



# Denver Police Department Newsletter

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## FROM CHIEF PAZEN:

I cannot believe one year has passed since I was sworn in as your Chief, and words cannot express how proud I am of what, together, we have accomplished in the past 12 months.

We are in a better position to address social harms and solve crimes. Many new initiatives were created, and we will build upon those in the coming year, while continuing to be innovative and collaborate with our partners to enhance safety in our City. As we continue to evolve, please know that I am open to, and welcome, your feedback.

Again, I thank each of you for your patience and efforts throughout this time and look forward to continuing our success.

Take care of yourself and be safe!

## FOR YOUR BENEFIT:



We can all benefit from a "Tactical Pause," which allows us the chance to slow down, breathe, and think before our next move, thought, reply, or action. Taking the time to pause and collect your thoughts helps you respond subjectively rather than emotionally. Viktor Frankl, concentration camp survivor and psychologist, said, "Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response." You choose how you want to fill that space and taking advantage of the Tactical Pause can positively alter the outcome of any event. If time allows, try utilizing the Tactical Pause in a tactical scenario, in a stressful personal life event, during an emotionally charged incident, or any time during the day when you reset your focus and attention.

Now, something fun! The first ten people to email [Robert.Waidler@denvergov.org](mailto:Robert.Waidler@denvergov.org) in acknowledgement that you read this month's newsletter will receive a FREE aluminum double-walled water bottle!

## OFFICERS BEING AWESOME:

For the past 10 years, District Six Sergeant Jaime Lucero has been teaching the Defensive Driving Course "Alive at 25" to Denver's high school students. The goal of the course is to eliminate preventable deaths and to help create safer roadways. Sergeant Lucero's instruction has been described as captivating and positive, and having a great influence on the students.



Because of this and his ongoing dedication to the program, Sergeant Lucero has been selected by the National Safety Council as Instructor of the Year!

Please join us in congratulating Sergeant Lucero on this well-deserved honor and thanking him for his ongoing commitment to a safer Denver!

Recently, the Media Affairs team received letters of appreciation for five of our officers. One was written to the *Denver Post* about how Officers Anthony Gallegos and Anthony Weathersby assisted stranded out-of-towners who were having mechanical issues causing them to be stuck in near 100-degree temperatures. Next, we heard about another officer assigned to DIA, Officer Charles Jones, who helped a traveler receive her lost ID from the TSA checkpoint so that she could continue with her travels. Lastly, a family member of homicide victims reached out to share her appreciation of Detectives Mark Crider and Dan Andrews for their investigation and support in holding a triple murder suspect accountable. And here's another big thank you to these officers - THANK YOU!



Gallegos Weathersby Jones Crider Andrews

## EVENTS & REMINDERS:

- Stay up-to-date by checking the event section in SharePoint