteet](#) and [Poteet Police Association](#) for working together to provide the department with these weapons, optics, and holsters. Huge shoutout to [TMPA Training](#) for dedicating two days of great training for our officers.

 **TMPA**
Oct 4, 2024 · 🌐

 **TMPA at Poteet Range Day** 

TMPA Instructors John Wilkerson, Bryan Flatt, and Field Representative Joey Sepulveda spent the day with Poteet PD, transitioning their officers—including Chief Hickman and Lt. Rodriguez—to their new weapon systems, complete with red dot sights. 🚔 📍

Thank you to Poteet PD for allowing TMPA to train and work alongside these dedicated officers! Your commitment to continuous improvement keeps our communities safe.





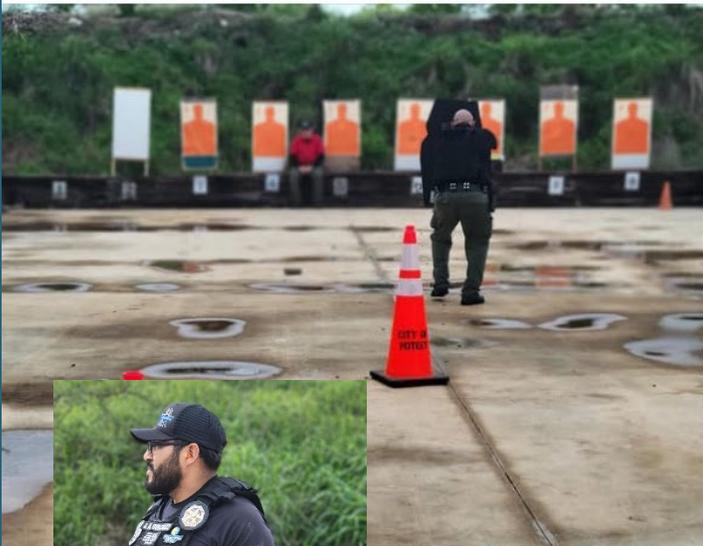
Poteet Police Department



Posted by Noe Rodriguez

Mar 22, 2024 · 🌐

Time for some range training. Despite the wet start our range is built for all weather. Annual quals and basic ballistic s... See more



Racial Profiling Report

Race or ethnicity

Black: 56 Asian/Pacific Islander: 2 White: 413
Hispanic/Latino: 1432 Alaska Native/American Indian: 2

Reason for stop?

Violation of law: 38 Preexisting knowledge: 2
Moving traffic violation: 1155 Vehicle traffic violation: 714

Street address or approximate location of the stop

City street: 1210 US highway: 11
State Highway 575
County Rd 51 Private property or other 62

Was a search conducted?

Yes: 78 No: 1831

Reason for Search?

Consent: 8 Contraband: 2 Probable cause: 20
Inventory: 46 Incident to arrest: 2

Was Contraband discovered?

Yes: 14 No: 64

Result of the stop

Verbal warning: 14 Written warning: 739 Citation: 1154
Written warning and arrest: 0 Citation and arrest: 2
Arrest: 0

Complaints

To ensure accountability and transparency, we track and investigate all complaints. This includes the origin as it relates to an internal or external complaint.

In 2024, we documented four notarized complaints against our officer's conduct (External). All external complaints are turned in to the City Administrator to determine if the Officer Conduct Review Board is necessary.

We had a few complaints discovered by the Sgt. or the Lieutenant (internal). The Patrol Sgt. or LT discovered these complaints while randomly reviewing car or body camera recordings or copying dash or body camera recordings for case folders. In any case, The Chief assigns the Lieutenant or Patrol Sergeant to conduct an internal investigation on all complaints. This consists of reviewing any documents attached to a complaint and any videos related to the complaint. The City Administrator is notified of the investigation findings; after review, the complainant is mailed a letter with the investigation results.

The Police Administration will exhaust all avenues to ensure our department maintains the level of professionalism our citizens and this community deserve. Of the four citizen complaints, all four were unfounded. It is essential to remember that our officers made 4178 contacts with the public. The four complaints account for only 0.09573958% of our officers' contacts.

(4178 as per data gathered from the Patrol Officers daily log)

Definitions:

Sustained: Allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.

Not Sustained: The available evidence was insufficient to either prove or disprove the allegation.

Exonerated: The Incident being complained about did occur, but the Officers' actions were lawful or proper.

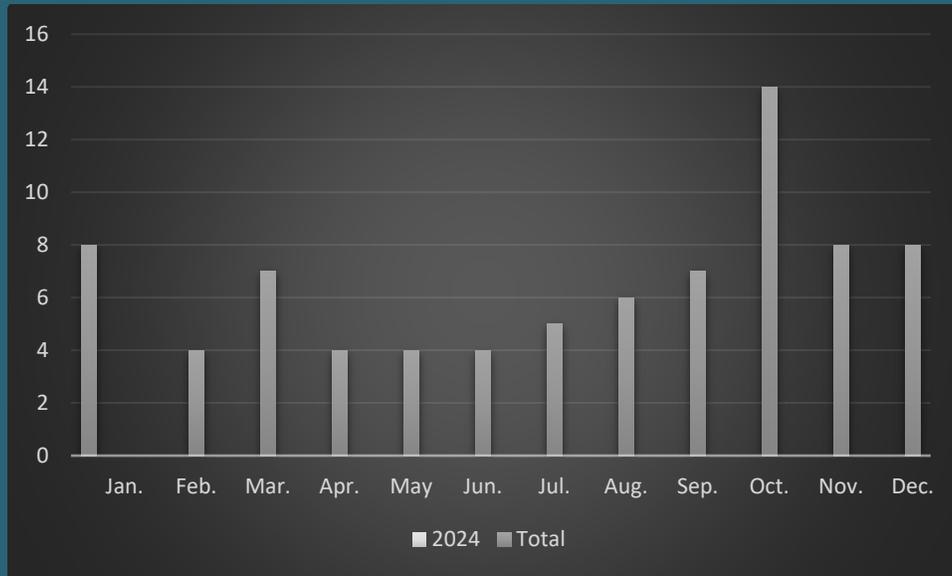
Unfounded: The Incident did not occur.



Arrest Report Count

POTEET POLICE DEPARTMENT

From: 01/01/2024 To: 12/31/2024



Group A Offense Report

Offense	Reported in 2024	Reported in 2023	Percent Change
Murder	0	0	NA
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA
Rape	1	0	NA
Sodomy	0	0	NA
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	NA
Fondling	0	0	NA
Aggravated Assault	0	1	-100.00%
Simple Assault	12	14	-14.29%
Intimidation	0	1	-100.00%
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	NA
Incest	0	0	NA
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA

Offense	Reported in 2024	Reported in 2023	Percent Change
Crimes Against Persons Total	13	16	-18.75%
Robbery	1	0	NA
Arson	0	0	NA
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NA
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	22	11	100.00%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	20	30	-33.33%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	6	-33.33%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	NA
Fraud Offense	0	0	NA
Embezzlement	0	0	NA
Stolen Property Offenses	1	4	-75.00%
Destruction Of Property	6	6	0.00%
Bribery	0	0	NA
Crimes Against Property Total	54	57	-5.26%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	20	12	66.67%
Drug Equipment Violations	0	2	-100.00%
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	0	NA
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA
Prostitution	0	0	NA
Weapons Law Violation	2	0	NA
Animal Cruelty	0	0	NA
Total Group "A" Offenses	90	87	3.45%

Offense	Reported in 2023	Reported in 2022	Percent Change
Total Group "A" Offenses	87	103	-15.53%

Group A offenses in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) are crimes that are considered more serious and have a higher potential for harm: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Law enforcement agencies report all incidents within their jurisdiction to the NIBRS using Group A offenses. In addition to Group A offenses, there are 11 Group B offense categories for which only arrest data are reported.

The NIBRS provides information on nearly every major criminal justice issue facing law enforcement. The data is available from all levels of law enforcement, including city, county, state, tribal, and federal.

Group B offenses are crimes that are reported to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) only when an arrest is made:

- Bad checks
- Curfew, loitering, or vagrancy violations
- Disorderly conduct
- Driving under the influence
- Drunkenness
- Family offenses, nonviolent
- Liquor law violations
- Peeping Tom
- Trespass of real property
- All other offenses

This concludes the 2024 Annual Police Report