

MUSCATINE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

TO: Muscatine Mayor and Council

THROUGH: Matt Mardesen, City Administrator

DATE: December 15, 2025

FROM: Anthony Kies, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Police Department Operational Report, 2025

The Muscatine Police Department submits an annual Operational Report to the Mayor and City Council as part of the requirements of our national accreditation. The purpose of this report is to provide an update of police department activities and to identify the major issues facing the department at this time. In addition, this information will hopefully provide some insight into the future trends or emerging issues which may impact the delivery of police services in some way.



Office of the Chief of Police

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The Police Department had a very busy but rewarding year during 2025. With our focal point being the community we serve, the department has strived to maintain a strong community connection through several outreach programs. Department members have also taken advantage of every opportunity to get involved in local events. All of this has payed huge dividends when it has come to receiving community support in the things we do.

The co-responder program was heavily utilized throughout 2025 with Amy Gold having 359 documented contacts. 260 of these people were successfully deescalated while only 12 required an arrest be made. This speaks volumes towards our efforts to improve the services we deliver to the community. The ABLE (Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement) program along with the agency's commitment to our employee's mental wellness further ensures that we have good people who care that are delivering quality service to the community.

The department's investigative division had a tremendous year as it tackled several major incidents in 2025. These incidents included a homicide, a homicide/suicide, an armed robbery, two fatality accident investigations, and an incident of city wide, racist, graffiti and vandalism. All of these incidents were successfully resolved including a recent conviction in the homicide case.

The department continues to work on retention and keeping the great men and women that we already have. This year the department had Corporal Wilkinson accept a position with the Scott County Sheriff's Office. This turnover is trending down to one officer a year from the 3 to 5 officers we used to lose annually. Stressing the importance of family, mental wellness, and developing better access to time off have all helped support job satisfaction and increased department retention.

The information which has been assembled for this report is the result of many people. It is our hope that this information is as useful to others as it is to us as we look at the issues currently facing the department and our community as a whole.

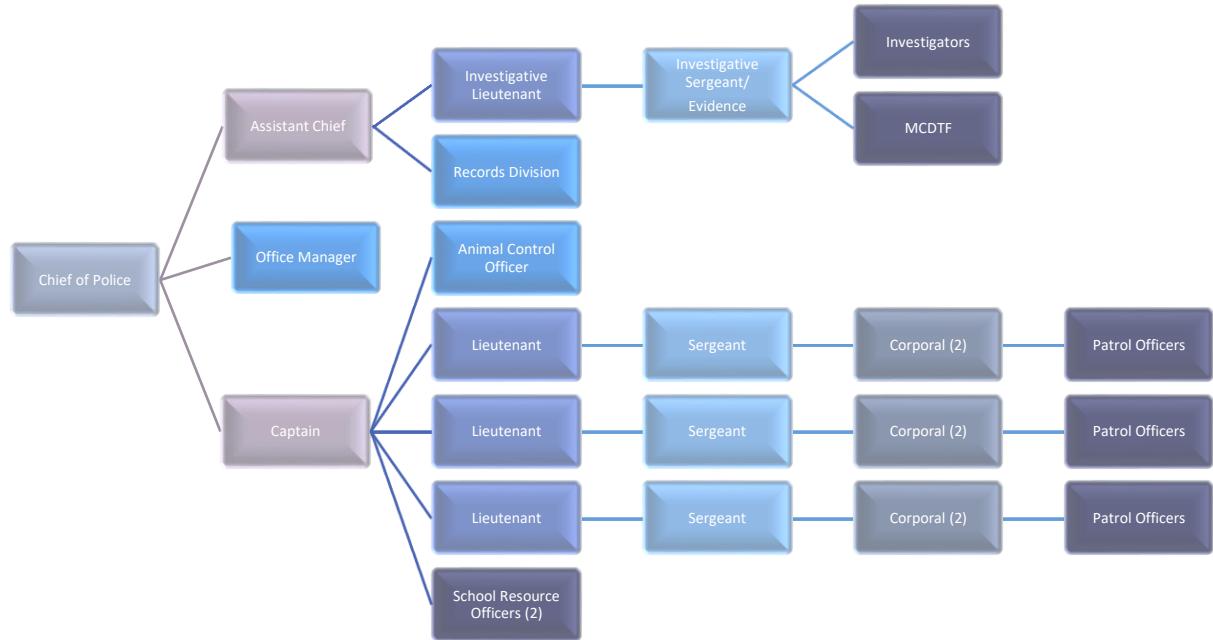
With that, I would like to thank you for supporting our department throughout the year. As always, I hope you will find our summary of 2025 interesting and informative. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns you have to better our service to the City of Muscatine.



Anthony R. Kies,
Chief of Police



Muscatine Police Department Organizational Structure



ASSISTANT CHIEF

- *Public Information Officer
- *Training
- *ATE Administration
- *Grants
- *Professional Standards
- *Planning

CAPTAIN

- *K9 Administration
- *Special Events
- *Budget
- *Field Training
- *Grants

Total # Sworn Officers: 41
 Total # Officer for Patrol: 26
 # of Investigators: 6
 # of Off Site Officers: 2
 # of Administrators: 3

INVESTIGATIVE LIEUTENANT

- *Accreditation Administration
- *DART
- *Evidence Administration

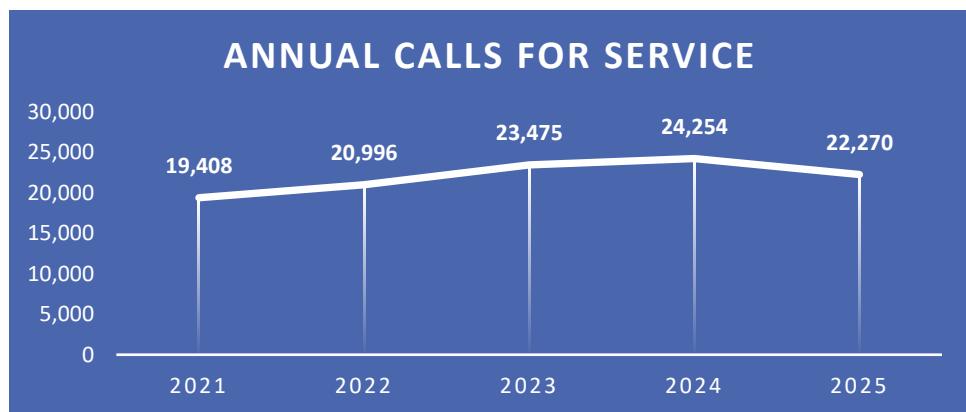
Patrol Division

The Muscatine Police Department Patrol Divisions primary responsibility is to:

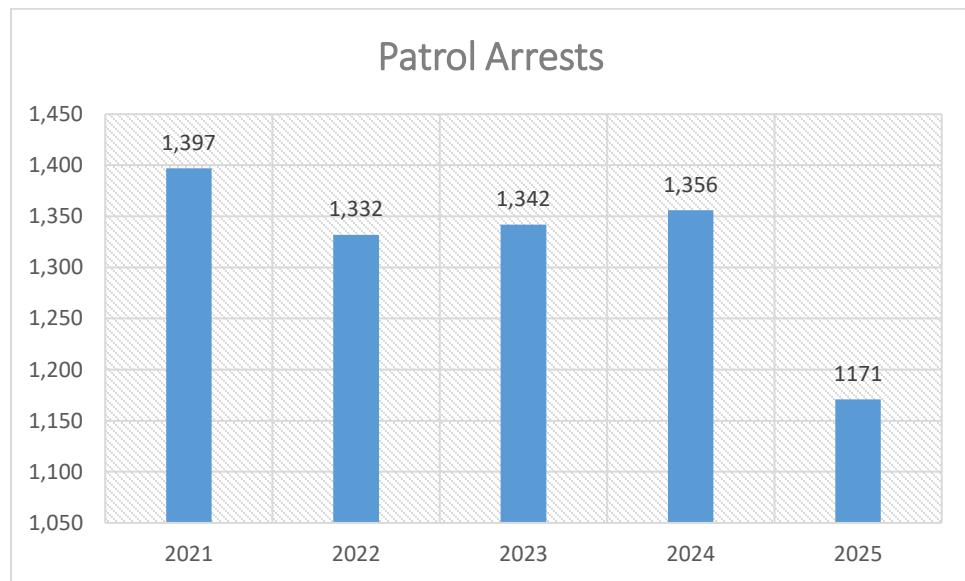
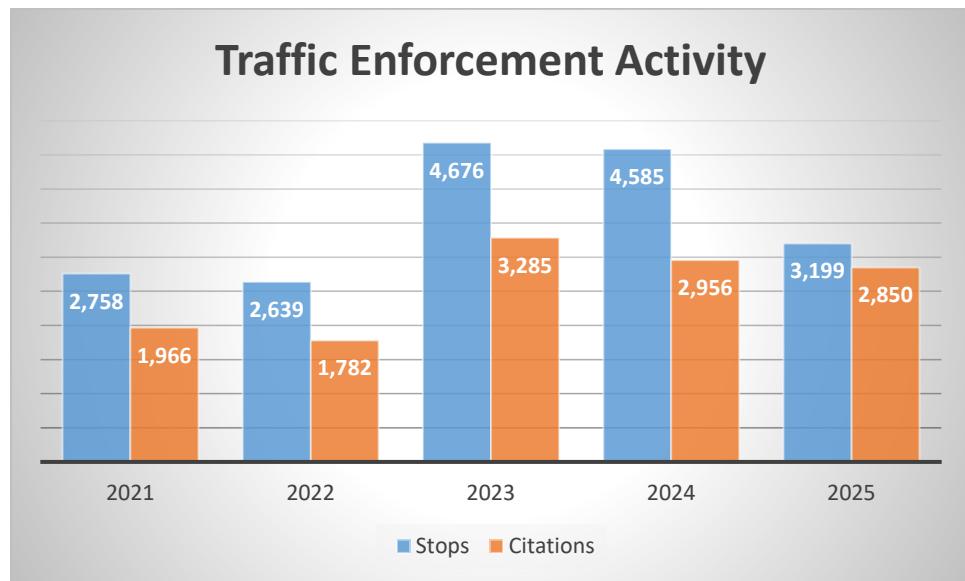
- provide uniformed law enforcement service to the community
- respond to calls for service
- deter crime by highly visible police presence
- investigate criminal activity

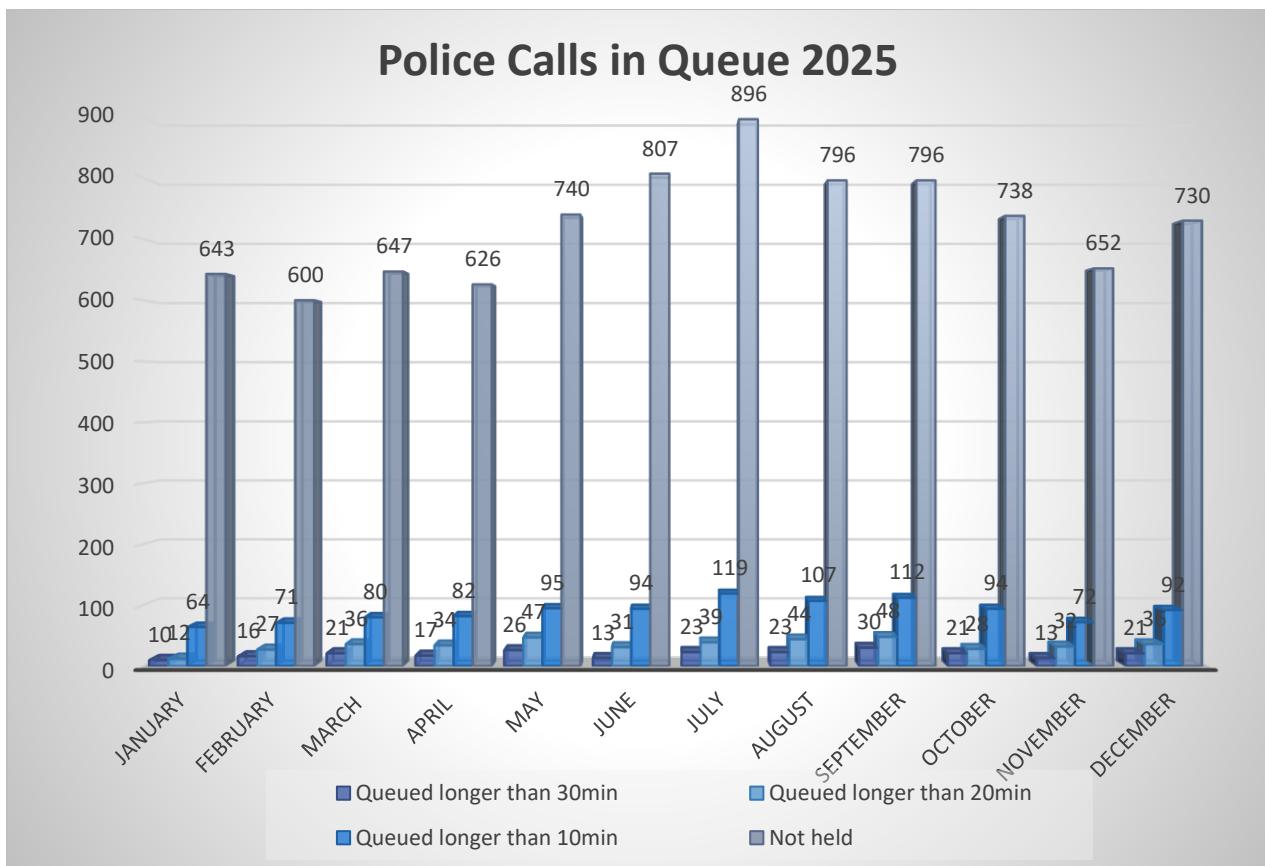
The patrol division consists of three lieutenants, three sergeants, six corporals and sixteen patrol officers. The patrol division operates 3 shifts, a morning, an afternoon, and a night shift. Patrol officers on all three shifts work a ten hour schedule.

The following charts reflect the patrol division's activities at a glance and include a comparison to the previous four years as a reference.



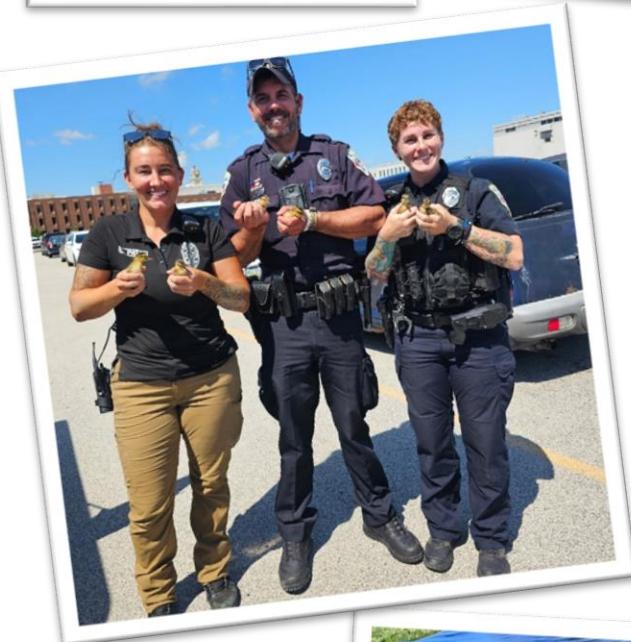
Patrol Activities Continued





*Above CFS numbers do not include officer generated calls

As the charts reflect, patrol activities and calls for service have slightly dipped over this past year. The reduction in parking citations may be attributed to the significant lack of snow fall in 2025. Snow events can have a noticeable impact on overall parking citations that get issued by patrol. The reduction in the number of arrests is likely contributed to the department's implementation of the co-responder program. By utilizing a co-responder at the shift level subjects that would otherwise end up in jail, are being diverted to the services they need. Through the co-responder program, the department is also seeing a reduction in repeated calls on the same individual/s. These are direct and visible benefits of having a co-responder partnered with our agency. Patrol officers still take every opportunity to interact with the public during their daily patrols.



Employee Wellness & Stress Management

The department places an emphasis on the wellbeing of our employees. A life in law enforcement comes with a considerable amount of stressors, which can impact every aspect of an officer's life. Helping our staff to recognize and cope with those stressors has shown to be invaluable. The department's mental wellness program, which includes annual mental health check-ups, a peer support team, critical incident debrief and reintegration support has been continuously utilized by department members. Officers have expressed a lot of positive feedback for having access to these services. Fergus, the department's emotional support dog, is also a vital part of this team. He is a black lab, certified therapy dog who is available to all first responders. His handler is Officer Samantha Wheeler.



Peer Support Team

Co-Responder

The department began participating in the co-responder program in 2022. It got off to a slow start with the co-responder only riding with officers a few hours a week. By the end of 2023, the co-responder was riding with the department full time. Amy Gold took over as the department's co-responder in June of 2024 and has been a huge success within the community of Muscatine. Amy rides full time with the officers and has drastically changed the department's response to people in crisis. In 2025 Amy engaged with 359 people. Of those 359 people, 260 people were successfully deescalated, 35 were referred to the hospital for care, 19 refused services, 12 were arrested, and 12 others were referred to substance treatment.



Specialty Assignments Overview

School Resource Officers

The department and school district maintain two School Resource Officers, (SROs), which is a collaborative effort between the two organizations. The SROs are imbedded in both the high school and middle school and they assist the schools in a multitude of areas including critical incident preparation and training. They are involved with the behavior student success team, which is a team made up of staff members committed to decreasing student's negative behavior. The behavior team addresses student tardiness, attendance skipping, write ups and much more.

Junior High Arrests

- Drug Possession - 1
- Assault -3
- Harassment - 1
- Vape/Tobacco -19

High School Arrests

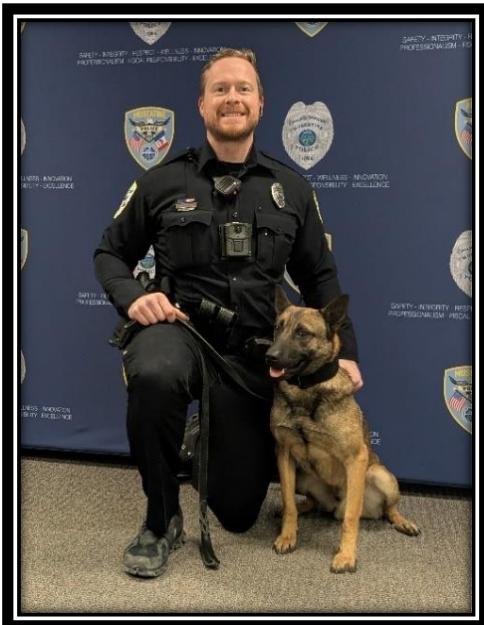
- Drug Possession - 1
- Assault - 4
- Harassment/Trespass - 1
- Vape/Tobacco - 21

District Wide Truancy Arrests - 10



Canine Unit

The Muscatine K-9 Unit consists of two dog & handler (K-9) teams. This year one of our handlers, Officer Wilkinson, left the department after accepting a job with the Scott County Sheriff's Office. His K-9, Frenkie, was repurposed to a new handler, Corporal Demitri Wheeler. Corporal Reddick and K-9 Rikki comprise the other K-9 team. The K-9 teams are dual-purpose dogs, meaning they are trained in both narcotic detection as well as street patrol tactics.



Rikki



Frenkie

Muscatine Special Operations Response Team (MSORT)

The Muscatine Special Operations Response Team (MSORT) is a specialized unit consisting of individuals who have received additional training in weapons handling and tactical incidents. The MSORT consists of a snipers unit, an entry unit, tactical emergency medical personnel or TEMS unit and a negotiator unit. It is a multi-jurisdictional team comprised of law enforcement officers from Muscatine, Louisa, and Cedar Counties. All associated agencies have entered into an MOU and a board oversees the operations of MSORT. The team is utilized for everything from high risk search warrants, barricade/hostage situations, to active shooter situations. MSORT trains in a variety of environments to keep their skills up to date and sharp.

MSORT was called out on 7 occasions in 2025. The call outs involved high risk drug and arrest warrants including two subjects in possession of explosives. These operations resulted in 5 felony arrests and the seizure of 2 pipe bombs, ammunition and various types and quantities of drugs.

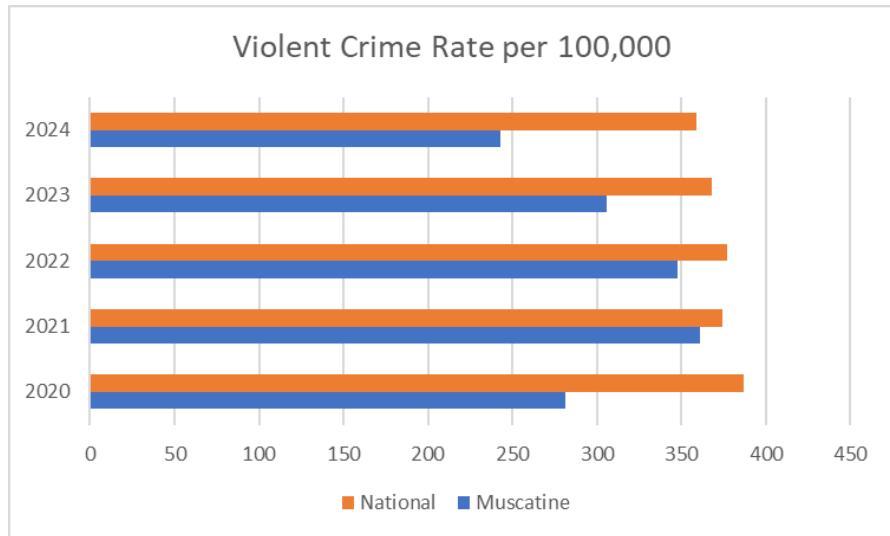
Muscatine Evidence Technician Program

The Muscatine Evidence Technician (MET) program is comprised of a group of officers who have received specialized training in photography, collection, and the processing of evidence. They work on an on-call basis throughout the year and are relied upon to process all major crime scenes, which can include everything from burglaries, shootings, to homicide investigations. This year the team was called upon to process (2) homicide scenes. Their meticulous work in documenting and processing the scene led to a successful prosecution in one of those cases.

Investigations Division

The Muscatine Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division consists of two units, the Major Crimes Unit, (MCU) and the Muscatine County Drug Task Force Unit, (DTF). The MCU consists of (4) investigators while the department has (2) investigators who are assigned to the multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Force.

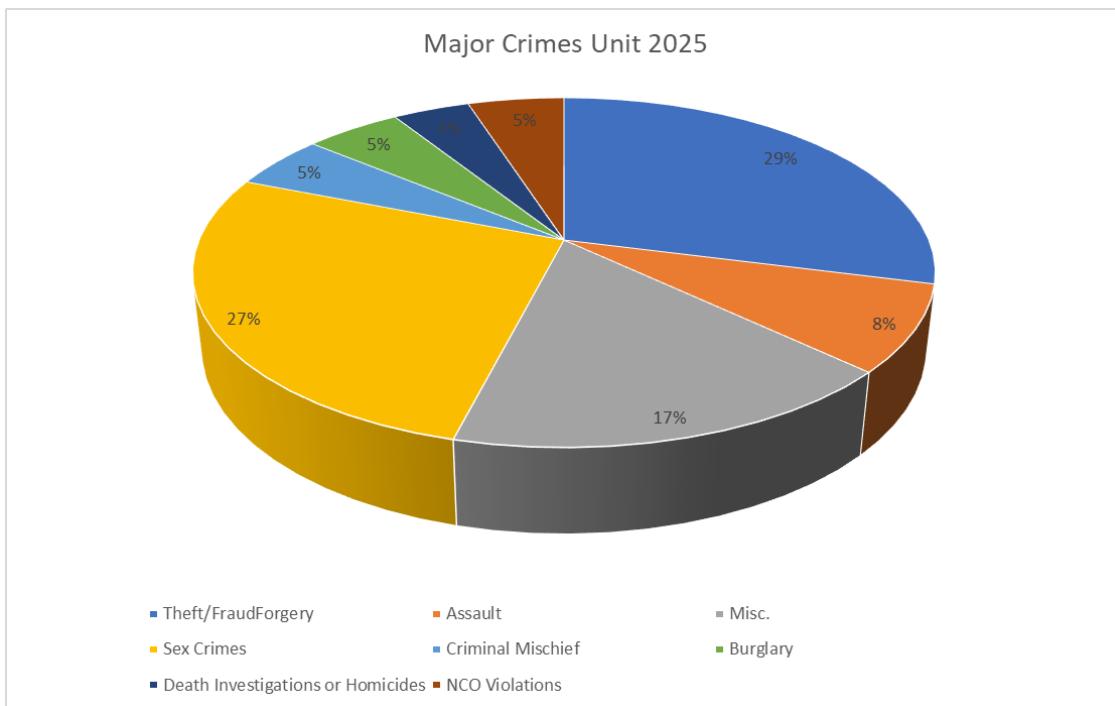
There is a Lieutenant and Sergeant of Investigations who share the responsibility of overseeing the daily operations of these units. These two positions also manage the department's ATE, Accreditation, and Evidence Management programs.



Major Crimes Unit (MCU)

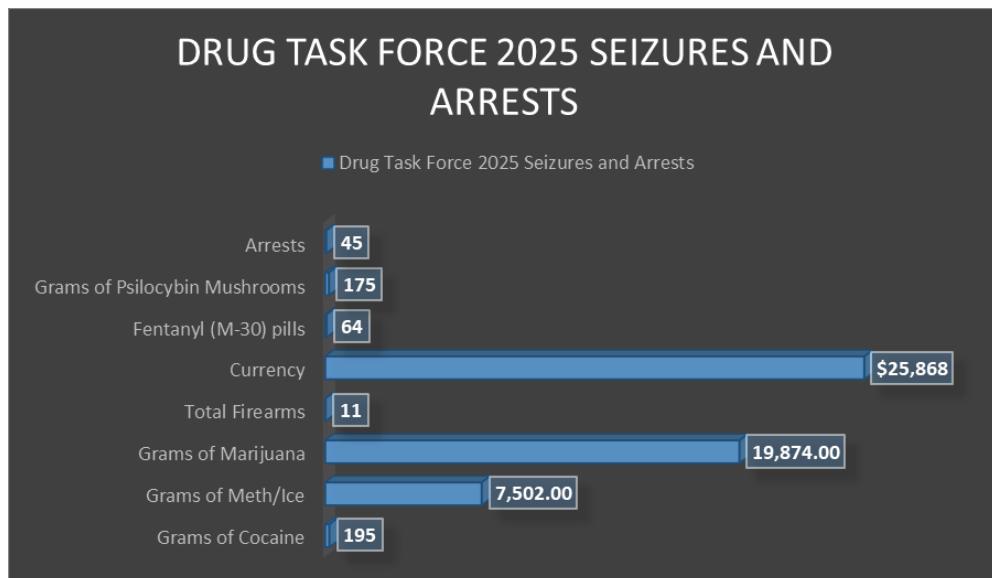
The MCU investigates major property crimes, financial crimes, and both sexual and violent crimes. Some highlights of major cases handled this year include a homicide, a homicide/suicide, an armed robbery, a deceased body found in the woods, and a widely publicized racial graffiti incident. All of these investigations were successful with suspects being quickly identified, arrested and prosecuted for their crimes.

In 2025, the MCU was assigned 241 investigations. The MCU totaled 125 arrests or requests for arrest warrants in 2025 and served approximately 92 search warrants. The MCU had an 84% case clearance rate. The following chart represents a breakdown of the types of cases MCU was assigned in 2024.



Muscatine County Drug Task Force (DTF)

The Muscatine County DTF functions as a joint multi-jurisdictional task force that covers Muscatine County, Cedar County, and Louisa County of which the Muscatine Police Department has two full time investigators assigned to this task force. In 2025 the DTF executed (89) search warrants resulting in (45) arrests. The chart below reflects the various seizures for 2025.



Community Projects & Events (COP)

Sir Robert Peel, who is regarded as the father to modern day law enforcement, had this to say about policing, *“The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of community welfare and existence.”*

It is the philosophy of the Muscatine Police Department that successful policing does not occur in a vacuum. It is crucial for the department to have the support and involvement of the community in our duties. With this in mind, the Muscatine Police Department continually operates and/or maintains involvement in numerous community projects and programs, allowing for greater communication and interaction between citizens and law enforcement. Building bridges within our community and opening lines of communication is at the heart of how we police. The following is a quick look at just a few of the programs we either initiated or participated in throughout 2025.

Junior Police Academy

In partnership with the Muscatine Community College, the department held the 5th Junior Police Academy. Twenty students participated in the multi day event, which is designed to give the students taste of what a career in law enforcement is all about. At the end of the academy, two scholarships were awarded to the top performers.





Crime Free Housing Initiative

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is all about police and landlords working together to reduce crime and improve the safety of their properties. The program is coordinated by Detective Nikki Sink. There are three (3) phases that a property owner must complete to get recognized as being certified through the program. By the end of 2025 there are 18 properties that have received Phase I certifications and (12) properties that have obtained Phase III certifications. This is an increase of (5) properties from last years Phase III certifications.



National Night Out

The 2025 National Night Out was held in Weed Park and drew one of the biggest crowds we've seen. Officers manned the grill as police department again partnered with HyVee to provide free food during the event. The swimming pool was full and there was a special appearance from the MedForce helicopter. It was an opportunity for officers and first responders to have great interactions with the public. Kudos to Lieutenant Ryan Buss for organizing such a great event.





Over The Edge

Chief Kies and Detective Sink took the over the edge challenge this year and had a great time doing it.



Muscatine Triathlon

Our very own Detective Adam Raisbeck organized Muscatine's first every sprint triathlon. The event was held at Deep Lakes Park and was well attended with 206 competitors. It took the collaboration of multiple agencies to make the event a success and planning has already begun for next year's race! Detectives Jensen and Jameson participated in the event.





Bigs In Blue

The Bigs in Blue program continued into the 25/26 school year. Part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, the Bigs In Blue program sets up officers to meet with their Littles once a week, during their school day. The program got its start in January of 2024. This year there are two officers participating who meet with (4) littles. It has been a great way to interact with and mentor the kids.



Lunch in the Schools

On several occasions officers from the night shift came in to have lunch at various schools. It was a huge success with the kids and allowed the night shift officers an opportunity to interact that they normally would not have.



Hair Heroes

Hair Heroes was another program started within the school that our officers participated in. Students are allowed to sign up once a week to have their hair made up by local volunteers. There has been a lot of student enthusiasm and participation in the program and the officers have enjoyed being a part of it.



Popsicles with Police

The popsicles with police program began in 2024 and was the creation of Lieutenant Greg Hazelett. His concept was simple, create an atmosphere where officers can interact with kids in a fun and carefree way. Partnering with Muscatine Power and Water, the program targeted multi housing units. The fire hydrant was opened up and the kids and residents were invited to come out and play in the water, with the popsicles being provided by the police. Since its inception, the program has been a smash hit and 2025 was no different!



These are just a few of the events the police department participated in. Officers also played with kids in a color run, a dodge ball game, the Special Olympic bike ride and so much more. All in an effort to connect with the community and build trust in the agency.



Shop with a Cop

The 2025 Shop with a Cop program took on a slightly different look this year. No parents were involved so the kids got to shop with an officer on a one on one basis. The Muscatine Police Officer's Association was able to sponsor a \$150 shopping spree per child thanks to generosity of community donors. The kids were broken up into three groups and shopped on individual days. As in the past, the school district helped to identify children in need to participate in the program. This program truly makes a difference to these kids which helps make their holiday a bit brighter.







Staffing Changes in 2025

Departures



Corporal Matt Wilkinson



Records Clerk Holly Bryant

New Hires



Officer Austin Sink



Officer Adam Bell

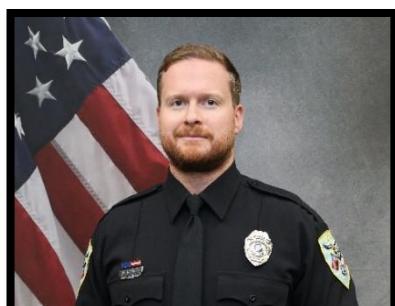


Officer Chad Said

Promotions



Corporal Dakota Mullen



Corporal Will Reddick

2025 Recognitions and Awards

FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY



Chief Anthony Kies became the 5th member of the Muscatine Police Department to graduate from the FBI National Academy!

Life Saving Awards



Officer Tylor Staley, Lieutenant Greg Hazelett, Officer Nathaniel Avis, Officer Samantha Wheeler, and Officer Darran Ritchie were all recipients of the Life Saving Award in 2025.

Medal of Merit Award



Chief Anthony Kies, Co-responder Amy Gold and Assistant Chief Snider were the recipient of the Medal of Merit. Amy Gold was recognized for tireless effort during a homicide, contacting witnesses and employees to ensure their wellbeing. Chief Kies and Assistant Chief Snider were recognized for their career achievements and all of the improvements they had brought to the department over their tenure.

Officer of the Year



Officer Jacob Elliot was selected as 2025's officer of the year by his co-workers.

Beyond The Badge



Officer Whitni Pena was recognized by news channel 8 for their Beyond the Badge Award. This was the first time that it had been awarded to a first responder outside of the Quad Cities and recognizes their volunteerism within the community.

Good people doing good things!



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PROFESSIONALISM - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - EXCELLENCE**