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History & Information

Elko Police Department History & Information

The City of Elko was incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of the State of Nevada March 14, 1917. At that time a Police Supervisor, W.R. Mayer, was appointed to be the executive officer of his department and had under his special charge the enforcement of all police regulations.

On June 2, 1917, George Cotant was unanimously appointed City Marshall and J.C. Doughty was unanimously appointed Police Judge for the City of Elko, both with a monthly salary of \$1 each. Also on this date, F.H. Sutton was appointed Night Watchman with a monthly salary of \$100.

Today, the Elko Police Department consists of 51 employees. Of these 51 employees, 42 are sworn officers. Of those 42 sworn officers 28 are assigned to the Patrol Unit, 6 are assigned to the Detective Unit, 4 are in special assignments (i.e. the School Resource Officer Unit and the Elko Combined Narcotics Unit), and the final 3 sworn officers make up the Command Staff. The 9 non-sworn positions are assigned as follows: 1 Records Supervisor, 3 full-time Records Techs, 1 part-time Records Tech, 1 Evidence Technician, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 part-time Domestic Violence Systems Advocate, and 1 Animal Control Officer.

The Elko Police Department is a professional and progressive law enforcement agency that is continually moving forward. We are always looking for opportunities to improve training, education, technology and equipment for our staff.

The Operations Division handles all crime calls and traffic accidents within the City limits, as well as routine police matters which include animal calls, funeral processions, parades and much more. Our average response time to emergency calls is three minutes from the time the call is dispatched to the officer's arrival.





Elko Police Department Mission Statement

Mission Statement

We strive to provide consistent enforcement of all laws in a fair, firm, and professional manner to instill trust and build relationships with the community through problem solving to safeguard life and property.

Department Motto:

“Pride in Service “

- P - Prevent, reduce, disrupt criminal activity
- R - Recruit, train and develop our employees
- I - Initiate timely and open communication
- D - Develop and implement solutions to our community's problems
- E - Efficiently use innovation and technology





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SUMMARY

The following is an Annual Report for the Elko Police Department, year 2020. The report includes summaries and charts for licensing permit data, crime comparison data, and records transactions data.

Licensing/Permits/Applications:

In 2020, the Elko Police Department processed a total of 45 licensing and permit applications. The licenses and permits breakdown into the following categories, (see chart 1a): 0 brothel licenses, 26 special event liquor licenses, 8 liquor license applications, 2 parade permits, 3 solicitor/peddler applications, 1 temporary sexually oriented business licenses, 2 special event/vendor applications, and 3 temporary merchant applications.

Records Unit Transactions:

In 2020, the Records Unit processed 718 total transactions. These transactions breakdown into the following categories (see chart 1b): 127 work card applications (bartender cards, taxi drivers, etc.), 9 sex worker applications, 8 solicitor applications, 546 miscellaneous fingerprint transactions (gaming, nursing, teachers, daycare, etc.), and 28 insurance report records.

Crime Report:

In 2020 the Elko Police Department made 948 arrests, 879 adults and 69 juveniles. There were 413 traffic collisions investigated and 750 traffic citations issued. 229 incidents of domestic violence were reported in 2020. The total calls for service in 2020 were 26,291, down 2,998 from 2019; this generated 2,602 cases for the department, up 85 (3%).

Severe crimes in the City of Elko totaled 2,185 for 2020. This total is up 222 incidents (11%) from 2019 severe crime totals. Severe crimes include: murder and manslaughter, kidnapping and abduction, forcible rape, forcible fondling, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, arson, extortion/blackmail, burglary, pocket picking new, purse snatching new, shoplifting new, theft from a building new, theft from coin operated device, theft from motor vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts & accessories new, all other larceny, motor vehicle theft, counterfeiting and forgery, false pretenses swindling, CC/ATM fraud, impersonation, identity theft new, embezzlement, stolen property offenses, destruction of property, drug narcotic violation, drug equipment, incest new, statutory rape, pornography/obscene material, gambling offense split into other offenses, sports tampering new, assisting and/or promoting prostitution, weapon law violations, and animal cruelty new. (see chart 2 for breakdowns)

Less severe crimes totaled 951 for 2020. This total is down by 428 incidents (31%) from 2019 totals. Crimes included as “less severe” are bad checks, curfew/loitering/vagrancy, disorderly conduct, DUI, family offenses (non-violent), liquor law violations, runaway juveniles, trespassing, and other minor offenses. (see chart 2 for breakdowns)





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Administrative Support Division Highlights

COVID

The COVID pandemic created many issues for the department overall. Some proactive activities were scaled back, as well as public access to the department for portions of 2020. This achieved the desired effect in minimizing exposure to COVID. There were zero cases of COVID cases for department personnel.

Department Cellular Phones

Multi-year progressive effort to provide department cell phones was completed. This protects the officers in their private phones as well as replaced the need for department issued cameras.





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Operations Division Highlights

Canine Unit Personnel

In 2020, Sergeant Jeremy Shelley took over as the Canine Commander. They also hosted a school locally for canine training to expand their foundational skills.

Critical Incident

In March of 2020, Elko SWAT and Elko Regional Bomb Squad successfully apprehended the suspect in the homicide of Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper, Ben Jenkins. Officers were able to do so without harm to any citizens, the suspect, or any other law enforcement personnel.

Basic SWAT School

In August 2020, personnel from the Elko Special Response Team (ESRT) hosted a Basic SWAT School at the Elko Police Department. Several SWAT students from neighboring agencies attended this week long training course.

Animal Control Unit

In 2020, the Animal Control Officer handled 375 animals, down from 524 in 2019. This includes: 176 canines, 133 felines, 1 chicken, 1 snake, 1 duck, 3 guinea pigs, and 1 bat. In 2020, 28 animals were returned to their owners, 19 animal welfare checks were conducted, and 13 animal carcasses (3 canines and 10 felines) were removed.

Dog Licenses Sold:

- 2020 = 588
- 2019 = 766
- 2018 = 770





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New Handheld Radios

Working in conjunction with Elko Fire Department, the Police Department was able to modernize their handheld radios, diminishing the number of radio failures we had been experiencing. THANK YOU!

Staffing

2020 saw the retirement of Senior Police Officer Chris Gevock. The department was able to successfully recruit three new patrol officers; however, that still left a deficit of five positions in the Patrol Division for the year.

Outer Vest Carriers

A new uniform item was approved for the Patrol Division, permitting the wearing of external vest carriers and equipment. Based upon studies, this change is anticipated to decrease back and hip problems for the officers while still maintaining a professional appearance.





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School Resource Officers

COVID and Distance Learning

With the closure of the schools due to COVID and subsequent distance learning programs, the School Resource Officers became instrumental in assisting the students. Often delivering Chromebooks and supplies, food, and doing welfare checks on students

COVID and Mental Health

The youth, just as adults, suffered mental health effects from the COVID pandemic. The School Resource Officers were utilized, based upon their rapport with the students, to identify issues and connect them to resources.





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Detective Unit Highlights

In 2020, the Elko Police Department Detective Unit received 343 new cases.

- Closed 204 cases
- Completed 213 supplemental reports
- Conducted 5 background investigations
- Prepared / executed 50 search warrants
- Administered 3 CVSA's (truth verification tests)
- Processed 22 significant crime scenes
- Administered / observed 54 forensic interviews
- Completed 25 administrative subpoenas / preservation letters
- Arrested 8 suspects
- Forensically downloaded and examined 90 telephones / mobile devices
- Hosted 8 presentations



High Profile Cases

The Detective Division was involved in several high profile cases throughout the year, almost all of which were successfully closed and adjudicated. Detectives were called upon to investigate six (6) Homicide/Suspicious deaths and assisted with an additional Homicide investigation with Elko County. Detectives were responsible for 60 Sexual Assault/Child Exploitation Investigations during 2020.

Detectives also played integral roles in the investigation of several other high profile cases to include numerous officer involved shooting (Winnemucca, Elko) investigations, including the investigation of Trooper Jenkins Homicide.



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Elko Combined Narcotics Unit Highlights – 2020

The Elko Combined Narcotics Unit (ECNU) initiated 67 cases – 39 drug related. ECNU had a total of 47 arrests and authored 31 search warrants during 2020.

ECNU seized:

- Weapons: 6
- Methamphetamine: 3,797.87 grams
 - *Down 10,526.42 grams from 2019*
- Heroin: 446.4 grams
 - *Up 219.36 grams from 2019*
- Marijuana: 47.8 grams
 - *Up 31.76 grams from 2019*
- Cocaine: 24.03 grams
 - *Up 3.59 grams from 2019*
- Others: 4,239 dosage units
 - *Up 2,789.48 dosage units from 2019*

ECNU also assisted neighboring agencies in the response and investigation of multiple homicides and other major crimes during the 2020 calendar year.





ELKO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 ANNUAL AWARDS

YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Five Years of Service

Officer Joshua Taylor

Ten Years of Service

Chantell Wiley, Records Tech II



Fifteen Years of Service

Officer Aaron Hildreth

Twenty Years of Service

Sergeant Rick Moore

MERIT AWARD

Citizen Service Award

Juvenal Rivera
Crystal Cuilla

Exemplary Performance Award

Detective Sergeant Bryan Drake
Sergeant Rick Moore
Sergeant Anthony Matthews
Corporal Dennis Williams
Corporal Shane Daz
Detective Jake Eisinger
Detective Steve Spring
Detective Cassie Wyllie
Officer Aaron Gray
Officer Josh Taylor
Officer Josh Bogdon
Officer Josh Chandler
Officer Bridgette Gilboj
Officer Dean Pinkham
Officer Andrew Cunnigham
Officer Brenton Pepper
Deputy Sheriff Andres Llamas

Police Medal

Detective Sergeant Bryan Drake
Detective Mike Marshowsky
Detective Cassie Wyllie



Rookie of the Year
Officer Dean Pinkham



Officer of the Year
Detective Cassie Wyllie



Chart 1 — Licensing / Permits / Applications

Chart 1a

Licensing / Permits / Applications 2020	
License/Event Type	Total
Brothel License	0
Special Event Liquor License	26
Liquor License Applications	8
Parade Permits	2
Solicitor/Peddler Applications	3
Temp Sexual Oriented Business License	1
Special Event / Vendor Applications	2
Temp Merchant Applications	3
TOTALS	45

Chart 1b

2020 Records Unit Transactions		
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DOLLAR TOTAL</u>
Bar Employee Work Permits / Taxicab Employee Work Permits	127	\$12,300.00
Sex Worker Cards	9	\$2,250.00
Solicitor Work Permits	8	\$100.00
Fingerprinting	546	\$12,920.00
Insurance - Police Reports	28	\$12,674.00
TOTAL	718	\$40,244.00



Crime Analysis—Five Year Average (Page 1)

Chart 2

Severe Crime	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5Y AVG	2020	% UP/DOWN	2019	2020	% UP/DOWN
Murder and Manslaughter	4	3	3	3	4	3	5	54%	4	5	25%
Kidnapping and Abduction	4	0	4	3	5	3	14	409%	5	14	180%
Forcible Rape	30	36	23	26	25	29	24	-17%	25	24	-4%
Forcible Fondling	12	10	11	17	19	13	28	52%	19	28	47%
Robbery	9	9	14	20	15	13	20	54%	15	20	33%
Aggravated Assault	58	34	44	53	40	47	64	35%	40	64	60%
Simple Assault	269	283	323	336	342	303	415	13%	342	415	21%
Intimidation	27	15	27	20	30	22	21	-6%	30	21	-30%
Arson	3	7	12	9	2	8	9	16%	2	9	350%
Extortion/Blackmail	2	3	3	4	0	3	1	-67%	0	1	100%
Burglary	305	178	208	130	125	205	123	-39%	125	123	-2%
Pocket Picking NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	1	
Purse Snatching NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		0	3	
Shoplifting NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	26		0	26	
Theft from a Building NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	17		0	17	
Theft from Coin Operated Device	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	100%	0	1	100%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	151	80	87	56	60	94	89	-5%	60	89	48%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	7		0	7	
All other Larceny	725	566	584	392	458	567	424	-19%	458	424	-7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	68	62	71	43	101	61	94	54%	101	94	-7%
Counterfeiting and Forgery	49	39	70	36	55	49	27	13%	55	27	-51%
False Pretenses Swindling	64	62	73	55	45	64	30	-29%	45	30	-33%
CC/ATM Fraud	86	52	64	75	40	69	45	-42%	40	45	13%
Impersonation	48	37	46	38	32	42	3	-93%	32	3	-91%
Identity Theft NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	143		0	143	
Embezzlement	25	27	25	25	21	26	18	-29%	21	18	-14%
Stolen Property Offenses	75	54	56	31	47	54	53	-2%	47	53	13%
Destruction of Property	304	253	249	151	164	239	200	-31%	164	200	22%
Drug Narcotic Violation	354	324	257	316	247	313	142	-21%	247	142	-43%
Drug Equipment	38	37	27	38	23	35	94	-34%	23	94	309%
Incest NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	1	
Statutory Rape	6	5	1	5	4	4	2	-53%	4	2	-50%
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	5	1	5	7	3	3	9%	7	3	-57%
Gambling Offense Split into other offenses	3	3	0	0	2	2			2	0	200%
Sports Tampering NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		0		
Assisting and/or Promoting Prostitution	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0%	0	1	100%
Weapon Law Violations	84	51	51	63	50	62	27	-20%	50	27	-46%
Animal Cruelty NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		0		
Total	2803	2237	2334	1951	1963	2258	2185	-3%	1963	2185	11%



Crime Analysis—Five Year Average (Page 2)

Chart 2 (Cont.)

<u>Less Severe Crime</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5Y AVG</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>
Bad Checks	18	3	7	1	2	6	1	-84%	2	1	-50%
Curfew/loitering/Vagrancy	30	18	28	17	20	23	9	-60%	20	9	-55%
Disorderly Conduct	176	131	132	135	113	137	38	-72%	113	38	-66%
DUI	80	69	61	80	72	72	79	9%	72	79	10%
Drunkness NEW	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		0	3	
Family Offenses Non-Violent	43	53	35	39	45	43	36	-16%	45	36	-20%
Liquor Law Violations	55	34	55	44	54	48	30	-38%	54	30	-44%
Trespassing	95	69	83	71	58	75	66	-12%	58	66	14%
All Other Offenses	944	1028	903	951	967	959	279	-71%	967	279	-71%
Not Reported to IBR Was part of All Other Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	274		0	274	
Traffic Code Was part of All Other Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	136		0	136	
Total	1441	1405	1304	1338	1331	1364	951	-30%	1331	951	-29%
<u>Arrests</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5Y AVG</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>
Adult Arrests	1139	1069	978	1019	943	1030	879	-15%	943	879	-7%
Juvenile Arrests	89	61	85	74	88	79	69	-13%	88	69	-22%
Total	1228	1130	1063	1093	1031	1109	948	-15%	1031	948	-8%

<u>Online Reporting</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5Y AVG</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>
Total Cases		24	51	206	303	117	509	336%	303	509	68%

5Y AVG = The number from the five columns listed to the left of this number averaged

% UP/DOWN = The current year total against the five year average.

Raw number comparison= this year and previous year total comparison



Crime Analysis—Five Year Average (Page 3)

Chart 2 (Cont.)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5Y AVG</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>
Traffic Accidents	526	497	323	449	430	445	413	-7%	430	413	-4%
Citations	1228	994	806	844	1013	977	750	-23%	1013	750	-26%

<u>Domestic Violence</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5Y AVG</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>
Crime Reports	170	181	197	205	232	197	229	16%	232	229	-1%
Calls For Service	870	781	741	770	780	788	901	14%	780	901	16%

Calls for service are patrol responses; Crime Reports are investigated and sent for charging.

<u>Calls for Service</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>5Y AVG</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% UP/DOWN</u>
Incident	27580	29993	27258	27299	29289	28284	26291	-7%	29289	26291	-10%
Cases Generated	3014	2777	2656	2485	2517	2690	2602	-3%	2517	2602	3%

5Y AVG = The number from the five columns listed to the left of this number averaged

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