



CITY OF  
**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Thursday, July 17, 2025**  
**4:00 PM**

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**ROLL CALL:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Police Community Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids.

**PUBLIC INPUT** (if anyone wishes to address the Board): This is your opportunity to approach the Police Community Advisory Board and publicly comment and/or share a concern about your specific issue. We ask that you approach the podium and provide your name and address for the record. A timer will be set for 5 minutes of comment. We ask that members of the public not applaud, engage in conversation, or engage in other behavior through words or action that may disrupt the following proceedings of the board. This is not a dialog, debate, or back and forth with the board but if there is something that needs to be followed up on after the meeting, we and/or City staff will do so and report back to the Police Community Advisory Board if necessary.

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**BUSINESS:**

- [1.](#) Grand Rapids Police Department Head Report ( Slide Show Presentation)
- [2.](#) June 2025 Server Training review
- [3.](#) Captain Kevin Ott FBINAA Program graduation
4. Patrol policy for Community Events:

July 12th - Downtown GR Art Fair - 0900-1600

July 25-27 - Northern MN Swap Meet and Car Show - Fairgrounds

August 2-3 - Tall Timber Days Festival

August 5th - National Night Out - Central School - 1700-2000

August 13-17th - Itasca County Fair - Fairgrounds

Discuss volunteer options and other ways to PCAB can get out into the community.

5. Grand Rapids Police Department Officer/ Staffing

New Officer Latourelle

Summer Intern Taylor Ruppelius-Klopp

6. Reserve Officer's: Level and Responsibilities

11 Volunteers currently

APPROVE MINUTES:

Consider approval of the Minutes for March 20th, 2025

7. Consider approving minutes from the March 20, 2025 regular meeting.

UPDATES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURN:

ATTEST: Jacqueline Heinrich, Administrative Assistance

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

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**BOARD MEMBERS AND TERM EXPIRATION:**

Dan Butterfield - 12/31/2026

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Cassey Casteel - 12/31/2027  
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Jessica Malmquist - 12/31/2027  
Megan MacDonell - 12/31/2026

# **Grand Rapids Police Department Report to Council**

**Year: 2024 Review**

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Our Mission...

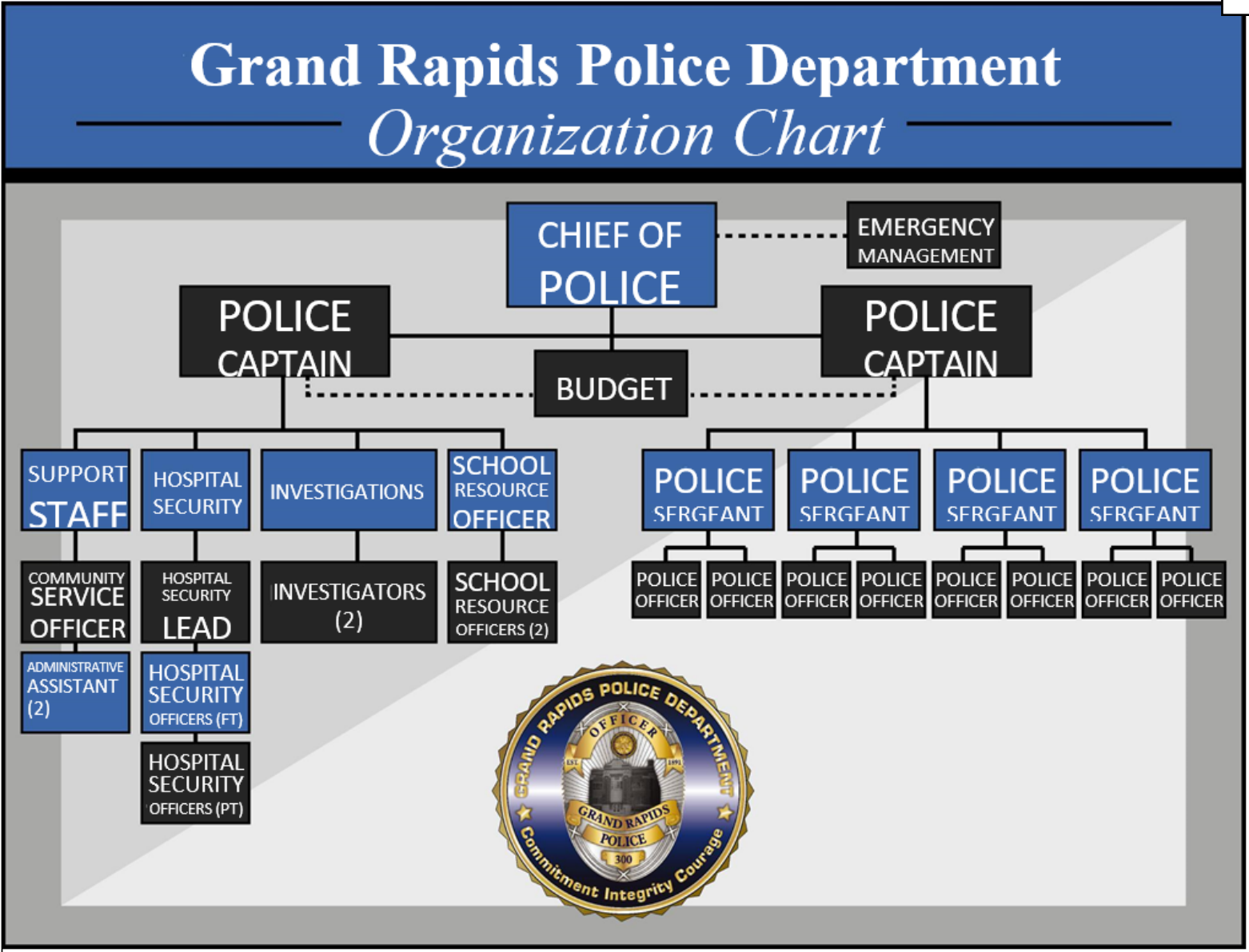


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*“Building collaborative relationships to keep our community safe through service, education and enforcement.”*

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# Department Organization



# Licensed Police Personnel

- Budgeted 21
  - Avg Age 41.5
  - Avg Years as Cop 14.5
  - Avg Years as GRPD 10.5
- Currently 20 Police Officers
  - Considerable staffing challenges a start of 2024
  - 21<sup>st</sup> Officer started March 3
  - One conditional offer with a possible start date of July 1

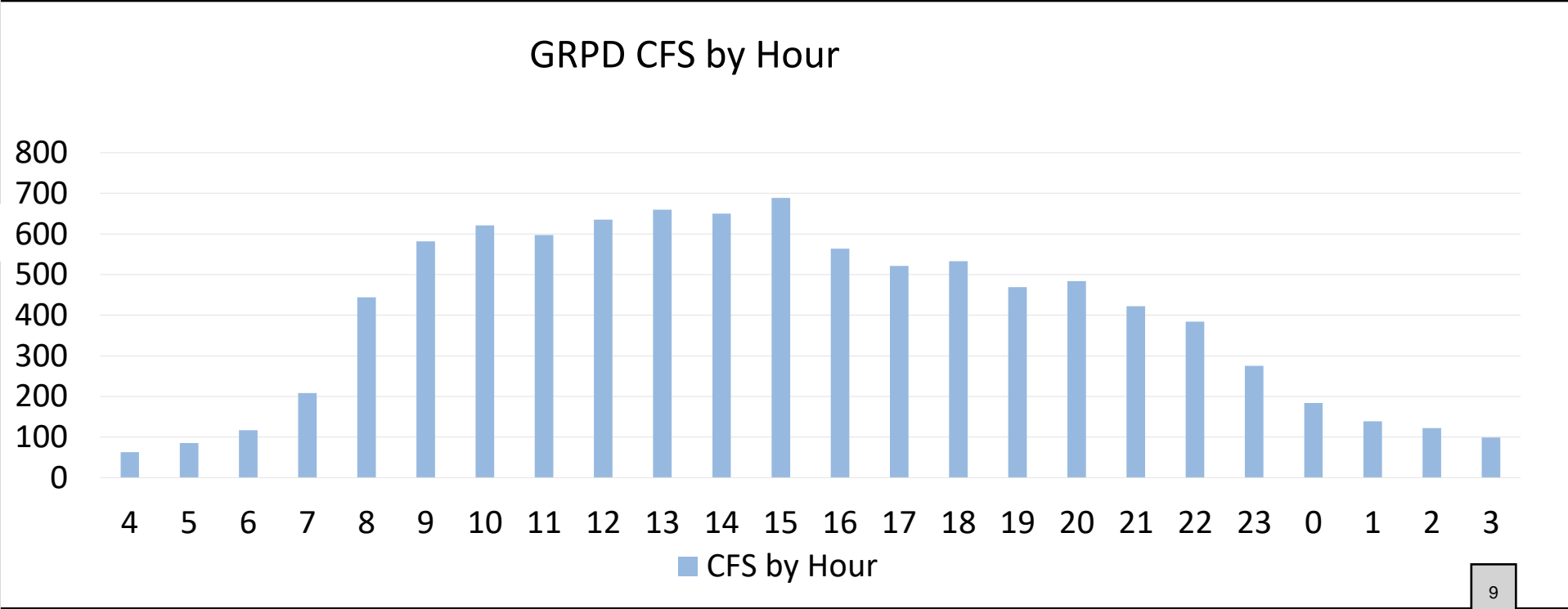
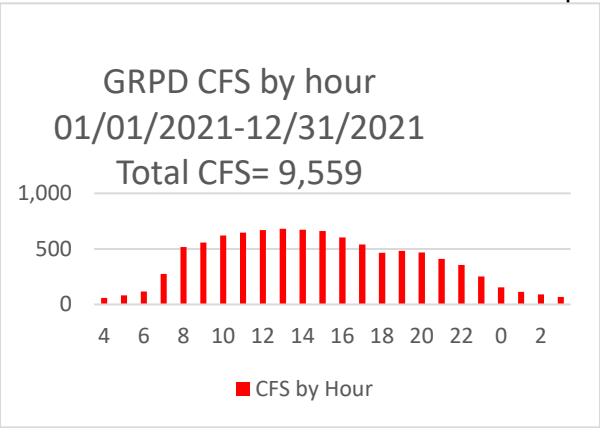
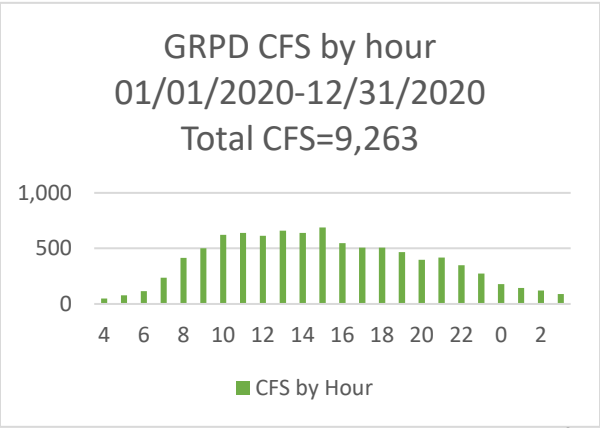


# Selected Criminal Offenses

Call Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>MV / PD</b>	495	440	361	325	456	326	349
<b>MV / PI</b>	39	37	25	32	24	35	29
<b>MV Fatal</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	28	22	28	9	12	15	13
<b>DWI</b>	72	60	52	56	50	62	81
<b>Vandalism</b>	115	114	127	117	126	117	174
<b>Assaults</b>	218	184	199	171	207	203	197
<b>Thefts</b>	608	495	493	400	407	316	548
<b>Drug</b>	141	155	129	80	123	133	93
<b>Total</b>	1,717	1,508	1,414	1,191	1,405	1,207	1,507

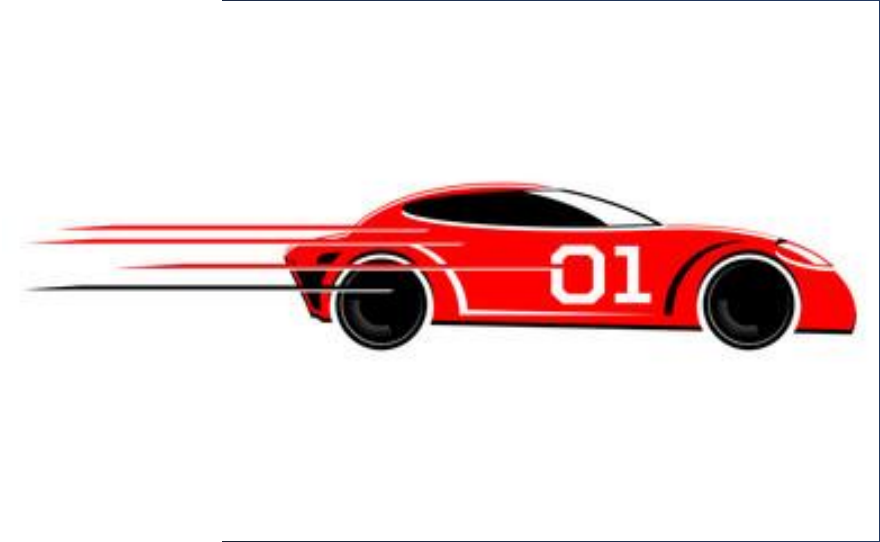


# Calls by Hour of the Day



# Traffic Contacts

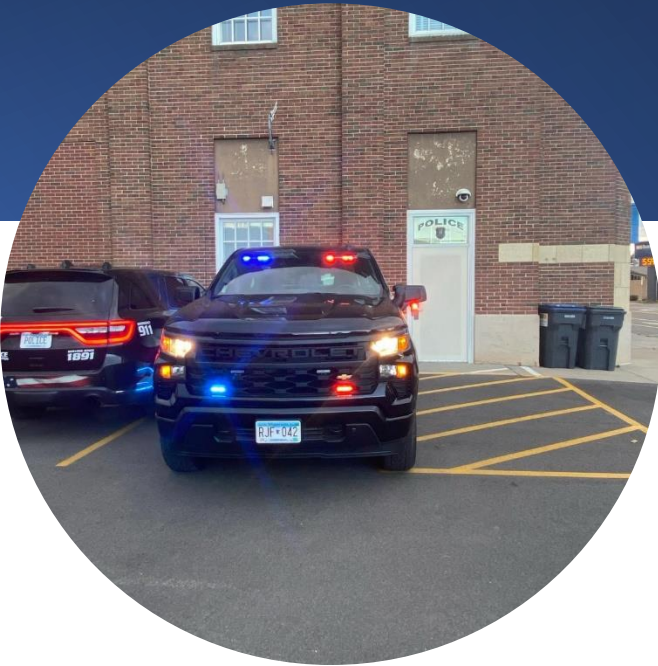
	2022	2023	2024
• Traffic Stops	1,858	2,128	2,691
• Warnings	1,338	1,321	1,658
• Citations	520	634	1,033



# DWI / Traffic Safety Officer Grant

- Council Approved 09/23/2024
- \$125,000
- Officer Jeff Roerick will begin April 7, 2025

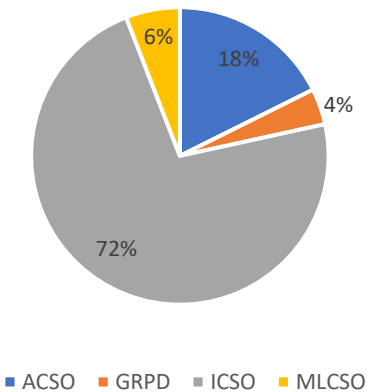
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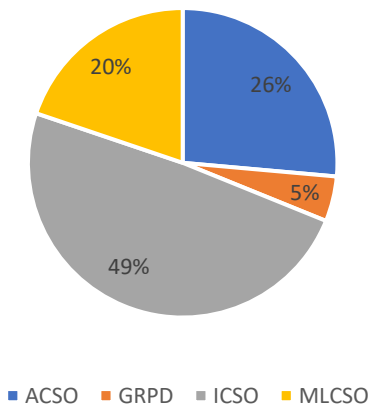
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## Aitkin – Itasca – Mille Lacs Violent Crimes Enforcement Team 2024 Review

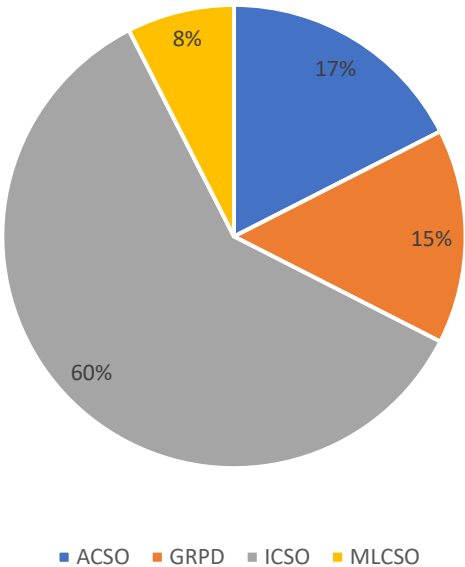
New Investigations



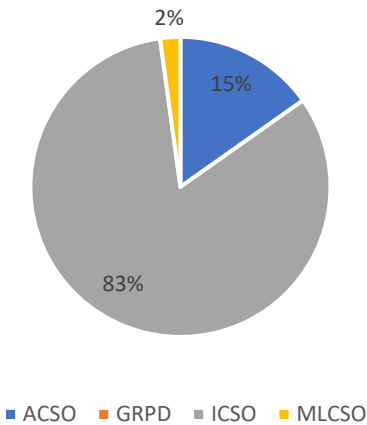
Search Warrants



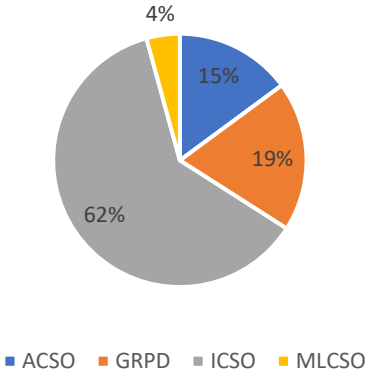
Drug Arrests



Seized Guns



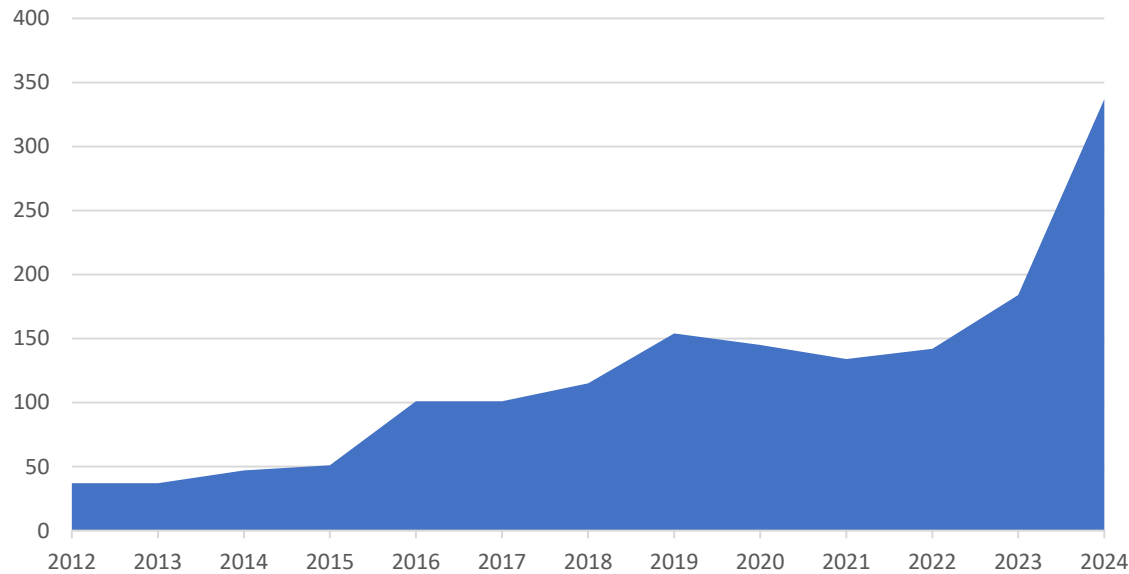
Non-Drug Arrests/Warrants



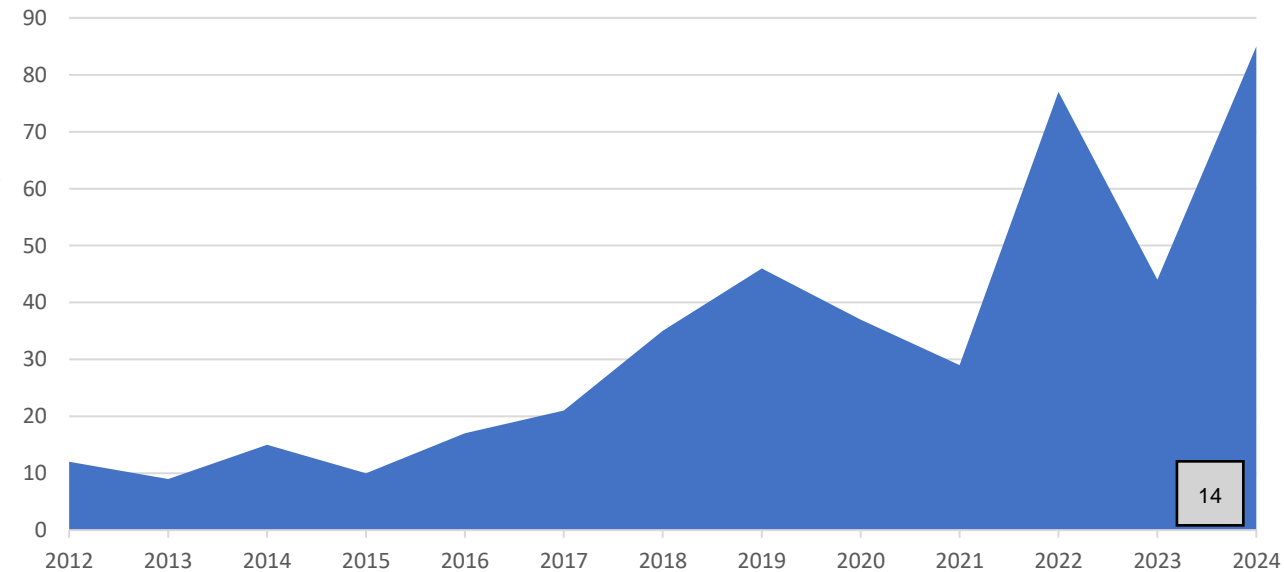
# Community Challenges not Clearly Identified with Police Stats

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"Mental Health" Calls




"Crisis" Calls




# Winter Parking Enforcement

• 2021	282
• 2022	240
• 2023	109
• 2024	137



**Want to know when the streets will be plowed after a snowfall?**

Go to  
<https://cityofgrandrapidsmn.com/stay-connected>  
and subscribe to **Community Alert System** at the bottom of the list. You will receive email notifications prior to any snowplowing events.





# 2024 Animal Control

- 2024- 157 Animals cared for at DACF
- 2023- 157 Animals cared for at DACF
- 2022 - 160 Animals cared for at DACF
- 2021 - 105 Animals cared for at DACF
- 2020 - 79 Animals cared for at DACF
- 58.5% Grand Rapids Animals
- 41.5% Other Itasca County Cities/Townships
- 88% returned to owners \*\*\*
- 19 animals adopted out

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# 52 Blight Investigations in 2024

***45 compliance / 7 citations***

- 72 Blight Investigations in 2023
- 93 Blight Investigations in 2022





# Review of 2024 GRPD Goals

1. Continue efforts to improve partnerships (Inside and Out)
    - ✓ Will always receive attention.
  2. Review Staffing Levels
    - a. Historic Review of GRPD Staffing Levels
      - ✓ Approached Council with GRPD history and call volume data.
    - b. External Comparison
      - ✓ Concluded that 22 sworn was a goal- working toward such prior to SRO contract being cut in half.
      - ✓ Currently projected at 21 June 2025
  3. Resume and expand GRPD community events / presentations.
    - a. Resume all from previous (~~Polar Plunge~~, National Nite Out, Citizen Academy, Safety Camp, Shop with a Hero) Recruit staff to assume lead positions.
      - ✓ All reestablished except Polar Plunge (SOMN relocated to HIB)
    - b. Expand
      - ✓ Active Threat / Situational Awareness Presentations
      - ✓ GR Hotel Interdiction Presentation
      - ✓ Gas Station
      - ✓ Senior Identity Safety
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1. Explore the viability of Flock Technology
    - ✓ State of MN “right of way rules”
    - ✓ Currently stalled out awaiting State
  2. Explore expanding the GRPD Officer Wellness Program
    - a. Mental Health (Neck up Checkups- already established)
      - ✓ MBTI II Testing / Presentation with Doctor Kummerow
    - b. Consider adding additional elements to Wellness Program
      - ✓ Physical Fitness
      - ✓ Additional Presentations- Currently in talks with Breach Point

## 2025 GRPD Goals

1. Continue efforts to improve partnerships (Inside and Out)
2. Review Staffing Levels
  - a. Current Hiring Process
  - b. Continue conditional offer hiring process with a start date of July 2025
  - c. Continue to evaluate an appropriate start date of DWI Officer
3. Resume and expand GRPD community events / presentations.
  - a. Resume all from previous community events. Continue to recruit staff to assume lead positions.
  - b. Expand
    1. Active Threat / Situational Awareness Presentations
    2. GR Hotel Interdiction Presentation
    3. Gas Station
    4. Senior Identity Safety
4. Explore the viability of Flock Technology
5. PepperBall implementation
  - a. Train the Trainer
  - b. Policy
  - c. Deploy and implement once all staff is trained
6. Explore expanding the GRPD Officer Wellness Program
  - a. Mental Health (Neck up Checkups- already established)
    1. Add an additional provider
  - b. Consider adding additional elements to Wellness Program
    1. Physical Fitness
    2. Additional Presentations- Breach Point
  - c. Build-out Chaplin Program





# Community



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From Maggie

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Thank You  
Police Officers!



LUCK







Dear Moose Lodge,

Thank you for attending Grand Rapids Police Department's **Responsible Alcohol Server Training** held on June 16th. The event involved 82 participants from 11 local establishments. It is our hope that the information was beneficial and provided some additional insight on the following skills:

- **Recognize and manage impaired customers**
- **Understand legal responsibilities and penalties**
- **Accurately validate IDs and navigate compliance checks**
- **Enhance relationships with local law enforcement**

With the great interest, Grand Rapids Police Department will be hosting the Responsible Alcohol Server Training presentation in May of each year. All local vendors will again receive an invitation.

You will notice that next year's presentation will involve additional information from sources such as GRPD DWI Officer, Itasca County Attorneys Office and statistics specific to our area. If you have suggestions as to what additional material should be covered, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We greatly appreciate your partnership and attendance,

Andy Morgan  
Grand Rapids Police Chief



# FBINAA

FBI National Academy Associates, Inc.

## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 5th, 2025

### FBI National Academy Session 294 Graduation

QUANTICO, VA - Two hundred and thirty-nine law enforcement officers graduated today from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 294th session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 48 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 14 countries, six military organizations, and four federal civilian organizations.

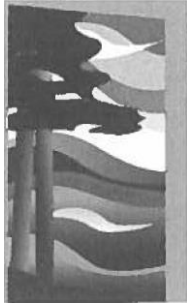
Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Deputy Director Dan Bongino delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class spokesperson Brandt "BT" Carmical with the Camp Robinson Police Department in North Little Rock, Arkansas, represented the graduating officers.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits all the National Academy courses offered.

A total of 56,180 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.





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First Chair Connolly Called the meeting to order at 4:02PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Board Member Dan Butterfield

Board Chair Stephen Connolly

Board Member Cassey Casteel

Board Member Jessica Malmquist Board Member Megan MacDonell

**ABSENT**

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None

#### SETTING THE AGENDA:

Agenda approved as presented.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

None

#### APPROVE MNUTES:

I . Consider approving minutes from the January 16, 2025 regular meeting.

Motion made to accept the January 16, 2025. Motion made by Board Member Casteel, Seconded By Board Member Butterfield, All were in favor. Minutes accepted.

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#### BUSNESS:

2. Grand Rapids Police Department will be detailing Pepper Ball technology

Pepper Ball Technology was presented by Instructors Officer Sean Smallen and Officer Jeff Roerick. Education, Illustration, and Discussion. Followed by Demonstration in the parking lot of the effectiveness of the Non Lethal option.

3. Received questions about AI cameras being installed in tvfN that detect if you are on your phone and if there are plans for them coming to GR.

Discussion regarding AI Camera's and what they are used for in Law Enforcement.

#### UPDATES:

#### Introduction of New Officer Kiara Rantala

4. New Officer Kiara Rantala

Officer Kiara Rantala was not present at the meeting due to scheduling conflict. New PCAB Board Member Megan MacDonell introduced herself to the Board. She was welcomed by all.

#### ANNOUNCENffNTS:

None

#### SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Police Community Advisory Board next meeting will be May 15, 2025 at 4:00pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURN:

Motion was made to adjourn: Motion made by Board Member Butterfield, Seconded by Board Member MacDonell.

Adjourned: 5: 15 PM

ATTEST:

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5: 15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jackie Heinrich, PCAB recorder