

# Richland Center Police Department

## ANNUAL REPORT

2022

This is the 2022 Annual Report for the Richland Center Police Department. This report summarizes what the department accomplished and experienced during the 2022 calendar year.

### STATISTICAL REPORT

Criminal Arrests (Felony and Misdemeanor)	322
Municipal Ordinance Citations	380
State Non-Traffic Citations	24
Juvenile Referrals	19
Traffic Citations	322
Warrant Arrests	47
Traffic Crashes	107
\$6.00 Parking Violations (C.S.A.)	1370
\$6.00 Parking Violations (Officers)	13
\$10.00 Parking Violations (Alternate side)	430
\$15.00 Parking Violations (Snow Emergency)	81
Emergency Detentions	

In 2022, officers answered **4016 calls for service** that resulted in **1923 officer reports** being generated. Officers conducted **1000 investigations**. This compares to 2021 as follows: **4415** calls for service, **1955** officer reports and **1123** investigations.

In 2022 the department made **380** criminal arrests which was down compared to **441** in 2021. Warrant arrests increased from **36** in 2021 to **47** in 2022. Ordinance arrests decreased from **141** in 2021 to **99** in 2022. Juvenile Referrals increased by one from **15** in 2021 to **16** in 2022. Traffic arrests decreased from **401** in 2021 compared to **322** in 2022. OWI arrests seen an increase from **13** OWI arrests in 2021 to **26** OWI traffic arrest in 2022.

Our most common or major offenses/incidents, in order of frequency are, drug offenses- all categories (63), bail violations (73), domestic related offenses (31), informational reports (593), disorderly conduct (40), theft- all categories (60), civil problems (57), damage to property (11), emergency detentions (16), underage alcohol (13), suspicious activity calls (101), vehicle lockouts (110), and welfare checks (202).

In 2022 the police department investigated 107 traffic crashes (127 in 2021). 2022 marked the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year being below 150 traffic crashes within the city, including zero fatality crashes.

## **PERSONNEL**

Nathan Coleman was hired by the Richland Center Police Department on 12/12/2022, Nathan Coleman is the son of Tom and Brenda Coleman, of Richland Center.

Nathan graduated from the Richland Center High School in 2018. Throughout high school, Nathan was involved in many different sports and now he spends most of his free time hunting or fishing. Nathan hopes to get involved with youth sports as a coach whether that be in wrestling, basketball, or football.

Nathan recently graduated from the 720-hour Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Technical College in Fennimore and is excited to be able to give back to his hometown by working for the Richland Center Police Department.

Nathan will complete a 14-week field training program prior to working his assigned shift.

## **PROJECTS/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

\*Officers continue to be active in the community and our schools with putting on Active Threat Presentation along with helping with drills put on by the school districts.

\*The police department participated in the National Night Out event which was held at the UW Richland/Platteville Campus in Richland Center on August 2, 2022. This was in partnership with the Partners for Prevention Coalition. National Night Out takes place in 88 Wisconsin communities and all over the United States. This is something we hope to continue in the years to come.

\*The police department participated in the statewide Prescription Drug Take Back event held in April and October of 2022. Our community turned over approximately 505.6 pounds of unused/expired medications for proper disposal.

\*The Police Department and Richland County Sheriff's Department continue to be members of the Richland-Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force. This cooperative effort allows for regional enforcement and intelligence sharing concerning drug trafficking in Southwest Wisconsin. Two officers from the police department and two from the sheriff's department are assigned to the task force. These officers work drug investigations in addition to their regular duties. The Sheriff of Richland County and the Police Chief of Richland Center serve on the Task Force Board of Directors. The rapid increase in the use of methamphetamine continues to be a concern for the Task Force.

\*The police department participates in the Bulletproof Vest Partnership, a federal grant program that supports 50% of the cost of new body armor for our officers. Body armor is replaced on a five-year schedule. In 2022 we purchased new body armor for Officer Joe Nusse and Officer Shawn Deneen.

\*The police department is represented on the Richland County Treatment Court for OWI/Drug offenders by Detective Jason Pilla.

\*The police department took part in the nation-wide "Click It or Ticket" seatbelt campaign. This campaign uses education coupled with enforcement to increase compliance with Wisconsin's seatbelt law.

\*Officers taught "Halloween Safety" classes in our elementary schools.

Officers give the students safety tips and emphasize proper etiquette while going door-to-door.

\*Officers presented the CounterAct program to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Richland School District and St. Mary's. This five-week program informs students of the consequences of drug, alcohol, tobacco, and violence. CounterAct also teaches the students skills that they can use to make good decisions when confronted with the decision whether, or not to use these substances. The program concluded with "Parents Night" where officers present a special program geared towards the adults. A secondary benefit of the CounterAct program is the good rapport developed between the instructing officers and the young people whom they teach. I would like to point out this will be the last year for this program, the police department is currently working with the school district and developing a more current and

\*The Richland Center Police Department continues to be affiliated with Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force. This affiliation allows the Police Department to work with Federal, State, and Local law enforcement agencies across the country protecting children from threats originating online. RCPD has been assigned eight Cyber Tips in 2022 and only two tips are currently being investigated.

\*Detective Pilla provided virtual training in the use of Narcan to the public at no cost.

\*The police department assisted organizations with special events in 2022. Events included:

- July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration/fireworks display
- Southwest CAP semi-annual Homeless Count Survey
- Partners for Prevention Alcohol Age Compliance Checks at local businesses. Special Note- all city establishments that were checked passed in 2022.
- Bank Security updates with Richland County Bank, WCCU and Community First Bank.

Training Hours accrued by the Officers of the Richland Center Police Department for the training year totaled 1,142 hours. This does not include the 8 hours of K-9 Training Officer Deneen and Teddy complete every month.

On behalf of the men and women of the Richland Center Police Department, I would like to thank the city's elected officials, department heads, and city employees, Richland Center Police Commission, along with the community of Richland Center for their support of the police department in 2022 and look forward to working with you all in the upcoming years.

Professionally,

Billy J. Jones, Chief of Police  
Richland Center Police Department