



# Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office CCJ Presentation



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**FY FALL 2024**

**Sheriff Kim Stewart**

**Undersheriff Tessa Abeyta**

# Mission and Values

## Mission

We improve the quality of life in the communities of Doña Ana County. As responsible role models, we are dedicated to developing and maintaining partnerships, upholding the law, protecting life and property, providing a safe environment and ensuring the Constitutional rights of all. We are dedicated to continue our rich heritage of more than 150 years of quality service through our core beliefs of...

## Values

To serve and protect our citizens while providing the highest quality of law enforcement services available. We remain focused on our core values of:

- **Integrity** - We hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of honesty and ethical conduct.
- **Professionalism** - We are dedicated to excellence in service through education, mutual cooperation, and pride.
- **Fairness** - We are committed to impartial and equal treatment for all through courtesy, compassion and respect.

# Demographics

- Population Size: 223,337
- Poverty Index per 2022 Census: \$27,675 Per capita
- Square acres to cover: 3,814 square miles is the state's second largest department

## **Staffing**

- Sworn: 147 sworn plus 17 cadets  
200 allotted 23 new positions added in FY 2024/2025
- Civilian: 53  
64 allotted civilian positions

# Calls For Service

**Calls For Service 2023:** 88,864

**Year To Date:** 63,967

**Traffic Crashes 2023:** 718 up 32 percent from 2022

**YTD:** 537

**Fatal Accidents 2023:** 16 an increase of 48 percent from 2022

**YTD:** 5

2023 saw a 25.2 percent decrease in felony violent crime

**Homicides 2023:** 7

**YTD:** 2

# Borderland Issues

- Migrant Deaths : 87 body recoveries
- Alternative uses for stolen vehicles
- Trafficking and Smuggling
- Participated in Operation Disruption
- Participants in ACTT (Unified Command)

# Recruitment and Officer Wellness

## **Recruitment and Retention**

- Concierge Hiring Process
- Academy 28 – 20 graduates
- Academy 29- 17 Cadets
  - Started Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - Expansion of collateral assignment opportunities including the Courts

## **Wellness Program**

- 12-member peer support team
- Wellness Model through International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Introduce crisis debriefing to local entities to include tribal, dispatch, and hospitals staff



# Projects and Legislative Priorities

## Capital Investments: Regional Public Safety Complex

- **Phase One:** Creation of the EVOC

Feasibility Study is underway for an Emergency Vehicle Operation Course estimated cost 2-3 million dollars

- **Phase 2:** New Regional Training Complex

Current portable can not accommodate expanded classes, and regular training.

- **Real Time Crime Center**

Thank you to many of our Legislators who invested into the Las Cruces RTCC

- **IPRA Laws : Protecting Victims**

