APPLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2026 Mid-Year Budget Report

Significant 2026 Events

The Appleton Police Department is committed to maintaining essential services while addressing priorities focused on public safety and community engagement. Compelled to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in Appleton, the Department reassessed its organizational structure, patrol schedules, and special positions. The strategic process was to create a positive change that was proactive to the demands of policing and community expectations. The flexibility in scheduling allowed efficient rotations with consistent public safety coverage and the ability to streamline operations.

Strategic initiatives in 2026 include a continued investment in technology to improve the Department's technology resources and capabilities. In addition to facilitating the upgrade in police mobile radios, the Department was awarded the Interoperable Radio Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs Office of Emergency Communication to upgrade radios for special teams. Also awarded was the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) for robotic equipment to create a safer environment when responding to high-risk calls for service. Technology upgrades and enhancements not only improve operational efficiencies but improve the safety of officers and the public. This is a long-term initiative as technology continues to improve and transform the focus of public safety.

Other federal, state and local grants and various donations support the K9 Program, bullet resistant vest program, investigations, equipment, training, and other law enforcement initiatives. Grant sustainability is important to enhance programs, maintain equipment, expand services, and increase community safety. As a result, the Department will continue to effectively seek grant opportunities.

Expanding the scope of community engagement and police services, the Department presented a survey to the public to gain perspective on their expectations and policing priorities. With more public awareness through social media, the Department remains proactive in disseminating information to the public through various avenues that will improve public confidence and satisfaction. The results will emphasize commitment to community-oriented policing and promoting safety in neighborhoods, schools, and the business community.

The police department in partnership with the Appleton Area School District (AASD) continues to address the concerns of maintaining the Crossing Guard Program and the School Resource Officer Program (SRO) that benefit the students attending Appleton schools. Continuing the focus on youth initiatives, officers will bring a mobile basketball hoop to parks and neighborhoods for the Neighborhood Nets summer program to connect youth and law enforcement through sports and other social activities. The collaboration focuses on our youth and the commitment to enhance the quality of life in our city, while maintaining order and protecting the citizens we serve.

With the retirement of K9 Onyx a new K9 will be introduced in fall 2026 with training scheduled in Albuquerque, New Mexico from September through October. Funding for the purchase and training has been received through private donations through the Community Foundation *Appleton Police K9 Program Fund.* This will be the twelfth canine since it began in 2006.

Budget Performance Summary

City of Appleton Police Department

For Period Ending June 30, 2026

Description	Amended Budget	Year-To Date Expenses	Percent of Budget
Executive	$ 930,998	$ 507,974	61%
Administration	$ 1,931,867	$ 941,687	49%
Community Services	$ 884,568	$ 334,965	38%
Investigations	$ 5,979,762	$ 2,712,080	45%
Field Operations	$12,921,701	$ 6,203,168	48%
TOTAL	**$22,648,896**	**$10,699,874**	**47%**

Executive Objectives:

- Provide leadership and oversight to the community to support community partnerships.
- Coordinate inter- and intradepartmental activities and solicit employee participation in department programs.

Administrative Objectives:

- Supply accurate and timely information to police officers, City departments, and other external agencies.
- Provide a centralized repository for all field reports created by law enforcement personnel.

Community Services Objectives:

- Provide support services to patrol officers by having Community Service Officers (CSOs) complete those operational tasks that do not require a sworn officer.
- Increase the number and effectiveness of proactive patrols and activities (City parks, parking ramps, special events, etc.).

Investigative Services Objectives:

- Conduct investigations in high-tech crimes.
- Support investigations with qualified forensic recovery and analysis.
- Build partnerships in the schools with staff, students, and parents to ensure a safe learning environment.
- Special Investigation Unit - aggressively pursue street level crimes and offenders.

Field Operations Objectives:

- Facilitate collaborative efforts between police and community partners
- Adapt quickly to changing conditions and constantly examine current operating practices to improve processes.
- Encourage community participation in crime prevention strategies.
- Create partnerships in the community to identify and solve recurring problems.

Areas of Primary Concentration for 2027:

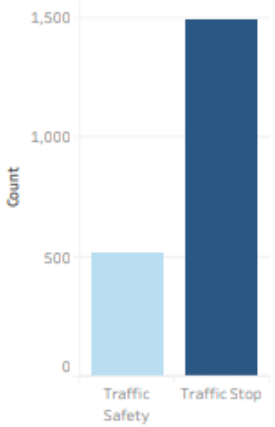
- Continued collaboration of the Police Chief's Community Advisory Board to educate the community in crime prevention and other police services.
- Deploy law enforcement resources in the most efficient and effective manner to ensure we are successfully improving our ability to respond to the needs of the community.
- Reinforce initiatives for safer roadways for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.
- Strengthen community outreach with increased presence in neighborhoods and parks, neighborhood programs, and enhancing community policing initiatives.
- Provide excellence in investigative services to citizens and victims impacted by crime in our community.
- Expand and use our communications platforms to educate the community on our successes and encourage active participation in public safety.
- Continue partnerships for collaborative crisis response to mental health calls for service.

Appleton Police Department

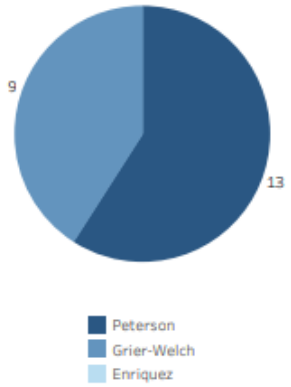
The Appleton Police Department remains committed to protecting the lives and property within our community by prioritizing core services, identifying key initiatives for organizational efficiencies and acknowledging challenges we will continue to face to maintain public safety and trust. Through our community partnerships, we will educate the public regarding available services and facilitate collaborative problem-solving initiatives with other public and private agencies. Working together and individually our officers are engaged and proactive in addressing mental health issues, providing support to victims of crime, and collaborating with community groups and other agencies to resolve challenges through communication and transparency.

This dashboard is updated monthly with the previous month's data. This dashboard was last updated on 2/13/2026.

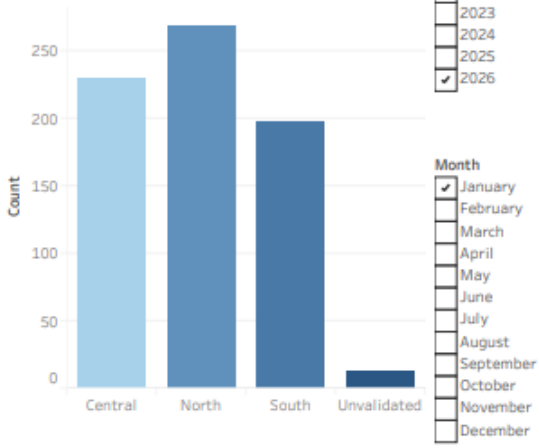
Traffic Data



Mental Health/BHO Contacts



Crime Prevention by District



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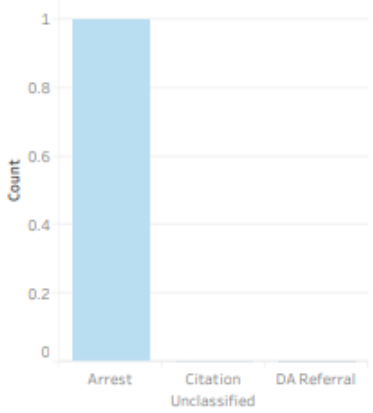

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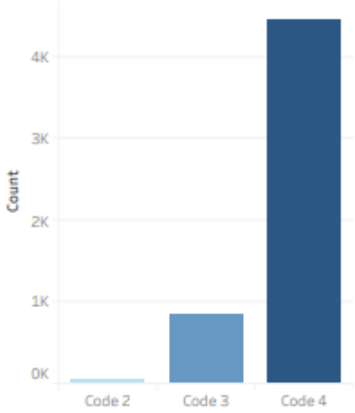
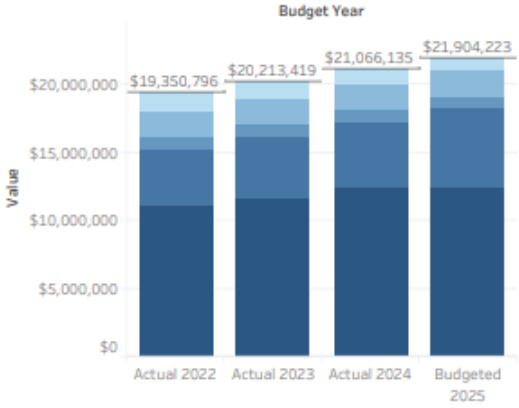


Department Budget Summary



*Types of Codes:
Code 2 - emergency response - officers respond with emergency equipment activated, driving with due regard for public safety (usually less than 3 minutes of dispatch for the first officer on scene, even at peak service demand times.)
Code 3 - priority response - officers respond promptly, driving with due regard, possibly activating emergency equipment at times to clear traffic for a quicker response (usually under 7 minutes for first officer on scene).
Code 4 - general response - non-emergency response. These calls may be held for available staff and may be handled by phone initially.