

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

VILLAGE OF LOS LUNAS
POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Chiefs Message:

Dear Residents of Los Lunas,

As Chief of Police, I am pleased to report that 2024 has been another successful year for the Los Lunas Police Department. Our dedicated officers and staff have worked tirelessly to serve and protect our growing community, and I am proud of their accomplishments.

This year, we celebrated the graduation of two police officers from the New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NM DPS) Academy. Additionally, we welcomed two new uncertified officers who will be attending the NM DPS Academy in 2025. These additions to our department ensure that we continue to strengthen our team and provide the highest level of service to our residents.

Community engagement remains a top priority, and we have had the privilege of hosting many successful events throughout the year. The most significant of these was our National Night Out, which brought together residents, businesses, and law enforcement in a shared commitment to safety and partnership. Events like these are a testament to the strong relationship between our department and the community we serve.

The Los Lunas Police Department continues to handle the highest call volume of all agencies within Valencia County. This demand reflects the steady growth of our community and reinforces our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our residents.

Perhaps one of our most significant achievements in 2024 was earning re-accreditation for the Los Lunas Police Department. Accreditation is a rigorous process that ensures our department meets and maintains the highest standards of professionalism, accountability, and operational excellence. It is a critical measure of our commitment to continuous improvement and best practices in law enforcement. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our Professional Standards Lieutenant, Jonathan Norris. His leadership and attention to detail were instrumental in our successful re-accreditation process, and I extend my sincere gratitude and congratulations to him for this accomplishment.

I also want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the unwavering support of our community. Your trust and partnership are invaluable in our mission to keep Los Lunas safe. Lastly, to the hardworking men and women of the Los Lunas Police Department—thank you. Your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to public safety do not go unnoticed, and I am honored to serve alongside you.

We look forward to another successful year in 2025 as we continue to build relationships, solve problems, and make a difference.

Sincerely,

Frank Lucero
Chief of Police

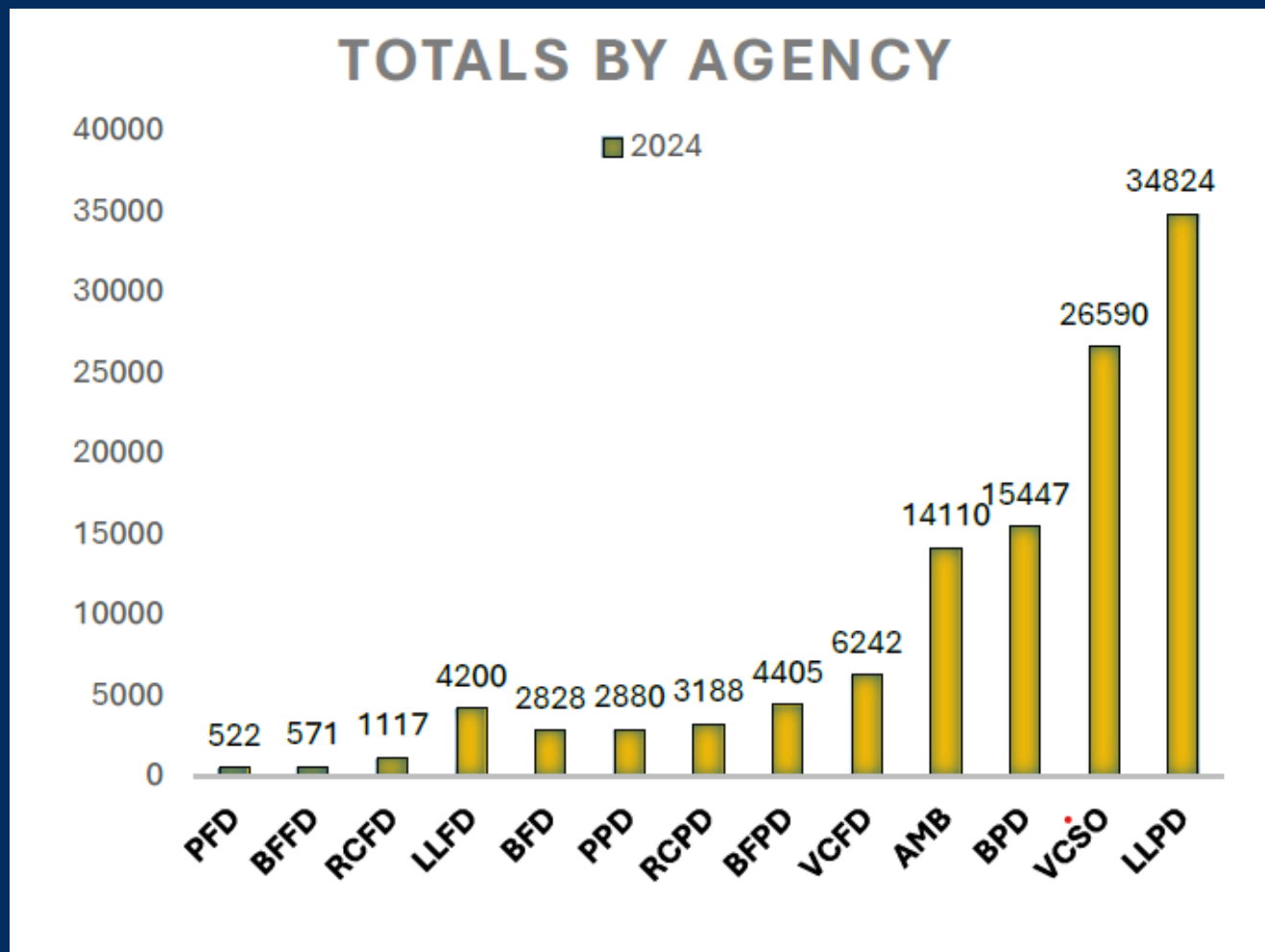


2024 Call For Service Statistics

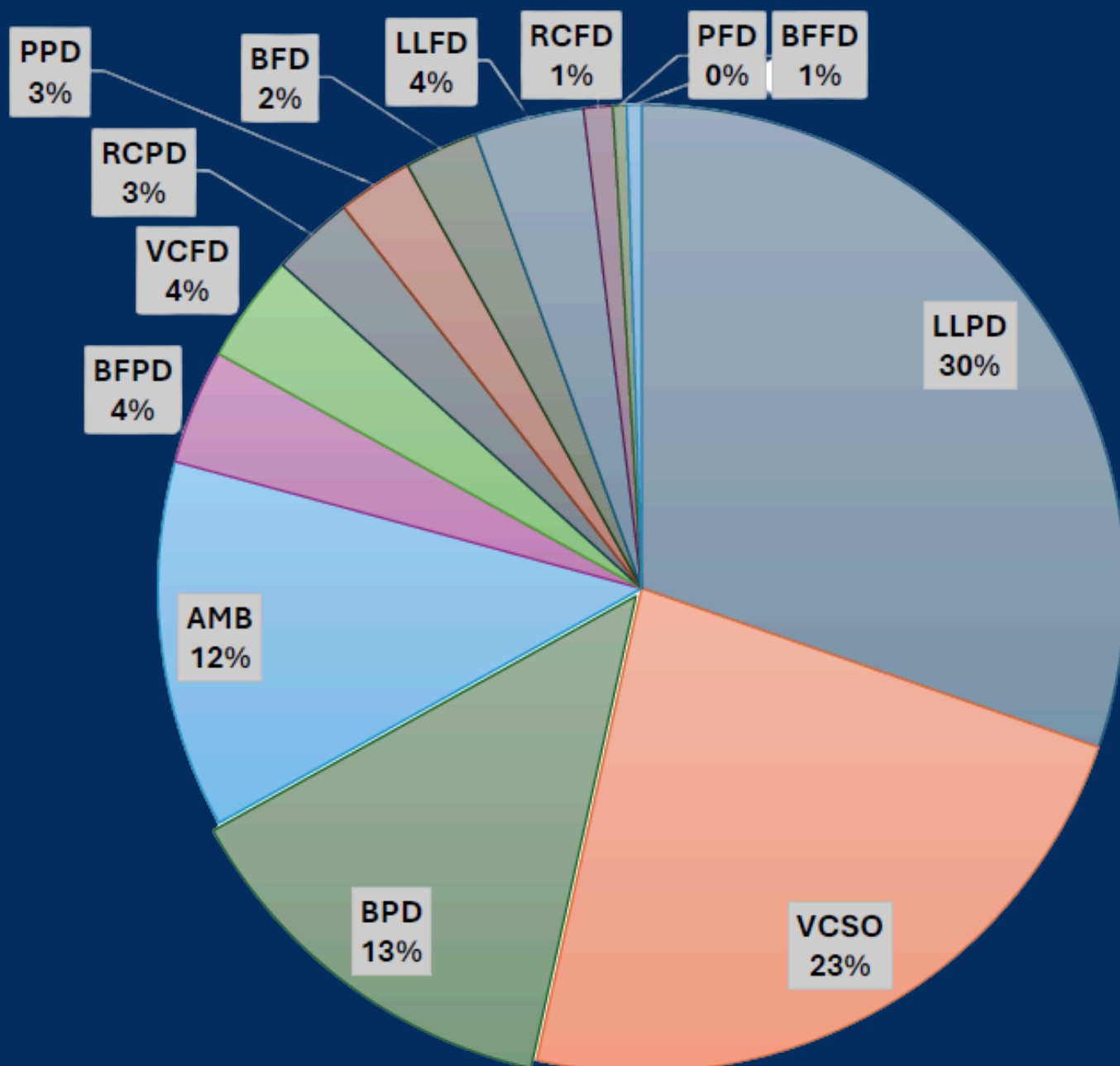
Valencia Regional Emergency Communications Center Stats:

- 39,735 911 Calls
- 122,024 Non-Emergency Calls
- 161,759 Total Phone Calls
- The Los Lunas Police Department stands tall with the highest incidents, accounting for 30%.

The ensuing data charts illuminate the calls for service from law enforcement agencies within Valencia County: Belen PD, Bosque Farms PD, Los Lunas PD, Peralta PD, Rio Communities PD, Valencia County Sheriff's Department, and all Fire Departments.



2024 Call For Service Statistics



ARRESTS BY TYPE 2024

Kidnapping/Abduction	1
Rape	1
Robbery	7
Aggravated Assault	41
Simple Assault	47
Intimidation	7
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	9
Shoplifting	46
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	2
All other larceny	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3
Inpersonation	10
Identity Theft	1
Embezzlement	1

ARRESTS BY TYPE 2024

Stolen Property Offenses	20
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	10
Drug/Narcotics Violations	66
Weapon Law Violations	13
Disorderly Conduct	5
Driving Under The Influence	93
Family Offenses Non-Violent	3
Liquor Law Violations	2
Trespass	22
All Other Offenses	22
Total	436



INCIDENT REPORTS LOGGED BY CRIME TYPE 2024

NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.....	0
RAPE.....	6
FONDLING.....	7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.....	96
SIMPLE ASSAULT.....	153
INTIMIDATION	45
KIDNAPPING/ ABDUCTION.....	24

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS TOTAL:331

ROBBERY	12
BURGLARY / BREAKING & ENTERING.....	109
LARCENY / THEFT OFFENSES.....	382
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT.....	87
ARSON.....	2
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.....	215
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY.....	9
FRAUD OFFENSES.....	96
EMBEZZLEMENT.....	12
EXTORTION/ BLACKMAIL.....	2
BRIBERY.....	2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES.....	33

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY TOTAL:961

DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS.....	102
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS.....	1
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL.....	2
WEAPON LAW VIOLATION.....	34

CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY TOTAL:139

Total OFFENSES: 1,431



RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE

The use of force by a police officer is an extremely sensitive issue and requires careful study and understanding by every officer. Although the careful use of force is authorized by law, the use of unnecessary or unreasonable force is strictly prohibited and is not tolerated.

The Los Lunas Police Department's response to resistance policy permits officers to use only reasonable force necessary to effect lawful objectives in responding to perceived threats. Each time an officer with LLPD uses force, a supervisor will conduct an extensive review of the facts and circumstances surrounding the incident.

TYPE OF FORCE	OCCURRENCE
BODILY FORCE (Strikes / Take Down)	25
TASER	2
FIREARM (Includes pointing of firearm)	4
EXPANDABLE BATON	0
OTHER LESS LETHAL (Flash Bangs, 40mm Gas)	1
OTHER (Control Holds, Firm Grip)	8
EMERGENCY MEDICAL (Physical Restraints)	12
Total	52

Citizen Complaints

The Los Lunas Police Department takes all complaints against our members seriously. The public has a right to expect and demand fair and impartial law enforcement services. In providing these services, department employees must be free to exercise their best judgment and to initiate action in a reasonable, lawful, and impartial manner, without fear of reprisal. While the mutual rights of the public and the police officer are normally respected, situations may arise when these rights are reported to be violated. To protect the rights of the public and our employees, allegations of misconduct must be thoroughly investigated. Outcomes of citizen complaint investigations are classified as:

- Exonerated - The behavior in question was proper in all terms of applicable law and department directive requirements.
- Not Sustained - Insufficient evidence either to properly prove or disprove the allegation(s).
- Sustained - The allegations are supported by sufficient evidence.
- Unfounded - The allegations, upon investigation, are determined to be without merit.
- Sustained violation not based on the original complaint - Where the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that misconduct did occur that was not alleged in the original complaint but that was discovered during the misconduct investigation.
- Mediation - A meeting between the accused officer, the complainant, and the officer's supervisor.
- Administratively closed - Where the policy violations are minor, the allegations are duplicative, or an investigation cannot be conducted because of a lack of information in the complaint.
- Policy Failure - Where the complaint revealed a policy failure. The allegation is factual, and the LEO(s) followed proper agency procedure; however, that procedure has proven to be deficient.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT FINDINGS	QUANTITY
Exonerated	4
Not Sustained	1
Sustained	3
Unfounded	10
Mediation	0
Administratively Closed	2
Policy Failure	0
Total	20

Alternative Revenue

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program	\$3,076.48
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant 2024	\$18,000.00
NM DFA Law Enforcement Allotment	\$159,500.00
NM DFA Recruiting / Retention Grants	\$243,750.00
NM DFA Funding For units	\$965,000.00
Walmart Spark Good Grant	\$11,500.00
Total	\$1,400,826.48



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DWI / TRAFFIC UNIT

The Los Lunas Police Department's DWI/Traffic Unit stands as a steadfast guardian of our roadways, committed to ensuring their safety through vigilant enforcement, thorough crash investigations, and impactful public safety initiatives. Our dedicated officers labor diligently to diminish incidents of impaired driving and enhance overall traffic safety. This report unveils the unit's notable achievements and enforcement statistics for the year 2024.

2024 DWI / TRAFFIC UNIT STATISTICS

DWI Arrests: 81

Crash Investigations: 457

Drug Recognition Evaluations: 8

Enforcement Checkpoints Conducted: 5

Directed DWI Patrols: 5

E Cites: 2,487

The Los Lunas Police Department persistently embraces proactive enforcement strategies, which include:

- Regular DWI checkpoints to dissuade impaired driving.
- Directed DWI patrols in areas of heightened risk.
- Drug Recognition Evaluations (DREs) to pinpoint drug-impaired drivers.
- Public education campaigns and collaborations with local organizations to foster responsible driving practices.



SWAT TEAM

The Los Lunas Police Department SWAT Team is dedicated to safeguarding our community through specialized tactical response, advanced trainings and strategic collaboration. Our mission is to effectively respond to critical and high-risk incidents, provide a swift and decisive resolution to threats, active violence and foster a culture of trust and transparency within our community.

2024

SWAT Activations: 7

Operation Assist: 16

SWAT Training Hours: 192+ hours

The LLPD SWAT Team looks forward to engaging with the community in hopes of building relationships with community members this upcoming year. LLPD SWAT will maintain training and operations productivity. The SWAT Team is expanding their resources and equipment with the latest advanced technologies to improve safety and efficiency during activations and operations.



Los Lunas Police Department

Special Operations

SWAT, K9, THEFT, INTEL, CRIMINAL, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

In the calendar year of 2024, the **Los Lunas Police Department's Special Investigations Division (SID)**-comprised of three Detectives-conducted complex investigations, targeting **Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), human Trafficking, Narcotics, Retail Theft, Auto Theft, and Intelligence Gatherings.**

Throughout the year, SID executed numerous specialized operations, Including:

Auto Theft Enforcement:

- 92 Vehicles Identification Number (VIN) Inspections
- 12 Targeted Auto Theft Operations
- 2 VIN Etching Events
- 3 Vehicle Warm-Up Enforcement Operations

Retail Theft Prevention:

- 10 Operations conducted at various retail locations within Los Lunas

Narcotics Investigations:

- 4 Controlled Narcotics Purchases
- 13 Intelligence Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Operations

Intelligence Operations: SID Remains at the forefront of intelligence-led policing, with support from a **Full-Time Intelligence analyst assigned through the Counter Drug Task Force/Army National Guard.**

SID Continues to enhance public safety through proactive enforcement efforts, utilizing specialized investigative techniques and interagency collaboration to district criminal activity within Los Lunas.



DRONE UNIT 2024

- A remarkable 400 live and training missions have taken flight since the dawn of October 2023, showcasing the program's rapid growth and effectiveness in real-world scenarios.
- In mere moments, an aerial overview of a crime scene or search area can be unveiled, significantly enhancing situational awareness for law enforcement personnel on the ground.
- This program has successfully and swiftly apprehended multiple fleeing offenders, ensuring safety for both officers and the community by providing real-time surveillance and tracking capabilities.
- The LLPD now extends its wings, offering accredited sUAS (small Unmanned Aircraft Systems) classes to fellow Law Enforcement Agencies across the state, fostering collaboration and enhancing the skills of law enforcement personnel statewide.
- Presently, 7 sUAS devices soar through the skies, supporting Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and the Tactical Team, which allows for diverse applications ranging from routine surveillance to critical incident response.
- All pilots are certified by both the LLPD and the Federal Aviation Administration, ensuring that they adhere to the highest standards of safety and operational competency.
- There have been 3 crashes, resulting solely in damage to the devices, underlining the importance of continuous training and adherence to safety protocols to mitigate risks.
- Plans are afoot to acquire more aircraft to bolster operations during the regular functions of the LLPD, aiming to improve coverage and response times in various situations.
- A commendable record of 0 complaints emphasizes the professionalism and effectiveness of the drone program, reflecting positively on the LLPD's commitment to community engagement and safety.
- The integration of drone technology has not only increased operational efficiency but also serves as a valuable tool for data collection and analysis, aiding in evidence gathering and case resolution.
- Future objectives include expanding the range of drone applications, such as search and rescue operations, disaster response, and community outreach initiatives, to further enhance public safety and trust.

