## **Police Department**

2011 was once again a very productive year for the Police Department. The department remains committed to developing a true community oriented policing model with the specific goal of proactive crime prevention. Preliminary planning began with regards to enhancing our partnership with the community, specifically in the area of emerging technology that will allow the Police Department to better communicate with our citizens.

Statistical summaries show that crime reports in the Village continue to remain at levels much lower than in previous years. Major crimes including burglary, criminal mischief (vandalism), theft and motor vehicle theft continue to show a significant downturn in comparison to years past. The photo red light system at the intersection of East Belleview Avenue and South University Boulevard continues to make the intersection safer for motorists. Since the installation of the camera system, the intersection has seen a 70% decrease in overall traffic accidents, including an 88% decrease in those accidents involving bodily injury.

The Police Department hired two new police officers in 2011 including John Bayman who returned to the patrol function after serving several years as one of the City's Code Enforcement Officers. Officer Cory Sack joined the department after serving several years with the Elbert County Sheriff's Office. Animal Control Officer John Newhouse was hired after working in the field for over 15 years with Arapahoe County and Nathalie Klasens took over the evidence and crime scene technician duties, coming to us from the Denver Police Department. John DeFelice was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Commander Pat Weathers completed his 30th year of service with the City.

The Police Department successfully handled several dignitary visits during the summer including Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and Speaker of the United States House of Representatives John Boehner. Police Department staff was also heavily involved in the planning and coordination efforts regarding the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship to be held at the Cherry Hills Country Club in 2012.



Great strides were made in the planning and design of the new Joint Public Safety Facility, which will house both the Police Department and South Metro Fire Rescue Authority Station 38. With the cooperation of the South Metro Fire Rescue Authority the building design was completed and construction contracts were approved by both entities with groundbreaking on the new building slated for March of 2012. The new facility will create much needed space for Village Center employees and will allow for the police and fire departments to more effectively serve the community.

Former Mayor Mike Wozniak recognizes Commander Pat Weathers for 30 years of service with the Cherry Hills Village Police Department.

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