

# Crested Butte Marshal's Department



**2023**

**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

For 2023 we updated our Mission statement and added Vision and Values statements. We hope this has as much meaning for you as it does for us.

**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	1,615 (2021 local census)
CB housing units	1,244 (2021 local census)
CB blocks	100
CB Roadways	12 road miles; 21 lane miles
North Valley CBFPD area	220 sq mi.
CBCS	712 students, ±100 Staff
CB liquor licenses	41
CB MJ dispensaries	4
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. In April, the newly elected Gunnison County Sheriff, Adam Murdie, again swore-in 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.

### 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 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, recording 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 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).

Deputy Marshal IV **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.



## 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 **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 current volunteer EMT-B/IV with CBFPD EMS.

Deputy Marshal III **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 II **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 II **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/liason for GCSO managing local SAR teams and rescue operations in the Gunnison Valley.





## 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 2023 the department provided 52 hours of training to each officer for a total of 468 hours of training with officers attending an additional average of 50 hours of personal training 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 program. 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.

### March:

Cynthea completed the 4-day Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor certification in Denver, CO.

### April:

1. Pete completed a five-day, Crisis Negotiations class in Grand Junction.
2. Blake completed a three-day Standardized Field Sobriety Test training in Breckenridge.
3. Brevin and Tristan attended a five-day Behavioral Analysis Training Institute interview class in Montrose.

### May:

17 - The department trained in Personalities and Ethics with former Gunnison County Sheriff Rick Besecker.





25 - Blake and Tristan attended an Intoxilyzer certification training in Grand Junction.

Cynthea used her newfound instructor certification to re-certify the Department in Standardized Field Sobriety Tests.

#### June:

7 - Officers completed our annual firearms qualification course at the GSA range.

8 - John Chandler attended a Drug Impaired Driving Identification course in Gunnison.

#### August:

9 - First responders from CB, MtCB and CBFDPD conducted active aggressor training at the Community School to better prepare potential responders and to enhance cooperation between the agencies.

#### September:

In mid-September the CB and MtCB police departments hosted a regional Force Science training where officers learned about the behavioral science and human dynamics behind improving peace officer performance in critical situations.

#### October:

Joe and Blake attended the week-long MesaTac emergency incident response training in Grand Junction.

#### November:

29 - Officers completed our less-lethal training refresher with an overview of the systems we have been trained on by our in-house instructor Joe Dukeman. The training concluded with an exposure to OC (pepper spray) vapor in a closed room both with, and without, a gas mask. We would recommend doing this with the mask on, and would not recommend doing it with the mask off.

#### December:

6 - Officers completed our winter firearms training session in unseasonably warm, yet winter, conditions. Great training presented by our in-house instructor Pete Daniels.

Officers assigned to the County's tactical response team took advantage of the Gunnison Fire Training Center and an acquired structure in Mt CB to train with other members from Gunnison County.

As our December online training, the officers completed training provided by Colorado POST on "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR)."

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

#### Daniels Meritorious Service Award

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, Deputy Marshal II Peter Daniels was awarded a Meritorious Service Award by the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office for his actions serving as the lead negotiator during an armed standoff in August of 2021. The incident was resolved without injury to anyone because of Pete's abilities as a trained negotiator and his caring as a human.

#### Book and Spezze Hired

In January, Deputy Marshals II Brevin Book and Tristan Spezze, who came to us with a few years of experience with agencies in the County, started a modified PTO training program. They work  $\frac{3}{4}$  part-time while taking the fall off to operate a guiding service. They completed PTO training in April.



### McGregor Hired

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, Deputy Marshal III Blake McGregor, who comes to us with five years of experience with Denver PD, started a modified PTO training after being sworn in by Municipal Court Judge McDonald. He also completed PTO training in April.

### Chandler Promotion

On 21 August 2023 Deputy Marshal John Chandler was promoted to Deputy Marshal IV (corporal) after exceeding the training and time requirements, consideration, and testing for promotion to this supervisory position. John is a valued member of the department and his contributions to ensuring the safety of our community are truly appreciated.

### McGregor ID Investigations

On 12/27/2023 at about 1:00pm Deputy Marshal Blake McGregor tracked down three subjects using interviews, open-source searches, DMV records and neighborhood canvassing to eventually contact visiting parties before they left town. He got them to come in for interviews which confirmed his conclusions about the illegal IDs. In total three subjects were summoned to Municipal Court for False Credential violations. Deputy McGregor's follow-through and efforts in these investigations are in keeping with the highest standard of police work and bring credit to the Marshal's Office deserving of recognition.

### Chandler Unlawful Sexual Contact investigation

On 9/18/2023 Deputy Marshal IV John Chandler conducted a sex assault investigation, which lasted almost four months, Deputy Chandler endured hours and hours of interviews with some 13 different people. In analyzing the victim, witness and suspect accounts, Deputy Chandler found a pattern of exploitation where the subject was taking advantage of women in various states of drug and alcohol intoxication. One case was prosecutable with a willing victim, so a 34-year-old suspect was charged with Unlawful Sexual Contact and the case submitted to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution and evaluation of additional charges. Deputy Chandler's tenacity and follow-through with this lengthy and involved investigation are in keeping with the highest standard of police work and bring credit to the Marshal's Office deserving of recognition.

## 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 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. In September 2022, Axon updated our camera system to the Body 3 system as part of our contract.

In February Mt Crested Butte Officer Matt Halvorson programmed the eight, dual-band, portable radios the Marshal's Office obtained on a grant and placed those radios in-service.

Also in February, our Brazos Mobile Ticketing program was placed into service. We worked through the snags associated with implementing a new system and are generally pleased with the program and the efficiencies it brings to our operations.

### 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

Year	Make/Model,	#	Driver	2022 miles	2023 miles
2007	Chevrolet Tahoe	55	McGregor/BOB	104,000	retired
2013	Chevrolet Tahoe	60	Book	67,290	77,055
2014	Chevrolet Tahoe	59	Besecker	88,500	99,705
2015	Chevrolet Tahoe	58	Reily	47,350	53,550
2016	Chevrolet Tahoe	57	Spezze	47,113	56,199
2017	Chevrolet Tahoe	51	Chandler/McGregor	28,800	32,520
2018	Chevrolet Tahoe	62	Gunderson	54,2000	66,556
2020	Tesla X Model	56	Dukeman	10,500	16,503
2021	Tesla Y Model	54	Daniels	1,900	7,575
2022	Tesla Y Model	55	Chandler	n/a	2,100

#### Department vehicles - 3

Year	Make/Model,	#	2022 miles	2023 miles
2004	Chevrolet ISV	61	228,078	228,080



2018 Zero FXP motorcycle	E5	2,339	2,524
2018 Zero FXP motorcycle	E6	2,435	2,472

**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. 2023 Budget Overview

**401** General

The Marshal’s Office budgeted \$1,498,408 and spent \$1,560,504 in 2023 from the General 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. The overage is accounted for by adding .5 full time equivalent (FTE) to staffing for a total of 8.5 officer FTE in 2023.

**402** Capital

In 2023, working under the Council’s green initiative, and with the advice of our Fleet Manager, we opted to purchase another Tesla Model Y, electric SUV to replace a Tahoe. In September, the 2023 Tesla Y model police car arrived fully outfitted for service and is being driven by John Chandler.

In March the Marshal’s Office received eight new digital packset radios as the result of a grant.

## 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 reoccurring 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, CB Ultra and the Turkey Trot.

**500** Special Events

January

6 12<sup>th</sup> Night Bonfire went off without a hitch.

February

3-4 Alley Loop Nordic Marathon & Pub Ski

21 Mardi Gras - Security and escort provided as usual.

April

1 Flauschink parade escort

May



27 CB Fire/EMS, Mt CB Police and the Marshal's Office escorted the Class of 2023 CBCS graduates as they paraded through CB to celebrate the 2023 Senior class.

29 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

19 Juneteenth parade

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

### July

4 Elk Avenue Independence Day Parade and CBFDP Pancake Breakfast.

### August

4-6 The CB Arts Festival was held at the CBCS main parking area which continues to work well for loading and unloading. Elk Av still seemed as busy as any other Arts Fest weekend.

6 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and Elk Parking Lot)

Hunting seasons

### September

2-3 People's Fair on Elk

9 Chili and Beer Festival on the Mountain

10 Bridges of the Butte – 4 hour format

23-24 ARTumn Festival (1<sup>st</sup> and Elk parking lot)

23 Vinotok

30 Emma Coburn Elk Av 5K road race with around 1,500 participants.  
CB Ultra race

### October

20 - The Marshal's Office assisted CBCS staff and CB Fire/EMS with an off-site evacuation drill.

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

### November

15 - CB Police, Fire and EMS escorted the 2A State Champion CBCS soccer team for a victory parade around Town.

22 - CBMR ski area opened for the season.

### December

Over several weeks, Cynthea Gunderson presented to various age groups at the Community School on kids' legal rights and responsibilities and how to conduct themselves with respect to the law.

31 - New Year's Eve



**501** Statistics

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

We have included this chart as it might be helpful in observing general trends for common activities. The declining trend in Dispatched Incidents, Pedestrian Contacts and Reports catches our attention. Statisticians would probably not use four years to determine a trend but, anecdotally this could be accounted for by the pressures placed on law enforcement during the first few years of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting return to normal business. We have also heard the economic changes to our community over the last few years have changed both the expectations and use of emergency services. “Too soon to tell” may be the best understanding of the stats but, we are keeping an eye on the trend and looking for the best way to respond.

For a more detailed breakdown of some statistics please see section 6. Prior year section 6 information is available from 2019 onward in our published Annual Reports.

**502** Major Incidents, Mutual Aid and Emergency Management

There were no major incidents or Emergency Management Operations in the Town of Crested Butte in 2023.

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.

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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 such as rolling out our new electric police car.

The Department publishes a brief synopsis of the week's events in the Crested Butte News' Busted in the Butte. 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
2023	3	3	4/0	5/3	5	3

**603 Arrests**

Monthly

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

5 Felonies

14 Misdemeanors

**604 Emotionally Disturbed Persons**

CBMO routinely works with Gunnison Valley Hospital's Behavioral Health and the





Center for Mental Health. The Center for Mental Health’s office on Elk Av is well established and available for members of our community who require therapy.

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.

In 2023 Officers responded to 43 dispatched calls for welfare checks and 10 mental health calls, seven of which were significant enough mental health crisis cases that they required a report. Additional mental health resource 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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. We will be re-evaluating posting these statistics in the future as they were insignificant in 2023. 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

Three deaths were reported in the Town of Crested Butte over the course of 2023. All three deaths were the result of natural causes.

The Marshal’s Office typically works with our partners in the Coroner’s Office, CBFPS 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 two uses of force in 2023 based on 596 enforcement contacts and many further consensual interactions.

In the first instance, an intoxicated subject attempting to enter an occupied dwelling by smashing the window was found asleep in an alley. When the officer made contact to check on his welfare, the subject attacked him and was tased as the wrestling match went to the ground in the dark alley. After being tased, the subject immediately became compliant and was taken into custody where medical care was provided.

In the second instance, a subject driving after eight prior DUI arrests was found driving recklessly around Town in his truck. When officers attempted to contact him, he fled and was pursued only a short distance before the officers discontinued the pursuit due to his dangerous driving. Shortly after that, he encountered another officer in a



marked unit, stopped, and jumped out of his truck. He went to run, then turned toward the officer, and demanded for the officer to shoot him before attempting to flee on foot again. Instead of shooting the subject, the officer tackled him to the ground and took him into custody for the man’s ninth DUI. Medical care was again provided before he was taken to jail.

Both uses of force were systematically reviewed and found to be within legal, ethical restrictions and within Department policy and procedures.

**607** Tactical Operations

There were no significant tactical operations conducted by the Marshal’s Office in 2023.

**608** Ride-Along Program

CBMO offers and encourages ride-alongs to qualified candidates. Several Explorers and community members participated in the program in 2023. 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.

609.1 Dogs

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Warn	19	2	3	1	1	1	4	3	7	2	2	5
Cite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

50 Warnings

1 Tickets

609.2 Bears

No exceptional bear activity was reported in Crested Butte in 2023.

## 7. Traffic Operations

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

The Marshal’s Office rolled out crash reporting software provided by Lexis-Nexis which allows for a streamlined report writing and distribution of crash reports. We decided to use this free program after the State changed the DR2447 form to a much more complicated DR3447 multi-page document. 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	10	1	8	0	0	2	2	0	3	2	2	2
H&Run	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	1

32 Crash Reports

11 Hit and Run

**701** Moving Violations

The Marshal's Office conducted 280 traffic stops in 2023. In researching the breakout for speeding, 6 speeding tickets were written in Town and 6 for the Highway. 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	16	7	6	13	10	21	58	20	29	24	10	31
Tickets	1	3	1	3	4	5	8	2	4	1	2	1
SpeedTix	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	1	1	0	0	0

245 Traffic warnings

35 Moving violations

**702** CBMO Parking

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Warnings	37	6	5	2	9	17	19	25	41	15	325	67
Tickets	285	38	27	3	3	2	41	8	49	10	13	113

568 Warnings

592 Tickets

1,160 total

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/>.

**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.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Tows	134	140	56	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	36

373 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

Three arrests were made for Domestic Violence related cases in 2023. 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 12 CBMO cases in 2023. Four in the first quarter, two in the second, four in the third and two in the fourth quarter.

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 were; adult physical assault - 4, adult sexual assault – 3, domestic violence – 3, harassment/stalking – 3, unattended death – 1.

### 804 Juveniles

Zero secure holding incidents were reported to the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor in 2023.

### 805 Asset Forfeiture

No forfeited assets were seized with our 2023 cases.

