

ANNUAL REPORT

SPRING LAKE PARK
POLICE DEPARTMENT



2025

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MISSION

"TO SERVE, PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH HONOR, INTEGRITY AND SERVICE."

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF JOSH ANTOINE



It is my honor to present the Spring Lake Park Police Department's Annual Report. As you review this document, please keep in mind that it provides a broad overview of our daily operations throughout 2025 and does not capture every accomplishment achieved during the year.

In 2024, we experienced much-needed staffing stability and were able to deepen our commitment to community outreach while continuing to provide safety and security for our residents. That stability continued into 2025, with only one new hire and a strong emphasis on maintaining our outreach efforts. Programs such as Coffee with a Cop, Heroes and Helpers, HyVee fundraisers, and multiple Special Olympics events were highlights of the year. Additional details can be found in the Patrol Division report.

Our department relocated to the new Police Department facility following the completion of the City Hall remodel in early 2025. Throughout the renovation period, we encountered challenges in maintaining daily operations; however, our team remained committed to delivering the high level of service our residents expect. We are grateful for the upgraded workspace and are already benefiting from the many improvements that enhance our ability to serve the community effectively. For additional details, please refer to the Patrol Division report.

Despite being surrounded by larger cities, Spring Lake Park continues to retain its small-town character. Our overall crime rate has decreased each year since 2021, and we remain focused on sustaining this progress. In 2025, we saw an overall crime reduction of approximately 10 percent, along with a slight decrease in calls for service. We continue to prioritize self-initiated activity by our officers, which we believe directly contributes to these ongoing reductions. Officers are encouraged to maintain strong community engagement throughout their shifts.

Our department also continued to invest in new technologies and tools designed to enhance safety for officers, community members, and offenders. Several of these additions are highlighted in the Patrol Division report. These tools support our mission: "To serve, protect, and enhance the quality of life in our community through honor, integrity, and service."

This past year, I had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Anoka County Joint Law Enforcement Council. The Council, made up of public safety leaders and elected officials, works collaboratively to advance public safety countywide. I am proud of the progress made in 2025 to further strengthen the service we provide not only to Spring Lake Park, but to all of Anoka County.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our community for your continued trust in the Spring Lake Park Police Department throughout 2025 and beyond. Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, City Administrator, Council Members, and our community partners for their unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Josh Antoine
Chief of Police



PATROL

DIVISION



The patrol division consists of eight (8) patrol officers and one (1) school resource officer led by two (2) sergeants, which allows for 24-hour coverage for our residents and visitors. The numbers reflect an increase from the previous years. At the start of 2025, we brought on an additional officer that increased our staff of sworn officers to 12. In late 2025, the department was approved to expand its staffing to 13 officers. A job offer was subsequently extended to the newest officer in December 2025, and they officially started in early 2026.

The start of 2025 brought the completion of the remodeling of City Hall and the Police Department. The patrol division maintained their commitment of excellence to the community while working through the transitions in the new building. The completion of the remodel marked a significant investment in the well-being of our officers. One component of this project was the addition of a dedicated workout room, providing convenient access to fitness resources that support physical health, stress management, and overall resilience. This enhancement underscores our commitment to creating a healthier work environment and ensuring each officer has the tools needed to maintain strong physical and mental wellbeing.

The building remodel also included significant upgrades to the department's gun range, enhancing both safety and training effectiveness. Improvements in ventilation, lighting and the target system have created a more functional training environment. These improvements support the Department's commitment to maintaining well-trained officers and ensure they have the resources necessary to stay proficient and prepared for duty.

During the first part of 2025, the Department fully implemented the PepperBall as a non-lethal option. This is an effective tool to gain compliance while reducing the likelihood of serious injury. The PepperBall can help de-escalate volatile situations, create distance and minimize physical confrontations, which enhances the focus on the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

The Traffic Safety/Patrol Officer position began in early 2025. The assigned officer continued to play a vital role in promoting roadway safety throughout the community. Throughout the year, the officer actively monitored traffic patterns, responded to resident concerns, and identified recurring issues that required attention. These observations were consistently communicated to the patrol division and sergeants, ensuring that all officers remained aware of reported problem areas. By serving as a bridge between resident concern and departmental response, the Traffic Safety/Patrol Officer has continued to strengthen the department's ability to address traffic concerns and improve overall safety on our roads.

Community outreach and education continues to be essential to building trust, strengthening relationships, and fostering open communication between our officers and the community we serve. By proactively engaging residents, businesses and community groups, the officers help increase awareness and promote shared responsibility for public safety. Education efforts also provide valuable opportunities to address concerns, explain departmental practices, and support prevention through knowledge. The following programs highlight our continued commitment to engage with the community.

- Participated and raised funds for Special Olympics Minnesota during the Polar Plunge and Torch Run events.
- Held the Popsicles with the Police event where two youth bicycles were raffled off (donated by Toys for Joy) and free popsicles were provided (donated by Jonny Pops).
- Officers and staff donated time to serve steak dinners at HyVee.
- Partnered with Spring Lake Park-Blaine-Mounds View Fire Department for their open house event and Santa parade.
- Participated in Night to Unite to promote collaboration and communication between the officers and residents.
- Assisted Parks and Recreation with various activities including Easter Egg Hunt, Summer program safety as well as safety measures for Tower Days festivities.
- Partnered with Spring Lake Park School District for the Tower Days 3K Fun Run and Start Your Engines events.

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Investigations Unit is dedicated to serving our community and ensuring justice for crime victims by conducting thorough criminal investigations and empathetic victim communication. In 2025, our Investigator Tony Bennek, pursued our mission by performing investigations into various crimes against individuals and property.

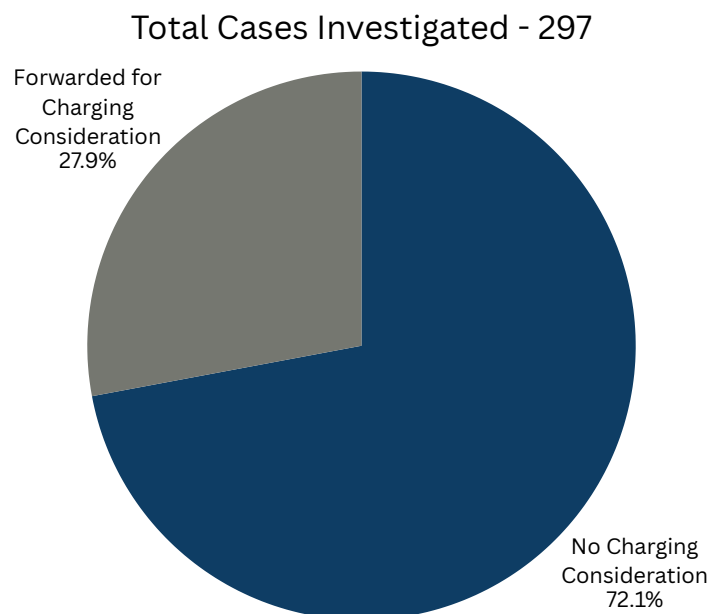
Crimes against individuals encompassed armed robberies, aggravated assaults, criminal sexual assault, violation of protection orders, neglect of vulnerable adults, and child endangerment. Property-related offenses included fraud, property damage, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and retail theft, among others. Throughout the year, we delved into a total of 297 criminal cases and referrals from child and adult protection agencies, with 83 cases forwarded for charging consideration.

Beyond case investigations, Investigator Bennek assisted with managing evidence and property, squad car maintenance, oversaw civil forfeitures, and monitored our predatory offenders that reside in Spring Lake Park.

In addition to our investigative responsibilities, Investigator Bennek provided crucial support to the patrol division. This involved responding to complex and resource-intensive calls and covering open shifts due to manpower shortages



Investigator Tony Bennek



RECORDS

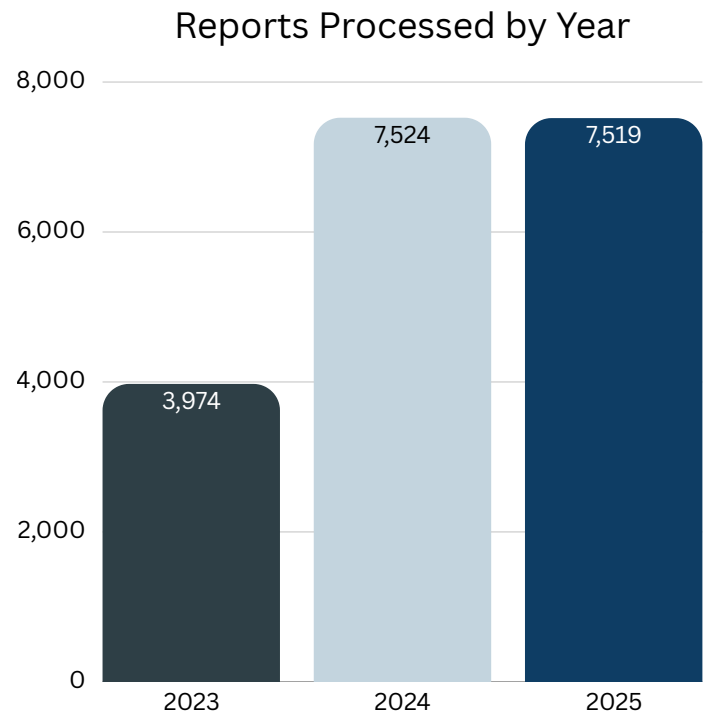
DIVISION

Our Spring Lake Park Records Technicians Division continued to provide a high level of customer service and efficiency in 2025. The Spring Lake Park Records Technicians Division staffs the front police department window at the Spring Lake Park Police Department and provides phone support for citizens Monday-Friday. In addition to helping connect citizens to public safety services, our records unit achieved the following:

- Processed approximately 6,000 police reports and supplement reports
- Filed approximately 937 citations
- Processed 43 permits to purchase firearms
- Completed 400 local records checks
- Processed 29 criminal history queries
- Processed 110 background checks for city employment and business licensing, and Parks & Rec.



Records Technicians Kim Kiley & Lisa Murphy



RESERVE

DIVISION



Reserve Officer Schmidt pictured with City Council Member Ken Wendling (left) and Chief Antoine (right)

The Spring Lake Park Police Department Reserve Unit provided many valuable volunteer hours to the department and the community in 2025. During the course of 2025, our Reserve Unit consisted of two (2) individuals who worked 127 hours in our community throughout the year. The reserves provided services that would normally take up a considerable amount of our officers' time. This allows officers to focus on other incidents in our community. Utilizing the 2025 Dollar Value of Volunteer Hours for the State of Minnesota, this equated to approximately \$4,846.32 in wages saved.

On behalf of the entire department, we thank each and every one of our Reserve Officers for their service and dedication to the Police Department and our community.

CRIME STATISTICS

SUMMARY OF INDEX CRIMES SUBMITTED TO THE STATE FOR THE 2025 NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING (NIBRS)

Group A Crimes	Agency 2023 Totals	Agency 2024 Totals	Agency 2025 Totals
Arson	1	0	0
Assault Offenses	126	117	122
Bribery	0	0	0
Burglary	16	13	14
Counterfeiting / Forgery	16	5	10
Destruction / Damage / Vandalism	38	42	32
Drug / Narcotic Violations	13	5	6
Drug Equipment Violations	2	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	1
Extortion / Blackmail	0	2	1
Fraud Offenses	40	35	33
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
Homicide Offenses	0	0	0
Human Trafficking Offenses	0	0	0
Kidnapping / Abduction	2	2	0
Theft Offenses	120	123	98
Motor Vehicle Theft	23	14	20
Pornography / Obscene Material	1	2	23
Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0
Robbery	3	4	3
Sex Offenses	2	12	4
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	7	1	3
Weapon Law Violations	8	9	2
Animal Cruelty	4	1	4
Group A Totals =	422	387	353



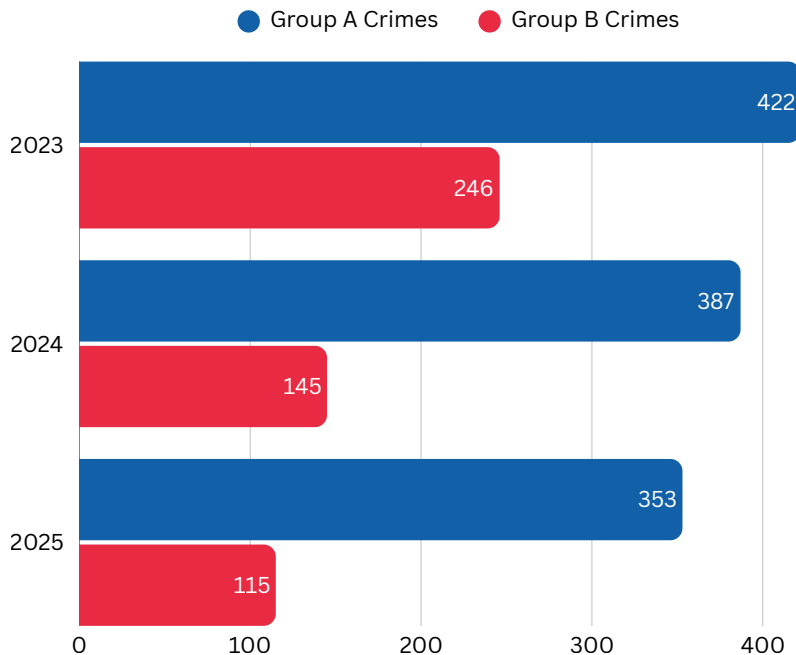
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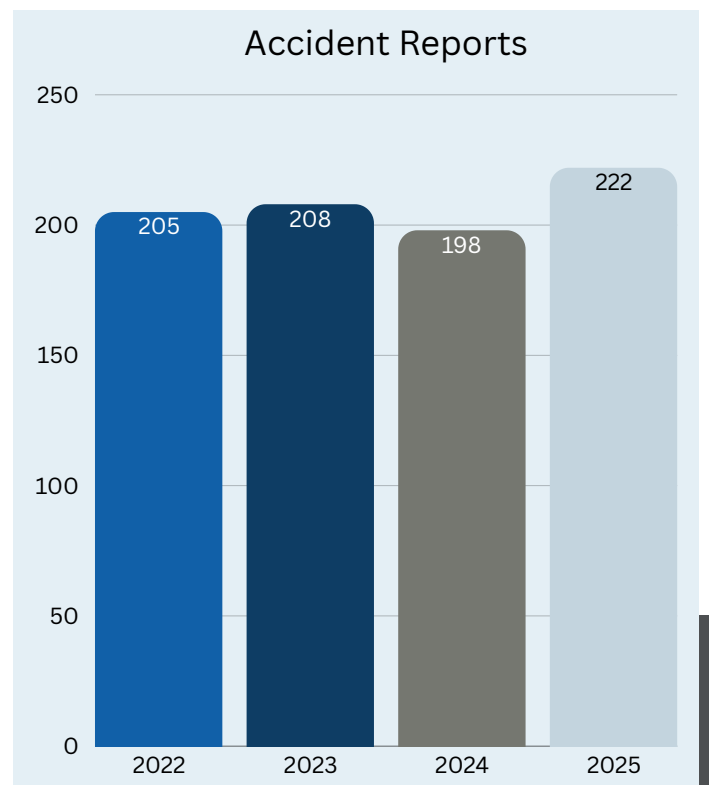
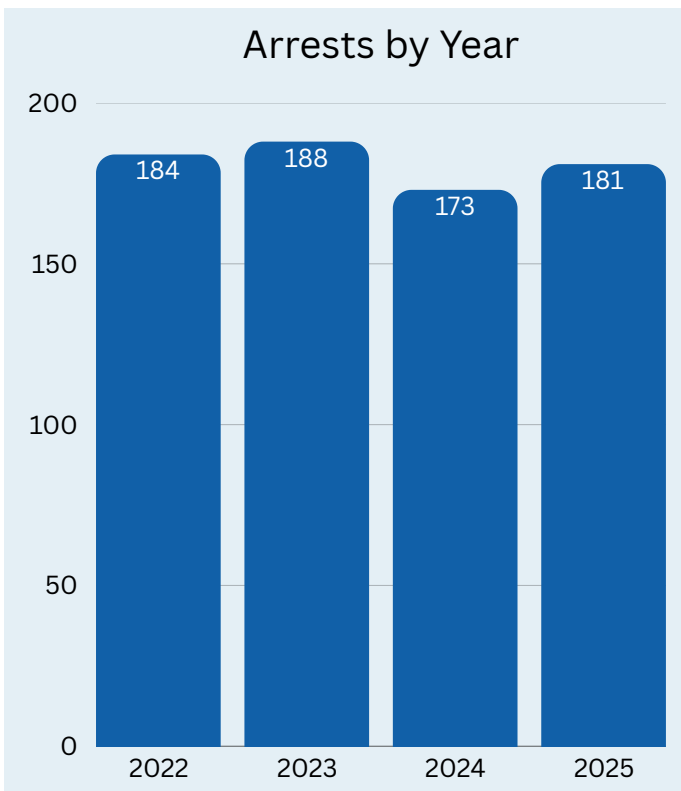
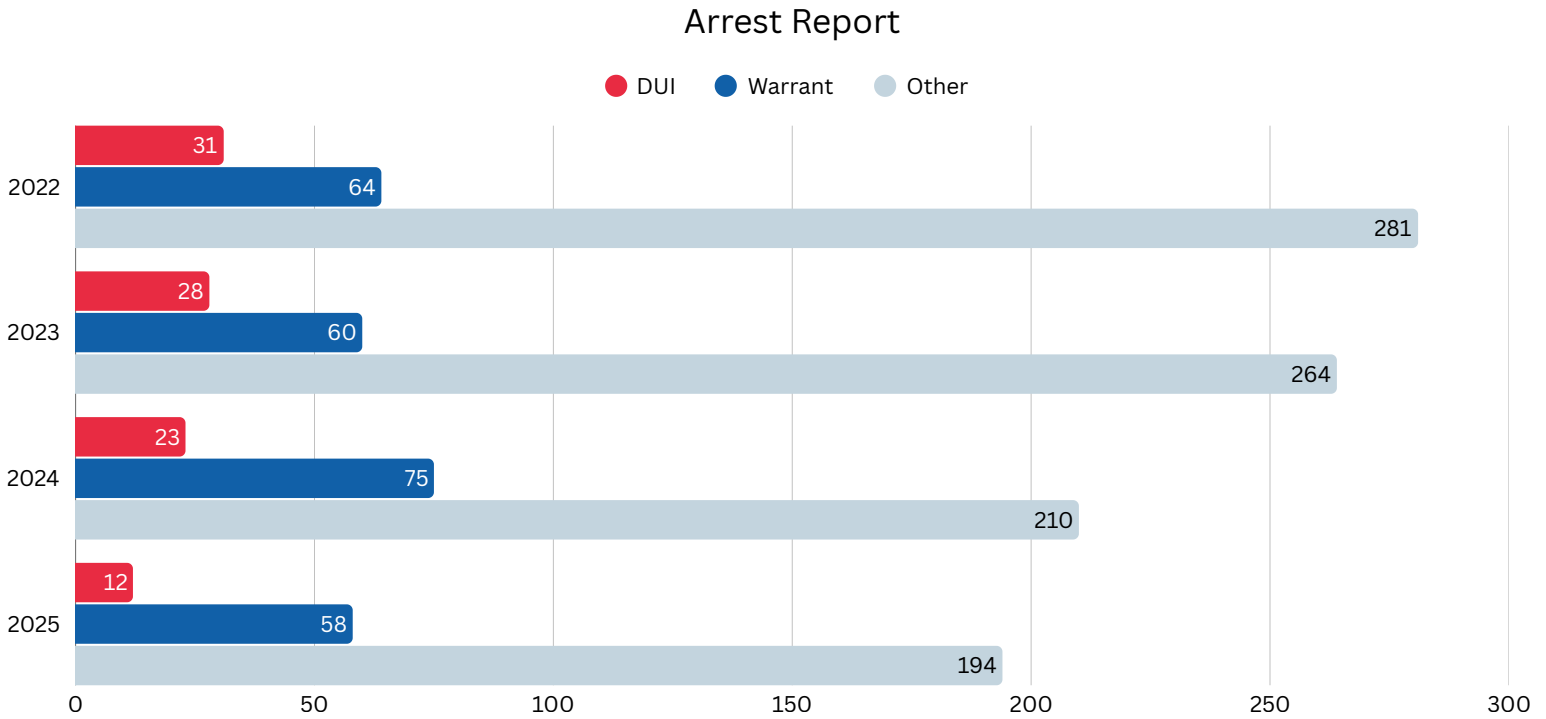
Group B Crimes	Agency 2023 Totals	Agency 2024 Totals	Agency 2025 Totals
Bad Checks	1	2	0
Curfew / Loitering / Vagrancy	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	78	25	21
Driving Under the Influence	25	43	25
Drunkenness	6	0	0
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	2	3	4
Liquor Law Violations	6	2	1
Peeping Tom	0	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	17	7	4
All Other Offenses	111	63	60
Group B Totals =	246	145	115

Non-Reportable - 5,569
Traffic Stops - 3,405



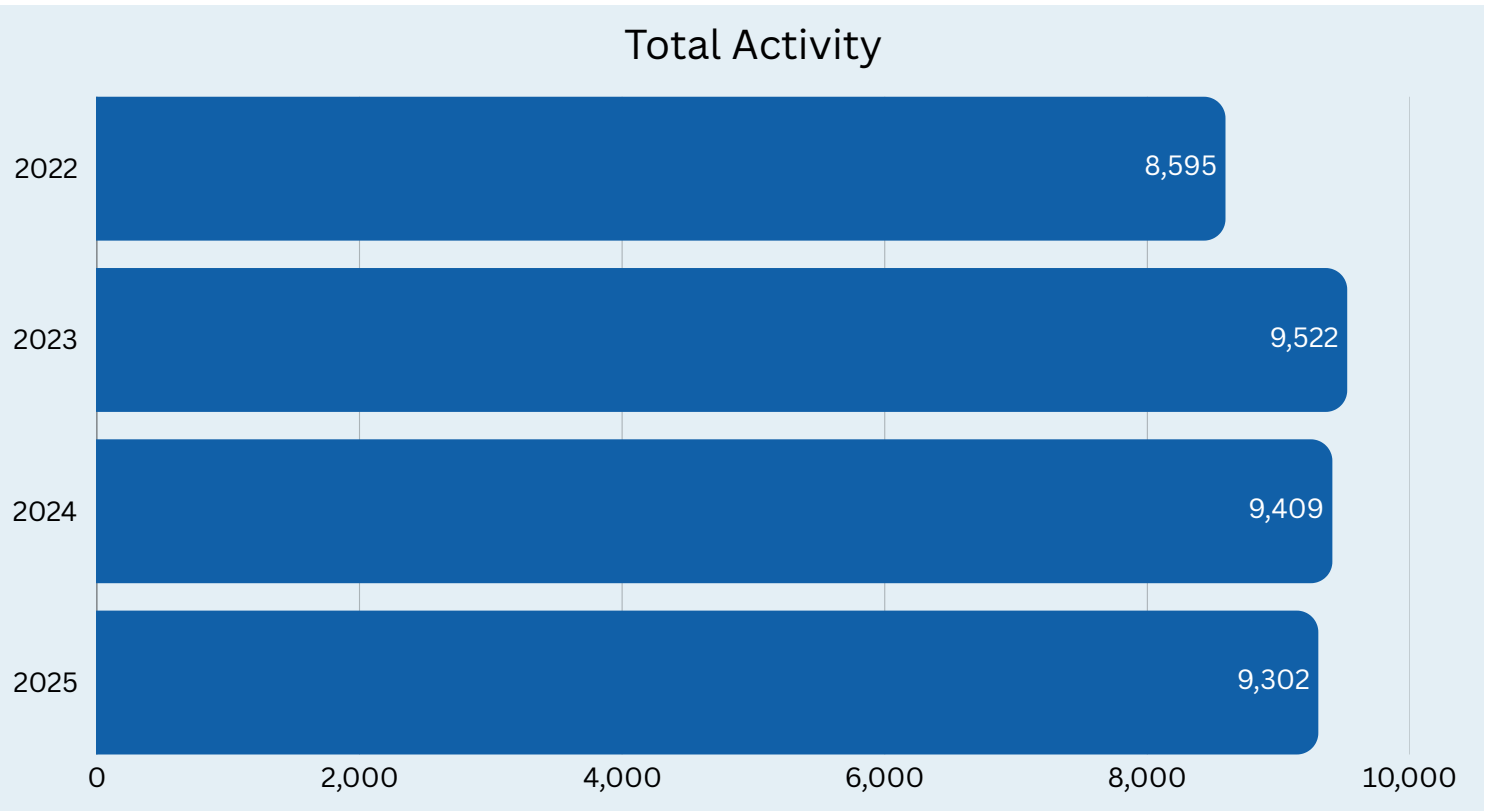
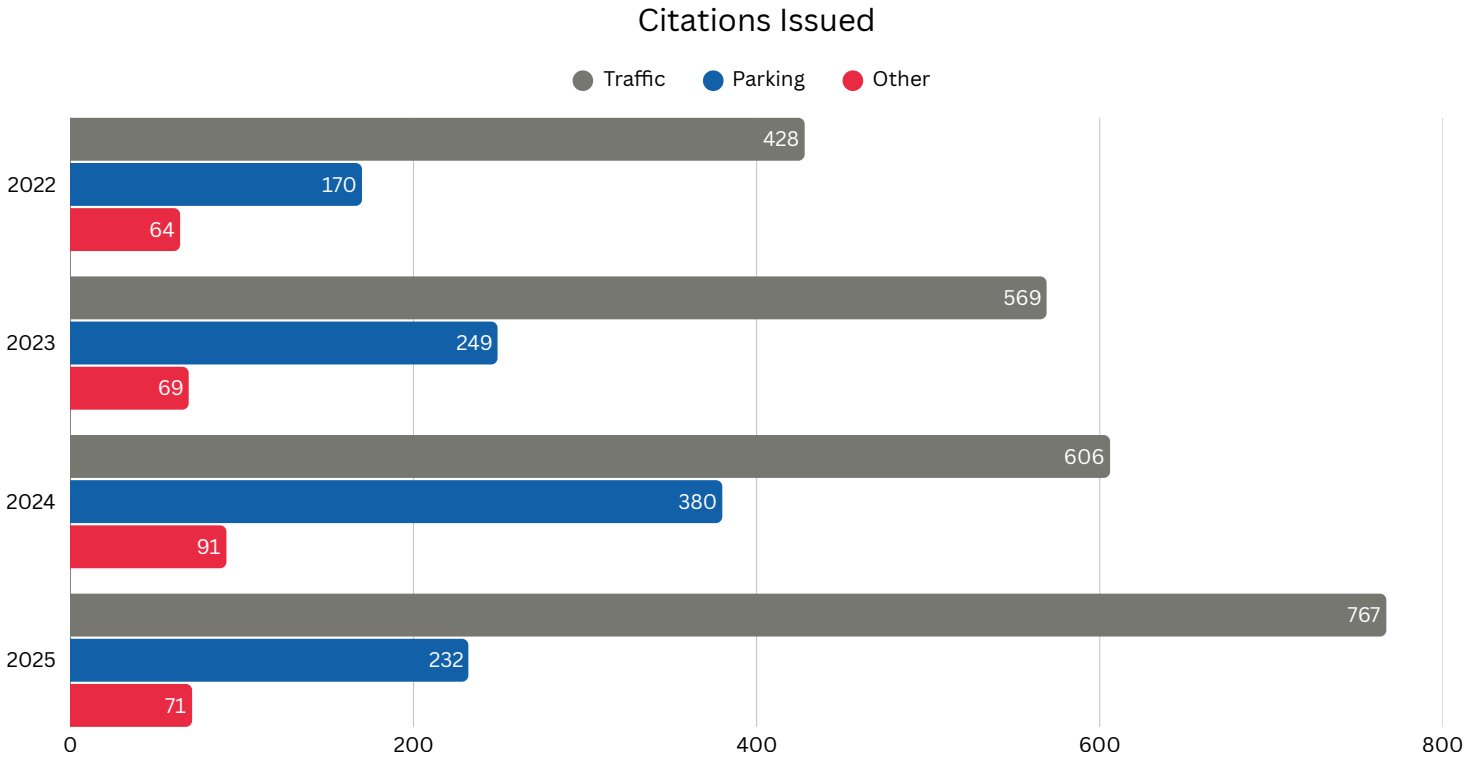
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



CHIEF ANTOINE, SBM CAPTAIN SCHOEMAN, SBM ASSISTANT CHIEF SCAVO, & SERGEANT FISKE AT THE HY-VEE STEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER



OFFICER IMIG CHEERS ON A YOUNG PARTICIPANT'S AXE-THROWING WIN AT POPSICLES WITH THE POLICE



OFFICER SMITH BLOWS BUBBLES AT NIGHT TO UNITE



SERGEANT FISKE, OFFICER STAUFFENEKER & OFFICER SMITH AT THE HY-VEE STEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



HONORING EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE—OFFICER DRINKWINE (MERITORIOUS AWARD) & OFFICER LEMKE (LIFESAVING AWARD) PICTURED WITH CHIEF ANTOINE



NIGHT TO UNITE 2025



LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2025



OFFICER STAUFFENEKER'S DUCKLING RESCUE MISSION

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



POPSICLES WITH THE POLICE 2025



TRUNK OR TREAT



SHOP WITH A COP



OFFICER IMIG AND RESERVE OFFICER SCHMIDT
DURING THE 2025 TOWER DAYS PARADE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



THANK YOU BANNER FROM WOODCREST SPANISH IMMERSION



SPECIAL OLYMPICS MINNESOTA POLAR PLUNGE 2025



OFFICER SMITH, RECORDS TECH KIM KILEY, & OFFICER DRINKWINE AT THE HY-VEE STEAK DINNER FUNDRAISER



OFFICER LEMKE DURING THE 2025 TOWER DAYS PARADE

2025



Spring Lake Park
History. Community. Home.

Acknowledgements

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