

CITY OF GUNNISON



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Gunnison, Colorado 81230

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(Gunnison Police Department, Gunnison, Colorado) ffj

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, FRONT ROW:

Glenn Eldredge -- Patrolman, Certified in State of Colorado
2½ years with Gunnison Police Department
6 years in Law Enforcement

Stu Ferguson -- Patrolman, Certified in State of Colorado
3 years with Gunnison Police Department

Robert Summer -- Sergeant, Certified in State of Colorado
3 years with Gunnison Police Department

Norman Pierce -- Patrolman, Certified State of Colorado
3 years with Gunnison Police Department
4½ years in Law Enforcement

Edward Query -- Traffic Control Officer
4 years with Gunnison Police Department

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW:

Raymond Fleeer -- Patrolman, Certified in State of Colorado
1 year, 2 months with Gunnison Police Department

George Hedrick -- Captain, Certified in State of Colorado
8 years with Gunnison Police Department
9 years in Law Enforcement

Gene Hill -- Sergeant, Certified in State of Colorado
4½ years with Gunnison Police Department

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Home of Western State College and Blue Mesa Reservoir

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, BACK ROW: (continued)

- William Cain -- Detective, Certified in State of Colorado
2 years with Gunnison Police Department
8½ years in Law Enforcement
- Floyd Johnson -- Chief, Certified in State of Colorado
15½ years with Gunnison Police Department
- Robert Brown -- Patrolman, Certified in State of Colorado
1½ years with Gunnison Police Department
- Joan Lowell -- Police Matron, Certified in State of Colorado
2½ years with Gunnison Police Department
16 years in Law Enforcement

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL NOT PICTURED:

- Kim Olson -- Dispatcher, 2 years with Gunnison Police
Department
- Ted Andregg -- Dispatcher, 10½ months with Gunnison Police
Department
- Keith Blatt -- Dispatcher, 10 months with Gunnison Police
Department
- Cheryl Kelly -- Dispatcher, 1½ months with Gunnison Police
Department
- Byron Benton -- Dispatcher-Trainee, 3 months part-time with
Gunnison Police Department in cooperation
with Gunnison High School Work Release
Program
- Cricket Donoho -- Animal Control Officer, 1 month with Gunnison
Police Department

Gunnison is a small western city nestled in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, approximately two hundred miles southwest of Denver, Colorado, with a population of approximately 10,000 people, 4,000 of which are college students. Gunnison is the home of Western State College which is located on the eastern edge of the City. Western State is noted as a liberal arts college.

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Gunnison is located on a main artery to a well-known ski area, Crested Butte, Colorado. Crested Butte in the winter ski season has an increased population of several thousand each weekend, reaching a high of 7,000 visitors on special occasion skiing weekends.

Approximately twenty miles west of Gunnison is the Blue Mesa Reservoir with many thousands of tourists camping in the area. Taylor Park Reservoir, approximately 25 miles north of Gunnison, also draws many campers to the area in the summer months. The Gunnison River, noted for trout fishing, runs through the area and along the western edge of the City of Gunnison. All of the above attractions draw between 15,000 and 20,000 tourists on holiday weekends.

The Gunnison Police Department consists of one Chief of Police, one Captain, two Sergeants, one Detective, one Matron and five Patrolmen. The officers have an average of 2.8 years of college education and an average of 500 hours of Law Enforcement Training per man. Gunnison Police Department was the first in the state to carry 9 mm automatic weapons. Gunnison has a Forensic Laboratory manned by Officer Ferguson who is qualified with a Bachelor of Science Degree. The Gunnison Police Department is equipped with four squad cars manned by a team of officers.

The Gunnison Dispatcher's Office is manned around the clock. The five Dispatchers dispatch for all law enforcement agencies in the area plus ambulance and fire departments utilizing five radios. Equipment consists of one radio with channels 1 and 2, one radio with channel 3 emergency channel, one hospital radio, one fire department radio and a citizen's band radio. The office also operates the new Uniscope 100 scope made by Univac, which aids the department in criminal detection.