



City of Eastlake



2025 Annual Report  
EASTLAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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### Introduction

Welcome to the Eastlake Police Department's 2025 Annual Report which takes on a new format and look from the past reports.

In 2025, we ended the year with a total of 38 full-time employees and 33 part-time employees. This total amount of employees assisted in answering a total of 22,561 calls for service allowing us to provide prompt, effective and efficient services to the residents and to those who either visited or worked in the city.

A key accomplishment during this year was securing grant funds for the ability to purchase 35 Motorola V700 LTE body worn cameras, along with 5 transfer stations to upload the video evidence and Motorola Solutions Video Manager EL allowing for a cloud-based storage of all video evidence. Video Manager EL also allows this department to redact videos released to the public as well as to share the video captures with stakeholders in the criminal justice system. This system will be fully integrated in 2026.

With the replacement of a 2023 Dodge Durango that was damaged in a traffic accident, the department unveiled a new graphics package for our patrol vehicles. This is the first graphics updates since 2011 and highlights Promoting Teamwork within our Community, a key component of our updated Mission Statement. This graphics package will be featured on all new patrol vehicles.





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### Mission Statement of the Eastlake Police Department

To protect and serve all persons and property impartially and without bias, and to promote teamwork within our community through innovation, fairness, and professionalism.

### 2025 Officer of the Year



### 2025 Civilian of the Year



### Patrol Division



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The patrol division of the department is the largest and most visible component of our department allowing us to provide basic police services designed to preserve and protect the lives and properties of others while at the same time, promoting a safe and secure community with the success, cooperation and teamwork from our community. With the new graphics package that was designed at the end of 2025 and which will be displayed on all future cruiser replacements

The manpower approved and allocated to the department for 2025 consisted of:

- 1 Chief of Police
- 1 Executive Lieutenant
- 2 Patrol Lieutenants
- 4 Patrol Sergeants
- 16 Patrolmen
- 3 Detectives
- 22 Special Patrolman
- 11 Auxiliary Officers

In 2025, the below listed personnel changes occurred:

### **Police**

- Ptl. Neil Nemetz – was hired through the lateral transfer program from Geauga Metroparks Rangers
- Ptl. Connor Lewis – was hired while finishing the police academy at Tri-C. Connor graduated in February of 2025 and started full-time in the FTO program
- Ptl. Joseph Byczek – was hired while finishing the Polaris police academy. Joseph graduated in May of 2025 and started full-time in the FTO program. Ptl. Byczek then resigned in August of 2025 wanting to pursue a position in the private sector of law enforcement
- Ptl. James Sanders – was hired through the lateral transfer program from CMHA Police Department
- Ptl. Michael Demarco – was hired through the lateral transfer program from Euclid Police Department. Ptl. Demarco did not successfully complete the FTO program and was terminated in September of 2025
- Ptl. Kyle Cawley – was hired through the lateral transfer program from Geneva-on-the-Lake Police Department.



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- Ptl. Neil Tyrrell – was hired through the lateral transfer program from Mentor-on-the-Lake Police Department
- S/Ptl Adam Nunns – was hired as a part-time special patrolman to assist with court officer responsibilities as well as side jobs
- Ptl. Himes resigned as a full-time patrol officer in March 2025
- Ptl. Rick Isabella retired in May of 2025 after serving full-time with the city for over 29.5 years (09/25/95 – 05/10/25).
- Ptl. Lauren Sito resigned as a full-time patrol officer in December 2025

### **Specials**

- Cassia Phillips was sworn in in April
- Lou Formick was sworn in in April
- Rick Isabella was sworn in in May
- Adam Nunns was sworn in in November
- Chris Gutka was sworn in in November
- Ron Andolsek was sworn in in November
- Mick Maloney resigned in May
- Tim Hauser resigned in December

### **Dispatch**

- Disp. Eland resigned in September.



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### **Auxiliaries**

- Aux. Officer Steve Thomas – was hired as an auxiliary officer to assist with event security

### **Civilian**

- Rev. Thomas Owens was sworn in as a Chaplain in April.
- Father Joshua Cochrac was sworn in as a Chaplain in April.
- Disp. Eland resigned in September.



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### **New Vehicles**

- New Ford Transit Prisoner van
- Replaced damaged 857

### **New Equipment**

- Glock 45 duty pistols
- Red Dot sights
- Motorola Body Worn Cameras
- New Livescan was purchased

### **Building**

- Repaired heating systems in garage
- Upgraded gym
- Replaced compressor for heating and AC
- Repairs and maintenance for generator
- Repaired AC
- Repaired multiple roof leaks, multiple times

### **Statistics**



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The following are some of the notable event stats on their comparison from the year prior:

Type	2024	2025	Difference	% + or -
Calls for Service	22,049	22,561	+512.0	2.32
Arrests	547	477	-70.0	12.79
Warrant Service	176	158	-18.0	10.22
Offenses Against Persons	108	161	+53.0	49.07
Sex Offenses	17	18	+1.0	5.88
Offenses Against Property	103	100	-2.0	2.91
Theft and Fraud	431	420	-11.0	2.55
Offenses Against Public Peace	174	134	-40.0	22.98
Offenses Against Family	134	78	-56.0	41.79
Weapons Violations	26	26	0	0
Drug Violations	92	56	-36.0	39.13
Liquor Law Violations	43	9	-34.0	79.06

Traffic enforcement was a strong emphasis in 2025, especially with many of the newer officers. Total traffic enforcement increased by 455 more traffic stops and 482 more traffic citations issued in 2025 as compared to 2024.

The OVI's, citations and crash reports were broken down as follows:

Type	2024	2025	Difference	% + or -
OVI	46	27	-19.0	-41.3
Traffic Stops	3,328	3,783	+455.0	+13.7
Citations	798	1,280	+482.0	+60.4
Property Crashes	228	303	+75.0	+32.9
Injury Crashes	71	71	0	0
Fatal Crashes	1	2	+1.0	+100.0



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EPD total arrests (traffic and criminal) for 2025 represent the highest numbers per officer in the west end of the county when compared to the 18 other police departments that use Willoughby Municipal Court.

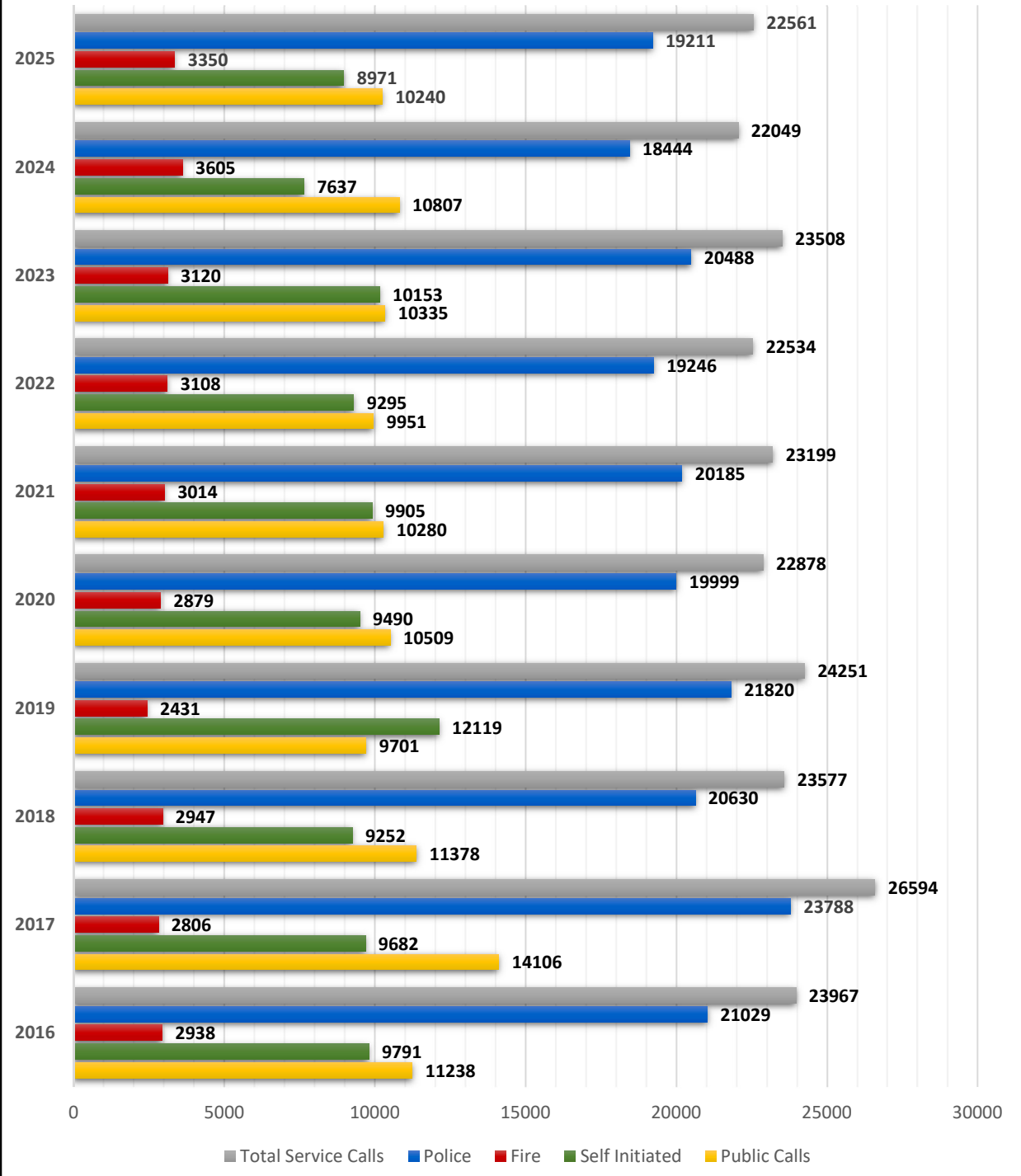
- Arrests per officer
  - Eastlake 62.44
  - Wickliffe 53.5
  - Willoughby 41.25
  - Willowick 40.86
  
- EPD issued 48 more (+4.24%) traffic citations when compared to the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest department – Wickliffe PD
  
- EPD filed 33 more (+6.96%) criminal cases when compared to Wickliffe PD whose manpower is equivalent to EPD

Agency	Criminal	Traffic	Total
Cleveland Metroparks	3	3	6
Eastlake	507	1,179	1,686
Kirtland	86	388	474
Kirtland Hills	2	214	216
Lake County Dog Warden	45	0	45
Lake County Narcotics	16	0	16
Lake Metroparks	10	2	12
Lakeline Police Department	0	1	1
Ohio Department of Taxation	8	0	8
Ohio State Highway Patrol	4	40	44
Ohio Department of Natural Resources/Wildlife	4	0	4
Ohio Department of Public Safety	8	0	8
State of Ohio	7	0	7
Timberlake	28	309	337
Waite Hill	3	122	125
Wickliffe	474	1,131	1,605
Willoughby	749	1,066	1,815
Willoughby Hills	257	146	403
Willowick	371	528	899
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>5,129</b>	<b>7,711</b>



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### Calls for Service Breakdown





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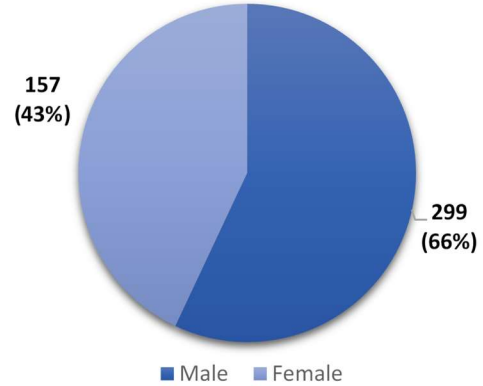
### JAIL STATISTICS 2025

Designated 12-day facility

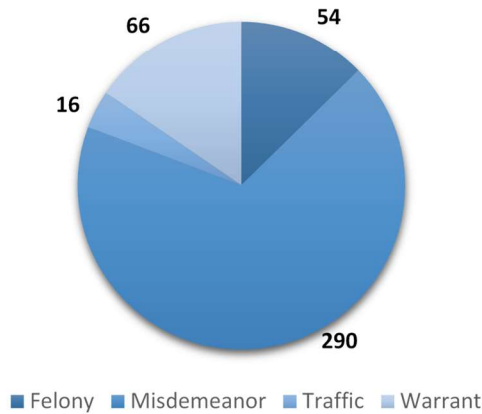
Arrests requiring detention **414**

Average stay per inmate **17.30 Hrs**

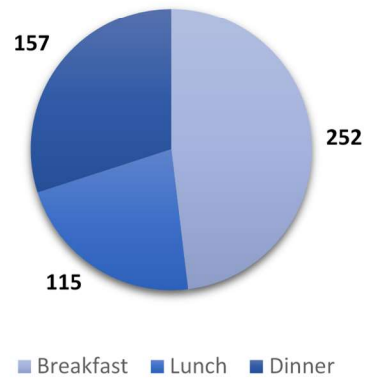
### Inmate Classification



### Arrest Classification



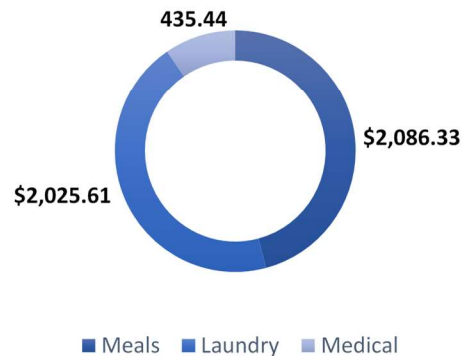
### Jail Meals Served (614)



### Confinement Duration



### Jail Expenditures (\$4,547.41)





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### Financial

During 2025 the Police Department received the following grants or financial reimbursement and funds:

Dare Grant

VOCA/SVAA Grant

Willoughby Muni Court Fines           \$64,621.26

Parking Tickets                               \$22,780

Subpoena/Court Fees                       \$592.70

Body Camera Grant                         \$50,710

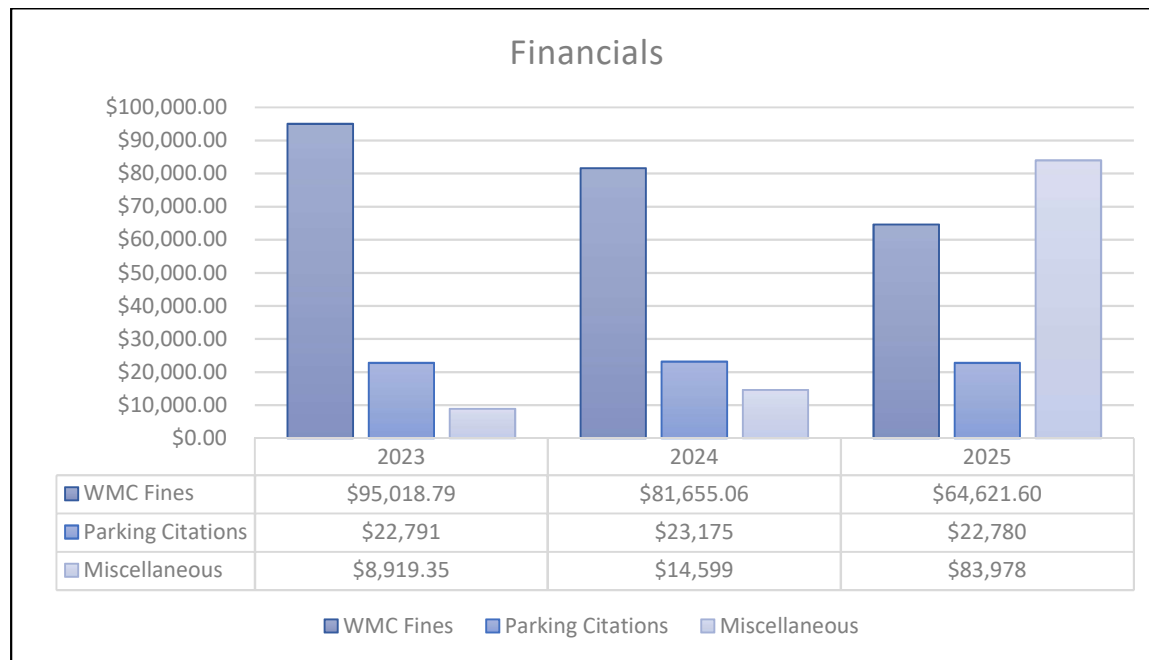
Donations                                     \$28,560 (Range, Gym, Safety Town, NNO)

Education Fee/Pay                         \$25

Immobilization/Non-comp                 \$280

Cruiser Rental                               \$2,355

Deer Program                                 \$1,455





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### 2026

In 2025 we made significant strides in increasing manpower and will continue those efforts to realize our budgeted number of officers. 2026 will be a year of implementing the projects started in 2025 and continuing to grow with many new officers that we have.

#### Department Goals

- Get staffing to budgeted amount
- Continue SRO program
- Installation of Next Gen 911 system
- Full implementation of Body Worn Cameras
- Implement updated pursuit policy
- Continue high level of activity and service
- Purchase of 2 new police vehicles to replace 854 and 870
- Explore fundraising for new K9
- Increase budgeted manpower, at least one position – possible admin