

Warren Police Department

141 South St. SE
Warren, OH 44483

Established - 1867



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Chief of Police

The Warren Police Department, which was established in 1867, continues to perform its function of serving and protecting the citizens to the best of its abilities. Our dedicated, professional police force of 70 men and women recognize that the people in our community are our most important customers, and they work in partnership with all people to solve problems that affect public safety.

This is also accomplished by collaborating with citizens and neighborhood and community groups to better understand the needs of the community so that we may develop solutions to problems and provide efficient responses.

Through a cooperative working relationship with our local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, we take a proactive approach to law enforcement knowing that partnerships and cooperation are needed to ensure protection of persons and property.

As Chief of Police, it is my responsibility to ensure that our community is provided the best possible law enforcement services. To this end, I am dedicated to making sure all police-related services are provided in an efficient, effective and professional manner.

I am proud to serve with these dedicated, professional co-workers to complete our police mission to protect and serve our community for those who live and work here.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Merkel
Chief of Police



Biography of Chief Eric J. Merkel

Chief Merkel is a 31-year veteran of the Warren Police Department starting his employment with the City of Warren in January of 1995. After being promoted through the ranks, he was sworn in as Chief of Police in June of 2013. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Kent State University and a master's degree in police administration from Youngstown State University. Chief Merkel is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy (FBINA) Session #227, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar Session 78, the Law Enforcement Foundation's Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) Class 59, and one of nearly 600 police officers in the State of Ohio who have successfully completed and achieved the designation of Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) Class XX through the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.



2025 Authorized vs. Actual Personnel Strength

	Authorized Strength	Actual Strength
Police Personnel		
Chief of Police	1	1
Captains	2	2
Lieutenants	5	5
Sergeants	9	9
Patrol Officers	53	45
	70	62
Civilian Personnel		
<u>Chief's Office</u>		
Office Supervisor	1	1
Secretary	1	0
<u>Records Division</u>		
Clerk Typist	4	2
Traffic Data Entry Operator	1	1
<u>Criminal Investigative Division</u>		
Police Analyst	1	1
<u>Animal Control</u>		
Dog Warden	1	0
	8	5



Professional Standards – Internal Affairs Division

The Office of Professional Standards consists of the Internal Affairs Division (IAD) and the Director of Training. Both work together to ensure that all officers receive continued training and are performing their duties with the highest possible standards for professionalism.

The Internal Affairs Division is responsible for processing all complaints and investigations regarding the conduct of Warren Police Department employees. Any person may file a public complaint against a Warren Police Department employee. Public Complaint Forms are available at the Warren Police Department, City Hall, and the City of Warren, Ohio website. Each officer of the Warren Police Department can also furnish Public Complaint Forms upon request.



Once a complaint is filed, it is forwarded to the Internal Affairs Officer who will then begin an investigation. In some instances, the complaint can be resolved with the Emergency Services Division Turn Commander.

All complaints received by the Warren Police Department are taken seriously, and the Internal Affairs Division will conduct a thorough investigation of the complaint. It is the policy of this department that the investigation can take up to forty (40) days for completion. However, depending on the severity of the incident, the investigating officer can request an extension from the Chief of Police to ensure the investigation is properly completed. If a complaint is found to be true, the discipline can range from a verbal reprimand to discharge from service. It is the responsibility of the Chief of Police to determine discipline for all Warren Police Department employees.

During the year 2025, the Internal Affairs Division investigated thirteen (13) Citizen Complaints of alleged misconduct by police department employees. Each complaint may list a number of allegations within – denoting a higher number of findings to the number of complaints filed.

Citizen Complaints Comparison

2023	8
2024	15
2025	13





Upon completion of the investigations conducted by the Internal Affairs Division, each allegation of officer misconduct listed in the public complaint will receive one out of four possible findings. These possible findings are listed and described as follows:

SUSTAINED. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the person's allegation is supported by sufficient evidence to determine that the incident occurred and the actions of the officer were improper.

EXONERATED. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate WPD policies, procedure, or training.

INCONCLUSIVE. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that there are insufficient facts to decide whether the alleged misconduct occurred.

UNFOUNDED. This means that the investigation determines, by a preponderance of the evidence, that no facts to support that the incident complained of actually occurred.

The Internal Affairs Division is also responsible for managing the Early Intervention System (EIS) for the department. This computer software system monitors the activity of each police officer, allowing the Internal Affairs Division and police department supervisors to track arrests, use of force, vehicle pursuits, discharge of firearms, officer-involved traffic accidents, public complaints, lost/damaged/stolen property, awards and commendations, and counseling sessions for each officer and intervene if necessary. This is a valuable tool for both the supervision, and the officers alike.

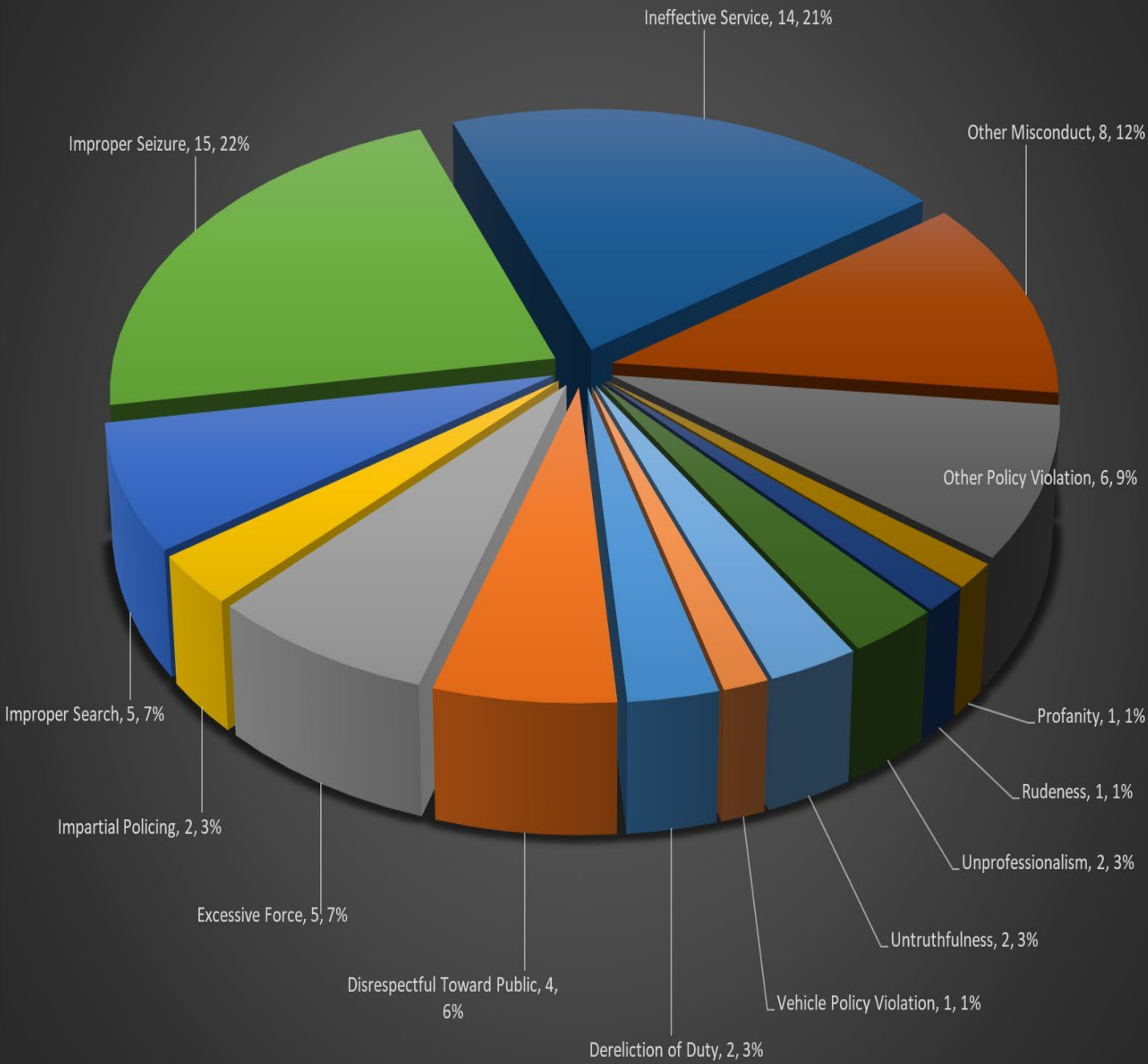
Sergeant Mark Krempasky
Internal Affairs Officer

The following graphs show what classifications of alleged misconduct were investigated by the Internal Affairs Division for the year 2025 and what their official findings were.

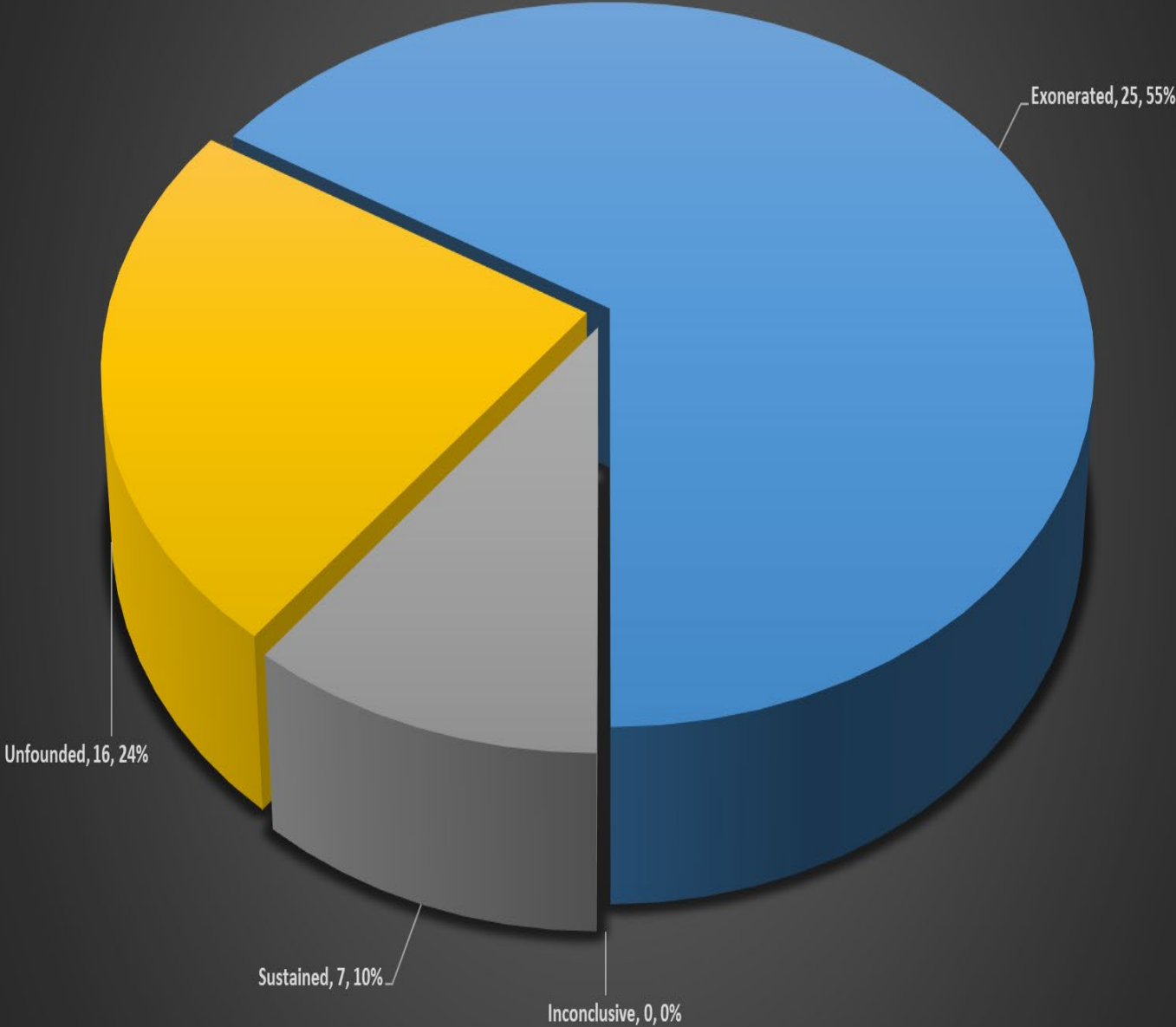




Complaint by Allegation



Allegation Findings



Professional Standards – Training

The Director of Training is responsible for coordinating the Warren Police Department’s annual in-service training. The Director of Training and Internal Affairs also ensures that all officers complete the Continued Professional Training (CPT) as required by the State of Ohio and schedule officers for training in specialized fields. In 2025, the Warren Police Department presented their annual In-Service Training Block and Firearms Training consisting of more than 50 hours for all commissioned personnel. In addition to the annual in-service training that is issued department wide, officers are selected based on their departmental role, interests, and specialized skills to attend numerous training courses throughout the year. The training topics are listed below.



Annual In-Service Training Report

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Taser, ASP & OC Re-Qualifications	Lt. Sumption & Det. Marsh	4 hours
Legal Updates Lecture (CPT)	Atty. Traci Sabau	4 hours
LOCKUP Arrest & Control (CPT)	Officer Wilson & Officer Gilger	12 hours
VirTra – Marksmanship/High Risk Stops (CPT)	Sgt. Altiere	8 hours
Use of Force Scenarios	Lt. Sumption, Det. Marsh & Officer Wilson	4 hours
Traffic Stop Scenarios	Sgt. Stephenson & Officers Weber & Gilger	4 hours
Firearms Training & Qualifications	Lt. Sumption, Sgt. Altiere & Det’s. Clementi & Marsh	8 hours
Legal Update (52 videos)	Path of the Guardian Video Series – DLG	4.5 hours

Additional Continued Professional Training (CPT)

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Legal Updates	OPOTA Online	2 hours
Use of Force	OPOTA Online	3 hours
Ethics Law	OPOTA Online	2 hours
Arrest, Search & Seizure	OPOTA Online	1 hour
Marsy’s Law / Victim Rights	OPOTA Online	1 hour
CAT & Officer Wellness	OPOTA Online	3 hours
Vicarious Trauma	OPOTA Online	1 hour
Missing Children	OPOTA Online	¼ hour
Sierrah’s Law	OPOTA Online	¼ hour
Report Writing	OPOTA Online	2 hours
BCI Lethal UOF & OIS Investigations	OPOTA Online	1 hour
Critical Thinking in UOF Situations	OPOTA Online	1 hour



Specialized Training & Qualifications

TOPIC	OFFICER(S)	HOURS
Field Training Officer (FTO)	Wilson, Poledica & George	24 hours
Armorer (Rifle & Shotgun)	Marsh	32 hours
Traffic Crash Investigation 1	James, Andino & Young	40 hours
Traffic Crash Investigation 2	Andino & Young	80 hours
Traffic Crash Investigation 3	Andino & Young	40 hours
Instructional Skills	Sgt. Altiere	80 hours
STEP Supervisor Training	Sgt. Sajnovsky & Sgt. Shrader	104 hours
Death Investigations	Det. Crites, Det. Smith & Det. Krafcik	40 hours
Sexual Assault Investigation	Det. Smith & Det. Krafcik	16 hours
Vehicle CQB	Morris & McAlister	16 hours
LOCKUP Arrest & Control Instructor	Wilson & Gilger	40 hours
Street Survival Seminar (CPT)	Fowler, McGinley, Morris & McAlister	16 hours
Ohio Traffic Safety Summit	Det. Jones	16 hours
School Safety 360	Gollan & Ruckman	24 hours
Tactical Operations Liability	Lt. Sumption (Coleman, Holmes & Wilson)	8 hours
Ace Interdiction Tactics	Schneeman, Andino, Goranitis, Sajnovsky & Young	16 hours
Force Science Certification	Sgt. Krempasky	32 hours
Advanced SWAT Team Tactics	Sumption, M. Sajnovsky, P. Sajnovsky, Goranitis, Jones, Ritchie, Andino, Schneeman, Gilger, Morris, Marsh, George, Wilson, Ruckman & McAlister	40 hours
Intro to Cyber Tips (ICAC)	Det. Smith & Det. Krafcik	8 hours
FBI Intelligence	Analyst Madison Nigrin	80 hours
Ohio Police Juvenile Officers Assoc. Conf.	Gollan & Ruckman	32 hours
Evidence Based Interviewing	Det. Krafcik	24 hours
Dark Web Intelligence (HIDTA)	Analyst Madison Nigrin	24 hours
Active Killer; Costa Ludos	Martinek	16 hours
CAC Annual Care Center Training (CSB)	Det. Smith & Det. Krafcik	8 hours
Professionalism, Ethics, Search & Seizure (CPT)	Merkel, Holmes, Coleman, Sumption, Krempasky Laprocina, Altiere, Crites, Greaver, Tempesta, Smith Goranitis, Marsh, P. Sajnovsky, Krafcik & Nigrin	8 hours
Revolver Instructor	Det. Marsh	16 hours
NDCAC Evidence & Communication Tech.	Analyst Madison Nigrin	8 hours
CRT – Group Crisis	Det. Smith	24 hours
Beyond the Silence – Forensic Interviewing 2	Det. Krafcik	24 hours
Legally Sufficient Background Inv.	Merkel (Holmes & Krempasky)	24 hours
ALERRT Active Shooter Response 1	Carney, Hoffman, Romo & Weber	16 hours
FOP OIS/Critical Incident Employee Rights	Merkel, Krempasky, Crites & Henline	8 hours



OSINT in Tactical Investigations (CPT)	Coleman, Marsh & P. Sajnovsky	6 ½ hours
Leadership for Patrol Operations (CPT)	Sgt. Shrader	7 hours
Managing Patrol Operations (CPT)	Sgt. Shrader	3 hours
Realistic Applications of Emergency Hosp (CPT)	Merkel	6 hours
Misc. Police Executive Training (CPT)	Merkel	13 ½ hours
Juvenile Trends, Drugs & Legal Updates (CPT)	Ruckman	4 hours
Hum. Trafficking, Sextortion/Social Media (CPT)	Det. Krafcik & Det. Smith	4 ½ hours
Trauma responsive Care & Dissociation (CPT)	Det. Krafcik & Det. Smith	2 hours

Lieutenant Bryan Holmes
Director of Training



Vehicle Inventory Status & Repairs

The Vehicle Maintenance Unit of the Warren Police Department consists of two officers responsible for the maintenance of all Warren Police Department vehicles and the maintenance on the mobile video recorders, radio systems and interior police equipment for the cruisers. These officers are also responsible for maintaining communication with any outside vendors who perform work on the fleet of vehicles. Vehicle Maintenance collaborates with purchasing agents in making purchase orders for vendors. They also work with the agent when purchasing new vehicles and the equipment necessary to make them ready for police service, adding them to the City of Warren Insurance and removing units from service.

Additional responsibilities include managing the underground fuel system, ordering the necessary fuel for the fleet, and processing all vehicles impounded by members of the Warren Police Department, which are stored at the city-owned impound lot or May's Towing. Our current fleet consists of the following (next page) vehicles with their respective mileage, annual use and condition:

YEAR	AVERAGE VEHICLE ODOMETER	AVERAGE DRIVE MILES (ANNUAL)	TOTAL FLEET MILES DRIVEN (ANNUAL)	REPAIR COST (ANNUAL)
2023	61,700	10,325	516,257	\$ 134,621.57
2024	41,079	8,409	462,474	\$ 147,188.71
2025	41,939	8,703	461,301	\$ 88,745.44



Unit Number	Description	Odometer History				Miles Driven		
		2022	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
1	2019 CHEVROLET Tahoe	22,467	30,598	36,486	39,486	8,131	5,888	3,000
3	2022 FORD Explorer	7	9,791	19,777	35,417	9,784	9,986	15,640
4	2019 FORD Transit	3,128	4,601	5,822	6,785	1,473	1,221	963
5	2014 FORD Explorer	59,644	64,555	68,984	75,678	4,911	4,429	6,694
6	2022 FORD Explorer	5	7,754	22,199	22,888	7,749	14,445	689
8	2020 JEEP Cherokee	31,860	43,959	54,026	62,795	12,099	10,067	8,769
12	2022 FORD Explorer	7,882	8,459	13,688	19,692	577	5,229	6,004
13	2022 FORD Explorer	2,578	2,958	3,358	15,018	380	400	11,660
15	2012 CHEVROLET Malibu	84,566	124,224	142,353	143,205	39,658	18,129	852
16	2022 FORD Explorer	10,620	17,240	18,452	22,452	6,620	1,212	4,000
21	2025 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	105	5,582	0	105	5,477
23	2010 FORD E-350	48,995	49,405	49,615	50,615	410	210	1,000
24	2022 FORD Explorer	9,241	22,687	33,790	40,030	13,446	11,103	6,240
28	2018 FORD Edge	24,212	33,899	50,380	59,432	9,687	16,481	9,052
29	2022 FORD Explorer	9,843	22,795	39,443	52,334	12,952	16,648	12,891
30	2014 FORD Explorer	56,710	63,313	70,500	76,973	6,603	7,187	6,473
32	2014 FORD Explorer	60,499	72,061	89,803	100,157	11,562	17,742	10,354
35	2014 FORD Explorer	145,692	147,487	163,714	169,164	1,795	16,227	5,450
37	2020 FORD Eplorer	14,410	19,557	26,887	65,631	5,147	7,330	38,744
38	2020 FORD Eplorer	26,297	36,441	51,536	64,539	10,144	15,095	13,003
39	2020 FORD Eplorer	6,929	9,318	21,647	28,114	2,389	12,329	6,467
40	2020 FORD Eplorer	17,494	22,603	29,395	40,028	5,109	6,792	10,633
41	2022 FORD Explorer	5,325	11,520	24,964	36,573	6,195	13,444	11,609
42	2022 FORD Explorer	4,021	5,991	10,457	15,788	1,970	4,466	5,331
43	2022 FORD Explorer	5,191	10,168	16,832	39,282	4,977	6,664	22,450
44	2022 FORD Explorer	5,991	11,121	15,741	21,187	5,130	4,620	5,446
45	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	0	4,511	0	0	4,511
46	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	5	3,954	0	5	3,949
47	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	5	3,501	0	5	3,496
48	2022 FORD Explorer	1,990	12,588	22,012	28,406	10,598	9,424	6,394
50	2025 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
51	2025 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
52	2025 FORD Explorer (NEW)	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
54	2022 FORD Explorer	1,698	11,642	23,873	33,345	9,944	12,231	9,472
55	2022 FORD Explorer	172	10,008	17,024	25,020	9,836	7,016	7,996
56	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	11,260	20,036	0	11,260	8,776
57	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	1,301	9,201	0	1,301	7,900
58	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	73	20,260	0	73	20,187
59	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	4,549	12,541	0	4,549	7,992
60	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	3,315	11,350	0	3,315	8,035
61	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	4,381	9,321	0	4,381	4,940
62	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	3,509	9,152	0	3,509	5,643
63	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	2,295	6,838	0	2,295	4,543
64	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	8,458	24,502	0	8,458	16,044
65	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	2,401	14,498	0	2,401	12,097
66	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	4,243	12,172	0	4,243	7,929
67	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	1,972	9,972	0	1,972	8,000
68	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	1,486	11,846	0	1,486	10,360
69	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	458	7,609	0	458	7,151
70	2018 FORD Explorer	83,834	107,381	130,224	148,462	23,547	22,843	18,238
72	2018 FORD Explorer	122,748	140,095	153,610	161,229	17,347	13,515	7,619
74	2018 FORD Explorer	44,633	60,681	76,988	83,526	16,048	16,307	6,538
75	2024 FORD Explorer	0	0	1,480	10,375	0	1,480	8,895
76	2018 FORD Explorer	104,300	125,562	142,007	151,865	21,262	16,445	9,858
77	2018 FORD Explorer	47,884	59,812	76,988	80,830	11,928	17,176	3,842
78	2018 FORD Explorer	78,721	113,152	113,413	125,403	34,431	261	11,990
Mileage Totals		1,149,587	1,493,426	1,887,284	2,348,585	343,839	393,858	461,301



Criminal Investigations Division

The mission of the Criminal Investigations Division is to thoroughly investigate major, felony-related crimes within the community. Examples of criminal investigations include, but are not limited to: Homicides, Felonious Assaults, Robberies, Burglaries and Sex Offenses. The Criminal Investigations Division applies solvability factors to review and assign cases for further investigation. Investigative expertise, professional case management, participation with various task forces, as well as the assistance of state and federal agencies will maximize the successful prosecution of criminals. The Criminal Investigations Division also continues to develop our case management capability; the results of which appear in this report.



Our goal is to take a leadership position in the prevention and prosecution of criminal activity while enhancing public safety and improving the quality of life in the City of Warren. Community collaboration and communication will afford enhanced opportunities to meet this goal.

Goals and objectives for this division include an emphasis on crime reduction, information sharing and community partnerships – focusing on problem-solving within our city. We can best serve our community through collaborative efforts and resources, therefore allowing our investigators to serve with the utmost professionalism, integrity, dedication and commitment.

Criminal Investigations Division	Captain Robert Massucci
	Sergeant Eric Laprocina
	Sergeant Michael Altiere
	Detective Brian Crites
	Detective John Greaver
	Detective Frank Tempesta
	Detective Nicole Smith
	Detective Abigail Krafcik
	Police Analyst Madison Nigrin





Homicide Summary Report

2025 – 1
Homicide Report
Summary

1.	Case Number	25-02527	Case Disposition	OPEN
	Date of Incident	02/03/2025		
	Time of Incident - Reported	1843 HRS		
	Location	Tod Ave @ Mason St NW		
	Victim	Kejuan Watson		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

2.	Case Number	25-10936	Case Disposition	OPEN
	Date of Incident	05/16/2025		
	Time of Incident - Reported	0230 HRS		
	Location	Benton @ Duke Ave SE		
	Victim	Jody Hall		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

3.	Case Number	25-11154	Case Disposition	OPEN
	Date of Incident	05/19/2025		
	Time of Incident - Reported	0308 HRS		
	Location	W. Market St @ Reserve		
	Victim	Norman Miller		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

4.	Case Number	25-17925	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	08/03/2025		
	Time of Incident - Reported	0242 HRS		
	Location	306 Scott St. NE		
	Victim	Choice Washington		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		



5.	Case Number	25-17927	Case Disposition	CLOSED
	Date of Incident	08/03/2025		
	Time of Incident - Reported	0522 HRS		
	Location	1409 Elm Rd. NE		
	Victim	David L. Owens III		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

6.	Case Number	25-25585	Case Disposition	OPEN
	Date of Incident	11/01/2025		
	Time of Incident - Reported	2247 HRS		
	Location	2515 Jackson St. SW		
	Victim	Richard Bunch Jr.		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

7.	Case Number	25-25585	Case Disposition	OPEN
	Date of Incident	11/01/2025		
	Time of Incident - Reported	2247 HRS		
	Location	2515 Jackson St. SW		
	Victim	Wendy Miller		
	Type of Weapon	Firearm		

3 – Year Homicide Comparison

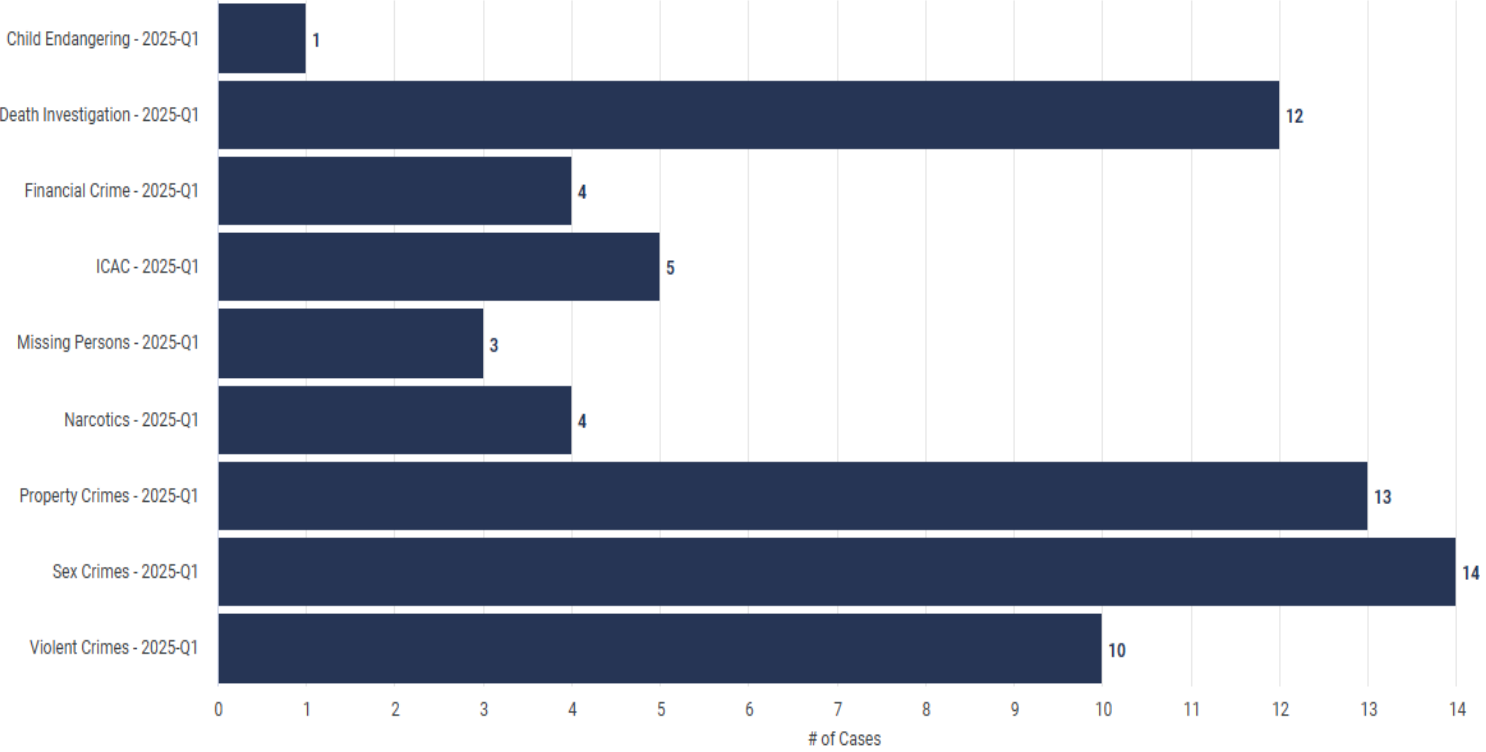
	NE	NW	SE	SW	TOTALS
2023	0	3	4	3	10
2024	1	4	0	1	6
2025	2	2	1	2	7
	3	9	5	6	23

* This count denotes victims of homicide – not individual incidents as detailed in the UCR.

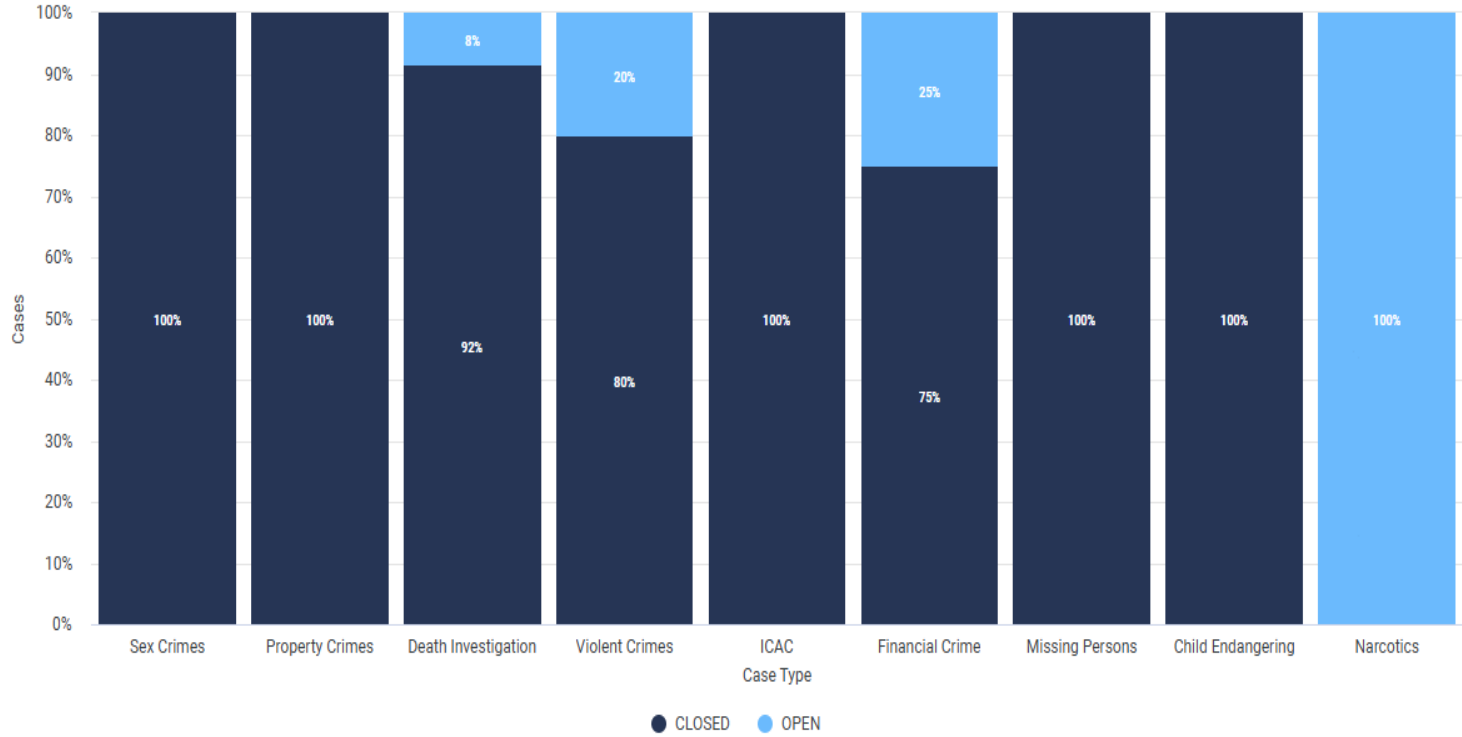


Cases Assigned by Quarter

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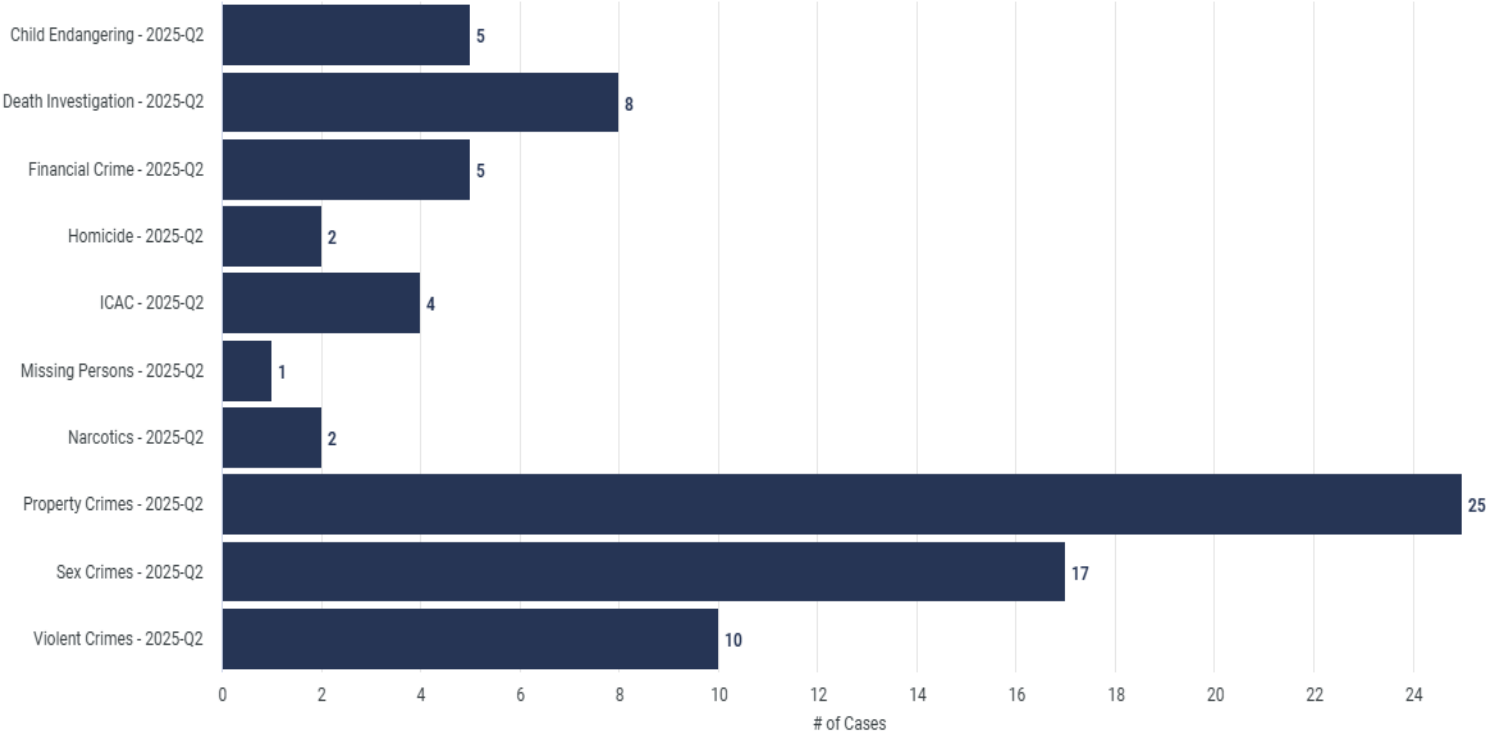


Case Status - Q1

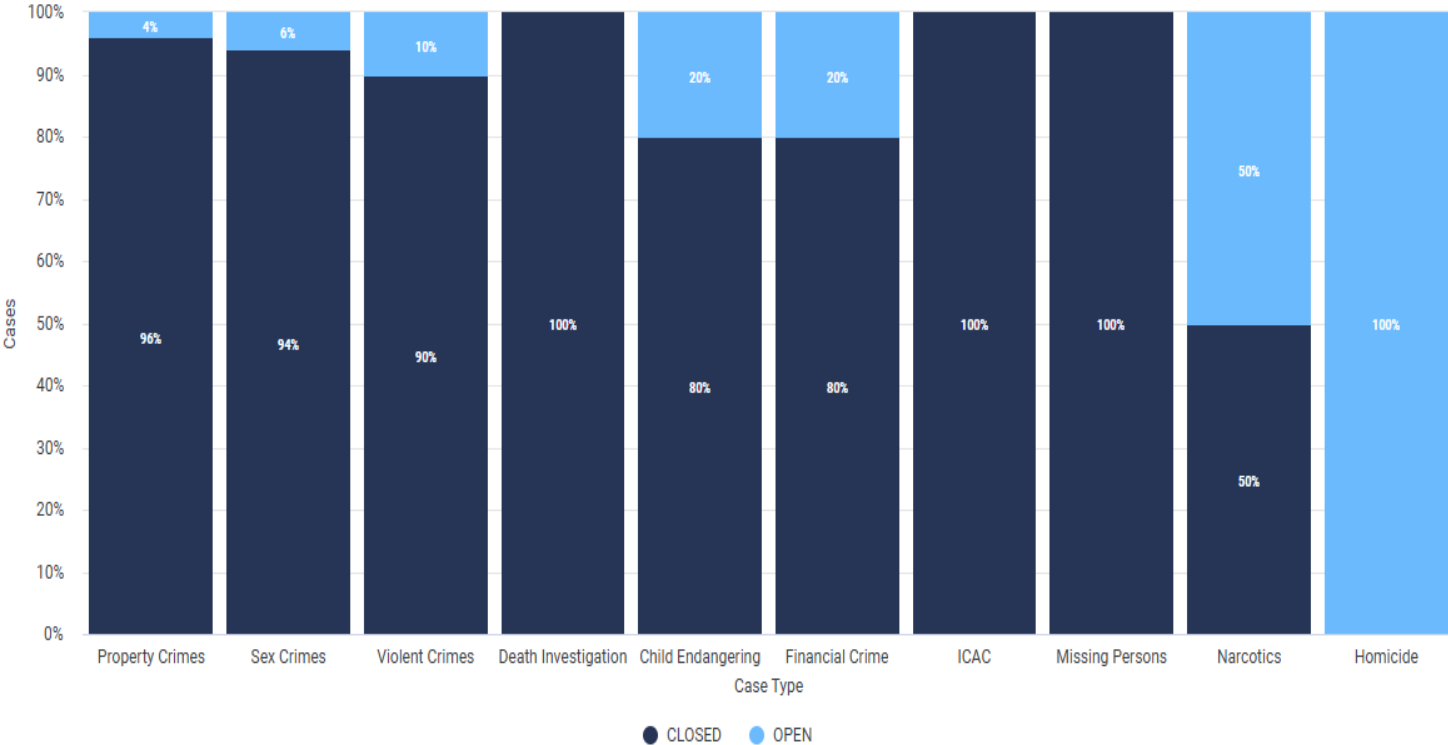




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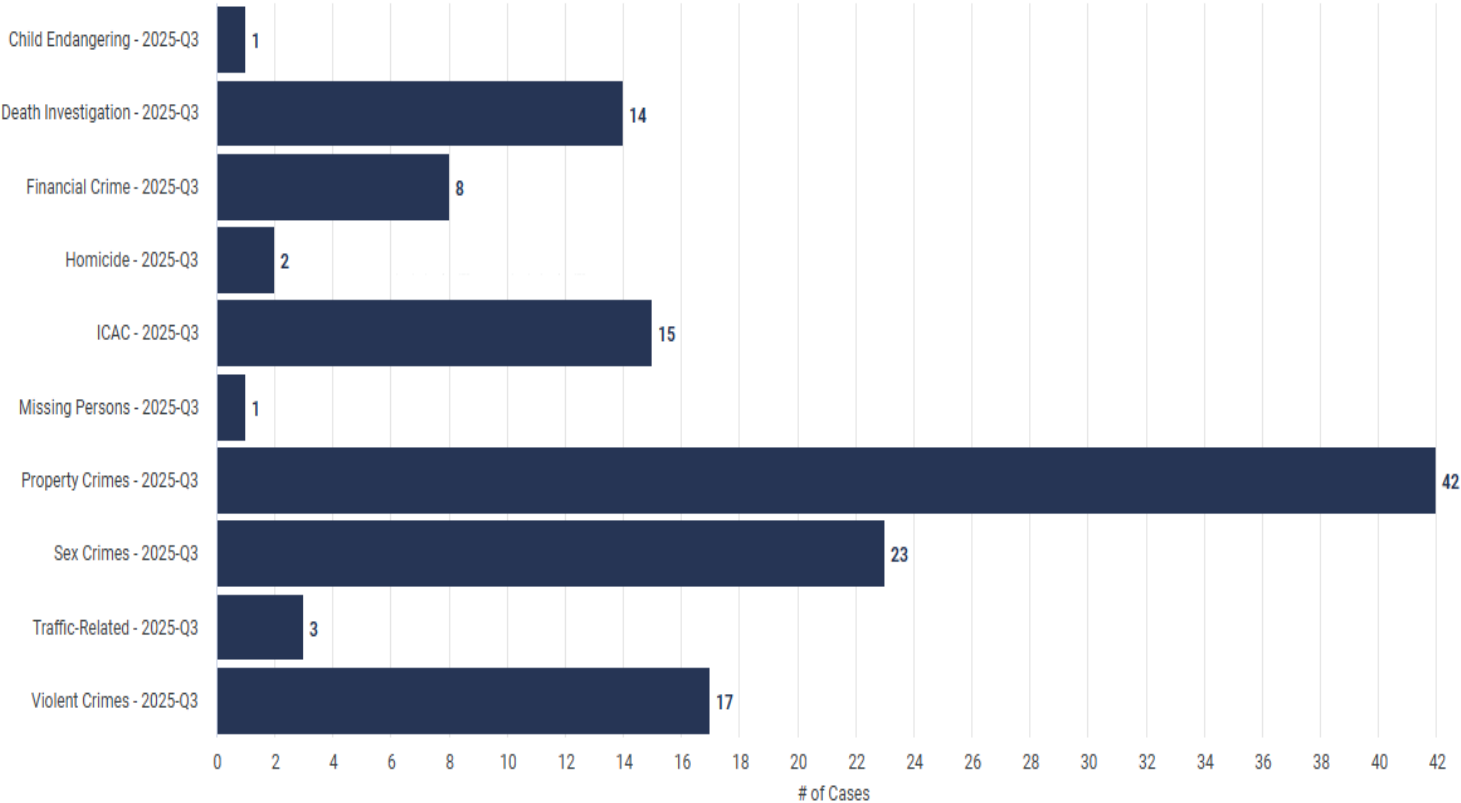


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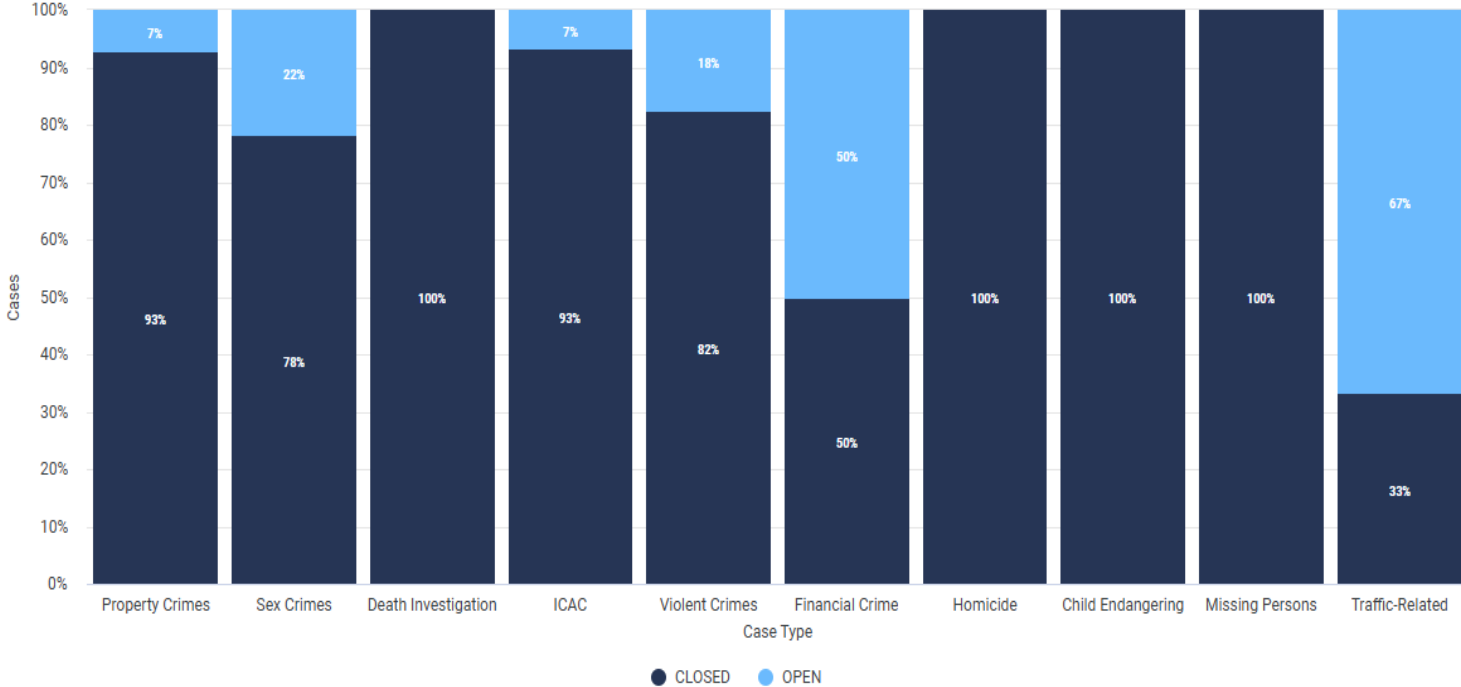




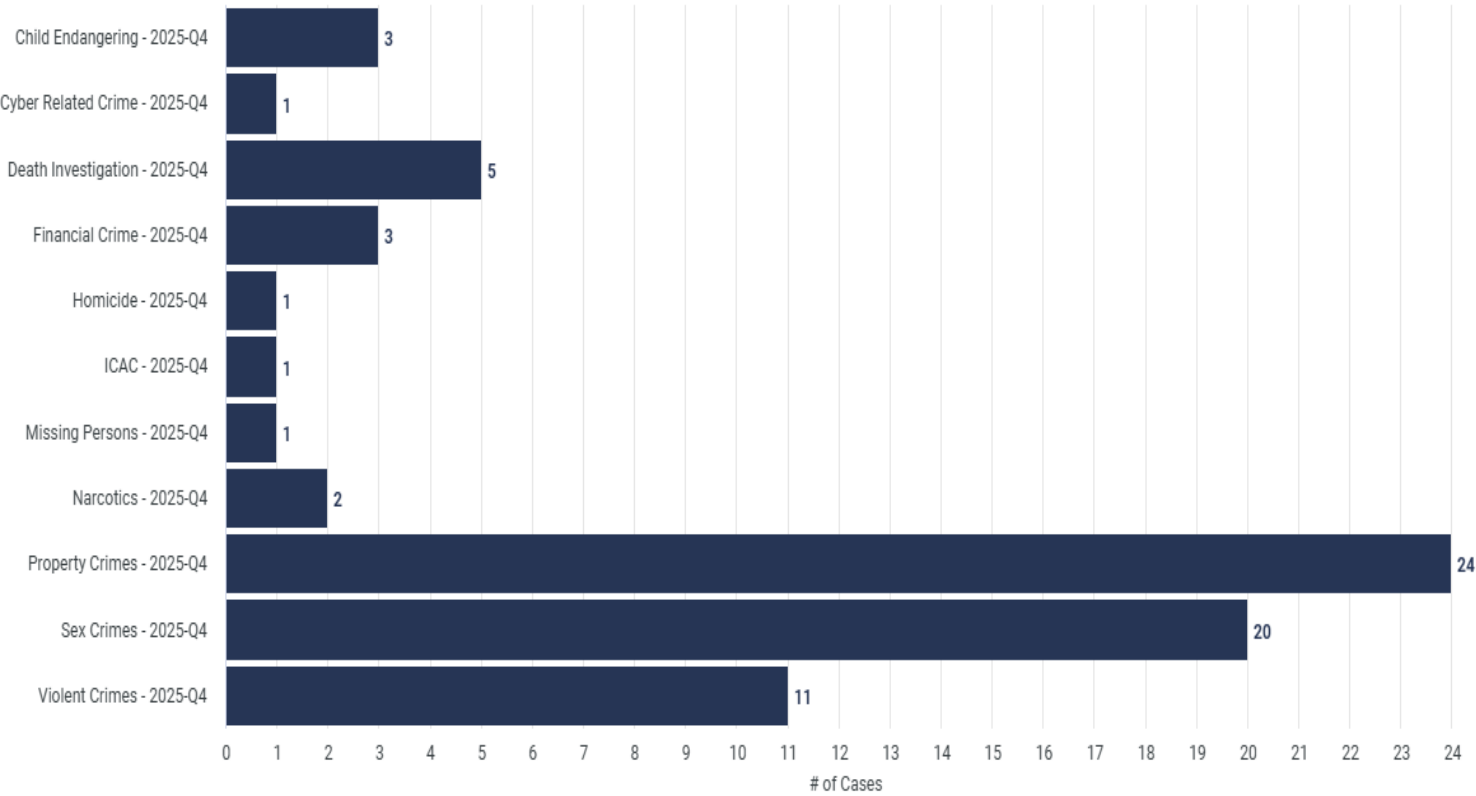
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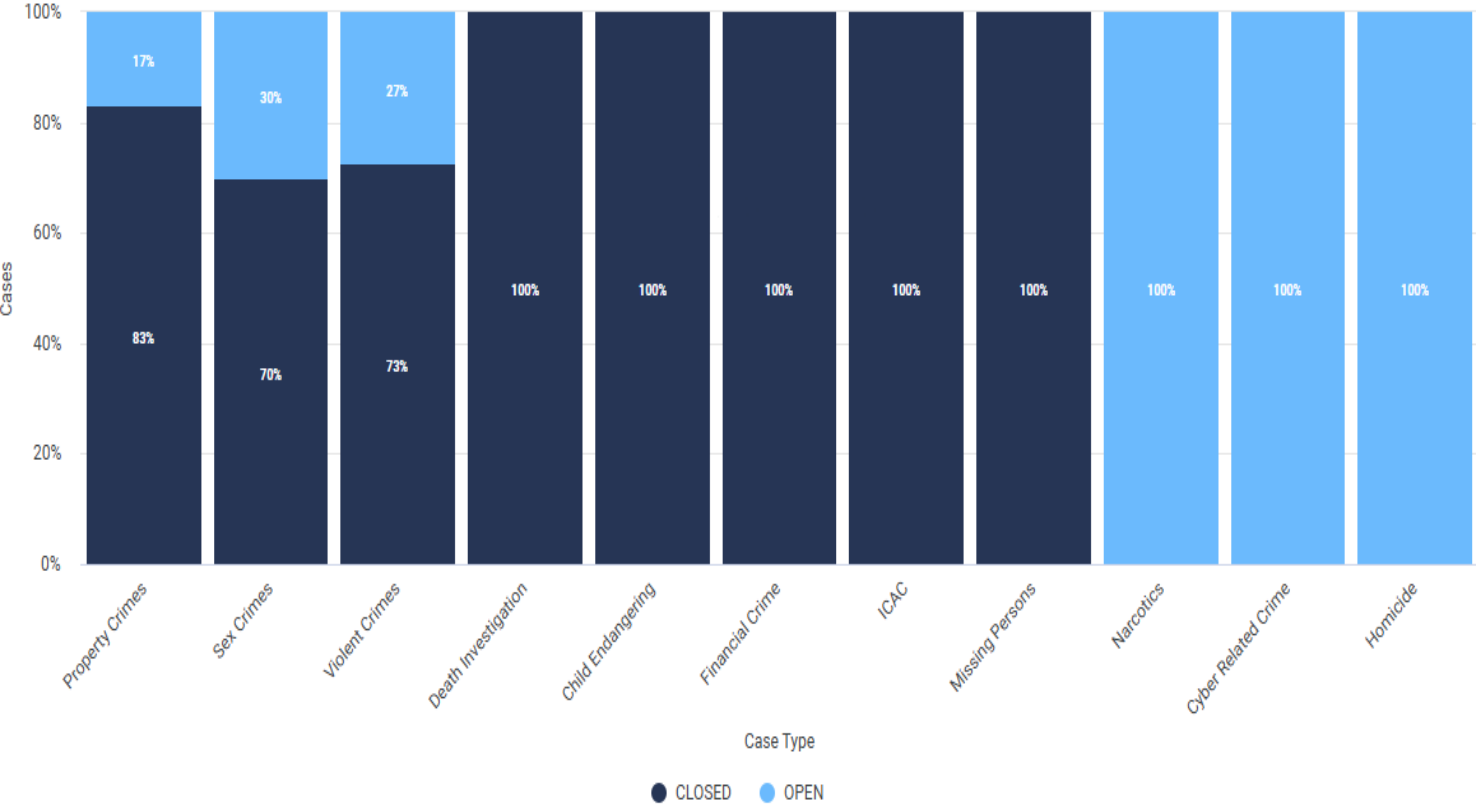
Case Status – Q3



Quarter 4



Case Status – Q4



Emergency Services Division

The Emergency Services Division (ESD) is comprised of one Captain, three Lieutenants, six Sergeants and thirty Patrol Officers assigned to various sub-divisions (units). The sub-divisions of ESD include the following:

- Patrol Division
- Court Security
- K-9 Unit
- Student Resource Officers

The officers of Emergency Services Division are the first responders to virtually all calls for service by the Warren Police Department. In 2025, officers responded to approximately **32,334** Calls for Service. These calls range from the most mundane to the very dangerous, serious emergency situations. The officers of the Warren Police Department made **1,505** arrests and issued **3,279** traffic citations. There were also **844** traffic crashes reported in 2025.



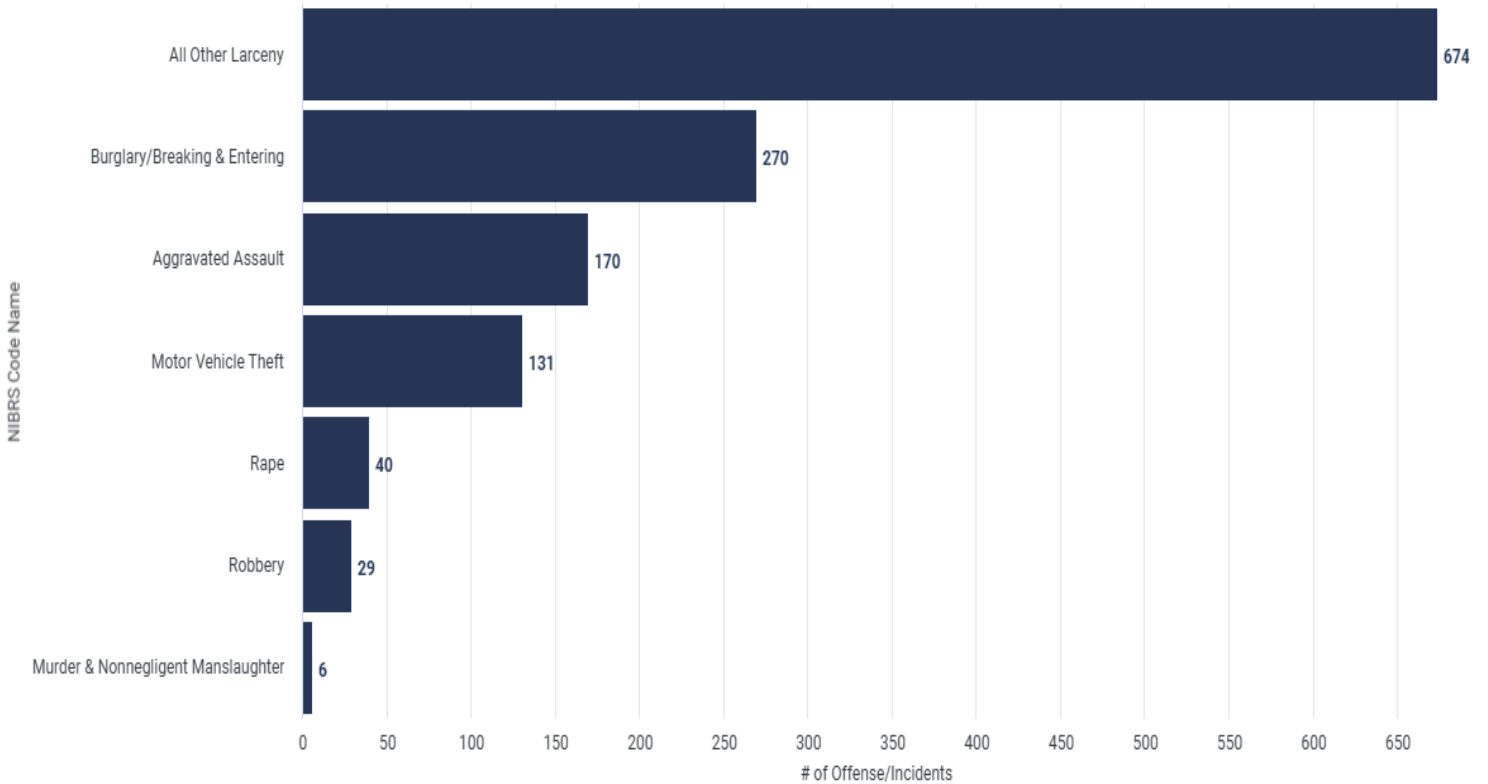
Our Court Security Unit is manned by two primary officers with a rotating alternate officer to ensure the safety of the personnel inside the Warren Municipal Building. When court is in session, these officers ensure that no one may enter armed with intention on harming persons of the court. These officers are also tasked with the regular transport of all prisoners to and from the Trumbull County Jail to appear in Municipal Court.

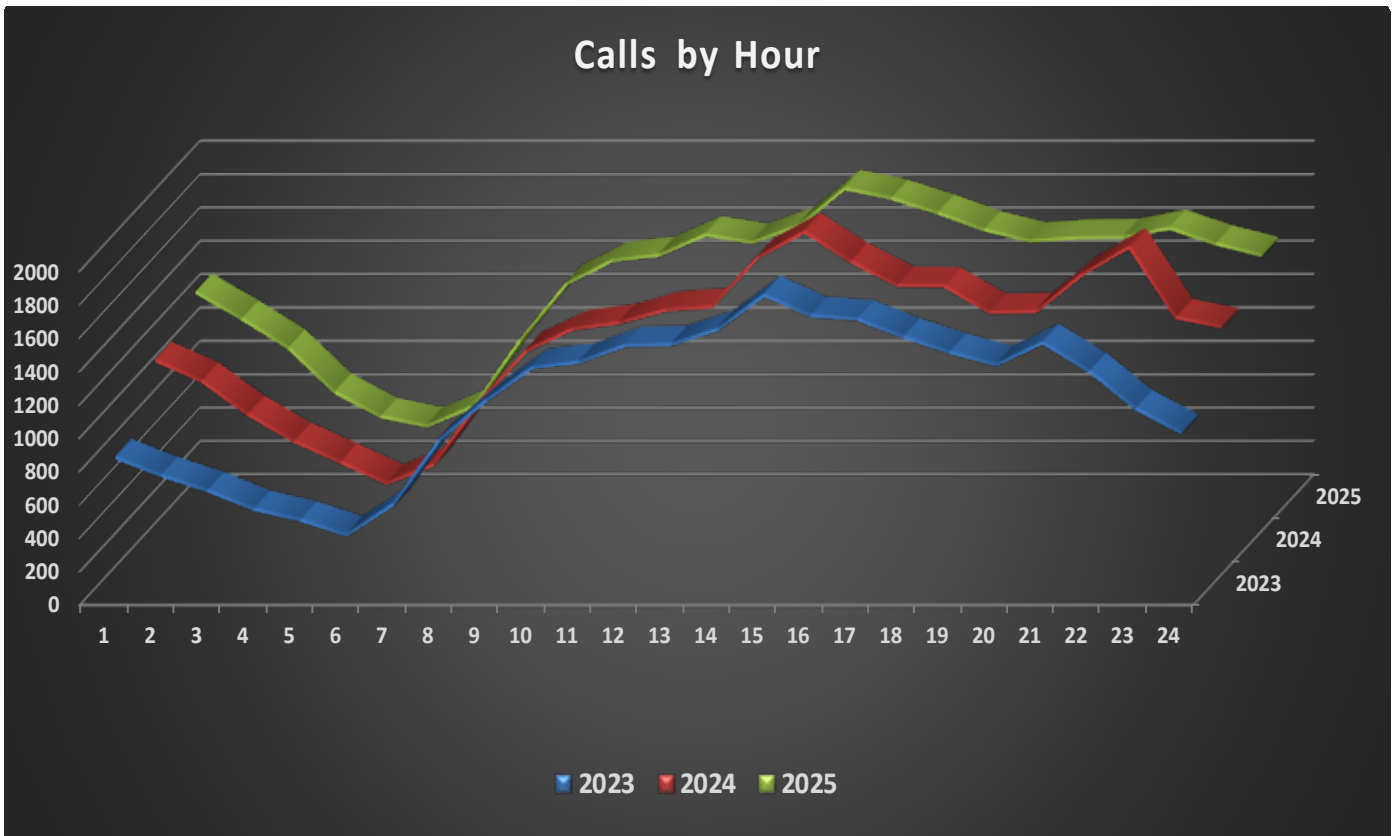
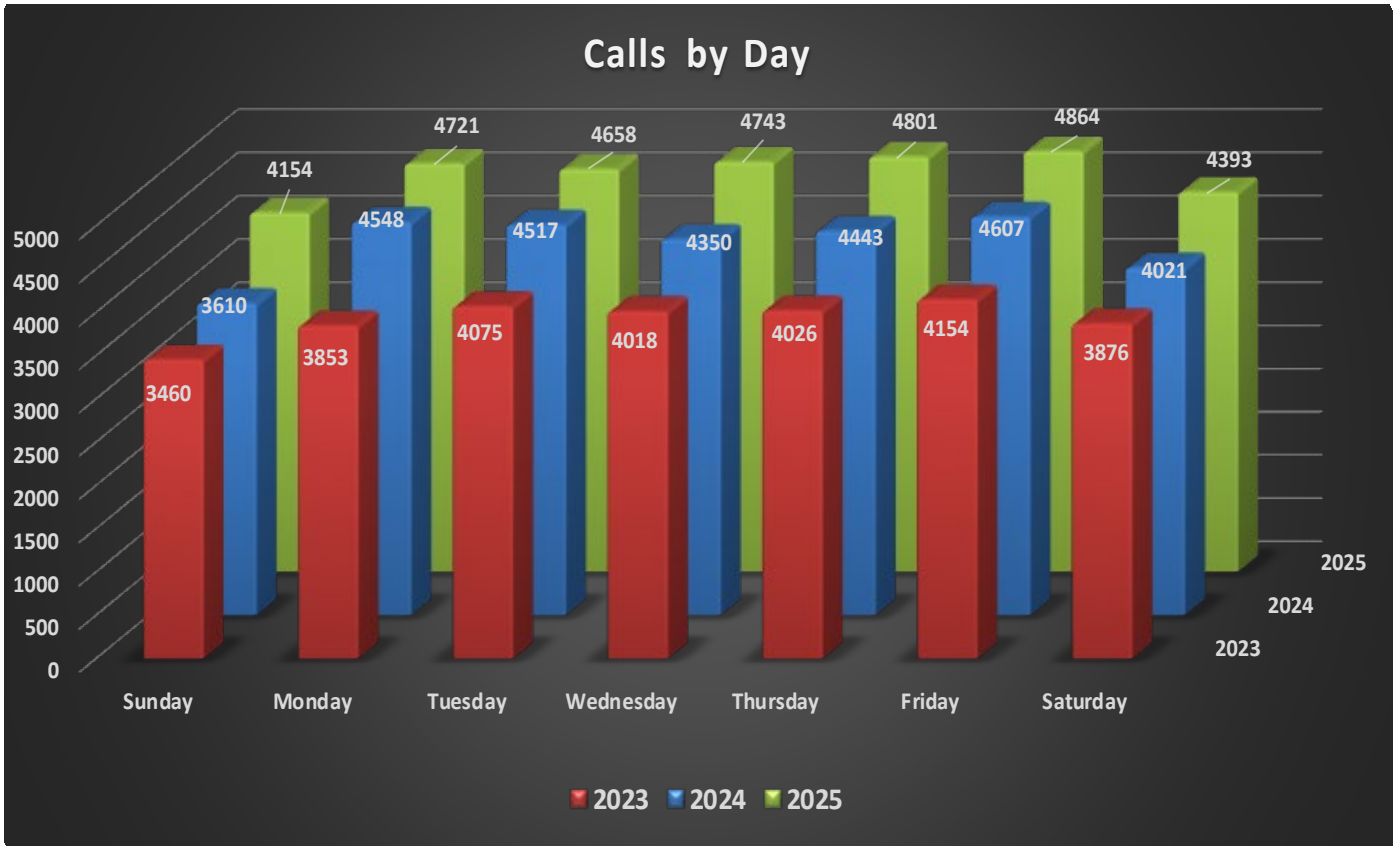
There are two officers currently assigned to the Warren City Schools District Buildings. One school resource officer remains stationed at the high school while the other rotates throughout the schools in the City of Warren. They help to ensure the protection of the City's juvenile citizens to allow them to receive a safe and uninterrupted education. Their presence is not only seen inside the school's normal education hours, but outside as well. Student Resource Officers are tasked with attending many school events, games, dances, etc. that are outside of their regular schedule.

Officers continue to work with citizens and use problem solving skills to form better partnerships in solving the problems within the community.

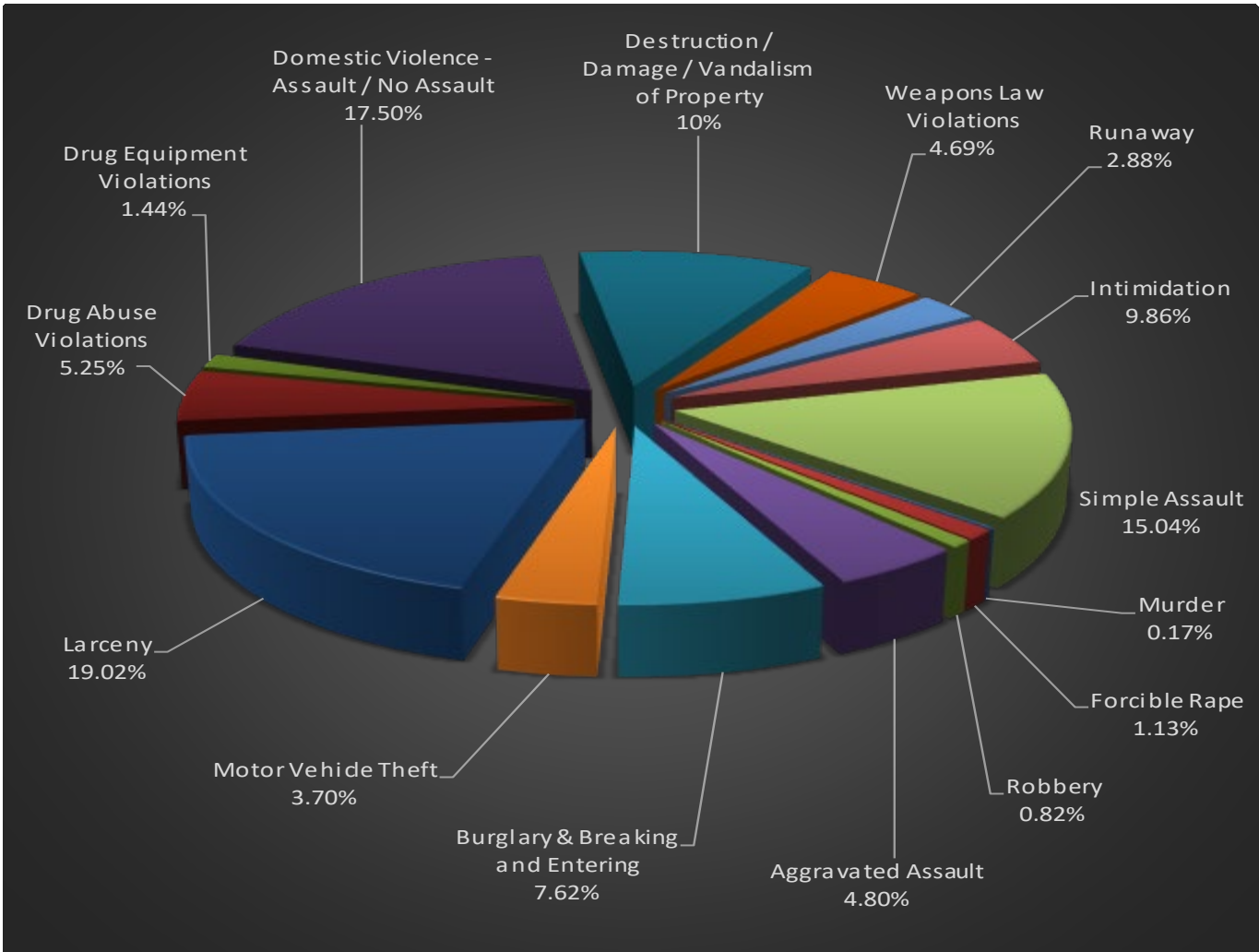


UCR Part – 1 Index Crime	2023	2024	2025
Murder	10	6	6
Forcible Rape	43	35	40
Robbery	58	39	29
Aggravated Assault	918	281	170
Burglary & Breaking or Entering	334	266	270
Motor Vehicle Theft	104	116	131
Larceny	733	641	674





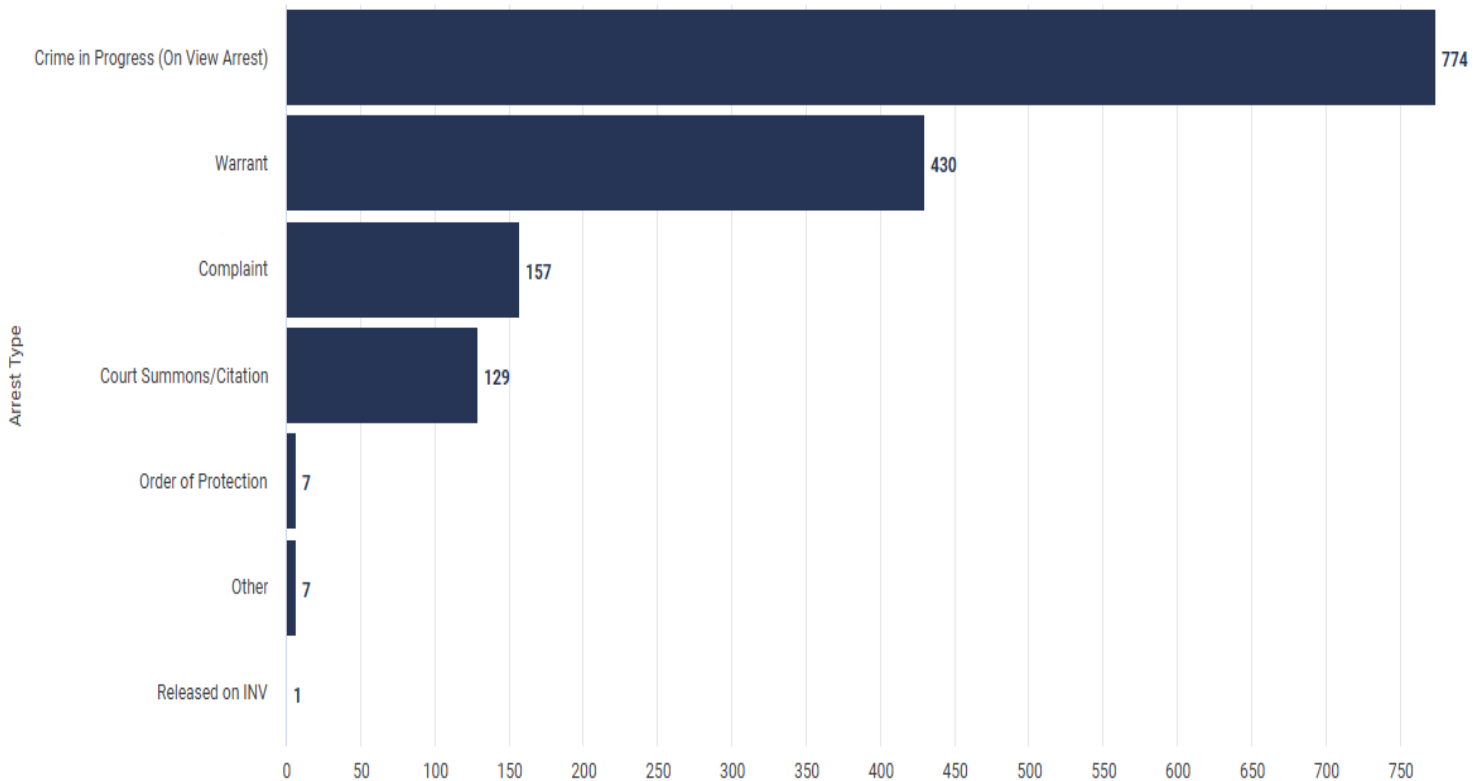
	Criminal Offense	Number of Reported Offenses	Rate Per 100,000
1	Murder	6	15.59
2	Forcible Rape	40	103.91
3	Robbery	29	75.34
4	Aggravated Assault	170	441.64
5	Burglary & Breaking and Entering	270	701.43
6	Motor Vehicle Theft	131	340.32
7	Larceny	674	1750.97
8	Drug Abuse Violations	186	483.20
9	Drug Equipment Violations	51	132.49
10	Domestic Violence - Assault / No Assault	620	1610.68
11	Destruction / Damage / Vandalism of Property	381	989.79
12	Weapons Law Violations	166	431.25
13	Runaway	102	264.98
14	Intimidation	184	478.01
15	Simple Assault	533	1384.67



Top 20 Arrests

	Name	Count of Charges
1	Warrant	385
2	Domestic violence - 537.14	231
3	Driving or physical control while under the influence; evidence - 333.01	128
4	Criminal trespass - 541.05	105
5	CAPIAS - Failure to Appear / Fines	89
6	Domestic Violence - 2919.25	73
7	Drug paraphernalia - 513.12	56
8	Obstructing official business - 525.07	55
9	Fugitive from Justice - 2963.11	54
10	Resisting arrest - 525.09	42
11	Misdemeanor theft - 545.05	40
12	Carrying Concealed Weapons - 2923.12	38
13	Disorderly conduct; intoxication - 509.03	32
14	Receiving Stolen Property - 2913.51	29
15	Endangering children - 537.07	28
16	Driving under suspension or license restriction - 335.07	28
17	Burglary - 2911.12	27
18	Falsification - 525.02	26
19	Possession of Drugs - 2925.11	23
20	Assault - 537.03	23

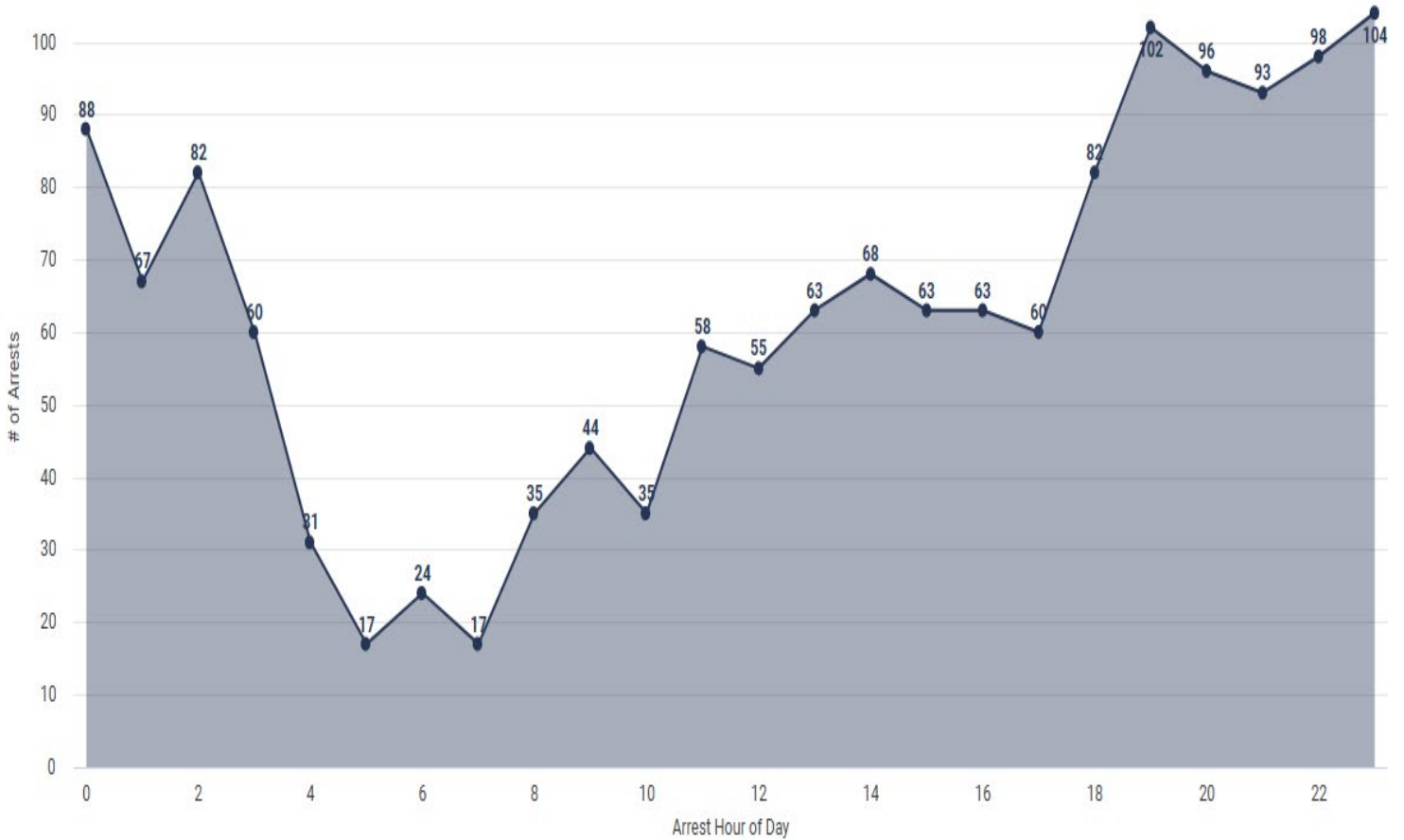
Arrests by Type



Arrests by Day

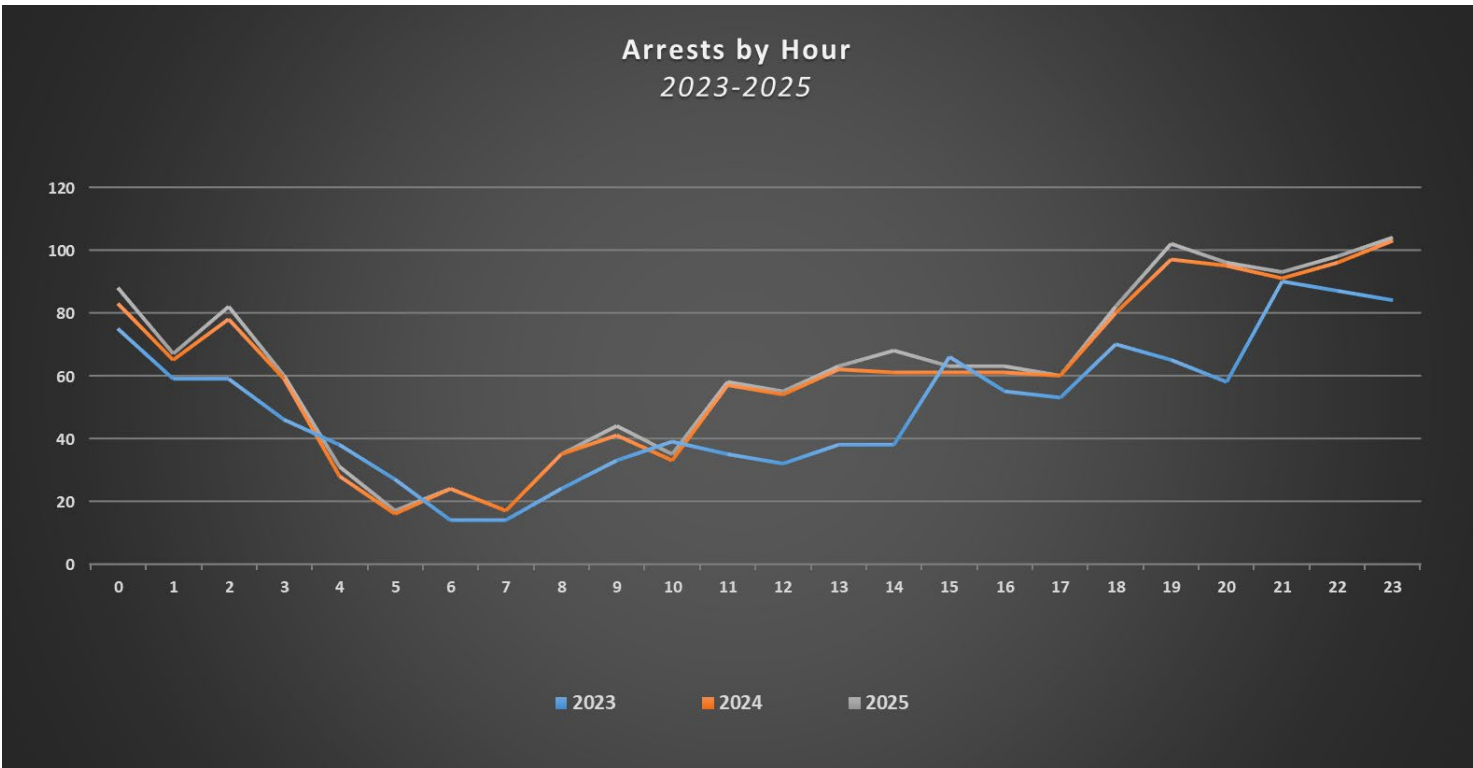
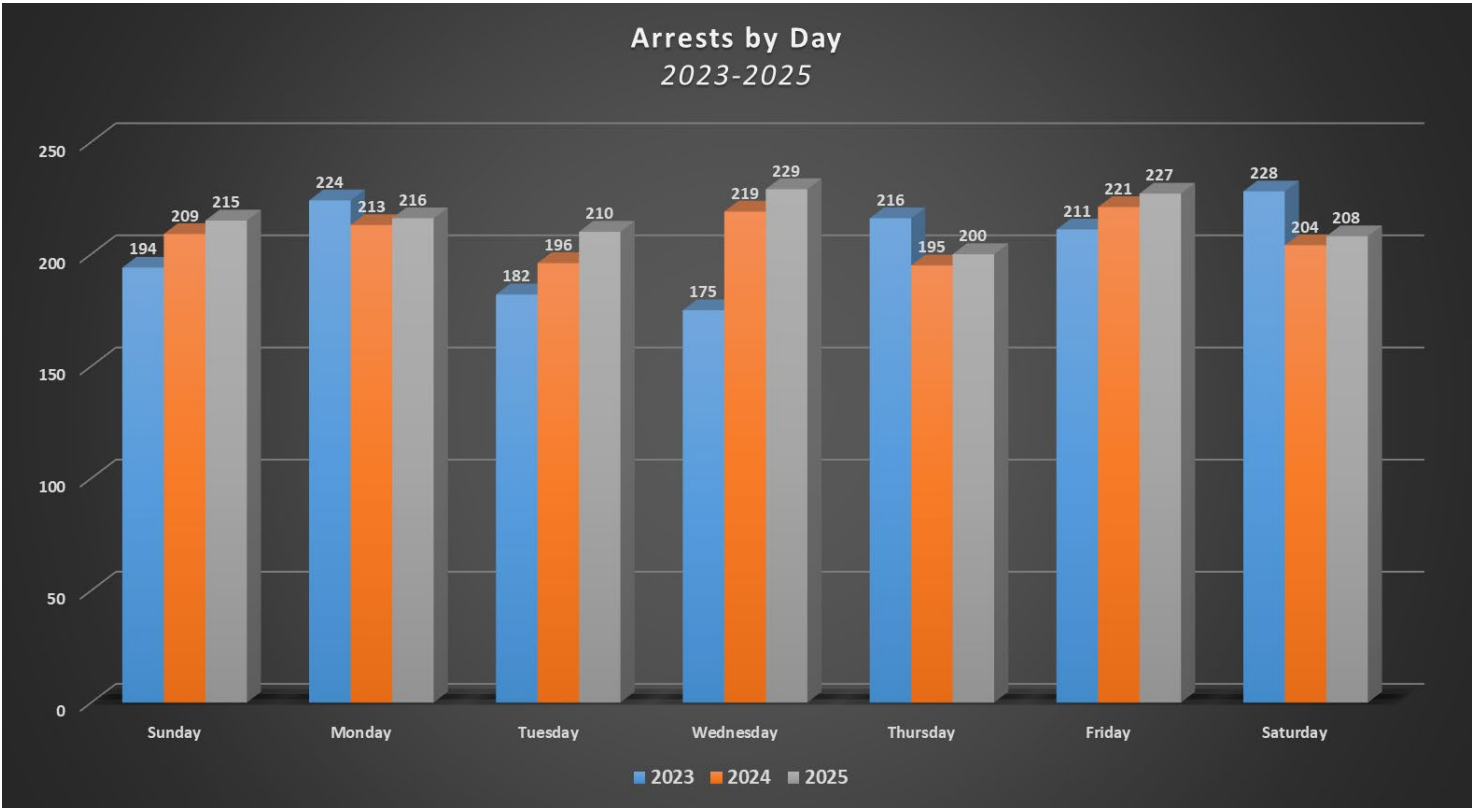
Arrest Day of Week	# of Arrests
1 Monday	216
2 Tuesday	210
3 Wednesday	229
4 Thursday	200
5 Friday	227
6 Saturday	208
7 Sunday	215

Arrests by Hour



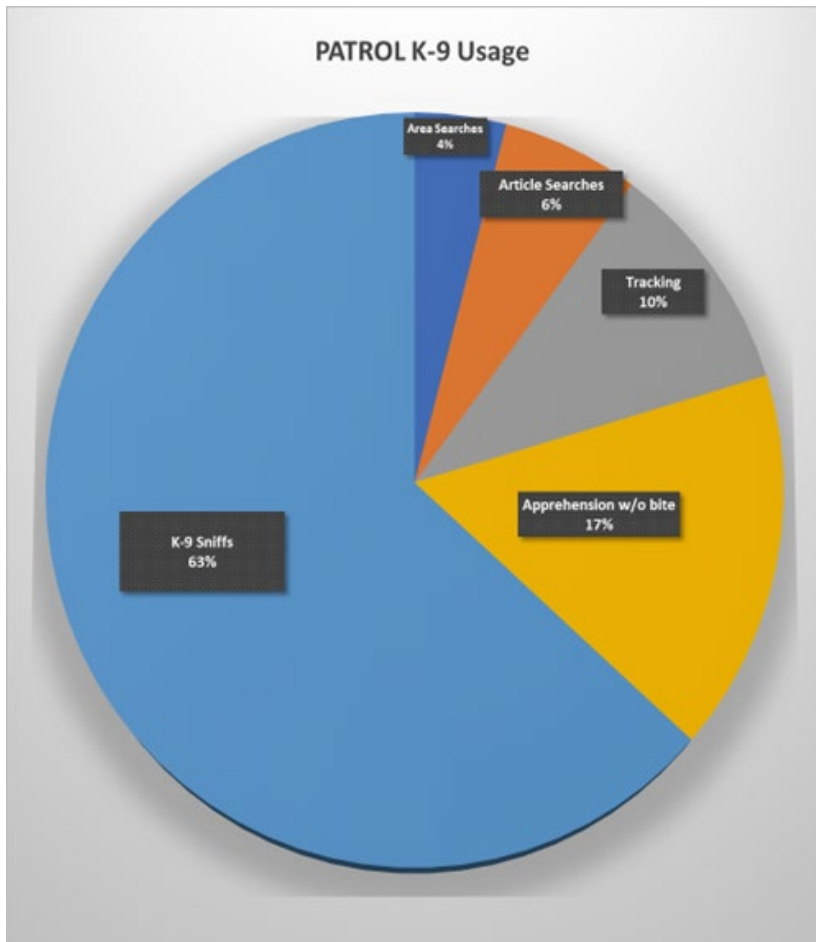


Three Year Comparison



K-9 Unit

The Warren Police Department's K-9 Unit consists of Officer Henline and his K-9 partner, Saint. Saint is a Belgian Malinois who is specially trained and is certified by the State of Ohio for use in law enforcement. This breed of dog is known for its strength, agility and intelligence as well as their confidence and unbreakable bond with its human partner. Our K-9 Unit is assigned to a specific schedule in an effort to maximize shift coverage while providing for the potential need for a dog. These needs include providing support to patrol officers who are requesting assistance in narcotics detection, tracking, and article searches, as well as subject apprehension, building clearing, and responding to calls for service. While the role of the K-9 may seem as if it remains in a support capacity, the officer utilizes his partner proactively as well. Both the canine officer and his partner are continuously training as required by the State of Ohio in order to maintain certification. The K-9 Unit attends annual training held out-of-state where the officer and his partner are tasked with new challenges that they could face in a real-world environment.



Officer Mason Henline & K-9 Saint



Patrol	
Building Searches	0
Area / Article Searches	5
Exterior Scans	31
Tracking	5
Apprehension - w/ Bite	0
Apprehension - No Bite	8

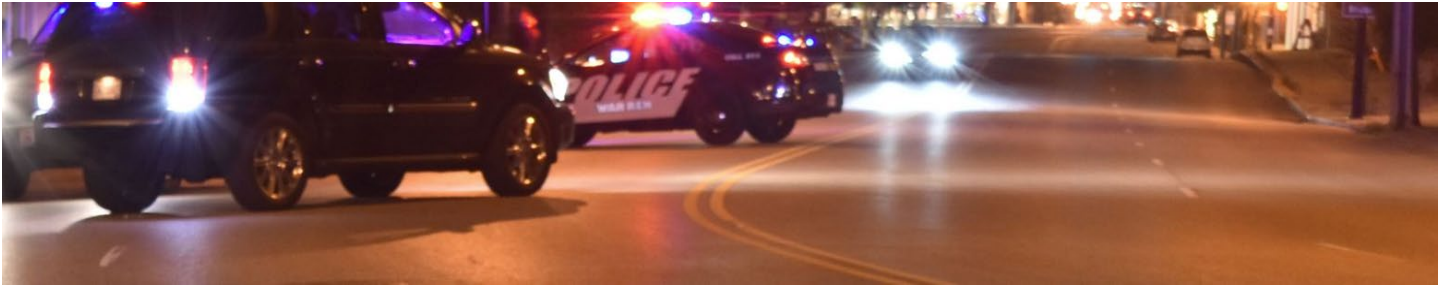
Recovery	
Schedule I-II Drugs (Other)	29 tablets
Marijuana (Trafficking)	8 ounces
Cocaine	63.5 grams
Meth	89 grams
Heroin / Fentanyl	56 grams
Firearms	15
Money Seized	\$1,240

Additional	
Calls for Service	1441
Traffic Stops / Assists	300
Assists - Outside Agencies	9
Training Hours	158
Stolen Vehicles	7



Traffic Division

The Traffic Division covers a variety of responsibilities. The Traffic Commissioner enforces all ordinances concerning traffic and vehicle matters, including the inoperable/junk vehicle ordinance. He must also approve all event requests, such as parades, runs/walks and festivals, to ensure that all ordinances are followed and there will be adequate security.



Additionally, members of the Traffic Division are responsible for a number of duties (below) but are not limited to:

- RADAR / LiDAR Maintenance
- Traffic Trends / Crash Data
- Serious / Fatal Investigations
- Trumbull County OVI Task Force

With data obtained through prior years' crash statistics and outside sources, the Traffic Division can designate target areas for officers to focus on with regards to traffic laws in an effort to help alter the trend for the following years. This same information is inherently useful when arranging locations for specific target enforcement such as OVI check points.

One of the major duties tasked of the Traffic Division is the investigation of serious and/or fatal traffic crashes. While the City of Warren's maximum posted speed limit is 35 mph, we still suffer from serious traffic tragedies that sometimes result in death. Members of the Traffic Division are charged with the job of investigating these incidents, determining the events leading up to the crash and charging the offenders when applicable.

The Warren Traffic Commission holds meetings on the third Wednesday of the month if one is called for concerns. Not only are City traffic problems discussed, citizens are allowed time to express their concerns regarding Warren's streets and its traffic.

The data entry operator enters into the computer and files all reports processed through this division. They also ensure that all crash reports are mailed to the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles for processing each Friday in addition to the maintenance of the City of Warren's Truck Permits. With each truck permit, we establish the route for the haulers to travel when hauling in the City limits. These routes are designed to avoid heavy loads traveling over the bridges with reduced load limits. Copies of each permit are kept on file with the Director of Public Service & Safety, the City Auditor's Office and the Warren Engineering Department.

Traffic Investigators

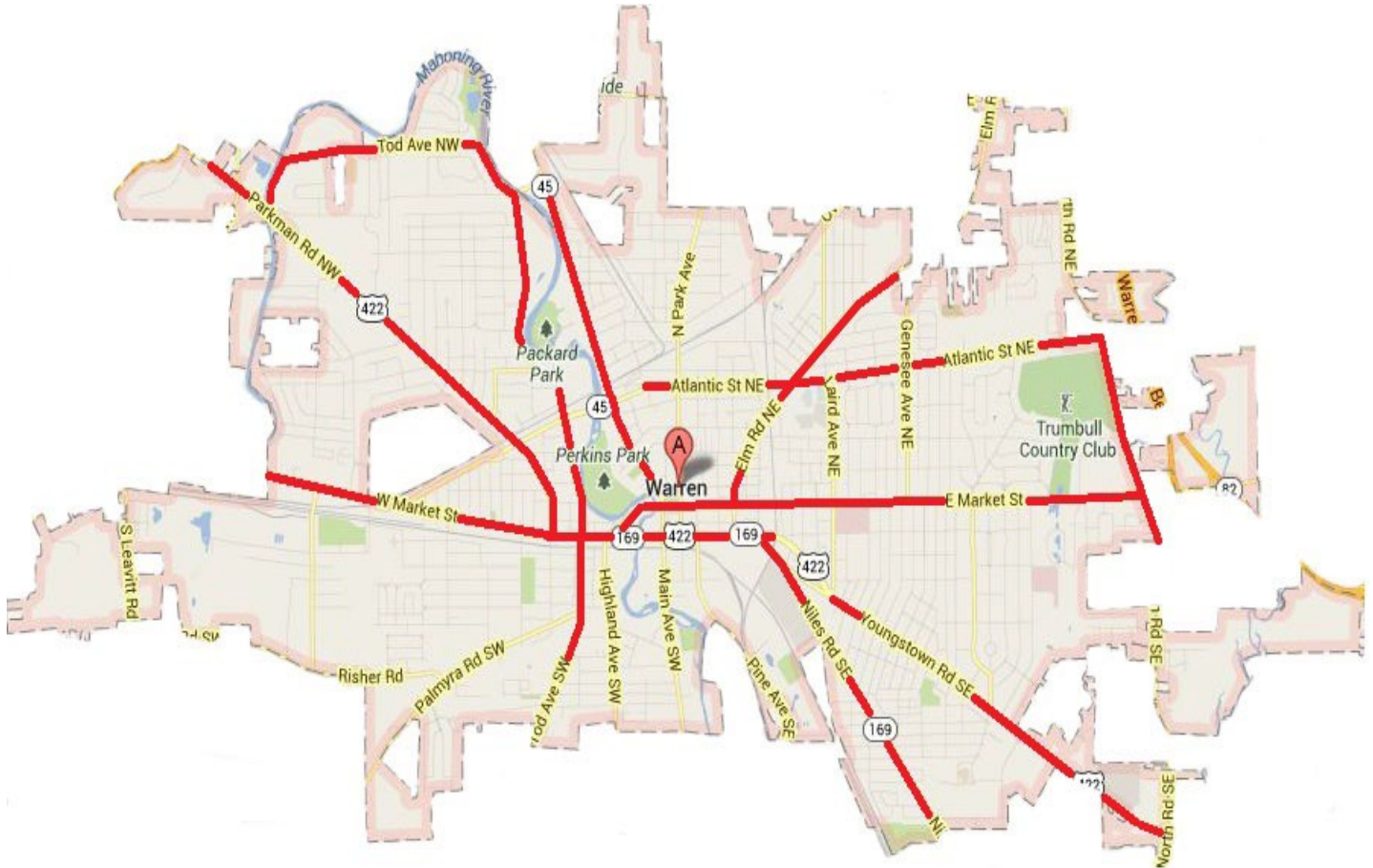
Detective Sgt. Eric Laprocina
Detective Brian Crites

Traffic Support Services

Detective Zach Jones
Detective Chris Clementi



Top 10 Streets for Crashes



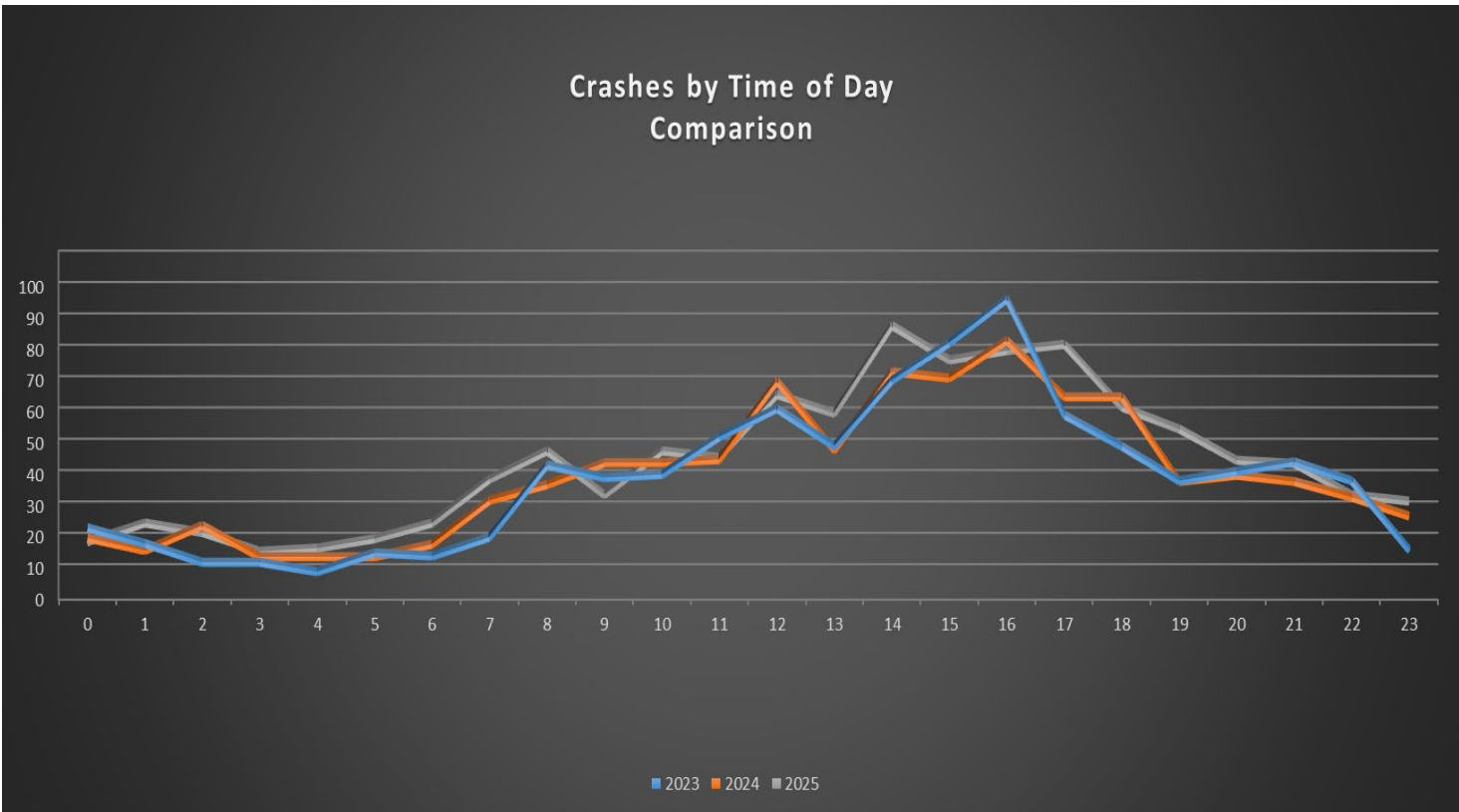
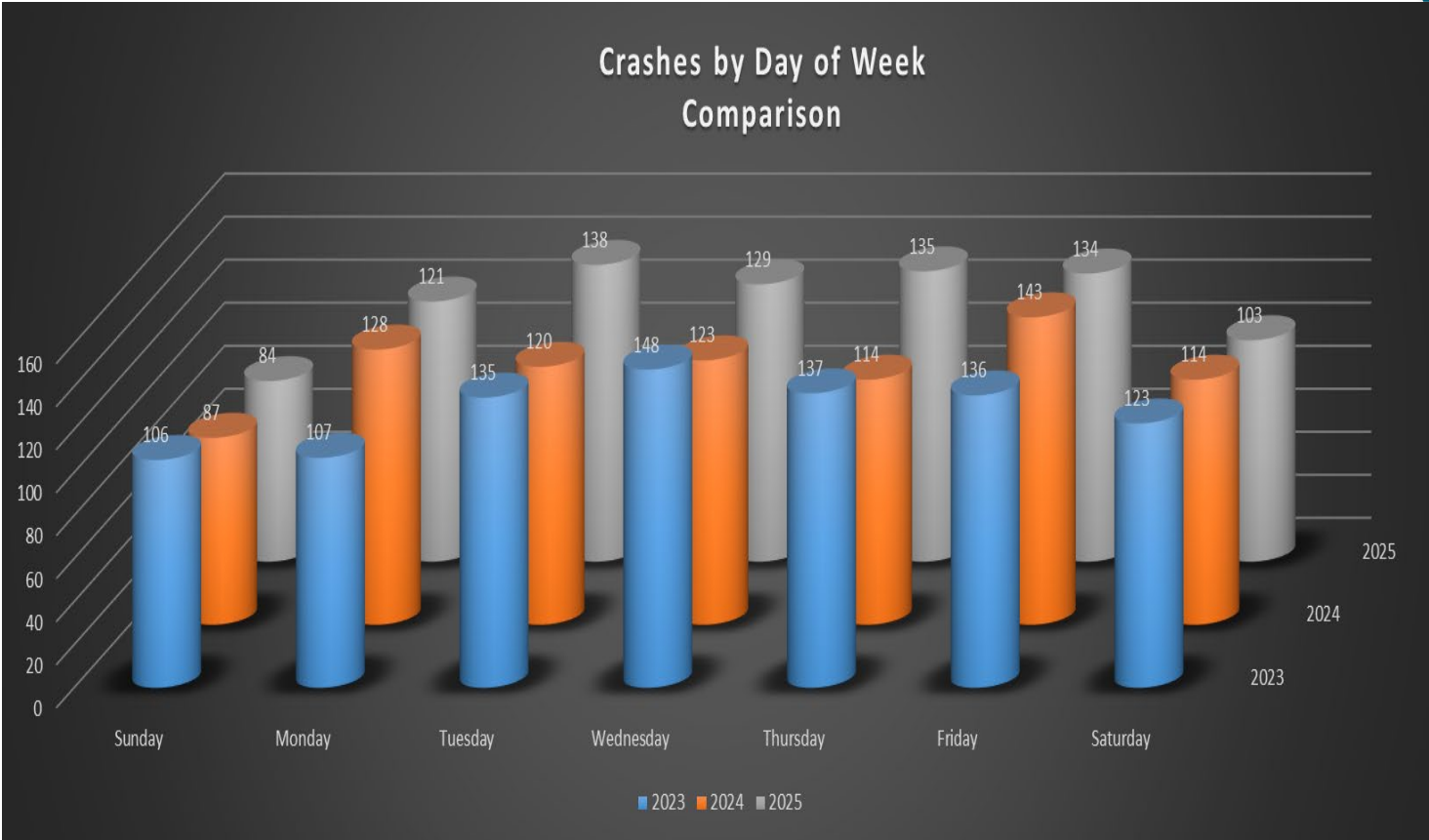
Market St.	88
Parkman Rd.	67
Youngstown Rd.	50
Tod Ave.	39
Elm Rd.	37

South St.	30
North Rd.	25
Mahoning Ave.	22
Park Ave.	22
Atlantic St.	17

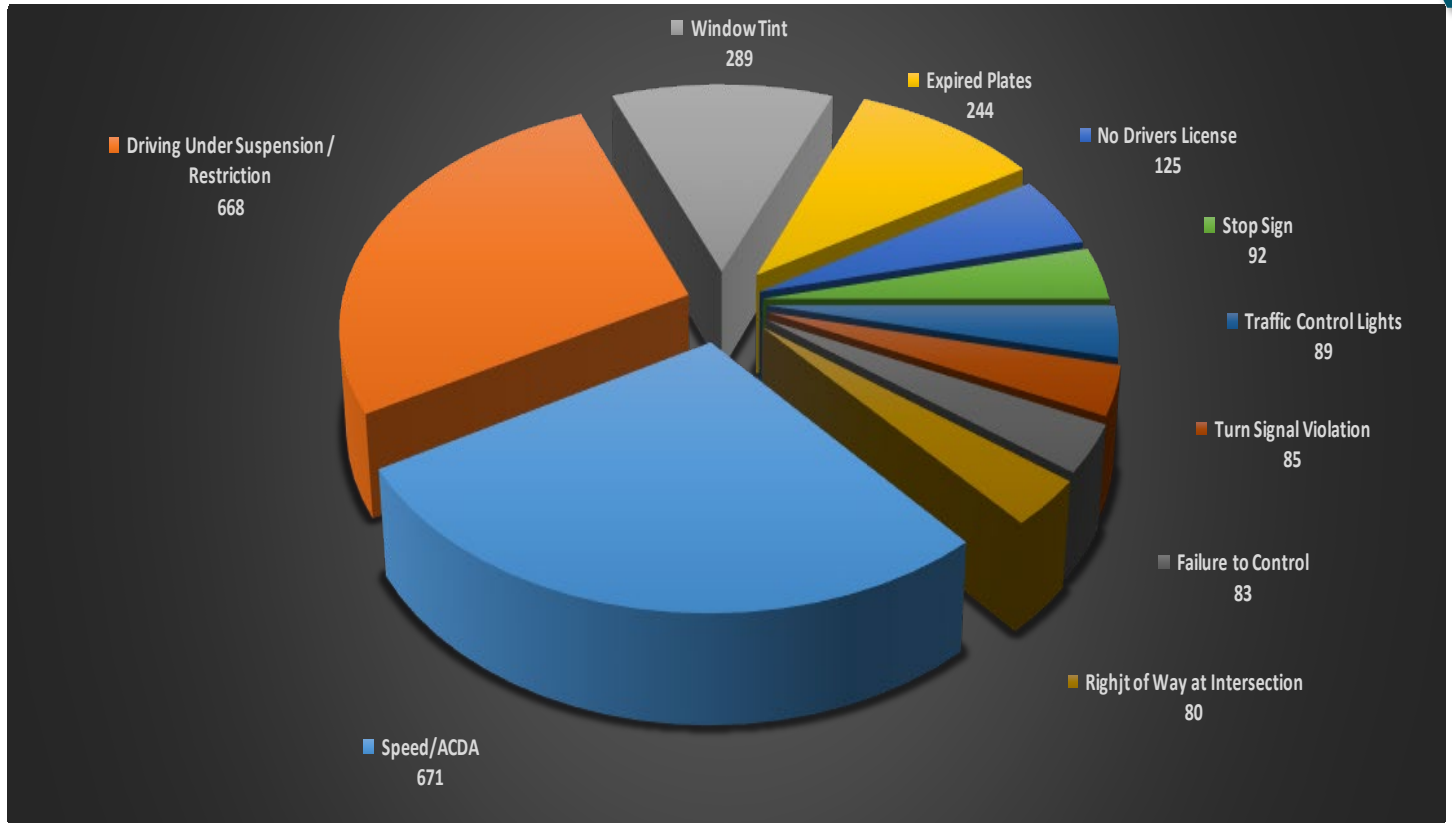
Fatal Crash Investigations

Incident	Date	Units	Location	Deceased	Drugs	Alcohol	Speed
25-12397	6/2/2025	2	North Park Ave. @ Comstock	John Obermeyer	No	No	Yes





Top 10 Citations



2025 Traffic Citations

SPEED	563
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION OR RESTRICTION	509
USE OF SUNSCREENING MATERIALS	289
EXPIRED OR UNLAWFUL LICENSE PLATES (FIRST OFFENSE)	244
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	159
DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED (NONE)	125
ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE	108
STOP SIGN	92
TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS	89
SIGNALS BEFORE CHANGING COURSE, TURNING OR STOPPING	85
FAILURE TO CONTROL; FULL TIME AND ATTENTION	83
RT. OF WAY INTERSECTIONS	80
SEAT BELT DRIVER	76
DISPLAY; EXPIRED; UNLAWFUL PLATES	74
MARKED LANES	52
TURNING AT INTERSECTIONS	45
RIGHT OF WAY WHEN TURNING LEFT	38
LIGHTED LIGHTS	37
TRAF CONT DEV/SIGNS	35
TAIL LIGHT / ILLUMINATION OF REAR PLATE	35



2025 Traffic Citations (Continued)

USE OF ILLEGAL PLATES	31
STARTING AND BACKING VEHICLES	30
HEADLIGHTS ON MOTOR VEHICLE / MOTORCYCLE	29
DUTY TO YIELD	24
CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE	23
DRIVING ALONE ON TEMPORARY PERMIT	22
OVERTAKING; LEFT OF CENTER	22
HIT-SKIP	17
OPERATION/DISREGARD OF SAFETY	16
RECKLESS OPERATION OF VEHICLE	15
SPEED (SCHOOL ZONE)	13
NO OPERATOR'S LICENSE (6 MONTHS>GREATER)	13
DRIVING UPON CLOSED STREET	12
SEAT BELT PASSENGER	12
MUFFLER; EXCESSIVE SMOKE	11
RESTRICTIONS UPON LEFT SIDE	11
DRIVING WHILE TEXTING	10
DRIVING UNSAFE VEHICLES	9
SQUEALING TIRES	9
DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIRED (6 MONTHS<LESS) (MM)	8
OPERATION REASONABLE CONTROL	8
OWNER ALLOW. ANOTHER TO DRIVE	7
VERHICULAR OPERATION ON STREET CLOSED DUE TO RISE IN WATER LEVEL	7
CRACKED WINDSHIELD	6
USE OF HEADLIGHT BEAMS	5
DRAG RACING	5
DISPLAY OF LICENSE	5
DRIVING ONTO RDWAY/SIDEWALK	4
WALKING ALONG HIGHWAYS	4
RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK	4
PROHIBITION OPERATION	4
NO MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT	3
CHILD RESTRAINT REQUIRED FIRST OFFENSE	3
U TURNS	3
RT. OF WAY PUBLIC SAFETY VEH.	3
DRIVING UNDER FRA SUSPENSION	3
TEXTING WHILE DRIVING PROHIBITED	2



2025 Traffic Citations (Continued)

REAR VIEW MIRROR	2
PROHIBITED OPERATION	2
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION - REVOKED	2
STOPPING VEHICLE AS TO IMPEDE OR BLOCK TRAFFIC	2
APPROACHING A STATIONARY PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY OR ROAD SERVICE VEHICLE (FIRST OFFENSE)	2
DRIVING UPON SIDEWALKS	2
FAILURE TO CONTROL; WEAVING OR ZIGZAG	2
TURNING INTO PRIVATE DRIVEWAY	2
FAILURE TO YIELD	2
DISREGARD OF SAFETY - PRIVATE PROPERTY	2
STOPPING AFTER AN ACCIDENT	2
RIDING BICYCLE ON SIDEWALK	2
PROHIBITED PARKING PLACES	1
SHORTCUTTING;TRAFFIC DEVICES	1
SPEED (COMMERCIAL)	1
OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE (EXPIRED) 0PTS	1
DUTIES UPON APPROACHING STATIONARY PUBLIC VEHICLE	1
DISTRACTED DRIVER	1
HORN, SIREN & THEFT ALARM SIGNAL	1
PERMITTING OPERATION WITHOUT VAID LICENSE; ONE LICENSE PERMITTED	1
OBSTRUCTING INTERSECTION	1
WALKING ON HIGHWAY UNDER INFLUENCE	1
RIGHT OF WAY AT HIGHWAYS; STOP SIGN; YIELD SIGN	1
OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE (NEVER HELD LICENSE) 0PTS	1
YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	1
STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS	1
UNATTENDED VEHICLE (STOP ENGINE / REMOVE KEY)	1
CROSSING RDWAY/OUTSIDE SIDEWAL	1
SPEED (6 MPH OR MORE NOT ON STATE ROUTE)	1
SUSPENSION FRA NON COMPLIANCE	1
IMPROPER/PROHIBITED TURN	1
DRIVING UPON RT. SIDE OF RDWAY-EXCEPTIONS	1
DRIVING UNDER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAW SUSPENSION	1
COMMITTING AN OFFENSE WHILE DISTRACTED	1
STOPPING AFTER ACCIDENT / PRIVATE PROPERTY	1
OVERTAKING AND PASSING UPON RIGHT	1

Total Citations Issued 3,279



Student Resource Officer / Juvenile Statistics

The School Resource Officers (SROs) for the 2025-2026 school year are Officer Jessica Gollan and Officer Ryann Ruckman. They are dedicated to a continuing commitment for providing law enforcement and police services to all Warren City Schools. SROs investigate allegations of criminal incidents as they relate to the Warren Police Department's Policies and Procedures. Officers will routinely make referrals to appropriate juvenile authorities and/or government agencies.



A system for tracking crime statistics has been implemented for all Warren City Schools. This data will track all school-based arrests and specific crimes charged. SROs at Warren G. Harding High School have also implemented a student database which details information in reference to students charged with criminal conduct or issues involving fellow students.

SROs establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators in order to provide for a safe school environment. SROs assist administrators with conducting inspections to deter criminal or delinquent activities. Through the utilization of police K-9 dogs, sweeps of school grounds have recently been introduced as a crime prevention strategy. The continuing presence of SROs on school grounds assists in making the school safer and more secure for students, teachers and staff. SROs assigned to a permanent school become part of the school community and can be used in safe school planning.

SROs are visible within the school community attending school functions and establishing relationships with staff, students and parents. SROs are positive role models for students who may not be exposed to such role models in today's society. Officers also provide guidance on law-related issues to students and staff which maintain a link to support services – both inside and outside the school environment.



*Active Numbers indicate how many missing juveniles / juvenile detainers are listed at the end of each year and doesn't reflect total numbers for the three year period.



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2025

Juvenile

Report Data

	2023		2024		2025	
	Returned	Active	Returned	Active	Returned	Active
Missing Juveniles	69	(33)	44	(33)	70	(33)
	102		77		106	

	2023		2024		2025	
	Cleared	Active	Cleared	Active	Cleared	Active
Juvenile Detainers	35	(47)	39	(46)	40	(33)
	82		85		73	

	2023	2024	2025
Traffic Citations	26	17	13
Child Abuse / Child Endangering	29	18	49
Juveniles Arrested at School	3	2	4
Ex-Parte Custody Exercised	7	6	4





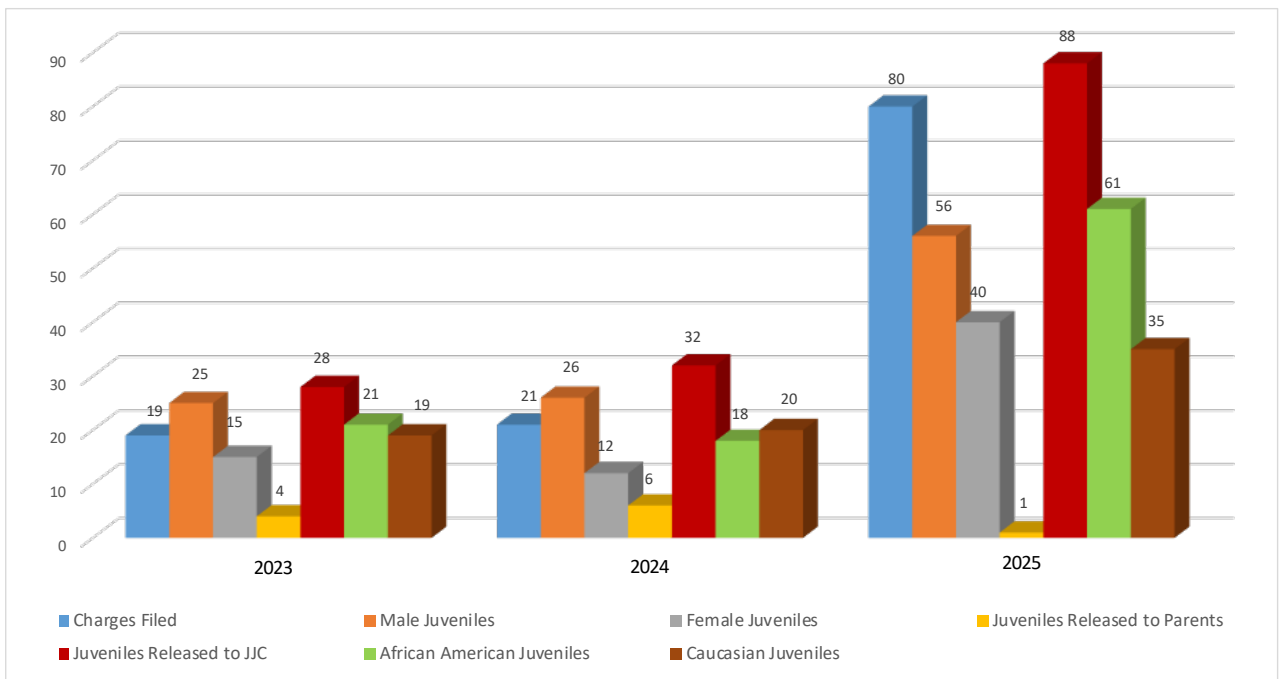
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2025

Juvenile

Arrest by Category

Arrest Category	2023	2024	2025
Juveniles Processed	40	38	96
Charges Filed	19	21	80
Male Juveniles	25	26	56
Female Juveniles	15	12	40
Juveniles Released to Parents	4	6	1
Juveniles Released to JJC	28	32	88
Juveniles Released to Other	1	1	7
African American Juveniles	21	18	61
Caucasian Juveniles	19	20	35
Charges Refused by Juvenile Prosecutor	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	40	38	96



Note: Juvenile Crime Data Category Breakdown reflects the total number of charges filed against juveniles by Warren Police Officers. This breakdown does NOT reflect the total number of juvenile arrests as each juvenile arrest may have two or more offenses. Refer to total number of juveniles processed to gain information as to number of juveniles arrested.



2025

Juvenile

Crime Categories_1



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Crime Category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Petty Theft	2	2	0	1	2
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	1	0
Receiving Stolen Property	0	0	1	1	3
Riot / Inducing Panic	0	3	2	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0
Telephone Harassment	0	0	0	0	0
False Alarm	0	0	0	1	0
Falsification	0	0	1	0	0
Obstructing Justice	1	3	1	2	2
Resisting Arrest	1	0	1	2	6
Having Weapons in School	0	0	0	0	1
Carrying Concealed Weapons	0	3	3	4	6
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ord.	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew / Unruly / Runaway	0	2	0	2	6
Possession of Drugs / Drug Abuse	0	1	0	1	0
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	0	0	0	1	0
Aggravated Trafficking in Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Prohibition	0	0	0	0	1
Domestic Violence	13	21	19	20	48
Fugitive	1	9	1	0	7
Attempt to Commit an Offense	0	0	0	0	1
Possession of Criminal Tools	0	0	0	0	0
Breaking & Entering	0	0	1	2	0
Burglary	4	2	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	0	0	0	0	1
Grand Theft (Auto)	0	0	0	0	2
Vandalism	0	0	2	1	0
Criminal Damage	0	0	1	1	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	3





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2025

Juvenile

Crime Categories_2

Crime Category	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Assault	1	1	2	3	6
Felonious Assault	1	3	1	1	10
Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	0
Menacing / Aggravated Menacing	1	0	0	1	6
Rape	0	2	0	0	0
Sexual Imposition	0	0	0	0	0
Public Indecency	0	0	0	0	0
Obscenity	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Failure to Comply	0	2	2	1	3
Failure to Disburse	0	0	0	0	0
Inciting Violence	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	1	0
Inducing Panic	0	3	1	1	0
Cruelty to Animals	0	0	0	0	0
Misconduct in an Emergency	0	0	0	0	0
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	1	0	0	0
Tampering with Evidence	0	0	0	0	1
Discharging Firearm	0	0	0	0	1
Pandering Obscenity	0	0	0	0	0
Endangering	0	0	0	0	0
Bestiality	0	0	0	0	0



Street Crimes Unit

The Street Crimes Unit (SCU) is a specialized unit first created in 2013 after Chief Eric J. Merkel was appointed Chief of Police. This unit trains regularly and has the specific purpose to disrupt narcotic and violent crime through a multi-faceted approach utilizing targeted clandestine operations. This effort, combined with long thorough investigations, leads to the acquisition and execution of search warrants that have proven successful in the apprehension of countless serious violent criminal offenders and narcotic traffickers.



The SCU is a multifaceted unit that is frequently called upon to investigate all criminal matters, and will continue to serve the citizens of Warren, while striving towards excellence. In 2025, the Warren Street Crimes Unit (SCU)—made up of four Detectives, three Officers, and one Supervisor—took a proactive approach to addressing violent crime and emerging criminal activity in the City of Warren. SCU recorded 99 felony arrests, 30 misdemeanor arrests, and 37 warrant arrests. The Unit also issued 15 traffic citations and recovered 21 illegally possessed firearms, helping reduce the presence of dangerous weapons in the community. SCU supported major investigations involving homicides, shootings, and other violent crimes, working closely with the Identification Bureau to identify and apprehend suspects. The Unit also handled 12 overdose-related cases, using digital-evidence analysis to track drug suppliers and related criminal activity. Narcotics investigations resulted in \$59,254.05 in drug-forfeiture revenue. SCU also seized two vehicles tied to criminal activity, both scheduled for auction. These forfeitures help fund future enforcement and training needs.

Training and preparedness remained priorities in 2025. SCU personnel worked with the Tactical Entry Team (TET), which served 12 search warrants during the year. These operations strengthened tactical coordination and supported safe execution of high-risk incidents. The Warren Street Crimes Unit continued to show strong performance and adaptability in 2025. Through proactive enforcement and effective collaboration, the Unit remained a key part of maintaining safety throughout the City of Warren.

Officers (department-wide) continue with the regular administering of Naloxone or “Narcan” to persons suffering from a narcotic overdose since its inception in May of 2015. This group initiative of first responders (police officers / medical personnel) has saved and continues to save countless lives. Sadly still, some citizens are still succumbing to the effects of narcotic abuse city-wide. The Criminal Investigations Division has been working with the Street Crimes Unit in conducting Investigations into these Overdose Deaths.

YEAR	Total NARCAN INCIDENTS
2023	62
2024	29
2025	27



SCU Detective 1 Arrests - 2025

	Name	# of Arrests
1	Warrant	23
2	Carrying Concealed Weapons - 2923.12	4
3	Obstructing official business - 525.07	2
4	Tampering w/ Evidence - 2921.12	2
5	Receiving Stolen Property - 2913.51	2
6	Having Weapons While Under Disability - 2923.13	2
7	Failure to Comply with Order or Signal of P.O. - 2921.331	2
8	Resisting arrest - 525.09	2
9	Trafficking in Drugs - 2925.03	1
10	Theft (Motor Vehicle) - 2913.02	1
11	Compliance with lawful order of police officer; fleeing - 303.01	1
12	CAPIAS - Failure to Appear / Fines	1
Totals		31

SCU Detective 2 Arrests - 2025

	Name	# of Arrests
1	Fugitive from Justice - 2963.11	7
2	Warrant	5
3	Drug abuse; controlled substance possession or use - 513.03	1
4	Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle - 2923.16	1
5	Falsification - 525.02	1
6	Felonious Assault - 2903.11	1
7	Tampering w/ Evidence - 2921.12	1
8	Having Weapons While Under Disability - 2923.13	1
9	Drug paraphernalia - 513.12	1
10	Receiving Stolen Property - 2913.51	1
11	Domestic violence - 537.14	1
12	Possession of Drugs - 2925.11	1
13	Failure to Comply with Order or Signal of P.O. - 2921.331	1
Totals		16

SCU Detective 3 Arrests - 2025

	Name	# of Arrests
1	Warrant	17
2	Carrying Concealed Weapons - 2923.12	4
3	Failure to Appear; Issuance of Warrant - 2937.43	2
4	Improperly Handling Firearms in a Motor Vehicle - 2923.16	2
5	Failure to Comply with Order or Signal of P.O. - elude or flee - 2921.331B	2
6	Failure to Comply with Order or Signal of P.O. - 2921.331	2
7	Refusal to disclose personal information in public place - 525.18	1
8	Receiving Stolen Property - 2913.51	1
9	Tampering w/ Evidence - 2921.12	1
10	Misdemeanor theft - 545.05	1
11	Obstructing Official Business - 2921.31	1
12	Drug paraphernalia - 513.12	1
13	Obstructing official business - 525.07	1
14	Having Weapons While Under Disability - 2923.13	1
Totals		28



ATF Gun Traces / NIBIN Submissions / Gun Receipt Statistics

The Warren Police Department conducts regular checks on all weapons recovered to include gun traces and NIBIN (National Integrated Ballistic Information Network) queries through state & federal agencies to establish investigative leads from any open cases within the City of Warren.

This two-part process first starts with cooperation from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) where the Warren Police Department submits any recovered firearms through an electronic trace which provides investigators from federal and local law enforcement agencies investigative leads in the fight against violent crime while increasing public safety.



Once a firearm is submitted through the trace program, the Warren Police Department conducts and reports a weapons function test where the cartridge casings from the discharged weapon are collected and subsequently submitted to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation (BCI&I). This submission is sent to the Firearms Division of BCI&I where the casings are forensically analyzed and entered into the NIBIN Database. There, it is compared against any previous entries made nationwide. Additional NIBIN submissions are also entered from the collection of cartridge casings located from crime scenes where no firearm is present.

During the course of the last three years (2023-2025), the Warren Police Department has recovered approximately 591 firearms that have been submitted for ATF Trace. These recovered weapons include ones collected through the course of investigations, arrests and seizures.

Year Reported	Amount (Total)	Change	% Increase or Decrease
2023	199	+22	+12%
2024	196	-3	-1%
2025	196	0	0%
Total	591		



Top Incidents

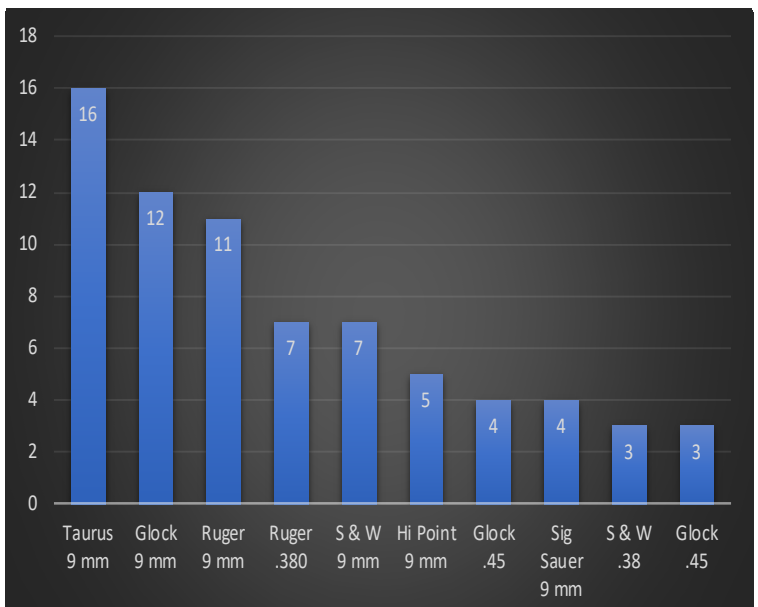
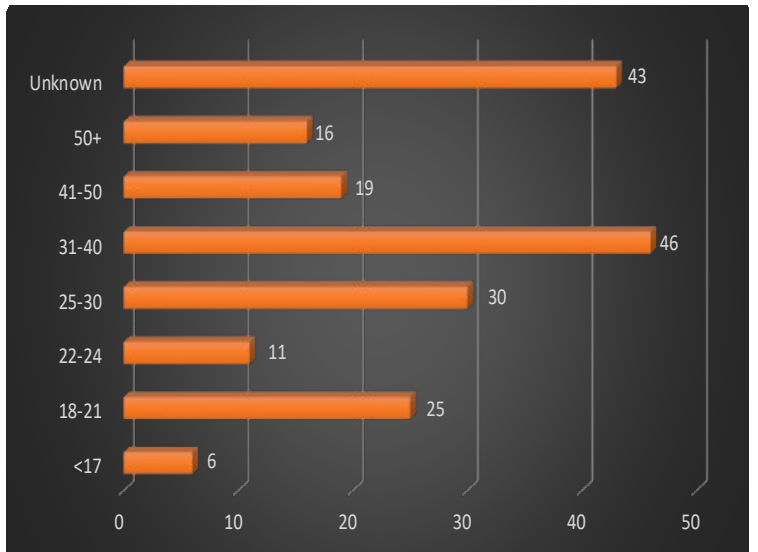
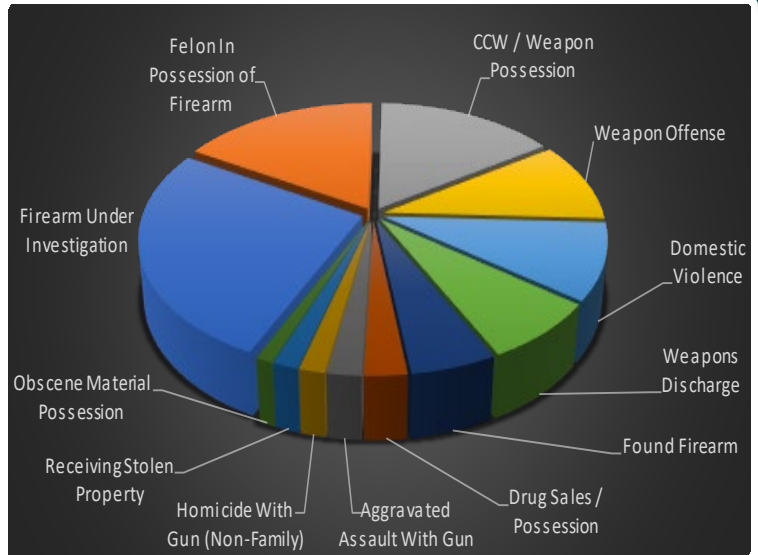
Firearm Under Inv.	50
Felon In Possession	32
CCW / Weapon Poss.	29
Weapon Offense	19
Domestic Violence	18
Weapons Discharge	14
Found Firearm	10
Drug Sales / Possession	5
Agg. Assault With Gun	4
Homicide With Gun	3
Receiving Stolen Prop.	3
Obscene Material Poss.	2

Age of Offender

Unable to Determine	43
Over 50	16
41 – 50	19
31 – 40	46
25 – 30	30
22 – 24	11
18 – 21	25
< 17 yoa	6

Top – 10 Weapons Recovered

Taurus 9 mm	16
Glock 9 mm	12
Ruger 9 mm	11
Ruger .380	7
Smith & Wesson 9 mm	7
Hi Point 9 mm	5
Glock .45	4
Sig Sauer 9 mm	4
Smith & Wesson .38 rev.	3
Glock .45	3





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In 2025, The Warren Police Department/Criminal Investigations Division entered 1,371 pieces of evidence to the lab at Ohio B.C.I./Richfield. The evidence submitted consisted of unknown substances (drug chemistry), DNA evidence, firearm evidence, DNA standards, sexual assault kits, DNA swabs, latent prints, NIBIN, electronic analysis and GSR kits.

For firearms evidence:

- 251 entries were made for various types of firearms crime evidence.

In addition, 187 NIBIN entries were made from test firing recovered firearms and cartridge cases found at crime scenes.

- 124 cartridge cases from test fired weapons entered into NIBIN.
- 63 cartridge cases from crime scenes entered into NIBIN.

Out of the 187 NIBIN entries, 69 NIBIN lead notifications (investigative leads) were obtained from test fired weapons and cartridge cases found at crime scenes for various crimes (Fel. Assaults, shooting into habitations, assaults, shots fired, etc.) linked to possible crimes and incidents reported to Warren PD, Cleveland PD, Youngstown PD, Akron PD, Niles PD, Boardman PD, Richmond Hts. PD, Ashtabula PD and T.A.G. in NE Ohio. (37% lead rate).

In addition, several of these NIBIN lead notifications from test fired weapons or crime scene cartridge cases were linked to recent homicides in Warren, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan.

In 2025, W.P.D. recovered 196 firearms (automatic, semi-automatic, revolvers, shotgun and rifle) and entered into AFT eTrace and analysis. In 2024, 196 recovered firearms and in 2023 199 firearms recovered.

In 2025, three (3) recovered firearms had MCD (machine gun conversion devices) attached to the firearms. (One switch, one invis-switch and one Yankee Boogie-AR type.)



Recruitment & Hiring

To keep up with the latest hiring trends for police departments in the State of Ohio, and throughout the country, the Warren Police Department began utilizing the National Testing Network (NTN) to assist with the recruitment and Civil Service testing of potential WPD applicants. This was done in an effort to increase the number of police applicants, to create a more streamlined and simplified hiring process, and to make it easier for applicants who live far away to apply to become a Warren Police Officer. The decision to utilize NTN for their recruitment and testing services was made after speaking with several of the over 200 other police departments in the State of Ohio who were also using their services.

The Warren Police Department started a Police Cadet program in 2025 which allows people to apply who desire to become a Warren Police Officer but do not have the required OPOTA certifications. All candidates (Police Officer / Lateral Police Officer / Police Cadet) must successfully pass the NTN entrance exam with a minimum score of 70%. Applicants will be ranked in order of their passing scores with qualifying additional credits (military veteran, education, prior experience) factored in and the candidate list will be certified by the Warren Civil Service Commission. Once the list has been certified, the applicant will be notified of their official ranking in writing. An extensive screening process will then commence. After the screening process, qualified applicants can be sworn in as a police officer. Selected applicants who do not yet possess the OPOTA certifications will be hired as a Police Cadet and enrolled into the police academy with tuition and fees covered by the City of Warren. The Warren Police Department's screening process for qualifying Police Officer, Lateral, and Police Cadet applicants will include the following:

- Background Screening
- Polygraph Test
- Drug Screening
- Psychological Evaluation
- Physical Exam
- Panel Interview





New Appointments - 2025



In 2025, the City of Warren did not appoint any new officers to join the ranks of the Warren Police Department.

Three applicants were selected to be the first candidates appointed under the newly formed Police Cadet program.

We would like to welcome to the department the following personnel:

Police Cadet - Salvatore Coletti

Mr. Coletti is registered for the Fall 2025 semester of the Kent State University police academy program and is expected to graduate in February 2026. After obtaining his OPOTA certificate, Mr. Coletti will be sworn in as a Warren Police Officer.

Police Cadet - Justin Arcuri

Mr. Arcuri is registered for the Fall 2025 semester of the Kent State University police academy program and is expected to graduate in February 2026. After obtaining his OPOTA certificate, Mr. Arcuri will be sworn in as a Warren Police Officer.

Police Cadet - Chase Welch

Mr. Welch is registered for the Spring 2026 semester of the Kent State University police academy program and is expected to graduate in June 2026. After obtaining his OPOTA certificate, Mr. Welch will be sworn in as a Warren Police Officer.



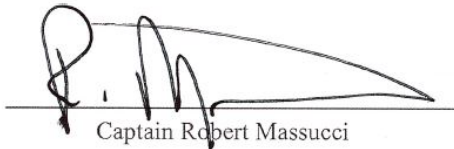
Authorization (Sign-Off) Sheet
2025

The listed Division Commanders and the Chief of Police have read and acknowledge the accuracy of this **2025 Warren Police Department Annual Report**. We acknowledge that this report accurately reflects the activities of the Warren Police Department for 2025.



Captain Jeffrey Cole

Commander – Emergency Services Division



Captain Robert Massucci

Commander – Criminal Investigations Division



Chief Eric J. Merkel

Chief of Police

