



EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 ANNUAL STATISTICS

Evansville, Indiana

Chief Philip Smith

CITY OF EVANSVILLE

Vanderburgh County, Indiana

Evansville is the county seat of Vanderburgh County and the third-largest city in Indiana. Situated on a scenic oxbow of the Ohio River, it serves as the economic and cultural hub of the Illinois–Indiana–Kentucky tri-state region — a metro area home to over 911,000 residents. Known as the "River City," Evansville has a rich history in manufacturing, river commerce, and significant World War II contributions. Today the city supports diverse industries, two universities, and a thriving downtown.

CENSUS & DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT

115,395

Population (2024 est.)

3rd largest in Indiana

44.2 mi²

City Area

Vanderburgh County

\$53,387

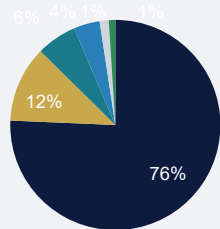
Median HH Income

Median age: 38.2 yrs

911K+

Metro Population

Tri-State Region



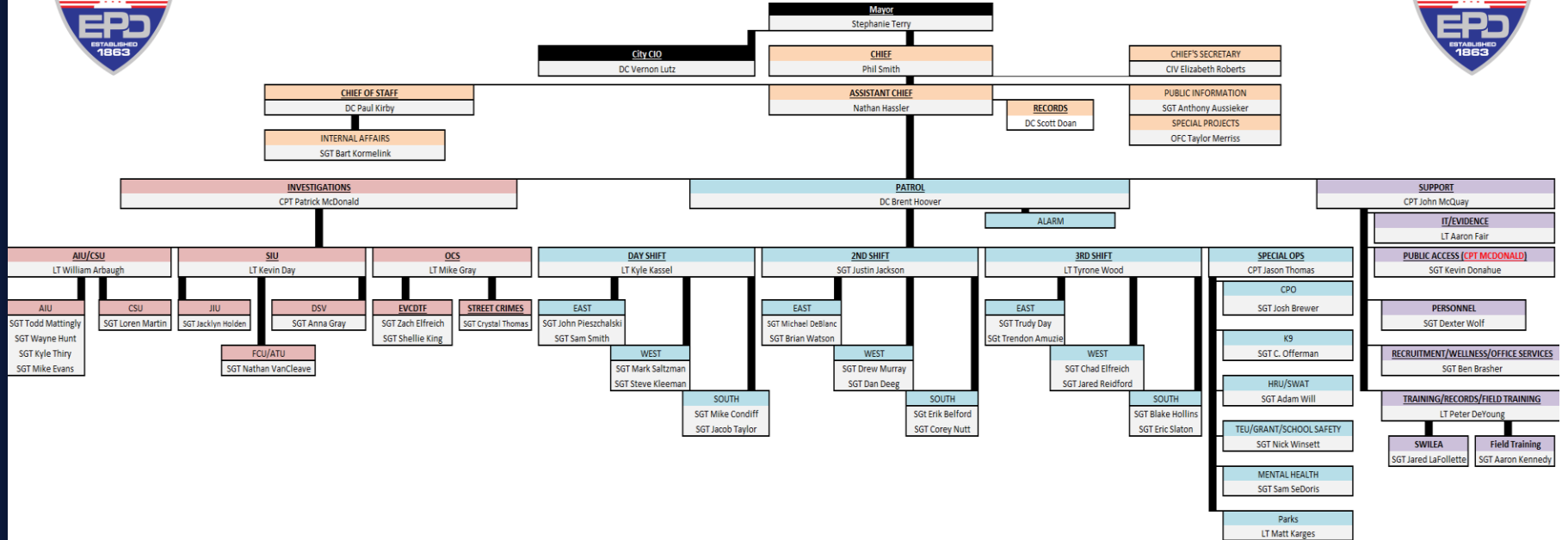
- White
- Black
- Multiracial
- Hispanic
- Other

Key Facts

- 2020 Census: 118,414 (3rd in Indiana)
- County Seat of Vanderburgh County
- Mayor: Stephanie Terry
- Chief of Police: Phil Smith
- Homeownership Rate: 54.6%
- Avg. Commute: 18.3 minutes

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Evansville Police Department — As of December 19, 2025





EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 Annual Summary Report

289

Authorized
Strength

sworn positions

259

Actual
Strength

officers on board

257

Applications
Received

+30% vs 2024

30

Officer Vacancies

Same as 2024

2025 HIGHLIGHTS



21 officer separations —
lowest since 2020



Applications up 30%



New 3-year contract with
significant pay raises

CALLS FOR SERVICE

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CALLS FOR SERVICE

2024

61,617



2025

60,601

▼ 1,016 fewer calls | -1.6%

CUSTODIAL ARRESTS

2024

6,095



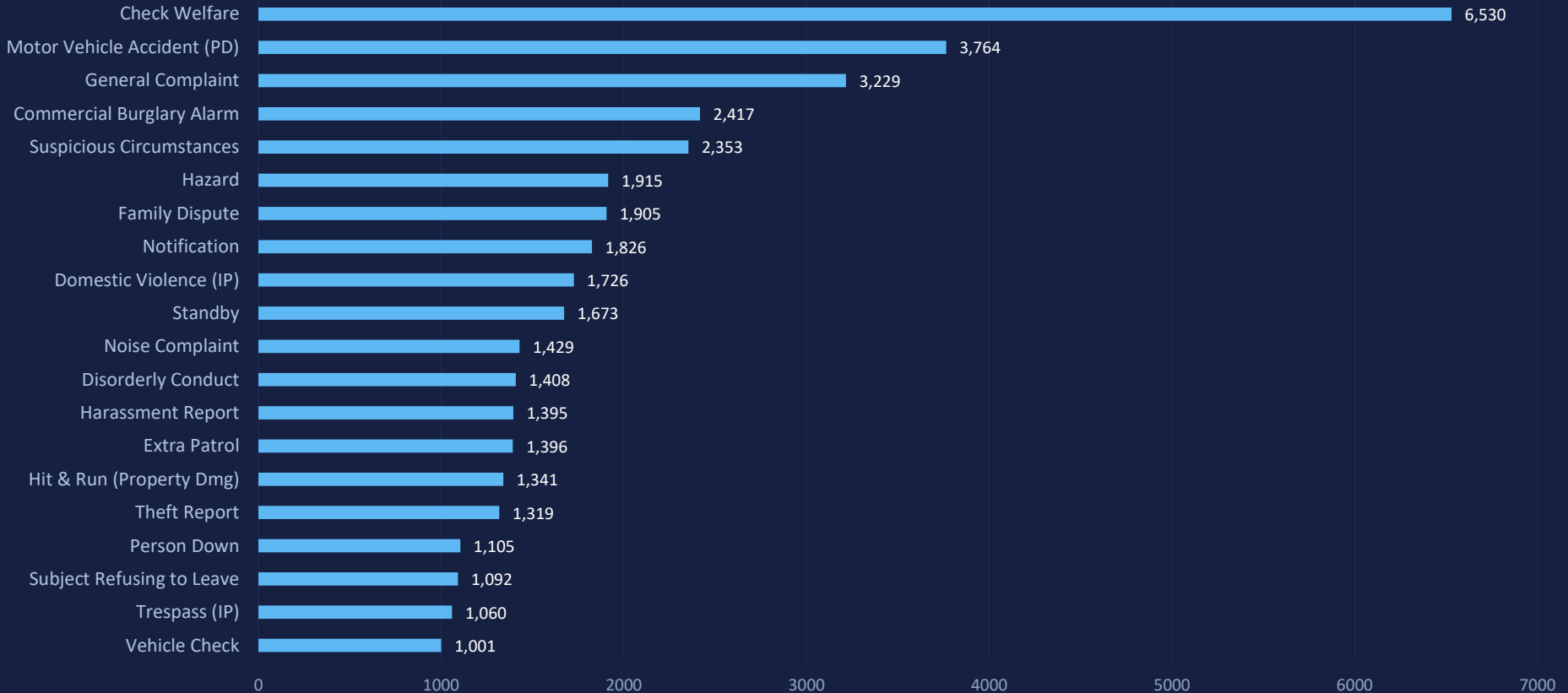
2025

5,690

▼ 405 fewer arrests | -6.6%

CALLS FOR SERVICE - BY INCIDENT TYPE

2025 · EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT · TOP 20 INCIDENT CATEGORIES · TOTAL CFS = 60,601



Source: Evansville/Vanderburgh Central Dispatch · EPD Events by Nature Code · 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025 · CFS column only (excludes report-only & self-initiated)

NIBRS CRIME DATA

Crimes Against Persons — 2024 vs. 2025

2,379

Assault Offenses

↓ 50 (-2.1%)

14

Homicide Offenses

↓ -6 (-30.0%)

199

Sex Offenses

↑ 13 (6.9%)

Offense Category	2024	2025	Change
Assault Offenses	2,429	2,379	-50
Homicide Offenses	20	14	-6
Sex Offenses	186	199	13
Robbery	65	73	+8

Source: NIBRS Reporting System

NIBRS CRIME DATA

Crimes Against Property — 2024 vs. 2025

Offense Category	2024	2025	Change
Theft Offenses	3162	2740	↓ -422 (-13.3%)
Fraud	573	670	↑ 97 (16.9%)
Burglary / Breaking & Entering	566	436	↓ -130 (-22.9%)
Theft From Vehicles	286	188	↓ -98 (-34.3%)
Robbery	65	73	↑ 8 (12.3%)
Arson	30	23	↓ -7 (-23.3%)

2,740

Theft Offenses

↓ -422 (-13.3%)

436

Burglary

↓ -130 (-22.9%)

670

Fraud

↑ 97 (16.9%)

NIBRS CRIME DATA

Crimes Against Society & Juvenile Statistics — 2024 vs. 2025

Offense Category	2024	2025	Change
Drug / Narcotic Offenses	2161	1,962	↓ 199 (-9.25%)
Weapon Law Violations	156	130	↓ 26 (-16.6 %)
Animal Cruelty	18	27	↑ 9 (50%)



EVANSVILLE
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2024 TOTAL

349,725

Body Camera Videos

2025 TOTAL

301,374

Body Camera Videos

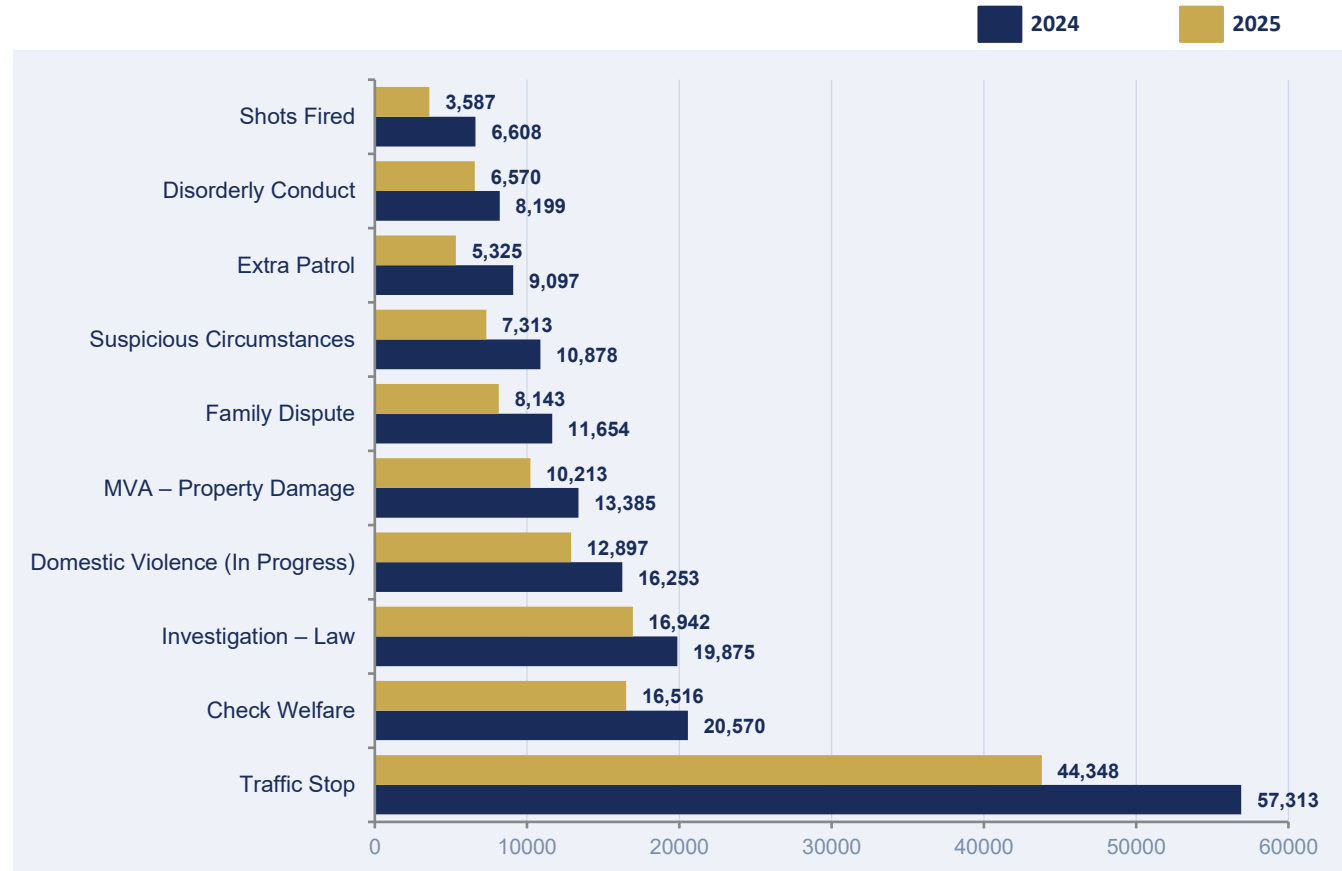
↓ -13.8% YOY



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Body Camera Videos

Year-Over-Year Comparison | 2024 vs. 2025 | Top 10 Incident Classifications



Criminal Investigations

Incidents with Adult
Custodial Arrests

1,904

Incidents Cleared by
Citation / Summons

492

Incidents Cleared by
Case File to VCPO

569

JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS & SCHOOL LIAISON



EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

METRIC	JIU	SRO	TOTAL
Cases Reviewed	1459	192	1651
Arrested / Referred	634	61	695
Adult Arrested	40	4	44
Missing Juveniles/Runaway	283	—	283
Youth Referral	634	61	695
Case Files	53	3	56
Juvenile Gun Possession	45	1	46

1,459
JIU Cases
Reviewed

192
SRO Cases
Reviewed

1,651
Cases
Reviewed

218
CHINS
CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES

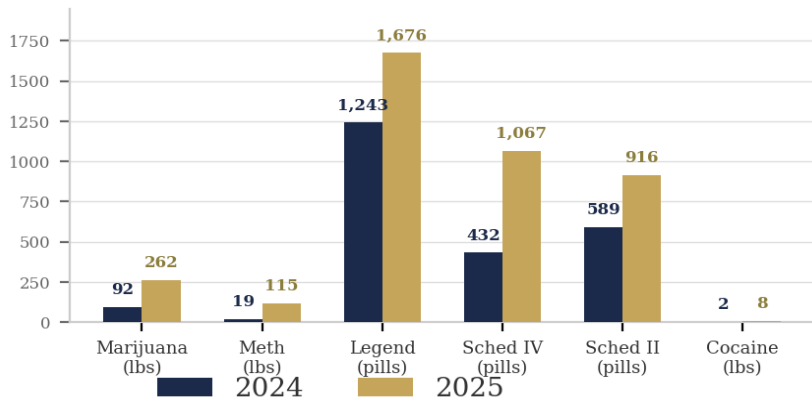
2,010
School
Visits

JIU: Arrested/Referred reflects Adult Arrested (juvenile referrals reported under Youth Referral). Missing Juveniles & Gun Incidents not separately tracked by SRO. JIU Gun Incidents not separately tracked. SRO individual data shows 1 gun incident; unit total recorded as 0.

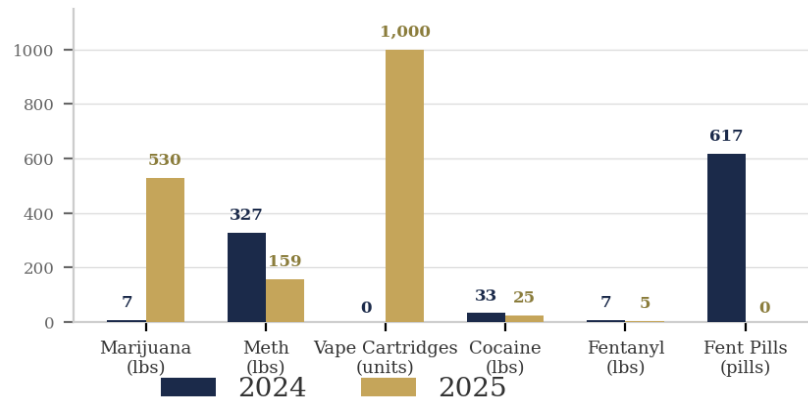
NARCOTICS SEIZURES

OCS & DEA Resident Office — 2024 vs. 2025 (Top 6 Categories by 2025)

OCS DRUG TASK FORCE



DEA RESIDENT OFFICE



OCS SEIZURE COMPARISON

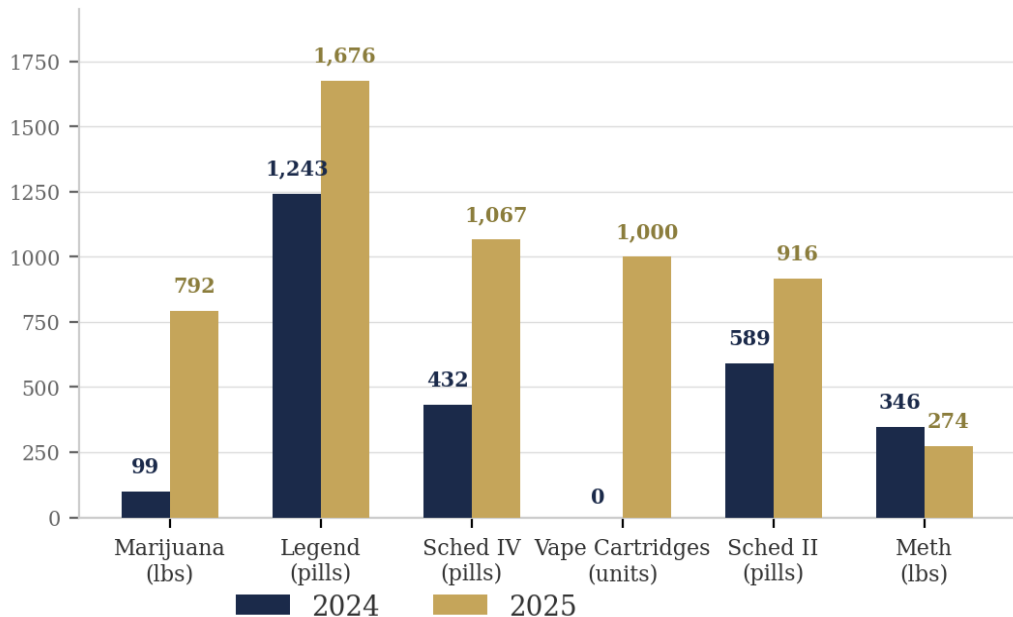
Substance	2024	2025
Marijuana	92.33 lbs	262 lbs
Meth	18.6 lbs	115 lbs
Cocaine	1.9 lbs	8 lbs
Fentanyl	2.89 lbs	1.2 lbs
Heroin	114.91 g	98.68 g
Legend Pills	1,243	1,676
Schedule II	589	916
Schedule IV	432	1,067

DEA SEIZURE COMPARISON

Substance	2024	2025
Marijuana	6.6 lbs	530.3 lbs
Meth	326.9 lbs	159.0 lbs
Cocaine	32.8 lbs	25.0 lbs
Fentanyl	7.0 lbs	5.1 lbs
Heroin	40.3 g	—
Fentanyl Pills	617	—
Hydro/Oxy	134.5 g	—
Vape Cartridges	—	1,000

COMBINED NARCOTICS SEIZURES

OCS + DEA Combined Totals — 2024 vs. 2025 (Top 6 Categories by 2025)



COMBINED SEIZURE COMPARISON

Substance	2024	2025
Marijuana	98.9 lbs	792.3 lbs
Meth	345.5 lbs	274.0 lbs
Cocaine	34.7 lbs	33.0 lbs
Fentanyl	9.9 lbs	6.3 lbs
Heroin	155.2 g	98.7 g
Legend Pills	1,243	1,676
Schedule II	589	916
Schedule IV	432	1,067
Fentanyl Pills	617	—
Hydro/Oxy	134.5 g	—
Vape Cartridges	—	1,000

Charts show top 6 categories by 2025 totals. Weights in lbs; amounts under 1 lb shown in grams (g). '—' = not reported. Data: EV Drug Task Force & DEA Resident Office.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Crash Data — 2024 vs. 2025

4,407

Total Crashes 2025

↓ 39 (-0.9%)

9

Fatal Crashes 2025

↓ 3 (-25.0%)

895

Injury Crashes 2025

↑ 8 (0.9%)

Crash Type	2024	2025	Change
Crashes Resulting in Injury	887	895	↑ 8 (0.9%)
Crashes Resulting in Property Damage	3,547	3,503	↓ 44 (-1.2%)
Crashes Resulting in Fatality	12	9	↓ 3 (-25.0%)
Total	4,446	4,407	↓ 39 (-0.9%)

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

5,174

Traffic Citations 2023

Baseline Year

5,154

Traffic Citations 2024

↓ 20 (-0.4%)

5,963

Traffic Citations 2025

↑ 809 (+15.7%)

BOMB SQUAD (HDU) & DRONE UNIT

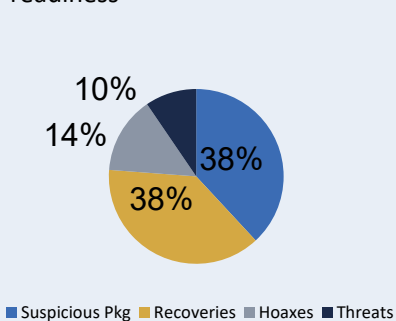
BOMB SQUAD (HDU) — Det. Mike Ward

Total Incidents: 21 total incidents (Decrease of 10 from last year)

- **Suspicious Packages:** 8 incidents (Decrease of 4 from last year)
- **Recoveries:** 8 incidents (Decrease of 1 from last year)
- **Explosions:** 0 incidents
- **Hoaxes:** 3 incidents
- **Threats:** 2 incidents (Decrease of 2 from last year)

Volume vs. Complexity:

While total incident volume saw a 34% decrease, the consistency in Recoveries and Suspicious Packages (forming 76% of total 2025 activity) demonstrates a continued need for high-level technical readiness



0 Explosions in 2025



Recovered September 2, 2025

DRONE UNIT — Sgt. Chad Elfreich

266 deployments across 8 pilots. Received a free Brinc Lemur 2 indoor tactical drone for SWAT and confined-space operations with 2-way communication capability. Top missions: warrant service (38), details (40), domestic violence (25), pursuit (19), SWAT assist (14), crash reconstruction (16).

Fleet: DJI Mavic 3T, Avata 2, and specialty drones. New dedicated vehicles assigned to most pilots for rapid deployment.

May 2026: Launching Drone as First Responder (DFR) program on a 1-year free trial. Early DFR data shows under 70-second drone arrival and 1-in-4 calls cleared without dispatching a patrol unit (source: brincdrones.com). Option to continue if funding is available.



DRONE UNIT | 2025 FLIGHT STATISTICS DASHBOARD

266

TOTAL FLIGHTS

8

PILOTS

38

WARRANT SERVICE

25

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

19

PURSUITS

16

CRASH RECON

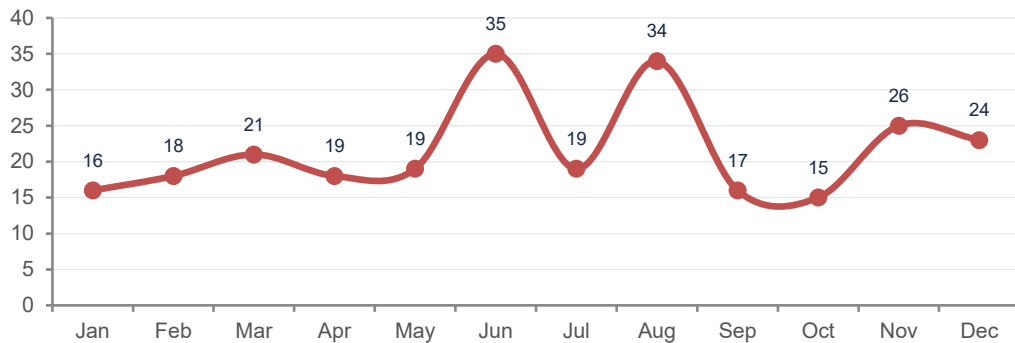
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SWAT ASSIST

13

SHOTS FIRED

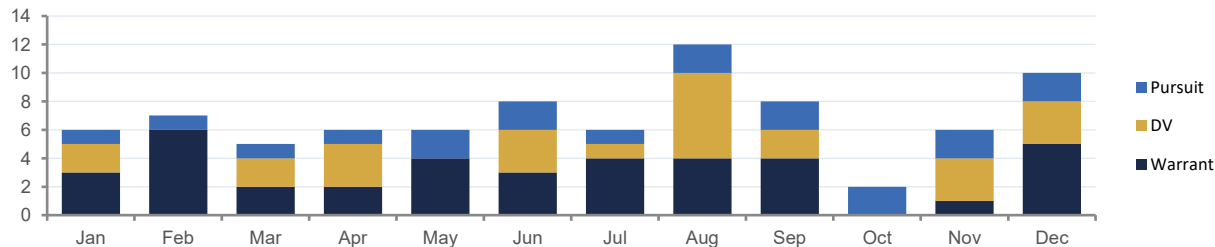
Monthly Deployments



DEPLOYMENTS BY INCIDENT TYPE

Detail	40
Warrant Service	38
Domestic Violence	25
Suspicious Circumstances	20
Pursuit	19
Outside Agency Assist	16
MVA / Reconstruction	15
SWAT Assist	14
River Patrol	13
Missing Person	11
Assault In Progress	10

Top Mission Types by Month



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

K-9, CNT, Alarm Response & Mounted Patrol — 2024 vs. 2025

Unit / Activity	2024	2025	Change
K-9 Apprehensions	85	86	↑ 1 (1.2%)
K-9 Demonstrations	30	34	↑ 4 (13.3%)
CNT Callouts (Total)	21	21	— 0 (0.0%)
Alarm Response	4,144	4,046	↓ 98 (-2.4%)
Mounted Patrol Events	60	40	↓ 20 (-33.3%)

86

K-9 Apprehensions

+1 from 2024

21

CNT Callouts

Same as 2024

4,046

Alarm Responses

↓ 98 (-2.4%)

40

Mounted Patrol Events

↓ 20 (-33.3%)

COMMUNITY POLICING (CPO)

Community Engagement & Quality of Life — 2024 vs. 2025

Activity	2024	2025	Change
Neighborhood Assoc. Meetings	182	168	-14
Community Presentations	39	29	-10
Guardian Deployments	170	104	-66
Graffiti Removals	43	35	-8
Traffic Details	334	404	70
Mayor's Complaints	59	112	53
Special Events	244	292	48
Homeless Field Contacts	76	154	78
Crime Hot Spot Details	57	72	15

CPO — ABANDONED VEHICLES

Vehicle Complaints & Enforcement — 2024 vs. 2025

1,286

Complaints

↑ 1 (0.1%)

920

Tagged

↓ 24 (-2.5%)

212

Removed

↑ 17 (8.7%)

Category	2024	2025	Change
Abandoned Vehicle Complaints	1,375	1,286	-89
Vehicles Tagged	1006	920	-86
Vehicles Removed	217	212	-5



PARKS UNIT

Special Operations Section

SUPERVISOR: LT. MATT KARGES

2025

BY THE NUMBERS



5,373

EXTRA PATROLS



1,442

WALK THROUGHS



2,492

CITIZEN CONTACTS



403

TRAFFIC STOPS



314

DISPATCHED RUNS



58

TOTAL ARRESTS



350

GREENWAY HRS



112

EVENTS ATTENDED



6

DEDICATED OFFICERS



2

PARK CAMERAS INSTALLED



2

AED LOCATIONS

Strategic Initiatives



After Hour Details

Officers worked pre-dawn and after business hours to enforce regulations, preventing vandalism, drug use, drinking, and illegal camping.



AED Installations

Secured donated AEDs and weather-secure housing boxes at Wesselman Park and Mickey's Skatepark. (Thanks: VFW Auxiliary & Deaconess Foundation).



Park Security Cameras

Funded and mounted security cameras at Wesselman & Mickey's Skatepark. (Expanding soon to Garvin Park).

Community Programs & Events



Puppies and Police

Dog adoption events in parks.



Public Safety Car Show

Featured US Army Blackhawk & regional EMS.



Movie & Music

Summer gatherings supported city-wide.



Parks Chat

Public neighborhood meetings.



Pop W/a Cop

Handing out popsicles to local kids.



Police in the Park

Pop-ups with baseball radar speeds.

MENTAL HEALTH UNIT (MHU)

Crisis Intervention & Red Flag — 2024 vs. 2025

964

CIT / Emergency Detentions

↑ 25 (2.7%)

29

Red Flag Seizures

↑ 10 (52.6%)

99

Firearms Removed

2025 — new metric

Category	2024	2025	Change
Crisis Intervention / Emergency Detention	939	964	↑ 25 (2.7%)
Red Flag Seizures	5	29	↑ 24 (480%)
Firearms Removed During Red Flag	16	99	↑ 83 (518.75%)

The Mental Health Unit continues to expand its role in crisis response and public safety through Indiana's Red Flag Law.

Percentage of Arrests Resulting in a Use of Force

Year	Total Arrests	Total Use of Force	% of Arrests
2025	5690	442	7.8%
2024	6095	479	7.9%
2023	6174	476	7.7%
2022	6395	369	5.8%
2021	5317	358	6.7%
2020	5298	356	6.7%
2019	7560	456	6.0%
2018	7461	395	5.3%
2017	5971	344	5.8%
2016	5962	372	6.2%

USE OF FORCE

Arrests by Race & Gender | Age Demographics | ECD Usage | Officer Injuries

USE OF FORCE / ARRESTS BY RACE AND GENDER — 2025

Race	Gender	% Use of Force	% Total Arrests	% Arrests Force Used
White	Male	36%	42%	6.7%
White	Female	19%	21%	7.0%
Black	Male	30%	27%	8.7%
Black	Female	10%	9%	8.0%
Asian	Male	1%	0.3%	16%
Asian	Female	0%	0.1%	0.0%
Indian	Male	.2%	0.0%	20%

USE OF FORCE BY AGE — 2025

Age Range	Total #	% of Total
17 & Below	50	11.8%
18–29	117	27.7%
30–39	119	28.2%
40–49	82	19.4%
50–59	40	9.5%
60 & Above	14	3.3%

*Note: 20 incidents involved force used on a group/crowd for crowd dispersal; percentages may not total 100%.

ECD (TASER) USAGE

64

2025

87

2024

OFFICER INJURIES IN USE OF FORCE

70

injuries reported (–5 from 2024)

28

Abrasions

18

Pain

18

Cut

4

Contusion

4

Puncture

2

Bodily Fluids

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS

2

incidents in 2025

Use of Force/Arrests by Race and Gender

Race	Gender	Arrests 2024	Arrests 2025	Change
White	Male	2552	2413	↓ 139 (5.4%)
White	Female	1337	1179	↓ 158 (11.8%)
Black	Male	1592	1543	↓ 49 (3.1%)
Black	Female	576	523	↓ 53 (9.2%)
Asian	Male	25	18	↓ 7 (28%)
Asian	Female	10	8	↓ 2 (20%)
Indian	Male	2	5	↑ 3 (150%)
Indian	Female	1	1	—

USE OF FORCE TYPE

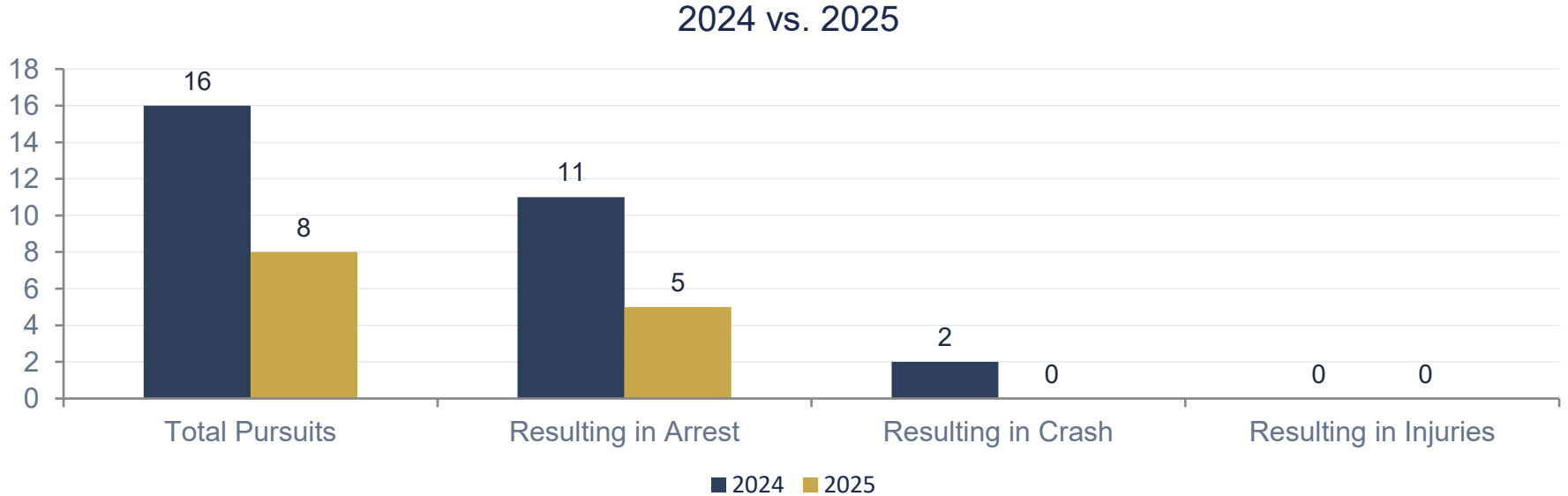
Instrument Used	Times Used
Firearm	2
Impact Weapon	0
K9	25
Pepper Ball	26
Taser	64
Chemical/OC Spray*	2
Hands, Fist, Feet	450

(376) Soft empty hand, (74) Hard empty hand

*Chemical/OC Spray includes OC Spray and Handheld and Projectile Chemical deployments by SWAT.

VEHICLE PURSUITS

Total Pursuit Data — 2024 vs. 2025



INTERNAL AFFAIRS & COMPLAINTS — 2025 OUTCOMES

Evansville Police Department | Complaint Disposition Summary

15

INFORMAL COMPLAINTS

21 individual counts against officers

- 8 Sustained
- 7 Unfounded
- 3 Exonerated
- 3 Non-Sustained

1

FORMAL COMPLAINT

2 counts — both ruled Unfounded

2 Counts Unfounded

Body Cam Evidence reduced formal complaints

13

UNIT-LEVEL (MOTOR PATROL)

Citizen Complaint Module

- 2 Sustained
- 4 Exonerated
- 4 Unfounded
- 1 Non-Sustained
- 2 Inquiry Only

4

BIAS BASED COMPLAINTS

4 racial bias inquiries

- 4 Racial bias complaints

Racial bias: all Unfounded/Exonerated



EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Serving & Protecting the Community

Chief Philip Smith | Mayor Stephanie Terry
Evansville, Indiana