

2025 Annual Report



PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RESOURCE PAGE

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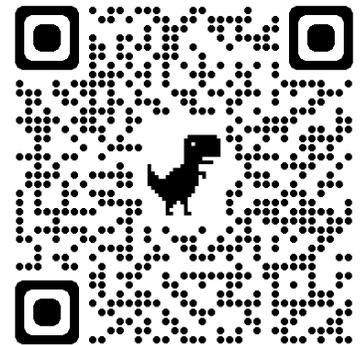
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Columbia County Resource Guide

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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Portage Police & Fire Commission

President: Thomas Drury
 Commissioner: Jeynell Boeck
 Commissioner: Kathryn Miller
 Commissioner: Mitchel Craig
 Commissioner: Duaine Pixler



City of Portage Staff

City Administrator:	Justin Schoenemann	Fire Chief:	Troy Haase
City Attorney:	Jesse Spankowski	Public Works Director:	Phil Livingston
City Clerk:	Rebecca Ness	Economic Development:	Steve Sobiek
Finance Director:	Jennifer Becker	Library Director:	Debbie Bird
Park & Rec Director:	Toby Monogue	Chief of Police:	Keith Klafke



City Council

Mayor: Matthew Fiene

Alderspersons:

District 1:	David Trantow	District 2:	Shannon Dunahee
District 3:	David Paull	District 4:	Steven Rohrbeck
District 5:	Tim Green	District 6:	Kyle Bernander
District 7:	Karyn Wetzal	District 8:	Amy Schlinkert
District 9:	Christopher Crawley		



MESSAGE FROM CHIEF KEITH J. KLAFKE



Dear Community Members, Mayor and City Council,

As I reflect on 2025, I am proud to present this annual report on behalf of the great work our men and women representing the Portage Police Department. Though personally I am glad 2025 is over, I cannot say enough about the commitment, dedication, professionalism, and achievements from our staff. They worked long hours short-staffed most of the year while providing exceptional service. We continued to strengthen our community relations and enforcement efforts which you will see in the following pages. Through education, enforcement, and resources, the City of Portage had **zero overdose deaths in 2025**. That is huge! (page 46). We have a supportive community and city council that is focused on growth and providing great oversight to ensure we are able to provide the quality of service expected.

To the residents and visitors of Portage, thank you for the endless support that is shown to our staff and your willingness to work together to make our city great. This enclosed report provides an overview of the challenges we faced, our accomplishments and activities, as well as our goals for continuous improvement.

On behalf of this department, thank you for the opportunity to serve. We look forward to 2026!

Chief Keith J. Klafke

MISSION STATEMENT

Protecting our community and its quality of life by
delivering exceptional law enforcement services

VISION STATEMENT

To enhance our competency and confidence, thus
strengthening our community's morale and trust



VALUES

Honor—Respect—Integrity—Service—Courage

DEPARTMENT SNAPSHOT



Staffing Breakdown



DEPARTMENT ROSTER

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Chief of Police	Keith Klafke
Assistant Chief	Richard Hoege
Captain	Daniel Garrigan
Patrol Lieutenant	Benjamin Neumann
Patrol Sergeant	Eric Walters
Patrol Sergeant	Brian Fehd
Patrol Sergeant	Michael Schutz
Patrol Sergeant	Teresa Johnson
Patrol Sergeant	Jesse Sprague
Detective Sergeant	Peter Warning
Detective Sergeant	Katelyn Behling
Patrol Officer	Heather Lange
Patrol Officer/K9	Alexander Royse / K9 Rebel
Patrol Officer/K9	Jacob Kubelt/ K9 Xillos
Patrol Officer	Kaylee Lane
Patrol Officer	Ethan Krzanowski
Patrol Officer	Tyler Wolden
Patrol Officer	Megan Fahey
Patrol Officer	Evan Hedlund
Patrol Officer	Anakin Hall
Patrol Officer	Benjamin Oetzman
Patrol Officer	Aiden Zufall
Patrol Officer	Justin Komp
School Resource Officer	Alexis Mueller
Community Service Officer	Kevin Todryk
Administrative Assistant	Megan Mecum
Administrative Assistant	Ashley Scalzitti

DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

The Portage Police Department has evolved rapidly over the past couple of years. We are very proud of the team we have built. Here is a breakdown of experience and the officers that make up our department. We also have 4 military veterans on our department , one that is still active.



Sworn-Employee Portage Pd Tenures

Data as of December 31, 2025

Longest Serving Pd Member:	28 Years
Shortest Serving Pd Member:	1 Month
Average Tenure of Pd:	8.4 Years
Employees with 20+ years at Pd:	4 Employees
Total Combined Experience:	227.85 Years

Total Sworn-Employees Including Previous Service

Longest Serving overall:	35 Years
Total Employees with 20+ years of service	6 Employees
Total Combined Experience:	292.85 Years

RETIREMENTS & DEPARTURES

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Officer McKena Huffman

McKena started with the Portage Police Department on December 15, 2023. McKena became our School Resource Officer before her resignation to join the Juneau County Sheriff's Office in March 2025.



Detective Sergeant Brian Johnson

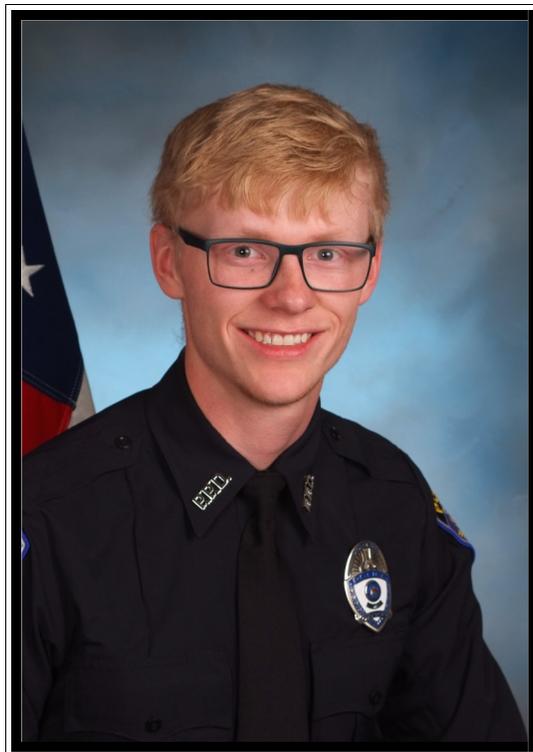
Brian came to the Portage Police Department with a passion for investigations. Brian was hired on December 15, 2023 and was promoted to Detective Sergeant on May 22, 2024. Brian submitted a letter of resignation on May 23, 2025.



Officer Brandon Hall

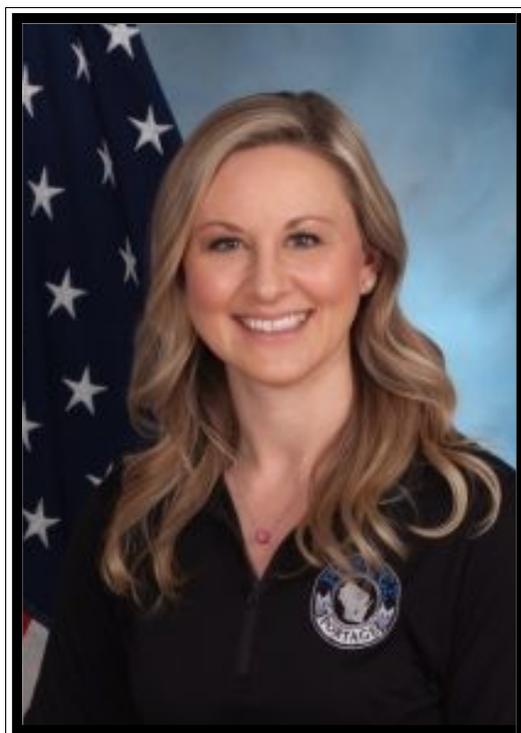
Portage Native, Brandon Hall, started with the department on January 6, 2022.

Brandon resigned on May 13, 2025 to take another sworn position with the Verona Police Department.



Administrative Assistant Jennifer Eberle

Jennifer Eberle started with the department on April 14, 2021. On May 5, 2025 she was stole by the Portage Fire Department in which Jennifer succeeded Chris Essex who retired after a 34 year career.



Administrative Assistant Sarah McReath

Sarah McReath started with the Portage Police Department on November 15, 2023. Sarah resigned for another position on October 24, 2025.



Officer Cameron Coronado

Cameron Coronado was hired on May 22, 2018. During his tenure he was promoted to Sergeant until he voluntarily went back to the patrol for scheduling purposes. Cameron's employment was terminated on September 9, 2025.

NEW HIRES

Anakin Hall was sworn in on
June 30, 2025



Officer Benjamin Oetzman
sworn in on
August 11, 2025



NEW HIRES

Aiden Zufall and Justin Komp
were both sworn in on
December 1, 2025



Aiden Zufall

Justin Komp

NEW HIRES

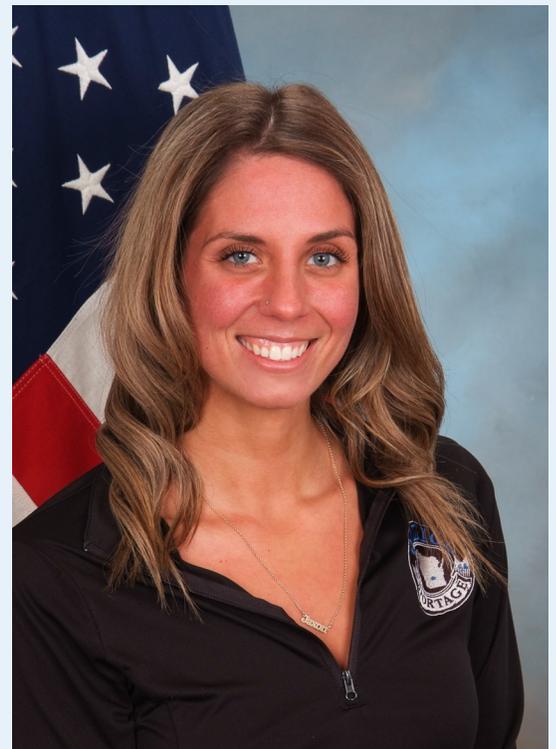
Administrative Assistant Megan Mecum

Megan was hired on May 27, 2025. Megan was a former dispatcher for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and had prior knowledge of the current RMS system we utilize.



Administrative Assistant Ashley Scalzitti

Ashley was hired on November 10, 2025. Ashley previously worked within the Columbia County Courthouse.



Detective Sergeant Katelyn Behling



Sergeant Jesse Sprague



Lieutenant Penny Kiefer (Retired)

**Retired Lieutenant Penny Kiefer
Badge 17**

We mourn and honor the passing of one of the most amazing stewards this department and community has ever had.

Thank you all for the outpouring of messages for Retired Lieutenant Penny Kiefer. I know Penny was sent to Heaven to take on all the great tasks God has waiting for her as her work here is complete.

Looking through decades of pictures, two things were constant – her contagious smile from ear to ear and the connections fostered by a compassionate leader. Penny’s service, character, and unwavering commitment to helping others is unmatched and a goal we should all strive for. Just know you are blessed to have known Penny as she has touched countless lives.

As we say goodbye, for now, we remember a spirited life devoted to duty that will live on through stories, laughter, and her inspiring legacy. We cherish the memories and the path she paved in Law Enforcement and will honor her by continuing to serve by the values Penny embodied: COURAGE, SERVICE BEFORE SELF, LOVE AND COMPASSION.

Penny, we love you, rest in peace.



Penny was the first female officer in the City of Portage serving this department and community from

1978-2016

Penny Kiefer passed away on July 17, 2025 after a 5 1/2 yearlong battle with Cancer.

Officer Charles Paske (Retired)



Chuck served our county in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He then served the City of Portage as a police officer for 31 years. Chuck also operated his own Paske Ambulance Service in Portage before his retirement.

Chuck passed away on October 7, 2025

Goal #1 - Competitive Union Contract

Our department entered it's last year in the current union contract and will begin negotiations for 2026-2027. There has been many discussions on different patrol shifts and schedules. Our main priorities are staying comparable, competitive, attractive and retaining staff.

Response: Due to several budget restraints and priorities, wages for all city employees were a challenge. Employees recognized the current obstacles and settled on a one year contract with a 2% wage increase. Other initiatives were adopted including an OIC system, 12 hour shifts, and a wellness program.

Goal #2- Organization and Cleanliness

With recent remodels close to completion, it is our goal to have pride in our department and maintain a professional cleanly appearance. This goal includes our equipment and fleet vehicles and storage locations.

Response: 2025 brought many changes within the walls of the police department. The Secure Evidence room, Evidence Processing room with pass-through system, and property rooms were upgraded. The interior of the pd was repainted and several employees changed office spaces.

Goal #3- Reconnect with Business District

It is imperative that we have a solid relationship with our local businesses and being a resource for them. This will be done through increased personal communication and interaction. **We provide threat assessments for businesses as well as active threat training.**

Response: We had a strong connection to businesses in 2025 and performed multiple trainings for various businesses.

Goal #4- Consistent Accountability

Through our field training program and policy and procedures, making sure we are using best practices.

Response: We continue to train and update policy to stay current with legislation and best practices. Policy updates are a daunting task but crucial to our success. Our policies will be available online this year.

Goal #5 Producing a Quality Product

As above, through our field training program and records workflow, making sure our officers are producing a quality product which includes follow-up and report writing.

Response: The officers continue to produce quality reports through training and guidance. With replacing both of our Administrative Assistants in 2025 workflow and managing thousands of reports and open records was very difficult. We did rely on “light duty officers” and another city employee to help us with caseload. Our new staff took on the challenge and are performing well.

Goal #6 Marketing

Continuing to showcase officer’s talents and use of social media to tell our story.

Response: We do our best to tell our narrative and to keep the public informed. We highlight great work and respect our employees. We also stay transparent when things do not go our way or we face adverse incidents.

Goal #7 Planning for Full-Scale Active Threat Exercise

Our goal is to keep building on the fundamentals and bringing together all disciplines that will respond to large scale events to make sure we are on the same page and operate efficiently together.

Response: We have trained in smaller groups but have not yet planned a full scale exercise for the City of Portage or Columbia County.

Goal #1 - Succession Planning and Staffing

Much of 2026 will be spent on rebuilding the roster at the police department after the retirement of Captain Dan Garrigan. This will create a domino effect of positions which will also include a hiring process. The department will promote a Detective Lieutenant after Dan's retirement.

Goal #2- Active Threat Preparation

Continue to train and plan for active threat situations. This involves response, management, and recovery training from discussions and exercises. It is our goal to have all members of the police department prepared to respond effectively.

Goal #3- Enhancing our Officer Wellness Program

The goal is to partner with Hanks Wellness to train the current peer support members and also be an immediate 24/7 resource when needed.

Goal #4- Competitive WPPA Union Contract

Due to budget restraints, the city and union agreed to a one year contract for 2025. Negotiations will begin in July for 2026-. Hopefully we reach a competitive contract to attract and retain our most valued resource.

Goal #5- Reduce overtime and solidify 12 hr shifts

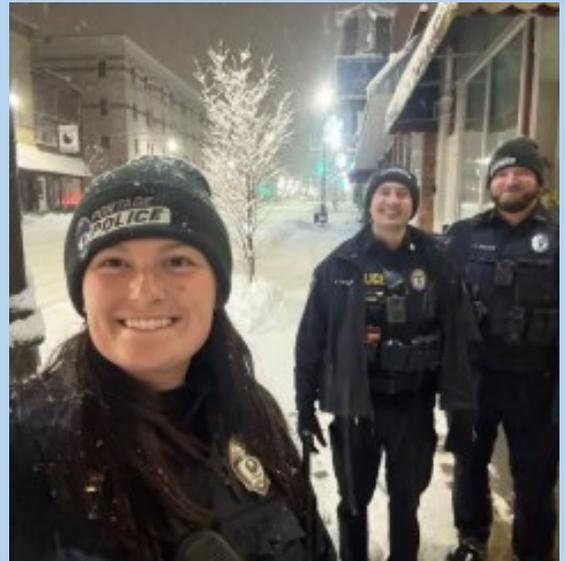
In 2026 we changed schedules from a 6 on- 3 off (8 hour shifts) to 2on 2off 3on 2off 2on, 3off (12 hour shifts) The majority of the staff are excited about the change and the ability to have every other weekend off. The three previous shifts were reduced to two which placed 4 officers on every shift. Barring vacancies, this would reduce overall overtime demands. Additionally, OICs (officer in charge) were instituted and can backfill the Sergeant's vacancies and supervision responsibilities. Within this trial period we are working through this major change to solidify 12 hour shifts moving forward.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Below is a comprehensive list of committees and organizations our department represents and the list keeps growing.

Boys and Girls Club
Kiwanis Club
Optimists
Elks Club
Triad
PARCC
Overdose fatal review team
Child death review team
Sexual assault response team
Community Sex Offender Notification Team
Courthouse security Committee
Crimestoppers
Regional CART
Drug Court
Highway Safety Committee
Portage School Board
High School Football
HS Basketball
HS Baseball
UW Football Games

HS Softball
Youth Football
Youth Baseball
Youth Basketball
United Way
River Haven
PAA
High School Trap Team
Kinship
Columbia County Police Association
Portage Emergency Planning Committee
Portage Safety Committee
Citizen's Police Academy
Salvation army.
Crisis Intervention
Domestic abuse Coordination Committee
ARDC
Rotary Club



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CON'T

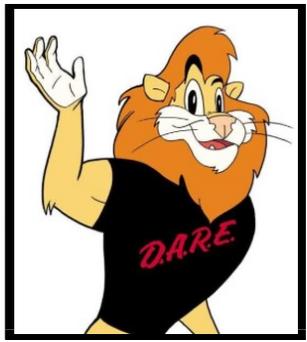


DARE PROGRAM

The Portage Police Department partners with the Portage School District and St. Mary's School to provide DARE instruction to the 5th grade classes. Officer Heather Lange is the current program coordinator and has enhanced this program by her passion and securing additional funding to offer more to the

students.

DARE
To
Resist
Drugs
And
Violence



Kids Safety Day

Kids Safety Day is an annual event that first responders host to provide knowledge to the youth in our community. This is an opportunity to demonstrate our skills as first responders, while also providing the community with a fun and interactive day! We returned to the football field this year and enjoyed a kickball game, Medflight, and our epic water balloon fight. Thank you to the Portage School District for use of the facility.



Thank you Culvers for providing the lunch!!!!

Kids Safety Day Cont'



Thank you Culvers for providing the lunch!!!!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

In 2025, we celebrated our largest National Night Out to date, with over an estimated 1500 people in attendance enjoying various vendors and demonstrations. National Night Out is hosted on the first Tuesday in August at Collipp-Worden Park. This event is entirely free due to the great partnerships with multiple sponsors.



OPEN HOUSE

This annual event is hosted between the Portage Fire Department and Police Department during the Fire Prevention Month of October and is always well attended. This is a great opportunity to meet the first responders, look at all the equipment and resources required for our services, watch demonstrations and win some great prizes!



POLICE RESOURCES

Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)

The VIPS continue to be a committed group being the extra eyes and ears for the department. Our VIPS help control crowds and assist with traffic concerns which makes our city events very safe. Our VIPS are prior law enforcement or graduates of our Citizen's Police Academy. They have monthly meeting which include training on various police procedures.

Our active members in 2025 include:

Doug Petrowitz

Kelly Behling

Tara Glendenning

Kelley Bressers

Zoe Anson

Elizabeth Greene

Jessica Baker

Eric Solderman

Chad & Angie Crary

Katy Hartl

Kevin & Diana O'Neill

Sue Wilcox

Jeffrey Ethington

Tamara Brantley

Rita Haase

Andy Saloun

Steve Aldridge

Jerry Tice

Rich Green



POLICE RESOURCES

Crossing Guards

Our adult crossing guards ensure students arrive and leave school safely everyday. These dedicated members are stationed at four locations throughout the city.

Adult Crossing Guards

Renee Barnett (Dewitt/Franklin)

Mary Lehman (Macfarlane/Franklin)

Jerry McCullick (New Pinery/Slifer)

Connie Frain (Woodcrest/Slifer—AM)

Brandon Hoege (Woodcrest/Slifer—PM)



**Thank you Crossing Guards for
keeping our students safe!**

Honor Guard Program

Our honor guard program continues to be a great addition to our department in which we are able to demonstrate our professionalism at various community and department events and corroborate with other honor guard teams.

Current Members

Assistant Chief Rich Hoege

Lieutenant Ben Neumann

Sergeant Michael Schutz

Officer Heather Lange

Officer Evan Hedlund

Officer Anakin Hall



2025 AWARDS CEREMONY

The police department hosted its annual awards ceremony on January 28, 2026 to recognize the outstanding service by officers and members of the community. The Awards Committee is responsible for vetting and approving nominations received and categorizing approved nominations. Citizens wishing to nominate an officer for an award are encouraged to visit our website to access the nomination form. We adopted a new award this year, The Legacy Award, which is to recognize an individual whose unwavering dedication and exceptional service has left a lasting positive impact on the department and the community it serves.

2025 Awards Highlights

- ⇒ Volunteers In Police Services- 4 Tenure Awards
(Jeff Ethington, Richard Green, Jerry Tice, and Rita Haase)
- ⇒ 3 Department Tenure Awards (Jesse Sprague, Dan Garrigan, Peter Warning)
- ⇒ 7 Team Effort Awards (including Columbia County Sheriff and Sun Prairie Pd)
- ⇒ 8 Meritorious Service Awards (Crossing Guards, Fred Galley, Sgt. Michael Schutz)
- ⇒ 1 Distinguished Service Award (Evan Hedlund)
- ⇒ Legacy Award (Retired Lt. Penny Kiefer)
- ⇒ Team Member of the Year Award (Evan Hedlund)

Awards Committee Members

Kevin Todryk-Chair ❖ Richard Hoege ❖ Michael Schutz ❖ Kate Behling
Jesse Sprague ❖ Teresa Johnson ❖ Ben Neumann ❖ Kaylee Lane

2025 AWARDS CEREMONIES



Meritorious Service Award– Adult Crossing Guards



**Team Member of the Year Award and
Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award**

Officer Evan Hedlund

2025 AWARDS CEREMONIES

Fred Galley received a Meritorious Service Award for all of his contributions to the Portage Police Department.



Legacy Award presented to the Family of Retired Lt. Penny Kiefer

TEAM EFFORT AWARDS



TEAM EFFORT AWARDS



Sgt. Michael Schutz receiving the Meritorious Service Award.

2025 MAJOR INCIDENTS

Most of the major incidents included on this list are from press releases sent out by our agency throughout 2025 and can be reviewed in their entirety on our social media platforms.

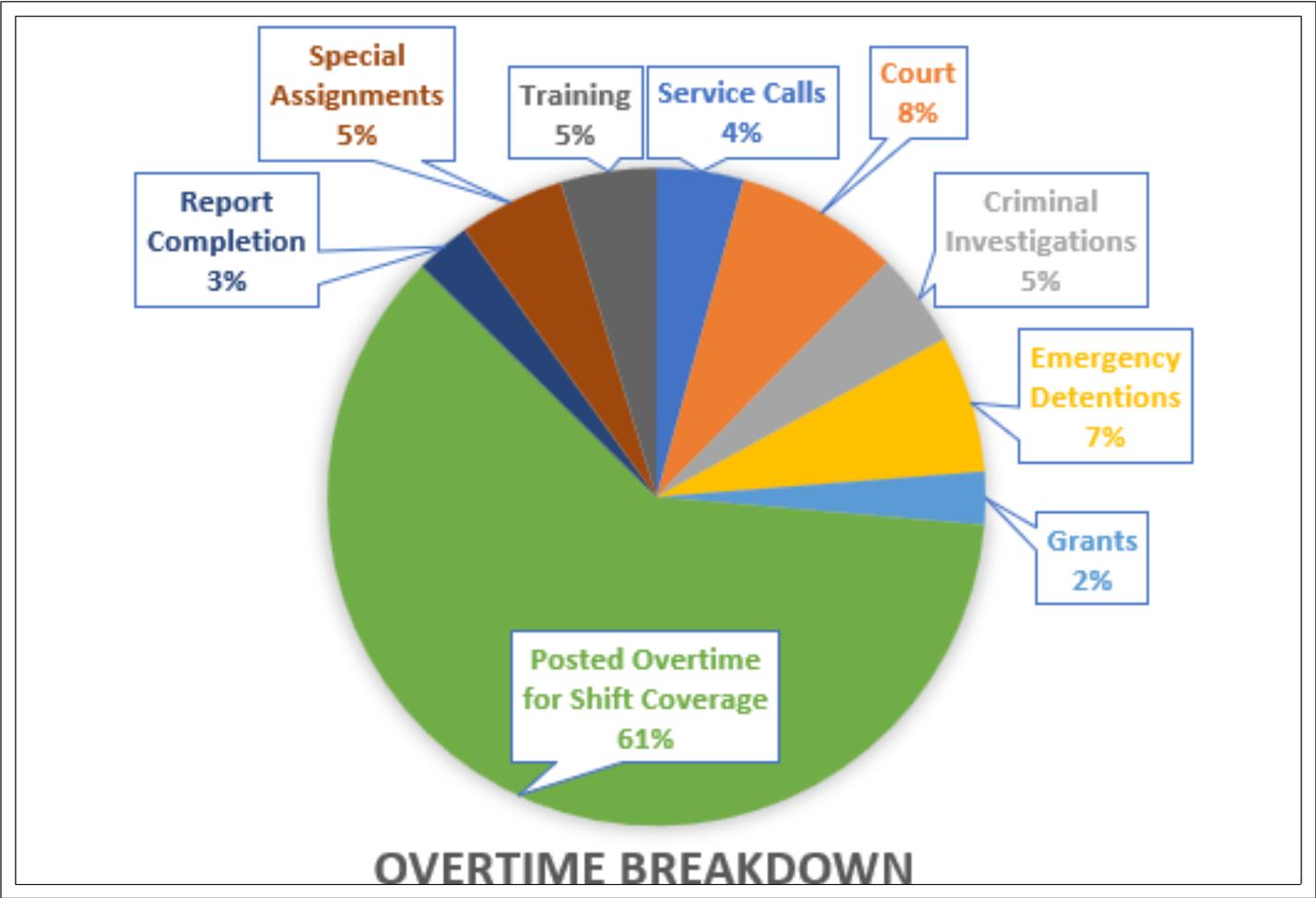
- ⇒ Traffic stop w/ K9 positive alert resulted in male subject being arrested for large quantities of illegal substances (7g Fentanyl, 7.7g cocaine, 22.3g psilocybin mushrooms, 1.9g methamphetamines, Adderall pills)
- ⇒ Numerous burglaries suspects identified and arrested.
- ⇒ Investigation led to male subject being charged with 7 counts of Possession of child pornography.
- ⇒ Female arrested for Child Neglect, Second Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. Poss of Methamphetamines, VOP
- ⇒ Female recovered from Wisconsin River.
- ⇒ Lengthy investigation led to substantial drug arrest of male subject for distribution of Methamphetamines.
- ⇒ Officer arrested on child abuse allegations
- ⇒ Male subject charged with 20 counts of Possession of Child Pornography.

TRENDS & COMPARISONS

Incident Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025 Vs. 2024	4yr Average Vs. 2025
VEHICLES							
Accidents	346 (3 fatal)	355 (2 fatal)	320 (1 fatal)	315 (1 fatal)	358 (2 Fatal)	+ 12%	+ 7%
Traffic stops	2457	2730	3251	3621	2982	- 19%	- 1%
OWI arrests	83	75	82	79	61	- 25 %	- 25%
Eluding	5	12	5	5	3	- 40%	- 50%
PROPERTY CRIMES							
Vandalism/damage	121	96	88	104	74	+ 18%	+ 8%
Theft	251	257	217	296	203	+ 36%	+ 34%
Stolen vehicles	33	15	11	11	11	0%	- 35%
Burglaries	22	21	13	12	12	-7%	- 33%
PERSONS CRIMES							
Homicide (inc. at-tempt)	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%
Sex offenses	14	19	19	18	17	-5%	+ 20%
Battery	78	64	59	53	38	- 10%	- 24%
Domestic Incidents	150	104	92	101	107	+ 6%	- 3%
OTHER							
Welfare checks	858	726	684	641	594	- 6%	- 17%
Mental commitments	28	25	23	24	28	- 4%	- 14%
Detox trips	8	19	5	5	4	0%	- 54%
Disorderly conduct	359	322	285	291	290	+ 2%	- 12%
911 Hang-ups	518	469	748	545	566	-27%	- 3%

TRENDS & COMPARISONS

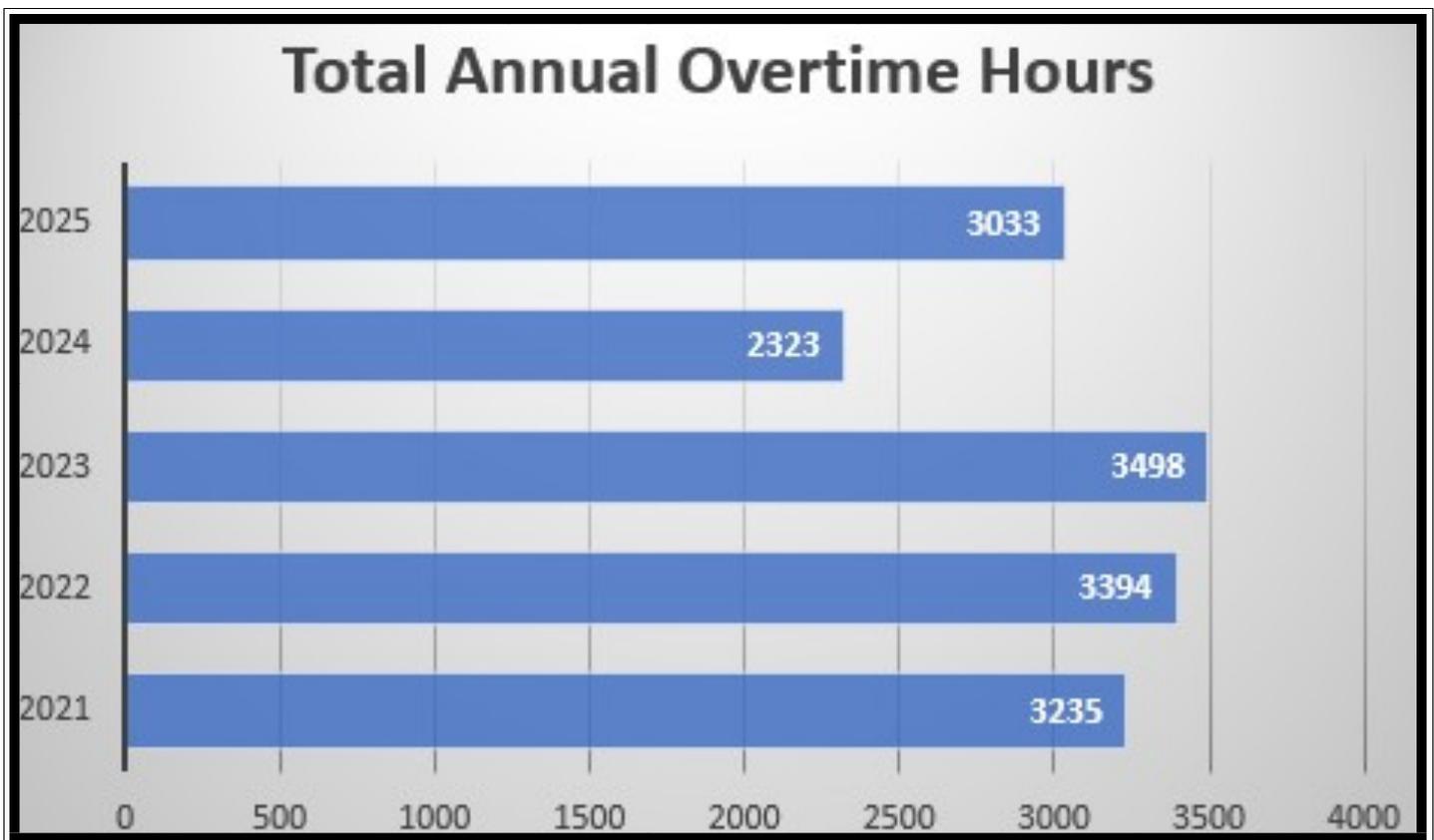
OVERTIME STATISTICS



Over 50% of our overtime is making sure we have adequate staffing 24 hours each and every day. As this chart represents only 5% of overtime hours were affected by staff training. To accomplish this, we work around schedules to perform training within regular rotations or accommodate staff to flex schedules to make sure they are getting the best training without causing extreme budgetary issues. Training is conducted by in-house trainers or associated to the officer’s regular scheduled work day minimizing off-day obligations.

OVERTIME STATISTICS

Creative scheduling and the addition of another officer greatly reduced overtime in 2024 but being down almost 7 officers for various reasons at various times in 2025 increased our overtime back to comparable numbers before 2024.



As mentioned on our 2026 Goals Page, our transition to 12 hr. shifts increased staffing on each shift and incorporated Officer in Charge roles to reduce supervisor overtime and supervisor shortages. There are many variables that contribute to overtime besides staffing but vacancies is the largest component.

TRENDS & COMPARISONS

2,271 Total Arrests (2023)

2,122 Total Arrests (2024)

2,150 Total Arrests (2025)

⇒ Total arrests include custodial, referred to DA, juvenile referrals, and nontraffic ordinances.

PHYSICAL ARRESTS

2023— 1359 Arrests

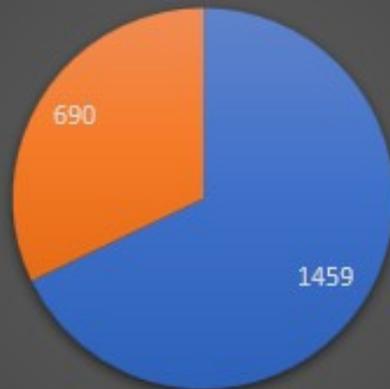
2024— 1406 Arrests

2025— 1045 Arrests

712 Adults

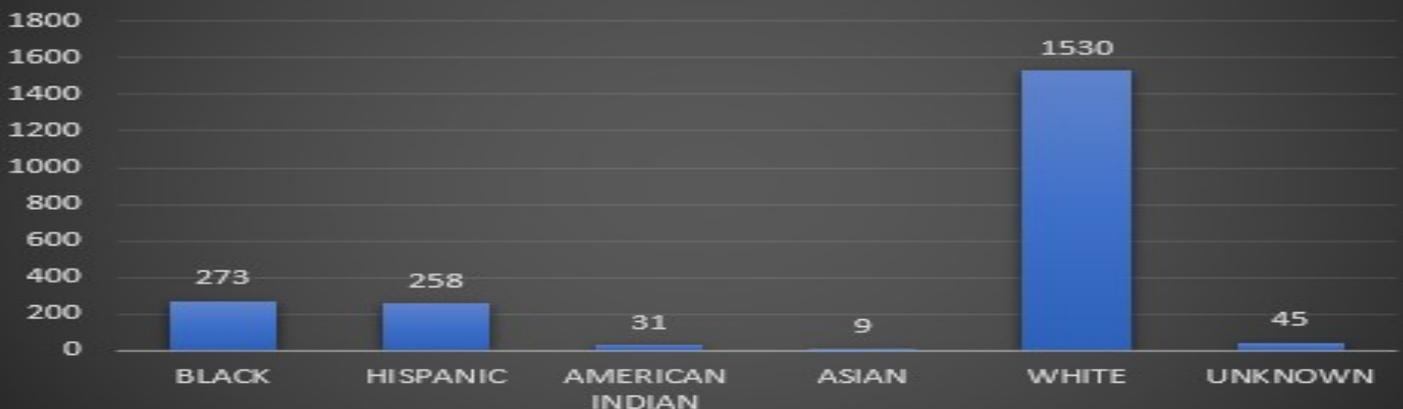
333 Juveniles

ARRESTS BY GENDER



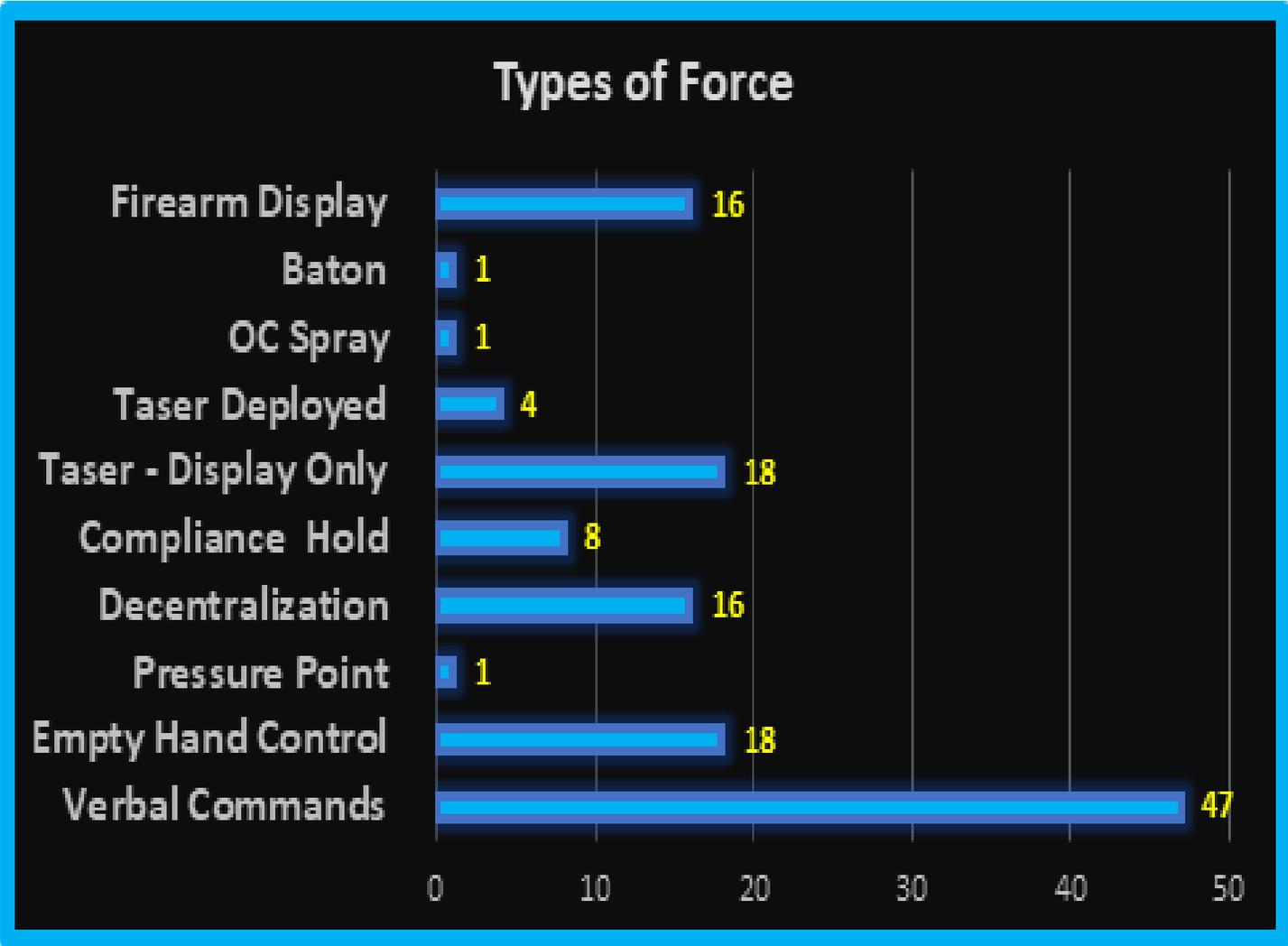
Male Female

ARRESTS BY RACE

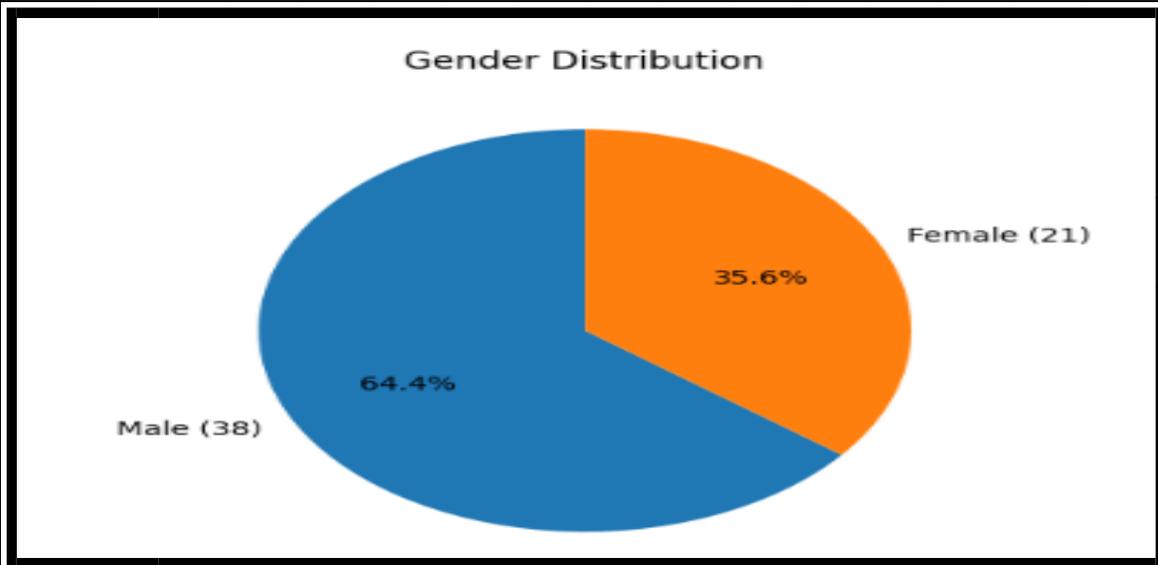
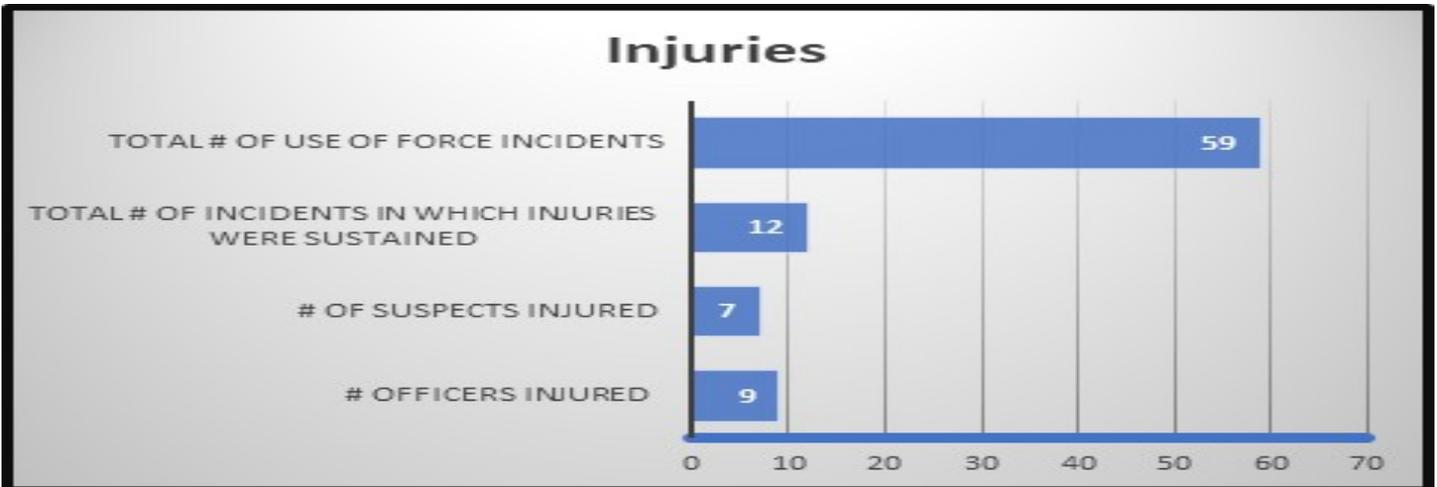
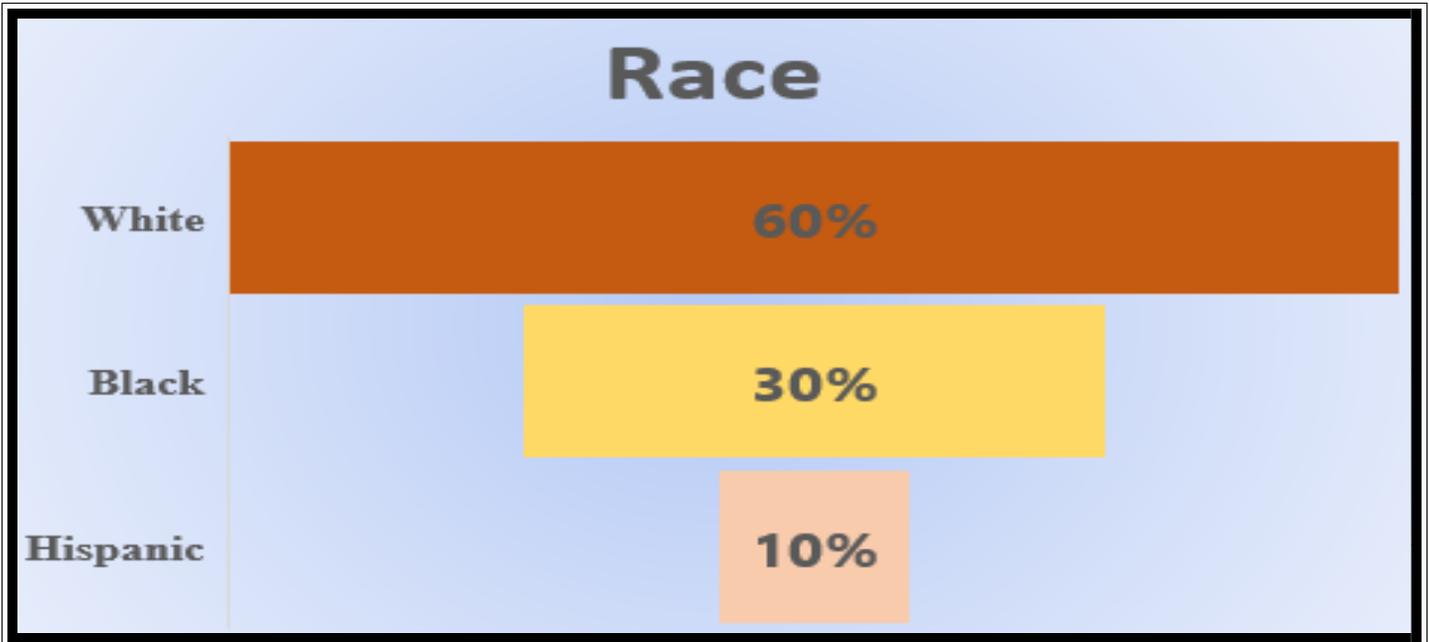


USE OF FORCE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

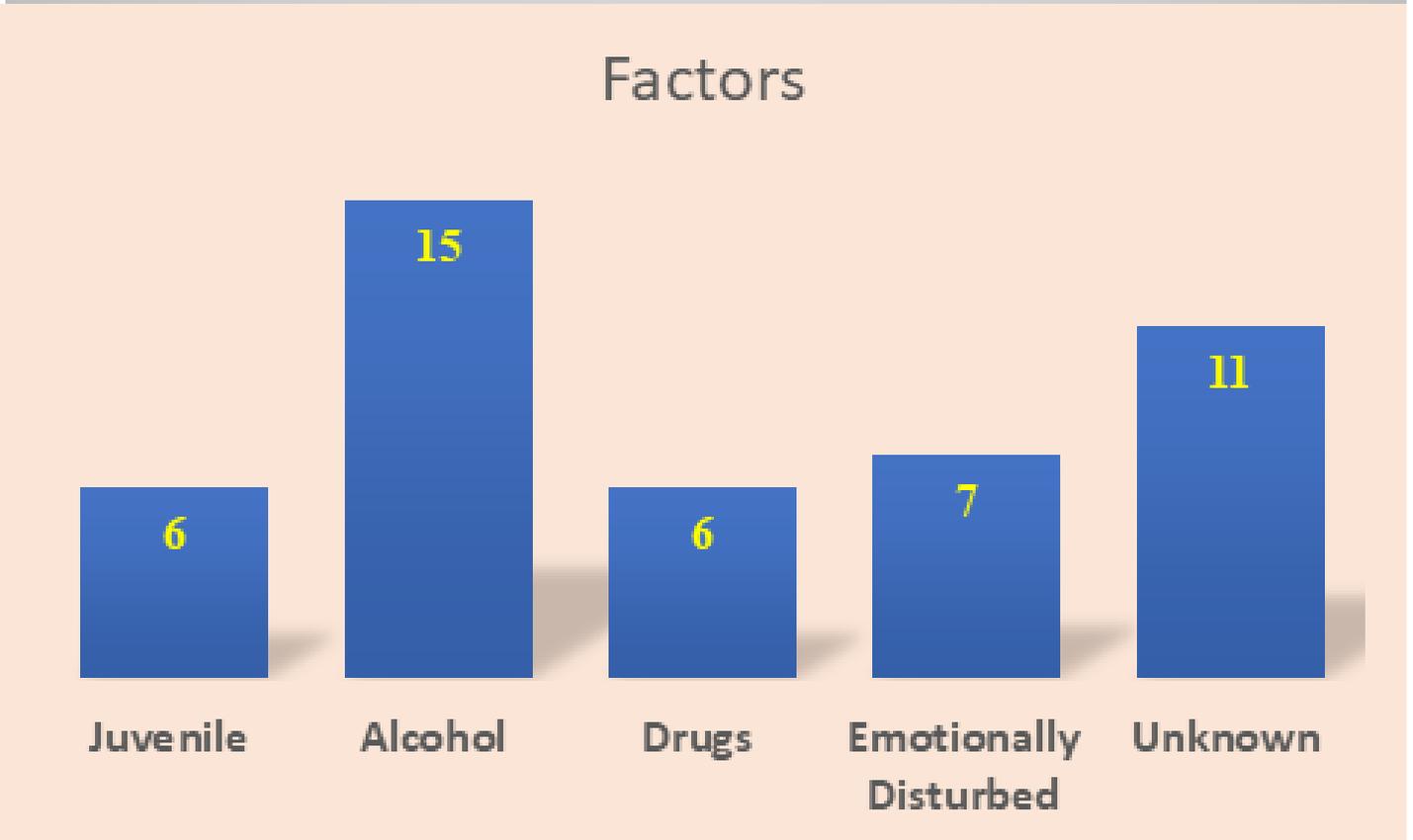
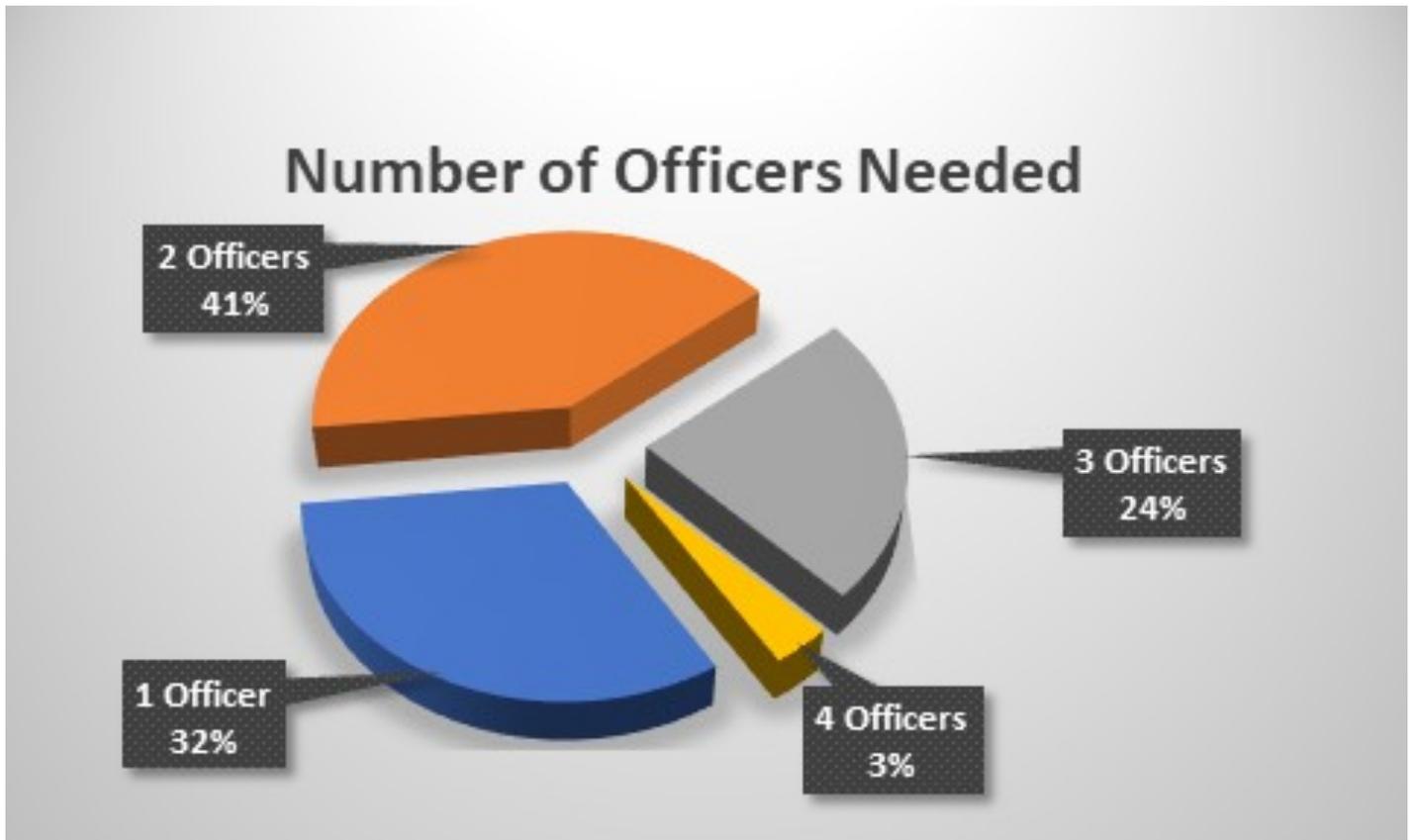
The Portage Police Department documents and reviews all use of force incidents. In 2025 we had **59 Use of Force incidents** which is a 5% increase over 2024 (56). As you will see in the following diagrams, most incidents are resolved with hands-on control alternatives or a display of tools. Effective communication and de-escalation tactics continue to keep our ratio of service calls to force incidents extremely low at .4% . This percentage has remained consistent for a number of years. Our officers show great restraint and address active resistance in a controlled manner using only the force necessary to achieve and maintain control.



Use of Force Continued

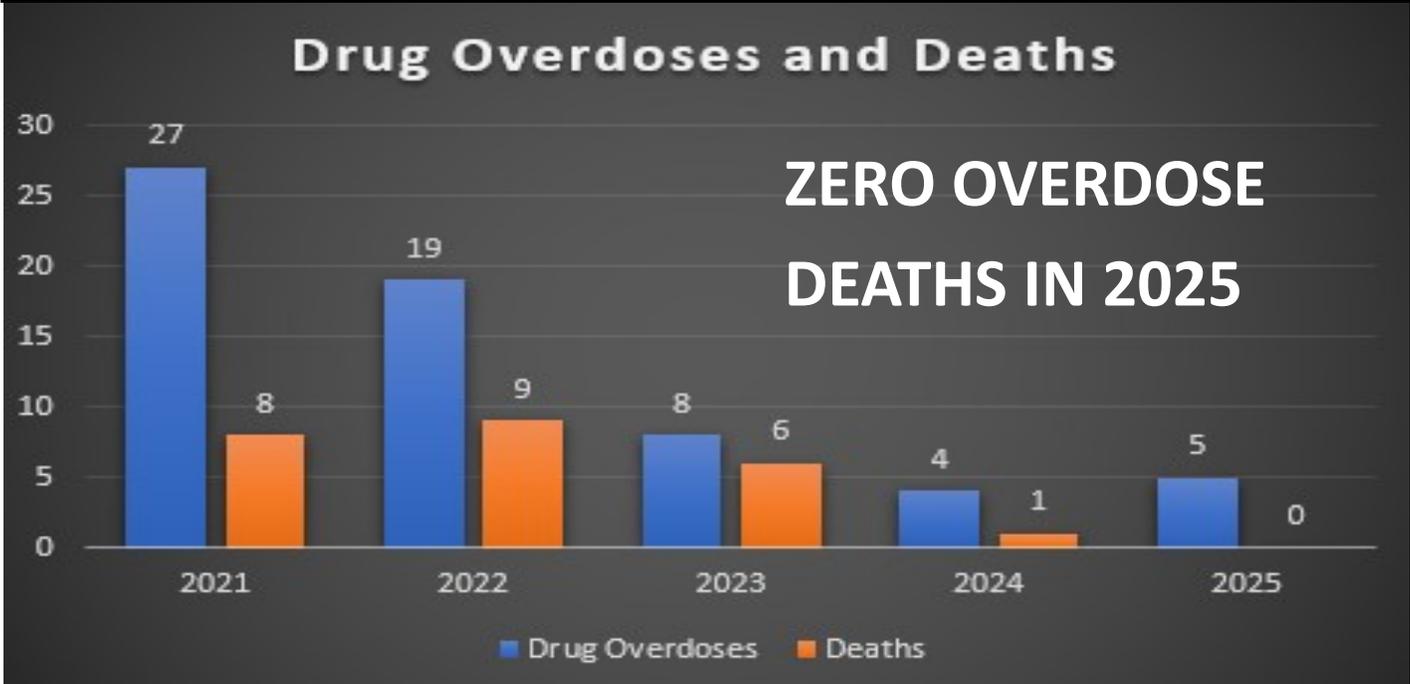


Use of Force Continued



DRUG ENFORCEMENT/IMPACT

Totals in 2025	
6	DRUG SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED Resulting in 12 arrests
219	Drug Enforcement Incidents
123	Criminal Drug Arrest Incidents
96	Ordinance Drug Incidents



K9 ACTIVITY

K9 XILLOS



SERVING SINCE 2022
HANDLER JACOB KUBELT

K9 REBEL



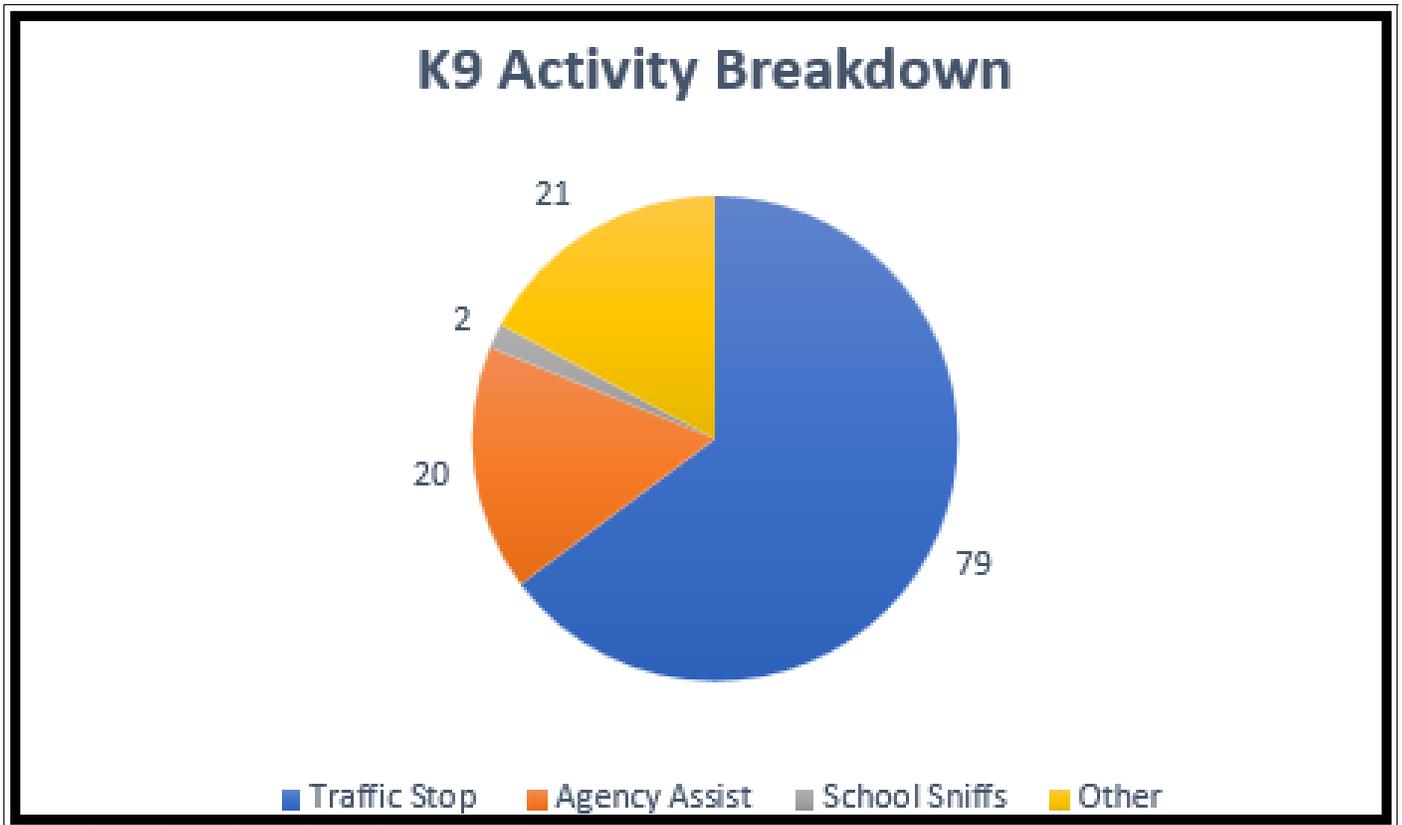
SERVING SINCE 2024
HANDLER ALEX ROYSE

Both K9 Units are duo-certified in Patrol and Narcotics work which include tracking and apprehensions.



Thank you CCI for your donation and support of our K9 Program.

112 Combined K9 Incidents



60 SUBJECTS ARRESTED AND CHARGED

0 USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS



K9 ACTIVITY**Activity Summary - Unit Totals**

PORTAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025-01-01 to 2026-01-01



Activity	Records	Amount	Units
CASH	1	1568.00	Dollar(s)
Cocaine Paraphernalia	8	21.00	Each
Cocaine Seizure - Quantity	8	16.60	Gram(s)
Drug Paraphernalia	2	3.00	
Drug Paraphernalia	2	4.00	Application(s)
Drug Paraphernalia	12	41.00	Each
FENTANYL PARAPHERNALIA	2	4.00	Each
Fentanyl Seizure-Quantity	4	17.90	Gram(s)
Heroin Paraphernalia	1	2.00	Each
Heroin Seizure - Quantity	2	6.00	Gram(s)
K9 PRESENCE	1	1.00	Search(es)
Marijuana Seizure - Quantity	6	51.30	Gram(s)
MEDICATION	1	11.00	Each
Meth Paraphernalia	9	21.00	Each
Meth Seizure - Quantity	9	23.80	Gram(s)
Narcotic Seizure	1	2.00	Each
Narcotic Seizure	1	0.50	Gram(s)
Narcotics Search	78	78.00	Search(es)
PARAPHERNALIA	2	3.00	Each
Prescription Pills	2	85.00	Each
Prescription Pills	1	6.00	Gram(s)
Psilocybin	1	22.30	Gram(s)
SCHOOL SNIFF	2	101.00	Each
SCHOOL SNIFF	1	30.00	Vehicle(s)
Searches - Vehicle(s)	25	25.00	Search(es)
THC Paraphernalia	10	17.00	Each
THC SEIZURE	11	15.00	Each
THC SEIZURE	8	193.40	Gram(s)
Track	1	1.00	Track(s)
Weapon-Seizure	1	1.00	Each

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

In our 7th year, this program continues to be an asset and vital program for the safety of our students and staff. Our partnership with the Portage School District remains strong as we work together to achieve a positive learning environment. This position is funded 66% by the Portage School District and 33% by the City of Portage. The Ad-Hoc evaluation committee reviews the activities of the SRO monitoring the success, needs, goals, and/or changes needed. We have had several officers perform this role which has allowed great exposure of our officers to the student body and staff.

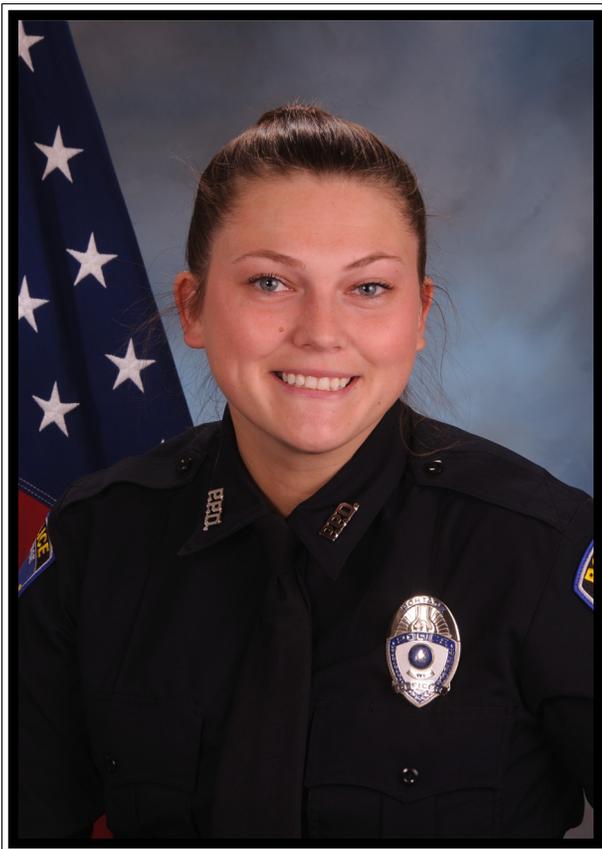
WELCOME SRO Alexis Mueller!

Enforcement and Incidents

306 Total School Calls

- ⇒ 187 Truancy Citations issued (138 in 2024)
- ⇒ 11 Possession controlled substance
- ⇒ 30 Tobacco possession/use
- ⇒ 11 Disorderly Conduct charges
- ⇒ 4 Miscellaneous citations

In addition, the SRO is at many school functions throughout the year providing presence at sporting events and extra-curricular activities. The SRO also provides presentations to students and staff on various current topics.



Goals of the SRO Program

Increase School Safety

Relieve School workload on patrol

Build Positive Relationships

Improve School Attendance

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Their primary role of our Community Service Officer is to address quality of life issues or complaints and conduct ordinance enforcement. The CSO has many internal operation responsibilities which include municipal court, data entry and report processing, property (lost and found), training, the liaison to the crossing guard program and assisting with code and zoning enforcement.



Kevin Todryk

<u>Nature of Calls</u>	<u>2024 Totals</u>	<u>2025 Totals</u>
Total Calls	311	365
Ordinance Violations	171	196
Lost and Found	37	37
Parking Violations	71	110
Miscellaneous Calls	32	22

Portage Joint Municipal Court

KARL KINDSCHI

Municipal Judge

DAWN WILCOX

Court Clerk

KEVIN TODRYK

Court Bailiff

JESSE SPANKOWSKI

City Attorney



Serving City of Portage and Village of Endeavor

The City of Portage Joint Municipal Court was established in 2008. In 2014 the Village of Endeavor joined our court. Municipal Court is held twice a month on Mondays and is conducted in the chamber council of City Hall. Since inception, there has been only two judges and one court clerk.

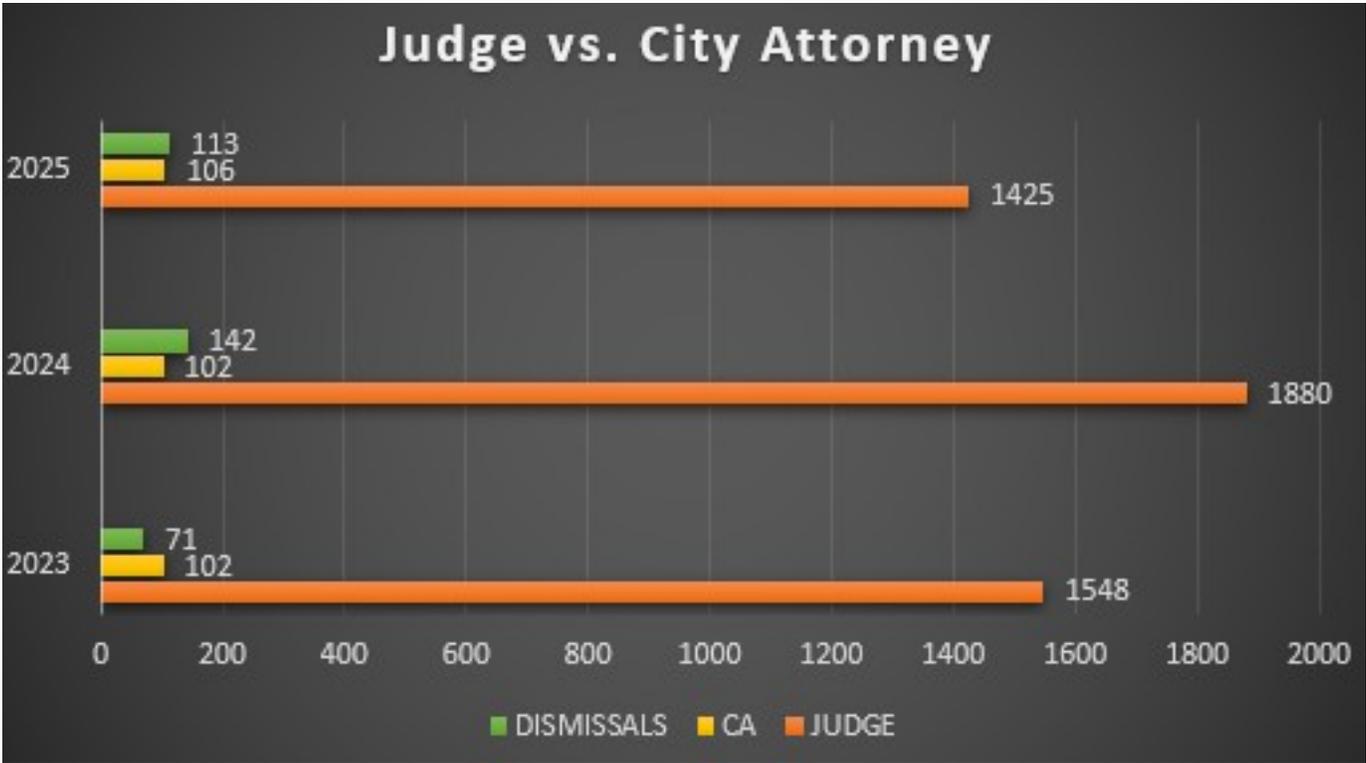
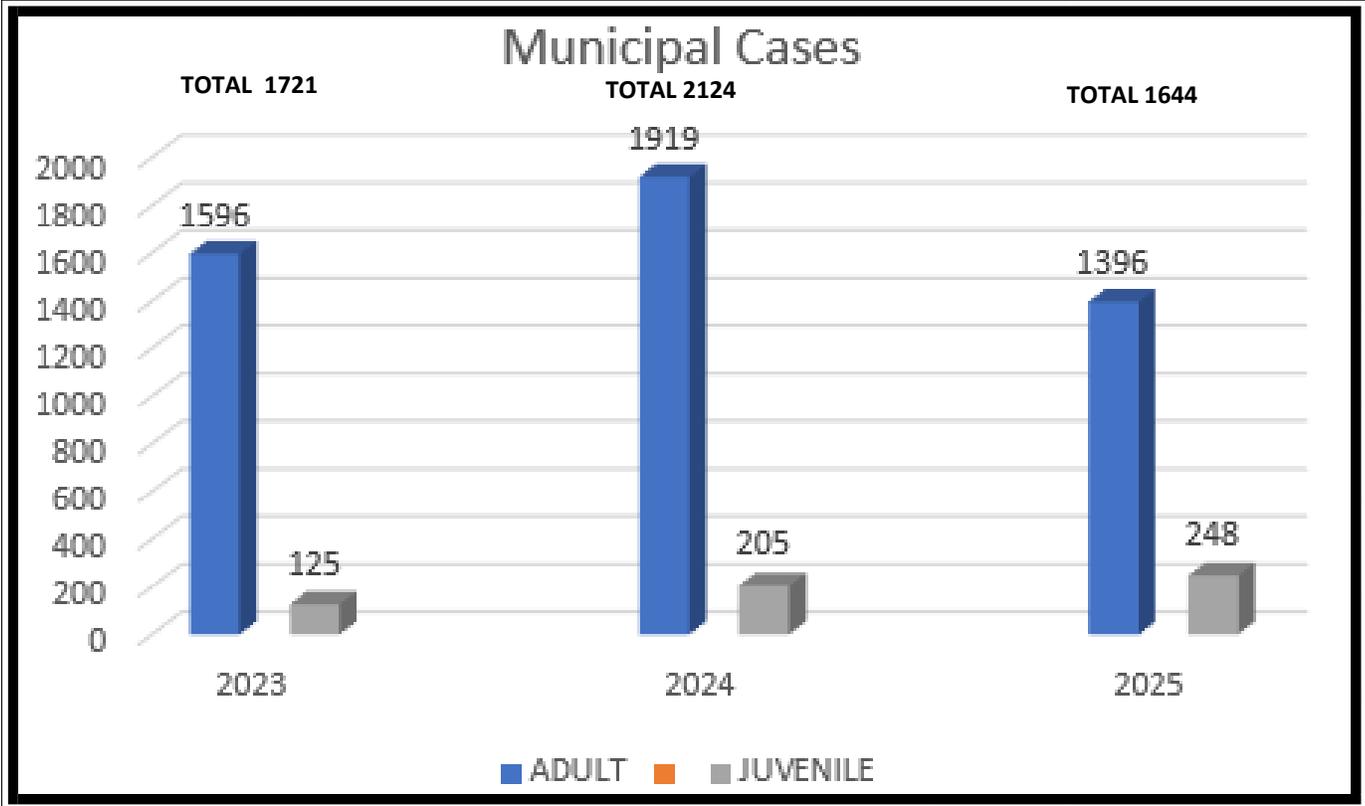
Honorable Dan Pulsfus (2008-2021)

Honorable Karl Kindschi (2021-present)

Karl Kindschi is currently in his 3rd term. Court Clerk Dawn Wilcox has been in this role for 18 years. Dawn is the president of the Wisconsin Municipal Court Clerk Association and mentor for other state clerks.

The Municipal Court has jurisdiction over traffic and city ordinance violations.

Portage Joint Municipal Court



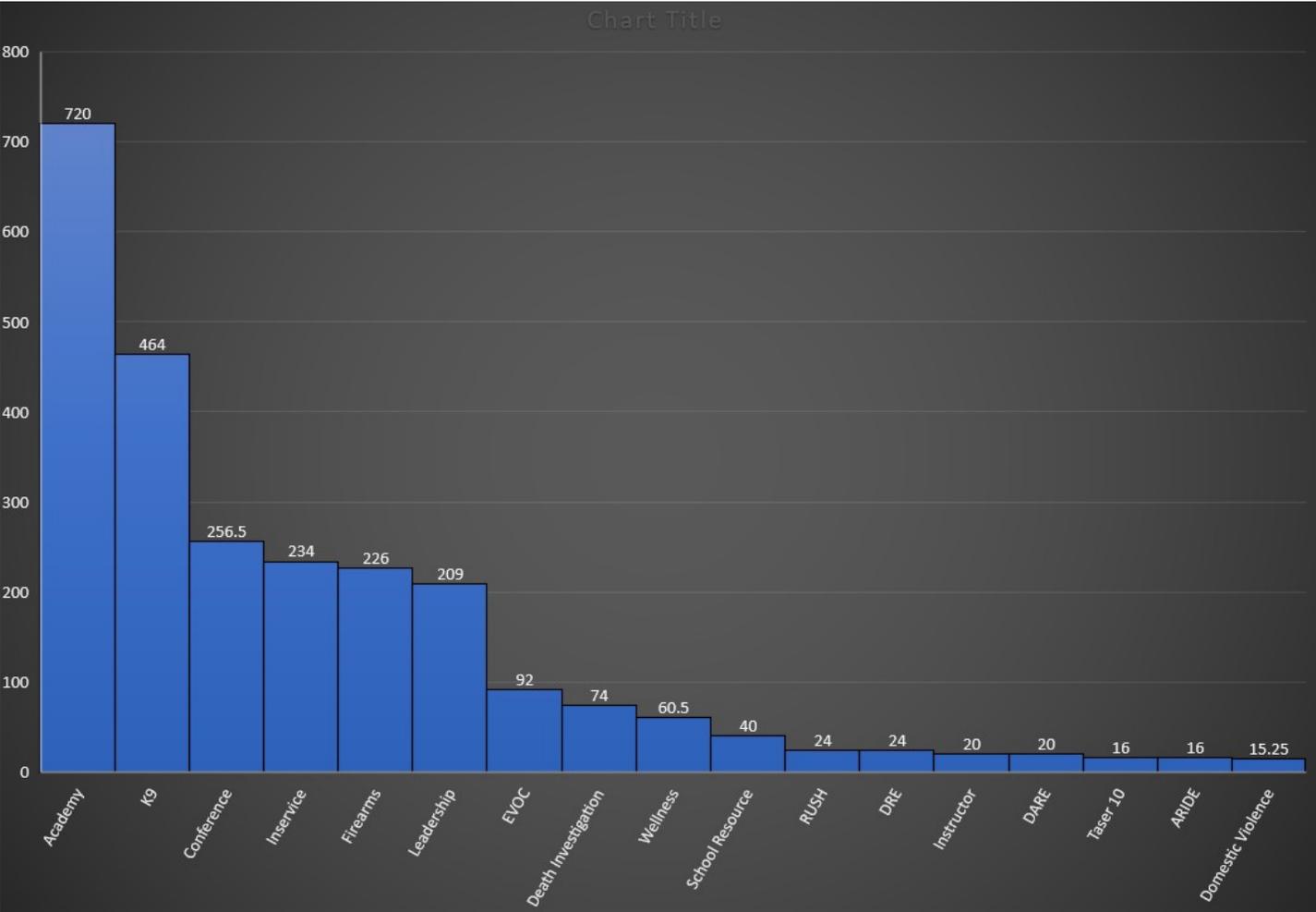
Municipal Judge on average handles 93 % of all caseload

TRAINING

Each year sworn officers in Wisconsin are required to have 24 hours of continued education and training to remain certified. This includes an annual state qualification course for firearms and a bi-annual emergency vehicle operations course. Additionally, our K9 unit must train 8 hours per month to remain certified. Our department continues to focus on leadership courses and in-house instructors to provide the necessary instruction and provide training to area departments.

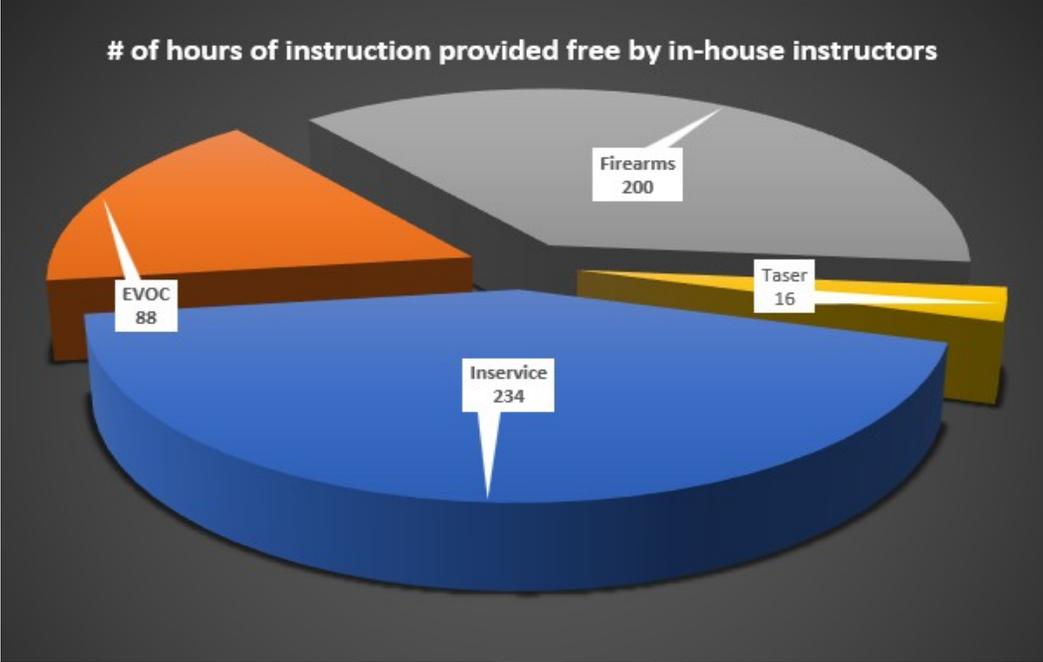
2511.25 Total Hours of Training

Training Breakdown



TRAINING CON'T.

538 training hours by In-house Instructors



EQUIPMENT/UPGRADES

Ford F150 Fleet Vehicle

We added a truck to the patrol fleet this year to accommodate more equipment and the ability to haul bigger items.

Live Feed Cameras-

We continue to expand on our live feed camera projects around the city. These assist to deter crime and help in identification. We partnered with Fearings for this project.



360 Degree coverage of Goodyear Park



Silver Lake

EQUIPMENT/UPGRADES CON'T



Silver Lake Parking Lot



Downtown Cameras

Other locations Include:

Collipp-Worden Park

Riverside Park

Thank you to all of our Partners that supported us throughout the year!



The Portage Police Department is honored to serve this great community.

Report Submitted by:
Chief Keith J. Klafke