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QUARTERLY REPORT

Danville Police Department
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CASE OF THE QUARTER

Using Technology and Teamwork to Catch a Bay Area Burglary Suspect



In a string of burglaries targeting BevMo stores across the Bay Area, including the Town of Danville, a suspect had been eluding authorities for months. The individual was linked to multiple incidents where stores were burglarized, with tens of thousands of dollars' worth of alcohol stolen.

The breakthrough in the case came through the use of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras, a critical tool in modern policing. Danville's network of ALPR cameras, strategically placed around the town, captured the license plate of a vehicle linked to the crime scenes. By cross-referencing this data with ALPR systems from other Bay Area agencies, investigators were able to identify a suspect and establish a pattern of movement tied to the burglaries. The collaboration between agencies proved invaluable, as the shared digital evidence painted a clear picture of the suspect's activities across multiple jurisdictions, narrowing down their identity and vehicle.

On the afternoon the suspect returned to Danville to target the BevMo once again, law enforcement was ready. Officers, alerted by real-time ALPR data, quickly located the suspect's vehicle near the store.

As police moved in to apprehend the individual, the suspect attempted to flee, leading to a pursuit. During the pursuit, the suspect drove the wrong way on the freeway, jeopardizing public safety, and ultimately collided head-on with a police vehicle involved in the pursuit. The suspect fled the area on foot and was later apprehended in a nearby residential area.

The arrest was a testament to the power of digital evidence and inter-agency cooperation. The ALPR systems provided undeniable proof of the suspect's presence at multiple crime scenes, while surveillance footage and other digital records corroborated the timeline of the burglaries.

Danville's investment in ALPR technology, combined with data-sharing agreements with neighboring jurisdictions, ensured that the suspect's movements were tracked with precision. This collaborative effort not only led to the suspect's capture but also built a robust case for prosecution, leaving little room for the suspect to evade accountability.

Ultimately, the suspect was held accountable for their actions, facing charges related to multiple counts of burglary, vandalism, and reckless evasion. The case underscored the importance of technology in modern law enforcement, with ALPR systems proving instrumental in cracking a case that had frustrated Bay Area agencies. The successful resolution highlighted how strategic investments in technology and regional partnerships can deliver justice and deter future crime.



FROM THE CHIEF



Dear Danville Community,

Traffic safety remains a top priority for the Danville Police Department, with continued efforts focused on protecting our children, pedestrians, cyclists, and all who share our roadways. Over the past quarter, we've placed renewed emphasis on community awareness, education, and enforcement as key strategies to address dangerous driving behaviors and prevent collisions.

A continued area of concern is distracted driving, particularly near schools, parks, and downtown. We have expanded targeted enforcement operations and conducted visible patrols in high-risk areas to deter distracted and unsafe driving. In partnership with our community, we've continued efforts to educate drivers about the risks of inattention behind the wheel – emphasizing that even a brief lapse can have serious consequences.

Equally important is the safety of youth operating e-bikes and electric scooters. With increased usage across town, we've responded with both education and enforcement. Officers have visited schools, and engaged directly with parents and students to discuss rules of the road, helmet use, and safe riding habits.

Enforcement of Town Ordinance No. 2024-07, which prohibits riding electric bicycles or scooters on sidewalks within business districts, remains a focus. This measure is intended to reduce conflicts between riders and pedestrians and promote responsible riding behaviors in shared public spaces.

Our team has made notable progress in crime resolution and community engagement. We are actively working with traffic engineers, school district staff, and residents to for additional improvements.

The Danville Police Department remains committed to innovative solutions, community collaboration, and forward-thinking public safety strategies. We thank the Town Council and our residents for their continued trust and support. Together, we will keep Danville a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place to live and visit.

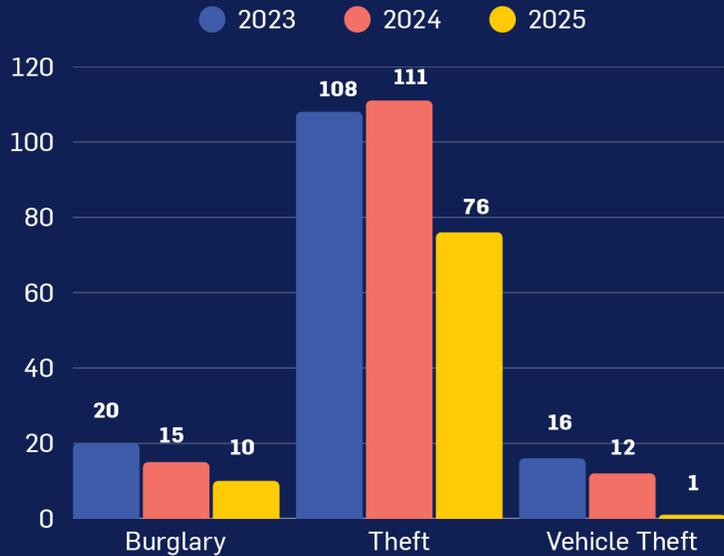
Sincerely,

Thomas Rossberg
Chief of Police, Danville Police Department

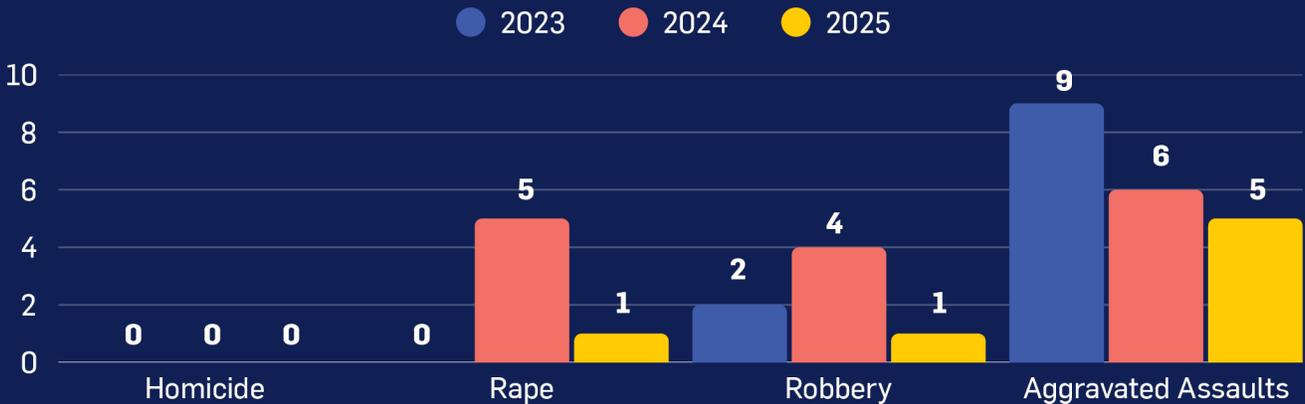
CRIME UPDATE

Total Reported Part 1 Property Crime 2023-2025

In 2025, reported Part 1 Property Crimes showed a mixed trend. Burglaries continued to decline, dropping from 20 in 2023 to 10 in 2025. Thefts also decreased, with 76 incidents reported in 2025 compared to 108 in 2023 and 111 in 2024. Vehicle thefts, however, dropped significantly, with only one incident reported in 2025 – down from 16 in 2023 and 12 in 2024. Overall, reported property crimes continue to trend downward, reflecting positively on prevention efforts and community awareness.



Total Reported Part 1 Violent Crime 2023-2025



Reported violent crime in Danville has remained consistently low over the past three years, with no homicides reported in 2023, 2024, or 2025. Robberies and aggravated assaults both declined steadily from 2023 to 2025, with robberies dropping from two in 2023 and four in 2024 to just one in 2025, and aggravated assaults decreasing from nine in 2023 to five in 2025. Rape cases dropped significantly over 2024, down from five in 2024 to one case in 2025 (after zero in 2023). While the first half of 2023 saw a spike in aggravated assaults – largely stemming from domestic disputes, mental health issues, and altercations at social events – these numbers have since declined. Overall, crime remains continues to decline, indicating a positive trend in public safety.

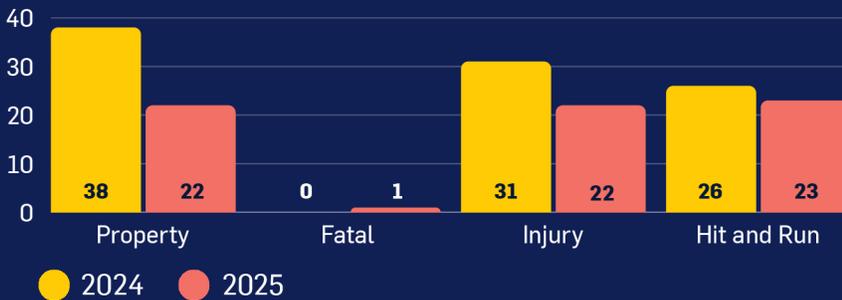


TRAFFIC UPDATE

Total Reported Traffic Collisions for January-June



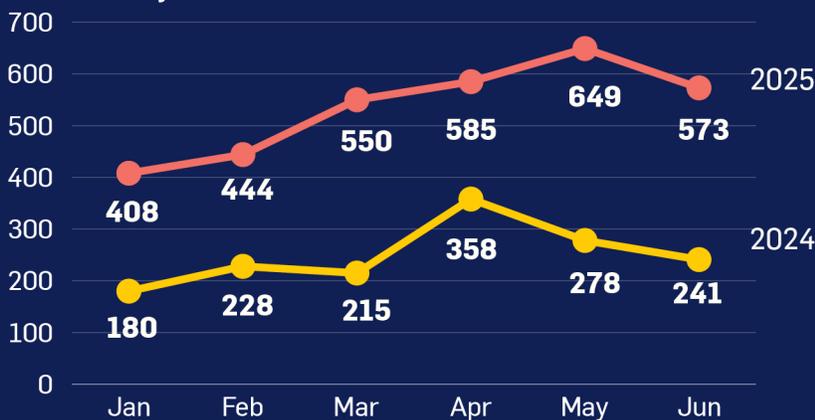
Comparison By Collision Type for January-June



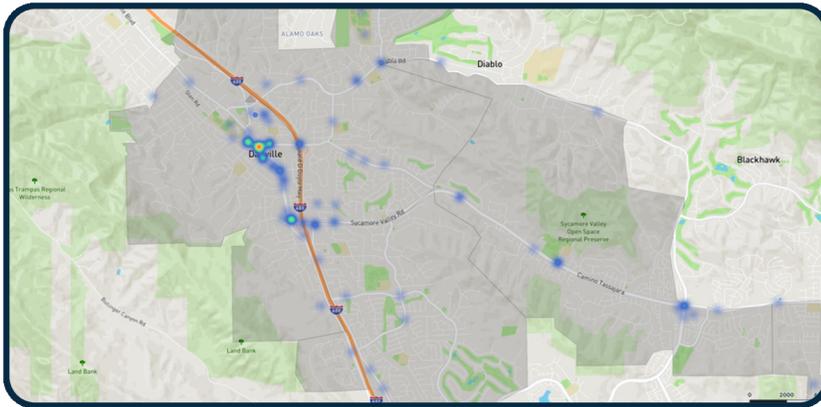
The total reported collisions decreased for the first half of the year from 95 in 2024 to 68 in 2025.

Due to an increase in dedicated traffic enforcement staff during the first half of 2025, the number of citations issued more than doubled: rising from 1,500 in 2024 to 3,209 in 2025. In addition to staffing increases, several officers worked overtime shifts specifically focused on traffic enforcement, further contributing to the heightened visibility and accountability on Danville's roadways

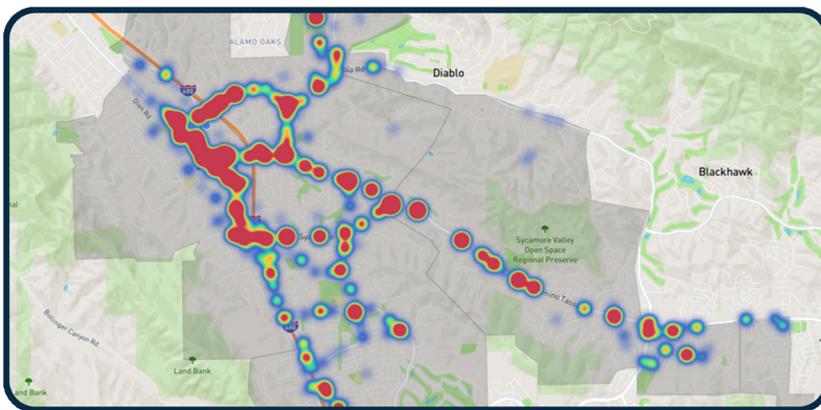
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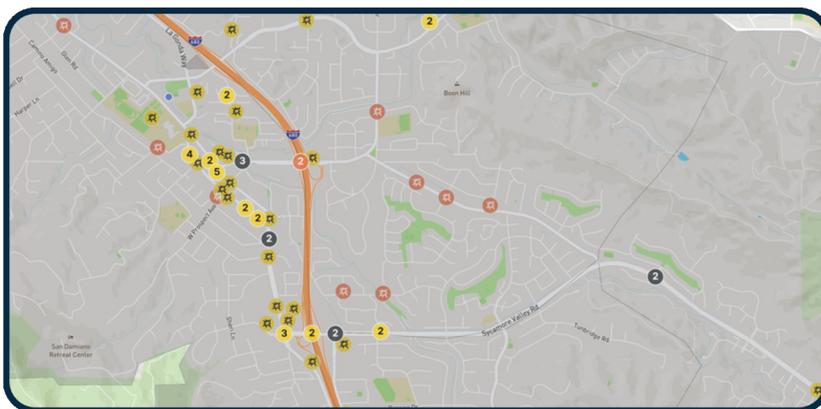
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



2025 Collision Heat Map



2025 Enforcement Heat Map



2025 Traffic Accidents

Traffic enforcement is essential for maintaining public safety and order in Danville. It is strategically conducted based on vehicle collision reports, resident complaints, and officer observations.

The following graphics show the distribution of traffic stops for moving violations, such as speeding, running stop lights, or stop signs, failing to yield the right of way, and making improper turns from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025. During this period officers issued over 3000 citations and gave over 700 warnings.





E-BIKE ENFORCEMENT

The Danville Police Department continues to actively enforce laws and municipal codes that promote safe cycling, e-bike, and scooter usage. Officers routinely patrol areas with high pedestrian activity, reminding riders to follow helmet and traffic rules and issuing citations when necessary. We remain vigilant in enforcing Town Ordinance No. 2024-07, which prohibits electric bikes and scooters on sidewalks within business districts. To support enforcement efforts, we hold safety workshops and outreach events in collaboration with schools and community groups. These combined efforts — education, visibility, and enforcement — ensure safer streets for all residents and visitors.



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING

The Danville Volunteers in Policing (VIPS) continue to play a vital role in supporting our department and community safety. In 2024, VIPS donated over **3,000 hours** assisting with community outreach, traffic control, and station operations. This year, they are on pace to exceed that number through expanded patrol support, event staffing, and neighborhood watch initiatives. Their consistent presence at community events, safety workshops, and school functions strengthens bonds between citizens and the police. We deeply appreciate their dedication, reliability, and the positive impact they make on Danville's public safety and quality of life.





COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Officers from the Danville Police Department actively foster community engagement through a variety of events, including National Night Out, Coffee with the Cops, and Recess with the Cops. These initiatives are crucial in promoting positive interactions, fostering open dialogue, and aiding in crime prevention efforts. Through their participation, the officers not only improve public perception but also play a vital role in educating the community and nurturing trust. This active involvement is instrumental in creating a safer, more cohesive community. The department maintains a consistent presence in the community, with weekly visits to different schools, hosting two to three Coffee with the Cops events each month, and participating extensively in various neighborhoods during the annual National Night Out event every August.

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