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The Austin Police Department is committed to safeguarding the life, property and rights of our diverse community. As a part of and empowered by this community, we strive to maintain order through partnership and professional conduct. Together with our community partners we will sustain a thriving environment for all the residents.



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BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD



ANNUAL REPORT

Austin Police Department 2025



I am pleased to present the Austin Police Department's 2025 Annual Report to the Mayor, City Council, and citizens of Austin. This report is meant to give you a brief overview of the activities and accomplishments of the staff of Austin Police Department who serve our city.

I am thankful for the time and effort our staff takes to contribute to this report each year. They are doing a fantastic job with-in their areas of expertise and oversight. The time they take to write the narratives that convey to the citizens what they are accomplishing each year is incredibly important to me, the mayor, and Council.

Austin remains a city that engages their public safety services around 50 times a day. We do provide an overview of those calls for service at the end of this report. Those are not crimes statistics but rather a better overview of the myriad of call types we are responding to and how often we are to each type of call. If you are interested in crime statistics, those can be found at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension site. <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/bca/data-and-reports/mn-crime-statistics> Our staff also engaged in 1,000's of contacts that do not generate a statistically trackable case number.

Those calls for service can take as little as 5 minutes for a single officer to handle or take a dozen or more of our staff members 100's of total combined hours in cases such as a homicide. Our single biggest resource is the men and women who respond to and handle all those cases. This is not a resource without limits however, as we balance the need to provide 24/7/365-day coverage with their needs to have time off and not work shift hours that are overly long. This remained a challenge for us in 2025, due to staffing issues not only for us but across the industry. We did hire and retain more officers than we lost in 2025, and I am hopeful that in 2026 the department will put some of those staffing issues behind us.

We do however continue to recruit. We have a very supportive City Council, Mayor, and City Administration, who are partners in our efforts as we spend more time and effort on the recruitment side of things. Our agencies current listing can be found here. <https://www.ci.austin.mn.us/police-officer>

In addition to our licensed officers, we have two full-time CSOs (Community Service Officers), one Administrative Assistant, and a half-time CSO/Cadet position.

I am very appreciative of the Officers, CSO's, and administrative staff for work they did in 2025. This will be the final time that I will be presenting the annual report to all of you as I am retiring in 2026. It has never been lost on me that my tenure as Chief was made easier by the people I get to work with. I am very fortunate to interact with them, happy to advocate for them, and to share their accomplishments in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

David McKichan
Chief of Police



AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025 ROSTER

Chief of Police David McKichan

Captain Todd Clennon

Lieutenants

Dustin Wollenburg

Jeff McCormack

Michael Hartman

Detectives

Mark Walski

Brant Strouf

Dustin Hicks

Derek Ellis

Sergeants

Mike Tischer

Travis Martin

J. Daniel Osborne

Jessy Betts

Officers

Ryan Leif

Brian Blake

James Lunt

Samuel Schuweiler

Aaron Juenger

Nathan Hoefs

Michael Hulloper

Michael Nordean

Ryan McCormack

Josh Bradley

Jeffrey Marx

Ted Sherwood

Brady Johnson

Ryan Hansen

Damien Schroeder

Gentry Sovers

Zachary Keesey

Skyler Thomas

Isaiah Heeren

Mark Tamke

Joseph Huderle

Community Service Officers

Ernesto Cantu, Nick Zago, Michael Hanson

Administrative Assistant Kari Haarstad

DAY SHIFT - PATROL

Lt. Dustin Wollenburg



The day shift is responsible for providing police services between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. When at full staff, there are a total of nine officers assigned to the day shift, which includes a shift lieutenant and sergeant. The day shift has a three-officer minimum staffing level, but we try to have at least four officers working when manpower allows. The day shift is also supplemented by two School Resource Officers, two mid-shift officers that overlap from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a day shift Community Service Officer.

The day shift patrol division consisted of the following officers and CSO in 2025:

- **Lieutenant Dustin Wollenburg – Badge# 3D89**, a 23-year veteran officer, Lieutenant and Day Shift Patrol Supervisor, Administrative Vehicle and Property Forfeiture Coordinator, Peer Support Counselor, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle-Drone Pilot, Field Training Program Coordinator, Field Training Officer, and MN Public Employee Association Supervisor and Detective Unit Union President.
- **Sergeant Travis Martin – Badge# 8D109**, an 11-year veteran officer, Sergeant and Day Shift Patrol Supervisor, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Assistant Commander.
- **Patrol Officer Ryan Leif – Badge# 9D83**, a 25-year veteran officer and Department Vehicle Fleet Manager.
- **Patrol Officer Samuel Schuweiler – Badge# 9D101**, an 18-year veteran officer, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Negotiator, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, Field Training Officer and Patrol Officer Union President.
- **Patrol Officer Aaron Juenger – Badge# 9D111**, an 11-year veteran officer, Department Use of Force Instructor, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Operator, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer Nathan Hoefs – Badge# 9D116**, a ten-year veteran officer, Field Training Officer and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer Michael Hulloper – Badge# 9D125**, a seven-year veteran officer, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Operator, Department Firearms Instructor, and AR15 Rifle Armorer.
- **Community Service Officer Nicholas Zago – Badge# CSO19**, a five-year veteran member of the department. CSO Zago handles many minor violations of state statute

and city ordinance. He also supports the officers as needed in the performance of their duties.

The School Resource Officer Program consisted of the following officers in 2025:

- **SRO/Patrol Officer Brian Blake – Badge# 9D96**, a 19-year veteran officer, School Resource Officer assigned to Ellis Middle School, School Security Team Member and Patrol Officer Union Steward.
- **SRO/Patrol Officer James Lunt – Badge# 9D98**, an 18-year veteran officer, School Resource Officer assigned to Austin High School.

Although each school resource officer is primarily assigned to one specific school, they are responsible for overseeing police related activities at all schools in the district. Generally speaking, Ofc. Blake oversees the schools on the South and East sides of the city, while Ofc. Lunt oversees the schools on the North and West sides of the city.

Staffing

The day shift officers handled 6023 calls and contacts in the community this year compared to 5823 last year. Calls and contacts include both dispatched calls for service and self-initiated activities like traffic stops and warrant service. Day shift officers also issued 511 citations throughout the year for various criminal, traffic and parking related offenses. This number was up from 470 citations issued in 2024.

Again throughout 2025, the day shift was operating short-handed and often-times working at minimum staffing levels. Our shift is supposed to have nine officers assigned to it; however, we operated at least two officers short for most of the year. Again, we've had to move officers around to fill openings in the scheduling and cover shifts. Additionally, afternoon and night shift officers often picked up daytime overtime shifts to help cover the shortages. A shortage in police officers is a nationwide issue, and we continue to see that trend locally.

We did see some staffing changes to the dayshift this year. Ofc. Michael Nordean, who was previously assigned to the dayshift, took a job with an agency in Northern Minnesota. Although we miss Ofc. Nordean, we wish him the best at his new department. The departure of Ofc. Nordean created another opening on the dayshift. Ofc. Nathan Hoefs filled this void and joined the dayshift in August. Ofc. Hoefs was previously assigned to the night shift, so moving to the dayshift was a big change. Shifts are bid based upon seniority, with the dayshift typically being staffed with the more senior officers in the department.

Highlights of Activities and Community Involvement

2025 proved to be another busy year for our department and the officers on the day shift. As stated earlier, one of the biggest challenges throughout the year were consistent manpower shortages. This puts a lot of pressure on the officers to handle a higher volume

of calls per officer, handle labor intensive calls with minimal staff and frequently work overtime shifts. Despite these challenges, the officers on the dayshift remained steadfast in their commitment to serve the community.

- In March, the dayshift escorted the Boy's Peewee Hockey Team out of town enroute to their state tournament.
- In August, Sgt. Martin gave a safety presentation to the residents of the Oak Park Village. The event focused on things the residents can do to keep themselves and



Ofc. Hoefs during the 2025 Shop with a Hero Event at Walmart

their neighbors safe.

- In September, SRO Blake participated in the Neveln Elementary School Bike Rodeo. The department donated a couple of abandoned bikes that were unclaimed to the event.
- In September, Dayshift officers participated in a birthday drive-by to help a young man in the Southwest part of town celebrate his special day.
- In September, several of the dayshift officers attended the September 11th Memorial Event at Pacelli High School.
- In October, Officers Schuweiler and Bradley attended a career fair at the University of Winona college campus. The event was to promote our department and city to students in the law enforcement program. Events like this are especially important as there is a significant shortage nationwide of police officer candidates.
- In October, Lt Wollenburg held the annual City of Austin bike and property auction. This is a public auction where DWI/drug forfeited vehicles and miscellaneous abandoned property are sold to the highest bidders.
- In November, Ofc. Leif spoke at a Citizen Solder event at Pacelli High School. Leif spoke about being in the Army Reserve and the transition to being a Police Officer.
- In December, Lt Wollenburg attended the Toys for Tots event in the Running parking lot. The event was well attended and raised a significant amount of toys for disadvantaged children.
- In December, day shift officers and first responders from the area, participated in the Shop with a Hero event at the Austin Walmart. This program allows underprivileged children in the community to shop with members of local police, fire and ambulance services. The kids each get a gift card to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and their family members.

The day shift is a very proactive team of professional officers that work together to achieve the goal of enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Austin. We are committed to providing the best service possible to our community and we look forward to continuing that service in the New Year.



Picture of Sundog taken by Ofc. Leif

AFTERNOON SHIFT – PATROL

Lt. Michael Hartman



The afternoon shift is responsible for providing police services between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. The afternoon shift is one of the largest and busiest shifts on the department. At full staff, there are a total of nine officers, one full time CSO and one part time CSO Cadet assigned, including two “mid-shift” patrol officers that work from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The “mid-shift” also provides supplemental manpower to the day shift, but those officers are primarily responsible to the evening shift schedule. When fully staffed, the evening shift has a minimum of four officers working at any given time, with possibly up to five or six if no officer takes their shift off. The evening shift overlaps with the night shift from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., which provides extra manpower during what is often a very busy time of the shift.

The afternoon shift patrol division consisted of the following officers in 2025:

- **Lieutenant Michael Hartman – Badge# 3D103**, a 16-year veteran officer, Lieutenant and Afternoon Shift Patrol Supervisor, Department Training Coordinator, Field Training Officer, Mobile Field Force Coordinator, Awards Committee Member, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Sergeant Jessy Betts – Badge# 8D137**, a 3-year veteran officer, with 11 years of experience prior to joining the Austin Police Dept., Sergeant and Afternoon Shift Patrol Supervisor, Community Service Officer Supervisor, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT), Active Response Trainer, Drone Operator, Project Life Saver, Field Training Officer, Awards Committee Member, Evidence Technician, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer Jeffrey Marx – Badge# 9D129**, a 6-year veteran officer, with 12 years of experience prior to joining the Austin Police Dept., Special Incident Response Team (SIRT), SIRT Sniper, SIRT Team Leader, Department Firearms Instructor, Mobile Field Force, Department Armorer, Gym/Fitness Committee Member, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer Ted Sherwood – Badge# 9D133**, a 3-year officer, CPR/First Aid Instructor, Certified Phlebotomist, National Night Out Organizer, Social Media Coordinator, Field Training Officer, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer Brady Johnson – Badge# 9D135**, a 3-year officer (3 years of prior experience as an Austin Police Department Community Service Officer), Award Committee Member, and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Patrol Officer Gentry Sovers – Badge# 9D141**, a 2-year officer, and Shop with a Hero Coordinator.
- **Patrol Officer Damien Schroeder – Badge #9D143**, a 2-year officer (Just under 1 year of prior experience as an Austin Police Department Community Service Officer), and DMT Breath Test Operator.

- **Patrol Officer Zachary Keeseey – Badge #9D145**, a 1-year officer, with 5 years of experience prior to joining the Austin Police Dept.
- **Patrol Officer Skylar Thomas – Badge #9D146**, Less than 1 year of experience, hired in July of 2025.

The afternoon shift patrol division is also supplemented by Community Service Officer Ernesto Cantu (nearing 27 years of experience) and CSO Cadet Michael Hanson (less than 1 year) on the afternoon shift. CSO Cantu works full-time, typically from 4 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. five days a week while Hanson works a combination of day and afternoon shifts at a part time rate.

The CSO's handle animal control duties throughout the city, take care of the city animal shelter, and handle many minor violations of state statutes and city ordinances, including but not limited to runaways, juvenile issues and parking complaints. The CSO's also frequently assist the patrol officers during the course of their duties (such as traffic and crowd control), and they are a real asset to the department and the City of Austin. The CSO Program is supervised by afternoon shift Sgt. Jessy Betts.

The afternoon shift officers respond to a wide variety of calls relating to things like assaults, runaways, burglaries, robberies, homicides, illegal drugs, thefts, missing persons, and medical emergencies along with multiple other types of calls. Officers also handled many traffic related incidents including traffic accidents, unlicensed drivers, speeders, reckless/careless driving, DWI's – both alcohol and drug impaired, un-insured vehicles, stolen vehicles, general traffic violations and much more. In 2025, officers covering the afternoon shift hours responded to 10,469 contacts and/or calls for service out of the 17,749 total contacts and calls for service for the entire department. Afternoon shift officers issued 650 citations and numerous documented warnings throughout the year for various criminal, traffic and parking related offenses. Additionally, the CSO's responsible for the afternoon shift responded to a total of 726 contacts/calls for service and issued 142 citations.

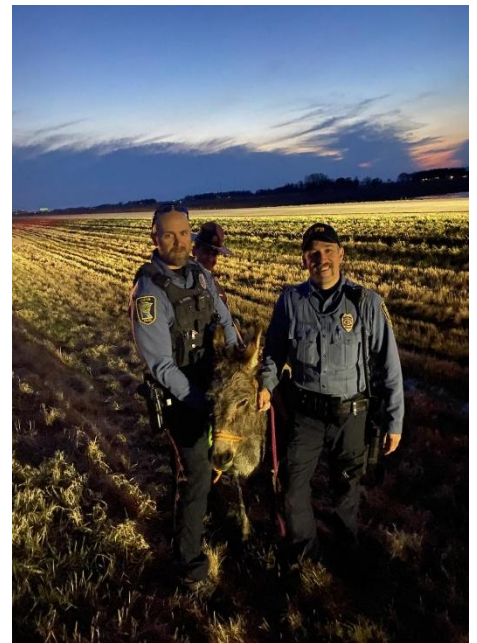
Afternoon shift officers were also responsible for serving 63 arrest warrants in 2025.

In 2025, the afternoon shift saw some significant staffing changes, including a new shift sergeant and multiple officers moving between shifts.

- Sgt. Osborne moved to the overnight shift part way through the year, ultimately leaving the department later in the year, returning to his hometown in Kentucky to continue his law enforcement career.
- Officers Betts was promoted to Sergeant, remaining on the afternoon shift but in his new role as a supervisor.
- Officer Keeseey was hired and moved between the night shift, afternoon shift, and ultimately landing on the mid-shift.
- Officer Thomas was hired and placed on the afternoon shift.
- Community Service Officer Hanson was hired by the department in the Cadet position.

Highlights of afternoon shift activity and community involvement:

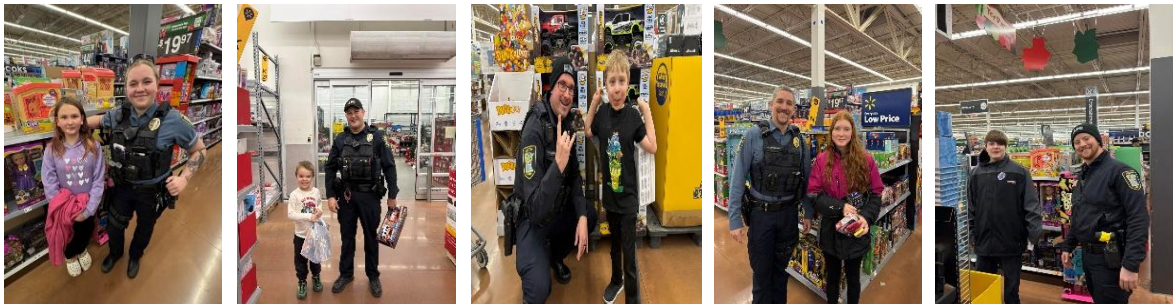
- In January, Lt. Hartman, Officers Sherwood, Sovers, and Marx responded to a possible gun call. The call resulted in a male being placed into custody after being located with a firearm in his possession.
- In February, Officer Schroeder responded to an active house fire. Upon arrival, Schroeder located a victim directly outside of the residence on the ground with the residence fully engulfed in flames. Schroeder was able to physically remove the victim from the area and provide necessary medical aid. Schroeder was recognized by the department and Austin City Council for his actions on this call.
- In March, Lt. Hartman, Officers Marx, Johnson, and Schroeder responded to a report of an explosion in the SE part of time. The call resulted in officers locating a male suspect who made a homemade pipe bomb.
- In March, Lt. Hartman led the Public Safety Day for the Leadership Austin group. This day includes a general overview of the entire department along with multiple presentations from other officers/detectives within the department.
- In April, Sgt. Betts, Officers Sovers, officers on the night shift, and Mower County Deputies responded to the area of the Nature Center for a suicidal individual. With the assistance of a Drone, officers were able to locate the individual, who then ran into oncoming traffic on I-90. Officers were able to safely stop all vehicles and secure the individual, getting the individual mental health assistance.
- In April, Lt. Hartman, Officers Marx, Schroeder, and Johnson responded to a report of a loose animal running down the road. Officers located a donkey that was running down the road, ultimately running onto I-90 into oncoming traffic. With the assistance of the public, officers were able to secure the donkey and return it to its rightful owner.
- In May, Lt. Hartman, Officers Marx, Johnson, and night shift officers responded to a gun call. The call resulted in a male being placed into custody as well as a firearm being located.
- In May, Officer Sherwood responded to a motor vehicle accident. The call resulted in Sherwood recognizing a serious medical emergency, providing high quality CPR with AED shocks until more help could arrive, ultimately saving the individuals' life. Sgt. Betts, Officer Keesey, and Community Service Officer Cantu did arrive on scene and assist. Sherwood will be awarded with a lifesaving award for this call in 2026.
- In July, Officer Sherwood responded to a medical with Austin Fire for an unresponsive individual. Sherwood assisted with providing high quality CPR and providing multiple shocks to the victim. The call resulted in the victim being transported to MCHS-Austin and ultimately surviving the incident.
- In July, Officer Sovers gave a presentation to Austin's More than Pink Program, a program where juvenile girls are taught multiple life lessons and attend multiple presentations from women within the community.
- In August, Officer Sherwood helped coordinate National Night Out. An event where citizens can come out and meet multiple First Responders as well as their vehicles and equipment.



- In August, Officers Johnson, Marx, and multiple night officers responded to a Hit and Run with an individual having been struck by a vehicle. The call resulted in the individual being transported for injuries sustained due to being hit. With the assistance of detectives, officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle and suspect, ultimately placing an individual under arrest.
- In August, officers were informed that a military veteran had lost his West Point ring on Interstate 90 at the edge of town. Lt. Hartman, Officers Johnson, Sherwood, and night officers searched for the ring. Sherwood was able to locate the ring and return it back to its owner.



- In August, Officer Marx and multiple night officers responded to a domestic assault with a knife. Officers were able to safely make entry into the residence and place a male individual under arrest with no injuries.
- In September, Lt. Hartman, Officer Johnson and multiple night officers responded to MCHS-Austin for a stabbing victim. The call ended up occurring in Mower County and officers assisted Deputies as needed.
- In October, Lt. Hartman, Officer Sherwood, Sovers, and multiple night officers responded to a robbery with a gun. The call resulted in multiple people being taken into custody and multiple firearms being located.
- In December, Officer Sherwood had a DWI Hat-Trick. This is where a single officer arrests three DWI's in a single 10-hour shift. Sherwood will be recognized by the State of Minnesota for this in 2026.
- In December, Lt. Hartman, Officers Sovers, Sherwood, and Community Service Officer Cadet Hanson participated in "Shop with a Hero" program at Wal-Mart. This program allows underprivileged children in the community to shop with members of local police, fire and ambulance services. The children get gift cards



to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and their family members. This program is also coordinated by Officer Sovers.

- The afternoon shift officers were active in the Toward Zero Death (TZD) campaign enforcement waves throughout 2025. Each enforcement wave focuses on seat belt enforcement, distracted driving and drug/alcohol impaired drivers.

The afternoon shift is a very pro-active team of professional officers that work well together to achieve the ultimate goal of enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Austin. We are committed to providing the best service possible to our community and we look forward to continuing that service in 2026.

NIGHT SHIFT - PATROL

Lt. Jeff McCormack

The night shift is responsible for providing police services between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. When at full staff, there are a total of seven officers assigned to the night shift, which includes a shift Lieutenant and Sergeant. The night shift has a four-officer minimum staffing level from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., followed by a three officer minimum from 2:00 am to 8:00 a.m. The night shift overlaps with the afternoon shift from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., which provides extra manpower during what is often the busiest time of the night. The night shift ran 1 officer short on the shift throughout the most of the year due to staffing shortages, which, in turn, caused the officers to work a fair amount of overtime throughout the entire year.



The night shift patrol division consisted of the following officers in 2025:

- **Lieutenant Jeff McCormack – Badge# 3D75**, a 30 1/2 year veteran officer, Lieutenant and Evening Shift Patrol Supervisor (currently the longest standing member of the police department), Evidence/Property Room Manager and DMT Breath Test Operator.
- **Sergeant Michael Tischer – Badge# 8D97**, a 19 year veteran officer, Sergeant and Evening Shift Patrol Supervisor, Evidence Room Supervisor and DMT Breath Test Operator. Congratulations to Sgt. Tischer who retired at the end of February to pursue his dream of opening up a sandwich shop up in Longville, Minnesota. The department and the City of Austin will miss his leadership, experience and service greatly!
- **Sergeant Daniel Osborne – Badge# 8D128**, a veteran officer who came here from Kentucky several years back and was a SIRT crisis negotiator, Field Training Officer, and the departments Wellness and Chaplaincy coordinator. He was promoted to Sergeant and replaced Sgt. Tischer as the night shift Sergeant after his retirement. In October, Sgt. Osborne unfortunately left his employment with the City of Austin and moved back down home to Kentucky to be closer to his family and now works for the Bardstown P.D. down there. His leadership, experience and southern accent will be missed.
- **Patrol Officer Nathan Hoefs – Badge# 9D116**, a 10 year veteran officer, Field Training Officer, and DMT Breath Test Operator. In the middle of August, Officer Hoefs left his career long night shift work to go work with the dayshift officers and it has been a nice transition for him and his family ever since. His experience, sense of humor and mentorship will be missed by the night shift!
- **Patrol Officer Ryan McCormack – Badge# 9D126**, a 7 year officer, Crisis and Hostage Negotiator for the Special Incident Response Team (SIRT), Field Training Officer (FTO), a DMT Operator and the departments newest EVOC instructor. Officer McCormack also completed his last supervisory class (8 total) through the BCA, awarding him with his Supervisor Leadership Program certificate, which is a significant accomplishment! This is a course that takes approximately 3 years to complete.

- **Patrol Officer Joshua Bradley – Badge# 9D127**, a 7 year officer, Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) Operator, Less Lethal/Chemical Munitions Instructor, Pepperball Instructor, Mobile Field Force, National Night Out Coordinator, Field Training Officer, a DMT Breath Test Operator and the departments Wellness and Chaplaincy program coordinator.
 - **Patrol Officer Ryan Hansen – Badge# 9D138**, a 3 year officer, certified Drone Pilot/Operator, operator for the Special Incident Response Team (SIRT), one of the department's Facebook Page Administrators and the departments newest Use of Force instructor and also the new Pistol/Rifle armorer.
 - **Patrol Officer Isaiah Heeren – Badge# 9D147**, is the newest officer on the night shift to and was permanently posted to the shift at the end of October this year. He started his employment as a police officer with the City of Austin in the middle of July and is currently going through his 1 year probationary period.
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The night shift officers respond to a wide variety of calls relating to things such as assaults, burglaries, robberies, homicides, illegal drugs, thefts, missing persons, drug overdoses, juvenile complaints and medical emergencies along with multiple other types of calls. Fortunately, officers did not have any homicides to respond to this year again!! Officers also handled many traffic related incidents including traffic accidents, unlicensed drivers, speeders, reckless/careless driving, DWI's – both alcohol and drug impaired, un-insured vehicles, stolen vehicles, general traffic violations, parking complaints and much more.

In 2025, while still busy, the night shift officers and the department as a whole, responded to a lower than average number of calls, traffic and criminal citations, warrants and contacts compared to other years due to the Mower County Cyber Security Breach in mid summer, which significantly impacted our day to day operations as we lost use of most of our technology so officers had to scale things back similar to the COVID times several years ago. Unfortunately, we do not have the exact number of each (calls/contacts/warrants/citations) like past years due to the high amount of officer movement on the shift with numerous officers both coming and going at different times throughout the year.

Highlights of night shift officers' activity and community involvement:

- Throughout the year, several of the shifts' officers attended advanced training outside the department in a variety of areas including BCA management courses, advanced SIRT training, Use of Force, Firearms, Driving instructor and other various topics.
- Throughout the year, several officers also took part in job fairs and were also very active in our departments "Ride-along" program where citizens, council members and Law Enforcement students ride along with our patrol officers to get a taste of what we do and the types of calls we handle on a regular basis. The Law Enforcement students are also riding along to see what the department and city have to offer as a prospective employment opportunity after they graduate and become eligible to begin their career.

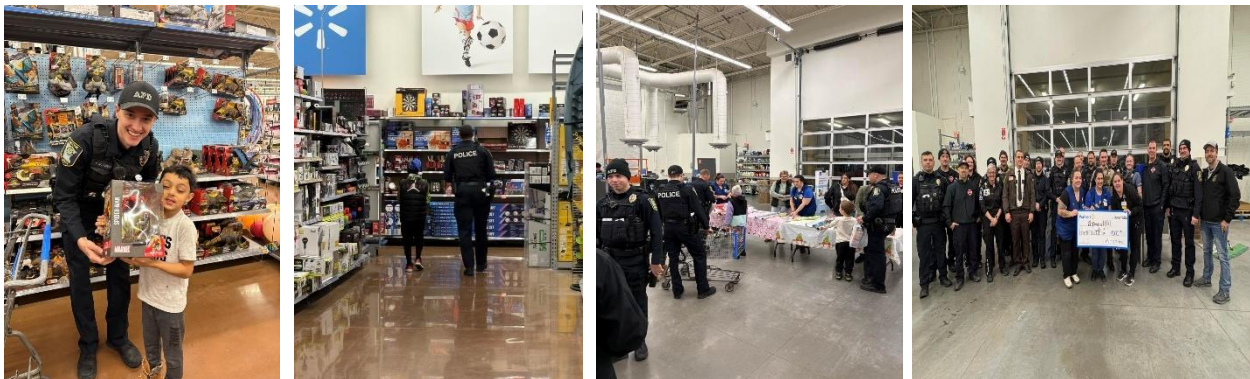
- In May, Sgt. Osborne and Officer McCormack were honored by being selected (along with the rest of the SIRT negotiations team) by the statewide Crisis Negotiators Association of Minnesota (CNAMN) with the “Negotiator Team of the Year Award” for a hours long hostage type situation that they worked to a successful outcome back in 2024.
- In May, Officer Bradley took the initiative to research and purchase new Pepperball launchers for the department as a “less-lethal” use of force option. He was also responsible for training and certifying officers prior to their deployment in the squad cars.



- In August, both Officer McCormack and Officer Hansen were honored before a Minnesota Twins game for being nominated and eventually selected to the Statewide Minnesota DWI All-Star Team (for 2024) for their aggressive and continued efforts with removing impaired (drunk and drugged) drivers from the roads.

- In August, several of the night shift officers both coordinated and worked at the annual National Night Out (NNO) event at the bandshell park. This event is a well attended public event and is a good opportunity for the public to meet our officers in their different roles and capacities and to see the different equipment they use throughout the department on a regular basis.

- In December, Officer McCormack, Officer Bradley and Officer Heeren participated in Shop with a Hero at our local Wal-Mart, along with several other of the department’s officers. This program allows underprivileged children to shop with local police officers, firefighters, dispatchers, jailers and Mayo Ambulance members. The children are each given a \$150 gift card to purchase Christmas gifts for themselves and/or their family members.



- Night shift officers were also active in the Toward Zero Death’s (TZD) campaign throughout the year. This campaign involves multiple traffic enforcement overtime waves throughout the year, focusing on violations such as seat belt enforcement, speeding, distracted driving, and DWI enforcement. This campaign and officer participation is essential to keeping the community safe.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Captain Todd Clennon



The Division of Investigation has an authorized staff of five detectives. Unfortunately, The division worked in a reduced capacity with 4 detectives for the entirety of 2025. There were a total of 230 assigned cases in 2025. This number does not reflect Task Force cases worked by Det. Ellis. In 2025 detectives worked an average of about 70 cases per detective. This is a high, but manageable number and allows detectives to prioritize cases and devote the time needed to solve them. Cases assigned to detectives often require an incredible amount of time, manpower and collaboration to reach a resolution. The APD has a wonderful group of detectives and officers that stepped up to the challenges of 2025 and demonstrated their dedication to the City and public safety multiple times throughout the year.

Mark Walski, Brant Strouf, Dustin Hicks and Derek Ellis are the current detectives and worked in this capacity for all of 2025. Four of the authorized five detective positions work general, non-drug related cases. Detective Walski specializes in child crimes and criminal sex cases. Detectives Strouf and Hicks work predatory offender registration and failure to register (POR), computer crime cases, many of the serious assault and fraud/forgery/theft cases. Detective Ellis works most of the ICAC (Internet Crimes against Children) cases and is assigned to the Southeast Minnesota Violent Crime Enforcement Task Force. Detective Ellis works the majority of the city's narcotics cases in his capacity as the SEMVCET detective.

The Task Force detective would generally not be assigned to ICAC cases as they can be an enormous consumer of time, data and preparation. Detective Ellis is an exception as the division is down 1 detective to replace this duty and he has the training and experience to process the cases. Hopefully the detective vacancy will be filled in the near future so detective Ellis can focus entirely on narcotics investigations which take a back seat to high priority ICAC cases.

The Division of Investigation works with the SEMVCET in executing narcotics search warrants. The division works closely together with the three Mower County Sheriff's Office detectives in executing numerous search warrants in Austin and Mower County.

Detectives from both agencies also work with each other and assist one another on cases whenever possible. This good working relationship with the city and county detectives serves citizens in both jurisdictions well, as there is so much cross-over crime.

The general detectives work a day shift Monday through Friday. The Task Force member works non-traditional hours to complete his cases. One of the four detectives per week is assigned an "on call status," meaning they must maintain an hour response time during that week and are responsible for the investigation of any serious cases that come in after hours. Even matters that may end up not being criminal, such as suicides, require us to treat them as a crime until we can decide otherwise and may need investigative response after hours.

Detectives are often assigned cases that require follow-up that the patrol division can't do based on their time schedule and need to respond to calls. In addition to these assigned cases, the detectives are also often called on to do short next day follow-ups on arrests and in custody cases in which additional detail or interviews must be provided for charging. They also often do the same thing when cases reach the trial phase.

Mark Walski

Mark has approximately 25 years of law enforcement experience with the City of Austin's Police Department. He joined the Investigations Division in 2015. Walski was assigned to 83 cases in 2025, a majority of those are child protection and sexual assault cases. Examples of Detective Walski's case work includes:

APRIL 2025: Detective Walski was assigned a church burglary at Christ Episcopal. The masked suspect broke into the church and stole several thousands of dollar's worth of property not including the damage caused from the break in. Through solid investigative work detective Walski obtained video, DNA samples from the church and suspects along with executing multiple search warrants. Det. Walski's tenacious work resulted in an Austin man being charged with Felony 2nd degree burglary, Theft and Criminal damage to property.

SEPTEMBER 2025: Detective Walski was assigned a case in which a 13-year-old Austin girl gave birth. During Detective Walski's investigation he learned that the girl's adult "step" father was likely the father of the 13-year-olds child. Det. Walski conducted many interviews, DNA samples and search warrants that ultimately lead to the arrest of the suspect and serious Felony criminal charges.

In addition to detective Walski's general detective work he also facilitated working with an Austin family in need. In 2025 he received a report regarding an Austin family with children not having a furnace or heat in the residence. They were using space heaters throughout their house. Walski, with the help of local business and donations, replaced the furnace in the Families home. While there, he noticed the condition of the residence needed some work and nominated them for the Pay it Forward Program, which they were selected for. The renovation was around \$80,000 worth of work done to the inside and outside of their residence.

Brant Strouf

Brant has worked for the Austin Police Department for 23 years and became a detective in 2016. He was assigned 60 cases in 2025. Det. Strouf handles general cases, predatory offender registration (POR) and does background investigations. Det. Strouf was the department's lead range instructor and armorer through the year but has turned those duties over to other officers recently. Examples of Strouf's case work include:

February 2025-Homicide. The driver of a vehicle was shot and killed by a backseat passenger. Every investigator from the Austin PD was involved in one way or the other and their hard work resulted in several arrests and charges of not only the homicide suspect, but other violent offenders as well. The case is pending trial

July 2025-Commercial burglaries. Austin PD patrol officers responded to a property damage call and alertly observed a firearm leading to a subsequent search warrant resulting in the discovery of a stolen rifle from Runnings as well as evidence of recent middle of the night break-ins at Austin convenience stores. The suspect has been in custody since this incident and court proceedings are pending results of mental competency hearings.

August 2025-Criminal Vehicular Operation. A thorough and complete response by patrol officers in a hit and run in which a pedestrian and his dog were seriously injured by a car that disappeared into the night helped investigators catch up to the suspect who recently pled guilty and is pending sentencing.

Dustin Hicks

Det. Hicks has worked for the Austin Police Department since 2016. He joined the Division of Investigation in April of 2019. Det. Hicks was assigned 64 cases in 2025. He assists Det. Walski with Human Services intakes, handles general cases and works with predatory offender violations and requirements. Det. Hicks also does police candidate background investigations and fraud/forgery cases. Det. Hicks has been the commander of SIRT since 2022. Examples of Hicks work include:

FEBRUARY 2025-This was a homicide that occurred on Saturday, February 15, 2025. Responding officer located two adult males with injuries consistent with gunshot wounds. One of the males died at the scene and the other was transported for medical treatment. With the help of the Mower County Sheriff's Office, the MN BCA and the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office the suspect was located and taken into custody later the same day. The investigation has led to numerous search warrants being executed, additional arrests and criminal charges. The suspect's homicide trial was scheduled for February 2026.

MAY 2025- This investigation began in May 2025 when it was reported to LE that the suspect was in possession of "ghost guns" and a pipe bomb and was making threats against medical and government facilities. The investigation was assisted by the Mower County Sheriff's Office and the St. Paul Bomb Squad. No explosive devices were located, but numerous firearms with no serial numbers were recovered. The case led to an interdisciplinary review with agencies including the Rochester PD, the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office, the MN BCA and Mayo Clinic.

Derek Ellis

Det. Ellis has been with the Austin PD since 2014. He joined the Division of Investigation in 2020. In 2025 Det. Ellis was assigned 23 cases. Det. Ellis was assigned to the SEMVCET (Task Force) for all of 2025. He will provide more details on Task Force assignments in his report. Although his primary work is with narcotics and the Task Force, he does get assigned ICAC cases and a few general cases due to the Division of Investigation not having a full complement of detectives. Det. Ellis is also engaged in the forensic review of cell phones and other current technological devices. Det. Ellis is a Department Drone Pilot. Examples of Ellis's work include:

JANUARY 2025 ICAC case - Austin PD received a Cybertip reporting that a suspect had uploaded suspected Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) to the internet and was engaged in chats stating they were going to sexual abuse a younger family member. The suspect was identified and found to be living with a younger sibling. Search warrant completed in January 2025. Suspect was arrested for suspicion of producing CSAM and Possession of CSAM.

2025 Theft case - Investigation spanned much of 2025, after a local business reported that one of their employees stole thousands of dollars. Investigation had hundreds of store receipts to sort through and over 20 possible victims to follow up with. During the investigation it was discovered that the employee committed identify theft of over 20 possible victims (8 victims we could prove). Suspect was charged with Felony theft and identity theft.

2025 ICAC case - Austin received a Cybertip where suspect was uploading Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) to the internet. Suspect was identified and found to be a prior sex offender. Multiple search warrants were conducted, and suspect was found to be in possession of hundreds of files of CSAM Suspect was also found to be in possession of firearms as a prohibited person. Suspect was arrested charged with Possession of CSAM and Production of CSAM.

2025 Burglary case - Burglary investigation involving the theft of firearms from a local business. Investigation has been led by Austin PD and assisted by ATF. Investigation has led to the recovery of all but one firearm. Two suspects have been identified and investigation is ongoing.

Cases which the detectives handle tend to require additional follow-up which the patrol division can't complete due to call load or timing. The cases often also require additional training and expertise. Even cases that seem simple in nature, such as a check forgery, often require hours of follow up to reach a point where a suspect can be identified and charged. The service of a search warrant at best also takes hours to write, prepare, and serve. Often these cases require more than one person, and the case of a single search warrant may require four to six hours or more.

From the perspective of cases assigned to the unit, 2025 saw case numbers consistent to historical averages.

Minor cases such as gas drive-offs, minor thefts, ongoing animal issues, or initial runaway reports continue to be shifted to the uniformed patrol division, CSOs, or school liaisons in order to free up investigators' time for larger cases, as well as provide experience to the patrol officers in investigating cases.

In addition to investigating new cases, the detectives are responsible for aiding the county attorney's office in cases that go to trial. These duties, in serious matters, may tie up an investigator for the better part of a week's time between trial preparations and testifying; all while new cases continue to flow in.

Other time may be spent working with the BCA and State Crime Lab to process evidence from victims or scenes. The Austin Police Department has had some success in identifying suspects from fingerprint recoveries and DNA evidence. It is also something that the public has come to expect from local law enforcement as technology has improved.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Sergeant J. Betts

The Austin Police Department's Community Service Officer (CSO) Program continues to provide valuable services to the citizens of Austin and remains an important asset to the department. CSOs are responsible for animal control operations throughout the city, the care and maintenance of the municipal animal shelter, oversight of the city's bike shed, and enforcement of minor violations of state statutes and city ordinances. In addition, CSOs occasionally assist patrol officers in support of their duties.

Community Service Officer Staff

The CSO Program currently consists of two full-time positions and one part-time position:

- **Ernesto Cantu, CSO11** – CSO Cantu has served with the department since the program's inception in 1999 and will celebrate his 27th anniversary with the department in May. In addition to his regular CSO responsibilities, he is bilingual

in English and Spanish and occasionally assists officers with translation services. CSO Cantu works full-time on the evening shift.

- **Nick Zago, CSO19** – CSO Zago has been with the department since October 2019 and will mark his seventh anniversary this year. Alongside his regular CSO duties, he assists with data collection and maintains records tracking animal intake and release at the shelter. He works full-time on the day shift.
- **Michael Hanson, CSO22** – CSO Hanson was hired in October 2025 under the Cadet/CSO designation. In addition to standard CSO responsibilities, he is receiving on the job field training in patrol-oriented duties. CSO Hanson works various hours in a part-time capacity.

Cadet Position Development

Introduced in 2024, the Cadet position continues to evolve and be refined. While performing the same core responsibilities as a CSO, the Cadet also receives training to respond to non-confrontational or past-action calls for service. This structure reduces the burden of low-priority calls on sworn officers while allowing the Cadet to gain valuable field experience.

The position culminates when the Cadet obtains POST licensure and transitions into a sworn officer role, significantly increasing the likelihood of successful completion of field training requirements and probation. While on duty, the Cadet serves as the primary caretaker of the city's animal shelter, bike shed, and parking enforcement operations. The Cadet also participates in multiple ride-alongs with Field Training Officers to further prepare for patrol responsibilities.

Animal Shelter Operations

The municipal animal shelter, located adjacent to the Humane Society, has the capacity to house sixteen dogs and sixteen cats indoors. The dog kennels are equipped with secure door features that make feeding and cleaning safer and more efficient, eliminating the need to remove animals during routine care.

In 2025, CSOs responded to 1,368 calls for service. The majority involved animal complaints, found property, juvenile runaway reports, and parking violations. A total of 324 citations were issued, primarily for parking, animal, and park ordinance violations.

In 2025, 133 animals were housed at the shelter, including 97 dogs and 36 cats. Of those, 26 dogs and 30 cats were transferred to the Mower County Humane Society. One rabbit was adopted directly by private citizens.

The CSOs consistently demonstrate professionalism and dedication in carrying out their responsibilities. In 2025, they managed an unusual case involving an abandoned domesticated rabbit, an uncommon occurrence at the shelter. The CSOs ensured proper care by obtaining appropriate food and maintaining the animal's living space until it was successfully adopted by a local family.

The continued commitment and versatility of the CSO Program significantly enhance the department's effectiveness and service to the community.



HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer James Lunt

Officer James Lunt is currently the School Resource Officer serving Austin Public Schools. SRO Lunt has been located at the Austin High School since October 2013. Officer Lunt is primarily responsible for Austin Public High School, along with Banfield and Sumner elementary and the Oakland Education Center. Officer Lunt will continue to build the SRO program and work closely with school administration, teachers, staff, and students to provide high quality, school-based law enforcement.

Officer Lunt has continued his duties to include student home visits and welfare checks. Officer Lunt has been working closely with Mower County Probation and school administration to identify truancy issues within the school. Officer Lunt will contact students and families to make sure they have all the access they need to be successful with their chosen learning style.

Officer Lunt continues to be an integral part of the daily operation at the Oakland Education Center. Oakland Education Center is a cooperative school with Albert Lea and Austin that provides education to Level 4 students with behavioral and emotional disturbances. Dealing with student's behaviors can be very challenging and time consuming, but also rewarding to see the positive changes that students can make.

Officer Lunt attends weekly building and leadership meetings and monthly safety meetings that focus on safety issues within the district. The district continues to work with Homeland Security in school safety planning and response. The district has hired two security positions for the high school which has made a big impact on building security and safety.

Officer Lunt is involved in a variety of functions:

- Responsible for the safety and security of assigned schools
- Liaison between the Austin Police Department and Austin Public Schools
- Serves on the school safety committee to implement security and emergency procedures
- Coordinates alcohol compliance checks within the City of Austin
- Conducts investigations in cases assigned within the school district
- Serves as a guest speaker for classrooms on topics such as alcohol, drugs, and criminal matters
- Assigned to patrol division when not performing School Resource Officer duties



Officer Lunt provides a program of educational leadership to the school staff, students, and parents. The program addresses tobacco, alcohol, drug issues, gang activity, violence prevention, crime prevention, and safety issues in the school community.

Officer Lunt has been involved with a variety of incidents while working within the schools. Most of the criminal complaints he responds to include theft, drug use, child abuse, child welfare, assaults, disorderly conduct, and socially based media harassment.

Overall, the 2025 school year major events have drastically declined. Most major events have been mitigated due to certain programming within the school. Discipline has also significantly declined within Austin High School.



Officer Lunt's schools did not have any notable threats or swatting calls during the year. The safety committee continues to do tabletop exercises to train in that situation.

Officer Lunt attended a four-day training put on by Minnesota Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security. This training is a new POST Board requirement for School Resource Officers. This training goes beyond traditional policing, focusing on building positive relationships and enhancing school security. Through comprehensive coursework, scenario-based exercises and professional development, Lunt acquired new knowledge that can be passed on to future School Resource Officers.

Officer Lunt was a part of celebrating with the Thielen Foundation with the ribbon cutting of the new AHS weight room which had a full renovation funded by Minnesota Vikings Adam Thielen.

ELLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Officer Brian Blake



I am Patrolman Brian Blake; in my nineteenth-year with the Austin Police Department, and one of the two school recourse officers for the Austin School District. This is my eighth-year as a School Resource Officer. I am responsible for the following schools in the district: Ellis Middle School, IJ Holton Intermediate, Neveln Elementary, Southgate Elementary

and Woodson Kindergarten Center. My office is located at Ellis Middle School. I enjoy my role here at Ellis Middle School and I enjoy working with the administration, staff, and students.

During the beginning of the school year, Officer James Lunt and I took part in the annual Parent Teacher Committee Walk-a-Thon at Southgate. The walk-a-thon allows the children to raise money for the upcoming year's activities and field trips. It also gives the students a chance to get outside to walk in the neighborhood and sing with police escorts.

During this same time Officer Lunt and I had the privilege of being apart in the third annual all school Walk-a-Thon. Throughout the day Officer Lunt and I walked and hung out at all the Elementary schools in Austin giving high fives and being able to laugh with the kids. This year's favorite phrase that was shouted out by the all the kids was 6, 7.

This year I continued to work with Nevlen Elementary on their sixth annual bike rodeo. During the spring, Nevlen Elementary puts on a bike safety course for any child in the community. Nevlen also provides food for all that come during this event. Along with police officers hanging out during this event the Austin Fire Department attends and gives kids tours of the fire truck. The Mower County Sheriff's Department also came out to interact with the community. Mayo ambulance also comes out and talks to kids and gives tours of the ambulance.

The Austin Police Department donated 4 bikes again to the bike rodeo to be given to a child that does not have a bike and could not afford one. I also was able to give an eighth grader a bike so she could get to her first summer job. The bike was reconditioned by Rydjer, paid for by myself.

In conclusion I am grateful to be able to work as one of the Schools Resource Officers within the Austin School District. I find this job very rewarding. It allows me to be able to have a good and positive interactions with the student population within all the schools.

Chaplaincy Program 2025

Sgt. J. Daniel Osborne/Lt. Dustin Wollenburg/Ofc. Bradley

The Austin Police Department started a Chaplaincy Program with the assistance of Salt & Light Partners in 2024. This project began in 2023 and came to fruition in September 2024 as a branch of the Peer Support Team. Our program is funded by a local grant we received from the Hormel Foundation through 2025. Chaplains assist the department, its members (their families), and the community as needed. Chaplains are placed in assignments that are consistent with their knowledge, skills, abilities, and the needs of the department.

Chaplains may not proselytize or attempt to recruit members of the department or the public into a religious affiliation or place of worship while representing themselves as chaplains with the department. Chaplains may not accept gratuities for any service or any subsequent actions or follow-up contacts that were provided while functioning as a chaplain for the department.



From left to right: Sgt. Osborne, Chaplain Dan Mielke, Chaplain Cora, Chaplain Cory, S&L Founder George Beech, Ofc Bradley

We currently have three Chaplains: Cory Goetz, Cora Wyse, and Dan Mielke. We also work closely with Stephanie Donaldson and George Beech with Salt & Light Partners. Our Chaplains are members of International Conference of Police Chaplains and are trained in different forms of counseling.

Chaplain Cory is an executive pastor for Cornerstone Church in Austin, MN. Cory has a bachelor's degree in pastoral ministry and has been with the church since 1998. Cory has led almost every program, activity, or planned trips for the church. Cory is a sports fan and proudly cheers on the Green Bay Packers in his spare time as well as enjoying time with his wife and children. We're proud to have Cory as our lead chaplain.

Chaplain Cora is the youth pastor at Cornerstone Church in Austin, MN. Cora is a licensed pastor with a bachelor's degree in ministerial leadership and an associate degree in liberal arts. Cora has been in her role as children's pastor since 2022. Cora was a local graduate from Austin High School and is no stranger to first responders. Her father serves as a firefighter for the Austin Fire Department. Cora is very eager to serve our community.

Chaplain Dan is the senior pastor at Grace Baptist Church in Austin, MN. Dan has a master's degree in biblical counseling and completed a PhD in Christian Apologetics. He has been the pastor at Grace Baptist since 2017. Dan was first introduced to the department in 2024 when he assisted SIRT negotiators in a stand-off and was recognized for his efforts from that incident. He later joined the chaplain program in 2025. Dan enjoys the outdoors and spending time with family. Dan is a great addition to the APD chaplain team.



Chaplain Victor is the senior pastor at Austin Baptist Chapel and has been a passionate minister for over five years. He has a bachelor's degree in theology with a pastoral emphasis and a bachelor's degree from his native country of Honduras in Civil Engineering. He is bilingual and serves the community in another capacity as a school bus driver. Victor volunteers at the Mower County Jail leading bible study for Spanish speaking inmates as well as assisting them with their wellbeing. Victor enjoys spending time with his wife and three children. In 2025, Victor and his family received a calling to go serve in Missouri. He was recognized for his service to the department and we wish him the best of luck on his future endeavors!

Our chaplains are well respected members of our community and assist our officers and their families. The chaplains are also utilized within the community on a variety of calls where their assistance could be essential.

In 2025, our chaplains had over 450 hours of service including calls such as: death notifications, suicides, overdoses, deceased/found bodies, and critical incidents. In 2025, the hours of work were broken down as follows:

34 hours for critical incidents/ call ins

293 hours of event and group meetings

127 hours of individual contacts/ meetings (including ride-alongs, follow-ups, etc).

They have also attended council meetings, promotions, and new hire events.

The Chaplains were most heavily used in death notifications, suicides, and deceased/ found bodies. They are crucial in this capacity as these scenes can often be chaotic, emotional, and in some cases, traumatic. The chaplains were instrumental in providing comfort, care, and support to grieving families. Chaplains provide the same services for the officers present on scene as secondhand trauma can be prevalent for certain incidents deemed critical.

2025 also brought about the launch of the APD FROGS (Family Readiness Outreach Group) program. This program consists of spouses, partners, and family members of officers to help support the bonds between officers and their families. They present a Family Academy during an officers' in-house training, organize the Blue Line Buffet, and offer opportunities and resources to support the officers and their families.

APD Drones

Det. Derek Ellis



In 2025 there were 2 drones in use for APD including DJI M30T and DJI Avata. Via a grant from the Hormel Foundation, APD was able to replace an older aging drone for the new DJI M30T. Included with the new drone purchase were accessories including two controllers for dual pilot operation of the drone, loudspeaker and spotlight attachment, and enough batteries to maintain over 1 hour of flight time.

The M30T drone is 1 year old and used for outdoor applications such as search and rescue, scene security, and scene documentation to name a few flight missions. The M30T was used in 2025 for multiple search and rescue missions for lost or missing persons and assisted the Austin Engineering Department by photographing progress on the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction.

The DJI Avata is 3 years old and is primarily used for indoor applications. A few applications included searching residences during search warrants, searching small hard to reach areas and assisting the Austin SIRT team on call outs.



The Austin Police Department has four FAA Part 107 licensed pilots, Sergeant Jessy Betts, Officer Ryan Hansen, Detective Derek Ellis and Lt. Dustin Wollenburg.



Special Incident Response Team (SIRT)

Det. Dustin Hicks, Commander
Sgt. Travis Martin, Assistant Commander

The Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) is a multijurisdictional tactical response team comprised of members from the Austin PD, the Mower County Sheriff's Office, Mower County Corrections and Mayo Clinic. SIRT responds to incidents requiring specialized training and equipment throughout the city of Austin, Mower County, and neighboring jurisdictions.

SIRT is a collateral duty team, which means training and operations are all in addition to members' primary assignments. SIRT currently has fifteen tactical operator positions which are comprised of a Commander, Assistant Commander, two Team Leaders, two Snipers, and Operators. Additionally, SIRT has six Crisis Negotiator and three Tactical Medic positions.

As in previous years, 2025 brought personnel changes to the team. Two operators stepped down after pursuing opportunities outside of Mower County. In March, Officer Mike Nordean and in July, Deputy Jorge Jimenez. Sgt. Daniel Osborne also stepped down from his Negotiator role after leaving the Austin Police Department in October. We are grateful for their service to their departments and community.



Training is a crucial aspect for the team in providing the highest quality service to our community. To ensure high quality training, SIRT conducted fifteen in-house trainings in 2025. These include equipment use, classroom work, fitness, firearms proficiency, tactical team movements, crisis negotiation, and tactical emergency medicine (TEMS). In addition to the in-house training, SIRT members are encouraged to seek outside training to continue improving their individual skillsets.

Team deployments saw a marginal increase in 2025. There were two pre-planned events and two responsive callouts during the year which provided invaluable experience for our newer operators. SIRT responded to assist with a homicide investigation and a burglary involving firearms.

In May, our negotiators were selected as the Negotiations Team of the Year at the Crisis Negotiators Association of Minnesota (CNAMN) annual conference. The award recognizes their dedicated work to peacefully resolve a 2024 incident involving a child.



SIRT's most valuable asset continues to be its personnel. The community can be assured these dedicated tactical professionals will continue to make training, equipment, and tactics a top priority to maintain a high quality of life in our community.

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA VIOLENT CRIME ENFORCEMENT TEAM
Detective Derek Ellis



The City of Austin and Mower County continues to partner with the Southeast MN Violent Crimes Enforcement Team (SEMV CET), which is represented by eight counties and five cities. There are currently two task force detectives assigned to Austin/Mower County.

Task force (TF) officers work narcotics and violent crimes in the Austin/Mower area and also assist in other counties and on other task forces, including Iowa TF agents. It's common that incidents and controlled buys occur at unusual times and in unusual situations. The local detectives from the Austin Police Department and Mower County Sheriff's Department assist with controlled buys and search warrants when the time frame isn't practical to have other agents travel from afar. The SEMV CET in the Austin/Mower area would be unable to do a lot of these cases if it weren't for the local detectives' involvement.

Det. Ellis took over the duties of task force agent. Due to the reduction in detectives Det. Ellis has had to continue his role working with Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM). Local task force officers also assisted in multiple agencies operations, which are conducted in other jurisdictions.

Notable Cases

A subject was arrested for first-degree sales and possession of a firearm as a felon following an investigation in Austin.

EVIDENCE ROOM

Lt. Jeff McCormack / Sgt. J. Betts



The Evidence Room at the Mower County Law Enforcement Center (LEC) operates as a joint facility serving both the Austin Police Department and the Mower County Sheriff's Office. In addition to supporting approximately 65 officers and deputies from these agencies, the Evidence Room also receives submissions from surrounding Mower County agencies, including the Brownsdale and Grand Meadow Police Departments.

Evidence Intake

Throughout 2025, the Evidence Room maintained consistent intake levels, processing between 900 - 1500 individual pieces of evidence—consistent with annual averages. Upon submission, all evidence is processed, packaged, labeled, and entered into the evidence management system before being secured in temporary lockers. Evidence Room Technicians, Lt. Jeff McCormack and Sgt. Jessy Betts verify the information, packaging and additional needs before transferring items into one of two secure long-term storage rooms and updating the computer system to maintain chain of custody.

The Evidence Room provides public service access weekly based on staff availability. When cases are adjudicated and property is eligible for release, evidence personnel contact property owners to arrange return appointments. In addition to intake and storage responsibilities, Evidence Room Technicians support detectives, patrol personnel, prosecutors, and defense attorneys by preparing and facilitating the review of evidence for court proceedings.

Lab Analysis

Evidence requiring forensic analysis is transported by technicians to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) in St. Paul approximately every 30 to 45 days. These transports typically include 30 to 40 items per trip and primarily involve felony drug cases, as well as evidence related to homicides, serious assaults, robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults, and other major criminal offenses.

Disposal

Proper and lawful disposal of evidence remains a critical component of operations. Metal items, including firearms and other weapons are designated for recycling through an approved metal processing facility, currently Northern Metal Recycling in Becker, Minnesota. Burnable evidence is transported to the Wilmarth Generating Plant in Mankato, Minnesota, where it is incinerated for energy production at no cost to the department.

On May 13, 2025 Evidence Room Technicians transported 4 55 gallon drums including 85 firearms totaling 1040 pounds of metal recycling to Becker. On November 18, 2025, Evidence Room Technicians transported 47 boxes totaling 739 pounds of evidence for destruction. This included 21 boxes (369 pounds) of general evidence and 26 boxes (370 pounds) of mixed drugs, consisting primarily of illicit substances and surrendered prescription medications. This effort significantly reduced storage volume and prepared the facility for continued evidence intake in 2026.

The Evidence Room continues to operate with a focus on accountability, security, and compliance with statutory requirements, ensuring the integrity of evidence for all supported agencies.



DEPARTMENT FLEET

Officer Ryan Leif

Officer Ryan Leif has been the Fleet Manager for the Austin Police Department since March of 2025 after the departure of Officer Mike Nordean. The department's fleet has six marked patrol vehicles along with a single unmarked squad car, a Community Service Officer (CSO) truck, and two marked patrol cars that are utilized by the two School Resource Officers.

Apart from the patrol units, the Austin Police Department also utilizes unmarked vehicles that are operated by Austin Police Department administration and detectives. The Austin Police Department/Mower County Sheriff's Office have a joint Special Incident Response Team (SIRT) which has two vehicles tailored to high-risk operations. These two vehicles include a large truck which serves as a mobile command post during incidents along with SIRT team deployment and an armored HMMWV (Humvee) that serves as ballistic protection/team insertion during high-risk SIRT callouts. The Austin Police Department and the City of Austin also plan on ordering a Lenco Bearcat armored vehicle in 2025 for the SIRT team to utilize in operations and to provide rescue services during natural disasters (floods, tornados, snowstorms, etc). The Bearcat was ordered and will be in service in 2026.

The Austin Police Department also utilizes a vehicle that was forfeited from a drunk driving incident which occurred in 2016 as a training vehicle. One vehicle in the department is provided by the Southeast Minnesota Violent Crime Enforcement Team (SEMV CET). The training vehicle was sold at auction in 2025, and the blue unmarked patrol Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle is now being used for the department training vehicle. The blue unmarked vehicle was replaced in the patrol fleet by a gray Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle in 2025.

The current patrol vehicle for our department is the Ford Police Interceptor Utility hybrid. The Interceptor is four wheel drive and has proven to be popular with our officers during winter weather conditions. The four wheel drive systems allow officers to stay safe while patrolling in the winter. The Ford Police Interceptor's are the only brand of police squads that come standard with a 75 mph rear crash protection rating and a 100,000 mile powertrain warranty.

At this time, all patrol vehicles for the Austin Police Department (with the exception of the unmarked patrol car) are Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrid vehicles. These vehicles, in theory, are a great addition for the Police Department and the City of Austin for cost saving measures. However, during the time of COVID and supply shortage the Austin Police Department was unable to get replacement squad cars due to the hybrids being produced in less numbers than the normal internal combustion engines, this is still an issue in 2024. Speaking with Ford, the hybrid vehicles are now readily available, and we will be ordering all hybrid vehicles again in 2026.

Austin's patrol squads are kept an average of three years, during which they are driven about 100,000 miles, but can accumulate up to 400,000 wear miles on the engines due to idling time. The unmarked cars and other vehicles are kept much longer because they do not accumulate miles as quickly as the patrol squads.

The Austin Police Department is also moving to a different style of graphics from the older "black and white" SUV to a newer, more modern, subdued graphic style. Hopefully all marked APD vehicles will have the new graphic style within 3 years. The SRO vehicles received an updated version of the new graphics. Attached you will find photos of the new unmarked patrol vehicle and the updated graphics on the SRO vehicle.



TRAINING

Captain Todd Clennon

All officers must have at least a two-year degree in law enforcement (some have four year degrees) and be licensed by the State of Minnesota. Officers then must receive continuing education in order to maintain a Peace Officer license. Training is monitored by the Minnesota Board of Police Officers Standards and Training, or MN POST Board as it is more commonly known.

Licenses are issued for 3-year periods of time. They start 7-1-XX of the year of issue and expire three years later on 6-30-XX. Officers are required to have 48 hours of educational credits every three years. All officers receive mandatory in-house training for Use of Force, firearms, first aid/CPR, and emergency vehicle operations. These are all tracked for POST audit purposes. In-house training alone can be enough for officers to receive their 48 hours of mandatory training every three years.

Beginning in 2018 officers needed to receive an additional 16 hours of POST mandated training every three years spread across the areas of Crisis Response, Conflict management, Cultural Diversity and Autism Awareness (added 2021). The three-year window is dependent on when their POST license was issued. The Austin Police Department needs to track these hours for all of its officers. We partner with several outside agencies to bring this training locally to our officers. To date the partnerships have proven valuable and officers are gaining credits through these courses. Additional, cost effective training was identified through the League of Minnesota Cities "PATROL" online training courses. This program includes courses in the 16 hour mandates and allows officers to complete the courses when it is convenient for them.

The Austin Police Department is able to provide much of our training in-house because many of our officers have expertise and teaching skills in most of these areas. Training in-house can significantly cut the cost associated with training and often eliminates course fees, meals, and lodging costs; which can be significant. Having instructors and experts in-house also enables the department to host a Citizen Police Academy when time and staffing allows.

During 2025 Officers Jeffrey Marx and Michael Hullopeter transitioned into the firearms instructor positions previously held by Det. Brant Strouf and Sgt. Travis Martin. Both Marx and Hullopeter attended several intensive training courses to prepare them for this new role. Officers Marx and Hullopeter will instruct officers in the use of firearms during quarterly qualifications. Officers qualify using handguns and rifles to increase their proficiency with both. Officers train in real-life conditions that are likely to be encountered during the performance of their normal duties. Conditions include normal daylight, a two-officer combat course, nighttime, and inclement weather training. The department continued its focus on training in 2025 with the weapons used, as opposed to simply qualifying with them. Officers Marx and Hullopeter are also responsible for keeping all firearms serviceable, repaired and in good order. They are assisted in their Armorer duties by Officer Ryan Hansen and Sgt. Martin.



Officers also receive non-mandatory training that may include leadership courses, instructor certifications, DWI detection, legal updates, and special investigation techniques for drugs, financial, computer, identity theft, and child abuse investigations.

Standard, mandatory training continued throughout 2025 and was consistent to past practice without issue. The APD training budget was exhausted by the end of 2025. The MN POST board and MN legislature continue to require new training on an annual basis to existing curriculums. These demands will require an increase in training areas previously not accounted for. All APD Officers completed the necessary mandated POST requirements in 2025.

Officers Sam Schuweiler and Sgt. Ryan McCormack focus on enhancing the driving skills of officers through EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course). Officers are provided with classroom instruction and then must perform their skills on the driving course. This year's training was held at the airport. Officers must acclimate to various conditions, such as darkness and slippery pavement. Receiving ongoing driving training is a POST licensing requirement. The Austin Police Department exceeds the state guidelines for driving training hours offered. The reason for this is the amount of time our officers spend behind the wheel and the many dangers posed by Austin's traffic and diverse weather, especially when responding to emergency calls.

Officers Aaron Juenger and Ryan Hansen instruct officers in the Use of Force. Instruction includes discussion on Use of Force statutes and continuum, as well as hands-on instruction on techniques for defensive tactics, weapon retention, mace, Tasers, batons. Ofc. Josh Bradley instructs pepper ball guns.

Like driver training, this ongoing training is POST required, although there is no guideline set by POST as to hours needed. The Austin Police Department trains regularly to ensure proficiency and avoid injury to our officers, citizens, and suspects.

The success and safety of the officers is dependent upon practical and diverse training. We are fortunate to have officers that are qualified to share their knowledge and skills with others. The training that officers receive benefits the department and the City of Austin because it increases officer safety, reduces officer injuries, and reduces the chance of litigation.

In addition to the traditional hands-on type classes and classroom type activities, the Austin Police Department encourages its officers to train physically for the rigors of the job. The department makes a workout room available towards that goal for the department, as well as a training room. Many of the items in these rooms are equipped and maintained by the officers. As our officers are often outside and exposed to environmental dangers, in addition to the potential physical encounters with suspects that occasionally occur, the need to be physically fit can help protect them from harm and the city from work comp and lost work-related issues.

Types of non-mandatory specialized training attended in 2025 by officers include:

- BCA leadership classes for supervisors
- DMT-G training (breath test instrument operator for DWI testing)
- Narcotics investigations
- Interview and interrogation
- Basic SWAT (for SIRT)
- Basic Sniper course
- Leadership Austin (the APD sends one officer per year and hosts one session)
- NTOA Team Leader Development

MN BCA Investigation certification 2023
Firearms Armorer courses
ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children)
FTO Basic Certification
BCA Crime Scene
Armorer Courses
FBI Regional Crisis Negotiation



Vehicle Forfeitures

Lt. Dustin Wollenburg

Motor vehicles can be seized and forfeited for several offenses. Those offenses include certain levels of alcohol DWI, certain repeat alcohol or controlled substance DWI, possession of controlled substances, fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, use of a vehicle in the commission of a felony, drive by shootings, and prostitution. When a motor vehicle is seized, the owner and driver are typically served with an official Notice of Seizure and Intent to Forfeit the property. This document advises those subjects with an interest in the vehicle that the state intends to forfeit the vehicle for the aforementioned offenses. The interested party then has 60 days to contest the seizure and forfeiture to the district court. If the forfeiture is not contested within that time period, the forfeiture is automatic. If the forfeiture is contested, the case will be heard before a judge who will make a ruling on the forfeiture.

The Austin Police Department seized a total of 6 vehicles in 2025. This included:

- Three vehicle seizures were the result of 1st Degree Driving While Impaired offenses
- Two vehicle seizures were the result of 2nd Degree Driving While Impaired Offenses.
- One vehicle was seized for Fleeing a Peace Officer



Austin Police Department Vehicle Impound Building

Just because a vehicle is seized, doesn't mean that the forfeiture is always pursued. There are a variety of reasons as to why the city or county attorneys may not pursue the forfeiture. Some of those reasons include things like an innocent owner defense, the prosecuting attorney declines prosecution of the designated offense, or the vehicle may be heavily damaged and have no value.

If there is a known lien on the seized vehicle, the lien holder is given notice of the seizure and intent to forfeit the vehicle. If they already had a repossession order on the vehicle, it is turned over to them. The lien holder has the right to claim and take possession of the vehicle but if the driver or owner contests the forfeiture and wins, the lien holder would need to turn the vehicle back over to the prevailing party. So ultimately, it comes down to a matter of who is going to store the vehicle until the forfeiture is resolved and that can be months or even years. Most lien holders choose to leave the vehicle at the city impound until the matter is resolved.

If the vehicle forfeiture has not been contested, or if the forfeiture was contested and upheld, the vehicle may be sold in a public manner after the 60 days has lapsed. This usually occurs during a public auction in which the property is sold to the highest bidder. If there is no lien, the department will sell the vehicle and then take from the proceeds minus the cost of the title transfer, preparing the vehicle, auction fees, and any towing or other fees the department incurred. Any remaining funds are directed to the City's DWI fund.

The DWI fund is separate from the department and city general funds. The DWI fund is used for DWI training, education, and enforcement equipment. Education can include traffic enforcement law updates, seatbelt and child seat training, and training officers to be certified Data Master Breath Testing Operators. Equipment can range from traffic enforcement tools such as radar units and PBT (Preliminary Breath Test) units, to audio/video recording devices used for preserving evidence such as field sobriety tests. Vehicles that are not returned to innocent owners, lien holders, or ordered by the courts to be returned, and are successfully forfeited, may be retained by the department for official use. They may also be sold in a commercially acceptable manner, which means taking bids or selling at public auction as described above.

The Austin Police Department typically holds up to two auctions each year, usually in May and October. The number of auctions depends on how many vehicles and property are available to sell. After a vehicle is sold, the costs of the vehicle preparation, towing, title, and auction are taken out of the gross sale amount. It is important to know that not all the vehicles sold at these two auctions were seized in the same year that they were sold. The process for a vehicle to be successfully forfeited can be very long.

Unclaimed property, such as abandoned bikes, are held for a minimum of 60 days before being sold at auction. In addition, the auction is also opened up to other city departments that sometimes sell equipment or vehicles that are no longer needed. The city contracts with Thompson Auction Services to conduct the auctions which are held on the South side of the Packer Arena.

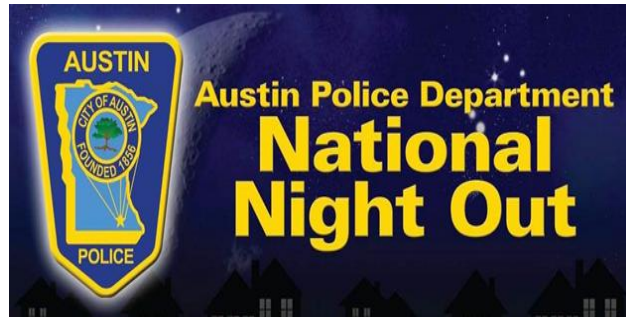


Our department only held one auction this year which occurred on **Austin Police Department Public Auction** October 18th, 2025. A total of seven vehicles were sold. In addition, many bicycles and other miscellaneous abandoned property were also sold. Because the County Attorney's office prosecuted four of the DWI cases that resulted in forfeitures, state law mandates that 30% of the proceeds from that vehicle be forwarded to the County Attorney's office. After costs were paid, \$13832 from vehicle sales was put into the DWI fund, while \$2214.50 from misc. property sales was put into the city's general fund.

The emphasis in the DWI vehicle forfeiture laws is to get vehicles out of the hands of impaired drivers. Proceeds from the sale of forfeited vehicles are further used to enhance public safety and protect our community. All seizures and sales are reported to the Minnesota Auditor's Office.

In 2022, there were significant changes to the asset forfeiture laws in Minnesota. These changes significantly reduced the DWI offenses that result in a subsequent vehicle seizure and forfeiture. Because of this, we seize far fewer vehicles and that trend will likely continue into the foreseeable future.

As always, we will remain steadfast in our commitment to removing impaired drivers from the roadways and helping to keep our community safe!



CRIME PREVENTION -- NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Officer Josh Bradley and Officer Ted Sherwood



The Austin Police Department officers appreciate the opportunities to interact with the public positively and present information on topics of interest to the public. In addition to Law Enforcement Center tours for schools and other student groups such as scout troops, officers go to various places and service organizations within the local community to interact with community members and make presentations.

In what is probably the largest crime prevention event in the city, Officer Josh Bradley and Officer Ted Sherwood teamed up with the Austin Hy-Vee store to partner with the Austin Police Department in hosting the 15th annual "National Night Out" event in August 2025. This is the fourth year that Officer Bradley has overseen the event and the second year for Officer Sherwood. This was Hy-Vee's 10th year as a partner with us at this event and their time and generosity are greatly appreciated. Hormel Foods once again showed their ongoing community support by donating hundreds of hot dogs.

The event was held at the Austin Veterans' Park, with several activities for the children including yard games by APAC. A squad car, SIRT truck and armored Humvee were open for public tours, with members of the department available to answer questions. This year APD was joined by the Mower County Sheriff's Office. An Austin fire truck and MCHS ambulance were also at the event so the public could see the equipment inside their vehicles. Other organizations that joined were APAC, Mower County Attorney's Office, and Palmer Bus Service.

National Night Out is an opportunity for neighbors to meet each other and for residents to build relationships with local first responders from the Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, and Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service.

The Austin Police Department is hoping the event will grow and continue to make progress towards building more positive interaction with police and the public. The officers of the Austin

Police Department take their duties seriously to prevent crime and nurture community relations through these opportunities, and they look forward to continuing their crime prevention efforts in 2026.



Austin Police Department

Calls For Service

2025

JAN	1252
FEB	1243
MAR	1424
APR	1435
MAY	1714
JUN	1293
JUL	1459
AUG	1696
SEP	1658
OCT	1639
NOV	1408
DEC	1528

TOTAL CALLS 17749

Total Incidents Each Day of the Week for 2025

Report		Agency		Austin Police								
CFS03		Dates		01/01/2025	Thr	12/31/2025						
Activity		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Total			
Agency:	APD	Austin Police Department										
00911	911 Hang Up	179	187	170	179	150	170	182	1,217			
ABANV	Abandoned Vehicle	2	2	0	1	0	2	1	8			
ACCAN	Accident vs Animal	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	8			
ACCHR	Accident Hit Run	21	18	13	20	16	16	16	120			
ACCI	Motor Vehicle Injury	14	6	10	7	4	8	6	55			
ACCP	Motor Vehicle Property	47	68	85	75	68	67	70	480			
ACCVD	Vehicle in Ditch	6	2	5	2	2	0	4	21			
AGAA	Agency Assist Assault	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4			
AGAS	Agency Assist	54	45	26	39	44	34	60	302			
ALARB	Alarm Bank	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4			
ALARC	Alarm Commercial/Business	31	31	24	44	26	30	31	217			
ALARM	Alarm Medical	28	30	34	31	31	29	20	203			
ALARR	Alarm Residential	5	6	7	7	5	6	5	41			
ANIBI	Animal Bite	8	7	9	7	9	10	9	59			
ANIMB	Barking Dog	14	9	6	9	11	8	9	66			
ANIMC	Animal Complaint	19	25	16	15	17	28	20	140			
ANIMD	Deer Permit	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
ANIML	Animal Loose/Found	57	49	77	64	68	70	56	441			
ANIMW	Animal Welfare	21	16	24	14	12	14	16	117			
ASSAU	Assault	18	16	19	14	14	19	9	109			
BURGL	Burglary	7	6	2	10	8	9	6	48			
BURGI	Burglary in Progress	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4			
BURNP	Burn Permit	0	6	3	4	3	2	1	19			
CHILA	Child Abuse	6	3	7	5	7	3	0	31			
CHILC	Child Custody	9	2	2	4	9	5	6	37			
CHILN	Child Neglect	2	0	1	5	4	2	0	14			
CIVIM	Civil Matter	23	31	39	26	23	30	24	196			
CIVIP	Civil Process	1	3	2	10	6	1	2	25			
CONT	Contact	55	40	44	52	49	49	61	350			
CSC	Criminal Sexual Conduct	4	6	2	10	14	10	4	50			
CSCR	Sexual Conduct Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
CSCSA	Sexual Conduct Assault	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1			
CSCU	Sex Conduct Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1			
DADOG	Dangerous Dog	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1			
DANCO	Danco Violation	2	4	1	4	5	7	3	26			
DEATH	Death Body Found	4	5	9	2	7	2	5	34			
DEATN	Death Notification	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	4			
DISCO	Disorderly Conduct	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	6			
DISPA	Dispatch	10	11	19	15	19	9	18	101			
DISTU	Disturbance	83	63	61	51	54	66	71	449			
DOMEI	Domestic In Progress	6	1	6	2	9	7	3	34			
DOMEP	Domestic Physical	27	7	15	20	13	12	12	106			
DOMEV	Domestic Verbal	13	8	9	11	9	9	10	69			
DRIVE	Driving Complaint	48	48	47	35	57	49	33	317			
DRUGS	Drugs	7	5	6	3	10	7	4	42			
DWIAC	DWI Accident	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
EXTRA	Extra Patrol	2	7	12	8	11	10	9	59			
FIGHT	Fight	13	0	3	1	3	4	8	32			
FIRAC	Firearms Complaint	10	5	4	7	8	3	3	40			
FIRE	Fire - General	6	5	9	5	9	11	6	51			
FIREA	Fire Alarm	90	91	108	104	90	91	87	661			

		Agency	Austin Police							
Report	CFS03	Dates	01/01/2025	Thr	12/31/2025					
Activity		Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Total	
SEARW	Search Warrant	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4	
SEVER	Severe Weather	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	6	
SUIC	Suicide	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	
SUICA	Suicide Attempt	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	5	
SUICP	Suicidal Party	10	14	14	16	12	14	13	93	
SUICT	Suicide Threat	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
SUSPA	Suspicious Activity	83	75	76	90	80	82	90	576	
TAMPV	Tamper with Vehicle	4	4	3	2	1	4	5	23	
TEST	Test	3	11	7	6	5	3	5	40	
THEFB	Theft Bicycle	2	16	10	9	9	6	3	55	
THEFG	Theft Gas Drive Off	2	2	1	3	2	3	3	16	
THEFI	Identity Theft	3	2	1	4	3	5	0	18	
THEFT	Theft	58	53	63	67	64	57	45	407	
THEFV	Theft From Vehicle	2	2	6	4	2	4	3	23	
THEOV	Theft Of Vehicle	5	7	7	7	2	8	5	41	
THREC	Threats Complaint	10	11	16	21	21	14	11	104	
TOBAC	Tobacco Compliance Check	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
TR AFC	Traffic Complaint	6	6	12	3	11	6	5	49	
TRAFD	Driving Under the Influen	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
TRANS	Transport	1	1	2	2	5	4	1	16	
TRESP	Trespassing Complaint	27	38	41	58	36	50	38	288	
TS	Traffic Stop	376	248	261	291	357	391	447	2,371	
VACAC	Vacation Check	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	6	
VICNO	Victim Notification	2	17	15	10	16	18	4	82	
VOID	Void ICR	5	14	12	1	5	10	11	58	
WARAT	Warrant Attempt	1	7	4	8	6	16	5	47	
WARRA	Warrant	8	15	27	18	18	20	10	116	
WELFA	Welfare Check	88	102	86	88	93	90	107	654	
	Austin Police Department	Agency Total	2,516	2456	2,473	2,611	2,526	2,654	2,513	17,749
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NOTES OF APPRECIATION

This one comes from the Austin Police Department to a great group of individuals who have chose to devote their time during the School year to making sure our youth are safe when going to or coming from school each day. We can not say “Thank you” enough to each one of you for your dedication to our precious youth!

If you google a Crossing Guard this is what you will find...

Crossing guards are dedicated, often unsung heroes who brave all weather conditions—rain, snow, and heat—to ensure children safely navigate traffic to and from school. They act as protectors and community, guardians, sometimes even risking their lives to stop inattentive drivers. Their commitment to keeping kids safe deserves heartfelt thanks, recognition, and blessings.



Pictured left to right: Det. Mark Walski, Robyne Tiedemann, Kenneth Bell, Renae Hall, Jack Lorimor, Lt. Dustin Wollenburg and Captain Todd Clennon.

GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!