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QUARTERLY UPDATE

INVESTING IN SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT AIMING FOR SAFER TASERS

On April 7, 2025, the Friendswood City Council approved an agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., for the sole source purchase of taser hardware, software, and related services for the Friendswood Police Department. This agreement will allow for a department-wide upgrade to the Axon TASER 10.

A police Taser is a less-lethal device that uses electrical pulses to temporarily incapacitate a suspect, providing an alternative to deadly force. The new devices will aim to increase both officer and public safety by providing more time and space to de-escalate and resolve conflicts. The TASER 10 will allow officers to accurately discharge the taser from an additional 20 feet (45 feet total distance) and uses less voltage than the previously issued device.

In addition to these features, the TASER 10 also allows an officer more opportunities to successfully make contact by providing the ability to deploy up to 10 probes compared to the 2 cartridges they were able to deploy in the past. This accurate contact is also backed by smart technology that avoids delivering more charge than necessary. Regardless of the number of probes that make a connection, the device will only deliver a current to the best 4 connections.

The device also includes features that provide an additional layer of transparency. With the smart holster technology, TASER 10 has onboard sensors that pairs with the holster to detect de-holstering and provide a record of any events that follow.

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The benefits of this investment do not stop at the technological advancements of the taser itself but also expand into a virtual training program that will allow officers to undergo simulation training that features videos from Axon's library of real life use of force scenarios. When asked about the benefits of



the TASER 10, Chief Rogers said, “As a Department, we will always prioritize the safety of our officers and the community. We are looking forward to the training advancements of the TASER 10, as well as the safety and transparency it provides to the community.”

The Friendswood Police Department is looking forward to the benefits of the TASER 10 and plans to have all officers trained on the device by the end of 2025.

SCAN HERE TO WATCH A VIDEO ABOUT THE TASER 10



2024

ANNUAL REPORT RECAP

In 2024, Friendswood reported 264 Index Crimes, a decrease from the 275 recorded in 2023. This achievement reflects the diligent efforts of Friendswood police personnel, who have worked proactively through strategic patrols, crime prevention initiatives, and community engagement programs to reduce criminal activity.

The FBI calculates crime rates using the 2020 U.S. Census population of 40,678. However, the City of Friendswood estimates the current population at 43,190. Based on these figures, the city's crime rate ranges between 6.11 and 6.49 crimes per 1,000 residents. This represents a 4% to 5% reduction in the crime rate when compared to 2023—an accomplishment that underscores the department's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our growing community.

Traffic enforcement continues to make a positive impact on the Department's effort to improve roadway safety. Out of the 24,402 traffic stops in 2024, only 4,347 resulted in a citation.

Through a combination of targeted enforcement, crime analysis, and collaborative efforts with residents, Friendswood police personnel continue to make significant strides in reducing crime and enhancing public safety.

CITY	POPULATION	CRIME RATE
Friendswood	40,763	6.50
Santa Fe	13,055	8.20
La Porte	37,572	11.44
Manvel	20,555	11.72
Missouri City	77,571	12.08
Angleton	20,474	12.36
League City	116,881	12.71
Dickinson	21,962	12.79
Deer Park	32,792	14.12
Sugar Land	107,757	14.72

4% DECREASE IN
CRIME RATE
FROM 2023

24,402
TRAFFIC STOPS
RESULTING IN 4,347
CITATIONS

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ANNUAL REPORT**



ROGERS' REPORT

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ROGERS



SAFETY FOR THE GENERATIONS

Each new year provides an opportunity to learn from the past. In the coming year, we will focus on several key areas where we've seen concerning patterns of crime, and we are dedicated to developing proactive strategies to address them. These areas of focus are identity theft targeting senior citizens, tobacco compliance issues affecting our youth, and traffic-related incidents that impact all segments of our community.

Seniors

Our senior citizens are an integral part of our community, but they are also increasingly targeted by criminals seeking to exploit their trust and vulnerability. In 2024, the department received several reports of seniors being contacted by scammers posing as business entities and even law enforcement agencies. To combat that trend, our investigators are hosting classes to speak to seniors in the community about the strategies that these scammers will use and listen to feedback on ways they have experienced these scenarios. The department plans to host presentations at several local senior and city facilities to provide seniors with the tools to recognize these scams and avoid becoming a victim. Thus far in 2025, the Friendswood Police Department has held 2 presentations for over 60 seniors with more planned for the year to come.

Youth

One of the most vulnerable generations that we strive to protect is our youth. In December of 2024, the Friendswood Police Department received intel that local tobacco retailers were selling products to minors. The department conducted an undercover sting operation at seven smoke shops inside the city limits with 3 businesses selling to an undercover individual between the age of 16-18. The department plans on performing tobacco compliance checks in 2025 to continue to hold businesses accountable and discourage the sell of cigarettes, e-cigarettes or tobacco products to persons younger than 21 years of age. The Friendswood Police Department will also continue to partner with FISD through the School Resource Officer program to be a proactive presence in our schools and work together to educate students on the dangers of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products.

All Ages

Roadway safety impacts the majority of our population from infant passenger to adult drivers, reckless behavior can affect everyone on the road. In 2024, our officers conducted 24,402 traffic stops in a continued effort to improve roadway safety and reduce hazards. By focusing on high-risk driving behaviors such as speeding, distracted drivers, and impaired driving, officers have steadily reduced the number of crashes from 505 in 2023 to 436 in 2024. We plan to continue the commitment to further reduce crashes and make our roadways even safer in 2025. Another focus on our roadways is commercial vehicles, through our specialized Department of Transportation Officer. In 2024, he performed 516 stops for commercial vehicle enforcement and inspections. These inspections assist in ensuring that all commercial vehicles are abiding by the proper laws and regulations to keep their businesses moving and everyone on the road safe.

At the Friendswood Police Department, we understand that crime impacts us all, and our collective effort to address these issues will make a real difference in the lives of everyone in our community. Together, we can work toward reducing crime and creating an environment where everyone feels safe and supported.

ADVANCING THE TEAM

In our department, the pursuit of excellence is not only a goal, but an ongoing commitment to ensuring that we are equipped with the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and accountability. This year, we are working towards providing a higher standard of professionalism and training for our officers to continue to enhance the safety of the community as a whole.

One way that we are achieving this is by pursuing accreditation through the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Accreditation Program. This voluntary program allows law enforcement agencies to demonstrate compliance with over 170 best practices, developed by Texas law enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights. Agencies that achieve accreditation must undergo a rigorous assessment process that evaluates their policies, procedures, and overall performance. Achieving accreditation is a monumental achievement for any police department, and for those agencies in our state that have reached this milestone, it signals a commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in policing.

In addition to the internal focus on accreditation, our Department is also focusing outward on the pursuit of excellence. In 2025, the Friendswood Police Department plans to become an official training provider for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). Becoming a provider will allow FPD to offer training to peace officers, jailers, and telecommunicators to help them maintain their current licenses, acquire certificates, and offer courses tailored to the specific needs of our area.

These initiatives reflect our department's unwavering dedication to excellence in policing. By achieving accreditation and becoming a certified TCOLE training provider, we are not only enhancing the professionalism and preparedness of our officers but also strengthening the trust and safety of our community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

April 6-12 Crime Victims' Rights Week Events



April 26 - Medication Take Back
10 AM - 2 PM
FISD Annex
402 Laurel Drive



MAY

May 11-17 - National Police Week
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May 14 - Galveston County Police Officer Memorial Ceremony
10 AM
Galveston Island Convention Center
5600 Seawall Blvd, Galveston, TX

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PROMOTIONS



Captain Price

Promoted December 2024



Lieutenant Kimberly

Promoted December 2024



Sergeant Seago

Promoted October 2024



Sergeant Salas

Promoted October 2024



Sergeant Higgs

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