

Fort Morgan Police Department

2021

Annual Report



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Message from the Chief

The year 2021 provided the Fort Morgan Police Department with many opportunities to grow, evolve, and work with the citizens of this great city to improve upon the service provided. Through excellent, dedicated, and caring staff members that worked tirelessly to make our citizenry proud of this department, to our outreach efforts and cooperation from the community, we saw excellence in humanity. This report will highlight some of the work that was done in 2021 to help build upon a long tradition of working with the citizens we serve to provide safety and build trusting relationships. Many things have been done to improve our service to our community, some of which will be highlighted in this report, and much more work will be done to continue upon providing excellent training to maintain a staff known for their professionalism, integrity, and excellent service.

The officers of the Fort Morgan Police Department are called upon to respond to many types of calls and situations that have an impact on this community. This comes in many forms from working with victims of property crime to major crimes of violence, traffic safety initiatives, and many daily contacts that serve as a reminder of what the worst of humanity may look like. While crime persists in our community and continues to grow nationwide, our staff steps up to answer the call. In 2021, we hired eight new individuals that have or will become police officers to replace some that resigned or retired and adding new staff members that were allotted by the City Council in the 2020 budget but were never hired due to a lack of qualified applicants.

There are many things to highlight for the year 2021 that will help show the growth and commitment the Fort Morgan Police Department has made to improve our service to the community and work together to solve community concerns. From improving upon our hiring process to better enable us to attract quality talent, beginning new programs to promote cooperation within our own community, implementing a physical fitness program for our staff to ensure healthy officers, and creating programs to show transparency at a level never before seen at the police department, we are committed to making this city a great place to live and work. This can only be done with great people inside and outside of the organization, working together.

Being good stewards of the money that we are allotted to spend for our community safety is an important aspect of building trust with our community. Utilizing grant funding and talents of staff within our department, we have continued to build upon our training program to improve training for all staff. This training included arrest control, firearms, driving, anti-bias, Taser, and many other in-service training opportunities as well as many hours of specialized training outside of the department. In all, our staff received 2,940 hours of training (not including academy hours, hours in field training, or SWAT training). POST reimbursement grants were utilized to offset the cost of training, which saved the taxpayer \$33,594.99 in training costs.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to the entire staff who worked tirelessly to provide excellent service to the citizens of Fort Morgan and the City Council who continue to provide necessary support to our department. Together, we are making a difference in our community.

Loren G. Sharp
Chief of Police



Mission, Vision, and Values

In 2021, our staff looked at our mission, vision and values and determined that we wanted to build a new culture, which includes working with the community and truly understanding the impact we can have on our citizens. As a result, we worked together to find our core values and, collaboratively, developed a new mission, vision, and values statement. These statements serve as a guide for our staff and provided information about who we are, what we believe in, and how we want the community to view us. We also subscribe to the goals set city-wide. By following the city goals, we can be better enabled to meet our own aspirations.

MISSION

Collaborating with our community to promote safety and build trusting relationships.

VISION

To be a source of pride for citizens and a leader in our law enforcement community known for our professionalism, integrity and service to the people of Fort Morgan.

VALUES

Fair Mindful Professional Dependable

City of Fort Morgan Goals

Use positive communication inside and outside of the organization.

Show respect to others in words and actions.

Provide exceptional service delivery to citizens and employees in the City of Fort Morgan.

Lead by example.



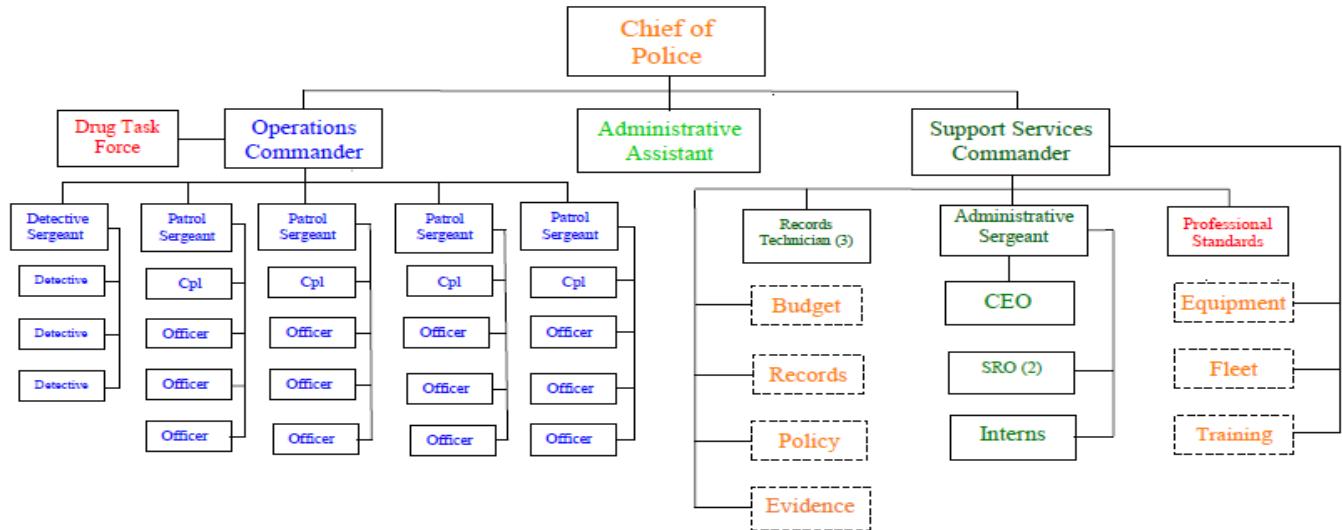
Accreditation



You may have seen this insignia on our patrol cars or letterhead, but what does it mean? In 1986 the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) established a Professional Standards Committee to identify professional operating standards for police agencies in Colorado. A joint committee established 110 standards that addressed a wide variety of police practices ranging from dispatch operations to department policies.

The Fort Morgan Police Department continues to receive its Professional Standards Accreditation through the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police. The accreditation provides an opportunity for the Department to voluntarily demonstrate that it meets professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. This process requires adherence to standards of performance that prescribe recognized practices that agencies should be following. Only agencies that have achieved accreditation can display this emblem.

Department Organizational Chart



Administration



Chief of Police
Loren Sharp



Commander of Operations
Kevin Miller

Commander of Support Services
Steve Brown



Administrative Sergeant
Evan Schiel



Administrative Assistant
Michelle Miller

Records Technicians



Mary Holt



Stephanie Harman



Angelica Rodas

Code Enforcement



Robert Griffith

Police Cadet



Alex Mai



Sworn Staff

Patrol Sergeants



Kevin Campbell



Jonathan Renteria



Jared Iungerich



Wayne Campbell

Corporals



David Marquez



Joe Hochanadel



Caleb Creech



Jared Larson



Sworn Staff

Patrol



SRO Tim Malone



SRO Tony Gagliano



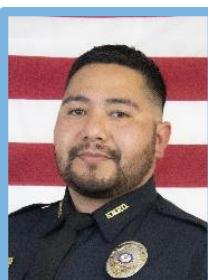
Anthony Chaparro



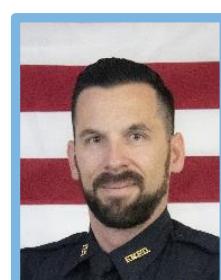
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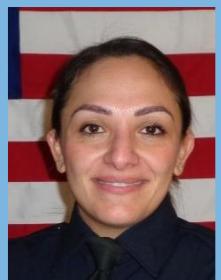
Dusty Quick



Jordan Dean



Brian Herrera



Sara Cummings



Tyler Price

Detectives



Det. Sgt.
Palmer Anguiano



Ted Thyne



Kaden Shuttleworth



William Bencomo



Grant Duran

Promotions



**Commander
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Wayne Campbell**



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Caleb Creech**



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Joe Hochanadel**



**Corporal
Jared Larson**

Retired Staff

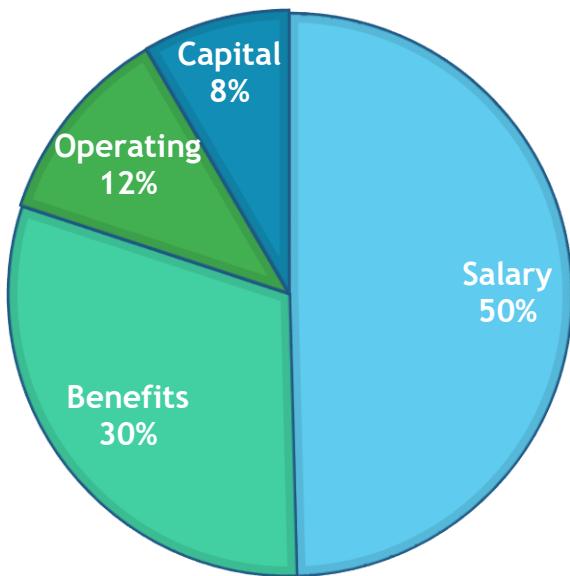


**Commander
Jared R. Crone
30 Years of
Service**

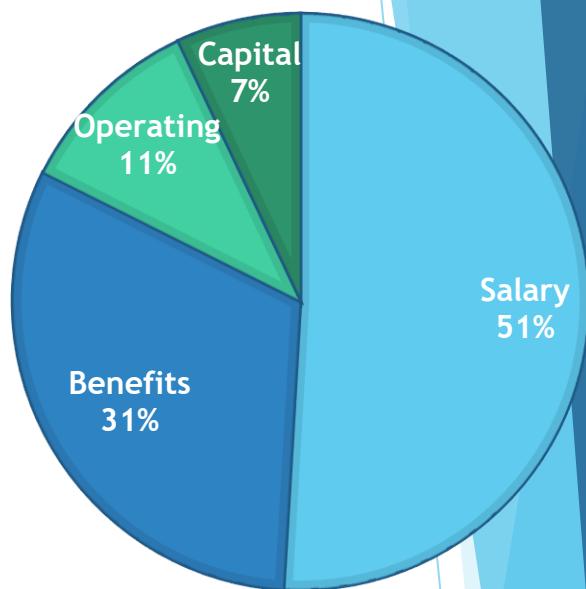


2021 Budget Allocation

2021 BUDGET



2021 EXPENDED



Fort Morgan Total City Budget:

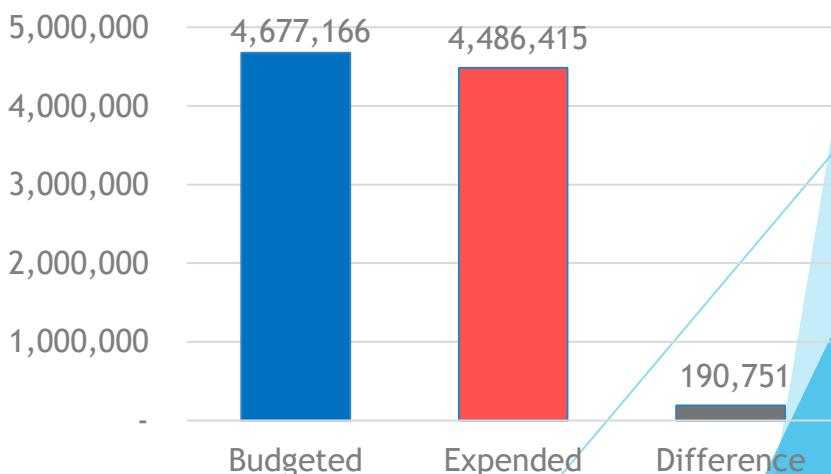
(General Fund, Special Revenue, Enterprise, Internal Service Funds) \$71,368,402

2021 Operations and Maintenance Budget \$4,677,166

2021 Capital Budget \$ 430,000

Total Budget for 2021 \$5,107,166

Operating and Maintenance Budget



Expenditures

Account Title	2021 Annual Budget	Year to Date Actual Expenses	Difference
Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,459,588.00	\$ 2,298,441.33	\$ 161,146.67
Sal & Wages - Transferred	\$ -	\$ 63,532.33	\$ (63,532.33)
Overtime expense	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 94,385.82	\$ (21,385.82)
Retirement - PERA	\$ 43,426.00	\$ 37,060.41	\$ 6,365.59
Retirement-Money Purchase	\$ 283,598.00	\$ 265,461.06	\$ 18,136.94
Retirement - FPPA	\$ 188,078.00	\$ 188,078.00	\$ -
Medicare	\$ 36,722.00	\$ 33,552.33	\$ 3,169.67
Health Insurance	\$ 861,347.00	\$ 861,347.04	\$ (0.04)
Life Insurance	\$ 6,861.00	\$ 6,861.00	\$ -
Disability Insurance	\$ 4,512.00	\$ 4,512.00	\$ -
Workers Compensation	\$ 64,360.00	\$ 70,516.26	\$ (6,156.26)
Equipment Allowance	\$ 54,950.00	\$ 49,042.90	\$ 5,907.10
National Night Expenses Grant	\$ -	\$ 18,118.70	\$ (18,118.70)
Crime Control & Investgtn	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 1,621.83	\$ 2,628.17
Criminal Investigations	\$ 29,995.00	\$ 9,416.94	\$ 20,578.06
Software Maintenance	\$ 79,950.00	\$ 34,887.64	\$ 45,062.36
Office Supplies & Expense	\$ 19,430.00	\$ 16,792.18	\$ 2,637.82
Utilities	\$ 36,225.00	\$ 22,992.46	\$ 13,232.54
Telephone	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 13,008.22	\$ (6,208.22)
Fuel & Oil	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 43,485.48	\$ 6,914.52
Miscellaneous	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,414.71	\$ (6,814.71)
Employee Recognition	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,491.31	\$ 2,508.69
Maint Equipment & Vehicle	\$ 36,960.00	\$ 39,332.98	\$ (2,372.98)
Maint General Property	\$ 31,800.00	\$ 33,846.90	\$ (2,046.90)
Janitorial	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 3,400.00
Uniforms	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 29,446.61	\$ (346.61)
Animal Shelter Maint	\$ 53,100.00	\$ 52,236.39	\$ 863.61
Custody of Prisoners	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Blight Removal Expense	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00
PD New Hire Testing	\$ 400.00	\$ 7,386.41	\$ (6,986.41)
Property & Casualty Ins	\$ 58,546.00	\$ 58,545.96	\$ 0.04
Education & Training	\$ 43,100.00	\$ 30,410.30	\$ 12,689.70
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 4,483.03	\$ 3,116.97
Engineering & Consulting	\$ -	\$ 25,440.00	\$ (25,440.00)

Calls for Service

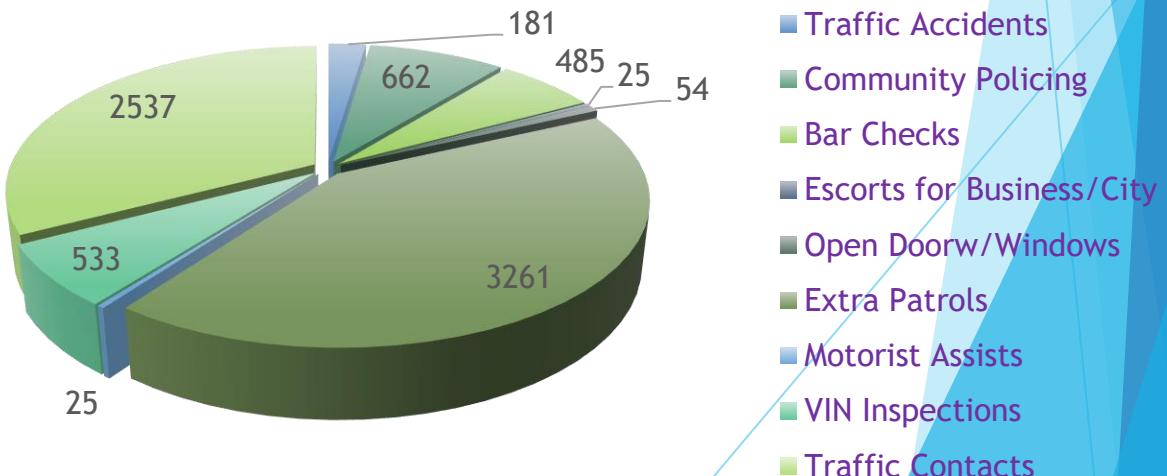
The total Calls for Service for all Morgan County Law Enforcement Agencies and Emergency Services for 2021 was 77,686. This was a decline of 104 calls from 2020.

34% of the Calls for Service were for the Fort Morgan Police Department, which made up most calls for the seven agencies serviced by the Communications Center.

The total Calls for Service for the Fort Morgan Police Department for 2021 was 26,689, an increase of 6.89% from 2020.

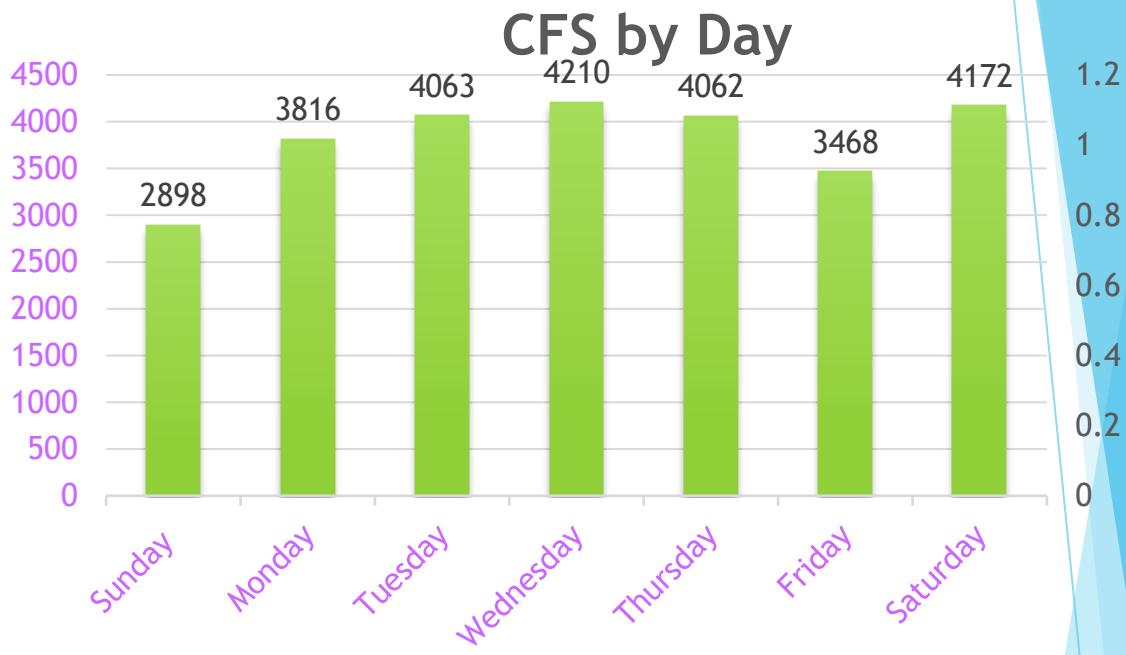
Over the course of the year, many officers were in the field training program, sick with COVID, or not hired as the hiring market was difficult. While there were a total of 8 officers hired in 2021, there was never a time when we were fully staffed or had less than four vacancies when including officers in the training program or in the academy.

For 2021, the Fort Morgan Police Department worked with an average of 5 less patrolmen than when fully staffed. Filling many positions and needing to train these officers has been problematic for several years and we have been trying to catch up with staffing deficiencies since 2017.

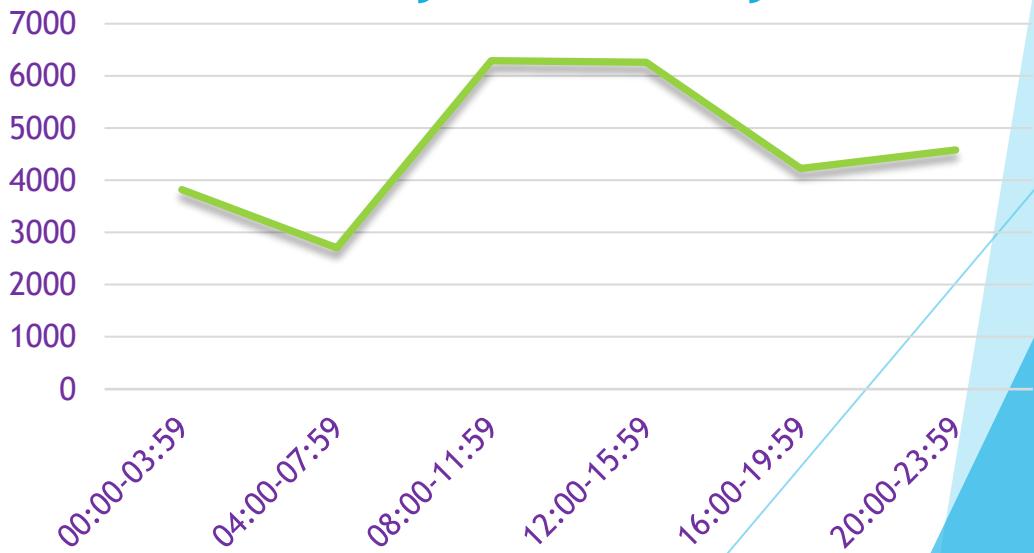


Calls for Service

Calls for Service in 2021 was highest on Wednesdays and from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm was the time in which most Calls for Service were initiated. Sundays are usually the slowest day with the lowest number of Calls for Service between 4:00 am and 7:00 am. These calls for service ranged from traffic contacts, animal calls, bar checks, and many other calls that were initiated by the officer as well as dispatched calls to things such as thefts, domestic violence, and assaults.



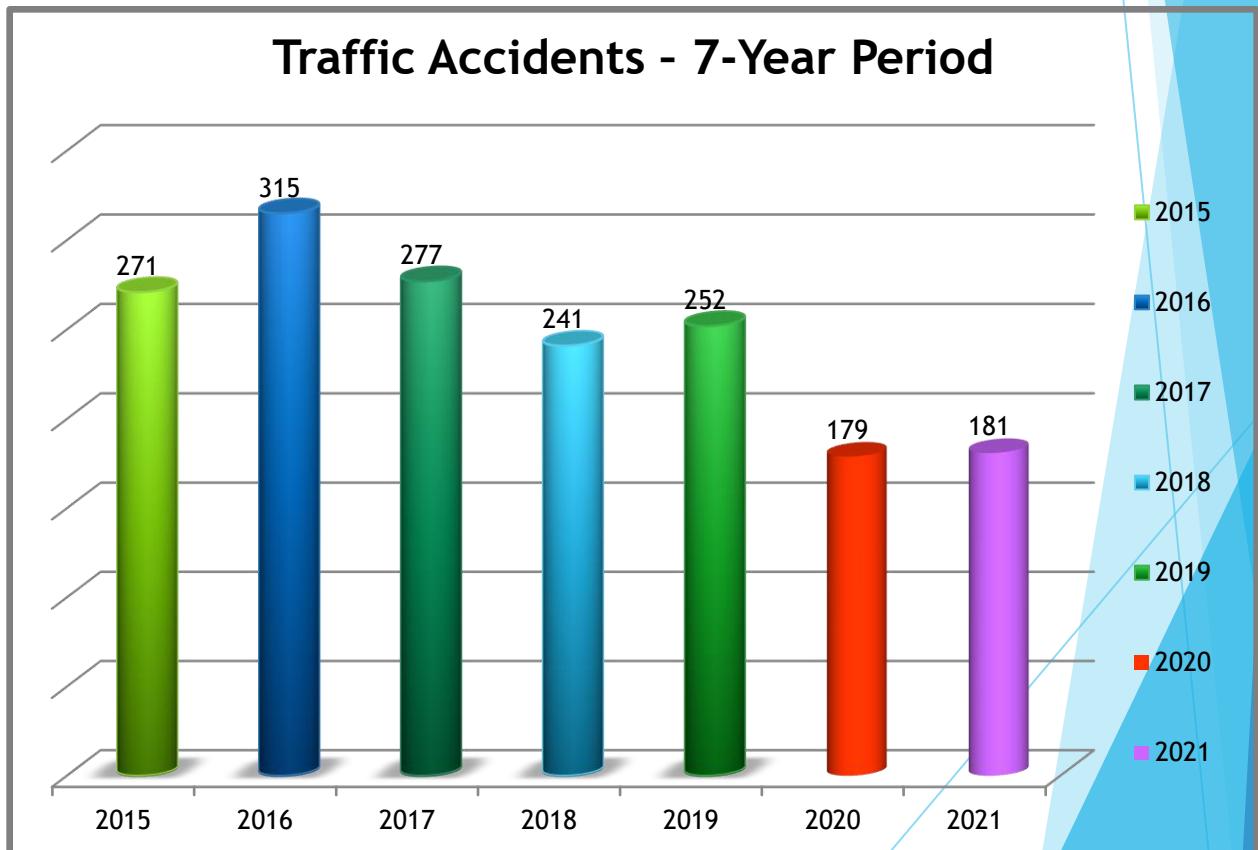
CFS by Time of Day



Traffic Accidents

The Fort Morgan Police Department responds to all accidents that are reported to have occurred on public and private property located within the city limits of Fort Morgan and investigates those accidents. Although, a complete accident report is only completed if the accident involves one of the following: fatality, injury, complaint of injury, extreme damage, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, or public employee or public property is involved, or in cases of solvable hit and run accidents on private property. From 2020 to 2021, there was an increase in traffic accidents (non private property) of 1.1%.

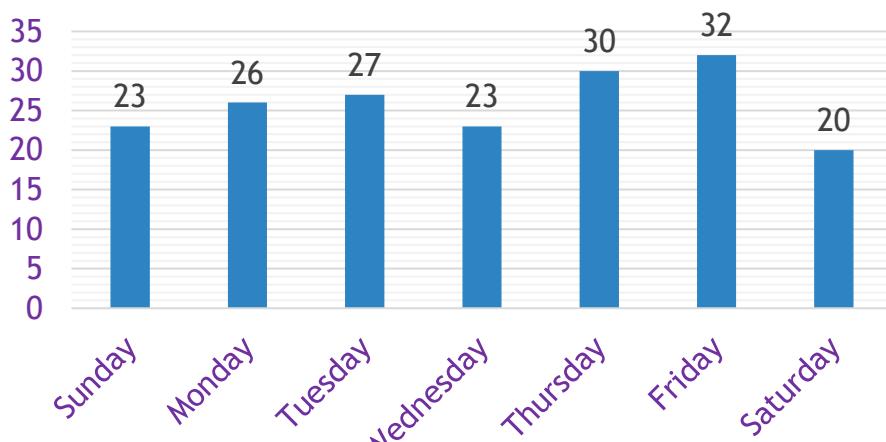
The six-year average prior to 2021 was 256 traffic accidents. 2021 marked a decrease of 75 accidents from average years prior. While there is a slight increase over 2020, the traffic patterns have returned to near “normal” levels after a COVID restricted year in 2020.



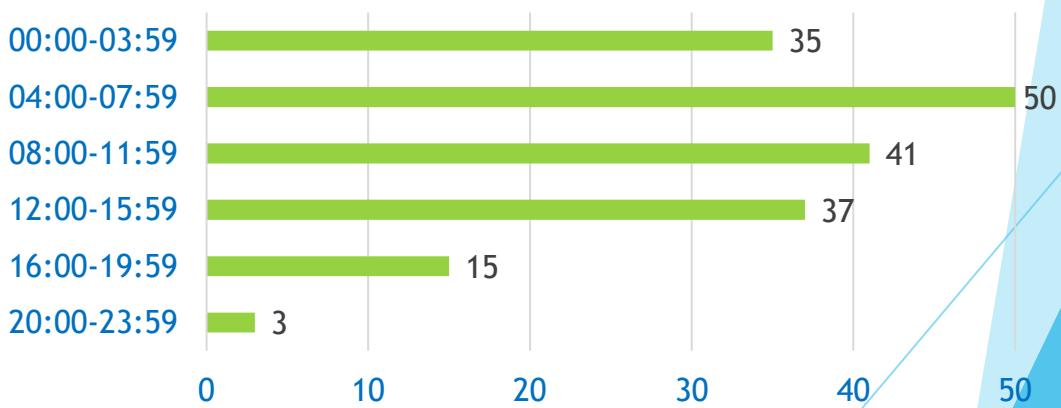
Traffic Accidents

The majority of the traffic accidents occur between 4:00 am and 8:00 am. Unlike, most historical data on traffic accidents, there have been high numbers of accidents between midnight at 4:00 am as well. More accidents occurred on Friday than any other day. It should also be noted, that in 2021, we changed accident reporting software at the end of April. Some data may not be included as it appears some may have been lost in the transition.

Daily Total



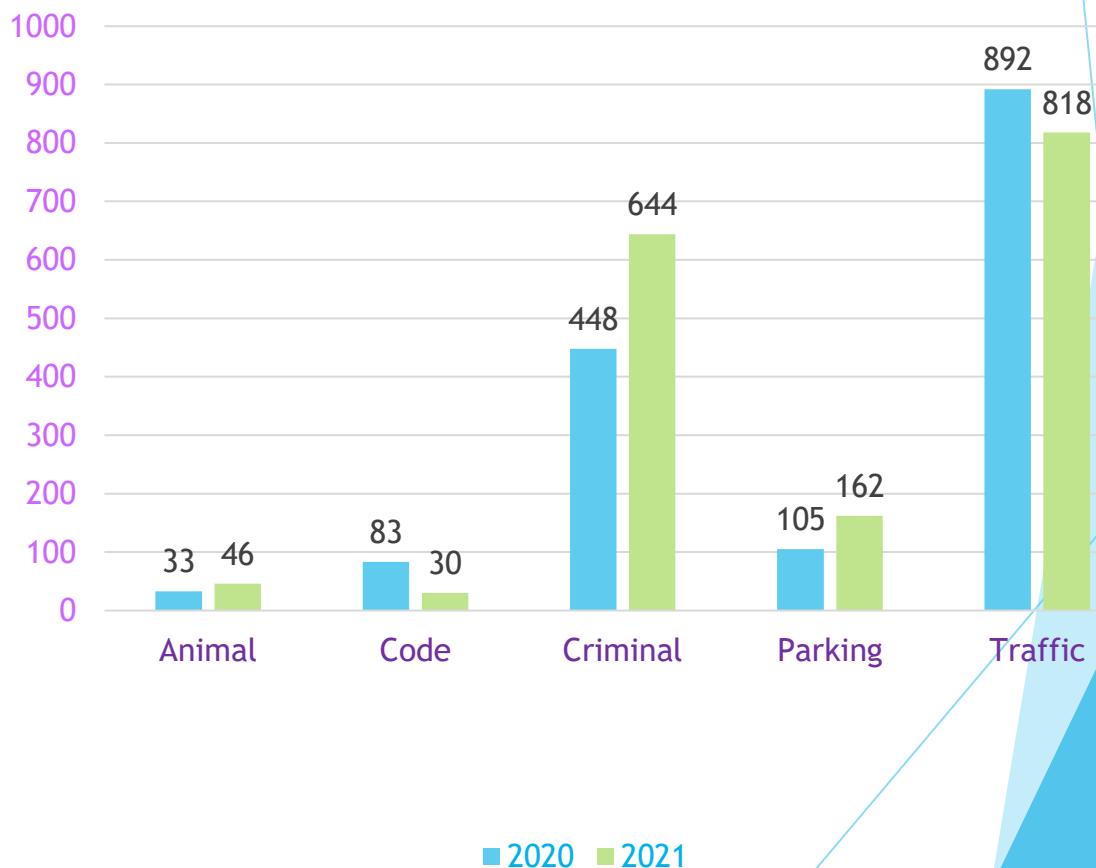
Total by Time



Citations

Officers and Code Enforcement issued 1,168 citations in 2021, reflecting an increase of approximately 18%. This is despite the fact that in 2021, a Code Enforcement Officer was removed from FMPD and placed under the City Manager. Citations are written for traffic, parking, ordinance, animal, and criminal violations. 50% of citations issued were traffic violations and 31% of citations issued were for criminal violations. It should be noted, that while the number of citations is 1,168, the actual number of violations is 1,700. This is due to the fact that multiple charges were on some citations.

Citations/Charges



Crime in Fort Morgan

The National Incident Reporting System (NIBRS) is the system the Fort Morgan Police Department has been using to report crime statistics for several years. This reporting system breaks crime into Group A and Group B Offenses, with Group A offenses generally being the most egregious crimes.

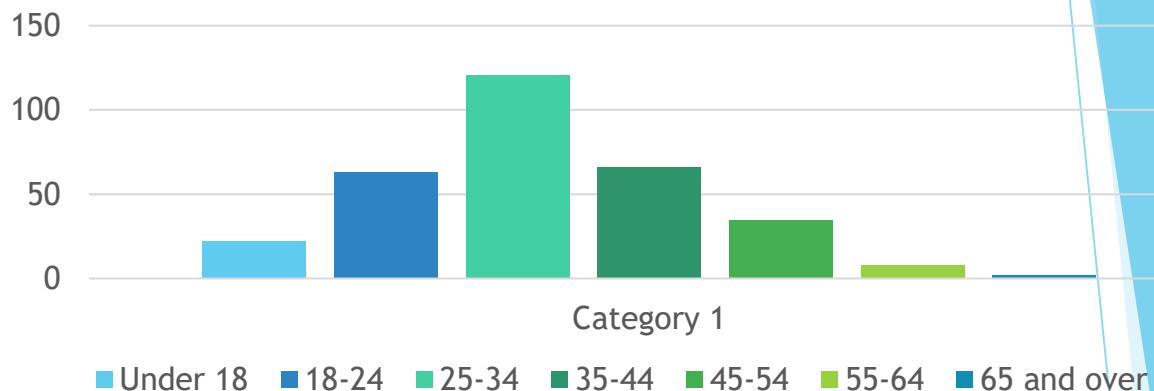
As shown in the table below, the number of simple assaults (misdemeanors) increased by 36%, after a 19% increase in 2020. Aggravated Assaults increased by 250%, in 2020, remained the same. While property crimes have skyrocketed across the state over the past few years (Motor Vehicle Thefts are highest in the nation), they were consistent from 2020.

Group A Offenses					
Violent Crimes	2021	2020	Property Crimes	2021	2020
Sexual Assault	39	37	Burglary	54	58
Robbery	1	3	Fraud Involving Credit Cards	22	48
Aggravated Assault	40	40	Vandalism	230	135
Simple Assault	110	81	Theft	230	199
Child Pornography	0	5	Motor Vehicle Theft	30	35
Group B Offenses					
Adult	2021	2020	Juvenile	2021	2020
Disorderly Conduct	12	7	Disorderly Conduct	0	1
DUI	47	46	DUI	0	0
Liquor Law Violation	3	10	Liquor Law Violation	7	2
Trespassing	35	29	Trespassing	0	4
All Other Offenses	411	426	All Other Offenses	23	34

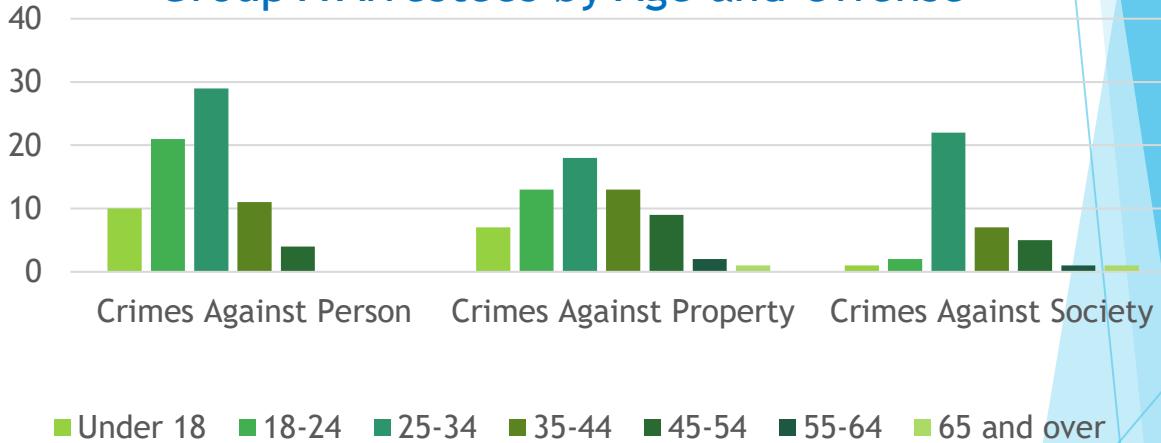
Crime in Fort Morgan

In 2021 we had a total of 1051 offenses reported in NIBRS, an increase of 25% from 2020. This total includes violent crimes that are reported in the NIBRS program which does not include all other crimes that are reported in Fort Morgan as Municipal charges. 38.25% of those offenses reported were cleared by adult or juvenile arrests. Some other cases may be exceptionally cleared or suspended.

Group A Arrestees by Age



Group A Arrestees by Age and Offense



Criminal cases that are reported that have no leads or suspects and cannot be cleared by arrest or special exceptions (such as an uncooperative victim), are suspended. If at a later date more information becomes available, the case is reopened. Cases that are cleared by exception occur when, even though there is a suspect, there may be reasons outside of law enforcement control that preclude arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender. For example: if law enforcement is unable to locate the offender or if a victim is unwilling to prosecute, the case may be exceptionally cleared. Some cases are suspended after all leads have been exhausted. These suspended cases are not closed and can be reopened for additional investigation if there should be any new evidence that arises.

Investigations

The Fort Morgan Police Department has an investigations unit dedicated to major crimes and special enforcement issues. The unit is staffed with a Detective Sergeant and three detectives. In 2021, we had a Drug Investigator that was also assigned to a task force with one other Detective from Brush Police Department.

The Investigations Division is comprised of three Detectives and a Detective Sergeant. In all, the Investigations Division handled 90 calls for various crimes to include sexual assaults, armed robberies, serious felony assaults, death investigations, burglaries, major theft cases, narcotics cases, and child exploitation cases. Of these crimes, the Investigation Division handled 39 sexual assaults and 9 felonious assaults along with two murder cases and a fire that claimed the life of a child.

On top of the caseload experienced by the Investigations Division, they are also required to attend several meetings as part of the collaboration that is necessary between the Fort Morgan Police Department and other agencies, both law enforcement and community resources. These meetings include: Child Protection Team, Adult Protection Team, Community Services Team (Sex Offenders), Multi-Disciplinary Team (Sex Assault investigations), and Drug Court. This interaction is key to building strong relationships and working together to minimize community impact of offenders, while also improving the law enforcement ability to apprehend and convict offenders.



Reports of Resistance and Force Used to Overcome

Fort Morgan police officers acting within the scope of their employment will use only the force reasonable and necessary to accomplish lawful objectives. Fort Morgan police officers may use deadly force only when the officer reasonably believes that action is in defense of human life, including the officer's own life, or in defense of any person in imminent danger of serious physical injury. For every report of resistance, the on-duty supervisor must investigate the amount of force used to subdue the suspect and complete a review. Command staff, to include the Chief of Police, reviews the investigation to ensure officers do not use excessive force.

In 2021, there were a total of 37 cases in which an officer had to use force to effect an arrest or prevent injury from another individual. This was an increase of 12 from 2020 when there were 25 reported uses of force as defined by policy. There were a total of 17 incidents of un-holstering a weapon in 2021. Many of these involved more than one type of force but were recorded according to potential for injury.

Type of Force with Number of Incidents

Hands On - 20

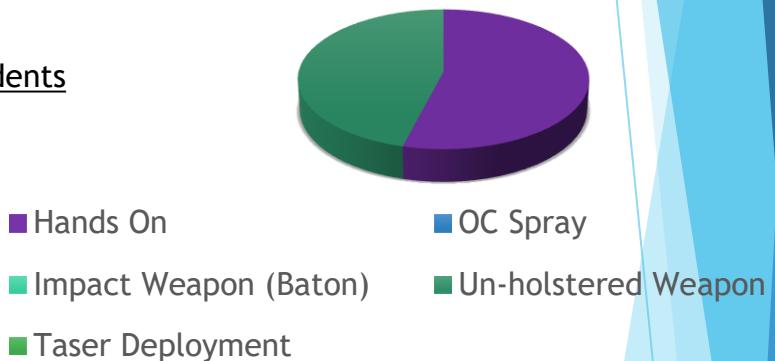
Chemical Aerosol - 0

Taser Deployed - 0

Un-holstered Weapon - 17

Impact Weapons - 0

Injuries- 3 Officer, 1 suspect



While there was a net increase of 10.4% in arrests in 2021 over 2020, there was a 32% increase in reports of resistance. Due to reporting the unholstering of a weapon through the entire year, due to legislation, there was a reported increase of 12 more incidents of such. This change in reporting during 2020, is the biggest reason for the increase as this was not previously recorded.

Use of Force Analysis

The aforementioned uses of force indicate that in nearly every incident, officers of the Fort Morgan Police Department accomplished their mission without any use of force. When force did have to be used, the minimal level of force required to subdue the individual was always applied in 2021. This level of force is within the FBI parameters of use of force involving all arrested or detained persons. There are no identifiable trends or causative factors for concern.

Police Accountability Report

Police accountability involves holding both individual police officers as well as law enforcement agencies responsible for effectively delivering basic services of crime control and maintaining order, while treating individuals fairly and within the bounds of law. Police are expected to uphold all laws regarding due process, search and seizure, arrests, discrimination, as well as other laws relating to equal employment, sexual harassment, etc.

The most imperative function in our department is the accountability of ourselves to those we serve. We take all complaints seriously and investigate each one thoroughly. In addition, we review behaviors of all officers through the Early Warning System or EWS, which tracks specific behaviors that arise to ensure the community safety. One such behavior is accidents. In 2021, one officer was involved in a minor, single car traffic accident, causing damage to a patrol vehicle.

The Fort Morgan Police Department conducted two Internal Affairs investigations in 2021. One officer was involved in each complaint (different officers in each one) and the allegation was sustained on one of these investigations. One of these investigations involved improper conduct (sustained), and one involved excessive force on an arrest, which body camera footage exonerated the officer.

Annual Review of Bias-Based Policing

A fundamental right guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution is the “equal protection” clause. Everyone is entitled to walk, drive, and move about in public free from police interference so long as they obey the law. Those who commit infractions must receive equal and fair treatment, regardless of their race, color, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, physical handicap, religion, or other belief system. Officers must conduct themselves in a dignified and respectful manner at all times when dealing with the public. The Law Enforcement Code of Ethics articulates the professional and personal behavior that is expected of all law enforcement officers.

Random audits found no unusual patterns of enforcement that would statistically indicate that bias-based profiling is occurring. A review of data that showed an absence of any sustained citizen complaints also indicates that no bias-based profiling has occurred.

This year, all officers received a review on ethics and professionalism that addressed, among other topics, the prohibition on bias-based profiling. Due to the fact that there were no complaints or indicators of racial or any other bias-based profiling, there were no corrective measures taken during the year of 2021.

Officer Training

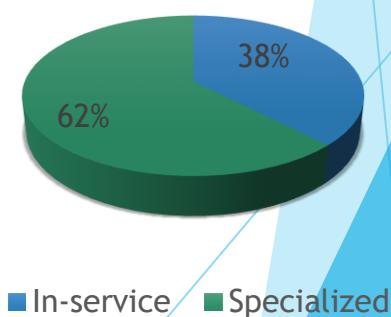
Before one can become a police officer, they must first be trained. The amount of training required in a Basic Peace Officer Training Academy is set by the Colorado Peace Officer Standardized Training Board. This training is set to meet all requirements to successfully teach officer candidates to complete the tasks required of an officer. These tasks include firearms, emergency vehicle operations, arrest control, and learning about law and proper procedures and conduct as an officer.

After completion of the POST Academy, Fort Morgan Police Department requires that all newly hired officers complete a field training program. This involves riding with a training officer to learn local ordinances, procedures, and policy as well as showing proficiency. This program takes approximately 14 to 16 weeks and includes four different phases. Upon completion of the Field Training Officer Program, the officer is allowed to work on his/her own and is assigned a vehicle and expected to perform at a high level.



Throughout the career of a law enforcement officer, many more hours of training are involved. Each year, POST requires at least 24 hours of training to maintain certification to include at least 12 hours of the critical skills (driving, arrest control, firearms). On top of that annual certifications and other mandated training are required for maintaining professional standards. This is all done as In-Service training and is required of every police officer. In 2021, we conducted 40 hours of In-Service training.

In 2021, Fort Morgan Police Department officers spent 2,940 hours of training outside of the department. This includes specialized assignments, leadership, investigative and many other areas. This is an average of 105 hours per officer and does not include the in-service training that officers received or POST academy/FTO Training.



School Resource

Since its inception in the 2000-01 school year, the Fort Morgan Police Department's School Resource Officer program continues to enhance the connection between today's youth, the community, and law enforcement. In 2021, the SRO program included two officers assigned to various schools. One officer was assigned to the Fort Morgan High School, while the other was assigned to the Fort Morgan Middle School with supplementation to elementary schools.

Strong relationships between school staff and SROs are imperative to effective policing in the schools. While this SRO program is essential in providing a safe learning environment for the children in the schools, improving relationships between students and the police is a key component of safety. The SROs continue to strive to improve these relationships by expanding the services they have been doing. One such program that was initiated by the SROs was the New Horizon program that worked with kids over the summer break.



On a daily basis, School Resource Officers can be found interacting with the students, assisting school administration with legal and discipline issues, instructing classes to students, training staff on various significant issues, and promoting a positive and safe environment for both students and staff which are vital to the learning process. Because of these daily interactions, they are able to intervene and provide students with warnings and the possible legal ramifications for continued bad choices.

New Horizons Program

The New Horizon Program was started in 2021 and implemented by the School Resource Officers. This program was developed to work with kids and build strong police and community relationships through a mentorship program. Kids were selected by the SROs, in cooperation with Morgan County School District RE-3 staff, and were given an opportunity to participate in a six-week program in the summer. There were two sessions that included many fun opportunities to interact with the officers and included a community service component.

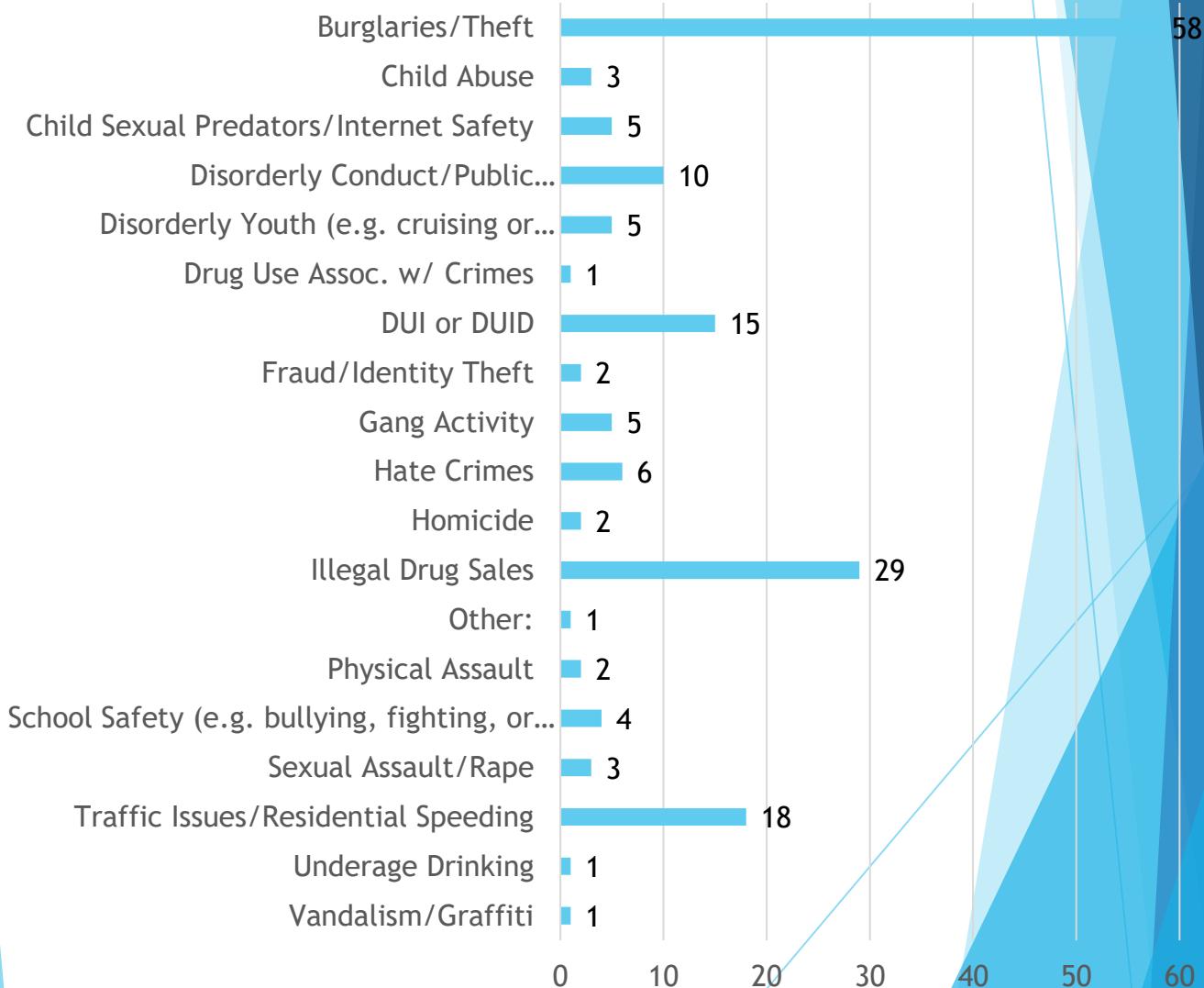
The Fort Morgan Police Department received a lawn mower from an organization called “Raising Men Lawn Care” in Alabama. By utilizing the lawn mower in this program, the New Horizon program was able to provide some free lawn care service and clean-up service to several individuals who were unable to do this for themselves. This was a great experience for the kids and provided an excellent service to a few members of the community as well.



Community Outreach

The Fort Morgan Police Department is committed to working with the public to ensure we are prioritizing what our citizens want from their police service. As part of that commitment, we created a community survey to provide feedback from the public. The survey was distributed in four different languages and through various delivery methods to include social media, in-person contact with different demographic groups, and in written form. The information was compiled and presented to the Community Police Panel. Goals for 2022 and beyond have been developed based on some of the feedback received from these surveys.

Community Survey Most Serious Need to Be Addressed



Community Outreach

The Community Police Panel was created in 2021 as a means of creating a method for our citizens to communicate their needs within their own neighborhoods. Utilizing the newspaper, radio, social media, and word of mouth, we asked for help from the public to create a Community Police Panel. The response to the call was enormous as, approximately 90 people indicated they were willing to participate. After determining who lives in the City of Fort Morgan and scheduling meetings, the number of people on the panel was narrowed down. Meetings with the Chief and the Community Police Panel began in the third quarter of the year, and we began working together to identify our collective needs. The Community Police Panel assisted with the disbursement of a large survey campaign of our citizenry and based on the results, began working to find a solution to some of the problems identified in the surveys. By year end, a Director for the Community Police Panel was named, and they have begun working on their own to improve the quality of life for our citizens. The Fort Morgan Police Department and the Community Police Panel continue to work together to identify concerns and work toward progress.



Community Outreach

To ensure quality, professional service is delivered to our citizens, the Fort Morgan Police Department began the use of a new software called CueHit. This program collects data from dispatch as individuals call for police services. Through this software, a text message is automatically sent to the caller and the caller is provided with an opportunity to rate the service they received by the police department on a scale from 1 to 5. They are further allowed to provide feedback through the message that is then sent to the police department for review. Any score of less than three automatically creates a task for administration and follow-up is done with the caller. This ensures that we can hear concerns of those that called for police service, while also providing valuable information to our staff to help them better understand how we can serve our community. This program began later in the year and has been a valuable asset to the department.

Feedback Board

List Focused

Very Professional	Responded quickly....handled the Situation professionally.....great job
Very helpful and down to earth. I felt like i was talking to someone who cared about the situation and not a robot.	Officer Price was kind, polite and very informative
The officer was very polite and helpful the best he could be	Very satisfied with the immediate response
Very nice gentleman. Thanks	Awesome ?
They were on time and were helpful	Very professional and timely.
the Fort Morgan police department has always been very cordial with me and professional	Outstanding service as always
I believe his name was Bob. And I really appreciate his communication with me.	I have the utmost respect for our police department, even for a non-emergency issue like this was.
	Very nice and very professional. The Dispatcher was very kind and helpful also

Community Outreach



BBQ with the Blue was the 1st annual event for the FMPD. The goal of the event is to strengthen our city spirit and build a strong Police-Community Partnership. We are estimating there were over 2,500 in attendance. There were 19 non-profit agencies sharing information about their resources. Also in attendance were other Morgan County Law Enforcement Agencies. Attendees were able to explore a variety of first responder vehicles, participate in a variety of activities that included bouncy houses, putt-putt golf, hamster balls, a mechanical bull, face painting, bicycle rodeo, water balloon toss all while listening to a local band. The entire evening was free to attendees and was made possible by the incredible generosity of our local business and support of our community.



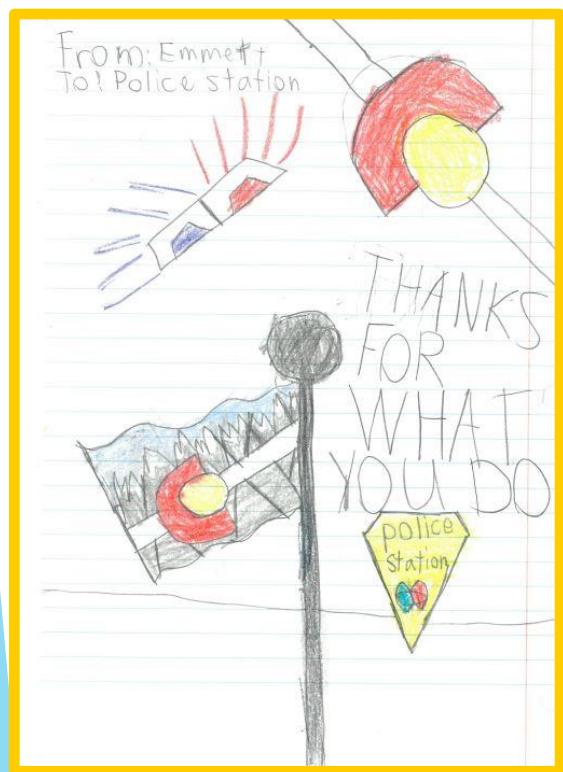
Building Relationships

Throughout 2021, we had many opportunities to build stronger, long-lasting relationships with our community members. Through conversations with citizens about policing in Fort Morgan at the Gladiators Boxing Club, working with Kids at Their Best lemonade stand, passing out ice cream to the kids at Sherman Elementary School and having the chance to meet kids and positively impact them in their daily lives, we had great interactions with the public. Generous donations were made by Amy Grantham and Kids at Their Best that helped us buy fitness equipment for a gym at the department to better enable all staff to maintain a healthy lifestyle.



Community Support

Citizens and organizations in Fort Morgan stopped by the department throughout 2021, to show their support and express their gratitude for the hard work our officers do every day.



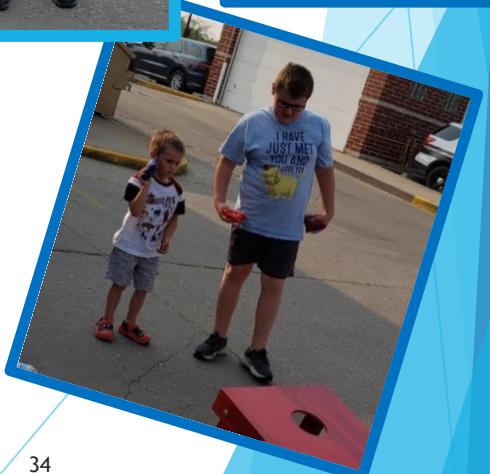
Blue Santa

For more than 20 years, the Fort Morgan Police Department has been involved in the Blue Santa program. In 2021, we were able to deliver poinsettias to the Valley View Villa and provided gift cards and everyday living supplies to 63 individuals that are often overlooked during the holidays. This is a great way that we can show our appreciation to this community that is so generous.



Interdepartmental Events

At the Fort Morgan Police Department, we don't just talk about being a "family" we try to build a family atmosphere for every employee. In 2021, we held three "family" events for our staff. In April, we were able to provide a catered meal, had a department barbecue in August, and had a Christmas party (put on by Behind the Badge) in December. All of our employees and Chaplains were invited to attend, along with the retirees, who honorably served the citizens for over 20 years or were forced to medically retire due to duty related disabilities.



Behind the Badge

Behind the Badge (BTB) is organized and run by family members of the FMPD. Their mission is to support and celebrate the FMPD staff and families. In 2021, BTB hosted a Christmas Potluck, provided boxed lunches for all staff during National Police Week and gave each staff member a cruiser bag for National Law Enforcement Day.

Throughout the year, BTB members provide meals to families, assist families in an emergency or major life event, and present a welcome gift to each new officer.



Awards and Community Recognition

CITIZEN CITATION FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



Mr. Geist & Mr. Anderson were nominated by Sgt. Renteria to receive a Letter of Commendation for their quick actions and courage they took. When Mr. Geist pulled into the teacher's parking lot, he witnessed a male subject acting erratically and trying to open doors to the school.

Mr. Anderson, the principal was aware of the male subject in the parking lot. As soon as the male subject was able to gain access from a door that opened, Mr. Geist and Mr. Anderson did not hesitate to chase the male down a flight of stairs where they were able to confront the male subject. The male subject was talked into walking back up the stairs away from the students in the gym. Due to Mr. Geist and Mr. Anderson's swift thinking and actions, they were able to prevent a situation that could have turned very serious between students and this male subject.



Mr. Stewart was nominated by Chief Loren Sharp to receive a Letter of Commendation for his attentiveness. Mr. Stewart was walking home from school when he noticed an adult male acting suspicious. He let his mom know and she immediately called the police. It turns out Mr. Stewart was witnessing his neighbor's car being burglarized. This same male subject had been to several other locations around town burglarizing their vehicles. Due to Mr. Stewart being attentive to his surroundings, the male subject was arrested.

LIFE-SAVING AWARD



Corporal Creech responded to an address in the 800 block of Meeker for an unconscious, breathing male. Corporal Creech confirmed the status of the subject and started CPR. He was successful at regaining a pulse. The person was transported to the hospital and survived due to his life saving efforts.

Service Awards



Commander
Steve Brown
20 yrs. safe driving



Officer
Anthony Gagliano
15 yrs. safe driving



Sergeant
Kevin Campbell
5 yrs. safe driving



CEO
Robert Griffith
5 yrs. safe driving

Chiefs of Police Past and Present

In 2021, we acknowledged 134 years of law enforcement in the City of Fort Morgan. There have been 36 Town Marshals and Chiefs of Police serving the City of Fort Morgan beginning with Frank Anderson to our Current Chief of Police, Loren Sharp. In 1917, the title of Town Marshal was changed to Chief of Police beginning with Chief E.A. Morse.

	<u>SERVED FROM:</u>	<u>SERVED TO:</u>
1. Frank Anderson	August 1887	April 1889
2. A.L. Wilson	April 1889	July 1890
3. R.W. Atchison	July 1890	April 1891
4. F.J. Dingman	April 1891	April 1894
5. H.S. Pyott	April 1894	May 1894
6. J.H. Farnsworth	May 1894	April 1895
7. James Hall	April 1895	April 1895
8. A.K. Hill	April 1895	April 1899
9. James Hall	April 1899	April 1900
10. A.L. Burdette	April 1900	March 1903
11. C.J. Carlson	March 1903	February 1904
12. A.K. Hill	February 1904	November 1905
13. A.W. Croft	November 1905	February 1906
14. L.M. Davis	March 1906	April 1907
15. J.C. Grahm	May 1907	October 1907
16. J.A. Tilson	October 1907	April 1908
17. S.S. Lamb	April 1908	January 1913
18. R.E. Parker	January 1913	January 1914
19. E.A. Morse	January 1915	June 1917
20. Charles R. Todd	June 1917	December 1918
21. C.J. Carlson	January 1919	December 1919
22. F.W. Quackenbush	January 1920	September 1925
23. Alva Burton	September 1925	December 1927
24. William Hauge	January 1928	February 1931
25. C.J. Carlson	March 1931	December 1931
26. Arthur L. Shaffer	January 1932	February 1938
27. Homer F. Morse	February 1938	March 1958
28. Anthony Erosky	March 1958	June 1959
29. Daniel Dorn	June 1959	July 1960
30. Homer F. Morse	August 1960	January 1962
31. W. Gale Davey	January 1962	December 31, 1980
32. B. Harold Davisson	January 1, 1981	December 31, 2000
33. Keith A. Kuretich	January 1, 2001	September 6, 2013
34. Darin L. Sagel	December 19, 2013	May 31, 2016
35. Paul D. Schultz	January 9, 2017	January 14, 2020
36. Loren G. Sharp	December 15, 2020	Current

Thank you for your time and the privilege of presenting our 2021 Annual Report to you. We would like to acknowledge the members of Fort Morgan City Council. Many of the programs and services our community has come to value would not be possible without the endorsement, recognition, and support of the City Council members. The support provided to the employees of the Fort Morgan Police Department is greatly appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. Finally, the Fort Morgan Police Department extends its appreciation to the citizens of Fort Morgan for all of their support. In a time of nationwide unrest and protests against the police in other cities, our citizens continue to show appreciation for the work we do daily. We are very fortunate to work in a community with so much respect for each other.

The Fort Morgan Police Department consists of individuals who are interested in being more than just law enforcement officers. They are men and women that desire to not only protect and serve, but to know and support the people in our community.

Chief of Police

Loren G. Sharp

Michelle Miller, Administrative Assistant

Support Services Division

Steven J. Brown, Commander

Administrative Sergeant
Sergeant Evan Schiel

School Resource Officers
Tim Malone
Tony Gagliano

Code Enforcement
Robert Griffith

Records Technicians
Mary Holt
Stephanie Harman
Angelica Rodas

Police Recruit
Alex Mai

Police Chaplains
Joe Bowman
Gary Meadows
Jacob Hanneman

Operations Division

Kevin W. Miller, Commander

Sergeant Kevin Campbell

Sergeant Jon Renteria

Sergeant Jared Lungerich

Sergeant Wayne Campbell

Detective Sergeant
Palmer Anguiano

Corporal David Marquez

Corporal Joe Hochanadel

Corporal Caleb Creech

Corporal Jared Larson

Detective Ted Thyne

SRO - Tim Malone

SRO - Tony Gagliano

Officer Dusty Quick

Officer Paul Mendoza

Detective
Kaden Shuttleworth

Officer Marcos Montalvo

Officer Tekiah Dabbs

Officer Jordan Dean

Officer Sara Cummings

Detective William Bencomo

Officer Austin Brown

Officer Zachary Lunog

Officer Brian Herrera

Officer Tyler Price

Detective Grant Durant

Officer Brian Bagnall

Officer Anthony Chaparro