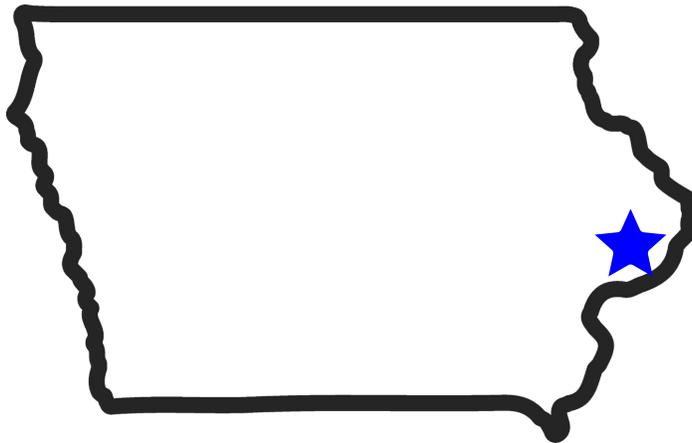


ELDRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



OATH OF OFFICE & CODE OF ETHICS

1. ETHICS/CODE OF CONDUCT

The Eldridge Police Department exists because the community, through government, empowers the police department to do a job on its behalf. The police department and its employees are tasked to function effectively, partly through personal endeavors and commitment to the profession, but primarily because the community has faith and confidence in our ability to accomplish the task of enforcing the laws of the land and responding to community concerns in an honest and impartial manner.

The citizens of Eldridge are entitled to expect:

- A police department that is beyond reproach in matters of integrity.
 - Impartial and courteous services.
 - Open and honest communication that encourages trust.
- Responsible and accountable management of police department resources.

The policy of the department is to ensure that all employees maintain an exemplary standard of personal integrity and ethical conduct in their relationships with other employees and the community.

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS CODE OF ETHICS

The Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind, to safeguard lives and property, and to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder, and to respect the Constitutional rights of all people to liberty, equality, and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all, maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule, develop self-restraint, and be constantly mindful for the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice, or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself to my chosen profession – Law Enforcement.

A Message from Chief Joseph Sisler



I am both blessed and honored to be a part of this great organization. Each member of the Eldridge Police Department believes in the powerful commitment to “SERVE ALL AND PROTECT ALL.” We believe our obligation to improve our community’s quality of life includes remaining compassionate and empathic to everyone. This annual report provides a snapshot of the great work of all of our officers and our plans to become a “Premier Law Enforcement Agency in Iowa.” Our goal is to be the best at providing our community services that improve your quality of life. We have developed a mission statement, vision statement, and core values that support our oath we recite on our first day with the Eldridge Police Department: “We will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Iowa, and the Ordinances of the City of

Eldridge, Iowa, and that we will faithfully and impartially, to the best of our ability, discharge all the duties of the Office of Police Officer, in the City of Eldridge, Iowa, as now or hereafter required by law.”

I want to personally thank you for taking the time to learn more about your police department. Transparency is a key component of establishing and maintaining a strong relationship with the community. Our annual report is one of the ways we share information with the public, something we have added to our department in 2021. Within this year’s report, you will find information about our community involvement, training, and much more.

Community engagement continues to be a high priority at the Eldridge Police Department. In 2022, we hosted our first National Night Out at Sheridan Meadows Park and Movie Night at the North Scott Football Field.

National Night Out was attended by nearly 1,500 children and adults and the movie night was attended by nearly 100 children and adults. We will continue partnering with our local businesses and citizens to create more community events. The department will be working on hosting National Night Out in 2023 along with a golf outing, coffee with a cop, and movie night.

Our School Resource Officer (SRO) continues to work with the North Scott Community School District in building stronger relationships with the students and enhancing the security of our schools. Our department along with Iowa State Patrol hosted Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) for our department and surrounding law enforcement agencies to better prepare law enforcement in the event of an active shooter incident. We also hosted a symposium at the North Scott High School with Iowa State Patrol. This training is a continued education from the ALERRT training for our educators and school administrators. School educators and administrators went through several hours of lectures and hands-on training from law enforcement.

Our department began the process of creating our first K9 program which is planned to go active after the 1st of July 2023. We continue to look for and apply for State, Federal, and Local Grants which help support the department in purchasing newer and more advanced equipment and continued education/training for our officers. Our officers continue to strive for greatness along with following the department's mission statement, vision statement, and core values.

We continue to look for ways in which to connect with our residents and visitors to our city. Follow us on Facebook Eldridge Police Department, Instagram @eldridge_police, and www.cityofeldridgeia.org (click on departments and then police) to find out about our upcoming events or to get further information put out by the department. When you look at the police department through the City of Eldridge web page, there are several items you can click on for further information. We encourage our citizens to complete the community survey as we are always looking for ways we can better our community or improve. You may also e-mail the department at police@cityofeldridgeia.org with any information, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,
Joseph Sisler
Chief of Police

Department Overview

Vision

The Eldridge Police Department strives to provide the highest level of public safety through professionalism and community partnerships, ensuring a safe place to live, work, and visit.

Mission

The Eldridge Police Department's mission is to provide professional, impartial, and ethical law enforcement services through Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Empathy (CARE).

Core Values

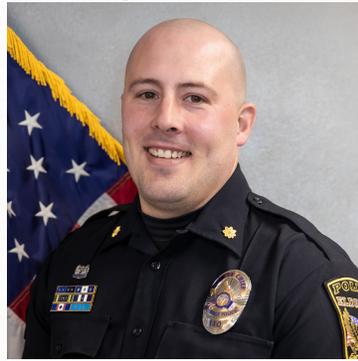
We will serve our community as GUARDIANS by adhering to these fundamental components.



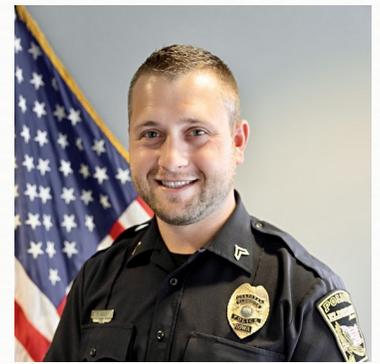
The Department



Chief Joseph Sisler



Deputy Chief Andrew Lellig



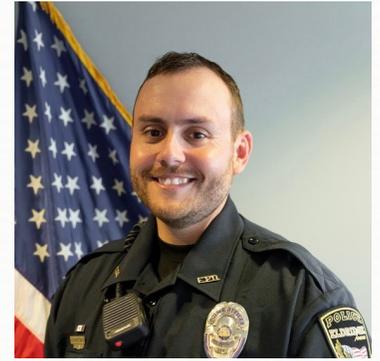
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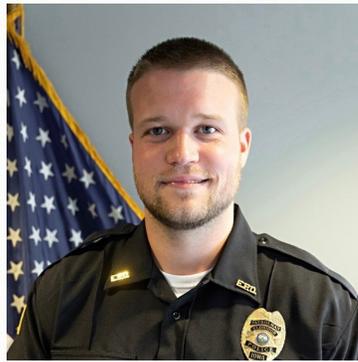
Corporal Tony Cavanaugh



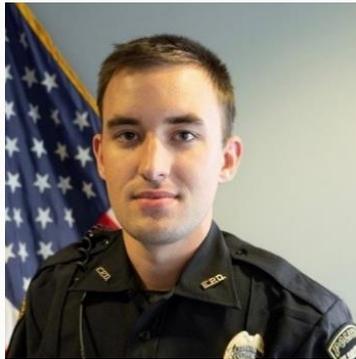
Officer Robert Haxton



Officer/SRO Jack Schwertman



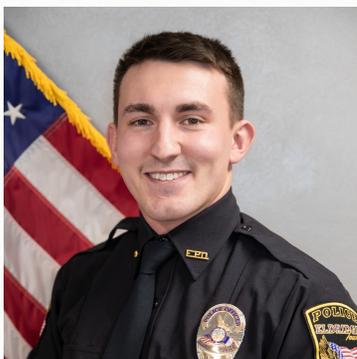
Officer Brandon Pate



Officer Michael Skocinski



Officer Jacob Costas



Officer John Behrens



Officer Garret Jahns



Admin. Assistant Brenda Kiel

Retirement

EL160 Officer
Robert Haxton



On December 23, 2022, EL106 Officer Robert Haxton retired from the Eldridge Police Department after nearly 9 years of service to the City of Eldridge.

While the military is trained to act in defense for our country, police officers are trained to act in defense of the citizens of their communities they serve. While those in the military stand as soldiers of freedom, police officers stand as soldiers of the constitution of their individual states and communities. Both soldiers and police officers take an oath of office; both defend our basic democratic freedoms and constitutional rights we enjoy today. Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

One does not easily make the choice to enlist in the military, choosing to write a blank check payable to the United States of America for the amount up to and including giving their life for

our country. The same can be said for the one who chooses to become a police officer. Not every soldier comes home to their loved ones as not every police officer returns home at the end of their shift to their loved ones. Those who choose to serve their country or community as a soldier or police officer know they may give the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms and constitutional rights we all so cherish.

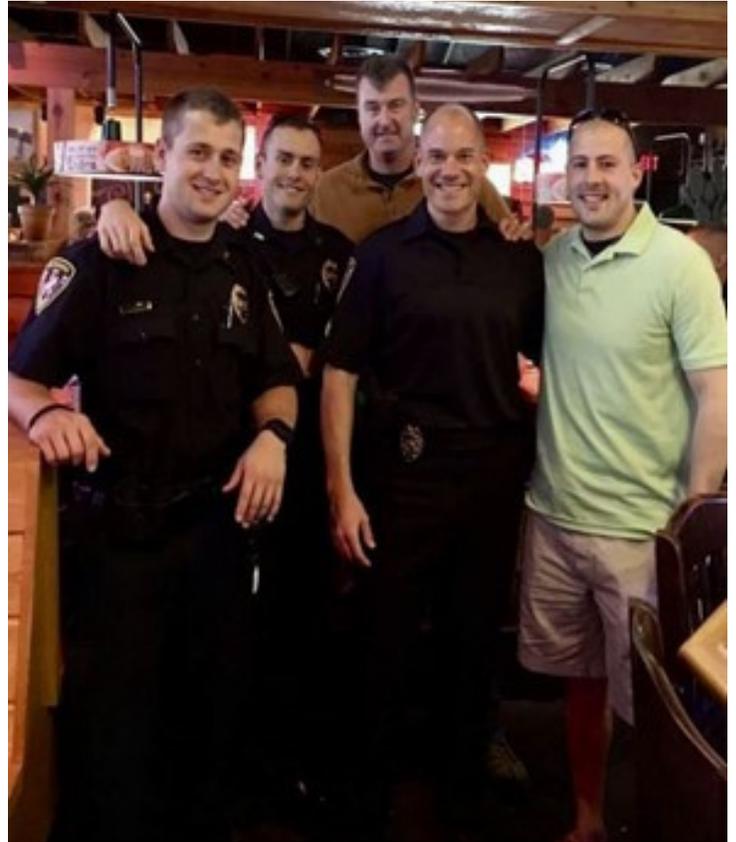
There is one very similar and overriding characteristic of those who wear the military uniform and those who wear a police uniform. Both have an undying desire to serve their country and community. Both have the commitment to protecting the innocent while leaving their loved ones at home while doing so. Whether it be being deployed halfway around the world fighting in a war zone or hitting the streets for an 8-to-12-hour shift in the community they serve knowing they may not return home to their loved ones. They have the commitment to protecting the common good in all that we do, all the time. They both are willing to sacrifice everything for the brighter future for everyone. Soldiers and Police Officers are willing to give the ultimate sacrifice for the life and liberty for so many they don't even know personally.

These Soldiers and Police Officers don't do these jobs for recognition; they don't care if anyone knows their name. They do it because they believe in what they represent and for the love of their

fellow man. They do it to protect those who cannot protect themselves... They do it to fight against the evil in this world that thrive on the innocent. They know there is something bigger than all of us as they fight for Peace and Freedom. These Soldiers and Police Officers are true HEROES we celebrate as a nation for standing up for our Freedoms and Rights.

Today we celebrate one of these HEROES EL106 Officer Robert Haxton. Robert was both a soldier with the United States Army and a Police Officer. Robert served as a Military Police Officer while in the Army and obtained the rank of Sergeant First Class before retiring after 20 years of service in 2013. Robert was a master parachutist and was deployed to Afghanistan and Kosovo during his career in the Army. Robert was awarded a combat action badge along with being a recipient of a Bronze Star.

Robert's desire to serve did not end with his military career. Robert joined the Eldridge Police Department in January 2014 to serve his community. During the course of Robert's law enforcement career with the Eldridge Police Department, he served as the department's firearms instructor and field training officer along with completing crisis intervention training. Robert was awarded two Commendation Medals along with receiving the Professional Service Award at the time of his retirement. Robert dedicated nearly nine years of service as an Eldridge Police Officer to the City of Eldridge, Iowa, and its citizens.



I personally will cherish and value the years I had the pleasure to serve with Robert and will hold our friendship close for the remainder of our lives. The officers with the Eldridge Police Department (past and present) will remember their friendship they developed with Robert along with the memory of Robert's dedication and commitment to serve as a Police Officer.

We thank you for your service, professionalism, dedication not only as a Police Officer but your service as a United States Army Veteran, and your friendship. We congratulate you on your retirement and wish you and your family all the best in the future.



ILEA GRADUATE
JOHN BEHRENS
May 25, 2022
Graduated from the
Iowa Law Enforcement
Academy

CERTIFIED OFFICER
GARRETT JAHNS
February 2022



DEPLOYMENT
JACOB COSTAS
April 2022
Deployed with his MP
Company, US Army
Reserve Center in
support of Operation
Enduring Freedom for
a 1-Year assignment.

Promotions

Ryan Gale - January 2022 to Sergeant

Tony Cavanaugh - January 2022 to Corporal

Training

The Eldridge Police Department believes quality training is the foundation of a great department and one of the best ways to ensure officers are ready to protect and serve the community in an ever-changing world.

Currently, all the Eldridge Police Department officers are up to date on their mandatory training, which includes child abuse, dependent adult, C.P.R., de-escalation implicit bias policing, taser, firearms, drivers training, mental health, N.C.I.C., hazmat, hazardous communications, and blood-borne pathogens.

Along with all mandatory training, the Eldridge Police Department completes ongoing training, as listed below.

Chief Sisler

- Has successfully completed the required leadership courses to receive the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award which included Supervisor Leadership, Command Leadership, and Executive Leadership
- Iowa Police Chiefs Continued Education
- ALERRT – Basic Active Shooter Level 1
- ALERRT – Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Train-the-Trainer
- Social Media & the Modern Communicator

Deputy Chief Lellig

- Has successfully completed the required leadership courses to receive the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award which included Supervisor Leadership, Command Leadership, and Executive Leadership
- Post-Traumatic Purpose: Leadership, Mental Wellness & Resiliency
- ALERRT – Basic Active Shooter Level 1
- Media Relations

Sergeant Gale

- On-Target-Solutions for Law Enforcement Managers & Supervisors
- Legal Update
- DLG Internal Affairs Training Program
- ALERRT – Basic Active Shooter Level 1
- CPRC Child Molesters

Corporal Cavanaugh

- FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership
- On-Target-Solutions for Law Enforcement Manager & Supervisors
- ALERRT – Basic Active Shooter Level 1
- Chief Executive Leadership for Managing and Leading the 21st Century LE Agency
- Finding the Leader in You
- Legal Update

Officer/SRO Schwertman

- Acting Patrol Officer in Charge
- ALERRT – Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events Train-the-Trainer
- ALERRT – Active Shooter Level 1 Train-the-Trainer
- Crisis Intervention Training
- CPRC Child Molesters

Officer Skocinski

- ARIDE – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- ALERRT – Basic Active Shooter Level 1

Officer Pate

- ALERRT – Basic Active Shooter Level 1
- Highway Drug Investigations for Patrol
- ASP Instructor, Baton, HC, Flashlight

Officer Behrens

- Patrol Officer Response to Drugs

Officer Jahns

- Social Media & the Modern Communicator
- ALERRT – Basic Active Shooter Level 1
- Acting Patrol Officer in Charge
- Media Relations

Administrative Assistant Kiel

- Records Retention & Redaction Training
- On-Target-Solutions for Law Enforcement Evidence Storage & Management



Awards & Certificates

Deputy Chief Lellig

Chief's Award

Community Service Medal

Corporal Cavanaugh

Certificate of Appreciation

Officer Schwertman

Duty Citation

Commendation Medal

Commendation Medal

Certificate of Appreciation

Officer Pate

Certificate of Appreciation

Certificate of Appreciation

Officer Behrens

Certificate of Appreciation

Sergeant Gale

Professional Service Medal

Commendation Medal

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Officer Haxton

Professional Service Award

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Community Service Medal

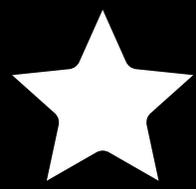
Community Service Medal

Certificate of Appreciation

Admin Assistant Kiel

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Scott County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division Detective Sergeant Wall, Detective Weipert, Detective Strom, Detective Johnson, Detective Rolling, and Deputy Bulman were awarded the Chief's Award for their assistance in investigating the Bostrom Homicide in 2021 which lead to a Murder 2nd Degree conviction.



City Administrator Tony Rupe and Billing Clerk Ashley Lacey were presented a Letter of Appreciation for their outstanding support and assistance during the inaugural National Night Out.

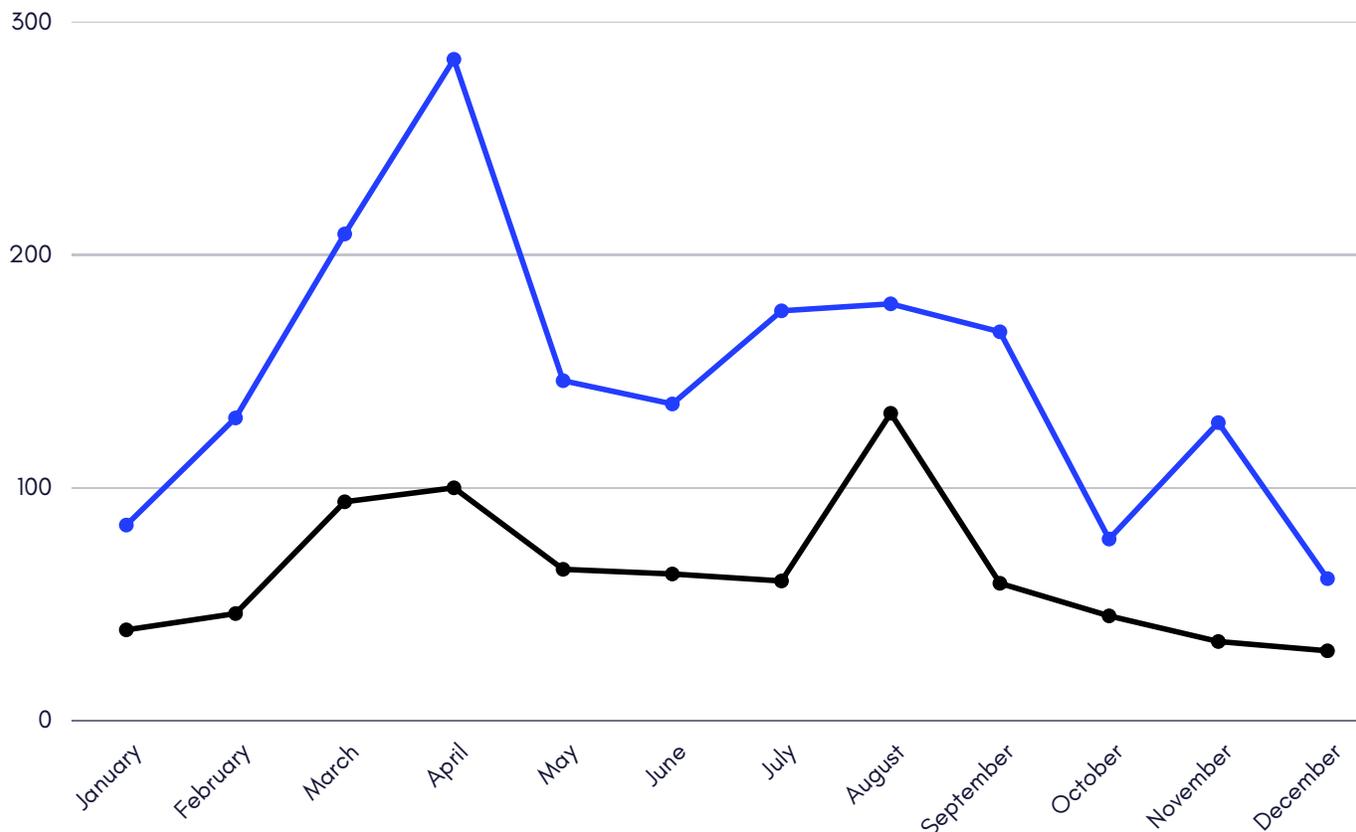
Eldridge P.D. Incidents/Tickets

Officers of the Eldridge Police Department received 17,371 calls for service, issued 767 traffic tickets and 1,778 warnings in 2022.

Weapons/Firearms	-	11	Fail to Stop Vehicle	-	14
911 Hang Up Calls	-	275	Fireworks	-	16
Accident Investigations	-	151	Fraud/Deception Investigations	-	37
Aircraft Accident	-	1	Harassment/Stalking/Threat Investigations	-	54
Animal Problems	-	143	Indecency/Lewdness	-	4
Assault	-	10	Missing Person	-	19
Assist Other Agencies	-	182	Sex Assault	-	10
Bomb Found/Suspicious Package	-	1	Shots Fired	-	5
Burglar/Hold up Alarms	-	151	Suicidal/Mental Person Calls	-	38
Burglaries	-	13	Suspicious Investigation Calls	-	533
Child Abuse/Abandonment/Neglect	-	4	Theft Investigations	-	65
Damage/Vandalism/Mischief Investigations	-	45	Traffic Stops Made	-	2959
Death Investigations	-	10	Traffic Hazards/Violations	-	673
Disturbance/Nuisance Investigations	-	117	Trespassing	-	26
Domestic Disturbances/Violence Investigations	-	61	Warrant Services	-	53
Drugs	-	26	All Other Calls for Service	-	11664

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Increase in
calls from
2021

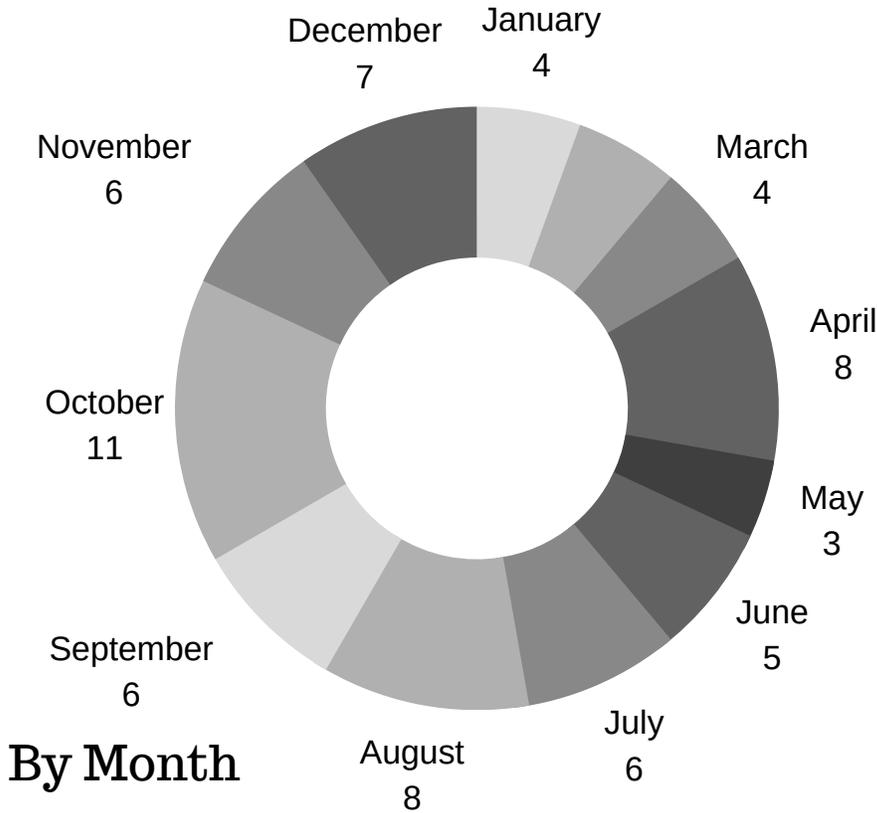
Traffic Warnings/Citations



Warnings
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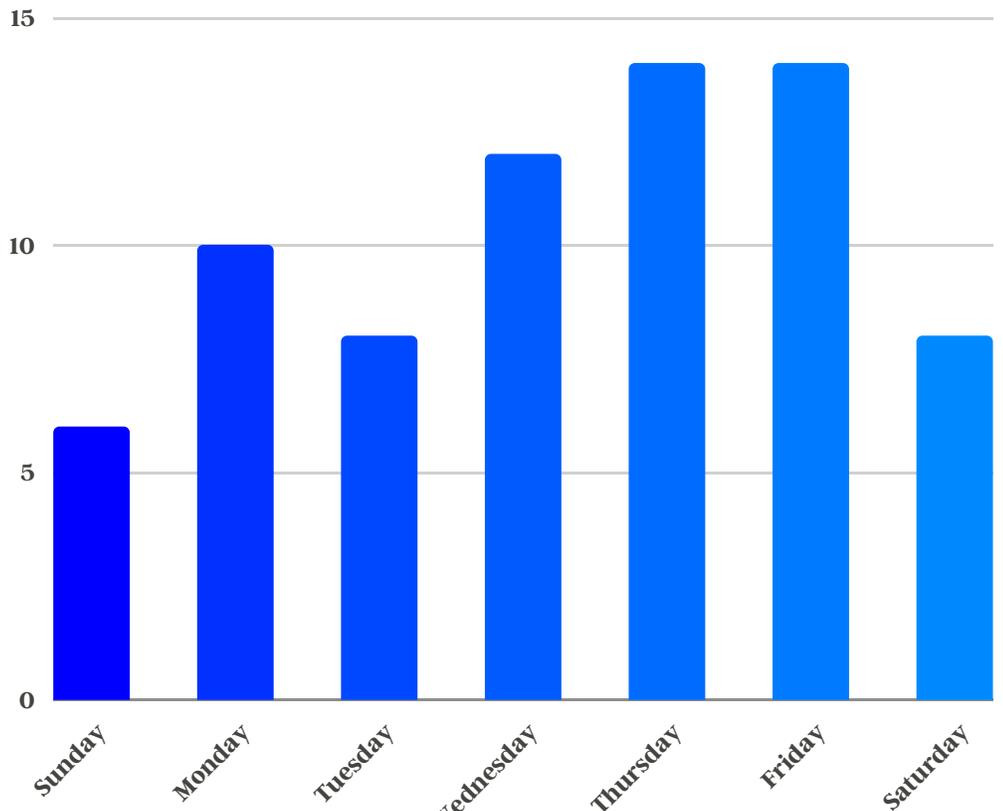


Accidents



The Eldridge Police Department responded to a total of 72 accidents. Of the 72 accidents, 17 were on Highway 61 and 55 were within the city.

48 accidents happened during the day, while 18 happened at night. 5 accidents resulted in injury while 67 of the accidents had no injury.



By Weekdays

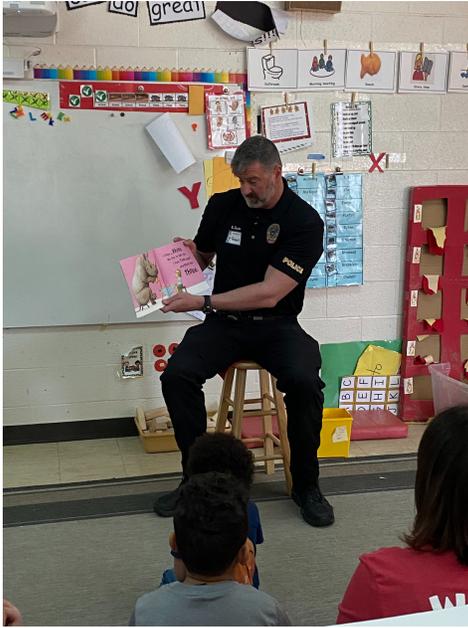


January 2022, Chief Sisler, Deputy Chief Lellig, and Officer Costas traveled to Des Moines to visit the Capital and help present Senator Chris Cournoyer with the Legislative Achievement Award for the Back the Blue Bill that was passed in 2021.



2022 was an amazing year to celebrate with our Honorary Police Officer Hudson McKearney, we presented Hudson, with the help from our friends at Premier Metal Art, a super-sized EPD badge to hang on his wall. Hudson also experienced a hero's welcome home after finishing his final cancer treatment. We are so proud and honored to have Honorary Officer Hudson McKearney a part of the EPD Family.





March 2022 Officer Haxton paid a visit to the children at Neil Armstrong to read a few books to the class.



MISSION BBQ paid us a visit to show their support for the Eldridge Police Department



Trunk or Treat at the Cornerstone Baptist Church

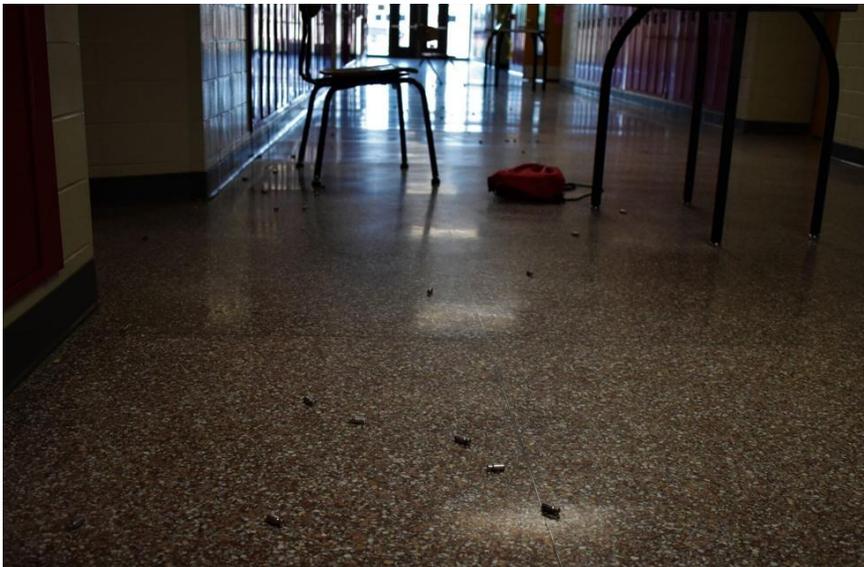


Two Coffee with a Cops were hosted, one at Tasty Cafe and one at The Granary



The Eldridge Police Department hosted Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) For agencies in and around our area at the North Scott High School. The training is to better prepare law enforcement in the event of an active shooter incident.

A month later, the Eldridge Police Department hosted a symposium at the North Scott High School along with the Iowa State Patrol. This training is a continued education from the ALERRT training, but for educators and school administrators. School educators and administrators went through several hours of lecture and hands on training from law enforcement.



ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING FOR QC SCHOOLS

The Eldridge Police Department and the Eldridge-North Scott Chamber of the Commerce made a little guys dream come true as he was sworn in as “Officer for the Day”. Officer Henry was sworn in by Deputy Chief Lellig after putting on his uniform shirt and hat. Officer Henry was given a EPD patch and challenge coin before heading out on patrol. Officer Henry apprehended a robber after a short foot chase. Needless to say, Officer Henry did an outstanding job and was awarded some pizza and soda before he ended his shift.





June 2022 River City Fencing out of Fulton Illinois, Vermeer Midwest, American Legion Auxiliary Post 639, and VFW Post 6174, Eldridge, Iowa, donated and installed a flagpole along with the American Flag outside of the Eldridge Police Department.

SIPs Coffee in Eldridge promoted the Back the Blue drink in support of the Eldridge Police Department. Proceeds from every Back the Blue drink sold go to the Eldridge Police Department to assist in purchasing new equipment.



THANK YOU SIPs for all of your support!



Hosting Iowa House Representative Mike Vondran





In July, the Veterans Car Club of the Quad hosted a fundraiser for Eldridge Police Department. It was a great success, and the club was able to present a \$1,500 check to the department. The donation will go towards purchasing new equipment.





The Eldridge Police Department hosted its first National Night Out on August 2nd. National Night Out is bringing law enforcement and its communities closer in order to build stronger relationships and to make our communities a safer place to live.

The Eldridge Police Department also received numerous donations from all over the Quad Cities along with a silent auction to raise money for the department's first ever K9 program. The Eldridge Police Department was extremely successful in not only building a stronger relationship with the community, but the department received a large support in moving forward in building a K9 program by raising \$30,054.40. Since National Night Out, the department has received several other donations from around the Quad Cities in support of our future K9 program (end of year total \$62,718.23). Our goal is to earn \$100,000 before July 1, 2023, at which time the department will be able to move forward with the K9 program. The department cannot thank our community and the Quad Cities enough for their support.



National Night Out featured Police K9 demonstrations by local police departments, emergency vehicle tours of every kind from firetrucks, ambulances, police vehicles, and med force helicopter, Rapunzel, the Little Mermaid and a Jedi from Dreams Come True Princess Parties, Vince and Larry Crash Test Dummies from the Iowa Governor's Office of Traffic Safety, Iowa Ghost Busters, Storm Troopers from the Korriban Squad will raid the night, Spider-Man from the Iowa League of Heroes, Chase from Paw Patrol, QC Storm's Radar, McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog, and Sparky the Fire Dog. There were bounce houses, face painting, an impaired driving awareness obstacle course and a seatbelt convincer ride.

Oh and lots of food and soda and lemonade shakeups along with KONA ICE and SIPs.

The event was closed out with a large fireworks show.





Officer Skocinski represented the Eldridge Police Department at Texas Roadhouse in April along with several other law enforcement agencies in Scott County to raise money for the Special Olympics Iowa. This event alone raised \$3,687.45 for the Special Olympics. Statewide, 112 officers from 28 agencies throughout the State of Iowa partnered with their local Texas Roadhouse locations to help seat guests, serve meals, and collect donations raising a total of \$30,170 for Special Olympics Iowa.



Meeting Governor Reynolds



Junior Miss North Scott 2022 Zoe



Festival of Trees Parade



The Eldridge Police Department continued commitment to community policing and being involved with Shop with a Cop



Hocus Pocus Movie Night with the Green Door Team serving SIPs Back the Blue drinks.







ELDRIDGE POLICE SURVEY

**Your participation will
help us to better
serve YOU!**



April 2022, the Eldridge Police Department created a Survey for the citizens of Eldridge to let us know how we are doing in serving our community. The Eldridge Police Survey is key to build a stronger relationship with our community!

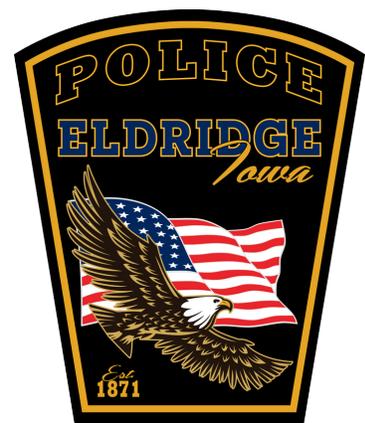
Thank YOU!

Throughout the year (2022) the Eldridge Police Department received several grants to assist the department in obtaining new equipment.

We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to the following:

- AAA Insurance Group \$550 that went towards the purchase of Stop Sticks
- Walmart \$2,500 for our Inaugural Shop with a Cop
- First Central State Bank \$500 for our Inaugural Shop with a Cop
- River Boat Development Authority (RDA) \$31,825 to purchase new laptop computers and docking stations for the department.
- Veterans Car Club of the Quad Cities \$1,500 to put towards equipment and training for the department.
- Alliant Energy \$500 to purchase T-Shirts for our fundraising effort at National Night Out.
- National Night Out \$30,054.40 was raised for the police department's K9 program. We cannot begin to thank our community and local businesses for the amount of support we have received for the department's K9 program.
- Moonlight Chase Grant \$1,500
- SIPs Coffee has donated and continues to donate funds to the department to put towards equipment and training.

With the large support from our community, local businesses, and the Quad Cities, the Eldridge Police Department has been able to update so much equipment from laptop computers to upfitting squads with decals and lights and putting officers through training.



Contact Us

<u>Department or Unit</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>EMERGENCY</u>	<u>911</u>
<u>Non-Emergency</u>	<u>563-285-9822</u>
<u>Eldridge Police Department</u>	<u>563-285-3916</u>
<u>Scott Co Sherriff's Officer Non-Emergency</u>	<u>563-388-3904</u>

www.cityofeldridgeia.org

The City of Eldridge's website has a department tab for the Eldridge Police, which has information about the department and other useful tools, including security camera registration, house and security watch forms, information about finger printing, report fees, code red, and animal ordinances. Also check us out on Facebook and Instagram.



Thank you!!!!

Our work would not be possible without the support of the Eldridge Community.