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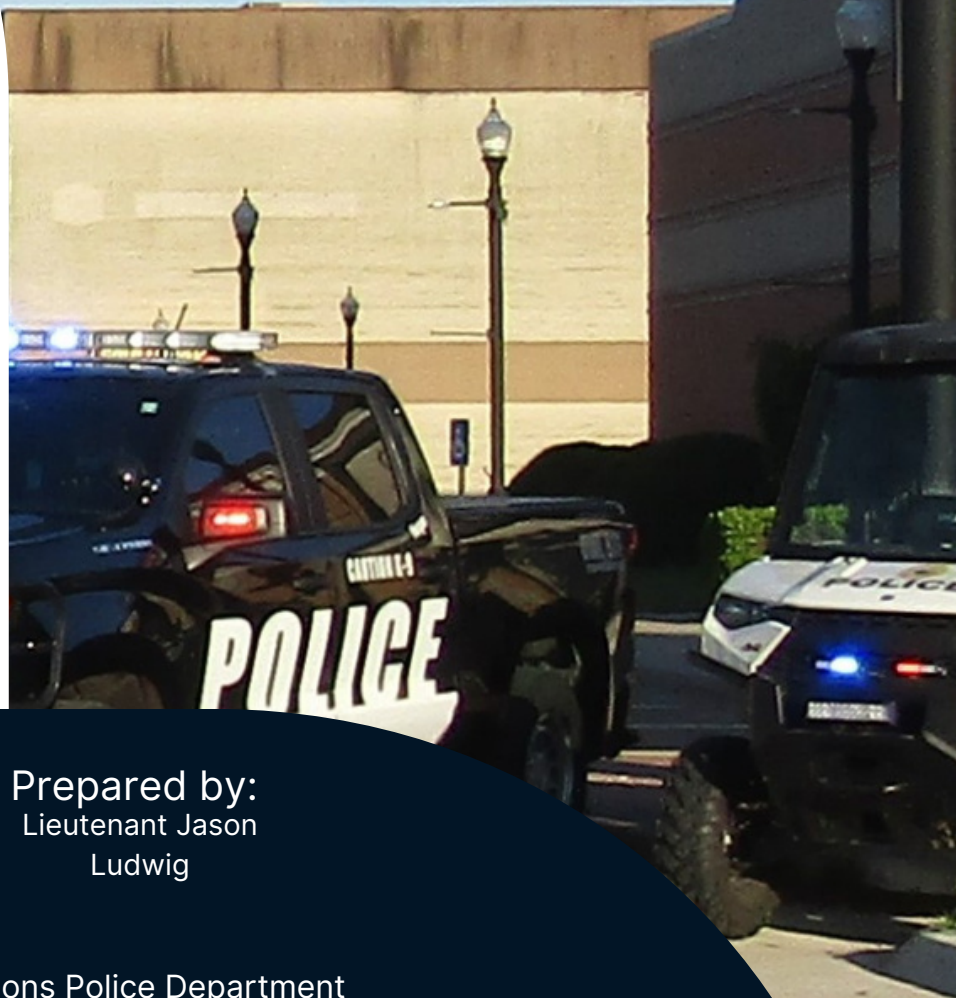
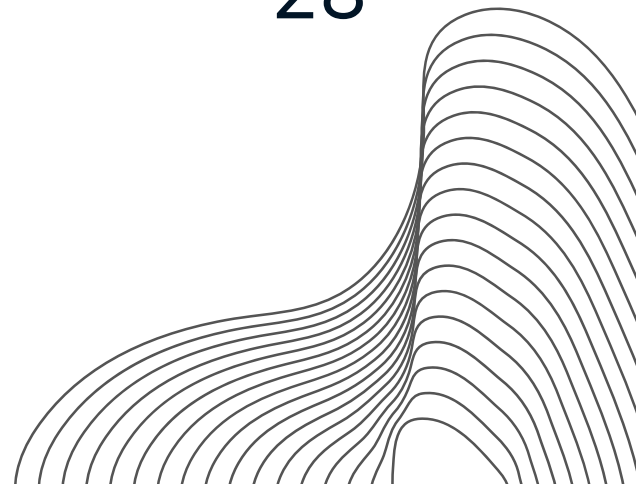




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ABOUT US

The Parsons Police Department has a rich history dating back to its founding in 1870 and the incorporation of the City and creation of the police department in 1871. Today the agency is a modern operation that serves a resident population of nearly 10,000 residents and an estimated daytime population of 18,842.

Currently, Parsons is the 39th largest city in Kansas. The community encompasses an area of nearly 11 square miles and is the largest city in Labette County.

Serving the community requires 24 hour-a-day staffing, a modern dispatch center and a small lock-up facility. Currently, the Department has three (3) Divisions plus a Community/School Resource Officer Program. Multiple patrol officers are available on every shift and the agency aggressively pursues criminal investigations with its Detective's.





OUR VISION

We serve with integrity and empathy while proactively evolving to exceed community expectations. Together, our mission and vision drive every policy in our department. Our success rests on three core values: Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication.

OUR MISSION

Provide effective, empathetic, and just police services to ensure public safety and enhance the quality of life.

PRIDE

We serve with integrity and empathy while continuously evolving to meet community needs. This commitment to growth and adaptation ensures we remain responsive to our community's changing needs.

PROFESSIONALISM

We deliver effective and just service through skilled teamwork and evidence based policing practices. This dedication to excellence is reflected in our comprehensive policies, which align meticulously with federal, state, and local laws.

DEDICATION

We are accountable professionals who demonstrate empathy and justice while exceeding community expectations.



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The Peace Officer Pledge is a solemn oath taken by a community's guardians to fulfill the fundamental purpose of policing.

Oath: We, the members of the Parsons Police Department, promise that while doing our best to control crime, we will do everything in our power to do no harm to the communities we serve and protect.

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COMMAND STAFF



Robert Spinks
Chief of Police



Dennis Dodd
Deputy Chief



Kyle Wiford
Lieutenant
Patrol Division



Sherri McGuire
Lieutenant
Investigations Division



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Lieutenant
Administrative Division

The Parsons Police Department Command Staff is comprised of a dedicated leadership team committed to professionalism, accountability, and community service. The department is led by the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief, supported by three Lieutenants who oversee key operational, administrative, and professional standards functions. Together, the command staff provides strategic direction, ensures organizational excellence, and supports officers and staff in serving the Parsons community with integrity and trust.

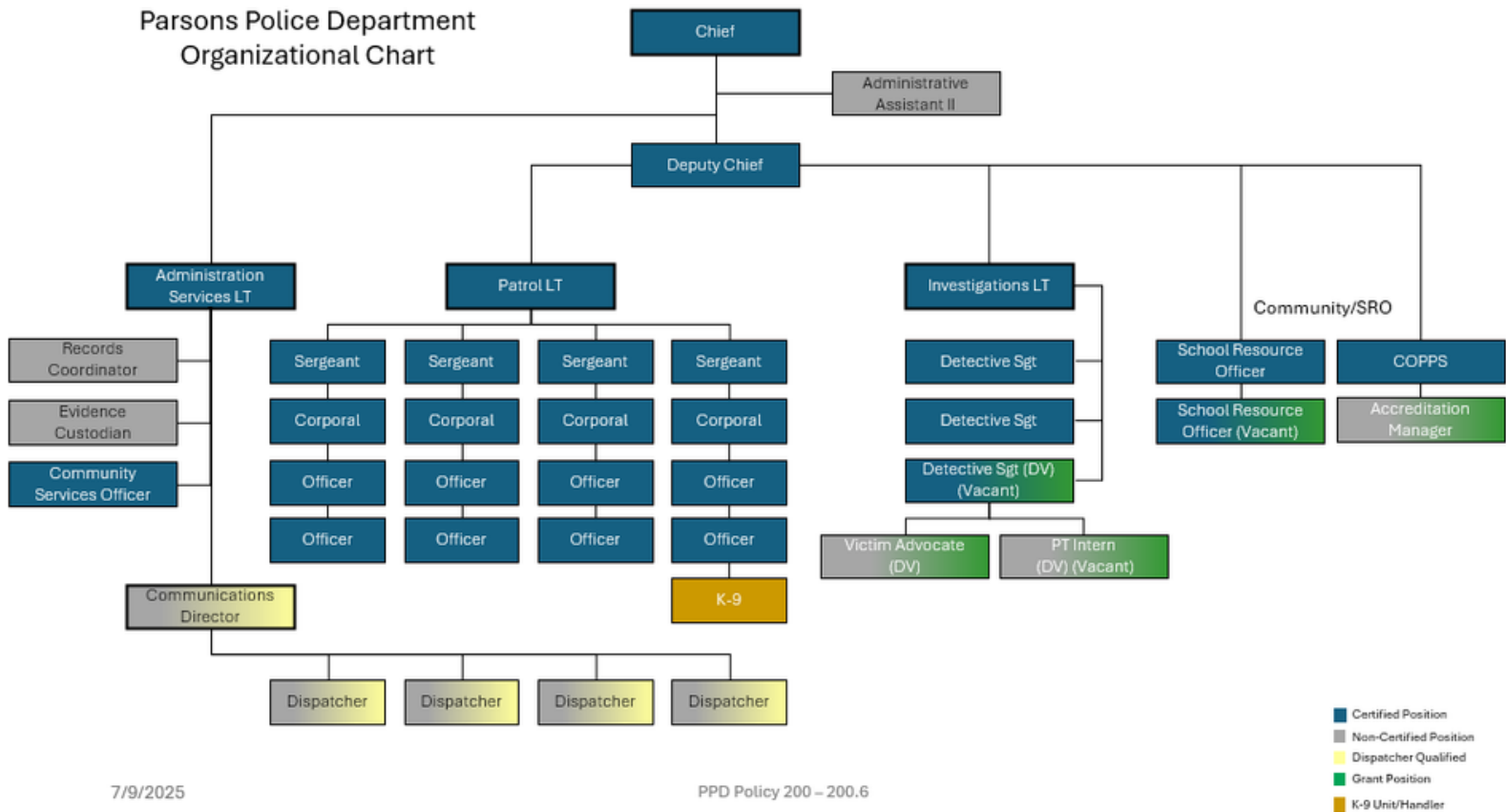


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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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Parsons Police Department
Organizational Chart



The Parsons Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. The department is organized into four key divisions: Administration, Investigations, Patrol, and Communications.

Our Patrol and Communications Divisions provide continuous service and are always accessible to the public, while our Investigations Division maintains an on-call rotation to respond to major incidents and felony-level crimes.

In 2025, the Parsons Police Department responded to **29,477 calls for service**. As the City of Parsons encompasses nearly half of the county's population, our department plays a vital role in safeguarding a significant portion of the region's residents.

We are committed to serving the citizens of Parsons with unwavering **Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication**.



CHIEF OF POLICE

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In 2025 the Parsons Police Department continued our mission of protecting our community while strengthening the partnerships that make Parsons a safe and welcoming place to live, work, and raise a family. I commend the dedication and professionalism demonstrated each day by the men and women of this department.

Policing in a community the size of Parsons requires more than just responding to calls for service. It requires trust, communication, and collaboration between officers and the citizens we partner with. Throughout the year, our department remained committed to community-oriented policing strategies that embrace the concept of being peace officers and not mere enforcers. We focus on problem solving, transparency, and legitimacy.

One of the most encouraging indicators of our progress came from the 2025 Parsons Police Community Survey, which measured public perceptions of police service, fairness, and professionalism. The survey found consistently high levels of public trust in our officers, strong comfort among residents in contacting police for assistance, and broad satisfaction with departmental services. Nearly 80 percent of respondents indicated that the police department is addressing community problems, despite the challenges faced by many law enforcement agencies today. These results were consistent with surveys conducted in 2023 and 2024, demonstrating stable public confidence in the Parsons Police Department.

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of our work. In 2025 we continued to host the Annual Public Safety Fair, which brings together first responders, local organizations, and families for safety education and demonstrations.

Our commitment to support families and young people was also reflected in the continued success of our Shop with a Cop program, which provides children in need with a memorable holiday experience while building positive relationships with law enforcement. This program and others like it are only possible through the generosity of community partners and the Parsons Police Legacy Fund, which supports scholarships, youth initiatives, and other charitable programs for the community. The Annual Guardians of the Greens Charity Golf Tournament remains an important fundraiser that helps sustain these efforts.

Departmentally we continued to strengthen our professional standards and accountability. In 2025 our team worked diligently toward achieving law enforcement accreditation, a process that evaluates policies, training, and operational practices to ensure agencies meet recognized professional standards. Our final on-site accreditation inspection is scheduled for early 2026 and represents several years of dedicated preparation by our staff.

The department also continues to see meaningful results from our Domestic Violence Unit. Domestic violence remains a serious issue in communities across the nation, and this specialized unit ensures that victims receive attention, resources, and advocacy while offenders are held accountable.

While statistics and accomplishments are important, the true measure of a police department is the commitment of its people. Every day our officers respond to emergencies, assist citizens in need, and work quietly behind the scenes to prevent crime and improve quality of life in Parsons.

On behalf of the Parsons Police Department, I want to thank the citizens of Parsons for their continued support and partnership. Together we are working to build a stronger, safer community for today and for future generations.





DEPUTY CHIEF

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In 2025 I was honored to attend the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

Attending the FBI National Academy, Class 295, at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Training Facility in Quantico, Virginia, was one of the most significant professional opportunities of my law enforcement career. One of the most valuable lessons from the National Academy was the importance of adaptive leadership in modern policing. Communities today expect **transparency, professionalism**, and partnership from their law enforcement agencies. I gained a deeper understanding of how departments can build trust while still maintaining strong public safety practices. These lessons will help guide my leadership approach within the Parsons Police Department.

Another critical takeaway from the National Academy was the emphasis on **intelligence-led policing** and proactive problem-solving. By analyzing crime trends, sharing information between agencies, and implementing data-driven strategies, agencies are better equipped to prevent crime rather than simply respond to it. I plan to apply these concepts by strengthening partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies while encouraging continued professional development within our department.

The program also reinforced the importance of officer wellness and resilience. Law enforcement professionals face unique physical and emotional challenges, and the National Academy emphasized that healthy officers are better equipped to serve their communities. Implementing strategies that promote officer wellness ultimately leads to better decision-making, stronger morale, and improved service to the citizens we protect



My goal following the completion of the FBI National Academy is to bring the knowledge, leadership principles, and best practices back to Parsons and incorporate them into our department's daily operations. By applying these lessons through training, mentorship, and policy development, we can continue strengthening the professionalism and effectiveness of the Parsons Police Department while preparing the next generation of leaders within our agency.

Equally important was the opportunity to build relationships with law enforcement professionals from across the United States and around the world. The National Academy fosters a global network of leaders who remain connected long after the program ends. These professional relationships allow departments like Parsons to share ideas, collaborate on complex issues, and learn from innovative policing strategies being implemented in other communities.

Attending the **FBI National Academy was not just a personal accomplishment but an investment in the future of the Parsons Police Department** and the community we serve. The knowledge and experience gained during this program will help guide our continued commitment to public safety, community trust, and professional excellence as we move forward in serving the citizens of Parsons.





ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

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For 2025, the Administrative Services Division of the Parsons Police Department took deliberate steps to advance **transparency, professional development, and community engagement**.

As the Lieutenant overseeing this division, I am proud of the progress achieved this year and the foundation built for continued growth.

One of the most significant accomplishments was the department being selected to host all three FBI-LEEDA leadership courses in 2026. This opportunity places the Parsons Police Department in a distinguished position nationally and allows us to pursue the FBI-LEEDA Department Trilogy Award. Hosting these courses reflects the confidence placed in our agency and reinforces our commitment to leadership development and continuous improvement at every level.

On a personal note, I was honored to complete my own **FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award in 2025**, reflecting the department's broader focus on professional growth and leadership excellence.

Training and preparedness remained a core focus throughout the year. In 2025, we developed and hosted a nighttime firearms training course designed to prepare officers for low-light and high-stress conditions. This training emphasized effective resource use, firearms proficiency, and officer safety, better preparing personnel for real-world encounters.

We also completed long-awaited upgrades to the department's training annex and fully implemented the Use of Force Simulator.

These improvements created a controlled training environment that supports de-escalation, sound decision-making, and responsible use-of-force practices, representing a meaningful investment in modern and accountable policing.

Beyond internal operations, the Parsons Police Legacy Fund experienced significant growth in 2025. We hosted another successful **Guardians of the Greens Charity Golf Scramble**, leading to the establishment of the Parsons Police **Legacy in Leadership Scholarship** through the Labette Community College Foundation & Alumni Association, with matching support from the Hughes Family Matching Fund. The Legacy Fund also provided support to the Parsons High School Golf Program and the Labette County High School Wrestling Program, reinforcing our commitment to youth, teamwork, and leadership development.

Transparency and communication remained key priorities. The department expanded its digital presence with the launch of an official Instagram platform and issued **53 press releases** along with more than **423 Facebook posts**. The department website recorded 242,108 unique visitors and more than **472,000 total visits**, demonstrating increased community engagement and access to information.

Overall, 2025 was defined by progress, collaboration, and intentional leadership. The Administrative Services Division remains committed to building trust, investing in training and education, and strengthening both the department and the community we serve.





The Patrol Division operates with four 12-hour shifts designed for a minimum staffing level of four officers per shift. Throughout 2025, shifts frequently operated with only three officers while continuing to provide professional police services and maintain public safety for the City of Parsons. The Patrol Division remains the face of the Parsons Police Department and continues to uphold the core values of Pride, Professionalism, and Dedication while serving the community with integrity and excellence.

Field Training & New Officers

In 2025, the Patrol Division welcomed:

- Off. Tyler Hall
- Off. Paxton Swanson

Following graduation from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, new officers completed an intensive 12-week Field Training Program consisting of approximately 500 hours of field training under the guidance of Lt. Kyle Wiford, Sgt. Keenen Roberts, Sgt. Charles Brown, and Cpl. Christian Smith.

2025 Operational Highlights

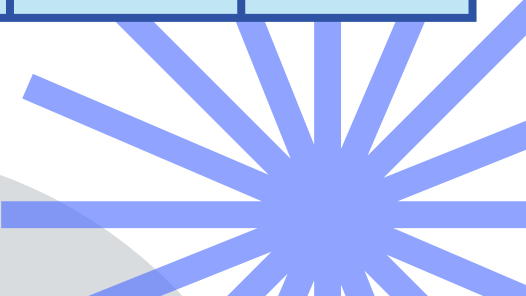
- **18,109** calls for service and public contacts
- 2,797 traffic stops conducted
- 278 crash investigations completed
- 880 arrests made
- 1,186 traffic citations issued
- 2,183 written warnings issued
- Only **1 in 4 traffic stops resulted in a citation**

The most common traffic violations involved no insurance, speed/dangerous driving, vehicle registration, and driver's license violations. Patrol officers remained proactive in traffic enforcement and public safety initiatives throughout the year.

“As we recap 2025, I want to thank the men and women of the Parsons Police Department Patrol Division for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to our community. Our officers continue to meet challenges head-on while working to reduce crime, strengthen community relationships, and serve with the Police2Peace mindset of being **Effective, Empathetic, and Just**.

I also want to thank the community for its continued support, cooperation in investigations, attention to traffic safety concerns, and partnership in helping solve problems throughout Parsons. Thank you all for your continued hard work and commitment to keeping our community safe.”

2025 TOTAL VIOLATIONS BY GROUP		
Grouped Violations	Percentage of Total	Count of Violations
Other Violations	2.87%	34
Seatbelt / Safety Equipment	5.73%	68
Traffic Control / Stop Sign	7.67%	91
Defective Equipment	12.14%	144
Driver's License Violations	12.82%	152
Vehicle Registration	12.98%	154
Speed / Dangerous Driving	22.01%	261
No Insurance	23.78%	282
Grand Total	100.00%	1186





INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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The Investigation Division is tasked with providing investigative support to patrol, criminal investigations, and narcotics investigation. This entails being lead investigators on **all major crimes** within the City of Parsons. The Investigations Division also works with outside agencies to coordinate investigations that involve criminal activity which may begin in our community and spread to other jurisdictions.

In 2025, the Parsons Police Department's Investigations Division saw another big change. Det, Sgt, Brice Dickens left the Parsons Police Department to join the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. We wish him all the success he had with our department.

2025 has been another successful year with drug investigations. Many drug cases have carried over to 2026 where we hope to get more illegal narcotics off the street. The division has filed **18 distributions of drug cases with the county attorney**. The division also carried out 20 investigations into drug activity as well as working on 4 possessions of controlled substances cases. These were also filed with the county attorney's office awaiting prosecution.

In addition to ongoing drug investigations, the division has placed a strong emphasis on community outreach and collaboration. Officers regularly participate in educational events aimed at raising awareness about narcotics and prevention strategies. These efforts are critical in fostering trust and engagement with local residents, which ultimately aids information gathering and crime deterrence.

Cyprus Jones, Advocate Coordinator, has had a busy year referring and helping victims of domestic abuse with Protection From Abuse orders (PFA's), housing, mental health services and court advocacy when needed.

During 2025, the City of Parsons experienced its only homicide incident. The case originated from a domestic violence situation in which the victim had prior contact with the department's Domestic Violence Unit. Despite multiple outreach efforts and offers of assistance, services were declined. The incident ultimately resulted in the suspect fatally shooting the victim before taking his own life.

To address the challenges posed by violent crimes, the Investigations Division has implemented new protocols for inter-agency communication and rapid response. These updates have improved efficiency in handling complex cases, ensuring that critical information is shared promptly and that investigative resources are allocated effectively.

The investigations division worked **235 cases, all new cases for 2025**. These 235 cases ranged from traffic infractions, violent, person felonies of homicide, rape, aggravated battery/assault, felony drug cases, and other criminal investigations. We have continued to partner with other local, state, and federal outside agencies and strive to provide the highest level of criminal investigations to serve the citizenry of Parsons.

We look forward to another outstanding year in 2026.





COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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The Parsons Police Department Dispatch Center operates as a **24/7/365 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)** and is staffed by four full-time dispatchers and one Communications Director. Dispatchers are often the first **“first responders,”** serving as the initial point of contact for citizens experiencing emergencies or requesting assistance. Dispatchers work 12-hour shifts, with one dispatcher on duty at a time, responsible for handling all incoming communications.

During each shift, dispatchers manage a significant workload and must monitor multiple systems simultaneously. This includes **twenty-five security cameras, six phone lines** (three administrative lines and three Next Generation 911 (NG911) emergency lines), Text-to-911 messages. A single dispatcher gathers caller information, determines call priority, and coordinates the appropriate emergency response while continuing to monitor all other incoming activities.

All Parsons dispatchers maintain **full-access NCIC certification** and perform critical law enforcement database functions. These duties include running vehicle license plates, checking criminal history information, verifying person records for officer safety, entering and confirming warrants, and checking serial numbers to determine whether property has been reported stolen.

Dispatchers also play a vital role in public safety during severe weather events. They monitor alerts from the National Weather Service and activate the city’s outdoor warning sirens when tornado warnings are issued. Dispatch is also responsible for coordinating the opening of storm shelters and conducting weekly testing and maintenance checks on the city’s storm siren system. In addition to emergency communications, dispatch staff conduct hourly welfare checks of inmates housed in the department’s holding facility, which consists of three cells with four total beds, including a detox cell and a temporary holding cell.

Dispatchers are also frequently the **first point of contact for citizens who walk into the Police Department** seeking assistance. They help direct individuals to appropriate services, dispatch officers to assist those in need, and provide calm, professional communication to citizens who may be experiencing stressful or emergency situations.

Despite the heavy workload, the Parsons Police Department Dispatch staff continue to maintain a high level of **professionalism** and **dedication**. Dispatchers receive specialized training in emergency communications and the handling of sensitive information, and they continually pursue additional training opportunities to strengthen their skills and improve service to the community.

The Parsons Police Department Dispatch team is committed to serving the citizens of Parsons, Kansas, and strives every day to uphold the core values of the Parsons Police Department through professionalism, integrity, service, and dedication to public safety.





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

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In 2025, the Parsons Police Department's School Resource Officer Program continued to strengthen school safety, prevention, and positive relationships across USD 503. The program supports safe learning environments through a community-policing approach that includes law enforcement, mentorship, education, and emergency management.

The department's SRO team included **Corporal Shyanne Dunn**, assigned to Parsons High School, and **Corporal Mark Raney**, assigned to Parsons Middle School. Together, they also supported the broader USD 503 school community, including Lincoln, Garfield, and Guthridge Elementary Schools.

School Resource Officers do far more than respond to incidents. They maintain a visible and approachable presence on campus, build positive relationships with students and staff, assist with **school safety planning, support emergency preparedness**, provide law-related and safety education, and serve as a bridge between schools, families, and community resources.

The SRO role also has clearly defined boundaries. Routine student discipline remains the responsibility of school administrators. School Resource Officers respond to criminal conduct, immediate threats to safety, school-related investigations, **emergency planning needs, and situations that require law enforcement involvement**. This distinction helps preserve a positive school climate while ensuring serious safety concerns receive an appropriate and professional response.

Core Functions of the SRO Program

- **Law Enforcement:** Promote safety in and around school campuses, respond to criminal incidents, and coordinate with outside law enforcement and juvenile justice partners when needed.
- **Mentorship:** Serve as trusted adults on campus, reinforce positive behavior, and help connect students and families with support services when concerns arise.
- **Education:** Provide presentations and instruction on safety, responsible decision-making, community expectations, and law-related topics.
- **Emergency Management:** Assist with safety plans, drills, emergency coordination, and school preparedness efforts in partnership with school administrators and first responders.

Training and Readiness

Officer Raney completed the National Association of School Resource Officers Basic Course, a nationally recognized program that prepares officers for the unique challenges of school-based policing. National guidance for COPS-funded SRO positions also emphasizes completion of a 40-hour NASRO basic training course and the use of a clearly defined Memorandum of Understanding between law enforcement and school partners.

Through daily presence, **relationship-building**, prevention, and coordinated response planning, Corporal Dunn and Corporal Raney help ensure that USD 503 schools **remain safe, supportive places where students can learn**, staff can teach, and families can have confidence in a secure educational environment.





RECORDS

MARSHALL SILLS RECORDS COORDINATOR

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I serve as the Records Coordinator for the Parsons Police Department, where I manage comprehensive records systems and analyze crime data to support departmental operations.

I hold certification as a **Certified Property and Evidence Specialist (CPES)** through the International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE), which provides me with specialized expertise in evidence handling, storage protocols, and maintaining proper chain of custody. I am also certified as a **Law Enforcement Analyst – Foundational (LEAF)** through the International Association of Crime Analysts (IACA), allowing me to strengthen the department's analytical capabilities and support data-driven investigative strategies.

My commitment to operational excellence has played a key role in our KLEAP (Kansas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program) efforts, both within the Parsons Police Department and in broader compliance initiatives. Through attention to detail and a strong understanding of accreditation standards, I have helped ensure compliance while improving overall operational quality.

I have also **completed specialized training** in records management and the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA), ensuring full compliance with state transparency and public access requirements.

Beyond my technical responsibilities, I am actively engaged in leadership development and community involvement. I am currently participating in Leadership Labette for 2025 and 2026, a program focused on cultivating emerging leaders within Labette County. This experience is helping me build stronger connections across our community, enhance collaboration, and better understand local resources and governance.

Additionally, I maintain **certification as a Red Cross First Aid and CPR instructor**, which supports the department's emergency preparedness efforts. Through continued professional development, community engagement, and a commitment to excellence, I am proud to contribute to the Parsons Police Department's mission to serve and protect our community.

Looking ahead, I am focused on continuing to advance the Records Division through **innovation, efficiency**, and enhanced service to both the department and the community. Future initiatives include expanding data-driven policing capabilities, improving records management systems, and further streamlining evidence and reporting processes to increase accuracy and accessibility.

I am also committed to **strengthening transparency and public access** while ensuring compliance with evolving legal and accreditation standards. By leveraging technology, professional development, and strong community partnerships, the Records Division will continue to evolve as a critical component of the Parsons Police Department's operational success.





EVIDENCE

SHAWN JOHNSTON EVIDENCE COORDINATOR

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Throughout 2025, I continued to lead initiatives within the Property and Evidence Unit, building upon the strong operational foundation that has been developed over the past several years. My focus remained on maintaining accountability, improving organization, and ensuring that the unit continues to operate in alignment with the professional standards and policies of the Parsons Police Department.

Through oversight, attention to detail, and a commitment to maintaining best practices, I worked to ensure the Property and Evidence Unit remained efficient, reliable, and fully prepared to meet both operational and accreditation expectations.

One of the most significant undertakings during the year was conducting a **comprehensive full audit of the onsite storage** areas containing what we commonly refer to as the “Big Three” categories of evidence: narcotics, currency, and firearms. This audit required a detailed review of storage practices, documentation, and evidence accountability procedures to ensure every item was properly cataloged, stored, and secured. Maintaining strict oversight of these sensitive evidence categories is critical to protecting the integrity of criminal investigations and ensuring that evidence presented in court remains reliable and properly documented.

I also oversaw **extensive organizational improvements** at the department’s off-site evidence storage area, where large or long-term evidence items are maintained. Evidence located in this facility was systematically reviewed, sorted, and separated by year. This effort created a more efficient structure for locating, tracking, and managing stored items. By improving the organization of this storage area, investigators and prosecutors can now retrieve evidence more quickly when it is needed for case preparation, court proceedings, or follow-up investigations.

Throughout the year, both the onsite and off-site evidence storage locations underwent functional inspections. **These inspections focused on evaluating storage conditions, labeling accuracy, chain-of-custody documentation, and the overall organization of the facilities.** The results of these inspections reinforced that the Property and Evidence Unit continues to operate at a high standard and that the systems in place are functioning effectively to maintain accountability and compliance.

In addition to my responsibilities within the Property and Evidence Unit, I continued to assist the department by filling in with Dispatch when needed. Being able to step into that role when staffing needs arise allows me to support the broader mission of the department and contribute wherever assistance is required. Supporting other divisions in this way reflects the teamwork and cooperation that are essential to the department’s overall success.

A particularly notable accomplishment during the year was my participation in the department’s mock accreditation assessment through the **Kansas Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (KLEAP)**. Through careful preparation and adherence to established professional standards, I successfully passed the mock accreditation review related to Property and Evidence procedures. This review helped demonstrate that our evidence management practices meet the standards expected under accreditation and positioned the Parsons Police Department well for its upcoming full accreditation evaluation.

Overall, my work throughout 2025 focused on strengthening the efficiency, accountability, and professionalism of the Property and Evidence Unit. I worked to ensure that evidence management practices remain reliable and transparent. These efforts ultimately support the Parsons Police Department’s mission of providing professional, trustworthy, and effective service to the community.



ANIMAL CONTROL

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER RICKY THOMPSON

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In 2025, I continued to serve as the Community Service Officer (CSO) for the Parsons Police Department, a role that remains critical to both public safety and the management of animal-related concerns within our community. Despite a year marked by significant staffing challenges, I remained committed to fulfilling the responsibilities of the CSO position while also stepping in to support patrol operations when needed.

Throughout the year, I carried dual responsibilities, maintaining my primary duties as a CSO while also assisting patrol due to ongoing staffing shortages within the department. I regularly filled patrol shifts. While this limited the amount of time I could dedicate exclusively to CSO-specific tasks, it also demonstrated the evolving nature of this position and its integration into broader police operations. The ability to transition between animal services and patrol functions highlights the versatility and necessity of the CSO role within our agency.

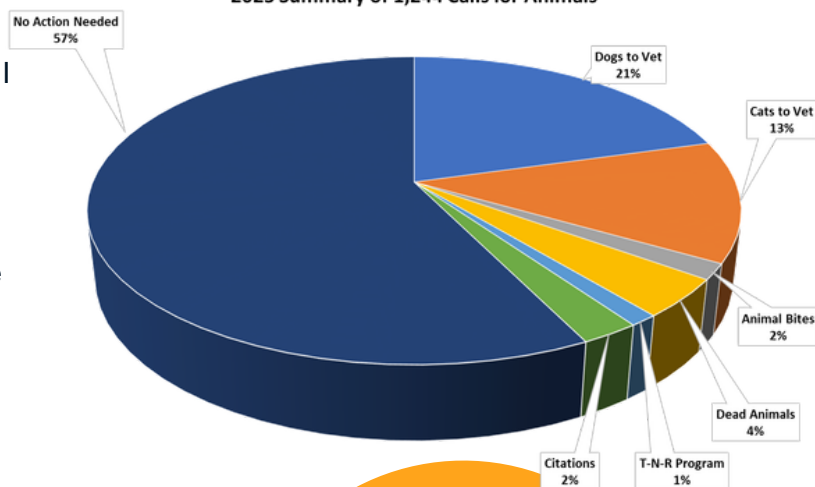
In 2025, the Parsons Police Department responded to a **total of 1,244 animal-related calls** for service. Of those, I personally handled 507 calls, accounting for over 40% of all animal-related incidents despite my additional patrol responsibilities. Through these calls, I was responsible for the pickup of 108 dogs and 117 cats. In total, the department handled 445 animals throughout the year, including **275 dogs and 170 cats**. These numbers reflect not only the demand for animal-related services in our community but also the continued importance of having a dedicated CSO position to manage these calls effectively.

The volume of calls and the number of animals collected demonstrate that this is not a secondary function of law enforcement, but rather a core service that directly impacts community quality of life.

One of the ongoing challenges we continue to face is the high percentage of animals being taken directly to the City Impound. This trend highlights a larger issue within the community regarding responsible pet ownership. It reinforces the need for continued public education and the promotion of what we refer to as the **"Animal Guardian"** mindset—encouraging citizens to take accountability for their animals and to be proactive in preventing issues before they require law enforcement intervention.

We have had great success with the Trap Spay Neuter Release (TNR) Program, by stabilizing feral cat colonies and preventing reproduction, we are able to address the root of the problem rather than simply reacting to it. We also introduced a **new voucher program for stray cat** sterilization, which allows neighborhoods to take a more active role in managing community cat populations. This initiative empowers citizens to be part of the solution and reflects a more collaborative approach between the police department and the community we serve.

2025 Summary of 1,244 Calls for Animals





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COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

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The Community-Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Office served as a central hub for community engagement, crime prevention, program coordination, compliance management, and public safety communication in 2025. Through recurring outreach events, advisory-board support, public education, accreditation management, and analytical reporting, the office worked to strengthen trust, improve transparency, and connect the Parsons Police Department with the community it serves.

Core Functions

- Coordinated community-oriented policing initiatives, crime prevention programming, and problem-solving efforts.
- Supported accreditation, policy review, and compliance documentation, including KLEAP accreditation management and department policy analysis, review, and editing.
- Prepared public safety reports and annual analytical products, including use-of-force and pursuit trend reviews.
- Managed public information support through community reporting, website content oversight, and public-facing program communication.



Community Engagement and Public Safety Activities

- Coffee with a Cop - conducted four times per year to build relationships and encourage informal public dialogue.
- Public Safety Advisory Board - supported approximately ten meetings per year to strengthen citizen input and communication.
- Annual Public Safety Fair - coordinated outreach and education to connect residents with public safety resources.
- Moonlight Madness, Touch A Truck, Katy Days, and Railroad Safety Booth - maintained a visible department presence at major community events.
- Labette Health Kid's Camp - provided annual youth engagement and safety education support.

Crime Prevention and Community Support

- Conducted residential, commercial, and house-of-worship crime prevention assessments.
- Provided child safety seat technician support and related public education services.
- Supported community reassurance and welfare-oriented outreach through programs such as R U OK.
- Produced Parsons Sun community reports four times per year to inform residents and highlight departmental initiatives.

Year-End Impact

In 2025, the COPPS Office advanced the department's mission by combining community partnership, prevention-focused service, data-informed review, and organizational accountability. Its work helped promote safer neighborhoods, stronger public communication, and continued confidence in the Parsons Police Department.



PPD PROGRAMS

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K9 Program

Sergeant Christian Smith and K9 Partner Morgan continues to be an invaluable asset to the Parsons Police Department and to law enforcement partners throughout the region.

In 2025, K9 Morgan and handler Sgt. Smith supported a wide range of operations, contributing directly to narcotics interdiction, felony arrests. The following report highlights key performance metrics, training efforts, and operational observations regarding the K9 Program. The team deployed a total of **71** times in 2025 and was able to make **19 arrests** from those deployments.

Multiple entities use the K9 team for detection deployment including the Parsons Police Department, Labette County Sheriffs Office, Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Even Commercial Bank and Youth Crisis Center asked for the teams assistance.



Parsons Registered Offender Program (PROP)

Since its inception in December 2020, the Parsons Registered Offender Program (PROP) has made substantial progress in ensuring compliance among registered offenders in our community. PROP was established to address a critical issue: a 41% non-compliance rate among Registered Drug, Sex, and Violent Offenders within Parsons. Since the beginning, our dedicated team has worked tirelessly to rectify this situation and enhance public safety through a collaboration with the Labette County Sheriff's Office and the Labette County Attorney's Office through compliance, enforcement, and prosecution.

PROP conducted sixty-seven (**67**) **compliance checks** of offenders in categories of Sex, Violent and Drug Offender. **Seven (7) felony investigations** into violations of offender registration in Parsons. These investigations have led to **Four (4) arrests** and Three (3) cases for felony charges by long-form. These cases included six (6) counts of Aggravated Violation of Offender Registration and thirty-three (33) counts of Violation of Offender Registration.

At the end of 2025, the non-compliance rate of Registered Offenders in Parsons **decreased to on average under 3% monthly**, with most months having a 1% non-compliance rate for a single offender, who has a felony warrant issued for their arrest. This marks a remarkable 40% reduction in non-compliance since PROP's establishment. This achievement is a testament to the program's effectiveness.

Chaplain Program

The Parsons Police Department remains dedicated to supporting the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of community members and department personnel through the Police Chaplain Program. This collaborative initiative partners with faith leaders from across Labette County to ensure compassionate assistance is available whenever a crisis arises, reinforcing the department's commitment to holistic public safety.



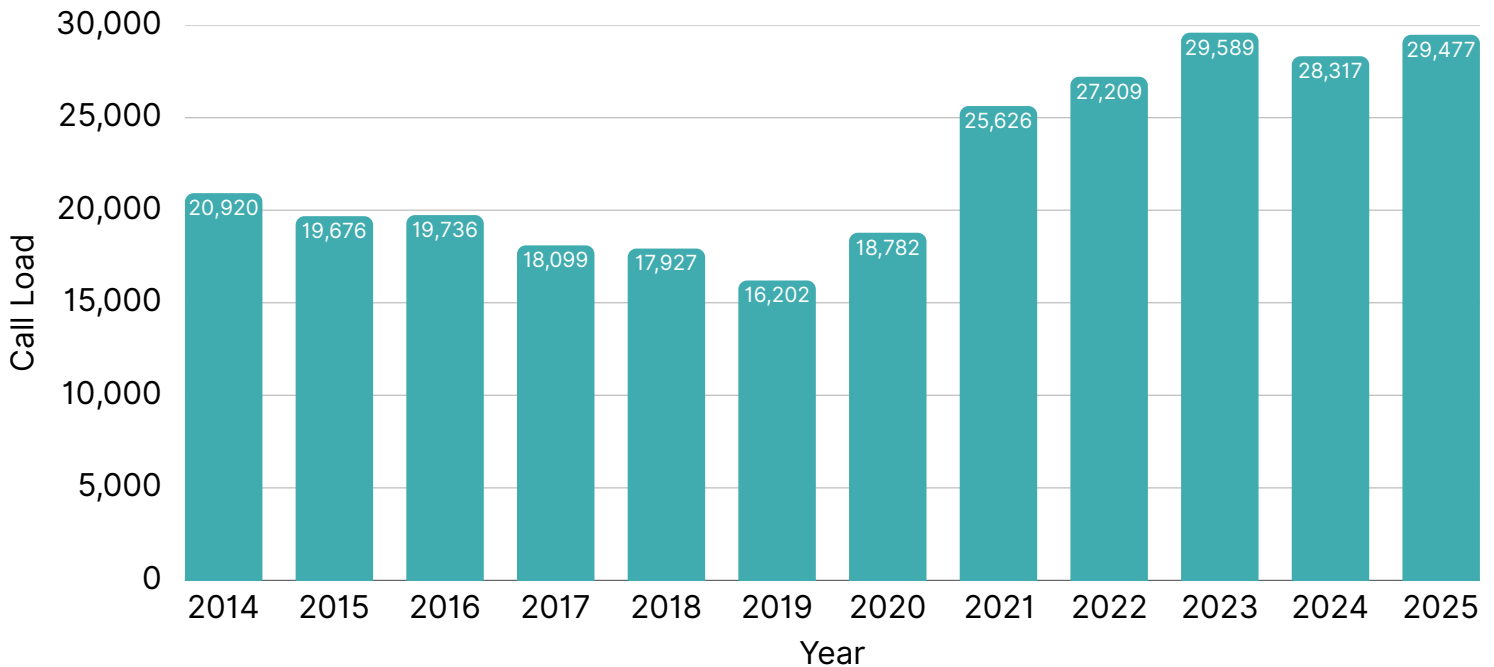


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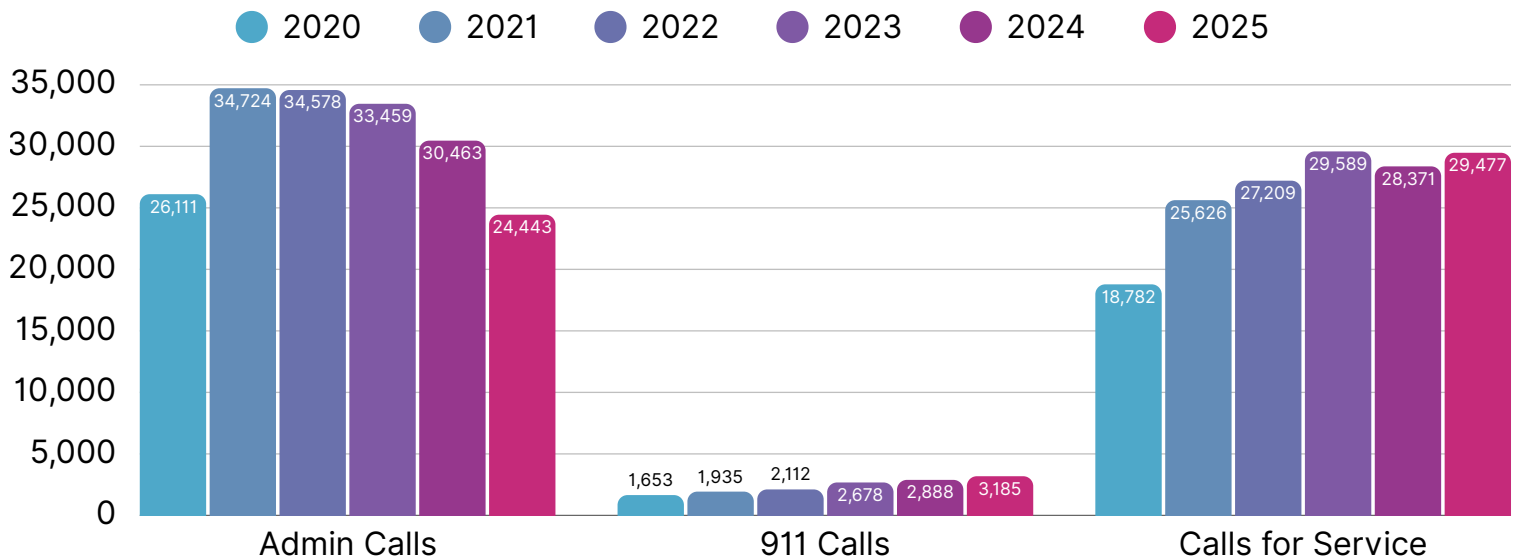
TOTAL WORK LOAD FOR POLICE DISPATCH

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Yearly Comparison on Call Load



These graphs provide a concise snapshot of the critical role our dispatchers perform year after year. They illustrate both the progression and historical trends in call volume, as well as the overall workload managed by our Communications Center and its staff. Together, they highlight not only the increasing demands placed on dispatch personnel, but also the consistency, professionalism, and resilience required to effectively support public safety operations.



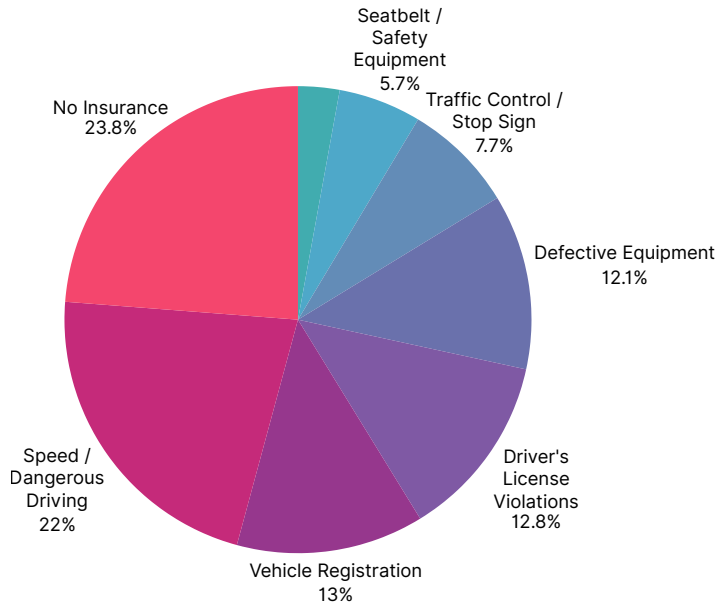


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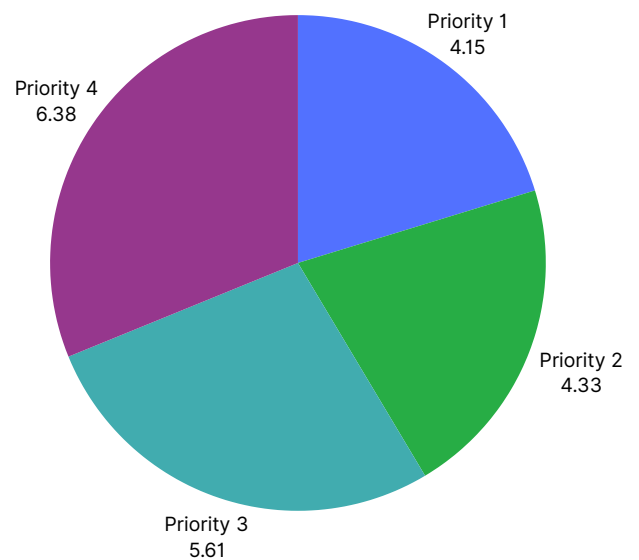
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Traffic Violation by Group
688 Traffic Citations with 1186 Violations

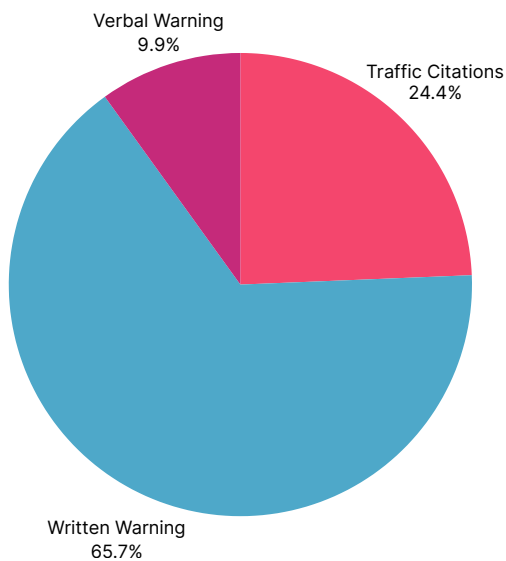


In 2025, the Parsons Police Department conducted a total of 2,825 traffic stops. Of those interactions, 688 resulted in citations, accounting for 1,186 individual violations. This reflects a citation rate of 24.4% per traffic stop, which is notably below the national average. This lower rate highlights the department's continued emphasis on education, voluntary compliance, and community-focused policing rather than strict enforcement alone.

Response Times 2025



Traffic Enforcement
2825 Total Stops

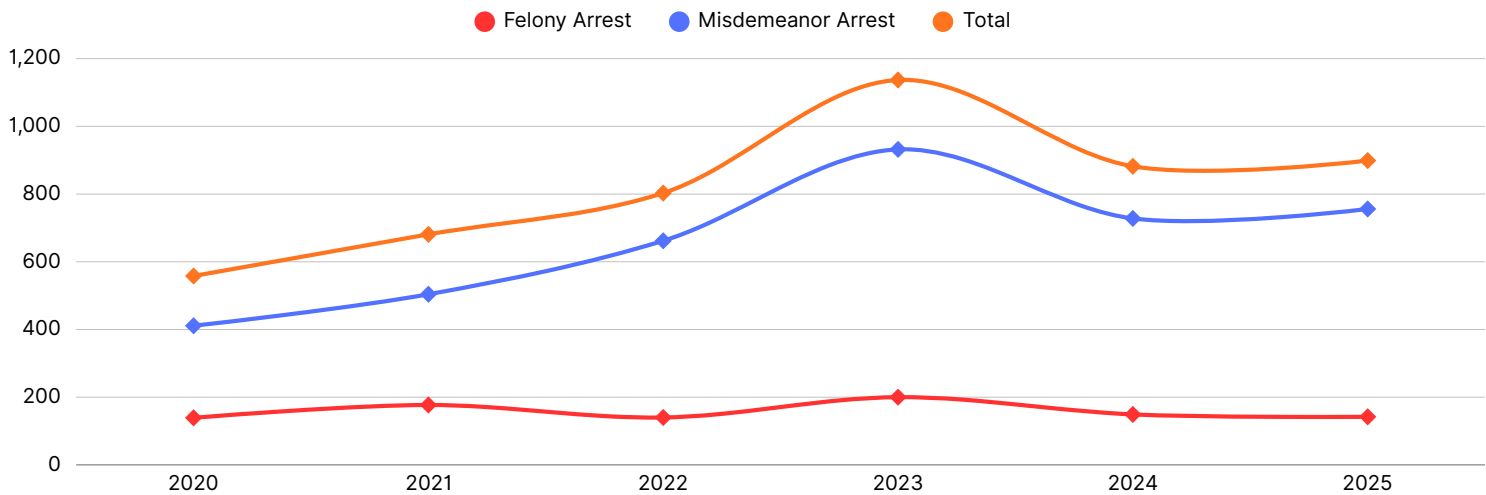


**Traffic Safety
is for
EVERYONE**



ARREST DATA

Trend for Arrest
2020-2025



An analysis of arrest data for 2025 revealed several significant trends regarding repeat offenders within the community.

During 2025, the Parsons Police Department recorded a total of 899 arrests involving 594 unique individuals. This indicates that a substantial portion of arrests involved repeat offenders rather than first-time arrestees.

The data further shows that the top **10 repeat offenders** accounted for **9.23%** of all arrests made during the year. Expanding that group, the top 20 offenders were responsible for **15.23%** of total arrests, while the top 50 repeat offenders accounted for **27.03%** of all arrests in 2025. These figures demonstrate that a relatively small number of individuals were responsible for a disproportionately large percentage of criminal activity and enforcement actions.

Of the 594 unique arrestees, **152 individuals were arrested more than once** during the year. The two most frequently arrested individuals were each arrested **11 times**, while the top three offenders were each arrested 10 or more times in 2025. Additionally, the top **21 repeat offenders** were arrested **five or more** times throughout the year.

This concentration of repeat offenders places a significant strain on law enforcement resources, the criminal justice system, and overall public safety efforts within the community. The data highlights the ongoing challenges associated with chronic offenders and the impact repeat criminal activity has on crime trends within Parsons.

Arrest Transparency

Race / Sex	Arrest Count
White/ Male	395
White / Female	255
Black / Male	164
Black / Female	78
Native American / Male	5
Native American / Female	2



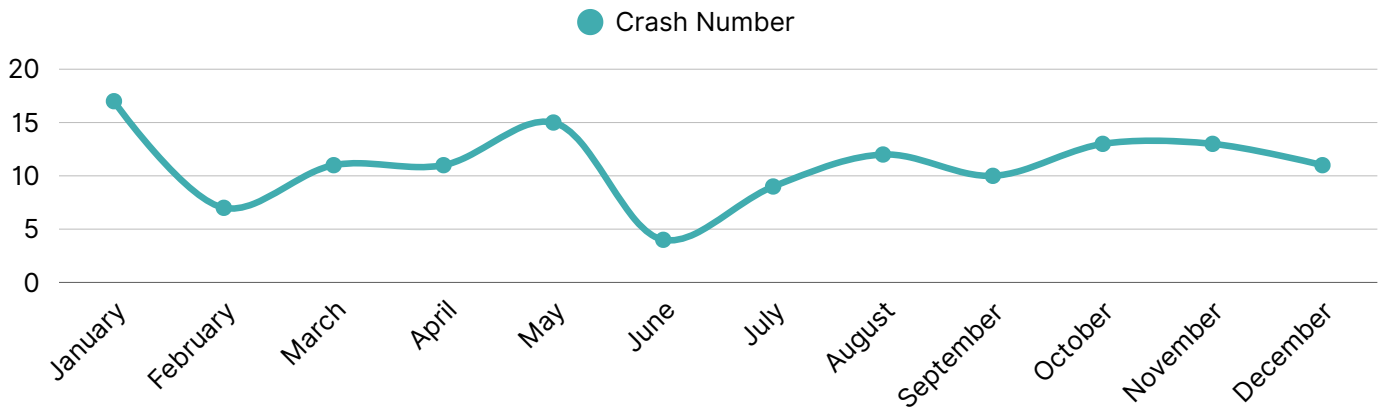


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CRASH DATA 2025

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Crashes by Month



2025 Crash Data shows that there was a total of 133 crashes for the year. The highest crash rate for the year was in **January with a total of 17** and the lowest was June with 4. This can be attributed to poor weather in the winter months.

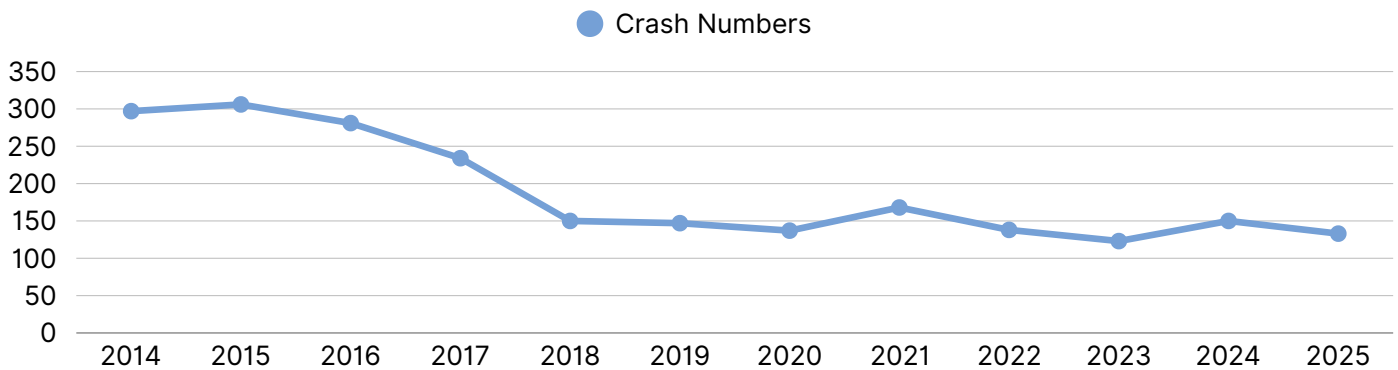
January recorded the highest number of crashes with 17 incidents, while June had the lowest with only 4. The increased number of crashes during the winter months can likely be attributed to adverse weather and hazardous road conditions.

Out of the 133 crashes there were only 24 of the them that had injuries reported. Crash data also shows that we were about average for crashes in 2025 when compared to the last 8 years. However we are actually **down in the number of crashes from 2024** which shows that our traffic safety programs are positively impacting crash data. Crash data for 2025 indicates a total of 133 reported crashes throughout the year.

Of the 133 total crashes, only **24 resulted in reported injuries**. When compared to the previous eight years, the overall crash rate for 2025 remained consistent with historical averages. However, the city experienced a **reduction in total crashes compared to 2024**, suggesting that ongoing traffic safety initiatives and enforcement efforts are having a positive impact on driver behavior and roadway safety within the community.

Crashes by Year

2014-2025





DATA DRIVEN INFORMATION

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What is NIBRS and UCR

The Parsons Police Department reports ALL collected crime data to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), which serves as the clearinghouse for collected crime data in the State of Kansas. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) has been a staple in crime statistics since the 1930's. The State of Kansas collects agency information and their data as part of the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS). This data is also submitted to the FBI for their National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

Serious Crimes include: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Simple Crimes or less serious crimes are also tracked, this is not an all inclusive list of crimes. The charts shows the local UCR crime rate. This allows a comparison between PPD and other agencies.

One common misconception is that the work environment for rural police officers is safer than in metropolitan communities. Yet, the data has shown for decades that the two highest risk work locations for police officers are the largest metropolitan cities and in rural communities. All other areas and sizes of communities tend to provide a safer work environment for law enforcement officers. Usually because of lower staffing, less back-up, availability of weapons and a host of factors, policing metropolitan cities and rural communities remains a risky occupation.

Community Livability is more aligned with behavioral and property-based crimes as they often serve as key indicators of a community's overall health versus NIBRS. These offenses—such as criminal damage, criminal trespass, runaway reports, domestic violence incidents, and disorderly conduct—not only reflect the immediate state of public safety but can also act as precursors to more serious criminal activity if left unaddressed.

Monitoring and responding to these “quality of life” crimes allows law enforcement and the community to recognize early warning signs and intervene before patterns of behavior escalate. In Parsons, these crimes are closely tracked and analyzed. As the accompanying chart illustrates, a sustained reduction in these offenses correlates with an increase in community livability. In essence, fewer behavioral and property crimes contribute to a healthier, safer, and more vibrant city.

This approach aligns with the well-established Broken Windows Theory of crime prevention, which suggests that ignoring minor violations fosters an environment conducive to more serious crime. Conversely, addressing these smaller issues early and consistently helps prevent neighborhoods from deteriorating and supports long-term community stability.

In a small community like Parsons, it is particularly effective to apply this model. By identifying and responding to unkempt properties, abandoned vehicles, nuisance code violations, and other minor offenses, the Parsons Police Department works proactively to improve the quality of life for all residents. Crime mapping in these areas often reinforces the connection between environmental neglect and increased criminal activity.

To support these efforts, the department has embraced the “See It, Hear It, Report It” philosophy—an initiative designed to empower residents to take an active role in community safety. Public engagement is essential. It truly takes the entire community working together to enhance livability and maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone in Parsons.



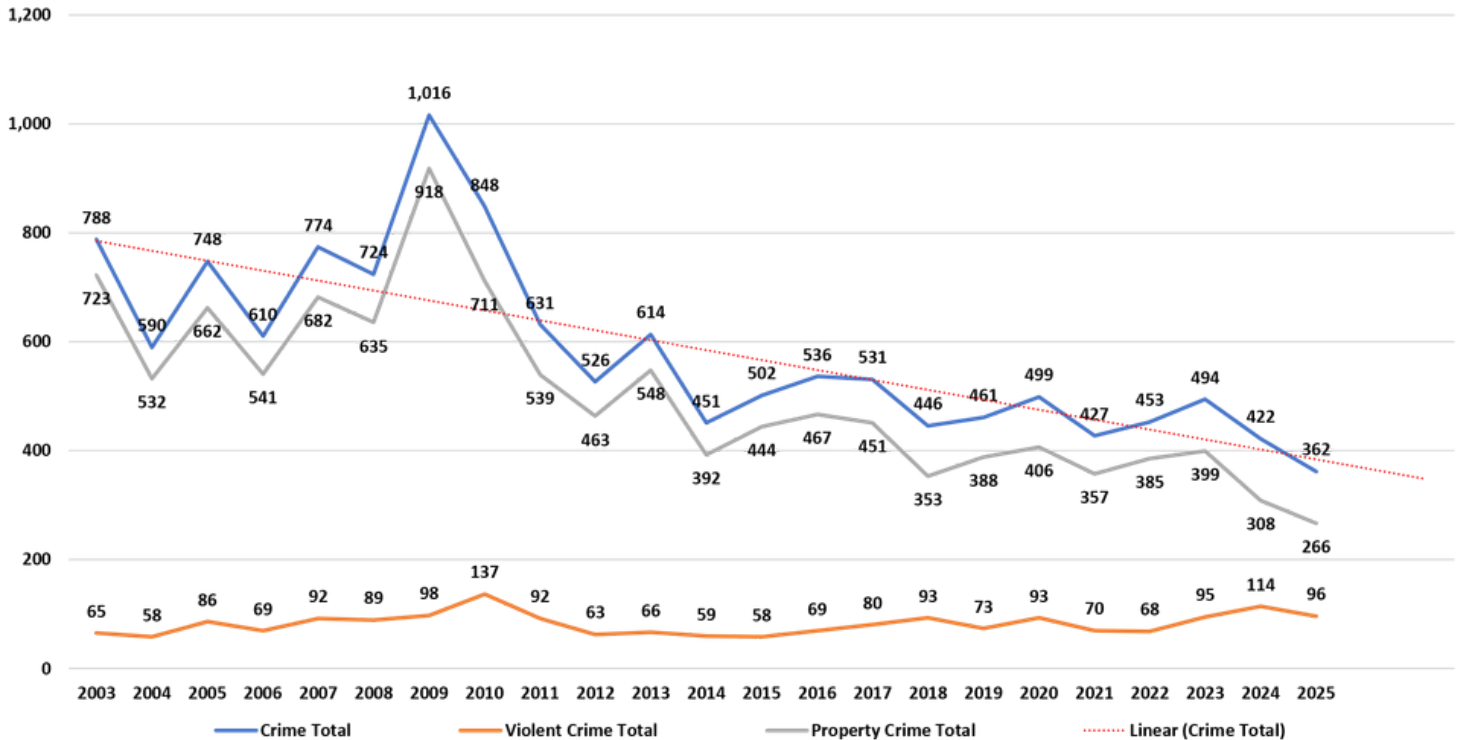


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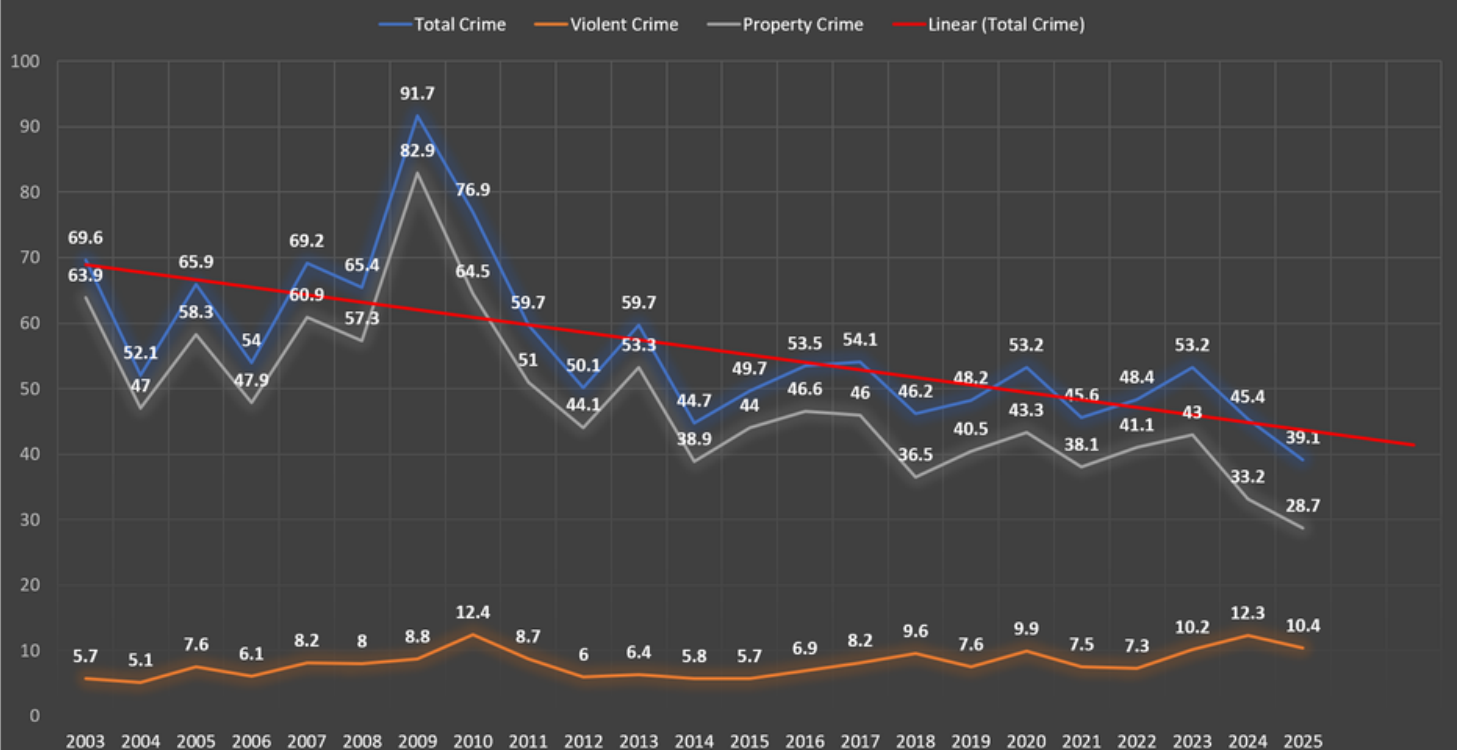
2025 CRIME TOTALS

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PARSONS CRIME RATE BY ACTUAL CRIME 2003-2025



Parsons Crime Per 1000 Population 2003-2025



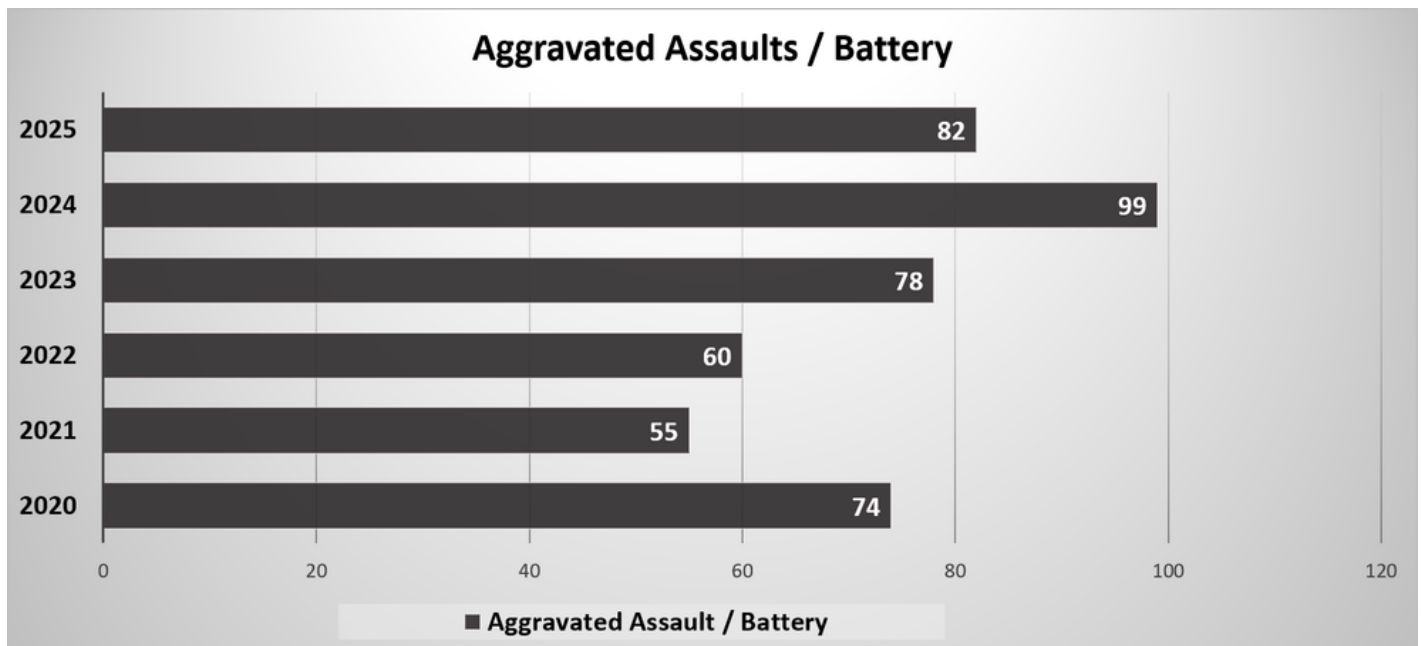


2025 PERSONS CRIME

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The 2025 violent crime data reflects several positive trends for the Parsons Police Department and the community. Robbery incidents remained relatively low, with nine reported offenses during the year. While this represents a slight increase from 2024, robbery levels continue to be below the highs experienced in previous years and remain a comparatively uncommon offense in Parsons.

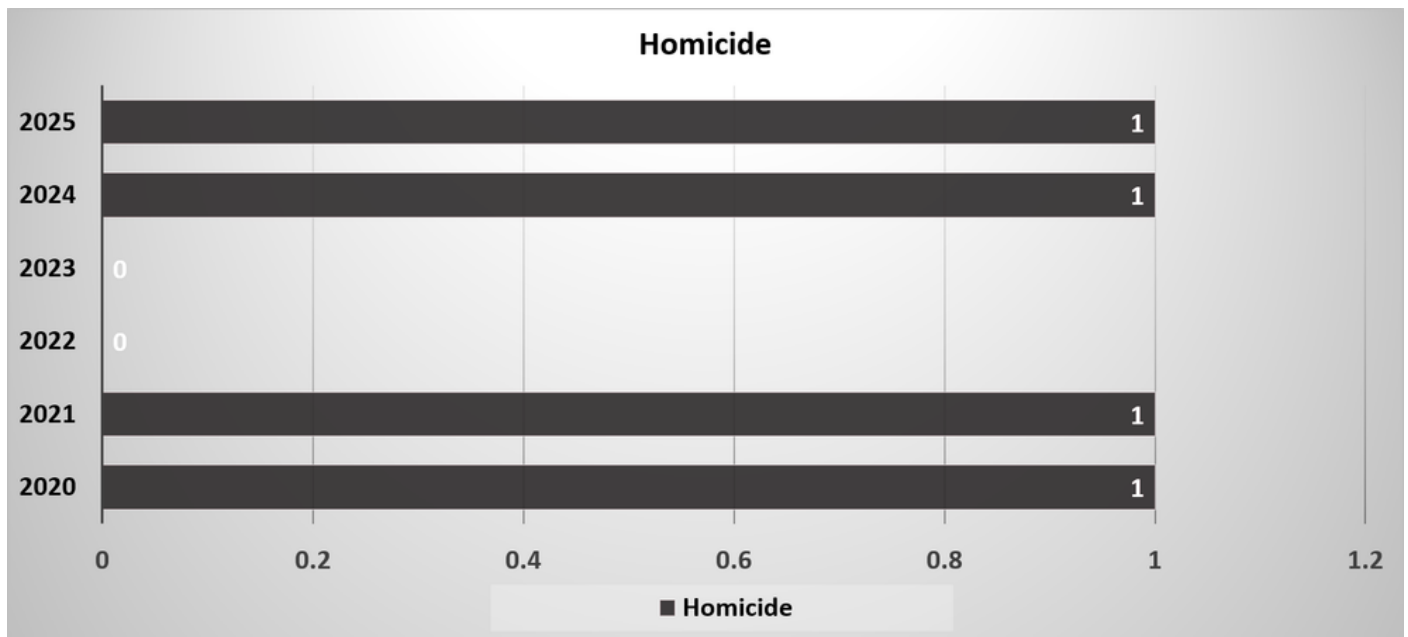
Aggravated assault and battery offenses showed encouraging improvement in 2025. After reaching a six-year high of 99 incidents in 2024, the number of aggravated assaults and batteries **declined** to 82 in 2025, a reduction of more than **17 percent**.





PERSONS CRIME CONTINUED

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Reported rape offenses declined to four incidents in 2025, down from six incidents in both 2023 and 2024. This represents a **33 percent reduction** from the previous year and ties for one of the lower totals recorded during the six-year period. While every reported incident remains a serious concern, the overall numbers continue to remain low, and the downward trend in 2025 is an encouraging sign that prevention efforts, victim advocacy resources, and investigative partnerships are helping support community safety. Homicide incidents remained extremely rare in Parsons during 2025, with one homicide recorded for the year.

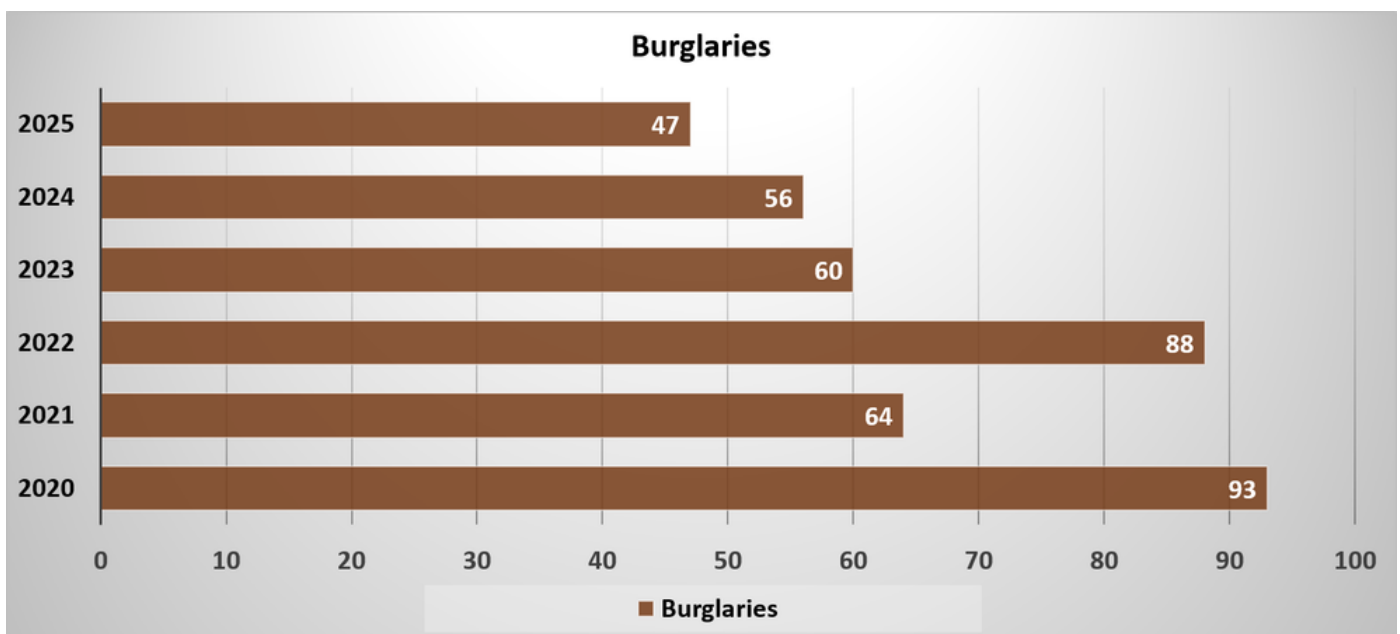
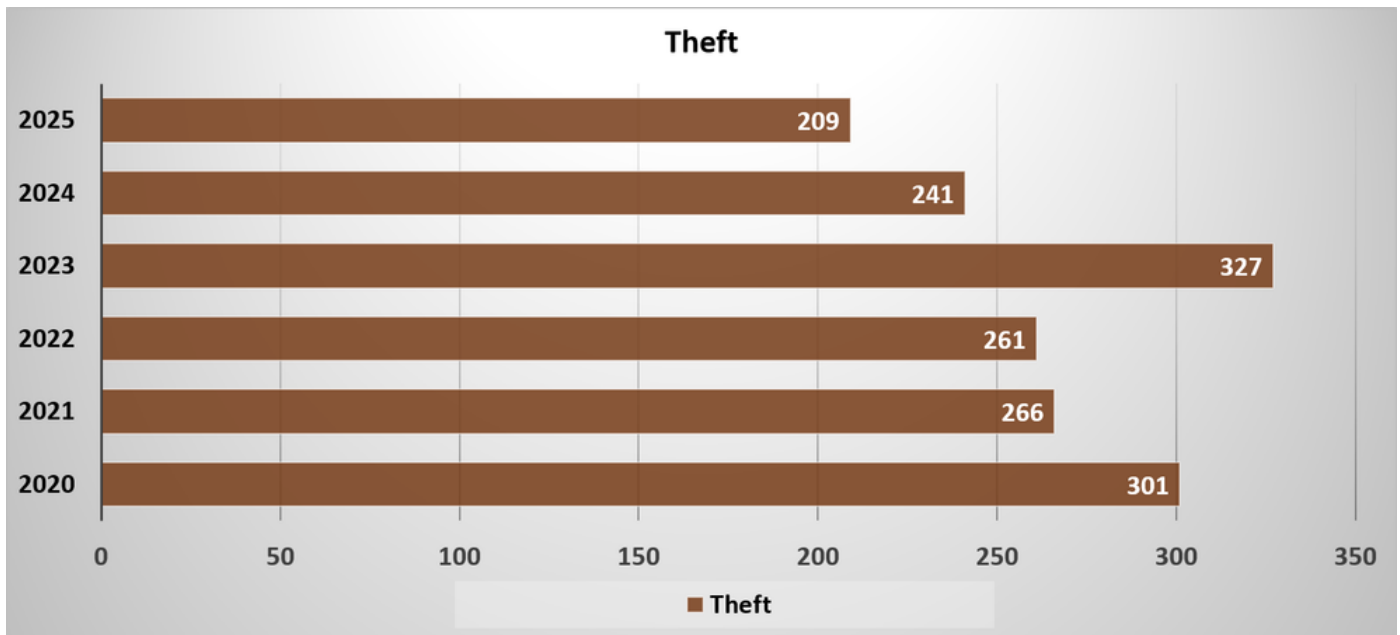


2025 PROPERTY CRIME

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Theft incidents declined to 209 in 2025, representing the lowest total recorded during the six-year period and a **13 percent reduction** from 2024. This marks a continued downward trend from the peak of 327 thefts reported in 2023 and demonstrates substantial improvement in reducing opportunities for property crime.

Burglary offenses also continued a positive long-term decline. In 2025, the department recorded 47 burglaries, the **lowest total in the six-year period** and nearly a **50 percent reduction** from the 93 burglaries reported in 2020.

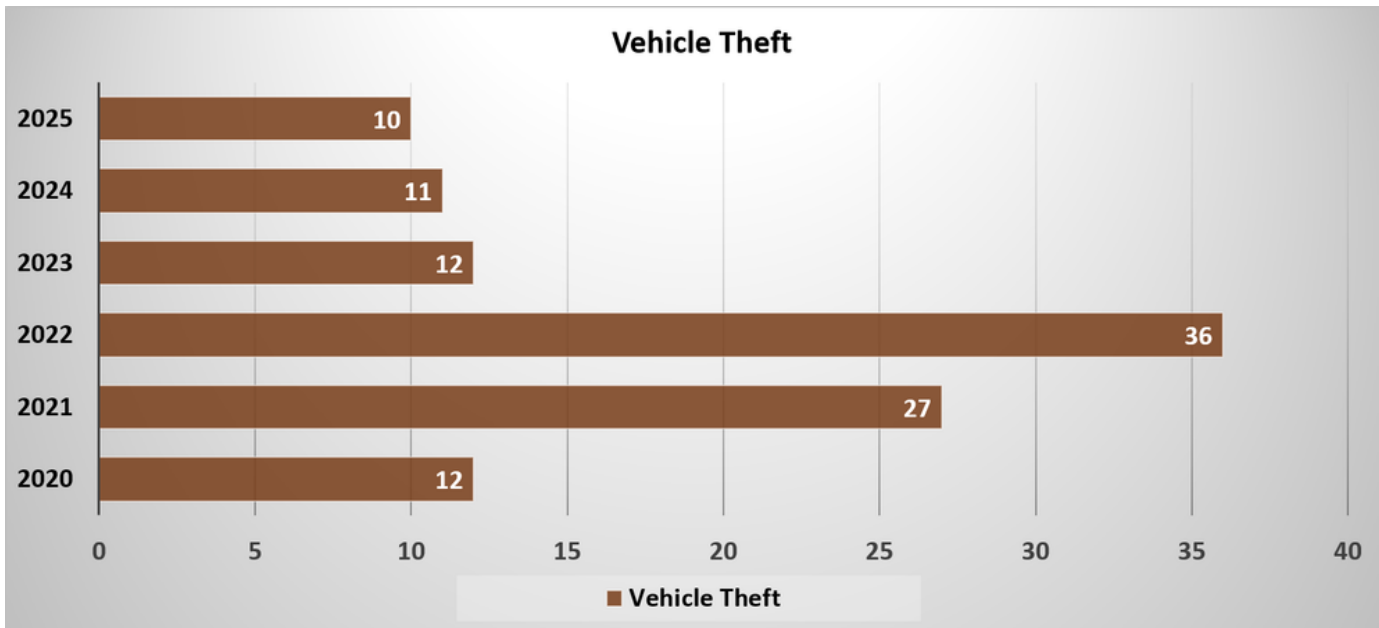




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PROPERTY CRIME CONTINUED

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The 2025 data reflects continued success in reducing motor vehicle thefts within the community. **Vehicle theft incidents declined** to 10 in 2025, marking the fourth consecutive year of improvement following the spike experienced in 2021 and 2022.

Arson incidents increased to eight reported cases in 2025. While this represents the highest total in the six-year period, it is important to note that **arson remains a relatively infrequent** offense in Parsons when compared to other property crime categories.

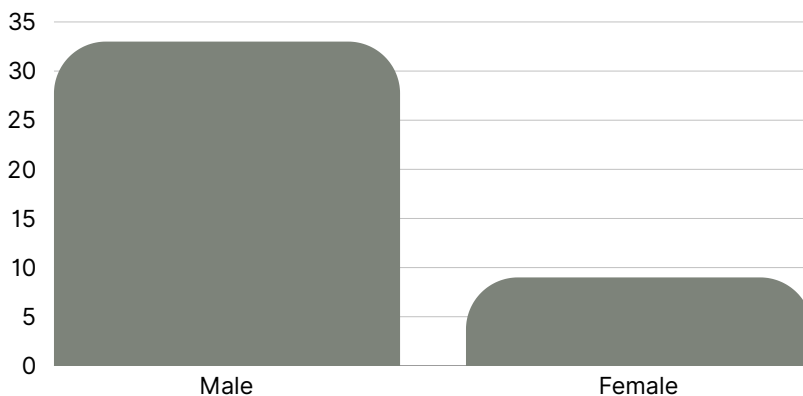
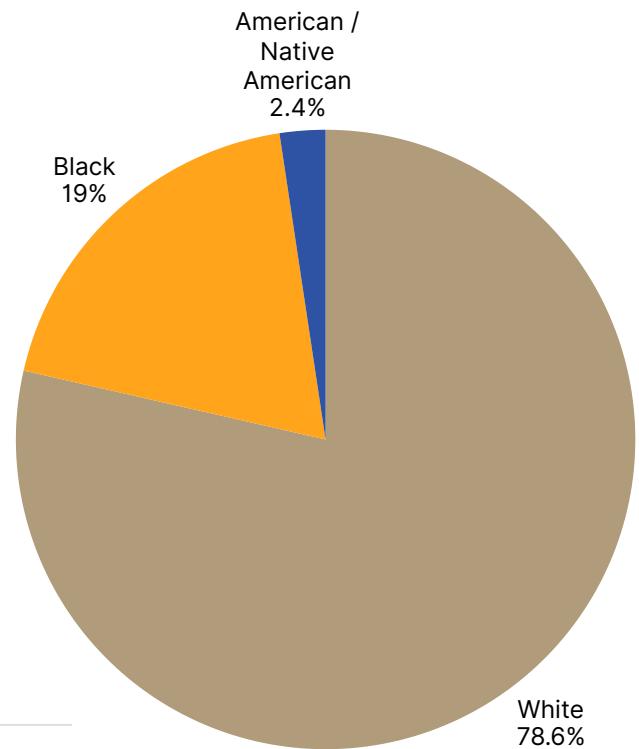


2025 USE OF FORCE

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A review of the use of force incidents for 2025 shows a total of **42 documented events**. The demographic data indicates that 33 incidents (78.6%) involved White subjects, while 8 incidents (19.0%) involved Black subjects, and 1 incident (2.4%) involved an American Indian/Alaska Native subject.

Gender data shows that 33 incidents (78.6%) involved male subjects, while 9 incidents (21.4%) involved female subjects.



During 2025, officers made **899 arrests**, with only 44 incidents requiring a documented use of force, resulting in a force rate of **4.89%**. This means that in **more than 95% of all arrests**, officers were able to gain compliance and safely take subjects into custody without the need for force beyond routine handcuffing procedures.

The relatively low percentage demonstrates the department's continued emphasis on communication, de-escalation, officer presence, and sound decision-making. While officers routinely encounter individuals who are resistant, combative, or pose a threat to public safety, the data indicates that **force remains a rare occurrence** and is generally used only when necessary to overcome resistance, protect officers, or ensure the safety of the community. This low force rate reflects both the professionalism of department personnel and the effectiveness of ongoing training in de-escalation and use-of-force decision-making.



SUMMARY

As we conclude this year's Annual Report, the Parsons Police Department remains committed to the principles that guide modern, professional law enforcement: service, integrity, accountability, and partnership with the community. Throughout the past year, our officers and staff have worked diligently to protect the citizens of Parsons while continuing to strengthen the trust and relationships that make effective policing possible.

The achievements highlighted in this report reflect the dedication of the men and women of the Parsons Police Department. From proactive patrol operations and investigative work to community outreach, training, and professional development, our personnel strive every day to uphold the highest standards of public service. Their efforts ensure that Parsons remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

We are also grateful for the continued support of the Parsons community, city leadership, and our regional partners. Public safety is a shared responsibility, and the cooperation and trust between the police department and the community play a vital role in our success. Through collaboration, transparency, and open communication, we will continue working together to address challenges and improve the quality of life in our city.

Looking ahead, the Parsons Police Department remains focused on innovation, professional excellence, and responsible stewardship of public resources. Our commitment is not only to respond to crime and emergencies but also to build a stronger, safer community through prevention, education, and partnership.

On behalf of the entire Parsons Police Department, thank you for your continued trust and support. We are honored to serve the City of Parsons and remain dedicated to protecting and serving our community with professionalism and pride





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