



Burkburnett Police Department

2024 Annual Report





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Message to the Community



On behalf of the dedicated men and women of the Burkburnett Police Department, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our citizens for your continued trust and support. Your confidence in our ability to provide professional and competent police services motivates us every day to deliver the highest standard of excellence. We remain steadfast in our mission to protect and serve our entire community.

As we present the 2024 Annual Report, we invite you to review the strategies, programs, and outcomes that shaped our efforts this past year. This report not only showcases our initiatives to ensure the safety of Burkburnett's citizens and neighborhoods but also provides transparency about the challenges we encountered and the measures we took to address them.

In 2024, we observed a slight increase in reported crimes, particularly in burglary and theft. While this uptick is minimal, it remains a focus area as we continue to develop proactive strategies to reduce crime. Mid-year, we established the Crime Prevention Unit (CPU) to specifically target violent and repeat offenders. This specialized team has undergone extensive training in tactical and intelligence-led policing, and their growth and development remain critical in safeguarding our community.

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of our approach. Events such as National Night Out (NNO) saw tremendous participation, with over 300 attendees joining in the celebration of community and safety. Looking ahead to 2025, we are excited to expand our outreach efforts, including Coffee with a Cop (tentatively planned quarterly), Family Night Out (mid-year), and another exciting National Night Out on the first Tuesday in October. We are committed to strengthening the bond between our department and the community we proudly serve.

As a law enforcement agency, we continuously strive to adapt to the evolving landscape of 21st Century Policing. We focus on reducing crime while maintaining the public's trust through accountability, fairness, and transparency. Regular evaluations of our policies—especially regarding pursuits and use of force—ensure that our actions align with the law and reflect the values of our community.

We encourage you to review the 2024 Annual Report, which provides an in-depth look at your police department's performance, achievements, and areas for growth. We hope you find this information insightful and reflective of our commitment to excellence.

In closing, I want to personally thank each of you for the privilege of serving Burkburnett. Together, we will continue to build a safe, supportive, and thriving community for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Miller".

Chief Donald Miller

Burkburnett Police Department





About Us

Our Mission

To reduce, disrupt, and prevent crime and disorder
allowing for the preservation of peace through
proactive, innovative, and ethical police services.

Our Vision

Working in partnership with citizens and businesses
to serve our community and protect life and
property by delivering honorable service focusing on
H.O.P.E





H.O.P.E.

Honesty – Always Adhering to the facts, to bring fairness and truthfulness into everything we do.

Opportunity – Giving our community and employees alike the chance to found and form a new venture.

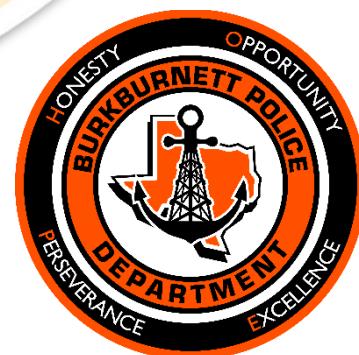
Perseverance – Regardless of the difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement we will continually strive to reach our goals.

Excellence – The attitude of always striving to do our best in everything we do. To expect more of ourselves than others believe to be possible.

The anchor symbolizes hope, steadfastness, calm and composure. It also can symbolize security in one or more uncertain experiences of life. An anchor is something that helps keep us grounded, connected to what matters most, and able to cope with challenges that life brings.

The oil derrick symbolizes the City of Burkburnett from the oil boom in the early 1900's. Burkburnett is also known as "Boomtown" from the drilling boom that brought prosperity to North Texas.

The combination of symbols will be represented with the Burkburnett Police Department's Core Values: H.O.P.E.



Burkburnett Police Department



Leadership



Chief Donald Miller

30 Years of Service



Captain Shane Culp

14 Years of Service



Sergeant Blake Deeb

13 Years of Service



Sergeant Jeff Krc

18 Years of Service



Lieutenant Royce Challis

19 years of Service



Sergeant Paul Casillas

19 Years of Service



Sergeant Robert Turner

9 Years of Service





Budget

The Burkburnett City Council passed the vote to allot Burkburnett Police Department the following funds for the 2024 fiscal year:

Benefits (Salary, Insurance, Retirement, Etc.)	\$2,210,600
Materials and Supplies	\$94,460
Maintenance and Repair	\$16,000
Other	\$10,000
Contractual Services	231,841
Transfers Out	167,840

Total
\$2,730,741

This budget provides salaries and benefits for our officers while also providing them with state-of-the-art equipment, training, and resources. As stewards of the citizens' finances, we strive to utilize the funds to develop this agency to meet the city's needs. We send officers to training courses across the state and surrounding areas to bring back usable knowledge to better serve our citizens.





Statistical Analysis

The Burkburnett Police Department responded to 11,934 calls for service in 2024. This averages 32.7 calls for service a day. Of those calls, 352 Incident reports were generated.

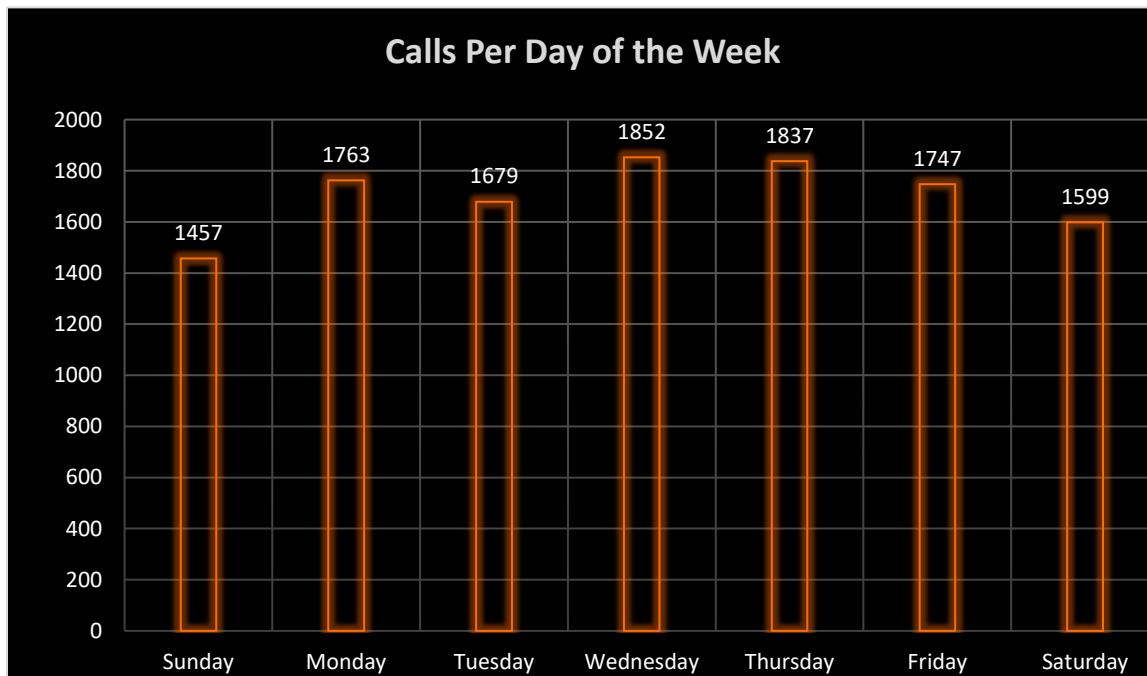
Arrests made by officers: 241

Warnings/Citations Issued: 1462 / 570 (71.9% / 28.1%)

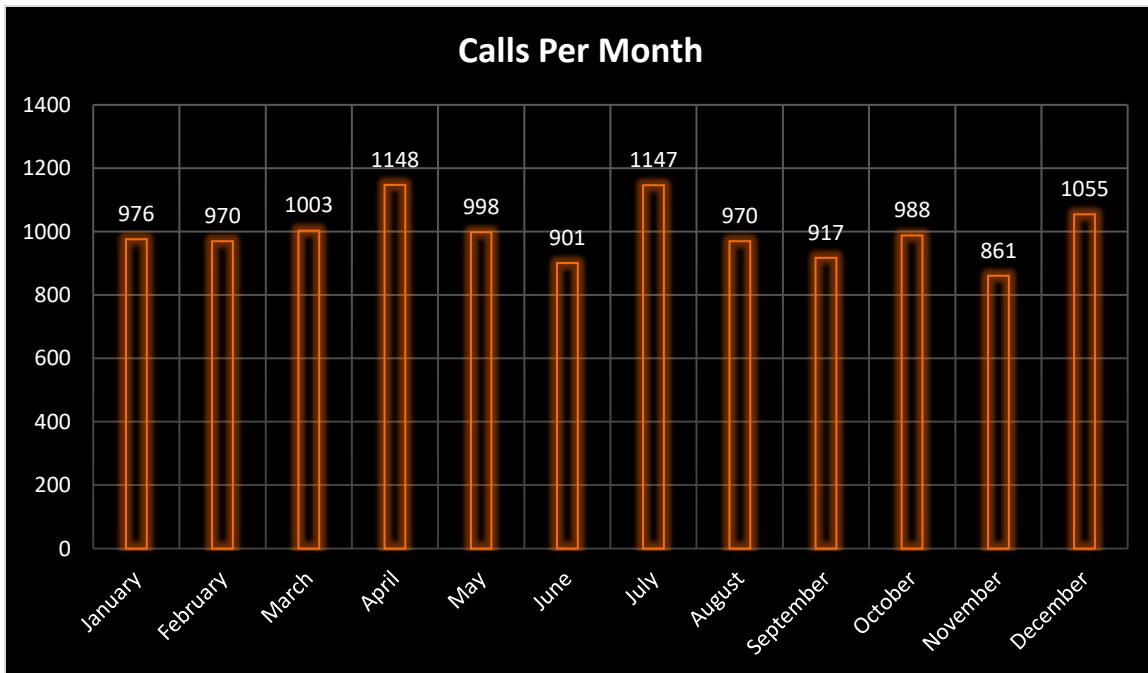
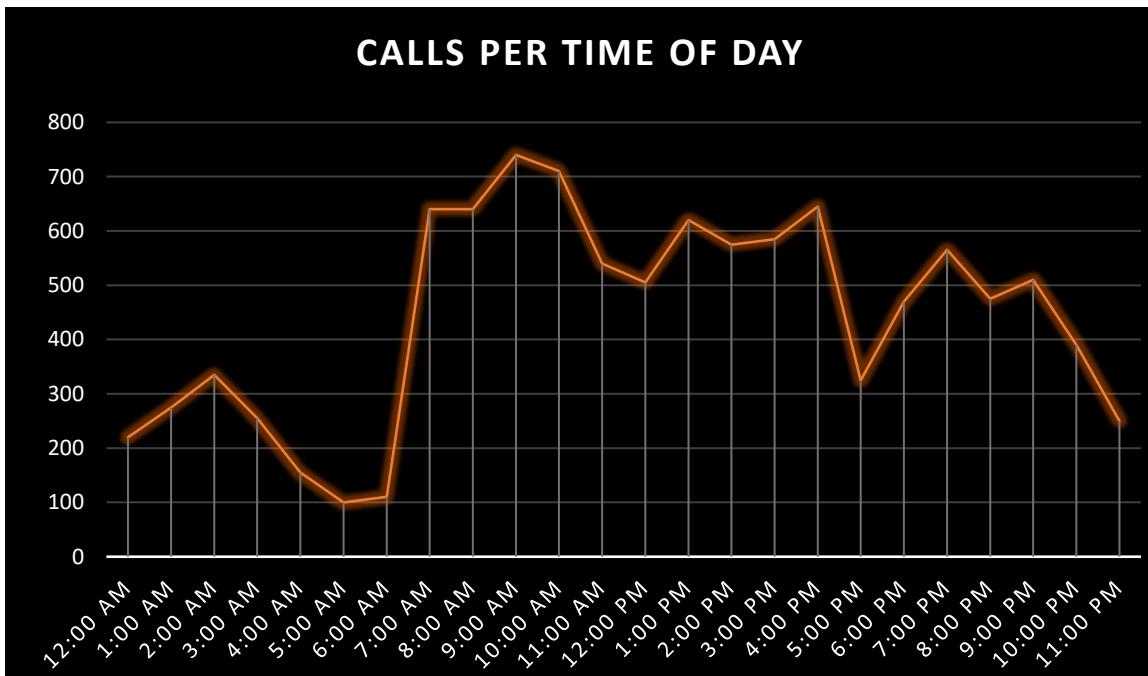
Average response time: 2 minutes, 53 seconds

Assaultive crime: 61

Distance covered by police units: 98,490

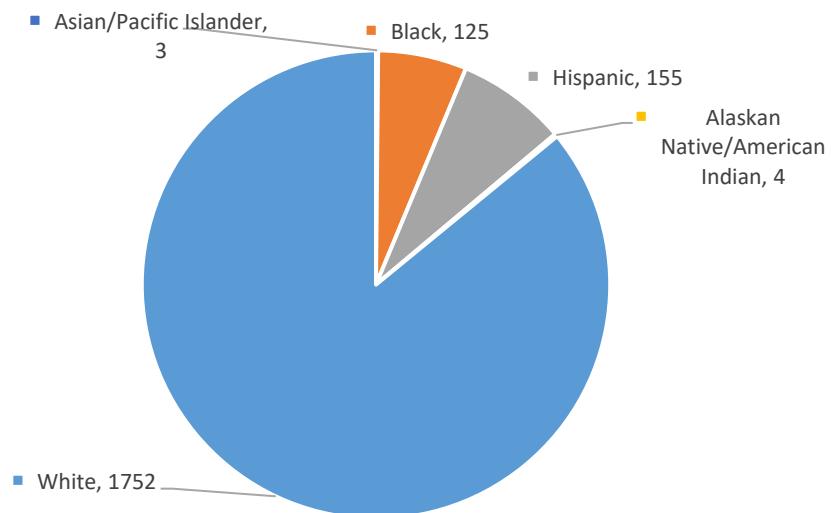


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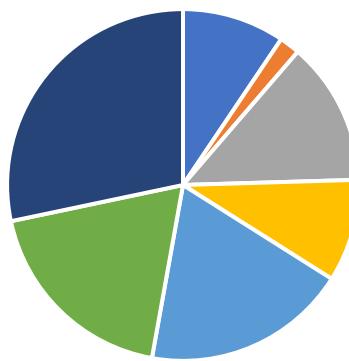




Traffic Stops by Race



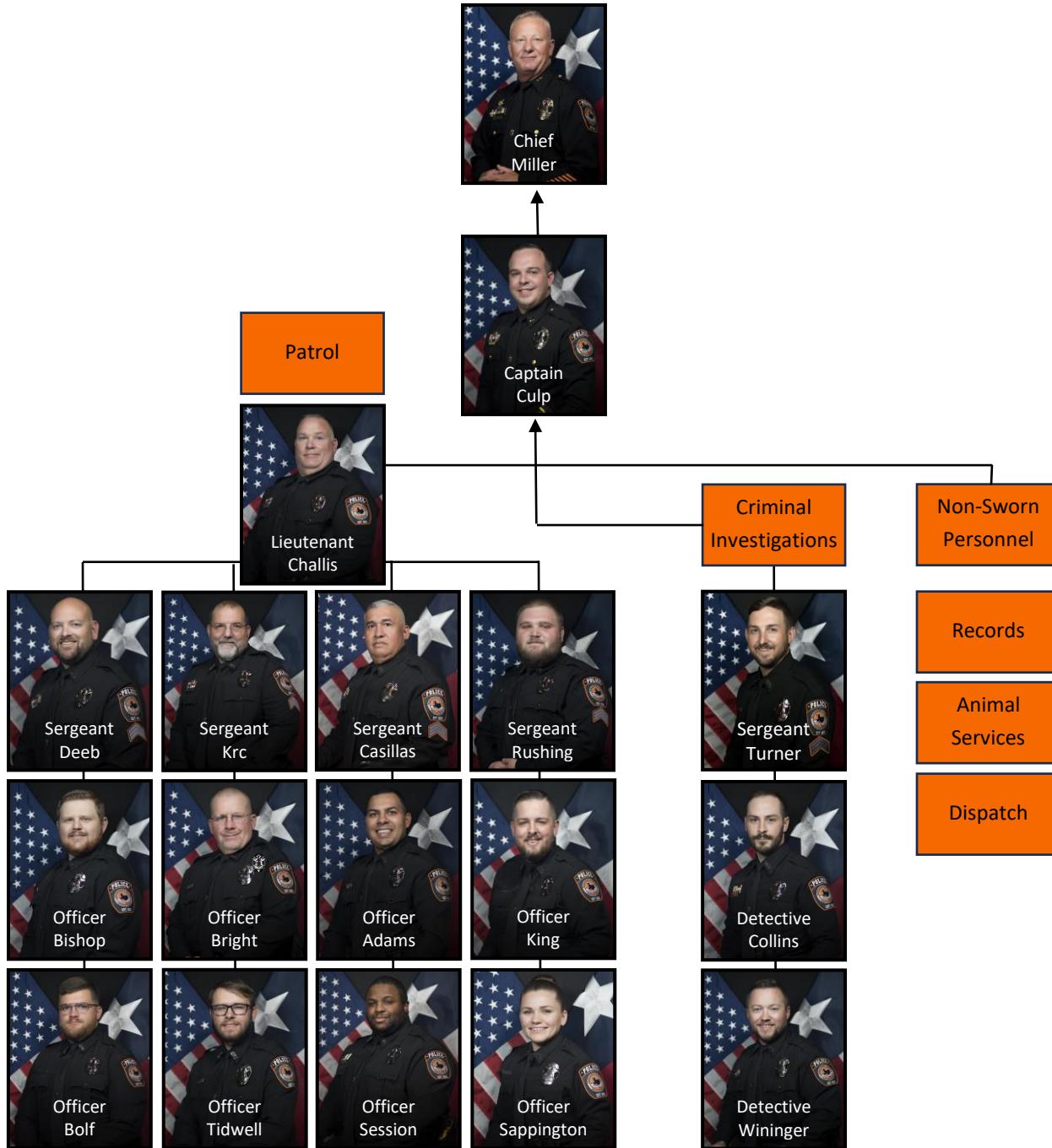
Crimes Against Persons



Burkburnett Police Department



Organizational Chart





Patrol Division



The face of the Burkburnett Police Department exists in the patrol division. These are the men and women out in uniform and marked patrol units that you see responding to calls, making traffic stops, and out checking on businesses and the community.

The patrol division is separated into four shifts: two day shifts and two night shifts. One sergeant operates each shift, with officers assigned to them. Officers work 12-hour shifts on a rotating 2-2-3 schedule (Panama Schedule). This allows all patrol officers to have every other Friday, Saturday, and Sunday off.

Our officers are encouraged to interact with the community as often as possible between calls or other pertinent incidents. With that, we encourage you to get to know our officers.





Criminal Investigations Division



Our Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is a hardworking team of well-qualified detectives. The detectives spend their shifts working on ongoing investigations and investigating crimes that have yet to be reported. Their end goal is gathering facts and building cases in an efficient manner to keep criminals off the streets. They work

tirelessly, handling day-to-day operations while also being available 24/7 should their assistance be required.

CID works with a handful of resources from the surrounding areas to complete their mission. This includes, but is not limited to, the Texas Department of Family Services, Texas Rangers and CID, the District Attorney's Office, Patsy's House, and surrounding municipal and county sheriff's offices.





Crime Prevention Unit

Purpose:

The Crime Prevention Unit is a specialized group of experienced officers that focuses their enforcement and prevention efforts on drugs, vice, and other special crimes. Unit members gather intelligence, make arrests, and saturate specifically targeted areas to combat crime. The Crime Prevention Unit aims to reduce crime and improve the quality of life for the citizens of Burkburnett. The unit also executes high-risk search warrants and arrest warrants for the department and outside agencies.

Priorities:

- Identifying and arresting violent subjects
- Locating and arresting subjects who assault or flee from police officers
- Conducting special operations inside the city limits of Burkburnett
- Surveillance missions of suspects who are involved in serial criminal activity
- Street-level gang enforcement
- Street-level drug enforcement
- Quality of life issues
- Educating citizens in crime prevention





Support Services

Dispatch – Our dispatchers work around the clock answering phone calls for emergencies and non-emergencies, dispatching necessary resources and units, and accessing a state and national database to disseminate information.

Records – Our records and evidence clerk maintains the ongoing reports that are developed by officers and CID. The clerks are also responsible for archiving evidence. This is a non-stop job, as crime and evidence never stop.

Animal Services – Our Animal services Office (ASO) are on duty five days a week, but available anytime for emergencies. They are responsible for handling calls for vicious, mistreated, or missing animals.

Needless to say, behind the badge is a team of unseen employees that the Burkburnett Police Department would not function without. We are grateful for their work and dedication.





Traffic Enforcement Devices (TEDs)

The Burkburnett Police Department acquired two Message Center 360 Variable Messaging Signs through a grant issued by NorTex. These Traffic Enforcement Devices (TEDs) are capable of showing text-based messages for instructions and cautions, showing vehicle speeds with its equipped radar, and collection of traffic data. They can be requested at your event or on your street [here](#).





Motorcycle Traffic Unit

The Burkburnett Police Department has invested in three BMW RT1250 motorcycles to implement a new unit of traffic enforcement. The motorcycles are outfitted and intended to be used for high traffic areas to ensure safety for our small community. Motorcycles allow for easier access and maneuverability, which will be especially useful during times when the school zones are active or special events that bring higher traffic to the city.





Awards

Certificate of Achievement

Evelyn Rodriguez
Jessie Culipher
Lance Bryant

Commitment to Excellence Award

Derek Neal

Certificate of Merit

Sergeant Robert Turner
Detective Kenen Wininger
Detective Ty Collins

Certificate of Civic Achievement Award

Officer Scott Bright

Crime Stoppers

Officer of the Month Award

Officer Scott Bright

Promotions

Sergeant Peyton Rushing
Lieutenant Royce Challis





Community Outreach



I.C. Evans Community Helpers Day



Snow Day – 02/11/2024



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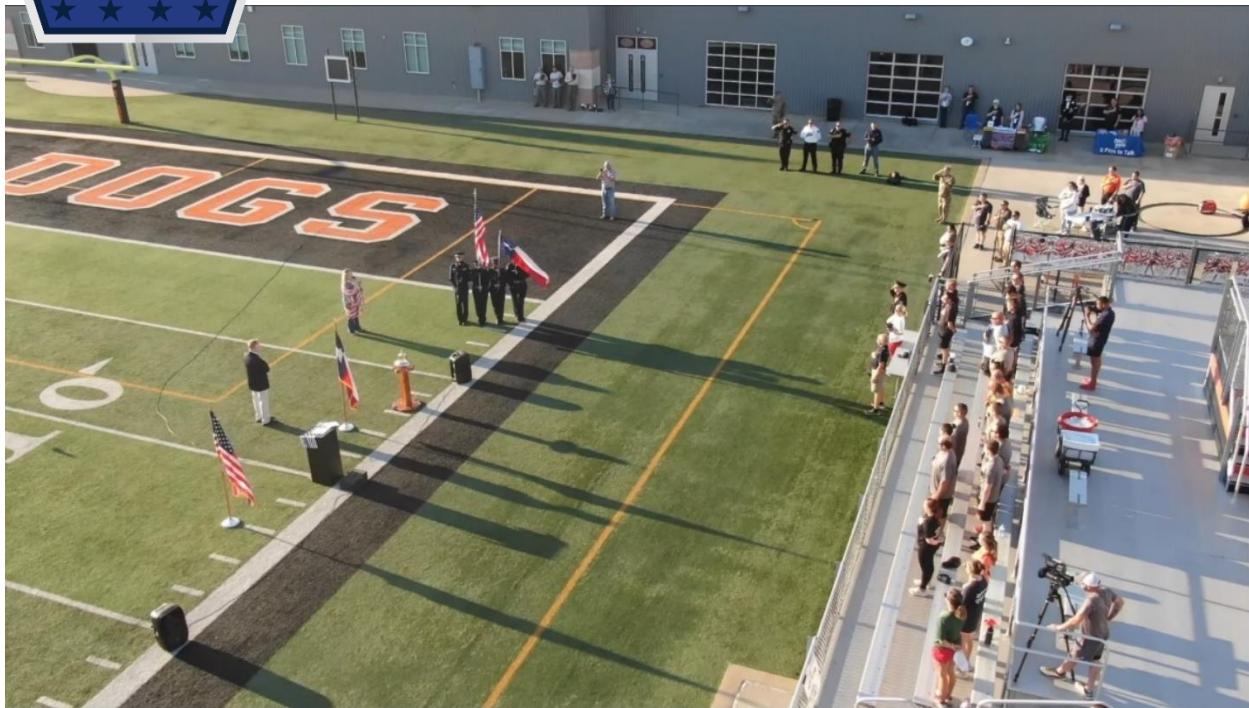


Bringing Back Boomtown – Adopt a Stuffed Animal

National Night Out



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Trunk or Treat



Operation Santa Letters





Fallen Officers



William Irvin Garland

Chief of Police

End of Watch Saturday, May 18, 1935

Age: 64

Tour: 15 years

Chief Garland drowned when a bridge over the Red River, collapsed during a period of heavy flooding.

The chief had noticed that a number of people were on the bridge watching the rising flood waters. As he went onto the bridge to warn them to get off, the bridge was struck by timber from a railroad bridge that had collapsed upstream.

The impact of the timber caused the bridge to collapse. Chief Garland and six citizens were thrown into the river and drowned as a result.

Chief Garland had served with the agency for 15 years. He was survived by his wife and eight children.

Please view [Chief Garland](#) or any other fallen officers on the Officer Down Memorial Page, located [here](#).





Contact Us

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101 East College Street
Burkburnett, TX 76354

**For Emergencies requiring immediate response, always
remember to call 9-1-1.**

**The Burkburnett Police Department is operational 24/7 by
phone for non-emergencies and direct communications at
940-569-2231.**

**The department's administrative and investigative divisions
are available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm excluding any
holidays.**

**The front vestibule of the police department is always open
and contains a call box that will immediately put you in touch
with a dispatcher.**

