

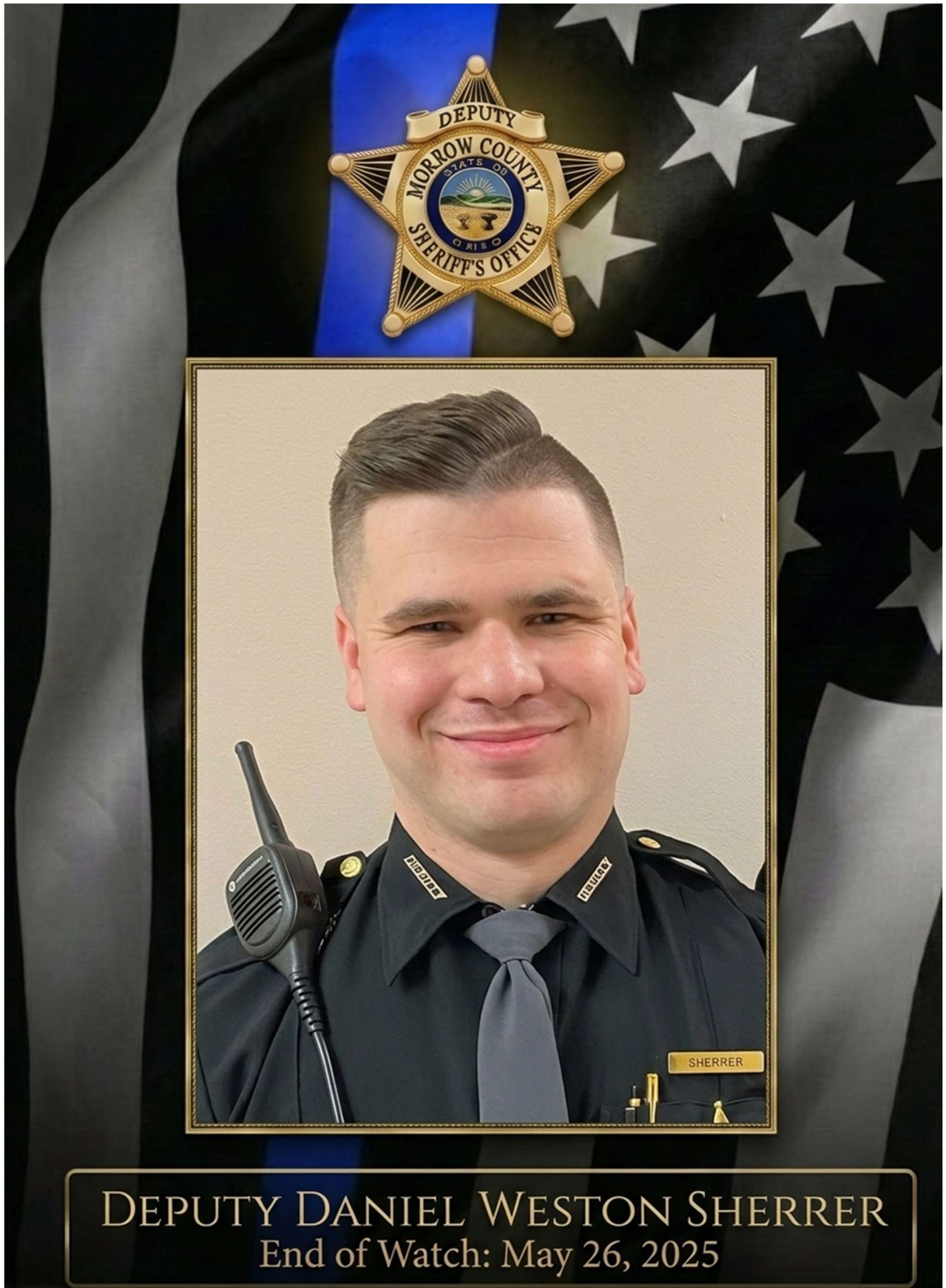
VILLAGE OF MOUNT GILEAD
DIVISION OF POLICE
2025
ANNUAL REPORT



Chief Adam R. Lakey
MOUNT GILEAD DIVISION OF POLICE

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2025 Chief's Summary

The 2025 calendar year was a period of profound solemnity for the Mount Gilead Police Department and the broader Morrow County law enforcement community. Our agency faced challenges yet remained steadfast in its commitment to public safety and professional integrity.

In Memoriam

The department continues to honor the legacy of those who dedicated their lives to the service of others:

- **Deputy Daniel “Weston” Sherrer:** On Monday, May 26, 2025, the Morrow County law enforcement family suffered an incredible tragedy with the senseless murder of Deputy Sherrer while he was responding to a domestic dispute. A four-year veteran of the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sherrer was a cherished friend and colleague whose ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.
 - **Auxiliary Sergeant Larry Beekman Jr. (Ret.):** We marked the passing of Sergeant Beekman on April 21, 2025, following a long illness. Having served the department with distinction during the 1990s, his legacy continues through his son, Sergeant Chase Beekman.
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Personnel

- **Detective:** Sergeant Chase Beekman assumed his assignment as detective with the department, transitioning his role from patrol to investigation of serious and complex cases.
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Equipment

- **Cruiser #1:** The 2021 Charger was totaled in a crash and replaced with a new 2023 Charger. The new cruiser was upfitted with equipment from the wrecked one at minimal expense to the village.
 - **Cruiser #6:** An unmarked patrol vehicle was donated to the department by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners for use as a detective vehicle.
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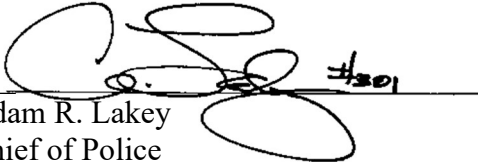
Personnel Excellence

- **Officer of the Year:** Officer Jason Robinson was named the 2024 Officer of the Year. His tireless work ethic in proactive enforcement continues to set an exemplary standard for the entire department.
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Strategic Vision for 2026

Looking forward, the Mount Gilead Police Department has established clear objectives to enhance operational efficiency and officer safety:

- **Technological Advancement:** We aim to implement mobile Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems directly into patrol units to streamline communication and response while enhancing the safety of officers.
- **Professional Development:** The department will prioritize specialized training that aligns with our core mission of proactive service.
- **Community Proactivity:** We remain dedicated to providing rigorous, proactive law enforcement services to the citizens and visitors of the Village of Mount Gilead.


Adam R. Lakey
Chief of Police

2025 Staffing Summary

The department began the year with seven full-time officers: Chief Adam Lakey, Captain Thomas Cronenwett, Sergeant Detective Chase Beekman, Officer Micheal Turner, Officer Jason Robinson, and Officer Caden Mosher.

The department began the year with four part-time officers: Officer George Hinkle, Officer Jeffrey Cline, Officer Frank Ramos and Officer Ethan Lichtenberger as well as one auxiliary officer: Officer Scott Sanford.

On January 26, Officer Frank Ramos changed classification from part-time to full-time.

On March 7, Officer Micheal Turner resigned from the department.

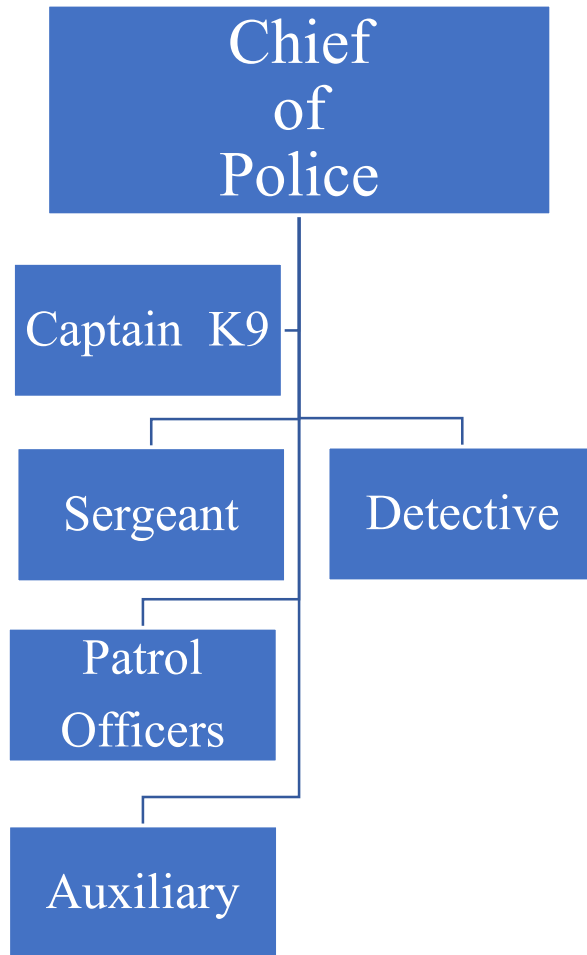
On September 30, Officer Caden Mosher resigned from the department.

On October 6, Recruit Cory McIntire was hired and, upon completion of the Marion Law Enforcement Academy and obtaining state certification in early 2026, will be reclassified as a full-time police officer.

On December 28, Officer Jeff Cline resigned to retire from law enforcement.

The Law Enforcement Cadet Program ended the year with one (honorary) cadet: Cadet Cody Cover.

Agency Administration Rank Structure



Leadership Assignments (December 31, 2025)

Chief of Police:	Adam R. Lakey
Captain / K9:	Thomas B. Cronenwett
Sergeant:	Chase A. Beekman
Detective:	Chase A. Beekman

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Mount Gilead Division of Police to protect the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the community to improve quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest level of professionalism to maintain public confidence.

Code of Ethics

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against abuse or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed both in my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or abuse and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other police officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence.

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.

Core Values

United in cause, purpose, and belief we, the dedicated professionals of the Mount Gilead Division of Police, embrace, serve, and live by the following core values:

Honor

Honor guides us to exemplify the ultimate in ethical and moral behavior. We abide by an uncompromising code of integrity, respect human dignity, and respect others. Honor compels us to act responsibly, to fulfill our obligations, and to hold ourselves and others accountable for every action.

Courage

Courage is the value that gives us the moral and mental strength to do what is right, with confidence and resolution, even in the face of temptation or adversity. With physical courage, it is a matter of enduring physical duress and at times risking personal safety. Facing moral fear or adversity may be a long, slow process of continuing forward on the right path, especially if taking those actions is not popular with others.

Excellence

Excellence is the constant pursuit of perfection, despite knowing that perfection is rarely attainable. Excellence is the result of caring about what we do, and of putting our very best effort into what we care about. It is an outward expression of inner integrity, passion, and a strong sense to make a true difference. We relentlessly strive for both personal and professional excellence.

Patrol Operations

2025 Summary

In 2025, Officers responded to 1,582 calls for service, investigated 195 offense reports, handled 75 crashes, conducted 1,322 traffic stops, issued 1,005 warnings, performed 4,350 foot-patrols, and issued 537 charges to 397 persons. The youngest person charged was 16 and the oldest person charged was 84.

In addition to patrolling the Village, officers carried out many valuable community service functions such as: 139 assists for other agencies, 96 vehicle lockouts, 32 Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service assists, and attended numerous public relations events.

A call for service is anytime an officer is requested for help.

A report is taken whenever there is a criminal offense requiring investigation or documentation, or a death.

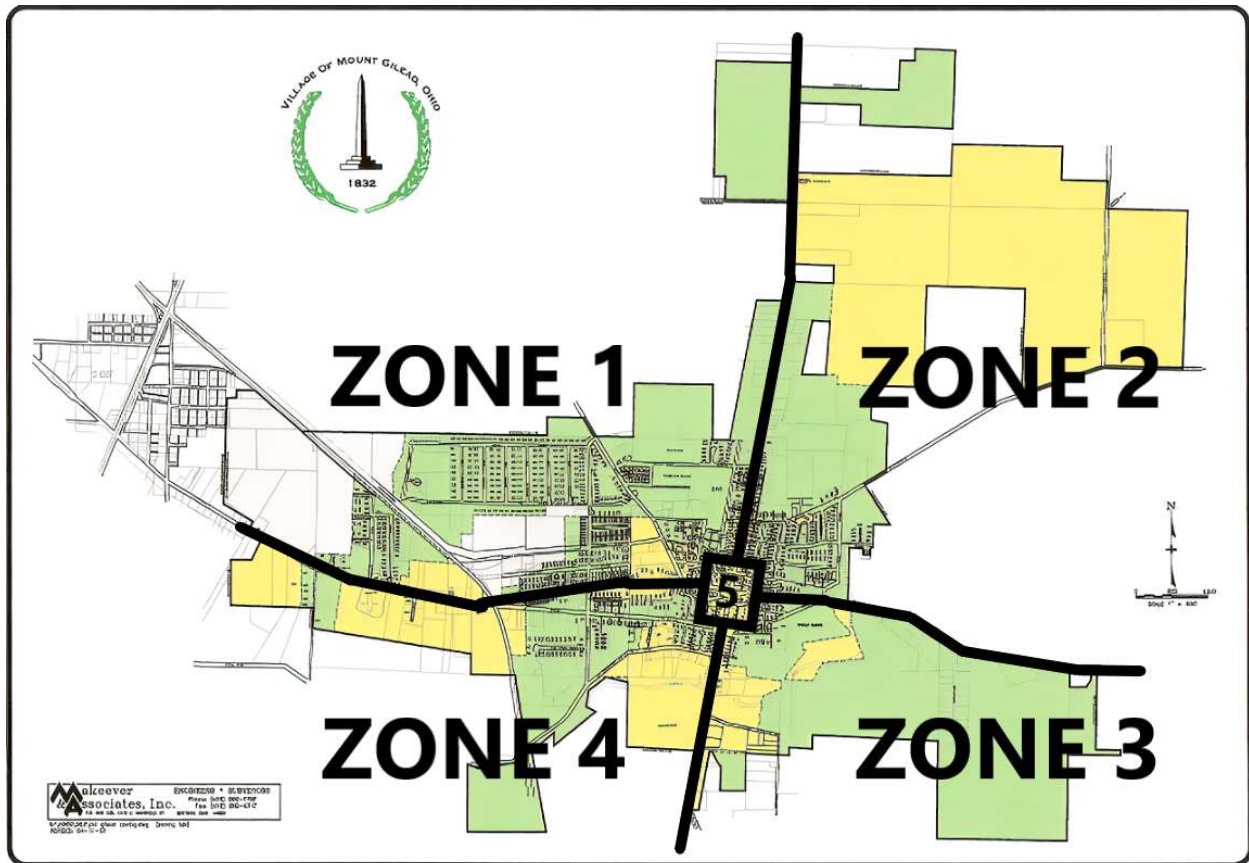
A crash report is taken for crashes that occurred on the roadway or crashes on private property resulting in injury or significant property damage.

A traffic stop is anytime an officer contacts a motorist for a violation of law.

A foot-patrol is anytime an officer is out of the car to check a business or residence or interact with citizens for no reason other than to socialize or verify that the building is secure.

A charge is a citation, complaint, or warrant issued for a criminal offense.

Patrol Operations Zone Map



The Village of Mount Gilead is divided into 5 “Zones” for statistics and tracking purposes.

Zone 1 = North of High Street, West of Main Street

Zone 2 = North of High Street, East of Main Street

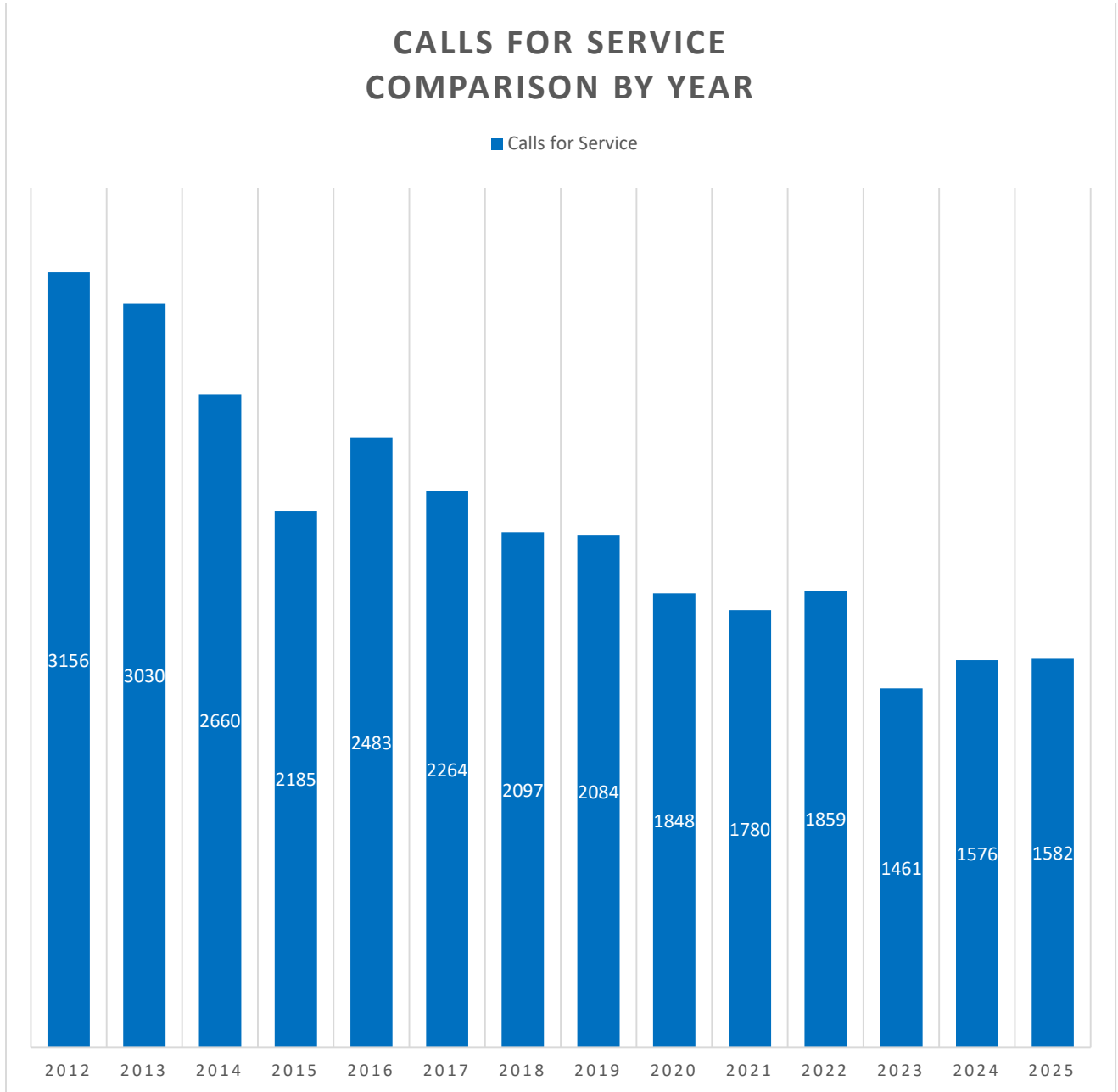
Zone 3 = South of High Street, East of Main Street

Zone 4 = South of High Street, West of Main Street

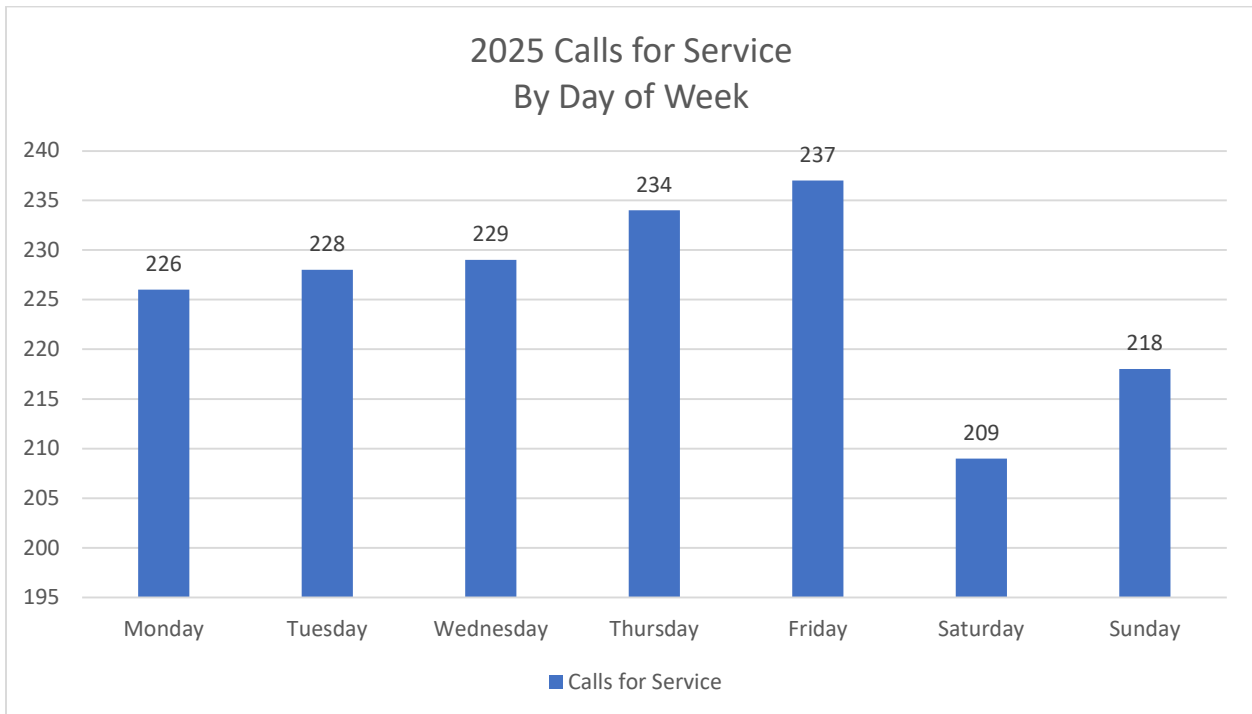
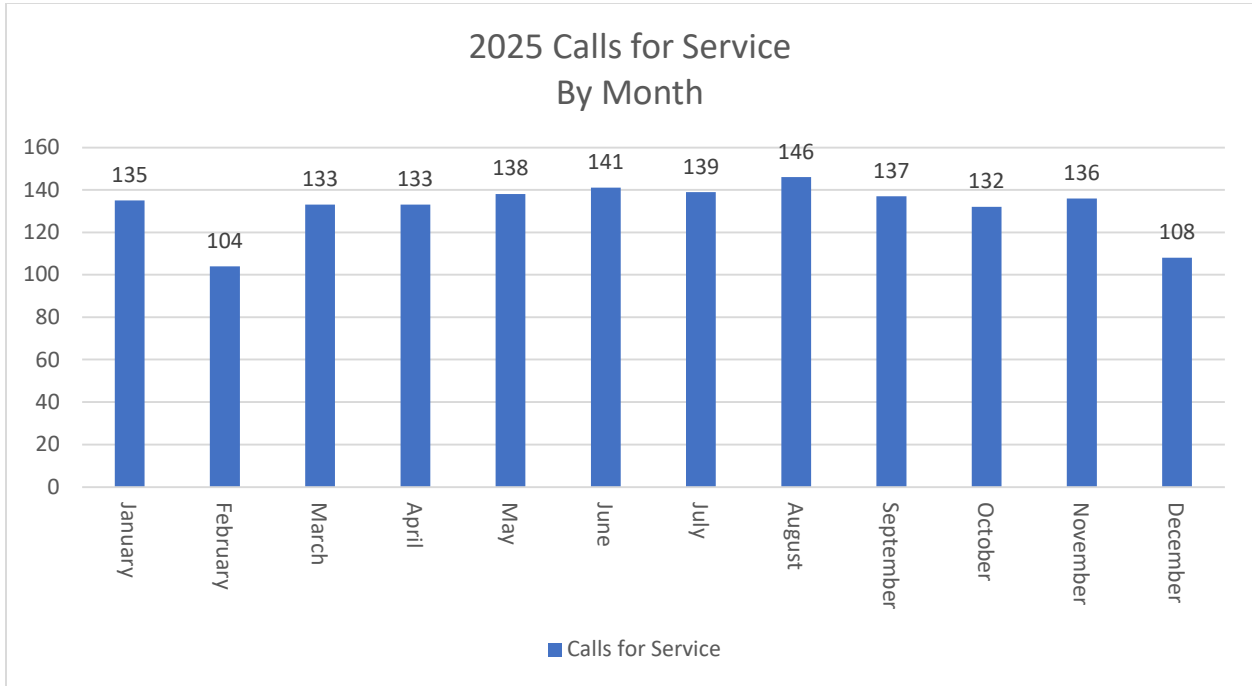
Zone 5 = Downtown Business District

Zone 0 = Outside the Incorporated Village

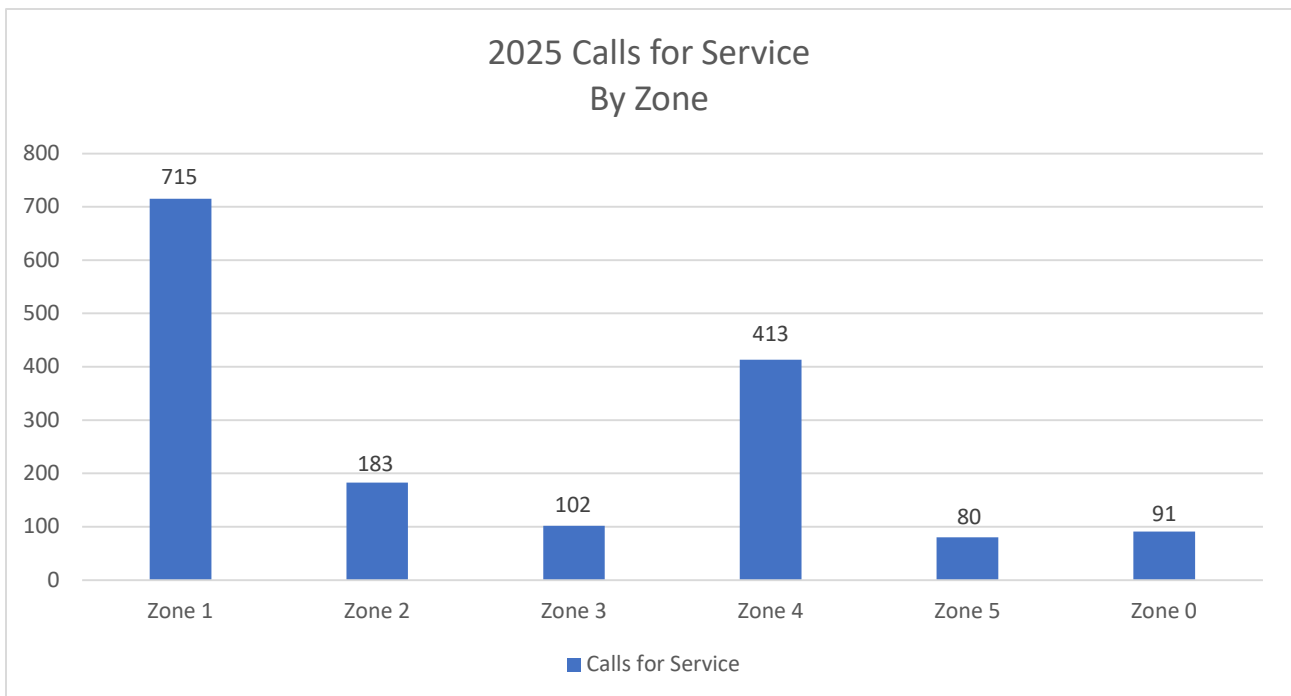
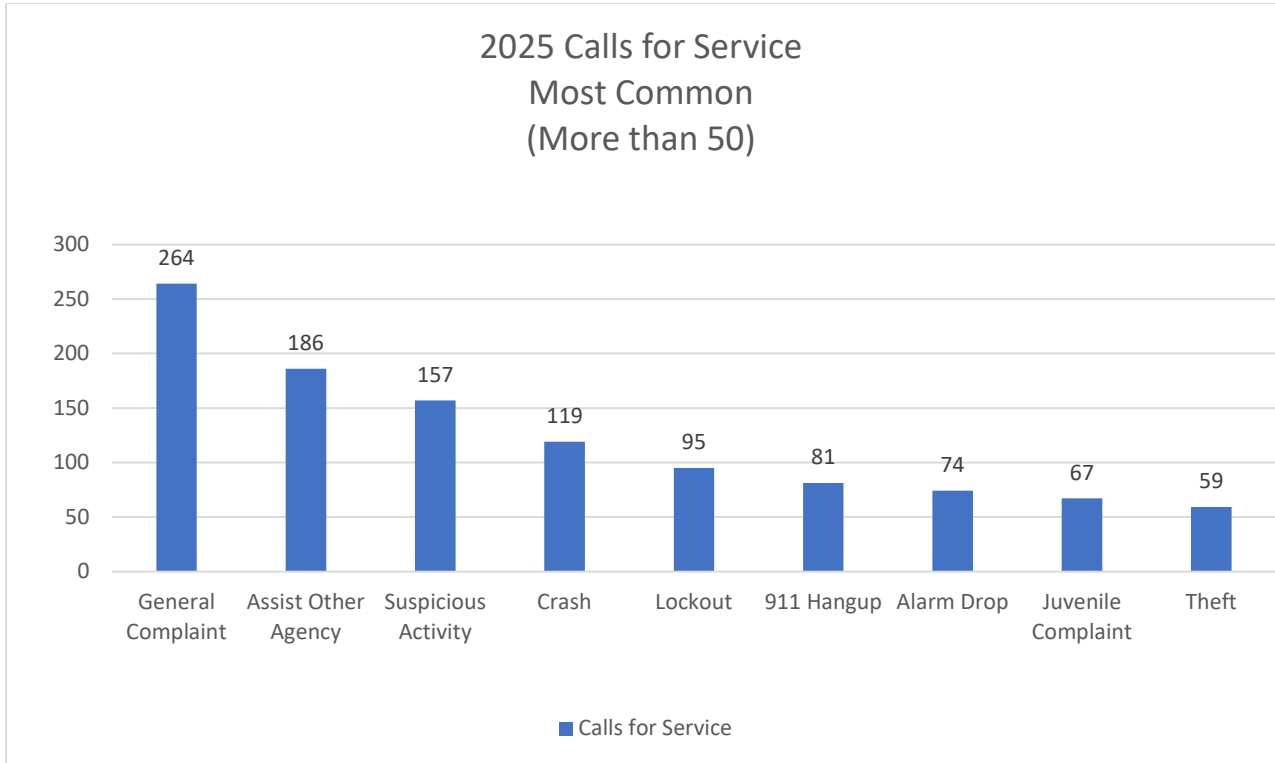
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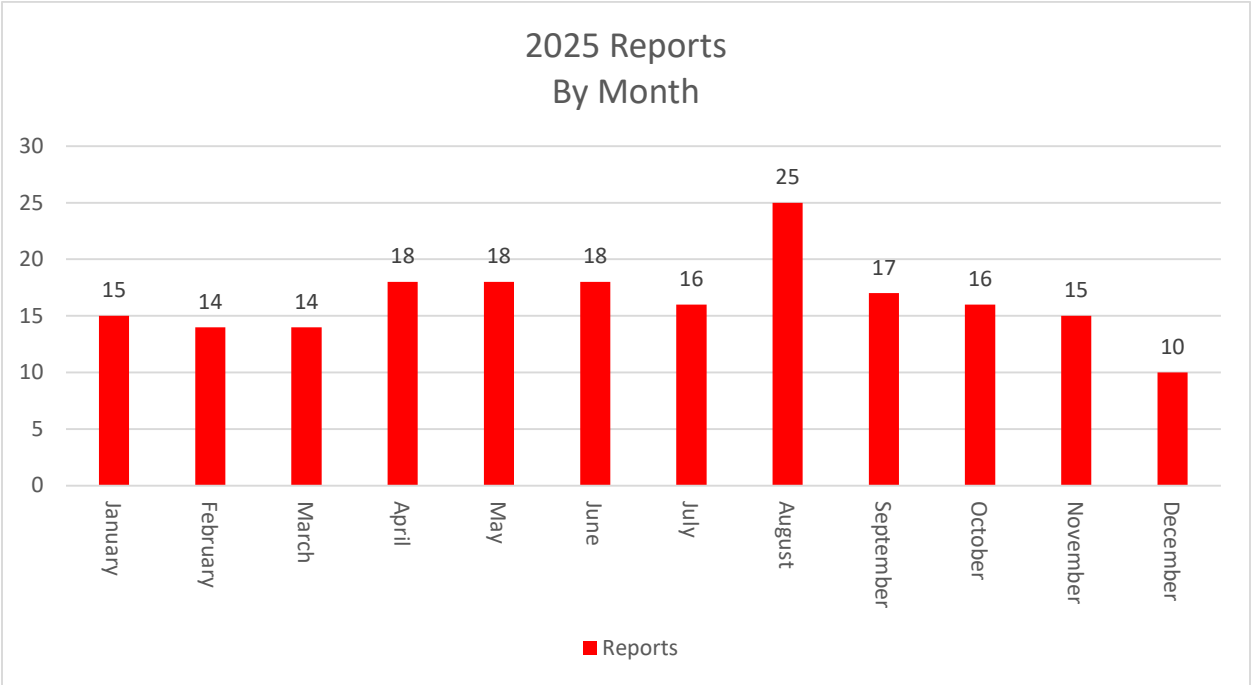
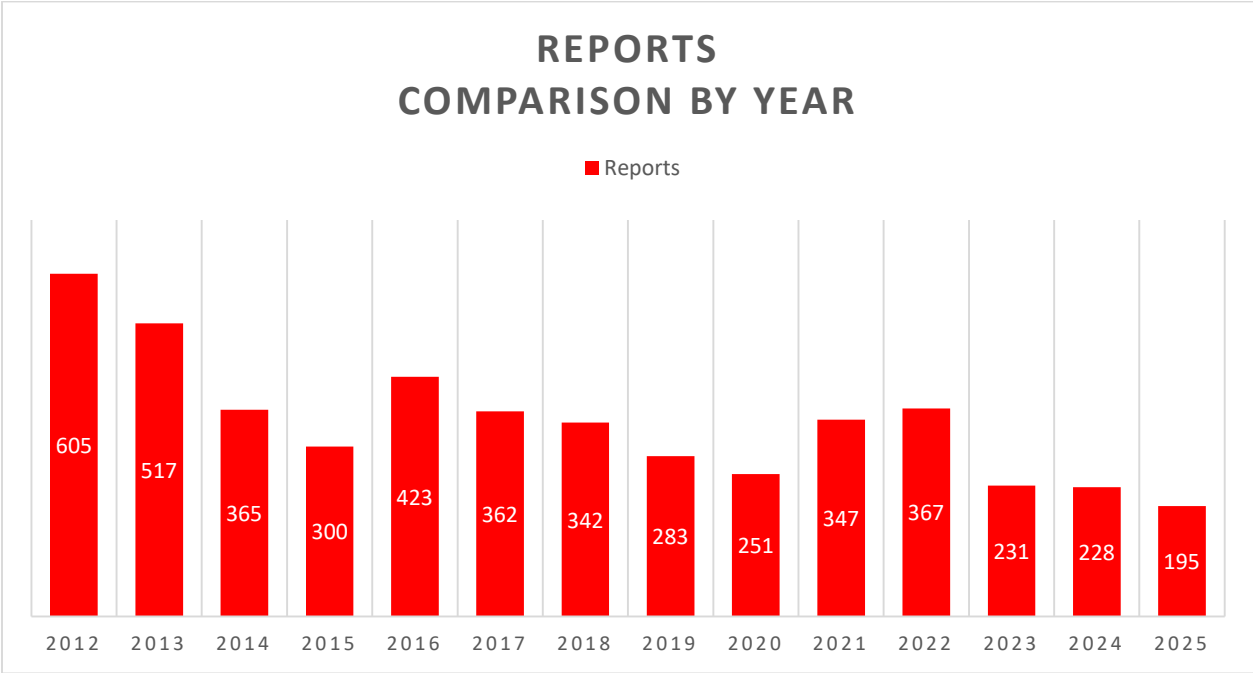
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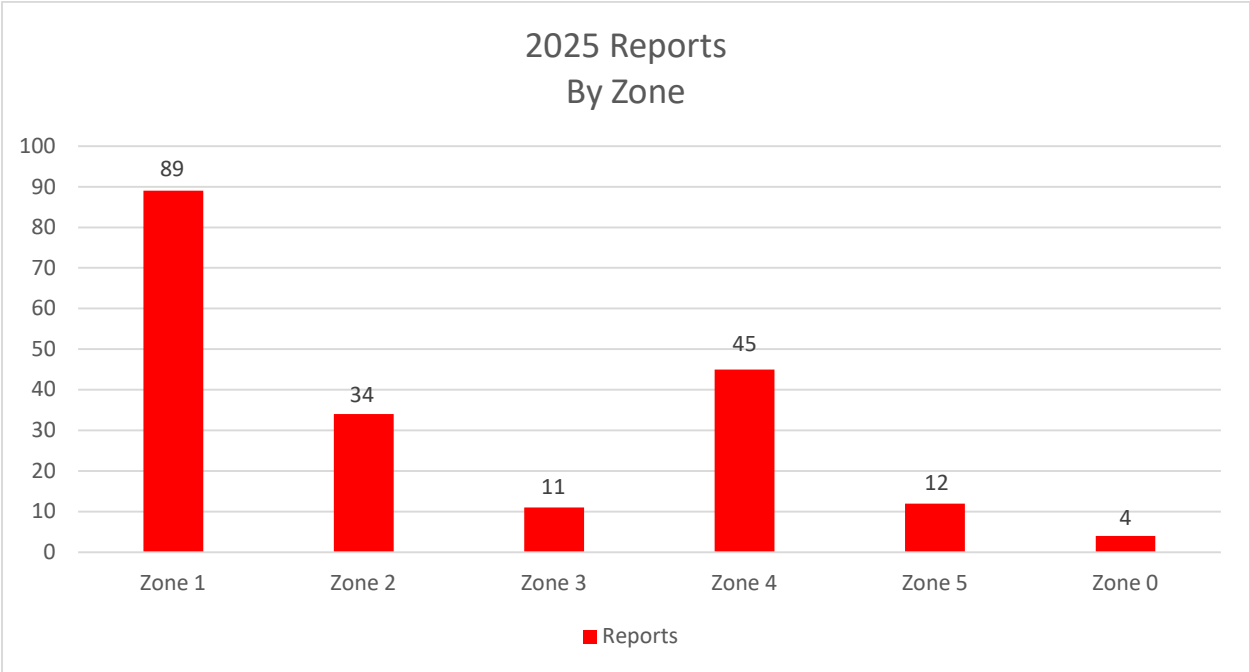
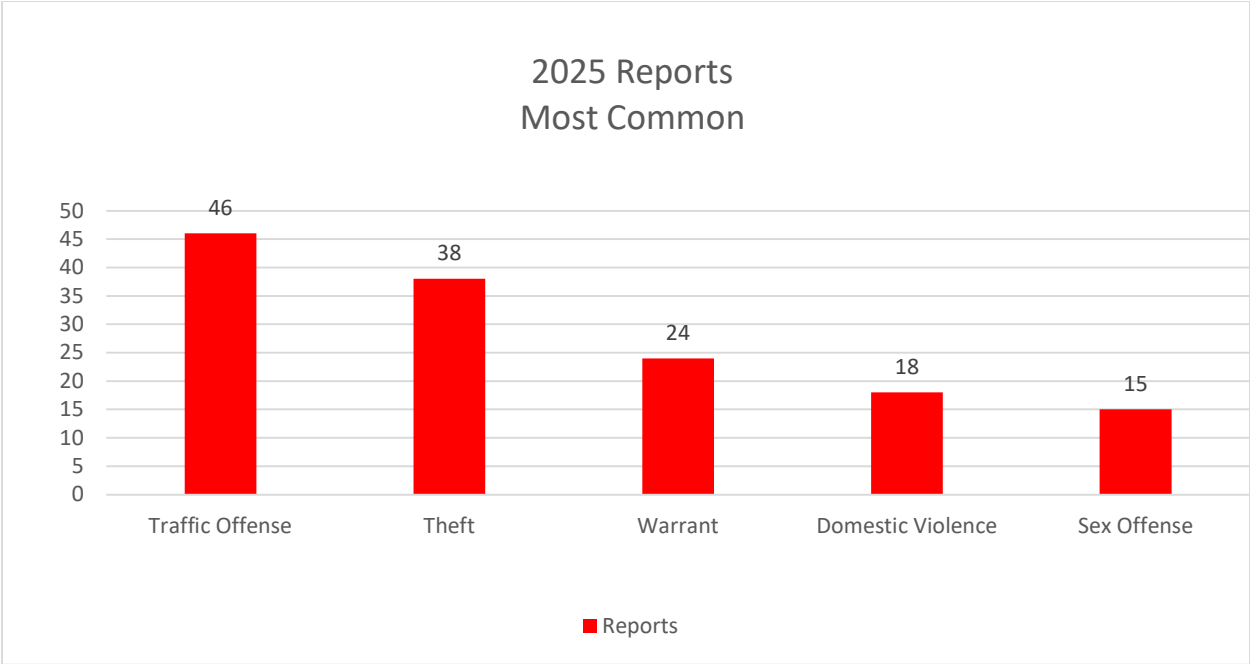
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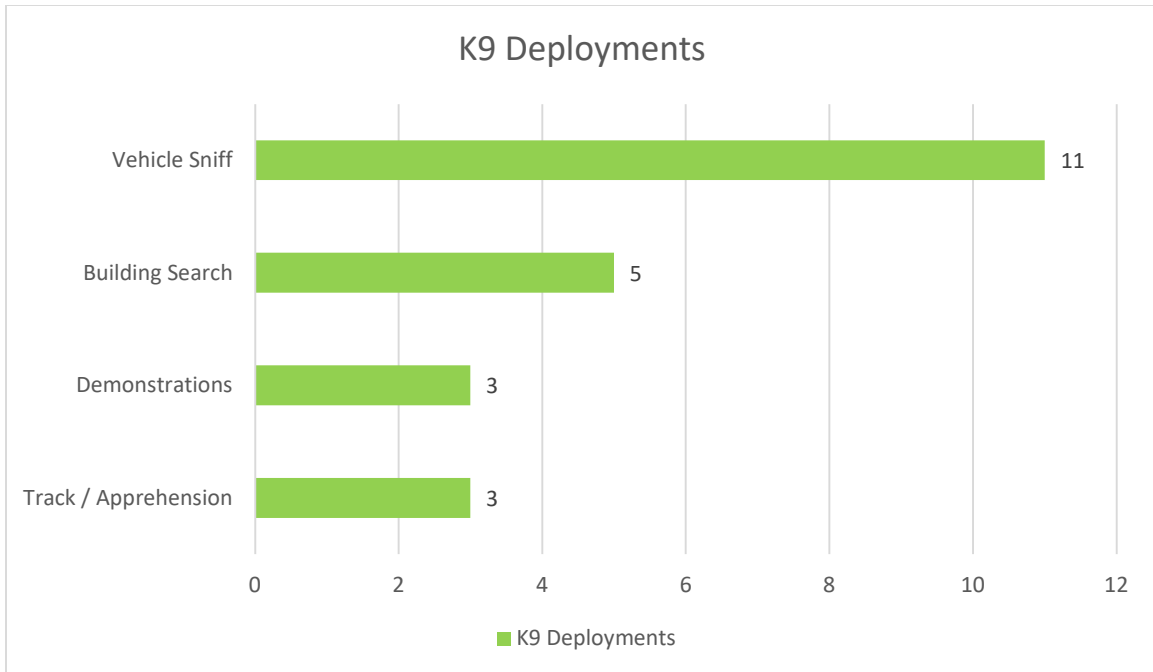
Patrol Operations 2025 Reports



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Patrol Operations 2025 K9 Statistics



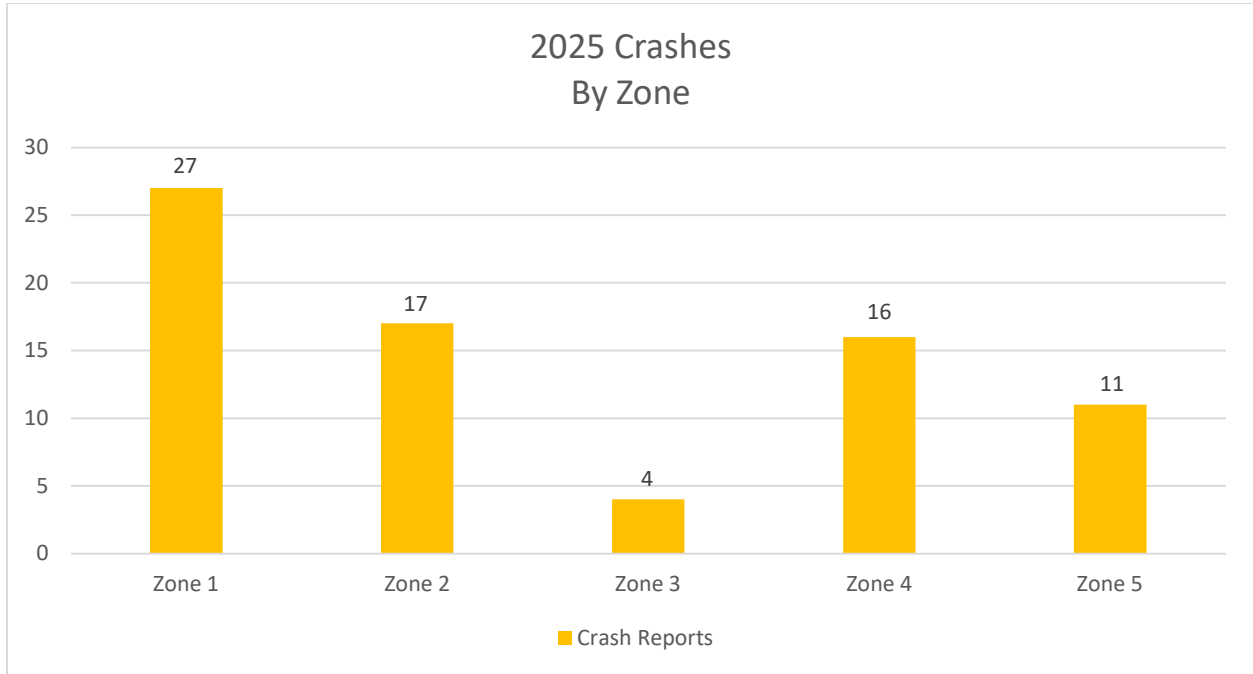
The department currently has one Canine Officer, K9 Major Niko.

Niko is handled by Captain Thomas Cronenwett.

Captain Cronenwett and Niko are certified by the State of Ohio in tracking, apprehension, and narcotics detection.

In 2025, the K9 team was responsible for 4 drug finds and 2 locates.

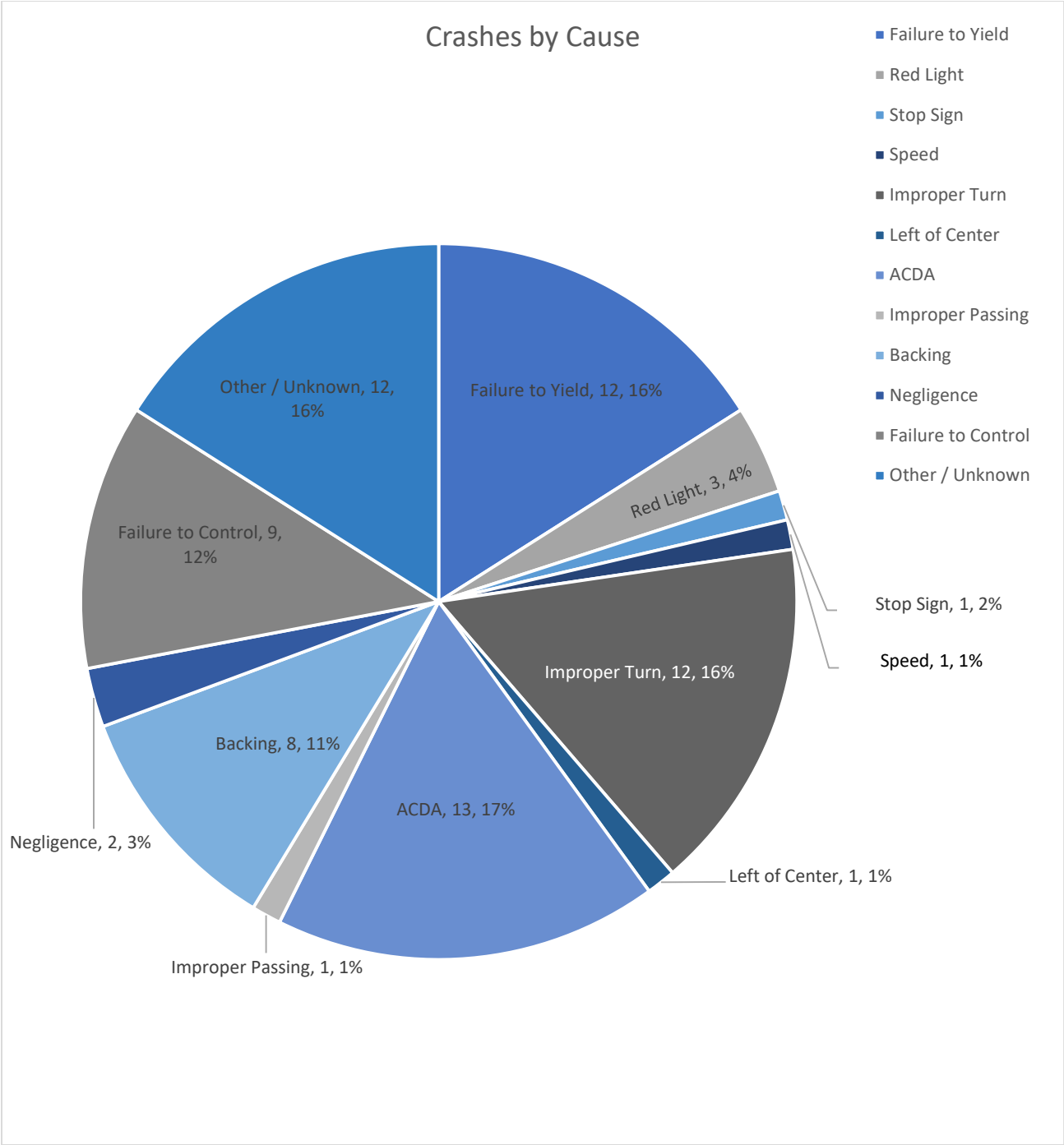
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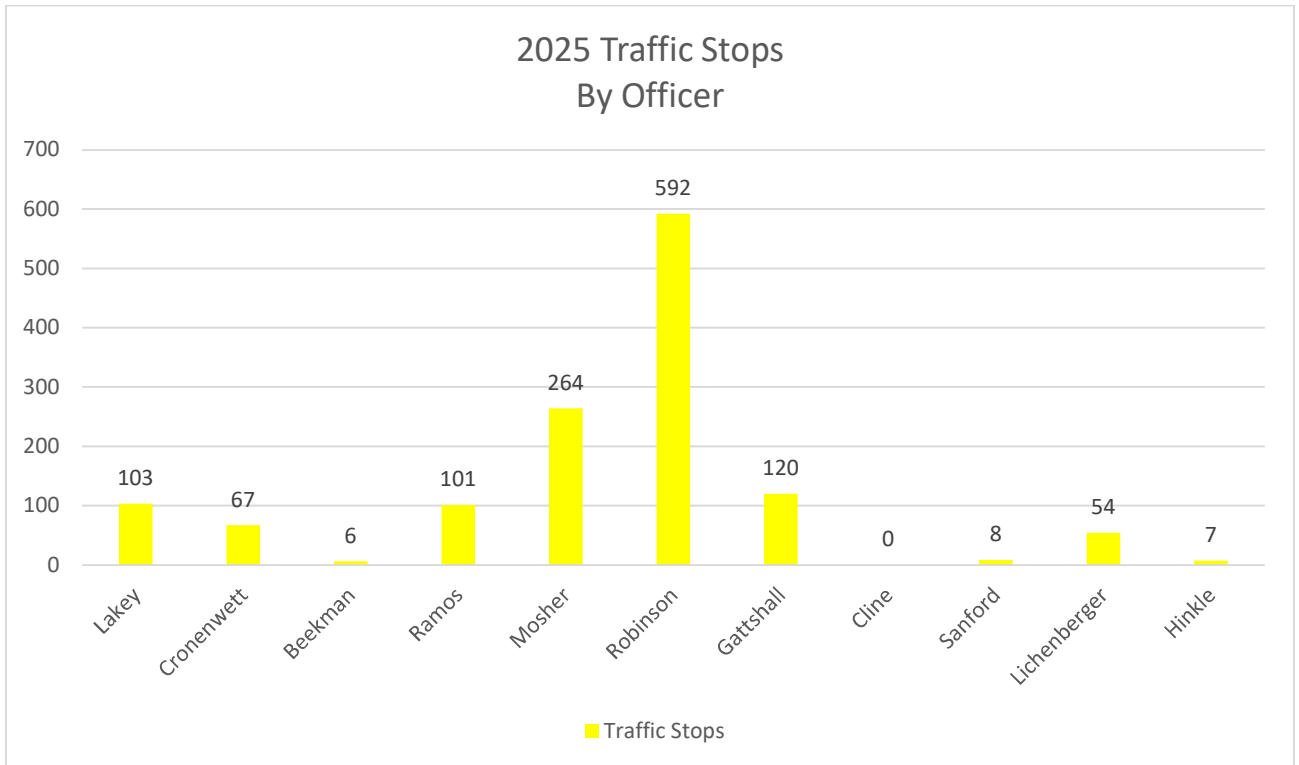
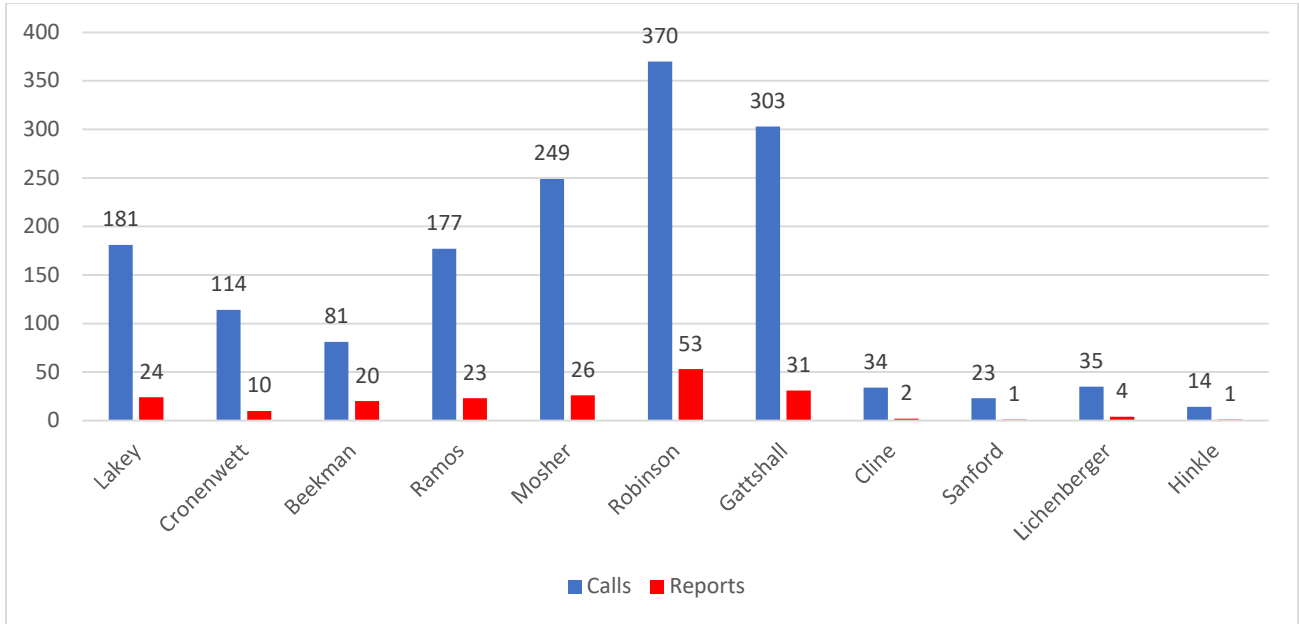
Crashes by Day of Week	Crashes
Monday	10
Tuesday	14
Wednesday	15
Thursday	7
Friday	17
Saturday	6
Sunday	6

Crashes by Shift	Crashes
0000-0800	11
0800-1600	42
1600-0000	22

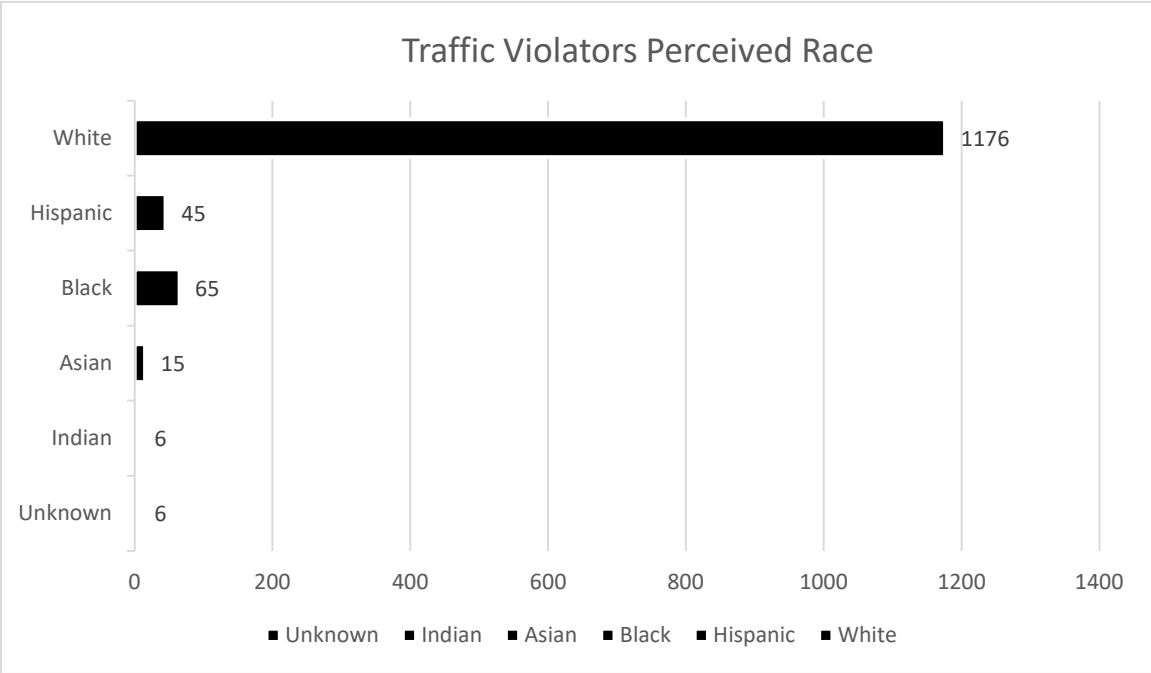
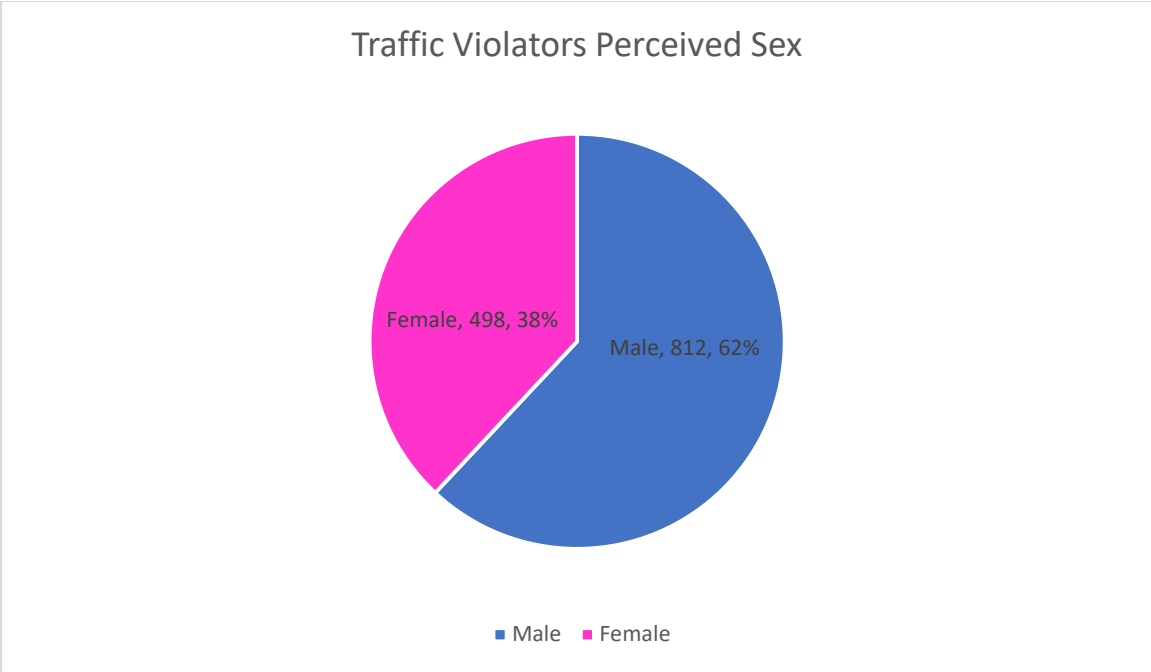
Patrol Operations 2025 Crashes



Patrol Operations 2025 Officer Activity



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