

2024

ANNUAL REPORT



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A Letter From Chief Olson



The foundation of the Appleton Police Department is built on the trust given to us by the members of our community. I'm excited to share our successes from 2024, resulting in a safer community for those who live, work, and visit the City of Appleton. Our team continues to focus on delivering excellence in policing – with the additional goals of: increasing traffic safety efforts, growing neighborhood watch programs and connections, and focusing on nuisance properties and drug-related crime. Thank you for taking the time to read about the great work happening within our community. *Polly Olson*



Todd Freeman continues to serve the Appleton Police Department as Assistant Chief.



In 2024, Inspired by the City's updates, our redesigned patch proudly features Appleton's historic city seal, honoring our rich heritage and tradition of excellence, while also reflecting our continued commitment to meeting the modern needs of our community and all those we serve with compassion, integrity, and courage.

FISCAL RESOURCES



SueAnn Teer
Fiscal Resources Manager

The Fiscal Resource Unit manages all financial transactions pertaining to the department budget and grant administration, ensuring funds are allocated according to fiscal policies and procedures. With the retirement of two K9's in 2024 the continued community support provided funding to purchase and train two new K9's (Quinn and Drakon).

Grant funding through federal, state, and other agencies exceeded \$300,000 providing funds for equipment, training, vest protection, traffic / drug enforcement, and other department initiatives. The unit also provides oversight of payroll administration, travel coordination, and other fiscal-related activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UNIT



Cathy Allcox
Administrative Services Manager

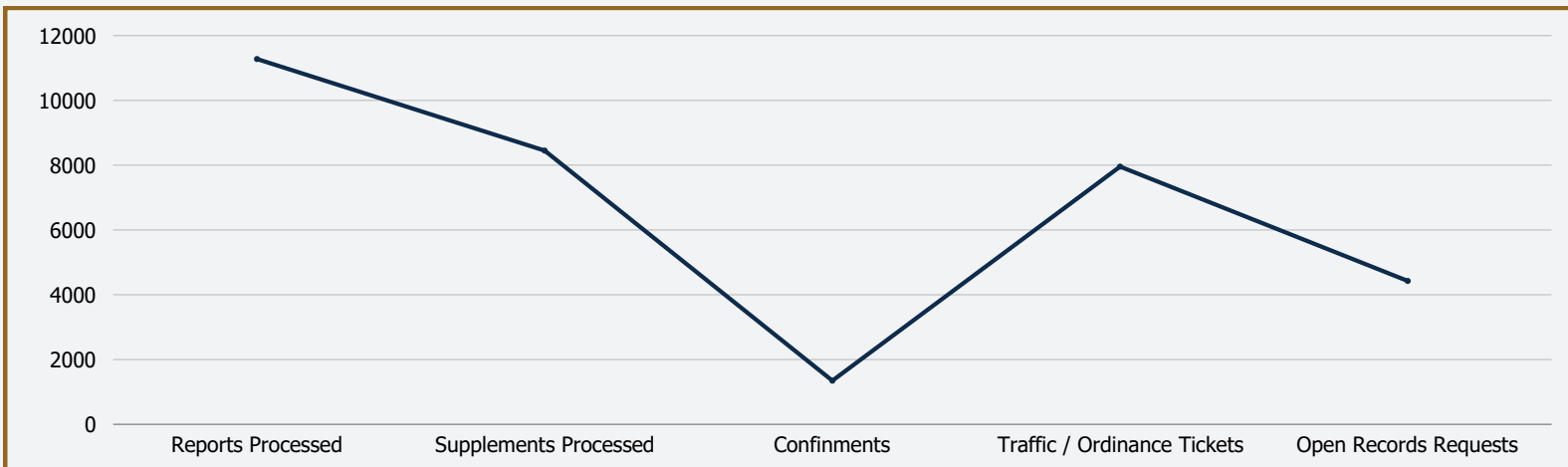
Our Administrative Services Unit is comprised of our Front Desk Unit as well as our Records Unit.

The APD front desk is staffed from 6:00am-10:00pm Monday through Friday in which they handle all walk-in traffic and answer non-emergency phone lines.

In 2024 there were 71,653 calls to our non-emergency line. Additional administrative tasks include processing community member needs involving the following:

Warnings.....	7,192
Offense reports written by PCS's.....	127
Accident Reports Processed.....	1,855
Animal License Issued.....	2,775
Other.....	59,704

Clerical Statistics for our Records Unit



PATROL UNIT



Captain Jack Taschner
Northern / Southern Command
Blue Group

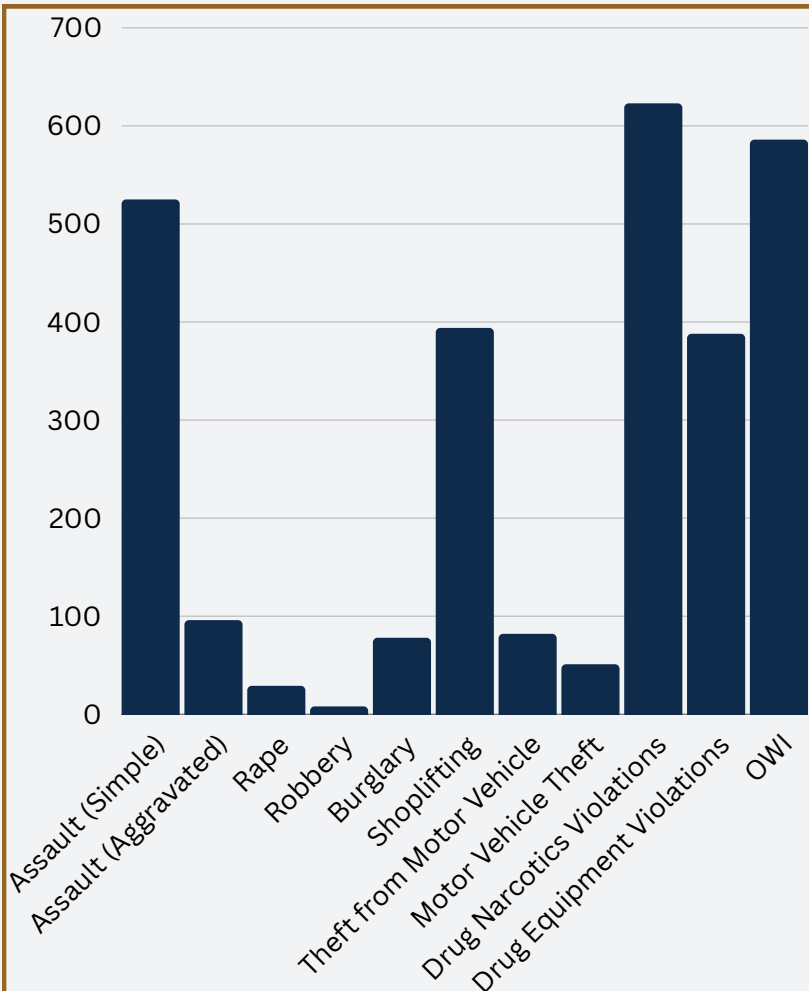
Patrol is the first responding unit on all calls for service. They are the backbone of the department and the launching point for all career paths at the APD. Our patrol officers carry caseloads and have the ability to see calls for service through to the end. Yet, they also have the ability to transfer the case to the appropriate Investigative Services Unit (ISU, SRO, SIU, CRU) to follow up on. Most Patrol officers are also trained in crisis intervention.



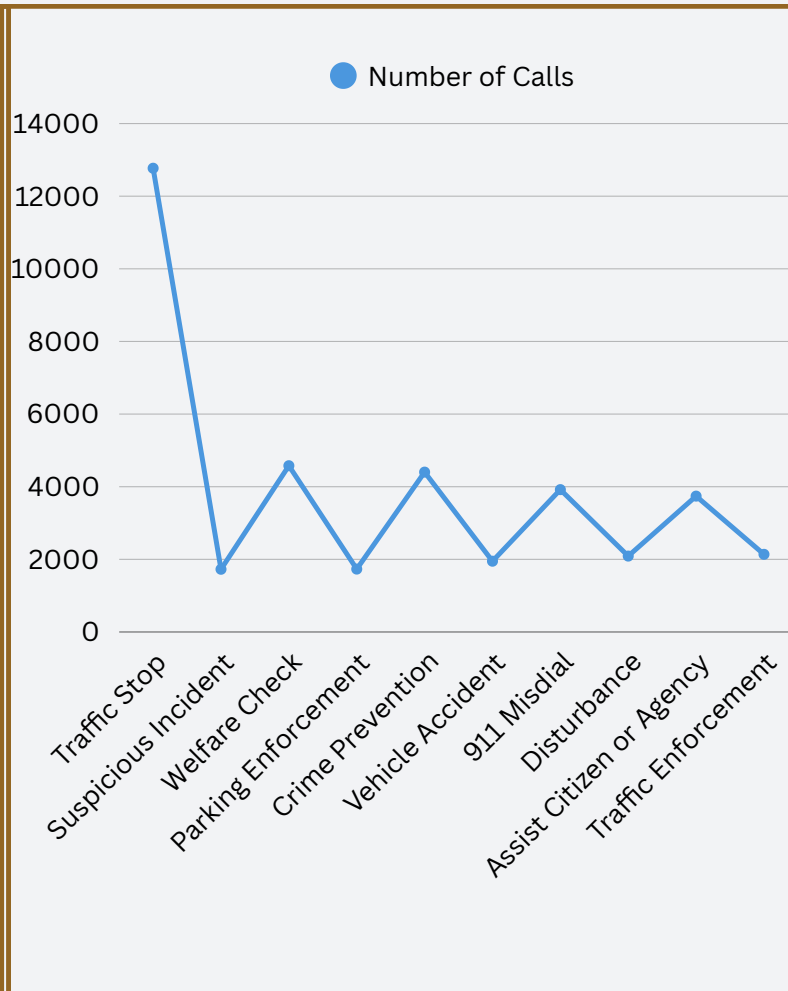
Captain Gary Lewis
Downtown Command / Ops Coordination
Red Group

- Patrol is comprised of two groups (Red and Blue) who work alternating schedules comprised of mostly 12 hour shifts.
- Each group has 30 patrol officers (when fully staffed), 6 Patrol Lieutenants, and 1 Captain.
- Each shift maintains minimums based on the time of day, per best practice.

Serious Offenses Broken Down



Top 10 Calls (by Nature Code)



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT

Captain Mike Wallace oversees both the Investigative Services Unit and Community Resource Unit. These unit are comprised of Investigative Services, Special Investigations, School Resource Officers and Community Resources.



Captain Mike Wallace

Investigative & Community Resource Units



The Investigative Services Unit (ISU) is comprised of 10 detectives and a dedicated unit Lieutenant. ISU members have specialized training and years of experience working complex cases. They investigate major felonies such as homicides, frauds, burglaries, and robberies. Investigators work closely with patrol officers and forensic evidence specialists to identify witnesses, preserve crime scenes, gather critical information, and develop leads.



Lt. Adam VanZeeland

Investigative Services

Major Incidents:

- On 5/15/24 Investigators responded for a suspicious death investigation on E Summer St. Two individuals were found deceased inside of their residence. The investigation determined that one subject had died by suicide. The cause of death of the second individual was undetermined.
- On 7/18/24 Investigators responded for the homicide of Joseph Carnot. As a result of the investigation Samantha Krebs was arrested for 1st degree intentional homicide. This case remains in the court system.
- On 11/24/24 Investigators responded for the homicide of Daniel Juedes Sr. As a result of the investigation Gregory Juedes was arrested for 1st degree intentional homicide. This case remains in the court system.
- Investigators spent significant time in preparation for 2 jury trials for homicide investigations from previous years. Both defendants, Yia Lor and Eric Rogers, were found guilty of homicide charges at trial.
- ISU worked with SIU on an armed robbery investigation on S. Oneida St. The suspect in the case was identified and, through collaboration with other agencies, arrested in Florida.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

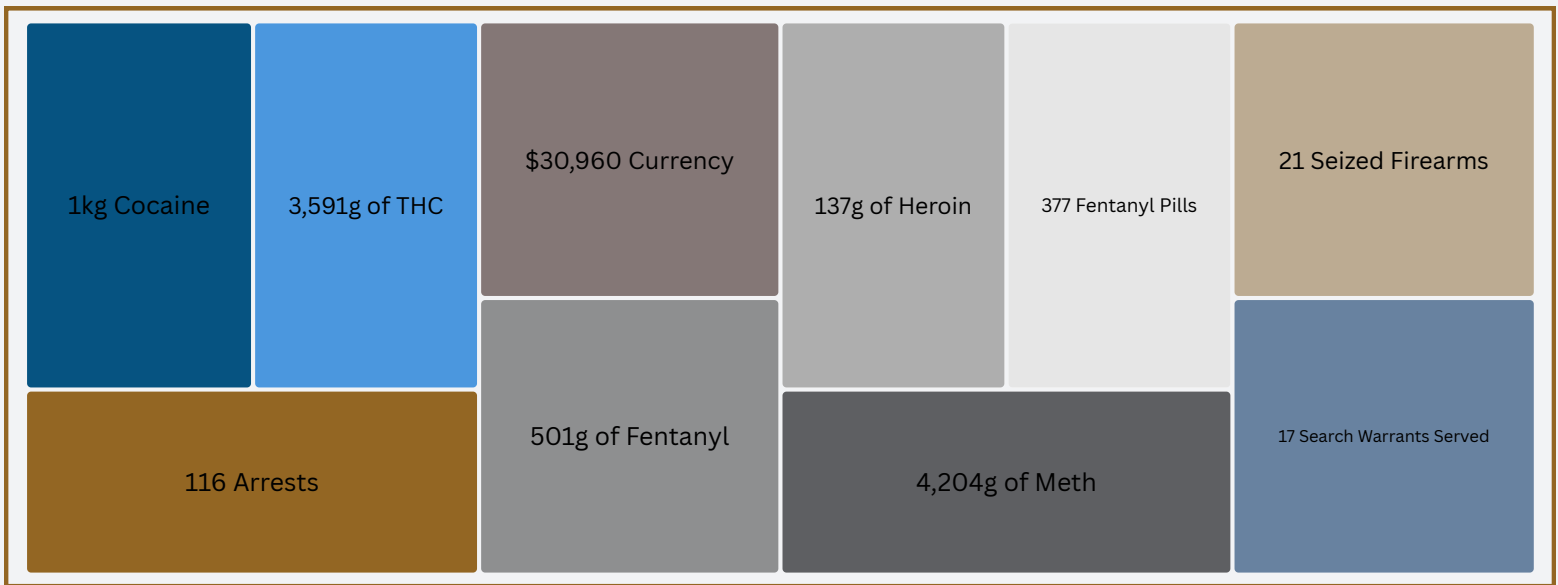


Lt. Eric Holdorf

Special Investigations Unit

Members of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) worked in partnership with the United States Marshals Service to apprehend many fugitives whose crimes have impacted Appleton and Northeast Wisconsin. SIU regularly provides assistance to patrol, Investigative Services Unit (ISU) and sensitive crimes investigators in locating and arresting wanted individuals.

In 2024 SIU was directly responsible for the seizure of:



LAKE WINNEBAGO AREA MEG UNIT

2024 LWAM Drug Seizure Statistics:

SIU continued their partnership with the Lake Winnebago Metropolitan Drug Unit, assigning one full time Narcotics Investigator to the unit.

SIU investigators also created or assisted LWAM regularly on narcotics investigations in the City of Appleton and greater Fox Valley area.

CATEGORY	QUANTITY
Firearms Seized	80.00
Cocaine - Base (g)	1,439.91
Cocaine - HCL (g)	7,469.90
Fentanyl (g)	9,561.98
Heroin (g)	654.98
THC Products (g)	75,644.57
Marijuana Plants	1.00
Meth (g)	37,401.75
Prescription (du)	2,072.45
Psilocybin (g)	606.62
LSD (g)	25.50
MDMA (g)	1,870.76



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



Lt. Adam Nagel
School Resource Unit

The School Resource Officer Unit consists of a Lieutenant, 11 sworn officers and one officer directly assigned to investigate Sex Offenses.

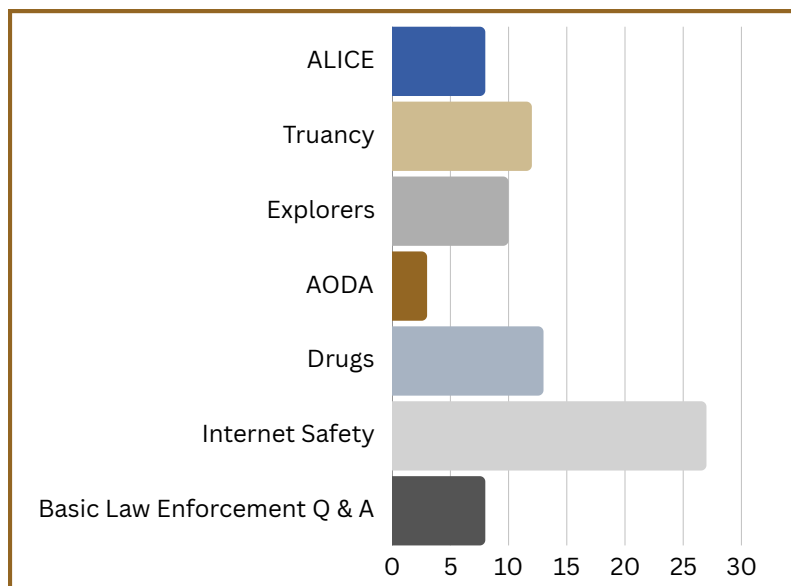
- This team successfully investigated many sensitive crimes involving sexual assault and child abuse and neglect.
- Together, the team closed over 20 cases of Internet Crimes Against Children
- Officer Hughes created a Sextortion Policy which has now been utilized as a model policy throughout the state.



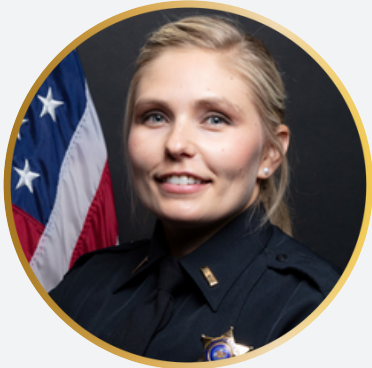
2024 School Presentations

Our SRO Unit actively participated in 260 events with the Appleton Area School District. The events and activities they participated in include: parades, homecomings, sporting events, school dances, color runs, roller skating, family nights, etc.

NORTH Area : 80 events and activities
 EAST Area : 95 events and activities
 WEST Area : 85 events and activities



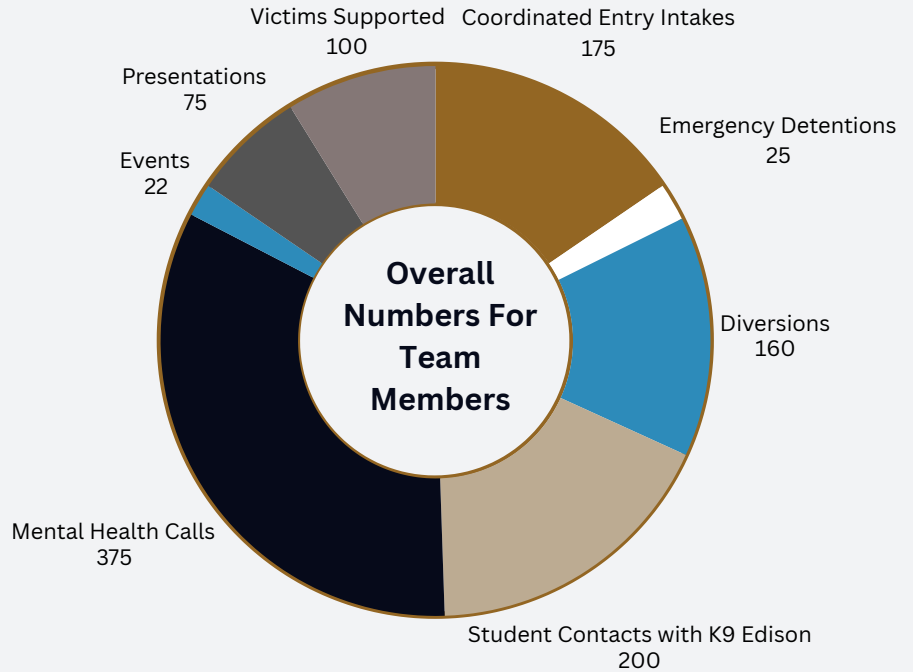
COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT



Lt. Meghan Cash
Community Resource Unit

The Community Resource Unit consists of: Victim Service Officer, Community Liaison Officer, Behavioral Health Officer, Co-Responder Team, Threat Assessment Officer, The Basic Needs Team, Community Engagement Specialist and Public Information Officer.

Our Threat Assessment Officer was involved in some major cases that resulted in individuals being taken into custody prior to them taking destructive action, likely keeping many community members safe.



BASIC NEEDS TEAM



Liz



Cheryl

The Basic Needs Team housed at the Appleton Police Department, is comprised of Appleton Health Department employees Liz Croley and Cheryl Schefe. They play a vital role in connecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness or hardship to resources in our community. Partnering with local organizations, the team was expanded to include Cheryl in 2024. In just a year approximately 175 Coordinated Entry (CE) intakes have been completed, helping those at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness, not including children and significant others. Beyond Coordinated Entry intakes, the team has assisted individuals with accessing food, shelter, housing, and employment resources. They have also established strong partnerships within the community. One of the team's key initiatives is the Interagency Collaboration meeting, which brings together various local agencies to provide coordinated support for those struggling to meet basic needs.



TECHNOLOGY UNIT



Lt. Blaine VanderWielen
Technology Unit

The Appleton Police Department Technology Unit is comprised of 8 members who are cross-trained to operate small unmanned aerial systems and the APD robot. The APD Technology Unit operates on a near 24/7 coverage, and is utilized in many situations to include:

- Search and rescue
- Crime scene reconstruction
- Suspect apprehension
- Building clearing
- In support of SWAT situations

The use of this equipment has aided with saving lives and increasing the safety for officers and the public.

OPERATIONS UNIT



Sgt. John Ostermeier
Operations Unit

John is a member of the Appleton Parade Committee, the City of Appleton Special Events Committee, a representative on the Octoberfest and License to Cruise Planning Committee and has processed contested billing claims for false alarm responses while also participating in the selection and interview process for CSO applicants.

Special Events	Tow Trucks	Off-Duty Contracts	Traffic Grants
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83 permitted special events • 38 additional event days for multi-day special events • 19 Saturday Farmers Markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly contracts for Contract Tow Service • Secondary Contract Tow Service • Abandoned Autos • Oversight on the tow ordinance and next-up tow list • Processed and addressed 3 violations of the tow ordinance and completed 1 background investigation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processed and staffed 5 off-duty security contracts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OWI • Speed • Pedestrian Safety <p>Totaling about \$217,000 in grant funding.</p>



K9 UNIT



Lt. Ty West
K9 Unit

Our K9 Team is comprised of a Lieutenant, four handlers and four K9s plus Sgt. Duven and K9 Edison who is a Facility K9. Our K9s are purchased through donations and grants; however, our explosives trained K9 was purchased by the Green Bay Packers and in turn works the games, ensuring safety for all fans. Two K-9s are assigned to Blue Shift while the other two are assigned to Red Shift yet, this team trains, problem solves and sometimes deploys together. This unit also supports the surrounding communities of Appleton as they get called to assist other PD's and Sheriff's departments; they in turn, do the same for us.

In 2024, we lost K-9 Faro due to kidney failure and saw the retirement of K-9 Eon and K-9 Zuul.



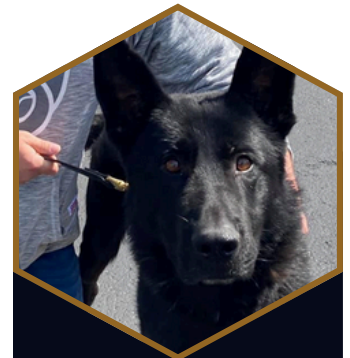
ONYX
Narcotics Detection & Patrol
Handler, Officer Josh Rieth



EON
Explosives Detection & Patrol
Handler, Sgt. David Schneider



ZUUL
Narcotics Detection & Patrol
Handler, Sgt. Tom Zieman



FARO
Narcotics Detection & Patrol
Handler, Sgt. Craig Rohm

● Total Deployments (194) ● Detection Deployments (171) ● Total Arrests (59) ● Patrol Deployments (23)



EDISON
Victim Services & Community Resource
Handler, Sgt. Lori Duven

K9 Edison provided direct support to over 100 victims, was deployed over 50 times to AASD schools, with over 200 student contacts and had additional deployments for interviews, trial preparation, trial testimony, community events, and investigations.



DRAKON
Explosives Detection & Patrol
Handler, Officer Jack Doemel



QUINN
Narcotics Detection & Patrol
Handler, Sgt. Craig Rohm



KALEB
Narcotics Detection & Patrol
Handler, Officer Jeremy Norris

ACTIVE for 2025



S.W.A.T.



Lt. Bill McCormick
S.W.A.T Team Commander

Our SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team plays a crucial role in keeping the community safe. This team is comprised of 24 individuals. Most individuals are part of the Appleton Police Department, however, we have 4 TEMS (Tactical Emergency Medical Support) medics who are all part of the Appleton Fire Department.

24 Team Members



Each SWAT member has passed a rigorous tryout to be part of this team. After being selected, the training continues and includes 140 hours of team training and 24 hours each of additional individual training per year.

The types of calls SWAT is deployed, or called out for, are: armed barricaded subjects, hostage rescue operations, high risk warrant service, or other situations where the tactical abilities and / or knowledge of the team or specific members would be beneficial for the department or community.

- During the 2024 year, SWAT was called in for 2 full team activations.
- SWAT members participated in 36 fugitive apprehension / warrant service operations to include two other agency requests for APD SWAT services.

The SWAT team is not only deployed for active events but also as safety precautions. We had SWAT deployments at 11 special events in Appleton. APD SWAT Sniper / Observer team also assisted with a week long deployment at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

The SWAT Team also participated in 3 Community engagement events: Tough Kid Challenge, Touch a truck, and Explorers.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

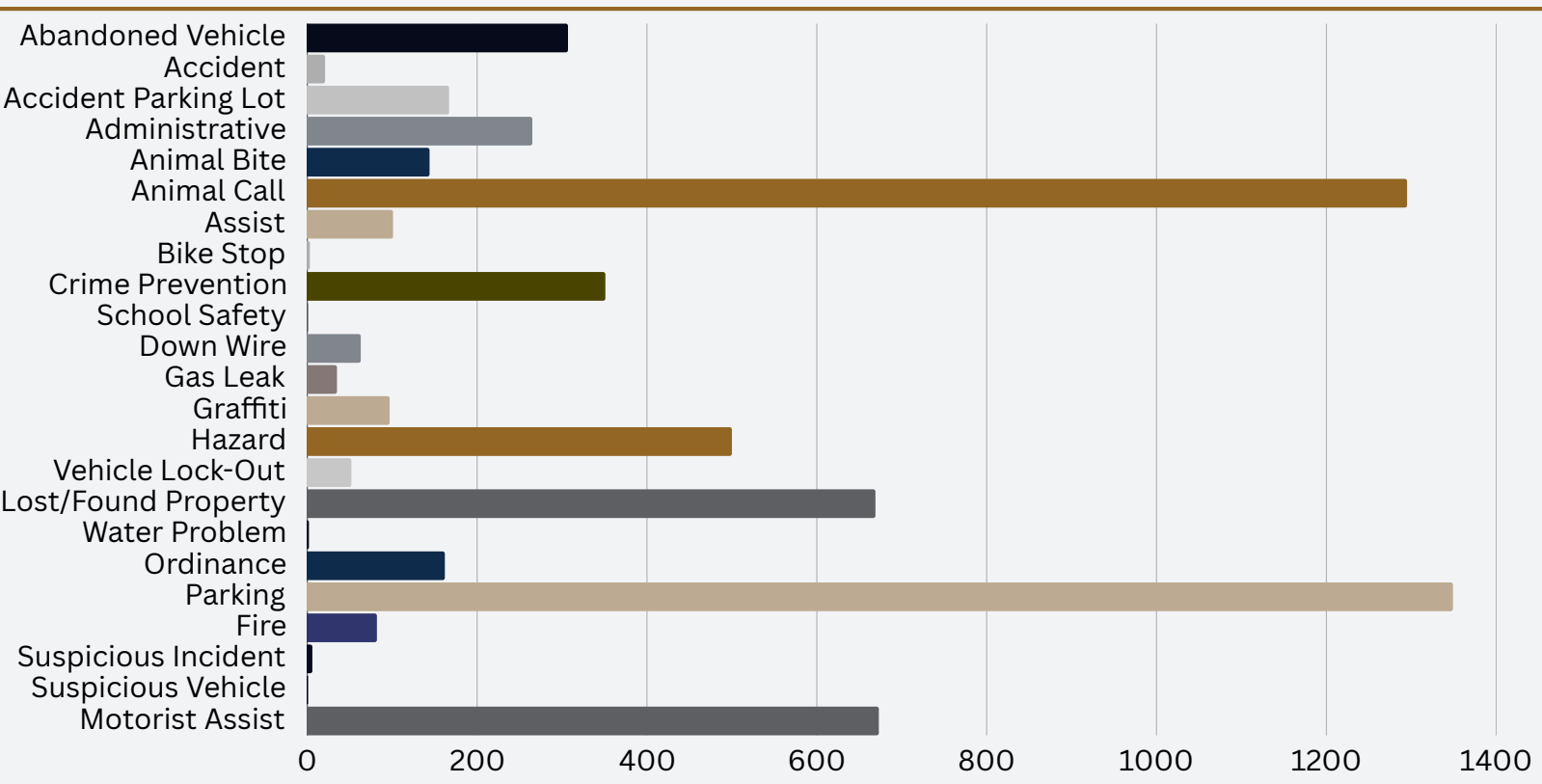


Matt Fillebrown

Lead CSO

Our Community Service Officer (CSO) Team is overseen by a Lead CSO and comprised of, up to 14 (when fully staffed) CSO's. This unit is heavily relied upon by Patrol as they assist in a wide variety of services as listed below.

2024 CSO Calls for Service



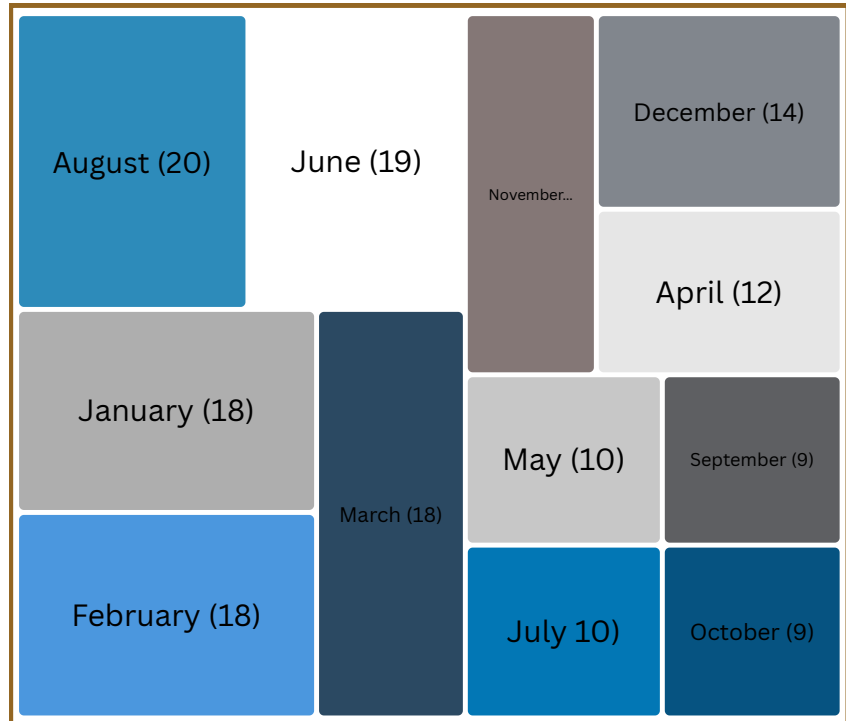


RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

Our Ride-Along program takes place all year round. Our officers willingly take civilians any day and time that works for the requesting party. This has been a great way to involve the community in what we do. Individuals who have taken part in the program range from: family members, volunteers, those interested in the field, media personnel, business owners, Chaplains, Alderpersons, County Workers, etc.

Check out our website to take part:
appletonwi.gov/police/get_involved
 Individuals must be 17+ or a high school senior

In total, we had 182 Ride Alongs in 2024



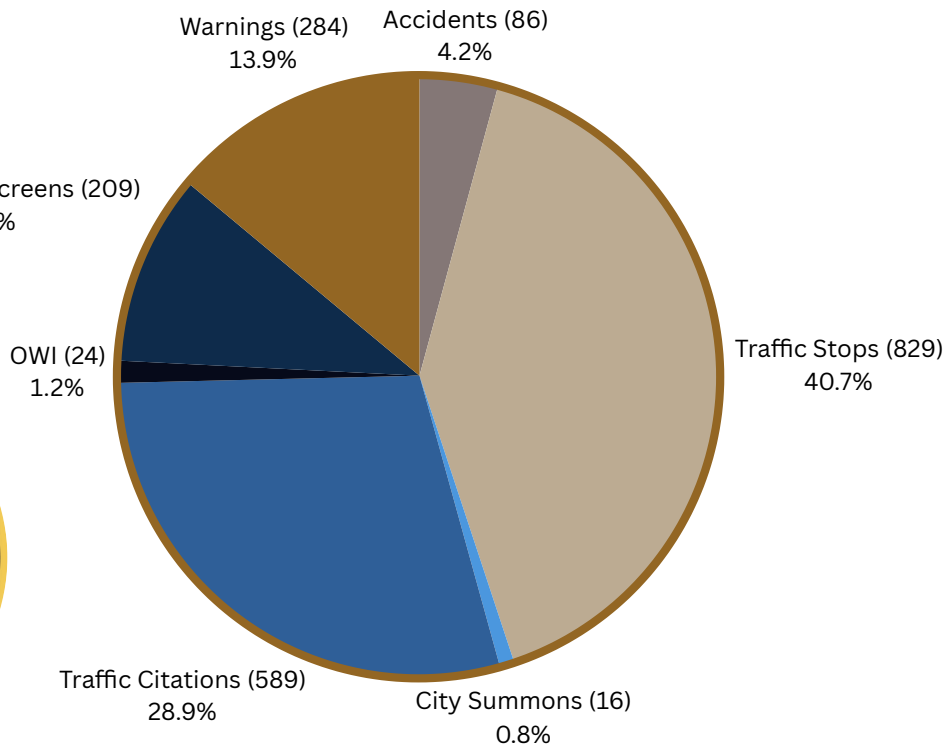
TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT



Lt. Bill McCormick



Officer Ryan McCord



USE OF FORCE

During 2024, officers from the Appleton Police Department used a level of force that met the reporting requirements during a total of 65 calls for service involving 67 total people. As in previous years, passive countermeasures accounted for the majority of techniques used by officers to affect an arrest.

The most common use of force utilized by officers were decentralizations. This involves bringing a resisting subject to the ground for a more stable and secure handcuffing position. Appleton officers decentralized 53 of the 67 individuals. Appleton officers also used an ECD (TASER) deployment to assist in detaining or arresting 7 individuals (down 10 from the previous year). There was one use of deadly force. These uses of force occurred during a variety of days, times, and locations. As a direct result of the uses of force there were 18 officers with injuries either visible or claimed.

Types of Force Used on Individuals

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	5-Year Avg
ECD Deployments	11	16	14	17	7	13.0
<i>Effective</i>	7	12	11	13	5	9.6
<i>Effective %</i>	63.64%	75.00%	72.73%	76.47%	71.43%	71.85%
<i>Non-Effective</i>	4	4	3	4	2	3.4
OC Spray	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decentralization	56	49	52	68	53	55.6
Vertical/Ground Stuns	3	2	2	1	1	1.8
Hand Strikes	5	3	11	5	8	6.4
Elbow Strikes	0	3	2	0	0	1.0
Leg Kicks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knee Strikes	8	3	1	3	1	3.2
Baton Strikes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Canine Bites	1	0	1	2	1	1.0
Incapacitating Techniques	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deadly Force	0	0	1	1	1	0.6

VOLUNTEERS



Nicky Rowan

Volunteer Coordinator

Our volunteers continue to support the Appleton Police Department on a daily basis. We wouldn't be the same without their help. They assist with:

- Transcribing old documents
- Gathering and logging APD history
- Holding museum events
- Shredding documents
- Collecting pop tabs
- Assisting with community events
- Folding brochures
- Playing McGruff the CRIME dog
- Giving tours
- And so much more!

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

3,167

Followers



214

Subscribers



58,560
Followers



1,036
Followers

