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Fremont Police Department

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

I am proud to present the Fremont Police Department's 2025 Annual Report, which highlights our accomplishments, recognizes the challenges we face, and emphasizes our steadfast dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of our community. This annual report details our work as a police department, part of our ongoing commitment to transparency while respecting the confidentiality and rights of those involved. It helps the community understand how their tax dollars are spent and what they receive in return. "Transparency is the foundation of public trust; without it, government cannot earn the confidence or cooperation of the people it serves."

Looking ahead, we continue to make progress toward building trust and legitimacy with our community, enhancing policy and oversight, improving our technology, using community policing to reduce crime, strengthening training and education to deliver the best possible service, and supporting our staff's health through officer wellness programs. As the chief, having a police department that supports our community's ability to thrive is vital.

Lastly, as we move into 2026, I am optimistic about our future. Hope is a vital force in policing because it sustains the belief that progress is possible—even in the face of adversity. It helps officers stay grounded in their purpose, see people as being capable of change, and approach difficult situations with patience and compassion. Hope drives resilience, supports ethical decision-making, and reinforces the idea that every interaction is an opportunity to build trust. In a profession marked by challenges, hope becomes a quiet yet powerful anchor, keeping officers connected to the communities they serve and to the values that initially motivated them.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in ensuring a safe and thriving community.

Sincerely,

Timothy Rodwell

Chief of Police

MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Mission

To provide character and leadership to our community, to prevent and deter criminal behavior, to promote a safe, healthy and caring environment and to develop community relations and awareness toward local issues.

Vision:

We embrace the lessons learned from the past, always cognizant of utilizing these lessons toward the development of an enriched future for our citizens. Ever mindful that justice is blind, we extend equality to all to solidify our position as a police department based first on service. Our professionalism will carry us through times of public scrutiny, and that professionalism will be the beacon that illuminates our path towards the objectives and ideals that we will constantly strive to achieve. To be the standard for which all may choose to follow, to provide assistance and direction to those in need, and above all to assure the guarantee that the rights of every one of our citizens to peaceful existence and a safe environment is absolutely inalienable. We remain determined to hold these principles as our vision to the future and to serve this city in the spirit of cooperation borne to all its people.

Values:

Our officers are dedicated to protecting the excellent quality of life we enjoy in our community. We continually seek to enhance our public service role and place a premium on having well-trained and licensed officers in a number of facets of law enforcement to better serve you.

1. Public Trust
2. The rights of all people
3. Accountability to the Law
4. Courage and Selfless Honor
5. Personal and Organizational Integrity
6. Excellent Service
7. Respect for our community and one another
8. Our employees and their service to the community

Fremont Police Department

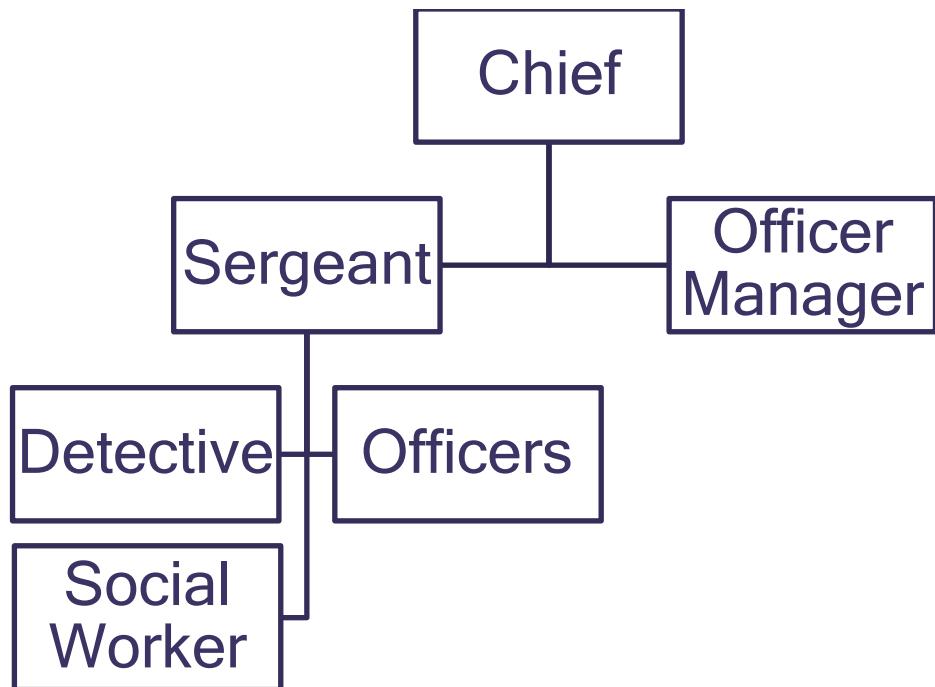
2025 Annual Report

The Fremont Police Department is committed to providing the best possible service for everyone who lives, works, or visits the Fremont community. Staff believe in a strong partnership with all community members to keep Fremont safe and vibrant.

Our department comprises nine full-time police officers, three part-time police officers, one office manager, and three crossing guards. We offer 24/7 police coverage to the city every day of the year.

The police department handles requests for police services involving criminal law investigations, civil disputes, safety through traffic enforcement, and ordinance violations and generally assists the public as needed.

Police Department Chain of Command



BUDGET

Fund: 101 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES (Cont.)	23/24	----- 24/25 -----		25/26
	Year Actual	Amended Budget	Year Actual	Fiscal Yr Approved
Dept: 301.000 POLICE DEPARTMENT				
702.000 Salaries	813,662	845,000	823,749	845,000
715.000 Social Security Taxes	57,824	64,645	60,423	64,645
716.000 Health & Accident Insurance	172,732	183,000	163,913	190,000
718.000 Retirement Benefits - DB	200,787	212,000	215,305	220,000
718.001 Retirement Benefits - DC	21,614	30,000	28,877	30,300
719.000 Worker's Compensation Insurance	7,987	11,000	6,801	9,000
726.000 Office Supplies	2,273	2,500	1,504	2,200
740.000 Supplies & Materials	54,336	113,580	117,320	54,260
801.000 Professional & Contractual Services	2,672	13,600	14,138	32,500
832.000 General Liability Insurance	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
850.000 Communications	9,944	9,750	11,169	11,000
860.000 Transportation & Organizational Dues	115	250	115	250
880.000 Community Promotions	33,304	23,500	23,530	25,000
880.002 Pistol Team/Reserves/Honor Program	1,017	750	359	750
900.000 Printing & Publishing	0	500	0	0
920.000 Utilities (1/3 of Admin Bldg)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
930.000 Repairs & Maintenance	1,323	1,500	1,366	1,500
940.000 Equipment Rental	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
955.000 Miscellaneous (Includes Training)	2,995	10,775	10,720	9,430
955.302 Misc (MCOLES/PA302 Training)	523	2,000	1,936	1,450
Total POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,495,608	1,636,850	1,593,725	1,609,785

Statement of Efficiency and Public Money for Safety

- The Police Department adheres to the budget approved by the City Council.
 - In 2025, our projects included:
 - Renewed and replaced body-worn cameras
 - New patrol car mobile computer
 - Radar sign for speeding complaints
 - New TASER Energy Weapons
- FPD leverages the MiDeal State of Michigan purchasing program for all capital projects. Examples include capital projects over \$500.
- FPD participates in yearly purchasing contracts to spread out fiscal impact.
- FPD is leveraging partnerships as much as possible when researching cost-mitigating efforts. We share as much as possible with our partnering agencies.

Note: In 2025, the City of Fremont collected \$159,158 for the Sheriff's Office Road patrol millage. As of 02-11-2026, we have collected \$135,655 for their road patrol millage. While we collect these funds, we do not control or influence the use of the millage.

POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE.

Calls for Service	Occurred in 2025
911 Hangup calls	9
Abandoned Vehicles	9
Alarms	134
Animal Complaints	72
Area Checks	7
Assaults	25
General Assists	95
Attempt to Locate Person	13
Breaking and Entering Structure	3
Be On the Look Out (BOLO)	8
Bomb Threat	0
Car Deer Crashes	14
Child Abuse	10
Civil Complaints	43
Criminal Investigations (Multiple Crime Factor)	151
Court Appearances, Trials/Hearings	25
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Child Custody Disputes	3
Nuisance Deer	13
Detail Assignments	79
Disturbance	29
Disorderly Person	17
Wildlife (Not Deer) complaint	2
Dog Complaints	20
Domestic Violence Complaints	27
Drugs, Illicit	22
Illegal Dumping	1
Indecent Exposure	2
Follow-Up Criminal Investigations	517
Found Property Complaints	37
Fraud Complaints	108

Fire Works	3
Harassment Complaints	35
Hit and Run Motor Vehicle	25
Information Notifications	23
Interviews	21
Juvenile Complaints	57
Larceny (Theft)	33
Liquor Inspections	31
Vehicle lockouts	180
Lost Property	20
Motorist Assists	62
Malicious Destruction of Property	21
Medical Class One Assists	11
Medical Class Two Assists	6
Medical Class Three Assists	4
Meetings	33
Mental Illness Intervention	7
Unclassified Call for Service	41
Missing Person	8
Neighbor Dispute	10
Noise Complaints	18
Overdose Drugs	1
Ordinance Complaints	98
Drunk Driver Reported Complaints	17
Preliminary Breath Test	1
Vehicle Property Damage Crashes	106
Keeping the Peace	8
Vehicle Personal Injury Crashes	14
Personal Protection Order Complaints	6
Public Relation Activities	48

Property Checks	473
Subpoena Service	43
Prisoner Pickup	51
Runaway Juvenile	8
Reckless Driver Complaints	78
Shots Fired Complaints	5
Smoke Source Investigations	1
Suspicious Situations	141
Suicidal Subjects	13
Suspicious Vehicles	69
Threat Complaints	24
Traffic Hazard	68
Training	21
Trespassing	8
Truancy	35
Traffic Stops	1372
UDAA/Stolen Vehicle	3
Unwanted Person	21
Vehicle Maintenance	746
VIN Checks	21
Well-Being Checks	132
Wire Down	7
Total Calls for Service	5810

INVESTIGATIONS/CASES

Crime	# of incidents
Accident, non-traffic	6
Accident, Failure to Report with injury	1
Accident, Private Property, Fail to Report	9
Aggravated Felonious Assault	1
Animal Complaint	2
Animal Complaint/Cruelty to Animals	1
Assault and Battery (Domestic)	5
Assault and Battery (Simple Assault)	8
Assault with Strangulation	1
Attempt Disarm Police/Obstruct	2
Breaking and Entering Structure	1
Breaking and Entering Vehicle >\$200	1
Illegal Entry Residence	1
Careless Driving	2
Child Abuse 4 th Degree	2
Possess Child Sexually Abusive Material	1
Civil/Landlord Tenant	11
Civil/Family Trouble	14
Conditional Release Violation	1
Cond. Release Viol/Stalking/Resist and Obs	3
Contempt of Court	6
Computer used for harassment	0
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	2
Controlled Substance/Cocaine	11
Controlled Substance/Meth	16
Criminal Sexual Conduct 1 st	3
Damage to Property	5
Dangerous Drugs, Multiple Types	12
Deceased Person	2
Defrauding Hotels/Restaurants/Innkeepers	1

Disturbing the Peace	6
Disorderly Person/Vagrancy/Misc	11
Dog Law Violations	5
Domestic Violence	18
Driving While License Suspended/Revoked	17
Embezzlement	4
General Assist (Other Agency)	92
Fail to Stop after Crash	3
Failing to Appear in Court	1
Family Abuse/Neglect	1
Felonious Assault	1
Financial Transactional Device Fraud	10
Illegal use of Financial Transaction Device	1
Fraud, Identity Theft	28
Flee and Elude	8
Minor in Possess, Marijuana	12
Misdemeanor Traffic	15
Incorrigible Juvenile	6
Indecent Exposure/Disorderly	1
Intimidation	2
Juvenile Statutory Offenses	30
Juvenile Runaway	3
Juvenile Truancy	35
Larcenies	12
Lost/Found Property	34
Malicious Damage to Property	15
Minor in Possession	12
Missing Person	4
Motor Vehicle VIN, School Board Inspect.	5
Natural Death	4
Neglect of Child	1
Non-Aggravated Assault	9
Obstruct Justice	31

Obstruct Justice/Drug Possession	6
Obstruct Justice/Contemporaneous Crime	12
Obstruct Court Proceeding/Police	3
Open Intoxicants in Motor Vehicles	5
Drunk Driving	37
Organized Retail Fraud	5
Other Weapon Offense	3
Outdoor/Junk Violation/Ordinance Violation	1
Overdose Complaint	2
Parole Violation	1
Property Damage/Personal Injury Crash	132
Reckless Driving	2
Retail Fraud (Shoplifting)	83
Sexual Contact, Forcible	1
Sexual Penetration	1
Stalking	3
Suicide	3
Suspicious Situations	86
Tampering Phone Line	6
Tobacco use, minor	10
Trespassing	17
Undetermined Fire	2
Unlawful Posting of Message	1
Violation of Conditional Release	1
Fremont Code, Zoning, UTC	9
Total Investigations	992

NUISANCE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT

Violations of the City Ordinance

- The City of Fremont has an Ordinance Officer.
 - A clerk at city hall was designated as an Ordinance Officer to resolve violations before issuing a citation.
 - This has been a success as community residents have vastly resolved the situation before the police department had to issue a citation.
 - Violations of the Uniform Traffic Code and Motor Vehicle Code are not discussed in this section.
- Violations
 - Weed/Grass violations:
 - 53 Complaints of tall grass, noxious weeds
 - 46 owners resolved, 7 were mowed and invoiced.
 - Leaf Violations:
 - 3 Complaints
 - All resolved by the owner or will be resolved by the owner.
 - Brush Violations:
 - 5 Complaints
 - All resolved by the owner.
 - Junk Violations
 - 18 Complaints
 - 1 was turned over to the department for citations after the owner would not/could not resolve the complaint.
 - Other/Zoning Violations
 - 25 Complaints
 - 3 were turned over to the department for citations.

SAFETY/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Our department assists with a variety of programs.

- Active Assailant Hostile Event Response (ASHER)
 - This program is taught at schools, businesses, and places of worship.
 - This program allows participants to respond most effectively during an active shooter situation.
- Prescription Drug Disposal
 - The department has a bin installed in the front office, allowing community members to dispose of unwanted prescription medications.
 - The medications are eventually incinerated in the Grand Rapids area to prevent them from entering landfills, being diverted to individuals not prescribed, and entering our water system.
- Unwanted/Malfunctioning Weapon Disposal
 - The department disposes of firearms and ammunition from community members.
 - These weapons are often in such poor condition that it would injure the person operating the firearm.
- Motor Vehicle Salvage and Safety Inspection
 - The department inspects salvaged titled vehicles before being authorized by the Secretary of State to operate on public roadways.
 - Some items checked during inspection include brakes, lights, and a comprehensive inspection to see if parts were listed as stolen.
- Medical First Responder
 - The department has four officers trained as medical first responders.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Officers often assist the community with special events.

- Shop with a Cop
 - This program is a significant event held at Walmart where nominated families in need receive donated funds to purchase Christmas gifts.
- Shop with a Hero
 - This program is an event held at Meijer where students from the NCRESA special education program purchase Christmas gifts.
- Harvest Parade
 - Staff and Reserve Officers assist with parade route security, facilitating the parade.
- Memorial Day Parade
 - Staff and Reserve Officers assist with parade route security, facilitating the parade.
- Special Patrol during 4th of July Fireworks
 - Staff perform extra patrols on foot in areas where crowds gather in public spaces.
- Christmas Parade
 - Staff and Reserve Officers assist with parade route security, facilitating the parade.
- National Baby Food Festival
 - Staff and Reserve Officers conduct foot patrols and respond to complaints from people attending the festival.
- Newaygo County Fair
 - Staff and Reserve Officers conduct foot patrols. This allows them to speak with patrons and vendors and assist in making this a safe event.

DETECTIVE POSITION

This position was created in 2019 to facilitate major case investigations and liaison with the Newaygo County Prosecutor's Office. Since its inception, it has been a vital part of our team.

Some 2025 accomplishments include:

- Resolution of Major Crime Investigations
 - Arson and Insurance Fraud, Multi-Jurisdiction Task Force
 - Lead investigator of former officer convicted of criminal sexual conduct
- There were approximately a dozen forensic child advocacy center interviews
- Lead representative of Trauma Informed Forensic Interviews at the Child Advocacy Center Multi-Disciplinary Teams
- This position was responsible for handling 46 complex criminal investigations
 - Examples of cases our detective handles include:
 - Violence, aggravated assault, felonious assault, and domestic violence.
 - Complex financial crimes, including embezzlement, fraud, and forgery.
 - Breaking into vehicles, homes, and theft cases.
 - Drug offenses. Methamphetamine possession and possession with intent to deliver.
 - Court preparation and follow-up investigations for crimes already investigated by other officers were also assigned to our detective.

Many of our detective cases require extensive hours of meticulous work to achieve successful outcomes. They involve multiple interviews, thorough report writing, and the skill to extract vital information from diverse sources. Increasingly, these cases rely on evidence from social media, cell phones, and electronic devices. An investigator dedicated to these investigations must produce comprehensive, accurate, and reliable work. Our cases not only hold offenders accountable but also serve to exonerate the innocent. We truly value and appreciate your support for this crucial effort.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

In 2022, we were approved to have an officer assigned to Fremont Public Schools. During 2025, calls our School Resource Officer took at Fremont Public Schools included:

- Medical Calls (Medical Response Teams)-4
- Threats/Weapons/Bullying-24
- Truancy-37
- Residence Checks-4
- Breaking and Entering or Damaged Property-3
- Controlled Substances-22
- School Safety Drills-21
- Check Well Being-7
- Civil Matters/Custody Orders-12
- Reunification Trainings-6
- Disorderly/Incorrigibility-10
- Public Relations/Classes-19
- Traffic/Parking/Motor Assist/Accidents-54
- School Safety Training and Planning-11
- Suspicious Activity-18

Additionally,

- Established mentorship programs for children with mental health challenges appropriate for their age and development.
- FPD revamped the truancy program in collaboration with the Newaygo County Probate Court.

The current funding grant for this position ends this year. At the time of this report, we are confident the program will remain solvent through this school year. FPD and Fremont Public Schools will collaborate further in the spring of 26 to determine how to continue the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This position serves as the vital first point of contact for community members seeking assistance. Each year, we handle thousands of calls from Fremont and neighboring townships, demonstrating our commitment and accessibility. Many township residents initially turn to us to file their criminal complaints, trusting us to guide them to the appropriate agency. Below are some of the key tasks our dedicated office manager performs.

- Record Retention Compliance
- Records Management, paper-to-digital program
- Interoffice Mail
- Outgoing Mail
- Michigan State Police Laboratory Report distribution
- State of Michigan agencies request reports.
- Manage office supplies.
- Enter traffic citations into record management
- Process UD-10 Crash report requests
- Record Checks for background
- Payroll
- Freedom of Information Act Requests
- Subpoena, court appearance coordination
- Firearm Permit Processing
- Michigan Information Crime Reports
- Front office reception
- Background fingerprinting for schools, businesses, and social services.
- Sex Offender Registry Processing
- Federal Monthly Reporting
- Body Worn Camera redaction and release.
- Process video requests for outside entities
- Processing reports for prosecutor submission

POLICE SOCIAL WORKER

The Fremont Police Department teamed up with the Newaygo Police Department (NPD) and Arbor Circle to participate in a Michigan Endowment Fund project that provided a licensed master's-level social worker through the end of 2024. In 2025, this position received a new two-year grant from the state of Michigan through the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). This position has been a tremendous service opportunity for the community.

Some of the tasks provided by our social worker include:

- Providing intervention services to community members
 - For families experiencing:
 - Divorce/Family Conflict
 - Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
 - Suicide Risk/Grief Support
 - Parent/Child Stress
 - Mental Health Concerns
 - Substance Use
 - Financial Crisis
 - Homelessness
 - Child Protective Assistance

We have had **87 cases referred to the PSW program from January 2025 to December 2025!**

Totaling **209 cases** since the beginning of time at FPD in December 2023.

From January 2024 to September 2024, PSW Klomp was in person at FPD one day per week. Starting in September 2024, PSW Klomp increased time at FPD to two full days per week and shared one half day with NPD. The half day is used to attend board meetings, coalition meetings, and other events as necessary. From July 2025 to October 2025, PSW Klomp was requested to cover maternity leave for an Arbor Circle employee due to funding reimbursement concerns with the current grant. This left PSW Klomp covering only one half day at FPD and by phone as necessary. During these four months, referrals to PSW Klomp for FPD declined significantly due to limited office presence and

time spent at Arbor Circle and NPD. On or about October 15, 2025, PSW Klomp returned to a two-and-a-half-day schedule at FPD.

The MCOLES grant funded the hiring of a second PSW to better support both Police Departments. In November 2025, the program hired Abigail (Abbie) Schaner, LLMSW, as the new PSW. Abbie brought experience working as a social worker inside the District Court House in Ottawa County. She completed about six weeks of Field Training Orientation (FTO) with PSW Klomp. After successfully finishing FTO, a full-time PSW presence was established at FPD. PSW Klomp and PSW Schaner share a swing shift schedule, rotating three days each week at FPD or NPD, and two days at the other.

The outputs required to track the grant are as follows:

Number of youth engaged: 6,790 youth engaged during 23 events

Number of trainings: 43 trainings held/attended

Number of Intervention Events: 48 community intervention events in which PSWs participated

New Client Intakes- 106

New Client Cases Created- 59

Interventions/contacts made with clients- 188

Total Intervention events: 444

The PSW program represents FPD on several boards throughout the county, including but not limited to the following:

- Face Addiction Now Newaygo County Chapter- Vice President - Monthly Board Meetings (12)
- FAN Forums- Quarterly Forums with Community Education Opportunity
- Headway Prevention Coalition- 12 meetings + CADCA Conference
- Marijuana Action Committee Chair (Established 2024- Meetings beginning 2025) Quarterly Meetings (4)

The PSW has assisted with several community and countywide events in 2025. These events have reached well over 20,000 people in total. The Christmas events alone in 2025 engaged over 3,000 children. These events include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Great Start Family Services Expo- 220 children
- Shop With A Hero- 50 Students
- Shop With A Cop- 147 Children
- True North Children's Christmas Program- 2,002+ Children
- Great Start Christmas Event- 100+ Children
- Newaygo County Kids Day- Approximately 1,120+ participants
- Fremont Gerber Baby Food Festival Kids Day- 1,250+ children
- Fremont Christmas Stroll- 300+ children
- Quest High School Family Night- 30 Students and families
- Lunch with FHS Students- 200 students
- A Night to Shine- 202 Special Guests

Other training and opportunities that PSW Klomp has been involved with and represented FPD on include, but are not limited to the following:

- CADCA National Conference- July 2025
- CIT International Conference August 2025- Did not attend
- FPD/NPD CIT Training- 45 participants

PSW Klomp has been requested to support approximately **16 Police Agencies** in launching their PSW programs across Michigan and the United States.

SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY

In August of 2025, FPD acquired surveillance technology to address illegal dumping in municipal dumpsters in the downtown district and at the Department of Public Works, and, if needed, in public parks. Our policy requires a report detailing the type of equipment used, deployments, and compliance audits.

Types:

- FPD has only one pole-mounted camera used to monitor dumpsters.

Deployments:

- FPD deployed them from September 4th to November 18th on the south downtown dumpsters.
- Noting a billing discrepancy, a new vendor was selected, taking equipment offline from November 18th to December 15th. Note, we found a less expensive vendor for cellular service.
- Equipment was redeployed from December 15th to January 5th on the north side dumpsters, east side.

Compliance:

An internal January 2026 audit revealed the FPD had used surveillance technologies in a manner that:

- Complied with the U.S. Constitution, state laws, and local ordinances.
- Respected individual privacy and avoided unnecessary collection of personal information. Cameras were focused solely on designated areas, and signs were installed to inform the public that the area was being monitored.
- Promoted transparency through public disclosure of policies, capabilities, and oversight processes. FPD informed the City Council in August.
- Ensures accountability through supervisory review, audit logs, and public reporting. The system logs are retained for 30 days, showing who accessed the system and when.
- Used technology for legitimate law enforcement purposes only. Enabling two-factor authentication for the Chief of Police does not grant unrestricted access.

Thank you.

