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AGENDA

Fort Smith Board of Directors STUDY SESSION

March 11, 2025 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Elm Grove Community Center
1901 North Greenwood Avenue
Fort Smith, Arkansas

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<https://www.youtube.com/@CityofFortSmithArkansas/streams>

CALL TO ORDER

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Annual review of Board Best Practices document (*City Administrator*)
2. Items regarding homelessness:
 - A. Discussion regarding homelessness in the city of Fort Smith ~ *Kemp/Rego placed on future study session agenda at the January 7, 2025 regular meeting ~ (City Administrator)*
 - B. Discussion with members of the Central Business Improvement District (CBID) and Fort Smith Downtown Business Association regarding recent defeat of the Grants Pass ordinance and impact on downtown businesses ~ *Settle/Rego placed on future study session agenda at the January 7, 2025 regular meeting ~ (City Administrator)*
 - C. Discuss future of Hope Campus ~ *G. Catsavis/Settle placed on future study session agenda at the November 19, 2024 regular meeting ~ (City Administrator)*

3. Review preliminary agenda for the March 18, 2025 regular meeting (*City Clerk*)

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Board of Directors
FROM: Jeff Dingman, Acting City Administrator
DATE: March 5, 2025
SUBJECT: Annual Review of the Board Best Practices Document

SUMMARY

The Board of Directors agreed to consolidate the governance procedures for the Board of Directors and City Commissions and Boards. Resolution No. R-118-14 adopted the attached Board Best Practices document. It requires that the document be reviewed annually, at a minimum, by the Board of Directors.

The Board Best Practices document, as stated in section 1, "*...is designed to provide guidance for the Board and City Administration.*" Furthermore, in section 2 the documents state, as a core value, that the "*Board and staff should make the maximum effort to collaborate, seeking consensus as far as possible.*"

In sections 3, 4 and 5, the best practices document outlines responsibilities of the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Board of Directors, a code of ethics and a code of conduct. Section 6 outlines the Board of Directors decision making process, which requests that the meeting be efficient and businesslike, that the Directors maintain a policy focus, that staff provide clear and concise reports, that the decision of the Board require finality, and that each Director never, "*... overtly or implicitly promise a Board action, or to promise City staff will do something.*"

Section 8 requests and encourages citizen participation and section 9 reminds us all that government, "*... must be open and public in accordance with the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.*" Sections 10 through 16 provide direction for filling vacancies, executive sessions, endorsement of candidates, the Board meeting agenda process, the types of Board meetings, training for Directors, and travel authorizations.

Section 17 outlines the relationship between the Board, City Administrator, and staff. The subsections include direction regarding cooperation, informal communications, limiting contact to specific City staff, avoiding administrative functions, and soliciting political support from City employees.

Section 18 directs the City Administrator to provide orientation for newly appointed or elected Board members.

Please review the document for any edits you would like to include in the Board Best Practices document.

ATTACHMENTS

1. [R-56-23 Board Best Practices Document.pdf](#)

CITY OF FORT SMITH BOARD BEST PRACTICES



Adopted by Resolution No. R-118-14

September 2, 2014

Amended by Resolution No. R-138-16

September 20, 2016

Amended by Resolution No. R-146-19

September 17, 2019

Amended by Resolution No. R-71-20

June 16, 2020

Amended by Resolution No. R- 56 - 23

March 21, 2023

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INTRODUCTION

The responsibilities of modern government depend upon having procedures which help a community function effectively in the current atmosphere of complex laws, rules and regulations. This board best practices document is intended to refine and expand those initial rules of self-government. Creation of the document was identified by the City Board as a priority during a strategic planning retreat in summer 2013.

The board best practices document is a valuable resource for Fort Smith, the City's citizens, the City Board and City administration as all continue to work together for responsive, effective, and efficient local government. The members of the City Board and City administration should be familiar with the contents of this document and keep it close at hand.

Section 1: USE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This board best practices document is designed to provide guidance for the Board and City Administration. It is not to be considered as restrictions or expansions of Board authority. This document is not intended to be an amendment or substitute for state laws, city ordinances, case law, or other authority. Because this document is designed to assist the Board and not to provide substantive rules affecting constituents, it is expressly stated that this document does not constitute land use regulations, official controls, "appearance of fairness rules", public hearing rules or other substantive rules binding upon or to be used by or relied upon by members of the public.

Section 2: STATEMENT OF VALUES

It is hereby the practice of the City to establish the values stated in this Section 2 as core values of City governance. City leaders listen to the community in a way that fully represents the community's interests and goals. Board and staff should make the maximum effort to collaborate, seeking consensus as far as possible. Board members should individually, and collectively, demonstrate the ability to lead and reason together. City leaders exhibit respect for the professionalism and ethical conduct of the City Administrator and staff; and the City Administrator and staff exhibit the same respect and professionalism for the Mayor and City Board. Leaders strive to achieve sustainable outcomes in City policies and administration, with sustainable bottom lines for the community, environment, and for City finances and the local economy. Holding public office is synonymous with public trust. A public officer's relationship with the public is that of a fiduciary. The public expects the utmost of integrity, honesty, and fairness in their dealings with public officials.

Section 3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF MAYOR, VICE MAYOR, AND BOARD MEMBERS

The roles and responsibilities of the Mayor, Vice, Mayor, and Board members are as follows. These are in addition to those enumerated throughout the Fort Smith Municipal Code and [Arkansas statutes 14-48-101](#) et. seq. In the event of a conflict, the state statutes and municipal code shall govern.

3.1 Mayor

- Acts as the official head of the city for all ceremonial purposes.
- Selects substitute for City representation when Mayor can't attend.
- Issues proclamations.
- Supervise the preparation of Board meeting agendas by the City Clerk.
- Chairs Board meetings.

- Maintains order, decorum, and the fair and equitable treatment of all speakers at board meetings.
- Keeps discussion and questions focused on the specific agenda item under consideration.
- Recognizes citizens who wish to comment at public meetings.
- Signs documents on behalf of the City.
- Has no vote at board meetings, but may veto actions passed by the board (except personnel items).
- Recognized by the Governor for purposes of military law.

3.2 **Vice Mayor**

The Vice Mayor is elected by the Board at the first regular Board meeting in January of odd-numbered years following the seating of board members elected in the preceding November General Election. The Vice Mayor serves a 2-year term, and may serve multiple terms without limitation. In the event of a vacancy, the board shall elect a new Vice Mayor to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The Vice Mayor may be removed by a majority vote of the Board members.

- Performs the duties of Mayor if the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to perform his/her duties.
- If presiding at a Board meeting, the Vice Mayor retains his/her right to vote on matters before the Board.
- Represents the City at ceremonial functions at the request of the Mayor.

3.3 **Board Members' Responsibilities**

All members of the Board of Directors have equal votes. No Board member has more power than any other Board member, and all should be treated with equal respect. Board members should:

- Fully participate in City Board meetings and other public forums while demonstrating respect, kindness, consideration, and courtesy to others.
- Prepare in advance of Board meetings and be familiar with topics on the agenda.
- Represent the City at ceremonial functions at the request of the Mayor.
- Be respectful of other people's time. Stay focused and act efficiently during public meetings.
- Serve as a model of leadership and civility to the community.
- Inspire public confidence in Fort Smith government.
- Keep the community informed on municipal affairs.
- Encourage communications between citizens and the Board.
- Ensure the diverse interests of the community are represented.
- Be mindful of limited resources and avoid requests for unnecessary information in recognition of the limitations of staff time and resources.

Section 4: CODE OF ETHICS

Board members should be mindful of the need for neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all and to extend the same treatment each would want to receive himself/herself. They should abstain from deliberations and voting when and only when a conflict of interest exists in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-48-128 (Repl. 2013) or the [Fort Smith Municipal Code Appendix B, Section II Code of Business Conduct](#). They should make decisions based on the

merits of the issue with attention to due process and citizen participation. They should be knowledgeable and develop an understanding of local, state and national governmental guidance, directives, regulations and ordinances pertaining to a Board member's office. They should maintain the utmost standards of personal integrity, truthfulness, honesty and fairness in carrying out public duties; avoid improprieties in roles as public servants including the appearance of impropriety; and never use city position or powers for improper personal gain. They should maintain and respect the confidentiality of private and confidential information. Avoid personal gain by the misuse of confidential information. No member of the Board should condone any unethical or illegal activity.

Section 5: CODE OF CONDUCT

Practice civility and decorum in discussions and debate. Difficult questions, tough challenges to a particular point of view, and criticism of ideas and information are legitimate elements of a free democracy in action. However, participants shouldn't make belligerent, personal, derogatory, impertinent, slanderous, threatening, abusive or disparaging comments. Shouting or physical actions that could be construed as threatening won't be tolerated.

Section 6: BOARD DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

6.1 Board Meetings Will Be Efficient and Businesslike

The information exchange, review, deliberation and vetting of issues during prior study sessions enables Board business meetings to be expeditious for the benefit of those who have business pending before the Board. The presiding officer's role, especially at the regular meetings, is to keep the Board business focused and expeditious. Board members, staff, and citizens should discuss only the topic before the Board so as not to become distracted by irrelevant discussion.

6.2 Maintain a Policy Focus

The Board's major policy focus will be on the intended long-term impacts outside the operating organization, not on the administrative or programmatic means of attaining those effects. Ends policies should define what is to be accomplished in terms of benefits, recipients, and their relative priorities. The Board should emphasize strategic rather than short-term issues, policy rather than single events, and group rather than individual decisions. Members should make decisions and recommendations based upon research and facts involving staff and stakeholders which considers the goals, impacts and the best interest of the greatest number of those affected.

6.3 Staff Reports

The City Administrator and staff shall provide the Mayor and Board with briefing reports which clearly and concisely state the issue(s), identify options and provide analysis of the advantages, disadvantages, and likely outcomes of each option, and make recommendations.

6.4 Effective Decision Making Requires Finality

Effective decision making requires finality. While it's important to deliberate in many voices, the Board must govern with one voice. Decisions of the Board must be allowed to stand, and should be revisited if changes in facts or circumstances suggest that the Board might consider a different decision.

6.5 Make No Promises on Behalf of the Board

Board members shall never overtly or implicitly promise a Board action, or to promise City staff will do something specific (issue a permit, fix a pothole, adjust a water bill, etc.). Only decisions of the Board acting as a body are binding.

Section 7: LEGAL COUNSEL AND LITIGATION

The City Attorney provides legal advice to the Board, City Administrator, and staff to the extent their interests coincide with the City's. The City Attorney should not be requested to provide research, advice, or counsel on matters unrelated to the City's direct legal interests. The Mayor and members of the Board are encouraged to make requests for legal advice through the City Administrator. This document doesn't prohibit the Mayor and Board members from having direct access to the City Attorney. Once an individual or organization has filed a legal proceeding against the City or threatened to do so, no Board member shall engage in discussions or other communications with such individual (or the officers or directors of the organization) or their legal counsel about the subject of the lawsuit without first disclosing the intent to do so to the Board.

Section 8: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Citizens are encouraged to participate at regular and special board meetings. Before the Board deliberates and votes on matters, citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the matters. A citizen wishing to comment on a matter which is not on a meeting agenda may do so at the town hall meeting. More specific procedures for public participation are in [Section 2-37](#) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

Section 9: OPEN, TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

All meetings of the City Board must be open and public in accordance with the [Arkansas Freedom of Information Act](#) (Arkansas Statute 25-19-101 et. seq.). Deliberations and decisions of the board should be made so that the public has opportunity to view the performance of its elected officials. The Board may convene in executive session as provided by law. Members of the Board should avoid unintended meetings about city business which may occur in-person, by telephone, or interactive e-mail discussion.

Section 10: FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY APPOINTMENT

Once the Board has determined there is a vacant seat on the Board, the Board shall act in accordance with state law ([Arkansas Statute 14-48-115](#)) and as expeditiously as possible to fill the vacancy. If the Board shall fill the vacancy, the Board shall publicly solicit applications/statements of interest from qualified citizens. Based on the number of applications received, the Board shall establish a process for screening and interviewing applicants. The Board shall not be obligated to interview all applicants, particularly if there is a large number.

Section 11: EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSIONS

Discussions held in executive session are to remain confidential and should never be discussed with anyone except those who were present during the executive session discussion. Any notes taken during executive session discussions should be treated with the same confidentiality. There shall be no audio or video recordings of executive sessions.

Section 12: ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATES

Board members shall have the right to endorse candidates for all Board seats and for other elected offices. It is prohibited for anyone to make endorsements of candidates during Board meetings or other official City meetings.

Section 13: BOARD MEETING AGENDA PROCESS

Items may be placed on board meeting agendas in accordance with the processes outlined in [Section 2-31](#) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code. During a study session, two or more directors may place an item on the agenda for a regular Board meeting. After a study session but at least 48 hours before the meeting, four directors may place an item on the agenda for the next regular meeting. An item requiring immediate action may be placed on the meeting agenda only with the concurrence of all seven directors. An item placed on a meeting agenda may be removed by four or more directors by giving notice to the City Clerk prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 14: BOARD MEETING TYPES AND PROCEDURES

The Board of Directors conducts regular meetings, special meetings, study session meetings, executive sessions, town hall meetings, neighborhood ward meetings, retreats, budget review meetings, and brain storming meetings. The procedures for conducting meetings are outlined in [Chapter 2, Article II](#) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

Section 15: TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Board members are encouraged to attend training events that are beneficial to the performance of their elective duties. Such events may be found at conferences of the Arkansas Municipal League, the National League of Cities, and other similar organizations. Attendance at such events is subject to funding availability in the Board's budget.

Section 16: TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS

16.1 Need for Travel

The Mayor and Board members will sometimes find it necessary to travel to conduct city business. Travel paid with public funds shall be for purposes directly related to the conduct of official city business and for which the elected official's presence is necessary.

16.2 Authorized Expenses

Expenses for official travel shall be for purposes and uses only as permitted by the City's travel policy which may be found [in Section III of the City's Human Resources Policies](#). Reimbursement amounts shall be in accordance with established allowances for meals, lodging, mileage, etc. Travel expenses for spouses or others accompanying the elected official shall be the sole responsibility of the elected official.

Section 17: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BOARD, CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND STAFF

17.1 Cooperation

Cooperation and mutual respect are essential from each individual for the good of the community. Staff should not be intimidated or manipulated by a Board member's individual comments or actions.

17.2 Informal Communications Encouraged

Individual members of the Board are encouraged to interact informally and casually with City staff for the purpose of gathering information, following up on routine constituent service requests, obtaining progress reports on policies and programs, and providing information to staff. Such informal contacts can serve to promote better understanding of specific City functions and services.

17.3 Limit Contact to Specific City Staff

Questions of City staff and requests for additional background information should be directed only to the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, City Attorney, Internal Auditor, and department heads. Requests for information which require a substantial work effort should be made to the City Administrator or Deputy City Administrator rather than to the department head. Requests for follow-up, directions, or action to staff should be made only through the City Administrator or Deputy City Administrator. Requests of the Internal Auditor may be made directly to that official without the need to coordinate with the City Administrator. When in doubt about what staff contact is appropriate, Board members should ask the City Administrator or Deputy City Administrator for assistance.

17.4 Avoid Administrative Functions

Except for the hiring of the City Administrator and department heads, individual Board members shall not attempt to influence City staff on employment decisions, awarding contracts, purchasing decisions, selecting consultants, or issuing City licenses and permits.

17.5 Solicitation of Political Support from City Employees

Board members shouldn't solicit any type of political support (financial contributions, display of posters or yard signs, name on list of supporters, etc.) from City employees. City employees may, as private citizens with constitutional rights, support political candidates. All political activities must occur away from City workplaces, without the use of any City resources, and never during an employee's work time.

Section 18: ORIENTATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The City Administrator shall provide each newly elected Board member with appropriate orientation services, preferably before the member takes office. Such orientation should include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

The Board Best Practices Document	Board Meeting Procedures
Agenda Preparation	Freedom of Information Act
Contacts/Making Requests of Staff	Code of Business Conduct
Tours of City Facilities	

Section 19: COMMUNICATION WITH BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Any comments by a City Board member at a board, commission, or committee meeting should be clearly made as individual opinion and not as a representation of the feelings of the entire City Board. It is inappropriate for a City Board member to contact a member of a board, commission, or committee to lobby on behalf of an individual, business, or developer. It is acceptable for City Board members to contact members of boards, commissions, or committees in order to seek clarification of a position taken by the board, commission, or committee.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Directors
FROM: Jeff Dingman, Acting City Administrator
DATE: March 5, 2025
SUBJECT: Discussions related to homelessness in the City of Fort Smith for the March 11, 2025 Study Session

SUMMARY

Recent requests by the Board members for discussions related to homelessness in Fort Smith have been consolidated for a general discussion at the March 11, 2025 Study Session. Aside from the Board's basic request, not much structure or detail was provided or requested, so some topics have been suggested below. Those items include:

- a. Discussion regarding homelessness, potentially including discussion from homeless services providers, Board members, Neighborhood Services, Fort Smith Police Department, Administration or other parties at the discretion of the Board. Topic suggestions include the objectives of the services provided, effectiveness of local regulations, the types of data collected by services providers, the places of origin for homeless individuals in Fort Smith, the impact of encampments on the city, and measures to regulate/permit assistance providers. The Fort Smith Police Department has provided data analysis by the Crime Analyst related to homelessness in the city, that information is attached.
- b. Members of the Central Business Improvement District and the Downtown Business Association expressed interest in weighing in on the recent defeat of the Grants Pass-like ordinance and the impact on downtown businesses.
- c. Discuss the future of Hope Campus. What is the service objective of the facility? Is it intended to provide basic services to those who choose to remain homeless, or is it intended to provide assistance to those seeking a way out of homelessness? Or is it both? What are the facility's expectations, and how do those align with the City's expectations?

While the three items on the agenda represent three separate requests from the Board, the topics are interrelated and the intent is for the overall discussion to address these items and any others the Board feels relevant to the topic of homelessness in Fort Smith.

Director Kemp has provided a memorandum and draft of an ordinance relevant to this topic that he asked be included in the agenda packet, and that information is attached.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this agenda item.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeff Dingman, Acting City Administrator

FROM: Lee Kemp, City Director

DATE: March 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Introduction of Draft Ordinance Regulating Camping and Sleeping on Public Property & Proposed Implementation Strategies

SUMMARY

This memorandum introduces a draft ordinance for the Board of Directors' meeting on March 11, 2025. The proposed ordinance seeks to balance public health, safety, and accessibility of shared spaces while ensuring that outreach and assistance services remain a priority.

To effectively implement this ordinance, we must take proactive steps beyond simply codifying it into law. In preparation for this discussion, I met with Chris Joannides of Hope Campus and Sharon Chapman of Next Step, two non-faith-based agencies that work directly with Fort Smith's unhoused and underserved populations. We met on February 25, 2025, to initiate early discussions and develop working thoughts for the Board to consider regarding the practical implementation of this ordinance.

These discussions focused on ensuring that new regulations do not simply displace individuals but incorporate pathways for assistance and sustainable solutions. Below are proposed action steps to facilitate this ordinance's enforcement and compassionate application.

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION WORKFLOW

These action steps outline how the City of Fort Smith can collaborate with local service providers to ensure that this ordinance is enforced while realistic solutions are provided for the affected individuals.

1. Creation of a Designated Camping Area at Hope Campus

- Establishing a planned camping area on Hope Campus property to provide a structured, monitored space for individuals in need.
- Steps to accomplish this:
- Increase the zoning intensity for Hope Campus property for this specific land use.
- Construct a privacy fence around the designated area to mitigate concerns from surrounding neighborhoods and enhance security.

- Hope Campus would oversee the management and maintenance of the site, ensuring proper use and adherence to guidelines.

2. Establishing a Secure Personal Property Storage System

- Utilize Hope Campus’ back warehouse space to store personal belongings in a structured, organized manner temporarily.
- Steps to accomplish this:
 - Implement a color-coded storage system:

One color for essential items (ID documents, medical supplies, photographs) to be stored longer.

Another color for general items, which can be discarded after the retention period stated in the ordinance.

- Hope Campus would manage and oversee storage while ensuring it remains within operational capacity limits.

3. Waste Management Support for Hope Campus

- To prevent operational burden on Hope Campus, the City of Fort Smith would provide:
 - A monthly emptied roll-off dumpster to be placed near the back warehouse.
 - A regular collection schedule to ensure compliance with the ordinance’s disposal process.
 - Coordinate with sanitation services for proper waste disposal and minimize the impact on local service providers.

4. Implementing a Public Feeding Permit Requirement

- Establish a separate permit requirement for public feeding events to ensure better coordination of services.
 - Purpose of this action:

Prevent duplication of services by creating a centralized registry for feeding programs.

Encourage collaboration among organizations to avoid oversaturation in certain areas while ensuring best practices.

Improve accountability and food safety measures for those providing meals.

NEXT STEPS & DISCUSSION POINTS

These implementation strategies align with the ordinance’s intent while providing practical, community-driven solutions.

At the upcoming meeting, discussion is recommended on:

- ✓ Zoning adjustments necessary for Hope Campus to accommodate designated camping.
- ✓ Partnership agreements between the City and Hope Campus for storage and oversight responsibilities.
- ✓ Operational logistics of the roll-off waste management system.
- ✓ Permit structure for public feeding to ensure service efficiency.

RECOMMENDATION

This draft ordinance and these proposed action steps are presented for discussion and refinement.

Attachments:

- Draft Ordinance Regulating Camping and Sleeping on Public Property
- Summary of Key Differences from the 2024 Version

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CAMPING AND SLEEPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

WHEREAS the City of Fort Smith seeks to ensure the public health, safety, and general welfare by maintaining clean and accessible public spaces while balancing the needs of all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

- **City Property** means all parks, rights-of-way, sidewalks, streets, parking lots, and other land or facilities owned, leased, controlled, or managed by the City.
- **Camping** means using City Property for temporary living accommodations, including but not limited to sleeping, setting up tents and structures, or storing personal belongings in a manner consistent with habitation.
- **Personal Property** includes all tangible belongings of an individual, including but not limited to clothing, bedding, furniture, and other personal effects.

Section 2: Camping Restrictions

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to camp on City Property unless:

- Authorized by the City Administrator during officially declared emergencies or
- Specifically permitted by the Board of Directors for a designated event or activity.

2. The City may designate specific locations where the temporary placement of personal belongings is permitted under conditions established by the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Sleeping in Public Areas

1. No person shall sleep on sidewalks, streets, alleyways, or other public rights-of-way in a manner that obstructs pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

2. No person shall sleep in doorways, entrances, or exits to buildings in a manner that interferes with the ingress or egress of others.

Section 4: Removal of Unattended Items

1. Personal belongings left unattended on City Property may be subject to removal by City officials.
2. Unsanitary items that are abandoned or pose a public health or safety risk may be immediately discarded.
3. Other unattended items shall be tagged and held for at least 24 hours and no more than 72 hours before disposal.
4. The City is not obligated to store all removed items. Still, it shall make reasonable efforts to retain essential, identifiable personal property, including, but not limited to, identification documents, medical supplies, and essential clothing, for a period not to exceed 30 days.
5. Items not claimed within the designated storage period shall be subject to disposal or donation to a charitable organization.

Section 5: Enforcement & Penalties

1. City officials shall make reasonable efforts to engage individuals in outreach and offer available services prior to enforcement actions.
2. Any person violating this ordinance may be issued a warning or citation.
3. If an individual can demonstrate that they have sought assistance from social services or a recognized aid organization before their court appearance, the court may consider such efforts in mitigation of penalties.
4. A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 1-9 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

Section 6: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions, which shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 7: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

KEY DIFFERENCES FROM PREVIOUS ORDINANCE

The previous ordinance (2024) faced criticism for its strict enforcement measures and lack of outreach and personal property protection provisions. The new proposed ordinance (2025) introduces a more balanced approach with the following improvements:

1. Tone and Approach

- **2024 Version:** The language is more restrictive, focusing on prohibitions and enforcement.
 - **2025 Version:** The tone is more balanced, acknowledging public concerns while emphasizing outreach and mitigation efforts before enforcement.
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2. Definitions

• **2024 Version:**

- Defines “Camping” as maintaining a campsite on city property for more than 24 hours.
- It includes definitions for “Campsite” and “Camping Materials,” which list items such as tents, chairs, and awnings.
- “Personal Property” includes all tangible objects but does not mention essential belongings (e.g., identification, medical supplies).

• **2025 Version:**

- Removes the 24-hour rule and simplifies the definition of “Camping” as using public property for temporary living accommodations.
- Expands “Personal Property” to include identification documents, medical supplies, and essential clothing, ensuring more care in handling belongings.
- Introduces the term “City Property” with a broader scope to include sidewalks, streets, rights-of-way, parking lots, and other city-managed spaces.

◆ **Key Difference:** The new ordinance streamlines definitions while adding specific protections for essential personal property.

3. Public Camping Restrictions

- **2024 Version:** Prohibited all camping on city property without exception, leading to enforcement that often resulted in immediate removal.
 - **2025 Version:** Public camping is still prohibited unless explicitly permitted by the City (e.g., in emergencies or Board-approved locations). However, enforcement now prioritizes outreach first, and there is a potential designated area (Hope Campus) where camping could be managed in a controlled setting rather than occurring in unauthorized public spaces.
 - ◆ **Key Difference:** The new version does not legalize public camping but offers a more structured enforcement strategy and allows for a potentially sanctioned location rather than outright displacement.
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4. Sleeping in Public Areas

- **2024 Version:** Prohibits sleeping on sidewalks, streets, alleys, or doorways at any time, with immediate removal by law enforcement.
 - **2025 Version:** Maintains restrictions but focuses on preventing obstructions rather than an outright ban.
 - Prohibits sleeping in doorways or public areas only if it interferes with public access or pedestrian/vehicular movement.
 - ◆ **Key Difference:** The new version narrows the restriction to focus on actual obstruction or safety risks rather than prohibiting all public sleeping instances.
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5. Removal of Unattended Personal Property

- **2024 Version:**
 - Requires 72-hour posted notice before removal unless an emergency or illegal activity is suspected.
 - Stores all removed personal property for at least 30 days before disposal.
 - Allows for immediate discarding of items deemed unsanitary or without apparent value.
- **2025 Version:**

- Removes the 72-hour notice requirement, replacing it with a 24 to 72-hour range based on city discretion.
 - Clarifies storage exceptions: while the City is not obligated to store everything, it must reasonably retain essential personal items (ID, medical supplies, essential clothing) for 30 days.
 - Allows for immediate discarding of hazardous or unsanitary items.
- ◆ **Key Difference:** The new ordinance introduces more reasonable notice and storage guidelines, balancing the need to clear public spaces with protecting essential belongings.
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6. Enforcement & Penalties

• **2024 Version:**

- Individuals violating the ordinance could be immediately removed by law enforcement.
- Issuing of trespass warnings for unauthorized camping.
- Courts could consider efforts to clean up or seek help when determining penalties.
- Violations classified as a misdemeanor, subject to penalties in Section 1-9 of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

• **2025 Version:**

- Emphasizes outreach first: City officials must reasonably engage individuals in outreach and offer services before enforcement actions.
 - Individuals may receive a warning or citation instead of immediate removal.
 - The court may mitigate penalties if the person sought help from social services before their court appearance.
 - Violations remain a misdemeanor, but the new approach encourages intervention before penalization.
- ◆ **Key Difference:** The new version takes a more humane, service-first approach, requiring outreach before strict enforcement.
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7. Severability & Effective Date

- Both versions contain a severability clause and an effective date.
- The 2025 version keeps these sections unchanged, ensuring that if one part of the ordinance is invalidated, the rest remains in effect.



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Analysis of the Downtown Entertainment District, Hope Campus, and Next Step Day Room

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Completed: March 3, 2025



Overview of Analyzed Data

Data was queried using records within FSPD CAD / RMS and Lexis Nexis.
Analysis was on data determined to be pertinent to this report.



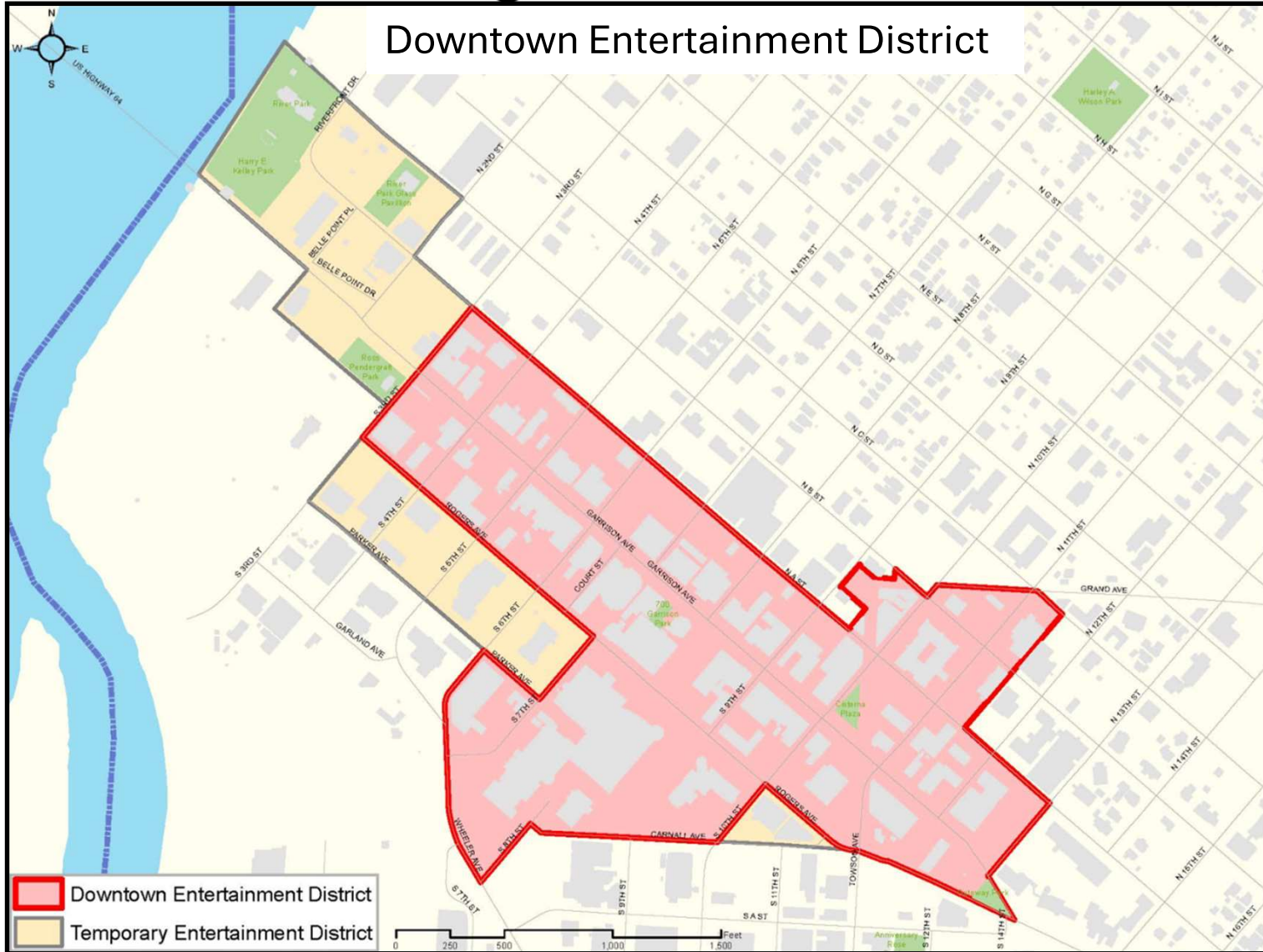
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- Calls for Service, Incident and Offense reports were analyzed from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025.
- The Downtown Entertainment District was identified from the FSDBA website:
<https://www.godowntownfs.org/entdist/> .
 - This falls within Beat 12, Division 1203 and Beat 9, Division 904 of the FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT's assigned Beat Map.
 - There were 25,981 Calls for Service pertinent for this report.
 - There were 945 incident or offense reports identified as pertinent for this report.
- Next Step Day Room's address is 123 N 6th St, Fort Smith, AR.
 - This falls within Beat 12, Division 1203 of FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT's assigned Beat Map.
 - There were 521 Calls for Service pertinent for this report.
 - There were 427 incident and offense reports identified as pertinent for this report.
- Hope Campus' address is 301 S E St, Fort Smith, AR.
 - This falls within Beat 9, Division 904 of FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT's assigned Beat Map.
 - There were 2,351 Calls for Service pertinent for this report.
 - There were 901 incident and offense reports which were identified for this report.
- There were 2,158 arrests of persons with a residence of "homeless" in FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT's record management system.

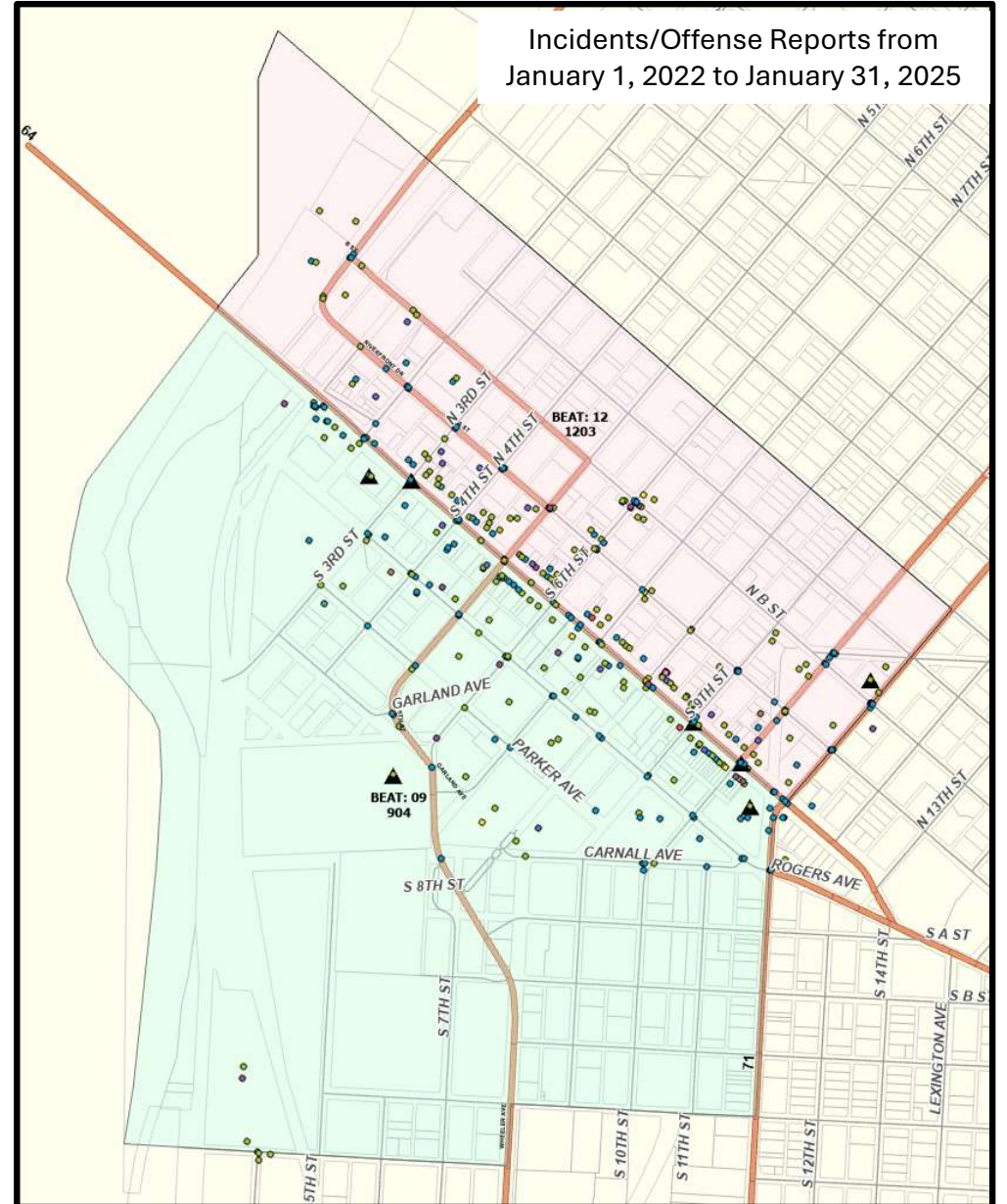


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Incidents/Offense Reports from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025





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Next Step Day Room

123 N 6th St, Fort Smith, AR



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From the data filtered as pertinent to the Next Step Day Room, August is a peak month on calls for service, consistently from 2022 to 2024.

Additionally, the highest activity at the location included:

- Arrests (161),
- Traffic Incident (77),
- Assault– Simple (42),
- and All-Other Criminal Activity.

The most offenses or four-page incident reports occurred in 2024, with 172 total calls. The increase of calls for service from 2022 to 2024 may be attributed to additional specialized units which routinely patrol in this area.

The most arrested offense was for a Failure to Appear, B Misdemeanor. These offenses have increased from year to year.

The second offense was for Public Intoxication. Although this is the second highest recorded arrestable offense, there was a decrease in 2024 from 2023.

Year/Month	Alcohol Violation	All Other - Criminal	Assault - Aggravated	Assault - Simple	Burglary - Residential	Disorderly Conduct	Drugs / Narcotics Violation	Fraud / Forgery	Robbery - Individual	Sexual Assault	Theft	Traffic Incident	Vandalism	Weapons Violation	HANDLE MENTALLY / IMPAIR PERSON	INCIDENT	ARREST	FIELD CONTACT	Grand Total
2022	1	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	15	3	4	1	34	14	95		
Jan	1	2		1						1	2	1				3	11		
Feb		1	1								1						3		
Mar			1							1					1	1	4		
Apr			1							1	1					2	5		
May										1	2			2	2	2	9		
Jun		3	1										1			4	9		
Jul		2									1					4	9		
Aug		2	1										1	1	10	4	19		
Sep								1			2					4	10		
Oct					1						2					2	6		
Nov			1								3			1		2	8		
Dec											1				1		2		
2023	7	2	13		1	6	3	1		6	41	1	1	6	3	47	21	159	
Jan											1			1		3	5		
Feb				1							3					2	6		
Mar			3								4			1		3	11		
Apr											9					2	11		
May		1	1				1								1	2	7		
Jun			2				1			1	1			1		6	13		
Jul			1	1						1	4					10	18		
Aug		1	2		1	1		1		3	1	1	1	1	1	7	23		
Sep		1	1	1		3				2	2				1	6	18		
Oct		2	2		1					1	8					3	24		
Nov		1				1	1				3			1		1	8		
Dec		1								1	3			1		7	15		
2024	9	3	23		2	1	1	1	1	9	21	2	1	6	2	79	12	172	
Jan		1									1					3	5		
Feb		2	2				1				1			1		10	21		
Mar			2							1	2				1	2	8		
Apr		1	1		1			1		1					1	8	14		
May		1	5							1	1					8	16		
Jun		1	1								2	1				8	13		
Jul		1	2							2	1	1		2		6	15		
Aug		1	1	3						2	1			2	10	1	21		
Sep			1	3		1					3			1	8	2	19		
Oct		1	4			1									11	2	19		
Nov										1					1	3	5		
Dec				1						2	8		1		4		16		
2025																	1	1	
Jan																	1	1	
Grand Total	1	26	5	42	1	2	8	5	2	1	19	77	6	2	16	6	161	47	427



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When analyzing the CFS at this location, the highest number of calls were made in 2024 (242 CFS). Of these calls for service, 127 were self-initiated, 61 were non-emergency phone line calls, and 54 were 911 Calls.

At 123 N 6th St (Next Step Day Room), there were 521 CFS from January 1, 2022—January 31, 2025.

		Disposition Code:																						
Year	Source of Call	1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	54	58	61	1F	1F*	1M	1M*	ACR	DH	IR	OR	ORF	ORM	ST	Grand Total
2022		17	4	5		8	3					2							71	9			1	120
	911 Call	5		2															22	4			1	34
	Non-Emergency Phone Line	3	4	3			3					2							28	3				46
	Self-Initiated	9				8													21	2				40
2023		23	5	3		7	1	1	2	3	1						2		74	22			1	145
	911 Call	7															2		22	11			1	43
	Non-Emergency Phone Line	4	5	3			1			3	1								15	4				36
	Self-Initiated	12				7		1	2										37	7				66
2024			2	1	1	7				2			2	1	35	2	1	15	139		7	26	1	242
	911 Call				1		3						1		4	2			28		3	11	1	54
	Non-Emergency Phone Line		2				3			2			1		4		1		36		2	10		61
	Self-Initiated					1	1					1		27				15	75		2	5		127
2025						1			1							1	10					1	14	
	Non-Emergency Phone Line														1									1
	Self-Initiated					1			1									10				1		13
Grand Total		40	11	8	1	17	11	1	3	5	1	2	2	1	35	3	3	25	284	31	7	27	3	521



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Outside of the normal business hours, the other peak time frame at this location was from 11:00 PM—12:00 AM. The top ten percent of call types at Next Step Day Room were Subject Stop (90); See Party (42); Disturbance, Fight (42), and Disorderly Conduct (36). These accounted for 40% of the total calls for service at this location. Of these 210 CFS, 128 were self-initiated (61%); 45 were 911 Calls (21%); and 37 were Non-Emergency Phone Line calls (18%).

All subject stops were self-initiated. The top 911 Calls at Next Step Day Room were: disturbance fight (25); Police with EMS/Fire (11); Disorderly Conduct (11); See Party (9) and Check Welfare (9). The top Non-Emergency Phone Line calls were Alarm Commercial Building (21); See Party (15); Disorderly Conduct (13); Check Welfare (11); Police with EMS/Fire (10); and Disturbance Fight (9).

Year Source of Call	12 AM	1 AM	2 AM	3 AM	4 AM	5 AM	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	Grand Total
2022	2		1	2	1	1	7	3	10	7	8	10	15	10	7	10	8	8	2	5	1	1	1		120
911 Call	1		1				2		4		2	3	3	4	1	3	3	3		2	1		1		34
Non-Emergency Phone Line				2		1	1	3	4	5	3	3	9	4	2	3	1	1	1	3					46
Self-Initiated	1			1		4		2	2	3	4	3	2	4	4	4	4	4	1			1			40
2023	2			3		1	4	8	12	17	5	17	17	10	12	9	4	5	2	4	5	6		2	145
911 Call	1			1		1	3	2	4	1	6	8	1	4	6		2	1						2	43
Non-Emergency Phone Line	1			2		1		2	2	3	3	5	4	2	2	1	1			3	2	2			36
Self-Initiated						3	3	8	10	1	6	5	7	6	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	4			66
2024	1	8	4	2	1	1	2	12	28	26	16	21	21	20	17	17	9	5	1	1	2	1	8	18	242
911 Call			1	1			5	4	7	5	3	4	6	4	5	4	3						1	1	54
Non-Emergency Phone Line		2	1			1	1	4	7	7	5	11	5	7	3	3	1				1	1		1	61
Self-Initiated	1	6	2	1	1		1	3	17	12	6	7	12	7	10	9	4	2	1	1	1		7	16	127
2025		2	1	1								2	1			1							2	4	14
Non-Emergency Phone Line																1									1
Self-Initiated		2	1	1								2	1										2	4	13
Grand Total	5	10	6	8	2	3	13	23	50	50	29	50	54	40	36	37	21	18	5	10	8	8	11	24	521

Call Source	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
911 Call	34	43	54		131
Non-Emergency Phone Line	46	36	61	1	144
Self-Initiated	40	66	127	13	246
Grand Total	120	145	242	14	521



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Hope Campus

301 S E St, Fort Smith, AR



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From the data filtered as pertinent to the Hope Campus, June and July were peak months for calls for service in 2024. The following chart breaks down the offenses taken from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

Michael Lucas was the most contacted person, generating 18 CFS in 2024, half of those being for an arrest.

The most CFS at Hope Campus were in 2024. Of those calls, 26% were 911 Calls, 37% were Non-Emergency Phone Line Calls, and 37% were Self-Initiated.

Year & Source of CFS	Count of Source
2022	784
911 Call	241
Non-Emergency Phone Line	442
Self-Initiated	101
2023	618
911 Call	175
Non-Emergency Phone Line	305
Self-Initiated	138
2024	877
911 Call	232
Non-Emergency Phone Line	324
Self-Initiated	321
2025	72
911 Call	18
Non-Emergency Phone Line	27
Self-Initiated	27
Grand Total	2351

Year & Month	Alcohol Violation	All Other - Criminal	Arson All Other - Non-Criminal	Assault - Aggravated	Assault - Simple	Burglary - Residential	Death Investigation Burglary from Motor Vehicle	Disorderly Conduct	Fraud / Forgery Drugs / Narcotics Violation	Sexual Assault	Theft	Theft - Other	Traffic Incident	Vandalism	Weapons Violation	INCIDENT HANDLED MENTALLY IMPAIR PERSON	OVERDOSE	ANIMAL BITE	Sexual Offense	Arrest	Field Contact	Grand Total
2022	3	39	1	4	16	1	2	1	2	8	5	1	24	1	1	7	41	7	4	87	61	316
Jan				1	1				1	1	1	1				5				5	4	20
Feb		3			1						2			1		7				6	2	22
Mar	1	7							1	1	1					3	1			12	4	31
Apr		3		2	1				1	1	1					3	1	1		7	8	29
May		6		1	3		1	1	4		3			2		5	1			14	8	49
Jun		9		3	3		1	1		1	2	1		1		8	2	1		15	11	56
Jul		3			1						4			1		1	1			2	3	16
Aug		3			3						3					1	1			8	3	22
Sep		2							1		4		1			2				6	3	19
Oct		1							1		2			1		1				3	4	13
Nov		1			1									1		4				2	7	16
Dec	2	1	1		2	1	1				1					1	2			7	4	23
2023	1	32		1	14		1	1	2	2	20		1		1	32	2	1	1	64	26	202
Jan		4			2						1					5				8	4	24
Feb		6							1		1					3				6	3	20
Mar	1	4			2						5					3				6	2	23
Apr		2							1							2	1			4	5	15
May		2		1	2				1		2		1			4		1		2	1	17
Aug								1			1					2				3	1	8
Sep		6			2						2			1		3	1			10	3	28
Oct		1									1					3				1	1	7
Nov		4			1		1		1		3					4				15	3	32
Dec		3			5						4					3		1		9	3	28
2024	1	48	2	1	6	23	2		4	3	32	1	2	4	48	6	5		86	90	364	
Jan		2			2						1		1			5	1			10	6	28
Feb		3			1	3			1		2					6	2			9	1	28
Mar		5							1		3					3	1			6	3	22
Apr		6		1	1	3	1				5	1	1	1		4	1			5	5	35
May		4			1	1			1		1					5	1			10	3	27
Jun		3	1						1		3			1		2				4	46	61
Jul		11			5						3					6				16	5	46
Aug		1			1	5					4			1		2	3			7	3	27
Sep		3	1		2	2					2			1		5	1			5	4	26
Oct		1			1				1		1					5				4	6	19
Nov		1	4			1			1	1	2					1				5	2	18
Dec		5					1				5					4	1			5	6	27
2025	1			1			1				2					5	1		1	5	2	19
Jan		1			1						2					5	1		1	5	2	19
Grand Total	5	120	3	1	12	53	1	4	3	14	10	1	78	2	4	11	1	1	242	179	901	



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From 2022—January 2025, the most calls for service in a single month was in June 2022. The next highest calls for service were May 2022, April 2024, May 2024, and July 2024.

Of the calls received, the top call type was See Party (375), followed by Subject Refusing to Leave (311), Check Welfare (299), Disorderly Conduct (158), Suicidal Threat (141), PD with EMS / Fire (126), Trespass (107), Theft Report (98), Disturbance Fight (63), Check Security (57), Officer Requesting Arrest (42), Battery Report (37), Loitering (33), Drunk Subject (30), Harassment (30), Transport (28), Threats (26), Loose Dog/Animal (26), and Domestic Disturbance (24).

The peak hours for received calls for service were 2 PM to 3 PM and 6 PM to 7 PM. Chart 2.6. These peak times varied from the peak hours at Next Step Day Room which had peak received call times from 8 AM to 10 AM and then from 11 AM to 1 PM.

YEAR	SEEPRTY	SUBRTL	CHKWELF	DISCON	SUCTHRT	PDWEM	TRESPAS	THEFTRPT	DISTFGT	CKSEC	OFCREQAR	BATRPT	LOITER	SS4S	HARRASS	TRANSPT	THREATS	L1060	DOMDIS
2022	126	111	49	92	48	28	38	28	37	2	18	17	9	14	8	7	11	9	10
2023	98	105	59	32	45	34	31	33	13	5	15	7	11	4	15	10	3	6	9
2024	143	87	174	33	46	56	37	34	12	43	9	13	13	12	5	9	12	10	5
2025	8	8	17	1	2	8	1	3	1	7					2	2		1	
Total	375	311	299	158	141	126	107	98	63	57	42	37	33	30	30	28	26	26	24

Year	12 AM	1 AM	2 AM	3 AM	4 AM	5 AM	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	Total
2022	12	18	4	7	3	14	31	28	39	35	36	38	40	41	43	38	50	53	71	49	58	35	25	16	784
2023	8	1	5	7	3	1	25	27	24	27	33	27	36	36	45	31	38	42	37	41	30	29	44	21	618
2024	14	12	14	9	9	8	23	25	49	59	62	66	54	59	57	71	52	50	47	32	23	29	24	29	877
2025	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	8	5	6	1	1	6	7	3	3		3	3	3	2	4	1	72
Total	37	33	24	25	16	24	82	83	120	126	137	132	131	142	152	143	143	145	158	125	114	95	97	67	2351



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Downtown Entertainment District



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From 2022—January 2025, there were 25,981 CFS in the Downtown Entertainment District (Beat 12, 1203 & Beat 9, 904). The most calls were in 2024 (10,338) followed by 2023 (8,419). Of the 25,981, 52% of these calls were self-initiated.

The peak hours for calls for service were between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. The top call type in that time frame were vehicle stops.

CFS Downtown Entertainment District	Beat	RD	Total
2022	1203	904	6,610
911 Calls	745	752	1,497
Self Initiated	1,066	1,557	2,623
Non-Emergency Line	760	1,730	2,490
2023	1203	904	8,419
911 Calls	566	720	1,286
Self Initiated	2,083	2,343	4,426
Non-Emergency Line	740	1,967	2,707
2024	1203	904	10,338
911 Calls	584	845	1,429
Self Initiated	2,763	3,288	6,051
Non-Emergency Line	775	2,083	2,858
2025	1203	904	614
911 Calls	36	58	94
Self Initiated	124	214	338
Non-Emergency Line	45	137	182
Grand Total	10,287	15,694	25,981

Hour of the Day	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
00	232	274	344	28	878
01	192	267	326	19	804
02	163	234	270	26	693
03	135	176	209	17	537
04	151	132	179	9	471
05	132	108	143	11	394
06	198	242	204	18	662
07	206	368	278	19	871
08	303	425	455	35	1218
09	291	439	528	31	1289
10	344	432	544	38	1358
11	324	370	557	30	1281
12	357	472	596	23	1448
13	415	532	651	39	1637
14	398	584	808	32	1822
15	372	494	753	30	1649
16	377	449	625	31	1482
17	320	401	577	24	1322
18	317	371	444	19	1151
19	284	343	370	26	1023
20	312	344	296	30	982
21	292	334	335	20	981
22	244	302	402	35	983
23	251	326	444	24	1045
Grand Total	6610	8419	10338	614	25981

Row Labels	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
VEHICLE STOP	680	1714	1815	105	4,314
SEE PARTY	818	1155	1402	103	3,478
CHECK WELFARE	384	387	551	53	1,375
CHECK SECURITY	145	340	654	61	1,200
UNLISTED	104	157	863	6	1,130
SUBJECT STOP	159	391	536	10	1,096
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	381	270	270	14	935
SUBJECT REFUSING TO LEAVE	221	227	196	11	655
OFFICER REQUEST FIELD INTERVIEW	219	210	195	15	639
THEFT REPORT	161	192	197	12	562
ALARM COMMERCIAL	196	153	189	11	549
OFFICER REQUEST ARREST	176	150	196	9	531
FOUND ITEM	155	169	170	14	508
DISTURBANCE FIGHT	185	133	147	11	476
CONTROL BUY	129	133	141	9	412
TRESPASS	124	88	131	4	347
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	138	117	83	8	346
LOITERING	106	94	104	2	306
HARASSMENT	69	91	110	7	277
THREATS	65	76	98	4	243
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	58	79	89	4	230
MISSPER	51	75	71	4	201



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Incident/Offense Reports	904	1203	Grand Total
All Other - Criminal	54	104	158
Theft	66	90	156
Assault - Simple	47	89	136
Vandalism	62	71	133
INCIDENT	22	34	56
HANDLE MENTALLY IMPAIR PERSON	21	29	50
Drugs / Narcotics Violation	18	27	45
Fraud / Forgery	17	17	34
Assault - Aggravated	8	24	32
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	6	16	22
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	9	16
Shoplifting	2	11	13
Alcohol Violation	3	10	13
Burglary - Residential	1	12	13
Runaway	7	4	11
Disorderly Conduct	2	8	10
Robbery - Individual	3	5	8
Sexual Assault	5	2	7
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	4	1	5
Sexual Offense	2	2	4
Weapons Violation	3	1	4
Burglary - Commercial	3	1	4
OVERDOSE	2	2	4
All Other - Non-Criminal	2	1	3
Death Investigation	2	1	3
Arson	1	1	2
Theft - Other	2		2
Traffic Incident	1		1
Grand Total	373	572	945

The highest incident or offense report type from Accurint data in Beat 12, 1203 & Beat 9, 904 were All Other– Criminal. The details of those crimes are broken further down in Chart 3.3. The top 25% of incident and offense reports pulled from Accurint are highlighted in red.

From the 158 All-Other Criminal Offenses highlighted in Chart 3.2, criminal trespass was the most frequent (56), harassment (25), and Terrorist Threatening 1st Degree (17). Although Criminal Trespass offenses have been consistent from 2022-2025, the number of harassment offenses were significantly higher in 2024 than in previous years.

Types of Crimes Categorized Under All Other–Criminal	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
All Other - Criminal	51	49	56	2	158
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	20	16	20		56
HARASSMENT	2	8	15		25
TERRORISTIC THREATENING 1 DEG	7	5	4	1	17
HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS	4	6	2		12
TERRORISTIC THREATENING 2 DEG	1	4	6		11
MISSING PERSON	3	4	1		8
LOST ITEM	2	1	2	1	6
CRIM TRESPASS OCCUP STRUCTURE	3				3
LOITERING	1		2		3
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER	1		1		2
VIO CITY ORD-EXPLAIN IN REMARK		2			2
VEHICLE RECOVERY REPORT	1	1			2
ENDANGER WELFARE OF MINOR 3RD	1		1		2
OBSTRUCT GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	2				2
UNAUTH USE-PSGR CAR	1				1
ENDANGER WELFARE-1ST DEGREE	1				1
FILE FALSE POLICE REPORT	1				1
HINDERING APPREHENSION		1			1
UNAUTH USE VEH-PSNGCAR >\$2500			1		1
INTERFERE W/CHILD CUSTODY		1			1
HARASSMENT OF MINOR			1		1



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Arrests

Data was queried by persons who are reported in FSPD Records Management System as experiencing homelessness.



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To attempt to identify persons who have been prolific offenders or repeatedly contacted and arrested by FSPD, a query was made of persons who have been categorized in our RMS as homeless. To identify this within the RMS, a search was made for persons with an address of “Homeless” in the comments of their residence, a person with “Homeless” written in the comments of their residence or persons with no street address, a person with an address at 123 N 6th St or a person with an address of 301 S E St.

These were then reviewed to identify any duplicate entities.

Additionally, first and last names of arrested persons were reviewed to attempt to identify any spelling inconsistencies.

There were 2,158 arrests made and 1,024 unique persons within these search parameters. There were 648 persons who had only been arrested on one occasion. There were 166 persons who were arrested twice. The remaining 210 persons were arrested three or more times. Robert SHELTON had the most arrests with 29, Ricky DALTON and Tiffany KEENER were both arrested 24 times.

These 2,158 arrests amount to 10% of the 21,550 misdemeanor and felony arrests between January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

The top five addresses where individuals were arrested from occurred at 301 S E St (134); 415 Garrison Ave (64); 123 N 6th St (54); 1001 Towson Ave (47); and 2809 Grand Ave (37).

While the addresses listed above are for arrests made between January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025, the top five addresses in 2024 occurred at 301 S E St (44); 123 N 6th St (32); 415 Garrison Ave (18); 611 N 11th St (14) and 300 Garrison Ave (13).



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Further reporting would need to be conducted to determine the address within our area of responsibility which has the highest number of arrests. Within this data set for queried homeless persons who were arrested from 2022 to 2025, 301 S E St accounted for 6% of the 2,158 arrests. 123 N 6th St accounted for almost 3 % of the arrests.

At the time of this report, a review of each arrest was not conducted to ascertain what each charge was at the arrest date and time.

Address of Arrest	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
301 S E ST	54	41	44	4	143
415 GARRISON AVE	31	17	18		66
123 N 6TH ST	6	15	32	1	54
1001 TOWSON AVE	13	20	12	2	47
2809 GRAND AVE	12	15	9	1	37
2425 ZERO ST	14	12	9	1	36
611 N 11TH ST	10	11	14		35
200 GARRISON AVE	21	9	1		31
N 6 ST / N B ST	11	10	7		28
116 N 6TH ST	3	8	13		24
2221 GRAND AVE	2	10	7		19
2100 N 62ND ST	4	10	4		18
7301 ROGERS AVE	7	5	5		17
N 5 ST / N A ST	7	3	6		16
300 GARRISON AVE	3		13		16
N 5 ST / N B ST	5	8	1		14
100 S 10TH ST	5	3	4		12
1116 GRAND AVE	2	5	5		12
801 S A ST	1	3	5	2	11
4900 ROGERS AVE	4	5	2		11
5103 TOWSON AVE	7	4			11
400 GARRISON AVE	2	6	2		10
1701 GRAND AVE	2	4	4		10
2301 TOWSON AVE	3	3	3		9
301 N 11TH ST	7	1			8
3301 S M ST	2	5	1		8
3700 GRAND AVE	3	1	3	1	8
3100 GRAND AVE	3	2	3		8
100 S 4TH ST	4	2	2		8
1301 TOWSON AVE	2	1	5		8
4118 N 50TH ST		2	5		7
3515 TOWSON AVE	1	2	4		7
2112 DODSON AVE	1	3	3		7
5221 JOHNSON ST	4		2		6
520 N 16TH ST		3	2	1	6
5000 MIDLAND BLVD		3	3		6
301 PARKER AVE		2	4		6
215 N 6TH ST	1		5		6
1624 FRESNO ST		3	2	1	6
1411 ROGERS AVE		5	1		6



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Conclusion



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Standardization for entering addresses within the CAD and RMS should assist with more consistent data. CA MILLER attempted to identify any duplicates by checking for spelling differences, abbreviation differences, and other abnormalities.

Standardizing the proper source of the call for service will assist with a clearer understanding of the activities in these areas. At the time of this report, CFS received by the front desk were being entered into the CAD system as self-initiated which skewed many of these within the report. Calls received at the front desk should be entered as a non-emergency phone line.

The transition to the new CAD/RMS should also assist with deconflicting persons in need of corrective help. CA MILLER attempted to merge the first and last name of each arrested individual to identify any duplicates. Additionally, formatting the person's home address should be made consistent to ensure that all persons who fit the parameters of this report are accounted for.

CA MILLER also asked Captain MILAM if there was an interest in redefining the Beats and Grids within the city to more accurately reflect areas like the Downtown Entertainment District, new subdivision being constructed within our area of responsibility, and assist with tactical deployment of resources.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Fort Smith Chief of Police, Danny Baker

From: ACC Sex Offender Services Area Manager Jennifer Dean Jordan

RE: Meeting Follow-up

February 28, 2025

Mr. Baker,

It was an honor to collaborate with you related to sex offender community safety concerns. Please find below a summary of this preliminary strategic planning meeting. This plan seeks to enhance the effectiveness of sex offender management strategies through research-informed decision-making, cross-sector collaboration, and proactive public safety measures. Actionable items are intended to target specific issues related to Hope Campus located at 301 South E Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901, with an emphasis on management of high-risk or non-compliant sex offenders. Please note the recommendations made herein are based on my personal experience as a law enforcement officer with over 21 years of sex offender specific management experience: They do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the agency of which I serve.

Community Notification Levels (CNL) are extrapolated in the *Sex Offender Assessment Committee (SOAC) Guidelines and Notification Procedures* (2014) as:

- Level 1: Typically offenders in this category have no prior history of sexual offending and the community can be protected with notification inside the home and to local law enforcement authorities. Level 1 would not generally be appropriate with prepubescent victim(s), predatory behavior, sexual interest in children, a history of working with children or around children if the victim was a child, and allegations of force or threats of physical harm were used in the offense.
- Level 2: Typically offenders in this category have a history of sexual offending where notification inside the home is insufficient. Community notification requires notice to the offender's known victim preference and those likely to come into contact with the offender.
- Level 3: Typically offenders in this category have a history of repeat sexual offending, and/or strong antisocial, violent or predatory personality characteristics. These are individuals whose offense and criminal history require notification throughout the community.
- Default Level 3: Offenders who appear for the assessment under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or who fail to timely disclose the use of medications, individuals who fail to appear for any phase of the assessment, individuals who are aggressive, threatening, or disruptive to the point that SOCNA staff cannot proceed with the assessment process, and individuals who voluntarily terminate the assessment process having been advised of the potential consequences will be classified as being a Level 3 or referred to SOAC for Sexually Dangerous Person status.
- Level 4: Sexually Dangerous Person refers to a person who has been adjudicated guilty of a sex offense or acquitted on the grounds of mental disease or defect of a sex offense and who suffers from a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in predatory sex offenses. The designation indicates that the highest and most visible means of community notification is required.



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Strategic Plan:

I. **Request a current Arkansas Attorney General Opinion as to what constitutes residency pursuant to A.C.A. § 12-12-903. Definitions which defines residency as stated below:**

“Residency” means the place where a person lives notwithstanding that there may be an intent to move or return at some future date to another place.

(B) “Residency” also includes:

(i) A place of employment;

(ii) A place of training;

(iii) A place of education; or

(iv) A temporary residence or domicile in which a person resides for an aggregate of five (5) or more consecutive days during a calendar year;

The conflicting statement noted above (red font) is unclear. This clarification is needed as a preliminary step to ensure law enforcement measures for non-compliant sex offenders are legally defensible.

II. **Require operational procedures to be implemented by Hope Campus wherein any person receiving services is required to consent to a criminal background check and/or national sex offender registry query via the National Crime Information Center.** Local law enforcement must be notified immediately and provided with the signed consent. The local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction will complete a record check in compliance with operational procedures.

a. Barriers:

- i. The utilization of “public” sex offender registries as they are often incomplete, have minimal transparency requirements, and vary greatly from state-to-state.
- ii. Legal experts must be consulted to ensure sound legal application.
- iii. Operational policy development will be required which specifies time-delineated responses for wanted offenders.
- iv. Additional staff may be required to meet additional demands as the workload of a sex offender specific officers is often under-estimated.

III. **Ensure correct and accurate sex offender registration records are entered by any registration agency within the specified jurisdictional agency.** A preliminary records check has identified confirmed homeless offenders using incorrect registration formats. This data is entered into the Arkansas Sex Offender Registration (ASOR) Portal by the identified registration officer. Sex offender must be delineated as homeless. It is further recommended that any offender registered at Hope Campus or other transitional facility be identified within ASOR by placing the name of the facility in the “in care of” category within ASOR. This will allow city planner and criminal justice agencies to more quickly identify registration who are 1) homeless, 2) where they are located, and 3) increase law enforcement interaction with displaced sexual offenders.

a. Barriers:

- i. Collaboration with the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) will be required to coordinate the population of reports to assist with monitoring the homeless population as information is not easily extracted by ASOR users.



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- ii. Additional staff may be required to meet additional demands as the workload of a sex offender specific officers is often under-estimated.

- IV. **Build a city park within 2000 feet of Hope Campus to prohibit registered sexual offenders assigned a CNL 3 or CNL 4 from residing at the identified facility pursuant to A.C.A. § 5-14-128.** Registered offender living near school, public park, youth center, daycare, or church or other place of worship prohibited. A violation of this section is a Class D felony.
 - a. Barriers:
 - i. Ensure enforcement measures are supported by local prosecutorial authorities.
 - ii. Cost.

- V. **Ensure community notification measures are implemented to notify employees, occupants and/or volunteers within Hope Campus of sex offender presence in accordance with the SOAC Guidelines and A.C.A. § 12-12-913.** Disclosure to enhance awareness and community safety through informed decision making. See Addendum.
 - a. Barriers:
 - i. Notification can be timely and cost prohibitive. It is recommended that law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction acquire access to ACC's electronic offender management information system (eOMIS) as the population of Community Notification flyers is embedded within this system. Collaboration is needed to determine if access to this feature is available.
 - ii. Additional staff may be required to meet additional demands as the workload of a sex offender specific officers is often under-estimated.

- VI. **Acquire a list of volunteers to Hope Campus for sex offender notification to enhance awareness and community safety through informed decision making.**
 - a. Barriers:
 - i. Legal experts must be consulted to ensure sound legal application.

- VII. **Ensure registered sexual offenders are not employed in positions of authority to reduce risk of predation against a vulnerable population.**
 - a. Barriers:
 - i. Policy development and implementation thereof.

- VIII. **Ensure the use of Extended Supervision A.C.A. § 5-4-107 5-4-107. Extended supervision and monitoring for certain sex offenders.**
 - a. Barriers:
 - i. Legal experts must be consulted to ensure sound legal application. It is recommended that, moving forward, sex offender court orders are clearly denoted advising the offender of the potential for Extended Supervision. Act 33 (Extended Supervision) notices are automatically nailed to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in the county of conviction.
 - ii. Sharing of information and collaboration between agencies to ensure timeliness of notification. Note: It is possible to request a programming change which would add a notification parameter for the jurisdiction where the offender resides.



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- IX. **Ensure the use of electronic monitoring of qualifying CNL 4- Sexually Dangerous Persons pursuant to A.C.A. § 12-12-923.** A sex offender subject to electronic monitoring who violates subdivision (a)(2) of this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class C felony.
 - a. Barriers.
 - i. Determine what monitoring company will be utilized and cost of implementation. Note: Sex offenders can be required to pay up to \$15 daily for this service.
 - ii. Policy development will be required to ensure timely response to violations

- X. **Ensure an action plan is developed to make every effort to respond to cross-state sex offender violators who fail to register.** Sex offenders can be charged federally for non-compliance with sex offender registration requirements if they cross state boundaries.
 - a. Barriers:
 - i. Open communication and collaboration between state and federal jurisdictions.

If you feel I have omitted any items, please forgive my oversight. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

It is my honor to serve~



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MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Danny Baker

From: Crime Analyst (CA) Pamela Miller

Subject: Comprehensive Analysis of Calls for Service at Next Step Day Room, Hope Campus and the Downtown, Entertainment District

Date: March 3, 2025

On Wednesday, February 5, 2025, a request was submitted to the Crime Analysis Unit for a comprehensive analysis of calls for service to Next Step Day Room, Hope Campus, and the Downtown, Entertainment District. Crime Analyst (CA) Pamela MILLER reviewed the locations Next Step Day Room and Hope Campus which is provided in the following chart:

Chart 1.1

Location Name	Address
Next Step Day Room	123 N 6th St, Fort Smith, AR 72901
Hope Campus	301 S E St, Fort Smith, AR 72901

The area which includes the Downtown, Entertainment District was identified from the DTFS website: Entertainment District - Fort Smith Downtown Business Association (FSDBA, "Entertainment District". Entertainment District - Fort Smith Downtown Business Association. 2017-2024). This area is highlighted on page two of this report (Image 1.1).

CA MILLER pulled data from a Accurant for geolocation data on offense or incident reports from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025. For the specific address of Hope Campus and Next Step Day Room, the data was pulled as a buffer of 1,000 ft from those addresses. In order to pull the data for the entertainment district, CA MILLER used the address 400 Garrison St, Fort Smith, AR and then filtered for all calls for service within .25 miles of that location. This data was then uploaded into ArcGIS Pro for a spatial overview of the original data pulled, and to identify calls for service which were outside of the area identified as the entertainment district.

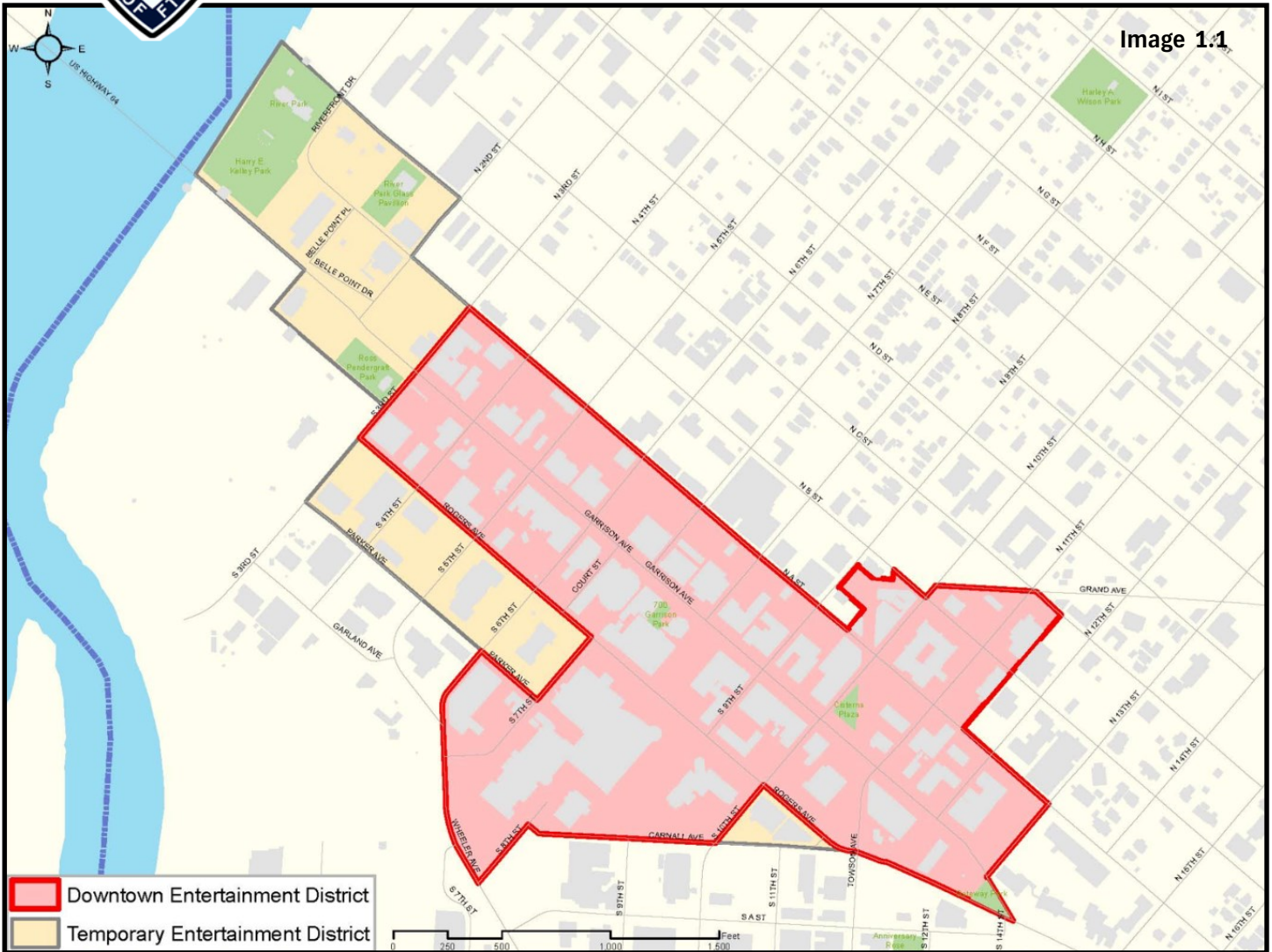
CA MILLER identified that there were 6,360 offense or incident reports within .25 miles of 400 Garrison Ave, Fort Smith, AR. Of those reports, CA MILLER identified that 945 incident and offense reports which were pertinent for this report.

CA MILLER identified that there were 930 offense or incident reports within 1,000 feet of 301 S E St, Fort Smith, AR. Of those reports, CA MILLER identified that 901 incident and offense reports which were pertinent for this report.

CA MILLER identified that there were 648 offense or incident reports within 1,000 feet of 123 N 6th St, Fort Smith, AR. Of those reports, CA MILLER identified that 427 incident and offense reports which were pertinent for this report.



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Next Step Day Room Overview

Chart 1.2

From the data filtered as pertinent to the Next Step Day Room, August is a peak month on calls for service, consistently from 2022 to 2024.

Additionally, the highest activity at the location included: Arrests (161), Traffic Incident (77), Assault- Simple (42), and All-Other Criminal Activity.

The most offense or four page incident reports occurred in 2024, with 172 total calls. The increase of calls for service from 2022 to 2024 may be attributed to additional specialized units which routinely patrol in this area.

The calls for service which resulted in an arrest are highlighted in the following page, Chart 1.3. The most arrested offense was for a Failure to Appear, B Misdemeanor. These offenses have increased from year to year.

The second offense was for Public Intoxication. Although this is the second highest recorded arrestable offense, there was a decrease in 2024 from 2023.

When analyzing the CFS at this location, the most number of calls were made in 2024 (242 CFS). Of these calls for service, 127 were self-initiated, 61 were non-emergency phone line calls, and 54 were 911 Calls.

Year/Month	Alcohol Violation	All Other - Criminal	Assault - Aggravated	Assault - Simple	Burglary - Residential	Disorderly Conduct	Drugs / Narcotics Violation	Fraud / Forgery	Robbery - Individual	Sexual Assault	Theft	Traffic Incident	Vandalism	Weapons Violation	HANDLE MENTALLY IMPAIR PERSON INCIDENT	ARREST	FIELD CONTACT	Grand Total	
2022	1	10	6	1	1	1	1	1	4	15	3	4	1	34	14	95			
Jan	1	2	1	1	1						1	2	1			3	11		
Feb		1	1									1						3	
Mar			1								1					1	1	4	
Apr			1								1	1				2		5	
May											1	2		2		2	2	9	
Jun		3	1										1				4	9	
Jul		2										1					4	9	
Aug		2	1										1	1		10	4	19	
Sep								1				2					4	3	10
Oct						1						2					2	1	6
Nov				1								3			1		2	1	8
Dec												1				1			2
2023		7	2	13		1	6	3	1	6	41	1	1	6	3	47	21	159	
Jan												1		1		3		5	
Feb				1								3					2		6
Mar				3										1			3		11
Apr												9					2		11
May		1	1				1								1	2	1		7
Jun			2				1				1	1		1		6	1		13
Jul			1	1							1	4					10	1	18
Aug		1	2		1	1		1			3	1	1	1	1	7	3		23
Sep		1	1	1		3					2	2				1	6	1	18
Oct		2		2		1					1	8					3	7	24
Nov		1				1	1					3			1		1		8
Dec		1									1	3			1		7	2	15
2024		9	3	23		2	1	1	1	9	21	2	1	6	2	79	12	172	
Jan		1										1					3		5
Feb		2	2					1				1		1		10	4		21
Mar			2								1	2			1		2		8
Apr		1	1			1			1			1				1	8		14
May		1	5								1	1					8		16
Jun		1	1									2	1				8		13
Jul		1	2								2	1	1	2		6			15
Aug		1	1	3							2	1		2		10	1		21
Sep			1	3		1						3		1		8	2		19
Oct		1	4				1		1							11	2		19
Nov											1					1	3		5
Dec			1								2	8		1		4			16
2025																	1		1
Jan																	1		1
Grand Total	1	26	5	42	1	2	8	5	2	1	19	77	6	2	16	6	161	47	427



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CA MILLER then queried calls for service in the FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT (FSPD) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). The location's addresses were put in as well as the source of the call. The source of the call was identified as a non emergency phone call, a 911 Call or a self-initiated call. Additionally, the call's disposition could be identified as an offense report, incident report, misdemeanor arrest, felony arrest, etc.

At 123 N 6th St (Next Step Day Room), there were 521 CFS from January 1, 2022—January 31, 2025.

		Disposition Code:																			Grand Total			
Year	Source of Call	1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	54	58	61	1F	1F*	1M	1M*	ACR	DH	IR	OR		ORF	ORM	ST
2022		17	4	5		8	3					2							71	9			1	120
	911 Call	5		2															22	4			1	34
	Non Emergency Phone Line	3	4	3			3					2							28	3				46
	Self-Initiated	9				8													21	2				40
2023		23	5	3		7	1	1	2	3	1						2		74	22			1	145
	911 Call	7															2		22	11			1	43
	Non Emergency Phone Line	4	5	3			1			3	1								15	4				36
	Self-Initiated	12				7		1	2										37	7				66
2024			2		1	1	7			2			2	1	35	2	1	15	139		7	26	1	242
	911 Call				1		3						1		4	2			28		3	11	1	54
	Non Emergency Phone Line		2				3			2			1	4			1		36		2	10		61
	Self-Initiated					1	1						1		27			15	75		2	5		127
2025						1			1							1		10				1	14	
	Non Emergency Phone Line															1								1
	Self-Initiated					1			1									10				1		13
Grand Total		40	11	8	1	17	11	1	3	5	1	2	2	1	35	3	3	25	284	31	7	27	3	521

Legend for Disposition Codes:

- 1—Populated by CAD
- 5—Building Checked, Secure, Form Left
- 6—Building Checked w/ Owner, Secure
- 7— 911 Call Not Valid
- 8— Field Interview Completed
- 9—Cancelled Before Arrival
- 10—Traffic Citation Issued
- 11—Warning Issued
- 54—Unable to Locate
- 58—Shelter Full Left on Scene

- 61—Animal Returned to Owner
- 1F—Felony Arrest
- 1F* - Felony Arrest Refusal
- 1M—Misdemeanor Arrest
- 1M* - Misdemeanor Arrest Refusal
- ACR—Accident Report Taken
- DH—Door Hanger
- IR—Incident Report Taken
- OR—Populated by CAD
- ORF—Offense Report Felony



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Chart 1.3

Year Source of Call	12 AM	1 AM	2 AM	3 AM	4 AM	5 AM	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	Grand Total
2022	2		1	2	1	1	7	3	10	7	8	10	15	10	7	10	8	8	2	5	1	1	1		120
911 Call	1		1				2		4		2	3	3	4	1	3	3	3		2	1		1		34
Non Emergency Phone Line				2		1	1	3	4	5	3	3	9	4	2	3	1	1	1	3					46
Self-Initiated	1				1		4		2	2	3	4	3	2	4	4	4	4	1			1			40
2023	2			3		1	4	8	12	17	5	17	17	10	12	9	4	5	2	4	5	6		2	145
911 Call	1			1			1	3	2	4	1	6	8	1	4	6		2	1					2	43
Non Emergency Phone Line	1			2		1		2	2	3	3	5	4	2	2	1	1			3	2	2			36
Self-Initiated							3	3	8	10	1	6	5	7	6	2	3	3	1	1	3	4			66
2024	1	8	4	2	1	1	2	12	28	26	16	21	21	20	17	17	9	5	1	1	2	1	8	18	242
911 Call			1	1				5	4	7	5	3	4	6	4	5	4	3					1	1	54
Non Emergency Phone Line		2	1			1	1	4	7	7	5	11	5	7	3	3	1				1	1		1	61
Self-Initiated	1	6	2	1	1		1	3	17	12	6	7	12	7	10	9	4	2	1	1	1		7	16	127
2025		2	1	1								2	1			1							2	4	14
Non Emergency Phone Line																1									1
Self-Initiated		2	1	1								2	1										2	4	13
Grand Total	5	10	6	8	2	3	13	23	50	50	29	50	54	40	36	37	21	18	5	10	8	8	11	24	521

Outside of the normal business hours, the other peak time frame at this location was from 11:00 PM—12:00 AM. The top ten percent of call types at Next Step Day Room were Subject Stop (90); See Party (42); Disturbance, Fight (42), and Disorderly Conduct (36). These accounted for 40% of the total calls for service at this location. Of these 210 CFS, 128 were self-initiated (61%); 45 were 911 Calls (21%); and 37 were Non Emergency Phone Line calls (18%).

All of the subject stops were self-initiated. The top 911 Calls at Next Step Day Room were: disturbance fight (25); Police with EMS/Fire (11); Disorderly Conduct (11); See Party (9) and Check Welfare (9). The top Non Emergency Phone Line calls were Alarm Commercial Building (21); See Party (15); Disorderly Conduct (13); Check Welfare (11); Police with EMS/Fire (10); and Disturbance Fight (9).

Call Source	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
911 Call	34	43	54		131
Non Emergency Phone Line	46	36	61	1	144
Self-Initiated	40	66	127	13	246
Grand Total	120	145	242	14	521



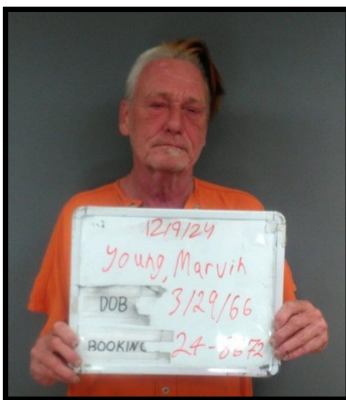
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Chart 1.3

Heather LaDawn HALL's (DOB: 12/17/1976) was the most frequently arrested person at this location. HALL's most recent arrest was on 1/28/2025 at 8:36 PM. She was arrested for public intoxication and a Failure to Pay a Fine. HALL had seven (7) arrest calls for service in 2024.



The second most frequently contacted person for arrest calls for service was Marvin Young (DOB: 3/29/1966)



Type of Arrest	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
ARREST - AGG ASSLT-DOMESTIC-FIREARM			1		1
ARREST - AGG ASSLT-DOM-SHARP INSTRUMENT		1			1
ARREST - ASSAULT-2ND DEGREE			1		1
ARREST - ASSAULT-3RD DEGREE			2		2
ARREST - ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY		1	1		2
ARREST - BATTERY 1ST-SHARP INSTRUMENT			1		1
ARREST - BATTERY 2ND-OTHER WEAPON		1			1
ARREST - BATTERY 2ND-SHARP INSTRUMENT		1			1
ARREST - BATTERY 3RD		2			2
ARREST - CONTEMPT / FTCWCO	2				2
ARREST - CONTEMPT-FAILURE TO PAY FINE	3	1	7		11
ARREST - CRIM TRESPASS OCCUP STRUCTURE	1				1
ARREST - CRIM USE OF PROHIBITED WEAPON			1		1
ARREST - CRIMINAL TRESPASS	5	2	7		14
ARREST - D.W.I. 1ST OFFENSE			1		1
ARREST - DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4	3	6		13
ARREST - DOM BATT 3RD	1		1		2
ARREST - DOMESTIC ASSAULT 3RD			3		3
ARREST - DRINKING IN PUBLIC			3		3
ARREST - DRIVE WHILE LIC SUSPEND/DWI	1				1
ARREST - FAIL TO COMPLY W/COURT ORDER		1			1
ARREST - FAIL TO PAY RESTITUTION-MISD			1		1
ARREST - FAILURE TO APPEAR-A MISD	1	3	3		7
ARREST - FAILURE TO APPEAR-B MISD	9	8	14		31
ARREST - FAILURE TO APPEAR-C MISD			3		3
ARREST - FLEEING APPREHENSION			1		1
ARREST - INDECENT EXPOSURE	1				1
ARREST - JAY WALKING			2		2
ARREST - LOITERING		1	1		2
ARREST - OBSTRUCT GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	1		1		2
ARREST - PAROLE VIOLATION			1		1
ARREST - POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA			1		1
ARREST - POSS MARIJUANA			1		1
ARREST - POSS OF SCH VI CONTROL SUB		1			1
ARREST - POSS SCH I C/S LESS THAN 2 GRAMS		1			1
ARREST - POSS SCH II C/S LESS THAN 2G		1			1
ARREST - PROBATION VIOLATION	1				1
ARREST - PUBLIC INTOXICATION	3	16	13	1	33
ARREST - ROBBERY-HIGHWAY OR STREET			1		1
ARREST - THEFT BY RECEIVING \$1000-25000	1				1
ARREST - THEFT OF PROPERTY UNDER \$1000		1	1		2
ARREST - VIO CITY ORD-EXPLAIN IN REMARK		2			2
Total	34	47	79	1	161



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Hope Campus Overview

From the data filtered as pertinent to the Hope Campus, June and July were peak months for calls for service in 2024. The following chart breaks down the offenses taken from January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

Michael Lucas was the most contacted person, generating 18 CFS in 2024.

Chart 2.1

Year & Month	Alcohol Violation	All Other - Criminal	All Other - Non-Criminal	Arson	Assault - Aggravated	Assault - Simple	Burglary - Residential	Burglary from Motor Vehicle	Death Investigation	Disorderly Conduct	Drugs / Narcotics Violation	Fraud / Forgery	Sexual Assault	Theft	Theft - Other	Traffic Incident	Vandalism	Weapons Violation	HANDLE MENTALLY IMPAIR INCIDENT	OVERDOSE	ANIMAL BITE	Sexual Offense	Arrest	Field Contact	Grand Total
2022	3	39	1		4	16	1	2	1	2	8	5	1	24	1	1	7		41	7	4		87	61	316
Jan					1	1					1	1	1	1					5				5	4	20
Feb		3				1								2			1		7				6	2	22
Mar	1	7									1	1		1					3	1			12	4	31
Apr		3			2	1					1	1		1					3	1	1		7	8	29
May		6			1	3		1		1	4			3			2		5	1			14	8	49
Jun		9				3		1		1		1		2	1		1		8	2	1		15	11	56
Jul		3				1								4			1		1	1			2	3	16
Aug		3				3								3					1	1			8	3	22
Sep		2									1			4		1			2				6	3	19
Oct		1										1		2			1		1				3	4	13
Nov		1				1											1		4				2	7	16
Dec	2	1	1			2	1		1					1					1	2			7	4	23
2023	1	32			1	14			1	1	2	2		20		1		1	32	2	1	1	64	26	202
Jan		4				2								1					5				8	4	24
Feb		6										1		1					3				6	3	20
Mar	1	4				2								5					3				6	2	23
Apr		2									1								2	1			4	5	15
May		2			1	2					1			2		1			4		1		2	1	17
Aug										1				1					2				3	1	8
Sep		6				2								2				1	3	1			10	3	28
Oct		1												1					3				1	1	7
Nov		4				1			1			1		3					4				15	3	32
Dec		3				5								4					3		1		9	3	28
2024	1	48	2	1	6	23		2			4	3		32	1	2	4		48	6	5		86	90	364
Jan		2				2								1		1			5	1			10	6	28
Feb		3			1	3					1			2					6	2			9	1	28
Mar		5									1			3					3		1		6	3	22
Apr		6		1	1	3		1						5	1	1	1		4	1			5	5	35
May		4			1	1						1		1					5	1			10	3	27
Jun		3	1									1		3			1		2				4	46	61
Jul		11				5								3					6				16	5	46
Aug		1			1	5								4			1		2		3		7	3	27
Sep		3	1			2	2							2			1		5	1			5	4	26
Oct		1				1					1			1					5				4	6	19
Nov	1	4				1					1	1		2					1				5	2	18
Dec		5					1							5					4	1			5	6	27
2025		1			1				1					2					5	1		1	5	2	19
Jan		1			1				1					2					5	1		1	5	2	19
Grand	5	120	3	1	12	53	1	4	3	3	14	10	1	78	2	4	11	1	126	1	11	1	242	179	901



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Chart 2.2

The chart to the right highlights the Top Persons contacted and the type of offense or call for service for that contact. Michael LUCAS was contacted 18 times, half of those being an arrest.



The most CFS at Hope Campus were in 2024. Of those calls, 26% were 911 Calls, 37% were Non Emergency Phone Line Calls, and 37% were Self-Initiated.

Name	All Other - Criminal	Assault - Aggravated	Assault - Simple	Theft	HANDLE MENTALLY IM-PAIR PERSON	INCIDENT	Arrest	Field Contact	Grand Total
MICHAEL LUCAS	6						9	3	18
2024	6						9	3	18
TIFFANY KEENER	2				2		3	5	12
2022					2		1	2	5
2024	2						2	3	7
BRIAN JOHNSON					6	1	1	1	9
2023					1		1		2
2024					5	1		1	7
PATRICIA CASEY				1			4	4	9
2022				1			3	2	6
2023								1	1
2024							1	1	2
JULIE EPPS	2						4	3	9
2022							1	2	3
2023							1	1	2
2024	2						2		4
SUMMER MEEKS	2						3	2	7
2024	2						3	2	7
SANDRA DAVIS	2						4	1	7
2023	2						4		6
2024								1	1
COLBY COLE	2						3	2	7
2022	1						1	1	3
2023	1						2	1	4
JONATHAN WEST	3						3	1	7
2023	3						3	1	7
PRECIOUS MOORE	2						3	1	6
2022	2						3	1	6
ELDRIDGE BROWN	1	1					2	2	6
2024	1						1	2	4
2025		1					1		2
DYLAN SCHIEBERT	1						1	4	6
2024	1						1	4	6
JESSE GIBBS	2						3	1	6
2022	2						3	1	6
EDWARD GONZALES	2						2	1	5
2023	2						2	1	5
TYLER HAYNES	1						2	2	5
2023	1						2	2	5
BRITTANY DAVIS					1	1	2	1	5
2023					1	1	2	1	5
CINDY WEAVER	1				1		1	2	5
2022								1	1
2023					1				1
2024	1						1	1	3
WILLIE ADDISON		1	2				2		5
2024		1	2				2		5
ARNIS ORR			1		2		2		5
2023					1				1
2024			1		1		2		4
RICK HIORNS	1				1		2	1	5
2022	1						2	1	4
2024					1				1

Chart 2.3

Year & Source of CFS	Count of Source
2022	784
911 Call	241
Non Emergency Phone Line	442
Self-Initiated	101
2023	618
911 Call	175
Non Emergency Phone Line	305
Self-Initiated	138
2024	877
911 Call	232
Non Emergency Phone Line	324
Self-Initiated	321
2025	72
911 Call	18
Non Emergency Phone Line	27
Self-Initiated	27
Grand Total	2351



Chart 2.4

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From 2022—January 2025, the most calls for service in a single month was in June 2022. The next highest calls for service were May 2022, April 2024, May 2024, and July 2024.

Of the calls received, the top call type was See Party, followed by Subject Refusing to Leave, Check Welfare, Disorderly Conduct, Suicidal Threat, PD with EMS / Fire, Trespass, Theft Report, Disturbance Fight, Check Security, Officer Requesting Arrest, Battery Report, Loitering, Drunk Subject, Harassment, Transport, Threats, Loose Dog/Animal, and Domestic Disturbance. (Chart 2.5).

The peak hours for received calls for service were 2 PM to 3 PM and 6 PM to 7 PM. Chart 2.6. These peak times varied from the peak hours at Next Step Day Room which had peak received call times from 8 AM to 10 AM and then from 11 AM to 1 PM.

Year and Month CFS at Hope	Count of CFS
2022	784
Jan	83
Feb	70
Mar	64
Apr	80
May	100
Jun	113
Jul	55
Aug	50
Sep	51
Oct	33
Nov	35
Dec	50
2023	618
Jan	44
Feb	45
Mar	48
Apr	34
May	45
Jun	41
Jul	67
Aug	56
Sep	56
Oct	57
Nov	82
Dec	43
2024	877
Jan	77
Feb	86
Mar	69
Apr	95
May	92
Jun	54
Jul	92
Aug	81
Sep	74
Oct	61
Nov	31
Dec	65
2025	72
Jan	72
Grand Total	2351

Chart 2.5

YEAR	SEEPRTY	SUBRTL	CHKWELF	DISCON	SUCTHRT	PDWEM	TRESPAS	THEFTRPT	DISTFGT	CKSEC	OFCREQAR	BATRP	LOITER	S5AS	HARASS	TRANSP	THREATS	L1060	DOMDIS
2022	126	111	49	92	48	28	38	28	37	2	18	17	9	14	8	7	11	9	10
2023	98	105	59	32	45	34	31	33	13	5	15	7	11	4	15	10	3	6	9
2024	143	87	174	33	46	56	37	34	12	43	9	13	13	12	5	9	12	10	5
2025	8	8	17	1	2	8	1	3	1	7					2	2		1	
Total	375	311	299	158	141	126	107	98	63	57	42	37	33	30	30	28	26	26	24

Chart 2.6

Year	12 AM	1 AM	2 AM	3 AM	4 AM	5 AM	6 AM	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	10 PM	11 PM	Total
2022	12	18	4	7	3	14	31	28	39	35	36	38	40	41	43	38	50	53	71	49	58	35	25	16	784
2023	8	1	5	7	3	1	25	27	24	27	33	27	36	36	45	31	38	42	37	41	30	29	44	21	618
2024	14	12	14	9	9	8	23	25	49	59	62	66	54	59	57	71	52	50	47	32	23	29	24	29	877
2025	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	8	5	6	1	1	6	7	3	3		3	3	3	2	4	1	72
Total	37	33	24	25	16	24	82	83	120	126	137	132	131	142	152	143	143	145	158	125	114	95	97	67	2351



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Downtown Entertainment District

From 2022—January 2025, there were 25,981 CFS in the Downtown Entertainment District (Beat 12, 1203 & Beat 9, 904). The most calls were in 2024 (10,338) followed by 2023 (8,419). Of the 25,981, 52% of these calls were self-initiated.

The highest incident or offense report type from Accurint data in Beat 12, 1203 & Beat 9, 904 were All Other– Criminal. The details of those crimes are broken further down in Chart 3.3. The top 25% of incident and offense reports pulled from Accurint are highlighted in red in Chart 3.2.

From the 158 All-Other Criminal Offenses highlighted in Chart 3.2, criminal trespass was the most frequent (56), harassment (25), and Terrorist Threatening 1st Degree (17). Although Criminal Trespass offenses have

Chart 3.1

CFS Downtown Entertainment District	Beat RD		Total
2022	1203	904	6,610
911 Calls	745	752	1,497
Self Initiated	1,066	1,557	2,623
Non Emergency Line	760	1,730	2,490
2023	1203	904	8,419
911 Calls	566	720	1,286
Self Initiated	2,083	2,343	4,426
Non Emergency Line	740	1,967	2,707
2024	1203	904	10,338
911 Calls	584	845	1,429
Self Initiated	2,763	3,288	6,051
Non Emergency Line	775	2,083	2,858
2025	1203	904	614
911 Calls	36	58	94
Self Initiated	124	214	338
Non Emergency Line	45	137	182
Grand Total	10,287	15,694	25,981

Chart 3.2

Incident/Offense Reports	904	1203	Grand Total
All Other - Criminal	54	104	158
Theft	66	90	156
Assault - Simple	47	89	136
Vandalism	62	71	133
INCIDENT	22	34	56
HANDLE MENTALLY IMPAIR PERSON	21	29	50
Drugs / Narcotics Violation	18	27	45
Fraud / Forgery	17	17	34
Assault - Aggravated	8	24	32
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	6	16	22
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	9	16
Shoplifting	2	11	13
Alcohol Violation	3	10	13
Burglary - Residential	1	12	13
Runaway	7	4	11
Disorderly Conduct	2	8	10
Robbery - Individual	3	5	8
Sexual Assault	5	2	7
Driving Under the Influence (DUI)	4	1	5
Sexual Offense	2	2	4
Weapons Violation	3	1	4
Burglary - Commercial	3	1	4
OVERDOSE	2	2	4
All Other - Non-Criminal	2	1	3
Death Investigation	2	1	3
Arson	1	1	2
Theft - Other	2		2
Traffic Incident	1		1
Grand Total	373	572	945



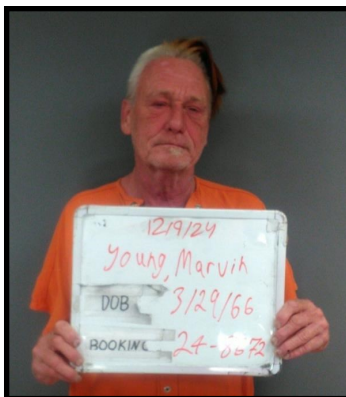
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been consistent from 2022-2025, the number of harassment offenses were significantly higher in 2024 than in previous years.

Chart 3.3

Types of Crimes Categorized Under All Other-Criminal	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
All Other - Criminal	51	49	56	2	158
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	20	16	20		56
HARASSMENT	2	8	15		25
TERRORISTIC THREATENING 1 DEG	7	5	4	1	17
HARASSING COMMUNICATIONS	4	6	2		12
TERRORISTIC THREATENING 2 DEG	1	4	6		11
MISSING PERSON	3	4	1		8
LOST ITEM	2	1	2	1	6
CRIM TRESPASS OCCUP STRUCTURE	3				3
LOITERING	1		2		3
VIOLATION OF PROTECTION ORDER	1		1		2
VIO CITY ORD-EXPLAIN IN REMARK		2			2
VEHICLE RECOVERY REPORT	1	1			2
ENDANGER WELFARE OF MINOR 3RD	1		1		2
OBSTRUCT GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS	2				2
UNAUTH USE-PSGR CAR	1				1
ENDANGER WELFARE-1ST DEGREE	1				1
FILE FALSE POLICE REPORT	1				1
HINDERING APPREHENSION		1			1
UNAUTH USE VEH-PSNGCAR >\$2500			1		1
INTERFERE W/CHILD CUSTODY		1			1
HARASSMENT OF MINOR			1		1

For the persons most arrested in the Downtown Entertainment District, Danny Whisnant was arrested 24 times, followed by Marvin Young (22), Tiffany Keener (20) and Heather Hall (17) from January 2022 to January 2025.





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Chart 3.4

To attempt to identify persons who have been prolific offenders or repeatedly contacted and arrested by FSPD, a query was made of persons who have been categorized in our RMS as homeless. To identify this within the RMS, a search was made for persons with an address of “Homeless” in the comments of their residence, a person with “Homeless” written in the comments of their residence or persons with no street address. These were then reviewed to identify any duplicate entities. Additionally, first and last names of arrested persons were reviewed to attempt to identify any spelling inconsistencies.

There were 2,089 arrests made and 1,002 unique persons within these search parameters. There were 643 persons who had only been arrested on one occasion. There were 157 persons who were arrested twice. The remaining 202 persons were arrested three or more times. Robert SHELTON had the most arrests with 28, Ricky DALTON was arrested the second most amount of times (24) and Tiffany KEENER was arrested the third most (24).

These 2,089 arrests amount to 9% of the 21,550 misdemeanor and felony arrests between January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025.

The top five addresses where these individuals were arrested from Chart 3.4 occurred at 301 S E St (134); 415 Garrison Ave (64); 123 N 6th St (54); 1001 Towson Ave (47); and 2809 Grand Ave (37).

While the addresses listed above are for arrests made between January 1, 2022 to January 31, 2025, the top five addresses in 2024 occurred at 301 S E St (40); 123 N 6th St (32); 415 Garrison Ave (17); 611 N 11th St (14) and 300 Garrison Ave (13).

Arrested Person	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
ROBERT SHELTON	15	7	6		28
RICKY DALTON	11	12		1	24
TIFFANY KEENER	14	7	3		24
HEATHER HALL	7	3	9	1	20
TYLER IVARY	5	14			19
PATRICIA CASEY	10	3	5		18
JUSTIN KELLY	1	5	12		18
MARVIN YOUNG	4	6	6		16
TIERRA KNAULS	7	6	2		15
WILLIAM WINTERS	4	4	6		14
JULIE EPPS	5	7	2		14
JAMES HENRY	3	7	4		14
SHANNON CRUISE	5	3	5		13
MICHAEL WEBB		5	7	1	13
JOHNNY NICHOLSON	5	7	1		13
RANDALL DAVIS	2	2	7		11
EVELYN CHEATER	3	3	4	1	11
LARRY SCHUSTER	3	4	3		10
TRISTA WATTS	4	3	2		9
TYLER HAYNES		9			9
JENNIFER VANHANDLE	6	3			9
NIQUO ZARAGOZA	3	5			8
KADEN LACKMEYER			8		8
JAMES PALMER	1	5	2		8
KARRIE CHEATER	1	2	5		8
JASON NORWOOD		4	4		8
JESSICA TUCKER-MONK	6	2			8
ALICIA SALOKAR	5	1	2		8
AMANDA WORKMAN	5		3		8
TERRELL HORNE	7				7
THOMAS KUZEL		4	3		7
MICHAEL LUCAS			7		7
MICHAEL WING	2	2	3		7
KATELIN MARTIN	7				7
JESSE GIBBS	5	1	1		7
GARY SMITH		4	3		7
DYLAN SCHIEBERT	1	1	5		7
JESSICA STEELE			5	2	7
JOSEPH BROWN			7		7
FELICIA WHITE	1	1	5		7
JEREMY BROWN	3	3	1		7
LONNIE SEELY	3		4		7
DESTINY JONES		4	3		7
DAVID DEASON	3		4		7
DANNY WHISNANT	2	2	3		7
DUSTIN MEEKS	7				7



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Chart 3.5

Arrest Address from Chart 3.4	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
301 S E ST	54	37	40	3	134
415 GARRISON AVE	30	17	17		64
123 N 6TH ST	6	15	32	1	54
1001 TOWSON AVE	13	20	12	2	47
2809 GRAND AVE	12	15	9	1	37
611 N 11TH ST	10	11	14		35
2425 ZERO ST	13	11	9	1	34
200 GARRISON AVE	21	9	1		31
N 6 ST / N B ST	11	10	7		28
116 N 6TH ST	3	8	13		24
2221 GRAND AVE	2	10	7		19
2100 N 62ND ST	4	10	4		18
N 5 ST / N A ST	7	3	6		16
7301 ROGERS AVE	6	5	5		16
300 GARRISON AVE	3		13		16
N 5 ST / N B ST	5	8	1		14
100 S 10TH ST	5	3	4		12
801 S A ST	1	3	5	2	11
5103 TOWSON AVE	7	4			11
4900 ROGERS AVE	4	5	2		11
1116 GRAND AVE	2	4	5		11
400 GARRISON AVE	2	6	2		10
1701 GRAND AVE	2	4	4		10
2301 TOWSON AVE	3	3	3		9
3700 GRAND AVE	3	1	3	1	8
301 N 11TH ST	7	1			8
3301 S M ST	2	5	1		8
100 S 4TH ST	4	2	2		8
1301 TOWSON AVE	2	1	5		8
3100 GRAND AVE	3	2	2		7
4118 N 50TH ST		2	5		7
3515 TOWSON AVE	1	2	4		7
2112 DODSON AVE	1	3	3		7
520 N 16TH ST		3	2	1	6
5221 JOHNSON ST	4		2		6
301 PARKER AVE		2	4		6
5000 MIDLAND BLVD		3	3		6
215 N 6TH ST	1		5		6
1624 FRESNO ST		3	2	1	6
1411 ROGERS AVE		5	1		6

Further reporting would need to be conducted to determine the address within our area of responsibility which has the highest number of arrests. Within this data set for queried homeless persons who were arrested from 2022 to 2025, 301 S E St accounted for 6% of the 2,089 arrests. 123 N 6th St accounted for almost 3 % of the arrests.

At the time of this report, a review of each arrest was not conducted to ascertain what each charge was at the arrest date and time.

Chart 3.6

Top Arrest Addresses in 2024	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
301 S E ST	54	37	40	3	134
123 N 6TH ST	6	15	32	1	54
415 GARRISON AVE	30	17	17		64
611 N 11TH ST	10	11	14		35
300 GARRISON AVE	3		13		16
116 N 6TH ST	3	8	13		24
1001 TOWSON AVE	13	20	12	2	47
2809 GRAND AVE	12	15	9	1	37
2425 ZERO ST	13	11	9	1	34
N 6 ST / N B ST	11	10	7		28
2221 GRAND AVE	2	10	7		19
N 5 ST / N A ST	7	3	6		16
7301 ROGERS AVE	6	5	5		16
801 S A ST	1	3	5	2	11
4118 N 50TH ST		2	5		7
1116 GRAND AVE	2	4	5		11
1301 TOWSON AVE	2	1	5		8
215 N 6TH ST	1		5		6
3515 TOWSON AVE	1	2	4		7
301 PARKER AVE		2	4		6
1701 GRAND AVE	2	4	4		10
2100 N 62ND ST	4	10	4		18
100 S 10TH ST	5	3	4		12



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Conclusion

Standardization for entering addresses within the CAD and RMS should assist with more consistent data. CA MILLER attempted to identify any duplicates by checking for spelling differences, abbreviation differences, and other abnormalities.

Standardizing the proper source of the call for service will assist with a clearer understanding of the activities in these areas. At the time of this report, CFS received by the front desk were being entered into the CAD system as self-initiated which skewed many of these within the report. Calls received at the front desk should be entered as a non-emergency phone line.

The transition to the new CAD/RMS should also assist with deconflicting persons in need of corrective help. CA MILLER attempted to merge the first and last name of each arrested individual to identify any duplicates. Additionally, formatting the person's home address should be made consistent to ensure that all persons who fit the parameters of this report are accounted for.

CA MILLER also asked Captain MILAM if there was an interest in redefining the Beats and Grids within the city to more accurately reflect areas like the Downtown Entertainment District, new subdivision being constructed within our area of responsibility, and assist with tactical deployment of resources.

City of Fort Smith Board of Directors: Alternate Locations for March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10, 2025 Study Sessions

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**MEDIA NOTIFICATION
March 5, 2025**

Study Sessions of the City of Fort Smith Board of Directors are typically scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and held at the Blue Lion, 101 North 2nd Street, Fort Smith.

At the Board of Directors study session held on January 28, 2025, Directors Kevin Settle, Christina Catsavis, Lee Kemp, and Neal Martin concurred to move the location of the first study session in March, April, May, and June to alternate locations within each of the four (4) wards.

All requested alternate locations have been confirmed; therefore, please see below:

March 11, 2025 - WARD 2

Elm Grove Community Center
1901 North Greenwood Avenue

April 8, 2025 - WARD 3

Fort Smith Senior Activity Center
2700 Cavanaugh Road

May 13, 2025 - WARD 4

Fire Station No. 11
8900 Massard Road

June 10, 2025 - WARD 1

University of Arkansas Fort Smith
Smith-Pendergraft Campus Center - Reynolds Room
800 North 49th Street

The study sessions will occur at their originally scheduled time of 6:00 p.m.

The above noted locations do not maintain the capability to livestream the study sessions on the City of Fort Smith website; however, such will be livestreamed on the [City of Fort Smith YouTube Channel](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at 479-784-2208.

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