

CENTENNIAL CONNECTION

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MEET THE MAYOR

Centennial Mayor Stephanie Piko is available to meet virtually and in-person with residents and business owners.

To schedule a time that is convenient for you, visit centennialco.gov/meetthemayor.



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CENTENNIAL VOTED "BEST OF THE BEST!"

- *Best Government Agency*
- Centennial Center Park as *Best Park*
- Centennial YMCA Center of Generations as *Best Place to Meet People*

Thank you!

Traffic Patrol

This spring, the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) received a \$100,000 traffic safety grant from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Three months later, ACSO reported a 15% reduction in traffic crashes in Centennial and an 80% increase in traffic stops for violations such as excessive speed, distracted driving, following too closely, failure to obey the "move over" law, not wearing seatbelts, among others.

The money received from the grant was also used to purchase two new radars and two new lasers for the motorcycle unit to conduct traffic enforcement. Deputies target problem areas where citizen complaints are high, speeding is prevalent and where drivers commit the most traffic offenses.

The City values its partnership with the sheriff's office and appreciates all they do to keep us safe.



ORCHARD ROAD WIDENING

The City of Centennial recently completed the widening of the south side of Orchard Road from Ogden Court east to the Highline Canal. Improvements included, adding curbs, gutters, sidewalks and an underground storm line. Xcel Energy undergrounded power limits and relocated other

telecommunications infrastructure as part of the project. Additionally, a turn lane was installed at Orchard Road and Franklin Street. These updates will enhance traffic flow and improve safety for all.



Street Sweeping

The City strives to maintain clean streets throughout the community and performs street sweeping from April through October. In preparation for the street sweepers to come through, we ask your help with the following:

- Move cars off the street during the dates your street is scheduled for sweeping so the entire curb can be swept.
- Avoid raking or blowing leaves into the street, which is not allowed by the City. Large piles or rows of leaves in the street will be swept around.
- Trim trees and shrubs to a height of 12 feet above the curb to help protect your landscape and ensure safe passage by the City's equipment. Street sweepers will avoid the area

around low-hanging branches to prevent contact.

- Trim your shrubs and vegetation back from the curb. The street sweepers will avoid vegetation areas that are near gutters or hang over the curb.

Street sweeping is typically conducted three times during the sweeping season to help ensure every block is touched. The schedule is published at centennialco.gov/streetsweeping and is weather dependent.

Residents can stay informed on the timing of their street by signing up for email notifications at centennialco.gov/notifications for the west side and east side of I-25.



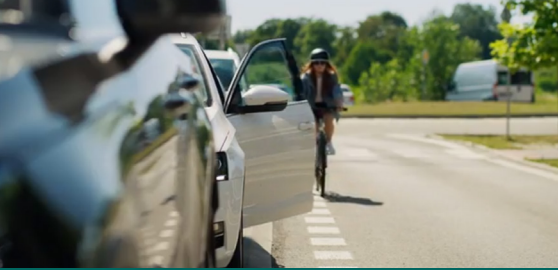
Pavement Preservation Plan

The City's street network consists of approximately 425 miles of paved public streets from east to west, and we are dedicated to providing a well-maintained street system to ensure safe transportation for the public.

The City utilizes a pavement management system to evaluate the condition of the street network, determine maintenance priorities, and formulate the schedule in the Pavement Preservation Plan (PPP). The PPP outlines the systematic prioritization and timing for pavement patching, crack sealing of roadways and slurry seal operations on an annual basis.

Visit centennialco.gov/streetrehab2024 to see the work and locations.





Prevent “Dooring” Bicyclists

To prevent “Dooring,” or bicyclists running into a car when a door opens, drivers and passengers should open a vehicle door using their far hand (the hand farthest from the door) to open the door when exiting their parked vehicle. As you reach across your body to the door handle, your body will naturally swivel, making you automatically look in the direction of the side-view mirror; look back for oncoming bikes and traffic. Open the door slowly. This is known as the far hand (or Dutch Reach).

Resources are available through CDOT at codot.gov and the National Highway Traffic safety Administration at nhtsa.gov.

CENTENNIAL *Proud*

Drive by the updated monument sign on Yosemite St., south of Arapahoe Rd.
More to come!

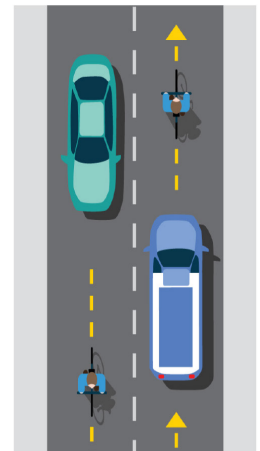
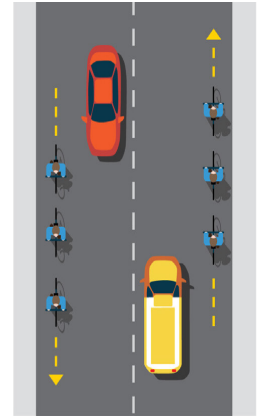


Road Safety with Bike Lanes

As the City connects its trail systems and sidewalks, installing bike lanes is essential to ensure seamless connections for bicyclists and pedestrians. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) recognizes bicycles as legal “vehicles” on Colorado’s roadways. Whether you are driving a car or bike, understanding and knowing the rules of the road will help everyone remain safe.

Some reminders and tips for all:

- Pay attention. Avoid using mobile phones while driving or biking.
- Slow down. Obey all traffic laws.
- Keep your eyes on those around you. Drivers, keep track of bicyclists or pedestrians in your rear and side mirrors. Bikers, be aware of cars turning and motorists who might not see you.
- Bicyclists may travel in the lane when approaching an intersection, when traffic is slow, the lane is narrow, there is no shoulder or bike lane, or they are traveling at the same speed as traffic.
- If bicyclists are not present, motorists may drive in a bike lane to pass a stopped vehicle in a single lane that is waiting to turn.
- Hand signals should be used by turning bicyclists, along with drivers whose turn signal lights are not properly working.
- Similar to a motor vehicle, bicyclists should ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic.
- If the intersection is clear and no traffic is approaching, bicyclists in Colorado may treat a traffic signal like a stop sign, and a stop sign like a yield sign (known as the “Stop as Yield” or “Idaho Stop” law).



The City of Centennial has been awarded a **Metro Vision Award** for our Livable Streets Residential Collector and Right-Sizing Roadways Program. This recognition underscores our dedication to excellence, innovation, and collaboration in creating safer, more accessible streets for everyone. Learn more about Centennial’s Public Works programs at centennialco.gov/publicworks.



South Metro Fire Rescue



South Metro Fire Rescue provides emergency and prevention services to the City of Centennial, with stations located across the City, from Broadway to the west and near E470 on the east.

SERVICES PROVIDED

In 2023, South Metro Fire Rescue (SMFR) responded to over 50,000 calls for service and 9,551 of those incidents occurred in the City of Centennial. It may surprise some community members that 65% of the emergencies firefighters respond to are medical in nature. For that reason, all firefighters at SMFR are trained as Emergency Medical Technicians and can provide basic life support, which includes administering oxygen, treating injuries, taking vital signs, placing IV's and in worst case scenarios, CPR. Many firefighters are trained at a higher level of medicine as Paramedics, and they provide advanced life support. Advanced life support often includes cardiac monitoring, administering medications, placing airways and a range of other life-saving procedures.

Every emergency medical call in Centennial receives a fire engine and medic unit (ambulance) usually with 6 personnel who have different roles in treating patients to provide the utmost customer service. This may seem like a lot of responders, but it takes a lot of strength to safely

carry patients out of basements, down flights of stairs and simultaneously perform the necessary medical tasks. The firefighters also help families find important documents, medications, secure pets, lock doors and even shovel snow between the home and the medic unit.

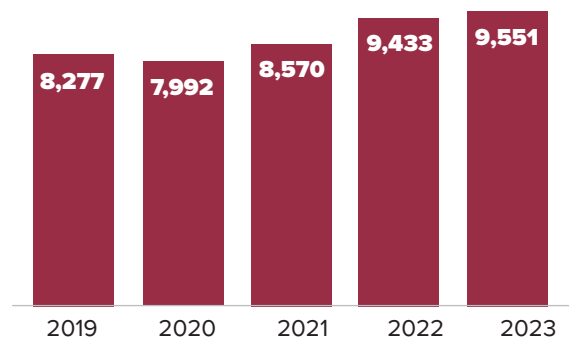
FIRE INCIDENTS

Fire incidents accounted for 1% of SMFR's call volume in Centennial during 2023. Despite their low frequency these high-risk events require significant response from emergency vehicles and personnel to control the fire as quickly and safely as possible. The initial response to a house fire includes four fire engines, one ladder truck, two medic units and four to seven command and support pickups/SUVs with 28-31 personnel. Accessing fire hydrants, laying large diameter supply hoses down the street and positioning the fire apparatus to their best advantage happens quickly. However, this coordination becomes more challenging with narrow streets, traffic flow, snow accumulation or parked vehicles on the streets.

TOTAL RESPONSES BY INCIDENT TYPE

Incident Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Alarms	862	827	783	873	966
EMS	5,453	5,185	5,724	6,242	6,276
Fires	125	189	123	143	105
Other	451	416	426	489	486
Public Assist	1,353	1,349	1,496	1,647	1,690
Special Ops	33	26	18	39	28
Grand Total	8,277	7,992	8,570	9,433	9,551

INCIDENTS BY YEAR





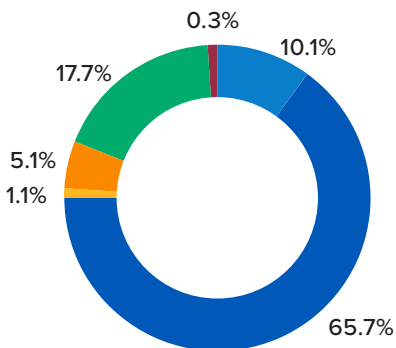
WANT TO LEARN MORE? South Metro Fire Rescue offers courses, a Citizens Academy, a Fire Explorer Program, station tours and more! Visit southmetro.org for additional information.

MORE STATS

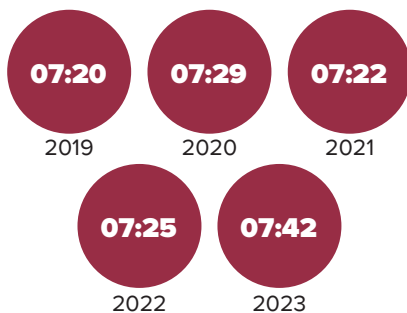
Typical fire engines and ladder trucks are 8-10 feet wide, 30-65 feet long, and the width of a ladder truck widens to about 17 feet when the aerial ladder support jacks called “outriggers” are extended. While the outriggers can usually be set between parked cars, the process to place the truck and maximize the 100’ aerial ladder reach can be tricky. Firefighters train often and pre-plan neighborhoods to familiarize themselves with the potential challenges that await them during an emergency. Since emergency vehicles can take up a lot of space, it’s important for the community to leave fire lanes open and allow 10 or more feet open when parking near fire hydrants.

Learn more about South Metro Fire Rescue at southmetro.org.

2023 INCIDENTS



RESPONSE TIME PERFORMANCE (In Minutes)



Photos courtesy of South Metro Fire Rescue



KNOW YOUR *Flood Risk*

The Southeast Metro Stormwater Authority (SEMSWA) is your resource for flood risk information.

Visit semswa.org or call SEMSWA at **303-858-8844** for information about Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood risk maps, the National Flood Insurance Program, and information related to other flood risk areas and local drainage problems not shown on FEMA maps, such as:

- Floodplain and floodway maps, in relation to your property
- Property/structure flood risk status evaluation and comments
- Requests to revise or amend FEMA flood risk maps
- Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements
- Elevation Certificate review
- Flood hazard area development permit requirements



Center of Generations



Have you joined the fun? The Centennial YMCA Center of Generations (COG) at the Streets at SouthGlenn is the place to be. In its second year, teens and older adults have enjoyed programs, classes and lots of fun – so much so, the COG was named the “*Best Place to Meet New People*” by Colorado Community Media!

View the list of available programs and be a part of a multi-generational community by visiting denverymca.org/centennial-center-generations.

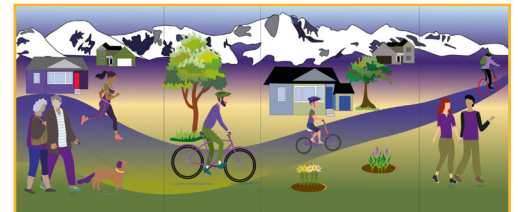
CACF Update

New Masterpieces Underway



The Centennial Arts and Cultural Foundation (CACF) has announced the 2024 traffic box wrap project winners and the Arapahoe Rd. Bridge mural artist.

CACF continues to beautify the City, and we look forward to the new artwork and artists’ masterpieces to be unveiled and enjoyed by the community!



ARAPAHOE BRIDGE MURAL

TRAFFIC BOX WRAPS



InnovAge is all-inclusive care.

All with the independence to live at home.



The Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is for older adults, age 55+, who need additional support to continue living independently at home. PACE is a government program that InnovAge administers in Colorado, including in Centennial. The program supports participants by providing coordinated healthcare, transportation, in-home care, social and recreational activities at its PACE centers, and much more – commonly at no cost to them.

If you or a loved one are approaching a new stage in life where additional care and support may be needed, then PACE may be an option. To learn more, call InnovAge PACE at **877-647-4724**. Please mention this article.

Your vote counts!

VOTING REMINDER

Ballots start mailing October 11. Election Day is November 5.

For more information on the latest election, visit arapahoevotes.com.



Keep Centennial Clean

City Ordinance #12-3-608(B) was adopted in 2017 regarding refuse and trash containers, requiring they be screened from public view, except at such time they are placed at the curbside for collection. The intent is to protect the health and safety of citizens by preventing refuse from being scattered, whether by wildlife or weather, and to maintain a clean and healthy living environment.

Refuse containers can be screened inside an enclosed structure such as a garage, behind a solid sight-screening fence, or within an enclosure for refuse containers. Questions about enclosures? Please contact Code Enforcement at **303-325-8000**.



Mark your calendars for Centennial Cares this holiday season!

We are proud to support the community and promote local charities and non-profits, making a difference in our own backyards. Learn more at centennialco.gov/centennialcares.



WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU.



Monday - Friday
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 (excluding holidays)



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 Response Center
 303.325.8000



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Signature EVENTS ROUND UP

The City enjoyed a festive summer with four **District Summer Socials**, a fun, yet rainy **18th Annual Centennial Under the Stars** and the bright masterpieces at the **Centennial Chalk Art Festival!** Thank you to all who joined us, along with our event sponsors, vendors, and special guests.

Even more fun is on the horizon with **Sip in Centennial** on October 26 and the **Holiday Jingle Jam** on December 7! Learn more and subscribe to updates at centennialco.gov/events.

