

# ANNUAL REPORT



# 2025

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# A LETTER FROM CHIEF OLSON



It is my pleasure to share with you the Appleton Police Department Annual Report. 2025 brought with it a continued emphasis on traffic safety, momentum towards strengthening community relationships, and a victim-centered approach to investigating crime.

The Appleton community can remain proud and confident in the high degree of courage, integrity and compassion exhibited by our staff every day. Each employee takes ownership in the role they play to ensure our community remains one of the safest places to live, work, and play in the Midwest. We appreciate our many partners working alongside us - we couldn't do it without you!

*Polly Olson*

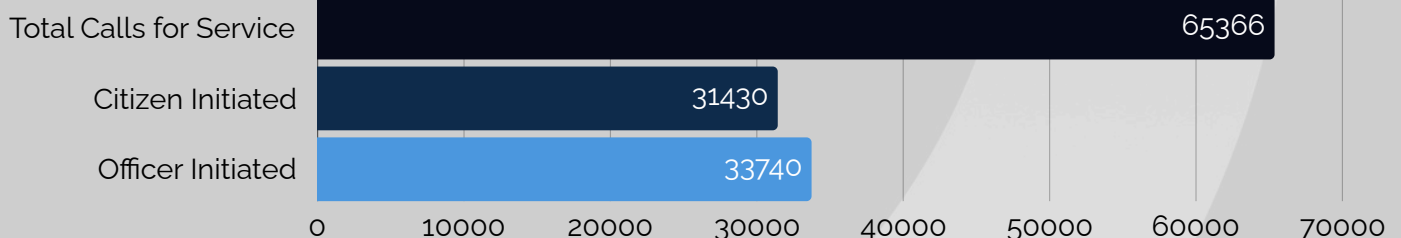


Todd Freeman served as Assistant Chief until his retirement on 09/15/2025



## MISSION

At the Appleton Police Department, Our mission is to deliver Excellence in Police Service to the community and all those we serve. We are committed to providing the highest level of service, guided by our core values, and driven to make a positive impact on the future of Appleton. Through innovative and collaborative strategies, we work to prevent crime, maintain order, and enhance the quality of life that our community deserves. Together, we strive to create a safer and brighter future for all.





COMPASSION



INTEGRITY



COURAGE



# POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION

The Appleton Police and Fire Commission (PFC) is a five-member board appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Common Council to oversee the hiring, promotion, and discipline of police and fire personnel in accordance with Wisconsin state law. Their primary duties include appointing and removing police/fire chiefs, approving personnel appointments and promotions, and conducting disciplinary hearings.

## Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- **Personnel Management:** The commission has exclusive authority to hire, promote, or discipline sworn personnel, insulating them from local politics.
- **Chief Appointment:** They are responsible for appointing the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department.
- **Discipline and Appeals:** They review and hold hearings on charges brought against department personnel, including those initiated by the chief or citizen complaints.
- **Policy & Procedures:** Working with human resources, they develop policies for hiring and promotion within the departments.
- **Operational Oversight:** They approve competitive examinations for positions and oversee departmental staffing.

The Police and Fire Commission operates independently to ensure that police and fire departments are managed based on merit, not politics.



**Pam De Leest**  
Chair



**Barbara Luedtke**



**Sherry Coley**  
Secretary



**Dan Weiske**



**Ernesto Gonzalez, Jr.**



# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES UNIT

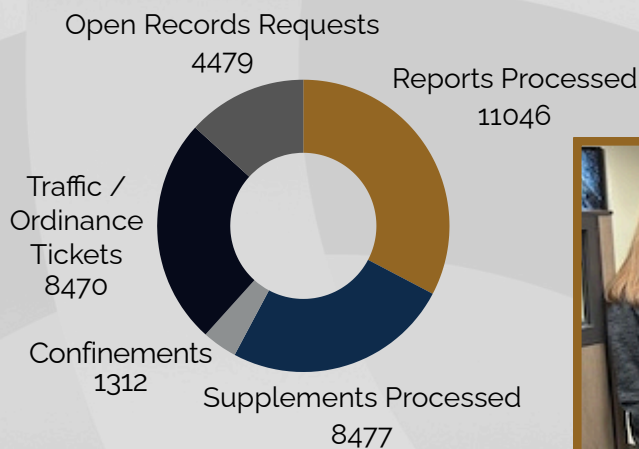


**Cathy Allcox**  
Administrative Services  
Manager

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

Administrative tasks include processing community member needs involving the following:

|                                       |       |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Warnings.....                         | 8,062 |
| Offense reports written by PCS's..... | 196   |
| Accident Reports Processed.....       | 1,337 |
| Animal License Issued.....            | 2,567 |



# FISCAL RESOURCES



**SueAnn Teer**  
Fiscal Resources Manager

The Office of Fiscal Resources provided comprehensive financial oversight of a \$22 million general operating budget and over \$300,000 in grants funded by federal, state, and local agencies. Budgetary compliance responsibilities included budget development, account monitoring, cost analysis, training and travel management, grant administration, payroll oversight and a broad range of additional fiscal functions. This unit also evaluated short- and long-term assets and liabilities to strategically support departmental programs and operations.

# PATROL UNIT



**Captain Jack Taschner**  
Northern /  
Southern Command  
Blue Group

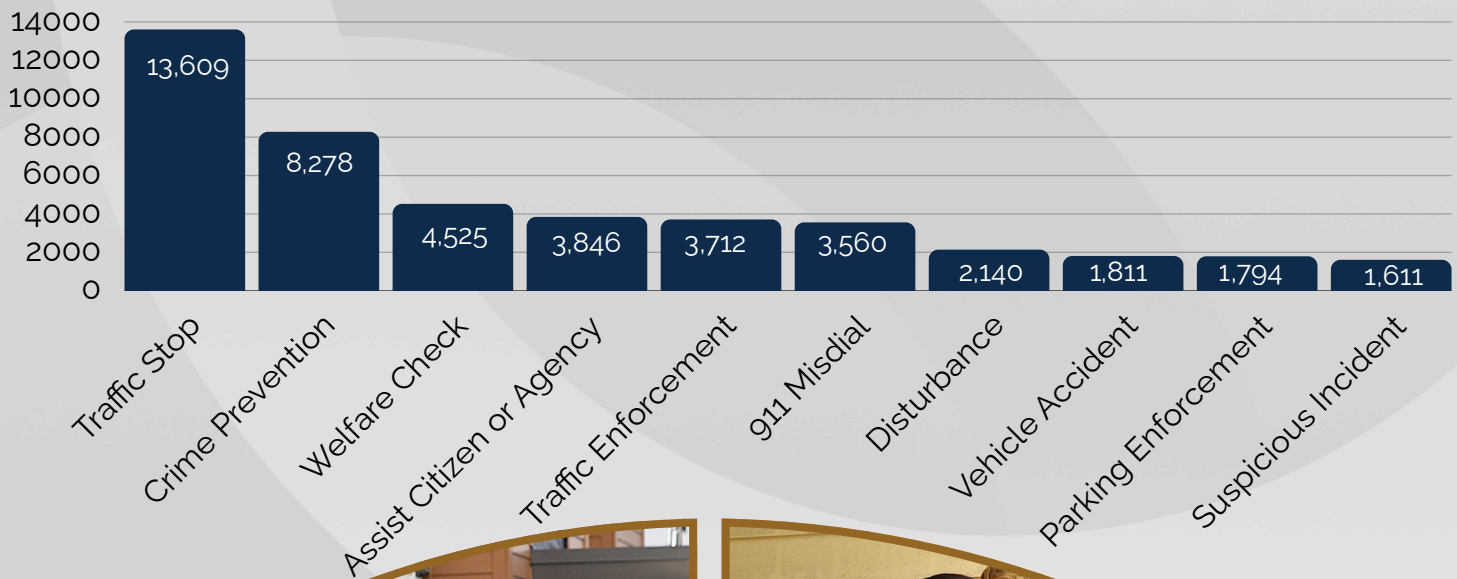


**Captain Gary Lewis**  
Downtown Command /  
Operations Coordination  
Red Group

- 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), 5-6 Patrol Lieutenants, and 1 Captain.
- Each shift maintains minimums based on the time of day, per best practice.

Patrol is the first responding unit on all calls for service. 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.

## Top 10 Calls by Nature Code





# TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT



**Lt. Bill McCormick**



**Sgt. Ryan McCord**

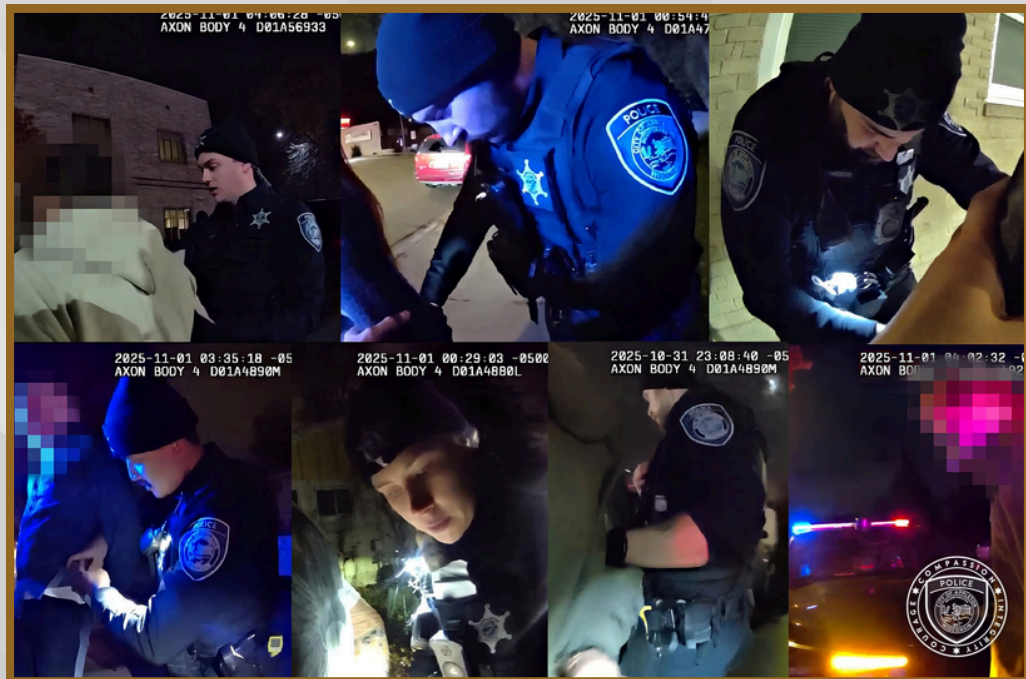


**Officer Kyle Jakobsen**

The main focus of the Traffic Safety Unit is just that, traffic safety. This team reads and addresses complaints submitted on our website, fulfills media requests and monitors and deploys units to address speed concerns, as well as operating motor vehicles while intoxicated. While Sgt. McCord and Officer Jakobsen's primary focus is on traffic safety, that doesn't mean it stops there. All officers work daily to maintain safety in our community. In 2025, our top three Patrol Officers conducted 440, 390, and 348 traffic stops respectively; an impressive combined total of 1,178 stops completed by just three officers.



Also in 2025, the top three (technically four) officers leading in OWI enforcement accounted for a combined 85 arrests. One officer made 24 arrests, another 23, and two additional officers recorded 19 OWI arrests each.





# TECHNOLOGY UNIT



**Lt. Blaine VanderWielen**  
Technology Unit

This Unit is comprised of 8 members who are cross-trained to operate small unmanned aerial systems and the APD robot.

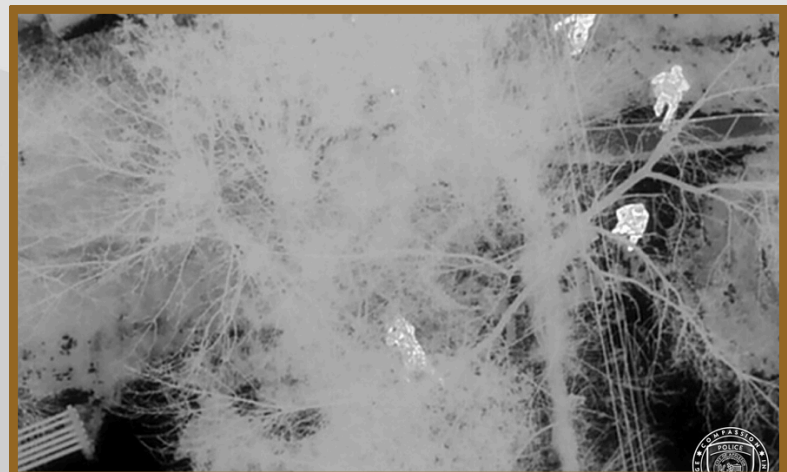
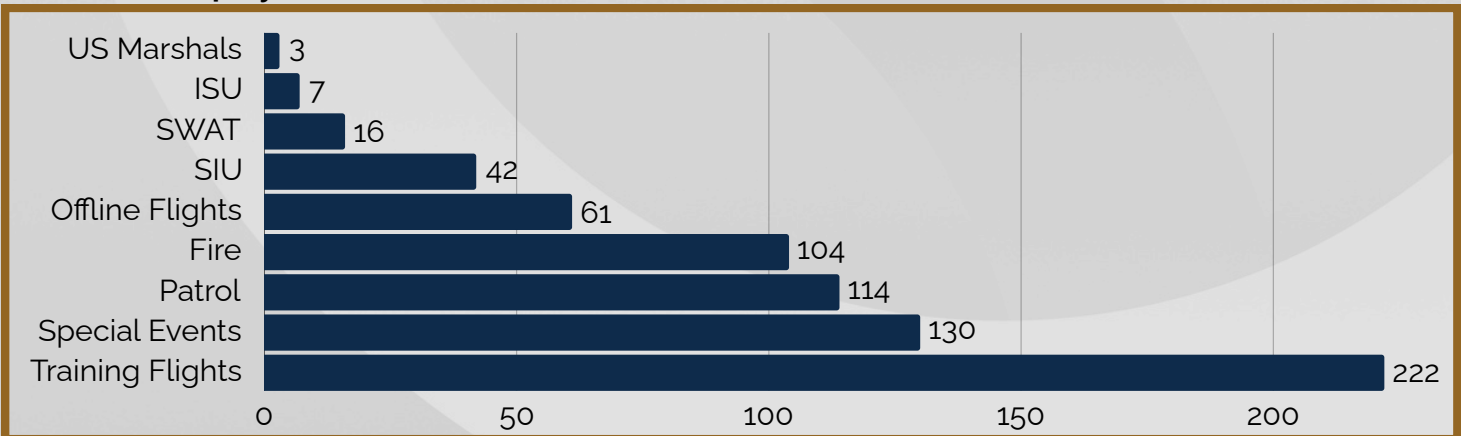
The APD Technology Unit operates on a near 24/7 coverage, and is utilized in many situations to include:

- 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.



## 2025 Drone Deployments





# INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT



**Captain Mike Wallace**  
Investigative & Community  
Resource Units

Captain Mike Wallace oversees both the Investigative Services Unit (ISU) and Community Resource Unit (CRU). These units are comprised of Investigative Services, Special Investigations, School Resource Officers and Community Resources.



**Lt. Adam VanZeeland**  
Investigative Services

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. During 2025, the Investigative Services Unit responded to 27 after-hour call-ins.



## Major Incidents in 2025

- Early in 2025, Investigators began a theft investigation with Hearthstone Historic House. Felony theft charges were referred to the Outagamie County District Attorney's Office on Steve Jahnke, a former employee. This case remains pending.
- On 05/19/2025, Investigators were sent to investigate a Robbery based off of a marketplace deal. After an extensive investigation, Mitchell Terry was arrested and confined at the Outagamie County Jail on charges of Armed Robbery, False Imprisonment, and Felony Bail jumping.
- In early September, Investigators had a jury trial for Samantha Krebs. Krebs was arrested in connection with a homicide investigation in August of 2024. After 7 days of jury trial, Samantha Krebs was found guilty of 1st Degree Intentional Homicide.
- On 10/04/2025, Investigators were called in to investigate a fatal vehicle crash. Carter Green was taken into custody and confined at Outagamie County Jail on 1 count of 1st Degree Reckless Homicide and OWI causing Injury.

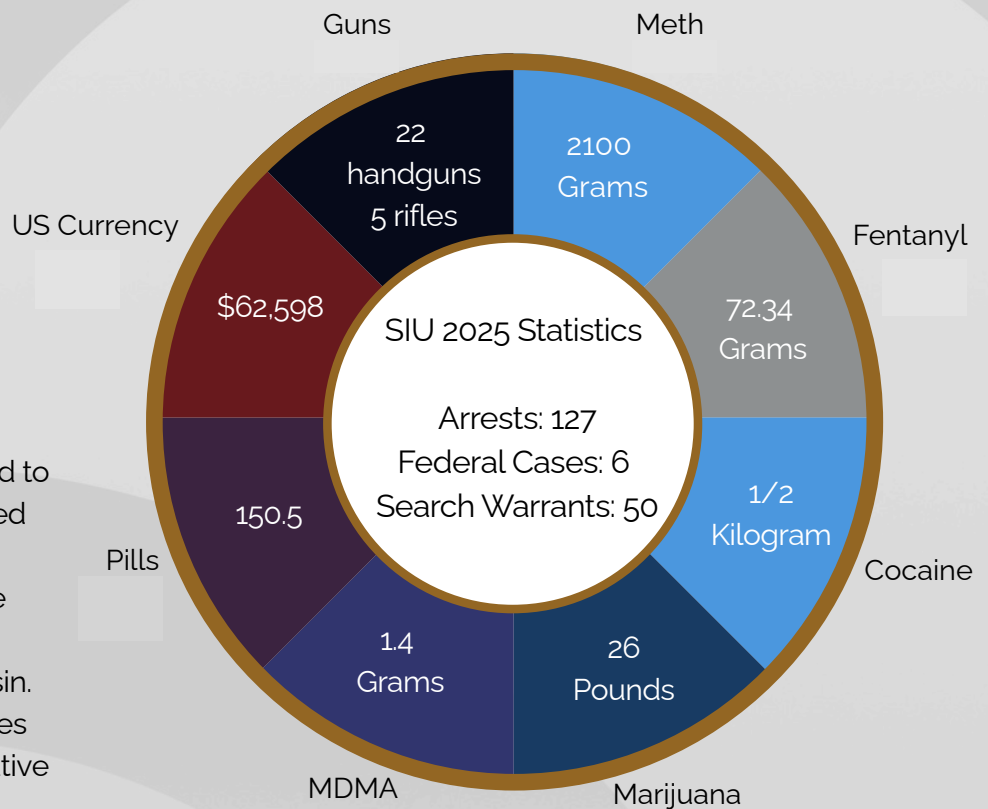
# SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT



**Lt. Eric Holdorf**  
Special Investigations Unit

In 2025, members of the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) continued to work in partnership with the United States Marshals Service to apprehend many fugitives whose crimes have impacted the city of Appleton and Northeast Wisconsin. Additionally, SIU regularly provides assistance to patrol, the Investigative Services Unit (ISU) and, sensitive crimes investigators in locating and arresting wanted individuals.

The Special Investigations Unit continued their partnership with the Lake Winnebago Metropolitan Drug Unit throughout 2025, 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 resulting in the following:



|  | CATEGORY                | QUANTITY  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                     | Firearms Seized         | 79.00     |
|                                                                                     | Cocaine - Base (g)      | 1,381.41  |
|                                                                                     | Cocaine - Powder (g)    | 43,946.66 |
|                                                                                     | Fentanyl (g)            | 26,925.89 |
|                                                                                     | Heroin (g)              | 881.78    |
|                                                                                     | THC Products (g)        | 75,067.04 |
|                                                                                     | Marijuana Plants        | 2.00      |
|                                                                                     | Methamphetamine (g)     | 22,819.53 |
|                                                                                     | Prescription Drugs (du) | 1,167.00  |
|                                                                                     | Psilocybin (g)          | 3,175.03  |
|                                                                                     | LSD (g)                 | 1.00      |
|                                                                                     | MDMA (g)                | 417.47    |



# SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT



**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 investigates many sensitive crimes towards children involving sexual assault, physical abuse and neglect.

In 2025, members of the SRO unit joined forces with the WI DCI Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This collaboration lead to a multitude of arrests and identification of local victims.

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  
EAST Area : 95  
WEST Area : 85

On top of the work this unit does with our school system, in 2025, they also collaborated with our Community Resource Unit to conduct safety assessments for the Xavier school system. This is the first year that officers have regularly attended Xavier events, including dances and sporting events.





Team Members in the SRO Unit for 2025 included:

# SCHOOL RESOURCE UNIT



**Sgt. Brandon Schnese**  
North High School

**THANK YOU** for your years  
of service to the unit!!



**Officer Calvin Manuel**  
Kaleidoscope Academy  
Xavier Middle School  
Mt. Olive Lutheran



**Officer Danielle Beck**  
Columbus / RISE  
Edison Elementary  
Dunlap Elementary  
Jefferson Elementary  
Foster Elementary  
Fox River Academy



**Officer Chuck Allen**  
Einstein Middle School  
Fox Valley Lutheran  
St. Pius X  
Classical Charter  
Celebration Lutheran  
Appleton Public Montessori



**Officer Dalton Lehrer**  
Madison Middle School  
Riverview Lutheran



**Sgt. Nate Hoffman**  
West High School



**Officer Payne Hughes**  
Wilson Middle School  
Xavier High School



**Officer Austin Lawrence**  
McKinley Elementary  
Johnston Elementary  
Horizon Elementary  
Janet Berry Elementary  
Richmond Elementary  
Richardson School



**Officer Mitchell Martinez**  
Huntley Elementary  
Franklin Elementary  
Highlands Elementary  
Edna Ferber Elementary  
Sandy Slope Elementary  
4K Liaison



**Officer Cody Lerum**  
East High School



**Sgt. Derrick Danoski**  
SORP Officer

In 2026 we welcome two new officers to the School Resource Unit: Sgt. Jordan Woelfel and Officer Jason Schmitz.



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT



**Lt. Meghan Cash**  
Community Resource Unit

The Community Resource Unit (CRU) at the Appleton Police Department plays a vital role in building strong relationships between law enforcement and the community. Focused on proactive problem-solving, CRU works collaboratively with residents, businesses, and partner organizations to address quality-of-life concerns and enhance public safety. Through initiatives such as crime prevention programs, community outreach, and support for vulnerable populations, the unit continues to strengthen trust and create meaningful partnerships that improve the well-being of our city.

## **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
- Public Information Officer



**Basic Needs Team**  
Liz Croley



**Basic Needs Team**  
Cheryl Schefe

**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.

This team helps those at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness, assists 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.

In 2025 the Basic Needs Team partnered up with the City's "Sunshine Committee" to raise roughly \$4500 worth of donations over the holidays which were delivered to Boys and girls club, Harbor House and Pillars. Liz and Cheryl also meet with each new officer to provide the necessary information for their roll, prior to the officers starting Field Training.



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT



**Sgt. Lori Duven**  
Victim Services Officer

2025 was another busy year for Facility K9 Edison and Sgt. Duven who works as our **Victim Services Officer**. Facility K9 Edison has become a familiar face in several Appleton Schools, where he works with students and staff. The Outagamie County Courthouse, District Attorney's Office, and Appleton City Hall are additional places that have welcomed Facility K9 Edison.

## Deployments in 2025

Over 525 individual contacts:

- Trial prep/court appearances with victims/witnesses in Outagamie County
- Primrose Retirement Community
- DOJ Victim Services RoundTable and Press Conference
- National Law Enforcement Administrative Professional's Conference
- Rennes Health Care Presentation
- Outagamie County Mental Health Court
- Service Dog Month Proclamation with Mayor
- Supportive roles in interviews/sensitive crimes
- Lion's Club Presentation
- Over 200 student contacts within the Appleton Area School District



**K-9 Edison**  
Facility Dog



**Crime Prevention Officer**  
Sgt. Chris Biese

The **Crime Prevention Officer** (formerly known as the Community Liaison Officer position) is a member of the Community Resource Unit and is dedicated to community safety and crime prevention, in addition to community education and quality of life. The Crime Prevention Officer has presented on a variety of topics to groups such as seniors, houses of worship, businesses, local non-profits, and city leaders, both public and private. This role has also conducted numerous safety and security assessments for individuals and organizations such as those listed. In addition to this work, this role also partners with other city departments, such as the Basic Needs Team of the Health Department, to collaboratively work for positive solutions for people experiencing homelessness, as well as other community needs and concerns.



# COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT



**Behavioral Health Officer**  
Dylan Grier-Welch

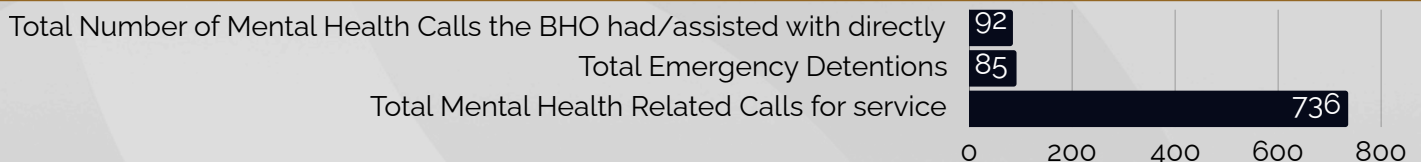


**Behavioral Health Officer**  
Skylar Corbett

Officer Grier-Welch worked in the capacity of the **Behavioral Health Officer** for a part of 2025 prior to transitioning to another role, while Officer Corbett then transitioned into the Behavior Health Officer role.

The Behavioral Health Officer serves as the department's liaison for mental health-related issues, coordinating community partnerships, supporting officers, and reducing repeat calls for service through diversion and proactive response planning. Our department maintains a strong partnership with NAMI of the Fox Valley and is proud to serve as a certified team. The Appleton Police Department also actively organizes and participates in CIT (Crisis Intervention Team Training) and CIP (Crisis Intervention Partners) trainings throughout the region, placing a strong emphasis on training our patrol officers, ensuring a trauma-informed and enhanced crisis response that reflects our commitment to best practices in serving the community.

**2025 Statistics** (to be noted, for four months there was no BHO due to position transitions). All numbers are approximate.



**Clinical Therapist**  
Sarah Peterson

Sarah is a **Clinical Therapist** with Outagamie County Crisis, and has been embedded at the Appleton Police Department for the past 4 years. She works second shift and is available as a resource for officers to consult with regarding mental health or crisis situations. When needed, she also responds to mental health and crisis calls with officers, providing an on-scene response which helps avoid taking people to the hospital for an evaluation and, allows us to connect people with appropriate resources. Sarah works daily with officers to improve their response to mental health and crisis situations by providing consultation, training, and ensuring that officers are aware of community mental health resources. Multiple times a year she provides training to officers and community members on Ch 51, emergency detentions, and crisis services.

In 2025, she assisted with over 400 mental health related calls, this includes consultations with officers and on-scene response. Of those calls, only 6 ended in an involuntary hospitalization/emergency detention. About half of the calls were diversions, thus due to these interventions we were able to prevent an emergency detention or hospitalization by referring to community resources such as the mental health navigator, behavioral health walk-in clinic, Catalpa Health, or other resource.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL MEDIA

Overall, the Appleton Police Department participated in **150 Community Events** in 2025!

These events included but are not limited to:

K-9's participated in 20 demonstrations / community events.

Officers participated in 27 readings to children.

We gave away 425 helmets at Touch-A-Truck due to generous donations.

**McKenzy Wagner**  
Community Engagement  
Specialist



## Social Media Reach

6  
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9





# K-9 UNIT



**Lt. Ty West**  
K-9 Unit

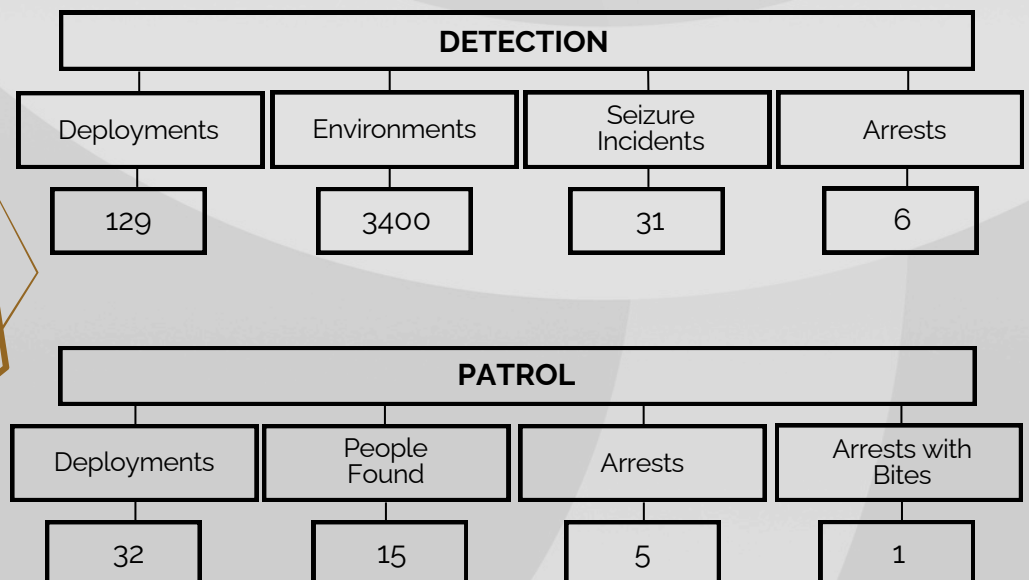
The Appleton Police Department K9 Unit is comprised of a total of five K9 Teams. Four of these teams are dual purpose teams, trained in patrol and detection work. The fifth team works directly with supporting victims and community engagement. At the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025, the APD K9 Unit welcomed three new K9s and two new handlers to the team. Officer Doemel and K9 Drakon were both new members and completed their training at the end of 2024. Moving into 2025, Sgt. Rohm took on his 3<sup>rd</sup> K9 partner, Quinn. The final new team consisted of Officer Norris and K9 Kaleb. In addition to these three new teams, Officer Rieth and K9 Onyx continued to be members of the APD K9 Unit.



The dual purpose K9 Teams are utilized to support the Appleton Police Department with drug/explosive detection and patrol work. Patrol work is comprised of building searches, tracking, and apprehension. These teams deploy not only in the City of Appleton but also surrounding jurisdictions when requested. Officer Doemel and K9 Drakon specifically are used to support the Green Bay Packers (and other NFL Teams) along with the Wisconsin Badgers.

The final members of the APD K9 Unit are the facility K9, Edison, and his handler Sgt. Duven. This team works directly with victims, providing support during interviews, trial preparation and trial testimony. K9 Edison is also utilized through the AASD and during other community engagement events.

## Our K-9 Team had 161 Total Deployments in 2025



# K-9 UNIT



Officer Doemel



DRAKON  
Explosives Detection & Patrol



Officer Norris



KALEB  
Narcotics Detection & Patrol



Sgt. Duven



EDISON  
Victim Services & Community Resource



Officer Rieth



ONYX  
Narcotics Detection & Patrol



Sgt. Rohm



QUINN  
Narcotics Detection & Patrol

For those who love our boys just as much as we do, Follow us on FB at: "Friends of the Pack-Appleton Police Department K-9 Unit". On this page you can stay up to date on our K-9s, as well as, find out how to donate and support our team.







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



1 Commander

1 Assistant  
Commander

2 Assistant  
Team Leaders

4 Snipers  
(Cross Trained  
in Entry)

4 TEMS  
Medics

2 Team Leaders

1 Sniper  
Team Leader

9 Additional  
Entry Members

1 Logistics  
Officer



The SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team is an essential part of keeping our community safe. The 24-member team consists mostly of personnel from the Appleton Police Department, along with four Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) medics from the Appleton Fire Department.

#### Accomplishments:

- 148 full team training hours
- 24 additional individual training hours per member
- 3 full team callouts for criminal barricade
- 28 fugitive apprehensions
- 3 Other Agency SWAT team assists
- 14 special events / community outreach events





# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER UNIT



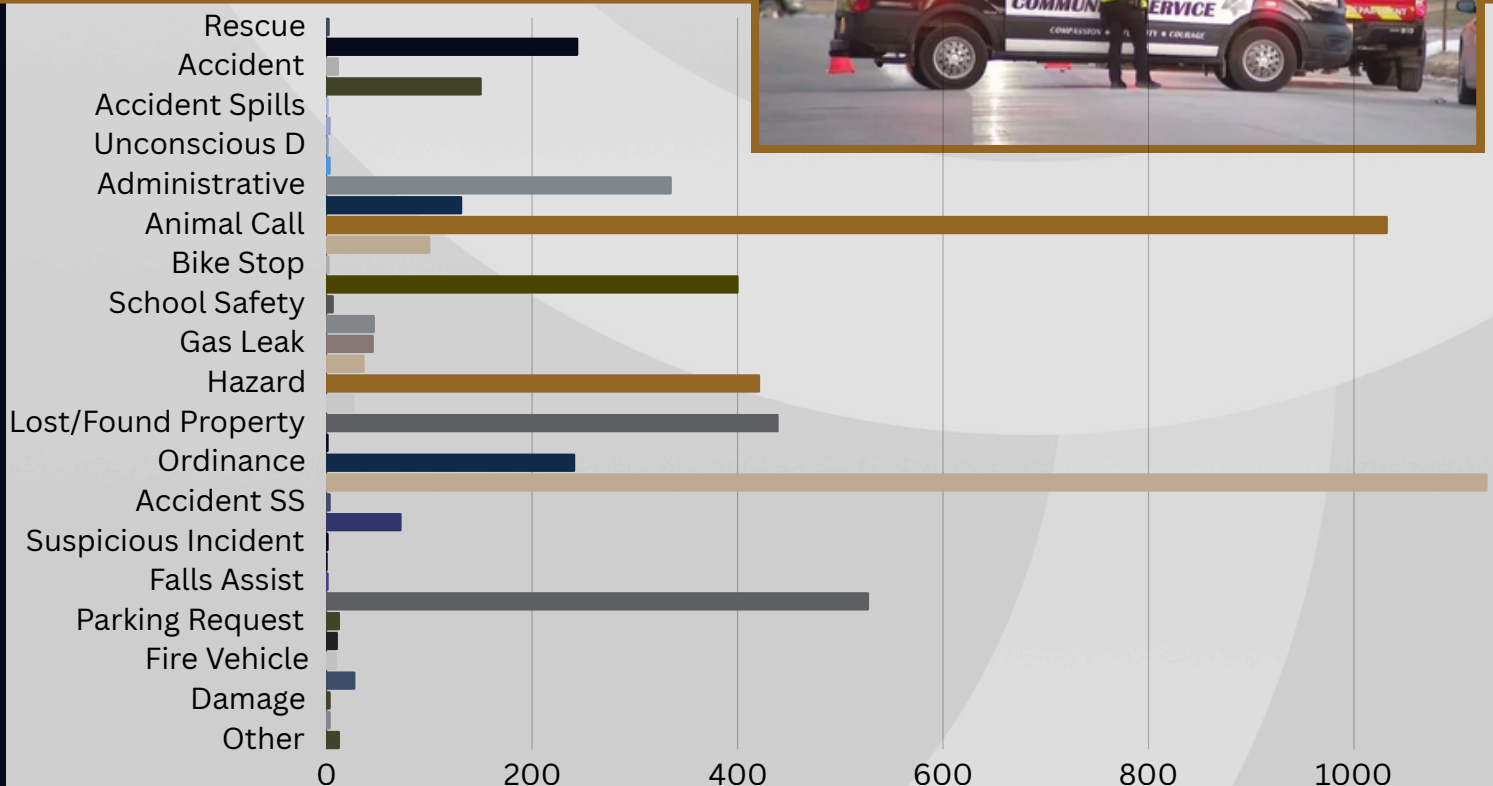
**Matthew Fillebrown**  
Lead CSO

Our Community Service Officer (CSO) Team is overseen by a Lead CSO and comprised of, up to 14 (when fully staffed) CSO's. Their work involves directing traffic, writing reports, conducting security checks on parks/City buildings, and impounding stray animals, providing a profound impact on the community as a whole.

This unit is heavily relied upon by Patrol since they assist in such a wide variety of services as listed below. In 2025 our CSO's had over **5520 calls for service.**



## 2025 Calls for Service





# OPERATIONS UNIT



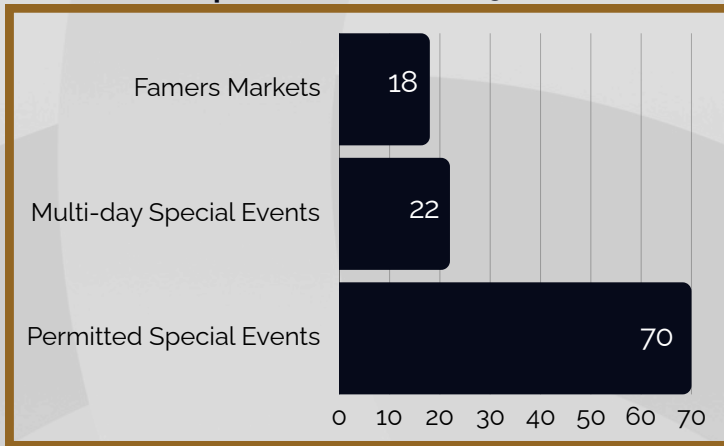
**Sgt. John Ostermeier**  
Operations Unit

As the Sgt. of the Operations Unit, John is a member of the Appleton Parade Committee, member of the City of Appleton Special Events Committee, representative on the Octoberfest and License to Cruise Planning Committee, has processed contested billing claims for false alarm responses and, he participated in the selection and interview process for Community Service Officer applicants.

#### Grants / Overtime Assignments:

- Traffic grants
- Security details
- Special events
- College Avenue detail

#### Special Events in 2025



#### Off Duty Contracts:

- Processed and staffed 9 off-duty security contracts

#### Tow Trucks:

- Coordinated yearly contracts
  - Contract Tow Service
  - Secondary Contract Tow Service
  - Abandoned Autos
- Oversight of tow ordinance and next-up tow list
- Processed reports of tow ordinance violations



**Nicky Rowan**  
Executive Assistant to the Chief  
& 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:

- Gathering and logging APD history
- Holding museum events
- Shredding documents
- Collecting pop tabs
- Assisting with community events
- Folding brochures
- Giving tours
- Taking photos

# VOLUNTEERS



# RECRUITMENT & TEAMS



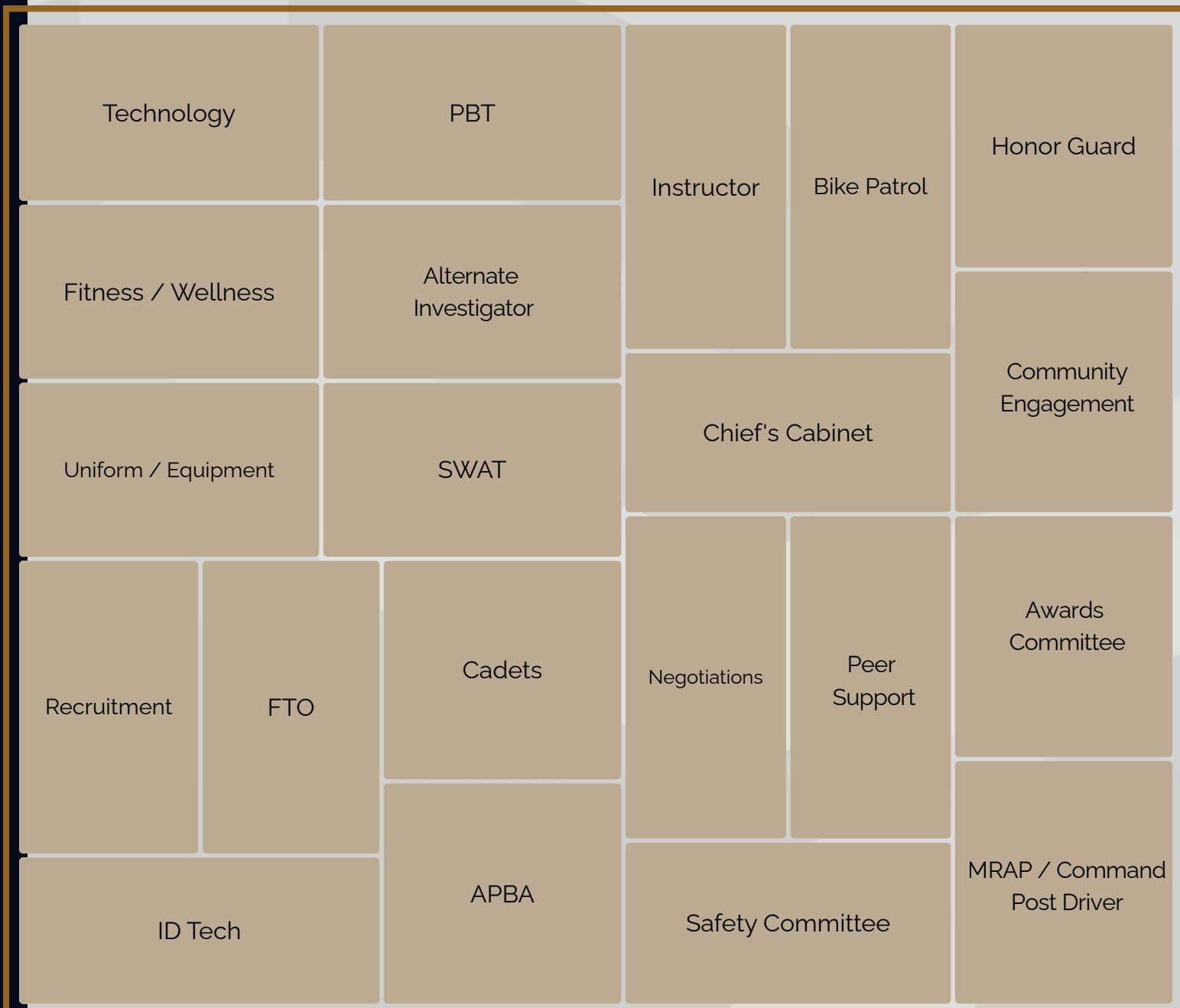
In 2025 we had:

- 7 hiring processes
- 267 total applications
- 12 officers hired

Interested in joining the Appleton Police Department? Check out our hiring guide at:

**<https://simplebooklet.com/apd hiring>**

The Appleton Police Department has a multitude of Teams within the department. All Teams are comprised of employees and range from 2 team members to 20 team members. This allows staff to become involved in additional areas that interest them.





# RIDE ALONG PROGRAM

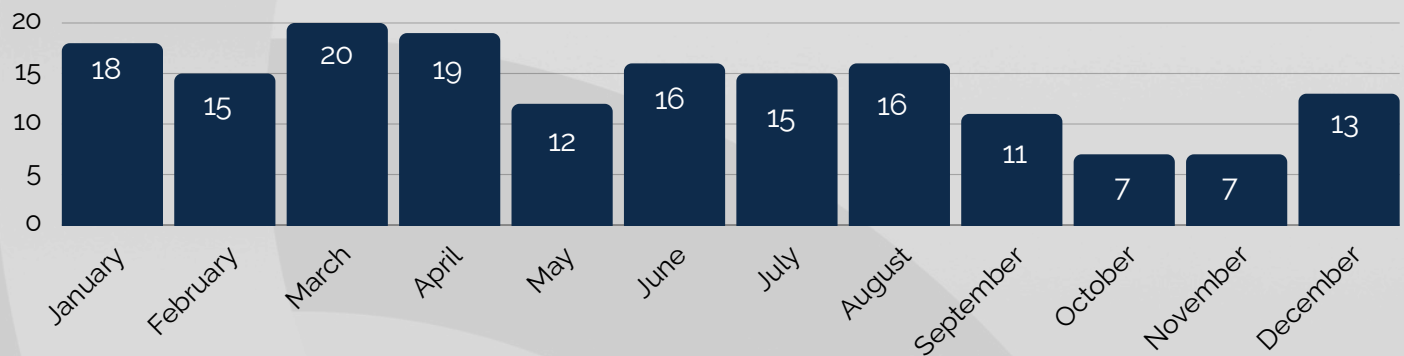


Our Ride-Along program takes place all year round. Our officers willingly take civilians any day and time that works for the requesting party. This has been a great way to involve the community in what we do. Individuals who have taken part in the program range from: family members, volunteers, those 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](http://appletonwi.gov/police/get_involved)**

Individuals must be 17+ or a high school senior



## HONOR GUARD

The Appleton Police Department Honor Guard represents the department at ceremonial events, including Police Week flag raisings, parades, conferences, Honor Assemblies and funerals for fallen officers, often coordinating with local veterans' groups like American Legion Post 38. The team has also done flag presentations at special events to include: the Milwaukee Brewers, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, and Green Bay Gamblers hockey.

Our Honor Guard is comprised of 10 Appleton Police Department officers who have chosen to be a part of this team.



# TRAINING UNIT



**Lt. Bill Krieg**  
Training Unit

In 2025, the professional development efforts at the Appleton Police Department continued to evolve. Plans were put in place to add a second lieutenant to the training unit. This allowed for planning more frequent in-service training in 2026 to cover a wide range of topics. The training will include an increased focus on defensive tactics, firearms skills, and equipment utilization. In-service training sessions will utilize our dedicated defensive tactics room, firing range, and two training rooms. Offering these trainings with internal instructors allows more officers to attend more frequently. Our motto in 2026 is "train a little a lot" to maximize learning opportunities while keeping officers engaged in relevant topics.

The use of virtual reality and emerging technologies continues to grow. Virtual reality allows trainers to run a large number of officers through scenarios quickly and safely. In 2026, we will be able to have multiple officers interact in the same scenario and incorporate artificial intelligence into subject responses. Officers currently have the ability to interview an AI "victim" to practice de-escalation and refine CIT-related skills. The Appleton Police Department will continue to innovate training methods wherever possible to remain a leader among Wisconsin law enforcement.

## **Training topics in 2025 ranged from general to highly specialized, including:**

- National Association of School Resource Officer training
- Active threat Integrated Response Conference
- DCI Drug Investigation School
- Instructor Development
- The Wisconsin Traffic Safety Officer Association Conference
- Online Predator Investigations
- The FBI LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute
- Glock Armorer

Officers are continually encouraged to share what they've learned with their peers. Any time an officer has the ability to attend outside training and bring those skills back makes our entire department more knowledgeable.





# CRIME STATISTICS

## Person Crimes

|                                     | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 5-Year Avg | Increase/Decrease<br>2020 to 2025 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter | 1    | 0    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 0    | 1.33       | -100.00%                          |
| Negligent Manslaughter              | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.17       | 0.00%                             |
| Justifiable Homicide                | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0.33       | 0.00%                             |
| Kidnapping / Abduction              | 12   | 17   | 12   | 14   | 11   | 19   | 14.17      | 58.33%                            |
| Sex Offense Totals                  | 67   | 77   | 61   | 73   | 57   | 69   | 67.33      | 2.99%                             |
| Non-Forcible Total                  | 31   | 25   | 19   | 9    | 11   | 12   | 17.83      | -61.29%                           |
| Assault Totals                      | 927  | 975  | 885  | 828  | 814  | 744  | 862.17     | -19.74%                           |
| Human Trafficking Totals            | 5    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 2.33       | -40.00%                           |
| <b>Person Crimes Totals</b>         | 1043 | 1097 | 980  | 929  | 898  | 847  | 965.67     | -18.79%                           |

## Property Crimes

|                              | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 5-Year Avg | Increase/Decrease<br>2020 to 2025 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Robbery                      | 19   | 18   | 9    | 16   | 7    | 9    | 13.00      | -52.63%                           |
| Arson                        | 5    | 6    | 5    | 3    | 2    | 1    | 3.67       | -80.00%                           |
| Extortion                    | 23   | 23   | 26   | 37   | 22   | 22   | 25.50      | -4.35%                            |
| Burglary                     | 134  | 120  | 113  | 72   | 115  | 44   | 99.67      | -67.16%                           |
| Larceny / Theft Tools        | 996  | 830  | 969  | 921  | 854  | 639  | 868.17     | -35.84%                           |
| Motor Vehicle Theft          | 64   | 46   | 53   | 52   | 48   | 28   | 48.50      | -56.25%                           |
| Counterfeiting               | 47   | 76   | 101  | 43   | 45   | 19   | 55.17      | -59.57%                           |
| Fraud Totals                 | 508  | 578  | 463  | 374  | 366  | 297  | 431.00     | -41.54%                           |
| Embezzlement                 | 26   | 13   | 29   | 30   | 15   | 26   | 23.17      | 0.00%                             |
| Stolen Property              | 16   | 21   | 20   | 12   | 6    | 5    | 13.33      | -68.75%                           |
| Damage to Property           | 602  | 568  | 573  | 516  | 396  | 332  | 497.83     | -44.85%                           |
| Bribery                      | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.00       | 0.00%                             |
| <b>Property Crime Totals</b> | 2440 | 2299 | 2361 | 2076 | 1876 | 1422 | 2079.00    | -41.72%                           |

## Society Crimes

|                              | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 5-Year Avg | Increase/Decrease<br>2020 to 2025 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Drug / Narcotic Totals       | 807  | 1058 | 1026 | 1165 | 832  | 992  | 980.00     | 22.92%                            |
| Pornography                  | 33   | 35   | 28   | 27   | 21   | 31   | 29.17      | 0.00%                             |
| Gambling Totals              | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0.50       | 0.00%                             |
| Prostitution Totals          | 7    | 2    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2.00       | -85.71%                           |
| Weapons                      | 40   | 60   | 56   | 57   | 57   | 47   | 52.83      | 17.50%                            |
| Animal Cruelty               | 5    | 5    | 4    | 4    | 8    | 8    | 5.67       | 60.00%                            |
| <b>Society Crimes Totals</b> | 892  | 1160 | 1116 | 1253 | 920  | 1080 | 1070.17    | 21.08%                            |

# USE OF FORCE

During 2025, officers from the Appleton Police Department used a level of force that met the reporting requirements during a total of 67 calls for service involving 72 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 59 of the 72 individuals.

Appleton officers also used an ECD (TASER) deployment to assist in detaining or arresting 8 individuals (up 1 from the previous year). There were no uses 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 14 officers with injuries either visible or claimed.

## Types of Force Used on Individuals

|                                  | 2021   | 2022   | 2023   | 2024   | 2025   | 5-Year Avg |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| <b>ECD Deployments</b>           | 16     | 14     | 17     | 7      | 8      | 12.4       |
| <i><b>Effective</b></i>          | 12     | 11     | 13     | 5      | 3      | 8.8        |
| <i><b>Effective %</b></i>        | 75.00% | 72.73% | 76.47% | 71.43% | 37.50% | 70.97%     |
| <i><b>Non-Effective</b></i>      | 4      | 3      | 4      | 2      | 5      | 3.6        |
| <b>OC Spray</b>                  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0          |
| <b>Decentralization</b>          | 49     | 52     | 68     | 53     | 59     | 56.2       |
| <b>Vertical/Ground Stuns</b>     | 2      | 2      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 1.4        |
| <b>Hand Strikes</b>              | 3      | 11     | 5      | 8      | 10     | 7.4        |
| <b>Elbow Strikes</b>             | 3      | 2      | 0      | 0      | 1      | 1.2        |
| <b>Leg Kicks</b>                 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0          |
| <b>Knee Strikes</b>              | 3      | 1      | 3      | 1      | 1      | 1.8        |
| <b>Baton Strikes</b>             | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0          |
| <b>Canine Bites</b>              | 0      | 1      | 2      | 1      | 1      | 1.0        |
| <b>Incapacitating Techniques</b> | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0          |
| <b>Deadly Force</b>              | 0      | 1      | 1      | 1      | 0      | 0.6        |



## How We Take Care of Our Own

- The Appleton Police Department is part of the Outagamie County **Peer Support** Team who's mission is to provide all members of the law enforcement community, who may be suffering from emotional, personal, physical, or stress related difficulties, access to high quality support services so as to have an opportunity to work at resolving any difficulties they may be experiencing. The Outagamie County Peer Support Team exists to provide a voluntary and confidential outlet for officers, employees, and their families, who have a need to talk about conflicts or feelings they may have concerning their job, their home situations, or both. The Appleton Police Department has 11 employees who volunteer to be part of the Peer Support Team.
- **Wellness Visits** are scheduled on an annual basis with a licensed therapist. Additional sessions are available and optional.
- **Facility K-9 Edison** is available to staff when he is in the building. The comfort and entertainment he brings to everyone is unmatched.
- Outagamie County **Chaplain Program** provides emotional, mental, and spiritual support to law enforcement officers, staff, and their families. There is no charge for any of the service the Police Chaplain's provide; there are four chaplains on call 24/7.
- The City of Appleton has a **Health Coach** available to staff for blood pressure checks, weight managment, stress managment techquines, individulized excerise programs, healthy lifestlye coaching, etc.
- **EAP** (Employee Assistance Program) is offered to all City employees: ComPsych
- **Critical Incident Debriefs** occur with all members involved in the incident, along with a licensed therapist. This provides a safe space to discuss feelings, thoughts, flashbacks, coping skills and other pertinent items. These debriefs are important to ensure positive coping, comradery, understanding and growth for all involved.
- We have a **Fitness Center** in our department which allows all staff members equal opportunity to work out and focus on personal strength. This also plays into annual fitness testing and S.W.A.T. try outs for sworn staff.
- The Appleton Police Department has a **Mother's Room** for new mother's who need to express breast milk for their child; providing privacy and a fridge for storage.



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