I recently reached the one-year mark of my time at the Grand Junction Police Department. This agency and this community has welcomed me and my family with open arms, and I’m so pleased to be a part of the great things that are happening in Western Colorado.

While we enjoy the support of the citizens we serve each and every day, our public safety employees have perhaps never been so humbled or, frankly, relieved as they were in April with the passage of our First Responder ballot measure. To those of you that voted in favor of the tax to provide funds to your police and fire departments: thank you seems too simple. Thank you for supporting us and thank you for investing in your community, both for immediate needs and future growth. For those of you who exercised your important right to vote by opposing this measure: we are committed to continuing our dedicated work to provide the first class, comprehensive service this community deserves. These funds will significantly bolster those efforts, and you can expect transparency from us in how the resources are used.

We all know we’re working with shortages right now. As we continue to bring on additional officers, we look forward to filling numerous vacancies. As it stands, with the passage of 2B, we will increase our total personnel from 124 police officers to 142, as a result of the sales tax. As we expand our numbers, we will be able to fill the Traffic Unit and other special units which now sit empty. It just takes time to do it the right way; no shortcuts. The challenge in our industry is that adding new positions does not happen overnight; the time to recruit, hire, train, and then field train personnel is lengthy. We appreciate the community’s patience with us as we work to get our recruits through the proper training that makes GJPD what it is — second to none in service delivery and professionalism.

It’s clear coming into this community that the death of Mesa County Sheriff’s Deputy Derek Geer in 2016 shook everyone to their core, and that respect and honor of his service lives strong to this day. The phrase “GeerStrong” provides a tremendous legacy to his name, which should live on in all of us. I’m honored to continue to the commitment to excellence in our law enforcement community that was in place long before my arrival, and I’m eager to watch positive things unfold in the coming months and years that will only serve to enhance the service that you deserve.

Best wishes,

Chief Doug Shoemaker
2018 Grand Junction
Police Department
Authorized Staffing:

1 Chief
2 Deputy Chiefs
6 Commanders
16 Sergeants
8 Corporals
87 Officers/Detectives
91 Civilian Staff
Year in Review

JANUARY

Bowl with a Cop

We’ve been enjoying this event for over 30 years at the Grand Junction Police Department, and this year was no exception! With partners from all area law enforcement agencies there to help out, we connected with well over 50 Grand Valley kids at this event to wrap up the holiday break!

FEBRUARY

Online Reporting Launch

We’re always looking for new and innovative ways to better serve our community, so we were really pleased to be able to roll out an online reporting option in February. This tool allows citizens to report crimes like theft from their vehicle, criminal mischief, or traffic complaints at their convenience, from the comfort of their home or office, rather than waiting for an officer to be available to respond.

MARCH

Commander Smith Graduates from FBI National Academy

Commander Matt Smith completed 10 weeks of management, leadership, and physical training at the FBI National Academy. This premier program for police leadership training was launched in 1935 by Director J. Edgar Hoover and is offered to a very select few law enforcement leaders worldwide.
APRIL

Rosevale Fire

Our emergency notification system, which is maintained by the Grand Junction Regional Communication Center, played a critical role in the evacuation of over 360 homes in April, when a brush fire burned out of control, threatening numerous homes in the Redlands. We rely on this imperative communication tool to get emergency information to our citizens when they need it most.

MAY

Latino Citizens Police Academy

Over 30 participants registered for our second annual Latino Citizens Police Academy in May. The LCPA runs for eight weeks and includes a variety of topics, such as crime scene investigation, traffic stop safety, and domestic violence issues. This is an incredibly valuable way for us to build trust in our community, and to make sure we’re communicating effectively with everyone we serve.

JUNE

Chief Shoemaker Sworn In

There's a new Chief in town! Chief Doug Shoemaker was sworn in as the Chief of Police for the City of Grand Junction on June 18th. Chief Shoemaker came to the GJPD after serving for 26 years at the Jefferson City Police Department in Missouri.
JULY

Co-Responder Team

Our co-responder program launched in July, in partnership with the Mesa County Sheriff’s Office and Mind Springs Health. This model pairs a mental health clinician with law enforcement to respond to calls for service where a mental health issue may be a factor. This combined response streamlines resources for someone in crisis and has the potential to reduce calls to 9-1-1.

AUGUST

School Safety Video

After a string of arrests of students for making verbal threats to local schools, the GJPD partnered with School District 51, as well as local public safety partners, to produce a school safety video for parents and students. The video highlights the public safety response to a safety threat at a school, as well as what’s happening inside the school in the event of a lockdown or a shelter in place.

SEPTEMBER

United Way Yard Sale

Each year, the City of Grand Junction is a pace setter organization for the United Way fundraising campaign. Not only do we have an incredibly high percentage of our employees who donate from each paycheck, but we also host a yard sale every September, with all proceeds benefitting the United Way programs.
**OCTOBER**

Promotions

A string of retirements throughout 2018 resulted in almost a completely new command staff in our agency! In October, we promoted three sergeants to the rank of commander, which was just the beginning of numerous promotions and a significant amount of reorganization that continued over the coming months.

**NOVEMBER**

No-Shave November

Our employees delighted in participating in No Shave November in 2018! In exchange for a donation, employees could grow their facial hair throughout the month, or put a colored extension in their hair. The result was a donation of almost $2,300 made to the Grand Valley Oncology Survivorship Care Program.

**DECEMBER**

Shop with a Cop

It was once again our privilege to enjoy a day of shopping, food, and fun with fifth graders from every School District 51 elementary school for our annual Shop with a Cop program. This program has been going strong for decades, and it’s one of the most significant ways we can connect with young kids in our community.
### Violent Crime

#### 2018
- **Homicide**: 2
- **Rape**: 71
- **Robbery**: 19
- **Aggravated Assault**: 154

#### 5 Year Average (2013-2017)
- **Homicide**: 2
- **Rape**: 72
- **Robbery**: 42
- **Aggravated Assault**: 116

### Property Crime

#### 2018
- **Burglary**: 372
- **Theft**: 1512
- **Theft from Auto**: 693
- **Theft by Shoplift**: 689
- **Auto Theft**: 158

#### 5 Year Average (2013-2017)
- **Burglary**: 375.8
- **Theft**: 1450
- **Theft from Auto**: 552.4
- **Theft by Shoplift**: 809.8
- **Auto Theft**: 200

The Grand Junction Police Department takes all complaints seriously, regardless of the form or fashion in which we receive them. All complaints received via email or social media are forwarded to our Internal Affairs sergeant, and an investigation is initiated. We also have a public citizen comment line, which we post on our website, for community members to provide feedback regarding any interaction they have with a member of our staff. We receive not only complaints at this number, but also compliments and commendations, as well. If you would like to provide constructive criticism or kudos regarding an experience or contact you’ve had with any employee of our agency, we’d welcome you to contact us. You can reach our citizen comment line at (970)549-5149. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter, or you can email us at gjpd@gjcity.org. You are also welcome to stop by the Police Department at 555 Ute Avenue to speak to someone in person.

In 2018:
15 complaints were investigated.
52 commendations for our employees were received.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Response to Resistance</th>
<th>2017</th>
<th>2018</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Taser</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K9 Bite</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Firearm</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OC</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LVNR</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hands On</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bean Bag</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baton</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Officers used response to resistance techniques in less than 1% of incidents they responded to in 2018.
Stats at a Glance

Officers assigned to Colorado Mesa University spent approximately 880 hours on foot patrol in 2018.

Our Records division responded to 4,000 open records requests in 2018.

Of the 155,996 incidents dispatched by the GJRCC for the 24 public safety agencies they serve, almost 50% were handled by the GJPD.

GJPD responded to 75,336 incidents in 2018. Only 22 resulted in a use of force. That’s 0.03%.

Volunteers donated over 20,000 hours of their time to the Grand Junction Police Department in 2018.

Of the 828 incidents investigated by our code compliance officer in 2018, 823 were resolved without a summons.
Just wanted to give a shout out and BIG thank you to Cpl. Bob Culver. He came out and checked my house this am when my alarm was going off. Was so nice and helpful! Thanks for being such an awesome leader and serving your community 😁❤️🏆 #realhero

A real life super hero came to preschool today! Thank you Grand Junction Police Department for your visit and your protection! We love our first responders! 😍❤️🏆 #GJPD

I want to give a huge thanks to Officer Nate Long for taking time out of his day to make an appearance at my son's 9th birthday party. My son wants to be a police officer like his grandpa when he grows up, so we did a police-themed birthday party and having Officer Long show up was the icing on the cake. As soon as my son saw the police cars show up he boomed it out the front door to welcome him to his party.

I will continue to pray for your safety, wisdom, and focus. Keep up the good work!!

-Elizabeth, a grateful member of the community

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction would like to thank Officer Tim Litzau for his dedicated participation in this year's Touch-a-Truck event at our 81st annual Pancake Day!

Thank you so much for your concern and your thoughtful messages we received throughout the night. The #RosevaleFire came within yards of the property and the structures right behind us were lost but no one has been reported injured. We were evacuated with all of the dogs safely and were able to stay at Angels in the Making, LLC last night with most of the dogs (Tori, you are a rockstar in PJs!). We are back home now and the burn scars are uncomfortably close but the firefighters are still here working away and keeping us all safe. Much love and respect to the @WhitewaterFire Department, Grand Junction Fire Department and Grand Junction Police Department that worked all night protecting our precious home and helping us evacuate our dogs. You guys are our heroes, truly.

One of my favorite and most unexpected things about this job has been getting to work with our two police officers dedicated to Downtown. They have been such a pleasure to work with and have given me such a different view into the police department in our city.

One of our guys was in my office yesterday talking to me about one of our regular homeless, an older woman with severe mental illness problems. He bought her lunch, out of his own pocket, so he could talk to her about her life and see if he could get her some help. This kind of thing happens every day around here.

I can't speak for every department around the country, but I can say that I have the utmost respect for our GJPD and the work they do in our community. We are so very fortunate.
2018 Retirees

Commander Andy Martinez
Patrol Division
41 Years

Commander Tim Grimsby
Patrol Division
38 Years

Dave Oswalt
Lab/Property Manager
35 Years

Commander Bob Russell
Patrol Division
34 Years

Officer Kevin Imbriaco
Patrol Officer
32 Years

Detective Julie Stogsdill
Investigations
27 Years

Commander Paul Quimby
Services Division
27 Years

THANK YOU for your dedicated service to the Grand Junction Police Department, and for your commitment to creating a safe and thriving community for all of the citizens you’ve served over the years!
Grand Junction Police Department
555 Ute Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Public Hours: Monday—Friday
7:00 am to 6:00 pm

Website: www.gjcity.org/residents/public-safety/police-department/
Email: gjpd@gjcity.org (non-emergency only)

Important phone numbers:
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency dispatch: (970)242-6707
Police Administration: (970)549-5100
Police Records: (970)549-5000
Traffic Complaint Hotline: (970)683-3444
Citizen Comment Line: (970)549-5149

Subscribe to the Grand Junction Police Department blog:
www.grandjunctionpolicedepartment.com

Follow us!