



# ***Park County Sheriff's Office***



## **2025 Annual Report**

**Darrell D. Steward, Sheriff**

***"Service, Safety, Security"***

## A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF DARRELL D. STEWARD

To the Citizens of Park County:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the confidence the people of Park County have bestowed in me to be their Sheriff. The support I receive from the citizens of Park County daily is always astounding and very humbling!

We have recently updated our Mission Statement to read, “Be Peacemakers; Maintain Order and Protect the Innocent through Competent Skill, Professional Attitude and Service.” This was done to hold on to the roots of the Sheriff’s Office while moving into the future of Law Enforcement.

This year we have seen the retirements of some of our most senior staff. Mike Conners, the Park County Chief Information Officer retired after 36 years of service. He began his career in the Communications center in 1988, right as Yellowstone caught on fire. Kim Dooper, our Kitchen Supervisor/Nutritionist retired after 37 years of service. And Detention Sergeant Cathy Thomas retired after 12 years of service. We wish them all the best in their retirement! They’ve earned it!

With that being said, we’ve also been successful in retaining employees this past year. We now have a 90% certified staff rating!

We have implemented a Fitness Program for all employees within the Sheriff’s Office who wish to participate and hope to incentivize the program. The employees are tested using the Cooper Standards required by the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy and have done very well. During this past year we have strived to ensure that our staff have all the tools they need to carry out their goals in serving the people of Park County. We have implemented the use of Body-Worn-Cameras (BWCs) on our Patrol and Detention Deputies. We have found them very useful in documentation, accountability, and transparency.

We have also implemented mobile data terminals (MDTs) in patrol vehicles, a ruggedized laptop computer that allows the Deputy to see incoming incidents, suspect photographs, complete reports, and run vehicle registrations while in their patrol vehicles. The MDTs have a built-in GPS, allowing 911 Emergency Telecommunicators to see Deputies’ locations and which patrol units are closer to a given location. This GPS feature is also a great safety feature allowing the 911 Emergency Telecommunicators and other emergency responders to see a Deputy’s location in case of a critical incident.

We have continued to replace our more dated/high mileage patrol vehicles. With this also comes the replacement of other equipment, such as brush guards, toolboxes, light bars and lighting controls.

Due to increased awareness regarding Court Security across the State and Nation, the Park County Sheriff’s Office is now attending specific hearings when requested by the Courts. Video surveillance monitors have been installed in various locations in the Sheriff’s Office, allowing

staff to visually monitor Court proceedings real time for any developing issues within the Courts and/or the Courthouse.

A new communications system for the inmates was employed at no cost to Park County Taxpayers. This program gives each inmate a personal computerized tablet during their stay at the detention center, where the inmate can contact family members via text message and video chat. They can also watch self-help/self-improvement programs, attend virtual classes, get their GED, or earn credits to watch family entertainment videos or listen to music.

The Park County Sheriff's Office also began participating in the AvelCare program, which provides the Deputies with tablets in their patrol vehicle when responding to critical mental health incidents. The tablet allows a person experiencing a mental health crisis with a direct link to a mental health professional. After speaking with the mental health professional, the Deputy can then discuss the situation with the mental health professional for the best solution for the person in crisis. A report is generated by the mental health professional regarding the person, which is e-mailed to the Deputy and can be shared with a physician and/or detention staff as needed.

Continual training is always ongoing with all our staff. Most recently a four (4) day class was hosted that the Park County Sheriff's Office for all area First Responders regarding Forensic Interviewing, most utilized in incidents or crimes involving children. Having First Responders from multiple agencies throughout the Big Horn Basin trained in Forensic Interviewing ensures a more favorable and less traumatic outcome for our children who have been victimized.

The Park County Sheriff's Office remains committed to promoting public trust and providing service, safety, and security to those we are sworn to serve. We continue our promise to keep you informed regarding trends in crime, enforcement, and general information through our social media and Hyper-Reach notification system. We look forward to continuing our service to you in 2026.

Sincerely,

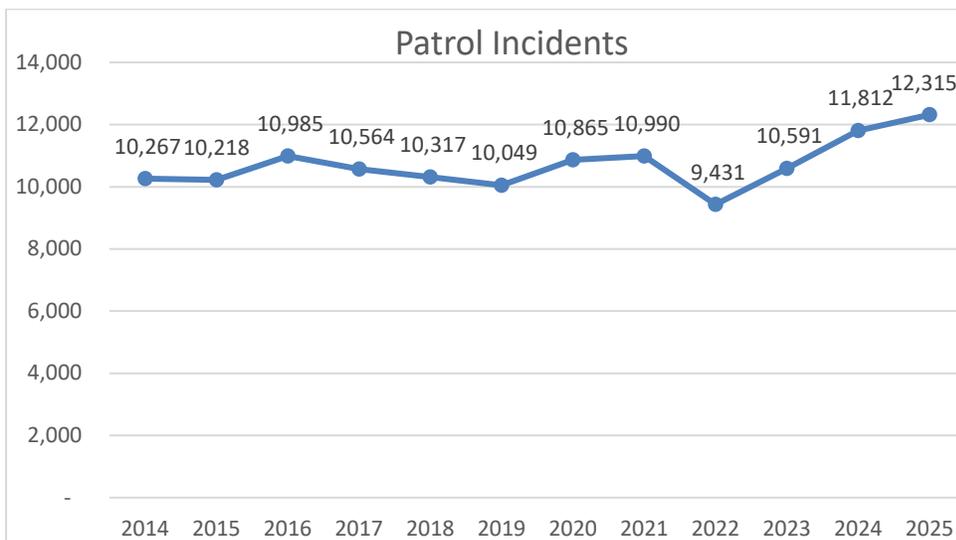
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darrell Steward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Darrell Steward  
Sheriff, Park County, Wyoming

# PATROL DIVISION

**PATROL ACTIVITY** - Patrol deputies continue to serve the citizens of Park County in the manner to which they have come to expect, with pride, compassion, and professionalism. In 2025, the patrol division responded to 12,315 calls for service. These included 3,007 motor vehicle inspections, 1,768 civil paper services, 2,299 traffic stops, 479 animal related calls, 147 warrant service attempts, 205 felony and misdemeanor arrests, 224 motor vehicle crash investigations, 254 criminal investigations and 943 non-criminal investigations. All of this activity was accomplished by 21 full-time patrol deputies including the Sheriff and Under Sheriff who are responsible for patrolling nearly 7,000 square miles of rural Park County. That equates to an average of 586 calls for service handled by each deputy during the year.

Overall, the data indicates a 5.1 percent increase in patrol incidents from 2024. Administrative time (time spent completing incident or case reports; follow up investigatory activity; or contacting residents to inform them of the progress on their incidents) were factored into existing incidents, rather than creating separate incidents for this time.



## Mobile Computers

In 2025, the Park County Sheriff's Office began deploying Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in patrol vehicles. These devices provide many benefits to not only Deputies, but the public as well. Offering GPS locations and routing, full access to investigative tools in the field, and improved communication between units and Communications, Deputies can check national, state, and local databases and have information at their fingertips.

Take, for example, looking for a missing or wanted person, Deputies can look up information, view pictures, or identify suspects. Deputies can also work on case reports in the field and document the investigation, saving on fuel expenses as well as general wear on vehicles. For instance, when investigating a motor vehicle crash and having to wait for a tow truck, Deputies can start working on the paperwork in car. This cuts down on the time it takes to complete a case report for not only court purposes, but public access as well. This allows Deputies to have more patrol time and better time management which makes for more efficient operations overall.

As for Communications Officers, they can use the GPS location of Deputies to dispatch the closest unit to improve response time to calls. Should a Deputy require assistance, backup units can be directed more efficiently to the location as calls routinely take place off road and away from known addresses.

This mobile computer software is also provided free of charge to Emergency Services such as Fire, EMS and SAR to possibly help improve communications between agencies in Park County in the future.



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**INCIDENTS**

Total Patrol Incidents	12,315
Calls for Service Incidents	6,129
Deputy Initiated Incidents	6,186
Traffic Stops	2,296 (13.57% resulted in citations)
Business/Building/Vehicle Checks	4
Other Incidents	3,890

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**ARRESTS**

Total Arrests	205
Misdemeanor Arrests	163
Felony Arrests	42

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**CASE INVESTIGATIONS**

Total Case Investigations	1,069
Vehicle Accident Investigations	151
Criminal Investigations	254
Non-Criminal Investigations	787
Unclassified Investigations	2

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**WARRANTS**

New Warrants Received	162
Total Active Circuit/District Court Warrants	1,604
Warrants Closed	282

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**VIN INSPECTIONS**

Total VIN Inspections	3,022
VIN Inspection Fees Collected *	~ \$30,220.00

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**CIVIL SUMMONS**

Total Service Attempts	1,797
Total Served	664
Total Attempts with No Service	1,139
Civil Service Fees Collected *	\$26,760.00

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**CITATIONS**

Total Citations Issued	521
Misdemeanor Criminal Citations	204
Traffic Citations	309
Parking Citations	4
Unclassified	0

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**OTHER REVENUES COLLECTED**

Inmate Phone Revenue*	\$22,033.74
Medical Care Reimbursements*	\$4,442.39
Restitution*	\$1,708.99
Miscellaneous **	\$20,753.50

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\*Fees collected are returned to the county general fund. VIN approximation due to differences in collection and numbers completed such as veteran, exempt etc.

\*\* Fingerprint/Notary/Record fees/CCW fees/SOR Registration Fees

## PATROL INCIDENTS BY TYPE

Incident Type	Description	Count
911HU	911 Hang-Up Call	33
ABANDVEH	Abandoned Vehicle	58
ADMIN	Administrative Duty	5
ALARM	Intrusion/Holdup	39
AMBULANC	Ambulance Call	13
ANIMAL-B	Animal Bite	18
ANIMAL-D	Animal- Deceased	9
ANIMAL-L	Animal-Lost	67
ANIMAL-N	Animal-Noisy	1
ANIMAL-O	Animal Call - Other	131
ANIMAL-R	Animals on Roadway	184
ANIMAL-S	Animal-Stray	69
AOA	Assist Other Agency	791
ASSAULT	Assault	10
ATL	Attempt to Locate	23
AUTOBURG	Auto Burglary	1
BARWALK	Bar Walk-Through	14
BODYFOUN	Body Found	32
BURGLARY	Building Burglary	6
CHILDWEL	Child Welfare	27
CITCON	Citizen Contact	130
CIVATMPT	Civil Attempt	1768
CIVDISPU	Civil Dispute	71
CIVSTDBY	Civil Standby	36
COMMOUT	Community Outreach	1
COMPUTER	Computer Crimes	5
CUSTODY	Custody Dispute	16
DISTURB	Disturbance	28
DOMESTIC	Domestic	63
DRUGS	Drug Related	9
EXPATROL	Extra Patrol Request	89
EXPLOSIV	Explosives Disposal	1
FIRE	Fire Call	6
FIRE GAS	GAS LEAK	1
FLAGDOWN	Officer Flagged Down	31
FOLLOWUP	Followup	117
FORGERY	Forgery/Counterfeit Complaint	1
FRAUD	Fraud Related	53

HARASS	Harassment	29
HAZARD	Safety Hazard	3
INCORRIG	Incorrigible Juvenile	5
INFO	Informational	54
INTOXSUB	Intoxicated Subject	9
LITTER	Littering	3
MENTAL	Mental Problem	25
MESSAGE	Deliver Message	3
MISCASST	Miscellaneous Assistance	398
MOTOASST	Motorist Assist	160
MVC	Motor Vehicle Crash	12
MVC EMS	MVC- EMS NEEDED	4
MVC FIRE	MVC- FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDED	3
MVC INJ	Motor Vehicle Crash With Injury	65
MVC PD	Motor Vehicle Crash-Property Damage	140
NCIC	NCIC/WCJIN Related	178
NOTIFY	Notify City Departments	12
NUISANCE	Nuisance Complaint	10
OPENDOOR	Open Door/Window	3
OTHERACC	Other Accident	3
OTHERLAW	Other Law Violations	13
PARKING	Parking Problem	6
PATROL-X	Patrol-Extra Officer Initiated	269
PERSON-L	Person-Lost	4
PRISNTRN	Prisoner Transport	36
PROBCHEK	Probation Check	1
PROBVIOL	Probation Violation	3
PROPDAMG	Property Damage	67
PROPFOUN	Property-Found	55
PROPLOST	Property-Lost	63
PROTORDR	Protection Order	12
PROWLER	Prowler	1
REDDI	Reddi Report	56
ROADCLOS	Road Closure	3
ROADHAZ	Road Hazard/Blockage	106
RUNAWAY	Runaway Juvenile	6
SAR	Search & Rescue Call	26
SECHECK	Security Check	2
SEXASSLT	Sexual Assault	19
SEXNOTIF	Sexual Offender Notification	3
SEXOFFND	Sexual Offender Record	21
SEXREGIS	Sex Offender Registration	130

SEXREPRT	Sex Offender Reporting	88
SPECINC1	Special Incident 1	23
STOLEVEH	Stolen Vehicle	4
SUICIDE	Suicide Attempt/Threat	26
SUSPACT	Suspicious Activity	136
SWARRANT	Search Warrant	1
THEFT	Theft	50
THREATS	Threats	40
TRAFCOMP	Traffic Complaint	141
TRAFSTOP	Traffic Stop	2299
TRAIN	Training Duty	51
TRESPASS	Trespass Complaint	89
UNKNOWN	Unknown Call Type	2
USFSPTL	USFS Patrol	72
VIN	Vehicle Inspection	3007
WARATMPT	Warrant Service Attempt	147
WATER	Water Use Violation	3
WEAPONS	Weapons Offense	16
WELFARE	Welfare Check	142

# EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Park County Sheriff's Office Communications Division handles routine and emergency calls for service requests for the Park County Sheriff's Office, Cody Police Department, Park County



Search and Rescue, Cody Regional Healthcare EMS, the Cody, Meeteetse and Clark Fire/First Responder Districts as well as auto launching the Cody Guardian life flight services for scene flights to medical emergencies further than 20 miles from town. In August, the Powell Fire Department moved their dispatching to the Powell Police department. In 2025, nine total emergency telecommunicators handled 26,568 calls for service which is a 7.62 percent increase from 2024. This

continues the trend of increasing every year. However, this equates to over 3,300 calls per emergency telecommunicator. The Emergency

Communications center received 7,344 emergency 911 calls which is 82% of the total 911 calls in Park County with the Powell Police Department receiving the other 18%. With recent 2023 FCC changes, cellular 911 calls are routed by the callers' actual GPS coordinates and not by the location of a cell tower which has caused this number to continue to increase and reduce unnecessary transfers between agencies.



This doesn't count the multitude of non-emergency calls that are received daily either. Park County 911 Emergency Telecommunicators play many roles: therapist, Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) providing pre-arrival medical instructions to callers, Emergency Fire Dispatcher (EFD) as we dispatch for fire services in Park County, lawyer, teacher, weatherman, guidance counselor, psychologist, priest, secretary, supervisor, politician, and reporter. And few people must jump through the emotional hoops on the trip through the routine of one caller's request for a phone number, to the fear of another caller's burglary in progress, to the anger of a neighbor blocked in their drive, to the sorrow of a caller who lost their pet, to the stress of an officer's request for help, and back to the phone number request all in a five-minute time frame. But Park County 911 emergency telecommunicators accept these responsibilities and handle them with expertise and confidence.

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## COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION CALLS FOR SERVICE

Park County Sheriff's Office	12,315
Cody Police Department	11,115
Cody Fire Department	382
Clark Fire Department	50
Powell Fire Department	168 (1/2025 through 7/2025)
Meeteetse Fire Department	40
Cody Regional Health EMS	2,462
Park County Search and Rescue	31
Guardian Air Ambulance	13
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>26,568</b>

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### Controlled Burn Permits

Total Permits Issued	<b>2,873</b>
Cody/Meeteetse Area	1,269
Powell/Garland/Ralston/Clark Area	1,558

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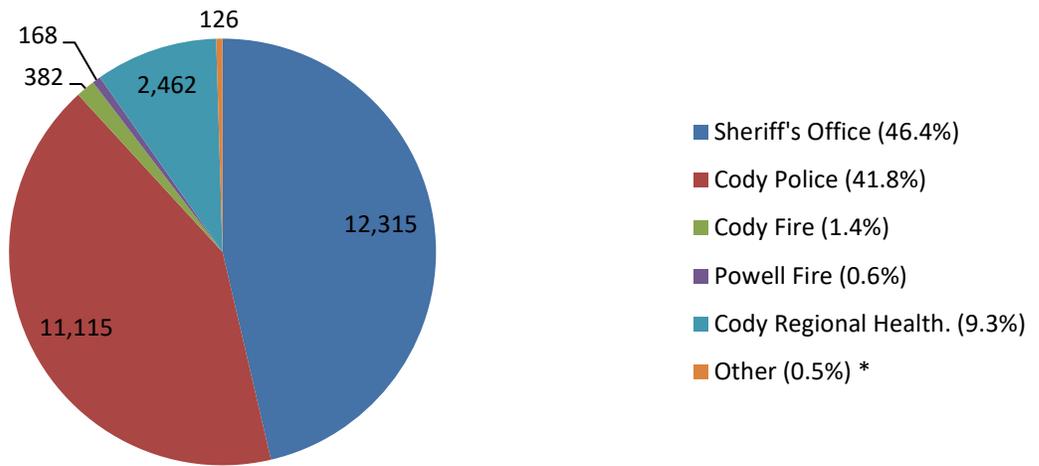
### Fire Calls Dispatched

Cody Fire Department	382
Clark Fire Department	50
Powell Fire Department (1/1/25 to 7/31/2025)	168
Meeteetse Fire Department	40
<b>Total Fire Calls</b>	<b>640 (2.46% total calls)</b>

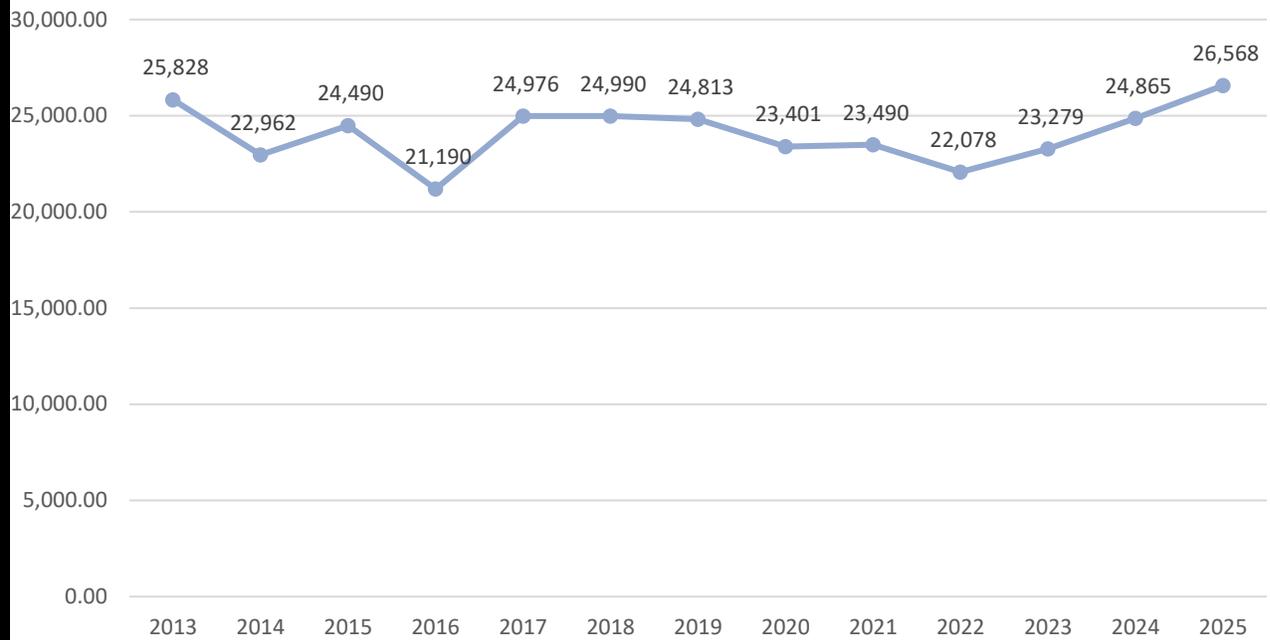
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\* Clark Fire / Meeteetse Fire / Search & Rescue / Guardian EMS

### Calls for Service by Agency



### Communications Center Calls for Service



# DETENTION

The Park County Detention Center is a 106-bed facility that is a twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-week operation staffed with 26 deputies (with 2 vacancies at the time of this report.). The staff is tasked with the safe and secure confinement and management of inmates. 2025 was an example of the staff's ability to adapt and evolve quickly and efficiently. The staff also continued to reevaluate policy, making updates and modifications as needed, focused on training, and streamlining the processes in the Detention Center. In 2025, the Park County Sheriff's Office Detention Division booked a total of 741 prisoners into the holding facility. The second table below breaks it down even further.

## TOTAL DETENTION BOOKINGS FOR 2025

	2025
Park County Sheriff	159
Cody Police Dept.	290
Powell Police Dept.	97
Wyoming Highway Patrol	27
Other Agencies	6
Individual Booking Charges *	1,300
<b>Total Bookings *</b>	<b>638</b>

\* Includes "weekender" bookings, where someone comes to serve time on weekends only. Some arrests had individuals with multiple charges per booking equating to the higher number of charges above.

Monthly Stats	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Total Bookings</b>	46	54	41	48	65	72	60	60	49	45	59	57	656
Male	31	41	25	35	45	51	47	45	34	29	42	40	465
Female	13	12	15	11	17	17	13	15	14	14	16	15	172
Juvenile	2	1	1	2	2	4	0	1	1	2	1	2	19
<b>Total Releases</b>	45	50	52	46	55	72	61	57	46	42	59	61	646
Male	37	36	35	34	39	55	47	42	33	31	41	46	476
Female	8	14	17	12	16	17	14	15	13	11	18	15	170
<b>Average Daily Pop</b>	37	40	35	26	36	36	31	31	33	33	34	29	
Male	31	32	29	22	31	30	27	26	28	28	27	25	
Female	6	8	6	4	5	6	4	5	5	5	7	4	
<b>Highest 1 day pop</b>	43	44	38	31	41	45	34	35	40	38	39	34	
<b>Lowest 1 day pop</b>	33	34	28	23	29	31	28	27	26	31	29	24	

**USE OF FORCE** - The Park County Detention Center also tracks the use of force incidents against inmates within our care and protection. These incidents are created whenever a detention deputy has to utilize force against a non-compliant inmate. This can be in the form of compliance holds such as a wristlock up to and including the use of non-lethal weapons such as a Taser or pepper spray. We continually strive to keep these incidents to a minimum by providing the best possible training to our deputies in methods to mitigate situations prior to resorting to physical force. Assaults by inmates against officers and each other decreased in 2025, and our use of force decreased yet again. As with use of force incidents, we continually strive to minimize inmate assaults through training. All inmates who assault officers or other inmates are prosecuted under state law.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Use of Force Incidents *	13	9	21	13	16	6	2
Inmate Assaults	4	4	6	6	3	3	1

\* Force is used to gain compliance only

The fight for those suffering from mental health problems continues. A Title 25 (WSS 25-1-109) hold is a hold placed on an individual in order to detain them for the protection of themselves or others, placed by a mental health professional, licensed physician, or law enforcement officer. Detention is the last resort and people are placed with us if they cannot be held in a more appropriate setting such as a hospital due to violence or flight risks. In 2025 seven people were placed on Title 25 only holds who were housed in the Park County Detention Center.

These individuals occupied either the padded cell or alternate protective housing (to accommodate multiple mental health holds simultaneously) to include awaiting transfer to the Wyoming State Hospital for 365 days in 2024. In 2025 there were nineteen (19) inmates that occupied either the padded cell or an alternate protective housing for 364 days. These numbers represent multiple rooms simultaneously per day, reflecting as multiple days.

## PARK COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY

The Park County Office of Homeland Security's mission is to serve the citizens of Park County by focusing on Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery to effectively manage disasters and emergencies. Additionally, there are thirty-two core capabilities that are used to build or sustain current response capabilities and help close identified gaps. These capabilities are built and sustained through planning, organizing, equipping, training, and exercising.

This past year, Park County Office of Homeland Security completely rewrote the Park County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) to better reflect the current state of the county's ability to respond to an emergency of disaster. The EOP is a structured document that outlines how responders and the community will respond to and recover from disasters. The document is a playbook for coordinated action to ensure safety, minimize damage, and restore normal operations as quickly as possible. EOPs reduce initial confusion and delays during a crisis by ensuring all stakeholders are operating from the same plan. The Park County EOP meets all legal and regulatory requirements and will be in the final phases of approval in 2026.

Park County Office of Homeland Security also completed the first step in the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) process. THIRA is a three-step risk assessment process that helps communities answer the following:

- What threats and hazards can affect our community?
- If they occurred, what impacts would those threats and hazards have on our community?
- Based on those impacts, what capabilities should our community have?

The information obtained from the THIRA process lay the foundation for determining a community's capability gaps as part of the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR). The SPR is a self-assessment of a community's current capability levels against the threats identified in the THIRA. The SPR helps communities in identifying preparedness capability gaps and sustainment requirements, while also outlining approaches for closing gaps and sustaining capabilities.

Additionally, Wyoming Office of Homeland Security Region 6 (Park, Big Horn, Washakie, Hot Springs) Emergency Management Coordinators collaborated to create a Volunteer Management Plan (VMP). The VMP will serve as a guide to ensure the safe and effective management of individuals who wish to serve as a volunteer at the scene of a disaster or emergency.

Park County Office of Homeland Security also coordinated and instructed various National Incident Management System and Incident Command System training throughout Park County. Additional training in pre-incident indicators and violent critical incident strategies were also conducted.

The Park County Office of Homeland Security also serves as the sponsor for the Park County Community Emergency Response Team (PC-CERT) which is under the direction of Wendy Annis. The PC-CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards around the community. Training for PC-CERT members includes fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Anyone interested in the PC-CERT program is encouraged to reach out to Wendy Annis via email [PC-CERT@Parkcounty-wy.gov](mailto:PC-CERT@Parkcounty-wy.gov).

**FACEBOOK & HYPER REACH - The Park County Sheriff's Office continued to utilize social media and emergency notifications in 2025 to communicate directly with residents. This includes the use of the Park County Sheriff's Office Facebook page and through direct communications via Hyper Reach. The platforms are used to inform and engage the residents of Park County on a variety of topics.**

**Safety messages, emergency bulletins, and agency information are included, but also the accounts are used to distribute information on incidents reported to the sheriff's office that may be of interest to residents. The intent is to proactively distribute data that is both informative and safety-oriented in content and when necessary, ask for assistance from residents in emergency situations. Both of these services seem to be very popular with the public!**



**To sign up for emergency notifications, scan the QR code below with a mobile device. Residents and people who work in Park County are encouraged to enroll now (using a Park County address) either by calling or texting “Alert” to 307-213-7177 or by going to the website: <http://hyper-reach.com/wyparksignup.html>.**



Should you have any further questions or need more information, please contact the Public Information Officer Monte McClain via phone at 307-527-8700 or email at [Monte.McClain@parkcountysheriff-wy.gov](mailto:Monte.McClain@parkcountysheriff-wy.gov).

Thank you!