



OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, APRIL 06, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING; 450 S. MAIN STREET; RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

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

- [1.](#) PSC Minutes for 3-2-26

APPROVAL OF LICENSES

2. Municipal Licenses (if any)
Application for Operator License for Hayden M. Fox (KT)
- [3.](#) Liquor Licenses (if any)
Application for Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer Licenses for Richland County Performing Arts Council, Concert " High Mileage" to be held on May 9th 2026, from 6pm to 11pm.
Application for Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer Licenses for St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Sportsman Extravaganza on April 18, 2026 from 4pm - 10pm

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- [4.](#) Discussion and possible action on a ordinance amending Chapter 101.04(1) relating to the Designation of Stop Sign Locations.
- [5.](#) Application for Parade Permit for The Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2026 10:00am to 10:30am.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

- [6.](#) 2025 RCPD Annual Report
- [7.](#) RCPD March Report

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

SET NEXT MEETING DATE *First Monday of the Month*

ADJOURNMENT

Posted this 2nd day of April, 2062 by 4:30 PM.
Copy to the official newspaper the Richland Observer.

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, MARCH 02, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING; 450 S. MAIN STREET; RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Public Safety Committee called to order at 5:33 PM. Present, Ron Fruit, Doug Martyniuk. Steve Downs is absent.

Minutes taken by Chief Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Martyniuk to approve the 02-03-2026 minutes, seconded by Fruit. Motion carried. 2-0

APPROVAL OF LICENSES

Municipal Licenses (if any)

Motion by Martyniuk to approve the operator licenses for Trishia Willig, seconded by Fruit. Motion carried. 2-0

Liquor Licenses (if any)

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

No action taken on this Discussion and possible recommendations from PSC regarding amendments to Ordinance 101.09 (Traffic and Parking), including considerations for enforcement in the event the Community Service Aide (CSA) position is vacant. Looking for recommendations on changes to parking ordinance 101.09, specifically the downtown parking.

Motion by Fruit to approve the Application for Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer Licenses for Richland County Performing Arts Council, "Leahys Luck" Irish Show to be held on March 14th ,2026. Seconded by Martyniuk. Motion carried. 2-0

Motion by Martyniuk Discussion and possible action by the Public Safety Committee to forward a recommendation to the City Council authorizing the City Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and County for the installation and placement of the Richland Center Police Department repeater in the County radio communications facility. Seconded by Fruit, motion carried. 2-0

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

February 2026 Report presented by Chief Jones.

REPORTS, REQUESTS, CONCERNS

Copy of complaint letter from Veronica Olson shared with the committee, recommendation to increase the fee increase schedule from 5days to 15 days- But only have one increase instead of 2?

Gary Wilder and Terry Nimox

Noise complaint, neighbor semi parked in driveway has a fuel heater that runs separately from the trucks engine. LE has contacted neighbor and Gary and Terry have attempted to speak with neighbor, with no luck getting the truck to park at shop and drive from work to home.

Mayor Coppernoll asked the City Attorney to draft a Noise Ordinance to be considered.

Gary Wilder asked committee and Police to look at 300.02 and consider citing for the noise of the truck under this section. Email to be sent to city attorney for interpretation.

8th and Church traffic enforcement for people running the stop sign and speeding.

Intersection of Church and Court still having issues with parked cars and pedestrian crossing the streets, Unsafe and Delivery trucks parking too close to the intersection while delivering supplies.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

April 6, 2026, at 530p

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Martyniuk to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Fruit at 6:30p. Motion carried. 2-0

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY CLASS "B"/"CLASS B" RETAILER'S LICENSE

See Additional Information on reverse side. Contact the municipal clerk if you have questions.

FEE \$ 10.00

Application Date: 03/27/2026

Town Village City of Richland Center County of Richland

The named organization applies for: (check appropriate box(es).)

- A Temporary Class "B" license to sell fermented malt beverages at picnics or similar gatherings under s. 125.26(6), Wis. Stats.
- A Temporary "Class B" license to sell wine at picnics or similar gatherings under s. 125.51(10), Wis. Stats.

at the premises described below during a special event beginning 05/09/2026 and ending 05/09/2026 and agrees to comply with all laws, resolutions, ordinances and regulations (state, federal or local) affecting the sale of fermented malt beverages and/or wine if the license is granted.

1. ORGANIZATION (check appropriate box) Bona fide Club Church Lodge/Society Veteran's Organization Fair Association

(a) Name SW Partners dba Richland Rejuvenates

(b) Address 1313 W Seminary St. PO BOX 651 Richland Center WI 53581
(Street) Town Village City

(c) Date organized 03/03/2016

(d) If corporation, give date of incorporation 03/04/2016

(e) If the named organization is not required to hold a Wisconsin seller's permit pursuant to s. 77.54 (7m), Wis. Stats., check this box:

(f) Names and addresses of all officers:

President Michael Breininger

Vice President Kent Adsit

Secretary Liz Perkins

Treasurer Michael Cosgrove

(g) Name and address of manager or person in charge of affair: Michael Cosgrove

2. LOCATION OF PREMISES WHERE BEER AND/OR WINE WILL BE SOLD:

(a) Street number 182 N Central Avenue City Auditorium

(b) Lot _____ Block _____

(c) Do premises occupy all or part of building? All interior only top 2 floors

(d) If part of building, describe fully all premises covered under this application, which floor or floors, or room or rooms, license is to cover:

3. NAME OF EVENT

(a) List name of the event Concert "High Mileage"

(b) Dates of event May 9th 2026 6pm to 11p

DECLARATION

The Officer(s) of the organization, individually and together, declare under penalties of law that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

SWPartners dba Richland Rejuvenates
(Name of Organization)

Officer Michael Cosgrove 03-27-26
(Signature/date)

Officer _____
(Signature/date)

Officer _____
(Signature/date)

Officer _____
(Signature/date)

Date Filed with Clerk _____

Date Reported to Council or Board _____

Date Granted by Council _____

License No. _____

Agenda Item: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 101.04(1) Relating to the Designation of Stop Sign Locations

Requested & Presented by: Police Chief Billy Jones

Meeting Date: Public Safety Committee on 04-06-2026

Common Council on XX-XX-2026

Committee Review:

Background:

At the request of residents and in response to recent traffic safety concerns, the City has evaluated several intersections where additional stop control is warranted. Review of accident history (six crashes in the last 5 years total for all three intersections) and traffic conditions indicates a need to improve safety and reduce the likelihood of future incidents.

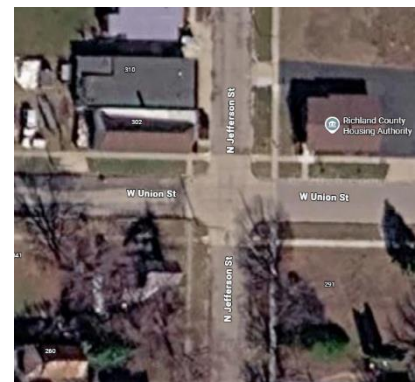
The following intersections have been identified for the installation of stop signs:



S. Sheldon Street and E. Gage Street (stop control on S. Sheldon St., north and south approaches)



N. Sheldon Street and E. Kinder Street (stop control on N. Sheldon St., north and south approaches)



N. Jefferson Street and W. Union Street (stop control on N. Jefferson St., north and south approaches)

Installation of stop signs at these locations will improve traffic control, enhance visibility of right-of-way, and promote safer travel through these intersections.

Department Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the ordinance amendment to Chapter 101.04(1) to designate the above intersections as stop-controlled, and approval of associated sign installation.

Financial Impact: PW Budgeted Line Item – Cost associated with the purchase and installation of six (6) stop signs and posts.

Funding Source: 10-54230-520 – SIGNS/SUPPLIES (Budgeted Item)

Requested Action:

PUBLIC SAFETY: Motion to recommend to the Common Council adoption of Ordinance No. 2026-____, amending Chapter 101.04(1) to establish stop-controlled intersections at S. Sheldon & E. Gage, N. Sheldon & E. Kinder, and N. Jefferson & W. Union.

COUNCIL: Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2026-____, amending Chapter 101.04(1) to establish stop-controlled intersections at S. Sheldon & E. Gage, N. Sheldon & E. Kinder, and N. Jefferson & W. Union, as presented.

Attachment(s):

- Ch 101.04(1) Ord Amendment Relating to the Designation of Stop Sign Locations

spoke to Matt about having 20-30 chairs set up

PARADE PERMIT APPLICATION
Municipal Code Chapter 243

Parade Information

Parade Date 5/25/26 Start Time 10 AM End Time 10:30 Estimated number of units 6-10
 Parade Name MEMORIAL DAY Parade Sponsor BOWER-GUNNILL-DALTON YFW POST 2267
 Will there be any animal units? Yes No (if yes, owners are responsible for removal and disposal of waste)
 Location of Parade Assembly RC HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT
 Location of Parade Disassembly RC CEMETARY
 Parade Route PARK/3RD ST. PROCEED ON NORTH CHURCH TO CEMETARY.
 Special parking or street closures required YES, CHURCH ST @ INTERSECTION OF 3RD & N. CHURCH FOR BLOCK TO CEMETARY.
 Insurance Carrier State Farm. Policy Number 99-CL-T984-4
 Surety Bond Amount \$ 1,000,000

Applicant Information

Principal Contact MARVIN CLARK, COMMANDER
 Phone 608 604 6207 Email _____
 Alternate Contact MARGE FREEMAN, PAST COMMANDER
 Phone 608 647 4884 Email _____

By applying for this parade permit, the above names organization, and its agents and officers, hereby agree to hold the City of Richland Center harmless, and indemnify the City of Richland Center, for any and all claims, damages, losses, or injuries, of any nature whatsoever, occurring during, before, or after the parade, and USER agrees to forever release and discharge the City of Richland Center, and its heirs, successors, and assigns, as well as its agents and employees, and all other person who are or might be liable, from any and all claims occurring as a result of the issuance of this parade permit.

Authorized Agent of the Organization: [Signature] Date: 3/25/26

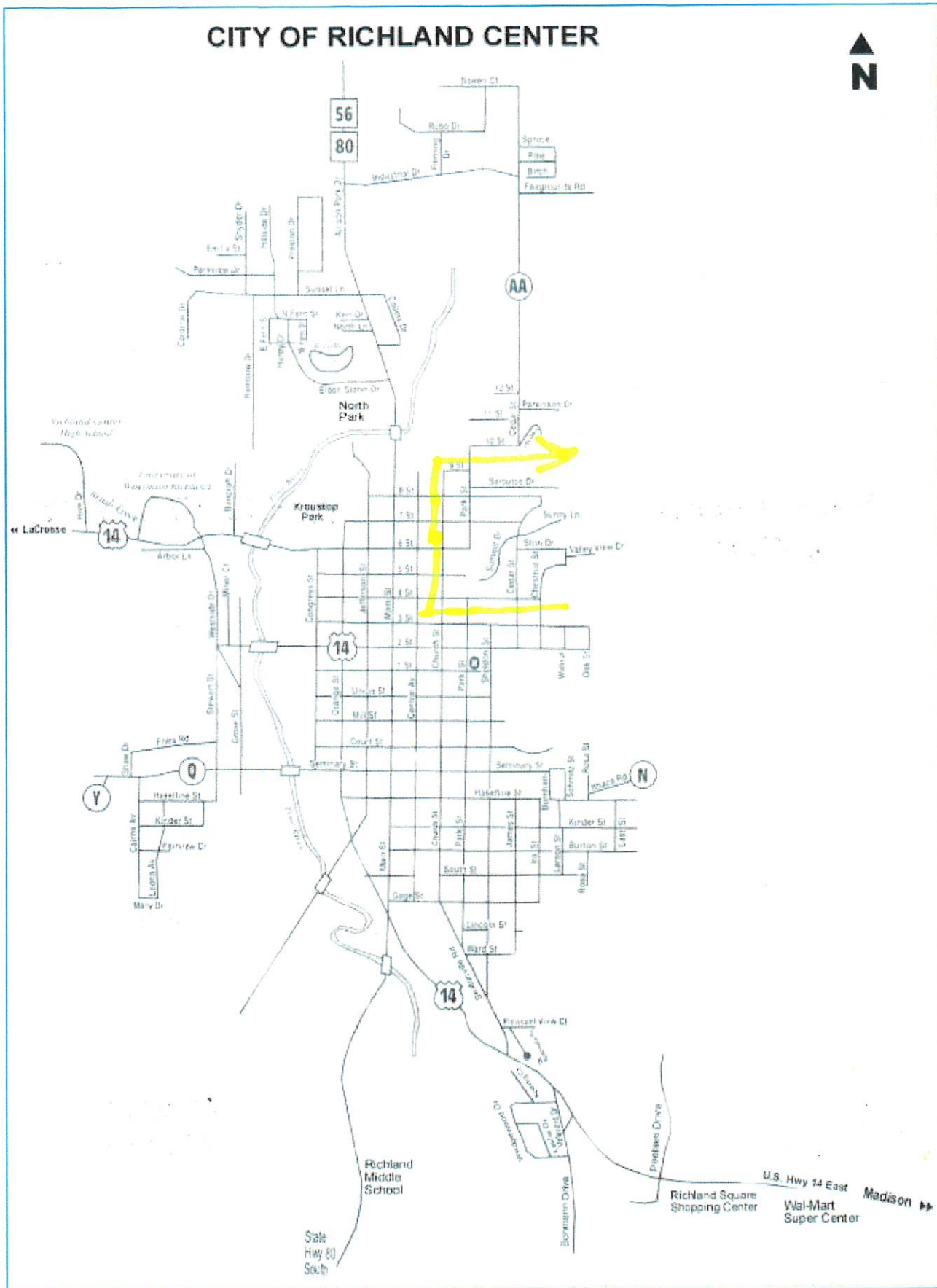
Internal Use Only

Public Works Review Determination **DENIED** **APPROVED**
 Director of Public Works [Signature] Date 4/1/26
 Police Department Review Determination **DENIED** **APPROVED**
 Chief of Police [Signature] Date 4/2/26

If approved, date approval was emailed mailed _____
 Curtesy email to Fire Department Curtesy email to EMS

City Clerk/Treasurer/ Deputy Clerk _____

Please highlight parade route on the map



2025

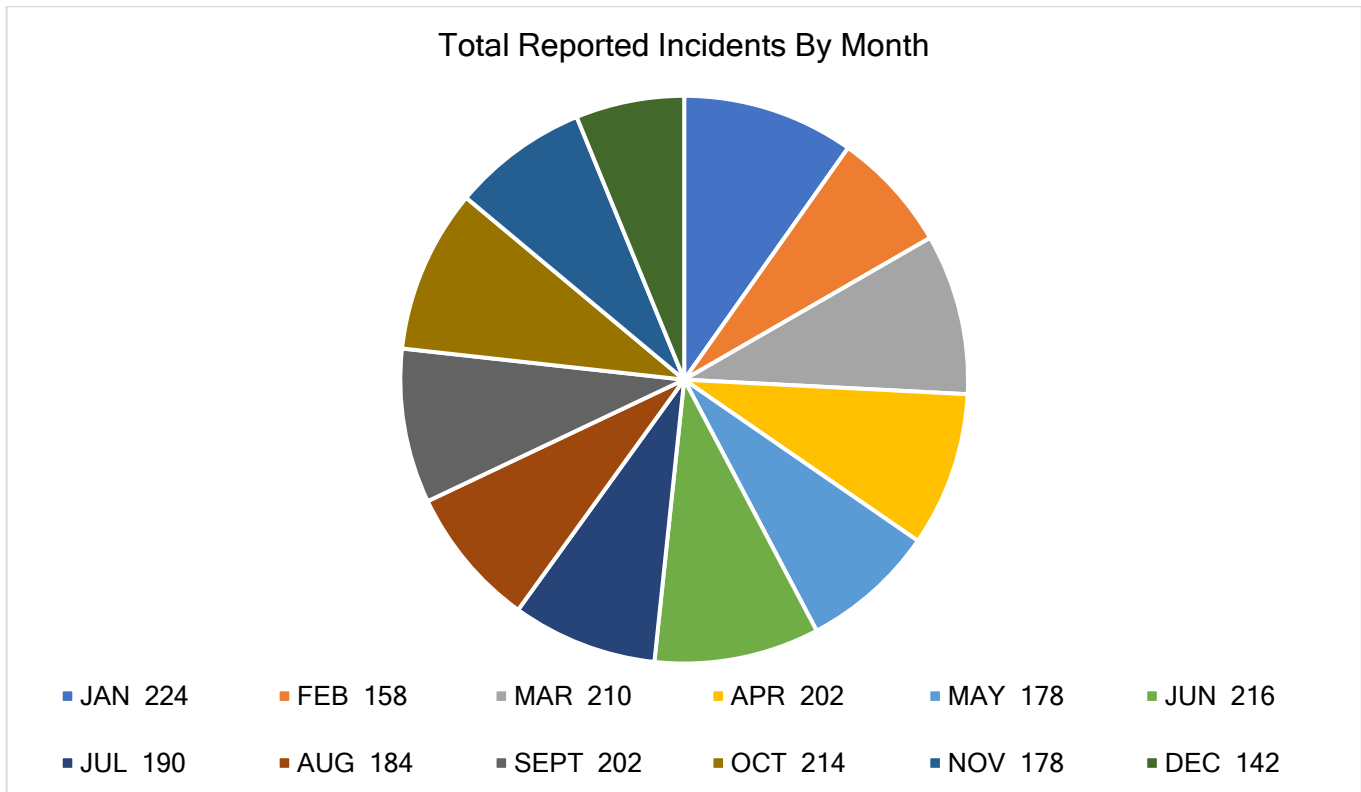
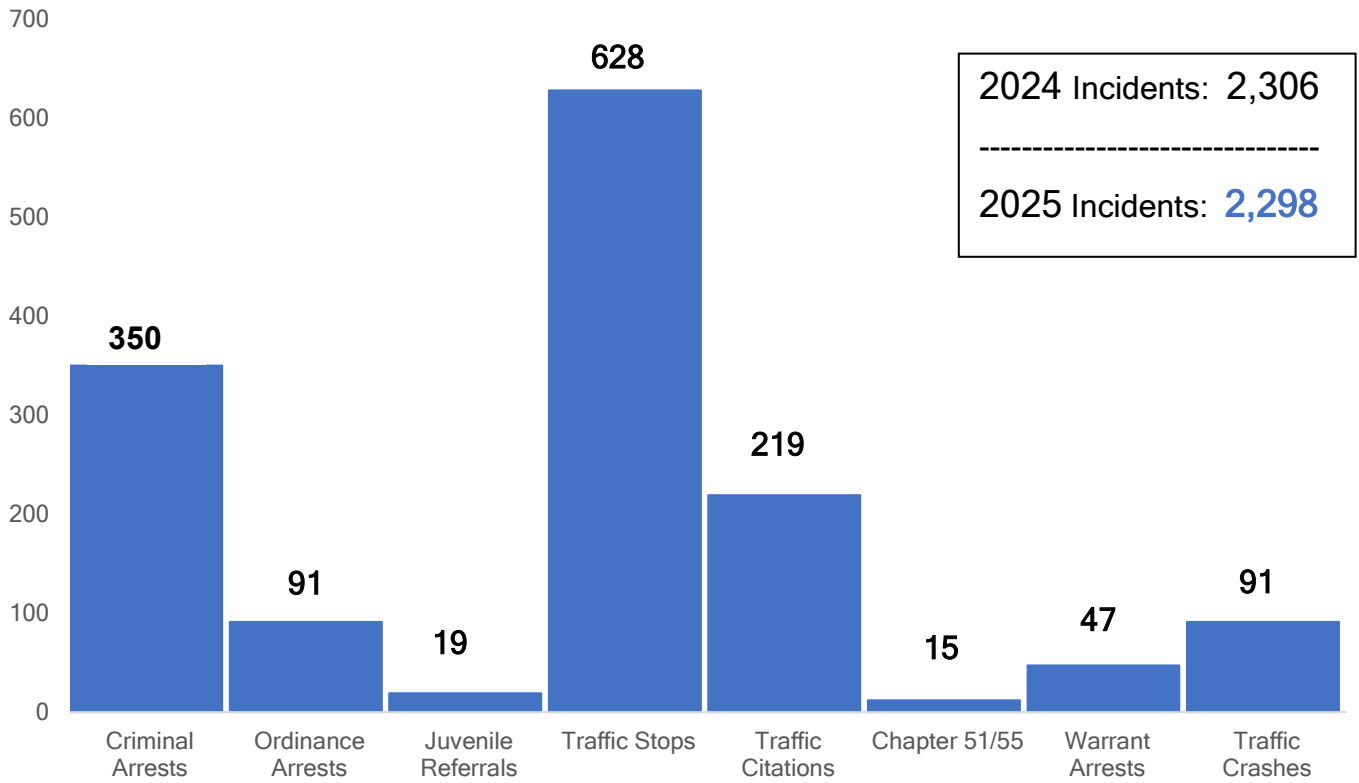


Richland Center Police Department

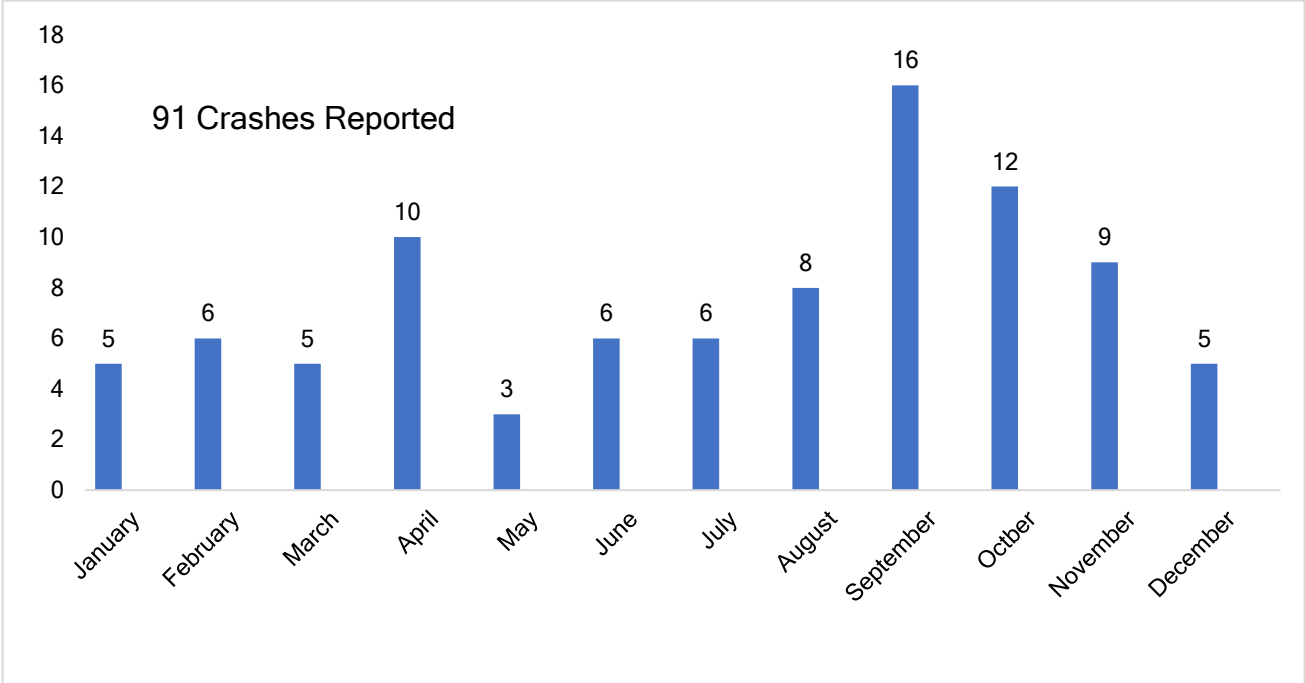


Billy J. Jones, Chief of Police

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)

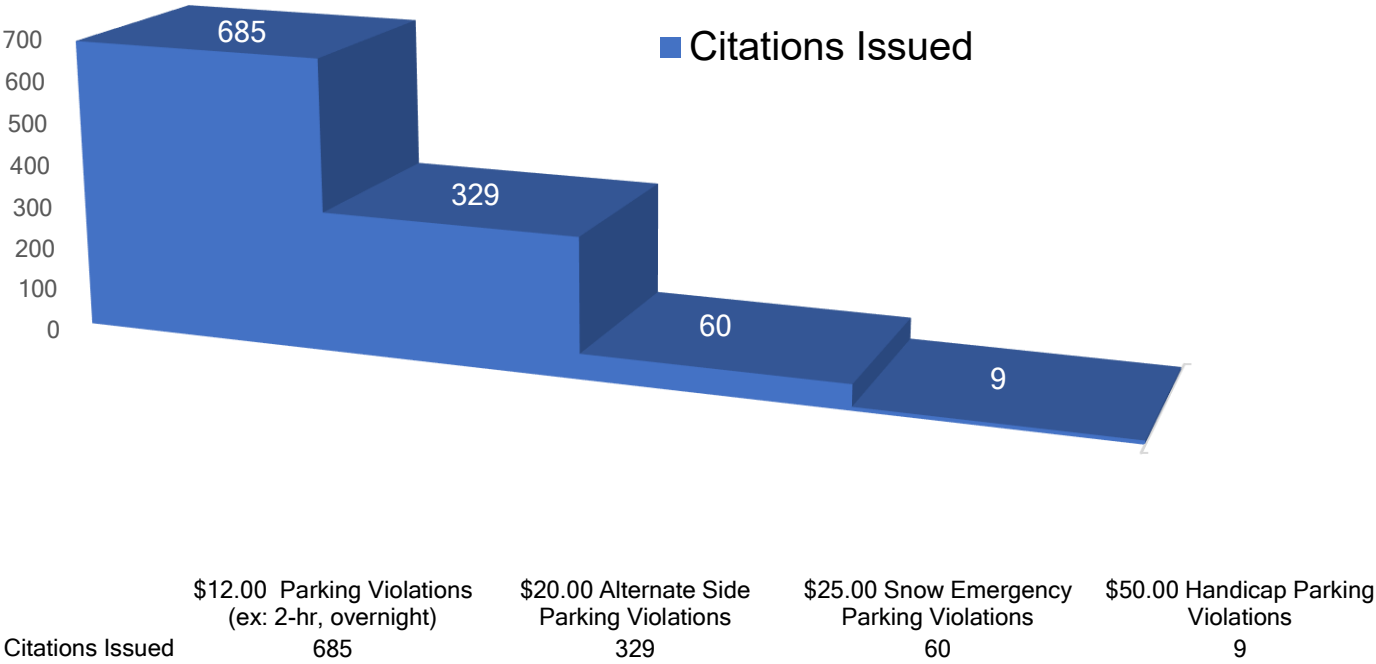
*Lots with 2 or more accidents

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.



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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



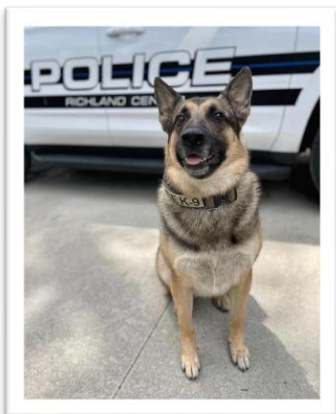
Sponsors & Supporters

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**).



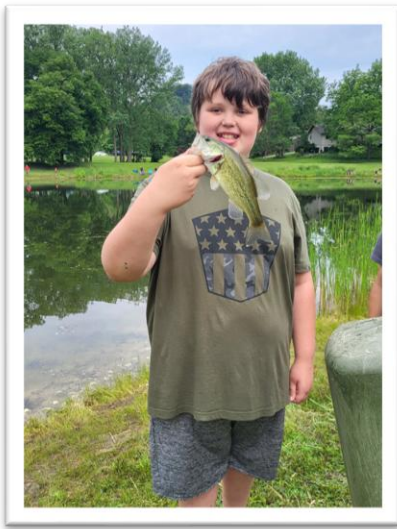
Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby

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.

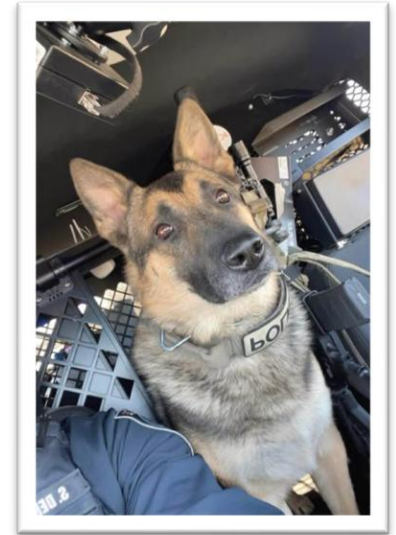
RCPD K9 Unit

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:



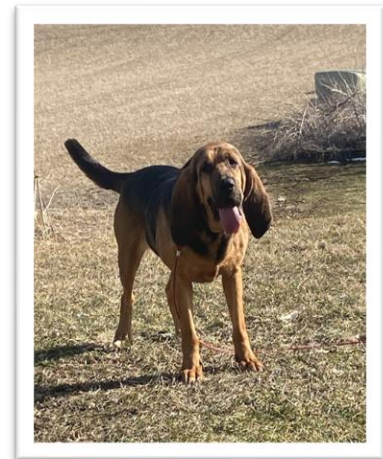
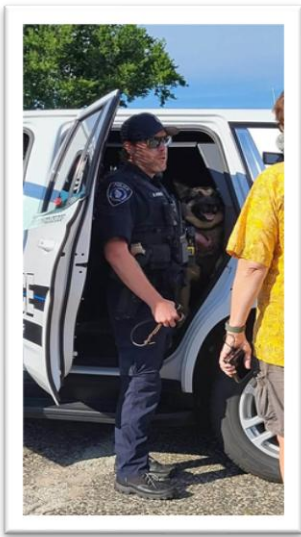
During a traffic stop for license violations, Officer Deneen deployed K9 Teddy, who alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics within the vehicle. A subsequent search led to the discovery of a significant quantity of methamphetamine. The female occupant was found to be distributing a substantial amount 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



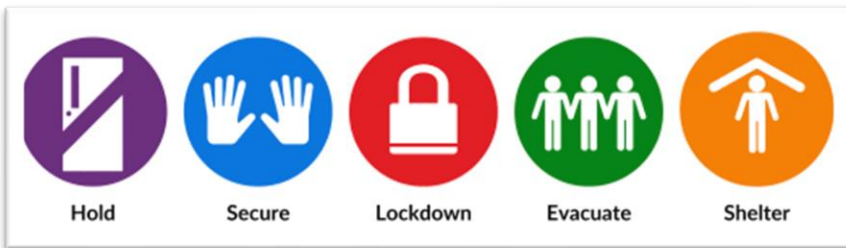
prevention, along with raising funds to help people currently battling this disease. This event includes a First Responder Challenge, where Firefighters, EMS and Officers/Deputies wear their respective uniforms on a 1-mile run/walk. First Responders from all over the Richland County area were in attendance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

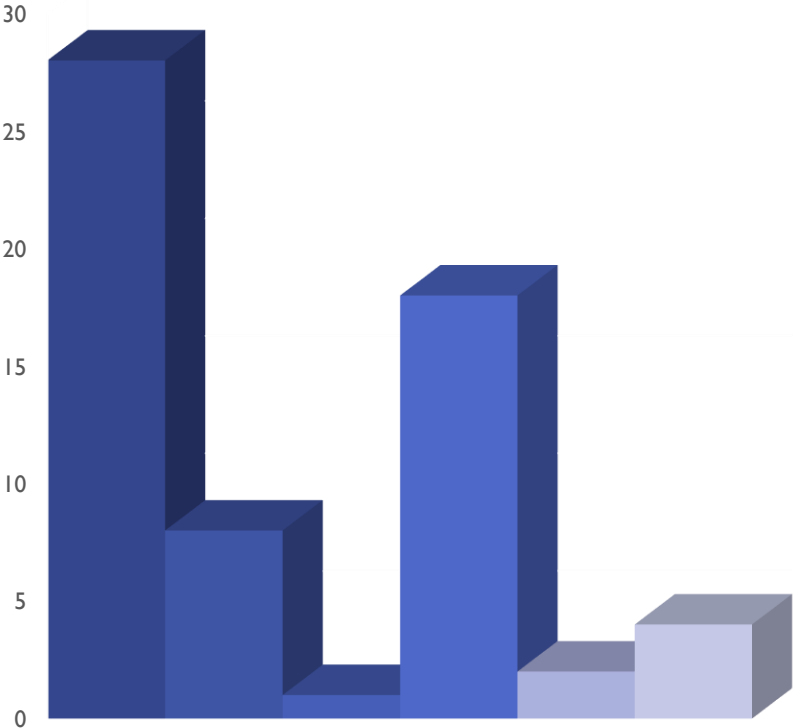
RICHLAND CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report- March 2026

Total Calls for Service- 163

Brief Overview:

- Criminal Arrests 28
- Municipal Ordinance 8
- Juvenile Referrals/Citations 2
- Traffic Citations 18 (46 stops)
- Emergency Detentions 2
- P&P Pick-Up Orders/Warrant Arrests 4



Revenue from Parking Violations & Miscellaneous Charges (records requests, bike licenses, restitution, donations, printing/copying, etc.)	\$ 1,413.00
Court Ordered Payments	<u>\$ 2,037.38</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 3,450.38

Respectfully submitted,

Chief of Police
Richland Center Police Department