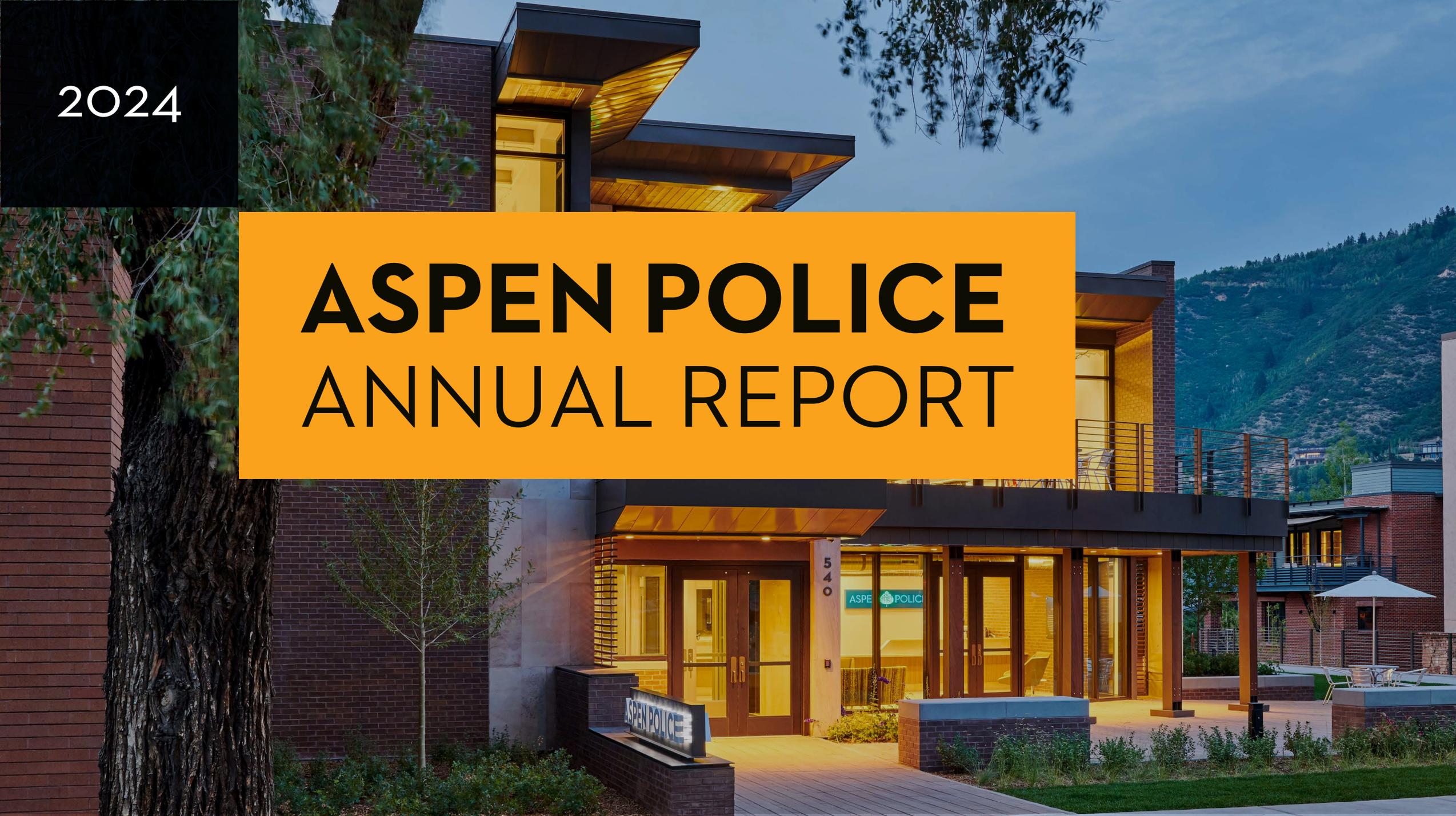


2024

# ASPEN POLICE ANNUAL REPORT





## Welcome to the Aspen Police Department's 2024 Annual Report

As always, I'd like to take the opportunity to say it's my honor and privilege to serve you and to collaborate with our dedicated team in this spectacular city.

As a philosophy, **"The members of the Aspen Police Department embody the community policing philosophy. We collaborate with our community to maintain and enhance the safety of our neighborhoods. We value crime prevention, we respect and care about others, and we strive to improve the quality of life for all."**

This past year, we can reflect and celebrate together on our opportunity to experience Aspen as an incredibly safe community. Thank you for taking the time to review our annual report and to learn more about our achievements. We are committed to serving you with excellence and professionalism.

At your service,  
Kimberly Ferber



### MISSION STATEMENT

Serving the Aspen community through professional and dependable police services while embracing our unique mountain culture.



# Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE)

The ABLE project was developed by the Georgetown Law Center for Innovations in Community Safety, in partnership with global law firm Sheppard Mullin. ABLE was designed to help officers prepare to successfully intervene to prevent harm and create a law enforcement culture that supports peer intervention.

Years of academic and evidence-based research have demonstrated active bystandership can be taught. Agency members who routinely intervene and accept intervention prevent misconduct, avoid police mistakes, and promote officer health and wellness.

To become an ABLE partner, agencies must apply, provide an implementation plan, commit to meeting program standards, and submit letters of support from agency leaders, as well as community organizations.

## FAST FACTS

**The Aspen Police Department was the first law enforcement agency in the Roaring Fork Valley to become an ABLE partnering agency.**





# Community Outreach Initiatives



SENIOR BINGO



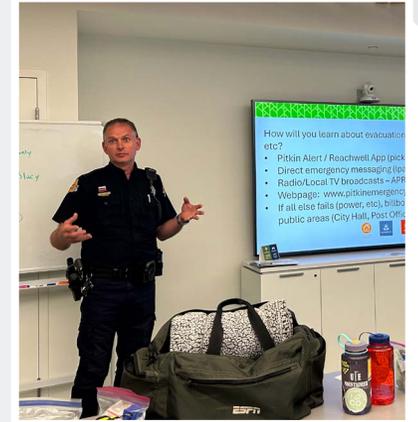
BIKE AUCTION



KINDER READING



DONUTS WITH COPS



OUTREACH EVENTS



BICYCLE RODEO



SATURDAY MARKET



APD CHILDREN'S TOUR



ICE CREAM SOCIAL



RIDE THE PASS



# Traffic Safety in Aspen

Our team has ramped up efforts to enhance safety and awareness in the downtown core and along Main Street through focused foot, bicycle and vehicle traffic education and enforcement, including our e-bike safety campaign.

With **4,436 traffic stops, 2,528 hours of foot patrols, 167 hours of bicycle patrols, 119 hours dedicated to e-bike enforcement, and 264 direct education contacts**, we're committed to fostering a safer community for all.



# Drug Recognition Expert Program

As part of our ongoing commitment to traffic safety, Officer Sarah Freihon is the first member of the Aspen Police Department to become a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). Sarah is trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol. Sarah's expertise will help our team differentiate between drug influence and medical and/or mental disorders and help combat the impacts of drug and alcohol impaired driving in our community. Colorado's DRE program began in 1987 and is coordinated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police with the support of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).





# Drone Program

We are proud and excited to have launched our new drone program. More formally known as an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), these unmanned vehicles provide an eye in the sky for numerous operations, from searching for missing persons to providing crowd overwatch at large special events.

Our UAS program has three licensed pilots: Officers Braulio Jerez, Lee Malik and Community Response Officer Dave Paschal. Our pilots were certified in the summer of 2024, and though the UAS program is new, they deployed their first two missions last year.





# Increasing Community Safety and Self-Service Options with Enhanced Crash Protocols

Inclement weather and compromised road conditions during the winter months can lead to especially dangerous roadways for the public and our officers. During these types of conditions, the Aspen Police Department will go under a “crash alert.”

Crash alert is used throughout the state but is initiated on a jurisdictional and geographical basis. The intent of a crash alert is for when weather conditions impact the department’s ability to respond to the large volume of collisions, or that these prolonged response times would jeopardize the safety of citizens waiting for police response to minor accidents in hazardous road conditions. More efficiently clearing roadways for minor collisions will reduce instances of secondary collisions and increase safety for individuals involved in crashes and other roadway users.



**If a motor vehicle crash occurred in the city of Aspen, drivers are directed to call the Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center to report all crashes at (970) 920-5310. When motor vehicle crashes don’t meet the criteria for a police response during a “crash alert,” drivers exchange information. Drivers are asked to file crash reports online as soon as possible.**



# APD Commitment to Mental Health

In 2024, the APD celebrated five years of partnership with our Pitkin Area Co-responder Program (PACT). The co-responding team, a PACT clinician, and a law enforcement officer jointly respond to calls where substance abuse and/or mental health challenges may exist in the community and other at-risk populations.

Wraparound services for longer-term support are available through case management and peer support services. APD recognized the need to have an officer focus on our community needs with those struggling with mental health and/or substance abuse since 2016 when the APD began the Human Services Officer (HSO) program.

Our current HSO, Braulio Jerez, has been in this position for over six years. With the PACT partnership, those in need can receive wraparound services quicker and immediate assistance when experiencing a crisis.

## FAST FACTS

In 2024, Aspen Police responded to 467 mental health calls and made 273 referrals to the PACT program, and the individuals were offered and received services.



# By the Numbers

The APD has been actively responding to community feedback by implementing proactive measures to address concerns about public safety. These efforts have led to an increase in charges for trespassing, disorderly conduct, and the destruction of property. By engaging with residents, the department has worked to strengthen our relationship with the community and enhance overall safety in Aspen. See the uptick in proactive policing in 2024 compared to 2023.



**4,436**  
TRAFFIC STOPS  
3,730 (2023)



**567** REPORTED CRASHES  
588 (2023)

<b>354</b> STATE CRASH REPORT 404 (2023)	<b>1</b> FATAL CRASH 0 (2023)	<b>14</b> INJURY CRASHES 10 (2023)
--	-------------------------------------	--



**24** DUI  
41 (2023)



**772**  
WILDLIFE  
760 (2023)

**12**  
BURGLARY  
12 (2023)

**177**  
THEFT  
194 (2023)

**83**  
TRESPASSING  
30 (2023)

**35**  
DISORDERLY CONDUCT  
27 (2023)



**15,917**  
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE  
15,397 (2023)

**316** TOTAL ARRESTS  
235 (2023)

**7**  
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS  
13 (2023)

**28**  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
22 (2023)



**51**  
ASSAULTS  
56 (2023)

**59**  
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY  
48 (2023)



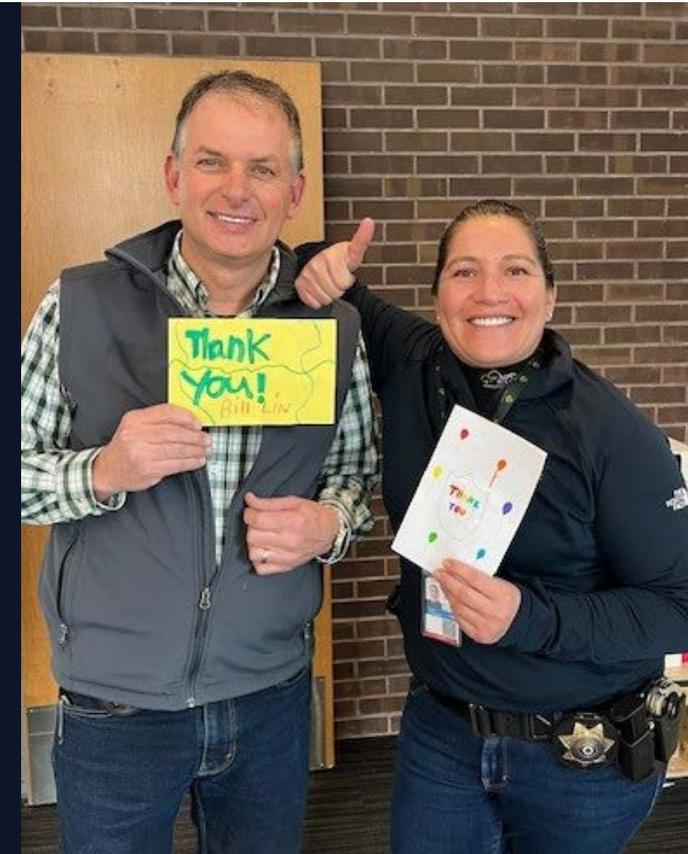
# Community Feedback

**We would like to extend a special thank you to our community for your unwavering support. We value your feedback and utilize the data to implement strategies that will continue us on a path to maintaining your trust and further enhance our community policing philosophy.**

In 2024, the community recognized our team by rating the overall feeling of safety in Aspen No. 1 among law enforcement agencies in Colorado and No. 7 nationally among participating agencies. Additionally, about nine in 10 residents reported feeling safe from both violent and property crime, both of which were rated higher than national comparison communities, according to key findings in the 2024 community survey, which can be found [here](#), or at <https://www.aspen.gov/1125/Community-Survey>.

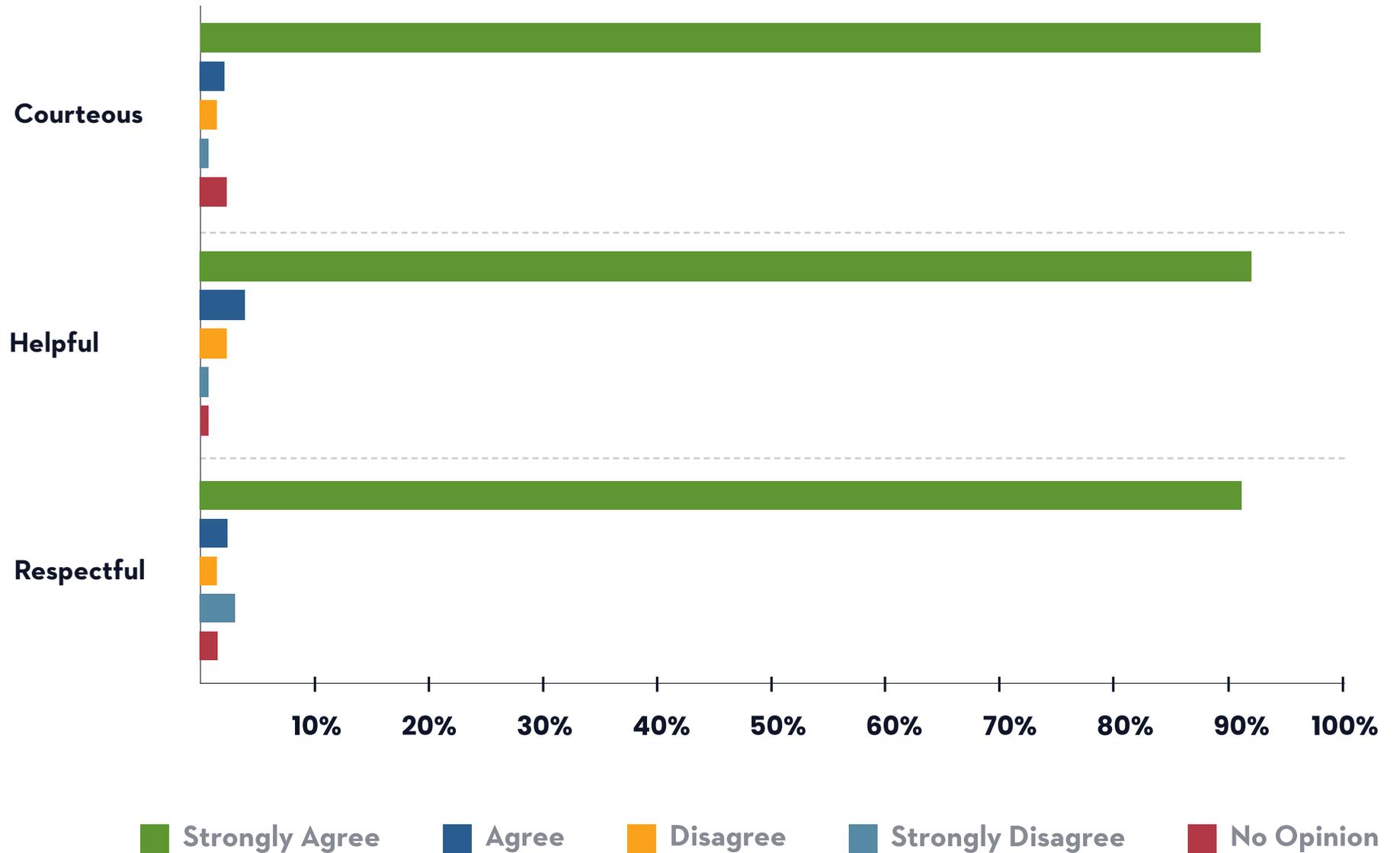
An area of opportunity identified by community members is feeling more safe from fire, flood, or other natural disasters than they currently do.

Additionally, we offer citizens the opportunity to provide feedback throughout the year via a survey. Over the past four years we have received feedback from 130 individuals who reported the service provided by officers and staff was above average.



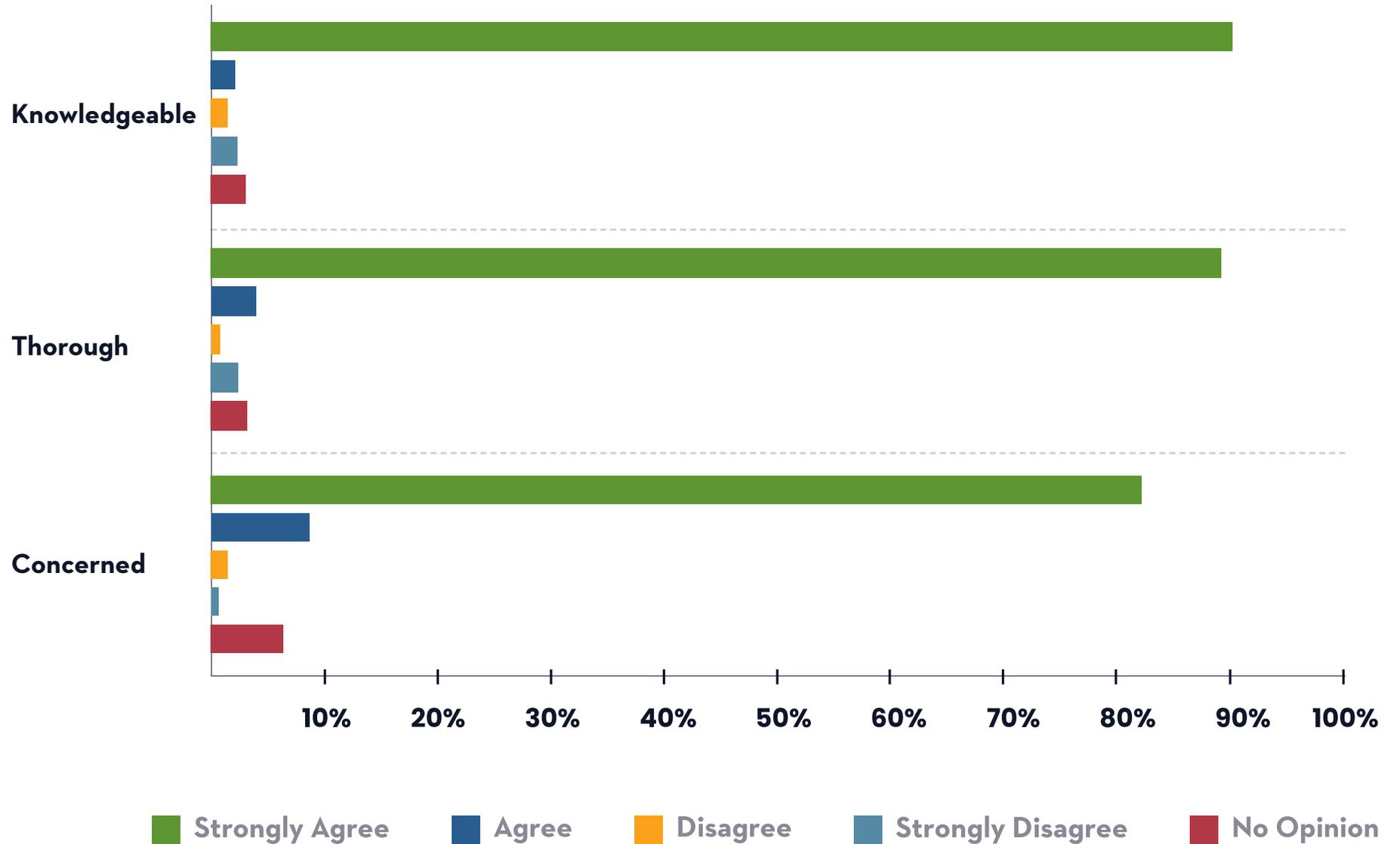


Nearly 130 respondents believe the service provided by officers and staff was overwhelmingly positive.





Nearly 130 respondents report that officers and staff are impressed with the caliber of service in dealing with their situations.





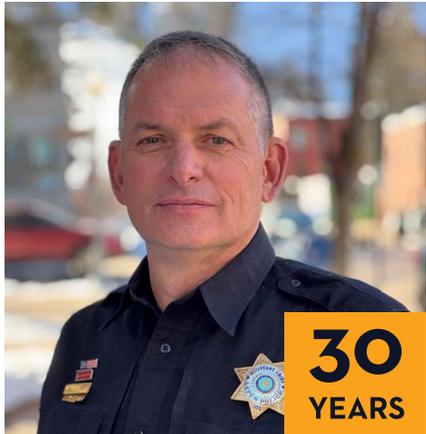
# Serving Aspen in the Future

The APD continues to pursue innovative strategies and self-service options, as well as leverage technology to create an excellent customer experience, deter and prevent crime, and aid in the successful resolution of cases. We continue to work toward completing key milestones as part of an agency-wide self-assessment, configuring internal policies to align with accreditation processes, and benchmarking to ensure law enforcement best practices are being delivered to all.

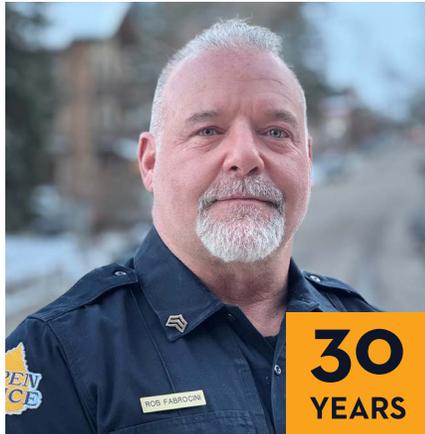
We look forward to expanding our proactive e-bike safety campaign, in partnership with other city departments and key stakeholders with additional outreach, education, and enforcement in the downtown core, bike paths and residential streets.



# Years of Service



**Bill Linn**



**Rob Fabrocini**



**Linda Consuegra**



**Forrest Barnett**



**Amanda Severin**

# Promotions



**John Woltjer**



**Ryan Turner**



**Forrest Barnett**



**Seth DelGrasso**



**Ginna Gordon**

*Accreditation and  
Community Response  
Manager*

---

*Corporals*



# Employee of the Year

Corporal John Woltjer



# Retirements

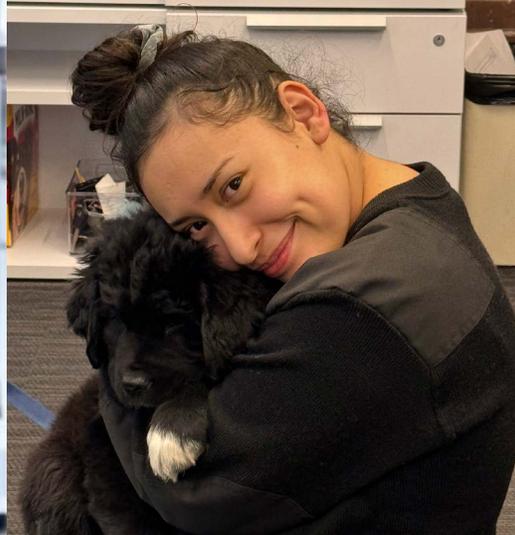


**Charlie Martin**



**Bobby Schafer**





**Emergencies:**  
9-1-1

**Non-emergency:**  
970-920-5400



[APD@aspens.gov](mailto:APD@aspens.gov)



[AspenPolice.com](http://AspenPolice.com)



[@AspenPolice](https://www.facebook.com/AspenPolice)