



“Inspiring a Vibrant Community”



COTTONWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Message from The Chief



Whether you are visiting, residing, or working in Cottonwood, our mission is to keep you safe and contribute to the phenomenal quality of life in our City and Verde Valley. Our commitment to superior customer service, fostering positive relationships, transparency and accessibility are evident in the high citizen satisfaction rate our agency received in the latest survey. Our staff takes pride and greatly appreciates the immense community support we receive. We realize we simply cannot maximize our effectiveness without it. Don't hesitate to contact the Cottonwood Police Department if we can be of assistance. For non-urgent matters, we encourage you to contact your neighborhood officer. To find the officer's contact information, go to the Neighborhood Officer Program tab found beneath the Community section on our website. Stay active, involved and above all, stay safe.

Stay safe,

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Steve Gesell

Chief of Police



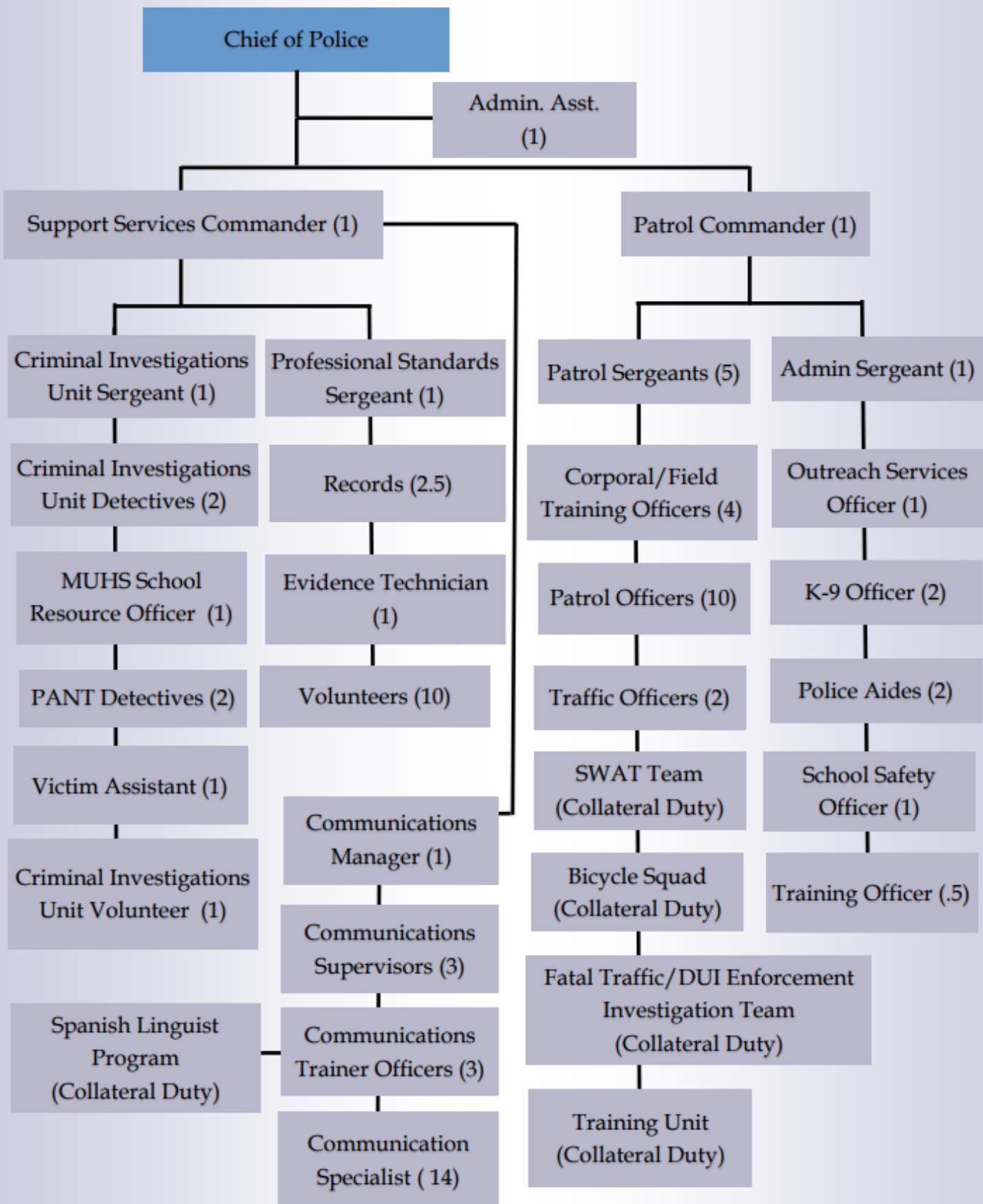
Cottonwood Police Department Mission Statement:

To enhance the safety and well-being of our community through partnerships, professionalism, compassion, and integrity with an unwavering commitment to reduce crime and protect quality of life.

COTTONWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY
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Organizational Chart - 2022





Cottonwood Police Department

Strategic Directions



Cottonwood Police Programs and Resources

- 1. Cottonwood Cares**
- 2. Neighborhood Officer Program**
- 3. Safe Shopper Program**
- 4. Victims Advocate**
- 5. Therapy Dog**
- 6. Outreach Services Officer**
- 7. School Safety Officer**
- 8. School Resource Officer**
- 9. Police Aides**
- 10. Citizens On Patrol/ Volunteers**
- 11. Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officers**
- 12. Safe Exchange Zone**
- 13. Shop with a Cop**
- 14. National Night Out**
- 15. Terrorism Liaison Officers**

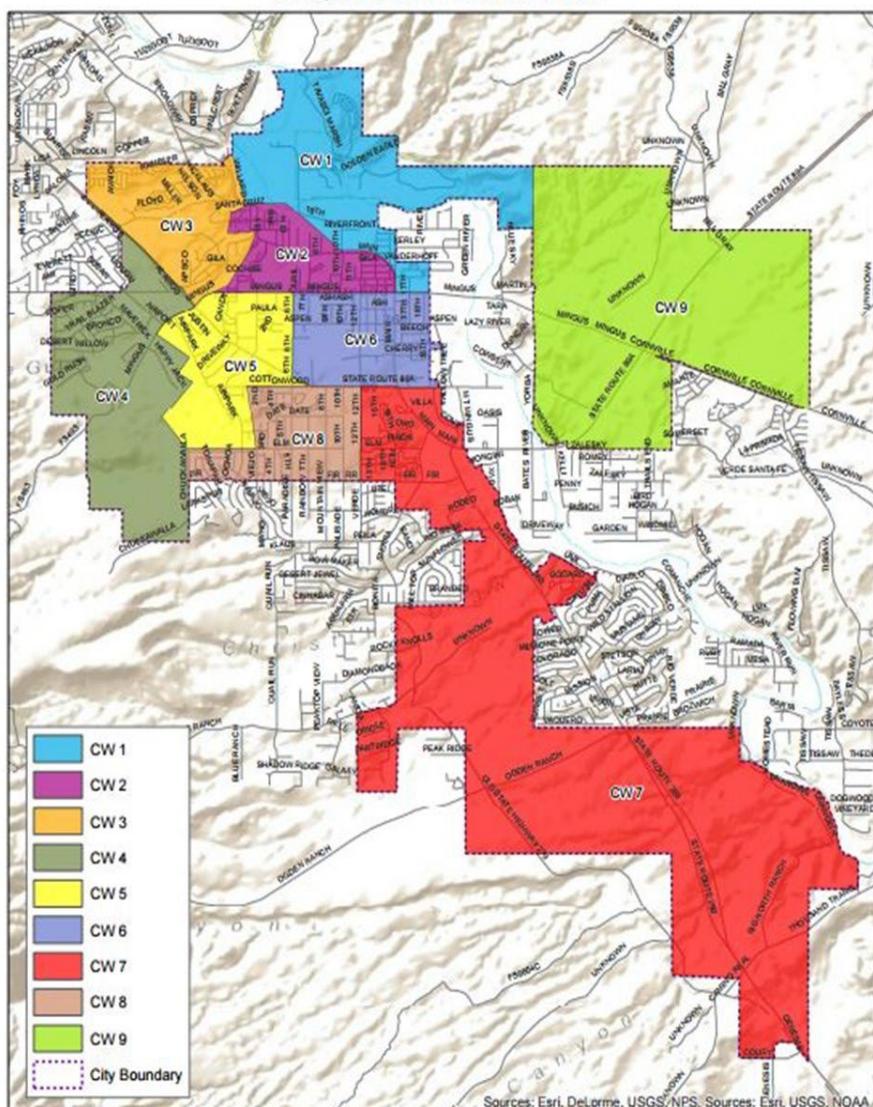


Neighborhood Officer Program

The Cottonwood Police Department has created a Neighborhood Officer Program that divides the city into 9 distinct "neighborhoods." The objective of the Neighborhood Officer Program is to identify community issues, concerns, problems and crime trends which have long term quality of life issues.

The Neighborhood Officer will serve as a liaison between the Police Department, the community, and a variety of agencies necessary to address problems and reduce criminal activity.

CITY OF COTTONWOOD
Neighborhood Officer Zones



Communications

The Cottonwood Public Safety Communications Center (CPSCC) is a state of the art regional Police, Fire, and Medical dispatch facility and Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Constructed in 2014, the CPSCC facility was placed in full operation on December 1, 2014.

17 Communications Specialists, 3 Communications Supervisors, and a Communications Center Manager operate out of the center and provide dispatch services for Cottonwood, Clarkdale, and Jerome Police Departments, Cottonwood Fire Department, Verde Valley Ambulance Company, Jerome Fire Department, Verde Valley Fire District, Sedona Fire District, and Copper Canyon Fire and Medical District.

