

# River Falls Police Department

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## 2025 Annual Report

*"To Protect with Courage  
and Serve with  
Compassion"*



**RIVER FALLS  
POLICE**

# Mission Statement: To Protect with Courage and Serve with Compassion



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## Core Values

In achieving our mission to Protect with Courage and Serve with Compassion, the men and women of the River Falls Police Department are dedicated to the professional and ethical standards we are sworn to uphold. We promote and advocate:

### Accountability

Being responsible to our governing body, the citizens we serve and each other

### Attitude

Being positive, supportive, and proactive in our words and actions

### Compassion

Showing empathy, respect, consideration, care, and courtesy to citizens and each other

### Excellence

Consistently performing at the highest possible level

### Integrity

Providing citizens and each other with the basis for trust, accountability, and respect

### Loyalty

Demonstrating respect and support for our administration, organization and each other

### Professionalism

Consistently demonstrating the highest level of leadership, work ethic, appearance, and demeanor

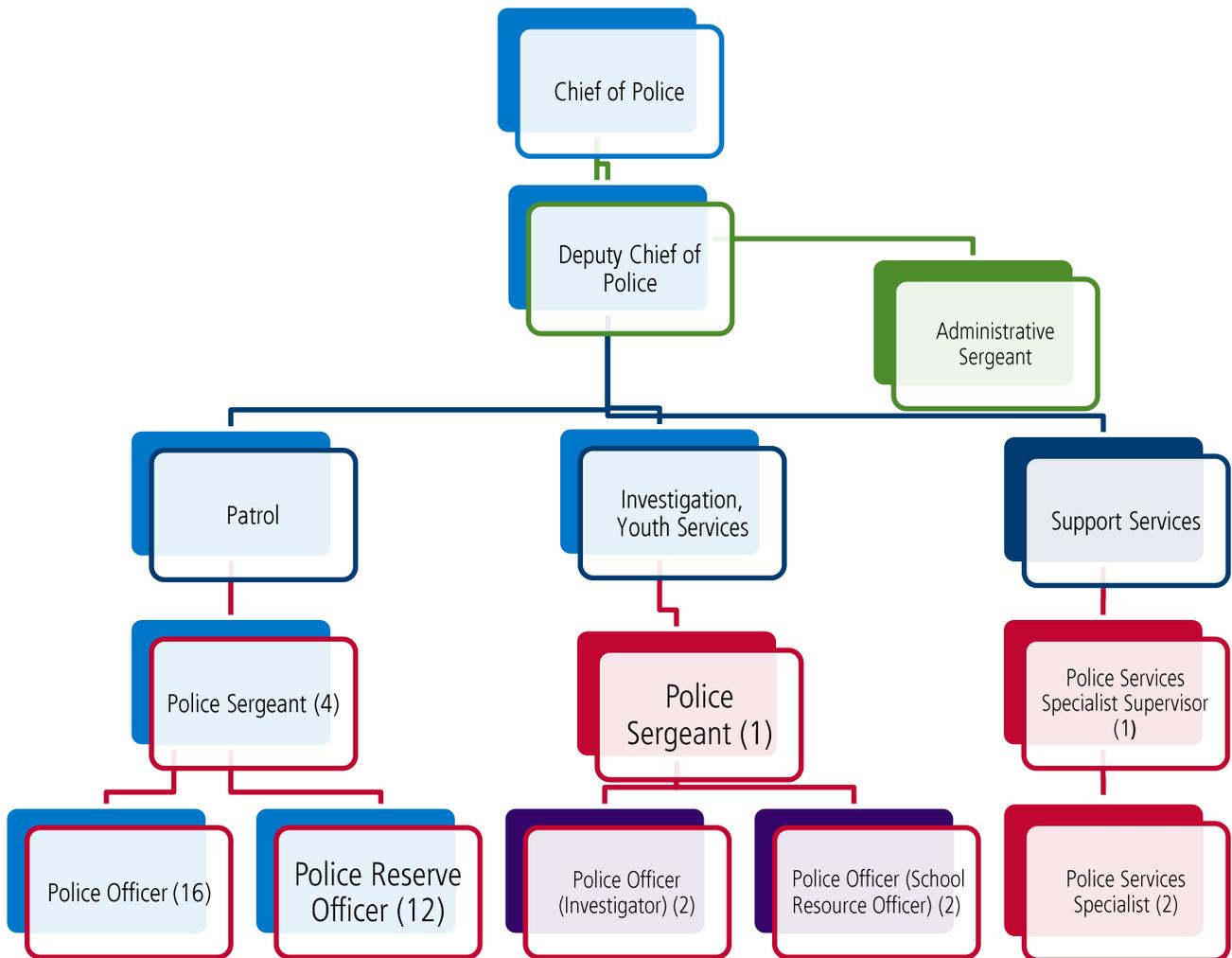
### Teamwork

Value people working together to achieve a common goal and creating partnerships to enhance our effectiveness

## Vision Statement:

River Falls Police Department is driven to be Wisconsin's finest in policing, continually innovative, prepared to accept change, and determined to lead.

# City of River Falls Police Department Organizational Chart



# Command Staff



**Chief Gordon Young**

Hired: 1/4/2016  
Deputy Chief Promotion: 3/1/2011  
Lieutenant Promotion: 12/1/2006  
Sergeant Promotion: 8/1/2003  
Detective Promotion: 1/1/2002  
Patrol Officer: 3/1/1993



**Deputy Chief Matthew Kennett**

Hired: 12/18/2006  
Deputy Chief Promotion: 5/17/2021  
Patrol Sergeant Promotion: 1/1/2013  
Sergeant of Investigations/Youth Services  
Assignment: 1/1/2018



**Sergeant Denton Anderson**

Hired: 10/9/2001  
Patrol Sergeant Promotion: 1/1/2013  
Administrative Sergeant Assignment:  
6/2/2025



**Sergeant Scott Bangert**

Hired: 6/3/2010  
Patrol Sergeant Promotion: 3/1/2015  
Sergeant of Investigation Assignment:  
10/4/2021



**Sergeant Logan Dohmeier**

Hired: 12/21/2015  
Patrol Sergeant Promotion: 6/4/2021



**Sergeant James Walker**

Hired: 1/13/2015  
Patrol Sergeant Promotion: 6/3/2024



**Sergeant Travis Rudesill**

Hired: 5/15/2014  
Patrol Sergeant Promotion:  
6/2/2025



**Sergeant Derek Hokkanen**

Hired: 4/8/2019  
Patrol Sergeant Promotion:  
6/2/2025

# Officer Roster

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
Chief	Gordon Young	1/4/2016
Deputy Chief	Matthew Kennett	12/18/2006
Sergeant	Denton Anderson	10/9/2001
Sergeant of Investigations	Scott Bangert	6/3/2010
Sergeant	Logan Dohmeier	12/21/2015
Sergeant	James Walker	1/13/2015
Sergeant	Travis Rudesill	5/15/2014
Sergeant	Derek Hokkanen	4/8/2019
Patrol Officer/School Resource Officer	Bryan Jensen	10/16/2001
Patrol Officer/ Investigator	Ryan Miller	8/14/2006
Patrol Officer	Christopher Kober	1/4/2011
Patrol Officer	Paul Jensen	1/1/2012
Patrol Officer	Steven Thomas	12/12/2012
Patrol Officer	Matt Miller	6/7/2021
Patrol Officer	Alex Sather	6/7/2021
Patrol Officer	Alex Hoffman	6/7/2021
Patrol Officer/School Resource Officer	Adam Amaro	5/20/2022
Patrol Officer	Lisha Fairbairn	2/1/2024
Patrol Officer	Dylan Horn	12/2/2024
Patrol Officer	Hannah Olson	2/17/2025
Patrol Officer	Carly Fleischhacker	3/20/2025
Patrol Officer	Raymond Austin	5/29/2025
Patrol Officer	Dylan Perry	5/29/2025
Patrol Officer	Brett Perronne	5/29/2025
Patrol Officer	Jacob Wysocki	9/15/2025
Patrol Officer	Joshua Zupanc	10/20/2025

## 2025 Officer of the Year

Officer Alex Sather has been selected as the River Falls Police Department's 2025 Officer of the Year for his dedication, professionalism, and commitment to the community.

He joined the department as a full-time Patrol Officer on June 7, 2021. He serves as a Field Training Officer and as a member of the Bike Patrol Unit and Law Enforcement Honor Guard.



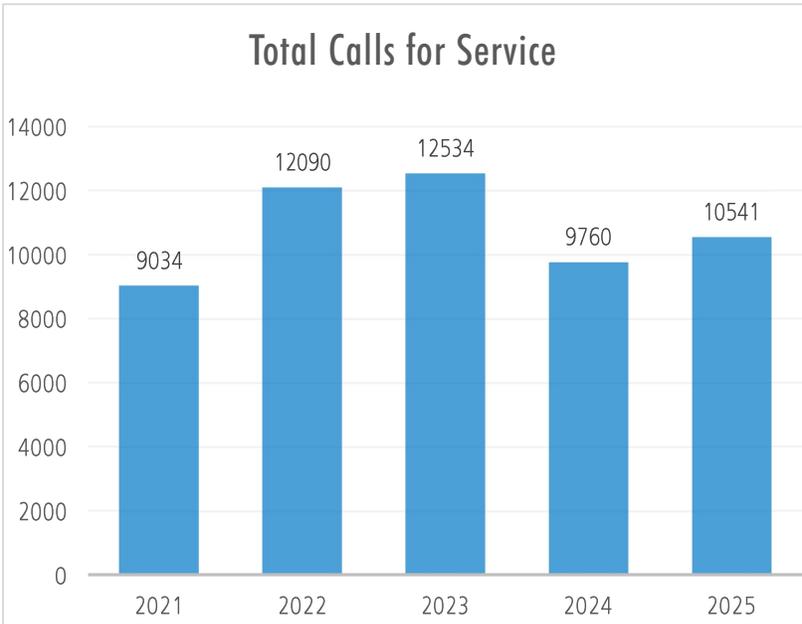
Officer Sather stands out for his upbeat attitude and natural ability to connect with people. He is known as a reliable teammate who boosts morale, offers support to fellow officers, and quickly builds trust with community members.

*In 2025, Officer Sather demonstrated exceptional composure, compassion, and professionalism during several critical incidents. He played a key role in safely resolving a life-threatening mental health crisis, successfully de-escalated a dangerous vehicle pursuit through calm communication, and uncovered a firearm-related investigation that prevented further criminal activity. His quick thinking, sound judgment, and commitment to public safety reflect the highest standards of the River Falls Police Department. Officer Sather continues to exemplify dedication and service to our community.*

As a Field Training Officer, he successfully trained several new officers through all phases of field training while maintaining a positive, patient, and encouraging style. Officer Sather's commitment, leadership, and service make him an excellent choice for this award.

# Operations

## Calls for Service Volume

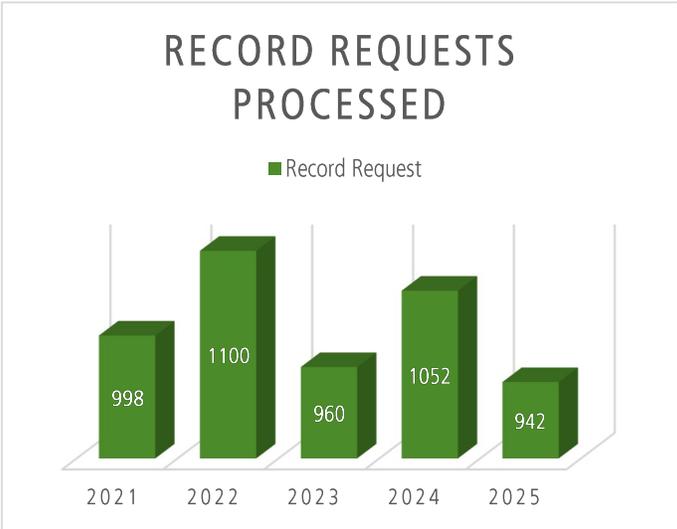


## Record Request Volume

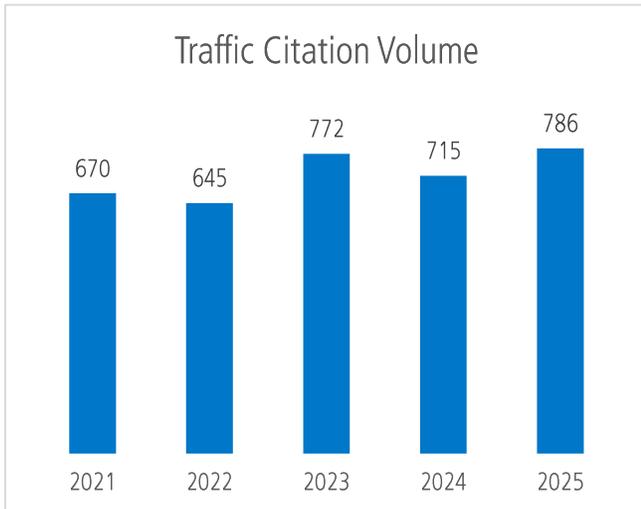
River Falls Police Department office staff respond to various requests for information including:

- Requests under Wisconsin’s open records law and the Clery Act.
- Background checks conducted for various reasons including local licensing, foster care, adoption, housing, permit to carry, and employment.

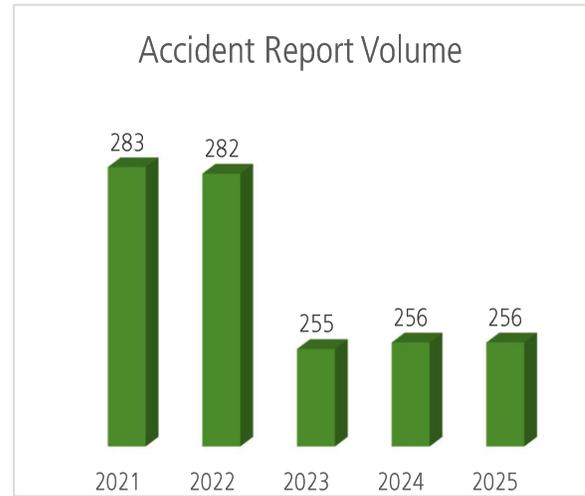
Not included in these numbers are the weekly request from local newspapers to review requested reports.



## Traffic Citations and Accident Reports



Traffic citations included offenses such as speeding, operating without a license or registration, and all operating while intoxicated citations.



Accident totals reflected in the graph include accidents with a total damage value under \$1,000 reported to our department. While these types of accidents are not required to be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles, they are often reported to our department.

# Crime Statistics

The River Falls Police Department submits incident-based reporting statistics under Wisconsin Uniform Crime Reporting to the Wisconsin Department of Justice monthly. You can find the full crime statistics dashboards by visiting the Bureau of Justice Information and Analysis' (BJIA) webpage on the DOJ website: <https://www.wisdoj.gov/Pages/DataAndStatistics/dashboards.aspx>.

A Partial Breakdown of Crime Over a Five-Year Period													
Type	Offenses		Arrests		Offenses		Arrests		Offenses		Arrests		Clearance Rate
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030			
Aggravated Assault	21	14	15	11	18	15	16	12	18	15	83%		
Simple Assaults or Intimidation	69	36	69	41	94	53	69	39	50	32	64%		
Sex Offenses	11	2	12	2	5	3	6	2	6	0	0		
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0		
Burglary	11	2	9	1	13	5	16	6	5	2	40%		
Motor Vehicle Thefts	26	6	8	1	3	0	10	5	3	2	67%		
Theft/Larceny	142	16	139	14	153	41	130	39	84	21	25%		
Narcotic Violations	116	90	108	89	159	134	146	129	110	97	88%		
Total	396	166	360	159	446	252	395	233	276	169			

Clearance Rate reflects percentage of arrests to offenses

*Update: The River Falls Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of police services to our community with a focus on crime prevention. In 2025, our community experienced reductions in the most serious crimes. In the below chart, "Group A" Offenses a total of 26.5% decrease. Included in these statistics, there was a 89% clearance rate for Crimes Against Society, which include drug offenses and weapons violations. This is due to the hard work of our line officers and exceptional civilian witnesses.*

*-Chief Young*

**Group A Offenses** include the following: Crimes Against Persons which include the categories of Murder, Negligent Homicide, some Forcible and Non-Forcible Sex Offenses, Assault and Kidnapping; Crimes against Property which include Robbery, Burglary, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, Forgery, some Frauds, Embezzlement, Damage to Property; and Crimes Against Society comprised of Drug Law Violations and Weapon Violations.

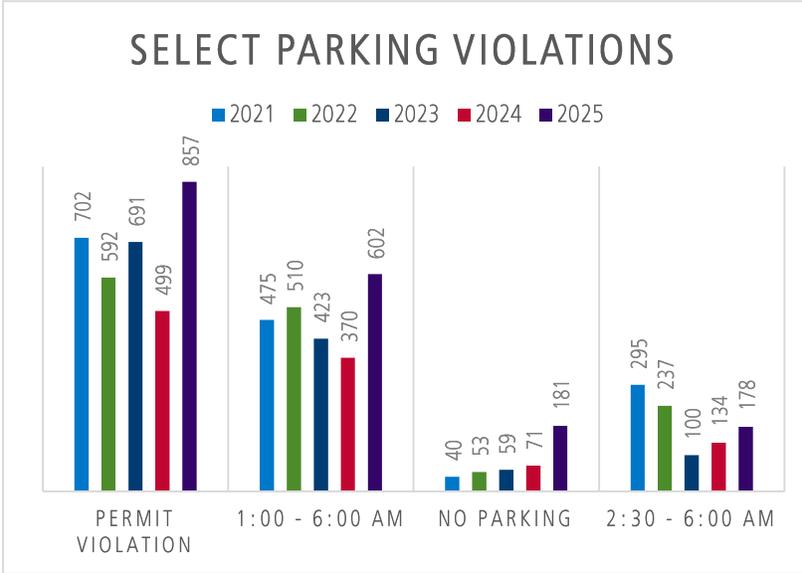
Group A Crimes	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		Clearance Rate
	Offenses	Arrests									
Crimes Against Persons	110	53	98	55	122	73	98	55	78	50	64%
Crimes Against Property	364	50	371	52	358	97	291	86		66	31%
Crimes Against Society	122	94	133	106	177	145	162	138	113	101	89%
<b>Total</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>	-1.5%	27.1%	1.0%	8.1%	9.1%	47.9%	-16.1%	-11.4%	-26.50%	-22.2%	

Percentage Change reflects difference from prior year  
 Clearance Rate reflects percentage of arrests to offenses

**Group B Offenses** include the following: some Frauds, some Non-Forcible Sex Offenses, Non-Violent Family Offenses, Driving Under the Influence, Liquor Law Violations, Disorderly Conduct, Local Ordinances, Juvenile Offenses, and specific Traffic Offenses.

<b>Group B Crime Arrests</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Curfew / Loitering / Vagrancy</b>	4	9	16	13	8
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	48	40	59	71	56
<b>Driving Under the Influence</b>	62	69	74	45	61
<b>Family Offenses (Nonviolent)</b>	10	14	10	7	2
<b>Liquor Law Violation</b>	65	32	86	46	32
<b>Trespass of Real Property</b>	2	0	9	3	1
<b>All Other Offenses</b>	94	95	114	109	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>252</b>
<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>12.20%</b>	<b>-9.12%</b>	<b>42.08%</b>	<b>-20.11%</b>	<b>-14.29</b>

# Parking Statistics



# Notes & Letters of Appreciation

This is a small sample of the many notes we received in 2025. Thank you so much to all who took the time to drop off a note. It is greatly appreciated by our entire staff.

To the officers and anyone else involved on 11/30 from 3am - 5am. I am greatly appreciate for you all for dealing with my roommate. She was very rude and you could of charged her for alot of things she did wrong. Thank you for handling the situation with care even though she was hostile towards you! Personally we are stoked on how calm you stayed.

For dealing with <sup>please</sup> ~~these~~ <sup>accept</sup> these ~~things~~ <sup>as a team</sup> as a team of our appreciation.

Here you are filed under "Wonderful" THANK YOU

Best!  
-The girls from 701

# Thank You!

Thank you PD for being here to help us!

Thank you so much for ending my night! You are so kind! I don't know what I would do without you!





## CONNECT WITH US

### SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook.com/RiverFallsPD

### EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736726530#/login>

### RIVER FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Public Hours: Monday – Friday  
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Address: 2815 Prairie Drive  
River Falls, WI 54022

RFPD website: [www.rfcity.org/police](http://www.rfcity.org/police)  
City website: [www.rfcity.org](http://www.rfcity.org)

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency:	911
Business Office:	715-425-0909
Non-Emergency After Hours Dispatch:	715-273-5051
Fax:	715-425-0932

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