

# **Shawnee Township Police Department 2025 Annual Report**



***“Proudly We Serve”***  
**Chief Robert A. Kohli**

# Shawnee Township Police Department



## Mission Statement

Our purpose is to ensure the safety and security of the Shawnee Township Community, in partnership with our citizens. Our mission is accomplished by delivering high quality professional police services, mindful of the constitutional rights of all persons.

Year Organized: 1972

## Core Values

Pride  
Order  
Loyalty  
Integrity  
Courage  
Effective

Proposed Police Fund Budget (FY25) .....	\$2,611,750
Expenditures Police Fund (FY25).....	\$2,252,974
Proposed Police Fund Budget (FY24).....	\$2,191,370
Expenditures Police Fund (FY24) .....	\$1,962,061
Estimated Police Carry Over into (FY26).....	\$1,597,278
<b>Shawnee Township Estimated Population.....</b>	<b>12,490</b>

### Sworn Personnel (As of 12/31/2025)

Chief: .....	1
Patrol Sergeants: .....	3
Detective:.....	2
School Resource Officer: .....	2
Patrol Officer.....	6
<b>TOTAL SWORN: .....</b>	<b>14</b>

### Civilian Personnel

Dispatch Supervisor .....	1
Dispatchers.....	5
Part Time Dispatch .....	1
<b>Total Civilian: .....</b>	<b>7</b>

**POLICE TOTAL .....** 21

### Percentage of Sworn Personnel Assigned to:

Patrol.....	78.6%
Investigative/Administrative.....	21.4%

### Equipment

Marked Vehicles.....	9
Unmarked Vehicles.....	2

### Specialized Units

Range Officers: .....	3
ALICE Instructors: .....	2
DRE Officers: .....	2
Field Training Officers.....	4
Evidence Room.....	3

### Dispatch Center

**Estimated Total Calls/Walk-ins Received > 35,000**

**Records Requests Fulfilled..... 853**

**Police Calls for Service.....8113**

**Police Reports..... 1801**

**EMS Calls..... 2024**

**Fire Calls..... 73**

**Total Calls for Service..... 10489**

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CHIEF  
ROBERT A. KOHLI

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

I proudly present to the citizens of Shawnee Township the 2025 Annual Report. Throughout the year, we achieved significant progress toward building a stronger Police Department and a safer Shawnee community. We strived to build stronger and better relationships for the future through our community outreach and engagements. We will continue to focus on the future development of the public services our agency provides to the citizens, building resources for safety, growth, and a brighter future.

The most notable achievement in 2025 is the expansion of the Dispatch Center and the renovation of the Police Department. The expansion gives our dispatchers an appropriately designed area with the proper privacy and security needed. Unknown by most, Shawnee Dispatchers handle more than just calls for service for the Police and Fire Department. Township-wide, the dispatch center answers approximately 35,000 calls per year. They provide administrative services, perform desk officer duties, and respond to hundreds of records requests and redactions each year. The redesign gives our Shawnee community the high level of service they expect, affording the citizens a public lobby for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The community can enjoy face-to-face conversations and a point of access to their local government services. The expansion of the Dispatch Center was accomplished utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, therefore costing no additional money to the taxpayers.

Building off the Dispatch design, we redesigned and remodeled the Police Department. Anyone familiar with the old design would immediately recognize that the original structure was not an appropriate space for Police Services. The old design left the Police Department in an open office space, and intermingled uninvolved citizens and administration directly into law enforcement business. I recognized a need to address the identified issue as it was not safe or an appropriate design for all. The new design restricts access to areas containing criminal justice information and uses a state-of-the-art security and surveillance system can ensure appropriate security and compliance. Another important aspect of the project was to ensure no excessive debt or additional obligation to the taxpayers. Ultimately, I was able to budget for the redesign and thankfully completed the project without requiring a loan or additional tax levies. This allowed us to give the Administration its own publicly accessible area and remove it from within the Police Department. The design implements physical security and eliminates the availability for unescorted access to the Police Department.

My promise to utilize more technology has continued to progress since my tenure as Chief. When I took office, our Department was using pen and paper for almost all police functions. We are now nearly completely digital in most services performed by the Police and Dispatch. Our front-line cruisers have secured access to our system. Additionally, our detectives, school resources officers, and supervisors can access the database from their smartphones. This technology allows us to track their movements, granting them a better response to calls and ensuring our officers are safe. We will work toward streamlining several more systems in the upcoming years, updating and giving our Department a better chance to solve crimes and perform daily activities more efficiently and accurately.

I am proud of the accomplishments, efforts, and dedication of the members of our Police Departments. A focus I have is on the training and development of our officers. This enriches our officers and allows us to serve our community at a higher level. Collectively, we have completed more than 944 hours of training in 2025, and my hope is to continue this trend in the years moving forward. Officers have taken specialized training in ALICE, school resource officer, firearms, drug and medically impaired persons, tactical lockpicking, and much more. They have a desire to learn these specialized skills, and our investment in them is an investment in our community.

We look forward to serving our community in the years to come with professionalism and empathy.

Robert A. Kohli  
Chief of Police

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

An important goal is to ensure our department is aptly equipped and educationally prepared to serve our citizens. Equipment and training is all for nothing if the Department doesn't have the staff to serve. Community safety can be directly correlated with appropriate staffing levels of their jurisdictions. Departments nationwide have suffered great difficulty in recruitment and retention, causing a national shortage of Police Officers. Without sacrificing the high standards expected of a Shawnee Township Officer and by implementing several different strategies, I proudly report that our department is fully staffed and actively working toward development, retention, and recruitment to ensure your responding officers are healthy, educated, and equipped to serve you and your family.

Chief Robert Kohli

Detective Jack Miller  
Detective Jacob Breitigan

School Resource Officer Troy Stevenson  
School Resource Officer Corey Wilson

1<sup>st</sup> Shift Sergeant Jon Baker  
Patrolman Kenzie Long  
Patrolman Briley Hillard

2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Sergeant Tyler Cramer  
Patrolman Joshua Howbert  
Patrolman Tobias Luebke

3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Sergeant Aaron Baker  
Patrolman Joshua Cox  
Patrolman Ryan M. Burkholder

This group provides coverage of at least two men per shift 24 hours a day 7 days a week, dedicated to the Shawnee Township Community. Each member provides their own unique interests, skill sets, and expertise to our department and community.

# DISPATCH

For over 50 years, the Shawnee Police Department has had the benefit of its own communication center for the Township. Like our Policing, Dispatchers have a highly stressful job that requires expertise in both technology, legal aspects, medical aid, and being highly adaptable under stressful situations. It takes a very special person to perform this job, and I am thankful to have a great group of dispatchers whose tasks are more than just answering a simple phone call. Our dispatchers are the face that greets you 24 / 7 when you enter the Police Department, the voice that answers the call to any township entity, and the one that performs many administrative functions, plus fulfills the redactions and records requests from courts, law enforcement, law firms, and the public. With a difficult and vast training program, it takes time to get an understanding of all aspects of this position. Additionally, in a career with a high burnout rate, it is difficult to find people with prior experience. While approved for 7 full-time, our department is currently staffed with 6 full-time and 1 part-time person who is currently still in training.

Dispatch Supervisor Teresa Pulfer

Dispatcher Jessica Harter – TAC

Dispatcher Josie Bollinger

Dispatcher Susan Kennedy

Dispatcher Athena Long

Dispatcher Cara Mabry

Part-Time Dispatcher Andrea Rosas

Over the past 4 years, these individuals have worked on the development of the Records Management System and Computer-Aided Dispatch software for the Township Police and Fire Department. This software, also purchased from ARPA funds, is customizable, and the dispatch team works behind the scenes to better automate responses and generate more accurate reports for administration and the public. We are continuing to work toward better technology and growth for the future. With the appropriate support and effort, our Dispatchers are ready to take on other advancements and future challenges.

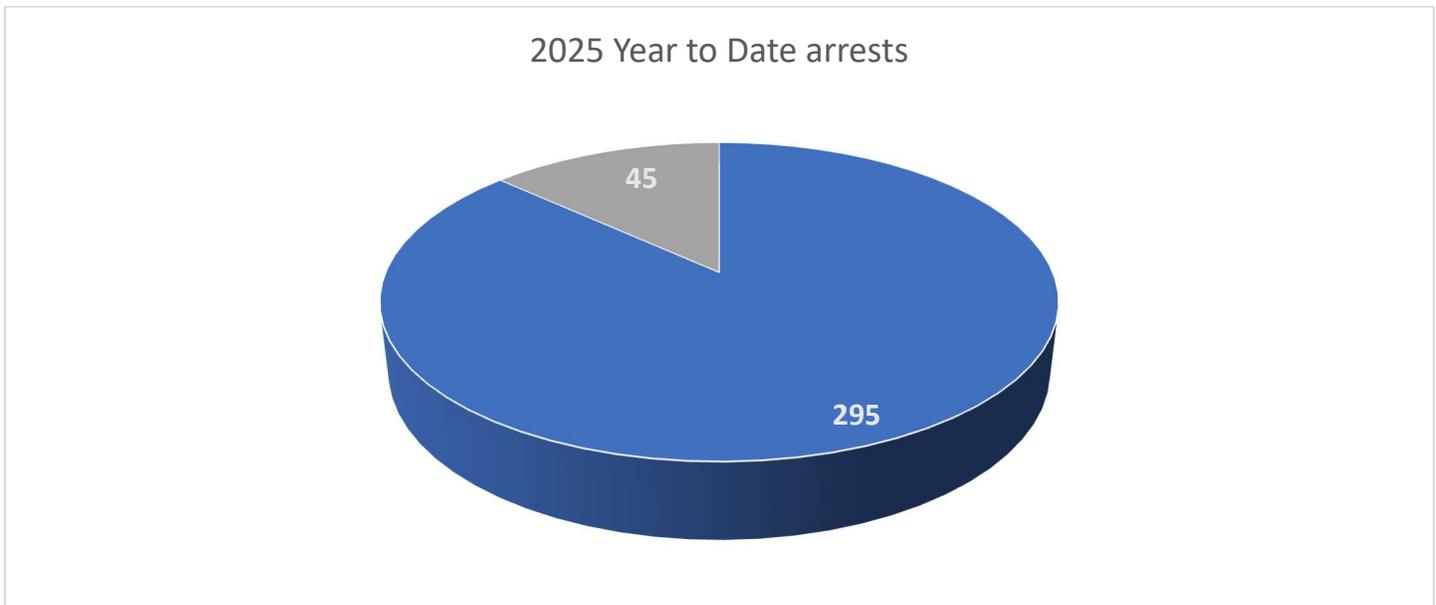
Dispatch Supervisor Pulfer is focused on providing opportunities for training. Going above and beyond, she ensures that the Dispatchers are afforded training at levels higher than required for our center. Several cost-effective solutions are made available to the dispatchers, and frequent post-call reviews and debriefs ensure that every opportunity for growth and development is met.

Truly a department of professionals, I am proud of their constant strides for growth and education for our community. During 2025, our Dispatch Center answered more than 10,000 calls for Police, EMS, or Fire service and received more than 35,000 calls or contacts in total. I appreciate the hard work, dedication, and professionalism performed by our team!

# INVESTIGATIONS

Shawnee Township has two full-time Detectives assigned to investigate the crimes within our community. In 2025, our Detectives investigated more than 186 cases. Our Detectives are generally utilized for felony crimes; however, under certain circumstances, misdemeanor cases can be assigned to them. Most misdemeanor cases are assigned to our patrol officers, and they receive guidance, when needed, from our Detectives. Our Detectives are also our court officers, delivering and receiving paperwork from the court, and assisting officers with procedures for our cases.

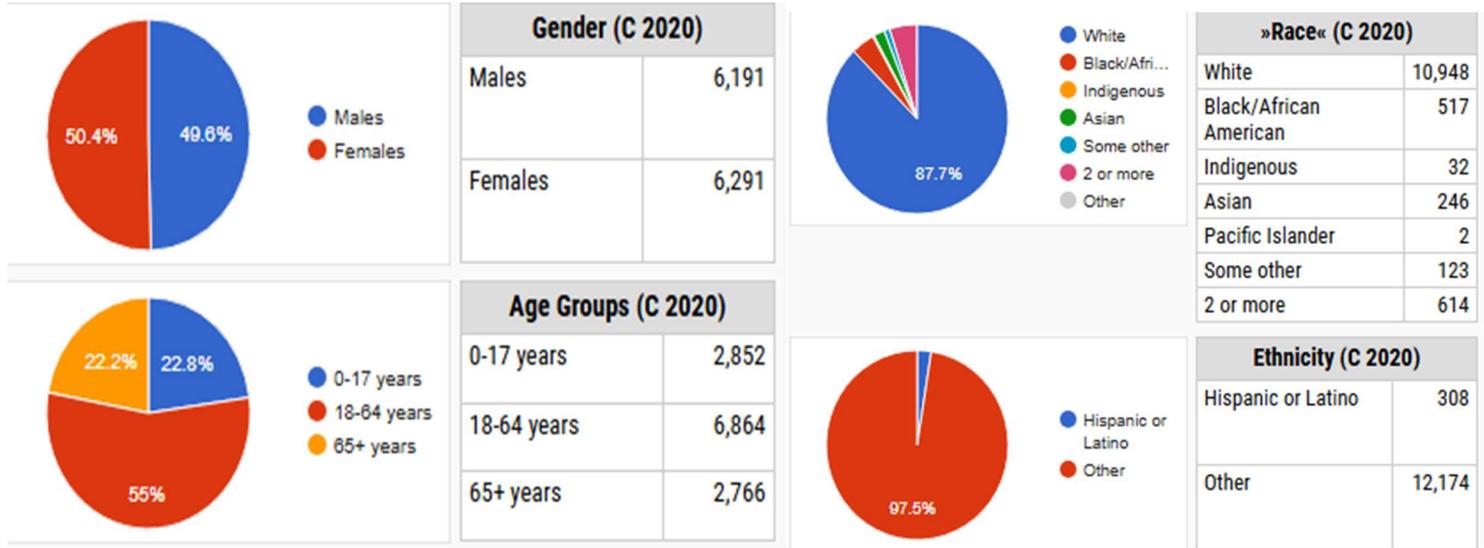
Our Detectives enter 2026 with 53 open Cases. Throughout the year, they closed more than 131 Cases.



Shawnee Township conducted 295 misdemeanor arrests and 45 felony arrests in 2025. Officers conducted 2277 traffic or pedestrian stops, investigated 386 traffic crashes, and issued 999 citations during the year.

# Our Shawnee Community and Officer-Initiated Engagement

Shawnee Township's Population is 12,490. The following represents the breakdown of males to females, age groups, and race according to the 2020 Census data.

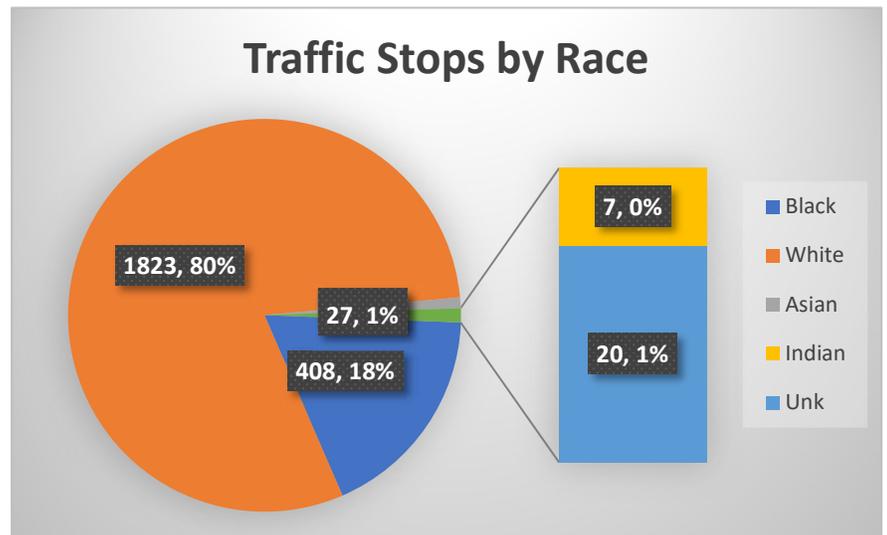
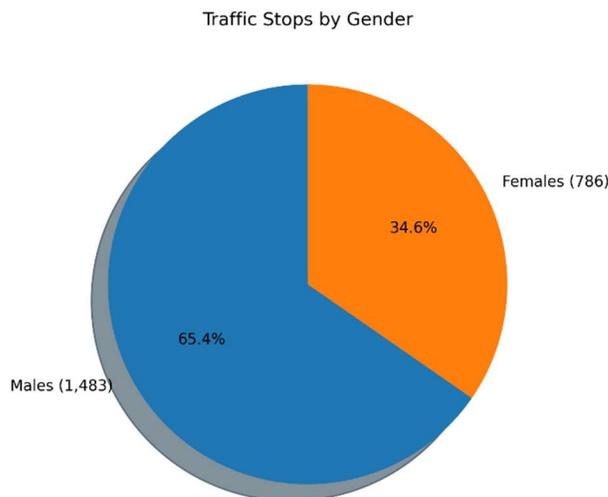


## Shawnee Township Policy and Procedure outlines that:

Officer shall not “Display any form of partiality, discrimination, or any other form or disparate treatment to a complainant, suspect, violator, or any other person.”

Data is collected from all traffic and pedestrian stops, and this information is made available to the public annually.

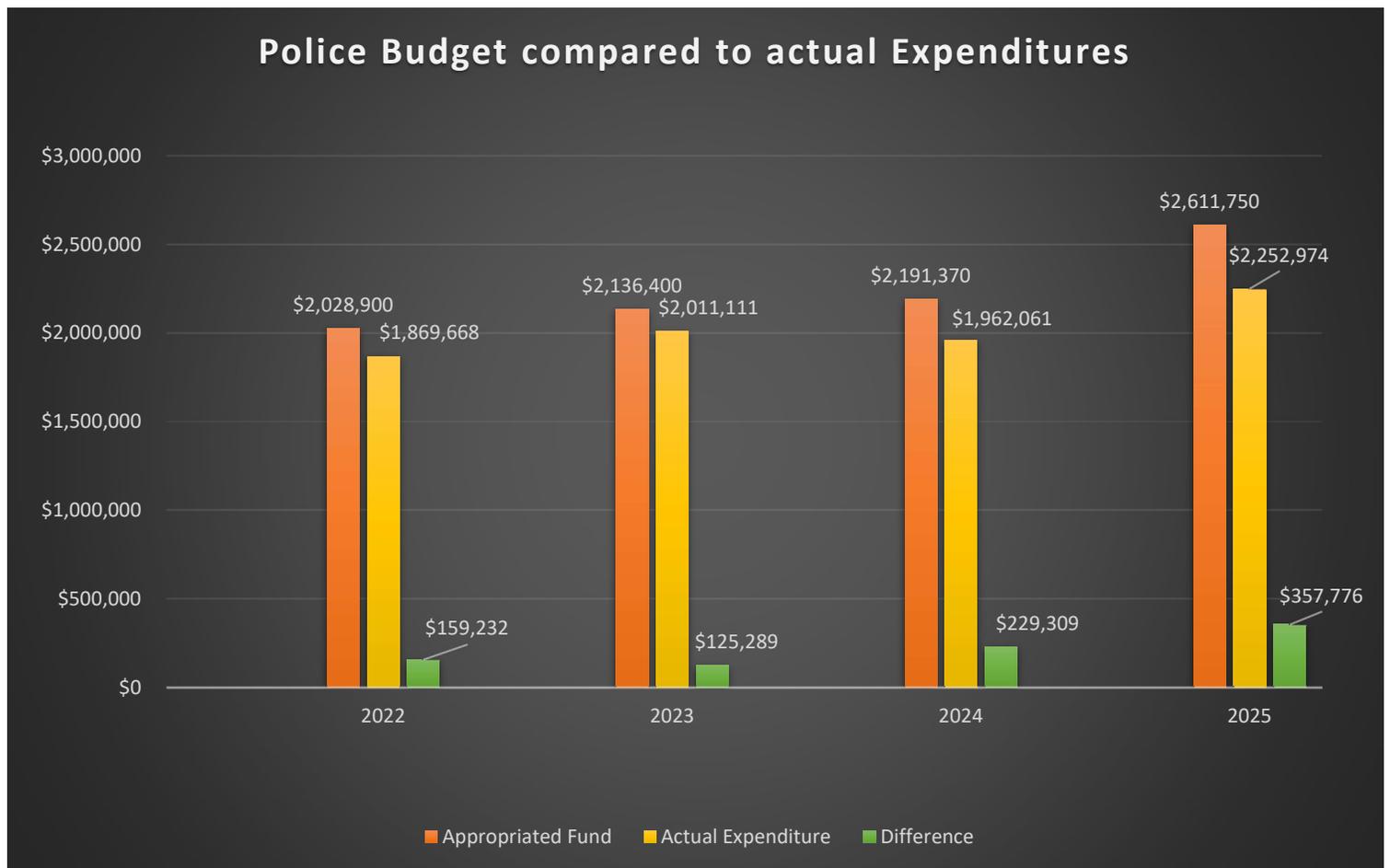
## Below are the results of the collected data for 2025:



# Shawnee Township Police Budget

Several aspects can affect the overall budget. Throughout the year, tracking many of these aspects helps our budget stay on track. The following are some of the tracked categories:

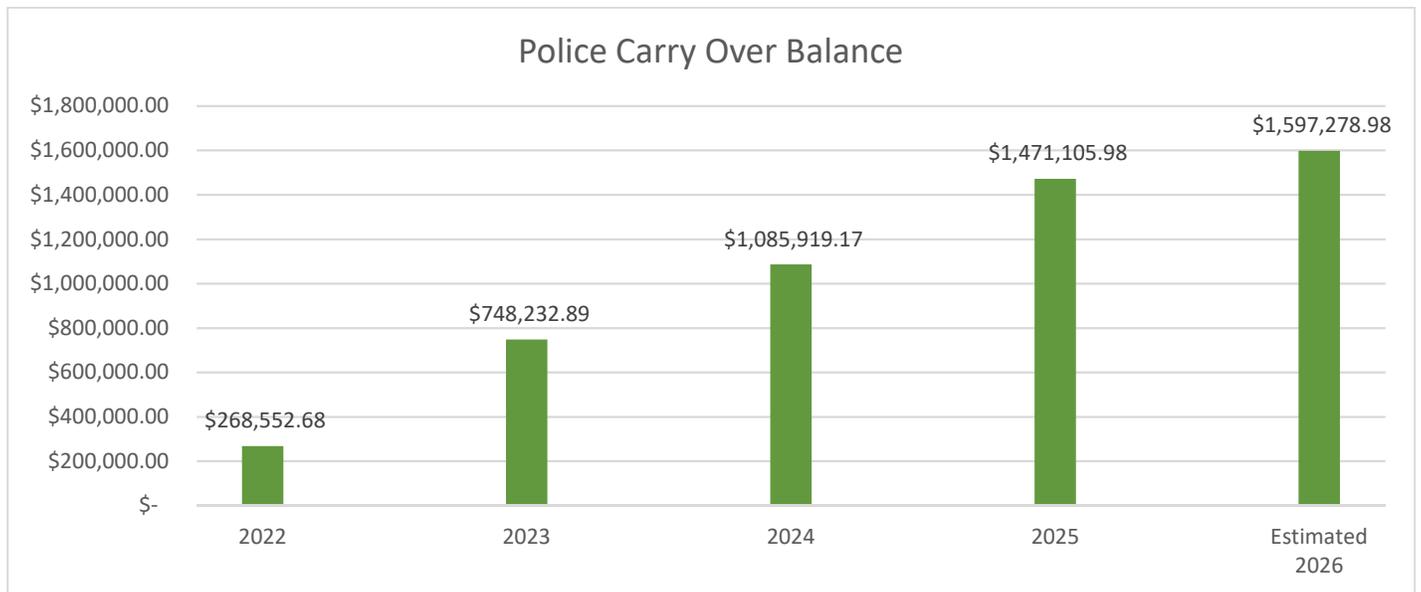
Each year, the Chief of Police creates a budget to facilitate design and predict future expenses for the Department. The ultimate goal is to be as precise as possible, allocating money into appropriate funds for wages, benefits, purchases, and utilities. Throughout the year, I track these expenses and work to provide the best service for the best price to the taxpayer. Below is a generalized overview of the expenses compared to the budgeted amounts per year:



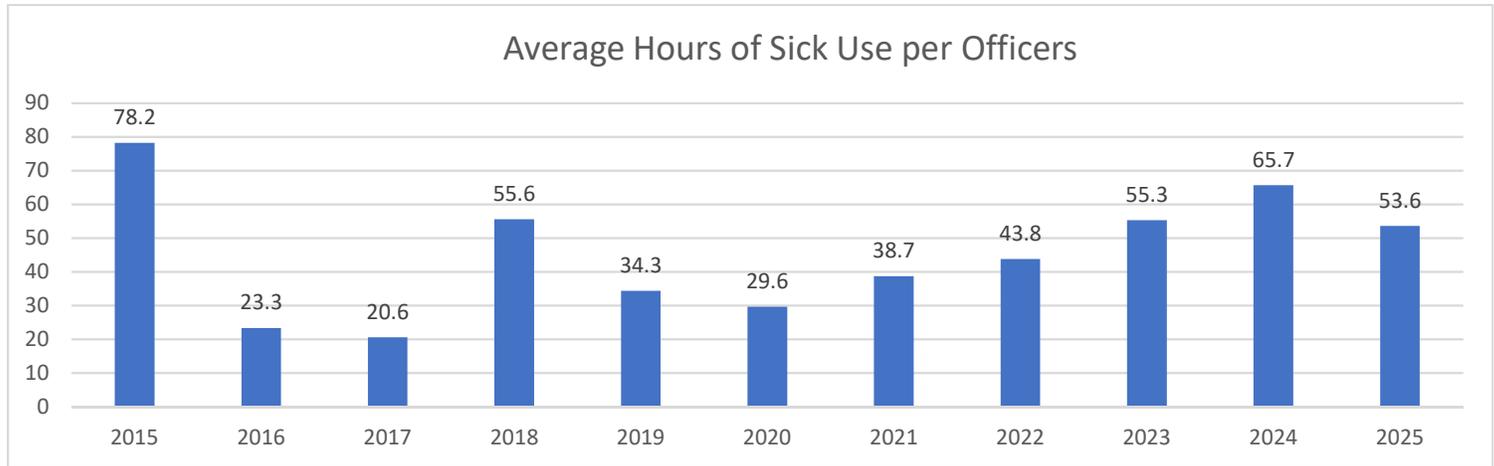
The 2025 expenditure and the difference are estimates and not guaranteed to be entirely accurate. An additional \$300,000 was added to the 2025 appropriations to complete the Police Department renovation project. At the time of this report, the final construction payment has not yet been made. Working with the Fiscal Officer, we made the best educated prediction gathered from yearly tracking. The Fiscal Officer can provide a more accurate number in February or March of 2026 after the official closure of the books.

In 2020, a failure to place the renewal police levy on the ballot created an extreme deficit in the departmental budget. This failure created a loss of **-\$863,989.60**. Thankfully, in May of 2021, the community passed a 3.5 mil renewal levy, which was key to the financial stability of the Police Department. During the next four years, we were able to advance technology in the Township like never before, provided valuable training to our employees, outfitted our officers with needed equipment, replaced outdated vehicles, and accomplished all this while still creating a carryover to last our department for years to come. In November 2025, voters renewed that levy, allowing our department to continue to operate, costing no additional money from the taxpayer.

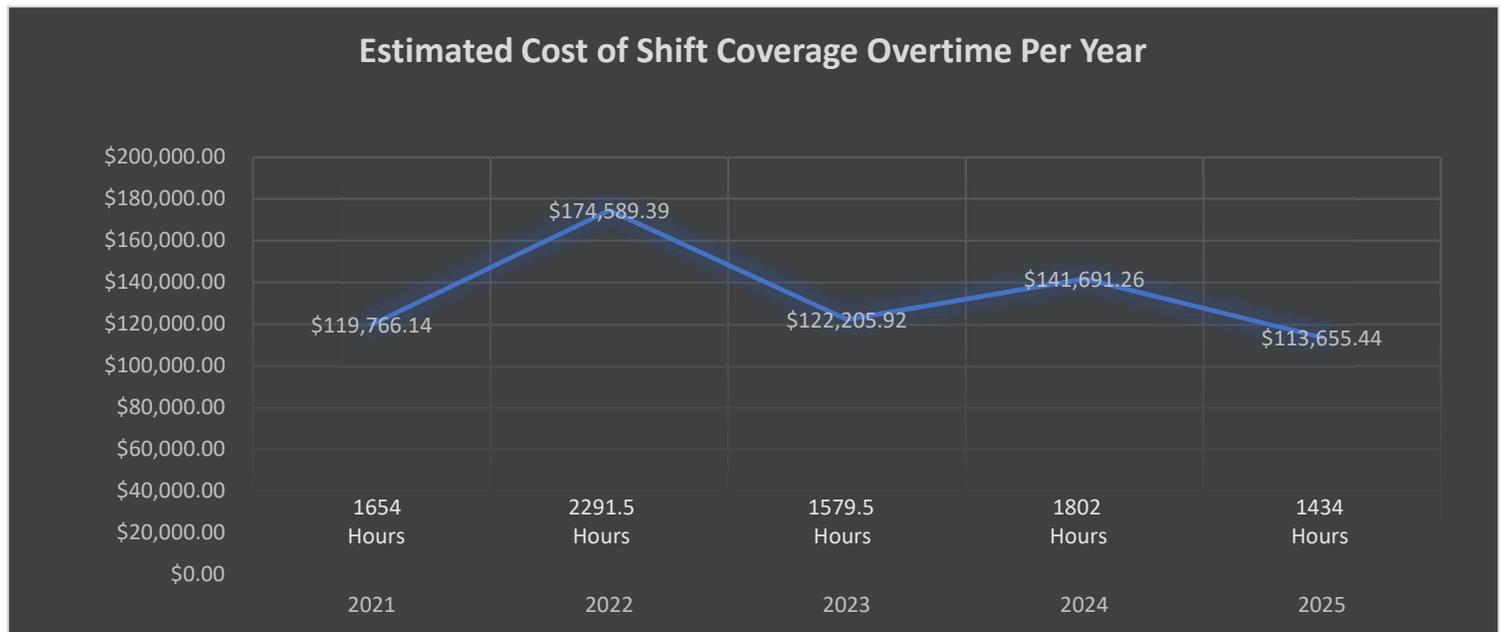
The estimated carryover for 2026 will have a portion utilized to complete the Police Department's renovation project. Even after the final payment for the renovation, our budget is sound and will have no outstanding debt or obligations.



While legitimate sick time isn't something that can be controlled, it is tracked as another potential causation for an increase in shift coverage over time. During 2025, two officers added to their families, without factoring in their parental leave, the average sick time use per Officer would have been 34.2 hours.



In September of 2022, I made a simple change in some of the overtime rules. This change helped reduce the shift coverage overtime by an estimated \$52,383.47 in the first year it was fully implemented. Coupled with an active recruitment effort and attractive retention incentives, the Police Department has been fully staffed, and this additionally helps to ensure a reduction in cost for this category.



# Police Yearly Calls for Service

Our officers respond to a wide spectrum of calls. Below is the initial dispatched complaint that officers were dispatched to or responded to. Throughout the year, officers drove 149,940 miles utilizing our marked and unmarked units. Last year, our department conducted 295 misdemeanors and 45 felony arrests.

**Abandoned 9-1-1 Call Total: 222**  
**Abandoned Vehicle Total: 11**  
**Animal Complaint Total: 140**  
**Assist Motorist Total: 75**  
**Attempted Paper Service / Summons Total: 13**  
**Attempt Warrant Service Total: 83**  
**Barking Dog Complaint Total: 14**  
**Bomb Threat Total: 1**  
**Burglar Alarm Total: 294**  
**Burglary – Breaking and Entering Total: 17**  
**Child Sex Abuse Complaint Total: 6**  
**Civil / Child Visitation Total: 24**  
**Civil Complaint Total: 92**  
**Civil Paper Service Total: 16**  
**Civil / Prop. Removal Total: 28**  
**Community Service Assignment. Total: 22**  
**Criminal Damaging/Endangering Total: 50**  
**Criminal Mischief Total: 3**  
**Criminal Trespassing Total: 3**  
**Deceased Person Total: 4**  
**Disorderly Conduct Total: 5**  
**Dom Dispute – No Violence Total: 10**  
**Dom – Endangering Children Total: 3**  
**Domestic Violence Complaint Total: 66**  
**Dom Violence Complaint w/weapons Total: 2**  
**Drug Abuse - Possession Total: 10**  
**Drug Trafficking Complaint Total: 2**  
**EMS Call Combative Total: 6**  
**EMS Call Unresponsive Total: 16**  
**Escort Total: 6**  
**Escort – Prisoner Total: 1**  
**Fight/Assault Total: 41**  
**Fight/Assault w/Weapons Total: 1**  
**Fingerprinting Civilian Total: 84**  
**Follow up on Report Total: 400**  
**Forgery – Bad Check Total: 16**  
**Fraud - Embezzlement Total: 27**  
**Health – Safety Complaint Total: 4**  
**Impound Vehicle Total: 4**  
**Internet Importuning Total: 1**  
**Intoxicated Person Total: 10**  
**Investigate Vehicle Total: 407**  
**Juvenile Delinquency Complaint Total: 67**  
**Juvenile Tobacco Violation Total: 1**  
**Lost Property Total: 12**

**Menacing Complaint Total: 42**  
**Mentally Ill Person Total: 64**  
**Miscellaneous Complaint Total: 542**  
**Missing Person - Adult Total: 7**  
**Missing Person - Juvenile Total: 3**  
**Missing Person – Runaway Juvenile Total: 4**  
**Motorist Lockout Total: 138**  
**Mutual Aid - EMS Total: 6**  
**Mutual Aid - Fire Total: 3**  
**Mutual Aid Request Total: 93**  
**M.V. Crash / Fatal Total: 2**  
**M.V. Crash / Hit Skip Total: 44**  
**M. V. Crash / No Injury Total: 4**  
**M.V. Crash / Personal Injury Total: 32**  
**M.V. Crash / Property Damage Total: 285**  
**M. V. Crash / With Injury Total: 19**  
**OVI Complaint Total: 70**  
**OVI Under 21 years Total: 1**  
**Paper Service / Summons Total: 25**  
**Pedestrian Stop Total: 37**  
**Power Lines Total: 4**  
**Receiving Stolen Property Total: 1**  
**Recovered Motor Vehicle Total: 3**  
**Recovered Property Total: 51**  
**Robbery Alarm Total: 2**  
**Robbery Complaint Total: 1**  
**Service Call Total: 11**  
**Sexual Abuse Complaint Total: 5**  
**Shooting Total: 1**  
**Shots Fired Complaint Total: 35**  
**Stalking Complaint Total: 1**  
**Stand-by Total: 29**  
**Status / Welfare Check Total: 185**  
**Stolen Vehicle Complaint Total: 5**  
**Suspicious Person Total: 133**  
**Telephone Annoyance Complaint Total: 44**  
**Theft Complaint Total: 90**  
**TPO Violation Total: 15**  
**Traffic Stop Total: 2235**  
**Unauthorized Use Motor Vehicle Total: 9**  
**Unruly Juvenile Complaint Total: 35**  
**Unsecured Building/Door Total: 12**  
**Unwanted Guest-Trespass Total: 54**  
**Vacation House Check Total: 1168**  
**Vehicle Fire Total: 3**  
**Warrant – LEADS/NCIC Total: 9**  
**Warrant Service Total: 66**  
**Warrant Service Other Dept Total: 13**  
**Total: 2**

**Total Records: 8113**

# Awards

Every year, during National Police Week, our Department recognizes the service of our Officers and Dispatchers. A banquet and night out for our officers and their significant others allows us to recognize significant accomplishments made by our members for our department and community. This year, the following members were recognized.

## Recognized for full-time years of service in public safety:

**Ptl. Howbert – 15 yrs.**

**Dis. Supervisor Pulfer – 15 yrs.**

**Ptl. Wilson- 10 yrs.**

**Dispatcher Harter – 5 yrs.**

**Ptl. Long – 5 yrs.**

**Dispatcher Bollinger – 5 yrs.**

## Recognized for attendance (no sick use):

**Sgt. Cramer**

## Recognized for completion as Police Subject Instructor:

**Briley Hillard – Taser**

**Toby Luebke – VR / Impact Weapon**

## Recognized for Distinguished Achievement Awards:

**Ptl. Stevenson** – For the investigation and apprehension of a cyber-related harassment at Apollo Career Center.

**Ptl. Long, Det. Breitigan, & Det. Miller** – For the extra effort and persistence in the protection of an abandoned animal left in dire condition and circumstance. The investigation saved the dog's life and led to the successful prosecution of the owner.

**Det. Miller-** For the investigation and apprehension of a stalker, Det. Miller performed an operation where he was able to arrest the offender as he was actively following his victim.

# Promotions

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, Aaron Baker was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Baker attended the Police Academy at Rhodes State College in 2013-2014. He was appointed full-time at the Lima Police Department and worked as a patrolman and as an investigator for computer crimes. Sgt. Baker left LPD in 2020 and joined Shawnee Township as an Auxiliary Officer. He began working full-time in the private sector until 2023, when he became full-time at Shawnee Township. Sgt. Baker supervises the third shift, manages the evidence room, and helps with the technology and security system for the Township. Outside of work, Sgt. Baker is an Elder at a local church and is married with three boys. Congratulations to Sgt. Aaron Baker.



**Pictured: Aaron Baker receiving his badge from his father James Baker**

# Community Engagements



Throughout the year, our officers participate in many community activities. Many of these activities provide our officers with the opportunity to interact with our citizens and community stakeholders in a relaxed and positive setting, allowing them to build relationships and trust. This is just an overview of some of the events our officers participated in during 2025.

In March, Apollo Career Center held a building dedication for a 28,000-square-foot facility that houses the fire and EMS, criminal justice, and truck driving programs. Chief Kohli gave a dedication speech. Several other Officers attended in support of the program and enjoyed seeing the new facility and engaging with the community regarding its potential.



In April, our Department assisted our local Shawnee schools and a charitable organization, Shawnee Township Event Planning (STEP), with the school's pancake breakfast and STEP's Easter Egg hunt at the Shawnee High School football field. The event was a huge success, bringing children of all ages out to gather some prizes and enjoy several activities, including a visit from the Easter bunny.



In May, Officers attended the annual Fraternal Order of Police Peace Officer Memorial. Taking a moment to recognize Allen County officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The Shawnee Township Police Department uses this same week to recognize Officer performance in our annual awards banquet.



The National Night Out and Run for Russ 5k took place in August. The Police Department works year-round to make our event the best in the region. Donations are collected from local businesses, industry, and individuals. We always have a great turnout and plenty of food and family-friendly activities, all for free! If you have never been, you should mark your calendars for next years, it's always the first Tuesday in August.



In September, our department assisted with the STEP, “Autumn Jubilee” event. Officers met with our public as they enjoyed vendors and food trucks along Blue Jacket Court. The children enjoyed more family-friendly activities as our community began to enter the fall season.



In October, our officers take to the streets and hand out candy for our Shawnee Communities Trick or Treat. All of our neighborhoods are divided up so our officers can meet the children and hand out candy donated by the Shawnee Township Trustees. Additionally, you may find our officers at some of the community Trunk or Treat events. This is a busy time of year for our officers, and we enjoy the fun costumes and candy, of course.

In November, our community came together to light our community's Christmas Tree, aptly named "A Roundabout Christmas." Our officers enjoyed interacting with the community and had the chance to meet and take a quick photo with Santa Claus.



The Fraternal Order of Police holds its annual Cops and Kids in December. Police Departments around Allen County send Officers to shop with the children of families in need. In partnership with Meijer, donations provide gift cards for the child to shop for clothes and toys. Our Officers and Dispatchers enjoy the opportunity to help with this amazing program.

