

2025



Annual Report



Town of Cicero Police Department





CHIEF STEVE ROTUNNO

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

I am pleased to present the Cicero Police Department's Annual Report for the past year. This report outlines our department's activities, accomplishments, and challenges, as well as key crime statistics and community initiatives.

Over the past year, our officers and staff remained committed to protecting the safety and well-being of our community. Through proactive policing, strong community partnerships, and continued training, we worked to reduce crime, improve response times, and strengthen public trust.

I am proud of the dedication and professionalism demonstrated by our personnel each day. Their service would not be possible without the continued support of our town leadership and the residents we serve.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Cicero Police Department.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at srotunno@ciceronypd.gov.

Sincerely,

Steve Rotunno

Chief of Police

TOWN OF CICERO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

“To serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order and safety; the vigorous enforcement of local, state and federal laws in a fair and impartial manner. We are committed to serving our community to enhance the quality of life and to nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. Our officers are determined to serve as a deterrent to crime, develop relationships with community groups, residential and business organizations, and promote an environment receptive to all visitors and residents.”

VISION STATEMENT

Provide efficient police services to all we serve in a professional, polite, and service oriented, manner. To safeguard the safety of our roads through assertive traffic enforcement. To provide safe neighborhoods through aggressive neighborhood patrols and interaction with our citizens

ACCREDITATION

The Cicero Police Department has continuously been a New York State Accredited agency since 2003. The New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation is a formal recognition that an agency’s policies and practices meet or exceed the standards established by the Municipal Police Training Council the areas of administration, training, and operations. Maintaining state accreditation ensures the community that their police department is continually following the best possible modern practices in law enforcement.

DEMOGRAPHICS AND HIRING

The Cicero Police Department is committed to providing quality, professional police services to the community in keeping with our mission and core values. The department dedicates a great deal of resources to recruitment, selection and retention of our staff. The department has 24 sworn full time officers, 3 sworn part time officers, 3 Special patrol officers, and 2 civilian employees.



Demographics

	Male	Female
Hispanic	1	0
White	25	6

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



2025 Grant Funding

In 2025 the Cicero police Department received \$382,837 in grants funding from multiple sources. This funding was and is still be used to purchase body armor, body cameras, patrol vehicles, computers, community policing supplies, and building addition.



TRAINING



Throughout 2025, CPD officers showed commitment to continuous improvement through participation in a series of department wide trainings. Officers attended multiple department trainings instructed by CPD personnel. Officers attended over 1100 hours of instruction to include but not limited to use of force, firearms, legal updates, defensive tactics, reality based training, de-escalation, and many more.

Our Supervisors attended over 500 hours of instruction in multiple topics.





2025 Retirements

Lieutenant James Meyers

2025 New Hires



Officer Daniel Bova



Officer Taylor Jones



First Responder Therapy Dogs Wally and Chloe

YEAR IN REVIEW



The Cicero Police Department responded to 16,774 calls for service in 2025. Currently, our Patrol Section has 3 full-time sergeants and 16 full-time patrol officers. The Criminal Investigations Section had 1 full-time detective and 1 part-time detective assigned.

2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE

16,774 **Calls for Service**

1,490 **Traffic Stops**

1,121 **Traffic Tickets Issued**

426 **Persons Arrests**

TRAFFIC CRASH REPORTING

Total Collisions 878

**Total Collisions
without injuries 574**

**Total Collisions
With injuries 96**

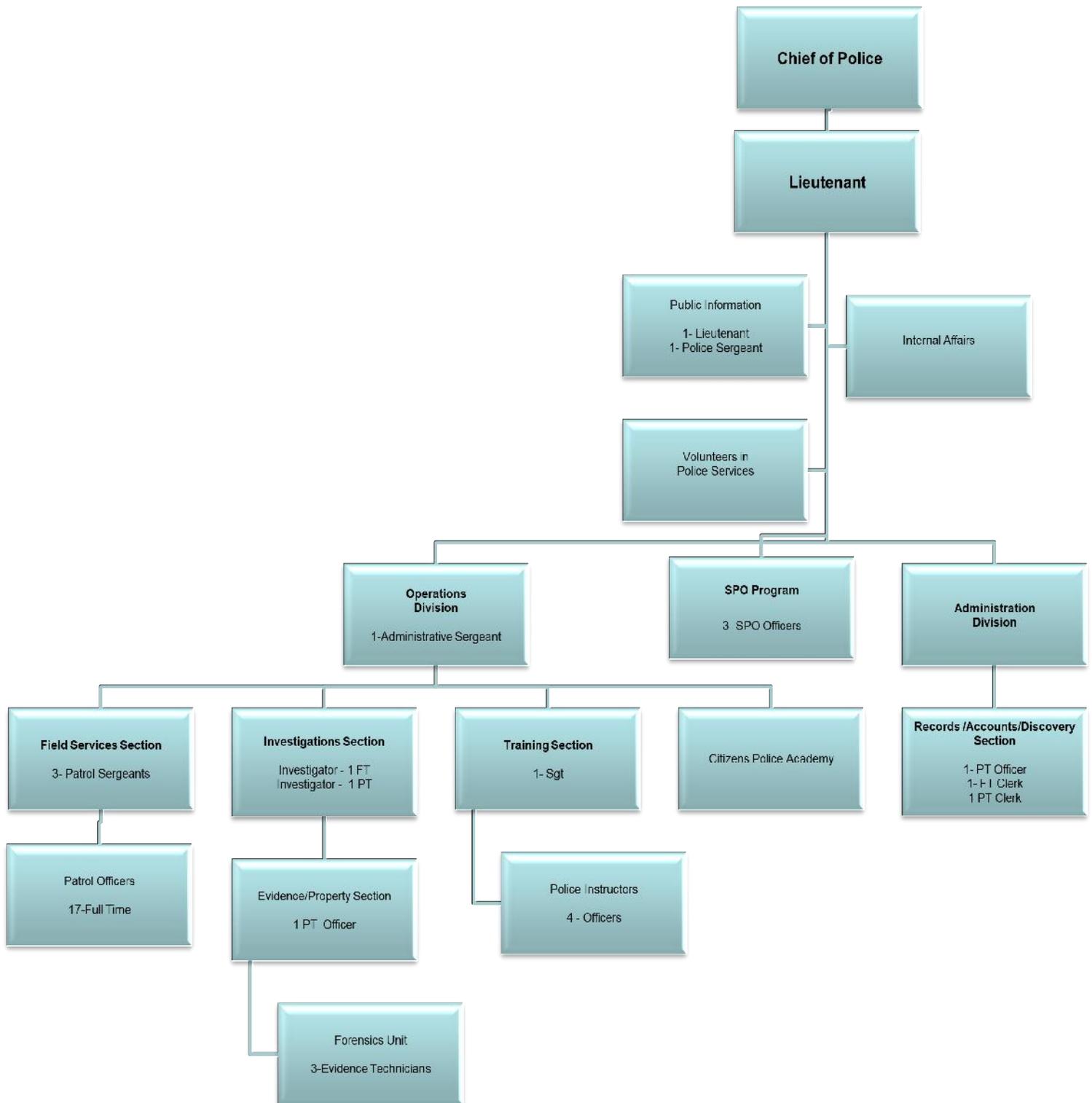
Hit and Run 143

2024 2025 COMPARISON

Total Collisions Up 15.3%

MVC W/Injuries Up 19%

2025 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STAFF

POLICE CHIEF—Steve Rotunno OPERATIONS SECTION

Lt Stephen Amyot

Sgt James Snell

Sgt Thomas Leo

Sgt Ashley Smith

Sgt Casey Placito

Investigator Sean Wallace

Investigator Kevin Birardi

Officer Wayne Freeman

Officer John Baldini

Officer Daniel Bova

Officer Victoria Campoli

Officer John Cottrell

Officer Eric Flansburg

Officer Luis Figueroa

Officer Kyle Harrington

Officer Taylor Jones

Officer Kyle Kallfelz

Officer James Kazmirski

Officer John Laperla

Officer Daniel Leneker

Officer Ernes Merdanovic

Officer Gabrielle Morrissey

Officer Brian Patterson

Officer Austin Ray-Briggman

Officer Cole Schanbacher

Special Patrol Officers

Officer Jim Hiltbrand

Officer John Maguire

Officer Christopher Romano

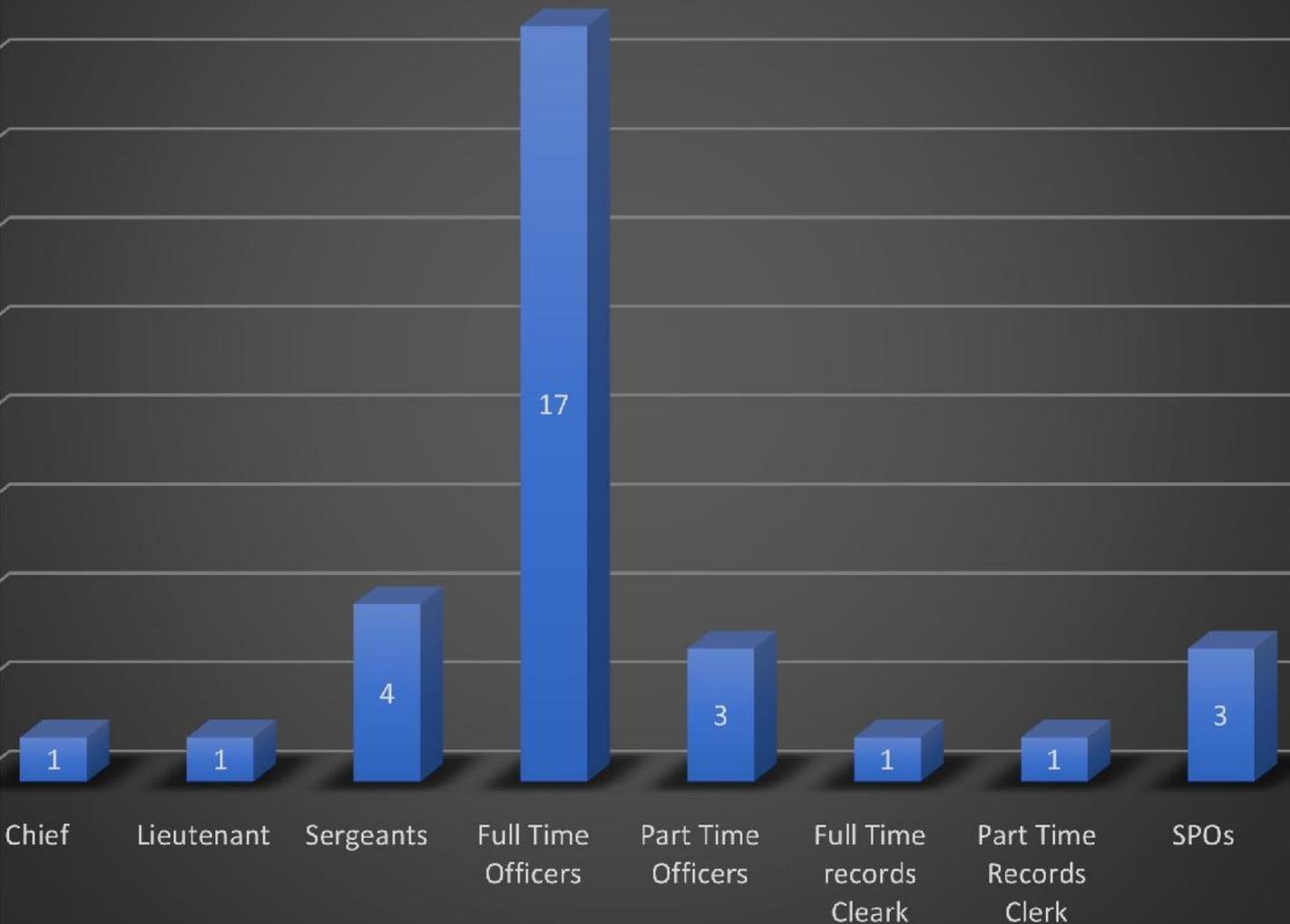
RECORDS SECTION

Police Clerk Andrea Castro

Police Clerk Susan Morey



2025 Staff Break Down



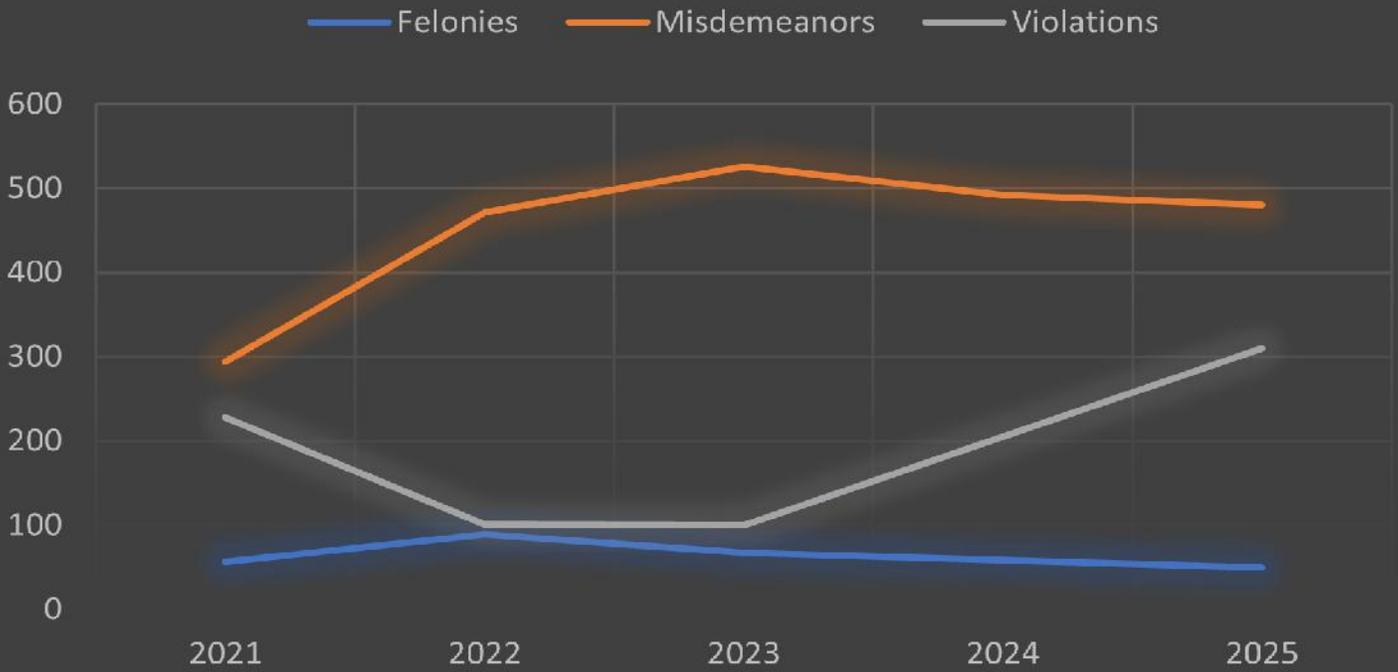
The Town of Cicero is a safe community. Innovative Policing techniques and real time crime analysis assist command staff to effectively deploy departmental resources, resulting in increased crime suppression and suspect apprehension. Concentrated efforts on the part of the dedicated staff continue to positively impact criminal activity in the area.

2024-2025 COMPARISON

Assault	↑57%
Harassment	↑15%
Burglary	↓17%
Larceny	↓7%
Domestic Violence Calls	↓7%

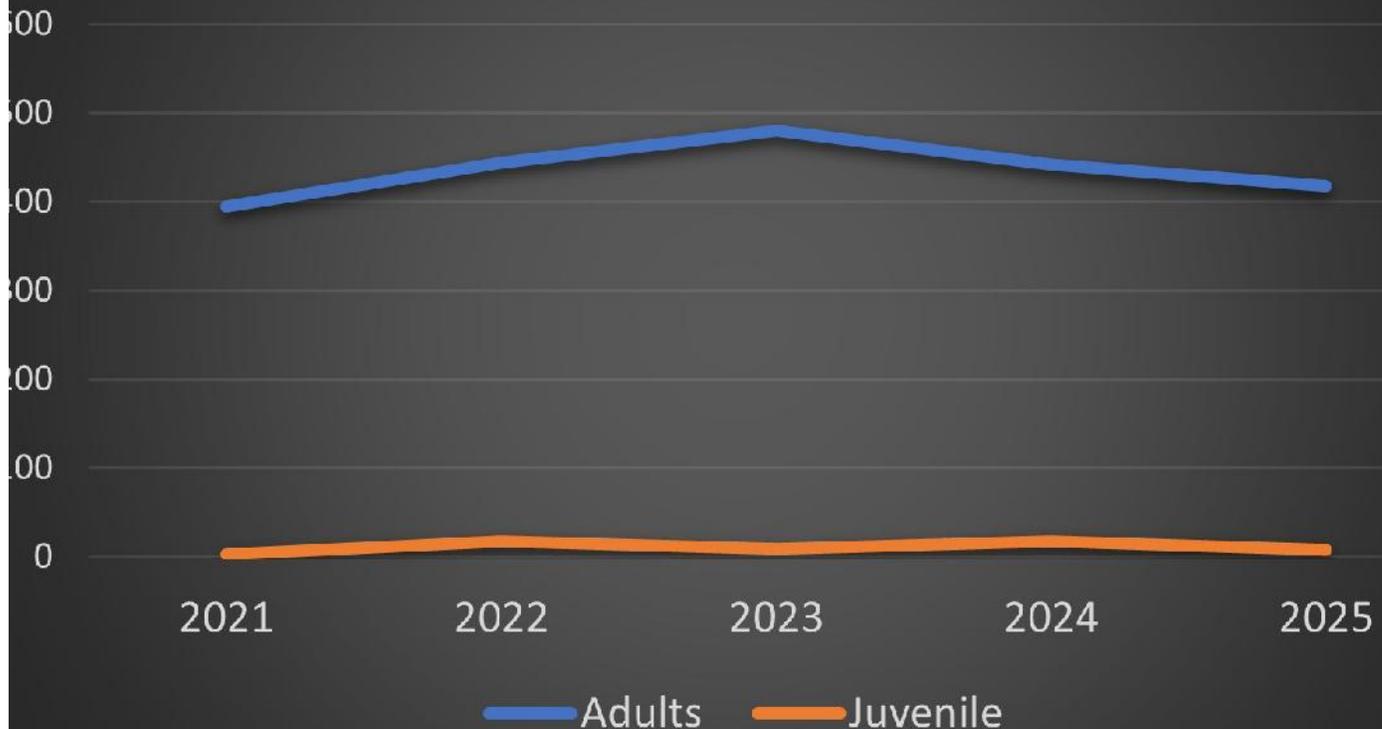
In 2025 Cicero Officers handled an average of 1,290 calls of service per officer.

Arrest Statistics by Offense '21-'25



In 2021 the Town of Cicero Police Department made total of 478 charges including Felonies, Misdemeanors, and violations compared to a total of 840 charges in 2025. That is a 44% increase five years.

Total Persons Arrested '21-'25



Traffic

1,490 Traffic Stops

1,124 Tickets Issued

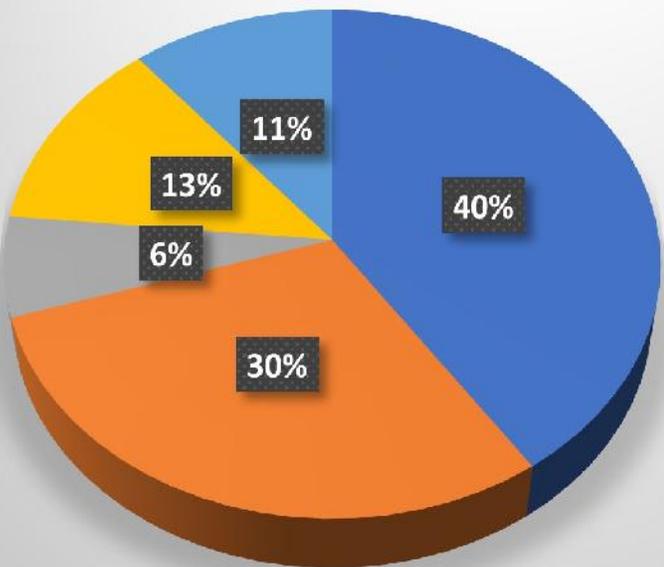
878 Motor Vehicle Collisions



The Town of Cicero Police Department encourages traffic safety through enforcement of New York State and Town of Cicero ordinances. The primary goal of the agency's traffic safety program is to modify dangerous driving behavior through **education and enforcement**, while also working to reduce traffic collisions, injuries, and fatalities by addressing the factors that cause them.

In 2025 we handled 1,062 traffic complaints, both officer and citizen initiated. The town of Cicero Police Department partners up with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee which allocates funding to agencies to combat aggressive driving, seatbelt usage, and distracted driving. In the 2025 grant year we utilized 265 grants funded hours and issued 293 traffic tickets during that time frame.

Ticket Breakdown



- Aggressive Driving
- Speeding
- Equipment Violations
- Cell Phone Use
- Seatbelt Violation

The image shows a detailed New York State traffic ticket form. It includes sections for 'OFFICER INFORMATION', 'VEHICLE INFORMATION', 'VIOLATION INFORMATION', and 'SECTION B - PUNISHMENT'. The form contains various checkboxes and fields for recording details of the traffic stop and the resulting citation.

Special Patrol Officers

2022 was a tough year across the country for Active Shooter Incidents. In May of 2022 the North Syracuse School district requested police officers in the Elementary and Early Education schools. The Cicero Police Department was happy to help and staffed Lakeshore Road Elementary, Smith Road Elementary, and Main Street Early Education School with Police Officers while school was in session for the rest of the 21-22 School year including summer school.



Just prior to the 22-23 school Year the North Syracuse School District and the Cicero Police Department agreed to a partnership that placed Special Patrol Officers (retired police officers) supplemented with full-time current police officers from the Cicero Police Department at Lakeshore Road, Smith Road, and Cicero Elementary Schools.



As the program continues into its fourth year, our partnerships continue to grow with the students, teachers, and administrators from each school.

POLICE EXPLORERS

In 2025 The Cicero Police Department, through a grant, has launched a new Explorer (Cadet) Program designed for youth interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or a related field within the criminal justice system.



Participants in the program have already gained a strong foundation in the basic structure and operations of a police department. They have been introduced to New York State laws and have received valuable insight into the police hiring process and what to expect at the Police Academy. Cadets have also enjoyed hands-on learning experiences, including learning about what an evidence technician does and practicing fingerprint dusting techniques themselves.



As the program continues, cadets will have the opportunity to participate in ride-alongs, hear from guest speakers in various areas of law enforcement and criminal justice, and engage in additional interactive, hands-on training activities. This program provides a unique and meaningful opportunity for young people to explore their interest in public service while building knowledge, skills, and real-world experience.



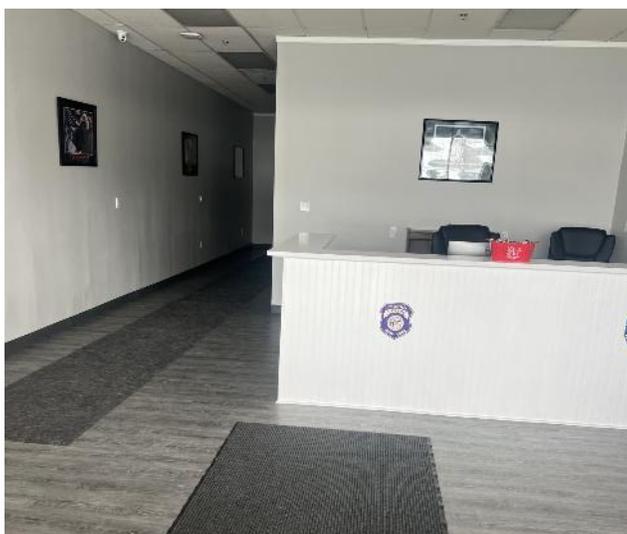
BREWERTON SUBSTATION

December 1, 2025 We opened the Brewerton Substation located in the Bartel Road Plaza.

The space was provided to the Police Department at no charge and represents an important investment in our community. It will help enhance public safety, improve response times, and strengthen partnerships with the residents and businesses of Brewerton.



Grand Opening
RIBBON CUTTING
MONDAY 12.01.25 6:00 PM
Cicero Police Dept Sub-Station
Brewerton Plaza
Bartel Rd, Brewerton



COMMUNITY

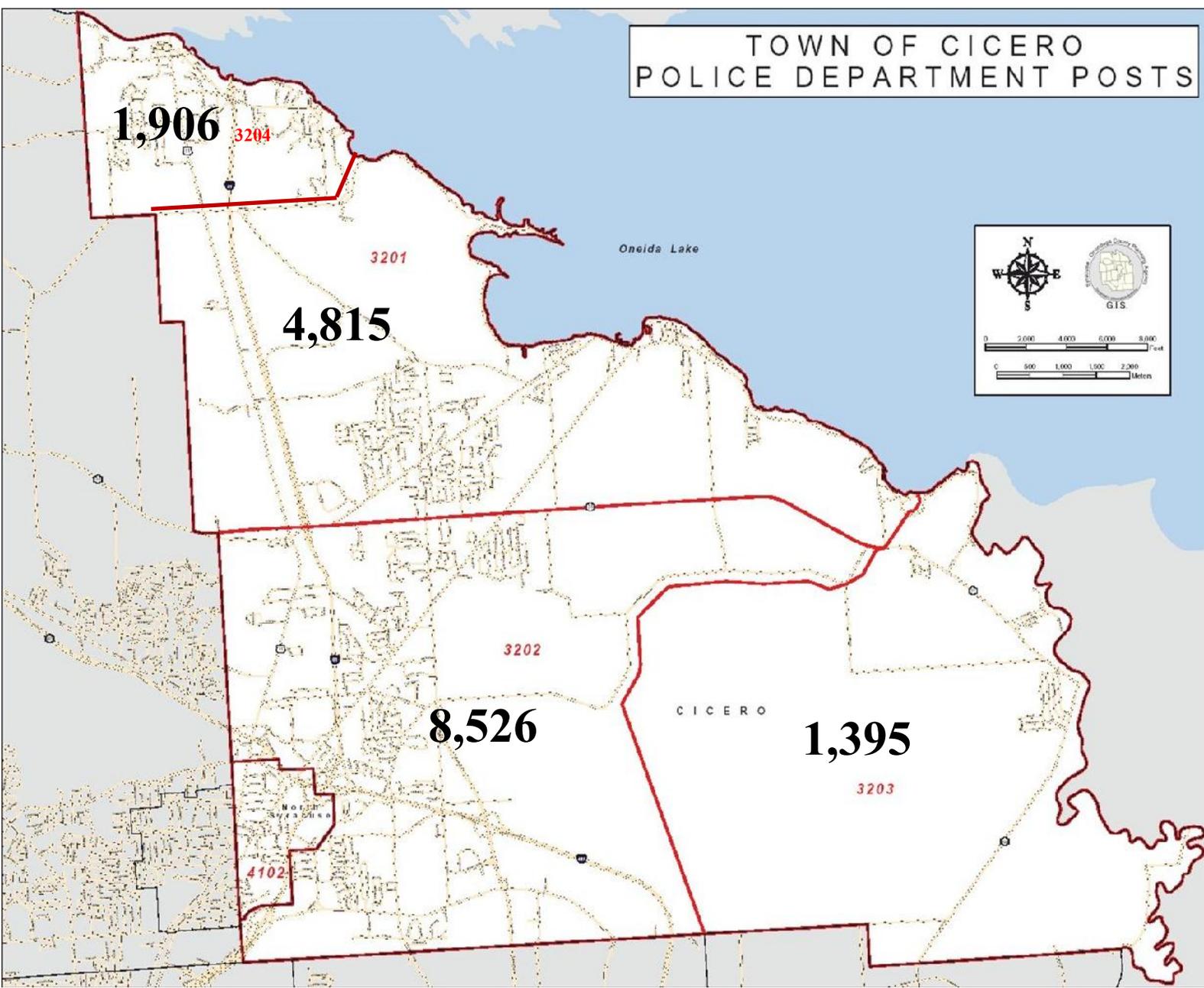
In 2025 The Town of Cicero Police Department participated in 47 community events.

- ✓ Coordinated Coffee-With-A-Cop events
- ✓ Participated in the annual “Shop with a Cop” event
- ✓ Coordinated and participated in the Thanksgiving Basket give away for families in need.
- ✓ Held multiple community classes for Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, Refuse to be a Victim, and Stop the Bleed.
- ✓ Multiple Child ID Events and Multiple Car Seat Events





2025 Calls for Service by Post





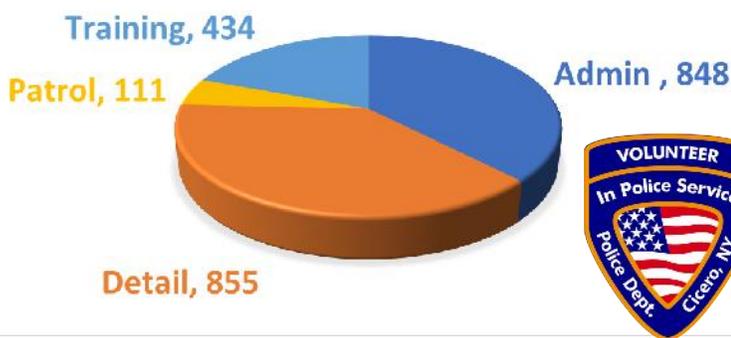
VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

The Town of Cicero Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is a 501C3 Non-profit organization that consists of 25 local residents that volunteer their time to the Town of Cicero Police Department that started in 1998. The 1st of its kind in NYS. Their purpose is to assist the Cicero Police and serve the community in many non-law enforcement ways. They perform property checks to businesses and residents and vacation checks.

They also provide community service, neighborhood canvassing and perform crime prevention and community awareness programs to benefit our residents. One very successful program is their free Child ID program, providing vital information to parents in the event of a lost child. Another integral part of the Volunteers in Police Service is the Administrative duties that they perform at the police department.



VOLUNTEER HOUR BREAKDOWN



2025 In Review



