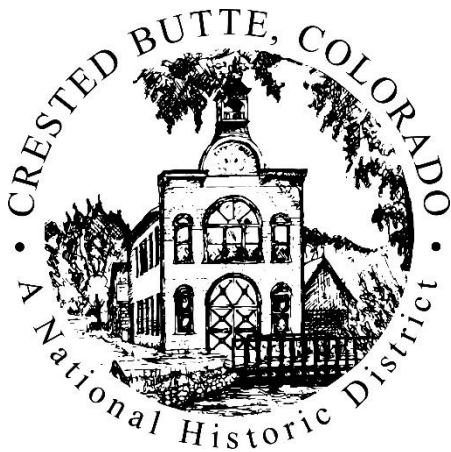


Crested Butte Marshal's Department



2024

Annual Report

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1. The Year in Review

Since at least 1982, the Marshal's Office has provided (brief) annual reports to the Town Manager and Council. In the process of applying for grants, responding to requests for information by our partner agencies and simply wondering what we did last year, in 2019 the Department decided to expand that report and broaden the scope to cover our key mission and conduct practices, short bios of our staff and then, to get the brass tacks of facts, figures and statistics into one document which encapsulates our activities.

An Annual Report allows the Marshal's Office to easily review and reference each year's events, and activities with the benefit, over a series of years, of allowing us to compare and contrast what we have done in the past with what we are doing today. And finally, we can archive and memorialize our work for review by staff and the community.

2. Administration and Logistics

200 Mission/Vision/Values

Mission: In partnership with our community, providing an exemplary level of peacekeeping.

Vision: Aspiring to be a trusted and valued partner, known for our innovation, accountability, and commitment to justice.

Values: Serving with humility, integrity and accountable professionalism while keeping the peace without prejudice or bias.

201 Code of Conduct

Deputies have sworn to uphold the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions and to enforce applicable federal, state, and local laws. All personnel, prior to assuming sworn officer status, shall take and subsequently abide by an oath of office to enforce the laws of the Town of Crested Butte, the State of Colorado and the United States of America, and to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the State of Colorado.

Sworn personnel of the Crested Butte Marshal's Department, by virtue of their oath of office, Colorado Revised Statute 31-15-401 and the United States Constitution reserving police powers to the States, shall have the power and authority, and it shall be their duty, to enforce the ordinances of the Town of Crested Butte, and the laws of the State of Colorado and the United States.



202 Demographics

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| Elevation | 8,885' |
| CB population | 1,589 (2024 local census) |
| CB dogs | 333 (2024 local census) |
| CB housing units | 1,280 (2024 local census) |
| CB blocks | 100 |
| CB Roadways | 12 road miles; 21 lane miles |
| North Valley CBFPD area | 220 sq mi. |
| CBCS | 712 students (308/404), ±100 Staff |
| CB liquor licenses | 42 |
| CB MJ dispensaries | 5 |
| Mt CB population | 938 (2020 State of CO, Dept of Local Affairs) |
| Total N valley population | 5,116 (2020 State of CO, Dept of Local Affairs) |
| Gunnison County population | 16,944 (2020 State of CO, Dept of Local Affairs) |

203 Jurisdiction

Officers are authorized full police powers within the Limits of the Town of Crested Butte. Crested Butte's Marshals have additionally been sworn in as County Deputies since at least 1994 after responding to assist Hinsdale County in the manhunt resulting from Hinsdale Sheriff Roger Coursey being killed. The Gunnison County Sheriff, Adam Murdie, has sworn our officers as Special Deputies to allow them mutual aid jurisdiction throughout Gunnison County. Officers commissioned in another jurisdiction may exercise full police powers under the commissioning agency's authority (i.e. Gunnison/Hinsdale County).

204 Structure and Personnel

The rank structure of the Marshal's Office is specifically directed toward recognizing the special knowledge, experience, training, time in-service and ability of the officers of this department. Officers with more experience mentor junior officers; as the mentorship and training of an officer's potential "replacement" is necessary to an orderly succession within the Marshal's Department.

In 2024 the Town contracted with Graves Consulting to complete a compensation study for all Town staff. As a result, the Town implemented the study's recommendations which included substantial pay raises for our patrol deputies. Additionally, policy was written to reorganize our structure to fit with the newly designed step plan.

Administration

Office Manager – The Office Manager is responsible for overseeing the administration and organization of the office and records by managing a myriad of electronic and paper records and accounts for NIBRS (FBI statistical reporting), sex offender registration, data collection, and the submission of BustedintheButte articles. The Office Manager works routinely with the public to legally release records and with other agencies, such as the District Attorney and the Town Attorney, to properly submit discovery for



criminal/traffic cases. The Office Manager also oversees general services provided to the public such as VIN inspections, fingerprinting and releasing towed vehicles while maintaining records for the impound lot. Finally, the Office Manager assists officers by preparing and recording case files and log sheets, proofreading cases, recording parking tickets, attending Municipal Court, and completing the registrations and re-registrations of sex offenders.

Kayce Steele 610: Kayce started her career with CBMO in 2014 after working with the Gunnison Sheriff's Office as a jail deputy. Kayce is an excellent resource who works well to assist the public by answering countless questions via phone, email, and in-person. Kayce volunteers with the Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League (GVAWL) where she sits on the Board as President. Kayce is also on the board of the Gunnison Valley Crime Stoppers where she is the Secretary.

The Chief Marshal – The Chief Marshal is the Commanding Officer in charge of the Marshal's Office. The Chief works under the supervision of the Town Manager. The Chief Marshal has the responsibility for directing the performance of all subordinates.

Michael Reily 601: Mike started his career in 1991 with the New Orleans Police Department before moving to Colorado and being hired by Crested Butte in 1997. Mike is a graduate of the IACP's Leadership in Police Organizations; and a former IPMBA Mountain Bike Patrol instructor, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Less Lethal, Taser, and Response to Active Aggressor instructor. Mike is a member of the 7th Judicial District Critical Incident Investigative Team (CIIT). Mike is currently a structural and wildland firefighter, rescue specialist, Nationally Registered Emergency Medical First Responder and former EMT-B/IV. Mike was promoted to volunteer Assistant Chief with CB Fire/EMS where he has been a volunteer since 2002.

The Deputy Chief Marshal – The Deputy Chief Marshal is second in command and Executive Officer of the Marshal's Office. The Deputy Chief works under the supervision of the Chief Marshal. The Deputy Chief maintains general supervision over the operation of the personnel under their command to ensure all policies, rules, regulations, orders and directives of the department are communicated to, implemented by, and followed by their subordinates.

Joseph Dukeman 602: Joe started his career with CBMO in 2006. Joe is a current Police Training Officer, Firearms instructor, Less-Lethal instructor, and the Department's Training Coordinator. Joe is a graduate of the FBI LEEDA Supervisory Leadership Institute. Joe is a member of the 7th Judicial District Critical Incident Investigative Team (CIIT). Joe is a former EMT-B and professional Ski Patroller.

Supervisors

Master Deputy (Senior Supervisor) **Sean Besecker** 603. Sean started his career with CBMO in 2011 after working with the Gunnison Sheriff's Office as a jail deputy. Sean is the Department's Police Training Officer (PTO) Coordinator as well as an FBI defensive tactics and Taser Instructor. Sean is a graduate of the FBI LEEDA Supervisory Leadership Institute. Sean is a member of the 7th Judicial District Critical Incident Investigative Team (CIIT), and Gunnison County (SRT) Special Response Team-



“SWAT” team member. Sean is also our Colorado Police Officers Standards (POST) Compliance Coordinator, Representative for the West Central Post Board, and Department Training Coordinator.

Corporal **John Chandler** 606: John started his career with CBMO in 2016. John is the Department’s Intoxilyzer Instructor and responsible for maintaining the Intoxilyzer 9000. John is the department’s shotgun armorer and certified driving instructor. John is precision rifle and designated marksmen certified and a Crisis Intervention Trained officer.

Corporal **Peter Daniels** 605: Pete started his career with CBMO in 2004. As the second longest serving member of the Marshal’s Office, Pete enjoys a wide breadth of knowledge and experience. Pete has been certified as an arrest control instructor in two disciplines and is currently a Tactical Patrol Rifle, shotgun, and handgun instructor. Pete a graduate of an FBI Hostage/Crisis Negotiations course, as well as Series II Hostage Crisis Negotiations. Pete is also the Department’s Evidence Technician and is the go-to officer for bicycle safety rodeos.

Deputies

Deputy Marshal **Cynthea Gunderson** 607: Cynthea started her career with CBMO in 2018. Cynthea is a trained member of the Gunnison/Hinsdale County Sexual Assault (SART) team and a Peer Support Specialist. Cynthea is a former Army Medic and volunteer EMT-B/IV with CBFPD EMS. Cynthea moved on in September to pursue an advanced degree in counseling.

Deputy Marshal **Blake McGregor** 609: Blake started his career with CBMO in 2023 after working for the Denver Police Department since 2018. Blake has a background in investigations and is trained in several investigative techniques. Blake previously worked with the Denver Major Crimes Bureau with a specialized focus on Financial Crimes and Special Victim’s Crimes. Blake has taken over management of the Town’s parking program with Interstate Parking.

Deputy Marshal **Brevin Book** 611: Brevin started his career with CBMO in 2023 after working for the Gunnison Police Department for three years. At GPD Brevin was a member of the department’s SWAT team for two years, where he conducted many search and arrest warrants. Brevin also trained closely with GPD’s K9 and handler. With the Marshal’s Office Brevin is continuing his service as a member of the regional SRT team.

Deputy Marshal **Tristan Spezze** 612: Tristan started his career with CBMO in 2023 after working for the Gunnison Sheriff’s Office for two years. Tristan previously acted as an active SRT (Special Response Team) member for GCSO and has relevant training and experience. Tristan was also the Search and Rescue (SAR) Coordinator/liaison for GCSO managing local SAR teams and rescue operations in the Gunnison Valley.



Deputy Marshal **Wes Hersberger** 613: Wes started his career with CBMO in September 2024 after working for the Gunnison Sheriff's Office for eight years, leaving at the rank of Sergeant. Wes previously acted as an active SRT (Special Response Team) Leader for GCSO and has relevant training and experience. Wes has extensive training as a firearms instructor, vehicle CQB (Close Quarter Battle) instructor, and CQB instructor. Wes has acted as a Field Training Officer (FTO) and FTO Coordinator for GCSO. Wes has participated in investigations ranging from Search and Rescue to high-profile homicides.



205 Shifts

The Officer Manager typically works 8a-5p shifts from Monday through Friday. Officers typically work 16 10-hour shifts in a 28-day cycle. Shifts are divided into day and night shifts with a 30-minute afternoon overlap where officers exchange information during shift briefing. Shifts span the week from Sunday to Wednesday and Wednesday to Saturday. The overlapping Wednesdays are assigned as training days. Shift coverage in the off-hours is by Dispatch callout to the best available officer(s) based on the type of call and response priority. Care is taken to place staffing when and where it is needed, especially during special events, and to provide multiple-officer coverage as much as possible.

206 Training

All members of the department undergo regular monthly and annual training. Colorado POST mandates 24 hours of training annually and the Department exceeds that by many hours. In 2024 the department provided 53.5 hours of training to each officer and officers attended an additional average of 60 hours of personal training each for a total of 931.5 hours of training. Officers conduct regular training in the high liability areas of Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Driving, legal issues and policy.

The Department's Police Training Officer (PTO) Program is designed after Reno, Nevada's adult learning model. Our intensive PTO training lasts about three months and is supplemental to the Academy education an officer receives. In addition to reiterating the lessons learned at the Academy, PTO trainees learn skills from 15 Core Competency areas with emphasis on Problem Based Learning for community-oriented policing and problem solving in Crested Butte. The course of study pairs new officers with experienced veteran officers who have shown a strong aptitude for training.



Officers attend a myriad of outside vendor trainings through Colorado POST to obtain and maintain instructor certifications or enhance their professional skills, knowledge and abilities. Officers attend one or two, in-person, hands-on, inner-departmental trainings each month where they also discuss current departmental activities, debrief recent incidents and plan for upcoming events. Officers also complete monthly on-line Police One Academy and CIRSA trainings to further supplement our other trainings.

January: At our January 10th departmental training, Deputy Cynthea Gunderson presented information on Trauma Informed Sex Assault, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing and Mental Wellness training.

February: Common offenses and case report requirements. Crisis Intervention Techniques.

Deputy Chief Joe Dukeman attended the annual Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, New and Aspiring Chiefs Conference February 5-6 in Broomfield, CO. On February 21st our officers assigned to the County Response Team attended Tactical Emergency Medical training at Curecanti's Elk Creek visitor center presented by paramedics with Gunnison Health.

March: Incident Command System, Disaster Manual.

April: CRS Criminal Code

At our April 24th departmental training, members of the department, who are not current EMTs, completed refresher training to maintain their CPR/AED certifications.

Over the week of April 15th Blake McGregor successfully completed training in Grand Junction to become an emergency vehicle operations (EVOC) instructor.

May: Active Shooter response

June: Anti-Bias, Sexual Assaults and Victim's Rights. Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC) training with our instructors John Chandler and Blake McGregor.

Tristan Spezze and Brevin Book attended a week-long basic tactical team training in Longmont.

Training was presented to members of Explorer Post 0911 on safe firearms handling with an exercise in shooting clays.

July: Patrol Rifle/Carbine training

August: Non-fatal Strangulation, CRS traffic code, Firearms range training

September: De-escalation, radar testimony

October: Community Policing, Police Role and Authority

November: Airborne and Bloodborne Pathogens, Less Lethal, and De-Escalation. Brevin attended a RMTTA basic sniper course in Colorado Springs.

207 Employee Observation Report Awards (EOR)/Promotions Meritorious Service Award

The summer of 2024 presented with challenges of a remarkable busy-ness. Officers in the north end of the valley found a myriad of incidents which by and far they dealt with in a professional manner providing an exemplary level of peacekeeping.

Of particular note are the incidents below where officers acted as trusted and valued partners with the community they serve, acting with accountability and a



commitment to justice. As such, the following officers were presented with Letters of Commendation for their outstanding contributions.

JOSEPH DUKEMAN

On 7/2/2024 Deputy Chief Joseph Dukeman tracked down and arrested a reported drunk driver who left Crested Butte to travel up Kebler Pass Rd. With a general description of the vehicle provided by the reporting party, Joe managed to locate the driver just past the Gravel Pit where the vehicle was stopped in the middle of the road. The 62-year-old, male, driver was largely uncooperative but, enough evidence of driving while intoxicated was found to arrest him on this, his tenth DUI charge. Once the driver entered the unincorporated County, the local danger was over but, Joe identified the larger problem and removed this menace from the roadways where our families drive.

7/14/2024 Deputy Chief Joseph Dukeman responded to and investigated an incident of harassment where a 38-year-old local, man, chased and slapped a 16-year-old visitor in the face because he rode his e-bike (electric bicycle) through the Second St and Maroon Av intersection without stopping at the stop sign. Joe ensured everyone was safe and the juvenile was with a guardian before dealing with the aggressor, citing him to court for Harassment.

JOHN CHANDLER

On 07/07/2024 Deputy Marshal John Chandler investigated a vehicle versus bicycle collision at the intersection of Gothic Avenue and Sixth Street. The investigation took the better part of July with many interviews and scene conditions to take into account. The case concluded by finding the cyclist at fault for riding without a headlight and failing to yield right-of-way to the motor vehicle at a 4-way intersection.

PETER DANIELS

On 6/19/24 Deputy Marshal Peter Daniels, began an investigation into the use of a fake ID to attempt purchase of marijuana. With continued determination he identified and cited an 18-year-old with "False Credentials" on the 21st while also learning of an earlier attempt to purchase marijuana with another fake ID on the 18th.

We can't imagine anyone with the Department more effected by Gene Estes' passing than Deputy Marshal Peter Daniels who initiated the response for a welfare check on 7/12/2024. Our condolences to Gene's family and all who knew him. Pete kept in regular contact with Gene after his son died in 2020. The Department acknowledges our collective gratitude to Pete for his care and attention to the members of our community who need care and compassion but don't always have enough nearby. Pete is a credit to his family, the Department and the Town for what he would humbly say is just being a good human; his consistent efforts with our community are way more than that.

CYNTHIA GUNDERSON

On 7/11/2024 Deputy Marshal Cynthia Gunderson conducted a hit-and-run investigation from a crash which occurred the previous night and wasn't reported until



later that morning. Presented with a 15-year-old female driver responsible for the crash, officers located the other damaged vehicle and Cynthea cited the driver with Careless Driving, Driving Without a Valid Driver License, and Misuse of a Wireless Telephone.

Further recognition goes to Deputy Marshal Cynthea Gunderson for her six years of service to the Town of Crested Butte as an outstanding police officer and to the north valley as an EMT with CBFPD. As she leaves our service, we wish her well in pursuing it all, including a master's degree with the intent of serving the mental health needs of her new community, first responders and veterans.

BLAKE MCGREGOR

On 06/17/2024 Deputy Marshal Blake McGregor initiated an investigation into a vehicle reportedly stolen from the US Post Office. Over the next 10 days Blake attempted to make sense of the stories woven by the owner, the described thief, and witnesses. The vehicle was ultimately reunited with the owner without much clarification from any of the parties involved. Nonetheless, Blake treated the incident seriously befitting an investigation of this nature and closed the case appropriately.

BREVIN BOOK and TRISTAN SPEZZE

On 06/19/2024 while the MtCBPD officers were busy with another call, Deputies Spezze and Book responded for mutual aid to a fire alarm at a hotel. While there, they assisted CB Fire to ensure no life safety or property were at risk and the small fire was out. While investigating the cause, they discovered a 32-year-old male they were in contact with had a Park County warrant and arrested him.

On 6/29/2024 Deputy Marshal Brevin Book and Deputy Marshal Tristan Spezze responded to the report of a visiting, young, teen who arrived without parental supervision. After some diligence, Brevin and Tristan located the unaccompanied juvenile, who had nowhere to stay in Crested Butte, and took them into protective custody. Ultimately, the person was evaluated by Crested Butte EMS, Department of Human and Health Services was notified and transportation was arranged to GVH until a guardian arrived from out of county. Brevin and Tristan took what could have been a disaster for a young person, in over their head, and ensured their safety until someone could provide care; community caretaking at its finest.

JOHN CHANDLER and BLAKE MCGREGOR

On 07/02/2024 Deputy Marshals John Chandler and Blake McGregor assisted MtCB Officer Joe Pecharich with an investigation of a weapon offense which occurred at a dispersed campground near MM 25 on CR12. The officers came up with a plan where they collectively worked together to safely resolve the dispute without weapons coming into play.

The officers' dedication to serving the community, caring for others, and their unceasing effort in investigations are in keeping with the highest standard of police work and bring credit to the Marshal's Office deserving of recognition. Well done and thanks to all for going above and beyond.



Hired

In September we were pleased to hire Deputy Marshal Wes Hersberger who worked for eight years at the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office, leaving at the rank of Sergeant.

Promotion

At 20 years of service, Peter Daniels was promoted to Corporal befitting his exceptional knowledge, skills and abilities as a Marshal.

Kayce Steele completed her tenth year with the department and Town. She is another irreplaceable asset to both the department and Town.

3. Department Equipment

300 Standard Equipment

Officers typically wear around 25 pounds of gear when they are working uniformed patrol. While working uniformed patrol, officers are required to wear protective body armor which is contained in an outer carrier designed to better distribute the heavy loads they carry. Officers are authorized departmental or personal Taser X2, handgun, shotgun and patrol rifles. Officers are issued dual-band, DTRS/VHS handheld radios, and vehicles with additional DTRS and VHF radios for communication with other public safety users and Gunnison Dispatch.

Officers utilize the Axon Body Worn Camera system per State law and Department policy to protect the public, the Department and officers during enforcement contacts or other situations where documentation or memorialization of events is needed.

301 Patrol Vehicle Use

The Department assigns vehicles to full-time deputies for patrol and emergency response. The take-home vehicle program has demonstrated long-term fiscal, logistical and service benefits to the Town. Vehicles get better care during operation and storage and accumulate fewer annual service miles and hours of operation than pool vehicles which results in an extended vehicle service life. Vehicles subsequently require less frequent replacement and a reduced frequency of transfer and replacement of support equipment (radios, emergency, safety equipment, etc.). Ultimately, per mile operational costs are reduced.

The take-home vehicle program reduces the risk of complete fleet damage due to acts of nature or disaster (e.g., hail damage, tornado, floods, snowstorms) as well as planned or opportunity based intentional damage and vandalism, domestic destruction and/or terrorism which might render the entire fleet unavailable for deployment.

Deputies are responsible for the care and maintenance of their assigned vehicles and have a vehicle ready in the event they are called to duty.



Assigned vehicles - 9

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Make/Model,</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>Driver</u> | <u>2023 miles</u> | <u>2024 miles</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2013 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 60 | Book | 77,055 | 86,235 |
| 2014 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 59 | Besecker | 99,705 | 107,036 |
| 2015 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 58 | Reily | 53,550 | 60,079 |
| 2016 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 57 | Spezze | 56,199 | 66,602 |
| 2017 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 51 | McGregor | 32,520 | 35,771 |
| 2018 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 62 | Gunderson | 66,556 | 77,691 |
| 2020 | Tesla X Model | 56 | Dukeman | 16,503 | 22,000 |
| 2021 | Tesla Y Model | 54 | Daniels | 7,575 | 13,330 |
| 2022 | Tesla Y Model | 55 | Chandler | 2,100 | 7,332 |

Department vehicles - 4

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Make/Model,</u> | <u>#</u> | <u>2023 miles</u> | <u>2024 miles</u> |
|-------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2004 | Chevrolet ISV | 61 | 228,080 | 228,080 |
| 2018 | Zero FXP motorcycle | E5 | 2,524 | 2,578 |
| 2018 | Zero FXP motorcycle | E6 | 2,472 | 2,581 |
| 2007 | Chevrolet Tahoe | 55 | retired/spare | sold |

302 Other Significant Department Property

The department's office and grounds are monitored by a camera system and DVR recorder. Each officer has a computer workstation with which to conduct investigations and complete the extensive reporting required to document their activities. Deputies also have Department issued cell phones to access Computer Aided Dispatch, mobile ticketing and related documentation apps.

4. 2024 Budget Overview

401 General

The Marshal's Office budgeted \$1,652,542 and spent \$1,462,375 in 2024 from the General/Capital Fund which was used to pay employee salaries, overtime and benefits, dispatch fees, victim's assistance fund, records management services, the body worn camera program, equipment, fuel, vehicle maintenance, office supplies, and other general operating expenses.

On May 9th Chief Reily met with the County's Victim's Advocate (VA), Amy Engleman, and other senior law enforcement executives to discuss VA funding and updates to the program. We universally agree the program is beneficial and should be continued even if agencies might have to bear some additional costs should grant funding cease or decrease.

As noted earlier, Town contracted with Graves Consulting to complete a compensation study which included substantial pay raises for our patrol deputies.



| Crested Butte - Proposed 2025 Deputy Marshal Step Plan | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Cadet Rate | \$67,626 | \$71,604 | | | | | | | | |
| | 32.51 | 34.43 | | | | | | | | |
| Deputy Marshal | <u>Entry</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Step 4</u> | <u>Step 5</u> | <u>Step 6</u> | <u>Step 7</u> | <u>Step 8</u> | |
| | \$79,560 | \$81,947 | \$84,405 | \$86,937 | \$89,545 | \$92,232 | \$94,999 | \$97,849 | \$100,784 | |
| | 38.25 | 39.40 | 40.58 | 41.80 | 43.05 | 44.34 | 45.67 | 47.04 | 48.45 | |
| | | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | |
| Corporal | <u>Entry</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Step 4</u> | <u>Step 5</u> | | | | |
| | \$92,232 | \$94,999 | \$97,849 | \$100,784 | \$103,808 | \$106,922 | | | | |
| | 44.34 | 45.67 | 47.04 | 48.45 | 49.91 | 51.40 | | | | |
| | | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | | | | |
| Master Deputy | <u>Entry</u> | <u>Step 1</u> | <u>Step 2</u> | <u>Step 3</u> | <u>Step 4</u> | | | | | |
| | \$106,922 | \$110,130 | \$113,434 | \$116,837 | \$120,342 | | | | | |
| | 51.40 | 52.95 | 54.54 | 56.17 | 57.86 | | | | | |
| | | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | 3.00% | | | | | |

402 Capital

In 2024, working under the Council's green initiative, and with the advice of our Fleet Manager, we opted to purchase a Chevy Blazer EV electric SUV to replace a Tahoe. Chevy was unable to provide the Blazer within the 2024 calendar year so that vehicle was not received but is still expected in early 2025.

Thanks to Gunnison County Juvenile Services who provided the Marshal's office with grant funds intended to improve radio coverage. The funds were used to purchase a dual band packset so, now, all of our officers have the same, modern, radios.

For many years the Marshal's Office has been making do in our current space. Not only have we outgrown the facility, there is no room to conduct training, there are security concerns as well as environmental impacts in keeping our vehicles response ready. The Marshal's Office worked with Community Development and the architecture firm Torti Gallas + Partners to outline potential options for an expanded facility which would better meet our needs. We hope to continue this conversation with an aim toward designing a proper facility in 2025 and potentially building in 2026.

5. Activity

CBMO routinely conducts mutual aid with CBFPD and MtCBPD and works well with other area agencies such as Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado State Patrol, Gunnison Sheriff's Office and the Gunnison Police Department.

Support was provided, as needed, to recurring events such as the Art Markets, Alpenglow, the Sunday Farmers Markets as well as minor support to race events such as The Grin and Bear It, and CB Ultra.

500 Special Events

January

6 12th Night Bonfire went off without a hitch.

February

2-3 38th Alley Loop Nordic Marathon & Pub Ski

13 Mardi Gras - Security and escort provided as usual.

April



6 Flauschink parade escort

May

1 CB Fire/EMS, Mt CB Police and the Marshal's Office escorted the Class of 2024 CBCS graduates as they paraded through CB to celebrate the 2024 Senior class.

27 North valley officers escorted our veterans and their families to and from the Second St bus stop to the CB Cemetery for the Memorial Day parade to honor our lost service members.

June

14 KBUT Fish Fry

The Chainless World Championships went back to their post-post-retro-rogue period and did their own thing unsupported. No closures.

15-16 WESA Adult Soccer Tournament

23 Pedal Your Butte Off

29 Touch a Truck at Big Mine

July

2 Tony's Speakeasy – A Black and White Celebration

4 Elk Avenue Independence Day Parade and CBFDP Pancake Breakfast

13 Grin and Bear It

29 Grand Tasting at Big Mine

August

2-4 The CB Arts Festival was moved back to Elk Av while CBCS undergoes renovations.

4 Rotary Rubber Ducky Race. With 2,000 gallons of help from Crested Butte Fire's Tender Two the ducks made their way from the First Street bridge to Totem Pole Park for the finish.

Fall

CB Art Market (1st and Elk Parking Lot)

Hunting seasons

September

8/30-1 Paragon Art Gallery's People's Fair on Elk

7 Chili and Beer Festival on the Mountain

8 Bridges of the Butte – 4 hour format

11-22 Vinotok

15 Melanin Market

21-22 ARTumn Festival (1st and Elk parking lot)

28 CB Ultra race

October

4 Red Lady Celebration

9 County flu shot clinic

31 Assisted KBUT with their annual Halloween Fright Parade down Elk Av to the Library.

November

11 Chief Reily participated in the Community School's Veteran's Day events to include a recorded panel discussion with Student Council members.



27 CBMR ski area opened for the season.

December

7 Light up the Butte

29 Chanuka in Crested Butte

31 New Year's Eve

501 Statistics

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| Dispatched Incidents | 1992 | 1807 | 1539 | 1421 | 1397 |
| Agency Assists | 308 | 318 | 307 | 233 | 296 |
| Alcohol offense Cites | 0 | 7 | 19 | 0 | 5 |
| Business Checks | 1669 | 1654 | 1984 | 1619 | 1756 |
| Case Follow Up | 425 | 523 | 760 | 451 | 788 |
| Courtesy Transports | 72 | 109 | 118 | 91 | 74 |
| Fingerprinting | 12 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 16 |
| Pedestrian Contacts | 1605 | 1887 | 683 | 316 | 601 |
| Reports/Supplemental | 222 | 207 | 170 | 168 | 195/55 |
| Residence Checks | 512 | 388 | 434 | 289 | 503 |
| VIN checks | 51 | 35 | 52 | 45 | 40 |

502 Major Incidents, Mutual Aid and Emergency Management

There were no major incidents or Emergency Management Operations in the Town of Crested Butte in 2024.

The Marshal's Office works closely with the Crested Butte Fire Protection District, Gunnison/Hinsdale Regional Communications, Gunnison County Emergency Management and other first response organizations to address foreseeable emergency incident situations. With the aid of local, state and federal partners we routinely meet to discuss potential mitigation, planning, response, and recovery efforts for common and uncommon incidents such as highway closures, wildfires, winter storms, active aggressor situations, evacuations and a myriad of less common disaster situations where mitigation and pre-planning could be mutually supportive.

In October, the Marshal's Office worked with Crested Butte EMS to swap out Town Hall's outdated AED for an updated Automated Defibrillator. The Town Hall AED now matches the ones in our Marshal's vehicles.





We greatly appreciated the coverage provided by a Gunnison Sheriff's deputy on 10/5 which allowed the on-duty, north-end, officers to attend the memorial services for Deputy Hannah Erikson-Diehl.

The Town and Marshal's Office have seats at the tables of many local agencies for oversight and discussions with the Gunnison/Hinsdale County Emergency Telephone Services Authority (Communications) Board, West Region Wildfire Council, Crested Butte Fire Protection District, Gunnison County Emergency Management, GVH Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Response Team, 7th Judicial District Critical Incident Investigation Team, Project Hope's Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Response Teams, Gunnison County Substance Abuse and Prevention Program, and the West Region POST (police training and accreditation) Board.

Investigations

At the end of November officers were called to a Sixth St business for a burglary. An employee closing the business confronted a person who broke in and quickly fled when challenged. As a result of that incident another trespass incident was discovered to have occurred in October with that same subject at a nearby school. The 13-year-old subject was identified and cited to Juvenile Court in Gunnison.

The Fall season ended with a flurry of underage attempts to purchase cannabis at local dispensaries which resulted in a bunch of citations to Municipal Court for False Credentials. Underage purchasers should be warned, the stores for adult beverages and other substances do call the cops when they encounter fake IDs and we do give credit for that poor decision making.

The fall also brought a smattering of Community School students to Municipal Court for possession of Nicotine on campus. CBCS has installed vape detectors in the school which alert staff to illicit use on campus. The detectors, along with the old-fashioned human version, work in conjunction with 2023 ordinance supported by GCSAPP to give underage offenders a trip to a corresponding juvenile diversion program via our local court to encourage smoking/vaping cessation.

503 Social Media/Community Relations

The Department maintains a Facebook page at [Crested Butte Marshal's Office |](#)



[Facebook](#). Posts to Facebook are generally informational, such as letting people know when we will be towing or of upcoming street closures or events.

The Department sometimes publishes a brief synopsis of the week’s events in the Crested Butte News’ BustedintheButte. Busted was introduced in 2000 as an educational and entertaining piece which continued a tradition started with the Law and Disorder in Crested Butte column which ran in the local newspapers from 1972 to 1983. In 2010 a 12-point set of guidelines were put in place to address the type and manner of submissions. The posts are generally anonymous with respect to persons and specific place unless commendable actions are being cited.

The public is reminded to take advantage of the drug takeback drop box at the Marshal’s Office. With the exception of radioactive chemotherapy medications and illicit drugs, people should feel free to bring in any unused or expired medications or prescriptions to keep them out of the water supply or landfills where they could affect the environment and our drinking water. Medications are disposed of by a company specializing in their proper disposal.

6. Patrol Operations

601 Communications

CBMO utilizes the dispatch services of the Gunnison/Hinsdale Regional Communications Center in Gunnison, CO. Our officers predominately utilize the State’s Digital Trunked Radio System but have access to the County’s VHF radio system when the digital system is down or when providing mutual aid assistance.

602 Crimes

Type of Crime reported

| | Assault | Domestic | DUI/DUID | Disorder/Harass | False Cred | Theft |
|------|---------|----------|----------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| 2024 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 8 |

603 Arrests

Monthly

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| F | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| M | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

4 Felonies

19 Misdemeanors

Over the last five years our annual criminal caseload has remained relatively similar over that time period.

604 Emotionally Disturbed Persons

CBMO routinely works with the Mobile Crisis providers of Gunnison Valley Hospital’s Behavioral Health office. In July 2021, after working with Gunnison Valley Hospital’s Behavioral Health department and other first response agencies, a Mental Health Mobile Crisis program was initiated. GVH also established a north valley mental



health office in the Ore Bucket building.

At our January 10th departmental training session, officers met the newest Mobile Crisis Team member, Melanie Weinstein along with Bryan Dillon. Making this connection with our partners on the Mobile Crisis team is a valuable for all of us helping those in mental health crisis.

In 2024 Officers responded to 38 dispatched calls for welfare checks and 17 mental health calls, one of which was significant enough to require a report. Additional mental health resource assistance is provided by CBMO and CBEMS to members of the community on a weekly basis.

The statistics which we normally keep on mental health holds, also known as an “M1”, or a crisis transport hold (M.5) have undergone a bit of a transformation with regard to law enforcement with the addition of a Mobile Crisis team. The mission of Mobile Crisis is to go to people in crisis, or better yet, before they go into crisis. The proper mental health resources, and not law enforcement, attempt to address the crisis or need where it is occurring. The best practice is to avoid placing someone on a 72-hour mental health hold where they are transported miles and hours away from home. Sometimes this is unavoidable but, more often than not, Mobile Crisis, therapists and other mental health/medical resources can address people’s needs before the crisis requires being taken in on a hold. With that in mind, law enforcement wholeheartedly supports the mobile crisis program and we remain available to provide for the clinician’s security until a call is stabilized and our presence is no longer needed.

605 Deaths

No deaths were reported in the Town of Crested Butte over the course of 2024.

The Marshal’s Office typically works with our partners in the Coroner’s Office, CBFPSD EMS and the Victim’s Advocate to respectfully respond, investigate and follow-up as needed with the families and friends of the deceased.

606 Response to Resistance (Use of Force)

There were no uses of force in 2024 based on 924 enforcement contacts and many further consensual interactions. Uses of force are systematically reviewed for legal, ethical, policy and procedural compliance.

607 Tactical Operations

There were no significant tactical operations conducted by the Marshal’s Office in 2024.

608 Ride-Along Program

CBMO offers and encourages ride-alongs to qualified candidates. Several Explorers, Council Members and community members participated in the program in 2024. We appreciate each rider’s willingness to get to know our officers, become familiar with our activities and the valuable services we perform.



609 Animal Control

CBMO utilizes the services of Paradise Animal Welfare Society and their shelter to help reunite owners with their dogs and to shelter pets when their owners are arrested or incapacitated. PAWS provides animal welfare services to; care for lost animals until they can be reunited with their owners; allocate financial aid for vet bills & spay/neuter to qualified pet owners; facilitate pet placement into loving forever homes; foster care outreach; assisting with pet microchipping & registration; prevent animal cruelty & neglect and, educate the public about critical issues concerning our furry friends.

609.2 Bears

Some fall bear activity was reported near the south side of Crested Butte as two bears prepared for hyperphagia. When confronted by officers the bears treed as is their expected response.

7. Traffic Operations

All CBMO vehicles are fully marked and equipped with Radar speed monitoring devices. Additionally, the Town utilizes both fixed and mobile radar speed monitoring in problem locations.

The Marshal's Office uses crash reporting software provided by Lexis-Nexis which allows for a streamlined report writing and distribution of crash reports. Crash reports completed on this program are available via <https://buycrash.lexisnexisrisk.com>.

700 Reportable Accidents Investigated

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Crash | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| H&Run | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

32 Crash Reports

13 Hit and Run

Over the last five years our annual reported traffic crashes have remained relatively similar over that time period.

701 Moving Violations

The Marshal's Office conducted 323 traffic stops in 2024. Officers are always looking for the best way to approach traffic safety. We believe most people respond positively to education and benefit from a warning. Some drivers want to do what they want to do regardless of the rest of the us, and generally, they get a ticket.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Warnings | 27 | 23 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 13 | 54 | 13 | 18 | 13 | 6 | 40 |
| Tickets | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| SpeedTix | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

280 Traffic warnings

43 Moving violations



11 Speeding

Over the last five years our annual traffic enforcement statistics have remained relatively similar over that time period with the exception of 2020 where the numbers dipped due to a decreased number of personal contacts advised during the pandemic.

702 CBMO Parking

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Warnings | 60 | 55 | 36 | 18 | 22 | 30 | 72 | 24 | 17 | 15 | 395 | 83 |
| Tickets | 235 | 96 | 39 | 9 | 8 | 31 | 68 | 16 | 16 | 3 | 38 | 133 |

827 Warnings
 687 Tickets
 1,514 total

Over the last five years our annual traffic enforcement statistics have remained relatively similar over that time period with the exception of 2019 and 2020 where the numbers grew by several hundred, although with generally a 50/50 split of tickets to warning. We attribute the rise to both pre-pandemic tourism numbers and increased pandemic visitations.

In addition to the parking enforcement conducted by the Marshal’s Office, in 2021 the Town contracted with Interstate Parking for additional summer and winter permit parking enforcement in CB. The website for that program can be found at <https://www.parkcrestedbutte.com/>. In 2024, the Marshal’s Office took oversight of the Interstate Parking contract from Community Development. In that process, based on conversations with Council, and at their direction, parking enforcement was balanced more toward ticketing versus warning. The slightly increased enforcement and emphasis on proper collections were made under the concept that the program has been in operation for long enough for sufficient advertisement to ensure parkers would be familiar with the program.

703 Towing and Winter Parking

From November 1 to April 30 of each year, the core travel routes in town are eligible to be cleared of accumulated snow and ice. CBMO assists Public Works in keeping these routes clear by ticketing and towing vehicles in areas of concern.

The winter of 2018-2019 utilized a new set of Winter Parking rules which have proven to be more user friendly. However, anyone who does not understand the rules is encouraged to contact the Marshal’s Office for clarification.

In December, Interstate Parking implemented the Skier Parking Permit program to discourage long-term parking in the neighborhoods surrounding the Sixth St bus stops. County residents were given an exemption to park in these Skier Parking Zones if they registered their vehicle with Interstate. Early indications are this program is being utilized and working to reduce congestion for local residents.

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tows | 95 | 108 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 48 |

284 Total



8. Investigations

800 Evidence and Property

Our evidence technicians continued to dispose of unneeded evidence and returned a good deal of found property to the rightful owners.

801 Domestic Violence

Five arrests were made for Domestic Violence related cases in 2024. People are strongly encouraged to report all incidents of Domestic Violence.

802 Identity Theft

Identity theft related incidents continue to be a source of irritation for our residents and guests alike. People and businesses continue to fall prey to a variety of scams and identity theft.

Identity theft victims are asked to:

1. Report the fraud to their employer and keep a record of who they spoke with.
2. Report the fraud to your state unemployment benefits agency.
3. Visit [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) to report the fraud to the FTC and get help with recovery.
4. Review credit reports often.

Don't respond to any calls, emails, or text messages telling you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Local, State and Federal agencies will never tell you to repay money that way. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer.

803 Victim's Rights

The Gunnison County Law Enforcement Victim's Advocate assisted with eight CBMO cases in 2024. Law Enforcement Victim Advocates provide support and services to victims of crime or traumatic situations such as assaults, domestic violence, sexual assault and fatalities 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Victim's Advocates provide on-scene and in-person response, crisis intervention, criminal justice support, VRA information and resources. The breakdown of cases was:

Adult Physical Assault: 2
Adult Sexual Assault: 1
Domestic Violence: 2
Harassment/Stalking: 2
Violation of Protection order: 1

804 Juveniles

Zero secure holding incidents were reported to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor in 2024.

805 Asset Forfeiture

No forfeited assets were seized with our 2024 cases.

