

MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mayor Shields and Members of Council,

I am proud to present the Medina Police Department's 2025 Year-End Report. Throughout the past year our department remained focused on professionalism, accountability, and continuous improvement while delivering reliable, high-quality police services to the City of Medina and Lafayette Township. The hallmark achievement of 2025 was the department's successful completion of Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation, a significant milestone that reflects years of disciplined work and an organizational commitment to best practices in modern policing.

Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

In 2025, the Medina Police Department achieved full accreditation through the Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, administered by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. This accomplishment represents one of the most comprehensive external evaluations a law enforcement agency can undergo in Ohio.

The accreditation process required an exhaustive review of department policies, procedures, training standards, accountability systems, and operational practices. Over the course of the assessment, the department demonstrated compliance with rigorous statewide standards governing use of force, professional conduct, community engagement, recruitment, training, and internal accountability.

Successfully earning OCPC accreditation affirms that the Medina Police Department operates in alignment with recognized best practices and meets or exceeds the expectations set forth for professional policing in the State of Ohio. Just as importantly, the process reinforced internal discipline, policy consistency, and organizational transparency. Accreditation is not a one-time achievement, but an ongoing commitment to evaluation and improvement, and the department's durable foundation will prove to maintain those standards moving forward.

Staffing and Operations

The Communications Division concluded the year fully staffed, ensuring consistent and reliable emergency response capabilities. The Patrol Division operated with one officer vacancy, while continuing to meet service demands without a reduction in performance or responsiveness.

Technology and Equipment Enhancements

Several targeted investments made in 2025 will support officer effectiveness and operational efficiency. Emergency 911 calls now route directly to the Communications Division, reducing call-handling delays and improving response times.

The department transitioned to new duty handguns, issuing the FN 509 9mm platform equipped with red-dot optics, replacing the legacy .40 caliber Smith & Wesson pistols. This transition aligns with contemporary law enforcement standards and enhances the accuracy and performance of officers.

Officers were also issued updated duty belts and supporting gear to improve comfort, safety, and functionality.

In support of impaired-driving enforcement, a new DMT Intoxilizer breath testing instrument was acquired and placed into service, ensuring that evidentiary testing remains accurate and compliant with state requirements.

Training and Professional Development

Throughout 2025, officers completed all state-mandated continuing professional training and participated in the department's annual active-shooter response training. In addition, personnel participated in leadership development programs and a range of officer-initiated or requested training opportunities to enhance skills, judgment, and operational readiness. These ongoing efforts ensure that officers remain proficient, adaptable, and well-prepared to meet the evolving demands of modern policing.

The department also made targeted investments in specialized training to strengthen investigative capabilities. In 2025, Officer Anderson successfully completed advanced training in traffic crash reconstruction, expanding the agency's capacity to conduct full reconstructions of serious and fatal crashes. This in-house expertise improves investigative accuracy, supports both criminal and civil proceedings, and ensures critical incidents examination with a high degree of professionalism and technical precision.

Community-Focused Initiatives and Partnerships

Community engagement remained a priority in 2025. The department supported the Promise of Christmas initiative, a community-led effort providing relief and encouragement to families from North Carolina impacted by Hurricane Helene. The partnerships between the City of Medina, Main Street Medina, and local organizations made it possible to welcome families to Medina for a weekend focused on restoration, connection, and support. The department's involvement reflected its commitment to community service and the belief that public safety includes compassion, especially in times of hardship.

The department also administered a full season of the municipal deer hunting program in response to a substantial number of resident requests and complaints related to deer overpopulation. The program addressed public safety and wildlife management concerns in a responsible and highly regulated manner and resulted in the harvest of more than one hundred deer during the 2025–2026 season, helping to reduce vehicle crashes, property damage, and neighborhood impacts associated with excessive deer activity.

At the regional and national level, department leadership participated in advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C., working with a coalition opposing larger commercial trucks on U.S. roadways. Medina's historic Public Square represented a real-world example of the infrastructure and safety

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challenges posed by oversized vehicles, underscoring the importance of practical, community-based transportation policy.

Moving Forward

The accomplishments of 2025 reflect a department that values steady progress, accountability, and service grounded in professionalism. The achievement of Ohio Community Police Collaborative accreditation stands as a defining milestone and sets a solid foundation for the future.

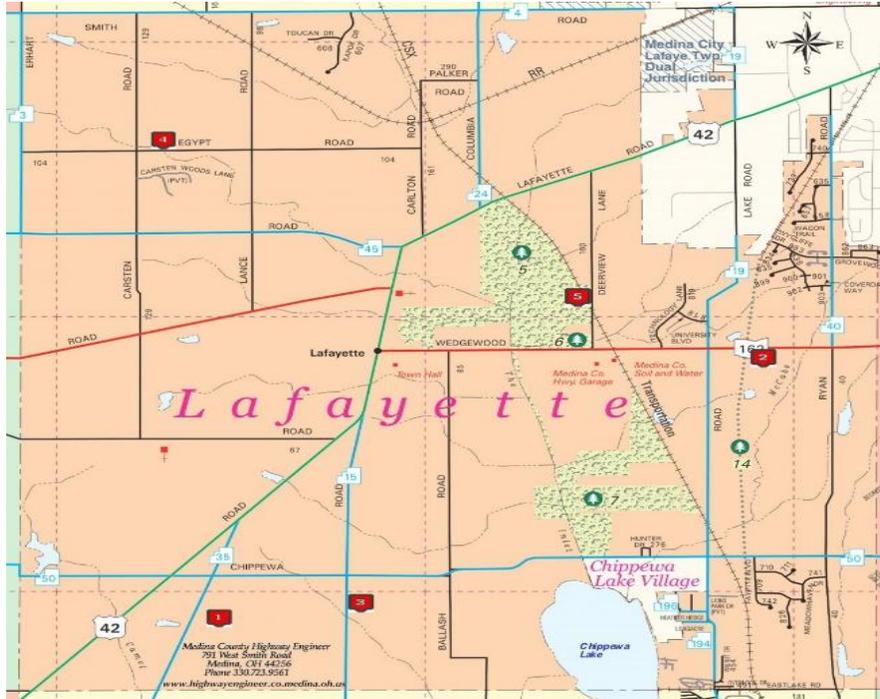
I remain grateful for the continued support of the Mayor and Council and for the resolute men and women of the Medina Police Department, who serve this community with integrity and pride every day.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward R. Kinney
Chief of Police

Lafayette Township Profile



<p>Lafayette Township Population</p> <p>6,081</p>	<p>Square miles</p> <p>22.9</p>	<p>Borders</p> <p>Southwest side of the City of Medina</p>
<p>Largest natural lake in Ohio</p> <p>Chippewa Lake</p>	<p>Technology Park</p> <p>Medina County Career Center South Campus</p>	<p>Settled</p> <p>1820</p>

Staff Roster

Name	Assignment	Hire Date
Edward Kinney	Chief of Police	1997
Scott Marcum	Lieutenant	2000
Bryan Wagner	Lieutenant	2003
Nathan Simpson	Sergeant	2003
Darin Zarembo	Sergeant	1995
Patrick Sloan	Sergeant	2003
Sara Lynn	Sergeant	2005
Joshua Wilson	Sergeant	2008
Raven Ory	Sergeant	2017
Derek Crooks	Sergeant	2014
Daryn Winebrenner	Officer	1995
Dan Warner	Officer	1995
Todd Grice	Officer	1996
Al Roland	Officer/SRO	2005
Matthew Martincin	Officer	2005
Kelly Moran	Officer	2007
Christopher Brink	Officer	2008
James Tighe	Officer/SRO	2009
Gregory Habrat	Officer/Property	2012
James Terwilliger	Officer	2013
Nicholas MacLarren	Officer/SRO/K9	2013
Michael Wovna	Detective	2014
Christopher Deeks	Detective	2014
Erica Anderson	Officer	2015
Andrew Dziak	Officer	2016
Christopher Wade	Detective	2018
Evan Scherer	Officer	2018

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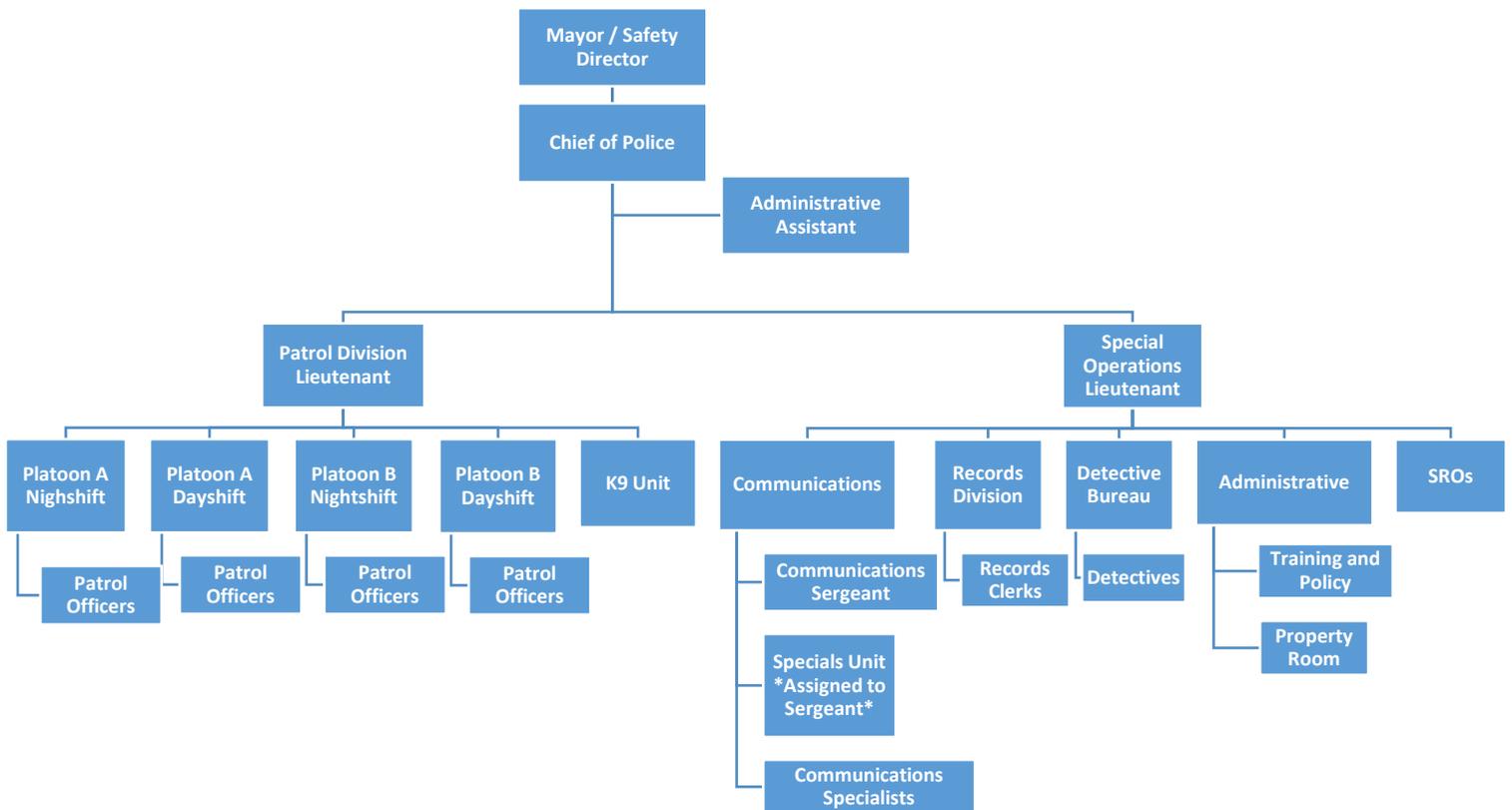
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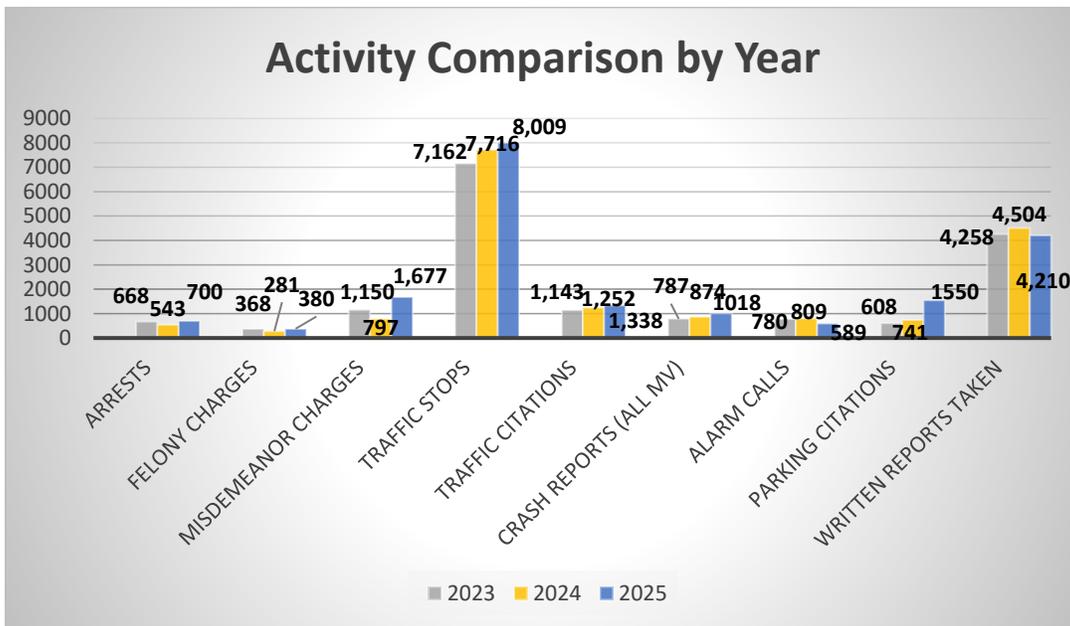
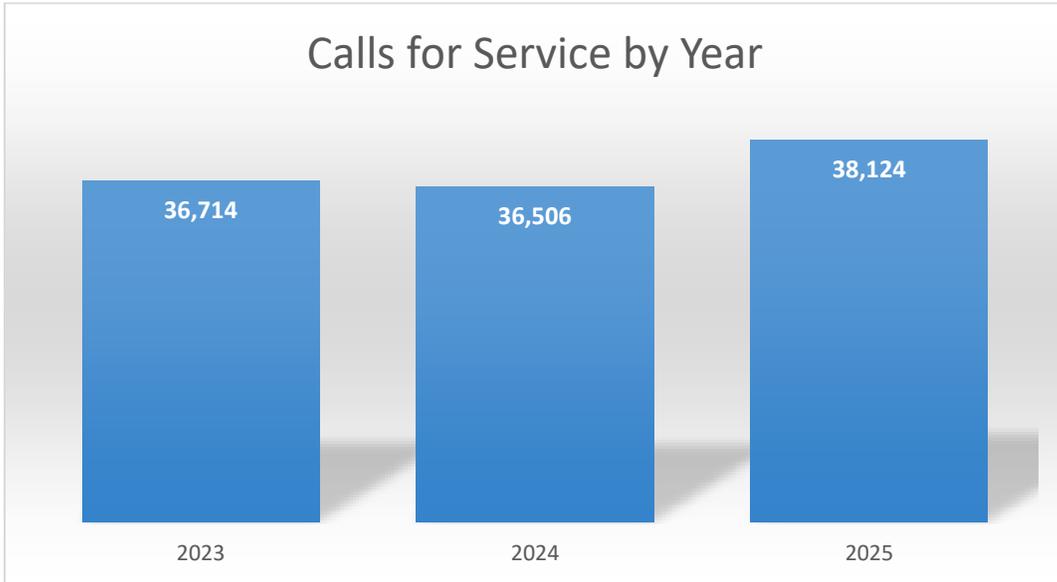
Joseph Calabrese	Officer	2018
Tyler Hughes/K9	Officer	2019
Matthew Witthuhn	Officer	2019
Tyler Howell	Officer	2021
Ian Baker	Officer	2021
Seth Gonyea	Officer	2022
Tyler Thompson	Officer	2023
Dalton Weber	Officer	2023
Ryan Laskowski	Officer	2023
Bailey Hagan	Officer	2023
Nicholas Stanton	Officer	2024
Kirsten Bache	Officer	2024
Tyler Rose	Officer	2025
Brandon Johnson	Officer	2025
Patty Miller	Dispatcher	1999
Denise Indovina	Dispatcher	2001
Crystal Vance	Dispatcher	2015
Tricia Glauner	Dispatcher	2022
Patrick Villeneuve	Dispatcher	2022
Jennifer Kehoe	Dispatcher	2023
Caitlyn Collins	Dispatcher	2024
Ashley Pesata	Dispatcher	2024
Summer Gray	Dispatcher	2024
Victoria Peters	Dispatcher	2025
Luke Tanzilli	Dispatcher	2025
Natalie Santivaschi	Administrative Assistant	2011
Taylor Yaworski	Records	2023
Leann Kerr	Records	2023
Yvonne Rodman-Sopata	Records	2024
Peyton Valentine	Records	2024
James Cartwright	Parking Enforcement	2025

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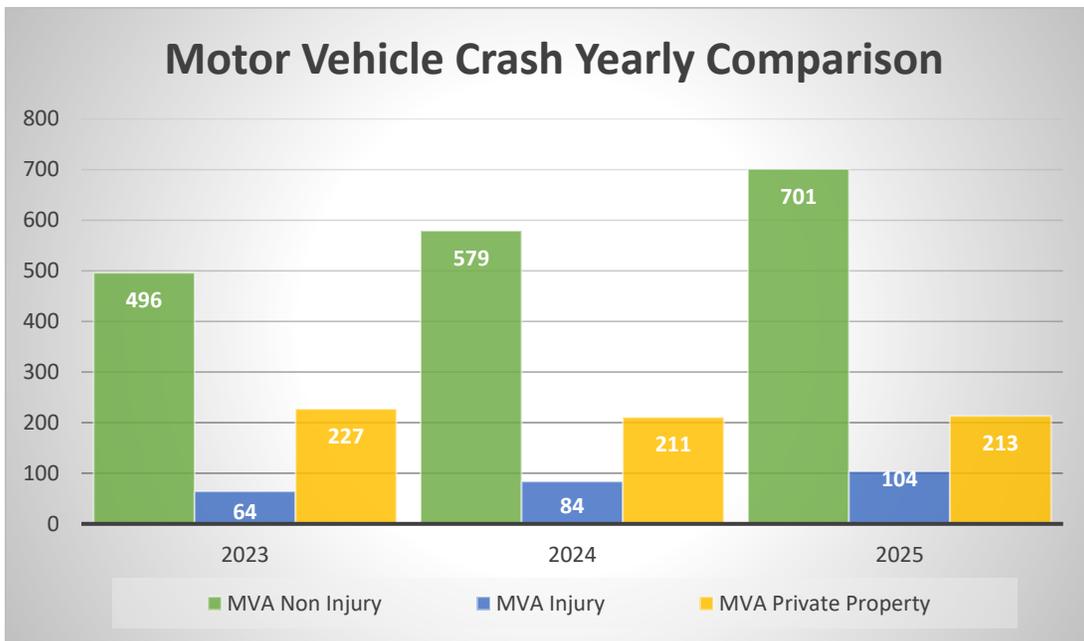
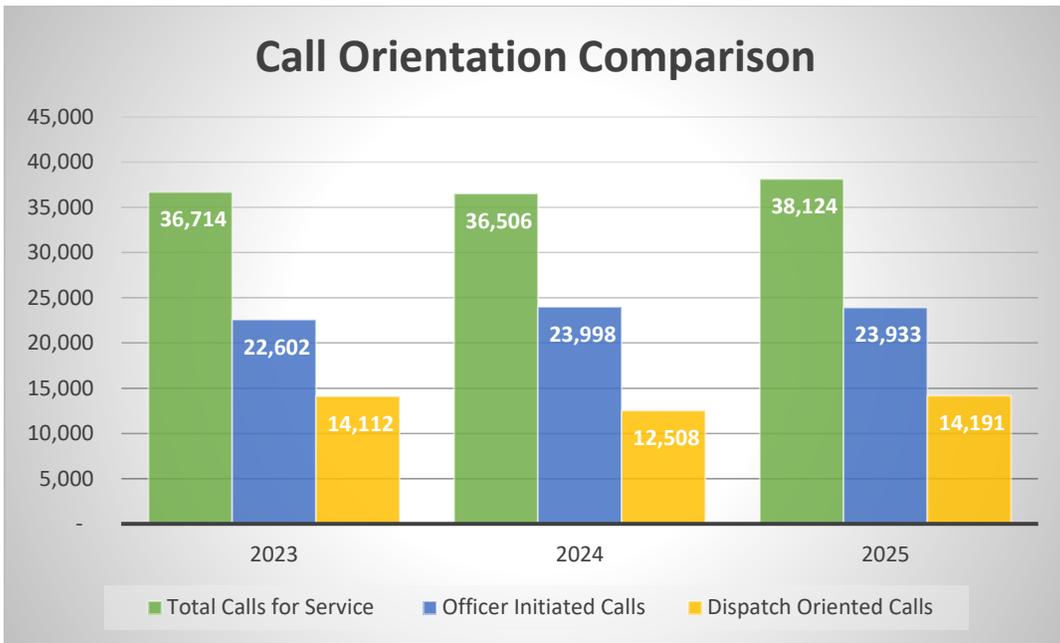
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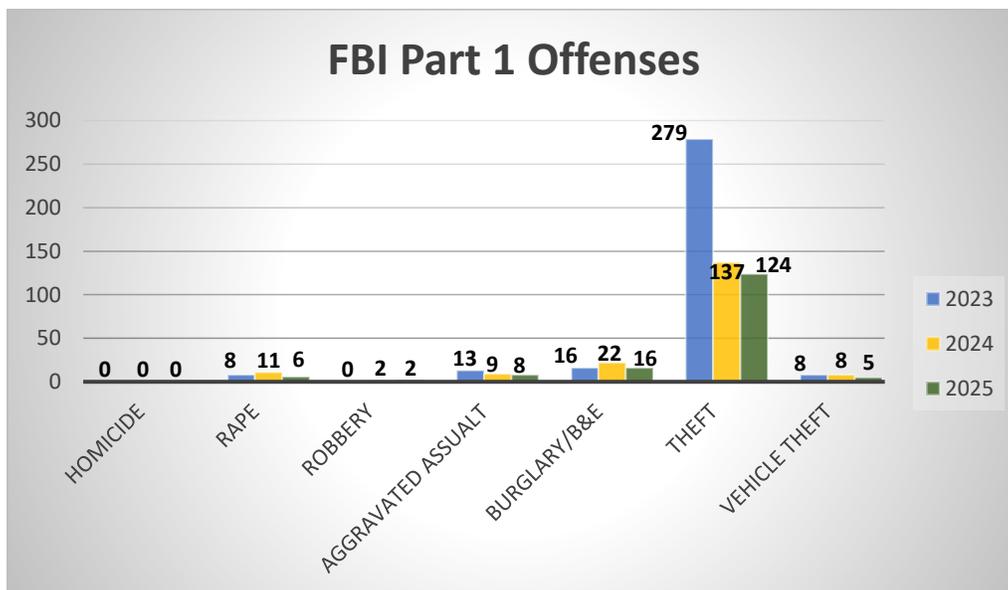
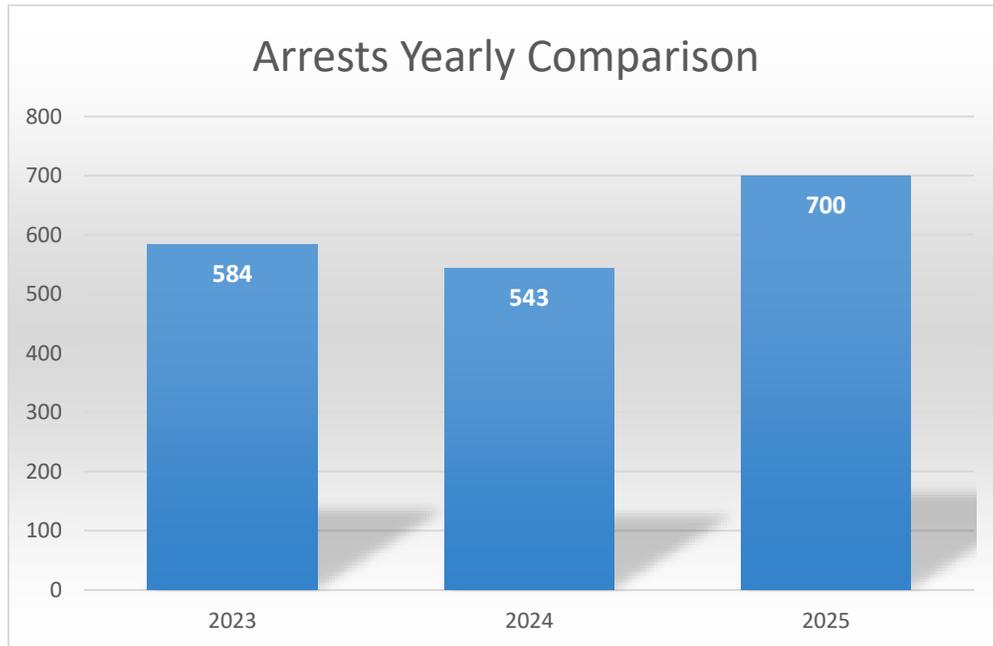
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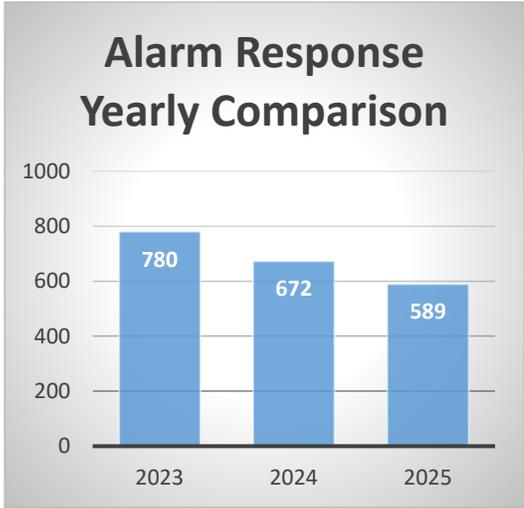
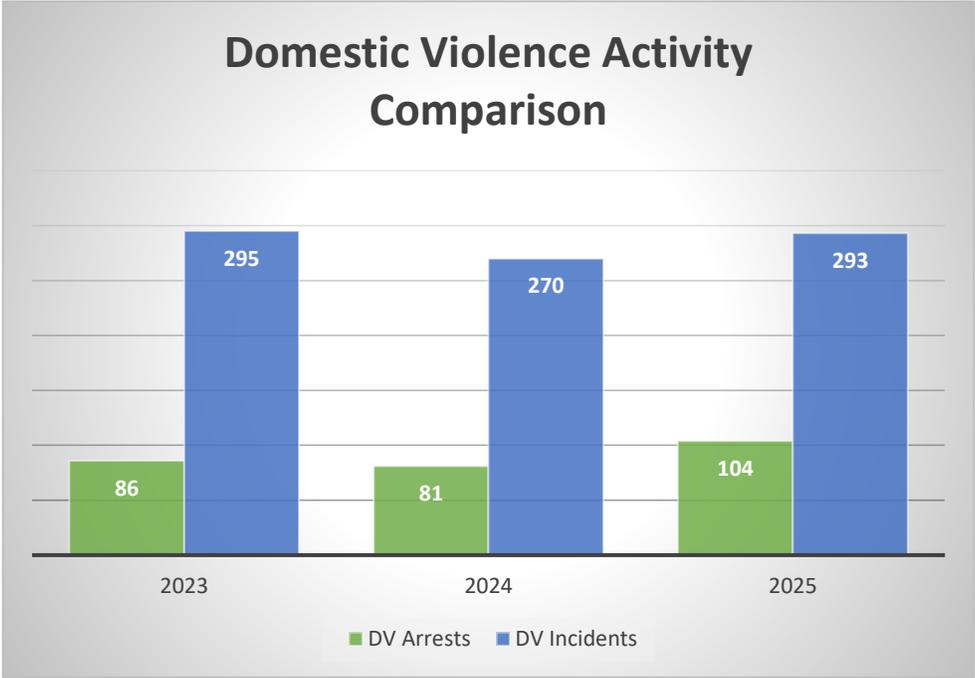


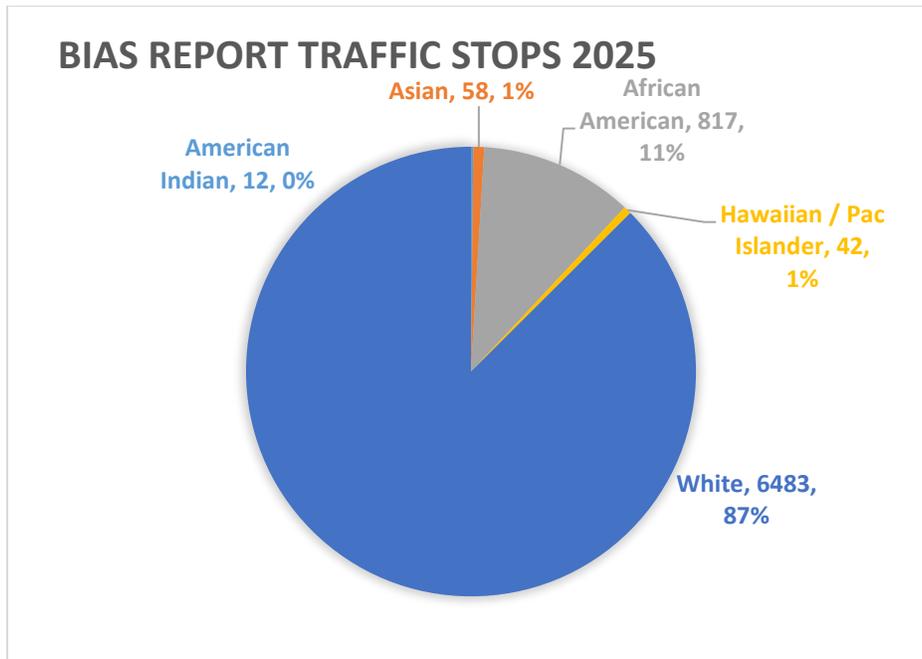
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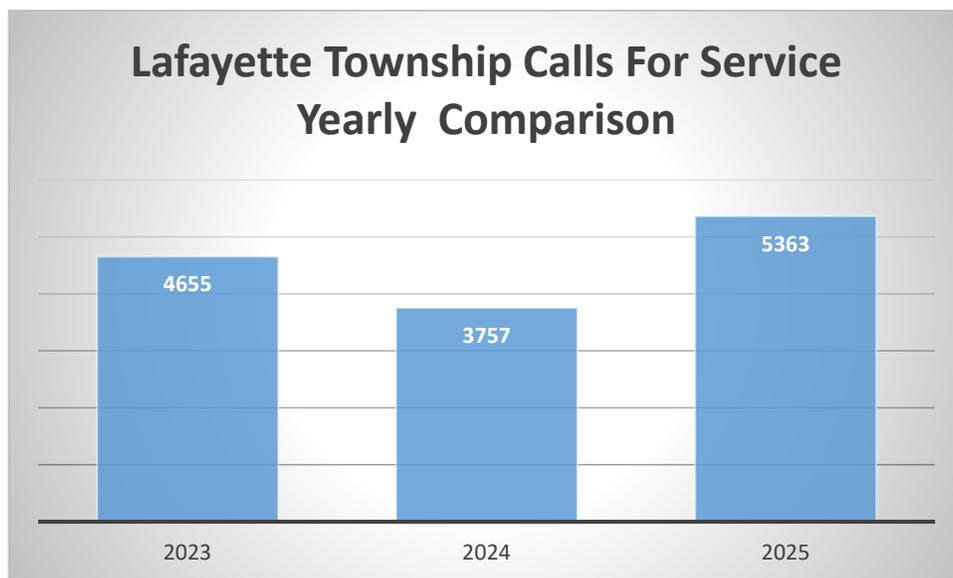




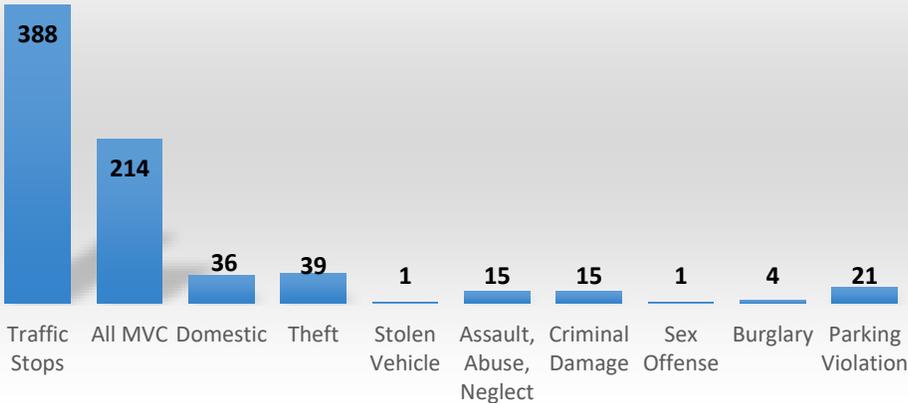


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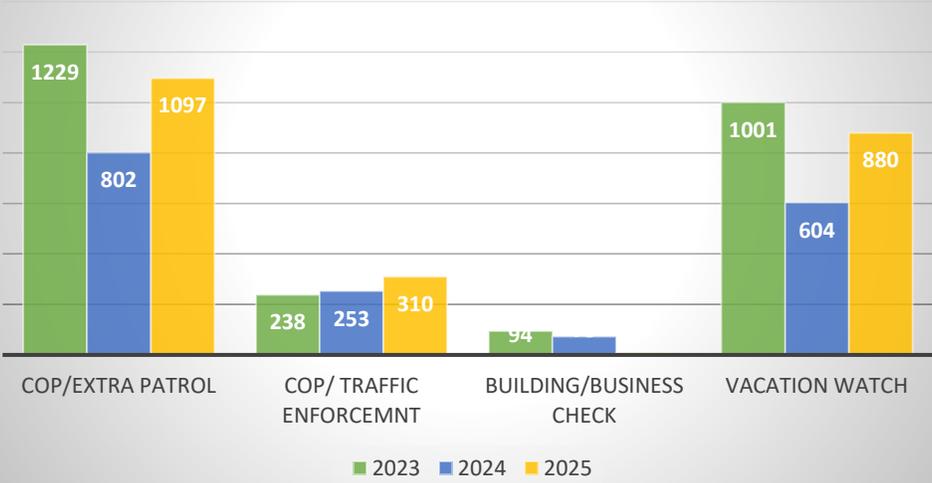
Lafayette Township has retained the Medina Police Department for police services since 2018. The current contract is in place through 2027. Last year, MPD officers responded to over 5,300 calls for service originating in Lafayette Township. A glimpse of 2025 activity in Lafayette Township appears in the charts below.



2025 Lafayette Calls For Service Detail



Lafayette Township Community Oriented Policing (COP)



Patrol Division



The **Uniformed Patrol Division** serves as the front line of the Medina Police Department, representing the City of Medina and Lafayette Township in response to citizen requests for service. This division conducts initial crime scene investigations, traffic enforcement, motor vehicle accident investigations, and assistance during the Life Support Team (LST) and fire calls. Comprising forty-one full-time officers, the Patrol Division is under the command of Lieutenant Bryan Wagner.

Staffing

In 2025, the Medina Police Department proudly welcomed three new members to its team. In March, Officers Kirsten Bache and Tyler Rose graduated from the Lorain Community College Police Academy, while Officer Brandon Johnson graduated from the University of Akron Police Academy in May. All three officers have completed the Medina Police Department's field training program and have demonstrated an initiative-taking approach to policing within the city.

In the last three months of 2025, a new unit within the Patrol Division oversaw a surge in response to citizen complaints and traffic concerns. The unit, comprising one Sergeant and one Patrol Officer, operated full-time during that period and exceeded expectations by handling 1,126 calls for service, conducting 569 traffic stops, issuing 130 traffic citations, and making 44 arrests.

Recognition and Awards

In September of 2025, Officer Erica Anderson and Sergeant Patrick Sloan received recognition by the Medina County Safe Communities Coalition. Officer Anderson received the "Click It or Ticket" Award for issuing the most citations and for her consistent activity in traffic enforcement. Sergeant Sloan received the "Outstanding Leadership Award" for his professionalism and strong leadership skills demonstrated during several high-risk situations. Both recipients were honored at the Safe Communities Annual Breakfast.



Training and Professional Development

Training remains a cornerstone of the Medina Police Department's mission to provide exemplary service. In 2025, the department exceeded the Ohio Attorney General's mandate of 24 hours of continuing education and attended several additional training courses. Training sessions included:

- Legal updates
- Defensive tactics

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- Firearms proficiency
- Emergency vehicle operations
- Public records law
- School-based policing
- Supervisory courses
- Active threat incident response
- Patrol interdiction
- Critical intervention



Additionally, two of our Sergeants completed state-level leadership training. In June 2025, Sergeant Josh Wilson graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC). PELC is a prestigious and intensive program designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for the complex challenges of modern policing. Also in June, Sergeant Raven Ory graduated from the prestigious Public Safety Leadership Academy (PSLA) at Ohio State University.

This rigorous 11-week residential program cultivates strong leadership in law enforcement. The curriculum included advanced courses in public budgeting, human resource management, strategic planning, program implementation, organizational theory, communications, and social media strategies. These significant achievements highlight the department's dedication to leadership development and continued growth.



VEHICLE PURSUIT REVIEW

Deciding whether to initiate a vehicle pursuit is a critical decision, often under challenging and unpredictable conditions. Officers must balance the need for apprehension with the safety of the public, fellow officers, and the suspect during a vehicle pursuit. Therefore, sound judgment and self-discipline are paramount in ensuring the most effective and responsible decision-making process.

Officers must remain focused on adhering to department policies and exercising professional judgment throughout a pursuit. The overarching principle is that the officer's actions must be "objectively reasonable," meaning they should align with what a reasonable officer would do under similar circumstances, considering the facts and conditions at the time.

In 2025, the Medina Police Department responded to and conducted four vehicle pursuit incidents. All four incidents underwent thorough review, which involved collecting and analyzing the corresponding incident reports, evidence, and video footage to ensure compliance with departmental standards.

Upon review, all four vehicle pursuits complied with the Medina Police Department's Policy Manual, Section 314 – Vehicle Pursuits. This policy ensures that officers consistently make informed, safety-conscious decisions in dynamic, potentially hazardous situations.

USE OF FORCE REVIEW

The Medina Police Department recognizes and respects the value and dignity of all human life, without prejudice. Granting officers the authority to use reasonable force to protect the public's welfare requires rigorous monitoring, evaluation, and careful balancing of all interests.

In 2025, the Medina Police Department used force in thirty-three incidents. Each of these incidents underwent a thorough review process. The review process includes analyzing incident reports, use-of-force reports, video evidence, and all supporting documentation to ensure compliance with Medina Police Department Policy 300.4, which governs the reporting of use-of-force incidents.

All thirty-three incidents were compliant with Policy 300.4. The following chart provides a demographic breakdown of individuals involved in these incidents:

Demographic	Number of Incidents
White Males	19
White Females	1
Black Males	10
Black Females	1
Other Male	1
Other Female	1

This data reflects the department's commitment to transparency and accountability while ensuring adherence to policy and proper oversight in all use-of-force situations.

CANINE UNIT OVERVIEW

K9 NESSIE: School Resource Canine

During the 2025 calendar year, School Resource Officer Nick MacLarren and K9 Nessie entered their second year of service as an explosive detection K9 team. The duo successfully maintained their OPOTA accreditation by completing required testing and remains certified for explosive

detection. Over the course of the year, Nessie worked at more than fifty events and responded to one formal call-out. Her primary assignment remains at Medina High School where she plays a significant role in maintaining a safe and secure learning environment. Most days K9 Nessie conducts detection sweeps within the school and uses her specialized training to ensure the safety of students, staff, and visitors. K9 Nessie further highlighted her positive impact within the school community with the therapeutic support she provided to students throughout the year. K9 Nessie worked beyond the school setting assisting in a Medina County investigation involving a drive -by shooting. Her deployment helped confirm investigative assumptions that the casings had ejected into the suspect's vehicle, later verified with additional investigation.

Key Highlights:

- **Daily Patrols:** Nessie patrols Medina High School hallways daily.
- **Drive-by shooting investigation assist in Medina County**
- **Community Engagement:** Officer MacLarren and Nessie actively engage with the community by attending after-school sporting and arts events, city parades, and other activities.

K9 TANGO: Patrol Canine

Tango completed his second full year as a dual-purpose K9. Tango and handler Officer Tyler Hughes completed the required testing to successfully recertify and maintain their OPOTA accreditation. Throughout the year, Tango deployed more than thirty times in support of patrol operations, including traffic stops, building searches, suspect tracking and identification, and apprehension efforts, and provided officer safety during high-risk scenarios. These deployments contributed to three arrests. K9 Tango assisted the following outside agencies:

- **Wadsworth PD**
- **Montville Twp. PD**
- **Medina Twp. PD**
- **Brunswick PD**
- **Medina County Sheriff's Office**
- **Medina County Drug Task Force**
- **Ohio State Patrol**
- **Lodi Police Department**
- **DEA**

Community Involvement: In addition to enforcement operations, K9 Tango and Officer Hughes participated in several community outreach events and public meet-and-greet opportunities where he provided strong positive engagement with the community.

Summary

The Canine Unit continues to play an essential role in the Medina Police Department's mission, enhancing safety, enforcement, and community outreach efforts. Nessie and Tango have proven their essential capabilities and remain a cornerstone of operation within the department.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The Medina Police Department continues to proudly support the Medina City School District by assigning three full-time School Resource Officers (SROs). These officers partner closely with district administrators and staff to maintain a safe, supportive, and positive learning environment for students and faculty. These positions are partially funded by the Medina County Drug Advisory Committee (MCDAC) grant, which was established through the county's anti-drug levy. The SRO program operates under the command of Lieutenant Scott Marcum and includes the following assignments:

- **Officer Nicholas MacLarren** –Medina Senior High School
- **Officer Al Roland** –A.I. Root Middle School
- **Officer James Tighe** –Claggett Middle School

Each SRO operates based on the triad model, serving as a law enforcement officer, educator, and mentor. Their mission is centered on ensuring school safety while fostering positive relationships within the school community.

Law Enforcement & Community Collaboration

In their role as sworn law enforcement officers, SROs respond to and manage all calls for service within their assigned school buildings. They collaborate closely with external agencies, including the Medina County Health Department and Medina County Job and Family Services, to support student safety and well-being. Through daily interactions, SROs serve as approachable liaisons between students and law enforcement, building trust and encouraging open communication in a non-confrontational environment.

Mentorship & Student Support

Beyond enforcement responsibilities, SROs play an active role in mentoring and supporting students. Working alongside administrators, counselors, social workers, and teaching staff, Officers MacLarren, Roland, and Tighe focus on relationship-building and early intervention.

Special attention is given to mentoring at-risk students and supporting special needs students, with additional time dedicated to guidance, encouragement, and positive engagement.

Specialized Programs & Engagement

- **D.A.R.E. Instruction – Officer James Tighe**

Officer Tighe serves as a certified Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) instructor, delivering curriculum to fifth-grade students. This evidence-based program addresses critical topics including bullying prevention, internet and social media safety, vaping, and substance abuse awareness. Through interactive, scenario-based lessons, students develop decision-making and life skills that support healthy, drug-free lifestyles.



- **A.I. Root RC Club – Officer Al Roland**

Officer Roland coordinates the A.I. Root Middle School RC Club, an after-school program that engages more than 40 students. Drawing on his experience as a radio-controlled vehicle enthusiast, Officer Roland guides students in building and operating RC cars, promoting hands-on learning in mechanics, engineering principles, teamwork, and problem-solving. Officer Roland also oversees instruction of steel drums to MCPAL Students.



- **K-9 Nessie – Officer Nicholas MacLarren**

Officer MacLarren is partnered with K-9 Nessie, a highly trained German Shorthaired Pointer specializing in firearm and explosive detection. Nessie enhances overall school safety while also serving as a positive and approachable presence, helping strengthen relationships between students and law enforcement.

PROGRAM IMPACT

While safety remains the primary objective of the Medina Police Department's School Resource Officers, their impact extends far beyond safety. The School Resource Officers play a vital role in strengthening relationships between law enforcement, education professionals, students, and families. The SROs maintain consistent presence, mentorship, and collaboration, which lends to school environments where students feel safe, supported, and empowered to succeed.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Throughout the year, officers spend time connecting with the community in an amicable way. They extend reasonable training and expertise and attend and participate in many community events. They stop and chat when time allows and bike through neighborhoods. Officers attended many community events throughout the year. Some of the events include



Easter Egg Hunts, National Night Out, Bike to School, Touch a Truck, Juneteenth Festival, Halloween events, Candlelight Walk, Kids Day at Play, Visit from Santa, Shop



with a Cop, various job fairs and block parties and these are to name a few of the vast involvement. The Annual Special Olympics Torch Run came through Medina once again and we had a team represent and carry the Flame of Hope in support of the mission. Many Officers also participated in the Tunnels to Towers 5K, several in full uniform. Here are a few additional highlights:



Women's Self-Defense Class

Medina Police Officers taught Women's Self-Defense classes in 2025. This five-week instructional course, hosted at the Medina Rec Center, teaches women personal safety and techniques, including striking, escaping, and countering an attack. On the final day of class, participants don protective pads and use their new skills to simulate real-life



scenarios.

Shop with a Cop

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #204 supports this county-wide event and rallies together many county organizations to spread the joy of Christmas. Numerous department members



from the Medina Police Department represented the department and hosted eighteen children this year. First responders and volunteers from around the county accompany less fortunate children through a day of holiday activities, including a visit from Santa, breakfast, a lights-and-siren



parade, shopping at Walmart, and lunch with many special treats and fun.

We appreciate the dedicated support and widespread community generosity that elevate this event.

Juvenile Diversion

The Medina Police Department participates in the Medina County Juvenile Traffic Diversion Program. A program offered to all first-time juvenile traffic offenders aged 16 or 17. The one-day class offers an alternative to the Juvenile Court system for first-time offenders. Candidates experience a classroom environment hosted by officers and learn safe driving techniques through simulators and direct driving exercises. Participation requires a \$50 fee, which covers administrative costs. Upon completing the program, neither the juvenile nor their parent(s) need to appear in court. Thus, the juvenile's driving record remains clear. Medina Police referred sixty-nine juveniles to the program in 2025.

MEDINA COUNTY SWAT & CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Medina County Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is a multi-jurisdictional team that services the communities of Medina & Wayne County. During the second quarter of 2025, the SWAT Team collaborated with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and the City of Rittman Police Department to expand its services. The SWAT team is comprised of members from the Medina County Sheriff's Office, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Medina Police Department, Wadsworth PD, Brunswick City PD, Montville Township PD, Medina Township PD, Hinckley Township PD, and Brunswick Hills Township PD. The Medina Police Department dedicates three officers to SWAT. Additionally, the Medina Police Department assigns an officer to the Crisis Negotiation Team, a multi-jurisdictional team serving the county.

In 2025, the SWAT Team responded to nine service calls within its jurisdiction. These included two search warrants for federal agencies, search and arrest warrants for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office, search warrants for the Medina County Drug Task Force and the MEDWAY Drug Taskforce, arrest warrants for the Wadsworth City and Brunswick City Police Departments, an area search and arrest warrant for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and a hostage rescue for the Rittman City Police Department.

Medina County SWAT accrued 168 hours of team training. In July 2025, four team members received training and certification as energetic breachers, giving the SWAT team the capability to employ energetic breaching tactics as needed during call-for-service operations. Designated marksmen and energetic breachers each participated in an additional eight hours of monthly training. Most team members also received supplementary tactics instruction beyond the regular monthly sessions.

MEDINA COUNTY ALL HAZARDS TEAMS

The Medina Police Department dedicates an officer to two collaborative teams that enhance response in the county. Officer Tyler Thompson is a Confined Space Rescue Technician and former firefighter. Officer Thompson serves on both the Technical Rescue and Confined Spaces Team and the Fire Investigation Unit.

The Technical Rescue and Confined Spaces Team responded to two incidents that required extrication this past year. There were fourteen fire investigations, ten of which had criminal intent ruled out by the in-depth investigation.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

DETECTIVE BUREAU

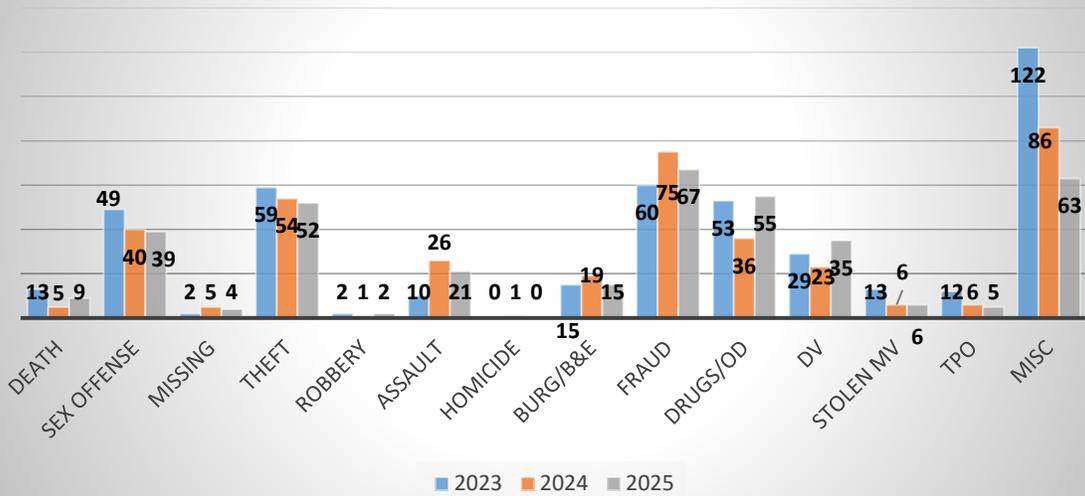
Lieutenant Scott Marcum oversees the Detective Bureau, which investigates felony and misdemeanor cases and conducts pre-employment background investigations. Most cases handled by the Detective Bureau originate from the Patrol Division and are forwarded for additional investigation.

Detectives are responsible for managing cases through the entire investigative process, including court proceedings. The Detective Bureau is staffed with four detectives who rotate through a weekly on-call schedule, responding from home to emergency investigations as needed.

One detective is currently assigned as a liaison to the Medina County Drug Taskforce, assisting with search warrants and undercover drug operations. Additionally, detectives participate in the Child Abduction Response Team (CART), a county-wide, multi-jurisdictional team. CART detectives receive ongoing training and engage in scenarios specific to cases involving missing or abducted children and at-risk adults.

In 2025, the Detective Bureau handled 373 cases. Cases are triaged before assignment to prioritize those with actionable leads or evidence, ensuring a focus on solvable cases. Over 185 cases were presented to the grand jury. Detectives obtained more than 36 search warrants and submitted countless grand jury subpoena requests. Additionally, 12 cases involved digital forensics, and detectives completed four pre-employment background investigations.

Detective Bureau Caseload Comparison



Communications/Dispatch



The Medina Police Department Communications Center serves as a critical hub for dispatch services, supporting five first responder agencies, including police, fire, and EMS.

Dispatch services directly reach the Medina Police Department and Medina Fire Department, with additional contracted support for the Montville Township Police Department, Medina Township Police Department, and Cleveland Clinic's Life

Support Team. Operating 24/7/365, the Communication Center also acts as the primary point of contact for all City services outside regular business hours.

Call Volume and Performance Metrics

In 2025, the Communications Center demonstrated exceptional efficiency and dedication, managing:

- 73,731 Calls for Service (CFS) across the five agencies served.
- 12,047 emergency 9-1-1 calls, a 15% increase from last year.
- 74,872 non-emergency calls.

Dispatch operators excelled in responsiveness:

- 99.6% of 9-1-1 calls answered in under 15 seconds.
- 99.78% of 9-1-1 calls answered in under 20 seconds.
- 90% of 9-1-1 calls answered in under 3 seconds.

These metrics significantly exceed the Ohio Administrative Code standards, which require 90% of calls answered within 15 seconds and 95% within 20 seconds.

Additionally, the Communication Center serves as a point of contact for all City services outside regular business hours since the communication center operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Staffing Updates

The Communications Center welcomed two new dispatchers in 2025:

- Victoria Peters (May 2025)
- Luke Tanzilli (June 2025)

Victoria and Luke have successfully completed their training programs and actively contribute to the team. These additions fully staff the communications center, reflecting the department's commitment to maintaining high operational standards.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

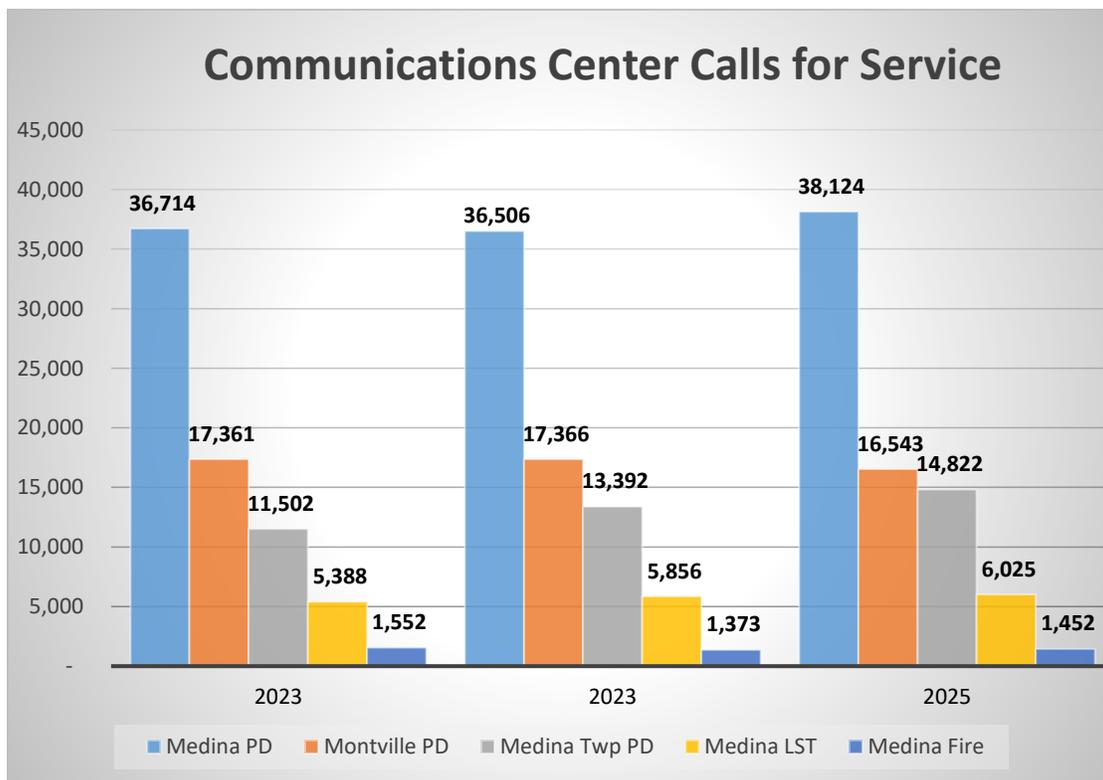


Dispatcher Crystal Vance reached the 10-year service milestone in 2025.

Dispatchers Ashley Pesata and Jennifer Kehoe received the Medina County Safe Communities Award and received nominations for the APCO Gold Star Award. In 2025 the two were honored with the Ohio Patriot Award by the Ohio



Department of Public Safety for their exemplary communication skills, after an active Amber Alert from Jefferson County, Ohio, led to a pursuit that entered Medina County. on November 11, 2024. During the incident, the suspect held his 7-year-old daughter hostage at gunpoint. The suspect initially spoke to Dispatcher Pesata, who remained on the line with him for more than twelve minutes. In that time, the two employed de-escalation techniques to stabilize the situation and protect the child. In the end the child was recovered safely and the suspect deceased.



Property/Evidence

The property officer ensures the proper collection, preservation, storage, security, and disposition of evidence and other property. Evidence is maintained only as long as necessary for any ongoing investigation or prosecution. Non-evidentiary property is retained until it can be returned to its rightful owner or otherwise disposed of in accordance with the law.

The department follows rigorous procedures to ensure the integrity of the chain of custody for all items stored in the facility. Regular audits and inventory checks are conducted to maintain accountability and compliance with state and federal regulations. The Property and Evidence Room plays a critical role in supporting the department's mission to uphold justice by preserving evidence for court proceedings and ensuring proper handling and return of personal property to rightful owners.

Summary of Activities:

The MPD Property Room received and managed significant property-related tasks in 2025. Below are key highlights:

1. **Property Inventory:**
 - As of the end of 2025, the Property Room holds 5,506 items of property.
2. **Property Received:**
 - A total of 820 items were received, including:
 - 192 items classified as drugs or drug paraphernalia.
3. **Property Disposition:**
 - 397 items were removed from the Property Room, including:
 - 252 items forfeited.
 - 235 items were destroyed.
 - 36 items were auctioned.
 - 126 items returned to their rightful owners.
4. **Prescription Drug Drop Box:**
 - The Prescription Drug Drop Box, located in the Police Department lobby, collected a total of 536.05 lbs. of unused medications.

	PROPERTY RECEIVED	NARCOTICS	BCI LAB SUBMISSIONS	ITEMS DESTROYED	ITEMS FORFEITED	ITEMS AUCTIONED
2025	852	192	99	235	252	36
2024	696	116	62	680	658	32
2023	1217	377	123	540	620	35

Goals for 2026:

- Maintain the current level of efficient operations.
- Conduct a thorough review of older property to determine eligibility for forfeiture or return to the rightful owner.

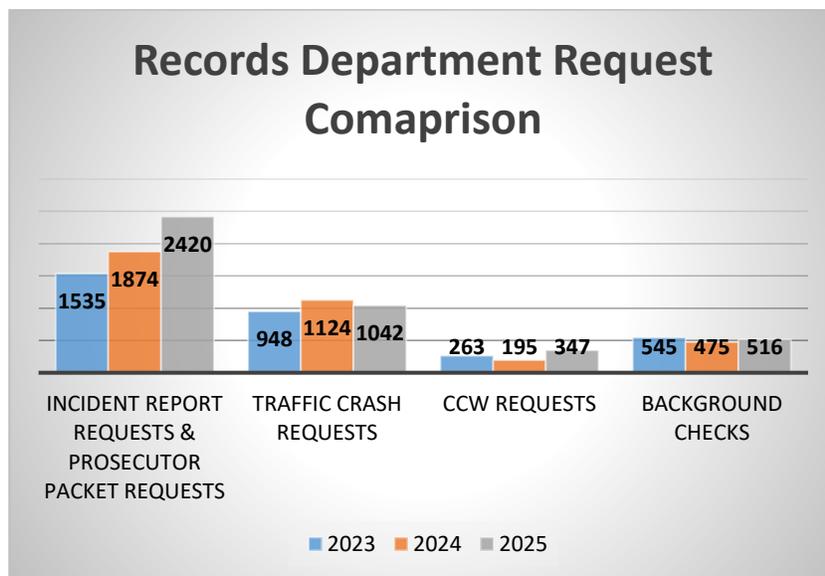
Records Department

The Records Division of the Medina Police Department plays a vital role in ensuring the efficient and accurate management of all departmental documentation and information. This division is responsible for processing, maintaining, and safeguarding a wide range of records, including incident and accident reports, citations, arrests, and other official documentation.



The Records Division provides critical support to the department by ensuring timely access to accurate data for investigations, administrative purposes, and legal proceedings. It also serves as a point of contact for the public, offering services such as requests for reports, background checks, and records inquiries, all while adhering to local, state, and federal regulations governing the confidentiality and dissemination of information.

Records division personnel are committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and efficiency in all operations, in alignment with the mission of the Medina Police Department to serve and protect the community.



Police Specials Unit

The Medina Police Department's "Specials Unit" was established in April of 1958. At that time, nine community members formed the volunteer unit to assist and supplement the Medina Police Department. Over the decades, the unit has grown and evolved to meet the needs of the community. Still, its core mission, service to the community, has remained unchanged. Members continue to donate many hours to support the mission of the Medina Police Department and enhance the safety and cohesion of the community. In 2025, the Specials Unit comprised of sixteen members. Eight members are state-certified and held to the same training standards as full-time officers. All members received department training necessary to effectively aid the Medina Police Department.

Members volunteered for 1,060 hours in 2025. Volunteer hours are earned by attending monthly meetings, completing training requirements, riding along with patrol officers, participating in paid details, and, most importantly, through volunteer assignments. The Specials Unit plays a vital role in providing security and traffic control at most community and school events.

In 2025, after decades of dedicated service, Special Officer Alan Rickenbrode retired. He joined the unit in 1997 and continues to serve the community as a member of the Medina Fire Department.

The Specials Unit offers strength and valued support to the ever-active community calendar of events. Their presence provides coverage that allows for smooth outcomes. The Medina Police Department is deeply grateful for their continued dedication and commitment. The members of the Specials Unit proudly carry forward a longstanding legacy of excellence and service.



The Ohio Collaborative Accreditation



The Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board, overseen by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, reviewed all submitted documentation demonstrating compliance with uniform standards for law enforcement agencies in areas of use of force, recruiting, community engagement, and transparency. The board also conducted a thorough review of departmental policies and made multiple on-site visits to verify compliance with day-to-day operations. The Medina Police Department is committed to supporting effective, professional policing statewide. The effort and organization put into this achievement exemplify our ongoing commitment to meet and exceed the standards expected across Ohio. The Medina Police Department will be recognized for this achievement at the Pathways to Excellence Conference on April 25, 2026.