



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

DICKINSON POLICE
DEPARTMENT

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VISION

Community
Strength
Through
Unity



MISSION

- We will protect and serve the community with unwavering commitment, integrity, and professionalism.
- We are dedicated to ensuring public safety and upholding the rule of law while fostering positive relationships built on community trust and engagement.
- Our mission is to always be prepared and willing to sacrifice while working in unison with the community to maintain a safe, secure environment for all.
- We will be responsive and proactive while finding innovative ways to enhance overall quality of life while investing in our youth. Our strength comes through unity and perseverance.

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM | INTEGRITY | COMMITMENT | HONOR

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It is my pleasure to present the Dickinson Police

Department annual report for 2025. It is a compilation of our agency's activities, challenges, statistics, accomplishments, and service. This report reflects our commitment to public safety, grounded in our mission and core values.

Throughout 2025 we began to progressively see the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI). From significant increases in AI created Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) records requests to frivolous AI generated officer complaints. AI assisted crime and its use in the legal system to repeatedly file frivolous, illegitimate lawsuits and claims by vexatious litigants lacking legal merit is on the rise. I believe AI will continue to significantly impact the complexity of crime while overburdening our judiciary as well as City, County, State and Federal resources.



Our overall calls for service and our proactive traffic safety efforts increased in 2025 as shown in our traffic stop numbers. The increase in traffic enforcement typically correlates to a reduction in traffic crashes which it did to a certain extent, however these efforts were overshadowed by two fatality accidents. Our goal is zero fatalities and continued, marked reductions in injury accidents in 2026.

The year 2025 also brought an unexpected visit to the area by a VIP, specifically Vice President J.D. Vance. With extremely short notice, his arrival via Dickinson Airport taxed our resources during our already extremely busy 4th of July festivities. All hands-on deck, staff stepped up and worked in unison with Federal officials to safely deliver VP Vance to and from Medora.

On July 29th, the department celebrated its 125th year of service to the community. We took this opportunity to celebrate ourselves and the wonderful community that has supported us for well over a century. Former staff and sworn retirees of the department were invited to join a luncheon celebration and were able to



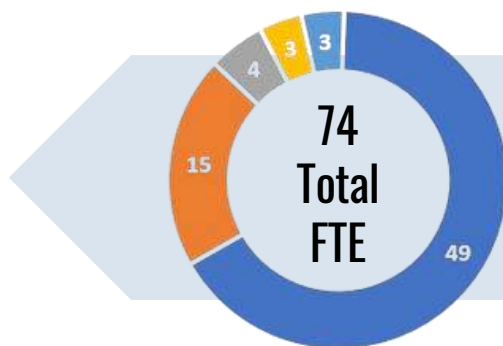
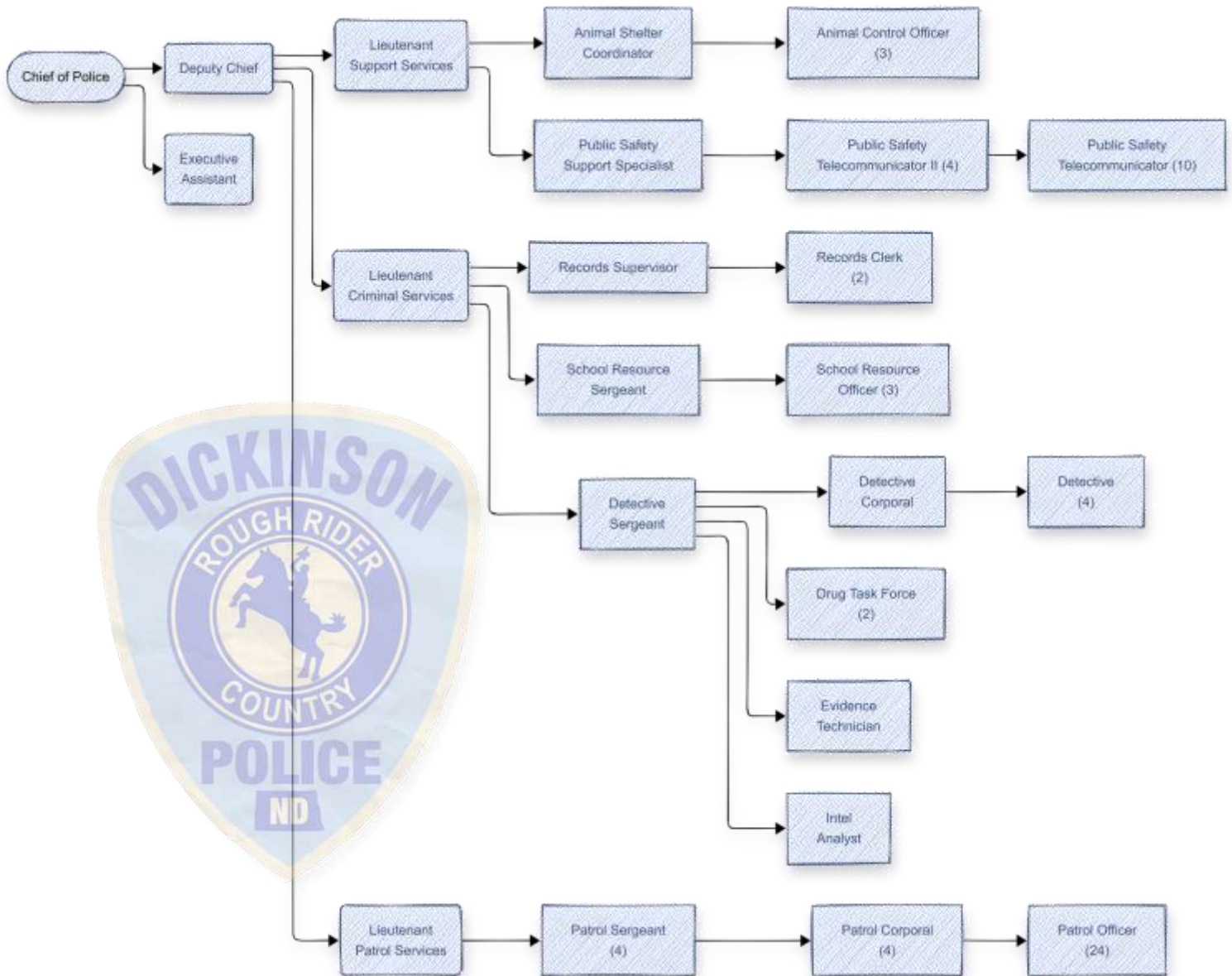
engage in fellowship and reflection. This reminded me of how proud I am to be a part of this department and community for the past 32 years.

As you review this year-end report, we hope it reflects our continued dedication to transparency, building public trust, and fostering strong, community driven partnerships...

*Community Strength Through
Unity*



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



Full time employees 2024-2025

- Sworn
- Dispatch
- Exec. Assistant/Crime Analyst/Evidence Tech
- Animal Control
- Records

BUDGET

Salaries

Full Time | Part Time | Overtime

\$5.32 million

Benefits

Insurance | FICA | Workman's Comp

\$1.87 million

Other Services

Telephone | Technology | Training

\$292,500

General Supplies

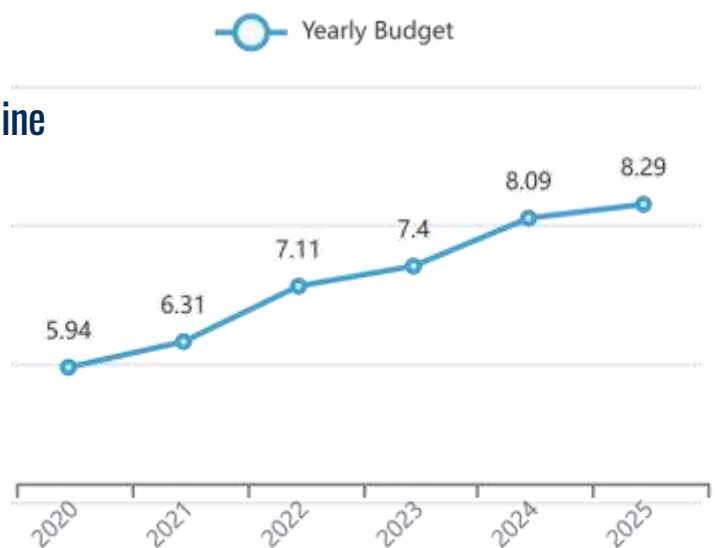
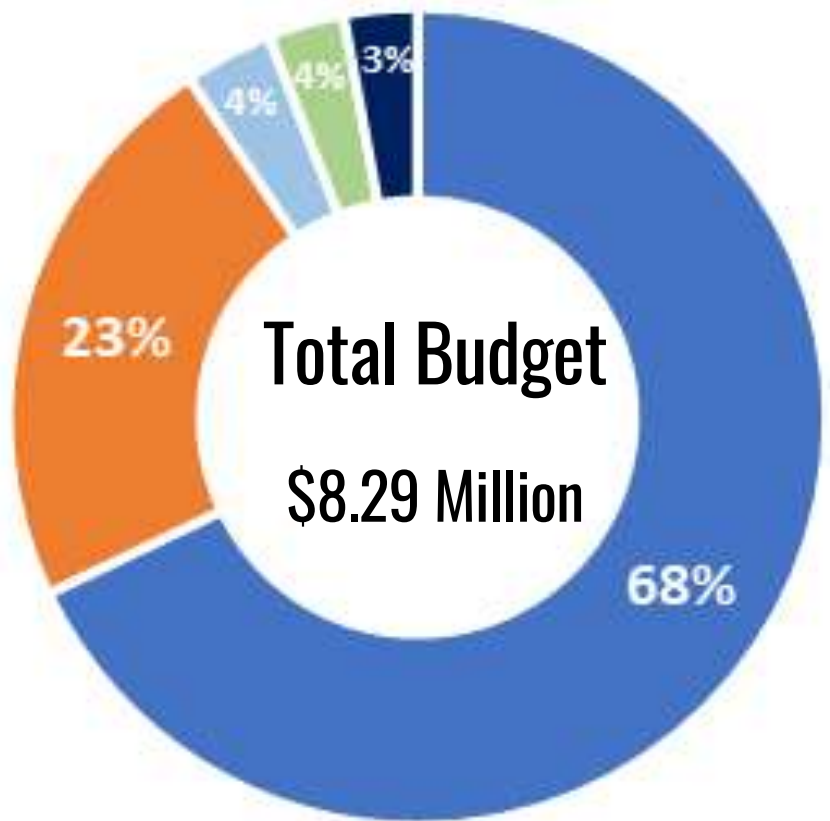
Operating | SWAT | Vehicle Supplies | Gasoline

\$250,000

Capital Betterments

Police Vehicles | Leases

\$240,625



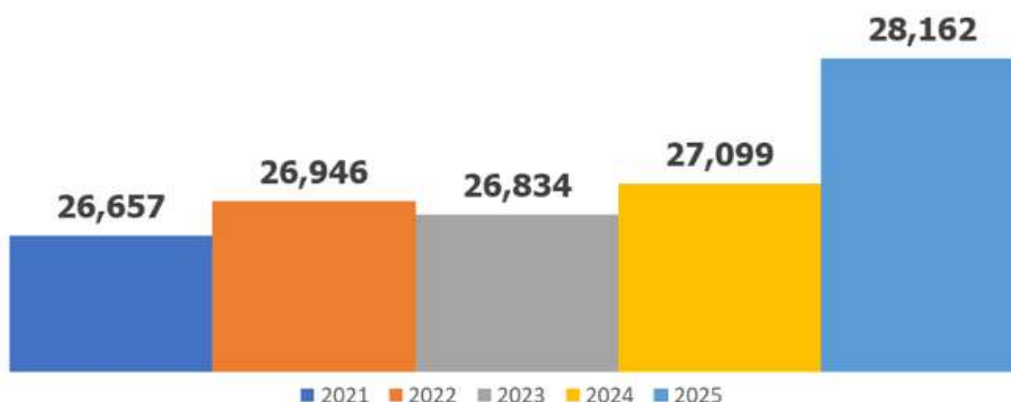
CALLS FOR SERVICE

Traffic Stops	6,076	Assaults/Fights	70
Animal Related Calls	1,628	Burglary	110
Speak With an Officer	1,216	Background Investigations	6
Welfare Check	813	Alarms, Residence	73
Warrants Served	479	Criminal Trespass	125
Parking Enforcement	865	Suicidal Threats	113
Theft and Fraud	551	Theft of Motor Vehicle	48
Domestic Violence	435	Intoxicated Subject	70
Disorderly Conduct	280	Violation of Protection Order	75
Agency Assists	227	Panhandling	15
Alarms, Business	173	Digital Forensics	49
Remove Subject	244	Weapons Shots Fired or Heard	32
Drug Information	103	Weapons Offenses	19
Standbys	177	Alarms, Bank	12
Vandalism	132	Scams, No Loss of Property	61

813
WELFARE
CHECKS  7.1%
since
2024

6,076
TRAFFIC
STOPS  43.5%
since
2024

28,162
TOTAL
CFS  3.9%
since
2024



CRASH DATA



819

TOTAL CRASHES



28

INJURY



5

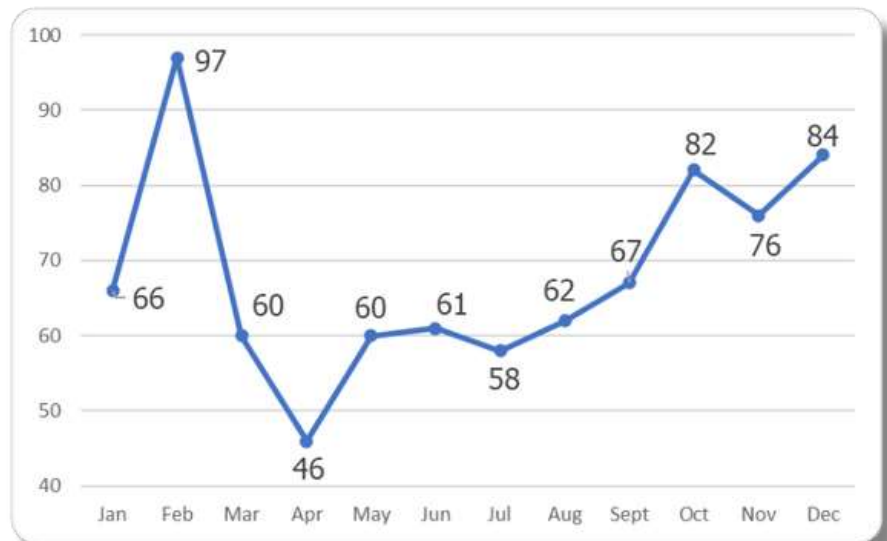
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FATALITY

CRASH VOLUME BY MONTH

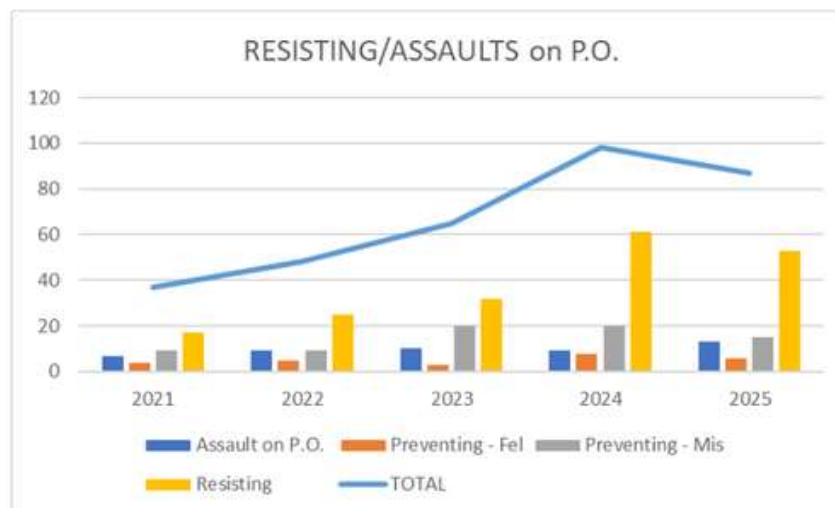
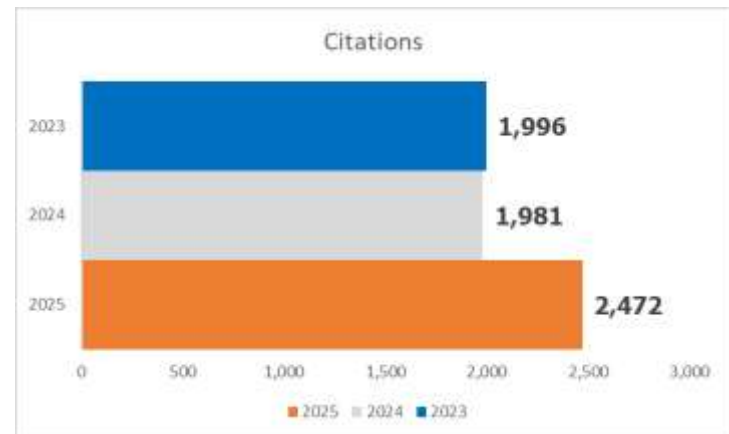


PATROL

The Patrol Division benefitted from near-full staffing for the majority of 2025, which averaged just four vacancies out of 49 total positions. As a result, officers were able to concentrate on proactive policing concepts, which contributed to an increase in self-initiated calls for service.

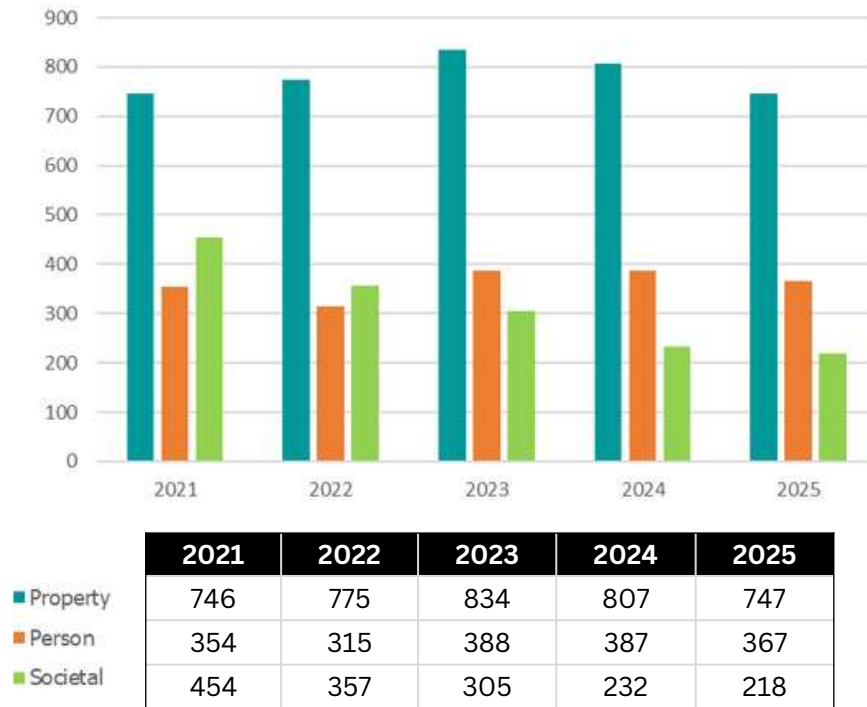


Resisting and Assaults on Police Officers have also seen an upward trend over the past several years. This trend is closely monitored by command staff.

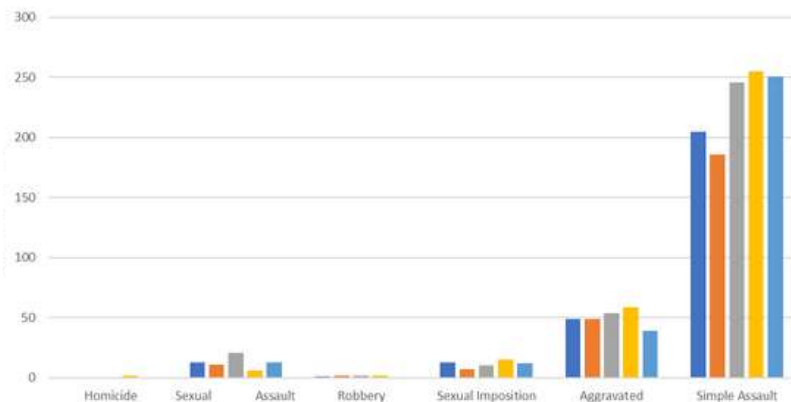


CRIME STATISTICS

2021-2025 CRIME COMPARISON



PERSON CRIMES COMPARISON 2021-2025



ANNUAL TOTAL PERSON CRIMES

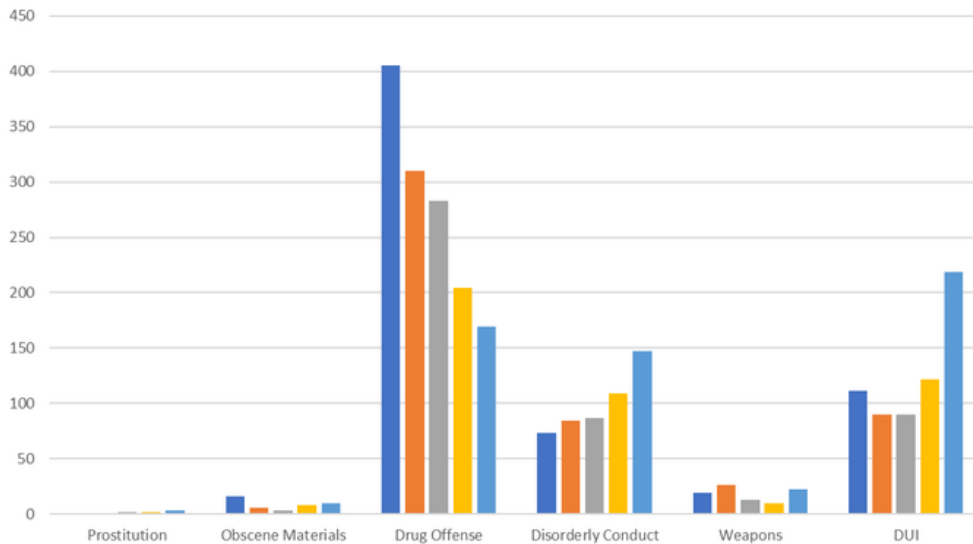
- 2021 : 354
- 2022 : 315
- 2023 : 388
- 2024 : 387
- 2025 : 367

	Homicide	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Sexual Imposition	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault
2021	0	13	1	13	49	205
2022	0	11	2	7	49	186
2023	0	21	2	10	54	246
2024	2	6	2	15	59	255
2025	0	13	0	12	39	251

After several years of incremental climb, Crimes Against Persons saw a noticeable dip. Especially promising is the decrease in Aggravated Assaults, which saw a 34% decrease from the record high of 59 last year.

CRIME STATISTICS

SOCIETAL CRIMES COMPARISON 2021-2025

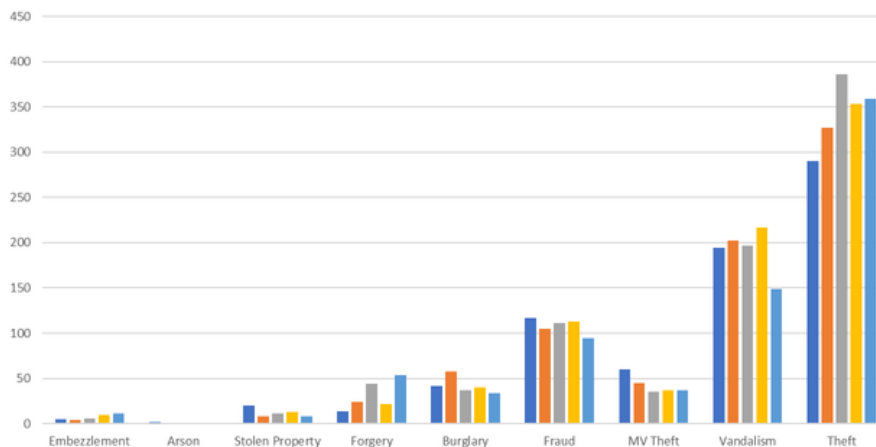


ANNUAL TOTAL SOCIETAL CRIMES

■ 2021 : 454
 ■ 2022 : 357
 ■ 2023 : 305
 ■ 2024 : 232
 ■ 2025 : 218

	Prostitution	Obscene Materials	Drug Offense	Disorderly Conduct	Weapons	DUI
■ 2021	0	16	405	73	19	111
■ 2022	0	6	310	84	26	90
■ 2023	2	3	283	87	13	90
■ 2024	2	8	204	109	10	122
■ 2025	3	10	169	147	22	219

PROPERTY CRIMES COMPARISON 2021-2025



ANNUAL TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES

■ 2021 : 746
 ■ 2022 : 775
 ■ 2023 : 834
 ■ 2024 : 807
 ■ 2025 : 747

	Embezzlement	Arson	Stolen Property	Forgery	Burglary	Fraud	MV Theft	Vandalism	Theft
■ 2021	5	2	20	14	42	117	60	194	290
■ 2022	4	0	8	24	58	105	45	202	327
■ 2023	6	1	11	44	37	111	35	197	386
■ 2024	10	0	13	22	40	113	37	217	353
■ 2025	11	1	8	54	34	94	37	149	359

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

The Criminal Investigation Division is comprised of talented and dedicated officers that strive to bring closure to the victims of serious crimes. Headed by one Sergeant Detective, the division is also staffed by one Corporal Detective and four Detectives.

Sexual crimes, including those involving minors, continue to be some of the high-profile cases that CID investigated in 2026. Numerous convictions have been obtained due to the diligence and dedication of our detectives.



817
CASES

121
CALLOUTS

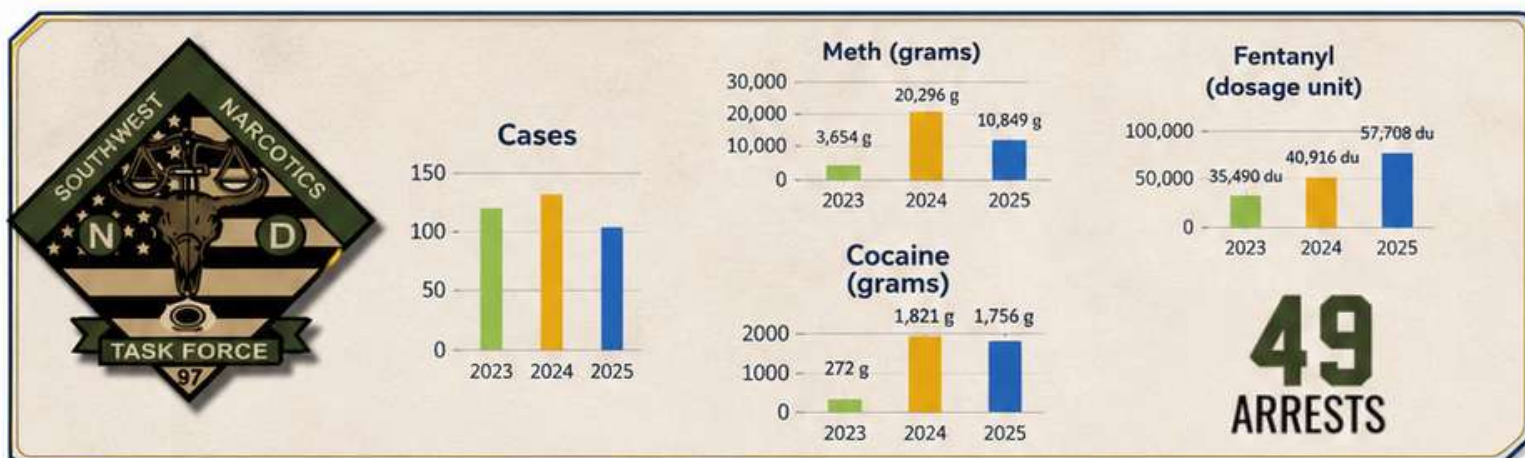
153
SEARCH WARRANTS

52
DIGITAL FORENSICS

52 SEX OFFENDER CHECKS

60
INVESTIGATIVE LEADS

BADLANDS CRIME STOPPERS
TEXT: 701-840.6108 | CALL: 701-456.7754



SWAT

The Southwest Tactical Team maintained readiness throughout the year despite a relatively low-level of callouts. The team is comprised of officers and deputies from the Dickinson Police Department, Stark County Sheriff's Department, and Dunn County Sheriff's Office.

A prolonged standoff with an armed subject in July at a residence in Richardton challenged the team in terms of complexity and danger. However, through the use of modern tactics and technology, along with superior decision making, the suspect was taken into custody without the loss of life or serious injury. This underscores the necessity of the SWTT and the importance of continued investment.



CALLOUTS BY YEAR



K9 UNIT

The K-9 Division was back to full strength in 2025 with the addition of K-9 “Frida”.

She is a Shepherd/Malinois cross, coming to us from Slovakia. Frida is currently paired with Officer Haugen. They certified in June after a grueling 14-week course in Minnesota.

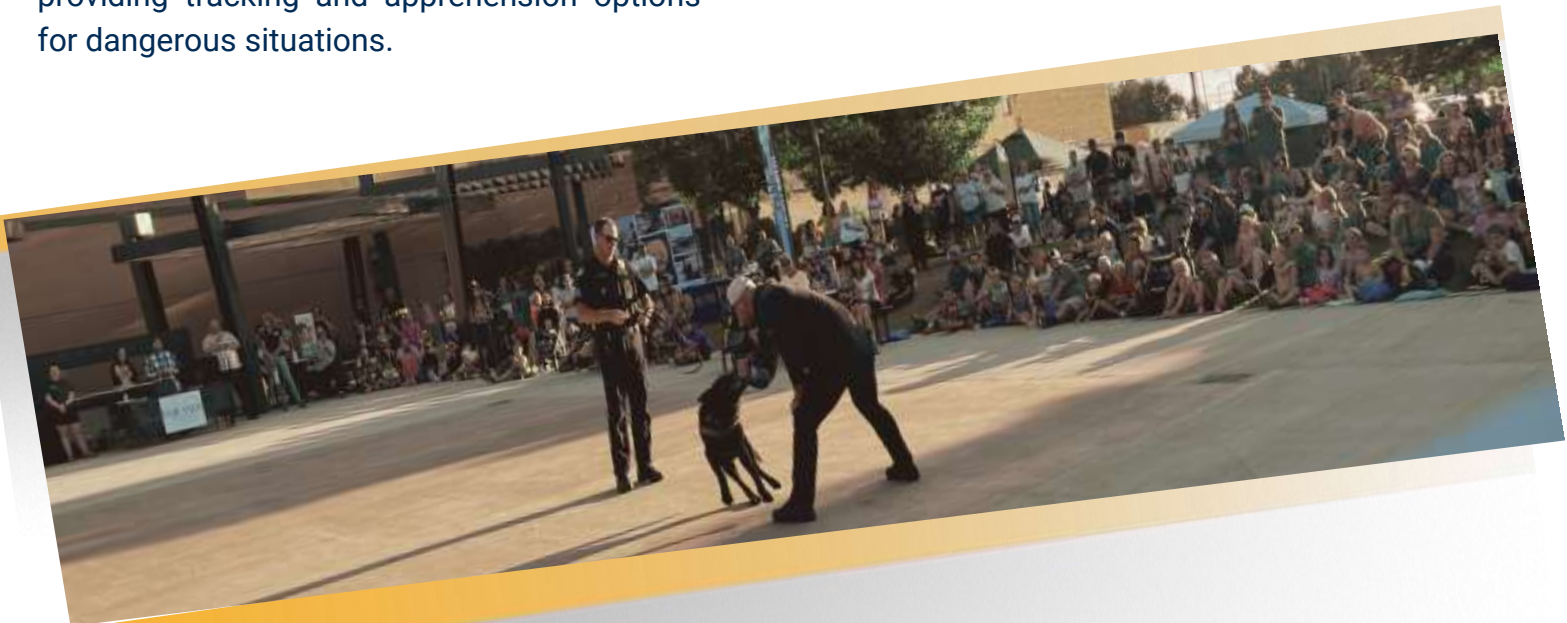
The pair joins the veteran K-9 team consisting of “Kalo” and her handler, SGT Peters. Together, the teams are dedicated to the reduction of drugs in our community, while providing tracking and apprehension options for dangerous situations.

 **57**
K-9 SNIFFS

 **4**
ARRESTS

 **29**
PR EVENTS

 **4** BUILDING
SEARCHES



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COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Dickinson-Stark Communications Center (DSCC) provides 24-hour emergency and non-emergency dispatch services for all Stark County.

In 2025, all Stark County emergency response agencies made the full switch to North Dakota's Statewide Interoperable Radio Network (SIRN). This project has taken considerable coordination and planning, but will ensure reliable communications for first responders across the county.



8,910

TOTAL 911 CALLS



68

TEXT-TO-911
MESSAGES



47,100+

NON-EMERGENCY
CALLS



TELECOMMUNICATOR SPOTLIGHT



2025 APCO Scholarship Recipient

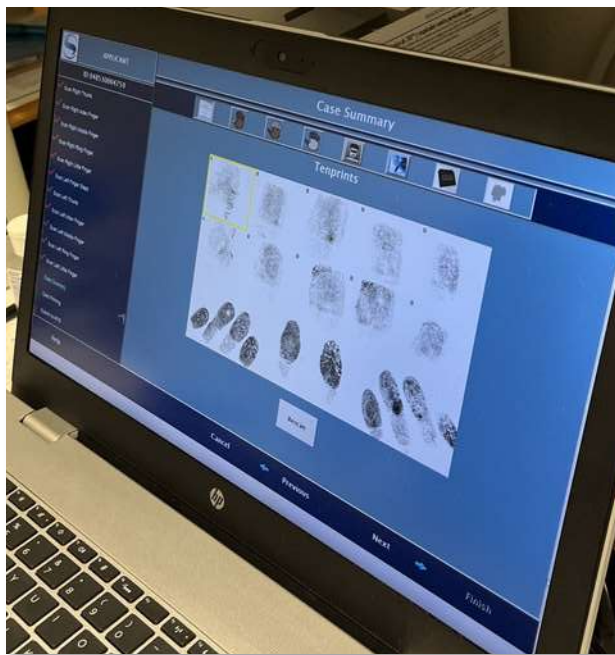
Selected nationally to attend the APCO conference in Baltimore for excellence in public safety communications.

THE VOICES BEHIND THE CALLS

Dickinson-Stark Communications Team



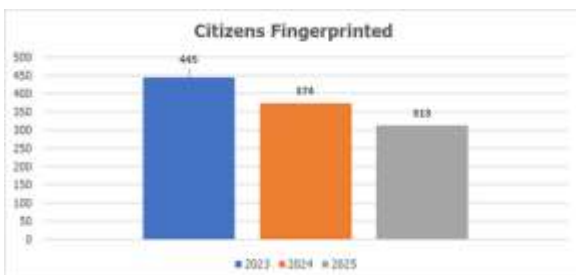
RECORDS



The Police Records Division is responsible for all physical and electronic records related to law enforcement activities within our jurisdiction. These can include incident reports, crash reports, arrest records, warrants, court orders, criminal history files, and case files.

As technology progresses, the Records Division has been tasked with greater duties involving the processing and redaction of body cameras and other digital media.

The division is staffed by three full-time civilian employees and is overseen by a Police Lieutenant.



OPEN RECORDS & TRANSPARENCY



FEDERAL FOIA

The Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) gives individuals the right to request records from federal agencies.



NORTH DAKOTA OPEN RECORDS LAW

N.D. Century Code §44-04 (Sunshine Laws) ensures that government records and meetings are open to the public. Anyone may request public records, regardless of residency or purpose.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST



Police & crash reports



Accident photos



Criminal history (as authorized by law)



Body-worn camera footage & digital evidence

HOW TO REQUEST



In Person



By Mail



Email



Telephone

Requests must reasonably identify the records. We will respond within a reasonable time.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



Certain records are confidential by law, including active investigations, juvenile records, medical information, and personal identifying information.



Portions of records may be redacted to protect privacy, comply with legal exemptions, or ensure officer and victim safety.



Digital records (body-worn camera, in-car video, emails, photos, etc.) require extensive review to balance transparency with privacy and evidentiary concerns.



The Records Division is committed to professionalism, accountability, and ensuring lawful access to public records in accordance with state and federal law.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer program continues to have an important presence within the Dickinson Public School System. The program is lead by an SRO Sergeant, who also serves as a liason officer with Dickinson State University. Three other SROs are assigned to Dickinson High School, Dickinson Middle School, and the area elementary schools.

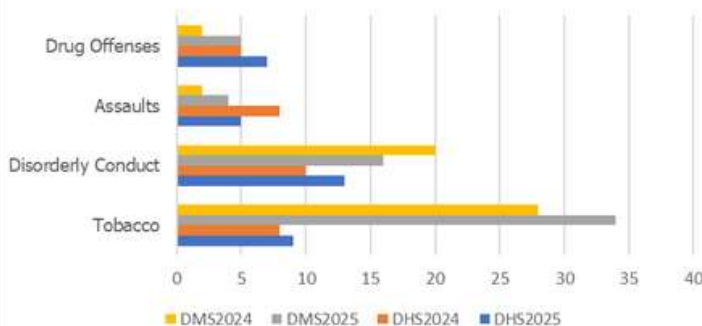
Besides being a daily resource for schools to help address attendance, behavior, and juvenile crime, the SROs also invest a significant amount of time in prevention and education within the school system.



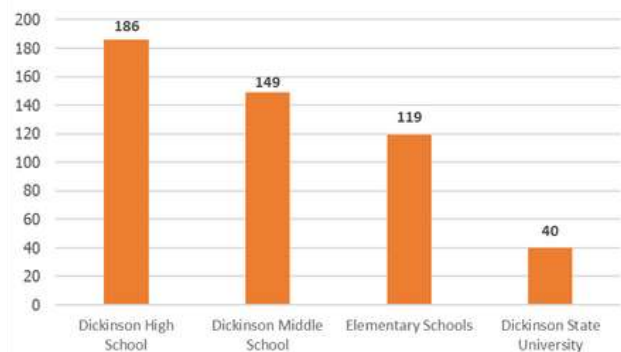
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Dickinson Middle and High School Trends



GENERAL INCIDENT RESPONSES



The year 2025 was also the induction year of our newly established *Cooper Craig-Mellmer Youth Leadership Award*, named after a young man of the same name. The award intends to recognize area youth who exhibit exceptional leadership and effort in our community.

For more info: www.dickinsonpd.com/cooper

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Dickinson Animal Control Division is staffed by one Shelter Coordinator and three Animal Control Specialists. They dedicate their work to the safety and well-being of our community's abandoned and lost pets. Through many years of coordination with area animal rescues, nearly all dogs and cats are either reunited with their owners or otherwise adopted to a rescue organization.



834
TOTAL ANIMALS
CARED FOR



397
RETURNED TO OWNER



425
ADOPTED / RESCUED



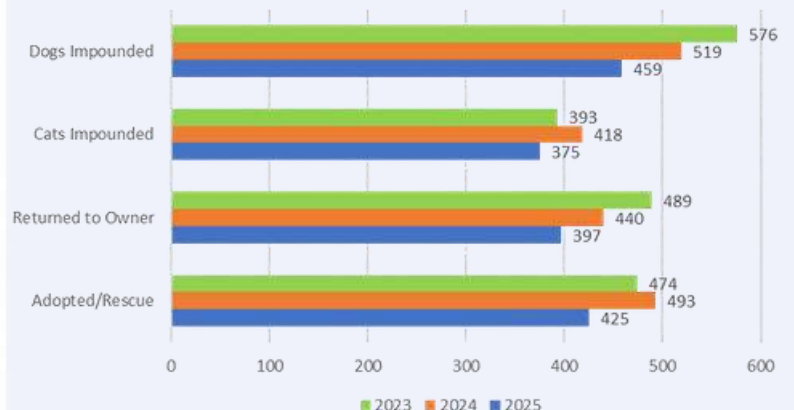
**SAFE. HUMANE.
ACCOUNTABLE.**
Our commitment to every
animal, every day.



Section 5.08.030 License requirements "All dogs and cats kept or maintained in the city shall display a valid City dog or cat license or have a registered microchip implant."



Shelter Activity



OFF THE CUFF PODCAST

Across the country, long-form podcast conversations are becoming the most common way citizens get their news and stay informed. Since 2021, the department has aired “Off the Cuff” podcast to help showcase our department, , keep people up-to-date on area crime trends, and get to know our officers and employees. Hosted by Deputy Chief Matt Hanson and Lieutenant Mike Hanel, the hour-long segments can be found on all major podcast platforms, Facebook, YouTube, and also on Consolidated Channel 19.

EPISODE #21

SWAT Talent - SPO Alex Schroeder and SPO Andrew Stidham

Originally aired 2/6/25

EPISODE #22

Trooper Talk - NDHP SGT Jenna Clawson-Huibregste

Originally aired 3/6/25

EPISODE #23

Altruistic Action - SPO Jarett Blain

Originally aired 5/29/25

EPISODE #24

Resolute Steadiness - SGT Todd Weiler

Originally aired 7/10/25

EPISODE #25

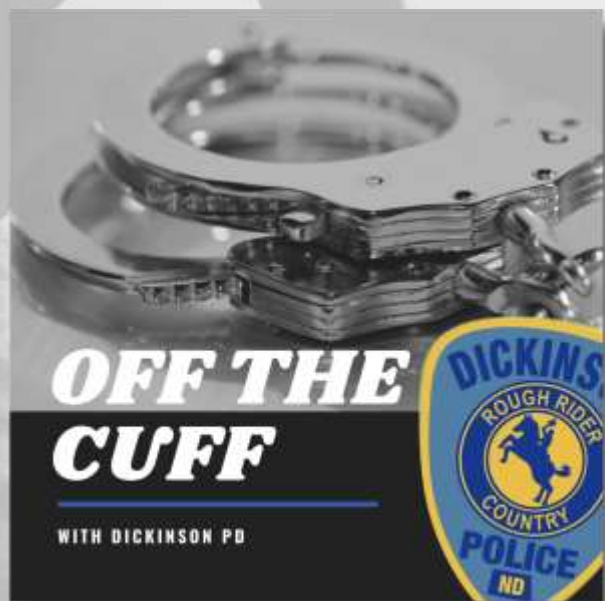
Enduring Enforcement - OFC Anthony Mauser

Originally aired 10/2/25

EPISODE #26

Empowering Youth - SPO Kayla Richard

Originally aired 11/13/25



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VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

In late June, the department was contacted by staffers of Vice President J.D. Vance informing us of his intent to visit the Dickinson area over the 4th of July weekend for a brief family vacation in Medora. A team from the United States Secret Service arrived in town several days in advance and began planning the visit with local and state agencies. The Dickinson Police Department was tasked with motorcade detail, while several members of the Southwest Tactical Team were tasked with embedding with the USSS Counter-Assault Team during the excursions in Medora.



Air Force Two

Two Boeing C40 transport aircraft arrived with the Vance family and staff at the Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport shortly after 9:30 A.M. on July 4th. Agencies from across the state assisted in site security and other logistical positions to make the visit a safe and successful one.

Motorcade

Nearly every sworn officer of the Dickinson PD was tasked with assisting in route security as the Vice President's motorcade traveled through town. Despite also having to provide traffic control for the downtown parade occurring at the same time, the department managed to provide adequate security.



Site Security

Several members of the Southwest Tactical Team embedded with US Secret Service to provide direct tactical support while the Vance family enjoyed a hike on Buck Hill, a tour of the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, and a dinosaur dig site.



125TH ANNIVERSARY



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The Dickinson Police Department celebrated a big milestone in 2025 with the celebration of its 125th year of service to the community. Founded on July 31st, 1900, the department grew from only a handful of officers into the over-75 sworn and non-sworn staff of today. A total of 20 Chief's of Police have served under the city banner and operated out of three different buildings over the course of the last 125 years. To celebrate the occasion, the Dickinson Police Association hosted a luncheon and invited former members to attend. A social media video package was also released during the week, which highlighted everything from early operations and vehicles, to paying homage to our notorious Nightwatchman from the early 1900s "T.B. McDonough". Scan the QR code above to view the videos.

IN MEMORY

RON VAN DOORNE

SENIOR OFFICER (RET.)
DICKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Former Dickinson Police Department Senior Patrol Officer Ron Van Doorne sadly passed away on Sunday, September 14th, 2025 surrounded by family. He was 66 years old.

Ron was born in Michigan but found his way to North Dakota by way of the US Air Force. He joined the department in 2000 and served many roles during his 15-years of service, including School Resource Officer and Community Relations Officer. He retired from the DPD in 2015, but then joined the Stark County Sheriff's Office and continued his service to the public for a number of additional years.



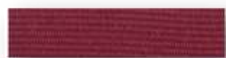
AWARDS AND MILESTONES

MERITORIOUS



OFC Jaidynn Claxton
OFC Austin Dennis
OFC Steven Knapp
LT Travis Leintz
OFC Anthony Mauser
OFC Timothy Meyer
SGT Jeremy Moser
CPL Samantha Okke
SPO Taylor Peters
SPO Dillon Praus
OFC Russ Priewe x2
OFC Matthew Schagunn
OFC Brian Steger
CPL Andrew Stidham
SGT Cori Wallace
SPO Tiffany Whinery x2
OFC Connor Wood

LONGEVITY



CPL Alex Schroeder
SPO Jarett Blain
SPO Kayla Richard
SPO Dillon Praus



PROMOTION
CORPORAL
Andrew Stidham



2025 Chief's Award of Excellence

Detective
Tiffany Whinery

COMMUNITY SERVICE



LT Michael Hanel
Exec. Asst. Darnyl Malkowski
SPO Jarett Blain
SRO Abby Johnson

MILITARY SERVICE



OFC Tyler Hopper
OFC Franky Wyatt



TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICER OF THE YEAR



OFC Anthony Mauser

CRITICAL INCIDENT



SPST Michael Heiser
PST Brianne Jones

EXEMPLARY SERVICE



SPO Taylor Peters
OFC Derek Miller

LIFESAVING



OFC Justin Berger
OFC Austin Dennis
OFC Tyler Hopper
PST Brianne Jones
CPL Mike Legler
PSTII Andrey Little



PROMOTION
CORPORAL
Alex Schroeder

NEW HIRES



PS TELECOMMUNICATOR
Peyton Pedersen



PS TELECOMMUNICATOR
Courtney Wilson



PS TELECOMMUNICATOR
April Eagon



PS TELECOMMUNICATOR
Louis Vannett



OFFICER
Tyler Hopper



OFFICER
Eric Michel



OFFICER
Franky Wyatt

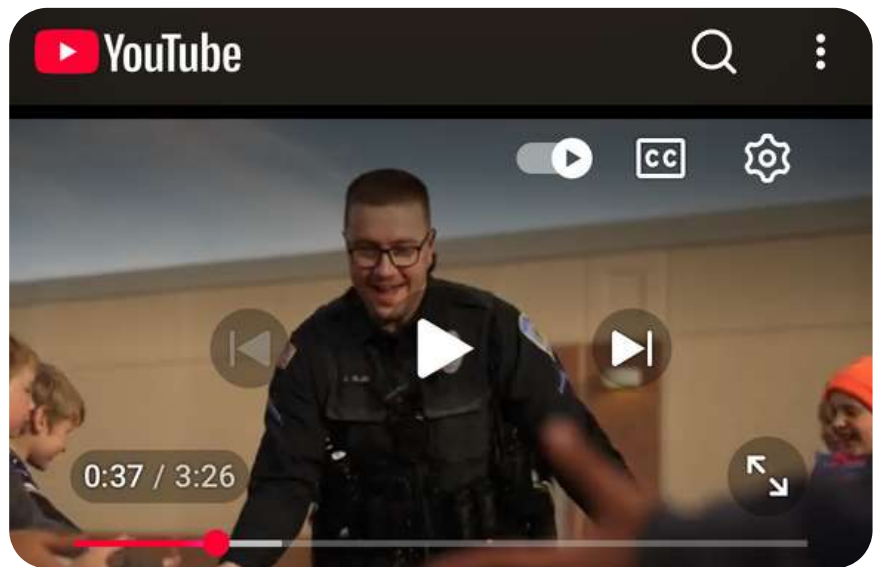


OFFICER
Quinton Shriver



ANIMAL CONTROL OFC
Shantell Leggate

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