



January 26, 2024: It is with a tremendous amount of sadness that the Broomfield Police Department regrets to inform the community of the passing of one of its longtime Police Officers, Michael Traudt.

Officer Traudt passed away unexpectedly on January 24 outside of work. “Our hearts are broken as we work to process this loss,” Chief of Police Enea Hempelmann said. “Officer Traudt was a dear friend and colleague, and will be missed by so many.”

Officer Traudt has been a part of the BPD family since 2001. During his tenure in Broomfield, Mike served in Detention, Patrol, Flatirons Services and Traffic. In 2017, he was selected to be a Core Member of the Traffic Unit and was a longtime Field Training Officer. Officer

Traudt’s awards and commendations are extensive, spanning a career dedicated to public service. Over the years, he received numerous letters of recognition, expert awards, community service awards, police commendations, and thank you letters. In 2021, Mike was awarded a Medal of Bravery for his acts during the mass shooting at the Boulder King Soopers earlier that year.

When out of uniform, Officer Traudt was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He was, and will continue to be, well-respected by those who knew and loved him. “The gifts of an honorable, well-lived life are in those who will miss you when you’re gone,” said Don Williams Jr. Officer Traudt’s gifts were many, and the list of those who miss him is long.

There are no words adequate enough to express the police department’s gratitude for his many years of service and dedication to both the BPD, and the Broomfield community. While the grief is profound, the joy in celebrating Officer Traudt’s life is tremendous.



