

# Crested Butte Marshal's Department



**2020**

**Annual Report**

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# 1. Mission Statement

It is our mission in partnership with our community, to provide an exemplary level of service and protection to the residents and businesses of Crested Butte and to all those who may visit, work in, or travel through our community. We will serve the community through integrity, honesty, dedication, loyalty, and professionalism to enforce the law without prejudice or bias. We vow to vigorously pursue those who commit serious crimes against these people. We will respect the rights of those accused of committing crime, as well as being sensitive to those victimized by crime.

## 2. Administration and Logistics

### 200 Code of Conduct

Deputies have sworn to uphold the U.S. and Colorado Constitutions and to enforce 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 to 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.

Prior to assuming the duties of a peace officer, all certified employees shall be required to affirm the oath of office expressing commitment and intent to respect constitutional rights in discharging the duties of a law enforcement officer (Colorado Constitution Article XII Section 8).

### 201 Standard Operating Philosophy

Our doctrine does not consist of procedures to be applied in specific situations so much as it establishes general guidance that requires judgment in application<sup>1</sup>. Not only must we not stifle boldness or initiative, we must continue to encourage both traits in spite of mistakes<sup>1</sup>. Officers are hired and trained for their judgment and initiative; we expect they will use both.

Errors by junior officers stemming from over-boldness are a necessary part of learning. We should deal with such errors leniently: there must be no "zero defects" mentality.<sup>2</sup> With the admonishment that we are all accountable for our actions and, respecting that errors in officer safety can prove particularly costly, we must learn from errors and correct them before they become mistakes. Critical self-analysis, even after success, is essential to improvement.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> "Warfighting". US Marine Corps.

<sup>(2)</sup> On War. Clausewitz cited by "Warfighting: US Marine Corps."



## 202 Demographics

Elevation	8,885
CB population	1,723 (2019 estimate-wiki)
CB housing units	1,178
CB blocks	100
N valley CBFPD area	220 sq mi.
CBCS	789 students, ±100 Staff
CB liquor licenses	43
CB MJ dispensaries	5
Mt CB population	876 (2019 estimate-wiki)
Total N valley population	±6,000
Gunnison County population	17,462

## 203 Jurisdiction

Officers are authorized full police powers within the Town Limits of the Town of Crested Butte. Gunnison County Sheriff, John Gallowich, has sworn our officers in 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 County).

## 204 Structure and Personnel

The rank structure of the Marshal's Office is specifically addressed 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 "replacement" is necessary to an orderly succession within the Marshal's Department.



## Administration

**Office Manager** – The Office Manager is responsible for overseeing the management 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 general public to legally release records and with other agencies, such as the District Attorney, to properly submit discovery for criminal 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 Manger assists officers by preparing and recording case files and log sheets, proofreading cases, filing parking tickets, attending Municipal Court, and completing the registrations and re-registrations of sex offenders.

**Kayce Barnett** 610: Kayce started her career with CBMO in 2014. Kayce is an excellent resource who works well to assist the public to answer countless questions by phone, email, and in-person. Kayce volunteers with the Gunnison Valley Animal Welfare League (GVAWL) and is a huge animal advocate.

**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 Active Aggressor instructor. Mike is a currently a Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Responder and former EMT-B/IV. Mike is also a volunteer Lieutenant with CB Fire/EMS.

**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 and the Department's Training coordinator. Joe is a graduate of the FBI LEEDA Supervisory Leadership Institute. Joe is a former Less-Lethal instructor, EMT-B and professional Ski Patroller.

## Supervisors

**Master Deputy (Senior Supervisor)** **Sean Besecker** 603. Sean started his career with CBMO in 2011. 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.



Deputy Marshal IV (Supervisor) **James Beda** 604. James started with CBMO in 2013 having served as a federal police officer for one year prior to his service here. James is a US Army veteran with combat experience in Iraq. James is one of the Department's Police Training Officers, Less-Lethal and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing instructor. James is Precision Rifle certified and a Crisis Intervention Trained officer. James is a graduate of the FBI LEEDA Supervisory Leadership Institute. James is also one of the Department's armorers.

### Deputies

Deputy Marshal II **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.

Deputy Marshal II **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. John is Precision Rifle certified and a Crisis Intervention Trained officer.

Deputy Marshal I **Cynthea Gunderson** 607: Cynthea started her career with CBMO in 2018. Cynthea is a former Army Medic and current volunteer EMT-B/IV with CBFPD Fire/EMS.

Deputy Marshal I **Ryan Dawes** 608: Ryan started his career with CBMO in 2019. Ryan is a former Navy Seabee with combat experience in Afghanistan.

### **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 shift coverage in the off-hours by callout. Shifts span the week from Sunday to Wednesday and Wednesday to Saturday. The overlapping Wednesdays are assigned as training days. Care is taken to place staffing when and where it is needed; especially during special events.

### **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 2020, even with the pandemic limiting in-person training, the department averaged over 142 hours each. 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 training program. Our intensive PTO training lasts about three months and is supplemental to the Academy training an officer receives. In addition to reiterating all of 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 officer who have shown a strong aptitude for training.

In January James Beda and John Chandler completed a winter driving course in Glenwood Springs. Reports are they performed well on the course and the other officers are picking up winter driving tips learned in the course from them.

In February James, Cynthea and Ryan participated in Jiu-Jitsu (police grappling) training down in Gunnison with Colorado Parks and Wildlife officers. Joe Dukeman put on a 4-hour training to instruct officers in the policy and implementation of our Body Worn Cameras.

In March Joe and Pete attended a Red-Dot-Sight instructor school in Ft Collins. The veteran firearms instructors then used their new RDS instructor skills to provide 15 hours of training to the rest of the department as we transitioned to department-owned, 9mm, RDS pistols.

In July Deputy Chief Joe Dukeman and Deputy Marshal IV James Beda completed the 4.5 day FBI-LEEDA Supervisory Leadership Institute in Grand Junction.

John Chandler put on a very safe and successful emergency response exercise at the Community School on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The training was attended by CBCS school staff, CB Fire and EMS, CBMO, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado State Patrol, Gunnison Dispatch, Gunnison EMS, Gunnison Sheriff's Office and MtCB Police. Everyone came away having polished their skills, learned something new and met someone from an agency they didn't know before.

On September 24 Mike and Cynthea attended the CIRSA Law Enforcement Regional Round-Table in Mt Crested Butte where information was presented on investigative detentions, mental health crisis response, Colorado's Red Flag law, Body Worn Cameras, policing protests/demonstrations and the new ELEI (SB-217) Act.

On September 28 Mike attended a Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity training with Council and other Senior Staff presented by Real Consulting.

In November James completed handgun instructor school and can provide training for the department as an in-house expert on firearms safety, and elements of legal use of force/de-escalation.

James was invited to instruct at the Delta Regional Training Academy December





7-9 where he trained cadets in Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) as part of their academy training.

#### 207 Employee Observation Report Awards (EOR)/ Promotions

John EOR - John Chandler was commended for the safe and successful emergency response exercise he coordinated at the Community School on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

John EOR - No sooner than John Chandler put the above training exercise to rest he picked up a complex missing persons case. John spent a great deal of time communicating with the family to keep them informed of activity related to the case. Within a short time of posting the flyers someone called to provide information which allowed officers and EMS find the missing man in Mt Crested Butte and let his family know of his safe discovery.

James EOR - James Beda had been working with a confidential informant since 2019 regarding the unlawful distribution of dangerous drugs in Crested Butte. As a result, one focus of James' drug investigation turned to a person who was reportedly selling cocaine. Over a year period James worked with members of the 7th Judicial Drug Task Force and even with some efforts being stalled by the COVID-19 pandemic he was able to continue working the case to confirm the target was selling illegal drugs. James secured search warrants for the suspect's residence and vehicle and on 11 November officers executed search warrants and arrested Brian Smith and his roommate, Christopher Kogos, for distribution/possession of an estimated \$40,000 worth of various dangerous drugs including more than 1/3 kilo of cocaine, 195 Ecstasy tablets and seized \$3,438 in illegal drug sale proceeds.

Sean Promotion - On December 14 Sean Besecker was promoted to Master Deputy (Sergeant) after completing the numerous requirements and making the requisite time in the previous rank of Deputy Marshal IV. Sean's leadership, knowledge and experience is an asset to the Marshal's Office as a senior supervisor.

Pete, James John, Joe EOR – From October 2020 to New Year's Eve 2020 officers dealt with the erratic behavior of an adult female living in and around Crested Butte. Officers conducted multiple welfare checks on the female with the assistance of CBFPD EMS where she largely remained uncommunicative. We learned who the female was from our partners at the Gunnison Police Department that she is someone who suffers from several mental health disorders and was previously listed as an adult "Missing Person" in 2019. We also received the mother's contact information at that time. Adult Protective Services and Mental Health were consulted on multiple occasions but it was never determined she fit the criteria for an involuntary 72-hour mental health hold.

John contacted the mother and she provided some information regarding her daughter and the daughter's unwillingness to accept help. We were told what we already knew, that when contacted by law enforcement or any authority, she shuts down and offers nothing other than a blank stare. The female had not seen her family in two years and the daughter had reportedly been arrested in every ski town in



Colorado for minor offenses.

Officers continued to attempt to provide support and resources which could help her but were rebuffed for two months until Pete was able to get the mother to come convince her to return to their home in another county.

Like many other mental health issues this case became a chronic concern for the north valley departments. Adding to that concern was the female's unwillingness to take any help from safe resources, choosing instead to seek help from those with potentially ulterior and possibly nefarious motives. So many officers on our department had a hand in trying to solve this puzzle which was unlike any we have dealt with in the past and which seemed to defy being solved by local resources. It was only through the diligent efforts of these officers that we were able to reach a safe conclusion, albeit possibly only temporarily, to protect a human life.

### 3. Department Equipment

#### 300 Standard Equipment

Officers typically wear between 25 and 30 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 rifle. Officers are issued a DTRS handheld radios and vehicles with additional DTRS and VHF radios for communication with other public safety users and Dispatch.

In February the Department implemented a Body Worn Camera program using the Axon Body 2 system.

#### 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 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 vehicles and have a vehicle ready in the event they are called to duty.

#### Assigned vehicles - 8

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model,</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>2019 miles</u>	<u>2020 miles</u>
2007	Chevrolet Tahoe	55	Dawes	82,800	94,200
2008	Nissan Pathfinder	54	Daniels	49,000	53,300



2013 Chevrolet Tahoe	60	Dukeman	45,430	51,575
2014 Chevrolet Tahoe	59	Besecker	35,860	69,865
2015 Chevrolet Tahoe	58	Reily	31,500	37,250
2016 Chevrolet Tahoe	57	Gunderson	34,000	39,800
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe	51	Chandler	14,500	19,820
2018 Chevrolet Tahoe	62	Beda	23,445	33,190

Department vehicles - 3

Year	Make/Model,	#	2019 miles	2020 miles
2004	Chevrolet ISV		228,031	228,035
2018	Zero FXP motorcycle	E5	1,197	1,858
2018	Zero FXP motorcycle	E6	1,046	1,847

**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 to document their activities. Deputies also have access to three Getac tablet computers for Computer Aided Dispatch and report use in the field which were obtained on a grant.

## 4. 2020 Budget Overview

**401** General (select)

	Annual Budget	Expense	Variance
Salaries and Wages	600,546.24	601,054.40	-508.16
Overtime	10,000	5,785.84	4,214.16
Office	15,566	10,251.74	5314.26
Equipment	15,000	213,746.55	1,253.45
Uniforms	8,255	7,200	1,055
Vehicles	19,000	18,348.64	651.36
Victim Advocate	6,524	6,364	160
Dispatch	70,823	70,823	0
Travel/Education	8,000	3,130.53	4,869.51
Dues/Subscriptions	1,500	1,139.50	360.50

**402** Capital

The vehicle budgeted to replace the 2007 Tahoe was put on hold until 2021 because of Covid-19 budget concerns.

	Annual Budget	Expense	Variance
Vehicle	110,000	0	+110,000

## 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.



## 500 Special Events

### January

- 1 New Year's Day was oddly quiet.
- 6 12<sup>th</sup> Night Bonfire
- 24-26 Fat Bike World Championship-Downtown Winter Criterium

James Beda assisted the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Drug Task Force in conducting a Montrose area round-up to conclude their year-long drug trafficking investigation resulting in thirteen indictments.

### February

- 1 Alley Loop Nordic Marathon & Pub Ski
- 25 Mardi Gras - Security and escort provided as usual.
- 29 In cooperation with the Center for the Arts, the Marshal's Office hosted a Junior Forensics Laboratory which Cynthea Gunderson presented to 7 enthusiastic junior investigators.

### March

Many of the regularly scheduled events in 2020 became virtual events once county/state restrictions went into effect in mid-March.

### April

- 1. Slight changes to our recurring 'Groundhog Day' duties with the phases of the Public Health Orders coming into effect.
- 2. CBMO officers continued to be visible and deal with a random assortment of PHO violations as well as the typical criminal violations.
- 3. The Marshal's Office was in daily communication with our emergency services partners to coordinate planning and response operations for Covid-19. We really appreciated how mutually supportive those efforts were from police, fire and EMS throughout the County.
- 4. CBMO broke up a few small gatherings of folks after the single person event limitations were put in place.
- 5. Kayce assisted with the County's Social Media Public Information efforts as needed.
- 6. CBMO and Mt CB officers supported the security function at the north valley screening sites.

### May

CBMS graduated their 2020 Senior class on May 30. A socially distant graduation was held in the CBMS parking lot where participants were protected in their vehicles. The proceedings were broadcast on KBUT radio for all to hear and celebrate with the graduates and their families. To conclude the graduation, CBMO and CBFPD escorted the vehicle parade of graduates through Crested Butte and back to the school.



## Summer

Free Market-Emergency Food Relief

Crested Butte Farmer's Market - The markets are well run and able to self-police.

Alpenglow - cancelled

## June

22-28 Junior Bike Week - Cancelled

26 Chainless World Championships - Cancelled

27 Officers assisted with an orderly and well attended Thrive – BLM Rally

28 Black and White Ball - Cancelled

## July

4 Parade – Cancelled

4 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast

4 The Gothic to Crested Butte 1/3 Marathon

## August

31-2 Arts Festival – Cancelled

2 Rotary Rubber Ducky Race – virtual spectators

7-8 CB Street Vault (Rescheduled-Revised App Pending)

29 Bridges of the Butte - Cancelled

## Fall

CB Art Market (1<sup>st</sup> and Elk Parking Lot)

Hunting seasons.

## September

4-6 2020 Summer Grand Traverse

5-6 Paragon People's Fair – Cancelled

12 Chili and Beer Festival – Cancelled

26-27 ARTumn Festival (1<sup>st</sup> and Elk parking lot)

## Winter

October

In the last week of October Chief Reily participated in a tabletop exercise involving the Little Blue road construction with Gunnison, Montrose and Delta County first responders and; met with more local emergency management regarding evacuation planning and; met with the Gunnison Communications Director regarding efforts to improve radio communications.

22 We had a successful drug takeback where people brought old and unused medications to the Marshal's Office to be professionally destroyed. This service is an option anytime the office is open.



## November

On Monday 5 October 2020 at about 4:30pm the offices of KBUT and the Crested Butte Marshal's office were evacuated for about an hour after a partially detonated avalanche mitigation shell was dropped off at 508 Maroon Av. The explosive device was reportedly found on a ski area trail and brought to the Marshal's Office by a hiker. The Grand Junction Bomb Squad was consulted about the shell's safety and plans were made for them to respond to render it safe on Tuesday. There was no imminent danger to the general public from the device. On Tuesday 6 October 2020 at about 2:00pm members of the Grand Junction Bomb Squad rendered the explosive device safe with a controlled detonation in a safe area. Our thanks to Grand Junction for their mutual aid and assistance. The public is reminded that if they find any potential explosive devices that they be left where they are found, deny access to the area and notify the authorities of their whereabouts.

Throughout 2020 the Department participated in community conversations with the Council and the Black Lives Matter Community Coalition, often acting as a resource but more importantly, listening to the concerns of the community and nation with regard to social justice and policing. At the end of the year Mike participated as a panelist on the Black Lives Matter Community Coalition's Uncomfortable Conversations Zoom on Sunday, November 29th.

## 501 Statistics

	2018	2019	2020
Agency Assists	320	391	308
Alcohol offense Cites	7	5	0
Business Checks	1572	1856	1669
Case Follow Up	456	490	425
Courtesy Transports	93	99	72
Fingerprinting	20	22	12
Pedestrian Contacts	412	412	1605
Reports/Supplemental	262	242	222
Residence Checks	307	503	512
VIN checks	65	45	51

In March Covid-19 effected CBMO operations in several ways which are reflected in these statistics. The lack of alcohol offenses is reflective of alcohol venues and special events being closed, then opened to carry out sales, and finally having an enlarged footprint on Elk Av which limited the potential alcohol offenses which could be committed. The decrease in fingerprinting and courtesy transports resulted from officers limiting the amount of unnecessary close contacts with people in the office and our vehicles. The huge rise in pedestrian contacts resulted from officers making contacts to inform people of the Elk Av mask mandate while they conducted foot patrol.



## 502 Major Incidents, Mutual Aid and Emergency Management

In March the effects of Covid-19 hit the valley and the ski area in particular. The Town lost several longtime locals to the disease and the effects were profound and concerning. CB town government participated deeply in the incident command meetings and conversation regarding the public health warnings. In March the Town Manager was given emergency powers to institute public health orders for CB. As part of the Coronavirus response plan the county asked second homeowners and visitors to not come to Gunnison County. Emergency services worked together to institute PPE and cleaning protocols and respond appropriately to emergency and non-emergencies in a way which would limit the spread of the virus and protect first responders.

In May the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority (Authority) to replace the E-911 and Communications Boards was signed by all members. This will allow Gunnison Dispatch to operate as an enterprise fund under an eight-member board who hired an Executive Director to lead Dispatch. We believe this is the right direction at this time.

On November 11th James Beda concluded an extensive drug sales investigation by safely serving a search warrant at a Silvanite Condo unit with the assistance of Mt Crested Butte Police and other partner agencies. 1/3 Kilo of Cocaine, 195 tablets of Ecstasy, other various drugs worth around \$40,000 and over \$3,400 in cash were seized. Two local men were placed under arrest for a myriad of drug related charges.

## 503 Community Relations and Social Media

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

In 2020 many national Social Justice concerns again brought to light issues effecting law enforcement. The unnecessary death of a fellow human caused by a police officer is inexcusable. The ensuing protests are understandable. The rioting and destruction are upsetting. The sadness we feel is palpable and our commitment to do better as a profession must occur.

During these traumatic national events, our community should not forget we are knee deep in a pandemic; that we have lost beloved community members; and that others are suffering. The Town has also seen tremendous support from locals, visitors and summer residents. Acts of kindness and caring abound. Please know that these positive acts drive your first responders to go the extra distance for every one of you.

In our community, peace officers are not immune to the possibility of bad policing or bias or unlawful activity in our ranks. We work to immunize ourselves through training, accountability and instilling empathy and connection to our community. We recognize that the long standing social capital CBMO has accrued is built on and maintained by mutual investment by the public safety agencies in our valley to stay current in best practices, work collectively with our communities, and to hold ourselves accountable to those we serve. The CBMO mission statement starts with, "in partnership with our community" and we renew our promise to be better with you and for



you, the Crested Butte community and our visitors. We pledge our commitment to live up to the expectations you have of us. We are all in this together

## 6. Patrol Operations

### 601 Communications

CBMO utilizes the dispatch services of Gunnison Regional Communications in Gunnison, CO. Our officers predominately utilize the State's DTRS radio system but often need to utilize the County's VHF radio system when they provide mutual aid assistance.

### 602 Arrests

Monthly

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
F	1	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	2	1	0
M	2	4	2	0	2	2	3	7	5	2	1	0

12 Felonies

30 Misdemeanors

### 603 Crimes

Type of Crime

	Assault	Domestic	DUI/DUID	Harassment	False Creds	Underage
2020	9	5	7	8	8	7

### 604 Emotionally Disturbed Persons

CBMO works with our Gunnison Mental Health and Gunnison Valley Hospital partners to assist people in mental health crisis. The Mental Health office in the Ore Bucket building which was opened in June of 2019 continued to pay dividends as so many members of our community have been struggling to deal with the events of 2020 and the restrictions required by the Covid-19 pandemic.

The department had eight significant mental health crisis cases requiring documentation. Additional mental health assistance is provided by CBMO and CBEMS to members of the community on a weekly basis.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
M1/M.5	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1

### 605 Deaths

Five deaths were reported in the Town of Crested Butte over the course of 2020. One each in March, June and September and two in October. The Marshal's Office worked with our partners in the Coroner's Office, CBFPD EMS and the Victim's Advocate to respectfully respond, investigate and follow up as needed with family and friends in each of these deaths.

### 606 Response to Resistance (Use of Force)

There were 0 uses of force in 2020 based on 4411 enforcement contacts.





**607** Tactical Operations

CBMO performed two minor tactical operations for search warrant services in 2020. All officers are trained in SWAT tactics and procedures and complete regular training to ensure tactical proficiency and legal familiarity.

**608** Ride-Along Program

CBMO offers ride-alongs to qualified candidates. Several Council members participated in ride-alongs in 2020 and we appreciate the members taking the time to get to know our officers and gain some understanding of our activities. People who do not have disqualifying conditions are encouraged to ride-along with officers to develop a better understanding of what police officers do in the course of protecting the town.

Several Council members took the Marshals Office up on our offer to hang with us on patrol or during training. In August, Candice attended Victim’s Rights training delivered to both CB and MtCB officers. Not the most exciting training but she stuck with us and hopefully learned some information on services afforded to crime victims in Colorado.

Councilmembers Will Dujardin and Mallika Magner took rides with Cynthea and Pete respectively to get some insight into our daily operations and surely, they had some enlightening conversations.

On September 16, Councilmember Will Dujardin and Town Manager Dara MacDonald attended rapid decision-making response-to-resistance/de-escalation training and were bombarded with information over the four hours of training. We were pleased with Will’s willingness to participate in several drills and officers were impressed with his responses.

Thanks to those who took the time out of busy schedules to spend time with us.

**609** Animal Control

CBMO utilizes the services of Paradise Animal Welfare Society and their shelter.

709.1 Dogs

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Warn	11	8	17	3	17	9	11	6	7	3	3	12
Cite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1

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609.2 Bears

We received a few calls and made a few sightings in August of a 250-300 pound bear with two blue ear tags getting into garbage cans. Officers hazed the bear and were able to keep this “previous offender” (that’s what the ear tags mean) bear from having to be put down.

## 7. Traffic Operations

All CBMO vehicles are fully marked and equipped with either Radar or Lidar



speed monitoring devices. Additionally, the Town utilized both fixed and mobile radar speed monitoring in problem locations.

**700** Reportable Accidents Investigated

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Crash	3	5	1	1	0	3	2	3	3	3	2	3
H&Run	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1	0	1

29 Crash Reports

12 Hit and Run

**701** Moving Violations

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Warnings	60	63	32	5	10	46	75	38	33	34	28	22
Tickets	6	7	3	0	2	3	5	6	7	7	6	1

446 Traffic warnings

53 Moving violations

**702** Parking

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Warnings	93	43	79	9	18	60	111	104	92	31	121	133
Tickets	232	131	59	2	2	5	40	15	29	12	99	180

894 warnings

806 Tickets

**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 seemed to be more user friendly.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tows	51	33	17	0							32	62

Total 195

## 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

By all expectations law enforcement was told to assume an increase in domestic violence cases during the initial months of the pandemic. The belief in early 2020 was that people being trapped together would cause more domestic strife and result in more domestic violence. Unexpectedly we did not find this to be true with respect to reported



domestic violence incidents. The key word being “reported,” as it is entirely possible incidents of domestic violence were occurring, but people did not report them. Overall, domestic violence arrests were down from eleven in 2019 to five in 2020.

#### **802** Identity Theft

Identity theft related incidents continue to be a source of irritation for our residents and guests alike. Over the summer CB experienced a trend of scammers spoofing vacation rental web sites. People were arriving in CB expecting to get into places they rented online only to find the website they used was not the actual website for the rental property. These episodes of fraud were reported to the actual rental companies and rental websites for remediation.

The Federal Trade Commission identified a large-scale scam erupting in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic where imposters file claims for unemployment benefits, using the names and personal information of people who have not filed claims. People learn about the fraud when they get a notice from their state unemployment benefits office or their employer about their supposed application for benefits. People were informed that this scam means someone is misusing personal information, including Social Security number and date of birth. People were 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. State 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 Victim's Advocate assisted with 29 CBMO cases in 2020. 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.

#### **804** Juveniles

Zero secure holding incidents were reported to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor in 2020.

#### **805** Asset Forfeiture

As the result of a November drug seizure (IR 20-198), \$3,438 in illegal assets were recovered from the suspect. This money was placed into a seizure fund but would not be turned over to the Marshal's Office until legal proceedings are completed.

