

# Darien Police Department

## Annual Report

2025







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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Darien Police Department collects and reports crime data following the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Several of the crime categories and statistics include:

## *Person Crime*

The frequency of crimes committed against persons increased slightly by 1.5%. There were 137 reported crimes against persons in 2025 compared to 135 during the same period in 2024, representing an increase of two incidents.

## *Property Crime*

Property crime decreased by 12.0% in 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. There were 353 reported property crimes in 2025, down from 401 in 2024, representing 48 fewer incidents.

## *Person & Property Crime*

Total person and property crimes decreased by 8.6% in 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. There were 490 total reported crimes in 2025, down from 536 in 2024, representing a reduction of 46 criminal acts.

## *Crashes*

Traffic crashes on public roadways increased slightly in 2025 compared to the previous year. While more accidents were reported overall, it is important to note that there were no fatal crashes during the year.

## *Concerns*

In 2025, the Darien Police Department directly addressed 29 resident reported concerns including: speeding, passing a school bus and stop sign violations through targeted observation. Over the year, the department dedicated more than 190 hours to these specialized details, conducting hundreds of individual observations to validate and address community issues.

## *Partnerships*

The Police Department is partners with a number of intergovernmental groups:

- DuMEG
  - The DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG) is a county-wide agency tasked with drug investigations. We have used them as a manpower resource outside of drug enforcement as well.
- DuComm
  - DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm) manages our 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls for police services as well as officer initiated calls for service.
- DEA
  - We partner with the DEA by assigning an officer to the DEA who is actually sworn in as a federal employee. The DPD officer acting as a DEA agent handles situations that a typical DEA agent does.
- Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT)
  - Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT) handles a number of issues such as drone usage, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT),

Negotiations, Crash, Major Crimes and others. MERIT was utilized four times in 2024 within Darien, one SWAT related and three crash related.

### ***Community Engagement***

Being a great partner with the community is a priority for the police department. We try to do a number of events and activities relative to community engagement to maintain high trust with the community including the use of community meetings, social media and other outreach programs.

### ***Major Investments***

In 2025 we continued updating areas of the police facility (opened in 1995) that needed updating. The evidence room had the counters, cabinets, refrigerator and sink replaced. The Multi-Purpose Room had the tables and chairs replaced. Now they can be moved and stored for the room to be set up in a variety of fashions for several different activities. This room is used for emergency operations, meetings and training. There were a few locations throughout the building where employee appreciation has begun. Plaques for years of service, rank, a wall patch, department photos from prior years and a framed picture with surrounding agencies' patches are amongst the additions.

Previously, laptops had been dedicated to a desk or a squad car. This year, supervisors were issued individual laptops to seamlessly move from in-house administrative tasks to addressing the community's needs out on patrol.

The police department's primary mission to our community is service and safety. We take our oath to uphold the law and serve our community seriously. Decisions are moral, ethical and within constitutional law. Our philosophical approach is to resolve problems and provide service that is accomplished by a variety of means of which enforcement is only one of many options.

## **CRIME**

We collect and report crime data following the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Since the 1930s police departments used the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system before it was replaced with NIBRS. Because NIBRS collects data differently comparing NIBRS data to UCR data is impossible.

### **Person Crime**

The frequency of crimes committed against persons increased slightly by 1.5%. There were 137 reported crimes against persons in 2025 compared to 135 during the same period in 2024, representing an increase of two incidents.

There were no murders, non-forcible sexual offenses, human trafficking, or kidnapping-related offenses reported in 2025. Non-consensual sexual offenses increased, with five reported incidents in 2025 compared to three during the same period in 2024.

Assault-related offenses remained unchanged year over year. There were 132 assault offenses reported in 2025, the same number reported in 2024. The assault category includes both assaults and batteries. A battery occurs when a person is physically harmed or physically provoked, while an assault occurs when a person is placed in reasonable apprehension of receiving a battery. Assault-related offenses continue to represent the majority of crimes against persons reported in 2025.

Offense	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	1 Year % Change	5 Year % Change	Offenses Cleared	2025 % Cleared	Rate Per 100,000
<b>Homicide Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Justifiable Homicide (NOT A CRIME)	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Non-Consensual Sex Offenses</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>66.7%</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>23.0</b>
Forcible Rape	4	2	4	100.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	18.4
Forcible Sodomy	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0	1	0.0%	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Forcible Fondling	1	1	1	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	4.6
<b>Assault Offenses</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>45.1%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>608.4</b>
Aggravated Assault	0	5	4	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Simple Assault	116	100	69	16.0%	68.1%	19	0.6%	534.6
Intimidation	16	27	18	-40.7%	-11.1%	2	-0.7%	73.7
<b>Kidnapping</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Non-Forcible Sex Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Incest	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Statutory Rape	0	0	1	0.0%	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Human Trafficking Offenses</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Involuntary Servitude	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Crimes Against Persons Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>631.4</b>

## **Property Crime**

Property crime decreased by 12.0% in 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. There were 353 reported property crimes in 2025, down from 401 in 2024, representing 48 fewer incidents.

There were no robberies reported in 2025, a decrease from one robbery reported during the same period in 2024. Burglary offenses increased slightly by 7.7%, with 14 burglaries reported in 2025 compared to 13 in 2024. These incidents included both residential and commercial burglaries.

Theft offenses declined significantly in 2025. There were 136 theft-related incidents reported, a 22.7% decrease from 2024, accounting for 40 fewer thefts. Motor vehicle thefts decreased by 23.1%, with 10 vehicles reported stolen in 2025 compared to 13 in 2024. Incidents of destruction of property increased modestly by 3.8%, with 55 reported offenses.

Fraud offenses continued to trend downward, decreasing by 9.6% in 2025. There were 123 fraud-related incidents reported compared to 136 in 2024. Fraud offenses remain largely driven by false pretenses, which include computer fraud, deceptive practices and theft by deception. Other property crime categories, including arson, forgery, embezzlement, extortion and bribery, remained low or unchanged.

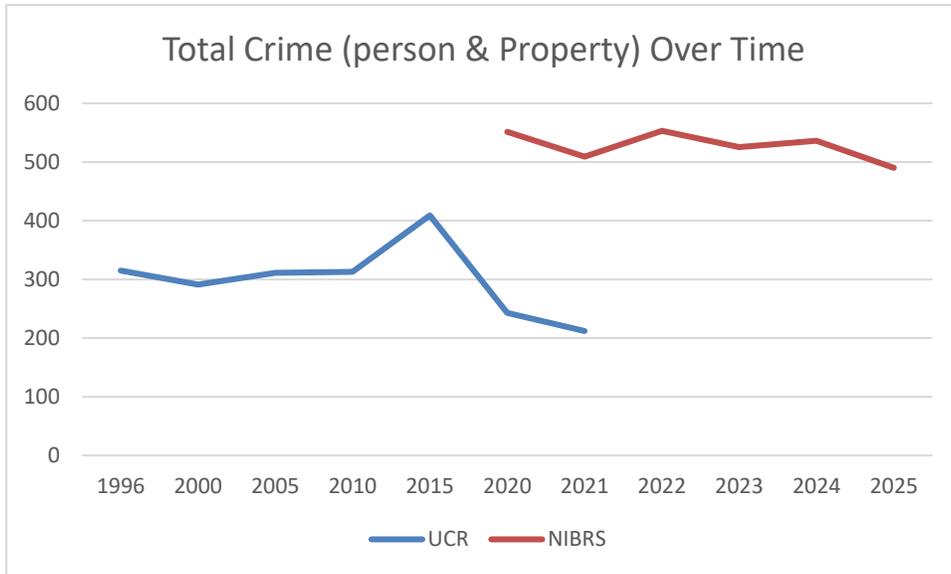
Offense	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	1 Year % Change	5 Year % Change	Offenses Cleared	2025 % Cleared	Rate Per 100,000
<b>Robbery</b>	0	1	3	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Burglary</b>	14	13	28	7.7%	-50.0%	2	14.3%	64.5
<b>Theft Offenses</b>	136	176	185	-22.7%	-26.5%	0	0.0%	626.8
Pocket Picking	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Purse Snatching	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Retail Theft	54	68	61	-20.6%	-11.5%	9	16.7%	248.9
Theft from Building	1	3	1	-66.7%	0.0%	0	0.0%	4.6
Theft from Coin Operated Machine	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	19	36	47	-47.2%	-59.6%	0	0.0%	87.6
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1	0	3	0.0%	-66.7%	0	0.0%	4.6
All other Thefts	61	69	73	-11.6%	-16.4%	1	1.6%	281.1
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	10	13	7	-23.1%	42.9%	0	0.0%	46.1
<b>Arson</b>	2	2	2	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	9.2
<b>Destruction of Property</b>	55	53	53	3.8%	3.8%	6	10.9%	253.5
<b>Forgery</b>	8	5	3	60.0%	166.7%	1	12.5%	36.9
<b>Fraud Offense</b>	123	136	163	-9.6%	-24.5%	0	0.0%	566.9
False Pretenses	63	70	13	-10.0%	384.6%	1	1.6%	290.3
Credit Card Fraud	6	6	22	0.0%	-72.7%	0	0.0%	27.7
Impersonation	10	7	125	42.9%	-92.0%	2	20.0%	46.1
Welfare Fraud	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Wire Fraud	5	7	1	-28.6%	400.0%	0	0.0%	23.0
Identity Fraud	39	44	2	-11.4%	1850.0%	1	2.6%	179.7
Computer Hacking	0	1	0	-100.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Embezzlement</b>	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Extortion</b>	0	1	6	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Bribery</b>	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Stolen Property Offenses</b>	5	1	2	400.0%	150.0%	0	0.0%	23.0
<b>Crimes Against Property Total</b>	353	401	452	-12.0%	-21.9%	9	2.5%	1626.9

### **Total Person & Property Crime**

Total person and property crimes decreased by 8.6% in 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. There were 490 total reported crimes in 2025, down from 536 in 2024, representing a reduction of 46 criminal acts.

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Crimes Against Persons Total	137	135	99	1.5%	38.4%	0	0.0%	631.4
Crimes Against Property Total	353	401	452	-12.0%	-21.9%	0	0.0%	1626.9
<b>Total Person &amp; Property Crimes</b>	490	536	551	-8.6%	-11.1%	0	0.0%	2258.3

In an effort to present crime trends over longer periods of time, it remains difficult to directly compare data collected under different reporting systems. However, to provide historical context, a graph is included that displays crime data from 1996 through 2021 using the UCR methodology, as well as data from 2020 through 2025 using NIBRS reporting requirements. Taken together, this 29-year view of crime trends continues to demonstrate a sustained reduction in overall crime and reflects ongoing efforts to maintain Darien not just a “Nice place to live” but a safe one as well.



**Crime Clearances**

Of the five reported non-consensual sex offenses, four were closed after the victim or complainant declined to pursue further investigation against the alleged offender. The remaining case was referred to the DuPage Children’s Center and the offender was arrested.

All reported stolen vehicles were recovered. In one case, the offender was identified and the investigation was linked to a pending case in Cook County. In another case, the suspect was identified and is currently in custody.

Two arson cases were reported during the year. One involved fireworks placed inside a mailbox, and the other involved a portable toilet that was intentionally set on fire by an unknown means.

**Societal Crime**

In 2025, crimes against society saw an increase of 8.9% over the previous year, which represents just four additional offenses. However, the long-term outlook remains very positive, as these crimes have plummeted by 36.4%—a total of 28 fewer offenses—when compared to 2020. This year's minor uptick was fueled primarily by drug-related activity, with drug violations rising by 12.5% and drug equipment incidents increasing from one to four. On a more positive note, offenses involving pornography and animal cruelty both dropped to zero over the past year.

Offense	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	1 Year % Change	5 Year % Change	Offenses Cleared	2025 % Cleared	Rate Per 100,000
Drug Violations	36	32	61	12.5%	-41.0%	5	13.9%	165.9
Drug Equipment Violations	4	1	2	300.0%	100.0%	0	0.0%	18.4
Gambling Offenses	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Pornography	0	1	5	-100.0%	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Prostitution	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Weapons Law Violation	9	8	9	12.5%	0.0%	3	33.3%	41.5
Animal Cruelty	0	3	0	-100.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
<b>Crimes Against Society Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>-36.4%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>225.8</b>
<b>Total Group "A" Offenses</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>	<b>-14.2%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>2484.1</b>

## Other Incidents

The “other incident” category, which includes a wide range of incident types, saw a small overall decrease in 2025 compared to the previous year. Reductions were most noticeable in DUI incidents and disorderly conduct cases, indicating fewer alcohol-related and disruptive incidents in the community. These improvements were partly offset by increases in liquor law violations and trespass cases. Overall, officers were able to resolve about one-fifth of these incidents and the data reflects continued proactive enforcement and response to quality-of-life concerns throughout the community.

Offense	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	1 Year % Change	5 Year % Change	Offenses Cleared	2025 % Cleared	Rate Per 100,000
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Curfew	2	3	0	-33.3%	0.0%	0	0.0%	9.2
Disorderly Conduct	89	100	41	-11.0%	117.1%	8	9.0%	410.2
DUI	53	70	53	-24.3%	0.0%	13	24.5%	244.3
Family Offenses (Non-Violent)	5	4	20	25.0%	-75.0%	1	20.0%	23.0
Liquor Law Violation	16	9	16	77.8%	0.0%	6	37.5%	73.7
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
MRAI	0	0	2	0.0%	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0.0
Trespass	31	23	21	34.8%	47.6%	5	16.1%	142.9
All Other Crimes	107	109	119	-1.8%	-10.1%	30	28.0%	493.1
<b>Total Group B Offenses</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>-4.7%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>1396.4</b>

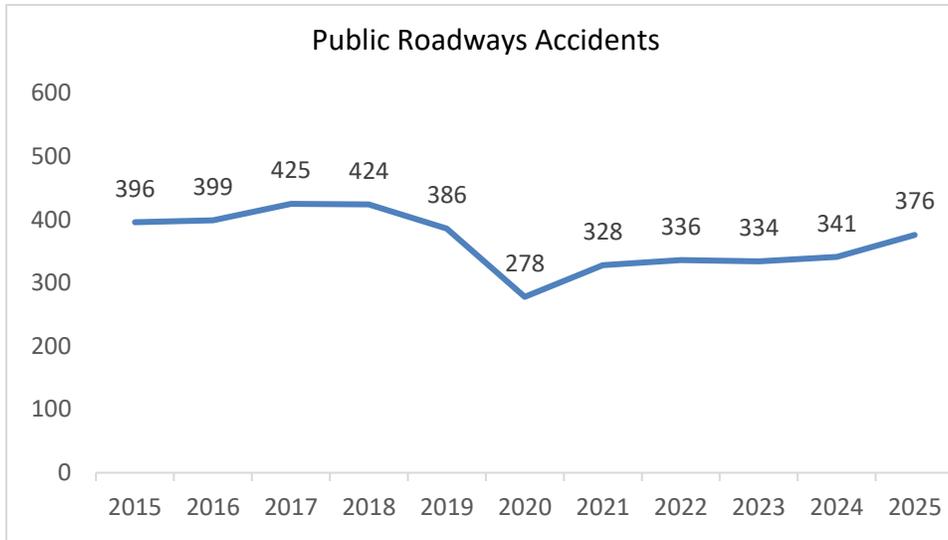
## TRAFFIC

### Crashes

Traffic crashes on public roadways increased slightly in 2025 compared to the previous year. While more accidents were reported overall, it is important to note that there were no fatal crashes during the year. Crashes involving injuries declined. Impaired driving also showed improvement, with fewer DUI related incidents reported. Darien continues to prioritize roadway safety through education, enforcement and community awareness efforts.

	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Year Change	5 Year Change	10 Year Change
<b>Public Way</b>							
No Injuries	329	279	239	333	17.9%	37.7%	1.2%
Injury	46	62	37	62	-25.8%	24.3%	34.8%
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>35.9%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Year Change	5 Year Change	10 Year Change
Fatalities	1	0	2	1	0.0%	-50.0%	0.0%
Hit & Run	41	41	32	24	0.0%	28.1%	-41.5%
DUI	5	2	3	3	150.0%	66.7%	-40.0%



Crashes on private property decreased by 20% or 32 less crashes in 2025 than what was reported in 2024.

	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Year Change	5 Year Change	10 Year Change
<b>Private Property</b>	128	160	120	224	-20.0%	6.7%	75.0%

### Enforcement

The department recorded 4,073 enforcement actions in 2025. While total activity decreased 25.7% from last year, enforcement remains 54.4% higher than a decade ago.

A cornerstone of our strategy is motorist education, with 66% of interactions resulting in warnings. Notably, moving warnings have surged 102% since 2015, signaling a long-term commitment to corrective dialogue. This year’s data reflects a stabilization of enforcement, ensuring a balanced approach that prioritizes road safety and fosters positive community relations. These efforts support a safer driving environment for all residents and visitors throughout Darien.

Citations							
	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Yr. Change	5 Yr. Change	10 Yr. Change
Moving Citation	826	977	1400	752	-15.5%	-41.0%	9.8%
Moving Warning	1739	2413	2953	861	-27.9%	-41.1%	102.0%
<b>Total Moving</b>	<b>2565</b>	<b>3390</b>	<b>4353</b>	<b>1613</b>	<b>-24.3%</b>	<b>-41.1%</b>	<b>59.0%</b>
Non-Moving Citation	553	708	542	454	-21.9%	2.0%	21.8%
Non-Moving Warning	955	1387	971	571	-31.1%	-1.6%	67.3%
<b>Total Non-Moving</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>2095</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>-28.0%</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>47.1%</b>
<b>Total Warning</b>	<b>2694</b>	<b>3800</b>	<b>3924</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>-29.1%</b>	<b>-31.3%</b>	<b>88.1%</b>
<b>Total Citations</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>1685</b>	<b>1942</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>-18.2%</b>	<b>-29.0%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
<b>Total Enforcement Actions</b>	<b>4073</b>	<b>5485</b>	<b>5866</b>	<b>2638</b>	<b>-25.7%</b>	<b>-30.6%</b>	<b>54.4%</b>

Category							
	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Yr. Change	5 Yr. Change	10 Yr. Change
ALCOHOL / CANNABIS	26	23	47	4	13.0%	-44.7%	550.0%
DISTRACTED	147	159	258	171	-7.5%	-43.0%	-14.0%
EQUIPMENT	318	334	515	252	-4.8%	-38.3%	26.2%
INSURANCE	243	313	286	215	-22.4%	-15.0%	13.0%
LANE	154	220	145	128	-30.0%	6.2%	20.3%
LICENSE	168	241	273	103	-30.3%	-38.5%	63.1%
OTHER	60	45	75	29	33.3%	-20.0%	106.9%
REGISTRATION	748	1175	379	416	-36.3%	97.4%	79.8%
SEAT BELT	19	18	13	31	5.6%	46.2%	-38.7%
SIGNAL	69	71	100	58	-2.8%	-31.0%	19.0%
SPEED	1450	2195	3127	818	-33.9%	-53.6%	77.3%
STOP SIGN OR SIGNAL	541	575	507	338	-5.9%	6.7%	60.1%
TURNING	54	49	68	28	10.2%	-20.6%	92.9%
YIELD	71	67	73	47	6.0%	-2.7%	51.1%

DUI Arrests							
	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Yr. Change	5 Yr. Change	10 Yr. Change
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>-24.3%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

## CONCERNS

We track citizen concerns on various issues. See below chart for the locations residents informed us about regarding a situation and how we responded.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Dates Monitored</u>	<u>Police Response</u>
Farmingdale Drive 75 <sup>th</sup> Street to 79 <sup>th</sup> Street	Speeding	01/10/25-01/24/25	25 Observations / 534 Minutes 3 Warnings / 0 Citations
71 <sup>st</sup> Street 400 Block	Speeding	01/30/25-02/28/25	20 Observations / 534 Minutes 4 Warnings / 2 Citations
Adams Street 7500 Block	Speeding	03/10/25-03/19/25	20 Observations / 457 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
69 <sup>th</sup> Street Wilmette Ave	Illegal Passing	03/24/25-04/18/25	4 Observations / 70 Minutes 0 Citations / 1 Warnings
1019 Concord Pl	Illegal Passing	03/27/25-04/18/25	4 Observations / 55 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
71 <sup>st</sup> Street 1700 Block	Speeding	03/29/25-04/12/25	34 Observations / 755 Minutes 1 Citations / 8 Warnings
Bailey Rd Pinehurst to Chapman	Speeding	04/11/25-05/01/25	47 Observations / 1,016 Minutes 6 Citations / 22 Warnings
Adams Street 7600 Block	Illegal Passing	04/14/25-04/28/25	9 Observations / 150 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
7906 Cass Ave	Illegal Passing	04/28/25-05/9/25	9 Observations / 100 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
Adams Street 7600 Block	Speeding	05/12/25-05/26/25	20 Observations / 415 Minutes 1 Citations / 0 Warnings
Woodland Dr & N Frontage Rd	Illegal Passing	05/23/25-05/30/25	5 Observations / 130 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
Nantucket Dr Walnut to Andermann	Speeding	06/02/25-06/06/25	20 Observations / 393 Minutes 3 Citations / 2 Warnings
Regency Grove Dr 7800 Block	Speeding	06/9/25-06/23/25	15 Observations / 260 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
Hinswood Dr & Sweetwater Ct	Speeding	06/11/25-06/20/25	18 Observations / 300 Minutes 1 Citations / 0 Warnings
Ripple Ridge & Mystic Trace	Speeding	06/11/25-06/20/25	19 Observations / 334 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
Honey Locust Ln 600 Block	Speeding	06/8/25-07/06/25	22 Observations / 355 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
Leonard Dr Plainfield Rd to 72 <sup>nd</sup> St	Speeding	06/26/25-07/11/25	22 Observations / 485 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
69 <sup>th</sup> St 500 Block	Speeding	07/08/25-07/15/25	7 Observations / 165 Minutes 0 Citations / 1 Warnings
Foxhill Pl & Carriage Greens Dr	Speeding	07/09/25-07/23/25	23 Observations / 470 Minutes 0 Citations / 1 Warnings
Cass Ave & Ashbrook Ct	Stop Sign	07/19/25-08/02/25	23 Observations / 570 Minutes 1 Citations / 5 Warnings

67 <sup>th</sup> St from Richmond to Clarendon Hills	Speeding	08/25/25-09/08/25	33 Observations / 702 Minutes 6 Citations / 14 Warnings
69 <sup>th</sup> St Richmond Ave	Stop Sign	08/25/25-09/08/25	9 Observations / 195 Minutes 2 Citations / 1 Warnings
Clarendon Hills Rd 7400 Block	Speeding	09/09/25-09/23/25	14 Observations / 355 Minutes 1 Citations / 0 Warnings
Beller Dr 8400 Block	Speeding	11/07/25-11/27/25	17 Observations / 445 Minutes 3 Citations / 2 Warnings
Nantucket & Andermann	Speeding	11/13/25-11/27/25	6 Observations / 115 Minutes 0 Citations / 1 Warnings
79 <sup>th</sup> St 900 Block	Speeding	11/14/25-11/28/25	18 Observations / 401 Minutes 0 Citations / 5 Warnings
Sawyer 8000 Block	Speeding	11/26/25-12/10/25	25 Observations / 530 Minutes 0 Citations / 0 Warnings
Walmart Exit to Lyman	Illegal Turn	12/02/25-12/16/25	27 Observations / 709 Minutes 1 Citations / 17 Warnings
Walmart Exit to Lyman	Illegal Turn	12/21/25-01/04/26	23 Observations / 620 Minutes 2 Citations / 19 Warnings

In 2025, the Darien Police Department directly addressed 29 resident reported concerns including: speeding, illegal passing of a school bus and stop sign violations through targeted observation. Over the year, the department dedicated more than 190 hours to these specialized details, conducting hundreds of individual observations to validate and address community issues.

While speeding remains the most frequent concern the department also focused on specialized issues like illegal turns near the Walmart exit to Lyman. Enforcement during these details resulted in 34 citations and 130 warnings, maintaining our commitment to education first policing. In many instances, officer presence alone served as an effective deterrent, resulting in improved compliance. This responsive approach ensures that departmental resources are deployed where residents need them most supporting a safer driving environment throughout Darien.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Officers and support staff are involved in the community in various activities totaling hundreds of hours. Many of those hours are voluntary – unpaid.

### **Fundraising Events**

- Saint Baldrick’s – is a fundraising event to raise donations child cancer research.
- Cop on a Rooftop – is a fundraiser for Special Olympics. This year the Dunkin Donuts at Cass Avenue and Plainfield Road hosted the event. Cop on a Rooftop raised \$2,100. We thank those sworn members who participated Dollins, Parris, Pilia, Servin, Stutte, Oplawski and Milazzo as well as Dunkin Donuts.
- Movember – a fundraiser for men’s health raised approximately \$900.

### **Outreach Events**

- Westmont Police Car Show saw Officer Servin participate. He brought a Darien Police Department (DPD) squad car and represented our city in a positive light.

- Lemont Police Car Show – Officer Rundell participated representing the police in a positive manner.
- Cops & Bobbers – This was the first time the Police Department hosted this event. Officers Parris, Pastick and Giza educated children about fishing laws and safety at South Grove Park. Prizes were given which were donated by several businesses including Home Depot and Bass Pro Shop.
- National Night Out – saw multiple vendors and approximately 300 people in attendance. New this year was Argonne National Laboratory’s Protective Force. Verseti Blood Donations attended with their blood donation bus. We are thankful to the Lion’s Club for grilling hot dogs and providing music. Many officers were present. Canine Officer Milazzo provided a demonstration with his dog Axel which was well received as was Officer Kano’s demonstration of the drone.
- Coffee with a Cop – an event to discuss anything that the public wants to with an officer. This year’s event was hosted at McDonald’s. We had a decent turnout this year.
- Trunk or Treat – saw Community Service Officers Magazin and Whitesides hand out give-aways to the kids.
- Faith & Blue – Our Lady of Peace Church had Officers Stutte, Milazzo and Pilia attend to show off squad cars and a K-9 demonstration.
- Shop with a Hero – is a community event to provide Christmas to those who may otherwise not receive presents. This is a partnership between Darien Police Department and the Darien-Woodridge Fire Department. This year 21 children and their families were assisted. Each child was allotted \$150 to spend on gifts for themselves and their family members. Officers Dollins, Thom, Janik and Pilia participated.
- Touch a Truck – Community Outreach for kids. Officer Somogye and Milazzo participated.

Late in 2023 we started having Safety Conversations at the Indian Prairie Public Library’s outreach program. The meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the Month, topics included:

- January Medical Emergencies by Tri-State Fire Department
- February Chat with the Chief
- March Chat with the Chief
- April Arbor Day by Officer Dlugopolski
- May Chat with the Chief
- October Traffic Safety & E-Bike / E-Scooter Safety
- October Halloween Safety Talk by Deputy Chief Jump and Officer Somogye

### **Educational Events**

- Safety Village of Darien – is a community operated organization that teaches youth about safety and other concerns. The Darien Police Department only participated in one of the events due to the untimely passing of the director, Kelly Connelly.
- K-9 Demonstration – Officer Milazzo and his K9 Axel participated in K-9 demonstration’s during Westmont’s Junior Police Academy, Faith & Blue, Darwood Fire Department’s open house and Walmart’s Community Safety Event.
- Tour – We provide tours of the police department.

## **Social Media**

We continue to engage the public through the use of social media for safety and outreach. This year included:

### **Public Safety Alerts & Traffic**

- 03/19/25 Road Closure (Crash)
- 05/06/25 Road Closure (Crash)
- 05/28/25 Road Closure (Crash)
- 06/06/25 Roadway Issue (Traffic Signals)
- 07/12/25 Road Closure (Crash)
- 07/25/25 Road Closure (Flooding)
- 08/17/25 Storm Damage
- 09/23/25 SWATting Incident
- 10/06/25 Subject with Firearm (Cass Jr. High Lockdown)
- 11/04/25 Road Closure (House Fire)
- 11/05/25 City Email Outage Notice
- 11/28/25 National Weather Service: Weather Alert
- 12/02/25 Suspicious Person Report at School Bus Stop

### **Community Events & Outreach**

- 04/12/25 Easter Egg Hunt
- 04/28/25 Arbor Day Celebration
- 05/05/25 DPD at Chicago Police Memorial "Run to Remember"
- 05/16/25 Special Olympics Event
- 06/03/25 Cops and Bobbers Event
- 08/02/25 National Night Out 2025
- 08/05/25 National Night Out 2025
- 09/02/25 Library Discussion: Police Social Worker Program
- 09/30/25 Coffee with a Cop
- 10/11/25 Faith and Blue Event
- 11/11/25 Veterans Day Recognition for DPD Veterans
- 11/27/25 Thanksgiving Wishes to Working First Responders
- 12/25/25 Holiday Wishes for a Safe Holiday

### **Safety Tips & Public Information**

- 01/02/25 Winter Driving Tips
- 02/03/25 Winter Safety Tips
- 03/03/25 Home Safety Tips
- 03/13/25 Tornado Preparedness & Information
- 03/28/25 Distracted Driving Awareness
- 04/08/25 Text-to-911 Information & Link
- 05/01/25 Mental Health Awareness Month
- 06/02/25 PTSD Awareness
- 07/01/25 211 of DuPage County Information
- 08/04/25 E-Scooter and E-Bike Regulations
- 08/18/25 Back-to-School Safety Reminders

- 10/28/25 Coyote Safety Tips
- 10/31/25 Halloween Safety Reminders
- 11/25/25 Reminder: Overnight Parking Ban Suspended
- 12/24/25 Reminder: Overnight Parking Ban Suspended
- 12/31/25 New Year's Safety: Drive Sober/Drive Safe

### **Department News & Recruitment**

- 09/16/25 Lateral Officer Applications Open
- 09/25/25 Lateral Officer Application Reminder

## **HONOR**

We do our best and have been successful in hiring personnel with high moral and ethical character. Officer candidates must pass a rigorous hiring process. Once hired the officer must attend and pass a sixteen week basic police academy, sixteen week intensive field training and evaluation program and one year of probation. We train personnel to a high level of competence and continue to train personnel throughout the year.

### **Never Forget**

Sergeant James “Jim” Borsilli was hired by Darien Police Department in 1988 as an officer and was assigned to patrol duties. Jim, while working patrol, had the additional duties of an evidence technician and a juvenile officer. Jim was assigned to Investigations Division in 2001 and worked as a detective until he was promoted to sergeant in 2002 and returned to Patrol Operations.

Those who worked with Jim will talk of his never-ending appetite for chicken and telling a story that started with, “You know, years ago...”

Jim passed away while serving in 2012. Jim was assigned badge number 301, it was retired in memory of Jim. Gone but not forgotten...

### **Recognition**

In 2025, there were 153 compliments and notes of thanks from citizens, other police agencies, and supervisors. These notes can range from helping out another agency in a time of need to an officer spending a little extra time with a community member to ensure they know everything will be okay after an impactful incident in their life. We take notice of these, as someone took time out of their day to make certain an employee's efforts are noted.

The following personnel earned a Letter of Commendation:

- Officer Chris Oplawski
  - An overturned vehicle on fire, assisted an occupant from the vehicle.
- Officer Nick Nelson
  - Arrested a repeat retail theft offender after putting together a coordinated response.
- Officer Konrad Kano
  - Arrested a repeat retail theft offender after putting together a coordinated response.

- Officer Glomb (Now Sergeant Glomb)
  - Put together an operation to identify and arrest a scam artist targeting the elderly.
- Officer Konrad Kano
  - Responded to a burglary to motor vehicle in progress, caught the offender with the aid of the drone.

Officer Jen Parris earned a Letter of Recognition for assisting an elderly resident with a broken front door lock by purchasing and helping with the installation of a new lock.

Sergeant Doug Rumick earned the Higher Learning Award by completing the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University

Officer Jaime Pilia earned a Lifesaving Award for assisting an elderly woman who had been choking and conducting life rescue efforts.

Officers Tony Hruby, Nick Nelson, and Nelson Servin were honored by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists.

### **Discipline**

Darien Police Department continues to work toward earning and maintaining the public’s respect and trust. Therefore, we investigate all complaints against personnel. We have well-trained and strictly vetted officers who understand and live by their oath of office and oath of honor.

The Darien Police Department handled over 14,000 calls for service. Amongst these incidents, officers made over 4,000 traffic stops and engaged in 373 arrests. In 2025, Darien Police Department received seven citizen generated complaints. Each complaint was thoroughly investigated. Six of the seven complaints were found to be Unfounded (alleged acts did not occur). One complaint was found to be Sustained (acts were found to have occurred) and the officer was issued a written reprimand.

### **Administrative Reviews**

Darien Police Department utilizes a formal administrative review procedure for use of force incidents, pursuits, deployment of stop sticks and unusual occurrences. Stop sticks are a tool to flatten a fleeing vehicle’s tires to force it to stop before the car causes injury to others. A sergeant who was not directly involved in the incident is tasked with reviewing the incident to determine whether the officer’s actions were within department policy and state law. These investigations are deemed to be “in compliance” or “not in compliance” by the investigating supervisor. When an incident is deemed not to be in compliance, a performance complaint investigation is conducted.

### ***Vehicle Pursuits***

Darien officers were not involved in any pursuits in 2025.

### ***Use of Force***

In 2025, Darien officers were involved in 21 incidents involving the use of force. Of the 21 incidents, 40 officers used force in some capacity through the course of their duties. An uninvolved

supervisor reviews each use of force to ensure officers' actions are in accordance with policies and law. All of the 21 incidents and all of the 40 individual actions were found to be in compliance, which included the Duty to Render Aid, Duty to Report, and Duty to Intervene. Darien Police Department has held these elements of review for several years and will continue to monitor officers' actions.

Officers used verbalization skills, empty-hand control, and intermediate weapon control during the year. An intermediate weapon control, or Taser, was pointed at a subject on two occasions during the year. The officers who pointed the Taser during the course of their duties did not deploy the Taser in either instance.

There are several reasons for using force, including: making an arrest, preventing an escape, defending another, defending oneself and preventing a violent crime.

### **Training**

In 2025, we continued the 40 hours of in-house continual education. Included in these training sessions were:

Mental Health Awareness	High Risk Traffic Stops
SAFE-T Act Law Review	Taser Recertification
Defensive Tactics	Firearms

Additionally, our officers attended 3,199 hours of continual education training. Training was done through online portals, or through in-person learning. In total, 600 classes, seminars and training blocks were attended. Officers attended classes in many different law enforcement disciplines, including:

Vehicle Extractions	Ground Fighting
Use of Force for Administrators	Search & Seizure
Internal Affairs	Evidence Technician
Active Threat Master Instructor	Interview & Interrogation
National Tactical Officers Association	Drone Class & FAA Certification
Threat Assessment	Death Investigations
Ballistic Shield	Crisis Intervention
School Safety	Cyberbullying & Sexting Investigations
Glock Armorer's Course	

Our Officers were active in many different conferences and seminars around the state including:

Homicide Conference	Illinois Tactical Officer Conference
Regional Crime Task Force Conference	Evidence Conference
Illinois Law Enforcement Conference	Illinois Juvenile Officer Conference
Illinois Property Managers Conference	Active Threat & Response Conference
Illinois Crisis Negotiators Conference	

# **PERSONNEL**

## **Retirements**

Records Clerk Elizabeth Poteraske retired on May 16, 2025 with 33 ½ years of service with the Darien Police Department. Liz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lewis University.

Officer Rick Hellmann retired on June 3, 2025 after more than 24 years of service with the Darien Police Department. Rick held various specialty positions such as Detective, Juvenile Officer, Crisis Intervention Officer, and Evidence Technician. He graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement.

Sergeant Steve Liss retired on September 23, 2025. During his more than 27 years serving the Darien Police Department, he earned a Medal of Honor in 2023 for safely de-escalating a situation where he was confronted by a subject who had stabbed a female victim and still had the two knives in his hands. The subject was taken into custody after a standoff. Sergeant Liss received two lifesaving awards, fourteen Driving Under the Influence enforcement awards, four Letters of Commendation, four Letters of Recognition and numerous thank you letters from other police agencies, other cities, the public, etc.

Sergeant Liss worked patrol as an officer and as a sergeant. He was a K9 officer, Crisis Team member, FIAT (MERIT) K9 officer and commander, and a juvenile officer. Sergeant Liss graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2015. He earned an associate degree in Auto Technology from Illinois Valley Community College.

The Police Auxiliary Officer Program had been in existence longer than our most senior officers on staff. The volunteer officers assisted the community in many ways, including patrol efforts and working extra events throughout the community. The program ended in early 2025 and still had four active members. Auxiliary Officer Ken Vaughn, Auxiliary Officer Keith Bucholz, Auxiliary Officer Dwane Kozak and Auxiliary Officer Gina Guglielmo. Thank you for your time, dedication, and service to the community.

## **Resignations**

Officer Kristopher Dlugopolski resigned from the Darien Police Department on May 29, 2025 with three and a half years of service. He was a drone operator for the department during his service. He was a former Glendale Heights Police Officer. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Lewis University.

Officer Maciej Cachro was hired on September 14, 2020 and resigned on March 25, 2025. Officer Cachro held positions as a Field Training Officer and Crisis Intervention Team Officer during his career with Darien. Prior to joining the Darien Police Department, he worked as a part-time officer with the Chicago Ridge and Rockdale Police Departments. He graduated with an Associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Moraine Valley Community College.

### **New Hires**

Records Clerk Mandy McCulloch was hired on August 4, 2025. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business and Sociology from DePaul University. She has over 22 years of experience as a police dispatcher. Mandy enjoys fostering dogs in her spare time.

Police Social Worker Sabrina Shirley began working with the Darien Police Department in April of 2025 through an agreement with Northeast DuPage Family & Youth Services (NEDFYS) for the purpose of having an on staff a social worker. She was highly recommended by the Kane County Sheriff's Office, where she completed an internship.

Officer Dillon Braun was hired on August 25, 2025 as a police officer. He completed the Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the University of Illinois Police Training Institute in December 2025. Dillon earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminology from Mississippi State University in 2019. He served in the Army National Guard from 2014 to 2020 and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

### **Promotions**

Sergeant Austin Jump was promoted on July 12, 2025 to the position of Deputy Chief assigned to the Operations Bureau. He has over 16 years of experience with the Darien Police Department, during which he has served as department instructor in the following disciplines: Firearms, SWAT, High-Risk Vehicle Stops, Rescue Task Force, Rapid Deployment and Tactical Medical Officer. He has also held the following specialty assignments: Juvenile Officer, Crisis Intervention Officer, and Evidence Technician. He was also acting MERIT Commander for several SWAT activations.

Deputy Chief Jump has received numerous recognition and commendation awards throughout his career. Most notably, he received an Award of Excellence from DuPage County SWAT for his outstanding conduct as SWAT School Coordinator. He was awarded two Lifesaving Awards. He has also been recognized multiple times for his outstanding DUI enforcement throughout the years.

Officer Keith Keough was promoted to sergeant on July 5, 2025. Sergeant Keough started his career with the Darien Police Department in 2009. During his career, he has held specialty assignments as a Field Training Officer, Juvenile Officer, and Crisis Intervention Team member. He was also selected to be an Acting Assistant Team Leader for the MERIT Crisis Negotiation Team.

Officer Brette Glomb was promoted to sergeant on September 6, 2025. Sergeant Glomb began his career with the Darien Police Department in 2001. He has performed various specialty assignments throughout the years as a Detective, Juvenile Officer, and Critical Intervention Team Officer. He was given a Law Enforcement Award of Excellence from the Chicago Crime Commission for his work as a Task Force Officer. He also received an Award of Excellence from the Illinois Homicide Association for his efforts during the Kramer homicide investigation. He has also earned numerous letters of recognition and commendation.

### **Assignments**

Sergeant Doug Rumick was assigned to the Investigations Unit

Sergeant Mike Lorek was assigned back to the Patrol Unit after two years of service as a detective sergeant.

Officer Justin O'Brien was assigned to the Investigations Unit.

Detective Jen Dollins was assigned back to the Patrol Unit after four years of service as a detective.

Officer Paulina Janik was assigned to Hinsdale South High School as the School Resource Officer

Detective Simon Versis was assigned to the Patrol Unit after three years of service as Hinsdale South High School's School Resource Officer.

Officers Matt Rundell, Nick Nelson and Chris Oplawski were appointed as Drone Operators.

Officer Jen Dollins was reinstated as a Field Training Officer.

Officer Nick Nelson was appointed as a Field Training Officer.

Sergeant Keith Keough was appointed as the Field Training Coordinator.

Sergeant Doug Rumick was appointed to the Awards Committee.

Detective Justin O'Brien was appointed as a Property Handler.

Sergeant Doug Rumick was appointed as the Range Master.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

### **Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Task Force**

We have an officer assigned to the Federal Drug Administration (DEA) Task Force. Our officer handled several high-profile cases involving money trafficking and drug smuggling. Through his and his team's actions, \$409,293.00 was seized in illegal drug activities. Through him and his team's efforts the following quantities were also seized.

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|-------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| • Cocaine   | 1,425.17 Grams | • Molly           | 18.70 Grams  |
| • Marijuana | 9,298.47 Grams | • Oxy             | 53.00 Grams  |
| • Heroin    | 38.50 Grams    | • Psilocybin      | 524.00 Grams |
| • Meth      | 5,574.93 Grams | • Firearms Seized | 44           |
| • Fentanyl  | 442.57 Grams   | • Arrests Made    | 70           |
| • Crack     | 192.28 Grams   |                   |              |

### **DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG)**

The DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group works to address narcotics-related crime through proactive investigations, regional collaboration, and targeted enforcement aimed at disrupting

illegal drug distribution networks. In 2025, DuMEG conducted 175 drug purchases and documented 93 seizures, resulting in the removal of a wide range of illegal substances from circulation with an estimated street value exceeding \$1.76 million.

**Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT)**

In 2025, the Darien Police Department utilized the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT) for specialized assistance during two critical incidents. The MERIT Major Crash Reconstruction and Drone Teams were deployed to investigate fatal traffic crashes on March 19 in the 7400 block of Cass Avenue and on May 6 in the 1300 block of North Frontage Road.

Outside of these specific calls for service, Darien remains an active partner in several vital county-wide safety programs. Our officers provide ongoing support to various MERIT components, including the Metro SWAT and Crisis Negotiation teams, the DuPage County Peer Support Team (IMAC), the County-Wide K9 Response and Training Group, and the DuPage County Drone Response Team. These regional partnerships ensure that our community has immediate access to high-level expertise and specialized equipment whenever an emergency requires resources beyond our local capacity.

**DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm)**

DuComm continues to be a great partner managing calls for service. DuComm receives funding from the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB). This helps defray a significant portion of the cost to operate the 9-1-1 center reducing our costs. The ETSB funds the costs associated with the delivery of calls from the 9-1-1 center to officers on the street by funding radios, Computer Aided Dispatch software, phones, etc.

***Citizen Generated***

DuComm managed 7,013 citizen generated calls for service. A citizen generated call when a member of the public calls into DuComm whether dialing a 10 digit number or 9-1-1.

Citizen Generated Calls for Service							
	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Year Change	5 Year Change	10 Year Change
<b>Shift 1</b>	<b>4292</b>	<b>4405</b>	<b>4263</b>	<b>4945</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-13.2%</b>
<b>Shift 2</b>	<b>2597</b>	<b>2606</b>	<b>2448</b>	<b>2654</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6889</b>	<b>7011</b>	<b>6711</b>	<b>7599</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>

The types of citizen generated calls for service fall into these general categories.

Category of Call	<u>YTD</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Domestic	256	301	317	252	-15.0%	-19.2%	1.6%
Parking	170	147	103	222	15.6%	65.0%	-23.4%
Medical/Ambulance	635	537	446	216	18.2%	42.4%	194.0%
Burglary	32	37	68	99	-13.5%	-52.9%	-67.7%
Forgery	120	144	341	73	-16.7%	-64.8%	64.4%
Hazard	32	30	14	72	6.7%	128.6%	-55.6%
Fire	120	113	73	51	6.2%	64.4%	135.3%
Drug	2	4	11	52	-50.0%	-81.8%	-96.2%
Missing Person	39	36	42	47	8.3%	-7.1%	-17.0%
Warrant	25	37	20	18	-32.4%	25.0%	38.9%
Assault	41	34	35	28	20.6%	17.1%	46.4%
Shots Fired	9	14	18	16	-35.7%	-50.0%	-43.8%
Rape	13	18	18	8	-27.8%	-27.8%	62.5%
Robbery	3	1	8	3	200.0%	-62.5%	0.0%

### *Officer Initiated*

DuComm operators managed 7,377 officer initiated calls for service. An officer initiated call for service can be created by an officer calling DuComm from his portable radio or creating a call for service utilizing the computer in his/her squad car. Officer initiated calls for service are proactive situations where officers are trying to accomplish the goal of problem reduction.

Officer Initiated Calls for Service							
	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	YTD 2020	YTD 2015	1 Year Change	5 Year Change	10 Year Change
<b>Shift 1</b>	<b>2514</b>	<b>3207</b>	<b>3992</b>	<b>17311</b>	<b>-21.6%</b>	<b>-37.0%</b>	<b>-85.5%</b>
<b>Shift 2</b>	<b>2421</b>	<b>2975</b>	<b>3640</b>	<b>16312</b>	<b>-18.6%</b>	<b>-33.5%</b>	<b>-85.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4935</b>	<b>6182</b>	<b>7632</b>	<b>33623</b>	<b>-20.2%</b>	<b>-35.3%</b>	<b>-85.3%</b>

The types of officer initiated calls for service fall into these general categories:

Category of Call	<u>YTD</u> <u>2025</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>YTD</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>1 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>5 Year</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>10 Year</u> <u>Change</u>
Citizen Assist	1243	1494	994	942	-16.8%	25.1%	32.0%
Investigative	153	149	118	848	2.7%	29.7%	-82.0%
Suspicion	522	572	750	743	-8.7%	-30.4%	-29.7%
Alarm	412	491	466	684	-16.1%	-11.6%	-39.8%
Accident	633	630	530	663	0.5%	19.4%	-4.5%
Public Order	648	630	571	574	2.9%	13.5%	12.9%
Administrative	403	223	231	461	80.7%	74.5%	-12.6%
Disorder	275	365	341	395	-24.7%	-19.4%	-30.4%
Traffic	408	260	210	331	56.9%	94.3%	23.3%
Animal	233	269	243	283	-13.4%	-4.1%	-17.7%
Theft	183	222	285	251	-17.6%	-35.8%	-27.1%
Agency Assist	279	253	458	267	10.3%	-39.1%	4.5%

## **ORGANIZATION**

### **Generally**

Our Patrol Division provides complete police coverage throughout the city throughout the year. Our Investigative Division includes, detectives, a School Resource Officer (SRO) and an officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The detective unit investigates criminal offenses, fatal / near fatal accidents, missing persons as well as other issues. Our SRO is not in the school to arrest offenders, though she can, most of his day is spent on positive interactions.

### **Canine Unit**

In 2025, the Darien Canine Unit responded to a total of 87 deployments. Of the 87 deployments, 17 were generated within Darien, 3 to assist the DEA, 1 to assist a state agency, 7 times for county operations and the remainder other local agencies.

The types of patrol activities the K9 was involved in included: human tracks, building searches, area searches and evidence searches.

Of the searches thirteen times the K9 was able to locate the subject (arrestee or missing person).

The Canine Team was responsible for:

- Cannabis                      9 Alerts            159.01 Grams
- Methamphetamine        1 Alerts            5.00 Grams
- Heroin                        1 Alerts            3.00 Grams
- Cocaine                      4 Alerts            19.35 Grams
- Currency Seized          1 Alerts            \$46,900

### **Juvenile Matters**

The Peer Jury program, an alternative to juvenile court, is designed for first time offenders who committed a non-serious offense. High school juniors are selected for a two year term to participate as jurors in the program. We had no Peer Jury referrals in 2025.

There were nine cases of Missing Juveniles / Runaways and in each case the individual was located and returned.

Numerous officers are trained as juvenile specialists to help underage persons are led away from crime and issues that would harm them.

### **Evidence**

Each year we do a property room audit of either random number of cases. In 2024 a full audit was completed. Unfortunately, our property room custodian was unavailable to provide information on number of cases, but we once again passed the audit of evidence in the property room.

We continue to host our prescription drug turn-in program, however, we do not have the weight of prescription drugs sent in for destruction for 2025.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Buildings & Grounds**

This year, we continued to review areas of the Darien Police Department (opened in 1995) that needed updating. The evidence room had the counters and cabinets replaced, along with a refrigerator and sink.

The Multi-Purpose Room had the tables and chairs replaced. Now they can be moved and stored for the room to be set up in a variety of fashions for several different activities. This is for both meetings and training.

There are a few locations throughout the building where employee appreciation has begun. Plaques for years of service, rank, a wall patch, department photos from years past and a framed picture with surrounding agencies' patches are amongst the additions.

### **Equipment & Technology**

In 2025, we purchased an additional drone to add to the fleet, along with additional drone pilots. This addition will allow for multi device approach and varied applications.

Previously, laptops had been dedicated solely to a desk and a squad car. This year, supervisors were issued individual laptops to seamlessly move from in-house administrative tasks to addressing the community's needs out on patrol. This eliminated five devices.