

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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Our Vision

The Smithville Police Department – setting the standard for modern policing and the next generation of leadership.

Our Mission

The mission of the Smithville Police Department is to build partnerships through innovation, professionalism, and accountability to foster a safer community for all.

Our Values

We will accomplish our mission and vision through upholding the shared values of:

Compassion – We believe everyone is entitled to human dignity. As individuals, each of us has a unique set of experiences and background. Leading with empathy connects us with the community, each other, and our families. Understanding the needs of others results in better outcomes for the community and increased resiliency for department members.

Integrity – We believe trust and accountability are the cornerstones of our internal and external relationships. Inclusion builds our capacity to be fair and be seen as serving in an impartial and unbiased manner. Being transparent and honest in our interactions and communication helps explain our motives and builds credibility for our actions.

Honor – We believe in the nobility of the law enforcement profession. Responding to a higher calling in a role that is bigger than each of us individually requires the courage and moral fortitude to always strive to do the right thing; for those we serve and each other.

Professionalism – We believe seeking continuous improvement is the key to our success. Improving standards and building competence through adoption of best practices, forward-thinking training, and knowledge sharing leads to increased organizational readiness and reliability. A culture of leading by example and a merit-based rewards system encourages participation in this endeavor.





FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

Dear Residents of Smithville,

The Smithville Police Department's 2025 Annual Report highlights the work accomplished by the men and women of this department over the past year. Our sworn officers and civilian staff are a dedicated group who take pride in their work and are committed to setting a strong standard for modern policing and developing the next generation of leaders. Their continued dedication to the people who live, work, and visit our city helps make Smithville a great place to call home. I am incredibly proud of the men and women who serve our community.

I was also encouraged to see an overall downward trend in crimes reported in Smithville over the past year. This reflects the combined efforts of our officers and a supportive, engaged community.

Our department remains focused on building strong partnerships through professionalism, accountability, and thoughtful innovation. Our officers are committed to keeping Smithville safe while providing fair, respectful, and reliable service. None of this would be possible without the continued support of the citizens of Smithville. I would like to specifically thank the voters for their support and vote of confidence in passing Proposition P, the Public Safety Sales Tax. This one half of one percent sales tax will be used to support officer salaries, strengthen recruiting and retention efforts, add personnel, and establish a full-time animal control program in 2026.

On behalf of all employees of the Smithville Police Department, thank you for taking the time to learn more about our department and the work we do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Lockridge".

JASON LOCKRIDGE
CHIEF OF POLICE

CALLS FOR SERVICE



4,029

Calls Taken By Platte County Dispatch



3,997
Traffic Stops

944
Citations

1,577
Warnings

WE DO
THIS

TO KEEP YOU
FROM BEING
INVOLVED IN

THIS

159
Traffic
Accidents

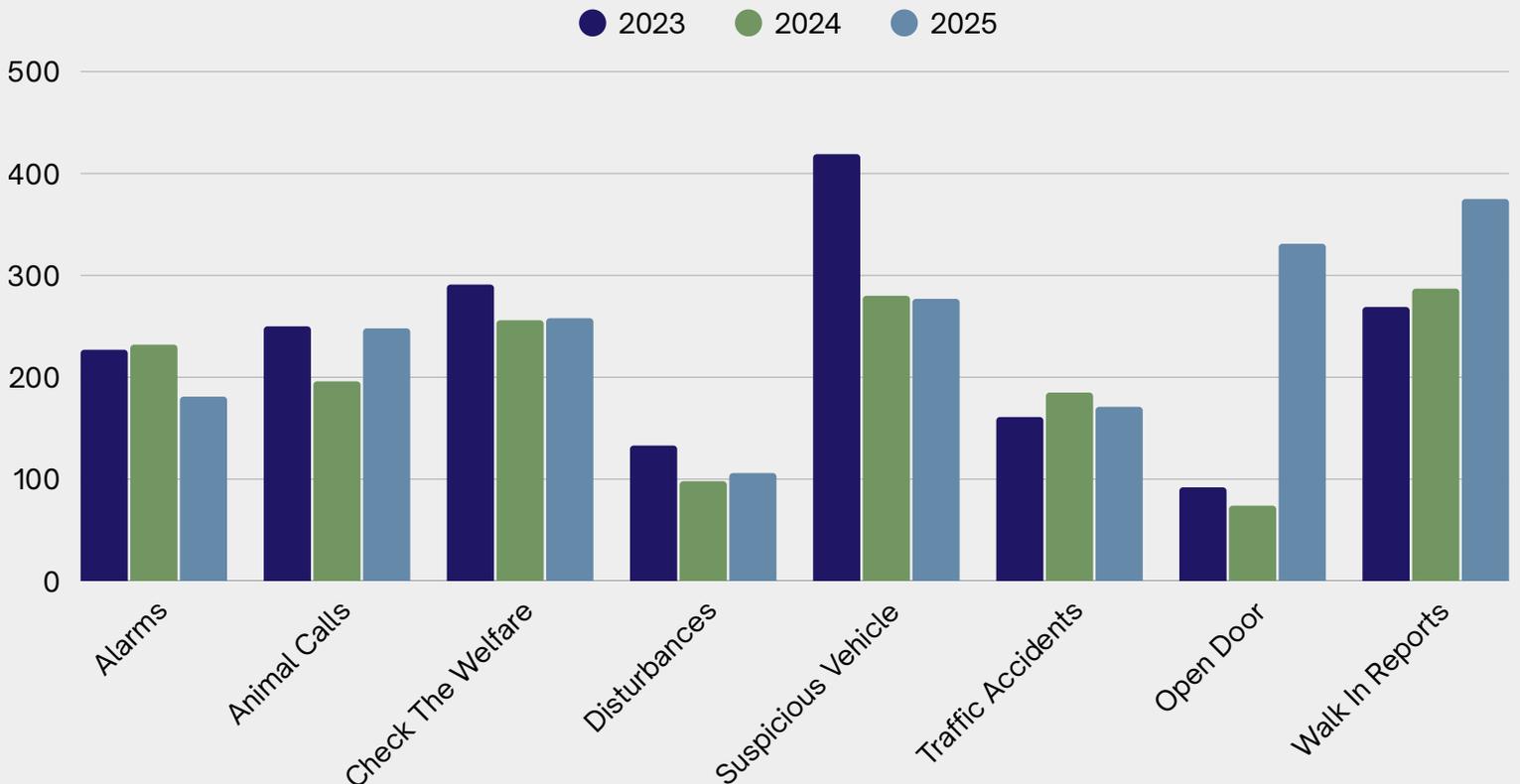


274
Arrests

4,279
Business Checks

14,902
Subdivision Checks

1,026
Reports Taken



NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM



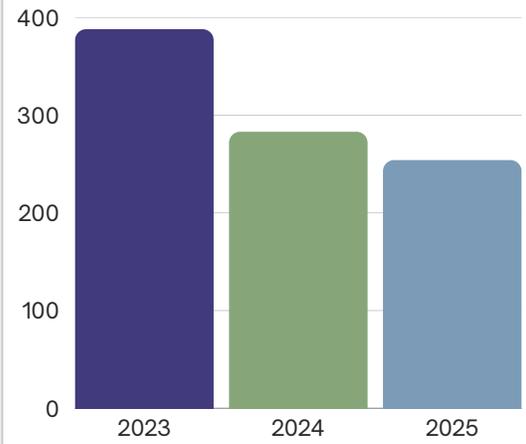
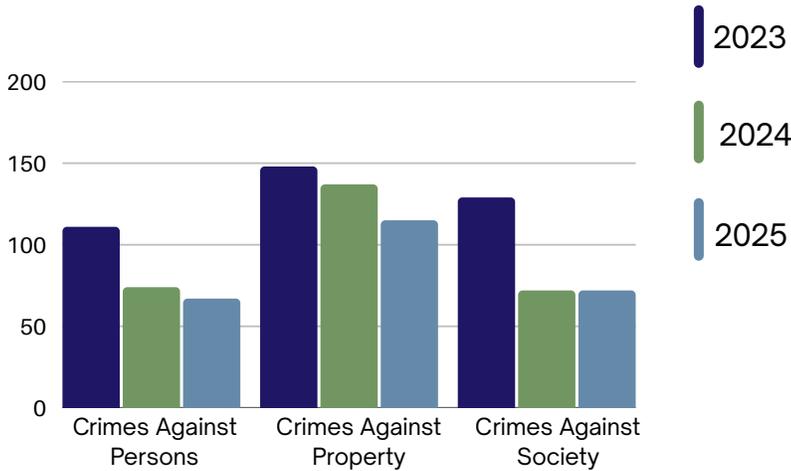
The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) classifies offenses into crimes against persons, property and society. In 2025, officers answered 4,029 calls for service, resulting in reports for 254 offenses: 115 confirmed Crimes Against Property, 67 confirmed Crimes Against Persons, and 72 confirmed Crimes Against Society.



Total NIBRS Reports

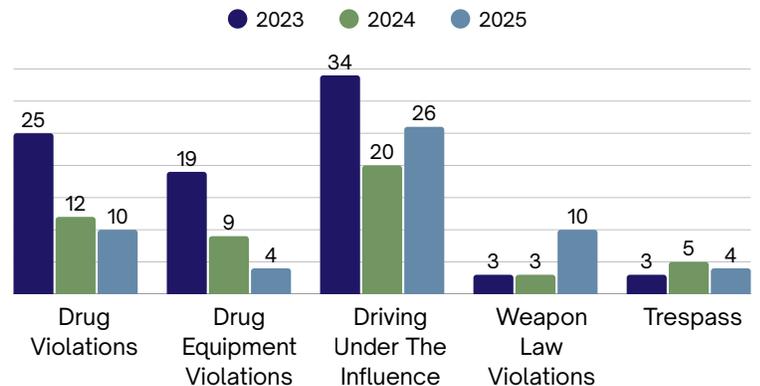
2023	388
2024	283
2025	254

NIBRS Reports By Category



NIBRS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY

Crimes Against Society are NIBRS offense categories that represent violations of laws that protect the overall safety, order, and well-being of the community rather than a specific individual or piece of property. These offenses include crimes such as drug/narcotic violations, weapons law violations, driving under the influence, and other regulatory or public order offenses. Tracking crimes against society through NIBRS helps provide a clearer picture of emerging trends and compliance issues that impact quality of life and public safety across the community.

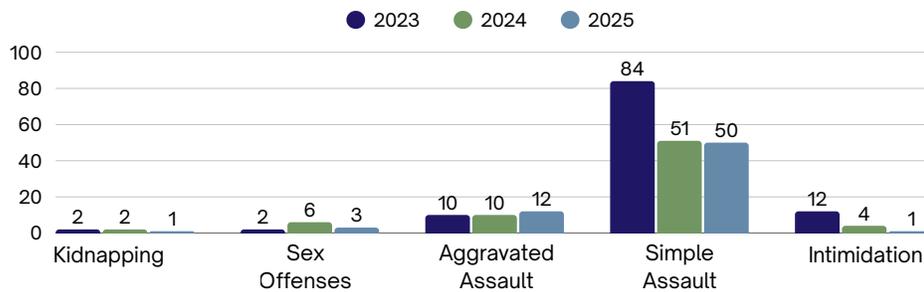


NIBRS CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Crimes Against Persons are NIBRS offense categories that involve direct harm or the threat of harm to an individual. These offenses include crimes such as assaults, homicide, kidnapping, sex offenses, and other crimes where individuals are the victim. These crimes focus on the impact to victims rather than the loss or damage of property. Tracking these offenses through NIBRS allows the department to better understand patterns of violent and personal crimes, and monitor trends over time to enhance public safety and prevention efforts. In 2025, there were 67 total reports in this category.

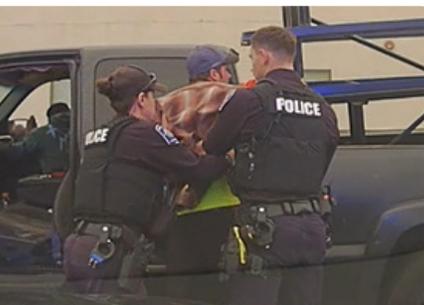


NIBRS Crimes Against Persons

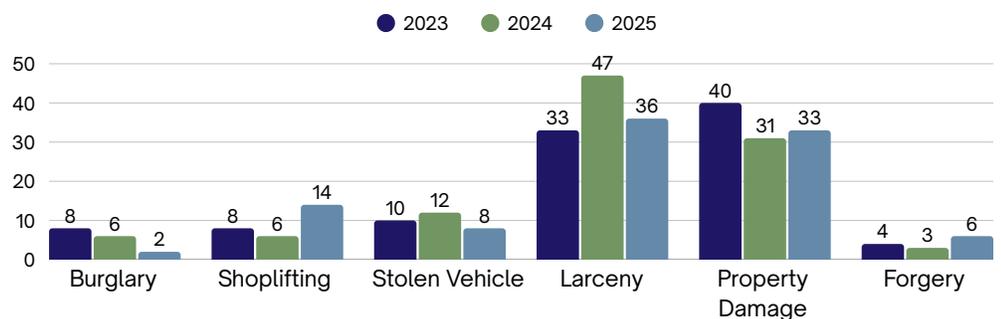


NIBRS CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Crimes Against Property are NIBRS offense categories that involve the unlawful taking of property or damage to property without direct physical harm to a person. These offenses include crimes such as burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, forgery, and arson. Under the NIBRS reporting system, these incidents are tracked to help identify trends in property crime and support informed decision-making related to patrol deployment, investigations, and community safety initiatives. In 2025, there were 115 confirmed offenses reported.



NIBRS Crimes Against Property



Find more details on NIBRS offenses in your area at showmecrime.mo.gov.



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



Total Citations

944



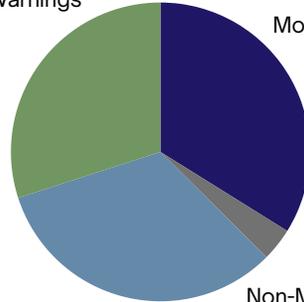
Total Warnings

1,577

Traffic Violations vs. Warnings

Non-Moving Warnings
756

Moving Violations
854



Moving Warnings
821

Non-Moving Violations
90

Violations - Moving

854

Violations - Non-Moving

90

Warnings - Moving

821

Warnings - Non-Moving

756



DWI ENFORCEMENT

In 2025, there were 37 DWI arrests: 31 for alcohol and 6 for drugs. Of these arrests, 12 drivers refused a breath test, and a warrant was obtained to collect a blood sample. The average BAC was 0.140%, with the highest recorded at 0.287% late on a Monday night. Mondays and Saturdays were the busiest days, with 8 arrests each.

Average Breath Alcohol Content (BAC)



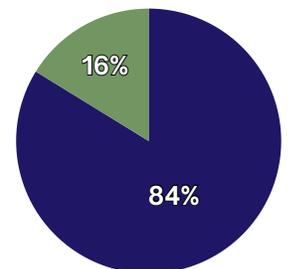
Total DWI Arrests

	Total Arrests	Refusals	Avg. BAC
2023	39	6	0.164%
2024	37	12	0.142%
2025	37	12	0.140%

2025 DWI Arrests - Alcohol Vs. Drugs

Alcohol
31

Drug
6



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



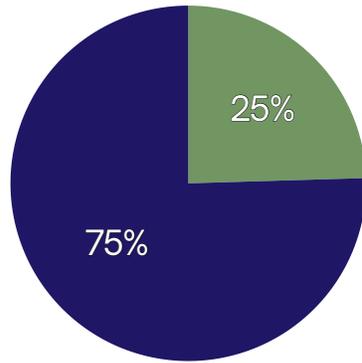
Top Month For Accidents

December 11%



Total Accidents 159

Injury vs. Non-Injury



Injury Accident 39
Non-Injury Accident 120



Top Day For Accidents

Tuesday 20%



Top Time of Day For Accidents

5:00-6:00pm 12%



Total Number of Occupants Wearing A Safety Device

202 77%

Top Five Intersections

US-169 Hwy & 92 Hwy 17 Accidents

US-169 Hwy & Amory Road 9 Accidents

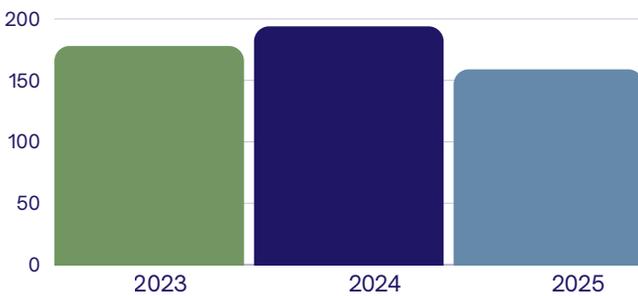
US-169 Hwy & Park Drive 7 Accidents

US-169 Hwy & Hillcrest Drive 7 Accidents

US-169 Hwy & Shamrock Way 6 Accidents



Traffic Accident Totals By Year



Top Contributing Circumstances

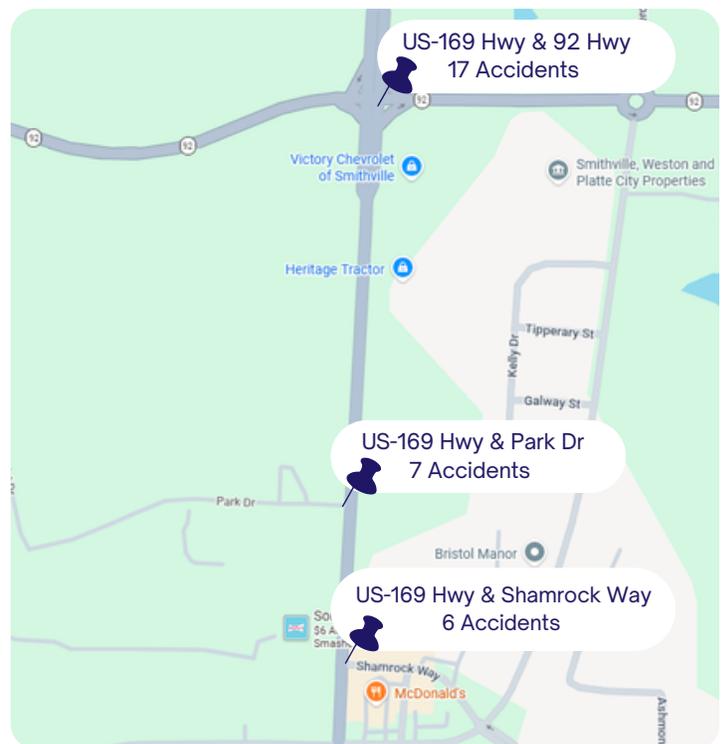
Failed To Yield 24 Accidents

Following Too Close 15 Accidents

Too Fast For Conditions 9 Accidents

Distracted/Inattentive 8 Accidents

Animals In Roadway 7 Accidents



CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

Officers completed 110 crisis-related reports in 2025. Of these, 84 involved adults and 26 involved juveniles. During these calls, 57 people were taken to the hospital voluntarily, with 17 being transported to the hospital involuntarily. On 53 calls, officers were able to support the person and clear the scene without further action. Whenever a call requires crisis support, a referral is made to Beacon Mental Health. The CIT Coordinator oversees this process and acts as the connection between our department and Tri-CIT, our local Crisis Intervention Council.



Total CIT Reports

110



Police Transport **11**

VS

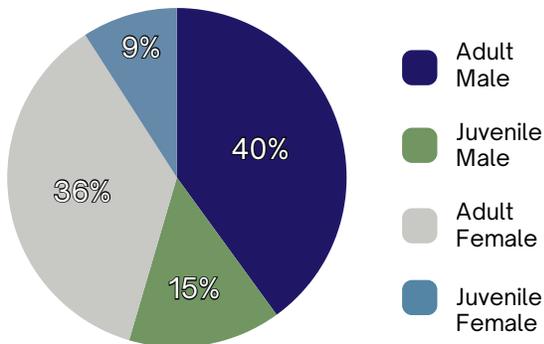
39 NRAD Transport



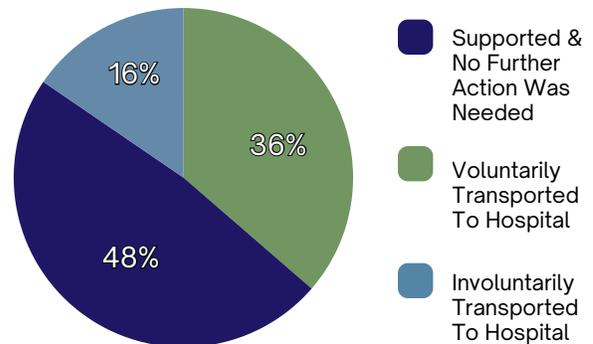
Referred To Beacon
Mental Health

110

2025 CIT Reports



CIT Report Dispositions



CIT Statistics

	2023	2024	2025
Total Reports	130	89	110
Adults	106	67	84
Juveniles	24	22	26
Transported To Hospital	73	51	57

Megan's Paws & Claws



Megan's Paws and Claws is a municipal dog pound run by the City of Smithville that has been in operation since 2011.
Check out their Facebook page:
Megan's Paws & Claws-City of Smithville, MO Dog Pound

Total Dogs In 2025



72

Total Dogs Adopted in 2025

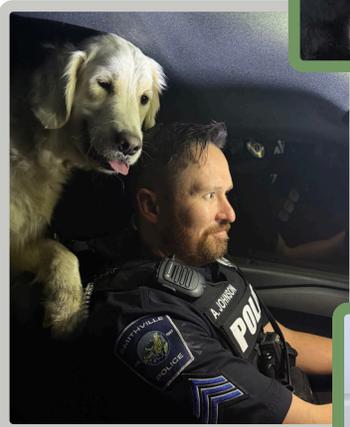
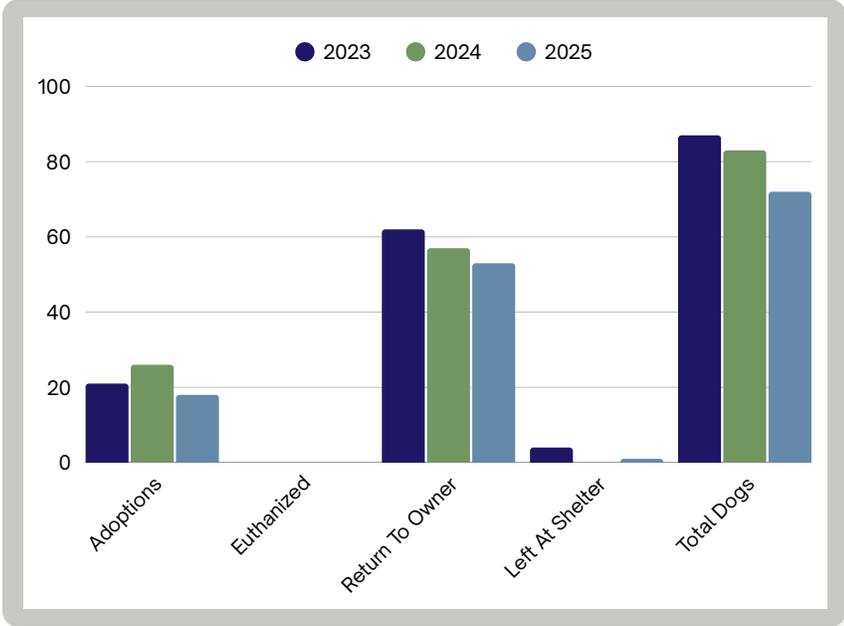
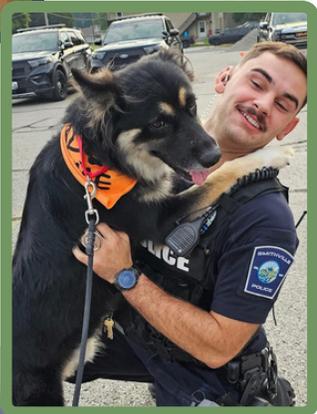


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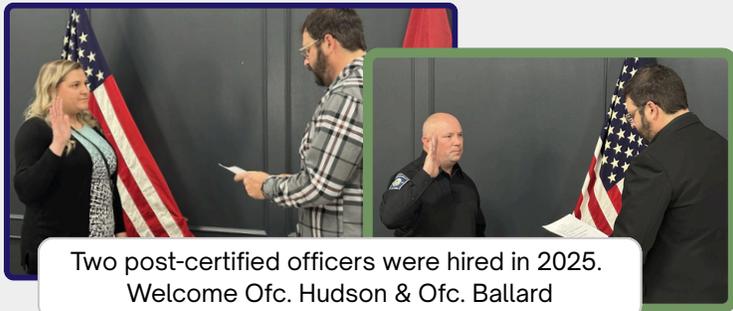
Returned to Owner in 2025



53 Dogs & 1 Pig



Department Highlights



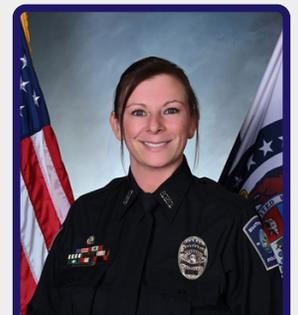
Two post-certified officers were hired in 2025. Welcome Ofc. Hudson & Ofc. Ballard



Three recruits graduated from the Kansas City Regional Police Academy. Congratulations Ofc. Sutton, Ofc. Crum & Ofc. Sullivan



During 2025, officers completed 1,127 hours of continued education. An average of 70.4 per officer.



Detective Melissa Knowles completed 5 years of service



In 2025, there was one officer promoted to the rank of sergeant. Congratulations Sgt. Burns



Shop with a Cop assisted nine families during the Christmas season.



In 2025, Beth Stevens was promoted within the City of Smithville to the position of Police & Prosecutor Assistant. Beth brought with her 6 years of prior court experience as a Certified Court Administrator and will be qualified for Certification as a Prosecutor's Assistant in May 2026.

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