



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



A WORD FROM THE CHIEF



The Rochester Police Department's mission is to deliver exceptional service and superior protection by reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life for our community.

This 2025 Annual Report summarizes our collective efforts to advance that mission and provides data and insights from across all divisions: Patrol, Investigations, Services and Community Services.

Rooted in our core values of integrity, respect, service, compassion and innovation, we remain committed to serving the community with professionalism and transparency. Building strong partnerships throughout the City remains a priority, and this report highlights the collaborative work that helps make Rochester a safer place to live, work and visit.

On behalf of the City of Rochester, I am pleased to share the Rochester Police Department's 2025 Annual Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Jim Franklin".

Jim Franklin
Chief of Police
Rochester Police Department

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US



North Station
4001 West River Parkway NW
Suite 200
Rochester, MN 55901



Law Enforcement Center
(LEC)
101 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904



Rochester Police Department

RPD has an authorized strength of 158 sworn officers, supported by nearly 70 civilian members, all dedicated to providing the highest level of public safety.

- 1 CHIEF
- 4 CAPTAINS
- 9 LIEUTENANTS
- 26 SERGEANTS
- 118 SWORN OFFICERS (APPROX.)
- 70 SUPPORT STAFF (APPROX.)



Captain Paul Gronholz
Patrol

Patrol provides 24/7 police services throughout Rochester, responding to calls for service. It is the largest of RPD's divisions.



Captain Aaron Penning
Investigations

Investigations conducts thorough investigations on crimes committed in Rochester.

- Traditional Investigations
- Criminal Interdiction Unit
- Technology Forensic Unit
- Intelligence Unit
- Special Victims Unit



Captain Jon Turk
Services

Services ensures that the department has the tools necessary to function optimally.

- Dispatch
- Records/Evidence
- Fleet Maintenance
- Training
- Drone Team



Captain Jennifer Hodgman
Community Services

Community Services builds relationships in the community to solve problems and reduce crime.

- Community Action Team
- Community Service Officers
- Parking & Animal Control
- School Resource Officers
- Hospital Resource Officers
- Downtown Resource Officers

PATROL



Patrol provides 24/7 services throughout the City of Rochester. Patrol officers respond to incidents ranging from medicals to shootings to crashes.

In 2025, officers responded to **65,938 calls for service**, about a 9% increase from 2024.

Response Time

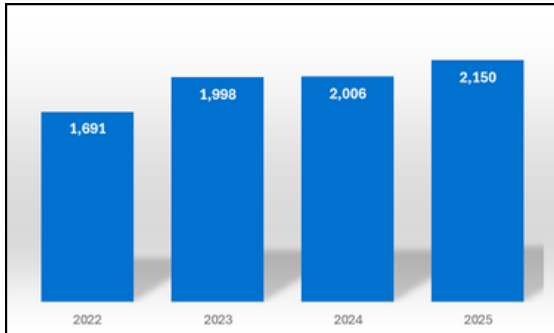
Patrol officers are there when you need them, usually responding to Priority 1 calls for service in about three and half minutes from when they are dispatched.

Priority 1 calls are immediate, life-threatening or high-risk emergencies requiring an urgent law enforcement, fire or EMS response, often with lights and sirens.

PRIORITY 1 CALLS FOR SERVICE	TIME
Median Dispatch Time From call created to officer dispatched	1 minute 48 seconds
Median Police Response Time From officer dispatched to on scene	3 minutes 36 seconds
Median Full Response Time From call created in Dispatch to officer on scene	6 minutes

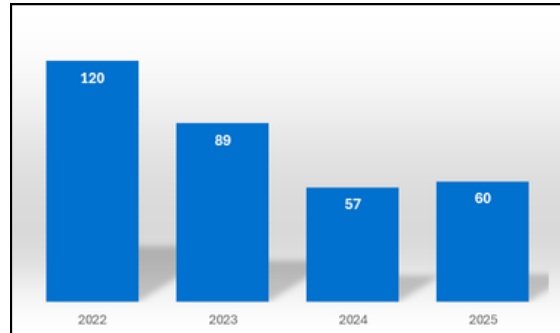


Person in Crisis Calls



Person in crisis calls, which often involve someone experiencing a mental health emergency, rose slightly. Officers responded to **2,150 person in crisis calls**, a 27% increase since 2022.

Reported Overdoses



Reported drug overdoses remained steady. Officers responded to **60 suspected overdoses**. Overall, the number is down 50% since 2022. The wide availability of naloxone/NARCAN, a medication used to reverse an opioid overdose, is likely a contributing factor.

Community Outreach Specialists

Community Outreach Specialists are social workers with extensive clinical skills who can respond to crises with law enforcement or independently. They support both the Rochester Police Department and Olmsted County Sheriff’s Office. In 2025, they alleviated the need for law enforcement to respond to 1,874 calls.

When an overdose occurs, officers and community outreach specialists attempt to reconnect with those who have overdosed to inform them about the Police Assisted Recovery (PAR) program, which provides non-arrest pathways to treatment and recovery.

In 2025, Doc’s Recovery House and Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge supported 35 individuals, referring them to pre-treatment housing through the PAR program.



Strategic Planning

Over several months, RPD’s Patrol division reviewed operational data and identified opportunities for improvement for implementation in 2026. As a result, a new staffing model was developed to better match officer resources with call demand, enhancing response times and reducing officer workload strain.

INVESTIGATIONS



Investigations conducts thorough investigations on crimes committed in the City of Rochester. Investigators work closely with victims and prosecutors to bring criminals to justice.

The Investigations division **reviewed 1,219 cases** and **assigned 654 cases** to a detective. By year's end, 124 cases remained active.

Top 5 Case Types Assigned to a Detective

1. Theft
2. Child Protection
3. Criminal Sexual Conduct
4. Burglary
5. Robbery

Investigations reviews adult and child protection cases from the Minnesota Department of Human Services and Olmsted County Services. Down slightly from 2024, Investigations reviewed **690 adult protection cases** and **973 child protection cases**.

Investigations monitored a total of **420 registered predatory offenders** in 2025. Nineteen new offenders were registered in Rochester.

The **Intelligence Unit** corresponded with more than 200 law enforcement agencies across the United States and Canada regarding homicides, human trafficking, nationwide retail theft, fugitives, missing persons, transnational drug trafficking, international money laundering and more. Other Intelligence Unit highlights:

- Tracked recovery of 92 firearms
- Processed more than 300 calls on the Narcotics Tipline
- Processed more than 150 tips from Crime Stoppers





Drug Seizures

Fentanyl and methamphetamine continued to be the most encountered controlled substances by the **Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU)**. The drug seizure totals below are from cases that CIU led, assisted on and/or initiated. The cases resulted in **153 arrests**.

2.11

pounds fentanyl (powder)

610.1

grams of cocaine

20.59

pounds of methamphetamine

6.1

grams of crack



The **Technology Forensic Unit (TFU)** investigated a record number of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cyber tips and led **35 ICAC-related investigations**. Through the course of the year, TFU served 84 search warrants and examined 292 devices containing 69 terabytes of data.

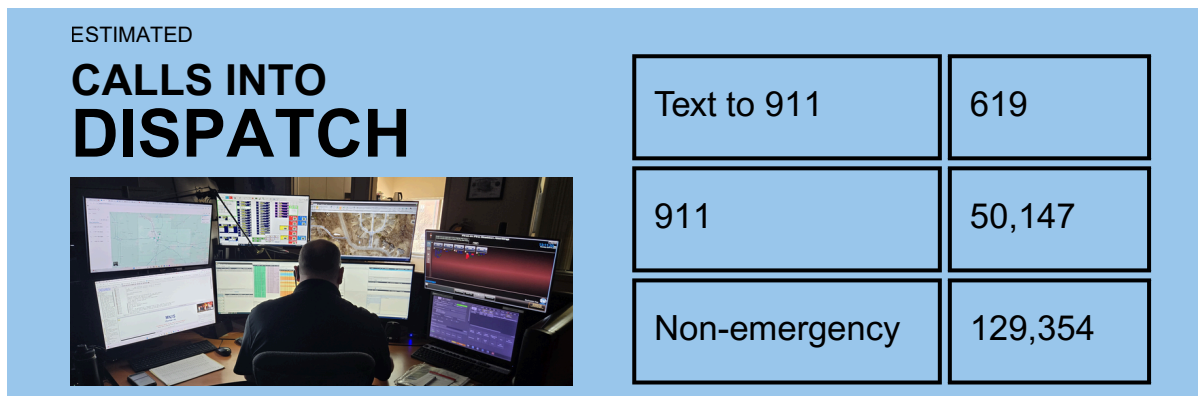
RPD became the first in the state to adopt cloud-based storage and initial cloud-based case automation, significantly improving efficiency and enabling more proactive investigative work by TFU.

SERVICES



Services makes sure the department has the tools necessary to function optimally. Dispatch, Records/Evidence, Fleet Maintenance, Training and the Drone Team are included within Services.

Dispatch and Records/Evidence serve both RPD and the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office.



Fleet Maintenance

In 2025, RPD replaced a total of nine squad cars. The replacements included four Tahoes, marking the first year Tahoes were used for standard patrol. All new squads included full PIT bumpers, in-car printers and Stalker radars.

Records/Evidence

- Fulfilled 6,700 data requests, totaling 802 hours of staff time
- Took in approximately 7,266 items of evidence
- Disposed of 2,958 items of evidence

Training

RPD is an agency committed to continuous improvement and provides ongoing training beyond requirements by the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board. In 2025, the training unit facilitated dozens of trainings on a range of topics including: de-escalation, 3 Echo active shooter response, street drugs, financial crimes and vehicle contraband concealment.





DRONES AS FIRST RESPONDERS

RPD enhanced its Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) program with the launch of Drones as First Responders (DFR). Drones allow for a faster, smarter response to eligible calls for service. Rapid initial assessment improves response accuracy, enhancing public and officer safety.

In September, crews installed two permanently docked drones that can be deployed on demand by a remotely located pilot through a secure, browser-based application. Strategically positioned to maximize citywide coverage, one drone is stationed at the North Station and the other at the Rochester Art Center.

Early Findings

Data from the first 11 weeks after implementation showed:




- Flights per day varied, averaging nearly 7 daily and reaching as many as 28 one day
- DFR was on scene first nearly 60% of the time
- DFR cleared approximately 14% of the calls responded to, eliminating the need for a patrol officer to respond
- DFR was mostly used to provide overwatch or assistance locating subjects/suspects

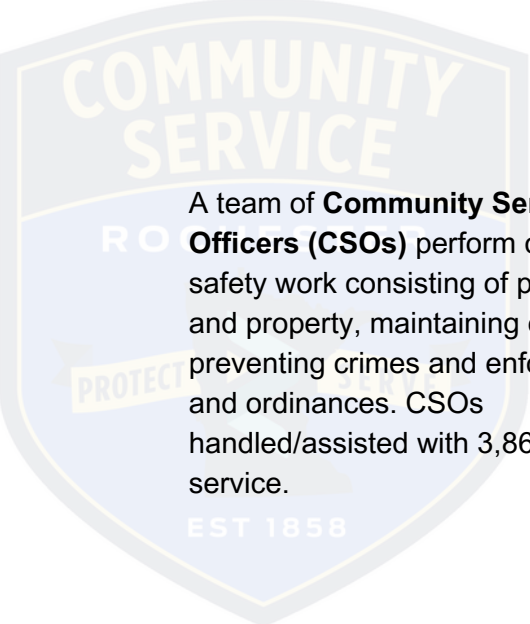


COMMUNITY SERVICES




Community Services fosters relationships in the community so that together we can collaboratively solve problems and reduce crime.

		
<p>Six School Resource Officers (SROs) responded to 523 calls for service at Rochester Public Schools. The top call types were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist • Disorderly Conduct • Suspicious Circumstance 	<p>Five Hospital Resource Officers (HROs) responded to 1,606 calls for service originating at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Marys Campus. The top call types were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist • Person in Crisis • Disorderly Conduct 	<p>RPD has two Downtown Resource Officers dedicated to serving the area and working toward long-term solutions on issues impacting the downtown community. They responded to 1,104 incidents downtown.</p>



A team of **Community Service Officers (CSOs)** perform civilian public safety work consisting of protecting life and property, maintaining order, preventing crimes and enforcing laws and ordinances. CSOs handled/assisted with 3,867 calls for service.

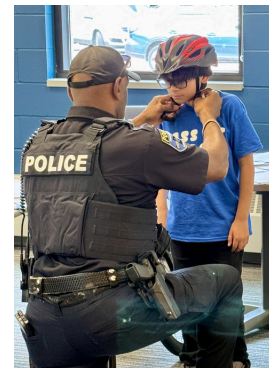


Animal Control Officers (ACOs) processed 206 dog intakes and 17 cat intakes at the Animal Control Shelter. The shelter was recognized for achieving no-kill status the previous year, meaning ACOs helped save 90% or more of the animals that entered the shelter.

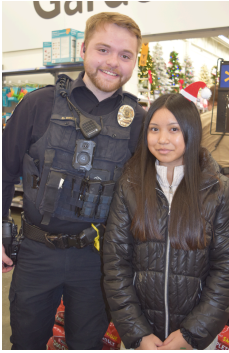
The **Community Action Team (CAT)** focuses on building trust through strong relationships and proactively addressing community concerns.

In 2025, CAT's outreach efforts had a measurable impact on individuals experiencing homelessness. A homeless outreach navigator, hired in March, partnered with CAT and helped nearly half of RPD's most frequently contacted individuals experiencing homelessness transition into housing, treatment or court commitments.

CAT also participated in approximately 140 community engagement events, strengthening connections across the community.



Officers from throughout the department participated in larger community engagement events such as Shop with a Cop, Night to Unite and Safe City Nights. Safe City Nights is a community-wide series of events that CAT coordinates. An estimated 5,000 people attended Safe City Nights in 2025.



SHOP WITH A COP

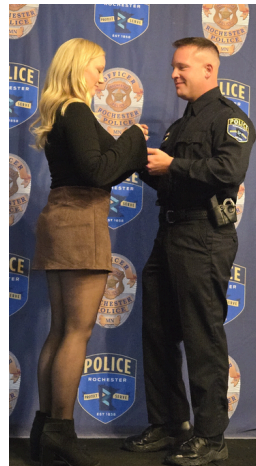


NIGHT TO UNITE



New Officers

RPD proudly welcomed 11 new police officers in 2025. In October, eight recruits took their oath of office, and three experienced lateral officers were formally introduced to the department. For the first time, a recruit class included more women than men. Each officer selected someone meaningful in their life to pin on their badge, a tradition that reflects the support systems behind every officer and the shared commitment to serving our community.



Prior to swearing-in, new officers completed a 12-week, in-house training academy and each was partnered with a field training officer for several weeks before advancing to solo patrol. Lateral hires go through a condensed academy.



K9 Team

RPD's K9 Unit includes eight highly trained dogs that play a critical role in public safety. In 2025, the team was involved in 20 non-physical apprehensions, conducted 35 explosive sniffs and 191 narcotics sniffs, and assisted with 25 evidence searches, 22 building searches, 20 tracks and 21 perimeter assists. The K9s also provided scene security on 18 occasions. Beyond enforcement efforts, the team remained active in community engagement, delivering 44 demonstrations throughout the year.



In Honor

In September, a dedication ceremony was held for the new Southeast Minnesota Peace Officer's Memorial at Soldiers Memorial Field Park. Created by the Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation of Southeast Minnesota, the memorial honors 45 fallen officers, deputies, troopers and agents from the region, with their names etched into a granite wall. The project, many years in the making, now provides a lasting place of remembrance for those who gave their lives in the line of duty, including those from RPD – Officer Eugene Sutton, Sgt. Lloyd Feind, Officer Floyd Haley and Reserve Officer William H. Freytag.



**CRIME
COUNTS**

MURDER/ NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	0
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	7
SEXUAL OFFENSES	85
ROBBERY	32
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	125
SIMPLE ASSAULT	463
INTIMIDATION	116
ARSON	12
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	9
BURGLARY	179
SHOPLIFTING	479
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	237
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	32
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	64
OTHER THEFT/STOLEN PROPERTY	670
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	74
FRAUD OFFENSES	380
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM	484

CRIME COUNTS

WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	63
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	2
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	213
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	19
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/ PUBLIC PEACE	729
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	668
TRESPASS	209
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	729

In compliance with state reporting requirements, RPD shares crime counts with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). Local data is included in the [Minnesota Crime Data Explorer](#). Data in the Annual Report and the Minnesota Crime Data Explorer will differ slightly for various reasons, including delayed reporting of crimes by victims.

