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TPD Patrol Newsletter

East



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Operations Division East

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Narcotics Investigation

In July, Operations Division East's Community Response Team (ODE CRT) began investigating a drug dealer on the Eastside. During the investigation, the dealer advised that he sold narcotics, specifically fentanyl powder and methamphetamine. He agreed to sell fentanyl powder to an undercover officer, and a meeting was scheduled. Several more undercover buys occurred over a two-month period.

On September 18, 2024, the undercover officer contacted the drug dealer again and requested methamphetamine to purchase. The dealer advised that he had moved to a hotel on the Westside. Undercover surveillance was conducted at the hotel and the drug dealer's identity was confirmed. Before the meeting with the undercover officer, the dealer left the area in a vehicle. CRT officers conducted mobile surveillance while he made several short stops. The dealer, who had a passenger in the vehicle, crashed into a light pole and fled the scene. Responding officers located a handgun in plain view in the vehicle. Both suspects were detained a short time later with assistance from S.W.A.T., K9, and Operations Division West (ODW) patrol.

A warrant was granted to search the dealer's vehicle and his hotel room. During the search, officers located, in total:

- 2 handguns
- 10,000 fentanyl pills
- 980 grams of fentanyl powder

- 14 grams of methamphetamine
- 7.5 grams of heroin

The drug dealer was interviewed and admitted to possessing a firearm although he was a prohibited possessor. He also admitted to having large quantities of narcotics in his hotel room and that he sells narcotics regularly. He was arrested for narcotics sales and firearms related charges and booked into the Pima County Jail.





ODE Statistics

Activity

Type	2024 Division Year to Date	2024 Department Year to Date
Calls for Service	23,514	103,922
Officer-initiated Activity	3,261	24,949
Gun-related Crime	24	155
Homicide	10	50
Traffic Citations	1,319	22,673

Staffing

Type	2024 Division Year to Date	2024 Department Year to Date

Sworn Members	103	801
Community Service Officers	26	143
Professional Staff	4	249

Tucson Pride Parade



Along with Chief Chad Kasmar, Assistant Chief Stacie Schaner, Captains Cindy Mechtel and Lauren Pettey, and many other department members, I participated in the Tucson Pride Parade on September 27th.

Tucson Pride was founded in 1977, making it Arizona’s first and largest established LGBTQ organization. What an accomplishment for Tucson! We should be very proud of our community and the amazing supporters who showed up that night. I am so proud to be a Tucsonan – this is a caring community!

Professional Staff Investigator (PSI) Positions Open



A recent academy class of TPD PSI candidates.

The application process is now open for the Professional Staff Investigator position at TPD. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please check out the link below. The written assessment will be done in person on Saturday, December 7th. Hiring interviews are tentatively scheduled for the week of January 6, 2025. The PSI academy is expected to start in April.

External application link: https://tucsonaz.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Tucson_Talent/details/Professional-Staff-Investigator_JR-1000679

(City of Tucson employee applicants, check Workday.)

If you have any questions about the application/background process, please contact TPD_HRD@tucsonaz.gov. If you have questions specific to the PSI academy, please contact Detective Tina Evans: Tina.Evans@tucsonaz.gov.

Member Highlight



ODE Officer Luis Vasquez accepted the position of Lead Police Officer in December 2023. He immediately took to his new role, meeting with his sergeant to get a clear picture of his expectations and meeting with squad members to find out how best to serve them. Since then, Luis has served as a mentor, friend, teammate, and leader to everyone around him.

He meets regularly with his sergeant to keep him informed about squad business and to bring forward concerns from other members. He actively works to improve himself and others. He makes himself available

and takes on the leadership of the squad when his supervisor is not at work. Luis is quick to acknowledge his mistakes and always has a positive attitude about his own personal growth. He actively seeks training he can go over with the squad, while still attending to his own development. His near-term goal is promoting to sergeant. We are lucky to have this excellent teammate in Squad 4.

Crime Prevention Tip



It's spooky season and National Neighborhood Watch has [tips for Halloween safety](#).

- Provide trick-or-treaters with adult supervision.
- Stay on the sidewalk.
- Choose bright costumes (add some reflective tape and a glow stick) and carry a flashlight.

To deter vandals and burglars (unfortunately, vandalism often goes up over Halloween):

- If you're traveling, put lights/radio/TV on timers to make it seem like someone's home.
- Remove valuables from your car, lock it, and park it in a locked garage, if available.

Links

[Graffiti Removal](#)

[TPD Non-Emergency Online Reporting System](#)

[Report a Code Violation](#) (weeds, trash, junked vehicles, building or sign violations)

[Report a Homeless Encampment](#)

[File a Trespass Letter](#) (for businesses)

[TPD Website](#)

For emergencies: call 911

For police non-emergencies: call (520) 791-4444

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