



CITY OF  
**GRAND RAPIDS**  
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**POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2026**  
**4:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Police Community Advisory Board will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 4:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids.

**ROLL CALL:**

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**APPROVE MINUTES:**

Approval of March 19, 2026, Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes for March 19, 2026

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

**BUSINESS:**

2. Department Head Report 2025

UPDATES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURN:

ATTEST:

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

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**BOARD MEMBERS AND TERM EXPIRATION:**

Dan Butterfield - 12/31/2026

Stephen Connolly - 12/31/2026

Cassey Casteel - 12/31/2027

Tom Neustrom - 12/31/2028

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Meeting was called to order: 4:00PM

**ROLL CALL:**

Present:

Board Chair Dan Butterfield

Board Member Tom Neustrom

Board Member Cassey Casteel

Board Member Megan MacDonell

Board Member Jessica Malmquist

Board Member Larissa Lawson

Absent:

Board Member Stephen Connolly - approved absent

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None

#### APPROVE MINUTES:

Approved Minutes for January 15, 2026, Meeting.

Motion made by Board Member MacDonell, Seconded by Board Member Malmquist.

Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Neustrom, Board Member Casteel, Board Member Malmquist, Board Member MacDonell, Board Member Lawson

1. Consider approving minutes from the January 15th, 2026, regular meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

None

#### SETTING THE AGENDA:

#### BUSINESS:

2. Introduction of New Board Member Larissa Lawson

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3. Open Meeting Law - Discussion

Chief Morgan went over the Open Meeting law- Talked about how the meeting should flow and advised the Board to read Open Meeting Law packet that was provided to each member.

4. Past Presentations: Area Local Banks - ATM Jackpotting, Scams, and Bank Safety

Upcoming Presentations: Responsible Server Training

Discussion on the resent presentations that the Police Department has conduct with the city. All presentations have been successful.

Discussion was made by Chief Morgan regarding upcoming speakers. Board members would like to have more speakers coming to the meetings to keep them informed of the latest businesses and events happening.

One request was for Hwy 35 LLC to come back and the new Amazon business.

#### UPDATES:

Dare Spaghetti Fundraiser will be April 12th, from 11-6 at the Eagles.

K-9 Fundraiser was a great success this year.

Presentation at St. Andrews on March 19th regarding Scams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting will be May 21, 2026, at 4:00 PM in City Hall Chambers.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30PM

Motion made by Board Member MacDonell, Seconded by Board Member Casteel.

Voting Yea: Board Member Butterfield, Board Member Neustrom, Board Member Casteel, Board Member Malmquist, Board Member MacDonell, Board Member Lawson

Respectfully Submitted

Jackie Heinrich, Admin Assistant

ATTEST:

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# Grand Rapids Police Department 2026 Council Report



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# Our Mission...

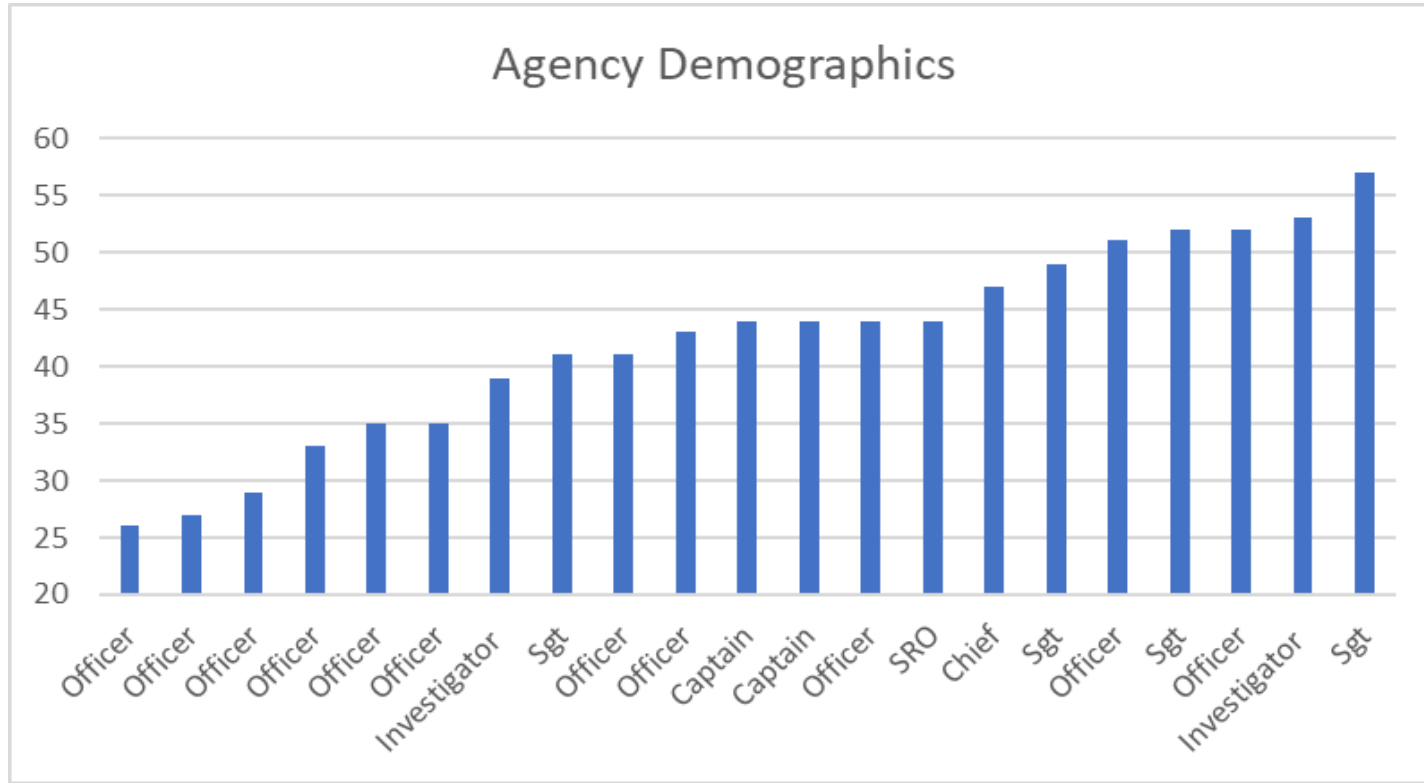


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*“Building collaborative relationships to keep our community safe through service, education and enforcement.”*

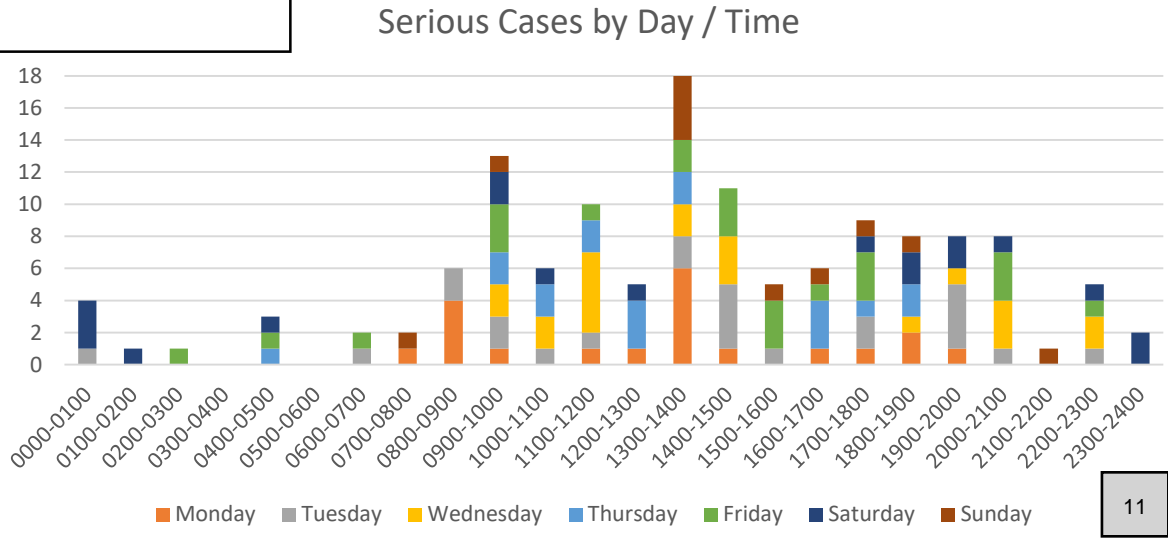
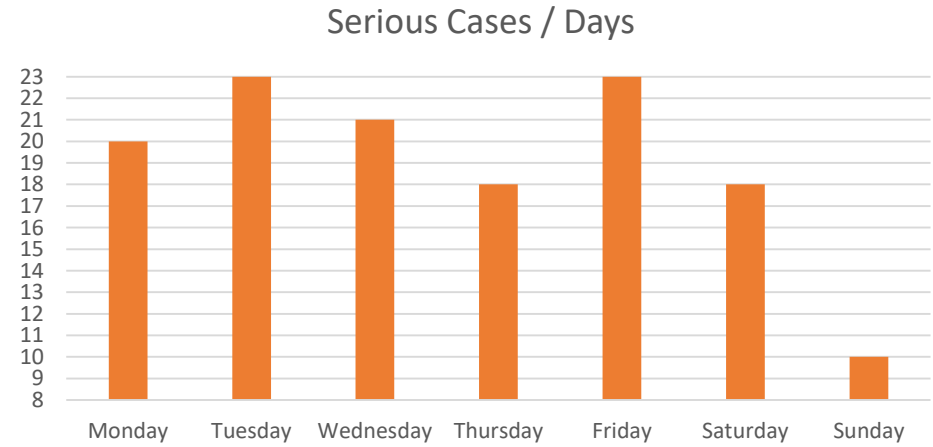
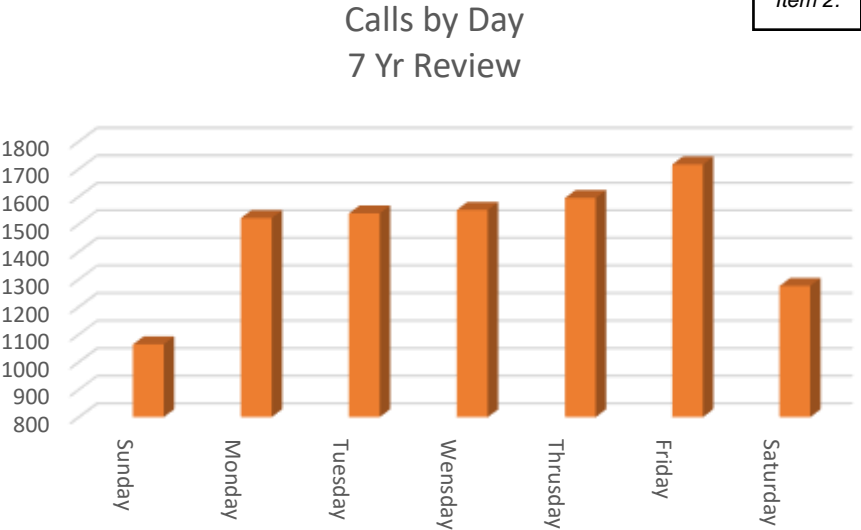
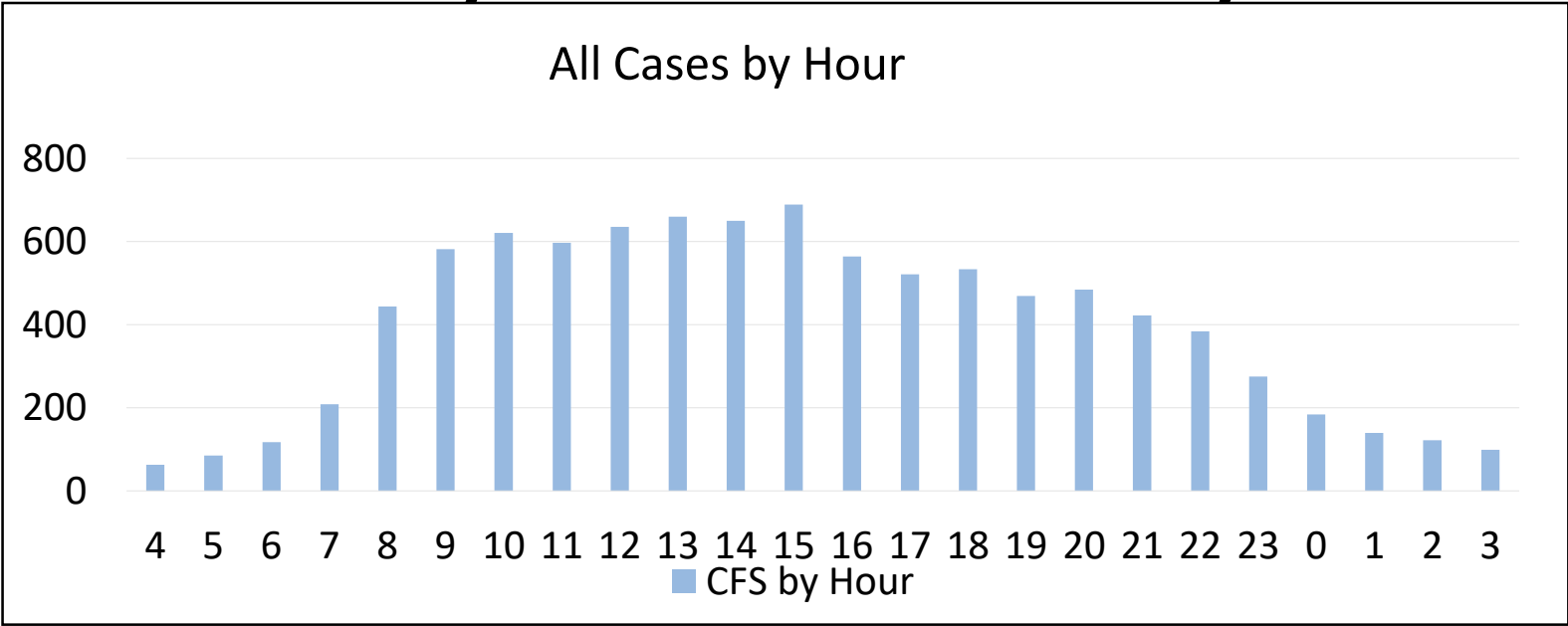
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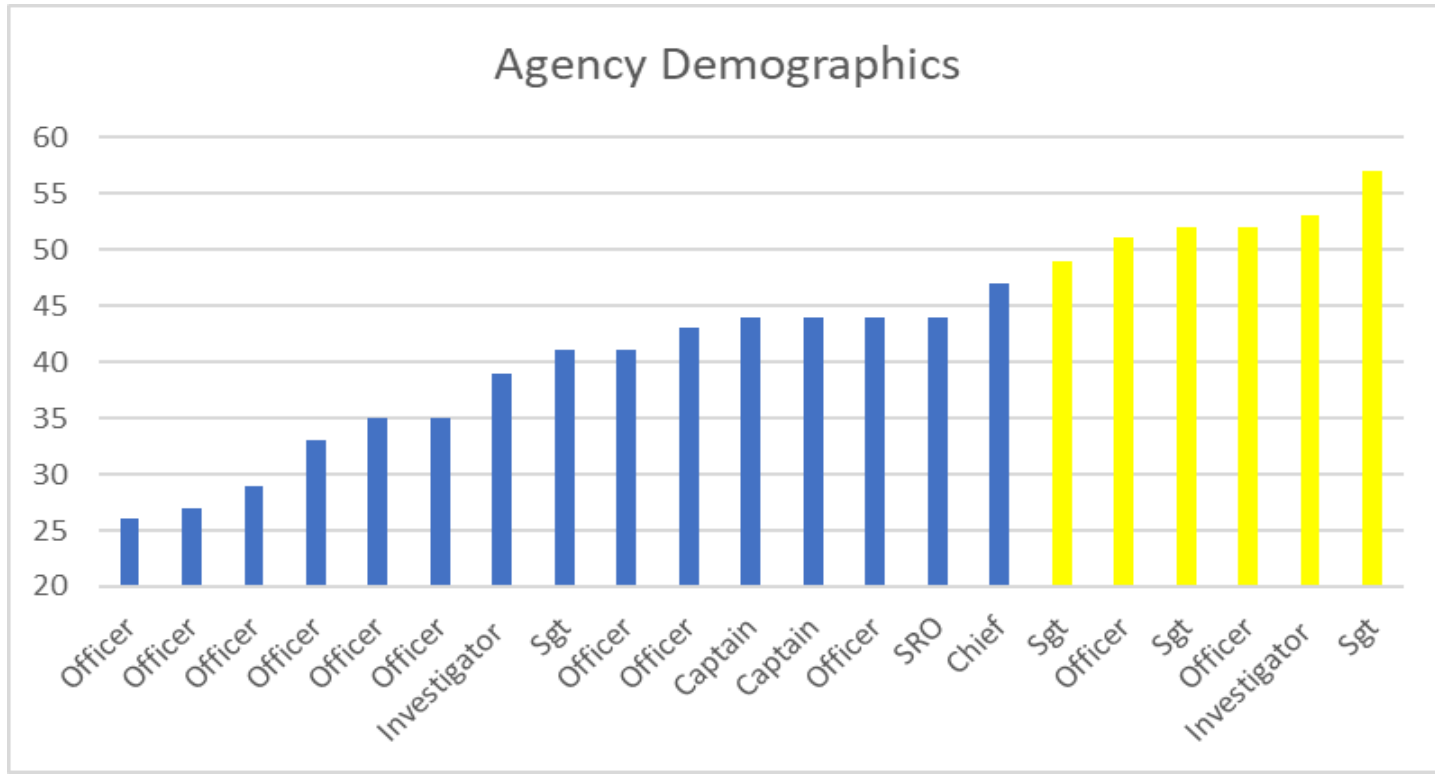






# Calls by Hour of the Day

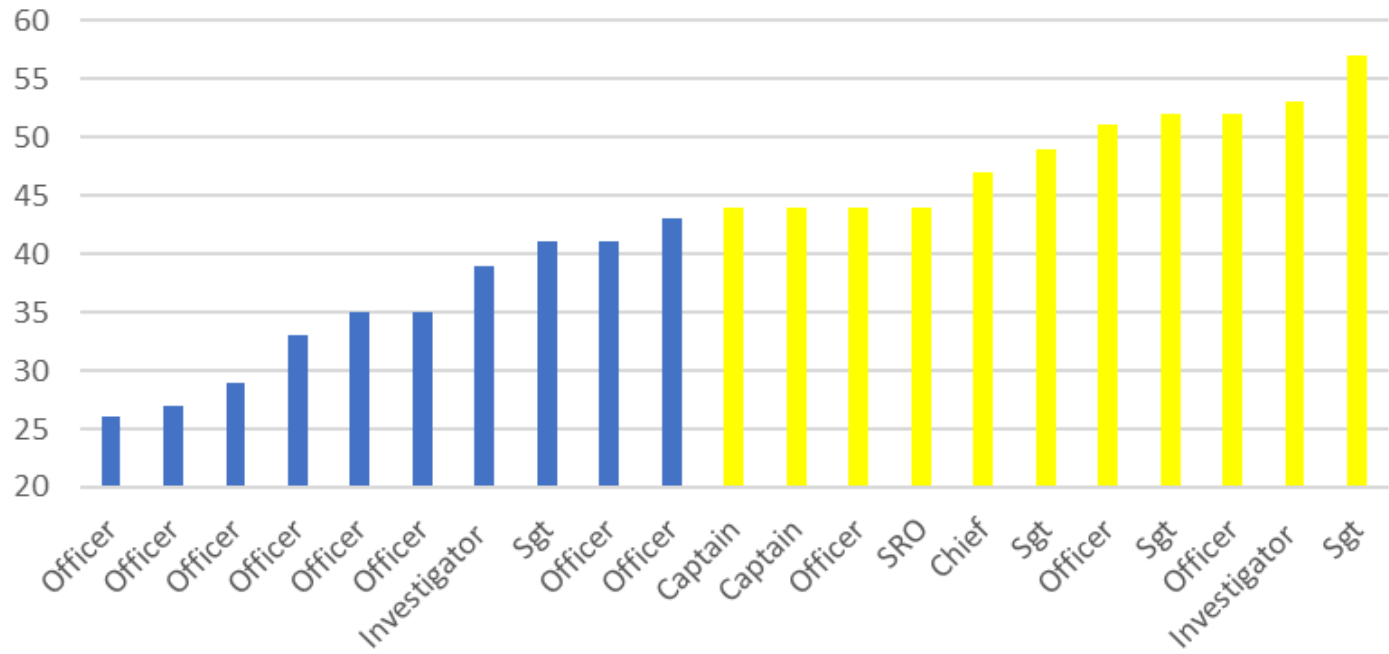




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### Agency Demographics



# Selected Criminal Offenses

Call Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
MV / PD	495	440	361	325	456	326	349	456
MV / PI	39	37	25	32	24	35	29	15
MV Fatal	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Burglary	28	22	28	9	12	15	13	18
DWI	72	60	52	56	50	62	81	31
Vandalism	115	114	127	117	126	117	174	91
Assaults	218	184	199	171	207	203	197	177
Thefts	608	495	493	400	407	316	548	380
Drug	141	155	129	80	123	133	93	106

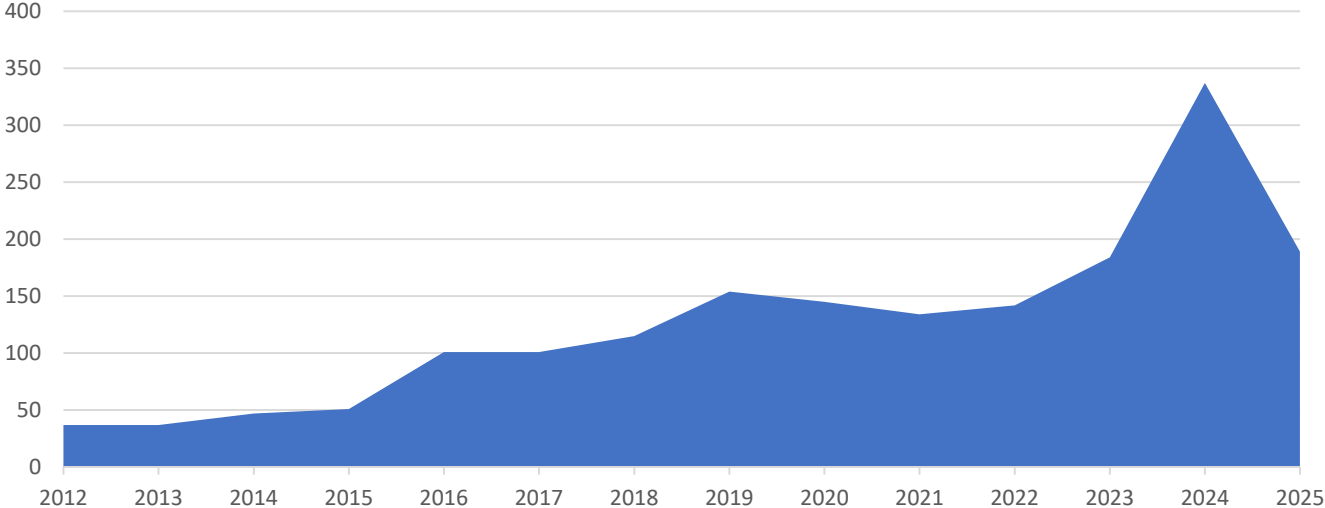
# Traffic Contacts

	2022	2023	2024	2025
• Traffic Stops	1,858	2,128	2,691	3,312
• Warnings	1,338	1,321	1,658	2,234
• Citations	520	634	1,033	1,078

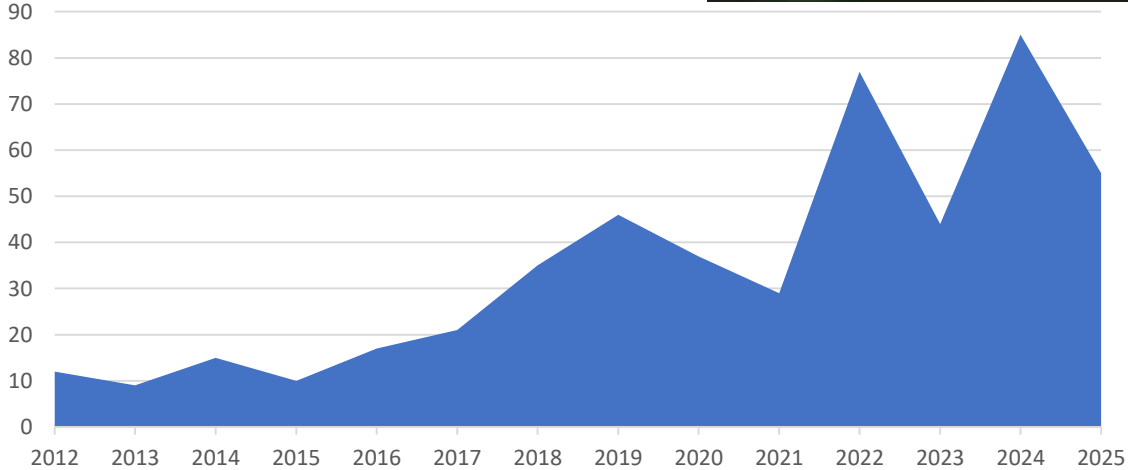


# Community Challenges not Clearly Identified with Police Stats

"Mental Health" Calls



"Crisis" Calls



# Grand Rapids Police Hospital Security Behavioral / Mental Supports

Violent Events			
2024		2025	
Q1	24	Q1	4
Q2	30	Q2	4
Q3	27	Q3	3
Q4	5	Q4	1
	<b>86</b>		<b>12</b>
Physical Assault			
2024		2025	
Q1	14	Q1	2
Q2	16	Q2	1
Q3	15	Q3	2
Q4	2	Q4	0
	<b>47</b>		<b>5</b>



Part of Fairview Health Services





# Murphy

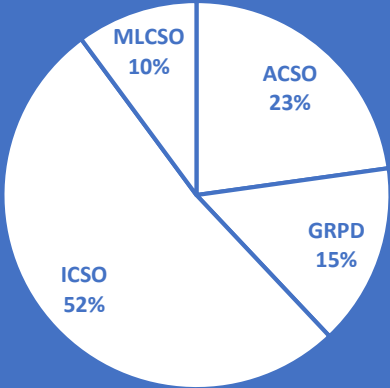
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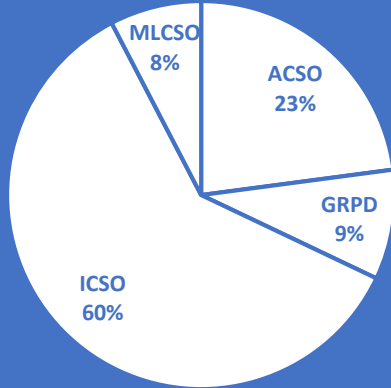
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2025 Review

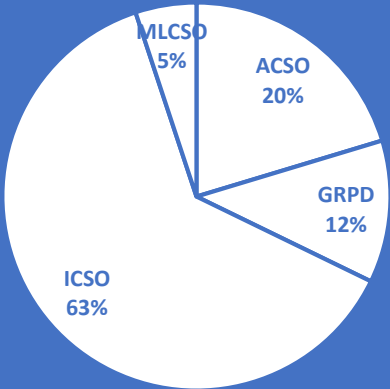
### NEW INVESTIGATIONS



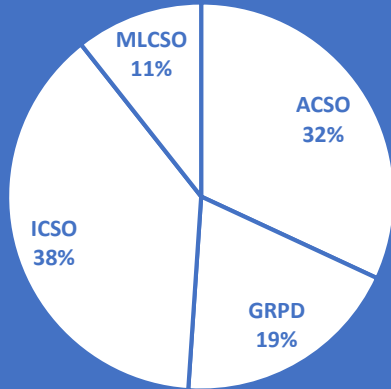
### SEARCH WARRANTS



### DRUG ARRESTS



### NON-DRUG ARRESTS



# Winter Parking Enforcement

- 2021 282
- 2022 240
- 2023 109
- 2024 137
- 2025 66

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**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.





# 2025 Animal Control

- 2025- 145 Animals cared for at DACF
- 2024- 157 Animals cared for
- 2023- 157 Animals cared for
- 2022 - 160 Animals cared for
- 2021 - 105 Animals cared for
  
- 44% Grand Rapids Animals
- 46% Other Itasca County Cities/Townships
  
- 86% returned to owners \*\*\*
- 23 animals adopted out

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# 57 Blight Investigations in 2025

***52 compliance / 5 citations***

- 52 Blight Investigations in 2024
- 72 Blight Investigations in 2023
- 93 Blight Investigations in 2022



# Community Policing

## Events

- Shop with a Hero
- National Night Out
- Safety Camp
- Special O Broom Ball



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## Presentations

- Scam Presentations
- ALICE Presentations
- Bank Presentations
- POR Presentations
- Responsible Server Training Presentations



Our Mission...



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# Community



I LOVE  
COPS.  
From Maggie

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Thank You  
Police Officers!

