

2025 Annual Report



Greenhills Police Department

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Chief of Police

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Evonne Kovach

Village Manager
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Dear Ms. Kovach,

As we close out calendar year 2025, I would like to provide a brief recap of several significant accomplishments and initiatives undertaken by the Greenhills Police Department, and this year brought significant progress in technology, equipment upgrades, staffing, accreditation, community support, and school safety—each contributing to improved service delivery and long-term operational stability.

Most notably, the department was once again awarded full CALEA Accreditation during the 2025 conference. This marks our sixth successful recertification since our original accreditation in 2008. Achieving and maintaining CALEA standards reflects the department's unwavering commitment to excellence, accountability, and professional policing practices. This accomplishment speaks directly to the dedication of our personnel and reinforces the trust our community places in us.



Another major achievement was securing and implementing the department's Body-Worn Camera (BWC) program. Through a competitive state grant, we secured more than \$27,000 in funding, enabling us to acquire BWCs without burdening the Village's general fund. This project involved equipment procurement, system configuration, officer training, and rollout—all successfully completed during the year. The BWC program enhances transparency, strengthens evidentiary documentation, and aligns with best practices and community expectations.

The department also completed a major transition in issued duty weapons. After extensive research and planning, we moved from the aging Glock .40-caliber platform to the Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm handguns equipped with modern optics. This upgrade improves officer accuracy, reduces recoil, and advances overall officer safety. The transition required qualification sessions, equipment purchases, and policy updates, all of which were completed efficiently and cost-effectively.

This year also reflected strong community backing for the department. Residents overwhelmingly supported and passed the police levy, demonstrating their trust in our mission and commitment to public safety. The successful passage of the levy enables us to implement a long-term, sustainable pay plan that aligns officer wages with regional standards—an essential

step to retaining our experienced workforce and remain competitive in recruiting qualified candidates.

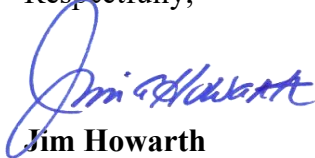
Additionally, we expanded our staffing capacity to support school safety. The department hired two part-time Greenhills Police Officers to serve as School Resource Officers—one assigned to South Campus Elementary School and the other to the Community Building, which houses the Alternative School. Significantly, these SRO positions are fully funded by Winton Woods City Schools, resulting in no cost to the Village. Their presence has strengthened relationships with students and staff, enhanced daily safety operations, and reinforced our partnership with the school district.

We also remain actively engaged in the community by participating in many Village events throughout the year. These activities—ranging from youth programs and library events to seasonal festivals and safety initiatives—help strengthen relationships, build trust, and reinforce our commitment to being a visible and accessible police department.

These achievements, along with ongoing improvements to department operations, demonstrate a productive, forward-looking year for the Greenhills Police Department. It remains an honor and a privilege to lead such a dedicated group of professionals and to serve the residents of the Village of Greenhills—something I never take for granted. You can read about all of this and much more in this 2025 Annual Report.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership. I look forward to building upon this progress in 2026.

Respectfully,

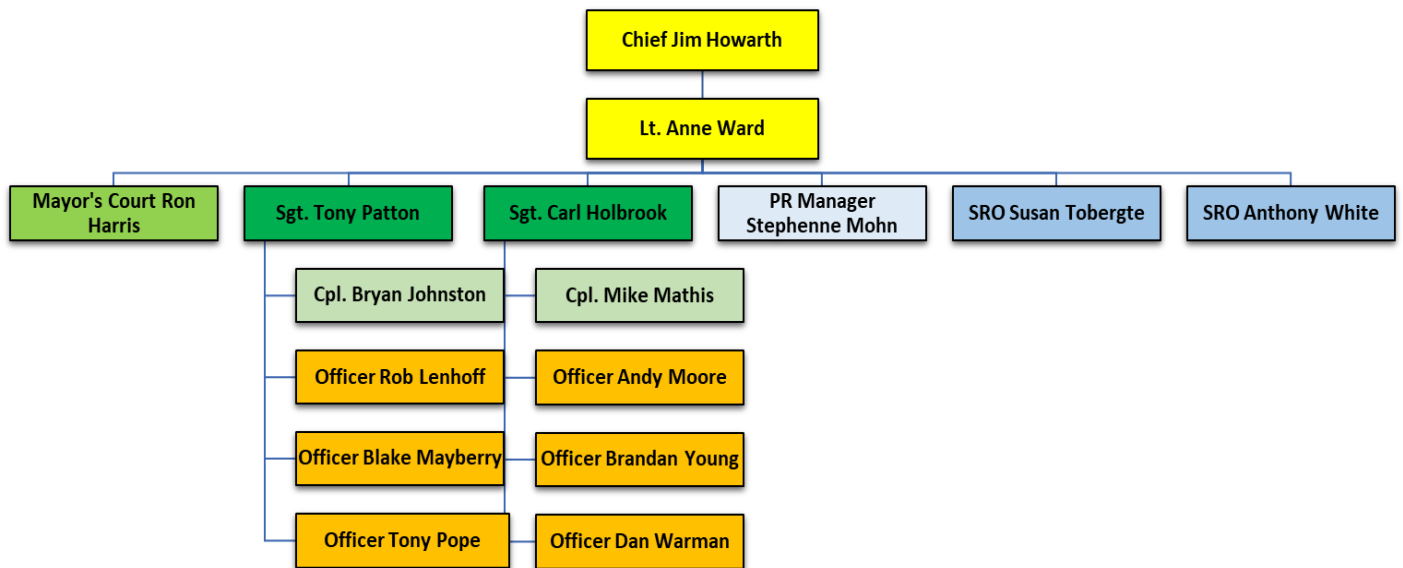


Jim Howarth

Chief of Police

Village of Greenhills Police Department

Organizational Chart



Personnel Compliment as of December 31, 2025

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

OPERATIONS

Lieutenant Anne Ward

Operations Commander

Lieutenant Anne Ward (right) serves as the second-in-command of the Greenhills Police Department and plays an essential role in the agency's day-to-day operations. She oversees patrol functions, supervises personnel, and ensures the effective delivery of police services throughout the Village. In addition to managing the department's training program, she is responsible for coordinating continuing education requirements, scheduling specialized instruction, and ensuring officers remain current with state and national standards.



Lieutenant Ward also administers the department's records system, maintaining accuracy, accountability, and timely reporting across all operational areas. As the department's Accreditation Manager, she directs all activities related to maintaining full compliance with CALEA standards. Her leadership in policy development, proof gathering, and ongoing assessment was instrumental in the department achieving its sixth CALEA re-accreditation in 2025.

Her professionalism, organizational skills, and commitment to excellence strengthen every aspect of departmental operations and contribute significantly to the overall success of the Greenhills Police Department.

PATROL DIVISION

The Greenhills Police Department's Patrol Division provides 24/7 community-focused policing services to the residents and visitors of Greenhills. Eighty-seven years ago, the federal government established Greenhills as a Greenbelt Community in northern Hamilton County as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. The first residents moved into homes on Avenell Lane on April 1, 1938, marking both the beginning of this historic community and the origins of the Greenhills Police Department.

Staffing and Operations

The Patrol Division is staffed by two full-time sergeants and two part-time corporals, each bringing extensive experience and professionalism to the agency. Sergeants Patton (*right*) and Holbrook (*on the following page*) serve as the division's road patrol supervisors, overseeing day-to-day operations to ensure the consistent delivery of high-quality police services.

The division also includes six full-time patrol officers who work 10-hour shifts on a rotating schedule of days off every six weeks. This





schedule is designed to maintain consistent coverage while balancing operational needs. Officers may adjust their shifts as necessary to support planned community events—such as Harvest Fest, Light Up Greenhills, concerts, and other village activities—ensuring optimal visibility and service during high-attendance occasions.

Community Policing and Daily Responsibilities

Officers are encouraged to maintain a high level of visibility, approachability, and engagement during patrol. Their responsibilities include responding to and addressing traffic-related complaints from residents, such as speeding, stop-sign violations, and other unsafe driving behaviors. Officers proactively explore solutions to these concerns and often recommend strategically placing the department's portable speed sign to help reduce violations in problem areas.

In addition to routine calls for service, officers conduct a wide range of preventative and community-oriented activities, including:

1. Directed patrols and crime-prevention patrols
2. Building and business checks
3. Vacation house checks
4. Traffic enforcement and monitoring
5. School walks and campus presence
6. Visibility details during community events
7. Neighborhood engagement and problem-solving

This comprehensive approach helps ensure the safety, security, and quality of life for everyone in the Village of Greenhills.

Patrol Officers

(top: left to right) Officer Andy Moore, Officer Rob Lenhoff, Officer Blake Mayberry
(bottom: left to right) Officer Brandan Young, Officer Dan Warman, Officer Tony Pope



INVESTIGATIONS

The Greenhills Police Department is fortunate to have two highly experienced part-time corporals—Mike Mathis (*right*) and Bryan Johnston (*below*)—who play a critical role in the department’s investigative functions and the professional development of our officers. With many years of service, both corporals assist in conducting and coordinating criminal investigations, ensuring each case receives the attention, follow-up, and thoroughness it deserves. Their expertise is especially valuable during major incidents, where their skill and attention to detail directly support successful outcomes and enhance community safety.



Beyond their investigative responsibilities, Corporals Mathis and Johnston provide essential mentorship to newer officers, offering guidance as they navigate complex cases and day-to-day challenges. Their willingness to step in and assume patrol duties during vacations and time off further strengthens the department’s ability to maintain consistent coverage and high-quality service to the community.

A significant responsibility of the department’s investigators—including both corporals—is conducting comprehensive background checks on prospective police officers. These checks are among the most critical components of the hiring process, ensuring that only candidates who meet the Village’s highest standards of character and integrity move forward. Background investigations include reviews of employment and education history, military service, references, online presence, driving records, civil filings, and criminal history.



In 2025, the department successfully hired two new part-time police officers following two such comprehensive background investigations, reinforcing our continued dedication to excellence and public safety.

MAYOR’S COURT

Ron Harris

Mayor’s Court Clerk

Ron Harris serves the Greenhills Police Department in the dual capacities of Mayor’s Court Clerk and Police Clerk, managing a wide range of responsibilities essential to the department’s daily operations.

As Mayor’s Court Clerk, he prepares court dockets, collects fees and fines, updates records, and utilizes the Ohio Attorney General’s Office Collection Enforcement Section to recover unpaid fines. He issues court orders for fines, intervention programs, and driving privileges; submits required documentation to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles; answers inquiries related to court procedures, dates, warrants, and payments; and attends training through the Central Ohio Association of



Mayor's Court Clerks on docketing, expungements, record sealing, and cases involving driving under suspension or operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

In his role as Police Clerk, Ron processes incoming calls and payments for criminal and traffic fines, makes computer entries, manages citation and arrest paperwork, and assists the public, attorneys, and officers with inquiries, accident reports, and case information. He also receives ongoing training through the Regional Crime Information Center (RCIC) to ensure accurate and secure recordkeeping.

In addition to these duties, Ron serves as the department's Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC) and Local Agency Security Officer (LASO), ensuring LEADS compliance, information security, documentation accuracy, and required annual training.

Ron's professionalism, diligence, and expertise make his contributions indispensable to the department's operational efficiency, legal compliance, and service to the community.

PROPERTY ROOM

Stephenne Mohn

Property Room Technician

The Greenhills Police Department's Property Room continues to operate under the exceptional leadership of Property Room Manager Stephenne Mohn, a part-time civilian employee who also serves as the full-time Property Room Manager for the City of Sharonville. Stephenne brings a wealth of experience, professionalism, and expertise to our agency.

Her meticulous attention to detail ensures the integrity, accountability, and security of all property entrusted to the department. During the December 2024 on-site CALEA assessment, Assessor Eric Kerns commended Stephenne for her outstanding management of the Property Room, and the audit revealed no discrepancies.

Stephenne's commitment to maintaining an efficient, organized, and compliant Property Room is a cornerstone of the department's success.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

Welcoming Two Experienced Part-Time Police Officers

In 2025, the Greenhills Police Department expanded its long-standing partnership with the Winton Woods City School District by acquiring two highly qualified part-time police officers to serve as School Resource Officers (SROs). This enhancement reflects our continued commitment to student safety, proactive engagement, and the strengthening of positive relationships between law enforcement and the youth of our community.

Officer Anthony White

Experienced Officer, Former SRO, and Dedicated Mentor

Officer Anthony White brings more than 25 years of law enforcement experience to the Greenhills Police Department. He began his



policing career with the Cincinnati Police Department, where he served in several high-demand neighborhoods and gained extensive experience in patrol operations, community engagement, and youth outreach.

A significant part of his career includes serving as an SRO at Taft High School, where he earned a strong reputation for building trust with students, guiding them through challenges, and fostering a safe school environment. His background in school-based policing made him an ideal fit for Winton Woods City Schools.



Officer White holds a Bachelor's Degree from Morehead State University, further enhancing his professionalism and leadership abilities. After completing his orientation with Greenhills PD, he assumed primary responsibility for South Campus, where his approachable nature and mentorship-focused style quickly resonated with students, staff, and administrators.

Officer Susan Tobergte

Experienced Officer and Accomplished Leader

Officer Susan Tobergte brings more than 25 years of law enforcement experience to the SRO program. She began her career with the Hamilton Police Department, where she served for eight years before joining the Miami University Police Department. There, she rose to the rank of Detective Sergeant, developing a reputation for her investigative proficiency, professionalism, and compassionate approach to working with students and victims.

Her educational background includes an Associate Degree in Sociology from Miami University and a Bachelor of Arts in Management and Human Relations from Trevecca Nazarene University. She is also a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, one of the nation's leading police executive development programs.



Officer Tobergte was sworn in on October 1, completed a two-week orientation, and entered South Campus on October 13, where she quickly became a trusted presence among teachers and students. On December 1, she transitioned to her assignment at the Community Building, providing safety and support for educational and youth programming occurring within the Village.



A Partnership That Strengthens Our Community

This SRO initiative—funded fully by the Winton Woods City School District at no cost to the Village—represents a forward-thinking approach to school safety and community collaboration. Officers White and Tobergte provide daily support to students, assist educators, improve communication between the district and the police, and help create a stable, secure environment conducive to learning.

Superintendent Steve Denny (*right*) and the Winton Woods Board of Education have been instrumental in making this vision a reality. Their commitment to establishing a safe and positive educational environment is reflected in every step of this partnership.

As we review the accomplishments of 2025, the addition of these two outstanding officers stands as one of the year's most meaningful achievements—one that will benefit students, families, and the broader community for years to come.



CALEA ACCREDITATION

2025 Recertification

In December 2024, the Greenhills Police Department successfully completed its three-day on-site assessment as part of the CALEA recertification process. The assessment, conducted by CALEA Assessor Eric Kerns from North Carolina, identified no issues during the review of the 2023 compliance period.

The 2025 recertification represents the department's sixth successful CALEA accreditation since first achieving accreditation in 2008. Much of the preparation was led by Lieutenant Anne Ward, whose diligence ensured the process accurately reflected the department's adherence to national standards.



The department was formally recertified at the 2025 CALEA Conference in Garden Grove, California, during the week of March 11th. This achievement underscores the agency's unwavering commitment to excellence, continuous improvement, and community trust. Maintaining CALEA accreditation remains a cornerstone of the department's mission to deliver high-quality, accountable, and professional police services to the residents of the Village of Greenhills.

The police department remains committed to reviewing and updating its policies to ensure continued compliance with CALEA standards, thereby reinforcing its dedication to professionalism, transparency, and accountability.

A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC SAFETY

In May, the residents of Greenhills made a meaningful investment in the safety and future of our community by approving the police levy. On behalf of the Greenhills Police Department, we

want to sincerely thank our residents for their trust, support, and confidence in the men and women who serve this Village every day.

*Thank
you!*

The passage of this levy allows us to remain competitive in an increasingly challenging law enforcement environment. Hiring a police officer is a significant investment—one that involves extensive training, mentoring, and resources over time. Just as important, however, is our ability to retain the dedicated officers we already have. Keeping experienced officers in Greenhills

preserves relationships, maintains continuity, and ensures that residents continue to see familiar, trusted faces in their neighborhoods.

Across the region, agencies regularly lose good officers to higher-paying departments. Retaining our officers not only protects the Village's investment in training but also strengthens the level of service we can provide. This levy helped ensure that Greenhills can continue to attract and keep high-quality officers who are committed to this community—not just for a job, but for a career.

We are grateful for the partnership we share with our residents and remain committed to being careful, responsible stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Your support allows us to continue providing professional, responsive, and community-focused policing for years to come.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Training remains a cornerstone of the Greenhills Police Department's operational philosophy. We strongly believe that officers respond to critical incidents based on their training, and 2025 was no exception. Throughout the year, officers participated in a robust lineup of education, certification, and skills-based courses designed to enhance safety, legal compliance, decision-making, and readiness.

The State of Ohio mandates Continuing Professional Training (CPT) hours outside of annual firearms qualifications and other standard recertification requirements. For 2025, the State required 24 hours of CPT training per officer. Of those hours, eight (*depicted in the chart below*) were directed toward core subjects, including:

1. Use of force
2. Search and seizure
3. Legal updates
4. Ethics and professional conduct

REQUIRED - 8 hours	Hours:
Use of Force	3
Ethics Law	2
Legal Updates	2
Arrest, Search and Seizure	1
	8

The remaining 16 (*depicted in the chart below*) required hours were completed in a variety of advanced subjects, including but not limited to:

1. Officer wellness and stress management
2. Report writing and case documentation
3. Victims' rights and trauma response
4. Ohio school threat assessment and safety planning
5. Lethal force decision-making
6. Crisis intervention strategies

Other Requirements - 16 hours: EOPTA	Hours:
CAT & Officer Wellness	3
Report Writing	2
Victim's Rights/Marsy's Law	1
Vicarious Trauma	1
Critical Thinking Use of Force Situations	1
BCI Lethal Use of Force & OIC Investigations	1
Distracted Driving	0.25
Sierah's Law	0.25
Safe at Home	0.5
Missing Child	0.25
Ohio School Threat Assessment	3
Documenting Complex Crisis Intervention	1
Effective Report Writing for Adolescent Interaction	1
Effective Report Writing for High-Stakes School Crisis	1
Officer Trauma and Wellness in High-Stress Domestic Violence Situations	
	16.25

In addition to state-mandated CPT training, all officers completed the department's eight-hour (*depicted in the chart below*) annual in-service training block. This included instruction on:

1. Bias-based policing
2. Pursuit policy and driving considerations
3. Use of force
4. Domestic violence response and investigation
5. Search and seizure legal standards
6. Body-worn camera operation and case law

Additional CPT Hours (In-Service)	Hours:
In Service Training, CPT approved 25CPT931: BIAS-BASED POLICING	1
In Service Training, CPT approved 25CPT931: TRAFFIC PURSUIT	1
In Service Training, CPT approved 25CPT931: USE OF FORCE	1
In Service Training, CPT approved 25CPT931: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1
In Service Training, CPT approved 25CPT931: SEARCH AND SEIZURE	2
In Service Training, CPT approved 25CPT1236: BODY WORN CAMERA	2
	8

Patrol officers also participated in a four-hour driver training session hosted by the Forest Park Police Department, focusing on high-risk vehicle operations and decision-making.

Several officers attended the highly regarded “Legally Confident – Tactically Confident” course taught by nationally recognized instructors Bob Meador and Scott Hughes, focusing on objective reasonableness, constitutional standards, and use-of-force decision processes.

The department also advanced internal capabilities by certifying Officer Brandan Young as a patrol rifle instructor, expanding in-house firearms training capacity. Officer Young now serves as one of two departmental rangemasters.

By year’s end, officers collectively documented over 600 hours of training. The State of Ohio reimburses law enforcement salary costs for up to 40 hours of CPT training per officer—24 hours that are required, plus up to an additional 16 hours of CPT-approved elective coursework. As a result, the department was able to submit a significant portion of the training completed in 2025 for reimbursement (over \$17,000), reinforcing fiscal responsibility while maintaining the highest standards of professional readiness.

The continued investment in high-quality training ensures Greenhills officers remain prepared, confident, and accountable—supporting safe, lawful, and community-centered policing.

POLICE CRUISER FLEET REPLACEMENT AND REBRANDING

In 2024, the Greenhills Police Department faced the challenge of replacing three aging cruisers—two 2017 models and one 2014 model—that had become increasingly unreliable and costly to maintain. With an emphasis on responsible financial stewardship, the department thoroughly evaluated its options to determine the most cost-effective solution for the community.



After researching available alternatives, the department acquired three well-maintained, low-mileage 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from another agency. Each was already fully equipped with emergency lights, radios, prisoner transport seating, and other essential police equipment. The total cost for all three vehicles was \$39,000, or \$13,000 per cruiser. By comparison, a single brand-new, fully outfitted police vehicle would have cost the Village more than \$56,000.

This fiscally sound decision allowed the department to replace three aging cruisers for less than the cost of a single new vehicle, resulting in significant savings while still providing officers with reliable, modern, and safe transportation.



The arrival of these cruisers also marked the introduction of a new fleet design. The department transitioned from the traditional black-and-white color scheme to a single-color exterior featuring the updated Greenhills Police logo.

As part of the overall fleet transition, the 2014 Chevrolet cruiser was sent to public auction, where

it brought in more than \$7,000, further reducing the net cost of the fleet upgrade. The two 2017 Ford Explorers were repurposed as School Resource Officer vehicles, with the Winton Woods City School District covering all rebranding and maintenance costs.

All three newly acquired 2020 cruisers were outfitted, marked, and placed into service in early 2025.

FIREARMS TRANSITION: Moving from Glock .40 to Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm

In 2025, the Greenhills Police Department completed a significant upgrade to its duty firearms, transitioning from the Glock .40 caliber platform to the modern Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm. This change represents a significant step forward in officer safety, training efficiency, and long-term operational readiness.

For years, law enforcement agencies across the country have moved toward 9mm platforms due to improved ballistic performance, lower recoil, and more cost-effective ammunition. After evaluating several options and consulting current law enforcement standards, the department determined that the Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm provided the best combination of accuracy, reliability, ergonomics, and sustainability. Its optics-ready design further enhances officers' ability to acquire targets quickly and perform more effectively in low-light and high-stress situations.

Training sessions were conducted to ensure all officers became fully proficient with the new firearm and optic system before carrying them in the field. The transition enhances both safety and performance, providing officers with a modern platform that better supports today's policing demands.

In addition to the operational benefits, the upgrade was completed with responsible fiscal stewardship. The department successfully sold its existing Glock .40-caliber firearms for \$300 each, helping offset the overall cost of the transition. This approach allowed the department to modernize its equipment while minimizing the financial impact on the Village.

The shift to the Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm is an investment in officer safety, departmental efficiency, and community protection. The Greenhills Police Department appreciates the continued support of Village leadership. It remains committed to providing officers with the tools and training necessary to serve the community at the highest level.

BODY-WORN CAMERA PROGRAM

A Major Step Forward

In 2025, the Greenhills Police Department achieved a significant milestone with the implementation of a comprehensive Body-Worn Camera (BWC) program—an initiative made possible through strong planning, responsible budgeting, and the successful securing of grant funding. After applying for assistance in September 2024, the department was awarded more

than **\$27,000** to launch the program. This funding substantially offset the total cost of purchasing cameras, related equipment, storage, and the necessary support infrastructure.

The BWC program reflects the Village's continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and modern policing practices. Throughout early 2025, the department completed system selection, equipment ordering, deployment planning, and officer training. All sworn personnel are now fully equipped with body-worn cameras, and the system is fully operational. Officers received instruction not only on proper operation of the devices, but also on best practices for tagging, uploading, retention, public records requests, and policy compliance, ensuring consistent and professional use in accordance with state law and CALEA standards.

The grant funding played a pivotal role in making this project possible without creating an additional burden on Village finances. The department will continue to submit quarterly reimbursement reports to ensure the full grant amount is realized. This project also positions the department for long-term success by enhancing evidentiary documentation, strengthening public trust, and improving officer safety.

The implementation of body-worn cameras represents more than just new equipment—it marks a major investment in accountability and community confidence. The Greenhills Police Department is proud to bring this technology to the Village and remains committed to leveraging every available resource to provide professional, transparent, and high-quality police services.

AN UNUSUAL VISITOR: Black Bear Sighting in Greenhills

In the early morning hours of Sunday, July 7, at approximately 1:30 a.m., Greenhills residents received an unexpected reminder that nature can occasionally find its way into even the most suburban settings. While on routine patrol, Officer Young observed a black bear calmly walking across the Commons before disappearing behind Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Farragut Road.

The sighting was promptly reported to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), which confirmed that the bear had been traveling throughout the region in recent weeks, with confirmed sightings in Forest Park, Springfield Township, and Sharonville. While rare, such occurrences reflect the expanding movement patterns of wildlife and the importance of coordinated response between local law enforcement and state agencies.

The incident quickly captured widespread public attention. Video footage shared by the Greenhills Police Department on social media reached more than 254,000 views in just a few days, prompting community discussion, shared sightings, and regional interest. The response highlighted both the power of timely public communication and the strong engagement between the department and the community it serves.

While the moment sparked curiosity and conversation, public safety remained the department's primary focus. Black bears are a protected species in Ohio and should never be approached. The Greenhills Police Department worked closely with ODNR to monitor the bear's movement and provided residents with clear guidance on how to respond safely if



another sighting occurred. Residents were advised to maintain distance, avoid running, make loud noises to deter the animal, and secure trash, pet food, and bird feeders to eliminate attractants.

Residents were encouraged to immediately report any sightings to the Greenhills Police Department so information could be relayed to ODNR and appropriate monitoring could continue. Through proactive communication, coordinated response, and community cooperation, the situation was handled safely for both residents and wildlife.

While unusual, the event served as a reminder that public safety includes preparedness for the unexpected—and that even in a close-knit village like Greenhills, nature sometimes makes a surprise appearance.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Building Trust, Relationships, and Stronger Neighborhoods

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of the Greenhills Police Department's philosophy and daily operations. Throughout the past year, the department continued to prioritize meaningful, consistent, and authentic interactions with residents of all ages. These efforts go far beyond traditional law enforcement functions and are rooted in the belief that strong relationships, open communication, and mutual trust are essential to a safe and thriving community.

In 2025, Greenhills officers participated in a wide range of community-based programs and events designed to connect with residents in positive, informal settings. These initiatives provided opportunities for conversation, education, mentorship, and collaboration—allowing officers and community members to engage with one another as neighbors, not just as police and citizens.

Building Bridges: Cops & Barbers Initiative

One of the most impactful initiatives launched this year was *Building Bridges*, also known as *Cops & Barbers*. Developed in partnership with local community leader and business owner Antonio Spicer, this program was designed to foster open dialogue and strengthen relationships between police officers, youth, and families in trusted community spaces.

Rather than formal presentations, these gatherings focused on honest conversations, shared experiences, and mutual understanding. Officers attended in plain clothes to help break down barriers and encourage relaxed, meaningful interaction. The program emphasized listening as much as speaking, allowing community members—particularly young people—to ask questions, voice concerns, and build familiarity with the officers who serve them. The success of



this initiative has reinforced the value of meeting the community where they are and engaging in ways that feel natural and welcoming.

Coffee with the Cops

The department continued its popular *Coffee with the Cops* events, providing residents with informal opportunities to meet officers, ask questions, and discuss community issues in a relaxed environment. These gatherings encouraged open conversation about public safety, neighborhood concerns, and the role of policing in Greenhills, while also allowing officers to hear firsthand from residents about what matters most to them.

The casual setting helped remove formality and fostered genuine dialogue, reinforcing the department's commitment to transparency, accessibility, and community partnership.



Cookies with the Cops

Engaging with young residents remains a priority for the Greenhills Police Department. *Cookies with the Cops* offered a fun, approachable way for children and families to interact with officers, helping to create positive early experiences with law enforcement. These events emphasized approachability and friendliness, allowing officers to connect with children in a way that builds trust and comfort.

Gametime with GPD



In addition, officers participated in *GameTime with GPD*, an interactive program where officers and youth played games such as basketball, board games, cornhole, and other activities. These moments of shared fun helped humanize the badge and demonstrated that officers are invested in the well-being and development of the community's youth.



Cooking with the Cops / National Night Out

The department proudly participated in *Cooking with the Cops* in conjunction with National Night Out. This event brought officers and residents together for a community cookout featuring food, giveaways, and family-friendly activities. While the focus was not on cooking demonstrations, the event served as a celebration of community unity and partnership.



Residents had the opportunity to interact with officers, explore police vehicles and equipment, and engage in conversations about safety and quality of life in Greenhills. The event reinforced the importance of collaboration between law enforcement and the community in maintaining safe neighborhoods.



School and Educational Outreach

Greenhills officers continued to strengthen relationships with local schools and students throughout the year. Officers participated in classroom visits, reading sessions with elementary students, and educational discussions focused on topics such as the Bill of Rights, personal safety, and the role of police in a democratic society.

These interactions were designed not only to educate but also to build familiarity and trust. By engaging with students in positive, age-appropriate ways, officers help establish a foundation of respect and understanding that carries forward into adulthood.



Seasonal and Community Events

The department participated in numerous seasonal and village-wide events, including *Harvest-Fest*, Trunk-or-Treat activities, and *Light-Up Greenhills*, which brought residents together to celebrate the holidays. Officers staffed booths, interacted with families, handed out treats, and helped ensure these events were safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Participation in these events reflects the department's commitment to being visible, approachable, and engaged in all aspects of community life—not only during emergencies or enforcement situations.



****Nothing better than a good pumpkin carving and apple pie eating contest!***

Presentations and Public Education

In collaboration with the Greenhills Fire Department, officers participated in public presentations at the Greenhills Library, showcasing police and fire equipment and explaining how these tools are used to serve and protect the community. These educational opportunities helped residents better understand public safety operations and strengthened partnerships among local agencies.



A Commitment Beyond Enforcement

Collectively, these community engagement efforts reflect the Greenhills Police Department's belief that effective policing is built on relationships, not just response times or enforcement statistics. Officers are encouraged to see community engagement as a daily responsibility—whether through formal programs, neighborhood conversations, or simple positive interactions during patrol.

The department is proud of the time, effort, and professionalism demonstrated by its officers throughout the year. These initiatives have strengthened trust, improved communication, and reinforced the shared responsibility between police and residents to keep Greenhills safe, welcoming, and connected.

As the department looks ahead, community engagement will remain a foundational priority. The Greenhills Police Department remains committed to building bridges, fostering dialogue, and serving the community with integrity, compassion, and respect.

CRIME REPORTING

Not all calls for service involve criminal activity. Greenhills Police officers routinely respond to assist residents and traveling motorists in a wide variety of non-criminal situations, including welfare checks, motorist assistance, traffic hazards, community service calls, and other public safety needs. These interactions represent a significant portion of daily patrol activity and reflect the department's commitment to proactive service and community support. The list depicted reflects calls for service that were determined to be non-criminal and, therefore, not reportable to the State of Ohio.

Non-Criminal Incidents	Totals
Animal Bite	2
Animal complaint	58
Assault	1
Assist Motorist	47
Attempt to Locate	27
Attempt to Stop	1
Audible Alarm	1
Auto Accident	28
Breaking and Entering	1
Burglary	4
Check on Well Being	46
Criminal Damaging	1
Custody Dispute	2
Custody Issue	12
Dead On Arrival	5
Disabled Vehicle	57
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Trouble	62
Escort	13
Fight in Progress	1
Fire Run	70
Fireworks Complaint	4
Found Property Report	33
Fraud	1
Garbage Complaint	3
Golf Cart Inspection	2
Harassment / Threat Report	8
Holder	7
Holdup Alarm	4
Information	38
Injured Animal	3
Intelligence	1
Intrusion Alarm	31
Juvenile Complaint	46
Lockout	65
Lost Dog	13
Lost Property Report	5
Missing Person Report	9
Mutual Aid	209
Neighbor Trouble	10
Neighborhood Information	5
Noise Complaint	34
Open Burn	1

Panic Alarm	2
Parking Complaint	149
Person with a Gun	4
Places Found Open	23
Property Damage Report	12
Prowler	6
Psychiatric Emergency	23
Public Relations	10
Public Service Notification	16
Report	83
Runaway Report	7
Shots Fired	4
Silent 911 Call	2
Squad Run	409
Suicidal Thoughts	4
Suicide	1
Suicide Attempt	5
Suspicious Person	69
Suspicious Vehicle	81
Telecommunications Harassment	8
Theft	7
Traffic Complaint	8
Traffic Hazard	15
Trespassing	13
Trouble Run	63
Utility	8
Warrant Service	101
Totals	2,105

The Police Department reports all violent crimes—such as murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault—to the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2025, the department documented **15 violent crime offense reports**, compared to **13 in 2024**.

Overall, the department recorded **184 criminal offense reports in 2025, down from 200 in 2024, a 8% decrease**. Key offense trends included:

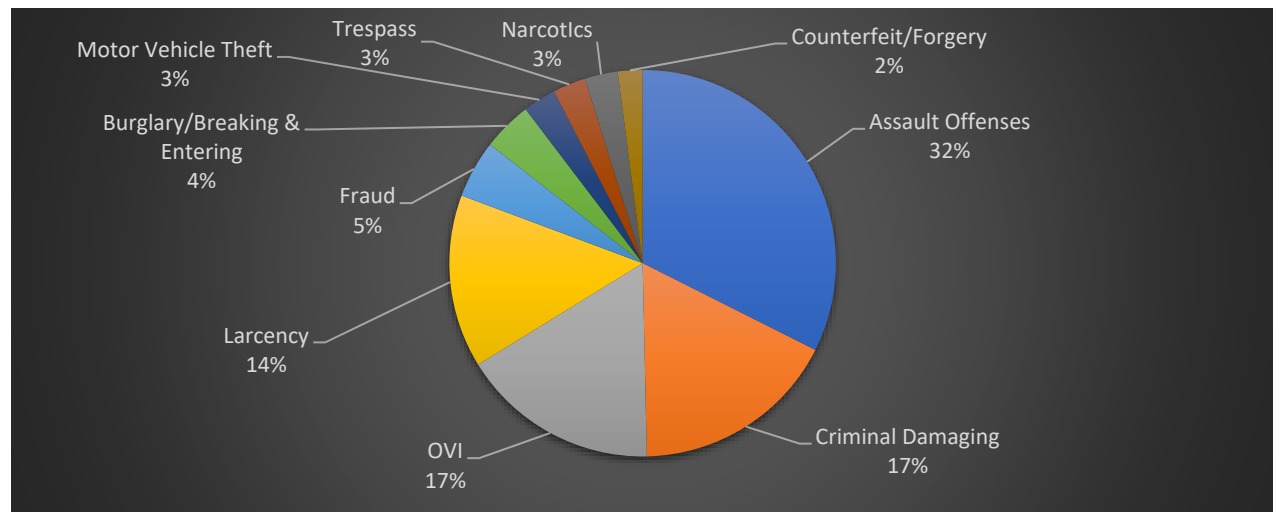
- **Simple Assaults:** down 18% (2024: 39 reports / 2025: 32 reports)
- **Larceny (Theft):** down 49% (2024: 41 reports / 2025: 21 reports)
- **Criminal Damaging:** up 19% (2024: 21 reports / 2025: 25 reports)
- **Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated (OVI) Arrests:** up 71% (2024: 14 reports / 2025: 24 reports)

In addition to criminal offense reports, patrol officers responded to 2,105 calls for service in 2025, a slight increase from the 2,079 in 2024. Additional records management entries include incident reports, citations, field interview reports, warrant services, crash reports, and daily activities such as business checks and school walk-throughs.

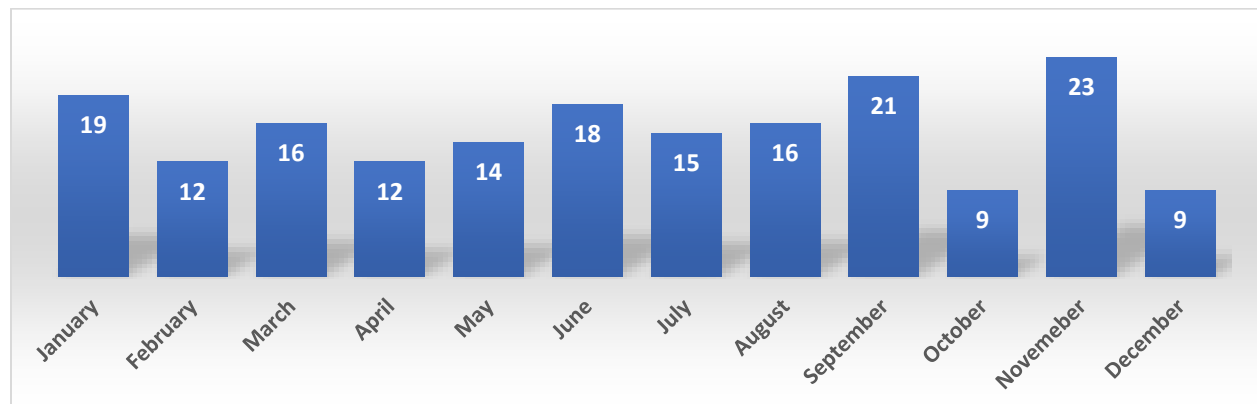
Criminal Offense Reports Reported to the State

2025 Criminal Offense Reports	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	2024	Difference
100 - Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
120 - Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	1
13A - Aggravated Assault	2	0	1	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	13	12	1
13B - Simple Assault	3	0	3	2	6	2	3	1	2	2	6	2	32	39	-7
13C - Intimidation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	-1
220 - Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	6	3	3
23C - Shoplifting	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	-4
23F - Theft From Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	-5
23H - All Other Larceny	1	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	4	2	0	0	16	27	-11
240 - Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	4	3	1
250 - Counterfeiting/Forgery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	5	-2
26B - Credit Card Fraud	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1
26F - Identity Theft	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	4	1
270 - Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
280 - Stolen Property Offenses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
290 - Criminal Damage/Vandalism	0	1	3	0	3	3	1	3	4	0	4	3	25	21	4
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	4	0
35B - Drug Equipment Violations	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2
520 - Weapon Law Violations	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	-3
90C - Disorderly Conduct	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	-7
90D - Driving Under the Influence	1	1	3	0	2	3	5	1	1	4	2	1	24	14	10
90E - Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	5	-3
90J - Trespass of Real Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	4	0
90Z - All Other Offenses	4	4	4	0	0	2	4	1	4	0	3	1	27	27	0
2025 Totals by Month:	19	12	16	12	14	18	15	16	21	9	23	9	184	200	
2024 Totals by Month:	25	10	16	13	8	15	32	8	21	17	18	17	200		
Difference	-6	2	NC	-1	6	3	-17	8	NC	-8	5	-8	-16		

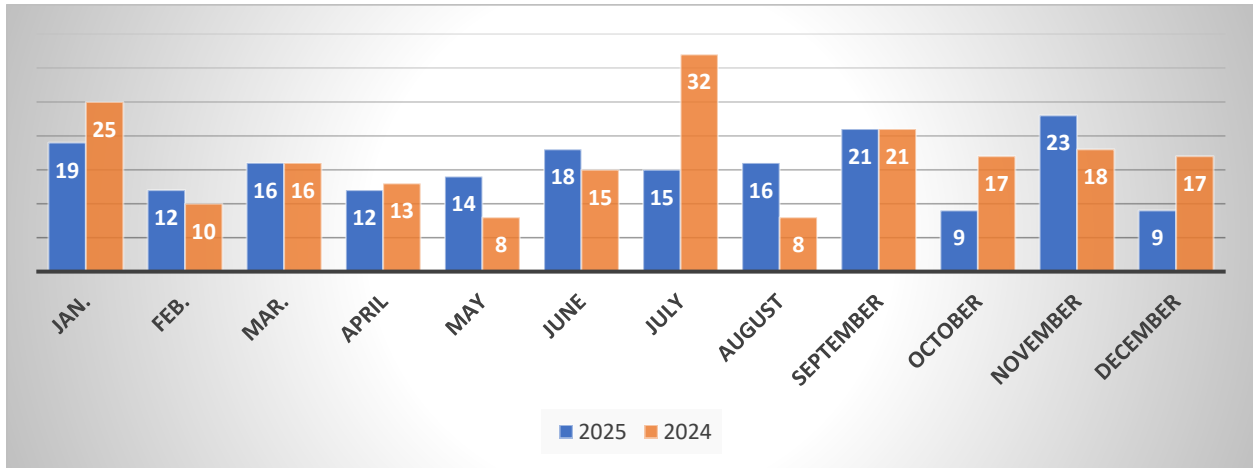
Top Ten Crimes Reported (percentages)



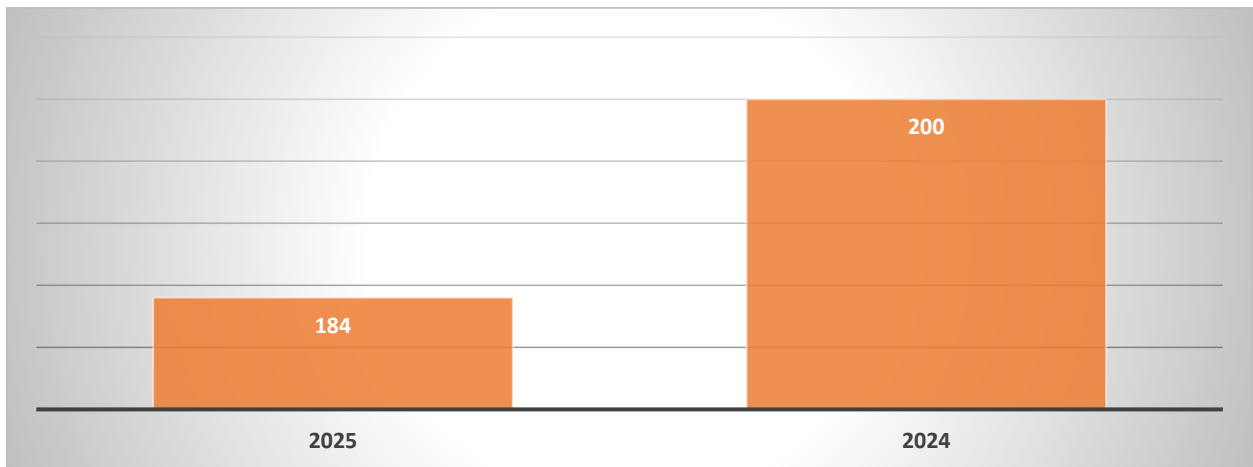
Criminal Offense Reports by Month



Monthly Comparison 2024-2025



Yearly Comparison (2024-2025) Total Reports



Although 184 crimes were reported during the calendar year, one incident stood out above all others. On September 19th at approximately 12:40 a.m., officers responded to a report of an aggravated robbery on Cromwell that had just occurred. Additional details about this case can be found in the article below and on the following page.

CROMWELL AGGRAVATED ROBBERY

Exceptional Investigative Work Leads to the Arrest of a Violent Repeat Offender

One of the most significant criminal cases of 2025 involved an aggravated robbery on Cromwell Road. What began as a violent, targeted robbery quickly escalated into a major, multijurisdictional investigation—one that showcased the Greenhills Police Department's strong investigative abilities and our partnerships throughout Hamilton County and the State of Ohio.



Patrol officers responded immediately after the robbery was reported. Early investigative steps, including scene preservation, witness interviews, and evidence recovery, allowed investigators to begin developing leads. Corporal Mathis played a critical role in advancing the case by

conducting extensive follow-up work and coordinating with agents from the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI).

Through careful analysis of evidence and information gathered in the days following the incident, investigators identified the suspect as Tyrik Grays, who had recently been released from prison after serving seven years for aggravated robbery. The investigation expanded quickly as new information surfaced. Victims' property was located miles away from the original crime scene, and additional items belonging to the victim were recovered inside Grays' residence after the Greenhills Police Department, BCI, and the Cincinnati Police Department executed a search warrant.

As investigators continued their work, an unexpected and ironic element emerged: Grays had recently appeared in a local news story, giving an interview about resident safety in the very apartment complex where he lived—and where several of the Cincinnati robberies he later admitted to had occurred. His public comments about safety stood in stark contrast to his involvement in the violent crime spree unfolding in the surrounding area.



As the investigation progressed, it became clear that Grays was responsible for multiple robberies within the City of Cincinnati during the same timeframe. He was formally charged in Greenhills with one count of Aggravated Robbery related to the Cromwell incident and faced additional felony charges in Cincinnati.

A Hamilton County Grand Jury ultimately indicted Grays on two counts of Aggravated Robbery, four counts of Robbery, and two counts of Having Weapons Under Disability. He remains in the Hamilton County Justice Center awaiting trial.

This investigation stands as a powerful example of professional police work, perseverance, and interagency collaboration. The dedication of Corporal Mathis, combined with support from BCI and the Cincinnati Police Department, resulted in the recapture of a dangerous repeat offender and prevented further victimization.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND ROADWAY SAFETY

Traffic enforcement remains a critical component of the Greenhills Police Department's commitment to public safety. Officers employ a balanced approach that emphasizes both enforcement and education, recognizing that proactive traffic enforcement helps reduce crashes, improve driver behavior, and protect motorists and pedestrians alike. Educating the public on traffic laws and safe driving practices is paramount to ensuring the safety of all who travel through the Village, whether by vehicle or on foot.

During 2025, officers issued 628 traffic citations and 677 traffic warnings, totaling 1,305 traffic enforcement interactions with motor vehicle operators. This approach reflects the department's philosophy of holding violators accountable while also using warnings as an opportunity to educate drivers and encourage voluntary compliance.

The majority of speeding violations continue to occur along Winton Road, a major arterial roadway that carries thousands of vehicles daily and serves as a primary commuter route through

the Village. Focused enforcement along this corridor remains essential given the high traffic volume and safety concerns about speeding.

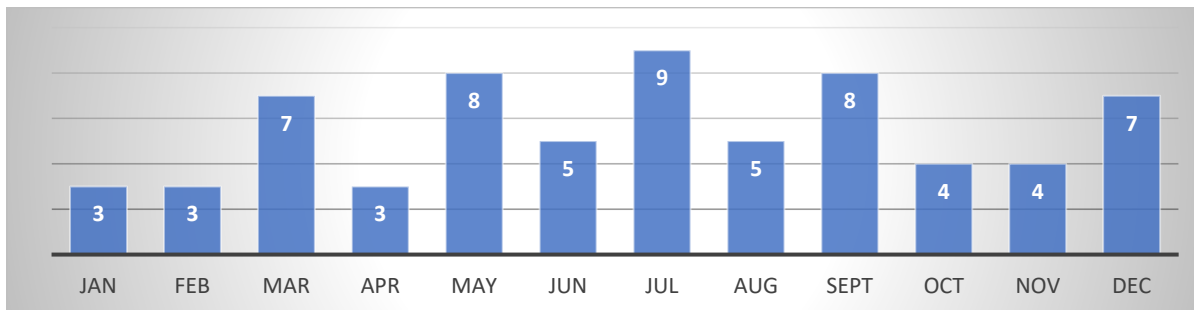
Good Reminder: Know the Speed Limits

These statistics also serve as an important reminder to motorists that the posted speed limit on Winton Road is 35 miles per hour, while all Village and neighboring residential streets are posted at 25 miles per hour. Adhering to posted speed limits is critical to maintaining safe roadways, reducing crash severity, and protecting pedestrians, cyclists, and other motorists throughout the community.

Auto Accidents

Patrol officers also investigated 66 traffic crashes in 2025, a slight increase from 64 in 2024. Notably, the department did not record any fatal traffic crashes during the calendar year, reflecting the continued effectiveness of targeted enforcement, visibility, and public education efforts.

Traffic Crashes Investigated by Month



Traffic Citation (violations) vs. Warnings Issued – 2025

The following charts illustrate the balance between traffic violation citations and warnings issued by police officers during 2025. This data reflects a deliberate enforcement strategy that emphasizes both accountability and education. While citations are issued when necessary to address unsafe or repeat behavior, officers also utilize warnings as an opportunity to educate motorists, promote voluntary compliance with traffic laws, and enhance overall roadway safety. This balanced approach supports the department's commitment to fair, consistent, and proactive traffic enforcement to reduce crashes and improve safety for motorists and pedestrians alike.

Local Code	Citation/Warning	Violation Description	Totals
303.09	Citation	LEAVING JUNK VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION OR NOTIFICATION	1
303.11	Citation	False Info to Police Officer (Provide)	1
313.01	Citation	Red Light Violation	6
	Warning	Red Light Violation	26
		Traffic Control Device Violation	3
313.05	Warning	Traffic Control Device (pedestrian)	1
331.09	Warning	Follow Too Close	3

331.1	Warning	Turning at the Intersection	1
331.13	Citation	Improper Starting / Backing	3
331.14	Citation	Turn Signal	1
	Warning	Turn Signal	1
331.16	Citation	Yield (Intersection)	2
	Warning	Yield (Intersection)	2
331.17	Citation	Yield (Left Turn)	3
	Warning	Yield (Left Turn)	1
331.19	Citation	Stop Sign	73
	Warning	Stop Sign	88
331.3	Citation	One-way traffic - rotary islands	1
	Warning	One-way traffic - rotary islands	5
333.03	Citation	Speeding	224
	Warning	Speeding	191
333.09	Citation	Reckless Driving	2
333.11	Citation	Texting While Driving	1
335.01	Citation	Driver's License (None)	50
	Warning	Driver's License (None)	2
335.03	Citation	Drive On Temps	13
335.06	Citation	Fail to Display Driver's License	2
335.07	Citation	DUS (License Forfeiture)	18
335.072	Citation	DUS (FRA) (NC,SF,SJ,SR,SS)	51
335.073	Citation	DUS (Fail to Reinstate)	2
335.09	Warning	Display of License Plates	16
335.12	Citation	Fail to Stop After an Accident	4
337.01	Warning	Unsafe Vehicle	1
337.14	Citation	Fail to Dim	2
	Warning	Fail to Dim	27
337.24	Warning	Brake Lights	9
337.27	Citation	Child Restraint	4
	Warning	Child Restraint	1
337.28	Citation	Seat Belt	19
337.29	Warning	Window Tint	1
351.03	Citation	PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING PLACES	8
	Warning	PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING PLACES	10
351.07	Warning	UNATTENDED VEHICLE: DUTY TO STOP ENGINE, REMOVE KEY, SET BRAKE AND TURN WHEELS	1
351.08	Citation	Obstructing view and control of driver - opening door into moving traffic	1
351.15	Warning	PARKING OF TRUCKS AND TRAILERS RESTRICTED.	1

351.16	Citation	Parking (72 hours)	8
	Warning	Parking (72 hours)	9
351.19	Warning	PARKING OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES PROHIBITED	3
331.01C	Citation	Left of Center	4
	Warning	Left of Center	1
331.08A1	Citation	Marked Lane	11
	Warning	Marked Lane	20
331.21A	Citation	Yield (Emergency Vehicle)	1
331.34A	Citation	Failure to Control	13
331.34C	Citation	Full Time & Attention	2
333.01(o)	Citation	OVI (Physical Control)	2
333.01A1A	Citation	OVI	22
333.01A1H	Citation	OVI (Breath Above .17%)	7
333.01A2	Citation	OVI (Refusal with Prior)	2
333.03A	Citation	ACDA	7
333.04B	Warning	Slow Speed	1
335.07A1	Citation	DUS (Violation of Driving Privileges)	3
335.074a	Citation	DUS (Child Support)	2
335.09F	Citation	Expired Tags	27
	Warning	Expired Tags	53
335.09G	Citation	Fail to Register Vehicle	7
335.09H	Warning	License Plate (Obstructed View)	2
335.10A1	Citation	Fictitious Tags	1
	Warning	Fictitious Tags	2
337.02A	Citation	Headlights (Time For)	1
	Warning	Headlights (Time For)	4
337.03A	Citation	Headlights Required	3
	Warning	Headlights Required	69
337.04A	Citation	Tail Lights Required	2
	Warning	Tail Lights Required	79
337.04B	Citation	License Plate Light	1
	Warning	License Plate Light	31
337.17B	Warning	Headlights (White Only)	1
351.03A4	Citation	Parking (Fire Hydrant)	3
351.03A17	Citation	Parking (Grass)	5
	Warning	Parking (Grass)	2
351.04F	Warning	Parking (Handicapped)	1
351.04a	Warning	PARKING NEAR CURB; HANDICAPPED LOCATIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LOTS AND GARAGES	1
529.07B4	Citation	Open Container in Vehicle	1
NONE	Citation	DUS (12 Point)	1

	DUS (OVI)	7
	Totals	1,305

IN CLOSING

As we close out 2025, the Greenhills Police Department reflects with pride on a year marked by professionalism, progress, and continued commitment to public safety. None of this work would be possible without the ongoing support and trust of our residents, businesses, and community partners. We are sincerely grateful for that support.

Looking ahead to 2026, the department remains focused on strengthening relationships, enhancing services, and adapting to the evolving needs of our community. We look forward to another year of partnership and are honored to continue serving the Village of Greenhills for many years to come.

Our Mission

The Greenhills Police Department is committed to protecting life, upholding the Constitution, and serving with integrity, compassion, and honor. We build trust through ethical conduct, community engagement, justice with compassion, and a dedication to excellence and accountability.