

# Murray Police Department



## 2025 Annual Report



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# A Message from the Chief of Police

Dear Community Members,

It is my privilege to present the Murray Police Department's Annual Report for 2025. This report reflects not only the work of our dedicated officers and staff, but also the strength of the partnership we share with the community we are proud to serve. Publishing this annual report is an important part of our commitment to transparency, accountability, and open communication in policing.

Throughout 2025, the Murray Police Department continued to focus on building trust through collaboration, visibility, and engagement. Our community partnerships remain the foundation of our success, and together we have worked to ensure Murray continues to be a safe, welcoming place for residents, businesses, and visitors alike. I am pleased to report that crime has continued its downward trend, reinforcing Murray's position as one of the region's safest communities.

Transparency is essential to effective policing, and this report provides an overview of our operations, initiatives, and outcomes over the past year. By sharing this information, we aim to keep our community informed, foster understanding of the challenges of modern policing, and demonstrate our responsibility to those we serve.

In 2025, the department continued to adapt to an evolving public safety landscape by investing in officer training, leveraging technology to improve efficiency, and expanding community-focused programs. These efforts support proactive policing, enhance public safety, and strengthen the relationships that are vital to long-term success.

As we look ahead, the Murray Police Department remains committed to continuous improvement, community collaboration, and transparency in all that we do. With the continued support and involvement of our residents, we are confident in our ability to meet future challenges while maintaining the safety and quality of life that define our city.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we work together to keep Murray a great place to live, work, learn, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Samuel Bierds  
*Chief of Police*  
*Murray Police Department*

## Department Overview

The Murray Police Department (MPD) serves as the primary law enforcement agency for the city of Murray, Kentucky. Located in the western part of the state, Murray is the county seat of Calloway County and is home to around 19,000 residents. The department is responsible for ensuring public safety, maintaining order, and enforcing laws within the city limits.

MPD provides a range of services, including patrol, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, community policing, and emergency response. It operates with a commitment to public service, transparency, and community involvement. The department works closely with other local, state, and federal agencies to address crime and improve overall safety.

Murray is also home to Murray State University, which adds a unique dimension to the department's responsibilities, as they serve both the residential community and the student population.

MPD emphasizes community engagement, holding events and outreach programs to build trust and foster positive relationships between officers and residents. The department is comprised of three divisions and staffed by 37 sworn officers, 7 emergency telecommunicators, and one records specialist.

## Patrol Services Division

The Patrol Services Division is central to the Murray Police Department's mission to protect public safety and maintain order throughout the community. Patrol officers provide proactive policing through regular neighborhood patrols, a visible law enforcement presence, and prompt responses to calls for service. They handle a wide range of situations, including traffic collisions, medical emergencies, domestic disturbances, and violent crimes, while also focusing on crime prevention through early intervention and deterrence.

In addition to emergency response, patrol officers play a key role in traffic enforcement and community engagement. By enforcing traffic laws, conducting business and school checks, and maintaining a presence in public spaces, officers help reduce accidents and enhance overall safety. Patrol officers are often the first point of contact between the department and the public, making their role essential in building trust, addressing concerns, and strengthening relationships with residents, businesses, and community partners.



## Support Services Division

The Support Services Division plays a vital role in the effectiveness of the Murray Police Department by providing specialized support functions essential to modern law enforcement. This division includes the Criminal Investigations Unit and the Telecommunications Unit, both of which are critical to the department's ability to respond to incidents, solve crimes, and serve the community efficiently.

The Criminal Investigations Unit is responsible for conducting detailed investigations into serious and complex crimes, including theft, assault, fraud, homicide, and other major offenses. Detectives work collaboratively with partner agencies and legal professionals to gather evidence, interview witnesses, and build strong cases that hold offenders accountable and provide closure for victims. The Telecommunications Unit ensures seamless communication by managing 911 calls, dispatching officers, and delivering real-time information to personnel in the field. Together, these units provide the operational backbone that allows the department to function effectively and maintain a high standard of public safety.

## Community Services Division

The Community Services Division is dedicated to strengthening relationships between the Murray Police Department and the community through proactive engagement, transparency, and support services. This division plays a key role in building trust and ensuring public safety by connecting department operations with the needs of residents, schools, and community partners.

Key components of the division include School Resource Officers, who work within local schools to promote safety, education, and positive relationships with students and staff; the Records Office, which ensures police records are accurately maintained and accessible in compliance with legal standards; and Public Affairs, which manages communication with the public and media while supporting outreach initiatives. The Grant Management team further supports the department by securing and overseeing funding for specialized programs, equipment, and initiatives. Together, these functions enhance the department's effectiveness and reinforce its commitment to service, transparency, and community partnership.



## 2025 Lifesaving Awards



**Off. Seth Jessee**



**Off. Justice England**



**Off. Mairkqus Thompson**



**Off. Eddie McGuire**

## 2025 Officers of the Quarter



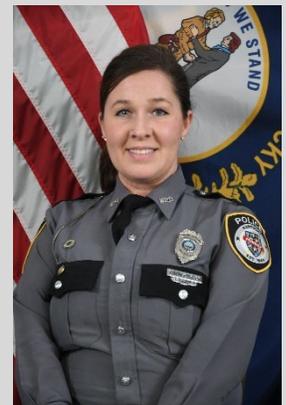
**Off. Griffin Deese**



**Off. Jacob Kramer**

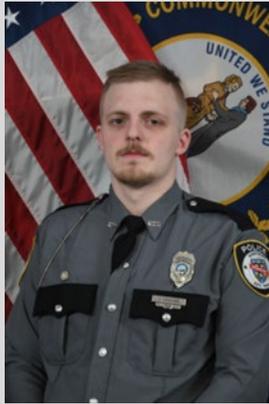


**Off. Justin Purcell**



**Det. Trista Winebarger**

## 2025 Officer of the Year



Officer Jacob Kramer

## 2025 Telecommunicator of the Year



Telecommunicator Jill Hudson

## 2025 Chief's Award



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## 2025 Agency Activity

Activity	Dayshift	Nightshift	Total
Drugs	12	13	25
911 H/U	533	252	785
Out W/ Subject	26	70	96
ATS- Warrant	87	101	188
Sec. Check	3748	10707	14455
Collision (No Inj.)	671	176	847
Collision (Inj.)	69	22	91
Mental Health	54	44	98
Abuse Inv	4	1	5
AI	15	35	50
Alarm	249	245	494
Animal	229	85	314
Assault	33	20	53
Assist Other Agency	109	191	300
BOLO	144	103	247
Burglary	28	27	55
Custody Dispute	20	8	28
Civil Matter	119	32	151
Clear Parking Lot	0	0	0
Crim. Mis	50	28	78
Counterfiet	8	1	9
Death Investigation	11	7	18
Dispute	92	53	145
Domestic Violence	109	121	230
Reckless Driver	135	57	192
Gas Drive Off	7	1	8
Special Detail	85	14	99
Illegal Dumping	4	0	4
EMS Assist	118	54	172
EPO	31	18	49
Escort	195	9	204
Extra Patrol	161	327	488
Fight	12	35	47
Fire	13	14	27
Fire Alam	7	4	11
Follow Up	269	113	382
Scam/Fraud	99	16	115
Escort Funds	10	0	10
Harassment	116	38	154

Information	847	362	1209
Investigation	8	2	10
Lockout	0	0	0
Motor. Assist	144	90	234
Misc.	122	128	250
Missing Person	13	7	20
Missing Juvenile	8	22	30
Noise Complaint	29	178	207
Odor Invest.	0	0	0
Out of Cont. Subj.	33	20	53
Suspicious Package	6	2	8
ATS- Papers	26	1	27
Parking Enf.	26	18	44
Parking Comp	58	37	95
Prop. Damage	15	6	21
Prop. Maint.	74	2	76
Found Property	110	37	147
Runaway Juv	12	11	23
Rape/Sex. Assault	16	9	25
Repossession	42	18	60
Road Hazard	47	31	78
Robbery	0	2	2
School Traffic	237	0	237
Search Warrant	1	1	2
Shots Fired	3	10	13
Sus. Person	55	187	242
Standby	26	9	35
Suicide or Attempt	2	27	29
Sus. Activity	91	137	228
Sus. Veh.	42	324	366
Traff. Enf.	92	237	329
Theft	225	61	286
Threats	79	47	126
Traff. Cont.	21	5	26
Transport Subject	3	2	5
Trespassing	33	39	72
Traffic Stop	433	2766	3199
Unk. Disturbance	33	31	64
Unwanted Subject	146	75	221
Welfare Check	431	184	615
<b>Total</b>	<b>11271</b>	<b>18167</b>	<b>29438</b>

*Note: These events are police calls only. Many events are categorized based on information provided by the initial caller(s), and may not reflect final reporting statistics.*

## Total Calls Handled by MPD Telecommunications Center

MPD – 30,696

MFD – 5,400

EMS – 5,083

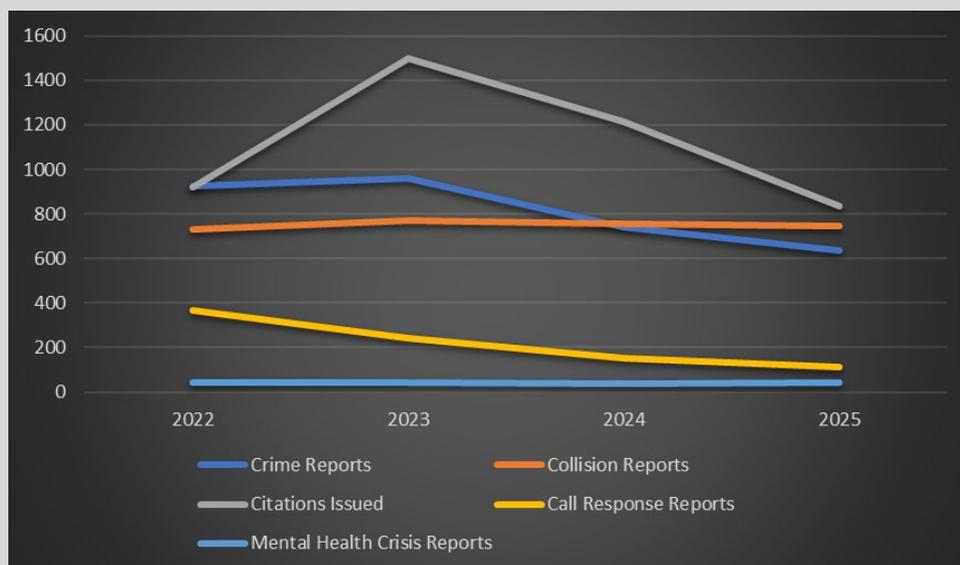
Admin Line – 46,758

911 – 11,756

### Reports

Report Type	2025	2024	2023	2022
Crime Reports	634	740	962	923
Collision Reports	748	758	772	729
Citations Issued	834	1,216	1,500	921
Call Response Reports	111	151	242	366
Mental Health Crisis Reports	41	36	45	43

### Report Trends

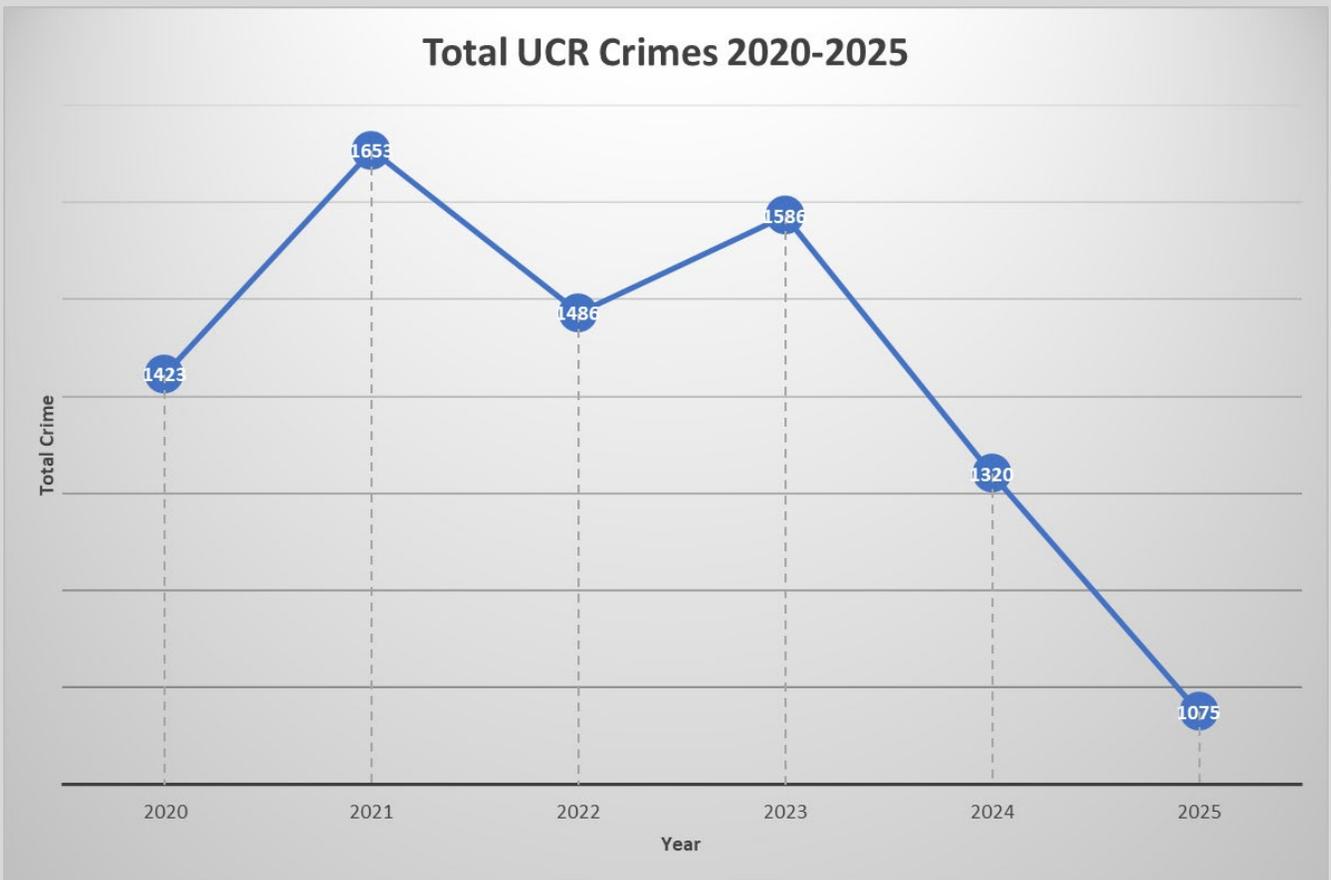


## Crime Trends

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is a nationwide effort that collects and compiles crime data from law enforcement agencies across the United States. Established in 1930, the UCR program aims to provide a reliable, consistent, and comprehensive set of crime statistics that can be used for research, policy-making, and public awareness. It collects data on various types of offenses, including violent crimes (such as murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (like burglary and larceny-theft), as well as arrests and law enforcement officer-related incidents.

UCR Description	2025	2024	Change
MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1	1	0.00%
FORCIBLE RAPE	17	8	112.50%
ROBBERY	2	2	0.00%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	20	9	122.22%
BREAKING AND ENTERING	27	27	0.00%
LARCENY-THEFT (EXCEPT AUTO THEFT)	158	263	-39.92%
AUTO THEFT	10	11	-9.09%
OTHER ASSAULTS	135	169	-20.12%
ARSON	1	1	0.00%
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING	18	6	200.00%
FRAUD	25	23	8.70%
STOLEN PROPERTY;BUYING,RECEIVING,POSSESS	1	4	-75.00%
VANDALISM	47	50	-6.00%
WEAPON OFFENSES;CARRYING,POSSESSING,ETC.	4	2	100.00%
SEX OFFENSES (EXCEPT FORC. RAPE & PROST.)	2	12	-83.33%
SALES/MANUFACTURING - OPIUM/COCAINE & DERIVATIVES	28	0	NA
SALES/MANUFACTURING -MARIJUANA	0	4	-100.00%
SALES/MANUFACTURING -SYN NARCS	3	4	-25.00%
SALES/MANUFACTURING -OTHERS-DANG. NON-NARC DRUGS	15	30	-50.00%
POSSESSION - OPIUM/COCAINE & DERIVATIVES	0	2	-100.00%
POSSESSION -MARIJUANA	15	15	0.00%
POSSESSION -OTHERS-DANGEROUS NON-NARC DRUGS	16	37	-56.76%
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN	13	25	-48.00%
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	87	96	-9.38%
LIQUOR LAWS	24	21	14.29%
DRUNKENNESS	31	38	-18.42%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	41	77	-46.75%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES (EXCEPT TRAFFIC)	95	103	-7.77%
RUNAWAYS	3	0	NA
JUVENILE	2	0	NA
TRAFFIC	219	256	-14.45%
FISH AND WILDLIFE	1	0	NA
OTHER	17	24	-29.17%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1078</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>-18.33%</b>

## Multi-Year Crime Trends



**24.46% decrease from 2020**

**18.33% decrease from 2024**

“The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, and not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with them.”

*Sir Robert Peel, Father of Modern Policing*

## Arrest Data

### Male

White	316
Black	96
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1
Unknown	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>421</b>

### Female

White	110
Black	7
Am. Indian/Alaska Native	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0
Unkown	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>

<b>Total Criminal Arrests</b>	<b>542</b>
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## Response to Resistance

Response to resistance refers to the actions taken by law enforcement officers when an individual resists or attempts to avoid lawful authority or control during an encounter. It encompasses a range of responses, from verbal commands and de-escalation techniques to the use of physical force, including non-lethal and, in rare cases, lethal methods, depending on the circumstances and threat level faced by officers. The goal of a police officer's response to resistance is to protect themselves, the public, and the individual involved, while using the least amount of force necessary to safely resolve the situation. These incidents are closely monitored and reviewed to ensure that responses are appropriate, in compliance with department policies, and aligned with legal and ethical standards.

<b>Total RtR Incidents</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>Gender</b>	
Male	9
Female	1

<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
White	7
Black	2
Asian	0
Hispanic	0
Unkown/Other	1

<b>Suspect Injury Treatment Required</b>	
None	5
First Aid	3
E.R. Treatment	0
Hospitalization	2
Death	0

<b>Officer Injury</b>	
None	6
Minor	4
Serious	0

<b>Type of Force*</b>	
Physical	7
OC Spray	4
Taser	4
Baton/Impact Weapon	1
Firearm	1
Other	0

\*Multiple types of forced may have been used in same incident.

Percentage of arrests that required force:

1.8%

## Collision Data

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Total Collisions</b>	747	761	772	727	780	626
<b>Injury Collisions</b>	61	50	48	45	52	48
<b>Total Injured</b>	88	71	72	60	63	62
<b>Total Killed</b>	0	0	2	0	4	0
<b>Parking Lot Collisions</b>	232	250	269	236	265	199

Change in total collisions from 2024: **-1.84%**

	Total	For Fatal	For Injuy	For Property		
				Damage Only	Number Killed	Number Injured
Alcohol Involvement	7	0	1	6	0	1
Cell Phone	10	0	0	10	0	0
Disregard Traffic Control	20	0	4	16	0	7
Distraction	35	0	4	31	0	5
Drug Involvement	3	0	2	1	0	2
Emotional	3	0	1	2	0	1
Exceed Speed Limit	3	0	1	2	0	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	67	0	11	56	0	19
Fatigue	1	0	0	1	0	0
Fell Asleep	1	0	1	0	0	4
Following too Close	28	0	2	26	0	4
Improper Backing	44	0	1	43	0	2
Improper Passing	7	0	0	7	0	0
Inattention	423	0	29	394	0	45
Lost Consciousness/Fainted	1	0	1	0	0	1
Medication	1	0	0	1	0	0
Misjudge Clearance	89	0	2	87	0	2
Not Under Proper Control	40	0	7	33	0	9
Overcorrecting/Oversteering	3	0	1	2	0	1
Physical Disability	2	0	0	2	0	0
Sick	1	0	1	0	0	1
Too Fast for Conditions	4	0	0	4	0	0
Turning Improperly	10	0	0	10	0	0
Weaving In Traffic	2	0	0	2	0	0
Failed to Keep Proper Lane	23	0	1	22	0	4
Other	20	0	4	16	0	6
None Detected	649	0	51	598	0	75

## Top Rodway Collisions

12 <sup>th</sup> Street	339
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Main Street	62
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Chestnut Street	60
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16 <sup>th</sup> Street	48
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4 <sup>th</sup> Street	35
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KY 121	30
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Poplar Street	30
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