Because You Voted: The Impact of Your Investment in Public Safety

Annual Report

Introduction

In 2024, Melissa voters approved the creation of the Crime Control District to strengthen public safety, expand technology, and enhance law enforcement services in our growing community. This annual report highlights the measurable outcomes of that investment, demonstrating how voter-approved funding has directly improved capabilities, increased officer presence, and supported innovative public safety initiatives across the City of Melissa.

Executive Summary

The Melissa Police Department made significant progress in 2024 and 2025, strengthening its commitment to public safety through enhanced community engagement, expanded volunteer programs, improved enforcement operations, and strategic investments in technology and training. This progress is a direct result of voter support for the Crime Control District, which enabled the department to make critical advancements that improve safety, visibility, and service quality throughout the city.

Crime Control District Impact Report

Community Engagement and Volunteer Programs

The Melissa Police Department launched its first Citizens Police Academy (CPA) in January 2025, giving residents an inside look at police operations and building stronger partnerships between officers and the community. Following its success, a second academy is scheduled for January 2026. The department also established the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program, selecting three CPA alumni to serve as founding leaders, and finalized policies and procedures to guide the program's launch in spring 2026. In addition, the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) achieved 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, further supporting MPD through outreach, fundraising, and volunteer coordination.

Enforcement Initiatives and Specialized Units

Several specialized units expanded their capabilities thanks to Crime Control District support. The Motorcycle Unit, now fully staffed and operational, focuses on education, awareness, and enforcement in high-risk traffic areas and school zones. The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Unit was launched to reduce crashes, protect infrastructure, and ensure compliance with state and federal regulations. The CVE Unit currently averages more than 18 inspections per month and proactively removes unsafe vehicles from the road.

To date, the CVE Unit has removed 55 unsafe commercial vehicles from Melissa roadways.

Technology and Equipment Enhancements

One of the most significant impacts of the Crime Control District has been the investment in cutting-edge technology. Funding enabled the purchase of multiple drones, including two DJI Avata units, two DJI Matrice 4T units, and one DJI Matrice 4E unit. These assets support patrol operations, accident reconstruction, crime scene mapping, and other critical law enforcement functions.

The department expanded its technology suite with Flock Safety's Freeform and Convoy. Freeform enables keyword-based searches across LPR detections, such as vehicles with bumper stickers, vehicles towing trailers, or all bicycles and motorcycles. Convoy maps a vehicle's path from one Flock LPR camera to the next. We also added Axon Interpret and Axon Case Management to better connect video, evidence, and reports, improving investigative efficiency. Three officers are now licensed drone pilots, with additional personnel in training to maintain coverage on every patrol shift.

Training and Professional Development

Ongoing training remains a cornerstone of MPD's strategy. Officers completed a range of specialized courses, including ALERRT Active Shooter Response, Forensic Technician training, LEDA Drone Certification, ILEA Supervisor training, Hostage Negotiation, and Crimes Against Children investigations. Continued professional development ensures officers are prepared for evolving challenges and equipped with the skills necessary to keep Melissa safe.

Staffing and Capacity Growth

The department gained approval for three new police officer positions, increasing total staffing to 30.5 sworn officers and two civilian employees. Two of these positions were filled at the recruit level, while one was filled by a certified officer. Additionally, the department sponsored two recruits to attend the Texoma Regional Police Academy, marking a historic first for MPD.

How our Patrol Districts Improve Service

Our patrol area is organized into three districts to balance call loads and equalize response times. This structure keeps officers in their beats, preserving beat integrity, building local knowledge, and strengthening community relationships. It also reduces fuel use and wear on vehicles through shorter, more efficient travel. Districting improves accountability and supervision, supports data-driven deployment during peak demand, and enhances problem-oriented policing by letting officers focus on recurring issues within their areas.

Looking Ahead

As the City of Melissa continues to grow, the Crime Control District will remain vital in shaping the future of public safety. The department plans to expand volunteer engagement, deploy additional drone technology, enhance training opportunities, and further develop specialized units to meet the evolving needs of the community. The impact of this voter-approved investment is clear, and it will continue to deliver measurable results for years to come.