

CHATTANOOGA POLICE DEPARTMENT



# ANNUAL REPORT

To keep you, your  
family, and our  
community safe.

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# Mission

To keep you, your family, and our community safe.

# Vision

To be respected and trusted by all segments of Chattanooga's diverse community.

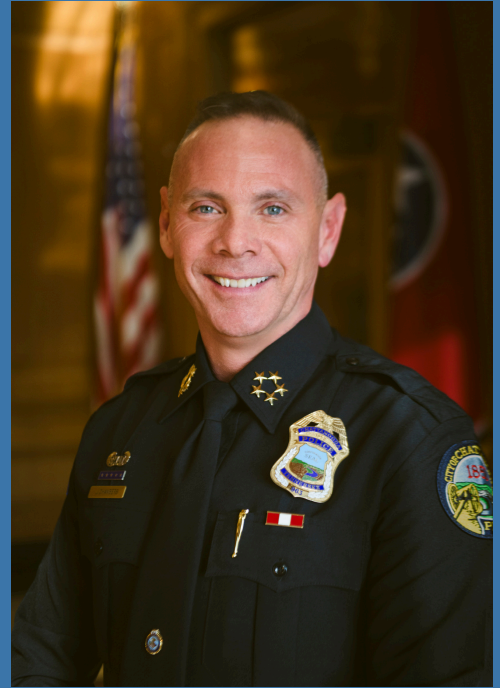
# Core Values

- 1 Responsiveness
- 2 Ethical Conduct
- 3 Selfless Service
- 4 Progressiveness
- 5 Equality
- 6 Community
- 7 Trust



# Letter from Your Chief

As Chief of Police, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to the men and women of the Chattanooga Police Department for your unwavering dedication, professionalism, and commitment to service. Your daily efforts are the foundation of our department's success. Because of your hard work and steadfast resolve, we have significantly reduced overall crime across our city with a 9% decline in Crimes Against Persons and a 16% decrease in Crimes Against Property. Meanwhile, the Homicide Clearance Rate rose to 94% which is more than 30% higher than the national average. These accomplishments reflect your diligence and deep commitment to protecting our community. What you do matters, and it is an honor to serve alongside you.



I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to our community for its continued support. The strong relationships we have built, along with the partnerships we continue to foster, are essential to our shared success. Public safety is a collective responsibility, and we are grateful for the trust and collaboration that make our work possible. I would also like to specifically thank our community and elected officials for supporting pay increases for our officers, an investment that underscores your commitment to those who serve and strengthens our ability to attract and retain the highest quality professionals.

Looking ahead, I am highly optimistic about the future of our department. This year, we have made significant progress by hosting the largest academy class in over a decade, enabling us to address sworn vacancies at a level not seen in many years. At the same time, we have achieved the lowest attrition rate in more than ten years, clear indicators of a strong, stable, and growing organization.

While we take pride in these accomplishments, we remain mindful that there is still important work to be done. We will not waiver in our mission to keep our community safe. Together, with the continued dedication of our officers and the ongoing support of our community, we will build on this momentum and strive for even greater success in the years ahead.

John Chambers  
Chief of Police

A handwritten signature of John Chambers in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.



# CPD Organization

The primary operations of the Chattanooga Police Department are broken into five categories; Neighborhood Policing Bureau, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Special Operations Bureau, Professional Standards Bureau, and Administration.

Neighborhood  
Policing Bureau



Criminal  
Investigations  
Bureau



Special Operations &  
Support Bureau



Professional  
Standards



Administration



The Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) takes pride in its dedicated team of 478 sworn officers and 124 professional staff members who work tirelessly to serve and protect the community. Together, we embody CPD's commitment to public safety, community engagement, and professionalism, ensuring that Chattanooga remains a safe and welcoming city for residents and visitors alike.

Our sworn officers play a critical role in safeguarding the community, responding to emergencies, investigating crimes, and building relationships with citizens to foster trust and collaboration. Whether patrolling neighborhoods, conducting criminal investigations, or participating in outreach programs, these men and women are on the front lines, committed to protecting lives and maintaining peace throughout the city.

The professional staff are equally vital to the department's operations, performing essential functions in areas from crime analysis to crime scene investigations. Their expertise ensures that the department runs efficiently and effectively.

This combined team of over 602 dedicated individuals reflects the department's unwavering focus on excellence, innovation, and service. As we look ahead, CPD remains committed to strengthening partnerships, enhancing transparency, and continuing to build a safer Chattanooga for everyone.



# Promotions

*This section highlights key personnel who were promoted at Chattanooga Police Department this year, recognizing their continued dedicated growth within the agency.*

First Name	Last Name	Rank	Date of Promotion
Jayevan	Montgomery	Captain	02/04/2025
Jason	Wood	Lieutenant	02/21/2025
Todd	Clay	Sergeant	02/21/2025
Daniel	Jones	Assistant Chief	04/18/2025
Kevin	Trussell	Assistant Chief	04/18/2025
Rusty	Morrison	Assistant Chief	04/18/2025
David	Young	Division Chief	04/18/2025
Lewis	Davis	Lieutenant	05/02/2025
Robert	Bell	Lieutenant	05/02/2025
Grover	Wilson	Lieutenant	05/02/2025
Kristoffer	Tinney	Lieutenant	05/02/2025
William	Atwell	Lieutenant	05/02/2025
Shelia	Jetton	Lieutenant	05/02/2025
Jeffery	Abbott	Sergeant	05/02/2025
Charles	Harvey	Sergeant	05/02/2025
Gary	Frisbee	Sergeant	05/02/2025
Marvin	Perez	Sergeant	05/02/2025
Samansela	Blount	Sergeant	05/02/2025
Charles	Bramlett	Sergeant	05/02/2025
Terrance	Tumlin	Sergeant	05/02/2025
Connie	Leach	Admin Support Specialist	08/08/2025
Michelle	Replogle	Fiscal Technician	09/05/2025
Joshua	May	Lieutenant	10/17/2025
Carl	Frazier	Sergeant	10/17/2025
Nathanael	Greene	Sergeant	10/17/2025
Matthew	Braisted	Sergeant	10/17/2025
Hunter	Morgan	Sergeant	10/17/2025
Zachary	Crawford	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Joshua	Creekmur	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Rick	Van Ness	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Jason	Gunn	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Adam	Krystaponis	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
David	Schuerger	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Jonathan	Scoggins	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Paul	Winkelman	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Trevor	Creighton	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025



# Promotions Cont.

*This section highlights key personnel who were promoted at Chattanooga Police Department this year, recognizing their continued dedicated growth within the agency.*

First Name	Last Name	Rank	Date of Promotion
Matthew	Frantom	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Jason	Clemons	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Colby	Barnes	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Joseph	Silva	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Brian	McClard	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Michael	Sharp	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Justin	Roberts	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Randy	Petty	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Beau	Allison	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Joel	Gunn	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Joshua	Branam	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Ryan	Lynn	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Clayton	Holmes	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Calvin	Cooper	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Mikel	Thomas	Master Police Officer	10/17/2025
Zachary	Crawford	Sergeant	11/28/2025



# Retirements

*This section highlights key personnel who retired from the Chattanooga Police Department this year, recognizing their service and dedication to the community.*

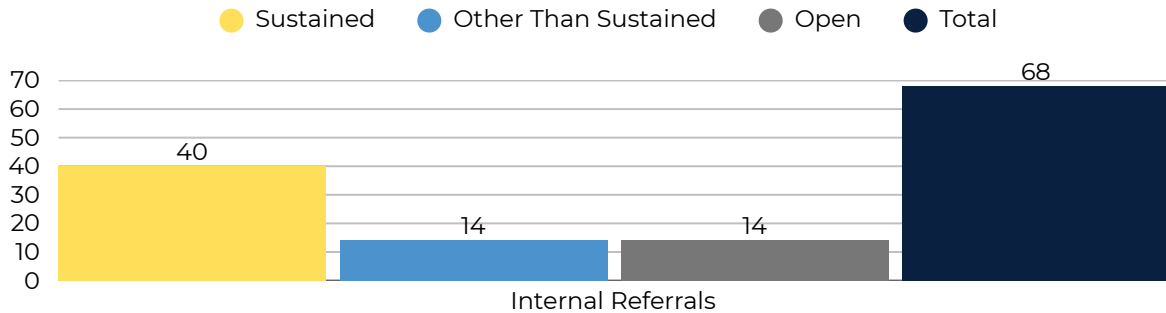
First Name	Last Name	Rank	Years of Service
Simone	White	Finance Manager	32 Years
Mike	Petross	Photographic Lab Technician	31 Years
Kevin	Akins	Lieutenant	30 Years
Robert	Lewis	Assistant Chief	30 Years
Kenneth	Roberts	Admin Support Specialist I	29 Years
Matthew	Hennessee	Master Police Officer	29 Years
Alejandro	Lopez	Sergeant	29 Years
George	Forbes	Sergeant	28 Years
Ernest	Craw	Sergeant	28 Years
Diane	Sewell	Fiscal Technician	27 Years
Galen	Fugh	Master Police Officer	27 Years
Ric	Engle	Sergeant	26 Years
Jerri	Sutton	Chief of Staff	25 Years
Charles	Petty	Master Police Officer	25 Years
Jonathan	Bryant	Executive Chief	24 Years
Jerry	McElroy	Master Police Officer	21 Years
Elizabeth	McColley	Pawn Technician	16 Years
Sue	Poole	Fleet & Facilities Manager	15 Years
Pamela	Bryant	Admin Support Specialist	12 Years
Nancy	Powell	Admin Support Specialist	10 Years



# Professionalism in Your Officers

## Internal Referrals

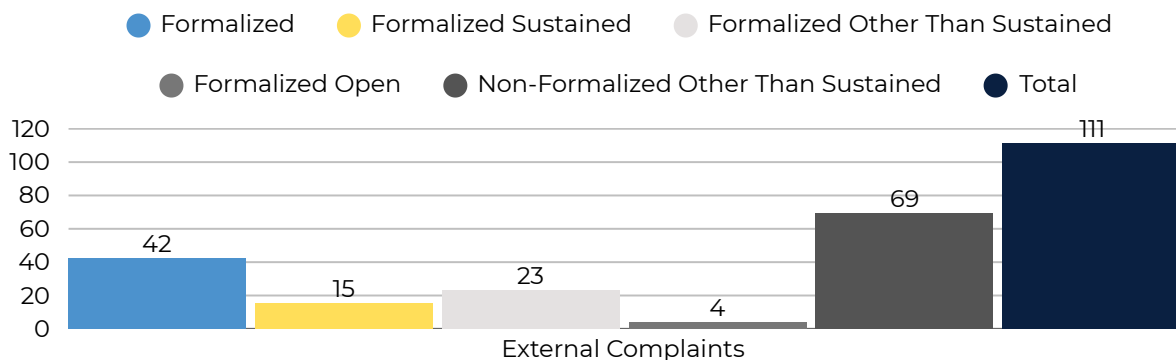
In 2025, the Chattanooga Police Department investigated a total of 68 cases which were referred by supervisory and command leadership to ensure accountability to our Code of Conduct standards and transparency of the disciplinary process. A total of 40 cases, resulted in sustained Code of Conduct violations after a comprehensive investigation to evaluate all objective facts and evidence. Another 14 cases fell under the category of other than sustained, which includes dispositions such as Exonerated, Unfounded, or Not Sustained based on objective facts and evidence. Additionally, 14 cases remain open and are still under comprehensive review. These figures reflect the department's commitment to thorough internal investigative processes and accountability to the highest professional standards.



## External Complaints

All community member complaints are thoroughly investigated and reviewed to ensure accountability, transparency, and legitimacy. The Chattanooga Police Department accepts complaints of officer misconduct from all sources, including anonymous reporting. In 2025, the Chattanooga Police Department received a total of 111 complaints from external sources. 69 of those cases were closed as Non-Formalized based on thorough review of evidence, such as Body Worn Camera footage, which proved the involved officer(s) acted within the scope of department policy and state law. 42 investigations progressed beyond preliminary review to become formalized cases. Formalized cases include comprehensive interviews and intense examination of all available evidence. The completed case file is then objectively reviewed by at least four command levels prior to final disposition.

Our comprehensive internal investigative / review process reflects the department's enduring commitment to the highest standards of professional conduct, transparency, and our legitimacy in the communities we serve.



## Use of Force Events

Use of Force (UOF) refers to the level of physical coercion or control that law enforcement officers apply to gain compliance, protect themselves, protect others, or make lawful arrests. Officers are expected to only use force that is reasonable and proportional under the circumstances while adhering to department policies, state laws, and federal laws. Chattanooga Police officers are required to report any level of force beyond officer presence and verbal direction.

The Chattanooga Police Department had a total of 333 UOF encounters reported in 2025, wherein officers responded to the demonstrated resistance and / or physical aggression of a subject and had to employ some level of force. Each UOF report and related Body Worn Camera (BWC) footage was reviewed by multiple command levels to ensure compliance with department policies. When comparing the use of force events (333) to the total number of community interactions (178,046), 0.19% resulted in physical force. Your Chattanooga Police Department is committed to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, and we will seek to de-escalate volatile situations at every opportunity.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*In 2025 the Community Outreach unit of the Chattanooga Police Department, worked on programs to continue building relationships with our diverse communities. These programs include: Community Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch & Crime Prevention, School Engagement and the OASIS program.*

## Community Police Academy

The Community Police Academy provides citizens with an in-depth look at police operations, offering insight into the various divisions within the department. This program fosters positive relationships and enhances public understanding of law enforcement. In 2025, we hosted two academy sessions—one in the spring and one in the fall—with a total of 50 participants. Graduates of the program are encouraged to join the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA), a volunteer group that supports department initiatives.

## Neighborhood Watch & Crime Prevention

Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention efforts remain a priority in enhancing public safety and community engagement. The Community Outreach Unit collaborates with neighborhood associations, attends community meetings, and provides crime prevention resources. Additionally, we work with Chattanooga Residential Development to establish new Neighborhood Watch groups and partner with Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise (CNE) to educate new homeowners on safety and crime prevention. In 2025, the unit attended 16 neighborhood meetings and conducted 60 crime prevention presentations.

## School Engagement

Engagement with local schools is a key component of our outreach efforts. In 2025, the unit attended 35 school events and conducted 5 separate tours of the Police Service Center, providing students with firsthand knowledge of police operations and career opportunities in law enforcement.

## OASIS Program

The Ongoing Assistance & Senior Intervention Support (OASIS) Program serves Chattanooga's senior community members by conducting welfare checks and connecting them with necessary resources. Since rebuilding the program post-COVID, officers checked on 47 senior residents across the city in 2025. The Chattanooga Police Department remains committed to fostering trust, communication, and collaboration with the communities we serve. Through these outreach efforts, we continue to strengthen partnerships and improve the quality of life for all residents.



# Training Division



## 01 Training Overview

The Training Division of the Chattanooga Police Department plays a vital role in preparing new recruits to serve our community with professionalism and expertise. New cadets undergo 22 weeks of intensive training, which is followed by 16 weeks of field training. The field training consists of four distinct phases, ensuring that each cadet is well-equipped to handle the challenges of real-world law enforcement. Upon completing this rigorous process, probationary officers are assigned to their own shifts and sectors, where they work alongside experienced patrol officers.

## POST Certification

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This comprehensive training is a crucial step for all officers to become POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) certified. POST certification is a recognized qualification that ensures officers meet the minimum standards of training and competency required by the state to perform their duties effectively and ethically.



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## Training Process & Future Outlook

In terms of performance, the Chattanooga Police Department is actively evaluating the outcomes of recent and upcoming academy classes. The current cohort of recruits continues to progress through training, with graduation anticipated in the coming months. These new officers will play a critical role in supporting the department's mission to enhance public safety and strengthen community relationships.

Looking forward, the department remains committed to advancing and refining its training programs to uphold the highest standards of service and professionalism, while also building on the significant progress made in increasing recruitment numbers.



# Join CPD

## How to Become a Chattanooga Police Officer

- 1. Meet the Requirements:** Review and ensure you meet the criteria outlined below.
- 2. Submit Your Application:** Apply at the QR code shown on Page 11; we will contact you shortly after.
- 3. Pass the Entry-Level Written Exam**
- 4. Complete the Physical Agility Test**
- 5. Undergo Preliminary Screening:** This includes a questionnaire, background check, and polygraph examination.
- 6. Final Evaluation:** Attend a final interview, medical exams, and drug testing.
- 7. Choose Your Path:** Join our Early Hire program or await the next Police Academy session.
- 8. Attend the 22-Week Police Academy:** Complete extensive training in the region's premiere police academy.
- 9. Engage in 16 Weeks of Field Training:** Gain hands-on experience with an experienced Field Training Officer.



## Career Paths

- Homicide Investigations
- S.W.A.T.
- Narcotics & Vice
- Drone Operations
- Special Operations
- Special Victims Unit
- Real-Time Intelligence
- Community Outreach
- K9 Officer
- Training Instructor
- Crime Scene Investigations



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# Calls for Service

# 178,046

**Calls Responded to by CPD Patrol Officers in the City of Chattanooga**

*\*Note this number excludes any calls that were cancelled by dispatch as communications close outs.*

# 12,691

**Priority One Calls Responded to by CPD Officers**

# 03:53

**3 Minutes and 53 Seconds is the Average Response Time to Priority One Calls**

The Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) handles a wide range of calls for service, reflecting the diverse needs of the community it serves. Officers respond to emergency and non-emergency situations, prioritizing incidents based on urgency and potential threat to public safety.

Emergency calls often include violent crimes in progress, such as assaults, robberies, or domestic disturbances, as well as traffic accidents involving injuries and medical emergencies requiring police presence.

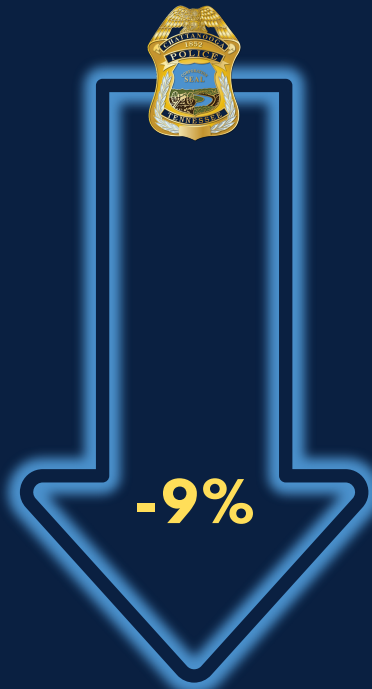
Non-emergency calls encompass issues such as noise complaints, property damage, welfare checks, and requests for assistance with minor disputes or lost property.

Additionally, officers frequently respond to calls related to community policing efforts, such as engaging with residents to address ongoing concerns or attending community events to foster positive relationships.

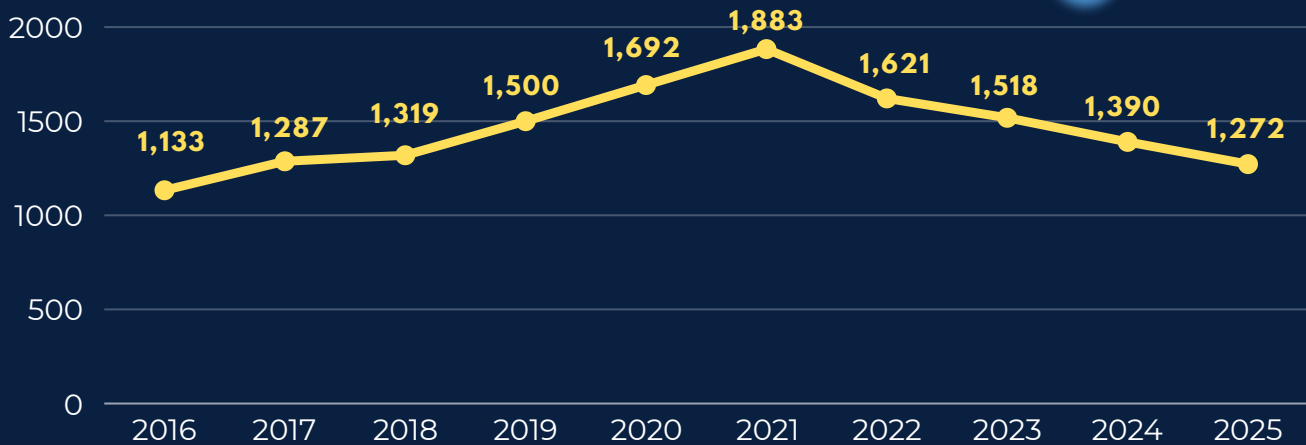


# CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Crimes against persons include offenses such as homicide, aggravated assault, forcible sex offenses, and kidnapping/abduction, which have a profound impact on community safety and well-being[2]. This reduction reflects the department's strategic focus on proactive enforcement, community engagement, and data-driven decision-making.



**There was a 9% decrease in crimes against persons since 2024.**



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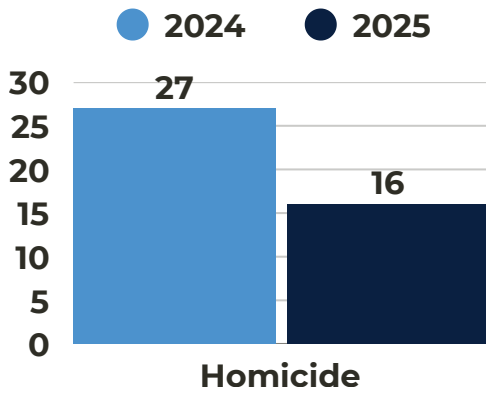
Additionally, the department's emphasis on building strong community partnerships contributed to this progress. Programs like neighborhood watch groups, community policing efforts, and outreach initiatives helped foster trust between law enforcement and residents, encouraging collaboration to prevent and address violent crime. The Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit's use of data and trend analysis enabled the department to allocate resources effectively, ensuring a timely and focused response to emerging issues.

Furthermore, partnerships with local organizations and social services provided critical resources, such as conflict resolution programs and support for at-risk individuals, addressing the underlying causes of violence.

The Chattanooga Police Department remains committed to continuing this positive momentum into 2026. By expanding on these successful strategies and deepening partnerships with the community, the department aims to further reduce crimes against persons and ensure a safer, more secure Chattanooga for all residents.

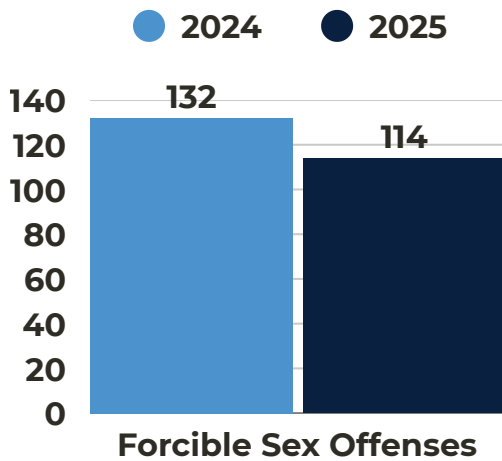
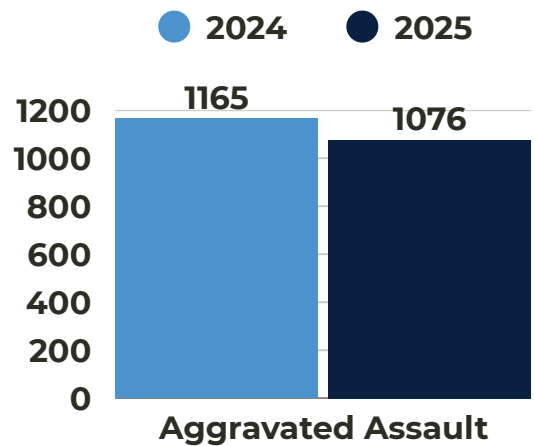


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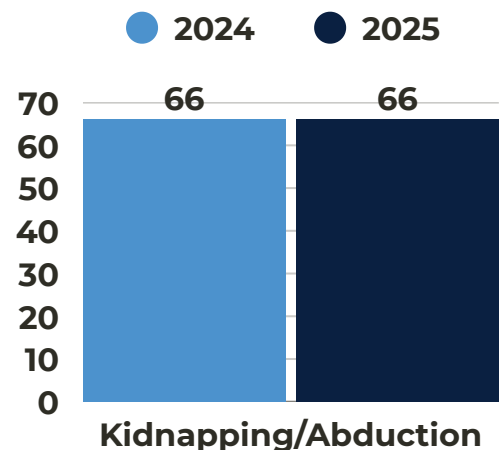
There was a **48% decrease** in homicides when comparing 2024 to 2025. In 2025, the Homicide Unit cleared **93% of all homicide cases**. This is far above the national homicide clearance rate, which in 2023 was at 57.8%.<sup>[6]</sup>

The bar graph to the right illustrates aggravated assault cases in Chattanooga for 2024 and 2025. Cases decreased from 1,165 in 2024 to 1,076 in 2025, representing an **8% reduction**.



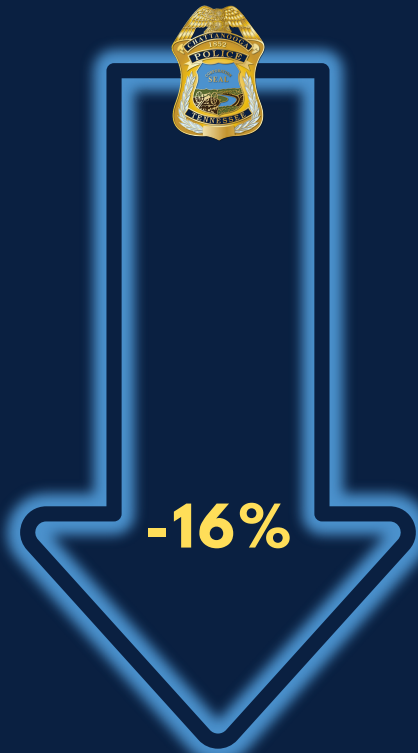
The bar graph to the left depicts forcible sex offense cases in Chattanooga for 2024 and 2025. Incidents rose from 132 in 2024 to 114 in 2025, marking a **14% decrease**.

The bar graph to the right shows kidnapping/abduction cases in Chattanooga for 2024 and 2025. Incidents held at 66 in 2024 and 2025, indicating a **0% no change**. Note, these stats include custodial interference.

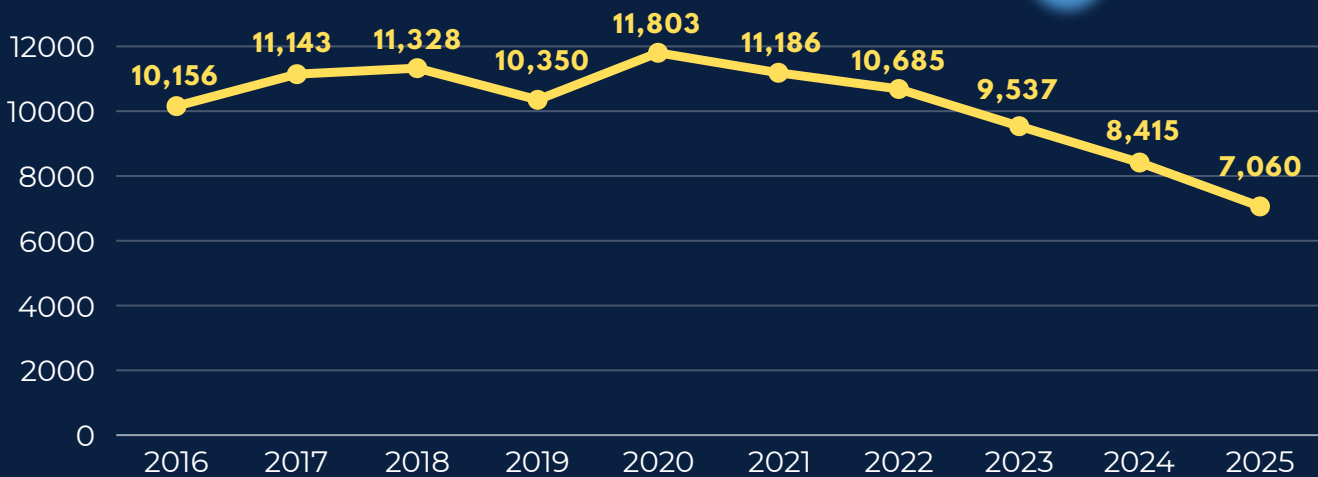


# CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Crimes against property are defined as incidents that unlawfully destroys another property or deprives an owner of property against the owner's will[2]. The crimes against property included within this report include burglary, larceny/theft, theft from motor vehicle, robbery, and auto theft.



**There was a 16% decrease in crimes against property since 2024.**



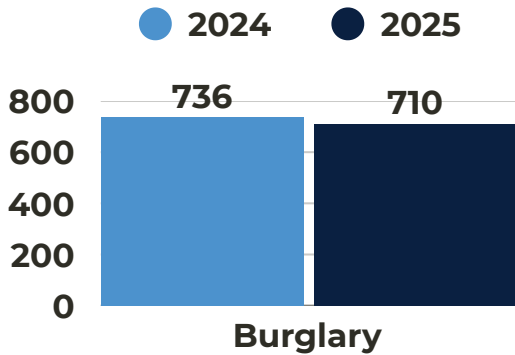
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This decrease is indicative of the continued effectiveness of crime prevention strategies and enhanced law enforcement efforts. Factors contributing to this decline include increased patrols, community engagement initiatives, and the implementation of advanced technologies for monitoring and investigation. Continued vigilance and collaboration with the community remain key to maintaining and furthering this downward trajectory in property crimes.

The Chattanooga Police Department is focused on sustaining this positive momentum into 2026. By refining successful strategies and strengthening community partnerships, the department aims to further reduce property crimes and contribute to a safer, more secure city for everyone.

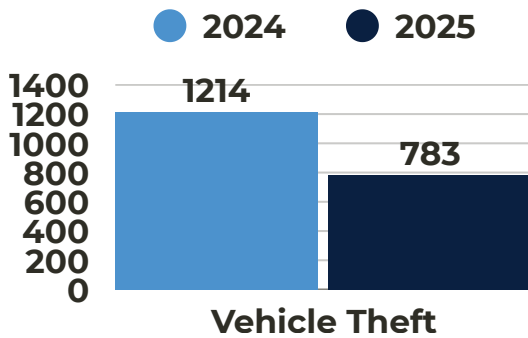
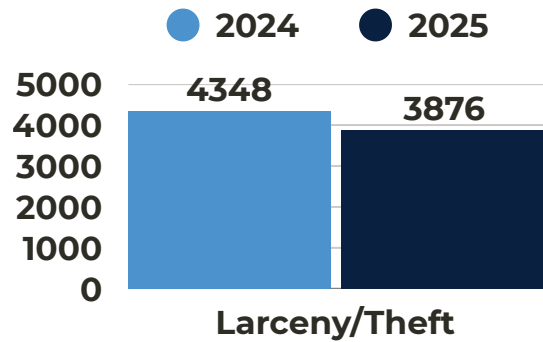


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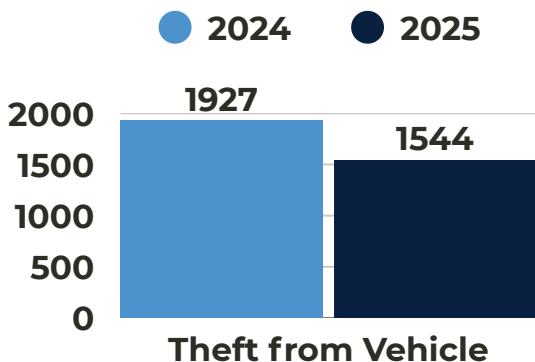
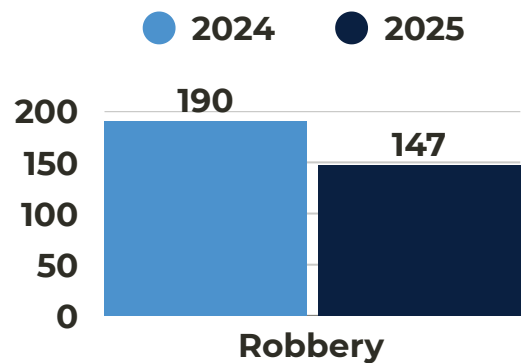
The bar graph to the left shows citywide burglary cases in Chattanooga for 2024 and 2025. Incidents declined from 736 in 2024 to 710 in 2025, marking a **4% decrease**.

The bar graph to the right represents larceny/theft cases in Chattanooga for 2024 and 2025. Incidents declined from 4,348 in 2024 to 3,876 in 2025, resulting in a **11% decrease**.



The bar graph to the left shows vehicle theft cases in Chattanooga for 2024 and 2025. Incidents declined from 1,214 in 2024 to 783 in 2025, which represents a **36% decrease**.

The bar graph to the right shows all robbery incidents, with 190 incidents in 2024 and 147 incidents in 2025, which is a **23% decrease**.



The bar graph to the right shows all thefts from motor vehicles in 2024 and 2025. These types of thefts **decreased by 20%** overall.

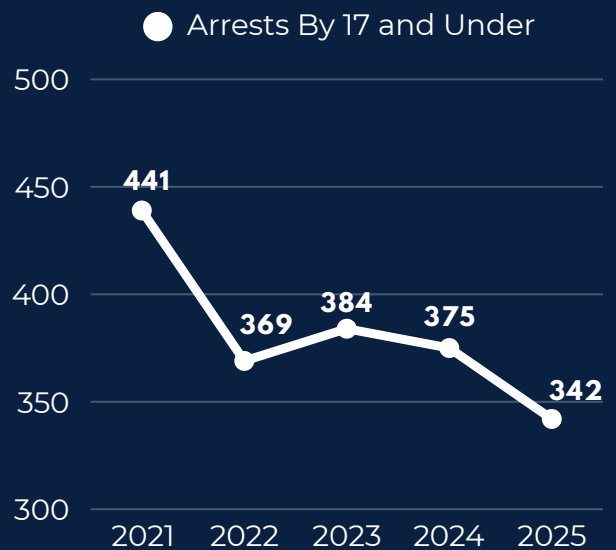
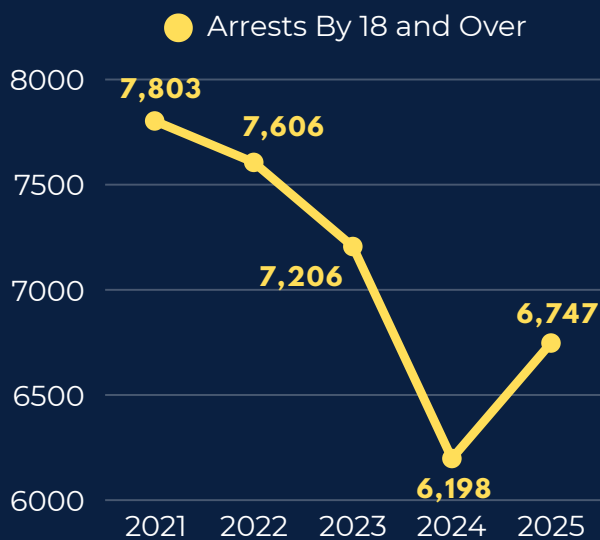


# TOTAL ARRESTS

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program records one arrest for every individual instance in which a person is taken into custody, issued a citation, or summoned to appear for an offense[2].

**There was a 9% increase in citywide arrests by 18 and Over and a 9% decrease in arrests by 17 and Under.**

Adult arrests (18 and over) showed a general downward trend over the same period, decreasing from 7,803 in 2021 to 6,198 in 2024, before rising slightly to 6,747 in 2025.



*\*For consistency in reporting, data from 2021 through 2025 was extracted on April 1, 2026. Using a single extraction date ensures the most up-to-date information is included while maintaining a standardized timeframe for accurate year-to-year comparison. All arrest data presented excludes expunged cases, meaning any records that have been legally removed through a court-ordered expungement process are not reflected in this analysis. Additionally, the charts reflect arrests by individual persons rather than by charge count; therefore, if one individual was arrested and charged with multiple offenses during a single incident, it is counted as one arrest in this dataset, not multiple entries for each charge.*

Juvenile arrests (17 and under) remained significantly lower than adult arrests throughout the period. From 2021 to 2025, juvenile arrests showed moderate fluctuation with an overall downward trend, decreasing from 441 in 2021 to 369 in 2022, rising slightly to 384 in 2023, and then gradually declining to 375 in 2024 and 342 in 2025.

Overall, both adult and juvenile arrests have declined in recent years, with juvenile arrests experiencing a steady, incremental decrease rather than a sharp drop, particularly from 2023 through 2025.



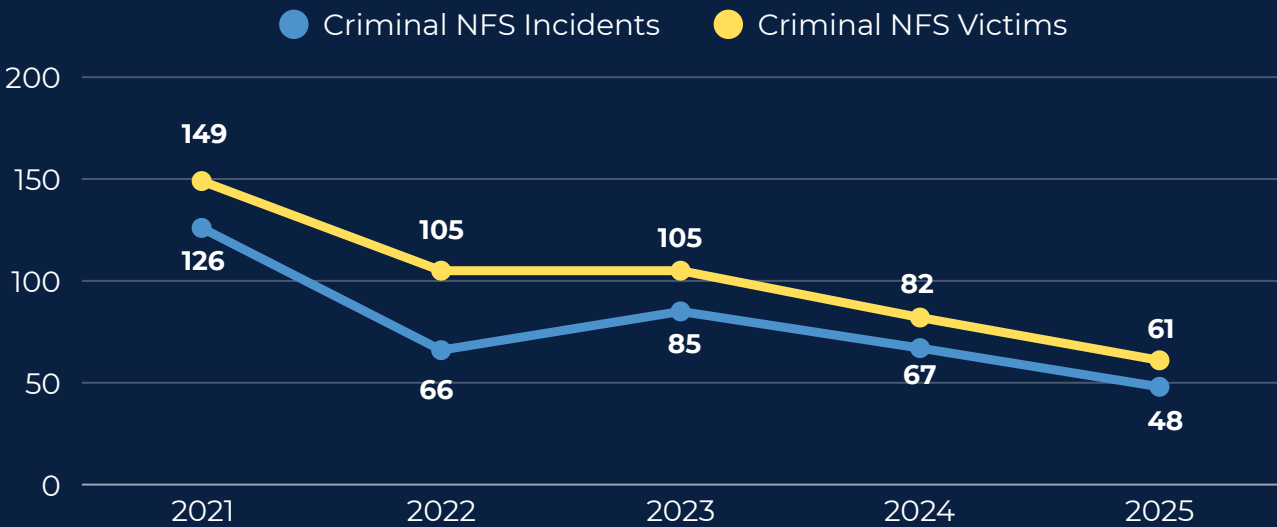
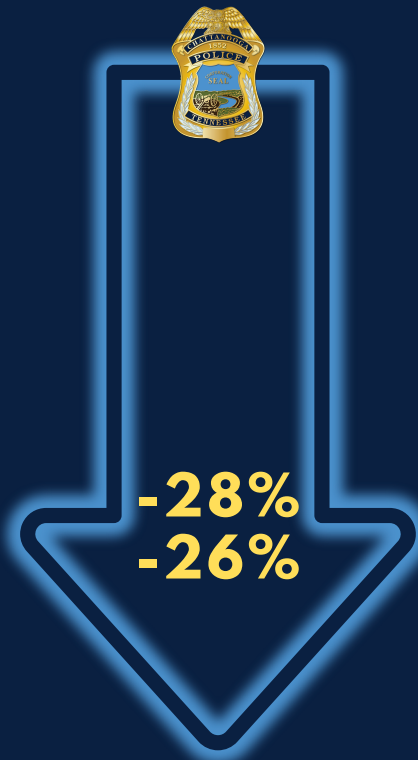
# NON-FATAL SHOOTINGS

A non-fatal shooting (NFS) refers to an incident where a person is injured by gunfire but does not die as a result of the injuries.

**There was a 28% decrease in citywide non-fatal shootings by incidents since 2024.**

**Additionally, there was a 26% decrease in citywide non-fatal shootings by victims since 2024.**

The chart presented below specifically focuses on criminal non-fatal shootings, which are incidents where a firearm is used to intentionally harm another person during the commission of a crime or as part of criminal activity.



In the context of law enforcement or crime analysis, nonfatal shootings are often tracked and categorized separately from homicides to better understand trends in gun violence, victimology, and contributing factors. Data about nonfatal shootings can be critical for developing targeted interventions to reduce gun violence. This chart does not include shootings that are deemed justified (e.g., self-defense cases legally recognized as lawful), self-inflicted incidents (such as suicide attempts or accidental self-harm), or accidental shootings (unintentional discharges of a firearm that result in injury). By excluding these categories, the data provides a more precise representation of gun violence linked to criminal behavior, aiding in the analysis and understanding of trends within this specific context.



# GANG MEMBER-RELATED INCIDENTS

Gang member-related incidents (GMI) refer to events involving individuals who are identified as validated gang members or associates, based on established criteria used by law enforcement or crime analysis units.

These incidents often include criminal activities such as non-fatal shootings, homicides and other forms of violence or illegal behavior.

By tracking gang-related incidents, CPD can gain insights into patterns of gang violence, identify key individuals or groups driving such activity, and develop targeted strategies to mitigate gang influence in affected communities.

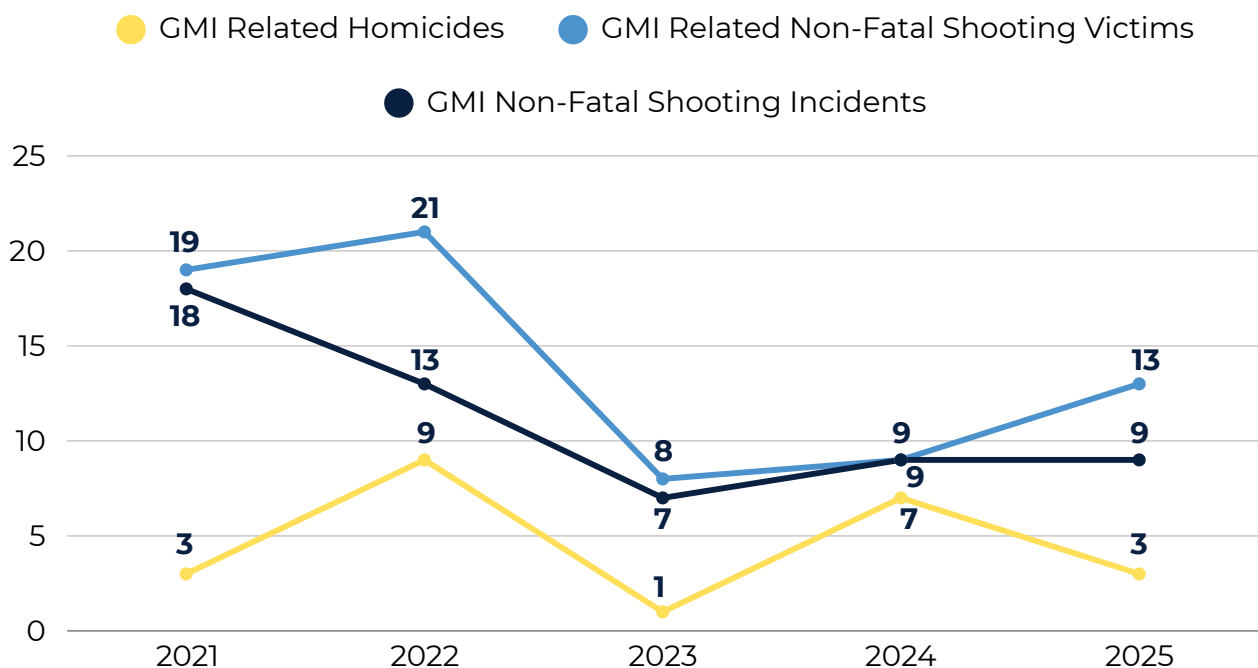
The Chattanooga Police Department has continued to see an overall decline in gang member-related incidents over the past five years, despite some fluctuations.

In 2021, there were 18 gang-related non-fatal shooting incidents and 19 non-fatal shooting victims, with victims peaking in 2022 at 21 while incidents decreased to 13. Both measures dropped significantly in 2023 to 7 incidents and 8 victims. In 2024, incidents and victims increased slightly to 9 each, followed by a further rise in 2025 to 9 incidents and 13 victims.

Gang-related homicides followed a similar pattern, increasing from 3 in 2021 to a peak of 9 in 2022, then declining sharply to 1 in 2023. Homicides rose again to 7 in 2024 before decreasing to 3 in 2025.

While some year-to-year increases are noted, the overall trend remains below peak levels observed in 2021 and 2022, reflecting the department's continued focus on reducing gang violence and improving community safety.

## END OF YEAR GMI REPORT



# CITYWIDE OVERDOSES

## Overdoses have decreased by 17% in 2025, with fatal overdoses decreasing by 19%.

In 2025, the Chattanooga Police Department observed significant progress in addressing the overdose crisis within the community. Through targeted enforcement efforts, expanded education campaigns, and strengthened partnerships with public health organizations, overdoses in Chattanooga decreased by an encouraging 17%, while fatal overdoses saw a substantial decline of 19% compared to the previous year.

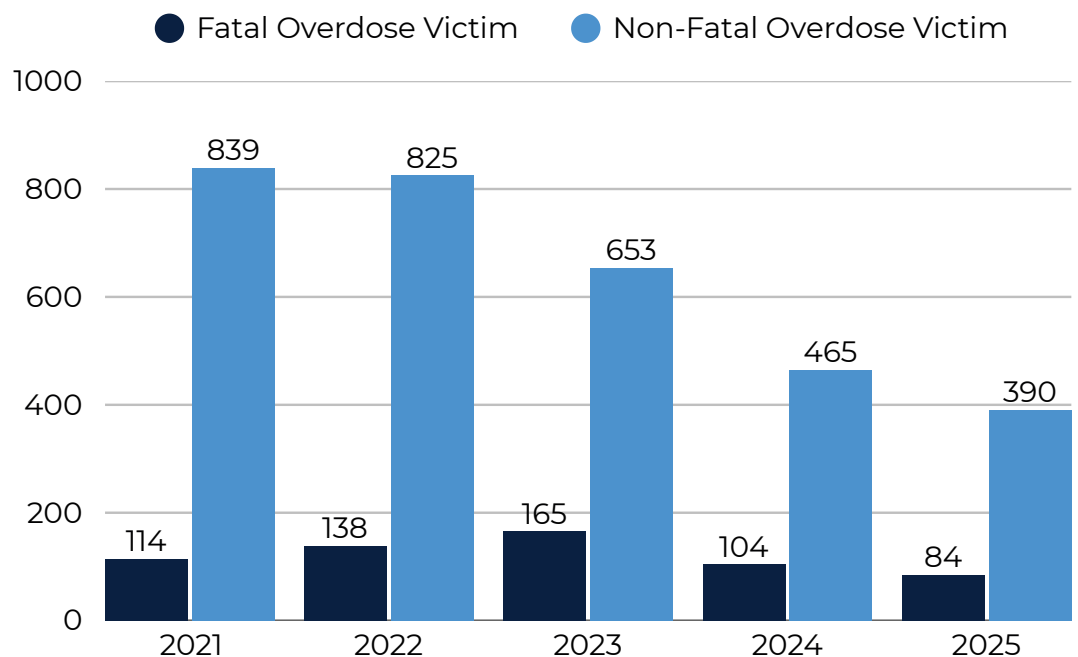
### Factors Contributing to the Decline

- **Proactive Enforcement**
- **Narcan Deployment**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Collaborative Efforts**

## Prevention & Outreach

Recognizing that enforcement alone cannot resolve the overdose crisis, CPD has expanded efforts to collaborate with public health agencies and community organizations to provide education on overdose prevention and resources for recovery.

While these reductions represent meaningful progress, the Chattanooga Police Department remains steadfast in its commitment to further combat overdoses in 2026. Continued focus will be placed on targeting illegal drug supply chains, equipping officers with essential tools, and partnering with community stakeholders to ensure access to life-saving resources and treatment options. Together, we strive to build a healthier and safer Chattanooga.



# TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

A traffic collision, also known as a motor vehicle collision occurs when a vehicle collides with another vehicle, pedestrian, animal, road debris, or other moving or stationary obstruction, such as a tree, pole or building.[3]

The chart below represents a **15% increase in traffic crashes** over the two-year period. The table below provides a breakdown of total traffic collisions by type for 2023 and 2024, along with the percentage change in each category.

Collision Type	2024 Total	2025 Total	% Change
Fatal	21	24	+14.3%
Serious Injury	179	148	-17.3%
Minor Injury	906	249	-72.5%
Possible Injury	940	1,714	+82.3%
Property Damage	7,902	9,334	+18.12%
Total Collisions	9,948	11,469	+15.3%

## Traffic Collision Heat Matrix

From January 1 through December 31, 2025, traffic collisions occurred most often on weekdays between 1500 - 1700 hours. The highest activity was seen on Wednesdays between 1600 - 1659 hours and on Fridays from 1500 - 1659, showing clear spikes during those times.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
0	63	49	62	63	67	91	90	485
1	7	4	12	10	13	26	35	107
2	3	11	6	7	8	19	28	82
3	12	11	5	9	9	19	41	106
4	9	11	8	10	6	13	12	69
5	22	19	15	22	17	7	8	110
6	47	46	46	44	35	12	12	242
7	92	104	106	84	94	19	15	514
8	97	119	105	123	87	25	24	580
9	69	75	85	76	86	43	35	469
10	74	74	63	68	82	53	53	467
11	91	82	93	81	94	72	49	562
12	109	107	121	108	108	99	90	742
13	93	126	103	117	136	93	111	779
14	118	126	124	152	154	116	95	885
15	154	162	157	161	190	103	96	1023
16	166	178	196	170	193	92	94	1089
17	158	157	165	182	162	81	74	979
18	82	111	126	92	120	83	79	693
19	64	48	60	62	78	63	53	428
20	41	45	59	44	62	52	40	343
21	41	33	30	37	60	45	48	294
22	27	34	32	32	43	52	24	244
23	18	26	22	21	26	46	18	177
Total	1657	1758	1801	1775	1930	1324	1224	11469

**Thank you to our community for your continued partnership in making Chattanooga a safer place to live and drive!**



# Downtown BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



## What is a BID?

A Business Improvement District (BID) is a private sector funding mechanism designed to improve the environment of a business district with new services financed by a self-imposed and self-governed assessment. These services, such as enhanced safety, maintenance, and public art, among others, are provided exclusively within the district.

## Does this mean that local government will give up their work inside the BID's boundaries?

Absolutely not. Efforts undertaken by the BID and funded by its revenues will be an enhancement to—not a replacement for—those already provided by the City of Chattanooga. They work in the same way as a common area maintenance (CAM) agreement in shopping malls and office parks.

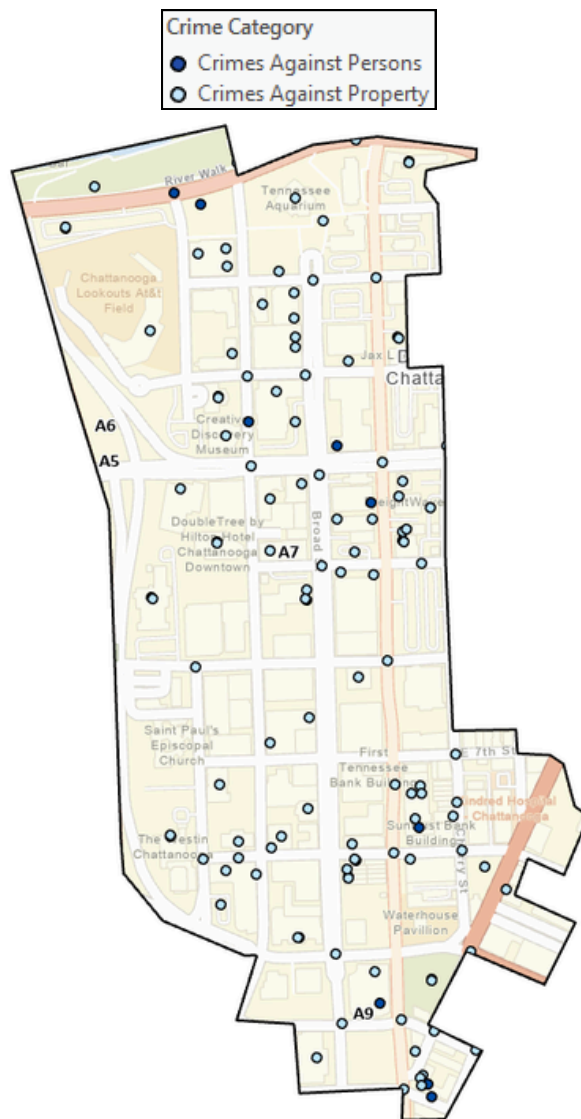
## Crime Rates within the BID?

Referencing the chart below, crimes against persons remained unchanged year over year, with 27 incidents reported in both 2024 and 2025, indicating stability in offenses involving direct harm or threat to individuals.

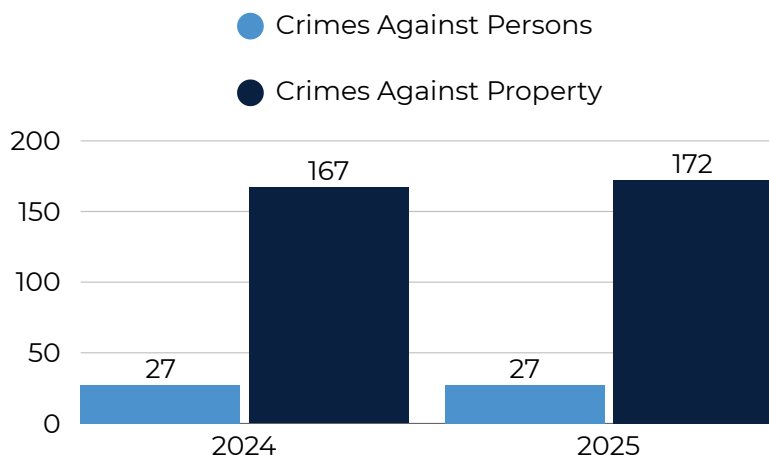
Crimes against property, however, showed a slight increase, rising from 167 incidents in 2024 to 172 in 2025. This suggests a modest upward trend in offenses such as theft, burglary, or vandalism.

Overall, property crimes continue to make up the overwhelming majority of incidents within the BID, and the small increase in 2025 accounts for the total rise in reported crime, as person-related offenses remained consistent.

## Geographical Boundary of the BID



**Total Crimes within the BID  
January 1 - December 31  
2024 & 2025**



# PROACTIVITY OF CPD

The Chattanooga Police Department is committed to proactive policing strategies that prioritize community engagement, crime prevention, and innovative problem-solving. Our officers and staff work tirelessly each day to anticipate challenges, address concerns, and implement effective solutions that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

The following pages highlight units within the department that have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments over the past year. Each of these achievements reflects our dedication to excellence and our unwavering focus on protecting and serving our community. These efforts, along with the exceptional work of our entire department, are designed to ensure the safety of your families, fostering a sense of trust and peace of mind for everyone who calls Chattanooga home.



# GUN TEAM

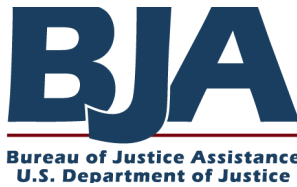


The Chattanooga Police Department's Gun Team plays a critical role in reducing firearm-related violence and ensuring public safety across the city. This specialized unit focuses on addressing illegal firearm possession, use, and trafficking through targeted enforcement, intelligence-driven operations, and collaborative partnerships.

The Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration (CGIC) Initiative, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is a competitive grant program that provides funding to state and local government entities that are experiencing precipitous increases in gun crime. This allows state and local government to implement comprehensive and holistic models to reduce violent crime and the illegal use of firearms within their jurisdictions by enabling them to integrate with their local ATF Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs).

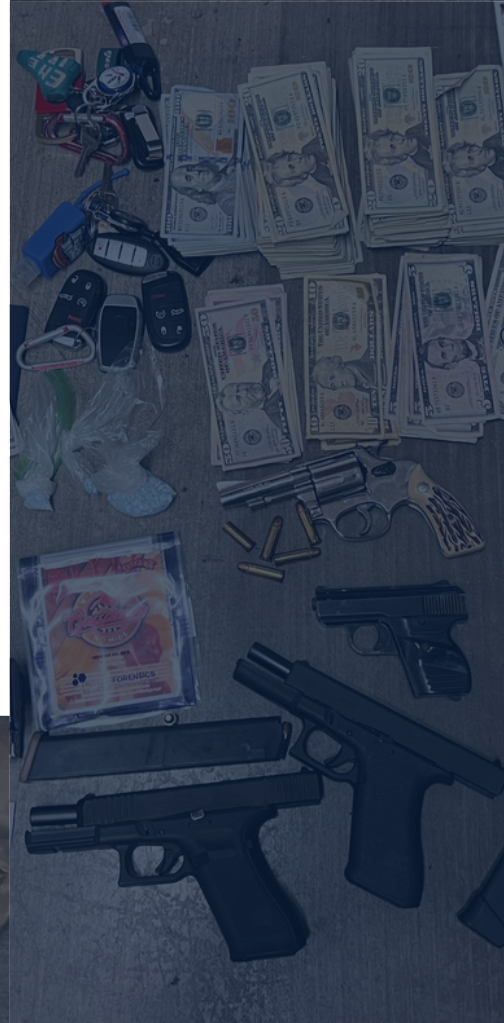
With funding through the BJA CGIC Initiative, the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) seeks to:

- 1) develop analytical support to improve police response to gunshots fired utilizing report management systems, eTrace, and additional technology
- 2) collaborate with ATF to investigate likely shooting incidents by ensuring that every crime gun is submitted to the ATF National Tracing Center
- 3) support and promote collaborative partnerships with multiple regional agencies to ensure effective prosecution of CGIC cases
- 4) ensure the sustainability of the CGIC through Memorandums of Understanding with partners and continuing education and outreach with partners.[5]



## 2025 Gun Team Stats

- NIBIN Leads assigned: 205
- NIBIN Leads closed: 192
- Search Warrants: 15
- Firearm Recoveries: 72
- Money Seized: \$33,108
- Firearms Processed: 68
- Arrests: 59
- Test Fires: 1098
- Evidence Entries: 485



# Victim Services Unit

The Chattanooga Police Department's Victim Services Unit works alongside law enforcement, investigators, and community partners to provide comprehensive support for crime victims. This includes offering direct assistance, ongoing care, advocacy through the criminal justice process, and connecting victims with essential community resources.



## Our Objectives:

- To create a cohesive and streamlined response to the victims of crime who are being served by the Chattanooga Police Department.
- Increase awareness of victims' rights and responsibilities in the criminal justice and judicial processes.
- Provide victim-centered and trauma-informed advocacy services to victims and survivors of crime.
- Increase awareness of local and community resources and social services for victims of crime.
- Provide comprehensive and ongoing training for the Chattanooga Police Department, other local law enforcement agencies, and the public safety community at large.

## Our Services:

- Follow-up Support & Advocacy
- Safety Planning
- Social Service Assessment & Planning
- Criminal Justice Support & Advocacy
- Court Accompaniment
- Crisis Counseling & Intervention
- Information & Referral
- Filing Assistance for TN Criminal Injuries Compensation Program
- Community Outreach
- First Responder Training
- On-Scene Response

Service Type	# of Clients Served	# of Services Provided
Information & Referral	679	2,300
Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment	214	553
Emotional Support or Safety Services	304	557
Shelter/Housing Services	8	10
Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance	744	3,242
Other Services (Phone/Email Follow Up)	1,139	5,680
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>12,342</b>



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In case of an Emergency Call 911



# CRISIS CO-RESPONSE



The Crisis Co-Response Unit (CCRU) was created in 2021 to respond to individuals experiencing mental health crises who are encountering law enforcement and has evolved to balance this crisis response with also providing proactive and auxiliary support to the homeless population.

This is achieved through crisis intervention and assessment, advocacy, treatment facilitation, community outreach, and education. The overall mission is to positively impact the quality of life for housed and unhoused individuals in Chattanooga experiencing mental health-related crises and circumstances

through verbal de-escalation strategies and assessment, connection to appropriate levels of care and services, and supporting families/neighborhoods impacted.

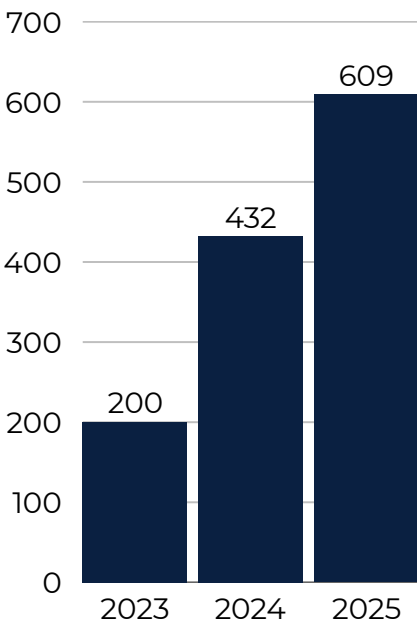
**609** 2025 CCRU Total Cases Worked

**1092** 2025 Officers Relieved by CCRU

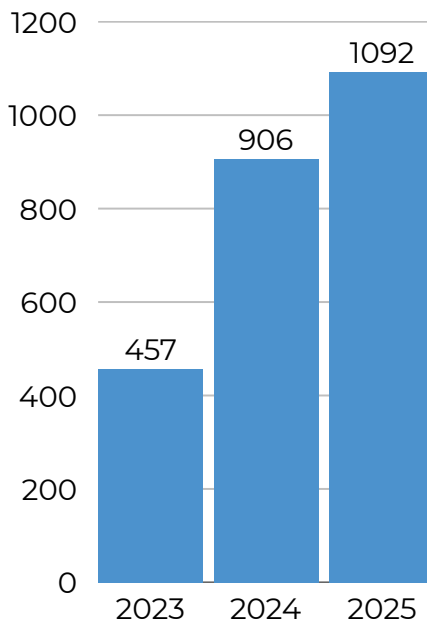
**3077** 2025 Mental Health Related Calls



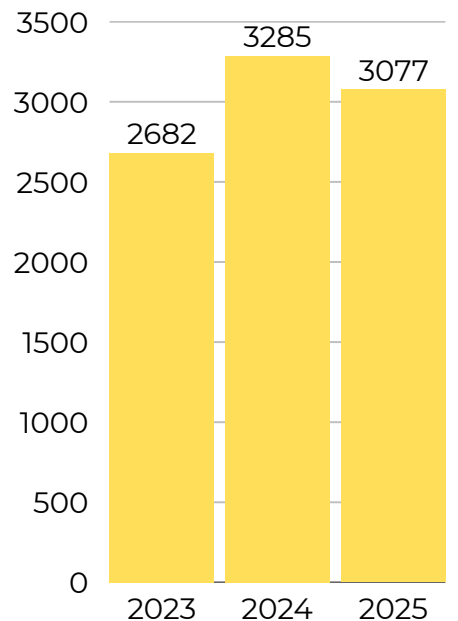
**CCRU Total Cases Worked**



**Officers Relieved By CCRU**



**Mental Health Related Calls**



# Real-Time Intelligence Center



The Real-Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) deploys advanced technology to prevent and respond to crime in real time. Investigators support first responders by providing live intelligence from integrated camera systems, including city, public safety, housing authority, business, body-worn, and drone footage, along with license plate recognition and crime databases.



## Calls for Service



The RTIC is currently staffed by three full-time Investigators and two Sergeants covering 20 hours per day, 7 days per week.



RTIC Investigators worked 1,752 calls for service in 2025 capturing usable video evidence 70% of the time.

## Digital Response Time



In May of 2024 RTIC supervision implemented a Digital Response Time (DRT). This refers to the amount of time it takes Real-Time Investigators to have "eyes on scene" via Public Safety Cameras and are able to relay critical information to officers. The average DRT in 2025 was 10 seconds.

## Suspect Photo Comparison



In 2025, the Crime Analysis Unit utilized suspect photo comparison techniques to support ongoing investigations, helping officers identify potential persons of interest more efficiently. Through careful review and comparison of available images, analysts provided investigative leads with a 56% "likely candidate" success rate. This process continues to serve as a valuable tool in narrowing suspect pools, enhancing investigative accuracy, and supporting timely case resolution while maintaining a high standard of analytical integrity.

## Tours



In 2025, RTIC Investigators hosted 51 public tours of the Real-Time Intelligence Center for a total of 628 visitors. During tours, investigators discuss, explain, and demonstrate the technology and capabilities of the RTIC and how it supports Chattanooga's communities by enhancing public safety and improving response efforts.





### **Operational Integration**

The Drone Unit plays a vital role in enhancing safety and efficiency across operations. It supports SWAT by conducting searches and providing real-time intelligence during entries, assists Hazmat teams with nationwide Federal Aviation Administration-authorized deployments for the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, and strengthens event security through reconnaissance, crowd monitoring, and threat detection. These integrations highlight the unit's importance in modern policing.

The Drone Unit has demonstrated its value in enhancing public safety, aiding law enforcement operations, and fostering inter-agency collaboration. With continued innovation and expansion, the unit is poised for even greater contributions in 2026.

### **Technology and Collaboration**

- The Drone Unit introduced Brinc Responders and Lemurs into department operations.
- Collaboration with the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) to establish violent crime hotspots near Chattanooga Fire Department Fire Halls.
- Drones as First Responder (DFR) drones will be operated from the Real-Time Intelligence Center (RTIC), further enhancing the ability to gain real time intelligence for officers in the field.
- CPD has been contacted by Memphis PD, Rochester NY PD, Knox County SO, Lenior City PD to name a few who are interested in modeling CPDs Drone operations model.

### **Unit Statistics**

The Drone Unit successfully conducted approximately 150 operations, within Chattanooga's jurisdiction as well as assisting other agencies in the region. These operations yielded 36 locations / apprehensions.

### **Notable Apprehensions/Locations**

- 1/3/2025 – A stolen vehicle was located and pursued with three juvenile suspects. Drone operators responded and successfully located all three suspects.
- 2/23/2025 – Four individuals walked away from Moccasin Bend Mental Health Hospital. Drone Operators responded and located all four individuals.
- 3/11/2025 – Drone operators were called to search for a fleeing suspect. An article of clothing was located with a drone and upon guiding officers into the scene, the suspect was located under the house next to the clothing.
- 4/26/2025 – CPD Drone operators assisting Norfolk Southern Police in locating a suspect in a wooded area next to where they attempt to burglarize a rail road car.
- 7/19/2025 – Drone operators successfully located a missing endangered person using thermal imaging who could not be located by officers on the ground.
- 12/31/2025 – Drone operators were conducting overwatch for a public NYE event when dispatch received a call for an aggravated domestic assault outside the venue. Drone operators successfully located, recorded the crime, and relayed information to officers that resulted in arrest.



# TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS



## Department-Wide Smartphone Deployment

In November 2023, Google Pixel 7a smartphones were issued to command staff and specialized units. In February 2025, deployment expanded to all personnel, giving 100% of officers mobile access for the first time in Department history.

## Mobile Printer Modernization

Aging mobile printers became unreliable due to hardware failures and connectivity issues. With the transition to smartphones, older e-citation devices were retired. The Department added tow sheets to the e-citation module, allowing officers to complete all related documentation digitally.

## Fleet Technology Audit

The Technology Unit identified that some in-vehicle routers were nearing CJIS compliance expiration. Due to limited tracking, a full fleet audit was conducted. Every patrol vehicle was inspected to document equipment, test functionality, and resolve issues. This effort created an accurate inventory of fleet technology and took nearly two months to complete.

## Peregrine Technologies

The Chattanooga Police Department enhanced its data-driven operations in 2025 through the expanded use of Peregrine Technologies. The platform improves real-time data integration, supports more efficient investigations, and enables proactive, intelligence-led policing by helping personnel identify trends and allocate resources effectively.

## Fleet Router Upgrade

Many in-vehicle routers were outdated, failing, and approaching compliance deadlines. A full replacement with Sierra Wireless XR-80 routers was initiated. To accelerate progress, a third-party vendor assisted with installations. The fleet is now nearly fully upgraded, improving reliability and connectivity for officers.



# BUDGET REPORT

The Chattanooga Police Department budget for Fiscal Year 2025 is \$98,570,503 which is a **8.29%** increase over previous year's budget of \$91,022,073. Primarily increases are due to the funding of personnel cost which includes a revision to the sworn police pay plan eliminating bi-annual raises and moving them to an annual raise cycle.



**Operation changes include an additional average of 5% increases for 911 Communication and Animal services contracts.**

## 24/25 Fiscal Year Budget

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Department	Budget FY24/25	Budget FY25/26
Police Administration	\$5,334,346	\$11,912,009
Neighborhood Policing	\$35,958,028	\$39,428,516
Investigations	\$18,171,994	\$19,373,353
Special Operations	\$6,481,733	\$9,761,154
Support Services	\$16,973,570	\$12,468,144
Communications	\$5,983,599	\$6,385,575
Animal Services	\$2,118,803	\$2,241,752
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$91,022,073</b>	<b>\$98,570,503</b>





# GIVING BACK



This section is dedicated to recognizing the numerous organizations that Chattanooga Police personnel support and give back to each year, reflecting their commitment to making a positive impact within the community they serve.

Below is a list of some of those organizations:

- Big Brother/Sisters
- Boys and Girls Club Inc.
- Chattanooga Autism Center
- Children's Hospital Safe Kids at the Zoo
- Erlanger Summer of Safety Fest
- Forgotten Child Fund
- Leadership Chattanooga Alumni Board
- Miracle League of Chattanooga
- Partnership for Families Camp Hope
- Partnership for Families, Children and Adults
- Special Olympics Tennessee
- The Brave Effect
- The Brave Effect
- UT Alumni Association Board
- YCAP Boxing Club
- YMCA YCAP



# Accreditation

## Commitment to Excellence Dual Accreditation Achievements

Our department is proud to maintain its status as a dual-accredited agency through both the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) programs.

Our journey with CALEA began in March 2001, and for over two decades, we have remained dedicated to enhancing public trust, improving service delivery, and ensuring accountability through this rigorous accreditation process.

In 2025, the department successfully completed its Tennessee Law Enforcement Accreditation (TLEA) On-site Accreditation Assessment and Hearing. Following this process, we were awarded our fourth TLEA Re-Accreditation by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP), further reinforcing our commitment to excellence and best practices in policing.

We take great pride in these achievements, which reflect the hard work and dedication of every member of our organization in serving our community with integrity, professionalism, and excellence.



# Social Media Engagement

The Chattanooga Police Department is dedicated to fostering strong connections with our community through active and transparent communication on social media. By sharing important updates, safety tips, and departmental initiatives, we aim to keep residents informed and engaged. Below, you'll find QR codes linking to our official social media platforms—follow us to stay connected and be part of our mission to build a safer Chattanooga together!

Facebook



LinkedIn



Nextdoor



Instagram



X Previously Twitter



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**To keep you, your  
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