



**VERMILLION
POLICE DEPT**

**2024
ANNUAL
REPORT**

CHIEF'S GREETINGS

As Chief of Police, I am pleased to present our department's Annual Statistics Report for 2024. This report reflects our ongoing commitment to transparency and service to our community. It offers an overview of crime trends, public safety efforts, and departmental performance over the past year.

While numbers alone do not tell the full story, they help us identify areas for improvement, and plan strategically for the future. I want to thank our dedicated officers and staff for their hard work, and our community members for their continued support and partnership.

Together, we remain committed to building a safer, stronger community.

Sincerely,

Crystal Brady, Chief of Police



MEET OUR TEAM



Crystal Brady
Chief of Police



Ryan Hough
Lieutenant, Patrol



Drew Gortmaker
Lieutenant,
Investigations



Deb DeRocher
Office Manager



Jessica Newman
Sgt, Patrol



Randy Crum
Sgt, Patrol



Alex Taggart
Det, Investigations



Melissa Schmidt
Property &
Evidence
Manager



Mitch Stanley
School Resource Officer

MEET OUR TEAM – PATROL OFFICERS



Jacob Hoffman
Patrol Officer



Dylan Deetz
Patrol Officer



Justice Tobin
Patrol Officer



Tevin Mielitz
Patrol Officer



Nick Stark
Patrol Officer



Hunter Medbourn
Patrol Officer



Drew Correll
Patrol Officer



Johnathan Orosz
Patrol Officer



Mitchell Horst
Patrol Officer



Rebecca Getchell
Patrol Officer



Juan Moreno
Patrol Officer



Benjamin Delcamp
Patrol Officer



Robin Hower
Patrol Officer

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To serve as Guardians of the
Vermillion community while building
strong partnerships and preserving
the dignity of those we serve.*

2024 HIGHLIGHTS



- NEW OFFICERS: IN 2024, WE WELCOMED NEW OFFICERS CORRELL, MORENO, GETCHELL, OROSZ, HORST, AND DELCAMP TO THE VPD FAMILY.

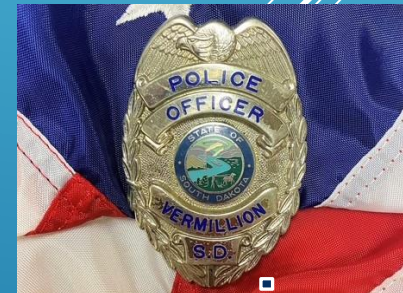
- NEW EQUIPMENT: VPD WAS ABLE TO IMPROVE THEIR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY BY ADDING NEW BODYWORN AND IN-CAR CAMERAS, NEW RIFLES FOR DETECTIVES, AS WELL AS SEVERAL IMPROVED TRAINING TOOLS



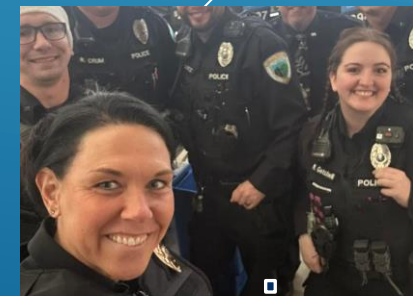
- TRAINING: WE TAKE TRAINING AND PREPARATION SERIOUS. OUR STAFF COMPLETED A TOTAL OF 1495 TRAINING HOURS IN 2024.



- COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: VPD CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY BY BEING INVOLVED IN SEVERAL EVENTS, SUCH AS THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE AND TORCH RUN, THE PARADE OF LIGHTS, THE BIKE RODEO, THE HEROS BEHIND THE BADGE BLOOD DRIVE, AND SEVERAL OTHER EVENTS.

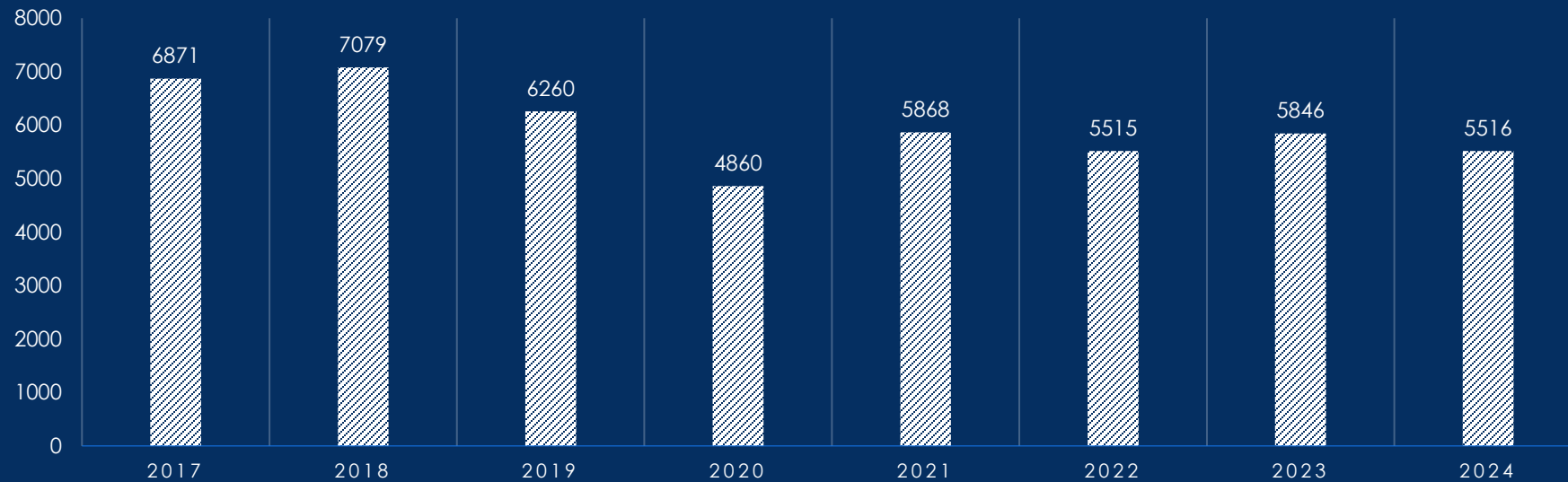


- SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT: WE ARE PROUD TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE VERMILLION SCHOOL DISTRICT THROUGH OUR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES SAFETY, EDUCATION, AND MENTORING TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF.



2024 STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY YEAR 2017-2024

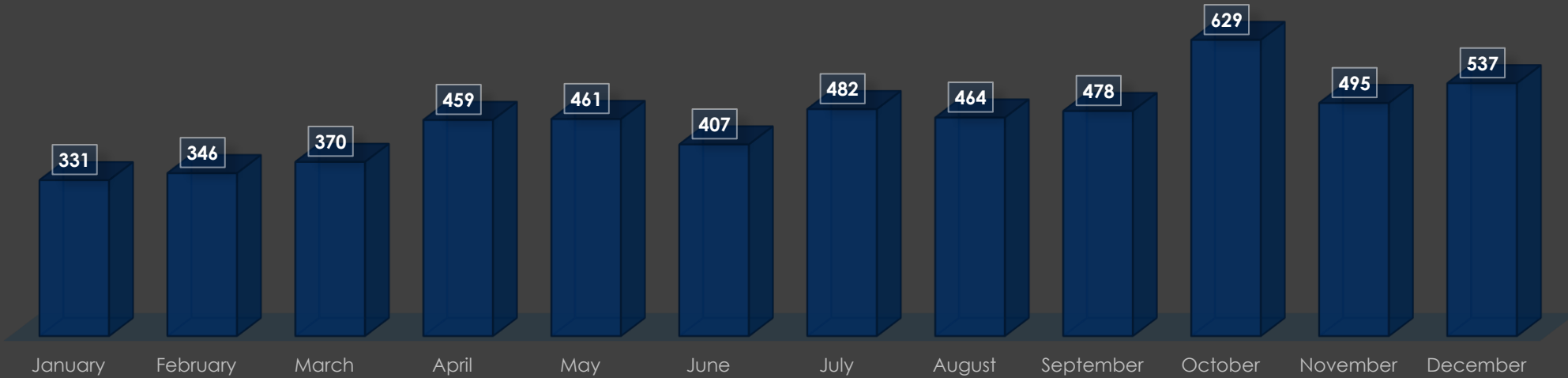


IN 2024, THE VERMILLION POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTIVELY RECEIVED 5516 CALLS FOR SERVICE, WHICH AVERAGES TO MORE THAN 15 CALLS EVERY DAY

THE TOP CATEGORIES OF CALLS FOR SERVICE WERE:

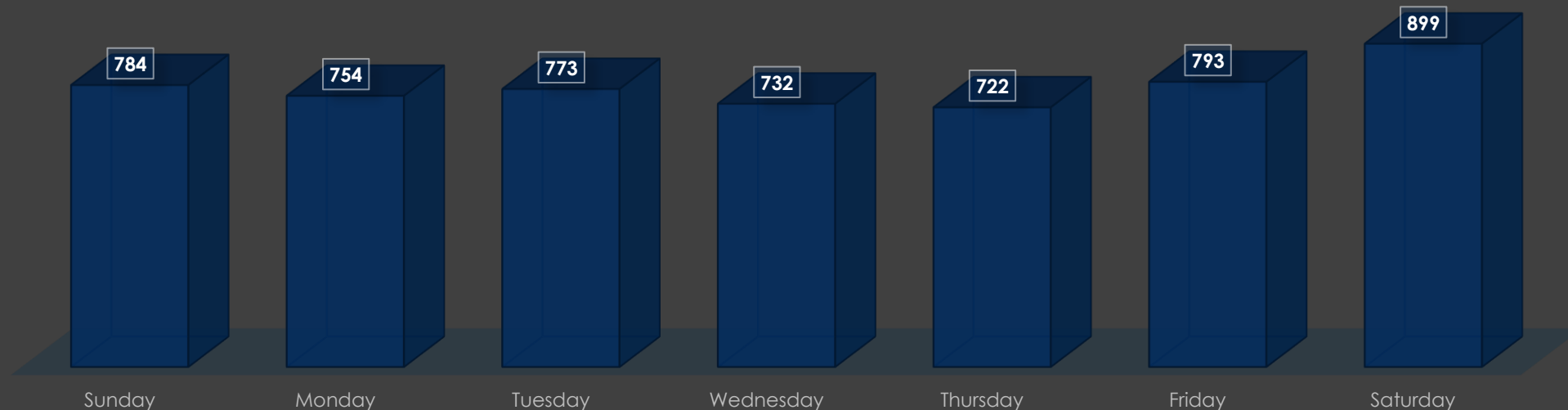
- **TRAFFIC INCIDENTS**
- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**
- **MEDICAL INCIDENTS/ WELFARE CHECKS**
- **DISPUTES BETWEEN PERSONS**
- **PROPERTY INCIDENTS/ THEFT**

2024 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH



THE BUSIEST MONTHS FOR OUR OFFICERS WERE OCTOBER AND DECEMBER, WITH AN AVERAGE CALL VOLUME OF ALMOST 19 CALLS PER DAY. THE BUSIEST DAYS OF THE WEEK FOR THE PD WERE FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, AND SUNDAYS.

2024 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK

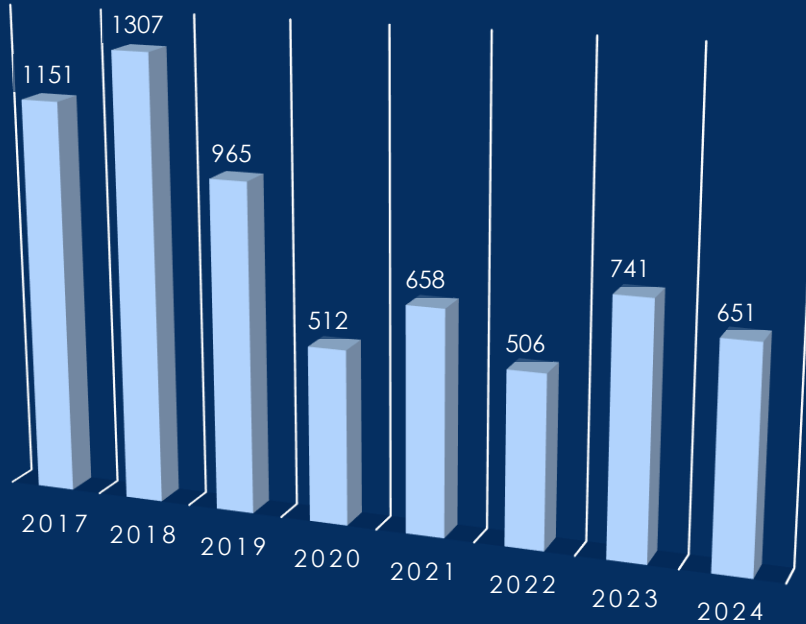




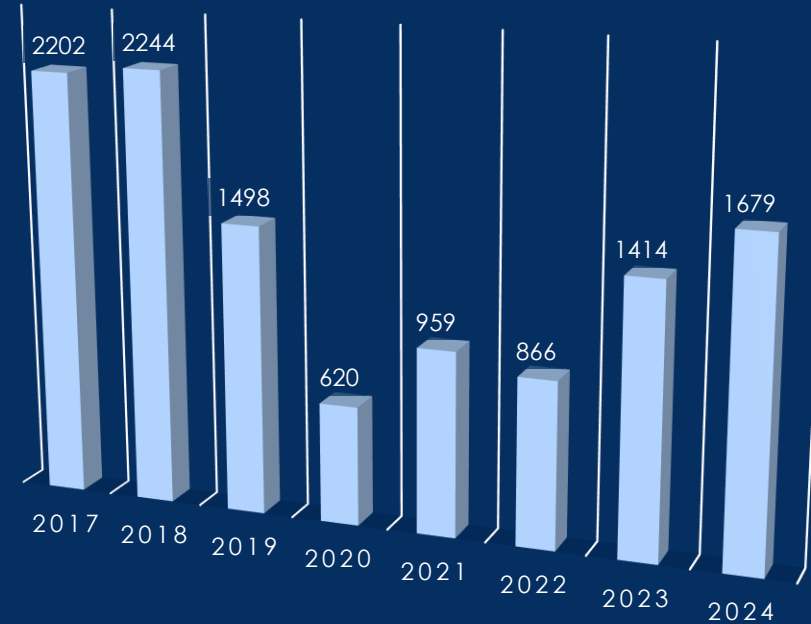
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



CITATIONS BY YEAR 2017-2024



WARNINGS BY YEAR 2017-2024



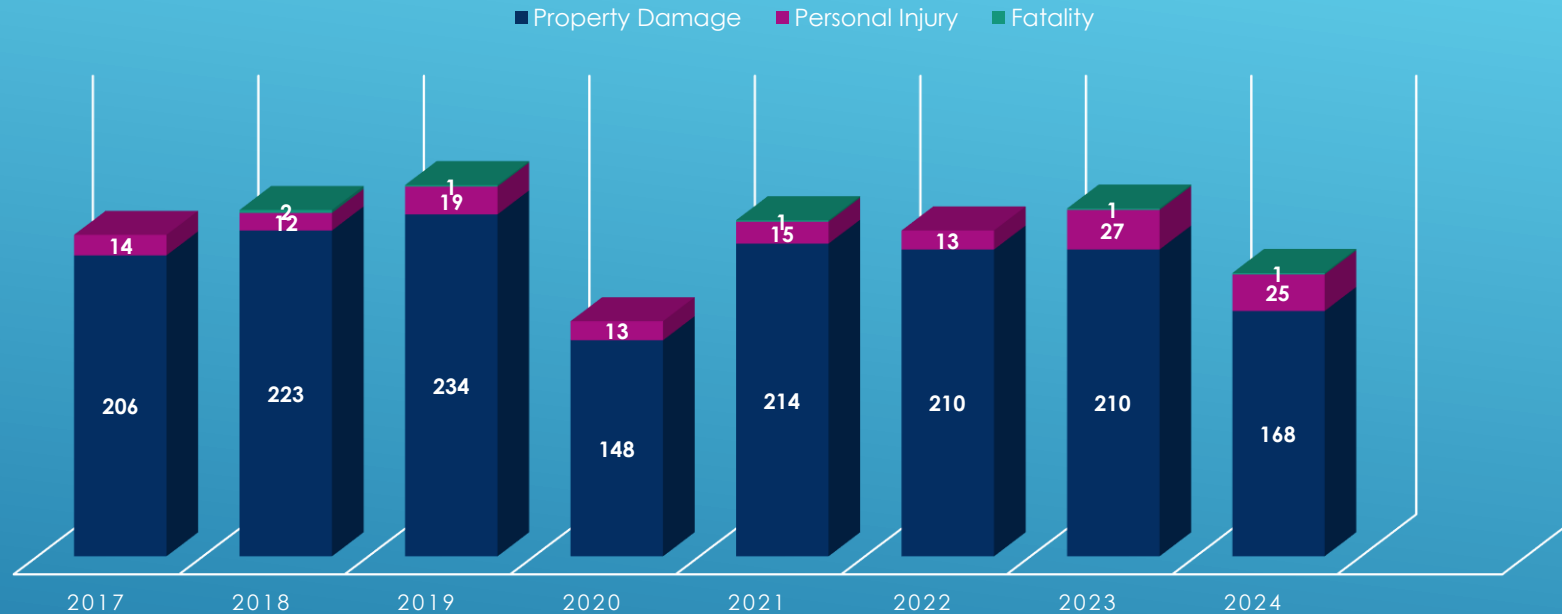
TOP CITATIONS ISSUED IN 2024:

- SPEEDING
- UNDERAGE CONSUMPTION
- LICENSE PLATE/ REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS
- ALTERED/ FAKE LICENSE
- STOP SIGN

TOP WARNINGS ISSUED IN 2024:

- SPEEDING
- LIGHTING/ EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS
- NO PROOF OF INSURANCE
- LICENSE PLATE/ REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS
- STOP SIGN

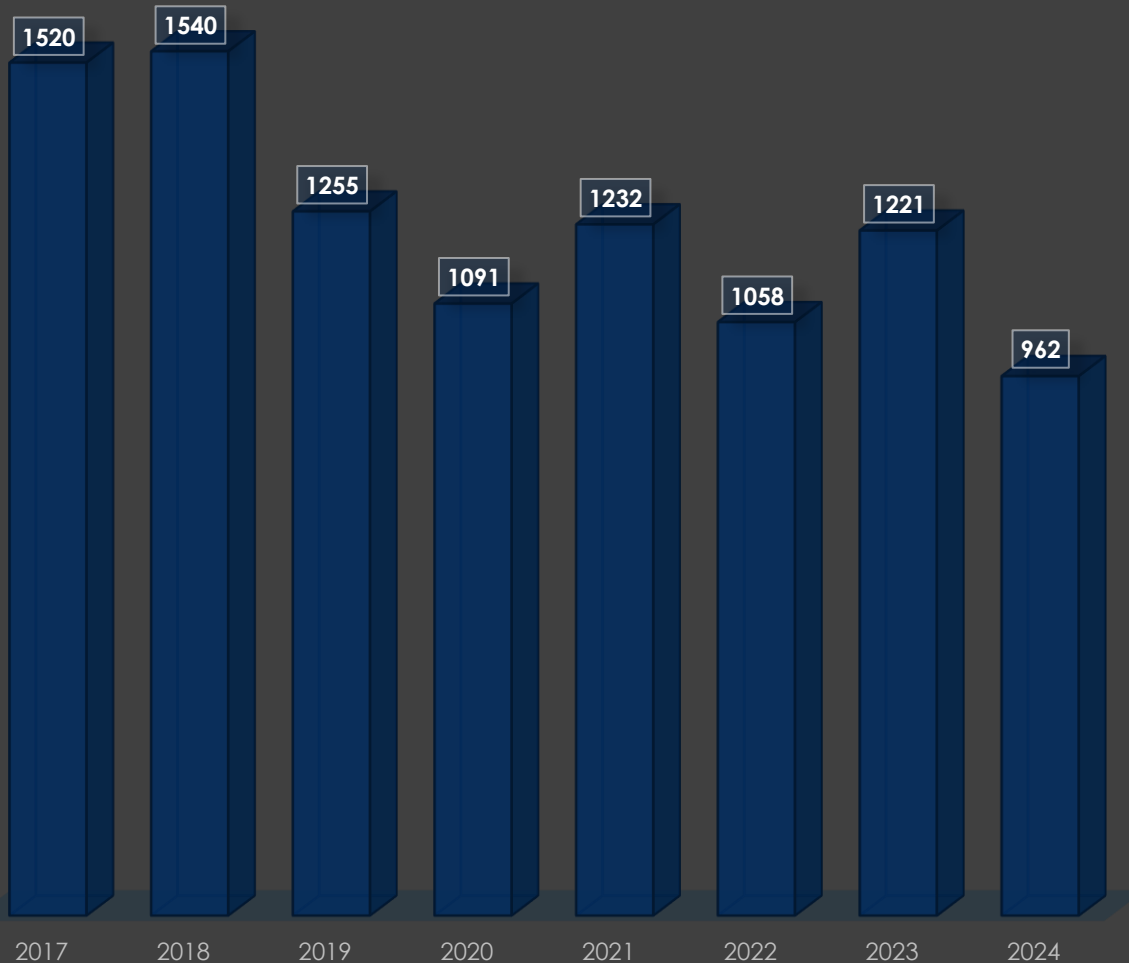
ACCIDENTS 2017-2024



IN 2024, THE VERMILLION POLICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATED 194 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, INCLUDING 25 PERSONAL INJURY AND ONE FATALTY ACCIDENT. VPD WOULD LIKE TO SEND A HEART-FELT THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WITH THE VERMILLION AMBULANCE AND VERMILLION FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE CITY OF VERMILLION AND ITS RESIDENTS.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

CRIMES INVESTIGATED BY YEAR 2017-2024



MOST COMMON CRIMES INVESTIGATED IN 2024:

- LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS
- ASSAULTS
- THEFT
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT
- VANDALISM
- DRUG/ NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS

AWARDS

THE VERMILLION POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES AGENCY PERSONNEL WHO DEMONSTRATE DEDICATION, COURAGE OR SUPERIOR INITIATIVE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, OR WHILE PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE AGENCY AND/OR COMMUNITY. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS!!



OFFICER MIELITZ
"OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD"



OFFICER CORRELL
"COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD"



OFFICER STANLEY
"F.I.R.S.T. AWARD"



LT. HOUGH
"CHIEF'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE"



LT. GORTMAKER
"MERITORIOUS CONDUCT AWARD"



DISPATCHER RONNING (CCSO)
"CHIEF'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE"



2025 – A LOOK AHEAD

The Vermillion Police Department is excited for what 2025 will bring. We again will be hiring new staff to bring the Department to its full staffing level; we will be adding new equipment such as upgraded Tasers and handguns; and we are eagerly anticipating the move to the new, state of the art Clay County Law Enforcement Center.

But we most look forward to another year of being a vital part of the Vermillion community. All our officers and staff take pride in the work we do, and we want to thank our community for your continued support. It is an honor to serve and protect all the people of this city.

