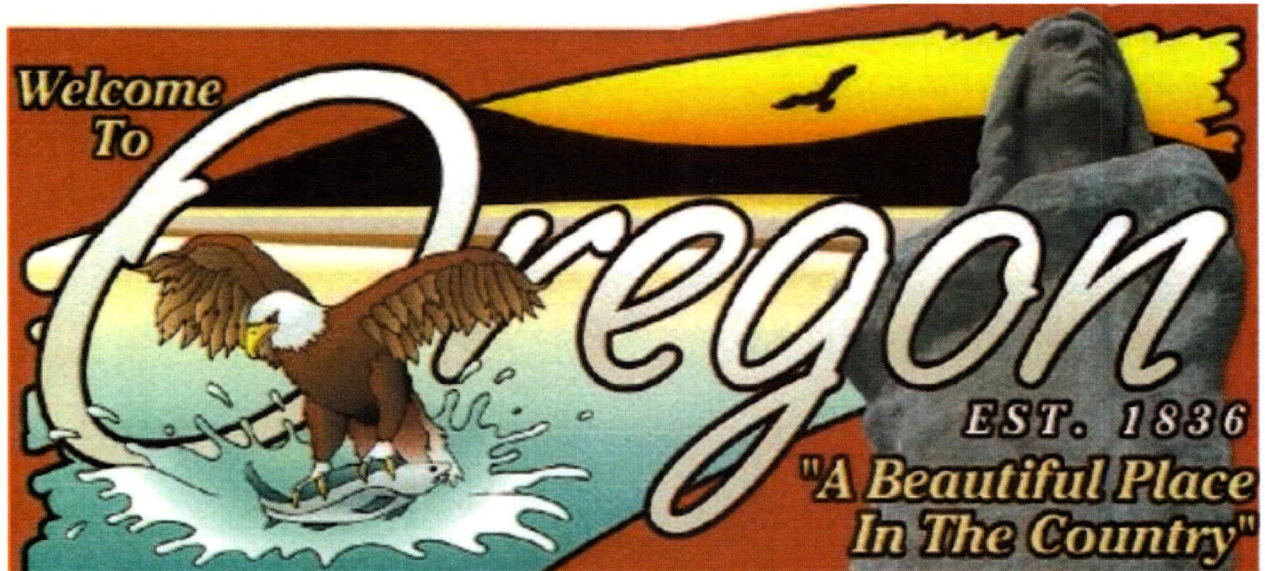


OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

2025





City Officials

- Mayor Ken Williams
- City Manager Darin DeHaan
- Council Member Mel Cozzi
- Council Member Tim Krug
- Council Member Kurt Wilson – End of his term
- Council Member Josiah Flannagan – Beginning of his term
- Council Member Terry Schuster

CURRENT STAFF

- Matthew Kalnins – Chief of Police – 19 years of service
- Tim Brechon – Lieutenant – 3 years of service (16 years total)
- Eric Higby – Sergeant – 2 years of service (30 years total)
- Kevin Most – Sergeant – 2 months of service (15 years total)
- Greg Spencer – Officer – 5 years of service
- Terry Lester – Officer -3 years of service (18 years total)
- Taylor Buckwalter – Officer - 1.5 years of service
- Breanna Wakeland – Officer - 1.5 years of service
- Josh Cofield – Officer - 1 year of service
- Zachary McKean – Officer – 5 years of service
- John Kaltenbach – Part Time Officer – 2 months of service (21 years total)
- Mary Elliot – Administrative Assistant – 28 years of service

OREGON POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to maintain peace and public order by providing high quality police services that are responsive to the needs of the community. We protect life and property by apprehending those who commit criminal acts, by developing partnerships to prevent, reduce, or eliminate neighborhood problems, and by providing police services that are fair, professional, and respectful of the dignity of all individuals.

LETTER FROM CHIEF OF POLICE

March 13, 2026

City of Oregon
115 N. 3rd St
Oregon, IL 61061

I respectfully submit the 2025 Annual Report for the Oregon Police Department.

Following several personnel changes in 2024, the Oregon Police Department focused on recruiting and hiring outstanding officers to fill those vacancies. Our veteran officers played a critical role during this transition, stepping up to mentor and training new personnel. Their leadership helped ensure our newest officers developed the skills necessary to become self-sufficient, vigilant, and committed to serving our community with professionalism and care.

With the implementation of additional training mandates by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) in 2023 and 2024, our officers have remained proactive in meeting and exceeding these requirements. The department continues to stay ahead of mandated training standards, ensuring all officers remain properly certified and well-prepared to provide professional service to the citizens of Oregon.

The Oregon Police Department also continues to strengthen partnerships within the community. Throughout the year, officers worked with local organizations and businesses to provide training and outreach opportunities. Our annual National Night Out event was once again a success, bringing together community members, local vendors, and food trucks for an evening that

strengthened relationships between residents and law enforcement. Officers have also continued working with local businesses to provide guidance and training on recognizing and responding to financial crimes and potential active threat situations.

In 2025, the department also implemented several technological improvements. New in-squad computers were installed in recently added patrol vehicles, and officers began carrying the Taser 10. These upgrades enhance both officer and public safety, particularly during incidents where immediate backup may still be minutes away.

As we move into 2026, the Oregon Police Department remains committed to providing dedicated, professional, and high-quality police services to the citizens of Oregon. Thank you for your continued support of our department and the officers who proudly serve this community.

Sincerely,

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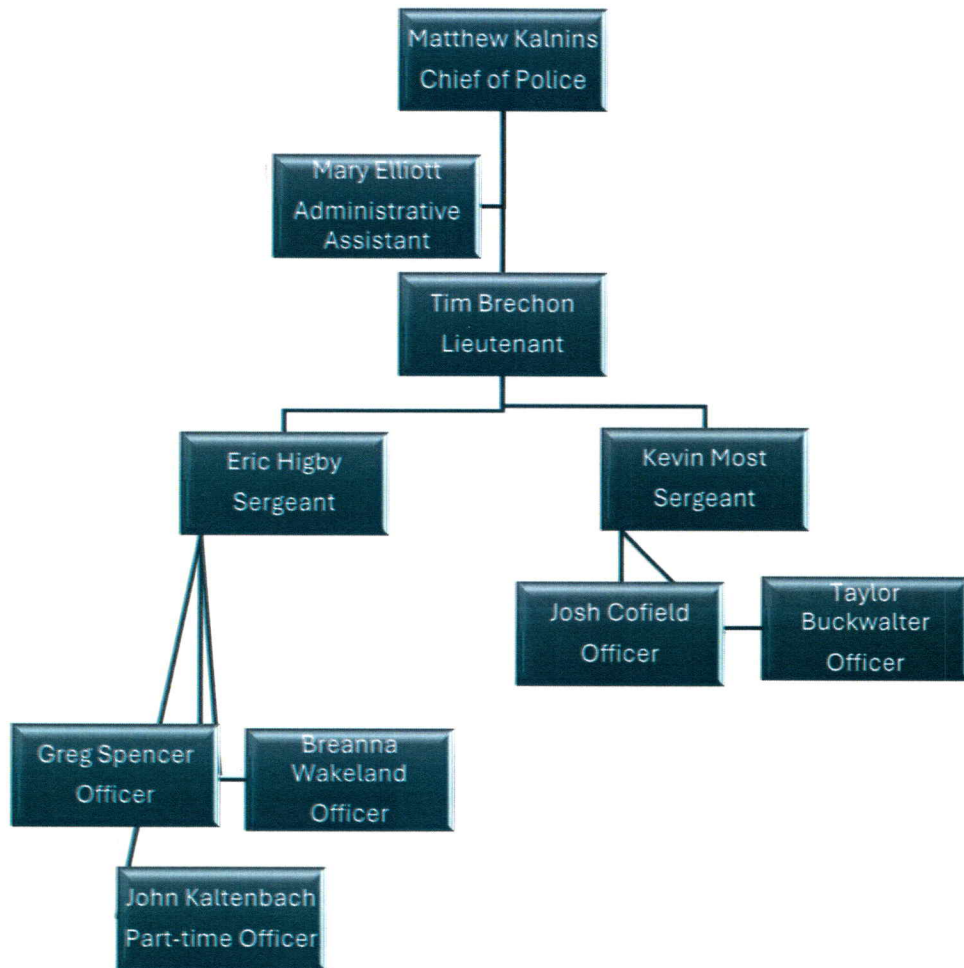
Matthew Kalnins
Chief of Police

BUDGET

18-00-4210	Salaries – Regular	\$797,100.00
18-00-4200	Salaries – Overtime	\$75,000.00
18-00-4310	Loss Prevention Salary	\$8,100.00
18-00-4550	1 st Responder Resiliency	\$1,000.00
18-00-4710	Uniform Allowance	\$6,800.00
18-00-5630	Training	\$4,500.00
18-00-5720	Police Training Inst.	\$6,500.00
18-00-5730	Recruitment and Test	\$16,000.00
18-00-5120	Maintenance-Equipment	\$1,200.00
18-00-5130	Maintenance-Vehicles	\$17,000.00
18-00-5280	Drug Investigations	\$2,536.00
18-00-5350	Admin Towing Disbursement	\$35000.00
18-00-5370	Contractual Services	\$40,000.00
18-00-5610	Dues	\$1,000.00
18-00-5510	Postage and Office Sup	\$2,000.00
18-00-5520	Telephone	\$19,000.00
18-00-5530	Publishing and Printing	\$1,500.00
18-00-6550	Automotive Fuel/Oil	\$30,000.00
18-00-8200	Capital Equipment	\$5,000.00
18-00-8300	Police Equipment	\$35,500.00
18-00-8400	Vehicles	\$7,500.00
18-00-8500	Computer Equipment	\$5,700.00
18-00-8600	Firearms	\$3,000.00
18-00-8810	DUI Equipment	\$900.00
18-00-9100	Contingency	\$1,000.00

Total Expense Budget \$1,122,836.00

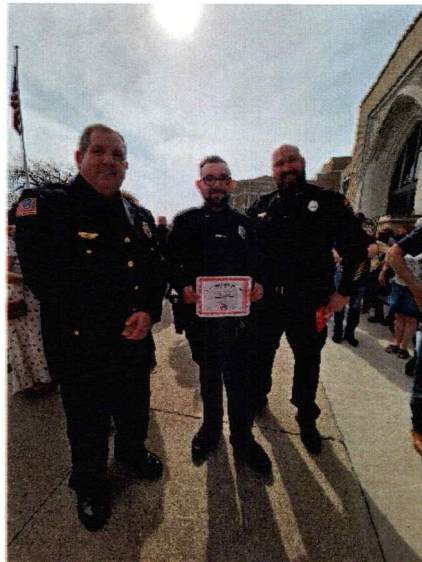
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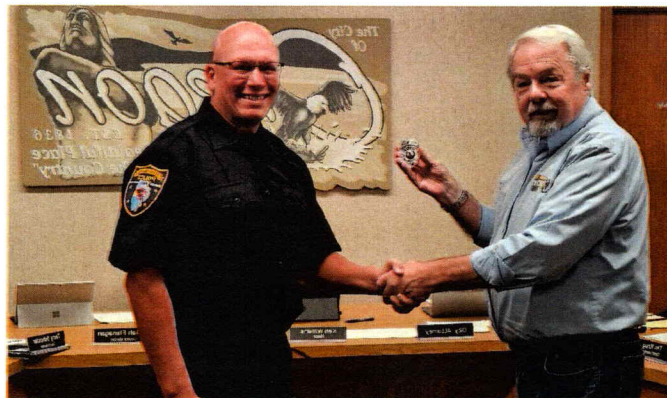
EMPLOYEEES

NEW EMPLOYEES

- Officer Joshua Cofield Graduated from the Sauk Valley College Police Academy in April and was assigned to the FTO program.

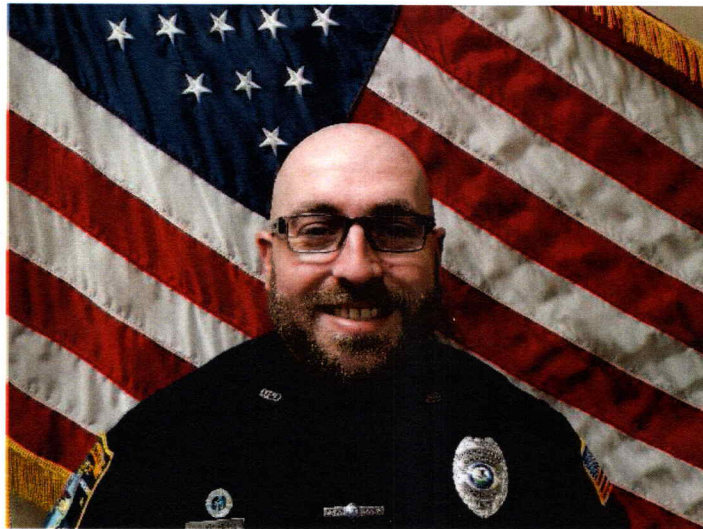


- Officer John Kaltenbach joined the Oregon Police Department in October as a part-time Officer. Officer Kaltenbach comes from the Rochelle Police Department where he retired with 20 years of experience. Office Kaltenbach was a Sergeant detective for the Rochelle Police Department for over 15 years.



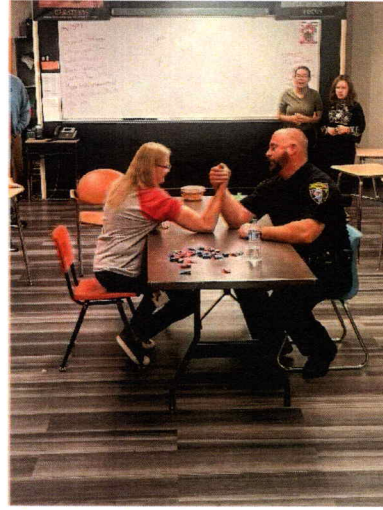
RESIGNATIONS

- In April, Officer Zach McKean resigned from the Oregon Police Department to accept a position with the Stephenson County Sheriff's Office. During his time with the department, Officer McKean demonstrated strong initiative in the areas of traffic enforcement and drug interdiction. While he will be missed by our department, this transition allows him to serve closer to his family and residence. We wish Deputy McKean continued success in his future endeavors.



PROMOTIONS

- On January 15, 2025, Officer Tim Brachon was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Brachon joined the Oregon Police Department in 2022 from the Byron Police Department and served as the department's School Resource Officer. During his time in that role, Lt. Brachon built strong and positive relationships with students, teachers, and administrators within the school district. While he will certainly be missed by the school community, his experience, leadership, and commitment to the Oregon Police Department will be an asset as he returns to patrol/admin duties serving the citizens of Oregon.



- On April 24, 2025, Officer Eric Higby was promoted to the position of Sergeant. Officer Higby came to the Oregon Police Department in July of 2023 and brings with him over 30 years of law enforcement experience with more than half that time as the former Chief of the Rochelle Police Department.

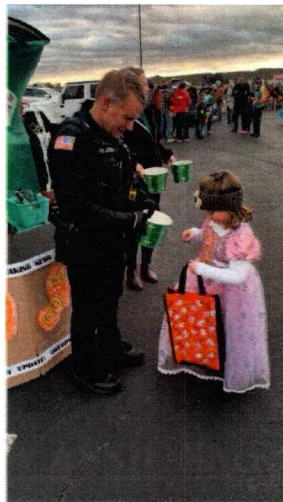


- In October 2025, Officer Kevin Most was hired by the Oregon Police Department to fill the department's final roster vacancy. Shortly after joining the department, Officer Most was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Most brings more than 15 years of law enforcement experience, with most of his career focused on investigative work, which will be an asset to the department and the community we serve.



NEW ASSIGNMENTS

- At the start of the new school year in August, Officer Terry Lester was assigned as the Oregon Police Department's School Resource Officer. Officer Lester joined the department in 2023 after serving more than 15 years with the Amboy Police Department. In this role, Officer Lester will continue building and strengthening the positive relationships with students and staff that were established within the school district.



COMMENDATIONS

- On 03/23/2025 At approximately 3:30a.m. Officer Zach McKean observed a gray Hyundai stopped at a green light at the intersection of E. Washington St and Daysville Rd. Officer McKean observed additional traffic violations and subsequently effected a traffic stop in the 1200 blk of W. Washington St. Officer McKean then conducted an investigation leading to the discovery of the following illegal items:

7 Grams of Crack Cocaine

Drug Paraphernalia

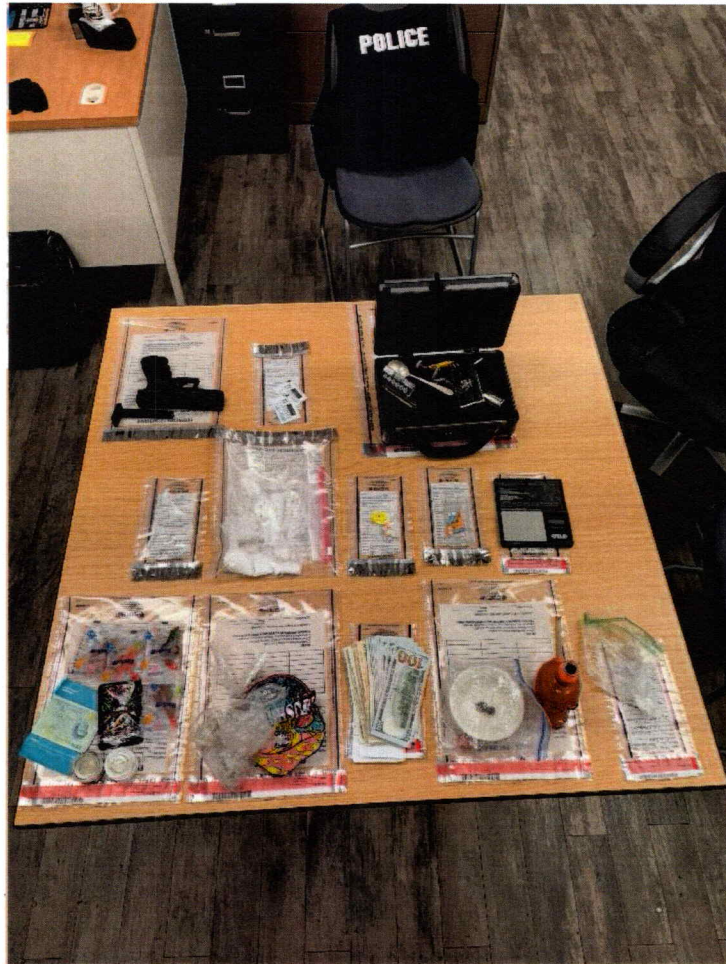
19 Grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms.

60Grams of Psilocybin Mushroom Gummies

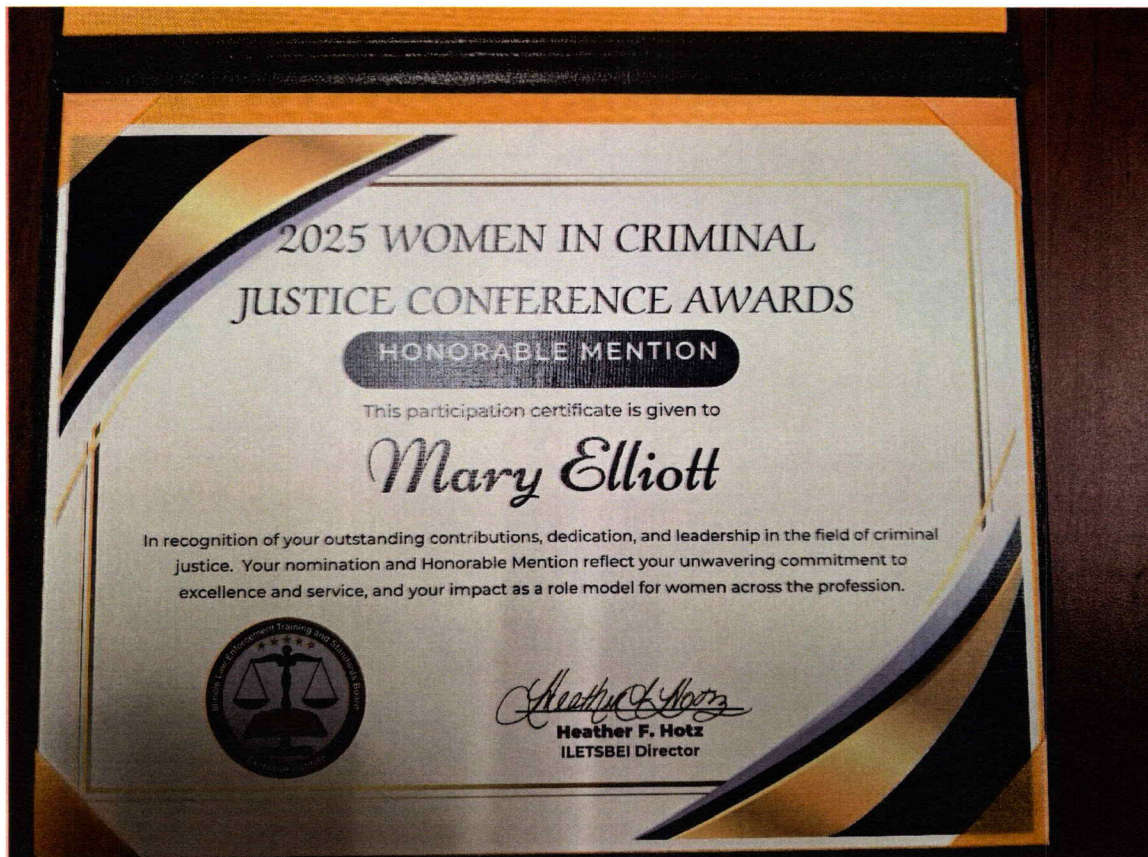
49 Grams of Methamphetamine

7 Pills of MDMA (Ecstasy)

Additional white powdery substances were located and will be tested at the Rockford Crime Lab.



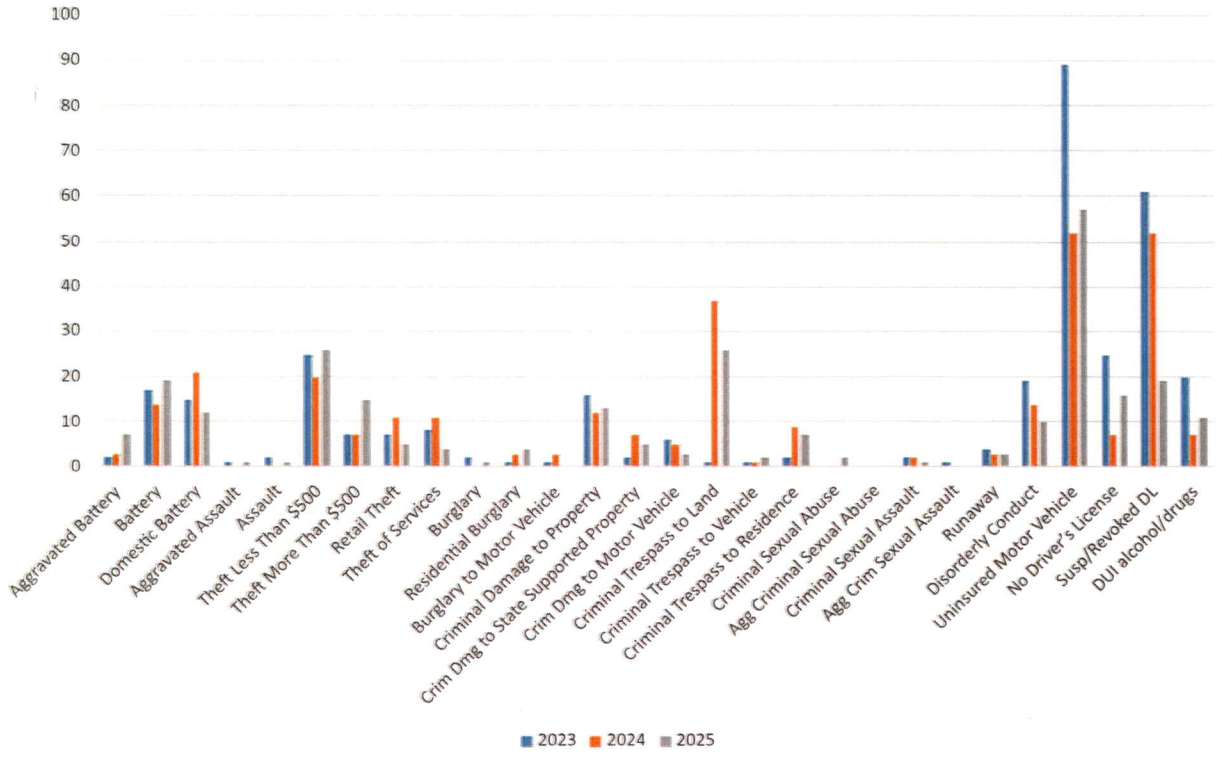
- On April 25, 2025, Administrative Assistant Mary Elliott was recognized at the Oregon City Council Meeting for receiving Honorable Mention in the 2025 Women in Criminal Justice Conference Awards. AA Elliott works hard for the police department keeping all the behind the scenes work in order and Officers taken care off. “Without the hard work of AA Elliott, I strongly believe the Oregon Police Department would not be where it is today. She has been an integral part of this department for over 28 years!” – Chief Matthew Kalnins



CRIME STATISTICS

	2023	2024	2025	Percent
				Increase/Decrease
				2024-2025
Aggravated Battery	2	3	7	up 133%
Battery	17	14	19	up 35.7%
Domestic Battery	15	21	12	down 42.9%
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	up 100%
Assault	2	0	1	up 100%
Theft Less Than \$500	25	20	26	up 30%
Theft More Than \$500	7	7	15	up 114.3%
Retail Theft	7	11	5	down 54.5%
Theft of Services	8	11	4	down 63.6%
Burglary	2	0	1	up 100%
Residential Burglary	1	3	4	up 33.33%
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	1	3	0	down 100%
Criminal Damage to Property	16	12	13	up 8.3%
Crim Dmg to State Supported Property	2	7	5	down 28.6%
Crim Dmg to Motor Vehicle	6	5	3	down 40%
Criminal Trespass to Land	1	37	26	down 29.7%
Criminal Trespass to Vehicle	1	1	2	up 100%
Criminal Trespass to Residence	2	9	7	down 22.2%
Criminal Sexual Abuse	0	0	2	up 100%
Agg Criminal Sexual Abuse	0	0	0	no change
Criminal Sexual Assault	2	2	1	down 50%
Agg Crim Sexual Assault	1	0	0	no change
Runaway	4	3	3	no change
Disorderly Conduct	19	14	10	down 28.6%
Uninsured Motor Vehicle	89	52	57	up 9.6%
No Driver's License	25	7	16	up 128.6%
Susp/Revoked DL	61	52	19	down 63.5%
DUI alcohol/drugs	20	7	11	up 57.1%

2021-2023 Statistical Comparatives Offense Calls



- The City of Oregon continues to be a safe and welcoming community to live, work, and raise a family. While certain crime statistics have seen a slight increase, the overall safety of our community remains strong. The Oregon Police Department remains committed to proactive policing, community engagement, and strong partnerships with residents and city officials. By continuing to work collaboratively, focusing on prevention, and addressing concerns as they arise, we are confident in our ability to reduce crime and maintain the high quality of life that the citizens of Oregon expect and deserve.

COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS

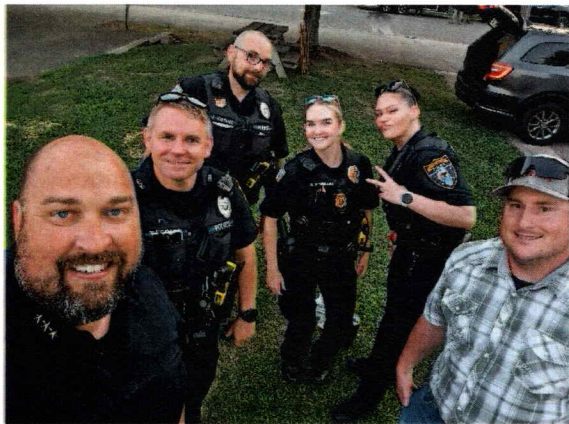
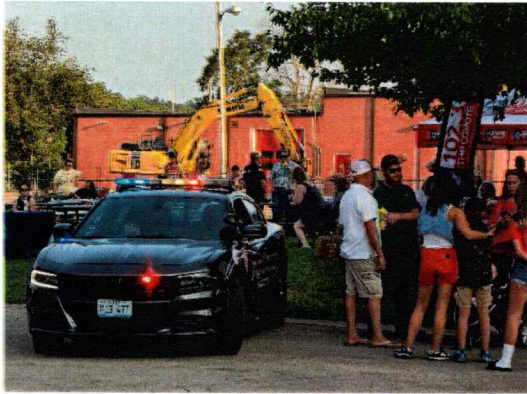
- On April 7, 2025, the Oregon Police Department, in partnership with the Oregon School District and the Oregon Fire Department, participated in a Bike and Walk to School Day event. Students and staff were encouraged to ride their bicycles or walk to school as part of the initiative promoting healthy activity and community engagement. Donuts and prizes were awarded to students who traveled the longest distance and to those who creatively decorated their bicycles.



- Each year on the first weekend of October, the City of Oregon hosts Autumn on Parade, one of the most well-attended community festivals in the state. The Oregon Police Department dedicates significant planning and preparation to ensure the safety of residents and visitors during this event. Through the coordinated efforts of Oregon City Hall, the Oregon Public Works Department, the Oregon Fire Department, the Illinois State Police, and the Ogle County Sheriff's Office, the festival continues to be a safe, enjoyable, and successful event for the entire community.



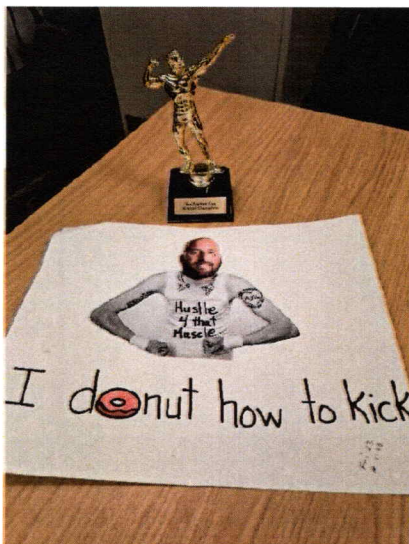
- On August 5, 2025, the Oregon Policed Department participated in the nationwide National Night Out. This event is to bring communities together with their first responders and promote community wide safety. This year we had food booths, Touch-a-Truck, games and several community organizations out to meet with citizens.



- On October 24, 2025, School Resource Officer Lester and Oregon Police officers participated in a Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by the Oregon School District. While the evening temperatures were a bit chilly, it certainly did not discourage the many students and families who came out to enjoy the event—and collect plenty of candy along the way. The event provided another great opportunity for officers to interact with students and families in a fun and positive environment.



- In April, Oregon Police officers and members of the Oregon Fire Department participated in a friendly kickball game against staff from the Oregon School District during a community event held at the school. The evening included family-friendly activities such as a bounce house, dunk tank, and food for attendees. In a competitive but good-spirited matchup, the first responders team came out victorious over the school staff, earning the highly coveted “Brachon Cup” trophy.



TRAINING

- The Oregon Police Department continues to meet all training mandates and standards established by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). To remain fiscally responsible, the department utilizes a combination of online training platforms and courses offered through MTU1 in the region. With the addition of Sergeant Most, both he and Lt. Brachon have provided officers with training in active threat response and rapid deployment tactics. This training is critical in ensuring officers are prepared to respond effectively should a critical incident occur in our community.

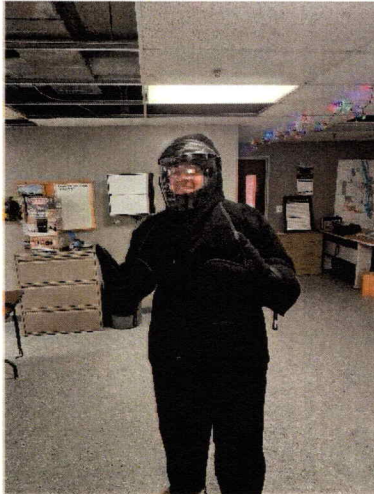
All Oregon officers have been trained and certified in the use of Taser 10. The department now has several officers certified as instructors, allowing us to conduct ongoing in-house training to maintain and improve proficiency. Lt. Brachon is also a certified control tactics instructor and has conducted multiple in-house training sessions. These opportunities provide officers with more individualized instruction and additional time to refine and strengthen their skills.

EQUIPMENT

- In 2025, the Oregon Police Department implemented Taser 10 as a new less-lethal option for officers on duty. Taser 10 represents the latest technology from Axon and is designed to enhance both officer and public safety. The device utilizes a magazine containing 10 individual cartridges and provides officers with improved accuracy and an effective deployment range of up to 40 feet. This increased distance allows officers to maintain greater separation from a subject, reducing the potential for officer injury.

Unlike previous models such as the X2 and X26P, which deployed two probes simultaneously, the Taser 10 allows officers to deploy cartridges individually. This capability increases the likelihood of achieving effective probe placement and improves the overall effectiveness of the device during critical incidents.

As part of the implementation process, the department also received specialized training and equipment. Lt. Brachon, Chief Kalnins, Sgt. Higby, and Officer Cofield were certified as Taser instructors, allowing the department to conduct ongoing in-house training. The training package included a conductive target and a HALT training suit. The HALT suit allows a participant to safely wear the suit while officers deploy training cartridges, providing realistic, hands-on instruction. This training enables officers to observe firsthand where cartridges are deployed and better understand the effectiveness and proper use of the device in a controlled training environment.



- Since 2019 and 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic significantly disrupted vehicle supply chains, the Oregon Police Department experienced challenges in acquiring replacement squad vehicles. As a result, several aging vehicles remained in service longer than anticipated, which led to increased maintenance costs.

In 2023, the department was able to add two 2023 Dodge Durango squad vehicles to the fleet to begin addressing these issues. Building on that progress, and with the support of City Manager Darin DeHaan, Chief Kalnins and Lt. Brachon were able to secure funding for four additional squad vehicles for the city in 2025. These purchases included one Ford F-150 and three Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles.

The vehicles were purchased from Sutton Ford and outfitted by Federal Signal Corporation and Curt DeHaven of Mobile Electronics.

With the addition of these new vehicles, the department was able to remove four aging vehicles from service, including two Dodge Ram trucks and two Dodge Charger patrol cars. The Dodge Ram vehicles had been in service for more than 10 years, and the Chargers were experiencing increasing maintenance issues. Replacing these vehicles will help reduce long-term maintenance costs while improving reliability and safety for officers on patrol.



CLOSING

In closing, I would like to thank the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager for their continued support of the Oregon Police Department. Their leadership and commitment to public safety allow our officers to serve this community with the resources and training necessary to perform their duties effectively.

I would also like to recognize the men and women of the Oregon Police Department for their professionalism, dedication, and commitment to the citizens we serve. It is their daily efforts that make our community a safer place to live and work.

The Oregon Police Department remains committed to providing professional, responsive, and community-focused policing as we move forward into the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Matthew Kalnins

Chief of Police