

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 OPERATIONAL REPORT

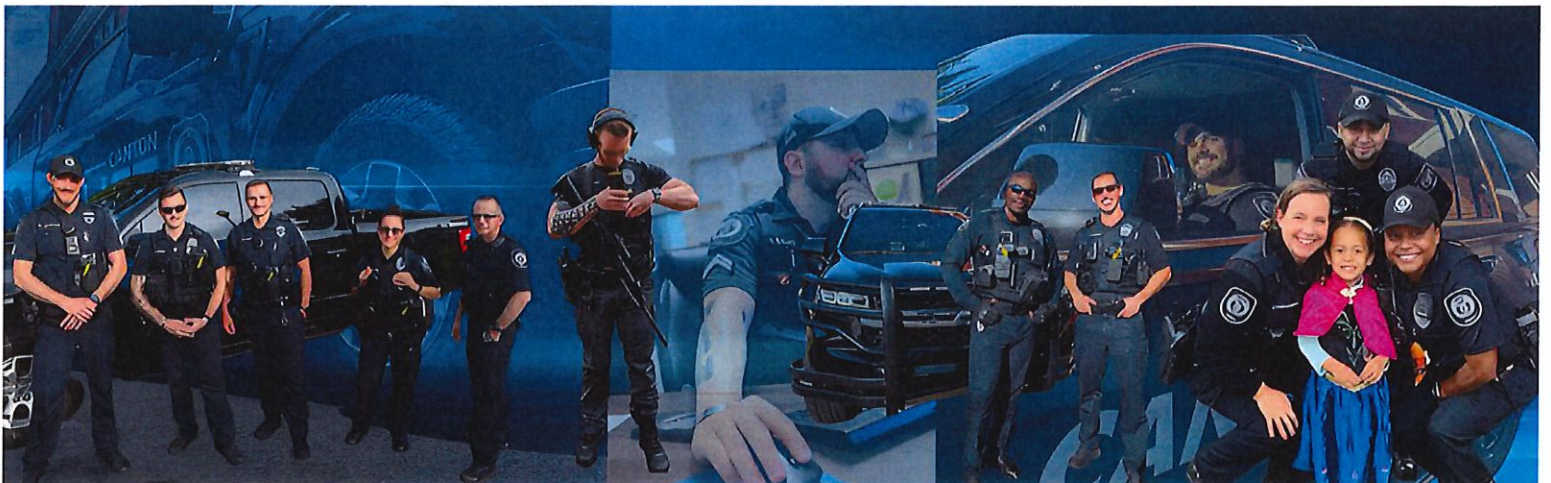


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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF FERRELL

The Canton Police Department is pleased to present its 2025 Operational Report.

This report highlights our law enforcement activities, community engagement efforts, and service programs that support the quality of life in the City of Canton. Our department is made up of dedicated professionals who work every day to protect public safety and help keep Canton safe, thriving, and welcoming. Their integrity, hard work, and service-minded approach are the foundation of our success, and I am proud to serve alongside them and continue our tradition of excellence.

In 2025, the Canton Police Department maintained full staffing across all authorized positions. This stability strengthened our ability to provide consistent service, support training and supervision, and reduce reliance on overtime, benefiting both the community and our employees.

Throughout the year, we remained focused on increasing transparency, strengthening community engagement, and building partnerships that enhance public safety and foster trust. We believe public safety is strongest when law enforcement and the community work together, and we are grateful for the continued support of our residents, businesses, and community partners.

This year also marked the addition of the Canton Ambassadors for Public Safety (CAPS Unit), created to increase visibility in our community and respond to non-emergency calls for service. The CAPS Unit improves efficiency while allowing sworn personnel to remain focused on higher priority calls and critical responsibilities.

We also strengthened our partnership with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office through collaboration with the Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC), enhancing situational awareness and supporting informed decision-making through real-time data and intelligence.

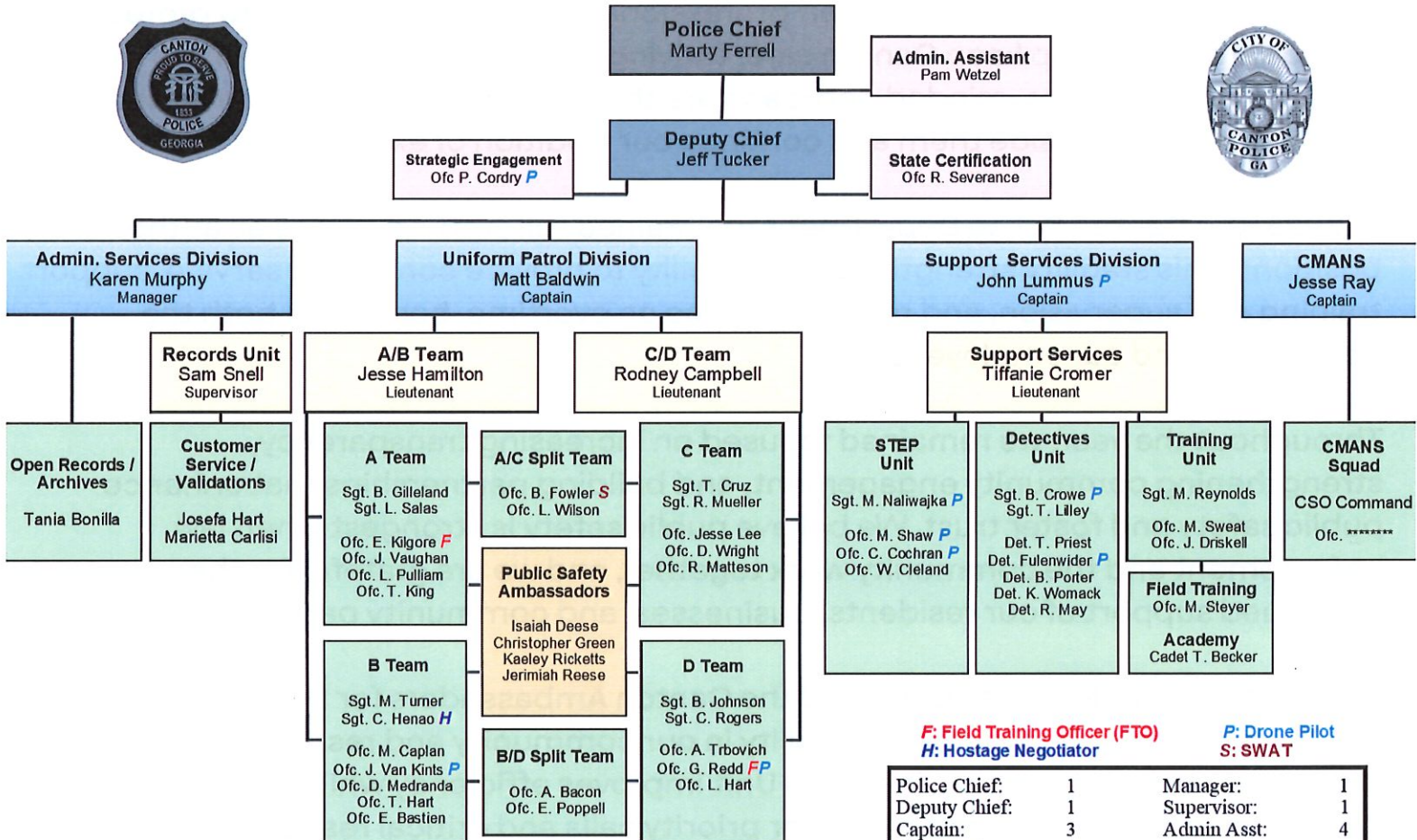
Finally, I extend my sincere appreciation to our Mayor, City Councilors, City Manager, and valued community partners for their continued support.

We invite you to review this report and learn more about the important work being done each day as we continue building a safer community for all.

Marty Ferrell



CANTON PD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



F: Field Training Officer (FTO) **P: Drone Pilot**
H: Hostage Negotiator **S: SWAT**

Police Chief:	1	Manager:	1
Deputy Chief:	1	Supervisor:	1
Captain:	3	Admin Asst:	4
Lieutenant:	3	Total Swom:	54
Sergeant:	12	Total Non-Swom:	10
Detective:	5		
Officer:	29		
Ambassador:	4	Total Staffing:	64



Canton PD

Core Values & Mission Statement

Core Values

Canton Police Officers strive to display the highest level of **professionalism**;

Always displaying **integrity** by doing what is right even when no one is looking;

Never forgetting to **honor** the citizens and co-workers we serve and protect,

Thus building the **trust** of all citizens we are sworn to protect;

Observing **excellence** in all tasks we perform to the highest degree, and

Never backing down from danger, but always showing **courage** in the face of danger.

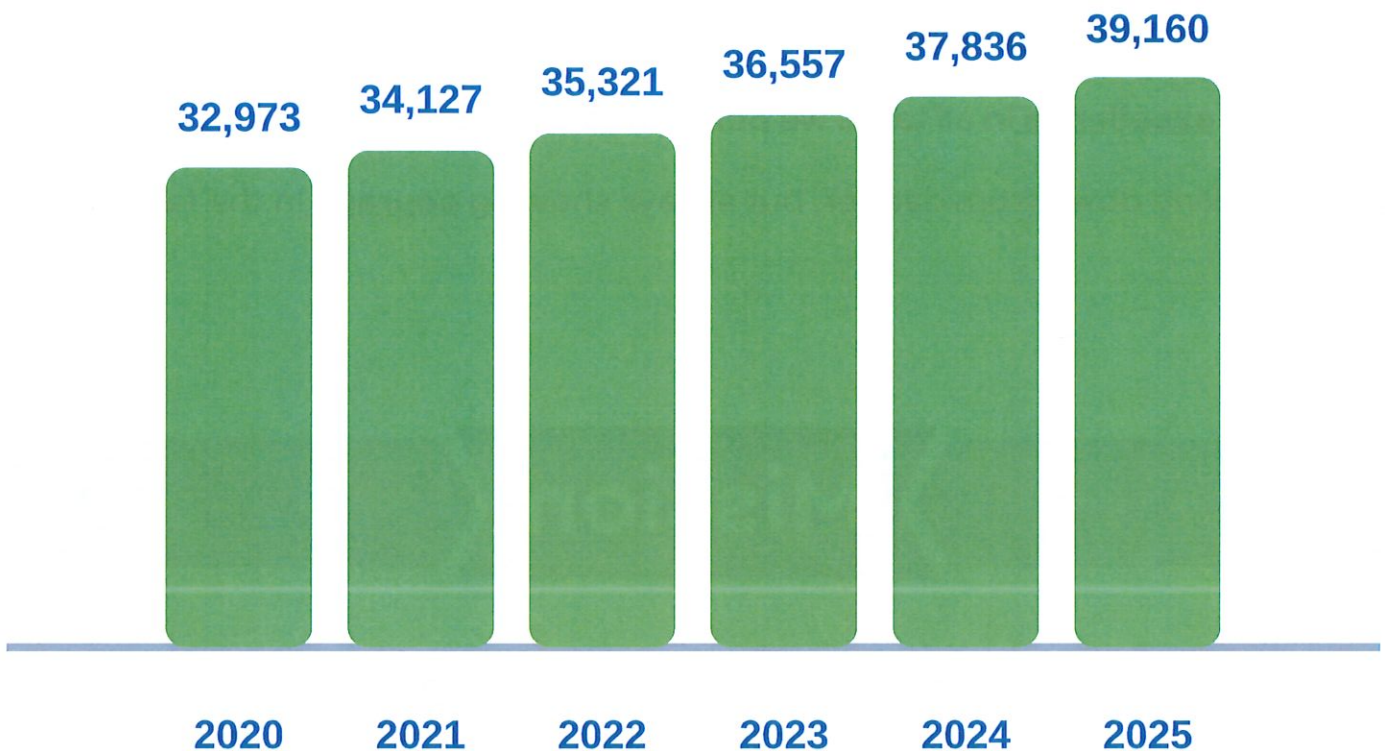
Mission

To create a safer Canton by reducing crime, ensuring the safety of our citizens and continuing to build trust in partnership with our community.

CANTON POPULATION

Between 2010 and 2020, the population of Canton, Georgia, increased by 44%, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. More recent estimates show nearly 19% growth from 2020 to 2025 (32,973 to 39,160). If recent growth trends continue at roughly 3.5% annually, Canton's population is projected to reach approximately 40,531 in 2026.

City of Canton Population

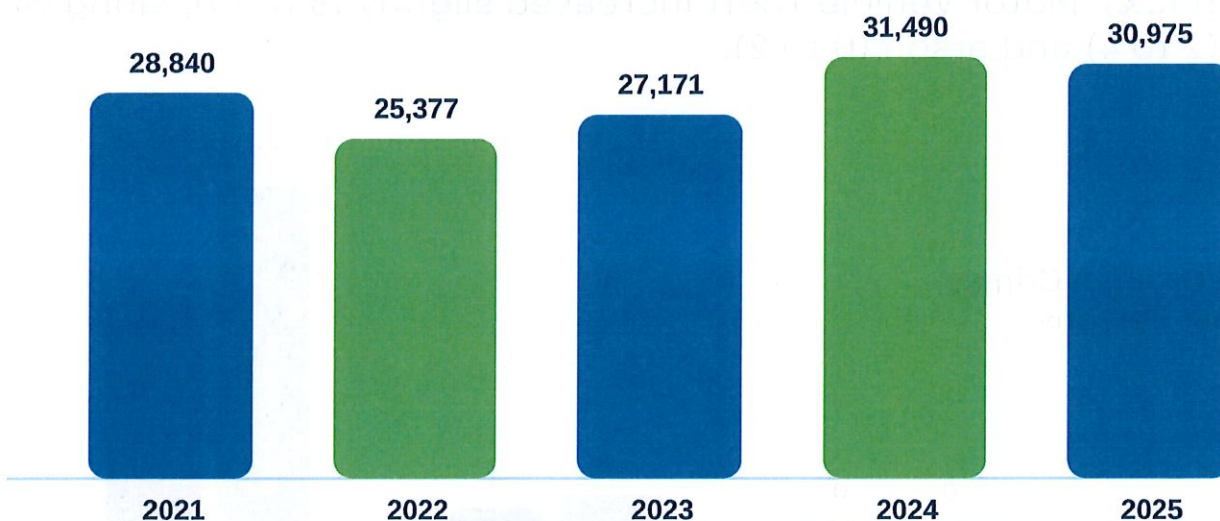


CALLS FOR SERVICE

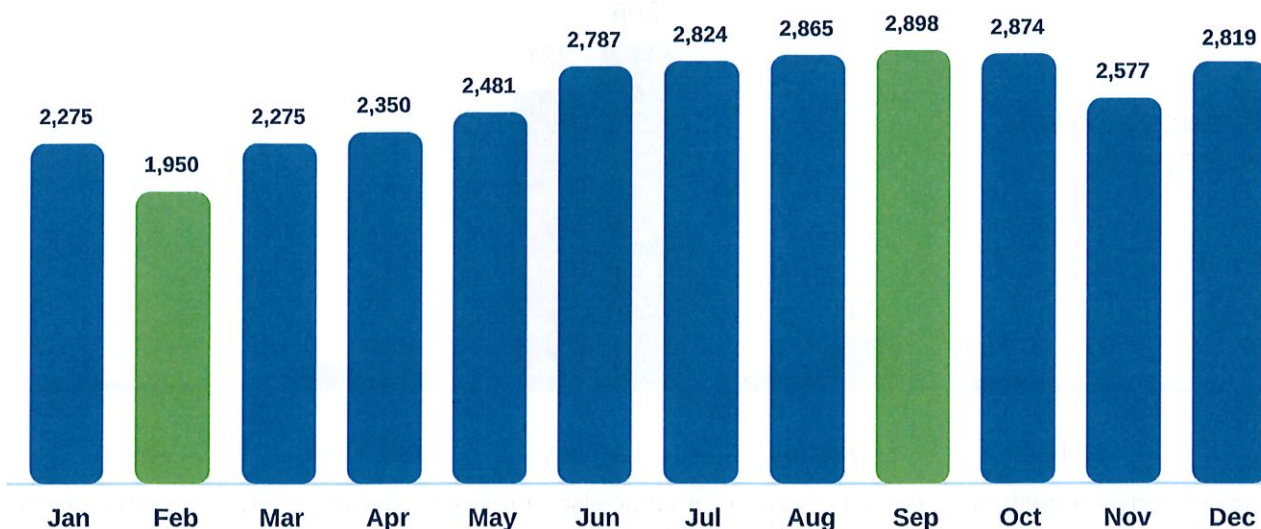
The Canton Police Department defines a “call for service” as any officer activity dispatched through the Cherokee County 911 Center. This includes a wide range of calls, from routine service requests and traffic-related incidents to emergency 911 calls.

In 2025, CPD responded to 30,975 calls for service, a 1.6% decrease from 2024 (31,490), while remaining above 2023 (27,171). Calls followed a clear seasonal pattern in 2025, with the lowest month in February (1,950) and the highest month in September (2,898), reflecting increased demand during the summer and early fall.

Annual Calls for Service (2021–2025)



Monthly Calls for Service (2025)



GROUP A CRIMES

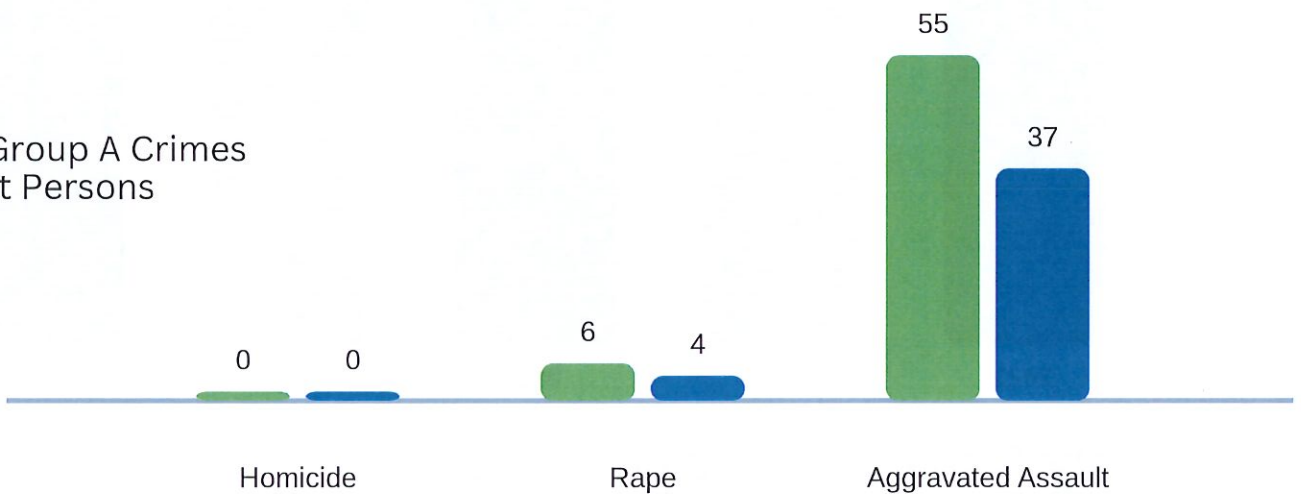
Since transitioning to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), the Canton Police Department has continued to report crime data in accordance with the FBI's more detailed incident-based standards. Because NIBRS captures additional context and offense-level detail, comparisons are best made within the NIBRS reporting years.

Our 2025 NIBRS data reflects a continued positive trend. Crimes Against Persons decreased by 33% compared to 2024, driven primarily by a reduction in Aggravated Assault (55 to 37; down 33%) and Rape (6 to 4; down 33%). Homicides remained at zero in both years.

Crimes Against Property decreased overall in 2025. Burglary saw the most significant decline (20 to 6; down 70%), and larceny decreased from 266 to 231 (down 13%). Motor Vehicle Theft increased slightly (8 to 10), along with robbery (2 to 4) and arson (0 to 2).

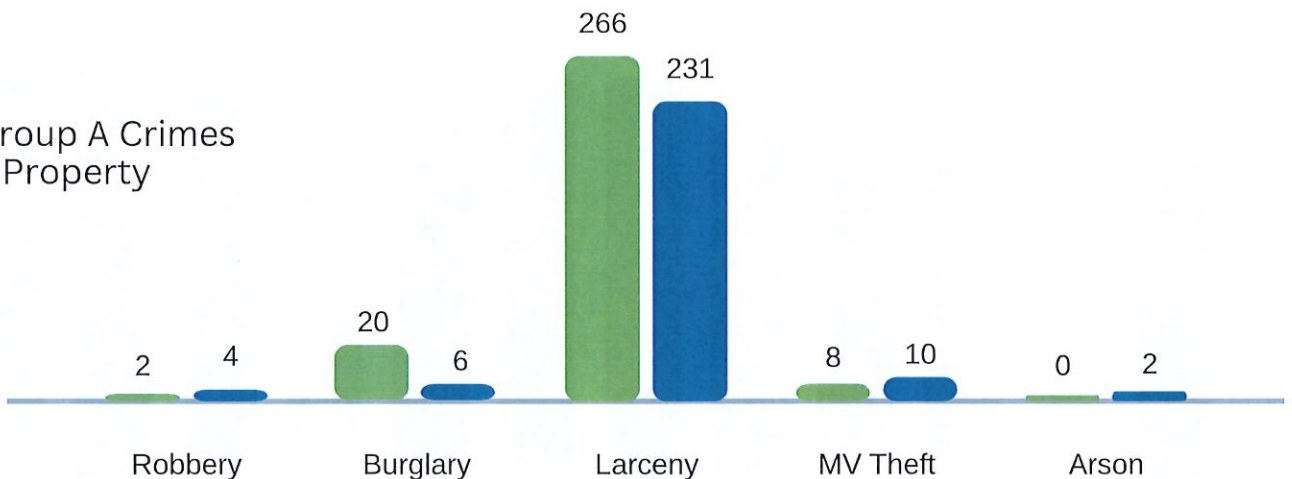
■ 2024
■ 2025

2024-2025 Group A Crimes Against Persons



■ 2024
■ 2025

2024-2025 Group A Crimes Against Property

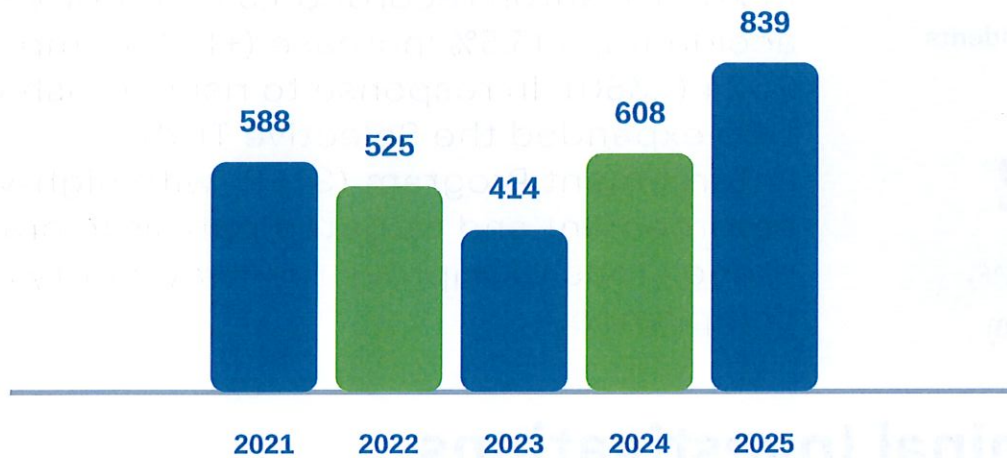


*Larceny can be defined as shoplifting or the act of taking someone else's property to permanently deprive the owner of that property.

Arrests & Citations

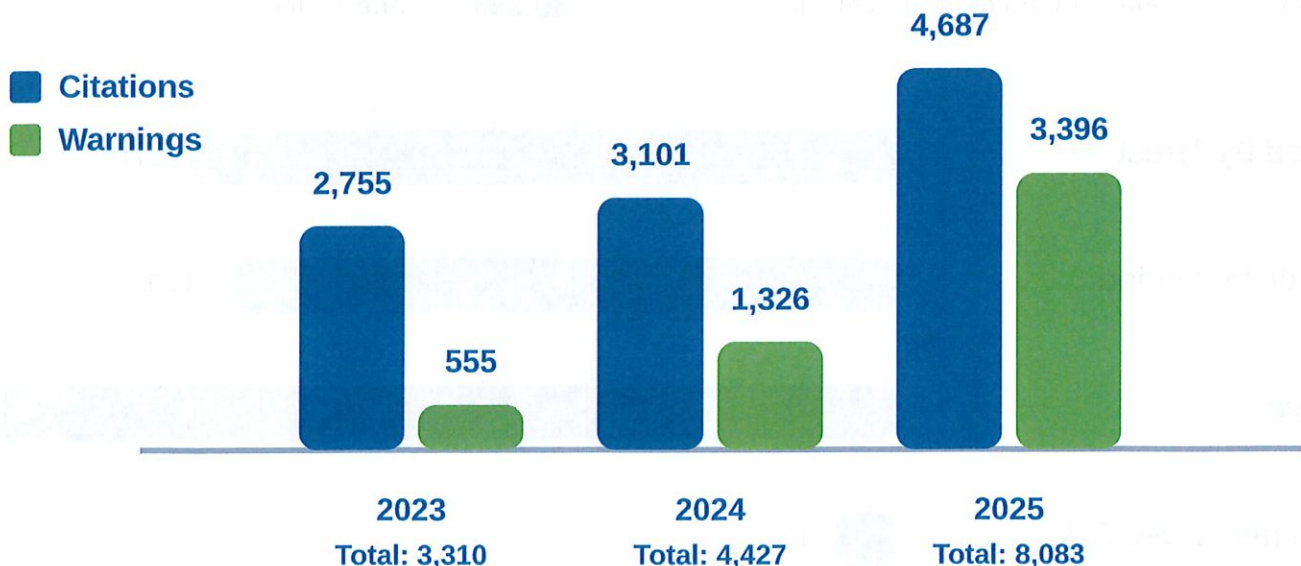
Arrest totals shown represent the number of individuals booked into the Cherokee County Adult Detention Center on Canton Police Department charges.

Arrests (2021–2025)



Between 2024 and 2025, CPD increased traffic enforcement activity through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP deployments prioritized areas with higher crash activity and recurring community complaints, resulting in increased citations and warnings as officers focused on improving roadway safety and compliance.

Traffic Citations & Warnings (2023–2025)



Motor Vehicle Accidents & Criminal Investigations

2024-2025 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Motor Vehicle Accidents

(2025)

Total

1,532

▲ +182 (+13.5%)

vs. 2024 (1,350)

In 2025, Canton recorded 1,532 motor vehicle accidents, a 13.5% increase (+182) compared to 2024 (1,350). In response to rising crash volume, CPD expanded the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) with high-visibility enforcement and targeted patrols in crash-prone areas to improve roadway safety and compliance.

2025 Criminal Investigations

In 2025, the Criminal Investigations Division (CID) played a crucial role in solving crimes and providing closure to victims. CID received a total of 592 cases.

CID Cases

Counts by status (as of 2025)

Overall closure rate

59.1% (Arrest + Closed/Unfounded) ÷ Total

Arrest clearance rate

30.2% Arrest ÷ Total

Cleared by Arrest



Closed/Unfounded



Inactive



Active (as of Dec 31)



CANTON POLICE TRAINING HOURS

2025 Department Training Hours Completed

The Canton Police Department prioritizes ongoing training and development to ensure our officers maintain the highest level of expertise. In 2025, personnel completed 6,763 total training hours, including 2,464 hours of in-house training led by CPD instructors and 4,299 hours of outside training to support specialized skills and continuing education.

Training Hours

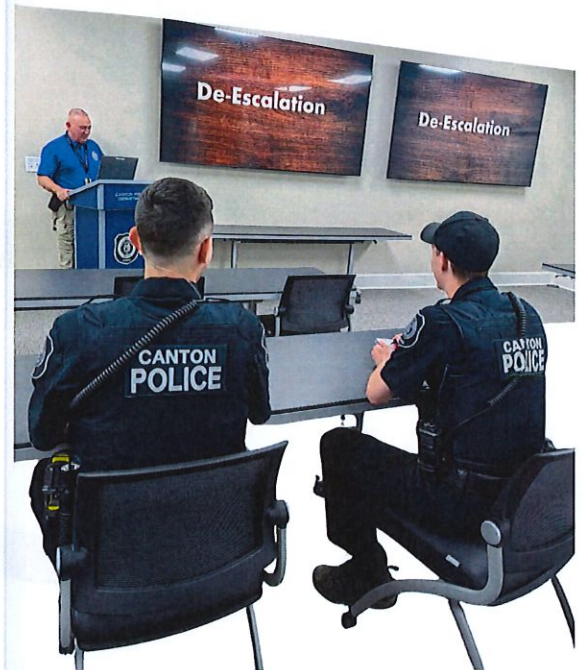
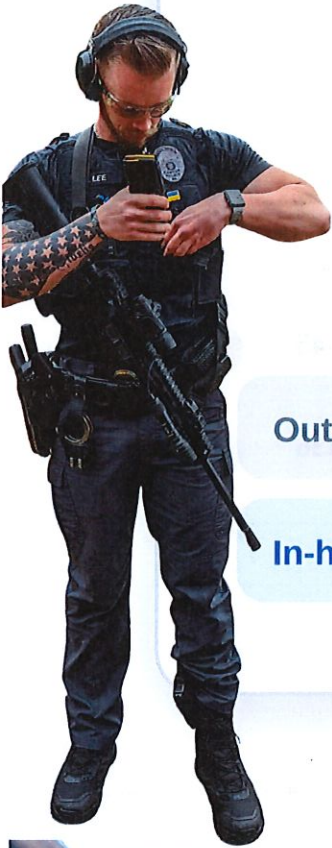
(2025)

6,763

Total Hours

Outside Training: 4,299 (63.6%)

In-house Training: 2,464 (36.4%)



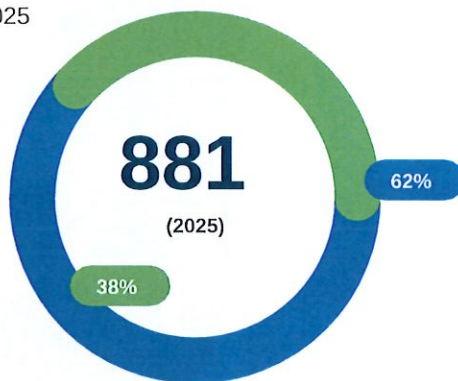
PROPERTY & EVIDENCE STATISTICS



Maintaining the integrity of evidence is essential to the Canton Police Department and to the successful prosecution of cases. Our Property & Evidence Unit follows strict chain-of-custody procedures and conducts routine audits to ensure every item is secure, documented, and fully traceable. In 2025, the Property & Evidence Room received 803 items and released 881 items through lawful return, disposal, or other court-authorized processes. A detailed breakdown of 2025 activity is provided below.

Items Released

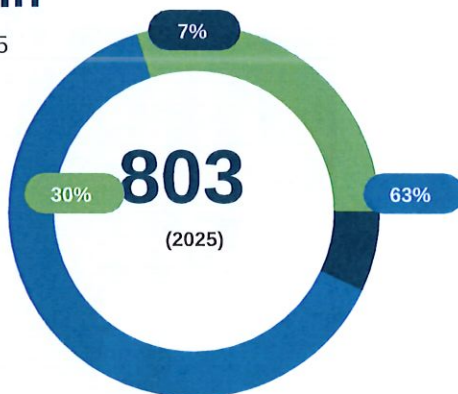
Total items processed in 2025



Breakdown	Count	Share
■ Disposed	545	62%
■ Returned / Auction	336	38%

Items Taken In

Total items received in 2025



Breakdown	Count	Share
■ General	506	63%
■ Drugs	240	30%
■ Firearms	57	7%

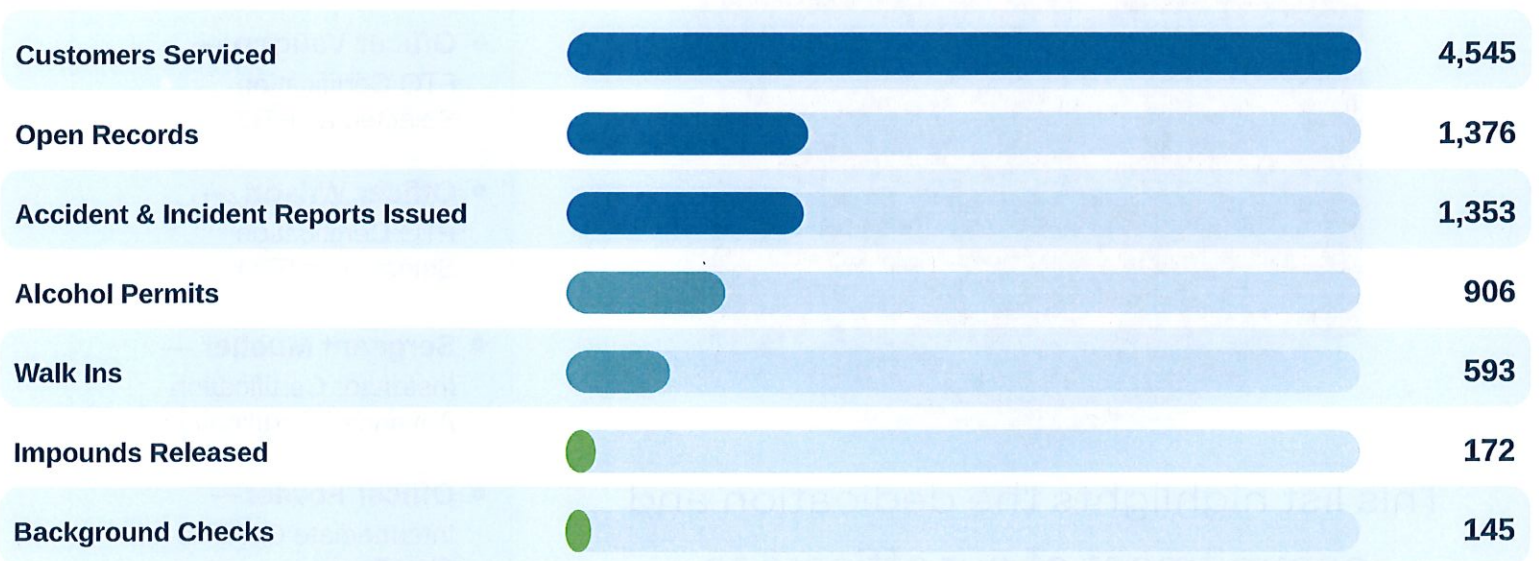
RECORDS

Records management and distribution are essential functions that support transparency, service, and daily operations for the Canton Police Department. In 2025, the Records Unit served residents and stakeholders by providing front-counter assistance, processing open records requests, issuing accident and incident reports, releasing impounded vehicles, and managing alcohol permit applications. This work ensures authorized access to information while protecting privacy and maintaining compliance with applicable laws and policy.



Records Activity (2025)

Counts by service type



PERSONNEL ACHIEVEMENTS

In addition to extensive professional development hours, the Canton Police Department achieved the following in 2025:

EDUCATION

- **Sergeant Lilley** — Bachelor's Degree
- **Detective Womack** — Bachelor's Degree
- **Officer Kilgore** — Bachelor's Degree

CERTIFICATIONS

- **Lieutenant Cromer** — Northwestern University Center of Public Safety-School of Police and Command Certification
- **Lieutenant Hamilton** — Leadership Cherokee

TRAINING

- **Sergeant Turner**— Guardian Leadership & Received Guardian leadership award
- **Samuel Snell** First-Level Leadership
- **Karen Murphy**— Police Records Management Inc. Leadership Trilogy Series
- **Officer Medranda** — FTO Certification Selected as FTO
- **Officer Redd** — FTO Certification Selected as FTO
- **Officer Vaughn** — FTO Certification Selected as FTO
- **Officer Wilson** — FTO Certification Selected as FTO
- **Sergeant Mueller** — Instructor Certification Advanced Certification
- **Officer Fowler**— Intermediate Certification SWAT Level 1 Devensive Tactics Instructor



This list highlights the dedication and commitment of our officers to continuous improvement and professional excellence.

CANTON AMBASSADORS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (CAPS)

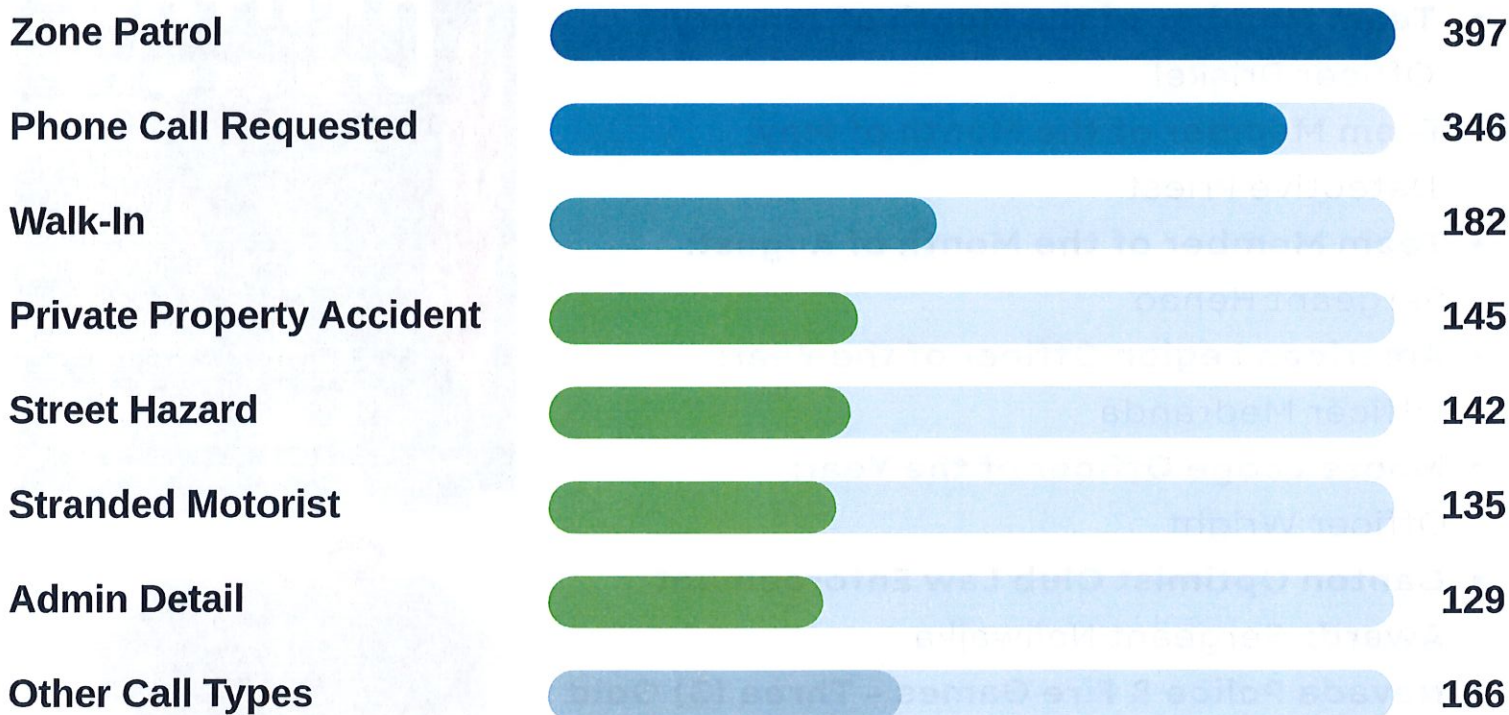
The CAPS unit enhances service and visibility in Canton by handling high-volume, service-oriented activity that does not always require a sworn officer. By responding to routine requests and proactive patrol functions, Ambassadors help reduce call load, so sworn personnel remain available for priority calls, proactive enforcement, and investigative follow-up. This model improves response efficiency and strengthens day-to-day community support.

CAPS Unit Activity by Call Type

(Self-Initiated & Dispatched)

Top activity types associated with CAPS Unit activity (Total: 1,642)

Note: Zone Patrol is self-initiated proactive patrol activity (not dispatch calls for service).



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

2025 CPD Annual Award Winners:

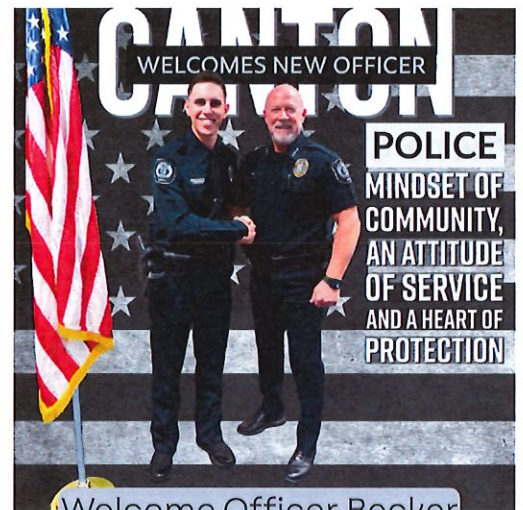
- **Rookie of the Year:** Officer Bastien
- **Supervisor of the Year:** Sergeant Johnson
- **Officer of the Year:** Officer Medranda
- **Chief's Award:** Karen Murphy, Sergeant Johnson, & Sergeant Rogers



Welcome Officer Steyer

Additional Awards

- **Team Member of the Month of January:** Officer Driskel
- **Team Member of the Month of May:** Detective Priest
- **Team Member of the Month of August:** Sergeant Henao
- **American Legion Officer of the Year:** Officer Medranda
- **Moose Lodge Officer of the Year:** Officer Wright
- **Canton Optimist Club Law Enforcement Award:** Sergeant Naliwajka
- **Nevada Police & Fire Games – Three (3) Gold Medals (Darts)** Officer Trbovich



Welcome Officer Becker

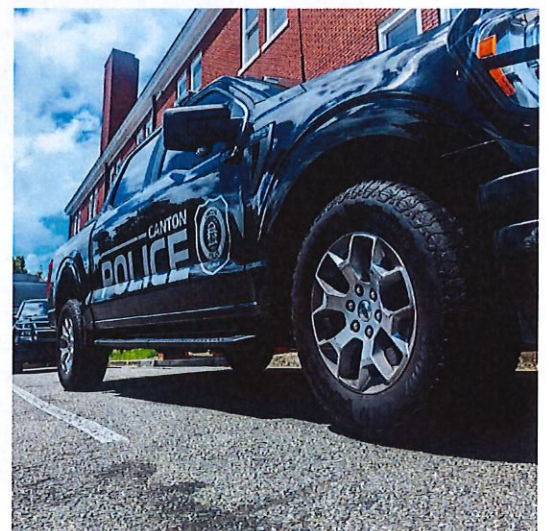


Welcome Officer Matteson

CANTON POLICE FLEET

The Canton Police Department maintains a fleet of 4WD and AWD vehicles, which are utilized for daily patrols and to ensure effective response during inclement weather conditions.

Vehicle Description	Quantity
Chevy Tahoe - 2WD	22
Chevy Tahoe - 4WD	12
Ford F - 150 - 4WD	13
Chevy Truck - 4WD	3
Chevy Traverse - AWD	6
Ford Explorers - AWD	4
Toyota Tacoma - 4WD	4
Kia - FWD	1
Nissan - FWD	1
Zero Electric Motorcycles	2
Polaris UTV	1
TOTAL	69



Investing in Our People & Our Facility

New Gym

The Canton Police Department has opened a new on-site fitness center to support the health and wellness of our officers and staff. This project was made possible through the support of Innovative Fitness and community partners. Canton PD was the recipient of the Chris Conti Memorial Grant initiative, created in memory of Chris Conti, an Innovative Fitness co-founder and community advocate known for the motto “see a need, fill a need.” The new gym strengthens our wellness resources for employees and supports readiness to serve the Canton community.



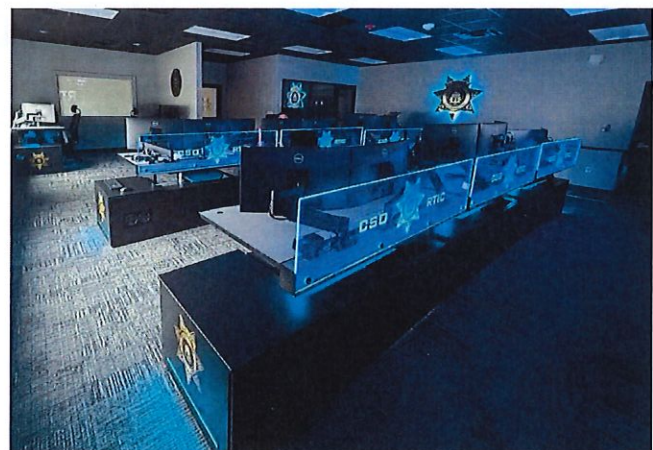
Building Renovations

CPD also remodeled the training rooms, Records area, and conference room to modernize the workspace and improve efficiency. These upgrades help support training, internal coordination, and public-facing services.

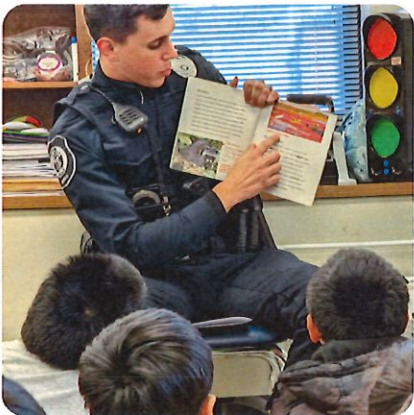


Technology and Intelligence Partnerships

Canton Police Department partners with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Real-Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) and contributes to this shared capability that strengthens public safety across jurisdictional lines. The RTIC supports our agency by rapidly collecting and analyzing critical information such as camera locations, time-sensitive leads, and situational updates during active incidents and major investigations. By working together and supporting the RTIC program, the City helps ensure our officers receive faster, more accurate information in the field, improves coordination during emergencies, and increases our ability to identify suspects, locate missing persons, and prevent crime through better real-time awareness.



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