

# ELM RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Message From The Chief



Brandon Kennedy  
Chief of Police

On behalf of the men and women of the Elm Ridge Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2024 Annual Report. Our mission as an organization is to bring professional and progressive policing methods that exceed the expectations of our community. We value the trust of our citizens and will perform our duties by following our core values of service, integrity, transparency, and empathy.

I am pleased to announce that in 2024 we experienced a low crime rate, comparably lower than most of Denton County. This is not just a reflection of the hard working men and women we have serving this community every day, but a reflection of the community whom we serve, as well as the Board of Directors for providing us the means to proactively reduce crime in the communities we serve.

We invite you to join us in partnership to keep Elm Ridge safe by participating in one of our many community programs such as Citizen's Police Academy, Camera Registration Program, Vacation House Watch, our Police Explorer's Program, and more.

Each of our employees are honored and committed to serving the community. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call upon us.

# About the Department



The Elm Ridge Police Department was founded in 2018 and began operations in January 2019. The current authorized strength of the department is twenty-five full-time Police Officers, one part-time Detective/Property Technician, and two civilians.

The sworn structure of the police department includes a Chief of Police, two Police Captains, an Administrative Sergeant, Patrol Sergeants, Detectives, a School Resource Officer, Canine Handler, Neighborhood Services Officer, and Patrol Officers.

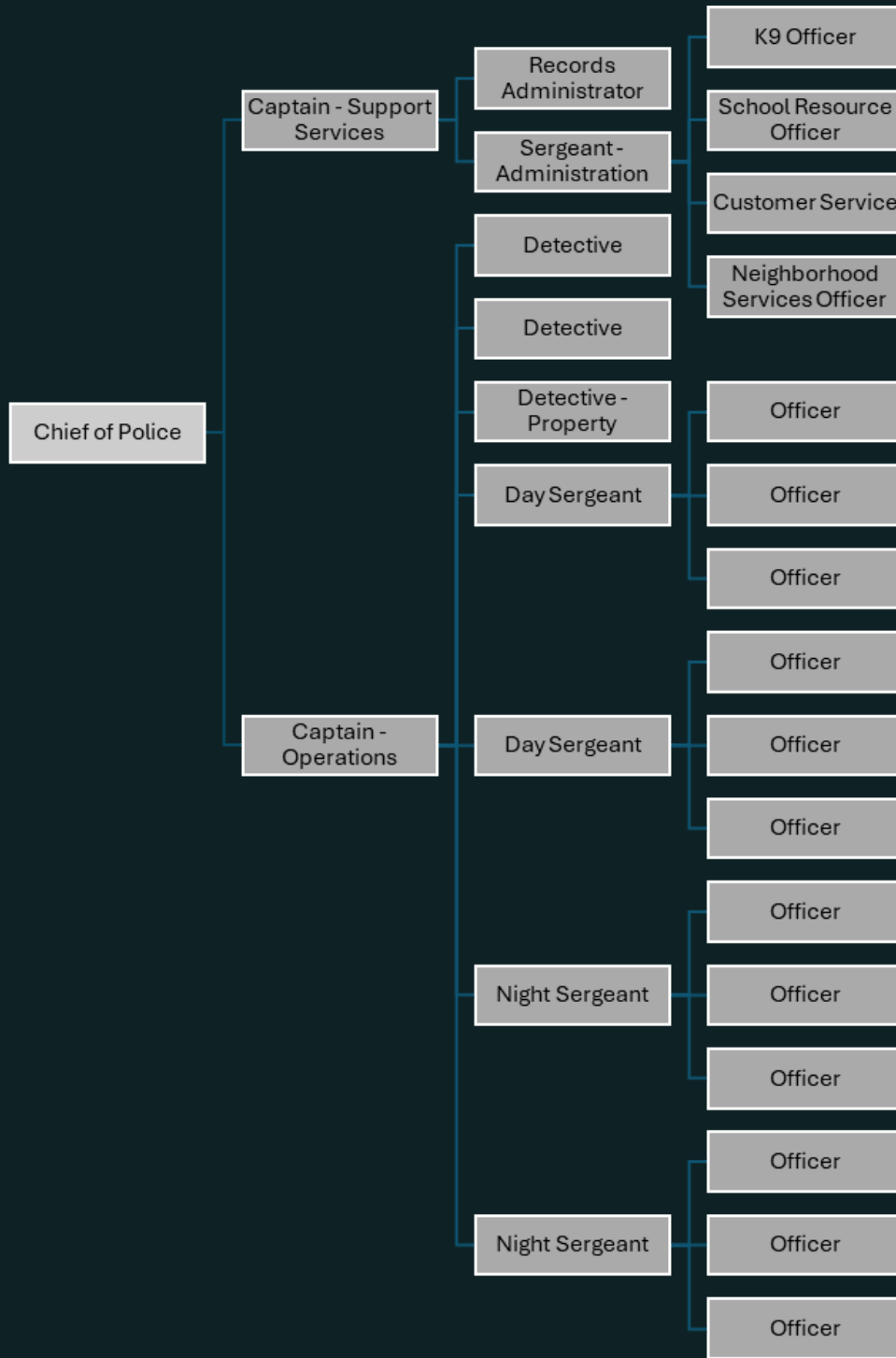
The department operates within four values: Service, Integrity, Transparency, and Empathy. Every decision made, whether internally or externally, is tested against these values to ensure we are abiding by our department's policing philosophy. Our philosophy, at its core, is building partnerships with our community and engaging in internal and external collaborative efforts. The pursuit of this philosophy is maintained to ensure we keep the trust of the citizens we serve as well as continually executing our public duties at the highest degree of excellence.

The police department operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The police department lobby is open Monday through Friday from 8:00A to 5:00P.





# Organizational Chart





# NIBRS & Crime Statistics

Elm Ridge Police Department, along with other agencies across the United States, utilize the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is the most effective way to track crime trends because it tracks all crimes committed during a single incident.

If multiple crimes occur in a single incident, all violations are reported separately. For example, if a wallet is stolen during a vehicle burglary, and a credit card is used by the criminal, NIBRS will count two crimes: theft from motor vehicle and credit card fraud.

The table on the next page shows the 2024 NIBRS reportable offenses for the Elm Ridge Police Department. The report also provides you the crime rate per 1,000 residents which is standard calculation for determining crime across the country.

To explain the Crime Rate per 1,000 inhabitants: This represents the number of Index offenses per 1,000 inhabitants.

In 2024, compared to 2023, Crimes Against Persons increased 19.35%, Crimes Against Property decreased 5.37%, and Crimes Against Society decreased 70%.

**The overall crime rate of Elm Ridge WCID decreased 1.65%.**

For more information, see the graphic on page six.

The low crime rate experienced in Elm Ridge is a direct reflection of the community's involvement, the leadership and vision of our district's Board of Directors, and the relentless work our officers put in every day when coming to work.



# Crime Statistics

Classification of Offenses	Offenses Reported	Rate/1000	Last YTD Reported
Animal Cruelty, Total	2	0.10	0
Arson, Total	0	0.00	0
Assault Offenses, Total	142	6.76	118
Aggravated Assault	6	0.29	11
Intimidation	33	1.57	4
Simple Assault	103	4.90	103
Bribery, Total	0	0.00	0
Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Total	16	0.76	6
Counterfeiting/Forgery, Total	2	0.10	10
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Total	19	0.90	42
Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Total	5	0.24	25
Drug Equipment Violations	3	0.14	15
Drug/Narcotic Violations	2	0.10	10
Embezzlement, Total	0	0.00	0
Extortion/Blackmail, Total	0	0.00	0
Fraud Offenses, Total	27	1.29	30
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	4	0.19	10
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	5	0.24	9
Welfare Fraud	0	0.00	0
Wire Fraud	0	0.00	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0.00	0
Identity Theft	16	0.76	11
Impersonation	2	0.10	0
Gambling Offenses, Total	0	0.00	0
Betting/Wagering	0	0.00	0
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0.00	0
Sports Tampering	0	0.00	0
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0.00	0

Classification of Offenses	Offenses Reported	Rate/1000	Last YTD Reported
Homicide Offenses, Total	0	0.00	1
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0.00	1
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0.00	0
Human Trafficking, Total	0	0.00	0
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0.00	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0.00	0
Kidnapping/Abduction, Total	4	0.19	1
Larceny/Theft Offenses, Total	62	2.95	53
Motor Vehicle Theft, Total	12	0.57	6
Pornography/Obscene Material, Total	0	0.00	4
Prostitution Offenses, Total	1	0.05	0
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0.00	0
Prostitution	1	0.05	0
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0.00	0
Robbery, Total	2	0.10	2
Sex Offenses, Total	2	0.10	4
Fondling	0	0.00	3
Rape	2	0.10	1
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0.00	0
Sodomy	0	0.00	0
Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible, Total	0	0.00	0
Statutory Rape	0	0.00	0
Incest	0	0.00	0
Stolen Property Offenses, Total	1	0.05	0
Weapons Law Violations, Total	1	0.05	1

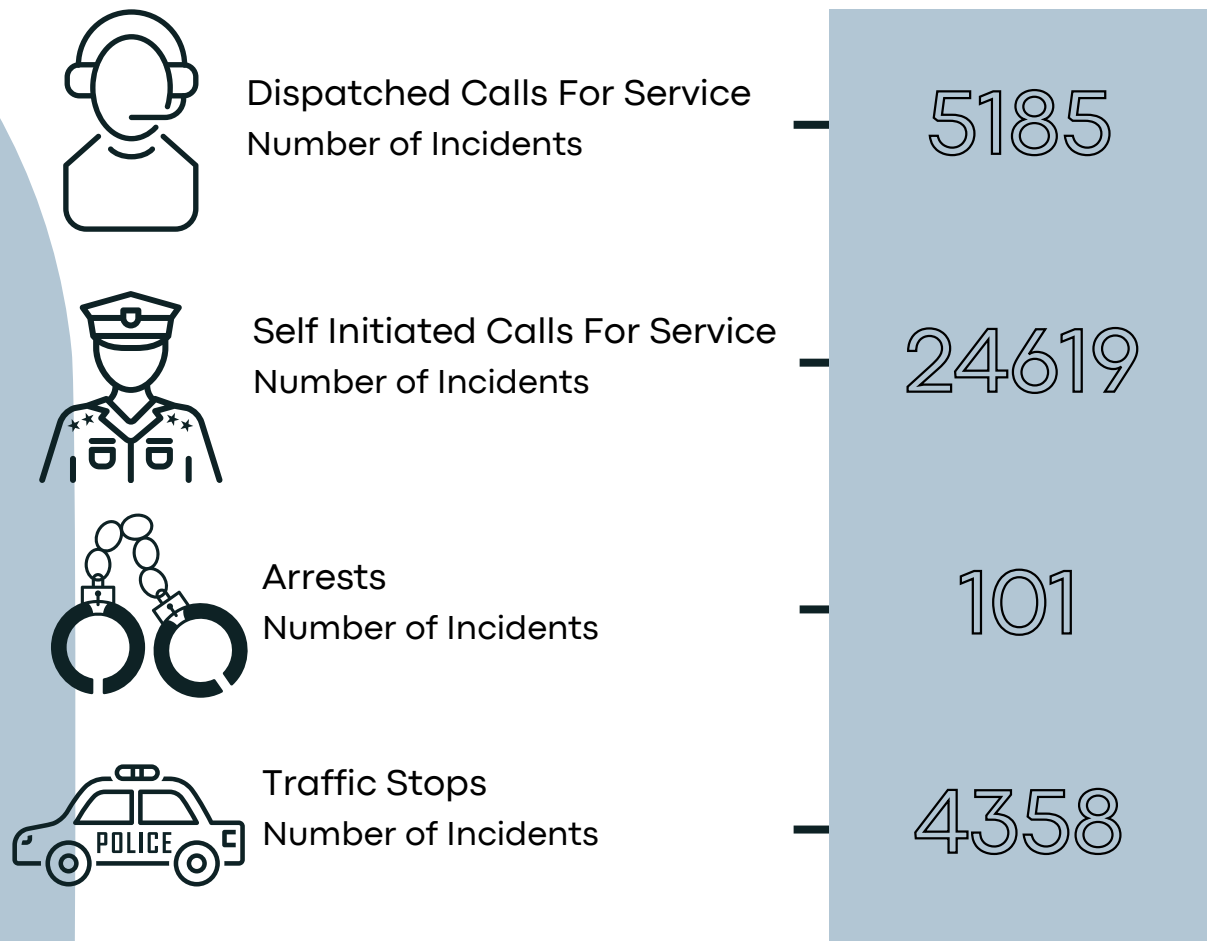
Offenses Totals	Offenses Reported	Rate/1000	Last YTD Reported	Percent Change
Group A Offense, Total	298	14.19	303	-1.65%
Crimes Against Person, Total	148	7.05	124	19.35%
Crimes Against Property, Total	141	6.71	149	-5.37%
Crimes Against Society, Total	9	0.43	30	-70.00%
Officers Killed or Assaulted YTD	0		0	0.00%





# Calls For Service

Elm Ridge Police Department's patrol division handled over 29,000 calls for service in 2024. The criminal investigations division conducted follow up investigations on 739 cases and referred 157 cases to the District Attorney's office for prosecution. Elm Ridge Police Department recovered over \$148,000 in stolen property in 2024.



## 2023 vs. 2024 Comparison

Dispatched Calls for Service increased by 72% from 2023  
Self Initiated Calls For Service increased by 72% from 2023  
Arrests remained the same as 2023  
Traffic Stops increased by 73% in 2023



# Community Programs

Crime prevention is a community effort. Elm Ridge Police Department was built off the community policing philosophy and values the input and teamwork with our community to keep the crime rates low. We offer a wide variety of community programs for the community. Some of the programs offered are listed below.

- **Police Explorer Program**

The Police Explorer Program is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America through the Learning for Life Organization. The program is available for ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) to 20.

- **Citizens Police Academy**

An in-depth, hands on course taught by the law enforcement professionals who patrol your streets everyday. The academy is open to all residents of Elm Ridge WCID (Savannah, Arrowbrooke, and Artesia.)

\*Coming soon after the opening of the Elm Ridge Municipal Complex

- **Vacation House Watch Program**

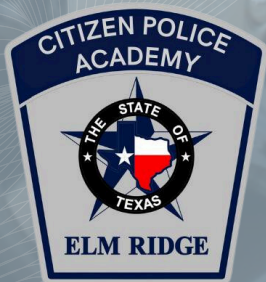
Elm Ridge Police Department offers a Vacation House Watch service that provides increased patrols for those residents who are away from home.

- **Special Needs Alert Program (S.N.A.P.)**

The Elm Ridge Police Department's Special Needs Alert Program (SNAP) helps first responders identify children, or adults, who are unable to communicate their names or addresses due to a cognitive impairment or other special needs.

- **Bicycle Registration Program**

As a service to our residents, Elm Ridge Police Department officers free bicycle registration. In registering your bike with the department, you significantly increase the chances of it being returned in the case of theft or loss.



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