

ELDRIIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

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2025 Year in Review

Message from the Chief of Police

On behalf of the men and women of the Eldridge Police Department, I am proud to present the 2025 Year in Review. This report reflects the continued dedication, professionalism, and commitment demonstrated by our officers and staff throughout the year.

In 2025, the Eldridge Police Department experienced an increase in calls for service, highlighting the growing demands placed on the department. Despite these challenges, our personnel remained focused on proactive policing, crime prevention, traffic safety, and strengthening partnerships with the community we serve. Our officers responded to each call with professionalism, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to public safety.

The statistics outlined in this report represent more than numbers, they reflect real people, real situations, and the daily efforts of a department dedicated to improving the quality of life in Eldridge. Our success would not have been possible without the continued support of the Mayor, City Council, city administration, and the citizens of Eldridge.

As we look ahead, the Eldridge Police Department remains committed to enhancing public safety, developing our personnel, and maintaining strong relationships with our community partners. Together, we will continue working to ensure Eldridge remains a safe, welcoming, and thriving community.

Respectfully,

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Calls for Service

In 2025, the Eldridge Police Department handled a total of 11,690 incidents and calls for service, reflecting an increase from 10,491 calls in 2024. This represents an approximate 11.4% increase in overall call volume year after year, demonstrating continued growth in service demands placed on the department.

2024 Total Calls for Service: 10,491

2025 Total Calls for Service: 11,690

Incident Breakdown (2025)

During 2025, officers responded to and investigated a wide range of incidents, including but not limited to:

- **Weapons / Firearms Investigations: 11**
- **Shots Fired Investigations: 2**
- **Warrant Services: 28**
- **Assists to Other Agencies: 173**
- **Drug / Narcotics Investigations: 62**
- **Fail to Stop Incidents: 6**
- **Fireworks Complaints: 10**
- **Property Damage Accidents: 87**
- **Hit and Run Accidents: 3**
- **Personal Injury Accidents: 45**
- **911 Hang-Up Calls: 225**
- **Burglary / Hold-Up Alarms: 106**
- **Assault Investigations: 16**
- **Burglary Investigations: 7**
- **Bomb Found / Suspicious Package: 1**
- **Death Investigations: 7**
- **Theft Investigations: 56**
- **Sexual Assault Investigations: 8**
- **Indecency / Lewdness Investigations: 2**
- **Harassment / Stalking / Threat Investigations: 79**
- **Fraud / Deception Investigations: 42**
- **Suicidal / Mental Health Calls: 39**
- **Missing Person Reports: 15**
- **Animal Problems / Bites / Lost & Found: 174**



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- **Disturbance / Nuisance Investigations:** 156
 - **Suspicious Activity Investigations:** 426
 - **Domestic Disturbance / Domestic Violence Investigations:** 56
 - **Child Abuse / Abandonment / Neglect Investigations:** 8
 - **Trespassing Investigations:** 27
 - **Traffic Hazards / Violations:** 661
 - **Damage / Vandalism / Mischief Investigations:** 32
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Traffic Enforcement

Traffic safety remained a priority throughout 2025. Officers conducted proactive enforcement and education efforts to reduce crashes and improve roadway safety.

- **Traffic Stops Conducted:** 1,280
 - **Citations Issued:** 394
 - **Written / Verbal Warnings Issued:** 886
 - **City Ordinance Violations:** 11
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Arrests

In **2025**, the Eldridge Police Department made a total of **344 arrests**, reflecting continued efforts to hold offenders accountable and maintain public safety.



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Arrests January – December 2024 & 2025:

Call Type	2024	2025
Possession Controlled Substance	16	56
Possession Prescription Drugs	1	2
Intent to Deliver	2	1
Taxable Substance-Tax Stamp	2	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	10	21
OWI (All)	19	15
Open Container/Public Intoxication	7	10
Domestic Assault (All)	10	8
Violation No Contact Order	2	6
Assault (All)	10	7
Sexual Abuse (All)	2	8
Burglary (All)	1	1
Eluding	3	2
Theft 1 st (All)	5	0
Theft 2 nd (All)	3	1
Theft 3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th (All)	4	3
Extortion	0	0
Criminal Mischief-Damage (All)	2	1
Harassment (All)	9	12
Disorderly Conduct-Fighting	3	6
Interference with Official Acts	6	9
Theft Motor Vehicle (All)	2	0
Interstate/Intrastate Warrant/FTA	45	52
Driving While Barred	13	10
D.W. Suspended/Revoked	13	20
All Other Charges	96	88
Child Endangerment	4	4
Dependent Adult Abuse Exploit	2	0
TOTAL	292	344



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Community Events

At the Eldridge Police Department, we believe that building strong partnerships with our community is one of the most important parts of our mission to serve and protect. Beyond our daily responsibilities of ensuring public safety, we are committed to creating opportunities for positive connections with residents of all ages.

Throughout the year, our officers host and participate in numerous community events designed to strengthen relationships, foster trust, and bring people together in a safe, fun environment. These events include:

- **National Night Out** – A nationwide initiative to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.
- **Skate with a Cop** – A chance for youth and families to enjoy a fun, active event while getting to know our officers in a relaxed setting.
- **Shop with a Cop** – A program that supports children and families during the holiday season, providing them with a memorable shopping experience.
- **Donuts with Cops** – An informal meet-and-greet where community members can share conversation, ask questions, and get to know their local officers.
- **Battle of the Badges Charity Softball Event** – A friendly competition between first responders to raise funds for local causes.
- **Meet the Responders** – An opportunity for residents to meet police officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel, and learn more about the work they do.
- **Eldridge PD / Veterans Car Show** – A collaborative event honoring veterans while bringing the community together.
- **Operation Prom** – A safety initiative aimed at promoting responsible choices for students during prom season.
- **Mock Traffic Stop / E Scooter Safety Event** – A safety initiative aimed at promoting positive police, citizen, interaction along with E-Scooter safety tips.

These programs and events reflect our ongoing commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and connected community. We are proud of the relationships we've built and look forward to continuing to strengthen them in the years to come.

ELDRIDGE PD IN THE COMMUNITY 2025

READ ACROSS AMERICA 3/6/25



POLICE OFFICER FOR A DAY 10/20/25

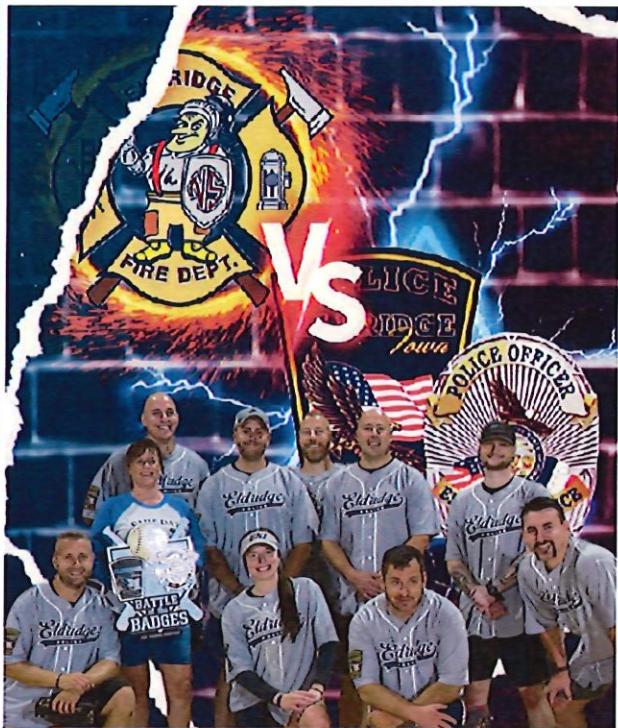
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OWI CRASH RE-INACTMENT 5/25



ELDRIDGE PD IN THE COMMUNITY 2025

Battle of the Badges 09/24/2025



K-9 GOLF OUTING



June 2025 EPD & Veteran's Car Club of the Quad Cities Car Show



COPS & DONUTS GRANDHAVEN 6/12/25



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2025 Training Summary

The Eldridge Police Department (EPD) remains committed to the continued professional development and training of its officers. Our annual training program is designed to ensure that officers maintain the highest standards of policing while keeping pace with evolving law enforcement practices. Training is comprised of a combination of in-service training conducted internally and with partner agencies across Scott County, as well as specialty schools offered through external organizations, including the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and other law enforcement education providers.

In-Service Training

In 2025, EPD continued its focus on in-service training to enhance core skills and operational readiness. These sessions are conducted as much as possible within the agency or in collaboration with surrounding agencies. In-service training topics included:

- Taser Training
- Firearms Training
- Defensive Tactics
- Close-Quarters Battle (CQB) High-Risk Stops
- Medical Training
- Mental Health Awareness
- Implicit Bias Awareness
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- CPR Recertification
- Scenario-Based Training
- Narcotics Interdiction
- AirCare Flight Training
- Monthly K9 Training



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2025 Training

Specialty Schools

EPD officers also participated in advanced specialty training courses to develop expertise in specific law enforcement areas. In 2025, these included:

- Ballistic Shield Instructor Course
- Field Training Officer (FTO) Instructor Course
- Internal Affairs and Professional Standards
- Desert Snow Drug Interdiction Course
- FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Command Course
- High-Risk Stops Instructor Course
- MOCIC and LEIN Command Conferences



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2025 Department Achievements and Enhancements

Throughout 2025, the Eldridge Police Department made significant investments in technology, equipment, and resources to enhance officer safety, improve investigative capabilities, and better serve the community. Key achievements and additions include:

- **Flock Safety Cameras:** The addition of two (2) new Flock license plate recognition cameras, expanding coverage and strengthening investigative capabilities related to stolen vehicles, suspect identification, and crime prevention. **This technology solved a multi-state ATM jackpotting investigation among other investigations.**
- **Truleo AI Software:** Implementation of Truleo AI software to enhance transparency, accountability, and officer performance through advanced analysis of body-worn camera audio and interactions.
- **Ballistic Shields:** Acquisition of four (4) new ballistic shields, significantly improving officer safety during high-risk incidents and critical response situations.
- **Pepperball Launchers:** Deployment of two (2) Pepperball less-lethal systems, providing officers with additional options for safely resolving volatile situations while reducing the risk of serious injury.
- **Patrol Fleet Expansion:** Addition of three (3) new patrol vehicles, improving response capability, reliability, and officer safety while reducing maintenance demands on the existing fleet.
- **Lexipol Gold Award:** The Eldridge Police Department earned the Lexipol Gold Award, recognizing excellence in policy management, training standards, and risk reduction through consistent use and adherence to best practices in law enforcement operations.
- **Officer Wellness & Mental Health Support:** Expanded officer wellness initiatives, including a **required annual confidential meeting with the Director of Wellness at no cost to officers, critical incident debriefings**, access to a **licensed counselor**, and support from a **department chaplain**. These resources reinforce the department's commitment to the mental health, resilience, and long-term well-being of its personnel.



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K9 Program

The Eldridge Police Department K9 Team consists of Corporal Costas and K9 Marty. K9 Marty is a 4-year-old Hungarian Shepherd assigned as a multi-purpose police service dog.

A multi-purpose K9 is trained to perform several law enforcement functions rather than a single specialized task. K9 Marty is certified and utilized for narcotics detection, suspect and missing-person tracking, and article searches, allowing him to support patrol operations across a wide range of incidents. This versatility enhances officer safety, increases operational efficiency, and expands the department's response capabilities.

During 2025, K9 Marty was deployed a total of **40 times**. These deployments included narcotics detection assignments, tracking operations, and article searches related to criminal investigations and evidence recovery. While the majority of K9 Marty's deployments occurred within the City of Eldridge, the K9 Team was also requested on occasion to assist surrounding law enforcement agencies, demonstrating the unit's value as a regional resource.

In addition to enforcement operations, K9 Marty was deployed throughout the year at numerous public and community **events**, where he showcased his training and abilities. These demonstrations provided valuable opportunities for community engagement, public education, and positive interaction between residents and the police department.

The continued performance of Corporal Costas and K9 Marty reflects the effectiveness and professionalism of the Eldridge Police Department K9 Program.



**Corporal Costas &
K9 Marty**



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2025 Complaints

Sergeant Gale logs all complaints made against Eldridge Police Department staff. All formal complaints are documented and investigated in accordance with EPD policies and procedures. While the content of these investigations is confidential, the number of complaints is compiled and reported annually.

2025 Complaint Summary:

- **Formal Complaints Filed: 0**
- **Internal Complaints of Policy Violations: 3**
- **Sustained Internal Complaints: 3**



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Looking Ahead

As the Eldridge Police Department moves forward, we recognize the importance of adapting to increasing service demands while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and accountability. Continued investment in personnel, training, and equipment will be critical to meeting future challenges.

EPD remains committed to proactive crime prevention, traffic safety initiatives, and community engagement efforts that strengthen trust and cooperation. With the continued support of the Mayor, City Council, and the citizens of Eldridge, the department will remain focused on protecting life, property, and enhancing the overall quality of life within the community.

On behalf of the Eldridge Police Department, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that Eldridge remains a safe and thriving community for all.