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Danville Police Department Annual Report



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From the Chief



Dear Mayor and Town Council Members,



I am honored to share with you the 2023 Annual Report for the Danville Police Department, a testament to our collective efforts to enhance the lives of those in the Town of Danville. The support and shared vision from you have been fundamental in achieving our goals and making significant strides in community engagement and safety.



Over the past year, we've strengthened community ties through engaging outreach programs. Coffee with the Cops and Recess with the Cops have facilitated meaningful interactions between officers and residents, offering environments for casual conversation and playful engagement, respectively. The Cop Cars to the Community initiative added a unique touch to personal celebrations, enhancing officer-community connections. Moreover, National Night Out and our Citizen Academies, for both adults and teens, have been crucial in maintaining excellent community relations and deepening the community's understanding of law enforcement activities.

In a move towards greater transparency and accountability, we have introduced a new section focused on use of force and pursuits in this report. This effort is aimed at providing the community with a clearer view of our operational guidelines and the critical decisions our officers make, reinforcing our commitment to principled and responsive policing.

Despite challenges like increased residential burglaries and a minor dip in our case resolution rate, our commitment to crime prevention and traffic safety remains strong. Leveraging technology and data-driven strategies, we've made progress in reducing crime and keeping traffic incidents low in Danville. Engaging directly with the community through meetings and discussions has been key to addressing safety concerns and fostering collaborative solutions.

The Danville Police Department is committed to modern policing's demands, prioritizing innovation, service excellence, and protection. Our partnership with Danville's diverse community is dedicated to ensuring the safety and rights of all residents. We appreciate your ongoing support, essential for maintaining Danville as a secure and inviting community.

Sincerely,

Allan Shields

Chief of Police, Danville Police Department

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22,658

Total Calls for Service,
up from 19,337 in 2022

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3,850

Total citations issued for
2023, up from 1,922 on
2022

300

Total reported Part I
crimes. Lower than any
other pre-pandemic year

Danville by the Numbers

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Vehicle pursuits. Three
apprehensions and five
terminated for public
safety

276

Total reported traffic
collisions in 2023, up
from 230 in 2022

4,643

Total traffic enforcement
stops in 2023, up from
3,394 in 2022

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Use of Force and Vehicle Pursuits

Use of Force

Danville Officers shall use only that degree of force that is objectively reasonable to protect themselves and others or to overcome resistance to their lawful authority. The following is a list of force options available to officers:

- Professional Presence: verbal and non-verbal - not calculated as a "use" of force
- Physical Force: Control holds and physical pressure. - more than unresisted handcuffing
- Chemical Agents: Incapacitating substances, e.g., pepper spray.
- Electronic Weapon: Electrical charge devices, e.g. "Taser"
- Personal Weapons: Body parts as force tools, closed fist strikes.
- Impact (Intermediate) Weapons: Batons for control or defense.
- K-9: Trained dogs for law enforcement tasks.
- Specialized Weapons: Less lethal projectiles/ammunition.
- Firearms: Authorized use of firearms
- Deadly Force: Force risking death/serious injury.

Out of 22,568 service calls and 328 arrests, Danville Police officers used force 19 times, equating to force being employed in only 0.08% of all interactions, or less than one time per 1,000 contacts. In 18 instances, physical force was applied to individuals resisting arrest, refusing a court-ordered DUI blood draw, or attempting to escape a mental health detention. On one occasion, an electronic weapon was deployed against someone resisting arrest for public intoxication. Each use of force occurred in response to a suspect actively resisting lawful detention or arrest.

Vehicle Pursuits

Vehicle pursuits by the Danville Police Officers involve the pursuit of a vehicle when its driver fails to yield to law enforcement. When deciding whether to initiate or terminate a pursuit, deputies must weigh several crucial factors to ensure the safety of the public, the officers, and the offender. Officers are trained to continuously assess these factors during a pursuit, balancing the need to apprehend with the overarching priority of public and officer safety, and to make the critical decision to continue or terminate the pursuit as conditions evolve.

In 2023, Danville officers initiated pursuits of eight vehicles, resulting in three apprehensions. The remaining five pursuits were terminated to ensure public safety. The reasons for attempting to stop these vehicles varied, including carjacking, being previously wanted for a felony, car theft, speeding, and running a stop light.

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Mission

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Our goal is to:

- Keep residents, businesses and property safe
- Provide well-maintained public facilities
- Protect our environment, preserve our history and retain the Town's special character
- Celebrate diversity, dignity and equality for all members of our community
- Provide opportunities that support residents' growth and enrichment
- Promote and support economic vitality and growth
- Represent and promote Danville's best interests
- Celebrate community through family-oriented special events
- Engage and communicate with residents and businesses effectively

The Danville Police Department works in partnership with our diverse community to safeguard the lives, rights, and property of the people we serve. With unwavering dedication we provide innovative professional law enforcement services to our community. We accomplish this mission by maintaining our Core Values while always conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards.

Police Department Core Values

Honor

Courage

Commitment

Leadership

Teamwork

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Law Enforcement Code of Ethics



As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession law enforcement.



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Part I Crimes

A 30-Year Look at Crime in Danville

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program is a nationwide initiative that collects and compiles crime statistics from law enforcement agencies across the United States. It provides a standardized platform for reporting and analyzing crime data, helping law enforcement agencies, policymakers, and the public understand crime trends and patterns. Part One crimes, also known as index crimes, are the most serious and commonly reported offenses. The UCR divides Part One crimes into two categories:

1. Violent Crimes:

- Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter: The deliberate killing of one person by another.
- Forcible Rape: Non-consensual sexual intercourse achieved by force, threat of force, or when the victim is incapable of giving consent.
- Robbery: Taking or attempting to take something of value from someone using force or threat of force.
- Aggravated Assault: Unlawful attacks causing severe bodily injury or involving the use of a weapon.

2. Property Crimes:

- Burglary: Unlawful entry into a structure with the intent to commit a felony or theft.
- Larceny-Theft: Unlawful taking of someone else's property without force or fraud, excluding motor vehicle theft.
- Motor Vehicle Theft: Stealing or attempting to steal a motor vehicle, excluding aircraft, boats, and farming equipment.

Year	Crimes
1994	727
1995	829
1996	685
1997	788
1998	694
1999	587
2000	575
2001	616
2002	647
2003	684
2004	804
2005	662
2006	628
2007	665
2008	588
2009	591
2010	563
2011	519
2012	458
2013	430
2014	456
2015	507
2016	378
2017	370
2018	342
2019	319
2020	263
2021	280
2022	289
2023	300



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Part I Crimes

A 30-Year Look at Crime in Danville



Crime in Danville continues to be relatively low when compared over the past 30 years. The pandemic caused a dip in overall crime for the years between 2020 and 2022, with 2023 still resting below the pre-pandemic level of crime.

A resident of Danville in 1994 was three times more likely to be a victim of crime than today's resident of Danville.

Case Closure Rate

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Vehicle Theft
Total Cases	2	1	8	12	47	192	38
Danville Clearance Rate	100%	100%	50%	92%	28%	21%	34%
2022 National Average	52%	26%	23%	41%	13%	12%	9%

Source for 2022 Clearance Rate: www.statista.com/statistics/194213/crime-clearance-rate-by-type-in-the-us/

The Danville Police Department's Part I Crimes Clearance Rate, often doubling the national average, reflects the percentage of successfully resolved cases.

A case is cleared when someone is arrested, charged, and prosecuted. Cases can also be exceptionally cleared if the suspect is identified, sufficient evidence exists, the suspect's location is known, and external factors prevent law enforcement actions.

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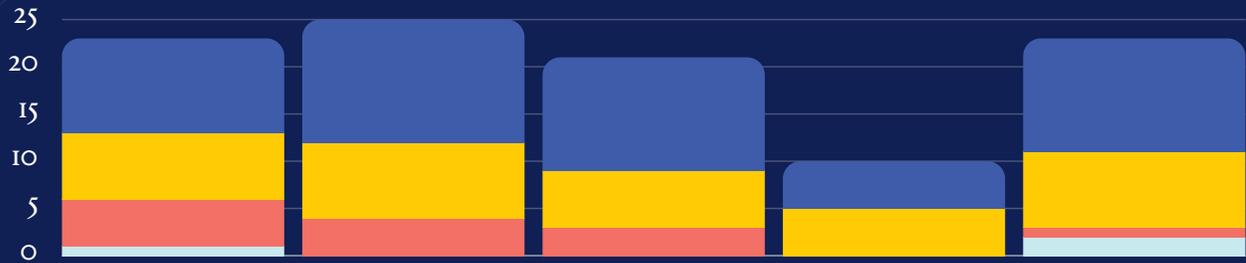
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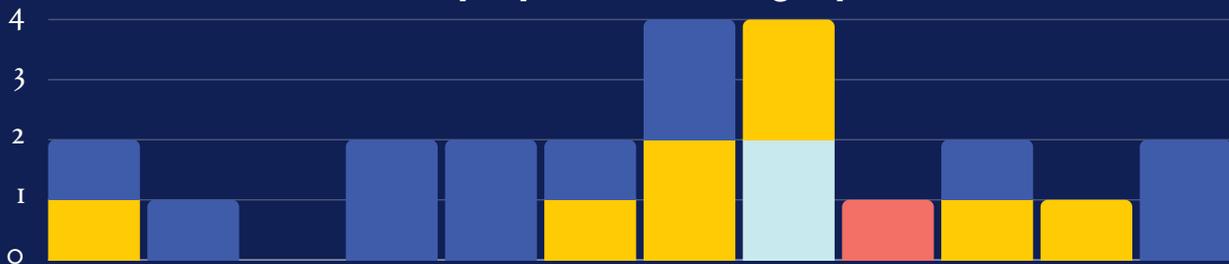
Violent Crimes

5-Year Crime Comparison



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Assault	10	13	12	5	12
Robbery	7	8	6	5	8
Rape	5	4	3	0	1
Homicide	1	0	0	0	2
Total	23	25	21	10	23

Monthly By Crime Category



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Assault	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	2
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	0
Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	2	1	0	2	2	2	4	4	1	2	1	2

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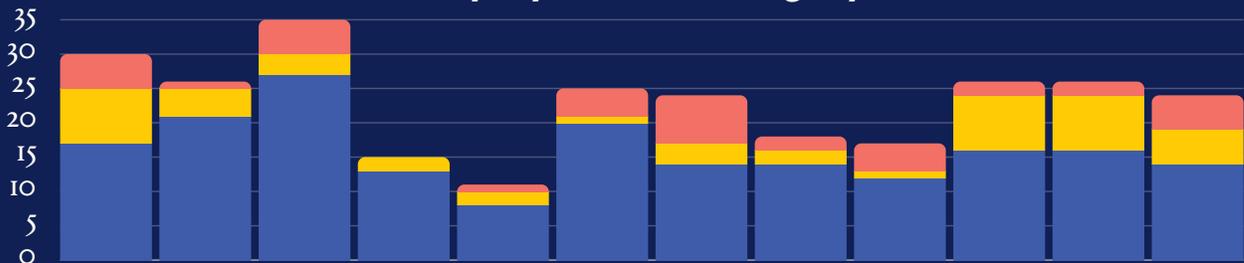
Property Crimes

5-Year Crime Comparison



	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Veh Theft	13	9	20	21	38
Burglary	36	47	26	43	47
Theft	247	182	213	215	192
Total	296	238	259	279	277

Monthly By Crime Category



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Veh Theft	5	1	5	0	1	4	7	2	4	2	2	5
Burglary	8	4	3	2	2	1	3	2	1	8	8	5
Theft	17	21	27	13	8	20	14	14	12	16	16	14
Total	30	26	35	15	11	25	24	18	17	26	26	24

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Stolen Vehicle Breakdown

The analysis of 38 vehicle theft cases reveals distinct patterns:

1. Unlocked Vehicles/Keys Left Inside (15 cases): A notable number of thefts were due to vehicles left unlocked or with keys inside.
2. Older Vehicles with Vulnerable Ignitions (11 cases): Thieves targeted older vehicles by bypassing the ignition system.
3. OBD2 Port Exploitation (5 cases): Some thefts involved hacking the vehicle's OBD2 port to start the car without a key (Pictured below left).
4. Unsecured Trailers (4 cases): Trailers were stolen due to inadequate security measures.
5. Thefts under Unusual Circumstances (3 cases): Involved scenarios where keys were missing, facilitating theft.



Vehicle theft prevention tips provided to residents throughout the year:

- Lock Your Vehicle: Always lock your vehicle when unattended, preferably in a garage.
- Keep Keys Secure: Never leave keys in the vehicle.
- Enhance Security for Older Models: Install additional security features on older vehicles.
- Protect the OBD2 Port: Use a lockable cover or alarm for the OBD2 port.
- Secure Trailers: Use quality locks to secure trailers.
- Track Your Keys: Be mindful of your vehicle keys to avoid loss or theft.
- Park in Well-Lit Areas: Choose well-lit, populated areas for parking.
- Use a Vehicle Tracking System: A tracking system can help recover a stolen vehicle.



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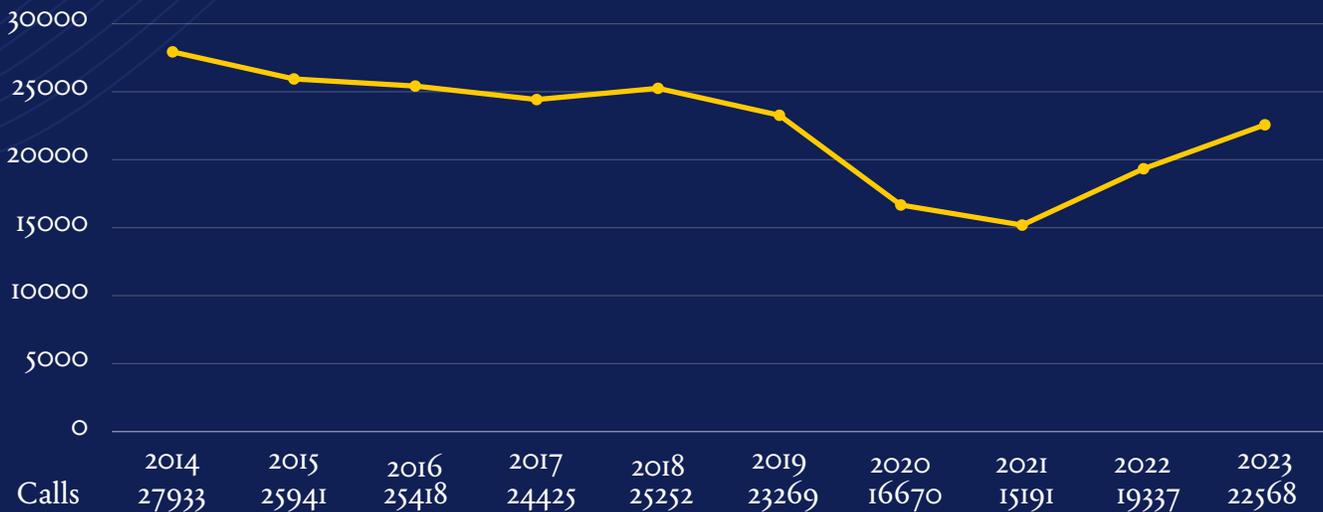
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Calls for Service

A 10-Year look at Total Calls for Service



Calls for service can be initiated by a call to police dispatch or initiated by an officer. In 2023, calls for service increased for the second consecutive year, primarily driven by officer-initiated activities like traffic and parking enforcement, security checks, and patrol requests. Conversely, false alarm calls significantly decreased, freeing up hundreds of officer hours by reducing the need to respond to non-essential calls.

Top Ten Calls for Service

Call Type	2023 Calls for Service	2022 Calls For Service
Traffic Stop	4643	3394
Service to Citizen	2399	790
Security Check	1676	2171
Parking Violation	1576	1282
Patrol Request	770	484
False Alarm	594	1095
911 Unknown Circumstances	583	589
Welfare Check	345	579
Abandoned Vehicle	235	319
Suspicious Vehicle	233	333

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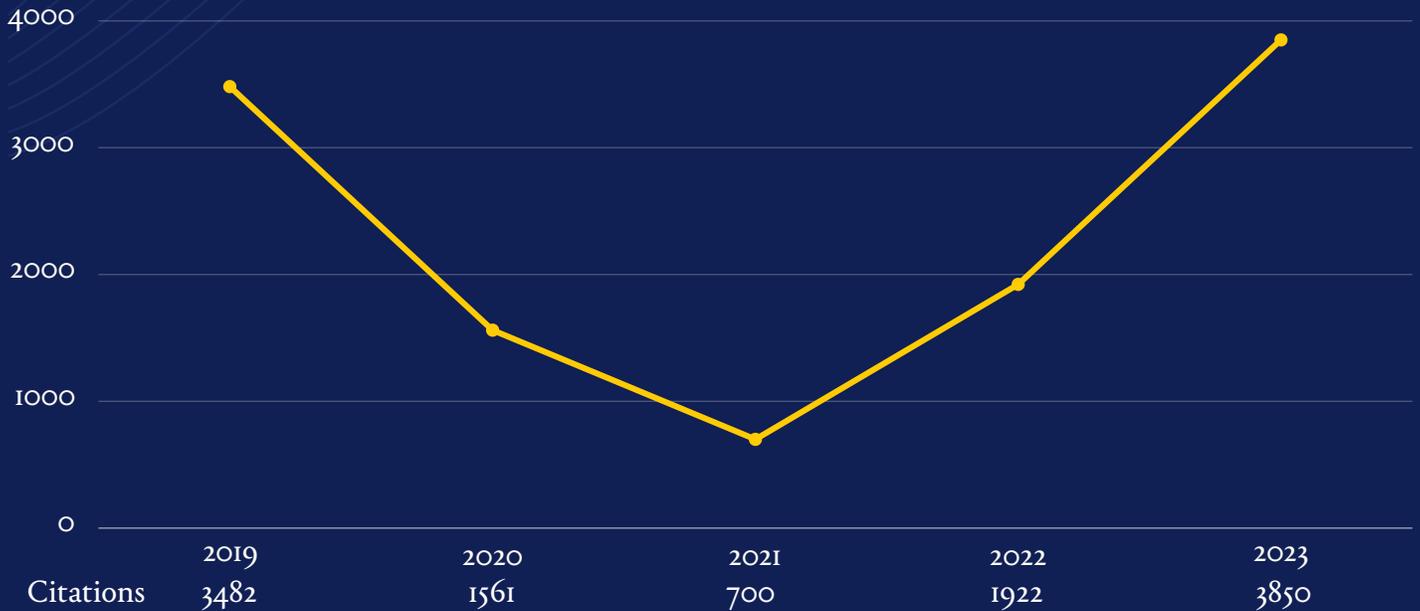
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Traffic Unit

A 5-Year Look at Traffic Citations



The Danville Police Department's Traffic Unit, consisting of a supervisor and three officers, is dedicated to improving road safety through Education, Enforcement, and Engineering. They engage in educational programs like the San Ramon Valley Street Smarts and CHP Start Smart to promote traffic law adherence.

The Traffic Unit collaborates on traffic calming measures with town engineers, such as lane striping and stop sign installations, aiming to reduce accidents and enhance road safety.

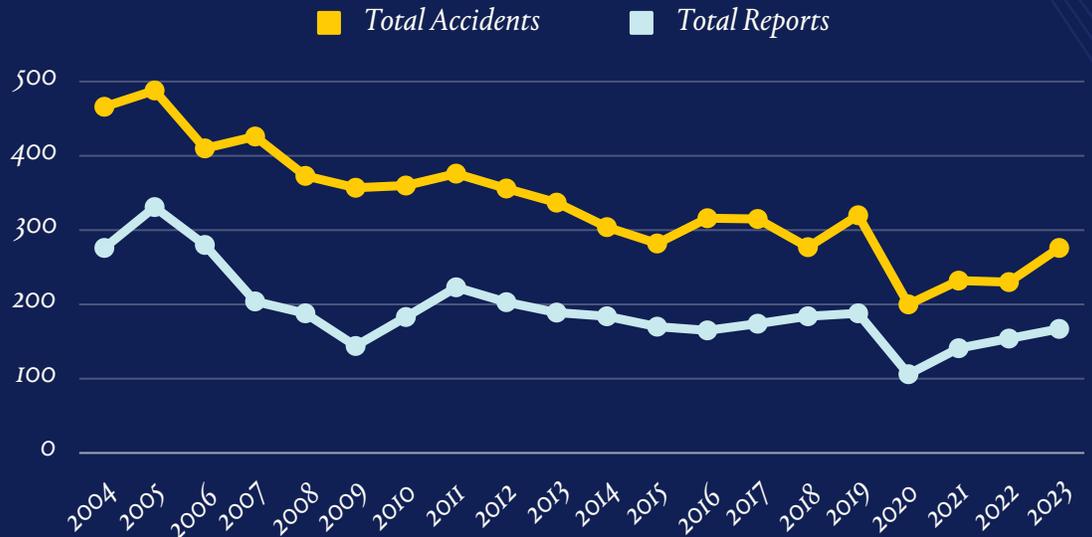
The Traffic Unit enforces laws via citations and patrol officers support this mission by monitoring high-collision areas and targeting drivers violating key traffic laws within their designated zones.



Traffic Collisions

A 20-Year Look at Collisions in Danville

Year	Accidents	Reports
2004	466	276
2005	488	331
2006	410	280
2007	426	204
2008	373	188
2009	357	144
2010	360	183
2011	376	223
2012	356	203
2013	337	189
2014	304	184
2015	282	170
2016	316	165
2017	315	174
2018	277	184
2019	320	188
2020	200	106
2021	232	141
2022	230	154
2023	276	167



A 5-Year Look at Collisions by Type

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total	320	200	232	230	276
Fatal	0	1	0	1	1
Injury	57	37	58	49	46
Hit-and-Run	36	25	32	46	53
Non-Injury	95	43	51	57	67

2023 concluded with a total of 276 collisions in the Town of Danville, slightly above the 10-year average of 275, yet it remained below the totals of any year before the pandemic. A fatal incident occurred in July—a single-vehicle collision on Camino Tassajara near Messiah Place. Most hit-and-run incidents involved parked and unoccupied vehicles.

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Investigations Unit



The Investigations Unit of the Danville Police Department, led by a sergeant, includes two detectives and has been bolstered by two officers on loan from Patrol, serving as Problem Oriented Police Officers (POP). These detectives are responsible for investigating all felony cases within Danville, along with other sensitive matters, and they actively analyze crime patterns of all types.



The addition of Problem-Oriented Police Officers significantly enhances the unit's proactive efforts to decrease crime by addressing emerging crime trends and forging partnerships with preventative teams across the Bay Area.

Moreover, the unit is an active participant in the Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program (SV-ICAC). This program equips state and local law enforcement agencies with forensic and investigative resources, training, technical support, victim services, and prevention and education initiatives, focusing on combating technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and Internet crimes against children.



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Youth Services Unit

The Town of Danville, along with its Police Department, is dedicated to ensuring a secure and positive atmosphere for students within the schools in Town.

Assigned School Resource Officers (SROs) at Danville's two high schools collaborate with school officials to maintain safety and security. They offer onsite security, conduct training for students and staff, and assist with incidents including assaults, drug issues, thefts, trespassing, and weapon violations.

Juvenile Diversion Program Results

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Total Cases	20	0	7	14	6
Pass	16	0	6	14	5
Success Rate	80%	0	86%	100%	83%

The Danville Police Department's juvenile diversion program aims to correct youth's negative behaviors by offering support and resources for better future decision-making. This includes counseling, mentoring, educational, and recreational activities.

It builds positive relationships among police, youth, and their families, promoting open dialogue and understanding. Additionally, the program may include community service and restitution for damages caused by the juvenile.



SRO Officers Jason Ternes and Alma Tinajero

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Starchase Pursuit Mitigation Devices

The Danville Police Patrol fleet includes seven vehicles with GPS launchers that can tag a suspect's vehicle for tracking. This allows Sheriff's Dispatch and patrol units to safely and efficiently coordinate the suspect's capture, ensuring the safety of the community and officers.

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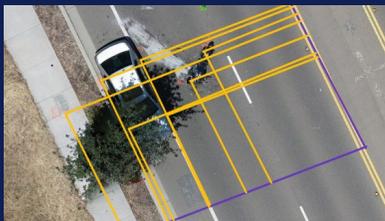
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Photo left shows a GPS Dart deployed in a vehicle with a stolen plate and at right is a close up of the GPS Dart Launcher

Small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) AKA "Drone"

Trained operators employ sUAS (Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems) for accurate mapping of vehicle collision scenes and searching for missing persons. Utilizing advanced software, sUAS operators gather extensive measurements and data points, improving collision scene reconstructions. For missing persons, the technology's expansive coverage, low-altitude flight, zoom, and Forward-Looking infrared capabilities significantly enhance search efficiency and effectiveness.



"Take the Bait" Program

Danville Police use GPS-tracked items (bicycles and packages) in higher-crime areas to alert and dispatch officers when stolen, enabling them to apprehend thieves. This strategy aims to decrease theft in the community by catching perpetrators in the act.



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Flock ALPR at Intersections and Cameras at Parks

Danville Patrol Officers utilize ALPR (Automated License Plate Reader) and surveillance cameras at key locations to deter and investigate crime. The town benefits from a fixed-price contract with FLOCK Safety, which supplies a town-wide ALPR system, maintaining and upgrading it as necessary. Additionally, community members have installed 17 FLOCK cameras at neighborhood entrances and exits, integrating them with law enforcement systems as though they were town-owned. This combined effort, including ALPR's role in automating license plate detection at major intersections and surveillance cameras at parks, aims to lower crime rates and aid in the identification and apprehension of suspects.

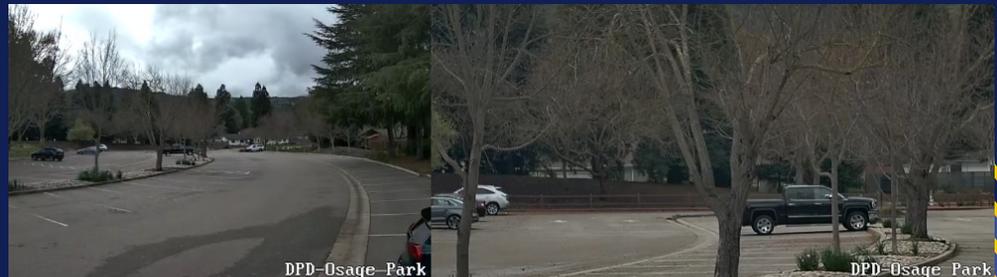


Plans are underway to expand surveillance to all major parks in Danville, enhancing safety and security across the community.



Temporary Surveillance for Fixed Locations

The Danville Police Investigations Unit uses deployable video cameras that stream directly to officers in the field, targeting areas with rising crime. This tool aids in crime prevention and the capture of criminals affecting residents and businesses.



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Mental Health Response



The Danville Police Department is committed to effectively handling calls involving individuals with mental illness. Officers are trained to recognize and respond to mental health crises, ensuring the safety of the individuals involved, bystanders, and themselves.

The A3 Crisis Call Center, now operating 24/7, offers immediate support for mental health emergencies by dispatching crisis response teams, including mental health professionals, to the scene. In 2023, Danville Officers utilized A3's services 52 times, with A3 physically responding five times and providing phone support twelve times.

The Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET), a partnership initiative, focuses on community-based mental health issues. A designated MHET Officer and a mental health clinician work together on follow-up visits and consultations after police calls, offering tailored mental health services. In 2023, MHET addressed 16 assistance requests, responding to each one.

Seneca Family of Agencies, established in 1985, has expanded from a small Bay Area program to a comprehensive provider of services for children and families facing challenges. Annually impacting over 18,000 individuals across California and Washington State, Seneca works closely with schools in the Danville area to offer direct support to students in need.



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Mental Health Response



The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District (SRVFPD) has introduced the Public Safety for Mental Health program, aiming to have firefighters respond to non-violent mental health calls. The program, which began in San Ramon in October 2023, is part of a broader initiative to prioritize medical over law enforcement responses in such situations.

Danville Officers are trained to respond to all mental health calls. In cases where an individual is considered a threat to themselves or others or is gravely disabled, they may be detained for a 72-hour involuntary mental health evaluation. SRVFPD staff then transports the individual to an appropriate facility, following Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Services' protocol to use the Contra Costa County Regional Medical Center for all commitments.

A 5-Year Look at Involuntary Commitment Demographics

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adults	66	52	40	51	41
Juveniles	27	34	44	42	28
Care Home	1	14	21	14	7
Total	98	88	84	93	72

A 10-Year Look at Involuntary Commitments (WI 5150)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
79	106	75	91	128	98	88	84	93	72

Training



To ensure top-notch law enforcement in the Town of Danville, officers undergo comprehensive training, starting with a 26-week Basic Police Academy. Here, Bay Area professionals teach California law, ethics, and community relations. Recruits must pass all exams to earn a POST Basic Academy Certificate.

New patrol officers then complete a Field Training Program, transitioning from theoretical learning to practical fieldwork. This critical phase, which assesses and trains officers to meet patrol standards, lays the groundwork for their careers.

Every year, all officers complete the POST Perishable Skills Program (PSP) to enhance their critical abilities (Driving, Use of Force, First Aid).

Additional training encompasses a broad spectrum of specialized investigative topics, including but not limited to general investigations, preparing search warrants, handling cases of homicide, robbery, burglary, sexual assault, arson, using cell phones in investigations, interviewing child victims, and addressing internet crimes.

Select officers receive tactical training, including SWAT tactics, the use of chemical agents, responding to active shooters, and conducting behavioral threat assessments. The traffic unit is specifically trained in utilizing radar and lidar, interpreting vehicle computer data, and mastering advanced techniques for investigating collisions. Furthermore, department members participate in basic leadership training, and nearly everyone attends sessions on advanced trauma care and the writing of use-of-force reports.



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Training



Officers in the Town of Danville undergo key training to enhance community service:



- The Principled Policing course focuses on Procedural Justice and Implicit Bias, aiming to build trust and improve relationships between law enforcement and communities by reassessing policies and training. Understanding these concepts is vital for public and officer safety.

- The Crisis Intervention and De-escalation course equips officers with skills to handle situations involving mental illness, intellectual disabilities, or substance use through multimedia case studies, role plays, and simulations. Officers learn to employ communication, de-escalation techniques, and empathy, although the level of training varies.

- In the Cultural Diversity and Victimology course, officers learn to respect cultural diversity, combat stereotypes and discrimination, and support victims of hate crimes and crises with dignity during investigations and legal proceedings.

- All Danville Police Officers were trained on AB392 in 2021, covering legal standards for the use of deadly force as outlined in Sections 196 and 835a of the Penal Code. In 2022, they also received specialized training in use of force reporting and documentation.

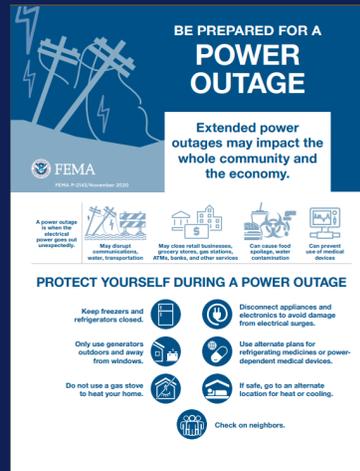
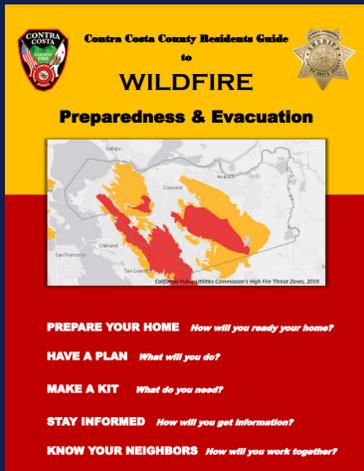


Officers for the Town of Danville are selected from a pool of over 750 sworn personnel at the Sheriff's Office, and evaluated on job performance, training, education, seniority, current assignment, and commitment to serving Danville. The Town Manager assesses each candidate's qualifications, offering input to the Chief of Police.

Emergency Preparedness



Wildfire Guide and FEMA All Hazards Guide



Residents of Danville and individuals seeking comprehensive preparedness information for various emergencies should consider downloading the Contra Costa County Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation Guide and the Ready Full Suite of All Hazards information sheets.

The Contra Costa guide offers tailored advice for local residents on how to prepare for and respond to wildfires, a critical resource given the region's susceptibility to such disasters. It provides actionable steps for evacuation, property preparation, and community resources that can save lives and property.

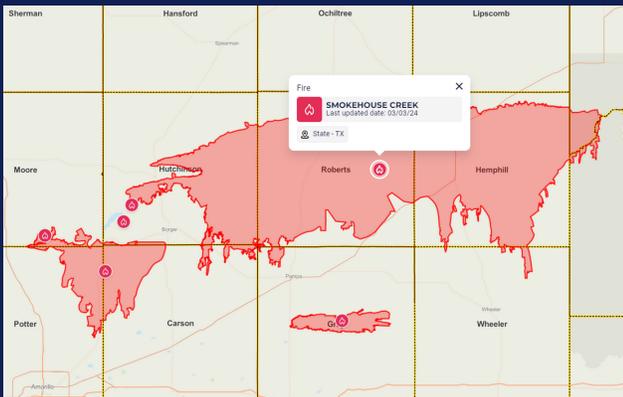
Similarly, the Ready Full Suite offers detailed information on a wide range of hazards beyond wildfires, including natural disasters, pandemics, and terrorist attacks, equipping individuals with the knowledge to prepare for and respond to diverse emergencies. Together, these resources empower individuals and communities to act proactively, ensuring safety and resilience in the face of potential threats.



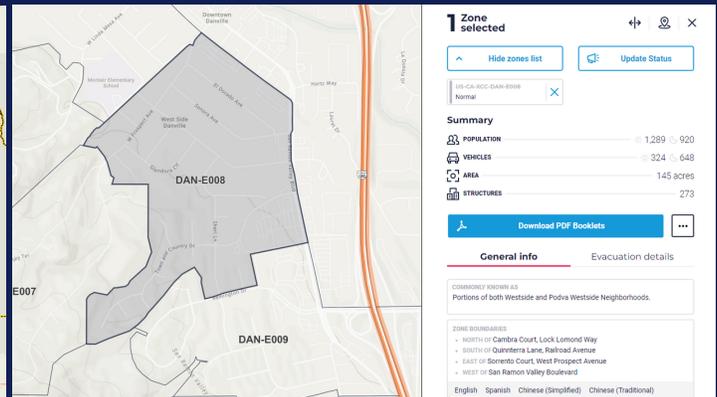
Emergency Preparedness



Zonehaven Protect is Now Genasys Protect



Screengrab depicting Texas "Smokehouse Creek" Fire



Screengrab of a local Danville Zone

In the context of using Zonehaven, residents and Danville officers have distinct ways to leverage the platform, tailored to their specific needs:

For Residents:

- **Active Fire Visualization:** Through the public portal of Zonehaven, residents can view real-time information on active fires. This feature allows them to stay informed about potential threats in their vicinity, enhancing their situational awareness and enabling them to take proactive measures for their safety.

For Danville Officers:

- **Access to Pre-Designated Zones and Demographics:** Danville officers can utilize Zonehaven to view pre-designated evacuation zones along with detailed demographic information. This insight is crucial for planning and executing evacuation strategies, as it helps officers understand the specific needs of each zone, including population density, vulnerable populations, and potential challenges in evacuation efforts.

These functionalities underscore Zonehaven's role in facilitating both community awareness and preparedness, as well as supporting law enforcement in their emergency response strategies. By providing tools tailored to the needs of both residents and officers, Zonehaven enhances the collective ability to respond effectively to emergencies.



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Patrol and Response Times



Danville is segmented into three distinct zones, each staffed by patrol officers with specific duties. These duties encompass addressing community service requests, preemptively curtailing crime, and enhancing road safety within their zones.

Service requests are ranked by urgency, from Priority 1, the most critical, to Priority 3, the least. Priority 1 requests pose a direct threat to life or safety, including emergency medical calls for service, or theft occurring at the moment, aiming for a response time under 5 minutes.

For in-progress Priority 1 call for service, the response time averaged 5 minutes and 15 seconds. Priority 2 calls, though urgent, do not immediately endanger life, with an average response time of 6 minutes and 44 seconds. Priority 3 calls typically involve non-urgent issues, such as previous night vandalism, and often, these can be resolved through phone contact, eliminating the need for an officer's physical presence.



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The Danville Police Department actively engages with the public through various social media platforms, ensuring a constant flow of communication and community engagement. By utilizing platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, the department shares real-time updates, safety tips, event information, and community alerts.

These platforms serve as vital tools for the police to disseminate important information quickly and efficiently, while also offering a space for community members to interact with their local police force.

Through social media, residents can stay informed about the latest news, participate in safety initiatives, and gain insights into the daily operations of the Danville Police. This digital presence not only enhances the visibility of the police department but also fosters a stronger, more informed, and engaged community.

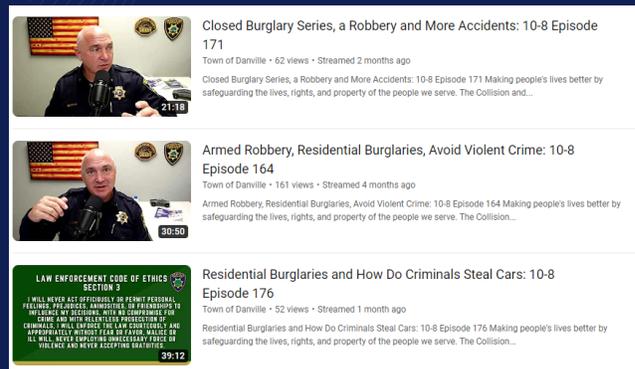
10-8 In-Service Podcast

Every Wednesday at 5:00 PM, the Danville Police Department releases its weekly podcast, "10-8 In-Service," available on both YouTube and Facebook. This engaging podcast provides the community with detailed updates on the week's crime and traffic reports, offers valuable crime prevention tips, and features a live interactive segment with the Chief of Police. During this segment, viewers have the opportunity to ask questions and engage directly with the department, fostering an open line of communication between the police and the community. This initiative is part of the department's commitment to transparency, education, and building stronger community relations.



Closed Residential Burglary Series

- Three total reported (2) November 14 and (1) November 22
- Use of ALPR to locate the vehicle
- Danville detectives worked with Moraga PD detectives
- Arrested suspect
- Filed 12 counts of Burglary and one count of possession of stolen property
- \$590,000 bail and remains in jail



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Coffee with the Cops

The Danville Police Department organizes two "Coffee with the Cops" gatherings each month at different venues, allowing community members to interact with officers and discuss public safety ideas. These gatherings serve as a platform for the Police Department to enhance its bond with the community and gather valuable feedback.

Recess with the Cops

"Recess with the Cops" offers elementary and middle school students a weekly opportunity to engage with police officers in a relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Cop Cars to the Community

The Volunteers In Police Services program in Danville provides unique opportunities for community members to have a police car visit their homes for birthdays, after-school events, or other special occasions. This initiative offers a valuable chance for residents to engage with the Police Department and gain insight into their efforts to maintain safety in Danville.



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National Night Out (First Tuesday in August)



Every year, Danville Police Department members join residents on National Night Out, the first Tuesday in August, to get to know each other and build relationships. In 2022, the Police Department visited 18 neighborhoods.



Citizens Academies

The Danville Police Department hosts two Citizens Police Academies each year. These seven-week comprehensive programs are designed to give attendees insight into the Police Department's initiatives to foster community connections. At the end of the program, attendees gain a deeper respect for law enforcement and the work of the Danville Police Department. Additionally, a shorter Citizens Academy is offered for teenagers, featuring content tailored to their age group.



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Volunteers



Danville's operations and high service standards are significantly supported by the dedication of volunteers who contribute thousands of hours to the community. These volunteers are organized into two distinct categories, reflecting the diverse ways in which they offer their time and skills to support Danville's services and initiatives.



Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)

Danville's VIPS, dedicated unpaid volunteers, generously dedicate their time to enhance the city's safety and foster community relationships. They perform essential duties ranging from patrols to administrative support, filling gaps that would otherwise remain. Notably active at various city events, they provide crucial traffic management and foot patrols, collectively contributing thousands of service hours annually.

Reserve Officers

Danville Reserve Officers are committed volunteers with extensive experience, contributing over 1,000 hours of police service to the Danville community each year. Their roles include transporting detainees, securing crime scenes and crucial traffic situations, and conducting preventative patrols. Remarkably, many of these dedicated volunteers have been serving the citizens of Danville for over 30 years, demonstrating a profound commitment to the safety and well-being of the community.



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Police Command and Staying Connected

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Town of Danville YouTube Page: <https://youtube.com/user/townofdanvilleCA>



Genasys Protect (Formerly Zonehaven): <https://protect.genasys.com>



Community Warning System Alerts: <https://cwsalerts.com/>



Nixle by Everbridge Community Alert System: <https://nixle.com/city/ca/danville/>
or text your zip code to 888-777 to be enrolled



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Annual Awards



Greg Drolet
Officer of the Year



Kara Leffle
Ernie Kern



Mikel Kinser
Reserve of the Year



Karen Newsom
VIPS of the Year

Officer of the Year: Officer Drolet received this award for his outstanding community service, notably for saving an unconscious driver from a major vehicle fire caused by a traffic accident and his consistent dedication to arresting drunk drivers.

Ernie Kern Award: Given to Officer Leffle for her exceptional work with at-risk youths in Danville, honoring her ability to build meaningful relationships.

Reserve Officer of the Year: Awarded to Office Mikel Kinser for his dedicated volunteer service, including patrolling Danville and providing crucial support during significant events.

Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS): Karen Newsom received this award for her exemplary volunteer service, especially her significant support in administrative operations during a key time.

Employee of the Quarter



Alexyz Lemus
Jan - Mar



Greg Drolet
Apr - Jun



Kara Leffle
Jul - Sep



Veronique Balea
Oct - Dec

The Employee of the Quarter Award recognizes an employee for exceptional performance and service, chosen through peer voting. This highlights the recipient's teamwork skills, as reflected by their ability to earn peer support for the accolade.