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MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Johnson City Police Department to partner with our residents and businesses to make Johnson City as safe and inviting as possible for all people to reside in and visit. We further strive to form strong bonds with the community and to protect their property and preserve their rights.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to help create a more vibrant and flourishing Johnson City that is free of blight where our residents and guests feel safe while enjoying a higher quality of life.

OUR VALUES

In an ever-changing world, our core values remain constant. They are a fundamental part of who we are as Johnson City Police Officers. Core values are not descriptions of the work we do or the strategies we employ to accomplish our mission. These values form the foundation of our work, how we interact with each other and members of our community. We rely on our core values to shape the decisions that we make. These three values guide and inspire us in all we say and do; we will continually internalize and model these core values:

INTEGRITY

Honest and ethical behavior in all we do; our actions will match our words.

COURAGE

Selfless devotion to duty; taking action in the face of danger and holding ourselves and our peers to the highest ethical standards.

SERVICE

Our residents and businesses provide for us and our families through their hard-earned tax dollars. We owe it to them to go above and beyond to provide them with the absolute best service possible.



UNIFORMED PATROL DIVISION

The Uniform Patrol Division serves as the primary enforcement and crime prevention branch of the Police Department, and it is the largest branch of the Department, forming the foundation for all policing activities.

The Patrol Division is overseen by the Captain and is comprised of 2 Lieutenants, 3 Sergeants, 25 Patrolmen, 3 School Resource Officers, and a Community Engagement Officer. In 2025, the Patrol Division handled 16,502 calls for service, 6,354 of which were officer-initiated services. They made 1,523 adult arrests.

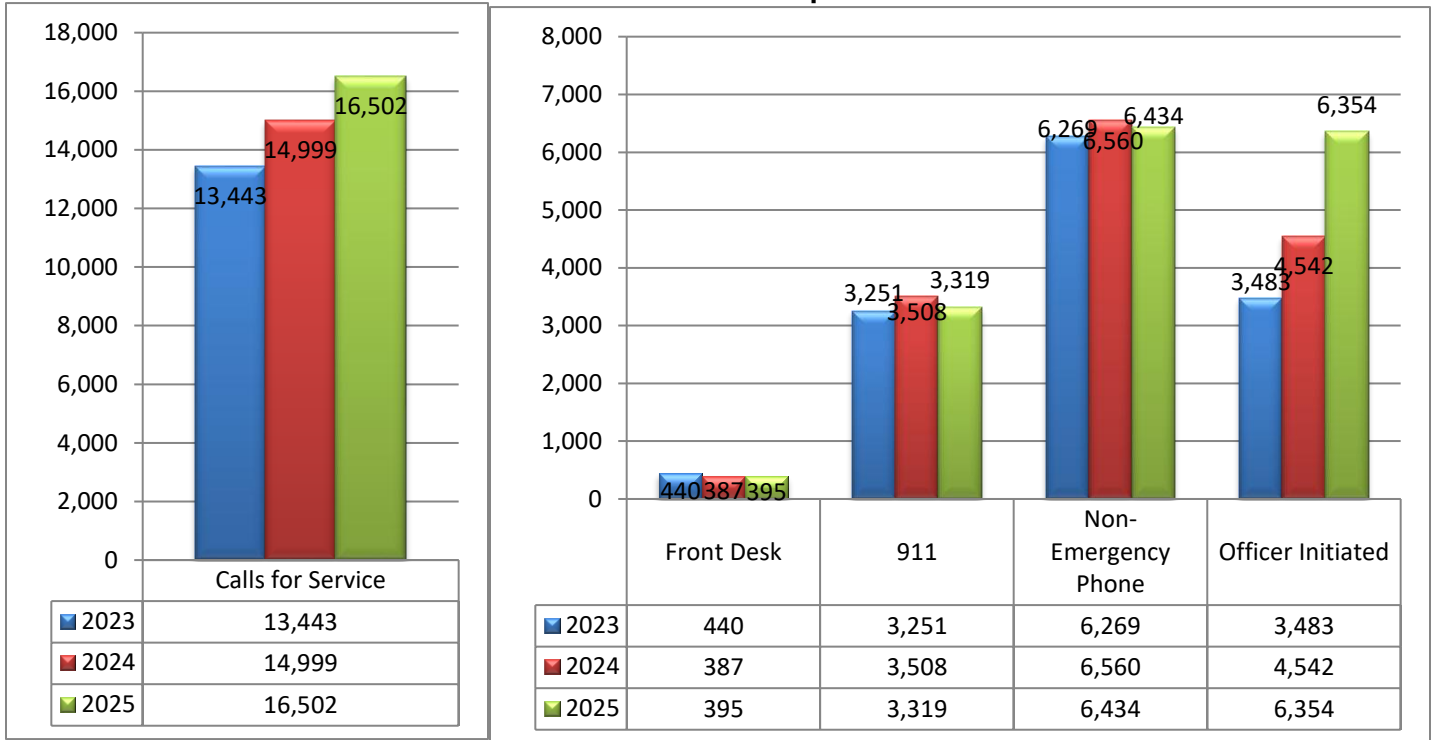
As the first responders to citizens' requests for assistance, members of the Patrol Division typically arrive first at scenes needing police intervention. They operate around the clock, organized into three 8-hour shifts.

Most citizens' only contact with the police is with a member of the Patrol Division. The public's perception of the effectiveness and professionalism of the Department is largely shaped by these contacts.

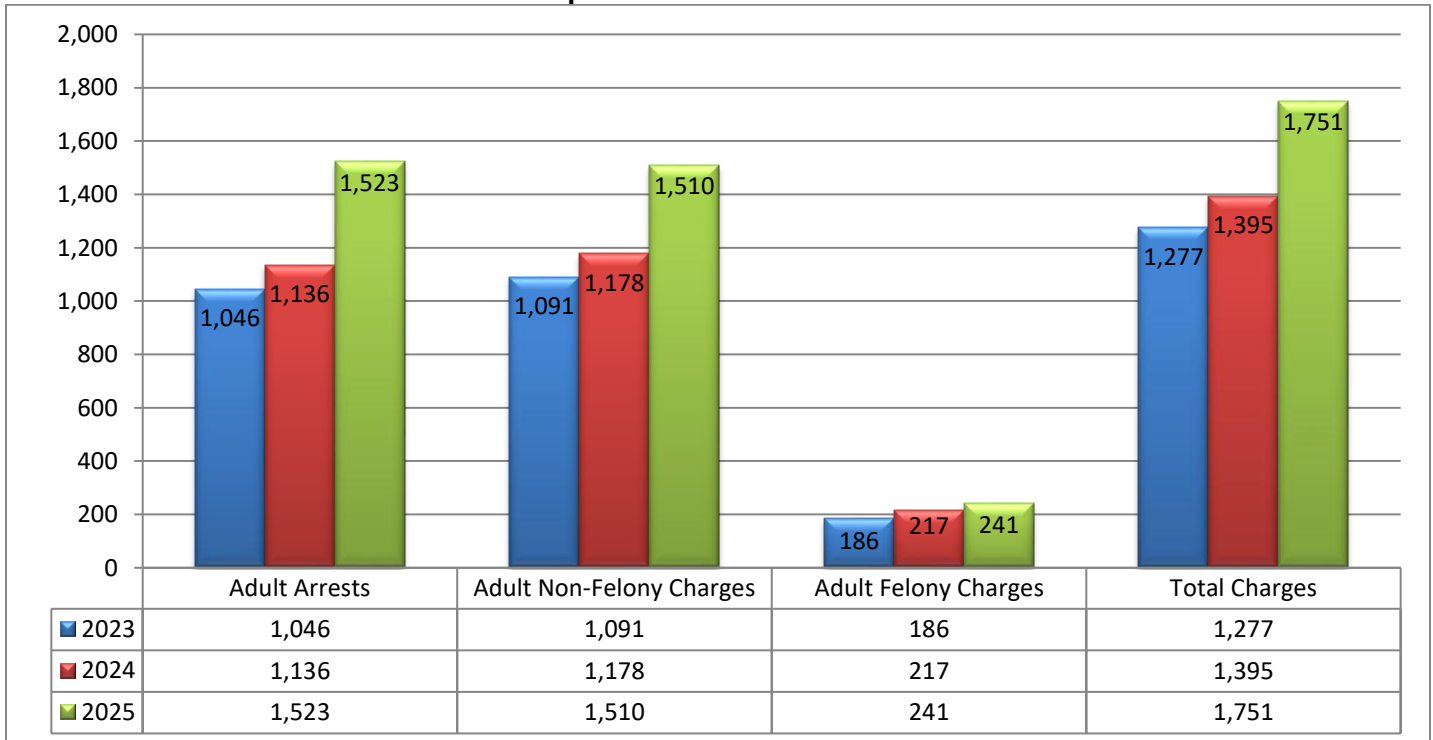
Patrol officers engage in a variety of responsibilities, including proactive patrolling, responding to service calls, assisting those in need, and ensuring the safety of neighborhoods. Their visible presence plays a crucial role in deterring crime and fostering communication and cooperation with local residents.



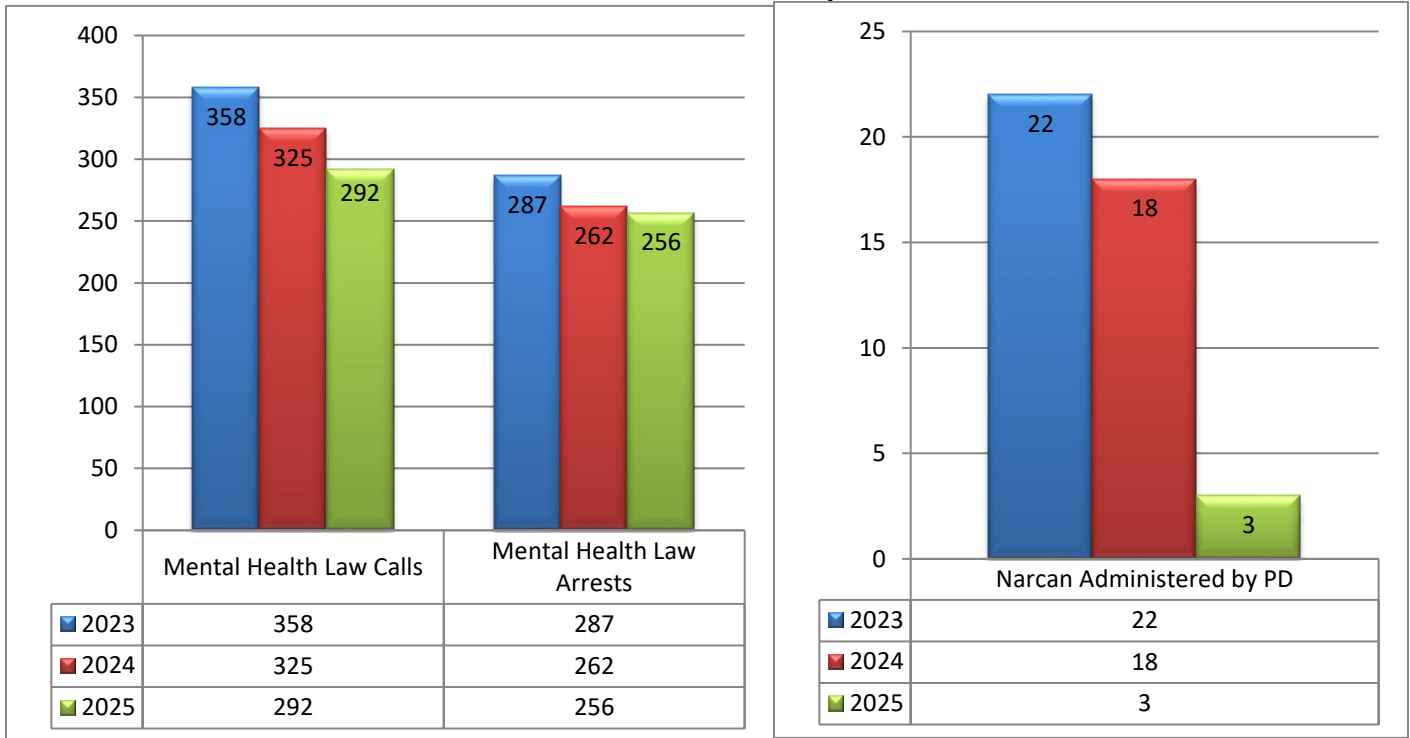
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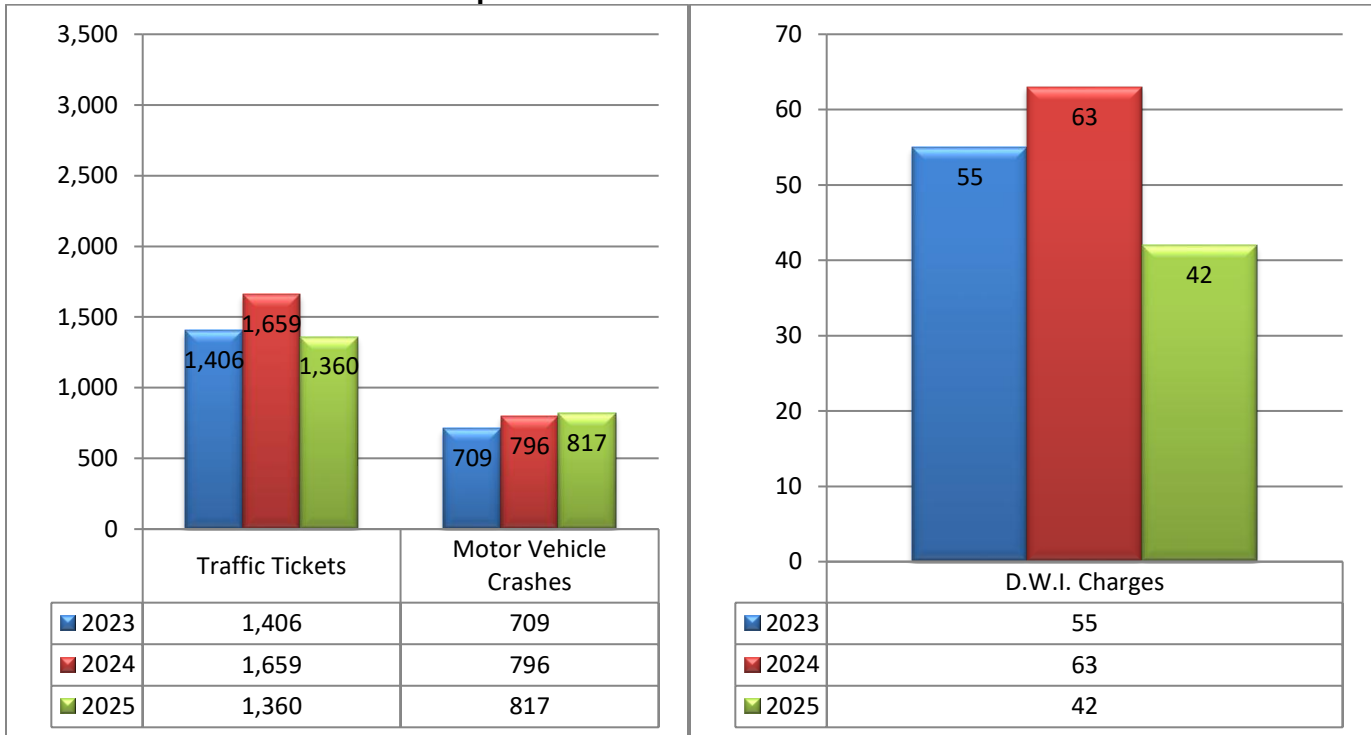
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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT | Patrol Division



NOTABLE PATROL DIVISION ACTIVITY**JANUARY 30, 2025** | *JCPD Officer Makes Quick Arrest After Shots Fired on Sanford St*

On Thursday January 30, 2025 at about 9:10 PM, the Johnson City Police Department responded to a report of shots fired on Sanford St near Ackley Ave. As officers were responding, dispatch provided updates to them as far as the suspect's description and direction of travel. A responding officer observed a male matching the description of the shooter and attempted to speak with him. The suspect fled on foot through several back yards with the officer giving chase. The suspect made it a short distance before being taken into custody without incident. The suspect was found to be in possession of a loaded .32 caliber revolver as well as several expended shell casings. The suspect was identified as a 17-year-old from Buffalo, NY.

JCPD detectives and patrol officers conducted interviews with witnesses and discovered that a residence on Sanford St had been struck by the gunfire. The residence was occupied at the time but luckily no one was injured.

The suspect was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the second degree and Criminal Use of a Firearm in the second degree, both class C Felonies. The subject was arraigned on those charges in the Youth Part of Broome County Court; where he was remanded to the custody of NYS Office of Children Family Services.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

The Community Engagement Officer (CEO) plays a vital role in strengthening the relationship between the Johnson City Police Department and the community. The CEO's primary goal is to enhance the Main Street business district's sense of safety and security by patrolling on foot and by bicycle. This hands-on approach fosters positive interactions with residents, Binghamton University students, and visitors.

Additionally, the CEO acts as a liaison between Main St merchants and the police, addressing public safety concerns and promoting a business-friendly environment.

Engaging with community members through events and meetings, the CEO also provides a platform for residents to voice their questions and concerns, fostering open communication.

Community Engagement Officer Jay Peets, has been with the Johnson City Police Department since 2017. He has shown deep compassion for the community and is dedicated to building personal connections, enhancing public safety, and strengthening the bond between law enforcement and the residents of Johnson City.

**CHECK OUT THIS NEWS COVERAGE
ON CEO PEETS**



Community Engagement Officer Activity

Unlike other divisions within the JCPD, the Community Engagement Officer's activity and impact on the community is not measurable by statistical data. The CEO has countless contacts and positive interactions with the community on a daily basis that doesn't result in a ticket or arrest. Instead, these engagements focus on building relationships and trust through open communication, which ultimately enhances the quality of life and addresses issues without necessitating further law enforcement intervention. In addition to making daily rounds in the community, the CEO also coordinates and participates in many opportunities to engage our community through special events.



In 2025, the CEO organized or attended 88 community policing events such as these:			
Youth and Police Initiative Program	Truck or Treat	Shop with a Cop at Wal-Mart	National Night Out
Special Olympics Go For The Gold	Carousel Days at CFJ	Veterans Day Parade	CFJ Fun Night
Faith in Blue event	Toys for Tots Fill the Cruiser	Coffee with a Cop	Lunch with the Law
Crase trainings	Johnson City Holiday Parade	Sarah Jane Johnson Bicycle Rodeo	Police Week Events
Community Meetings	Paws with the Law K9 event	Memorial Day Parade	Reading to HCA students
Yoga Body Shop K9 Event	Athletes to Athletes basketball game	Tours of JCPD	Shop with a Cop at DICKS's House of Sport
Touch a truck at Family Enrichment Network	YPI Summer Conference	Chalk the Walk	Rotary Club
St. Patrick's Day Parade	Career Day at BCC	Bridge Community Center	Reading to Crescent Academy students



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



School Resource Officers (SRO) are certified sworn law enforcement officers responsible for safety, crime prevention, and a resource to both students and staff. The SROs are employed by the Police Department but are exclusively integrated into the JC School system working closely with school administrators to create a safer environment. All three school buildings have SROs assigned.

The SRO has a diverse role within the school and has many duties and responsibilities. The SRO works to improve safety and protection for students and staff while also serving as a resource, mentor, and educator. The SRO does not serve as a disciplinary role, but is available to quickly respond in the event that a situation develops that requires law-enforcement or to aid a victim of a crime.

In 2025, Officer Dennis "DJ" Pavelski joined our excellent team of SROs. DJ comes to us with a wealth of experience. Following his service with the United States Marine Corps., he joined the Binghamton Police Department in 2006 where he held multiple leadership roles that included Metro SWAT Commander, hostage negotiation commander, lead firearms instructor, sergeant of the warrant division, and task force officer with the U.S. Marshal Fugitive Division. In early 2025, DJ retired from the Binghamton Police Department as a Sergeant with nearly 20 years of service.





METRO S.W.A.T.

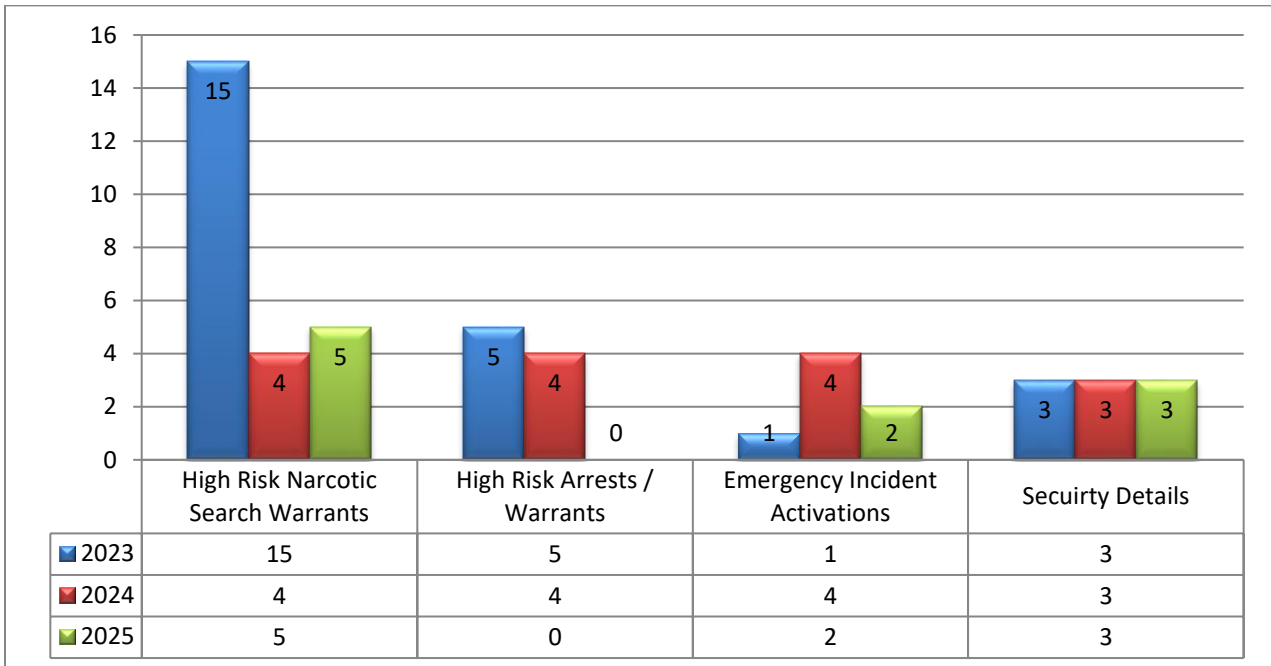
The Johnson City Police Department is a member of the Metro SWAT Team, a multi-jurisdictional unit that includes officers from the Johnson City, Binghamton, and Vestal Police Departments. This highly trained team engages in ongoing specialized training in tactics and weaponry, collaboratively addressing high-risk situations requiring advanced skills.

Their responsibilities include responding to critical incidents such as hostage situations, barricaded suspects, violent civil disturbances, executing high-risk search warrants, and providing enhanced security at special events. The team's training emphasizes the use of specialized tactics aimed at resolving incidents with minimal force, prioritizing non-lethal measures whenever feasible.

Dedicated members are on call 24/7, ready to respond to any crisis. Notably, this multi-jurisdictional SWAT team is one of the few in New York State accredited by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, reflecting their commitment to professionalism and excellence in public safety.

2025 METRO S.W.A.T. ACTIVATION STATISTICS

Total Activations **10**





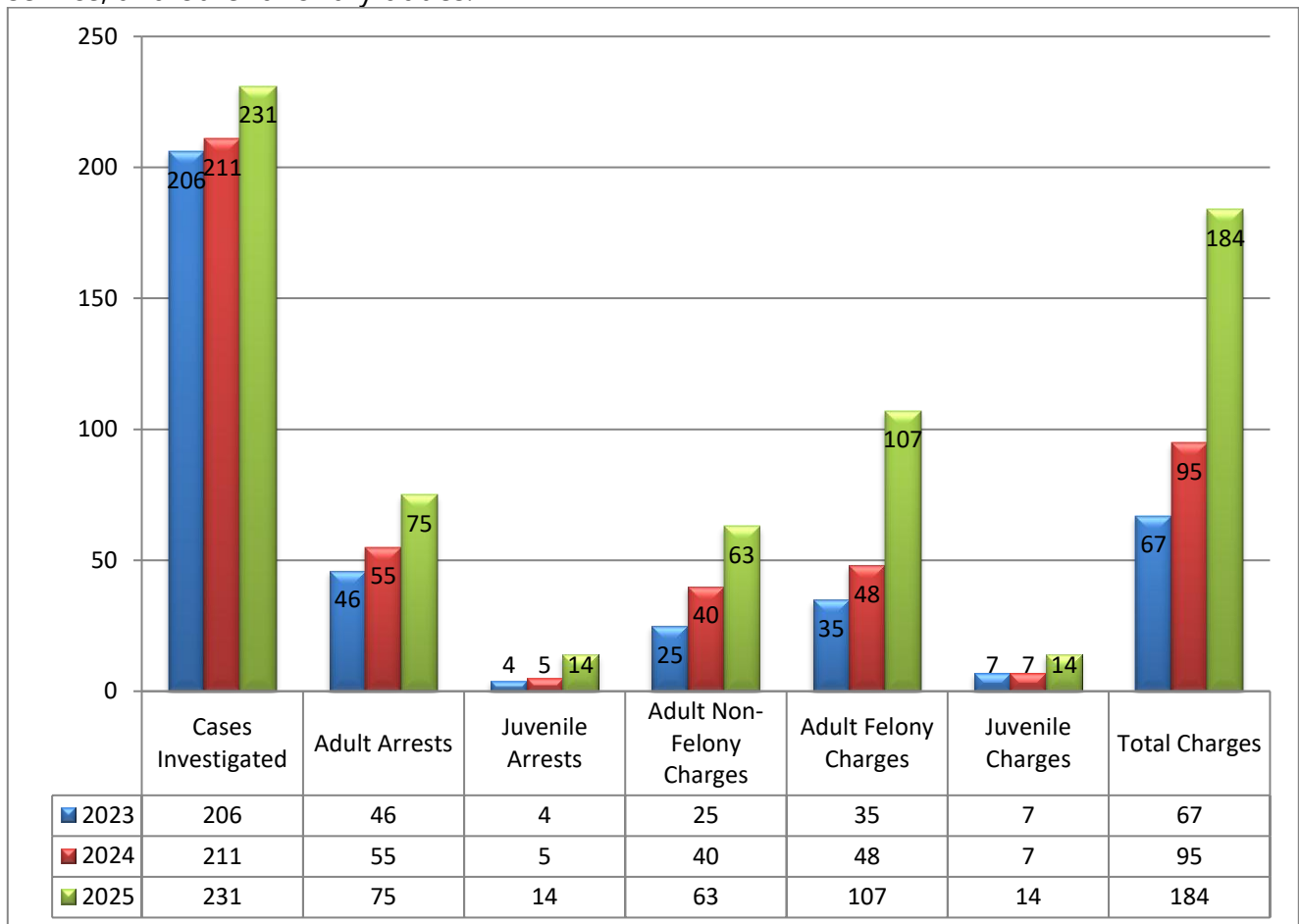
DETECTIVE DIVISION

Criminal Investigations | Narcotics | Juvenile | Evidence

The Johnson City Police Department’s Detective Bureau is comprised of a Detective Lieutenant who oversees the Criminal Investigations Division, the Narcotics Division, the Juvenile Division, and the Evidence Division.

Criminal Investigations:

The Criminal Investigation Division consists of four Detectives, and an administrative assistant all overseen by the Detective Lieutenant. The Division is responsible for a wide range of tasks. Detective duties include the investigation of all serious felonies including homicides, felony assaults, white collar crimes, sex crimes, and felony property crimes. The division also investigates misdemeanor crimes and offenses that require more investigative time and manpower that cannot be fulfilled by the Patrol Division. The Detective duties also include subpoena service, background investigations, internal investigations, warrant service, and other ancillary duties.



Notable 2024 Detective Cases:

JANUARY 27, 2025 | Large Retail Theft Scheme

In January 2025, the Johnson City Police Department initiated an investigation into a large-scale, organized retail theft scheme at a local retailer, DICK'S House of Sport. The investigation revealed that a group of individuals, including store employees, conspired with outside accomplices to fraudulently obtain merchandise by applying unauthorized and deeply discounted transactions—often reducing prices by up to 99 percent.

The criminal activity began in November 2024 on a limited basis but escalated significantly in both frequency and scale into January 2025, ultimately resulting in the theft of nearly \$80,000 in merchandise.

JCPD detectives worked in close coordination with the retailer's loss prevention team to identify those responsible and assess the scope of the operation. Through surveillance operations, investigators directly observed fraudulent transactions taking place. Subsequent search warrants executed on multiple vehicles and residences led to the recovery of tens of thousands of dollars in stolen property.

As a result of the investigation, six individuals were arrested and charged with offenses ranging from Enterprise Corruption and Grand Larceny to lesser theft-related charges. The case involved significant coordination with the Broome County District Attorney's Office, the Broome County Special Investigations Unit Task Force, and the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center.

The case was successfully prosecuted by the Broome County District Attorney's Office. Two principal defendants, Damani Mizell and Lyतिक Gadson, pleaded guilty to Attempted Criminal Enterprise and were each sentenced to state prison terms of three to six years.

This investigation highlights the effectiveness of collaborative partnerships between law enforcement, prosecutors, and private-sector loss prevention teams. The dismantling of this organized retail theft operation not only recovered substantial stolen assets but also reinforced JCPD's commitment to protecting local businesses and maintaining economic integrity within the community.



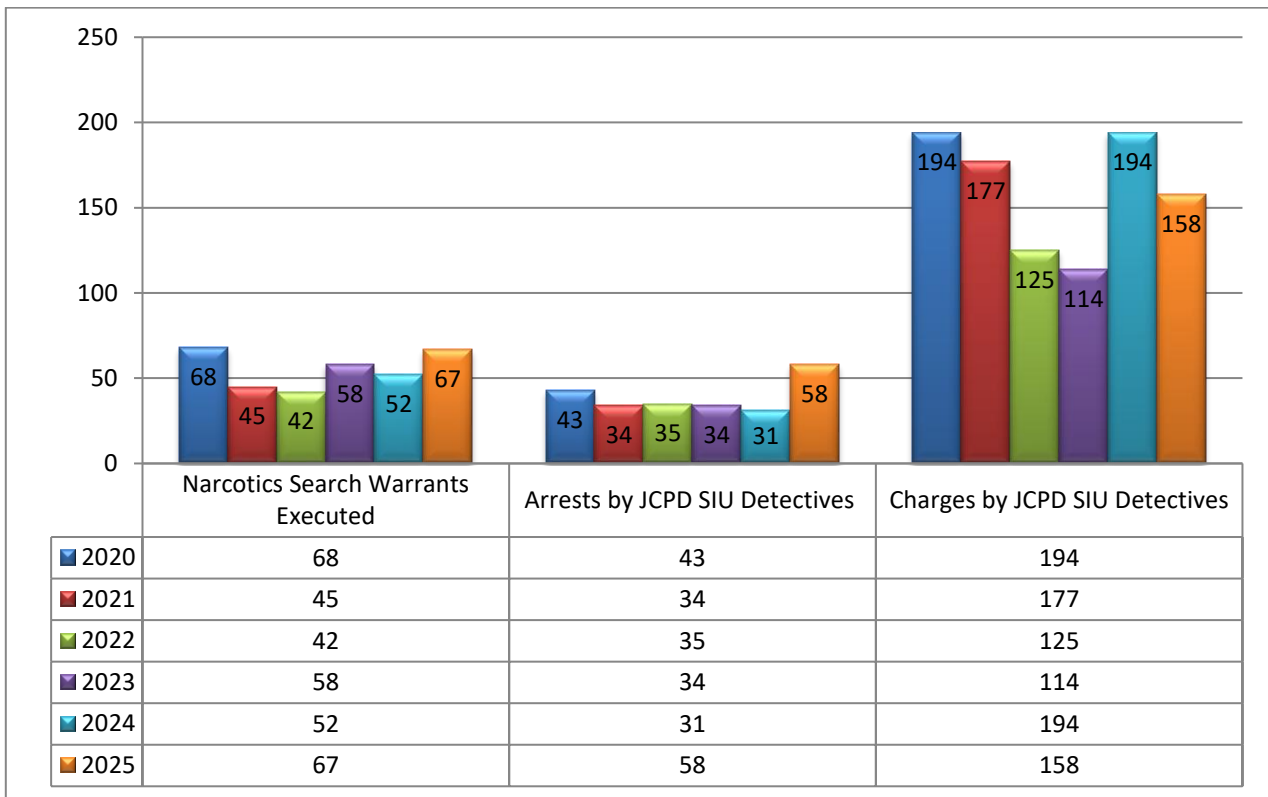


NARCOTICS DIVISION

Special Investigations Unit Task Force

The Johnson City Police Department is an active member of the Broome County Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional unit comprised of investigators from the Broome County Sheriff’s Office and the Binghamton, Endicott, and Johnson City Police Departments. The JCPD has a Detective Sergeant and a Detective assigned to the unit.

The Task Force utilizes intelligence-driven policing and regional collaboration to target narcotics trafficking, illegal firearms, and organized criminal activity. Through coordinated enforcement efforts and shared investigative resources, the SIU Task Force works to disrupt criminal networks and enhance public safety, ensuring that the Village of Johnson City and surrounding communities remain safe places to live, work, and visit.



Notable SIU Cases:

These cases highlight the continued effectiveness of JCPD personnel assigned to the SIU Task Force, both in leading and support roles, as they work with local, state, and federal partners to address criminal activity impacting the Village of Johnson City and surrounding communities.

25-007T | Narcotics Search Warrant

SIU detectives executed a search warrant at a residence on North Hudson Street in Johnson City, resulting in the arrest of Rayshawn Harris. Harris was found in possession of approximately 12.9 grams of crack cocaine packaged for sale (32 individual pieces). Investigators also seized digital scales and packaging materials commonly used in the distribution of narcotics. Harris was charged with felony narcotics offenses related to possession with intent to sell.

25-109T | Narcotics Search Warrant

JC SIU Investigators executed a search warrant at a residence on Seymour Street in Binghamton targeting Antonio White. White fled from the rear of the residence but was quickly apprehended by officers. The search resulted in the seizure of approximately 11 grams of crack cocaine, additional crack cocaine packaged in vials, digital scales, packaging materials, and suspected drug sale proceeds. White was charged with felony narcotics offenses.

25-118T / 9474 | Narcotics Search Warrant

Following an overdose investigation, SIU detectives executed a search warrant at a residence on Albert Street in Johnson City. As a result, Richelle Dickerson and Robert Carroll were found in possession of multiple illegally possessed firearms, including a loaded Glock 19 handgun with several high-capacity magazines, an assault-style rifle, and a .30-30 lever-action rifle. Both subjects were arrested and charged with multiple felony weapons possession charges.

25-136T | Narcotics Search Warrant

SIU detectives executed a search warrant at a residence on Dennison Avenue in Binghamton, resulting in the arrest of Tim Reid. Investigators seized approximately 22.75 grams of powder cocaine, 7.14 grams of crack cocaine, 29.26 grams of psilocin mushrooms, 2.7 grams of methamphetamine, and a quantity of fentanyl packaged for sale. Additionally, \$880 in suspected drug proceeds and a 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee were seized. Reid was charged with multiple felony narcotics possession and distribution offenses.

JUVENILE CASES

Crimes committed by a suspect under 18 years old are considered juvenile cases which are handled in a different manner and with other processes than that of an adult.

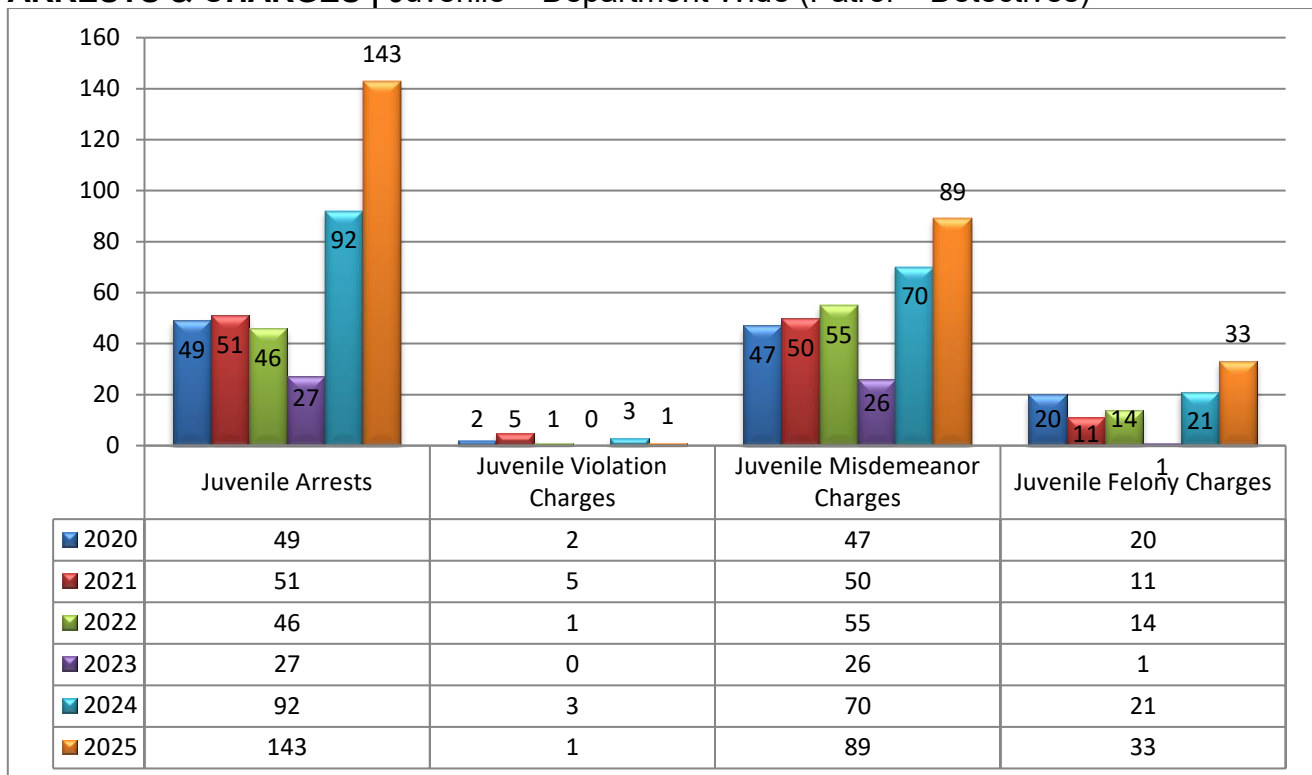
A child over 11, but under 18 years of age (effective 10/1/19), who commits an act that would be a crime if it had been committed by an adult is a Juvenile Delinquent. Cases involving Juvenile Delinquents are handled in Family Court. Juvenile Delinquents do not go to adult jails. Instead, the court decides if they need supervision, treatment or placement through the local department of social services or the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

A child who is 13, 14, or 15-years-old and is charged with committing a serious or violent felony offense listed in Penal Law 10.00 (18) is a Juvenile Offender. These cases are heard in the Youth Part of the Supreme or County Court. Juvenile Offenders who are convicted after a plea or a trial are subject to less severe sentences than adults.

A 16 or 17-year-old who commits a felony is an Adolescent Offender (effective 10/1/19). This means that the case is originally heard in the Youth Part of the Supreme or County Court. However, the case may be transferred to the Family Court, where the youth will be considered a juvenile delinquent and will be eligible to receive all the services and programs available to all juvenile delinquents.

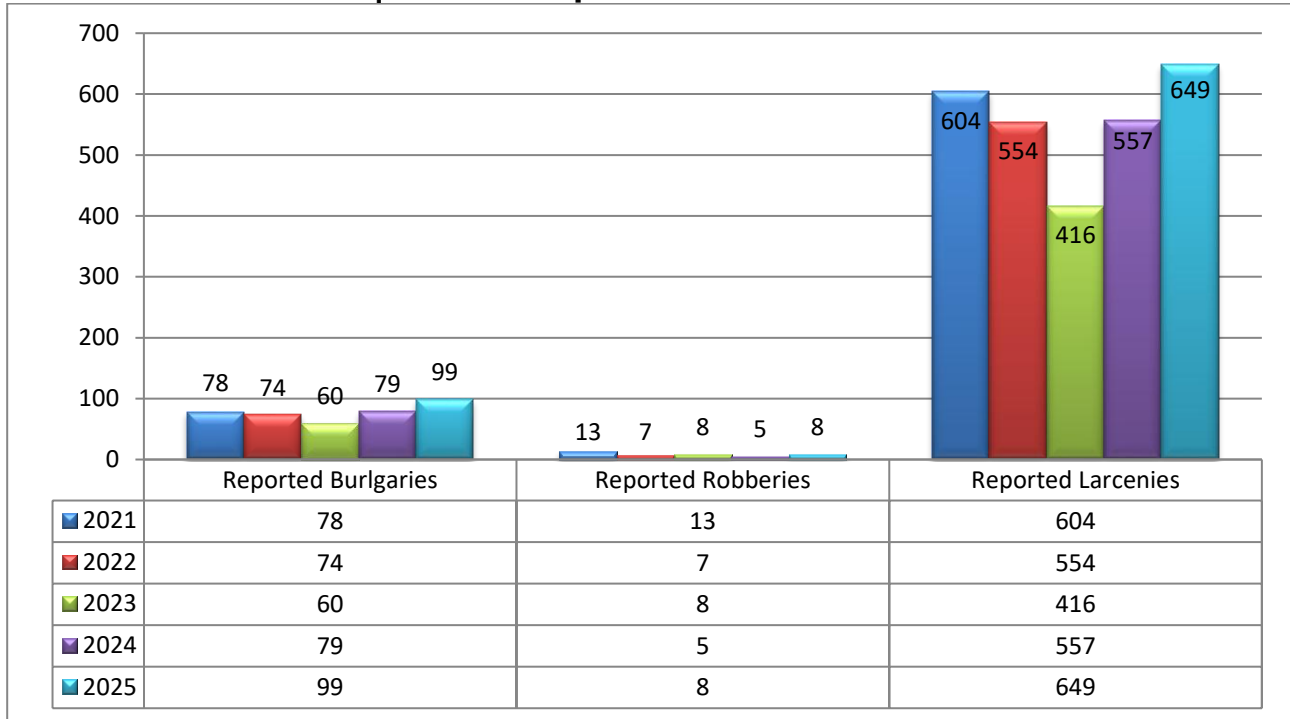
All Johnson City Police Officers receive training on juvenile procedures so that juvenile cases are handled and processed within the guidelines of the laws.

ARRESTS & CHARGES | Juvenile – Department Wide (Patrol + Detectives)

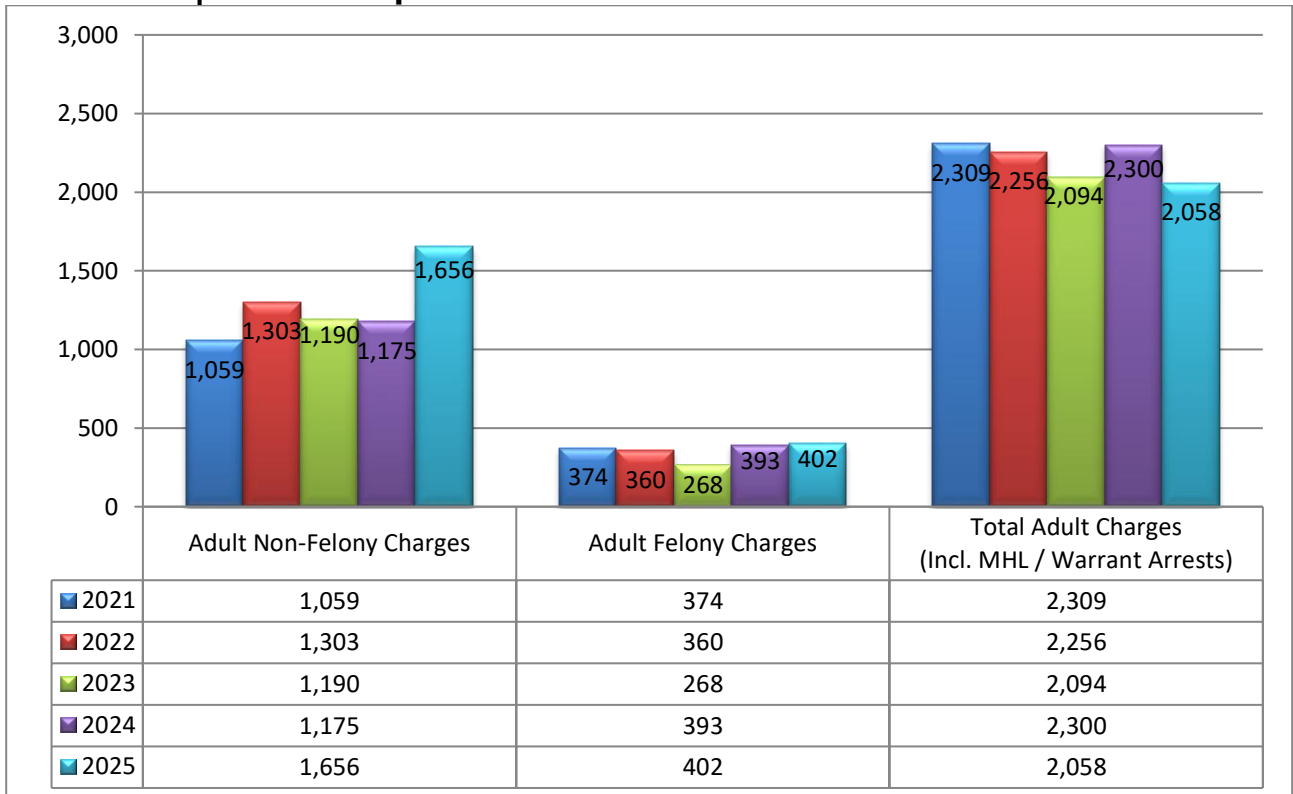


TOTAL DEPARTMENT CRIME STATS

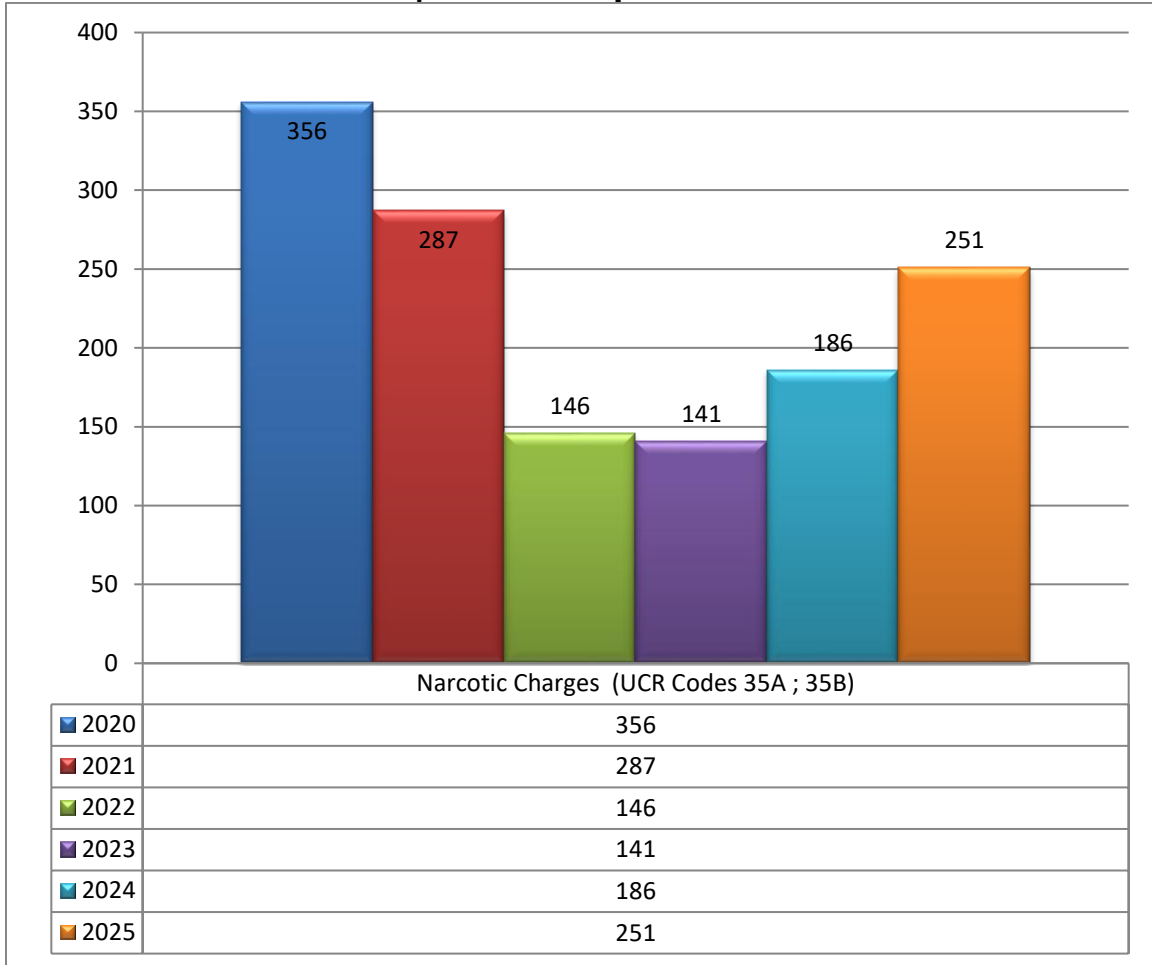
PROPERTY CRIMES | Total – Department Wide



ARRESTS | Total – Department Wide



NARCOTICS CHARGES | Total – Department Wide





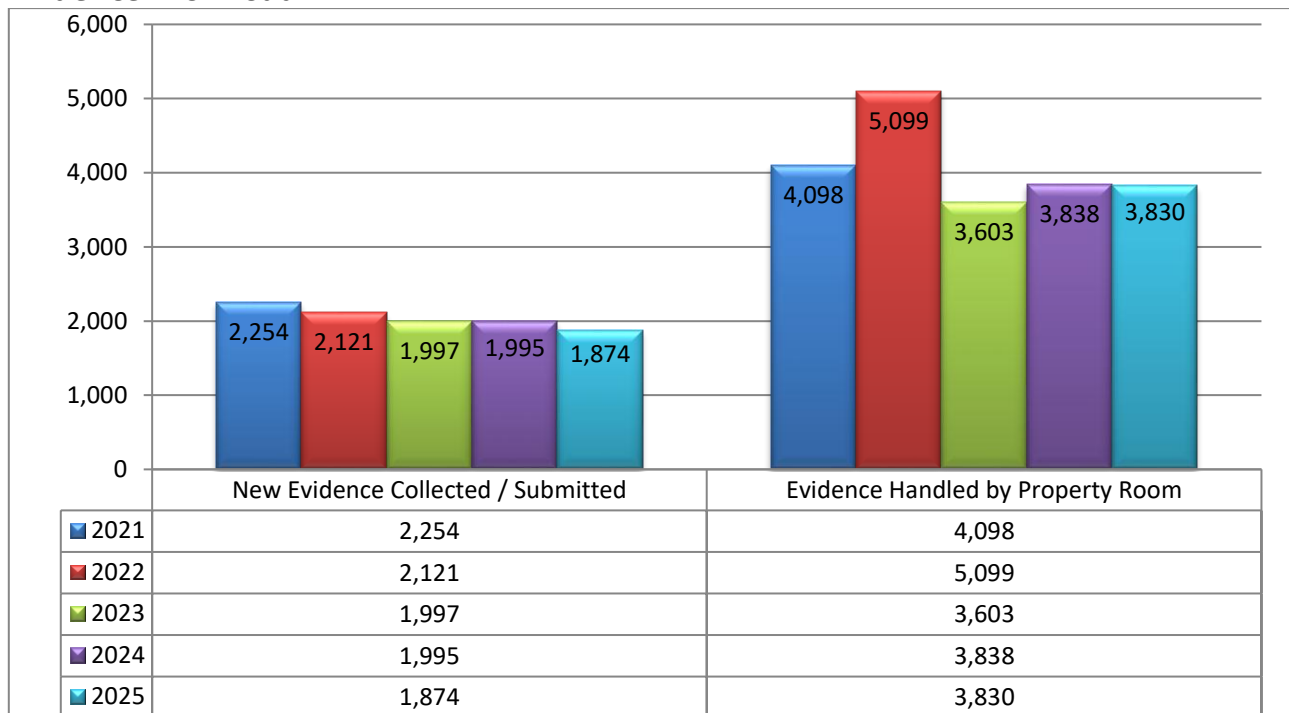
EVIDENCE & PROPERTY DIVISION

The Evidence and Property Division plays a crucial role in safeguarding and managing the integrity of evidence collected during investigations. Our Evidence Technician is tasked with handling thousands of new evidence items each year, ensuring that all materials are appropriately cataloged, stored, and maintained. The technician is responsible for the meticulous management of these items, which range from physical evidence gathered at crime scenes to property held for safekeeping.

In addition to managing incoming evidence, the technician processes forensic evidence, leading to several arrests based on fingerprint and DNA identification. Their expertise ensures that critical forensic materials are handled properly, enhancing the quality of investigations and contributing to successful outcomes in criminal cases.

The technician also conducts thorough reviews of the thousands of items in the evidence repository, determining when items can be lawfully purged or released, all while adhering to established protocols and legal requirements. Overall, the Evidence and Property Division is essential to the Johnson City Police Department's operations, ensuring that critical evidence remains secure and accessible while reinforcing the integrity of the criminal justice process.

Evidence Workload





TRAFFIC DIVISION & PARKING ENFORCEMENT

The Johnson City Police Department's Traffic Division is tasked with ensuring the safety and efficiency of roadways within Johnson City. This division is responsible for a wide range of critical functions that contribute to effective traffic management and law enforcement.

Among its duties, the Traffic Division manages the Department's radar units, overseeing their maintenance and calibration to ensure accuracy in speed enforcement, as well as the management of the DataMaster (breathalyzer) by conducting weekly tests, annual calibrations, and maintenance to uphold the integrity of breath alcohol testing.

The division also manages the Department's fleet vehicles, including their purchasing, maintenance, upfitting, and auctioning, ensuring that officers are equipped with reliable patrol vehicles.

Additionally, the Traffic Division takes charge of continuous review of local laws concerning road safety and the effective flow of traffic. This includes evaluating issues that arise and finding solutions by making necessary changes to traffic signs and signals, and ensuring proper posting and maintenance of signs and signals.

The division plays a crucial role in facilitating special events, coordinating traffic management to enhance public safety.

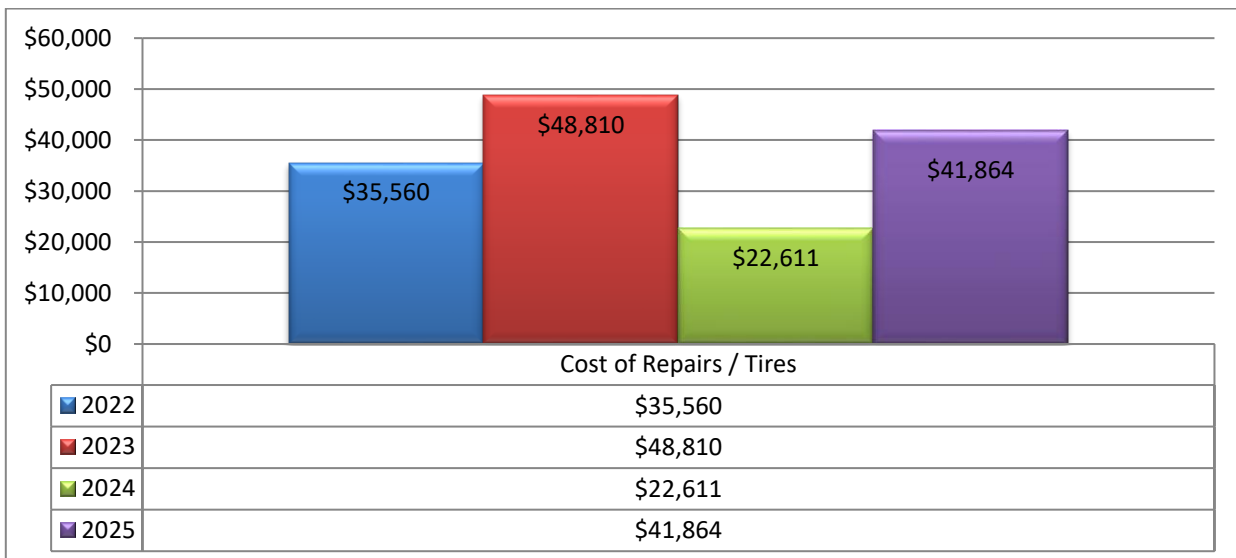
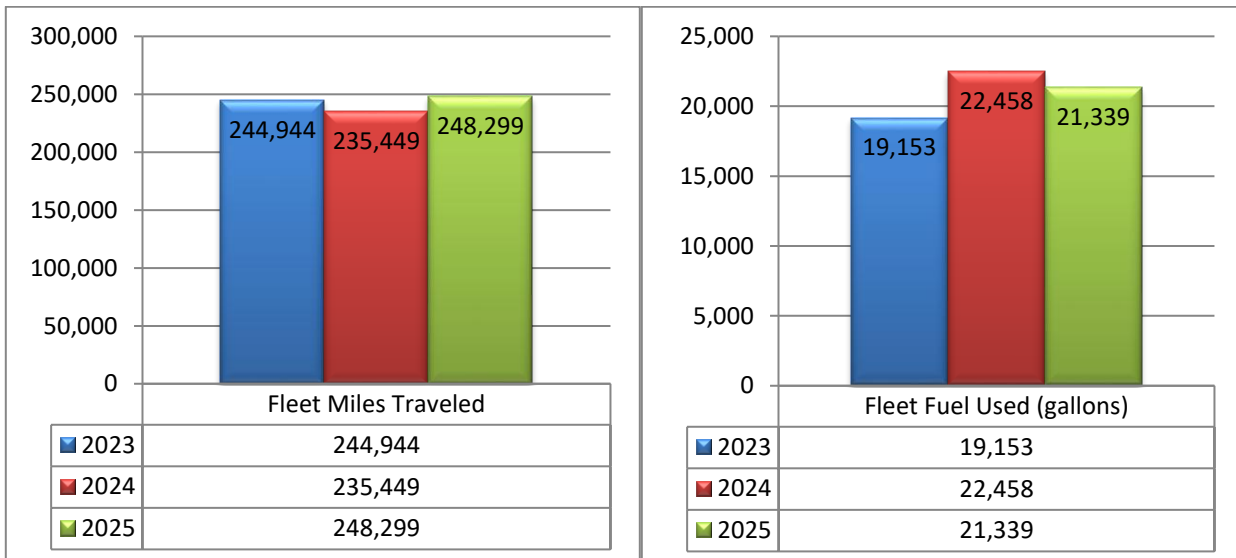
The division is involved in traffic grants, including the Stop-DWI and Police Traffic Safety grants, providing vital funding for traffic enforcement initiatives.

The Traffic Division also manages parking enforcement and the meter division, ensuring orderly parking and compliance with local regulations.

Overall, the Traffic Division is essential for maintaining safe and orderly roads in Johnson City.

FLEET

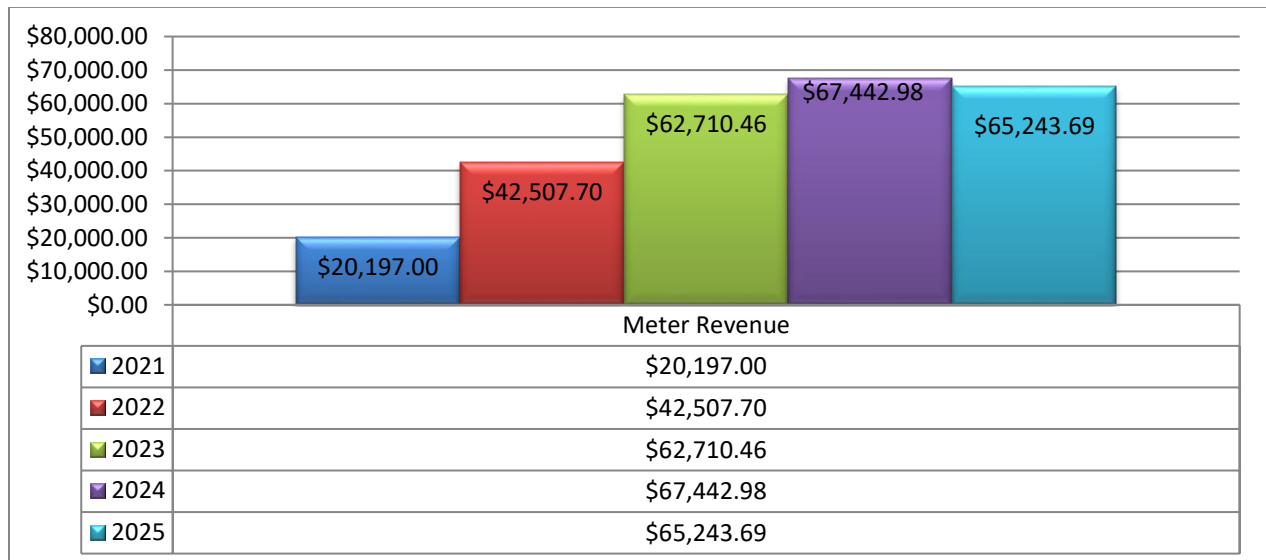
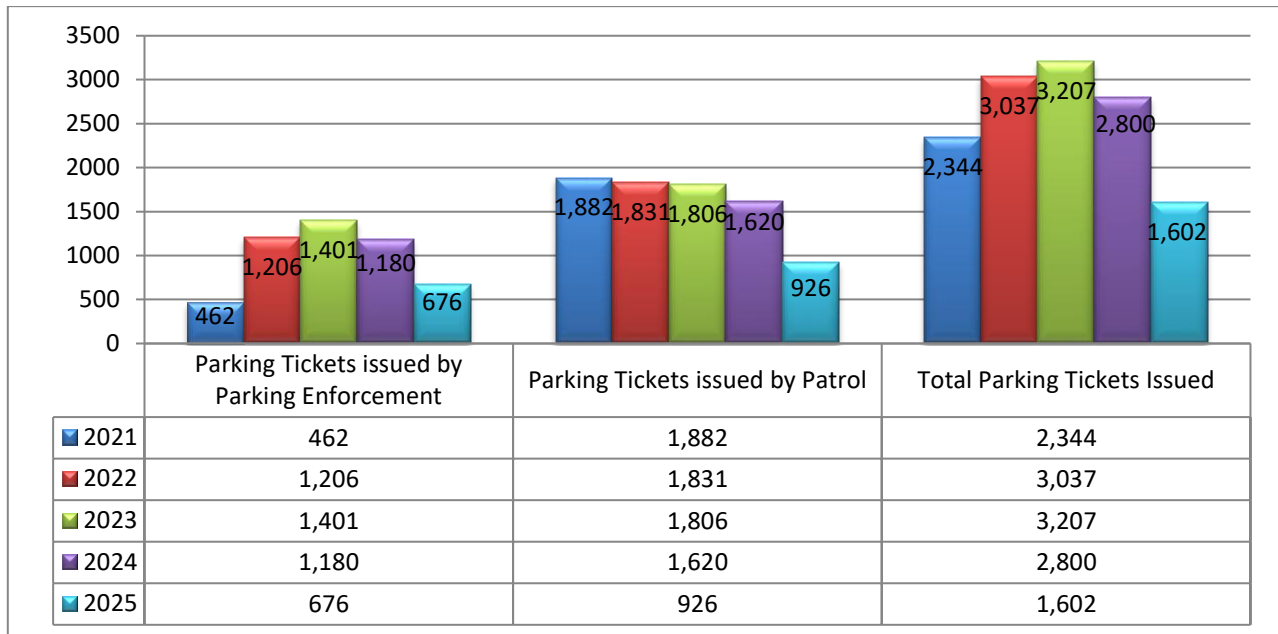
The department's fleet is comprised of 26 vehicles, which includes marked patrol cars, unmarked units for investigations, and specialized vehicles tailored to meet various law enforcement needs. Each type of vehicle is purpose-built to serve specific functions, from high-visibility patrols to undercover operations, enabling officers to effectively engage with the community and respond to incidents. Each vehicle is equipped with specialized equipment, such as lights, sirens, radios, and in-car computers, which are essential for law enforcement activities. Ensuring that the vehicles and equipment remain fully functional is integral to supporting officers in the field.



PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Parking enforcement is an essential aspect of maintaining order and safety in our communities. The primary responsibility is to ensure compliance with parking regulations, which involves monitoring parking areas, issuing tickets, and managing permits. Enforcement of local parking laws encourages fair use of public spaces, enhances accessibility to local businesses, and promotes public safety by improving traffic flow. Newer technology is utilized to streamline operations, including a mobile app, solar-powered kiosks, and online payment systems to help make the process more convenient for residents and visitors alike.

Overall, the parking enforcement division is essential for promoting a safe, organized, and welcoming community.



SUPPORT DIVISION

The Support Division of the police department plays a vital role in maintaining the operational efficiency and administrative integrity of the department. Comprised primarily of civilian support staff, this division is tasked with a range of important responsibilities that facilitate the seamless functioning of law enforcement activities.

Key functions of the Support Division include the processing of completed police reports and the data entry of these reports into the records management system, ensuring that all documentation is accurate and up-to-date. The team meticulously maintains and files all reports and documents, finalizing case files and transmitting them to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

In addition to report management, the Support Division compiles crucial data necessary for the submission of the New York State Uniformed Crime Reports and the Incident-Based Reporting system. They actively track and update case statuses, enabling timely analyses.

The division is responsible for monthly and annual reporting, which provides transparency and accountability for the police department's operations. Public records requests are efficiently processed, ensuring community access to information.

On the administrative side, the Support Division oversees payroll and employee time records, supporting the department's workforce management. They also handle building maintenance and cleaning, contributing to a safe and welcoming environment for both staff and the community.

Furthermore, the Support Division staffs the front desk, serving as the first point of contact for visitors and providing essential assistance.

Through these diverse responsibilities, the Support Division ensures that the police department operates effectively, allowing sworn officers to focus on their primary mission of maintaining public safety and community service.

K-9 Anouk Retirement & Welcoming K-9 Harper

After many years of dedicated service, K9 Anouk has retired from patrol work with honor due to her advanced age. No worries, she is still healthy and plans on living out her retirement years comfortably as a family pet of her longtime handler, Detective Gavin.

Anouk's open position was filled by our new K9, Harper. Harper is a one-year-old female German Shepard, and her human partner is Officer Kallfelz. Harper is trained in tracking people, as well as detecting illegal narcotics. Officer Kallfelz is a 5-year veteran of the JCPD and is excited about his new role and the chance to work side by side with his K9 partner every day. Look for Officer Kallfelz and K9 Harper at many of our community events.



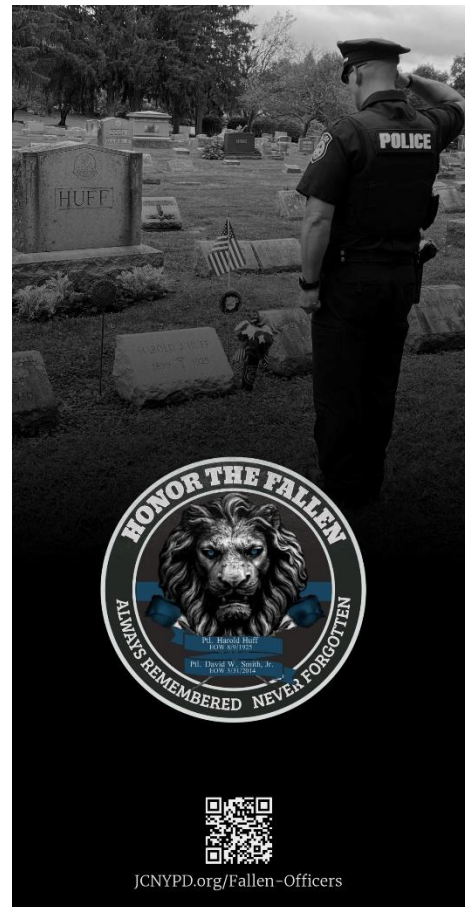
Centennial Remembrance – Patrolman Harold Huff



On August 9, 2025, the Johnson City Police Department solemnly commemorated the 100th anniversary of the line-of-duty death of Patrolman Harold Huff, who gave his life in service to the community on August 9, 1925.

Patrolman Huff was killed while responding to a call involving a child in danger, when his patrol vehicle was struck by a passenger train. He had served with the department for only five months at the time of his death.

A century later, Patrolman Huff’s service and sacrifice are forever part of our history — woven into the foundation of the JCPD. His legacy lives in our commitment to serve and in the honor we carry forward. His name lives on — etched on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C., the NYS Police Officers Memorial in Albany, here at home on the JCPD Memorial in front of our police station, and on a marker at the site where he gave his life.



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