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Automated Traffic Safety Cameras

Representative Zack Fields, February 25, 2026



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2024 Bronson Administration Report



Potential Challenges:

- Staffing continues to drop as hiring is not significantly increasing. The lack of manning presents morale problems and diminishes proactivity.
 - Personnel retention management contributes to difficulty with an increase in retirement. The lack of historical knowledge and experience continues to decrease with retirements and separations.
 - Staffing issues presents a problem to new Intelligence Unit becoming fully advantageous
- Misdemeanor crimes are unlikely to be prosecuted due to low attorney staffing. This adds to morale issues as officers see repeat offenders free.
 - Video and redaction specialist needed for releasing BWC footage; plans to request assistance with funds/ position from the administration.



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Mayor LaFrance Efforts



Transition documents expose big staffing, financial problems across Anchorage city government, threatening core services

By Zachariah Hughes, Emily Goodykoontz
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“Staffing continues to drop as hiring is not significantly increasing,” wrote former Anchorage Police Department Chief Designee Bianca Cross. “The lack of manning presents morale problems and diminishes proactivity.”

As of early July, the police department had 85 vacancies, including about 50 unfilled sworn officer positions out of the 415 budgeted, Falsey said.

In her transition report, Cross outlined a number of ways police officers are struggling to keep up with workload. But also pointed out that personnel shortages in other parts of municipal government are hampering the department’s efforts.

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New hires and staffing changes part of mayor’s plan to boost Anchorage public safety

By Zachariah Hughes
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“That breakdown contributed directly to what we’ve been seeing” in parks, trails and streets, LaFrance said.

The Anchorage Police Department is still 62 officers below its targeted staffing level, said Chief Sean Case. However, APD is set to graduate its first full class of new officers in more than five years, adding new personnel into its ranks. At the same time, the department also shifted around some of its allocated positions to bring on 19 new Community Service Officers. Currently, APD has four such officers.

Community Service Officers do not have the same training or law enforcement powers as sworn officers, Case said, but will add capacity by handling less severe calls for service and freeing up sworn officers for more demanding responses and investigations. Examples of tasks performed by Community Service Officers include enforcing parking rules, handling abandoned vehicles and dealing with property filed to evidence, among other work. The police department is also shifting some of its current personnel out of specialty units to bolster patrol work.



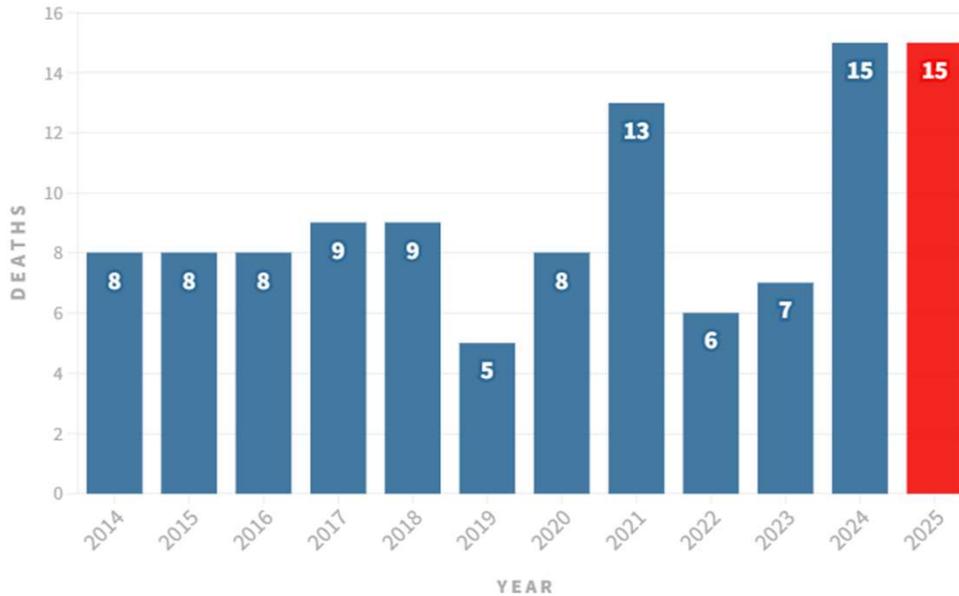
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Increased Pedestrian Fatalities



Pedestrian fatalities involving vehicles

By year, 2025 data as of November 18



Source: Municipality of Anchorage and ADN research • KEVIN POWELL / Anchorage Daily News

Letter: That red light is red for a reason

Assembly demands action on Anchorage road safety after 13th pedestrian killed this year

'Dying on state-managed roads': Safety improvements lag as pedestrian deaths rise in Anchorage

By Zaz Hollander
Published: June 25, 2025

South Anchorage collision marks city's 15th pedestrian fatality this year

Alaska Public Media | By Wesley Early
Published November 12, 2025 at 12:01 PM AKST



A perilous Anchorage intersection — and a season of pedestrian deaths

By Michelle Theriault Boots
Published: November 30, 2020

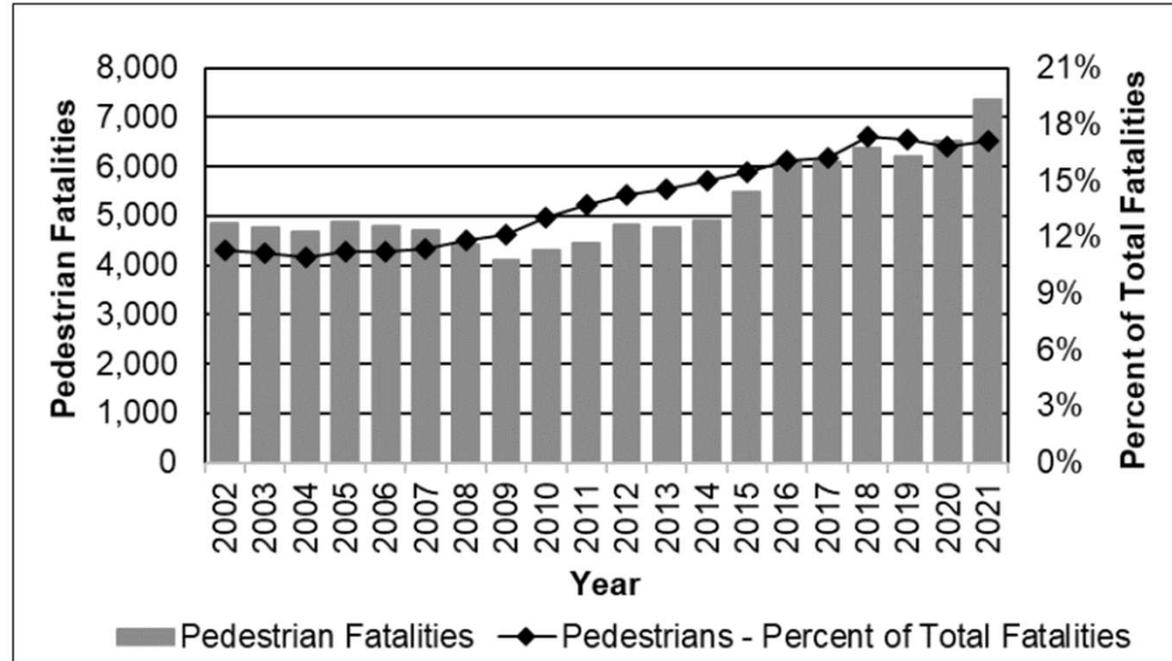


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National Trend



Pedestrian Fatalities in Motor Vehicle Crashes, 2002 to 2021



Pedestrian fatalities per year decreased from the late 1970s to 2009. Since 2009, the number has steadily increased and accounts for 17% of total traffic fatalities.

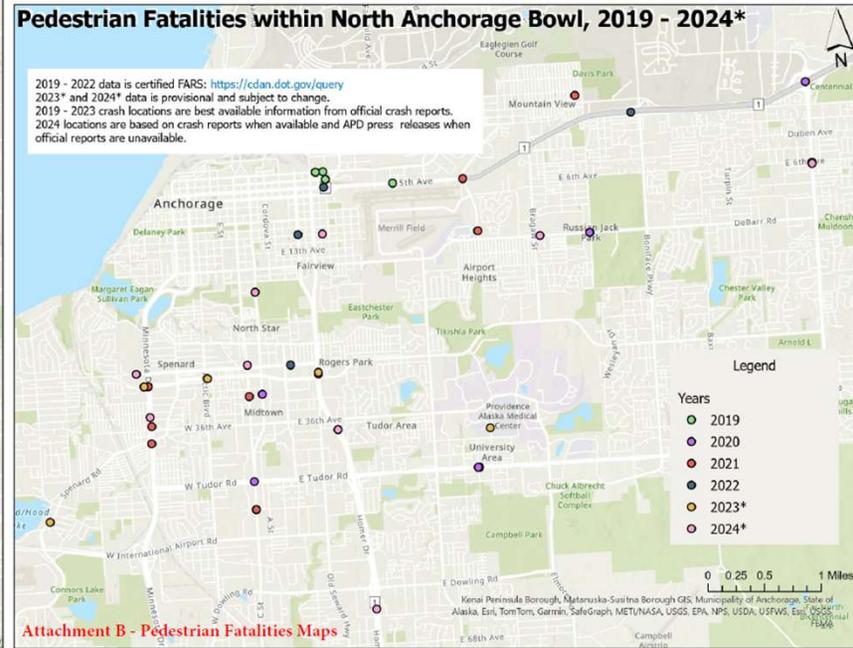
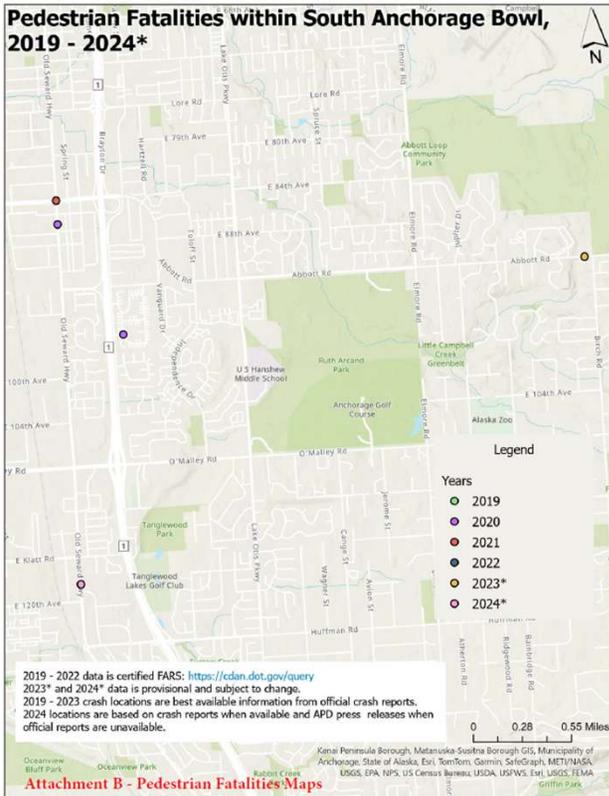
[Pedestrian Safety | NHTSA](#)

Sources: NCSA (2022, 2023c)



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Assembly Information memo 162-2024



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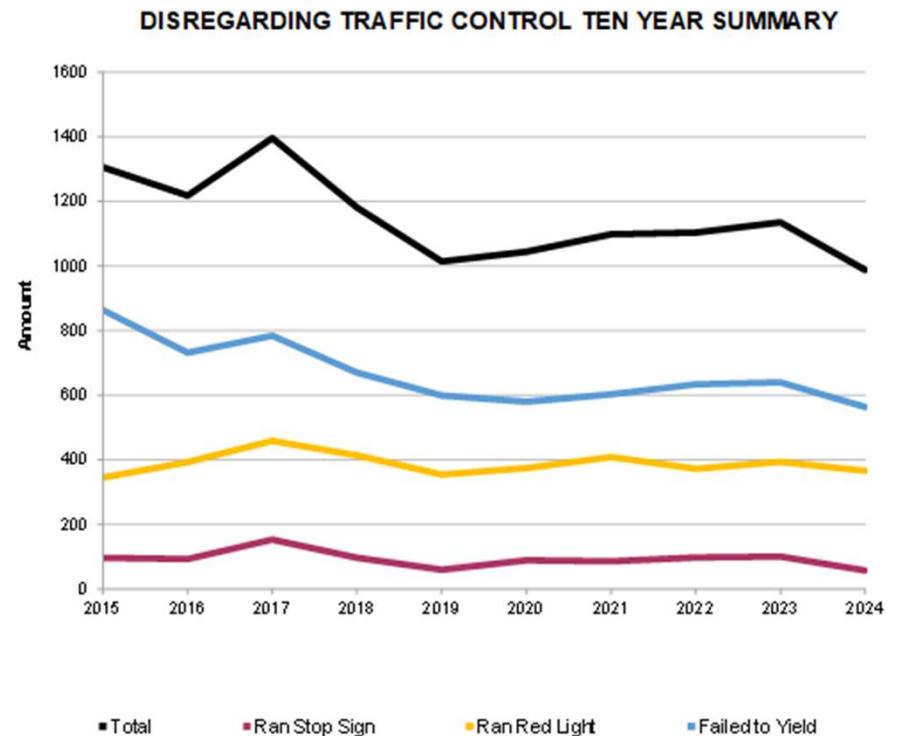


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2024 Annual Traffic Report



Year	Failure to Yield	Ran a Stop Sign	Ran a Red Light
2015	864	97	345
2016	732	93	393
2017	784	153	459
2018	670	97	414
2019	599	60	355
2020	580	89	375
2021	603	86	409
2022	634	98	372
2023	640	101	394
2024	564	58	366



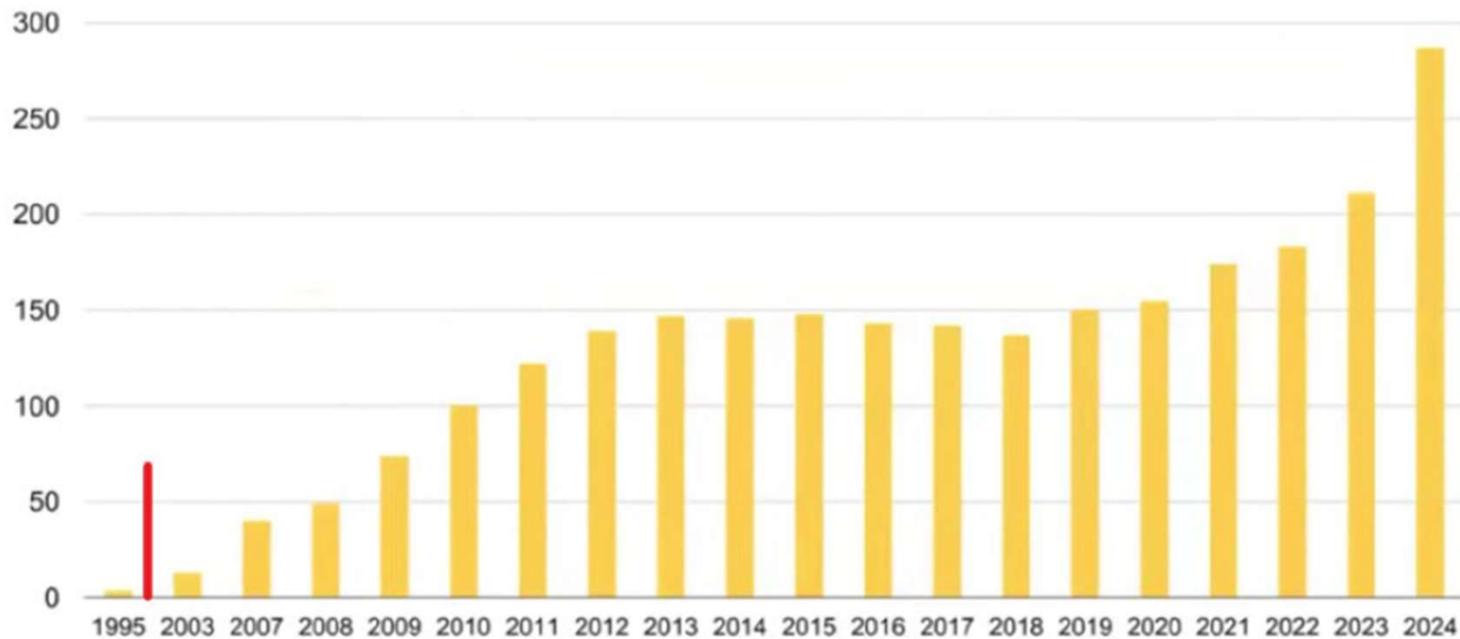


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Increased Implementation



U.S. communities with speed safety cameras
1995 to 2024





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Key Takeaways



- This bill allows local governments to opt-in to improve traffic safety at the least cost possible while continuing to prioritize police enforcement to best protect human life.
- The increased danger to pedestrians across the nation and across Alaska is indicative of a broader need to implement traffic controls on dangerous and reckless driving.
- The implementation of this legislation is critical to assist understaffed police departments – this allows for police officers to focus their time and effort in other areas of serving the public.
- It is impossible for the Anchorage Police Department to position their patrol vehicles at every intersection to capture red light runners. There are light-of-sight barriers and other obstructions which impede the officers' abilities to clearly and accurately record the offense.



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Questions?