

2024 GOALS REALIZED

Last year, the primary goal of the Richwood Police Department was regarding rampage shootings across the United States of America. The department's priority goals were to ensure all officers receive advanced training and equipment, and a detailed action plan be created to outline the best practice response. As we move into the year 2025, the department has realized these goals. All officers are trained in Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Level 1, two officers were trained at the next level as Instructors in the ALERRT Level 1 course. The department has secured cooperation from the Brazosport College Police Academy regarding the use of their practical application active shooter training facility and intends to use the newly trained ALERRT Level 1 trainers to hone the response skills of the officers throughout the year 2025. Additionally, the Department has obtained advanced medical response kits for each police vehicle and command kits for the police chief's and the sergeant's vehicle. Lastly, a detailed action plan was created with ALERRT best practices in mind. The action plan includes an education base component and a detailed pre, present, and post event layout. The police department has begun communication with the Richwood Volunteer Fire Department regarding their responsibilities with staging and as part of the rescue task force.

In addition, the Richwood Police Department's less critical goals included the following:

Update soon-to-be expired department issued, officer worn, ballistic vests and carriers.

- All ballistic vests and carriers were updated.

Upgrade all department issued body worn cameras.

- All Body worn cameras were replaced with new state of the art Axon cameras.

Upgrade all marked patrol vehicle radars.

- All radars were upgraded with state-of-the-art Stalker radar detection devices.

Upgrade all department issued Tasers.

- All Tasers were upgraded with state-of-the-art Taser 10s.

Upgrade as many marked patrol vehicle on-board camera systems as fiscally possible.

- All police vehicles received state of the art Axon on board camera systems.

Create a greater balance in officer training efforts.

- A more balanced approach to training was implemented. Already, a 2025 training calendar has been created which ensures an even greater training balance.

Downsize department motor vehicle fleet.

- Fleet downsized to four (4) patrol vehicles and one (1) administrative vehicle.

Increase crime prevention/traffic enforcement efforts in troubled areas of the city.

- Several strategic traffic and crime prevention efforts were employed throughout the year 2024.

Increase police officer self-initiated focus on animal control issues.

- Police officer took a more proactive role in detaining animals observed at large without the influence of a citizen call for service.

2025 GOALS

The department intends to continue its work with rampage shooting training through facilitating three (3) additional Active Shooter practical trainings, utilizing the Brazosport College Police Academy's "shoot house," throughout the year 2024.

The department intends to upgrade the organization's ticket-writer computer system with more modern and advanced equipment.

The department intends to upgrade the organization's mobile police cruiser onboard computer structure with a state-of-the-art system.

The department intends to acquire "Flock" video surveillance equipment to be used as a criminal deterrent/apprehension tool.

The department intends to facilitate department-wide Jujitsu (grappling) training to ensure all officers are prepared to safely secure violent offenders.

The department intends to facilitate department-wide police emergency driving training as a refresher to all officers of proper vehicle operations in emergency driving situations.