

District 3 Denver Police Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting Recap
7 Jan 26 – Submitted by Mickey Greenberg, Safety Chair WDCA

Featured Speakers: DPD Cpl Michael Cordova and Cpl Padilla – Training officers
PTO Police Training Officer Program

- Officer training consists of 24 weeks of Academy training, 16 weeks of field training (12 if transferee with experience) in the PTO program and then 10 days of one-on-one mentorship spread out over 4 weeks for a total of 44 weeks. The mentorship component is unique to District 3.
- PTO is based on Problem Based Learning, real life scenarios, and past-incident driven policing. The program has trainees doing ride-alongs with a training corporal.
- The phases of the program consist of one week of orientation, 3 weeks of non-emergency training, 3 weeks of emergency training, 1 week of a midterm evaluation, 3 weeks of patrol activities (proactive policing and traffic stops. 3 weeks of investigation and 2 weeks of final evaluation. Recruits do weekly reports of self-evaluation. If a recruit is not doing well there is the opportunity for special learning or a time extension.
- There are 13 core competencies taught: vehicle operation, conflict resolution, use of force, policies and procedures, report writing, leadership, problem solving, community specific (cultural) problems, legal authority, officer safety, communication ethics and emotional intelligence. Training is done on all three shifts.

Crime Stats

- It is too early in the year for meaningful statistics, but looking back at 2025 District 3 Person crime was down 9.5%, property crime down 29%, Public crime up 6% (implies more proactive policing) with the average down 20%
- Shoplifting is the most significant element in Property crime. If the incident becomes confrontational then it is considered a Person offense.
- The two most significant incidents were the fire on Leetsdale which required police effort for evacuations and traffic control and the shooting at the E Hampton/Havana curve at a large rally of Venezuelan involving a personal conflict
- The ACT, Anti-Crime Unit, that is the District's go-to team for narcotics, fugitives, stolen vehicles, burglary, gangs, shop lifting, car jackings, etc. had an active year in 2025 with 490 kg of recovered drugs, \$62K in recovered cash, 59 stolen vehicles recovered, 21 fire arms confiscated, 437 arrests, 2 drug labs uncovered and 27 drug buys busted.
- While the numbers vary by month, 30% to 50% of burglaries are attributable to homeowner negligence of leaving garages open and doors unlocked.
- Reporting crimes
 - 911 - Emergency of incident in progress
 - 720-913-2000 – Non-emergency/urgent, suspicious activity
 - denvergov.org/police – file a report online for lost items, vandalism, monor theft, vehicle break-ins, shoplifting
 - 720-913-STOP (7867) – anonymous tips (crime Stoppers)
 - reportstreetracing.com to report street racing; street Racing enforcement is managed city-wide out of District 1
 - Our CRO, Community Resource Officers who provide help with your personal questions are Technician Pacheco – antonio.pacheco@denvergov.org and Officer Fuentes – manuel.fuentes@denvergov.org –and Neighborhood Watch