



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE POLICE COMMISSION

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

LIBRARY OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT 450 S. MAIN ST.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER *Roll Call for the meeting, determine whether a quorum is present; determine whether the meeting has been properly noticed.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[PC Minutes 2-16-2026](#)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Election of Police Commission Officers
2. Consideration to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee subject to the jurisdiction or authority of governing body.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

[2025](#) Annual Report

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS *No action will be taken on any matter originating under this item.*

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

ADJOURN

Posted this 15th day of May, 202026 by 4:30 PM.
Copy to the official newspaper the Richland Observer.

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Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Police Commission Meeting called to order at 5pm. Present; Walsh, Cler, Killoy, Machotka and Jelinek. Meeting was properly noticed.

Chief Jones present and taking meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Cler to approve the 11-17-25 Police Commission Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Killoy, motion carried. 5-0

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Jelinek to move into closed session to discuss a complaint made by a citizen against a Police Officer of the Richland Center Police Department. Seconded by Machotka, motion carried. 5-0.

Motion by Machotka to Move back into Open Session to vote on anything discussed in closed session. No action taken on the complaint, Commission discussed complaint and heard from Chief Jones who presented Commissioners with the original complaint form filled out by IF, Commission was given the report and supplement report to review, BWC was made available and Police Commission was advised that IF stated he would provide a written statement and email it to Commission President Pete Walsh. Commissioner Walsh stated he did not receive an email from IF.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

RCPD Reports for Nov. 2025, Dec. 2025, and Jan. 2026 Presented to the Commission.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS

Questions on noise ordinance, stacks and diesel truck exhaust.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting set for May 18th, 2026, at 5p.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Killoy, seconded by Machotka. Motion carried. 5-0

2025

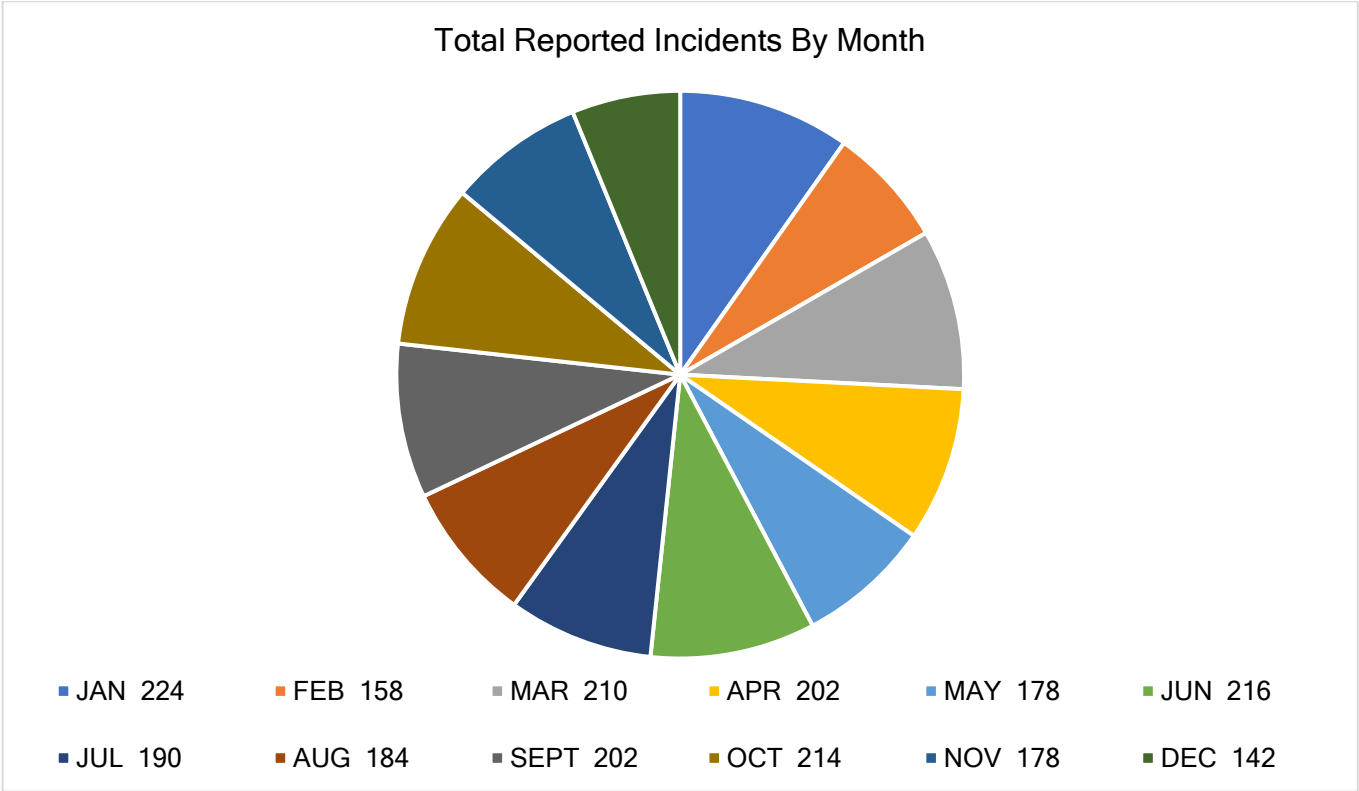
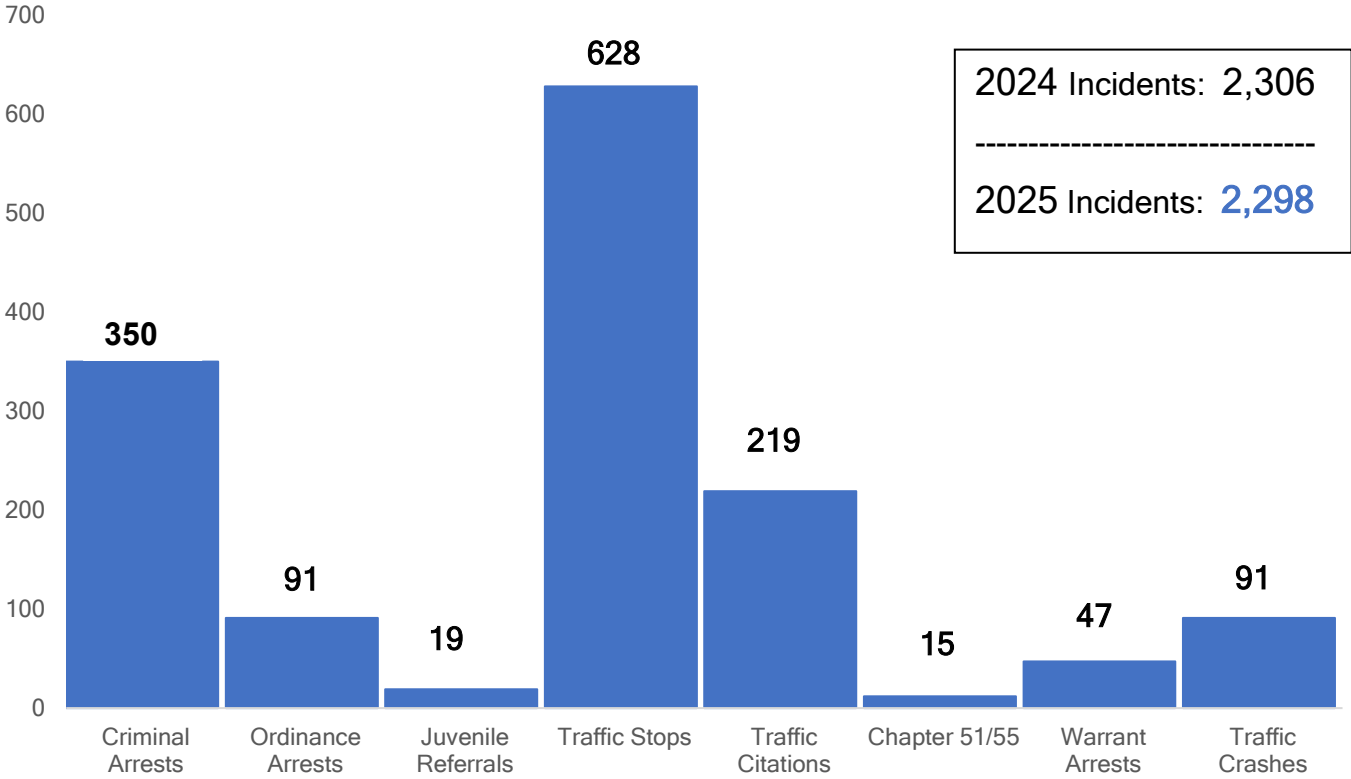


Richland Center Police Department

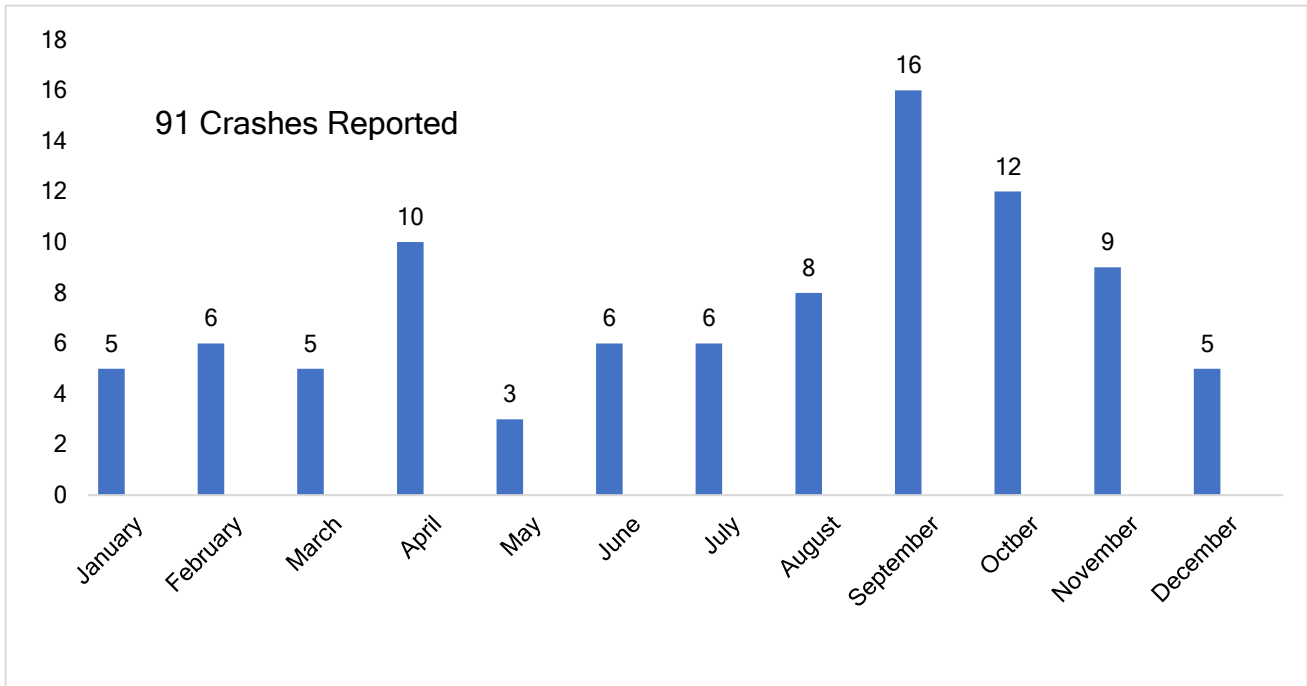


Billy J. Jones, Chief of Police

2025 Incident Snapshot



Reported Crashes By Month



Parking Lot

Accidents*

Wal-Mart (10)

Culvers (3)

Richland Hospital (3)

McDonald's (2)

Richland Center High School (2)

Goodwill (2)

*Lots with 2 or more accidents

Intersection-Related

Accidents*

Highway 14/Sextonville Rd. (3)

Highway 14/Bohmann Dr. (3)

Highway 14/Highway 80 (3)

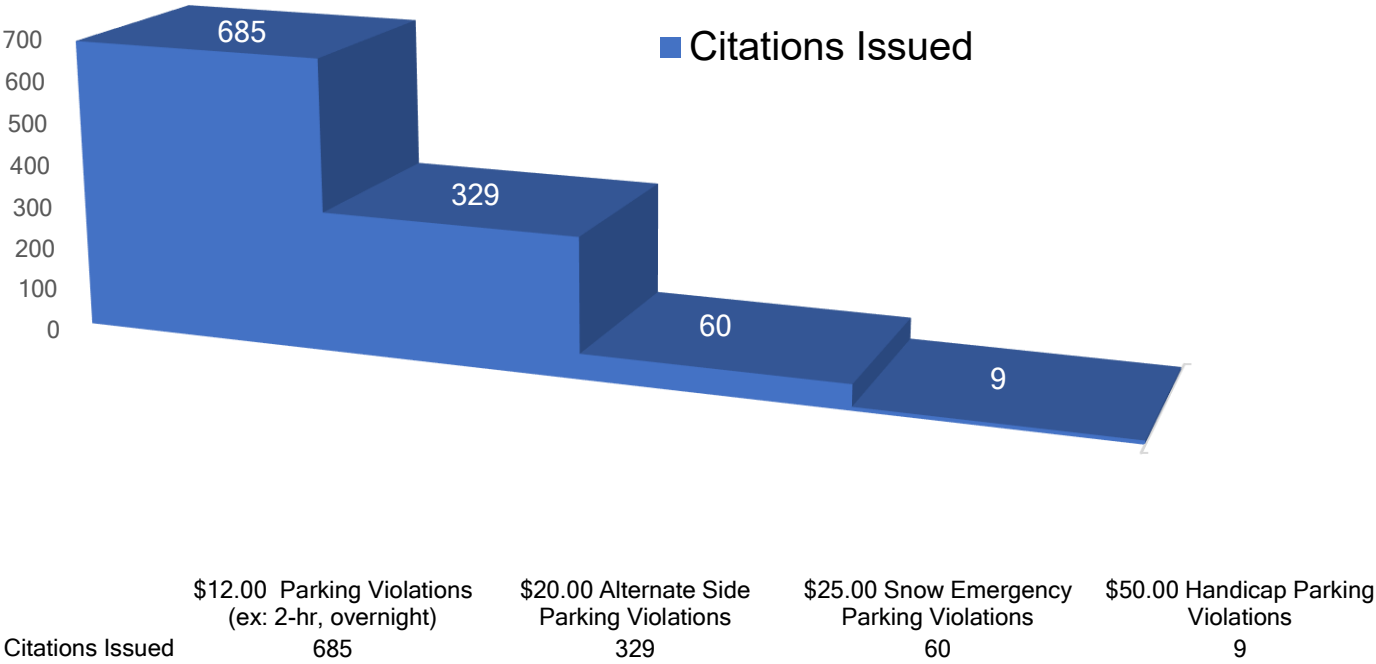
Highway 14/E. Seminary St. (3)

Orange St./Union St. (2)

E. Kinder /S. Sheldon (2)

*Intersections with 2 or more accidents

Richland Center Police Department Parking Statistics



Richland Center Police Department Financial Totals

Court Ordered Payments	\$16,590.92
Police Funds Deposited to City Treasurer (ex: parking tickets, bike license, report requests, etc.)	<u>\$20,053.47</u>
Total:	\$36,644.39

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES and SPECIAL UNITS

Shop with a Cop

The Shop with a Cop event was held at the Walmart in Richland Center. Officers from Richland Center Police Department, Deputies from the Richland

County Sheriff's Department, and Richland County Dispatchers helped the children shop for their families for Christmas.



The event assisted 7 families (19 children) this year. Donations were from The Salvation Army, Richland Family Restaurant, Walmart, and Pepsi.



Officer Jared Wilson-Community Resource Officer (CRO)

Officer Wilson is in his third year as the Community Resource Officer for the Richland School District. School safety is always the number one priority for the CRO position. Officer Wilson has partnered with the school district in adopting the “I Love You Guys Foundation” for responding to emergencies. The standard response protocol is comprised of several responses, which are dictated by the type of emergency. The school district has run several drills over the last couple of years to include participation by staff, students, and members of the Richland Center Police Department.



Officer Wilson continues to visit classrooms to discuss various law enforcement topics. One visit earlier this fall was for a careers class in which Officer Wilson shared the path to become a police officer as well as an overview of the job.

Officer Wilson plans to continue his “Ride to School with Officer Wilson” program at the Intermediate School, in which a student from each grade is selected by staff based on academic achievement, excellent behavior, or a



student in which staff believes could benefit from connecting with Officer Wilson.



Intermediate School Coloring Contest titled “A Merry Officer Wilson”. Coloring props go to Officer Dan Pepich!

National Night Out

The 5th Annual National Night Out at the Richland County Fairgrounds marked its most successful year yet, welcoming hundreds of residents for an evening focused on safety awareness, family fun, and strengthening community relationships across Richland County.



Hosted for the first time by National Night Out, Inc., the newly established non-profit formed after years of leadership by Partners for Prevention, the event

featured more than 25 community organizations, over 40 volunteers, and numerous first responders. Attendees



enjoyed live demonstrations, interactive displays, music, games, refreshments, and the opportunity to connect directly with those who serve the community.

“When neighbors come together, something powerful happens - trust grows, relationships form, and our community becomes stronger,” said Jo Ann Krulatz, National Night Out Chair.

“National Night Out is more than an event it’s a reminder that we



are all part of the same team working to make Richland County a safe, welcoming place for everyone.”

National Night Out is a nationwide campaign designed to strengthen police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Celebrated in thousands of communities annually, it provides residents with opportunities to meet first responders, learn about local resources, and build stronger community connections.

Save the Date! The next **National Night Out** will be held **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, at the Richland County Fairgrounds. For information or 2026 sponsorship opportunities, call 608-647-6131 ext. 1516

Vendors & Displays

ADRC

4-H Syresville Starlets

Richland Hospital

4-H Babysitting Safety

Wallace, Cooper & Elliot

Symons Recreation Complex

DHHS - Child & Youth Services

DHHS - Behavioral Health

DHHS - Birth to 3 Program

Children's Wisconsin

Pine Counseling

SWCAP

DHHS Public Health

NAMI Dane County

Treatment Court

Crime Stoppers

Anytime Fitness

Fitness 14

P&P DOC

Passages

Richland County Kinship

Student Exchange Program

Partners for Prevention Coalition



Sponsors & Supporters

Richland Center Police Department

Richland Center Fire Department

Richland County Sheriff's Department

Richland County EMS

Dairyland Transportation, LLC

Schreiber Foods

Richland Electric Cooperative

Added Touch Floral and Gifts

Main Street Hobby and Bikes

Family Thrift Shop

WRCO

Towne Taxi

New Day Counseling

The People's Community Bank

Advance Pump and Solutions

Walsh's ACE Hardware

Freya Salon

Richland County Bank

Richland Family Restaurant

The strong turnout from the community and broad participation

highlighted the continued commitment of

residents, organizations, and first

responders to build a safe, connected, and

welcoming community. National Night Out continues to grow locally

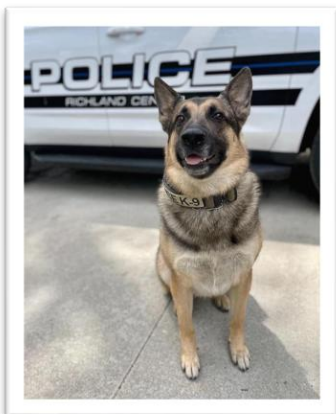
each year, reinforcing the idea that collaboration and community

engagement are key to public safety and quality of life. Proceeds from

the **K9 5K Fun Run** went toward fundraising efforts of the K9 Units for

the Richland Center Police (**K9 Teddy** and **K9 Lucy**) and Richland

County Sheriff's Department (**K9 Raven** and **K9 Aron**).



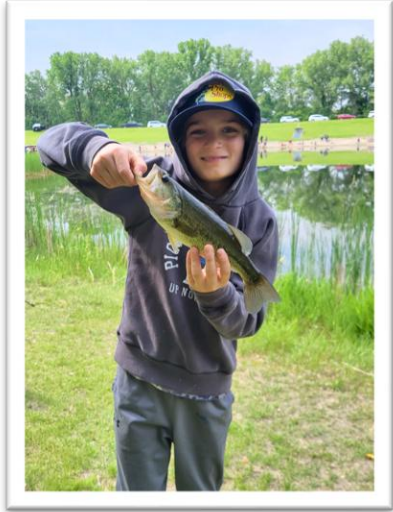
Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby

On June 7th, 2025, RCPD and Richland Center Parks and Recreation teamed up to host the 2nd annual Cops and Bobbers at the North Park Pond. We had a great

turn out with approximately 100 kids. The fish were biting, which kept the judges busy measuring fish all morning.



Walsh's Ace Hardware, Walmart, UW-Richland Campus Foundation, Subway, Culvers, Pizza Hut, and Dunkin Donuts all helped in providing prizes for biggest fish, most fish, and smallest fish, as well as random drawings throughout the event. Thanks to the sponsors, nobody left empty-handed. This has been a fun event that we plan to continue in the summer of 2026.



P.E.A.T. Police Education Addiction and Tools

The program is still being taught by Officer Elizabeth Deitelhoff and Officer Jared Wilson. In 2024-2025, we taught approximately 80 students in the sixth grade. The program is 4-weeks in length covering topics of drug education, vaping and addiction, and tools for thinking to help the students learn tools to think through real life situations. The students have one assignment during the session and that is to complete an advertisement for a safe, legal, and fun activity of their choice. This allows the students to use their creative thinking skills to think about something they like to do and to share it with their classmates.



The students did an outstanding job creating safe, legal, and fun advertisements. Each section of students, 4 in total at the Intermediate School, and 1 at St. Mary's school, were judged on five (5) criteria. The criteria included the ability for staff and officers to recognize the activity, use of space, creativity and color, effort, neatness and presentation. As part of the short verbal presentation, the students were asked to answer the following questions: what is their activity of choice, how does it make them feel, and how would others feel if they joined them in the activity? See photos for the top students for their creativity and hard work on the assignment.



As we end our sessions this spring, we have partnered with Richland County Partners for Prevention and the Richland County Children and Family Advocacy Council and the Galaxie Skate Center to provide a safe, legal, and fun activity for the students in recognition of successfully completing the program.

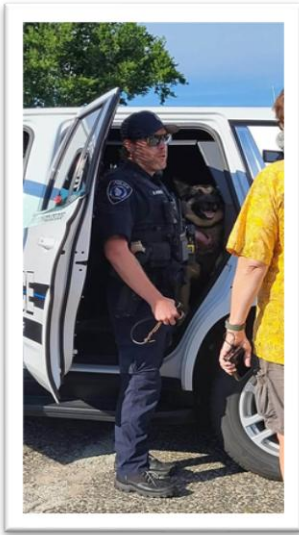
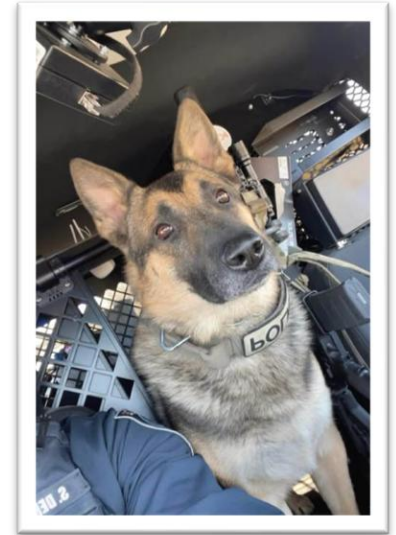
RCPD K9 Unit

Officer Shawn Deneen and K9 Teddy

Officer Deneen and K9 Teddy are entering their fourth year of patrol operations together. Throughout 2025, K9 Teddy continued to demonstrate exceptional performance and reliability in the field.

Deployments involving K9 Teddy resulted in the successful detection and seizure of numerous controlled substances, including methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, fentanyl, and crack cocaine. These efforts have contributed significantly to ongoing enforcement initiatives and the disruption of illegal narcotics within the community.

One notable deployment is summarized below:



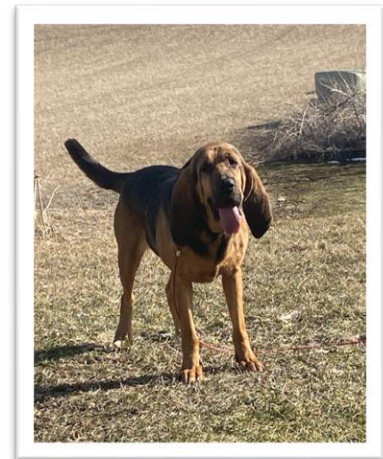
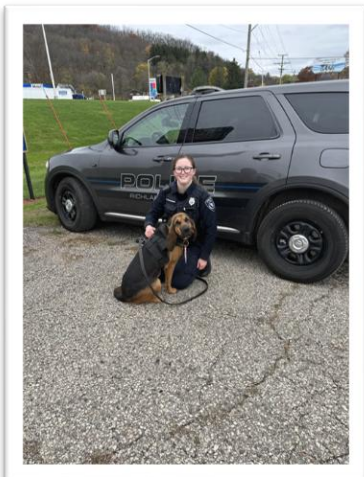
During a traffic stop for license violations, Officer Deneen deployed K9 Teddy, who alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics within the vehicle. A subsequent search led to the discovery of a significant quantity of methamphetamine. The female occupant was found to be distributing a substantial amount of methamphetamine throughout southwest Wisconsin. She was subsequently convicted and sentenced to **9 years** in the Wisconsin prison system.

Officer Deneen and K9 Teddy continue to be a valuable asset to the department, demonstrating professionalism, dedication, and a strong

commitment to public safety through their ongoing efforts in narcotics detection and enforcement.

Officer Shaylyn Isaacson and K9 Lucy

Officer Shaylyn Isaacson reports that Lucy is doing well and is going to be **7 years** old this year, which is **50** in dog years!



Cop on a Rooftop

Sponsored by Dunkin', the annual "Cop on a Rooftop" fundraiser brought out the fun side of Richland Center Police, Richland County Sheriff and Richland Center Fire Department's finest.

This is an annual fundraiser held at Dunkin' locations across the United States to raise money for Special Olympics athletes. The event involves law enforcement officers and other first responders volunteering their time to collect donations from customers on the rooftops of participating Dunkin' stores. In exchange for their donations, customers receive coupons for free items, such as donuts and coffee.

2025 marked the 12th year that Dunkin' and local first responders teamed up for this important cause. Here at the Richland Center Dunkin', patrons help raise \$2,000 to donate to the Special Olympics of Wisconsin. It is a fun event that everyone looks forward to each year!



Race for G.R.A.C.E.

Greater Richland Area Cancer Elimination

The G.R.A.C.E. event focuses on fundraising and prevention of cancer. The goal is to get people excited to get active and help in their own cancer



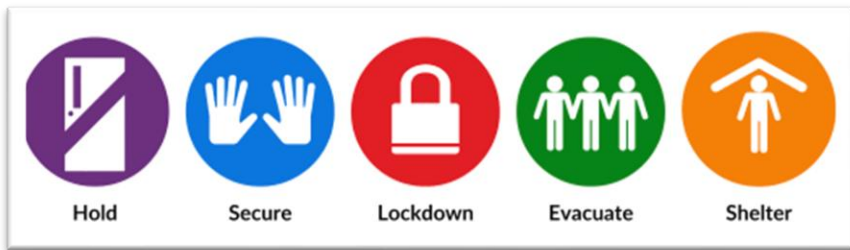
prevention, along with raising funds to help people currently battling this disease. This event includes a First Responder Challenge, where Firefighters, EMS and Officers/Deputies wear their respective uniforms on a 1-mile run/walk. First Responders from all over the Richland County area were in attendance for the competition!



Community Engagement and Trainings

This is a summary of some of the community engagements that RCPD officers have been involved in throughout the year:

- Active threat, drug identification, and Narcan training for the Brewer Public Library staff. **Officer Jared Wilson.**
- A Drug Endangered Children (DEC) training was provided to the Richland County Sheriff's Dept, RCPD officers, and Richland County CPS social workers. The Richland County DEC Program is a State recognized, multi-disciplinary team dedicated to the protection of children who are endangered by and/or neglected because of drug use/abuse in the home. **Detective Jason Pilla and Officer Jared Wilson.**



- Four separate active threat trainings for the Richland School District which included our Standard Response Protocols of Lockdown, Hold, Secure, Evacuate, and Shelter, as well as how to secure their classrooms combined with a brief scenario. **Officer Jared Wilson.**

- Bank alarm procedure and scam education training at Richland County Bank. **Chief Billy Jones.**
- Presentation including a self-recorded video to grades 9-12 at the Richland Center High School on Traffic Stops and Safe Driving. **Officer Jared Wilson.**
- Active threat evaluation and discussion at Rockwell Automation. **Chief Billy Jones.**
- Classroom visits to a 7th/8th grade Careers class and High School Business Law classes. The role and duties of the Community Resource Officer (CRO) position and Police Officer career were discussed. **Officer Jared Wilson.**



- VARC of Richland Center was visited and information regarding the CRO position and the duties of being a Police Officer were discussed. **Officer Jared Wilson.**
- The Richland Center Police Department conducted parade and crowd security details at the Memorial Day Parade, the Rodeo/June Dairy Day Parade, RCHS Homecoming Parade and the Center Color Fest Parade.
All Officers at RCPD.



- Along with Richland County ADRC, a scam awareness presentation was provided for the Retired Teachers Association which consisted of discussing common scam techniques, how to avoid them, and what to do if victimized by one. **Detective Jason Pilla.**