



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# Chief's Letter

Mayor Nelson  
Members of the Common Council  
Members of the Police and Fire Commission  
Franklin Residents

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to report on the continued dedication and hard work of the men and women of the Franklin Police Department in serving and protecting our community. This year, as always, has presented its challenges, but it has also highlighted the strength of our commitment to ensuring the safety, well-being, and trust of those we serve.

Our officers and staff have demonstrated unwavering professionalism in responding to a wide range of incidents, from daily patrols to critical emergencies. We have maintained our focus on reducing crime, enhancing public safety, and building stronger, more positive relationships with the people we serve. Through proactive policing, community outreach, and strategic partnerships, we have made measurable progress in advancing these goals.

I am particularly proud of the collaborative efforts our department has made with local organizations, schools, and community leaders to foster trust and transparency. We understand that policing is not just about enforcing the law but also about being an active and engaged part of our community. This year, we have continued to expand our outreach programs, focusing on increasing our presence at local events and schools. These efforts will continue to be a central part of our work moving forward.

In addition to our community initiatives, we have placed a strong emphasis on officer wellness and training. We recognize that in order to best serve the public, our officers must be supported and equipped with the tools they need to perform their duties safely and effectively. Our department has invested in training programs that emphasize both technical skills and emotional intelligence, ensuring that our officers are prepared for the complexities of modern-day law enforcement.





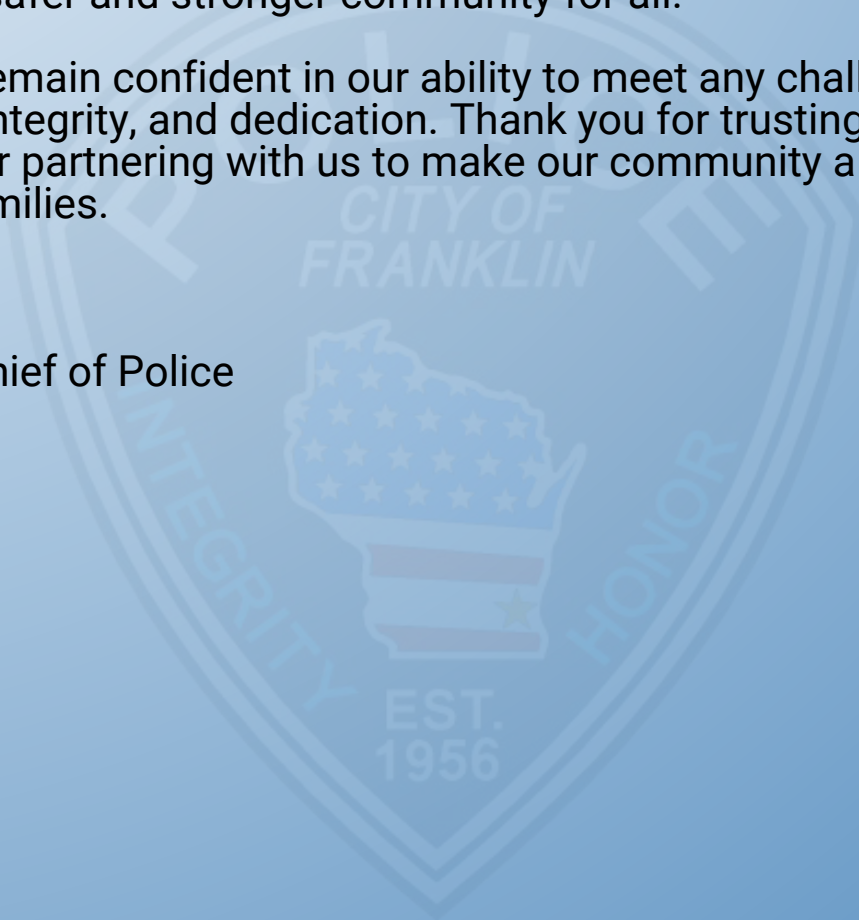
While we have made significant strides this year, there is always more work to be done. Our commitment to continuous improvement remains at the forefront of our mission, and we will continue to adapt to the evolving needs of our community. We will keep exploring innovative solutions to ensure our department remains accountable, transparent, and responsive to the challenges of today and tomorrow.

I want to thank our dedicated officers, civilian staff, and police auxiliary volunteers for their hard work and commitment. Without their dedication, the successes we've achieved would not have been possible. I also want to extend my gratitude to the community for their ongoing support, understanding, and collaboration. Together, we are building a safer and stronger community for all.

Looking ahead, I remain confident in our ability to meet any challenge with professionalism, integrity, and dedication. Thank you for trusting us to serve and protect you and for partnering with us to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise families.

Respectfully,

Craig Liermann, Chief of Police



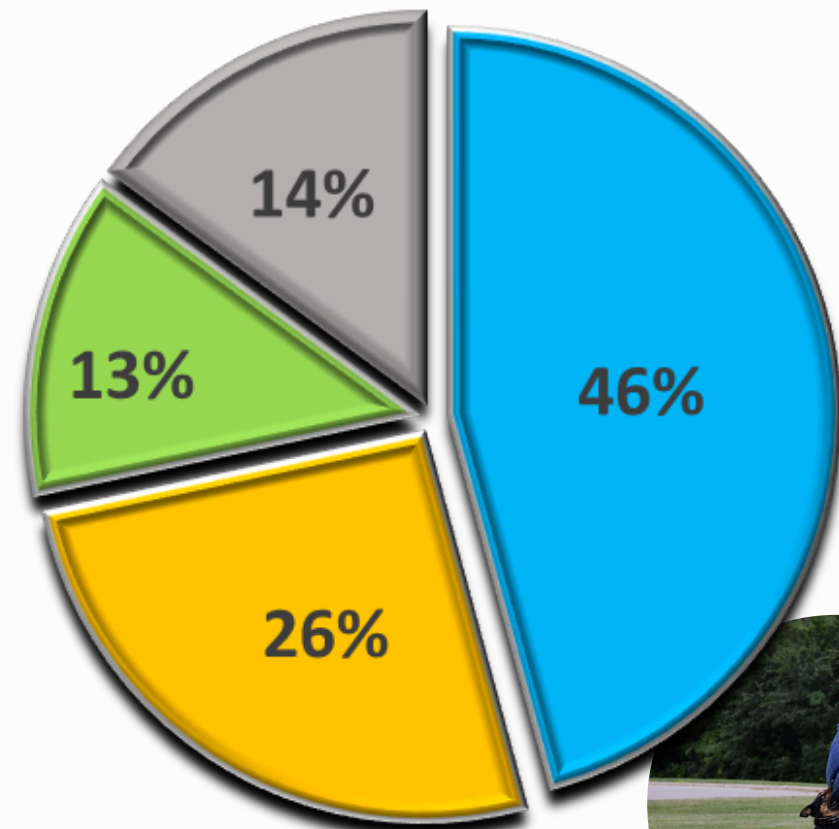
# Department Statistics

Wisconsin Crime History - Franklin Police Department (WI0410500)						
Offense		Year				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Assault		113	118	98	102	124
Burglary		40	40	23	18	21
Destruction of Property		131	103	113	100	97
Drug/Narcotics		410	317	267	211	279
Fraud		169	155	155	147	95
Homicide		0	1	0	0	1
Robbery		6	5	2	1	2
Sex Crimes		18	12	5	16	14
Theft/Auto Theft		618	490	469	344	415
Weapons		23	21	31	40	33



# Officer Activity

The Franklin Police Department patrol officers respond to a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency calls for service. They respond to crime reports, crimes in progress, traffic crashes, and many non-crime calls for service, such as medical emergencies and mental health crises. When not dispatched to calls, patrol officers enforce traffic laws and city ordinances, patrol problem areas, serve arrest warrants, and engage in many other services throughout the community.



## Arrest Types

**Ordinances (792)**

**Misdemeanor (448)**

**Felony (232)**

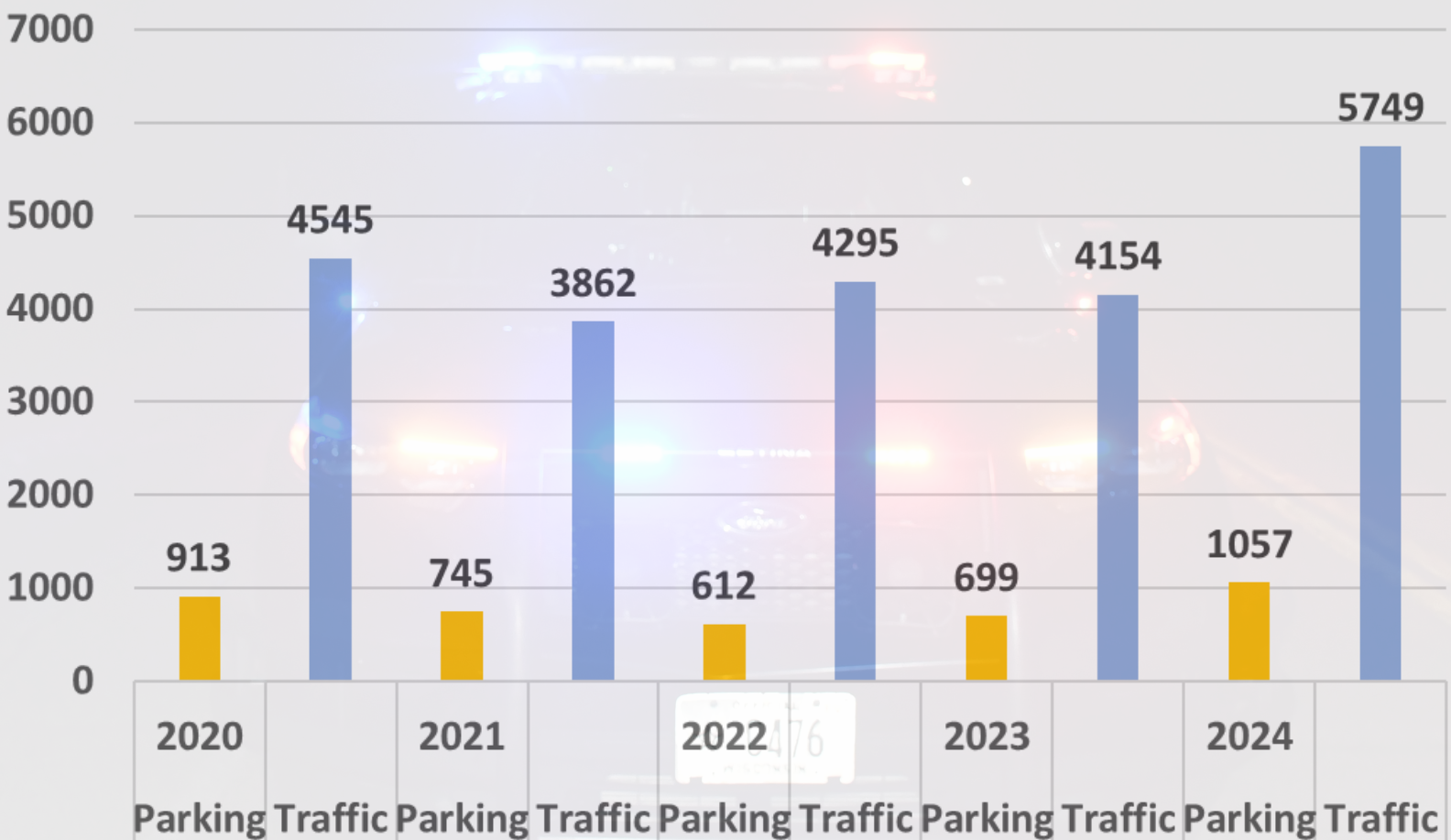
**Warrant (258)**



# Traffic Activity

The Franklin Police Department police officers proactively enforce state and local traffic and parking laws and ordinances. Through their dedication to our community, they are a key piece in keeping our Franklin roads safer and free of obstructions to ensure our Franklin residents and visitors can freely travel throughout the city.

Citations Issued





# Communications

Our department is fortunate to have its own dispatch center within the city. This ensures higher quality and more personal service is provided to our residents along with visitors of our city who need to interact with the Franklin Police Department. In 2024, through the hard work and dedication from the Franklin Police Department Dispatch Team, they have fielded thousands of calls for service that ranged from local retail theft to large building fires.

28,761

Police Calls for Service



5,812

*Fire Calls for Service*

# Specialty Units



The dedicated members of the Franklin Police Department help keep our community safe by attending special training and utilizing these learned skills on specialty units within the Franklin Police Department. The specialty units are used for unique calls for service within the community.

Our specialty units have been assisting the community since our department's inception, and in 2024 some units experienced new team members as well as new equipment to better serve our community.



# Specialty Units at a Glance - SWAT



The National Defense Authorization Act was passed by the US Congress which authorized the transfer of excess DOD property to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies (The US LESO 1033 Program).

This federal program has afforded the Franklin Police and Fire Department the opportunity to obtain a donated decommissioned military vehicle called the MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected). This vehicle was obtained in late 2024 and will be utilized by both departments for calls for service that require an armored vehicle to keep first responders and civilians safe in a high risk situation.



# Specialty Units at a Glance - UAS



The Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) also referred to as the Drone Unit, has been utilized in 10 documented deployments where the Franklin Police Officer Pilot flew the drone for photos or videos of cases. This number does not include the plethora of calls for service within or outside of Franklin where a drone was utilized to search and locate missing persons, suspects fleeing from law enforcement, and evidence that may be needed for a call for service.

The Franklin Police Department ensures specialty equipment is up-to-date and within budget. The UAS Unit was able to purchase two new drones, the DJI Avata 1 & 2. The addition of these drones ensures Franklin Police Officer Pilots are able to fly drones within residences and outdoors.





# Specialty Units at a Glance - Motor Unit

The Motorcycle "Motor" Unit members' primary duties are traffic enforcement, accident investigation, and escort duties for parades, dignitaries and funerals.

The Franklin Police Department Motor Unit, participated in a motorcade to protect visitors of Franklin with their travels to downtown Milwaukee for the Republican National Convention. This is just one example of many where our Motor Unit was a model of professionalism and helped improve the quality of life for Franklin residents and visitors.





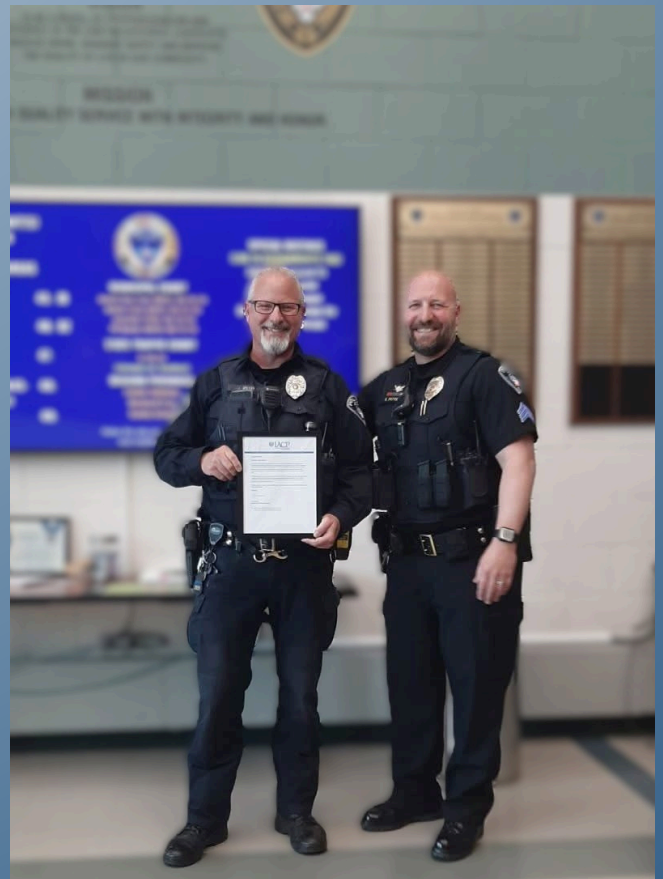
# Specialty Units at a Glance

## Drug Recognition

A Drug Recognition Expert, "DRE", is skilled in detecting and identifying persons under the influence of drugs and in identifying the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment. DRE's assist in impaired driving investigations, motor vehicle crashes resulting in serious injury and/or death, and investigations where alcohol/drug intoxication is an element of the offense.

The Drug Recognition Unit added two new members in 2024. Police Officer Ryan Thompson and Police Officer James Malkowski. Not only did both undertake rigorous training to earn this title, but Officer Thompson was a model for the law enforcement community by earning the title of Valedictorian for the DRE Fall Class of 2024.

Not to mention, DRE PO Jedd Miller earned his 20th Year Award of serving as a DRE and SGT Sean Patyk earned the 2024 DRE Excellence Award.



# Auxiliary Unit

The Franklin Police Department is proud to have a dedicated group of Franklin resident volunteers who dedicate countless hours of their time to our Franklin community. The purpose of the Auxiliary Unit is to augment the services that our police department provides to the community by ensuring the safety of residents and visitors at sporting events, the Civic Celebration, St. Martins Fair, and a plethora of other events held within our community.





# Special Events



Throughout the year, members of the Franklin Police Department lead by example by being active in their daily duties, but also volunteer within the community they serve. Personnel participate in several events including: Shop with a Cop, the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Blanket Event, National Night Out, Women's Self-Defense, and Games with a Cop.

Through these events, Franklin Police Officers show off their caring personalities and their want to engage in something that is bigger than themselves by positively influencing our community.





# Citizen Academy

## 2024



Annually, citizens apply to have a unique opportunity to participate in the Citizen Academy at the Franklin Police Department. The citizens who are selected become members of that year's Citizen Academy and experience a once in a lifetime opportunity. Participants receive a behind-the-scenes look into Franklin Police Department operations, procedures and laws that govern law enforcement along with hands on experience with patrol tactics and processes.

# 2024 Retirements

The following Franklin Police Department personnel have retired from the department in 2024, and we thank them for serving the Franklin community.

Chief Rick Oliva - 01/2024 (Appointed 05/2005)  
Sergeant Joseph Bath - 06/2024 (Appointed 04/2001)



*Thank You*





# 2024 Hiring *Welcome*

The following Franklin Police Department personnel have been hired in 2024 and we welcome them into the Franklin Police Department family.

Officer Miguel Acosta- 1/2024  
Officer Emily Shiroda - 1/2024  
Officer Alexander Greenberg- 7/2024  
Officer Caleb Meyer- 9/2024  
Dispatcher Julia Lowe- 1/2024 (Resigned 2/2024)  
Dispatcher Ashley Jankowski- 7/2024  
Dispatcher Alberto Juarez- 7/2024



# Training & Education



209

*Total Hours for  
Communication Personnel*

The Franklin Police Department goes above and beyond the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Continuing Education Standard to ensure personnel are highly-trained, knowledgeable, and models of the law enforcement community. Examples of training that police officers and dispatchers have attended are; evidence technician In-house training with realistic crime scene processing, firearm proficiency, K9, unmanned aircraft system, crisis negotiation, vehicle pursuits, stop the bleed, peer-support, and basic SWAT training.

8169

*Total Hours for Sworn  
Personnel*





# Recruitment



The Franklin Police Department is dedicated to selecting qualified individuals to serve our community. Our department takes pride in finding candidates who will fit into the department's great culture and who will follow our vision of being a model of professionalism and efficiency in law enforcement. We are honored to have men and women with a variety of professional backgrounds wanting to work for Franklin and serve our growing population in a footprint of 34.68 square miles.

Our department is supported by the community and our city offers a variety of calls for service. Franklin has a healthy geographic mixture of business parks, local retail businesses, farmland, and residential neighborhoods. We empower our officers with above-and-beyond training, equipment that helps keep them safe, and a plethora of specialty unit opportunities.

**Come join our team!**







**Franklin Police  
Department**



The Franklin Police Department is grateful to serve a community full of elected officials, residents, volunteers, and partnering agencies who continue to support our efforts in successfully improving the quality of life.



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