

2025 Annual Report
City of Dodgeville Police Department



Presented by: Chief of Police Brandon Wilhelm

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Chief of Police Brandon Wilhelm

March 4th, 2026

Mayor, Barry Hottmann,
Members, Common Council Commissioners,
Dodgeville - Police and Fire Commission
Citizens of Dodgeville

Dear Mayor Hottmann, Council Members and Commissioners, and Citizens of Dodgeville,

I am pleased to submit the Dodgeville Police Department's 2025 Annual Report for your review.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of departmental activity, operational trends, staffing status, policy initiatives, equipment modernization, and community engagement efforts over the past year. It also outlines the challenges faced by the department and the strategic priorities that will guide our work moving forward.

Throughout 2025, our personnel continued to meet increasing service demands while maintaining a strong commitment to public safety, professionalism, and community partnership. The report reflects both the scope of responsibilities carried by the department and the continued support provided by city leadership and the community we serve.

Thank you for your continued trust and support of the Dodgeville Police Department. I welcome any questions or discussion regarding the information contained in this report.

Sincerely,

Brandon E. Wilhelm

Brandon E. Wilhelm, Chief of Police

DODGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION VALUES AND STRUCTURE

Mission

“To protect and serve, in partnership with our community, through integrity and compassion.”

Organizational Values

Human Life	We value human life above all. We will defend it with reasonable force if necessary.
Respect	We value respect, through fair and impartial deployment of our police services.
Integrity	We believe that character is the foundation of our value system and its preservation.
Teamwork	We believe strength is derived from its employees and each is valuable in achieving these goals.
Accountability	We believe accountability preserves the basic tenets of our organizational values.

Structure

Elected

Mayor and Common Council 2025

Mayor Barry Hottmann	
Shaun Sersch	Ward 1, 2, 10
Roxanne Reynolds-Lair	Ward 1, 2, 10
Tom Devoss	Ward 3,4
Jeff Weber	Ward 3,4
Mike Olson	Ward 5, 6
Jerry Johnson	Ward 5,6
Julie Johnson-Solberg	Ward 7,8,9
Larry Tremelling	Ward 7,8,9

Appointed

Police and Fire Commission

Marie Fralick (President)
Mary McKinley (Secretary)
Tom Demuth (Vice President)
Mike Humke
Ken Von Rueden
Patrick Forsyth (Alternate)
John Pipal (Alternate)

DODGEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF



Command Staff

Under the general direction of the Mayor, Common Council, and Dodgeville Police and Fire Commission, the Chief of Police, Brandon Wilhelm, is responsible for planning through policy development, coordinating, supervising, and evaluating all police department operations.

Lieutenant Benjamin Conway is second in command and is responsible for assisting the Chief in policy development, supervision, hiring processes, and evaluation of department operations. The Lieutenant also directs and conducts investigations, assists the Chief in fulfilling necessary duties, and fills in for the Chief of Police in his absence.

Sergeant and Police Officers

The Sergeant and Police Officers provide various services to citizens and our community. The Sergeant, Blake Weier, supervises police officers, reviews reports, and completes all scheduling for the Department.

Police Officers' tasks include community service calls, enforcement of state statutes, local ordinances, and traffic laws, criminal investigations, deterrence efforts through community engagement, outreach, and presentations, and preventative patrol. Many of our Officers also have specialized skills, allowing them to conduct more complex investigations from start to finish.

Full-time officers include Sergeant Blake Weier, David Brennum, Jared Weier, Garrett Faull, Cody Durni, Joseph Pepper, Shane Groom, and Mandi Andrews. We have two part-time officers: David Pope and Todd Oellerich.



CHIEF BRANDON WILHELM
Serving since 2006



LIEUTENANT BEN CONWAY
Serving Since 2024



SERGEANT BLAKE WEIER
Serving since 2017



OFFICER JOSEPH PEPPER
Serving since 2003



OFFICER DAVID BRENNUM
Serving since 2016



OFFICER JARED WEIER
Serving since 2015



OFFICER CODY DURNI
Serving since 2017



OFFICER SHANE GROOM
Serving since 2019



OFFICER GARRETT FAULL
Serving since 2023



OFFICER MANDI ANDREWS
Serving since 2024



THERAPY DOG CHARLIE
Serving since 2024

Support Staff – Confidential Secretary

Roseann Rossing and Amy Michek provide support at the direction of the Chief and Lieutenant regarding purchasing, records maintenance, transcription, open records requests, crime reporting submissions, report review, submission, and dissemination, and customer service. They work a rotating schedule with Amy Michek working approximately 24 hours a week and Roseann Rossing working approximately 16 hours a week.

In 2025 Administrative Assistants assisted with the review and the subsequent dissemination of 404 cases, the processing of 669 parking citations, 266 open records requests, and took approximately 3,918 calls to the Police Department. Open records requests increased 11% from 2024 and parking citations increased 21%. Cases and calls to the police department were relatively unchanged.

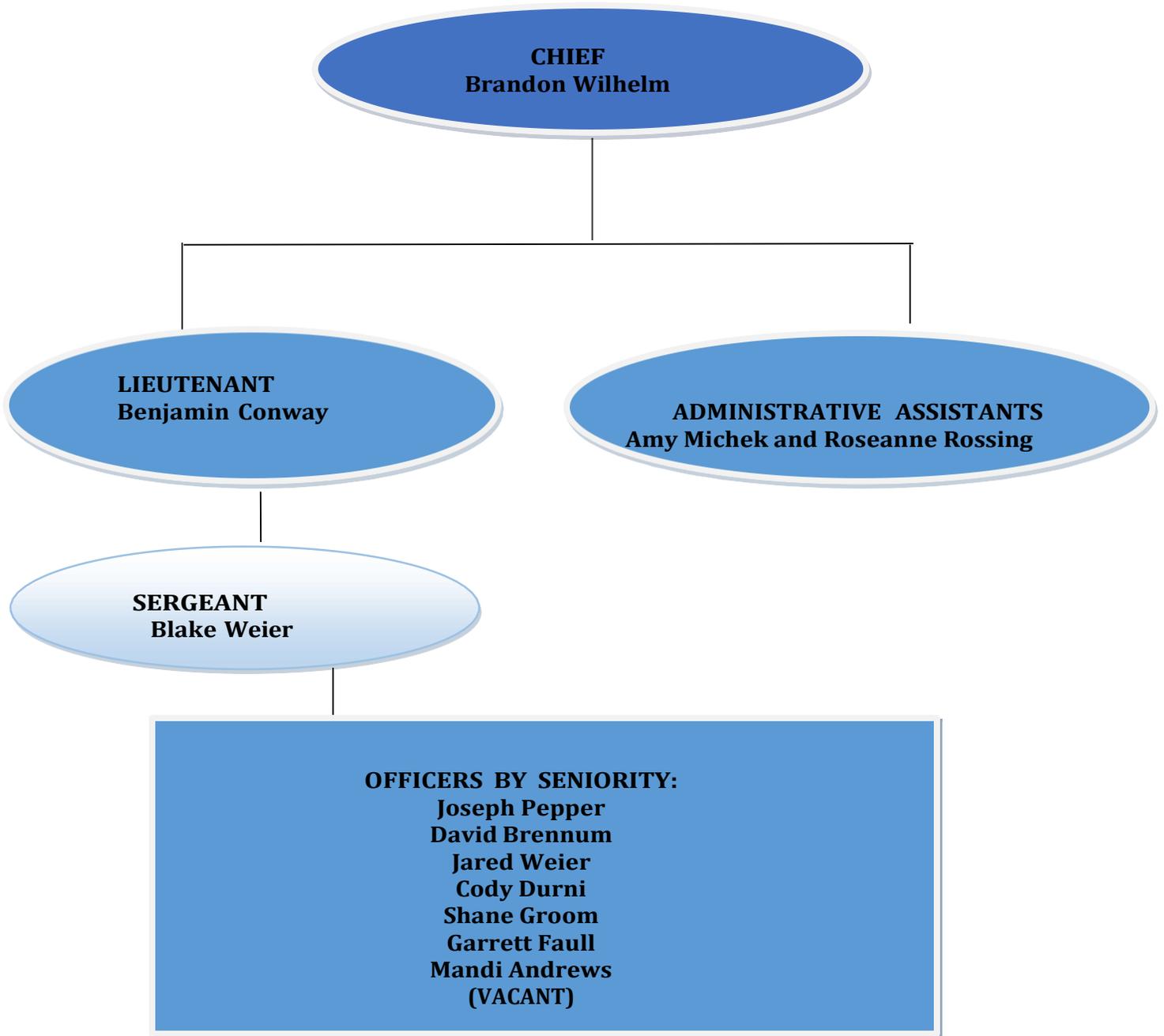


AMY MICHEK
Serving since 2019



ROSSEANN ROSSING
Serving since 2015

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CITY OF DODGEVILLE DEMOGRAPHICS

Population estimates, July 1, 2024, (V2024)	□□ 5,077
Population estimates base, April 1, 2020, (V2024)	□□ 4,986
Population, percent change - April 1, 2020 (estimates base) to July 1, 2024, (V2024)	□□ 1.8%
Population, Census, April 1, 2020	4,984
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	4,693
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent	□□ 6.1%
Persons under 18 years, percent	□□ 20.7%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	□□ 19.7%
Female persons, percent	□□ 47.8%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent	□□ 91.0%
Black alone, percent (a)	□□ 1.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	□□ 0.2%
Asian alone, percent (a)	□□ 2.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	□□ 0.0%
Two or More Races, percent	□□ 3.7%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	□□ 2.3%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	□□ 91.0%
Population Characteristics	
Veterans, 2020-2024	179
Foreign born persons, percent, 2020-2024	2.6%

Housing	
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2020-2024	63.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2020-2024	\$242,600
Median selected monthly owner costs - with a mortgage, 2020-2024	\$1,491
Median selected monthly owner costs - without a mortgage, 2020-2024	\$720
Median gross rent, 2020-2024	\$999
Families & Living Arrangements	
Households, 2020-2024	2,283
Persons per household, 2020-2024	2.17
Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+ , 2020-2024	88.0%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2020-2024	2.5%
Computer and Internet Use	
Households with a computer, percent, 2020-2024	94.7%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2020-2024	93.2%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2020-2024	94.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2020-2024	31.8%
Health	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2020-2024	11.3%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	□□ 4.2%
Economy	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2020-2024	71.1%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2020-2024	68.9%

Total accommodation and food services sales, 2022 (\$1,000)(c)	15,413
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2022 (\$1,000)(c)	127,560
Total transportation and warehousing receipts/revenue, 2022 (\$1,000)(c)	58,699
Total retail sales, 2022 (\$1,000)(c)	1,531,236
Total retail sales per capita, 2022(c)	\$300,419
Transportation	
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2020-2024	29.5
Income & Poverty	
Median households' income (in 2024 dollars), 2020-2024	\$72,288
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2024 dollars), 2020-2024	\$39,868
Persons in poverty, percent	□□ 6.3%

(United States Census Bureau QuickFacts, n.d.)

2025 ANNUAL OVERVIEW

The Dodgeville Police Department experienced sustained operational demand throughout 2025, marked by increased calls for service, complex investigations, staffing challenges, expanded community engagement responsibilities, and significant organizational improvements.

Despite these pressures, the department maintained public safety services, enhanced operational infrastructure, implemented strategic workforce initiatives, and modernized policies and equipment to support long-term service delivery.

Key Operations include:

- 4,217 calls for service in 2025: A 14% increase from 2024
- Major interagency homicide investigation response
- Adoption of recruit sponsorship agreement to support staffing
- Significant ordinance modernization efforts
- Officer Wellness initiatives implemented
- Technology and equipment upgrades improving operational efficiency
- Expanded emergency preparedness and training
- Continued staffing shortages and recruitment challenges

Calls for Service & Activity Trends

Annual Call Volume

- **2025:** 4,217 calls for service
- **2024:** 3,703 calls for service
- **Change:** 14% increase

Final classifications and trend analysis will be further detailed in departmental data reporting as evidenced in the “Yearly Incidents and Clearance Rates” section of this report. The increase in call volume is based on a multitude of factors, however, data review suggests some of the following contributing factors.

- Expanded documentation practices and improved reporting systems contributed to increased recorded activity. This includes the documentation of parking enforcement which previously was not captured in data obtained from the shared reporting system (FORS).
 - “Parking Issues” increased from approximately 74 in 2024 to 234 in 2025. Removing this data from the total calls for service would still result in a 10% increase in calls for service
- The implementation of assisting the public with vehicle lockouts in 2023 has led to an average of approximately 78 assists with vehicle lockouts in subsequent years.
- There was a 70 Percent increase in “Disturbance Calls” from 2024 to 2025

- Five-year totals also peaked in 2025 in the following categories:
 - Sex Offenses
 - Threats
 - Threats
 - Ordinance Issues
 - Harassment
 - Juvenile Issues
 - Warrant Arrest/Attempt
 - Abuse
 - Fraud
 - Animal Issues
 - Civil issues
 - Traffic Control/Traffic Complaints

Major Incident Response

July 2025 Homicide Investigation

In July 2025, the City of Dodgeville experienced its first intentional homicide since 2006. The investigation required extensive interagency cooperation involving local, regional, and multi-state law enforcement partners.

Key outcomes included:

- Rapid investigative progress within the first 12 hours
- Deployment of more than 50 personnel during initial response
- Sustained investigative support from partner agencies
- Public communication efforts to help alleviate rumors and assure ongoing efforts
- Continued delivery of routine police services during the investigation
- Apprehension of a suspect within 12 hours due to interagency coordination

This incident demonstrated the effectiveness of interagency coordination, training investments, and operational preparedness.

Personnel & Staffing

The department is currently operating with:

- **8 sworn officers**
- **Lieutenant and Chief**
- **1 vacant officer position**

Recruitment efforts remain ongoing to restore full staffing levels. The department continues to evaluate hiring strategies and workforce sustainability measures in response to regional and national law enforcement recruitment challenges. Throughout 2025 presentations were made to the City Council, the Admin and Personnel committee and the Police and Fire Commission regarding the benefits of an additional officer position. The goals section of this report will detail benefits and costs of this proposal.

Labor Agreement Supporting Recruitment

In 2025, the City of Dodgeville and Teamsters Union Local No. 120 approved a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a structured pathway for hiring and sponsoring noncertified officers through the Wisconsin Police Recruit Academy.

Key provisions include:

- Swearing-in of recruits prior to academy attendance
- Department sponsorship of academy tuition and materials
- Benefits eligibility during academy training
- Compensation at 65% of contractual hire wage during training
- Probationary employment status during academy attendance
- Transition to certified officer status upon successful completion

This agreement supports recruitment capacity, workforce development, and long-term staffing stability.

Policy Development, Ordinance Updates & Governance

Throughout 2025, the department worked closely with the Ordinance Committee and City Council to revise multiple ordinances addressing public safety concerns.

Key ordinance actions included:

- **ATV/UTV Operations:** Municipal Code 7.145 amended to align operating hours with county standards. Operation is now prohibited between 1:00 AM and 5:00 AM.
- **Noise Regulation:** Municipal Code 9.06 updated to include the standard of “unreasonably loud” noise.
- **Outdoor Burning Regulations:** Municipal Code 9.13 substantially revised to clarify permitted materials, fire pit use, burn barrels, and outdoor furnaces.
- **Traffic Safety:** Intersection of Union Street and Parry Street designated as a four-way stop following citizen concerns and safety review.
- **Electronic Bicycle Regulation:** Municipal codes updated to prohibit operation of electronic bicycles in parks unless self-propelled and to prohibit operation on city sidewalks.

Additional governance and operational policy developments included:

- Substantial progress toward updating Police and Fire Commission bylaws
- Creation of a Police Department Continuity of Operations Plan integrated with the City Emergency Response Plan

Technology, Systems & Infrastructure Improvements

Significant operational upgrades were completed in 2025:

- Deployment of the 2025 hybrid squad vehicle following an extended upfitting process
- Installation of a new network switch that significantly increased internet speeds and system reliability
- Full transition to the Zuercher reporting system
- Parking citations were reprinted utilizing a QR code for payment significantly decreasing foot traffic into the Police Department and increasing prompt payments

Zuercher System Implementation

2025 marked the first full year operating under the new reporting platform. Benefits include:

- Shared information access across personnel
- Real-time visibility of incoming calls
- Historical data access for locations and contacts
- Reduced report writing time through automated data entry
- Integrated evidence and property tracking
- Audit logging for report modifications
- Improved cross-agency collaboration
- Efficient transmission of incident-based reporting to State/Federal partners.

These improvements enhance operational efficiency, investigative capability, and accountability.

Equipment Modernization & Resource Management

Equipment upgrades and resource management efforts included:

- Transition to Shadow Systems DR920 9mm duty handguns with red dot optics
- Deployment of Sig Sauer .223 rifles with suppressors
- Implementation of simulation-based firearms training
- Department-wide purge of outdated equipment
- Sale of surplus property no longer required for operations

Many of these projects assisted with an ongoing evaluation of Department needs while taking into consideration the safety of Officers and their ability to effectively respond to complex situations. Fleet modernization also continued with full deployment of the hybrid squad vehicle. With the implementation of the 2025 Ford Explorer Hybrid, we will now have two Hybrid vehicles as our primary squad vehicles for call response. Continual evaluation of fuel savings over time will help to evaluate what, if any, financial benefits occur with the implementation of Hybrid vehicles.

Officer Wellness

Officer Wellness Initiative

A formal wellness policy was finalized and implemented, establishing:

- Annual wellness day for each officer
- Required confidential consultation with a licensed therapist
- Structured reflection and goal-setting process
- Time off following the wellness session
- In-person consultation required during initial year of participation; subsequent years will allow for video options to be utilized.

A physical wellness incentive for Officers who utilize a designated fitness facility 100 times in a year was also achieved by multiple Officers. These initiatives support officer mental health, physical health, performance sustainability, and long-term organizational resilience.

Emergency Preparedness & Operations

Major preparedness initiatives completed or advanced in 2025 included:

- Finalization of the City Emergency Response Plan
- Integration of departmental Continuity of Operations planning
- Enhanced event safety planning and operational coordination
- The department participated in three countywide Rescue Task Force trainings designed to enhance response capability during mass casualty incidents. Ongoing trainings will continue to ensure preparedness for these types of situations.

These initiatives strengthen community resilience and response capability.

Community Event Operations & Public Safety Support

Department personnel provided extensive planning, coordination, and staffing support for community events throughout 2025. Officers reviewed operational plans, assessed traffic and crowd management needs, and determined staffing requirements for each event.

To enhance safety of attendees, the Dodgeville Police Department purchased 10 water-filled barriers that have been deployed at multiple events with the assistance of the Dodgeville Fire Department. These barriers provide an additional buffer between vehicular traffic and attendees as well as delineating the event area and traffic routes. Each event required operational review and often required additional staffing resources, creating increased service demands. Despite these pressures, public safety coverage was maintained and events were conducted safely through proactive planning and coordination.

Events supported included:

- Grilled Cheese Festival
- Memorial Day Parade
- Two “No Kings” Rallies
- All American Circus
- Sip n’ Savor and Fireworks
- Farmers Appreciation Day Parade
- Farmers Markets
- Dodge Fest
- Maxwell Street Days
- Homecoming Parade
- Home for the Holidays Parade
- Upland Hills Hospital Events
- Community block parties
- Five Lands’ End concerts
- Town Square Week
- Six run/walk/race events
- Six Cars and Coffee events
- Two flea markets

Community Engagement & Outreach

Community engagement initiatives included:

- Safety equipment distribution (bicycle helmets/gun locks)
- School and assisted living outreach visits
- Active threat training for local schools and businesses
- Participation in civic and charitable events

These efforts strengthen public trust and support proactive crime prevention.

School Resource Officer and Therapy Dog Program

The school year is already halfway over, and the fourth quarter/term is almost here! DARE has been in full swing with four (4) separate 5th grade groups at the DMS and one group beginning at St. Joseph's. Graduation for both schools will be in May!

Therapy Dog "Charlie":

- Charlie has completed Puppy Preschool and CGC (Canine Good Citizen) tests for certification.
- Charlie recently (January 9th) turned two years of age!
- Charlie and Officer Pepper have both been in continuous training, with Mayhem to Manners, Dodgeville, on Momentum Training, Doggy Day Camp (socialization with other dogs) and Travel & Train (training in which they go out into community and/or businesses which welcome dogs to visit and train).
- Our hope, is this Spring/Summer, is for Charlie to achieve the Alliance Therapy Dog Test. With this certification, Charlie will no longer be "in-training" and will officially be a

certified Therapy Dog. The wait for this was recommended, for most dogs his age, to gain more maturity before attempting the test.

Operational Challenges

Key challenges encountered in 2025 included:

- Increased service demand
 - Calls for Service are increasing. Those calls are also becoming more complex with the introduction of additional digital evidence. For example, fraud cases occurring via the web present substantial challenges to investigate.
- Navigation of the new reporting system (Zuercher)
 - With the shift to Zuercher at the beginning of the year, there was a substantial change to the methods and protocols in which reports are documented, reviewed and disseminated. Many of these challenges still exist as we continue to navigate this new system.
 - Additionally, on April 28, 2025, Iowa County, suffered a major ransomware attack that paralyzed critical infrastructure, including land records, tax processing, and real estate transactions. The attack involved the deletion of significant network data and backups, forcing, in some cases, a halt to property closings and causing weeks of disruption to county services. As a sub-user of the County report management system this incident effected the transition at the Dodgeville Police Department and resulted in a shift back to the previous data management system (FORS) for a period of approximately five months.
- Expanding digital evidence workload
 - Cases often involve multiple sources of digital data including cell phones, video surveillance, body camera videos, etc. This type of evidence presents unique challenges with storage, discovery, review and dissemination that often involves increased time demands on Officers.
- Increased complexity of open records requests
 - Open records requests increased approximately 11% in 2025 from 2024. A large percentage of those requests also include requests for body camera footage. In order to disseminate this footage, it must be reviewed in full and then certain information needs to be pixelated and redacted. An average case may have over 2 hours of body camera video from multiple officers' perspectives as well as squad camera video. Currently, review and redaction has averaged approx. three times the length of the videos involved. For example, if there is two hours of footage, it is taking approximately six hours to complete the redaction process.
- Resource demands associated with major investigations
 - Large scale investigations generate increased demand on already limited resources.
- Personnel strain associated with large-scale community events
 - As described in the "Community Event Operations & Public Safety Support" section, there is an increased demand for police services associated with large events within the community.

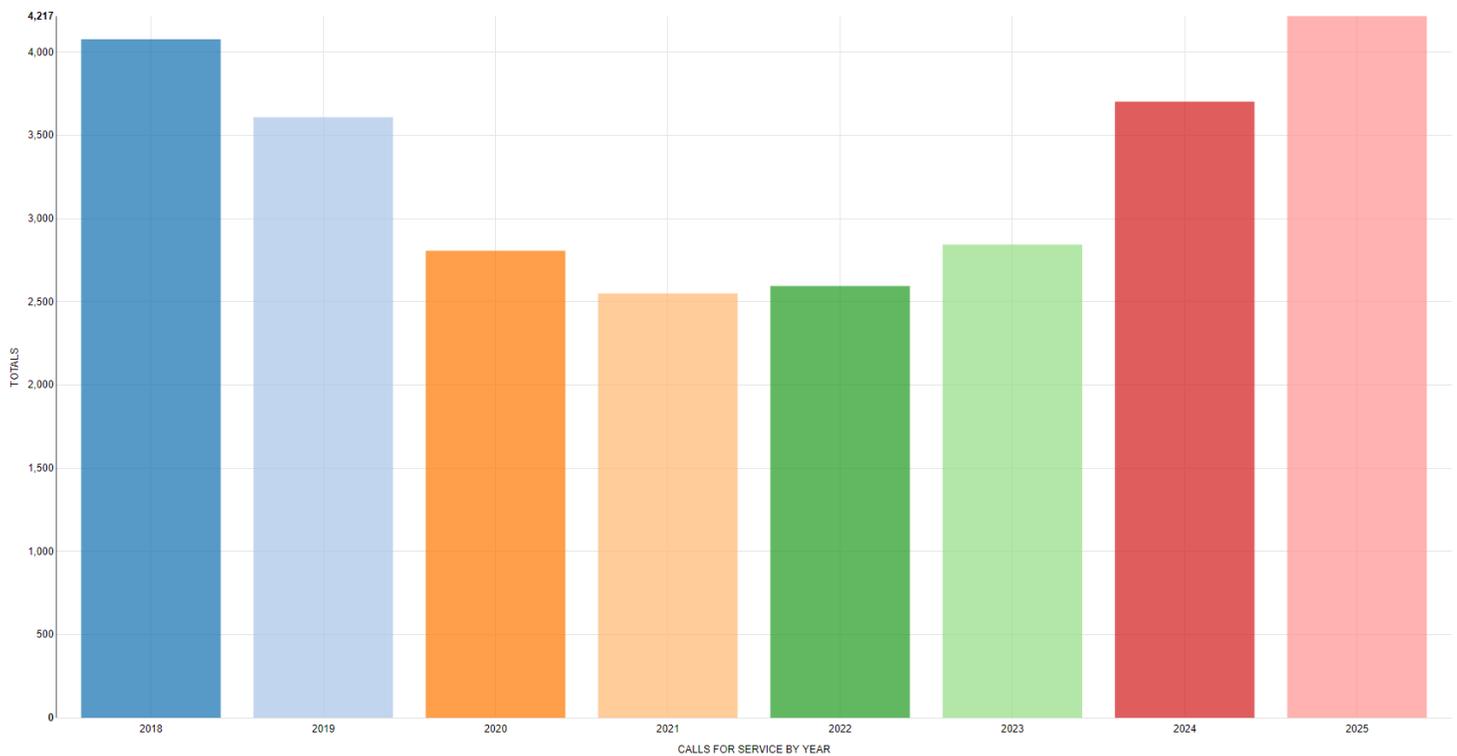
- An increase in mass casualty incidents nationwide places additional need for operational plans and management during these events.
- Staffing shortages and recruitment limitations
 - With the loss of one officer in 2025, remaining officers have had to change shifts and cover outside of their normal hours.
 - Two recruitment processes were held in 2025 to attempt to fill the open position. This process is still ongoing with final conditional offers pending. The first recruitment process resulted in no candidates coming to the testing. Prior to the second process, changes were made to the necessary qualifications and 16 applications were received. Of those sixteen applications:
 - 7 Withdrew prior to completion of the process
 - 5 did not respond to invitations to test
 - 4 completed all stages of the hiring process and 2 were approved for the eligibility list
 - It is becoming evident that future staffing will likely require recruitment prior to schooling and certification. Remaining competitive in salary and benefits will also assist in retaining current employees and attracting new hires.

Despite these challenges, the department maintained operational effectiveness and service continuity. The department will continue to evaluate the allocation of resources and personnel and provide the tools necessary for staff to address issues within the community.

YEARLY INCIDENTS AND CLEARANCE RATES- COMPARISON

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Call for service data was obtained from call records via Iowa County Dispatch beginning in 2018, the earliest year available with the new software. The data shows a decline beginning in 2019 and continuing throughout the years of the pandemic. Calls for service now appear to be on a rebound with 2025 surpassing 2019 levels.



The increase in call volume is based on a multitude of factors previously described in this report. Additionally, five-year totals peaked in 2025 in the following categories

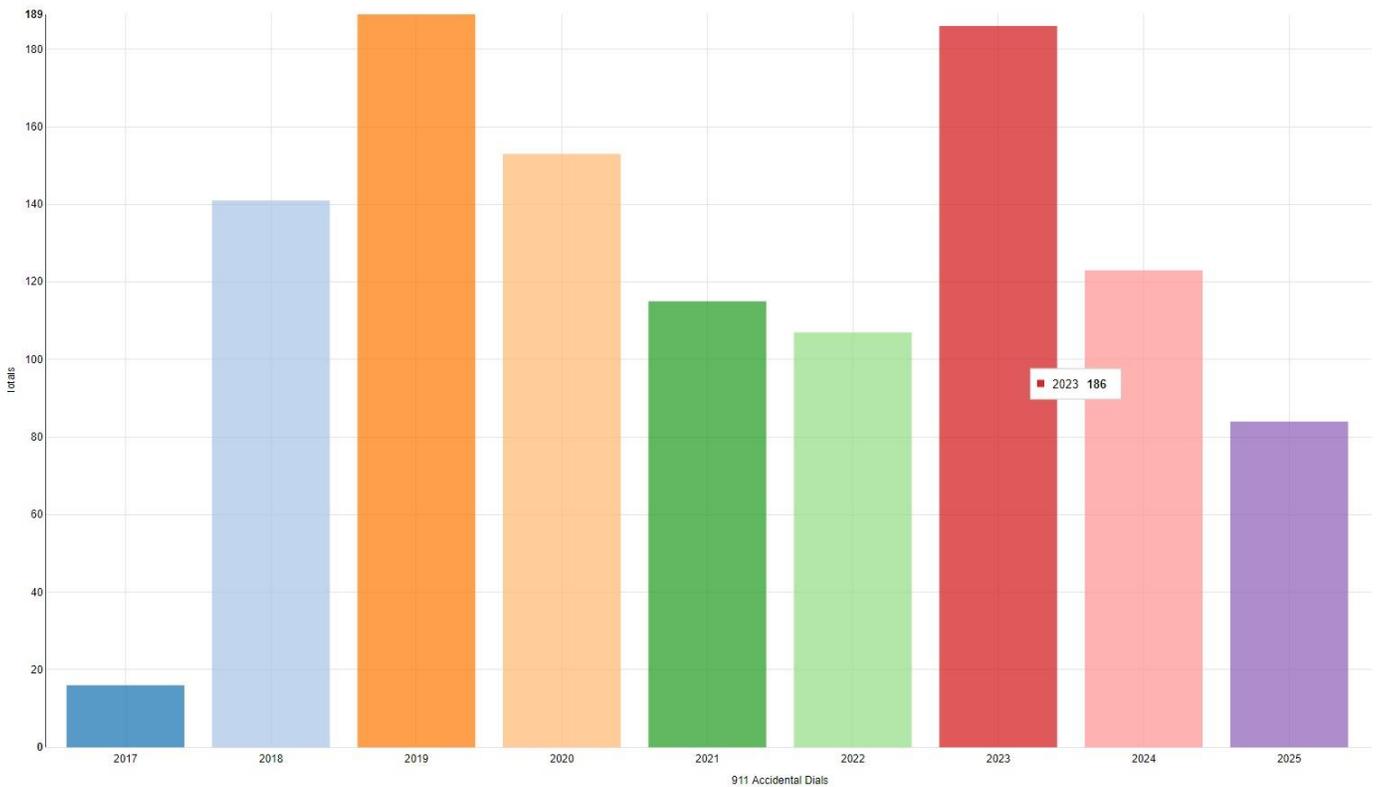
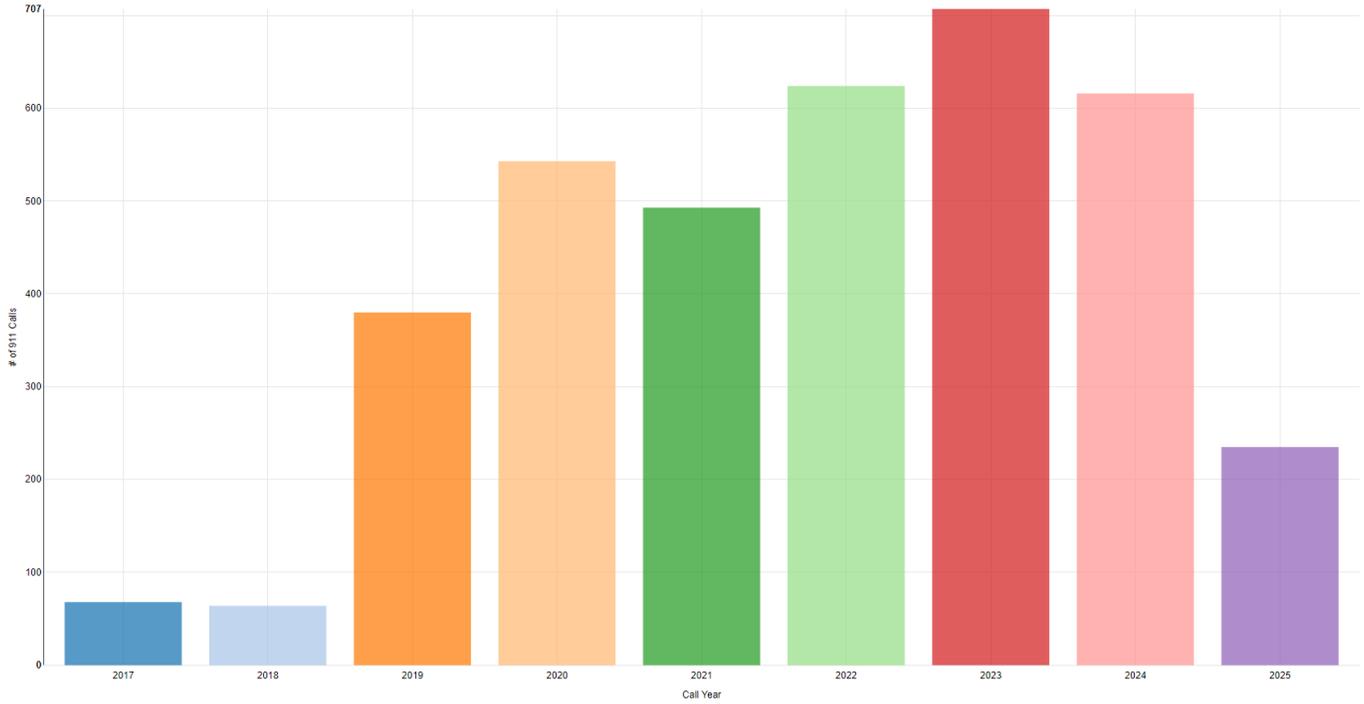
- Sex Offenses
- Threats
- Vandalism
- Harassment
- Warrant Arrest/Attempt
- Fraud
- Animal Issues
- Civil issues
- Traffic Control/Traffic Complaints
- Threats
- Ordinance Issues
- Juvenile Issues
- Abuse

Calls for service in 2025 involving a Dodgeville Police Department Officer are as follows:

911 Misdial Total: 83	EMS (Choking) Total: 2	K9 Request Total: 5
Abandoned Vehicle Total: 7	EMS (Diabetic) Total: 15	Littering Total: 2
Abuse Total: 5	EMS (Difficulty Breathing) Total: 21	Livestock in Roadway Total: 3
Agency Standby Total: 2	EMS (Fall) Total: 87	Lost Property Total: 6
Aircraft Total: 1	EMS (Medical Emerg) Total: 15	Mental Health Assessment Total: 18
Animal Bite Total: 17	EMS (Overdose) Total: 13	Missing Person Total: 15
Animal Issues Total: 125	EMS (Pregnancy) Total: 1	Motorist Assist Total: 75
Assault Total: 4	EMS (Pulseless Non-Breather) Total: 13	Noise Total: 83
Assist - Law Enforcement Total: 45	EMS (Seizure) Total: 24	Odor Investigation Total: 22
Assist - Other Total: 223	EMS (Sick) Total: 32	Ordinance Total: 39
Attempt to Locate Total: 2	EMS (Stroke) Total: 4	Panic Alarm Total: 5
Bail Jumping Total: 7	EMS (Suicide) Total: 3	Parking Issues Total: 234
Bar Check Total: 50	EMS (Transfer) Total: 3	Property Damage Total: 22
Burglar Alarm Total: 28	EMS (Trauma) Total: 10	Pursuit Total: 1
Burglary Total: 6	EMS (Unconscious) Total: 29	Robbery Total: 4
Child Custody Issues Total: 18	EMS (Unk Medical) Total: 63	Search Warrant Total: 6
Citizen Assist Total: 283	ERT Activation Total: 1	Sex Offense Total: 18
Civil Issues Total: 34	Escort Total: 2	Special Event Total: 11
Civil Paper Service Total: 4	Extra Patrol Total: 55	Stolen Vehicle Total: 8
Civil Standby / Keep the Peace Total: 23	Fire Alarm Total: 13	Storm Damage Total: 1
Crash (Animal) Total: 3	Fire (Brush) Total: 3	Suicide Threats Total: 43
Crash/Automated (Phone/Vehicle) Total: 6	Fire (Electrical) Total: 1	Suspicious Activity Total: 66
Crash (Fleet Vehicle) Total: 2	Fire (Gas Leak) Total: 4	Suspicious Person Total: 67
Crash (Hit & Run) Total: 19	Fire (Other) Total: 3	Suspicious Vehicle Total: 28
Crash (MVA) Total: 104	Fire (Report of Smoke) Total: 5	Theft Total: 91
Crash (Slide Off) Total: 6	Fire (Structure) Total: 3	Threats Total: 21
Death Investigation / Coroner Request Total: 4	Fire (Vehicle) Total: 4	Traffic Complaint Total: 114
Debris in Roadway Total: 18	Flock Hit Total: 3	Traffic Control Total: 46
Disturbance Total: 209	Follow Up Total: 125	Traffic Hazard Total: 12
Domestic Disturbance Total: 16	Found Property Total: 29	Traffic Stop Total: 370
Door//Bldg/Bus Check Total: 303	Fraud Total: 32	Training Total: 3
Duplicate Call Total: 1	Harassment Total: 40	Trespass Total: 15
EMS (Abdominal Pain) Total: 1	Information Total: 27	Vehicle Lock Out Total: 74
EMS (Allergic) Total: 1	Investigation Total: 1	Voucher Total: 1
EMS (Back Pain) Total: 1	Investigation (Drugs) Total: 7	Warrant Arrest/Attempt Total: 38
EMS (Bleeding) Total: 6	Jail Incident Total: 7	Welfare Check Total: 180
EMS (Chest Pain) Total: 13	Jail or Prisoner Transport Total: 8	
	Juvenile Issues Total: 63	Total Records: 4217

911 CALLS

As part of the data compilation for this report, 911 call trends over the past 9 years were also reviewed to determine periods when often more emergent type calls are being made. You will notice that over time, 911 calls involving a Dodgeville Officer increased rapidly starting in 2019 and then rapidly dropped in 2025. This can likely be attributed, to some extent, to security system technology within Apple and Samsung platforms improving, especially related to crash detection, and thereby decreasing 911 misdials recently.



Dodgeville Crime Statistics

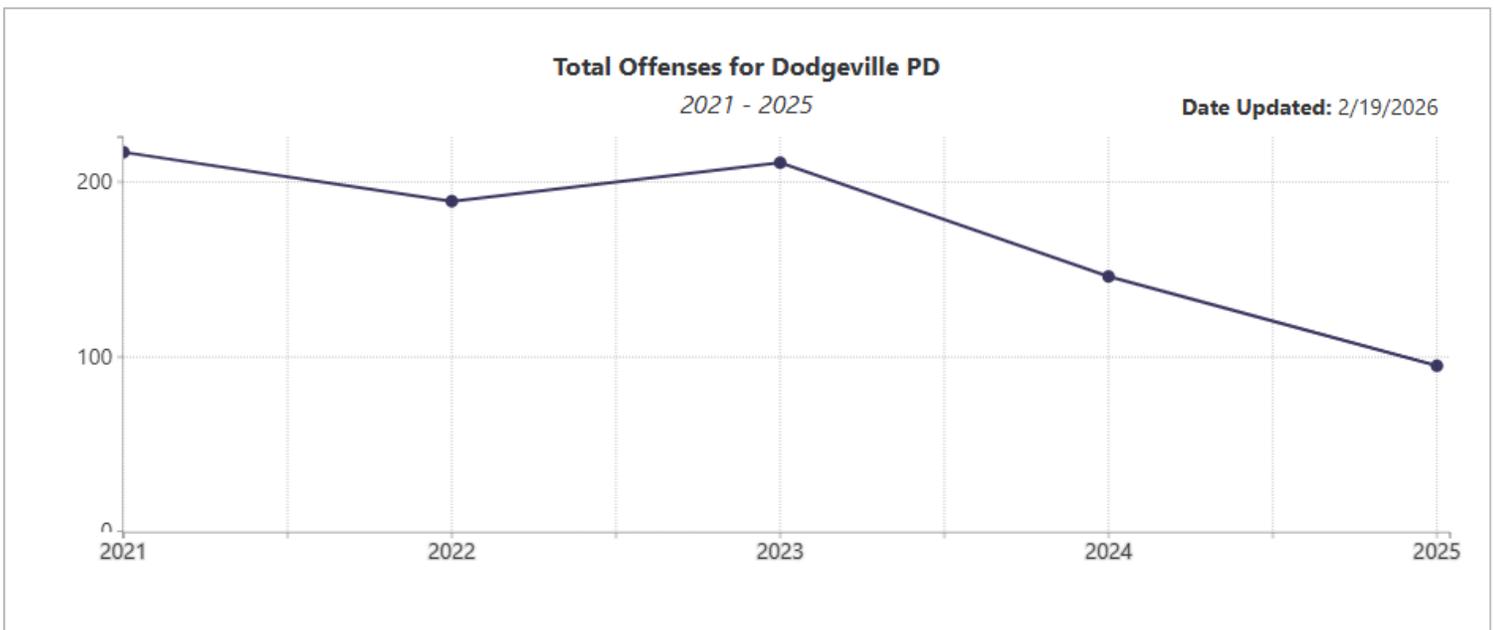
Since 2021, Dodgeville crime statistics have shown a similar decline to nationwide statistics. Since 2021, the Dodgeville Police Department has submitted statistics to the Wisconsin Incident-Based Reporting System(WIBRS). The graphs below show data as submitted to their agency. Notably, crimes against persons had been on a downward trend but escalated in 2025, especially related to assaults which increased substantially from seven in 2024 to 30 in 2025. Crimes against property, such as theft, dropped dramatically. This may be a byproduct of WIBRS submissions through Zuercher designating only certain offenses as meeting submission protocols. Though the overall trend does show a decrease in crime statistics that data should be weighed against future years of data to determine actual increases/decreases in crime.

Crime History - Dodgeville PD, WI0250100

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Offense Category ▾

Date Range ▾ 2021 - 2025

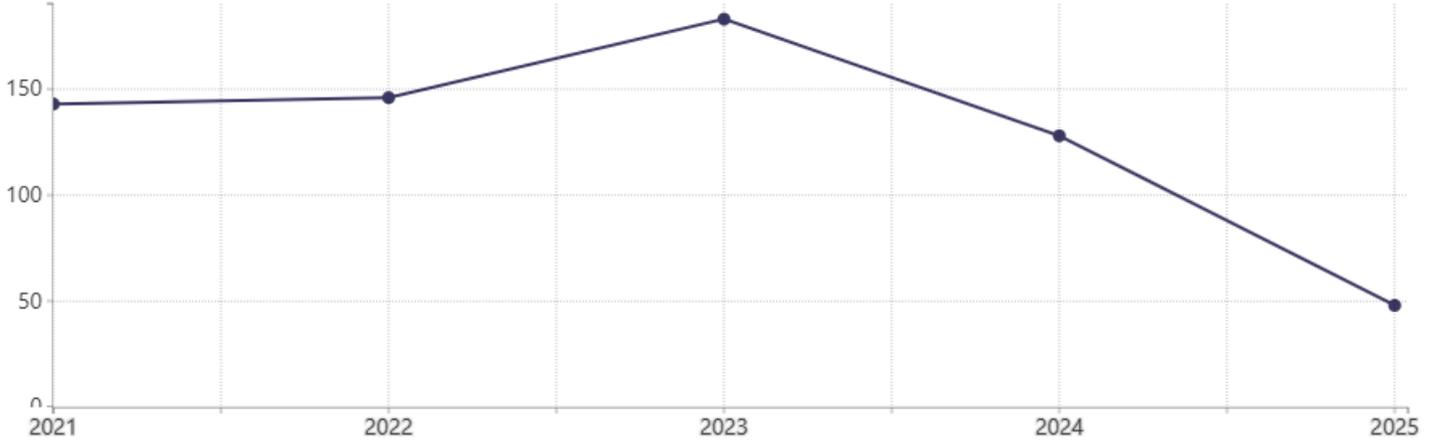


Offense	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	217	189	211	146	95
► Crimes Against Persons	42	27	18	10	36
► Crimes Against Property	143	146	183	128	48
► Crimes Against Society	32	16	10	8	11

Crimes Against Property Offenses for Dodgeville PD

2021 - 2025

Date Updated: 2/20/2026



Crimes Against Property Offenses by Subcategory

2021 - 2025

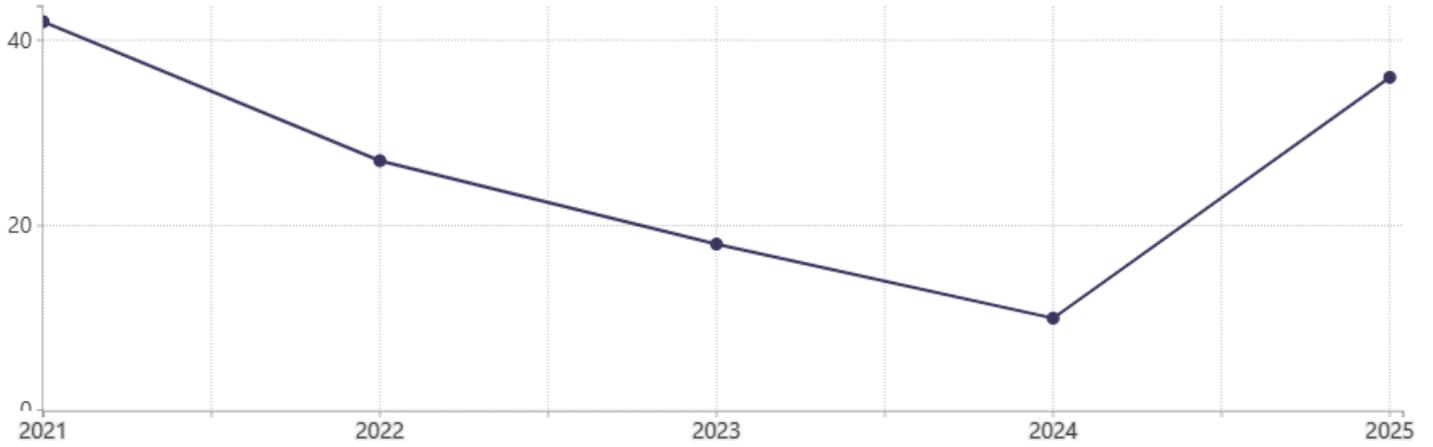
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Offense	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Crimes Against Property	143	146	183	128	48
▶ Robbery	0	0	0	0	1
▶ Burglary	3	2	3	1	3
▶ Theft/Larceny	77	100	150	94	21
▶ Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	1	1	2
▶ Stolen Property Offenses	0	1	0	0	1
▶ Arson	0	0	0	0	0
▶ Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	3	1	2	0
▶ Fraud Offenses	25	10	0	8	9
▶ Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
▶ Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	0	0	0
▶ Bribery	0	0	0	0	0
▶ Destruction/Vandalism	32	28	28	22	11

Crimes Against Person Offenses for Dodgeville PD

2021 - 2025

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Crimes Against Person Offenses by Subcategory

2021 - 2025

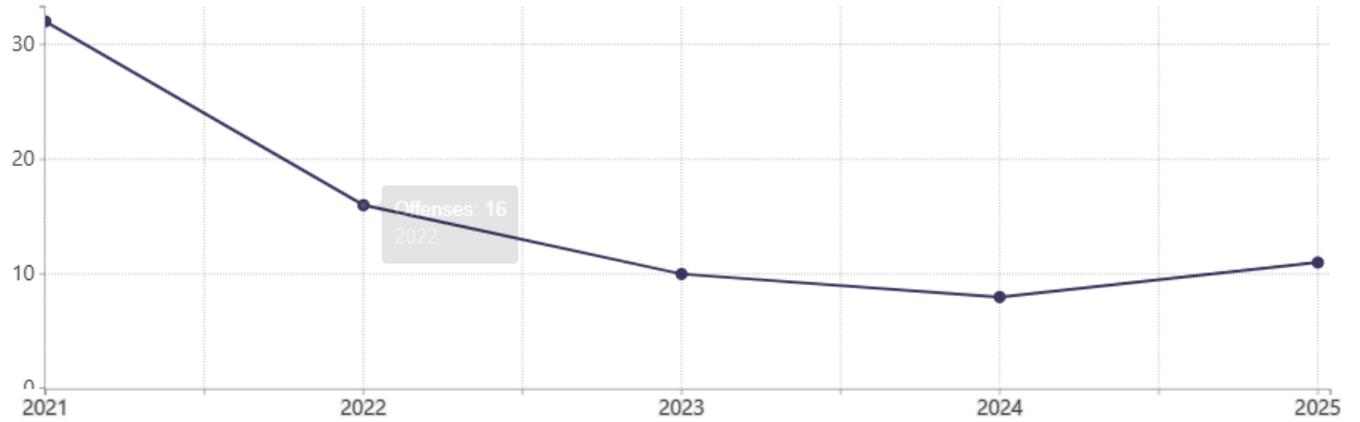
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Offense	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Crimes Against Persons	42	27	18	10	36
▶ Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	1
▶ Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0	0	0
▶ Sex Offenses	3	5	1	0	2
▶ Sex Offenses - Nonforcible	3	3	2	3	1
▶ Assault Offenses	36	19	15	7	30
▶ Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	0	2
▶ Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0

Crimes Against Society Offenses for Dodgeville PD

2021 - 2025

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Crimes Against Society Offenses by Subcategory

2021 - 2025

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Offense	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Crimes Against Society	32	16	10	8	11
▶ Weapon Law Violations	0	0	4	1	0
▶ Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0	0	1
▶ Drug/Narcotic Offenses	32	15	6	7	10
▶ Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
▶ Pornography	0	1	0	0	0
▶ Animal Cruelty	0	0	0	0	0

CRIME CLEARANCE RATES

Crime Clearance Rates have statistically been high for the City of Dodgeville. A cleared crime case means a case that is considered solved for reporting purposes, not necessarily that someone was convicted.

- Total Crime Clearance Rates increased from 43 to 59 percent.
- Property Crime Clearance Rates increased from 37 to 43 percent . The National Average is approximately 20.5% as of December 2025 data.
- Crimes Against Persons decreased from 80 to 72 percent. The national average is approximately 41.75% as of December 2025 data.

2026 GOALS

In the next five years we would like to continue advancing towards the following goals:

Obtaining Cellebrite. One of the 2025 Goals was to obtain Cellebrite and/or Magnet Forensics software. These programs exist to assist investigators reviewing digital devices with data extraction, forensic analysis, evidence management, and formatted reporting. The software helps generate detailed reports for investigations and legal proceedings, retrieves texts, call logs, photos, videos, app data, and system information from devices, organizes and analyzes recovered data to identify timelines, connections, and patterns and preserves digital evidence in a forensically sound format for court. Throughout 2025 different licensing quotes were obtained and evaluated. In 2025 we did receive a donated computer from “Our Rescue” that can be utilized for the digital forensics program. In late 2025 we also submitted application for a \$5,000 grant to assist with covering the associated costs. In early 2026, prior to the completion of this report, we were informed that we had been awarded that grant. This will assist with further progressing towards the implementation of this program.

Increase to 50% property crime clearance, obtain/maintain 80% crimes against persons clearance rates. Property crime clearance rates are generally quite low, due largely in part to the nature of these offenses, and misreporting. Fortunately, in 2025 we were able to increase our property crime clearance rate to 43 percent from 37 percent. Though the Dodgeville Police Department has nearly double the national clearance rate for this type of crime, efforts will continue to be made to increase the clearance rates to 50%. This can be achieved through additional follow-up methods, utilizing different new technology resources, and ensuring that cases are accurately coded. The Dodgeville Police Department had an 80% clearance rate for crimes against persons that fell to 72 percent in 2025. This may be attributed to a more than threefold increase in reported assaults and 70 percent increase in disturbances.

WILEAG Core Standards- As identified in the 2024 combined annual reports, The Dodgeville Police Department is looking to obtain partner with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG) has identified 66 CORE standards in its accreditation program. These 66 select standards and the associated agency policies are at the heart of the program. They are focused on

key Federal & State statutory mandates related to law enforcement, requirements arising from case law, inherent issues related to high risk law enforcement operations, and sensitive areas involving community relations. The cost would be minimal and the benefits would include verification that our agency is meeting/exceeding minimum expectations in essential areas of operations and management.

City Camera Expansion. Increasing the city's camera System; Additional cameras would be beneficial at the following locations: USH 18/Johns St., STH 23/CTH YZ, Division St/Bennett Rd.

Speed Enforcement. Obtaining a second speed sign at STH 23 near the Hospital.

Additional Patrol Officer Position. Our police department serves a community of roughly five thousand residents. We currently operate with a Chief, one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, and eight officers (11 sworn total). Of those eight Officers one is assigned half of the time to the drug task force and one is assigned full time as the school resource Officer. Though this only accounts for about 70 percent of the year, the Officer does utilize time off as well as completes training and conducts presentations in the time he is not in school.

I believe that the adding an additional position will help to maintain or increase proactive time near 30–40% allowing Officers to focus on traffic enforcement, training, and community engagement. Supervisors will have a reduced span of control and will have more time to focus on Officers, training, report reviews and other administrative processes. This also provides for necessary staffing for the ever increasing and complex special events that have become a strain on department resources. Ideally, with the addition of another position, we would retain 8 officers, with one of those being a School Resource Officer, add a second Patrol Sergeant to ensure 24/7 supervisory coverage and reduce the span of control to 1:4, and add an investigator position that would be coupled into the now existing half time drug task force position. This officer would be responsible for drug task force cases half of the time and the other half would be spent investigating complex cases within the Police Department with assistance from the Lieutenant as needed. This plan keeps our structure efficient, supervision strong, and service accountable to community needs. It relies on data, and prioritizes both officer safety and proactive policing.

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