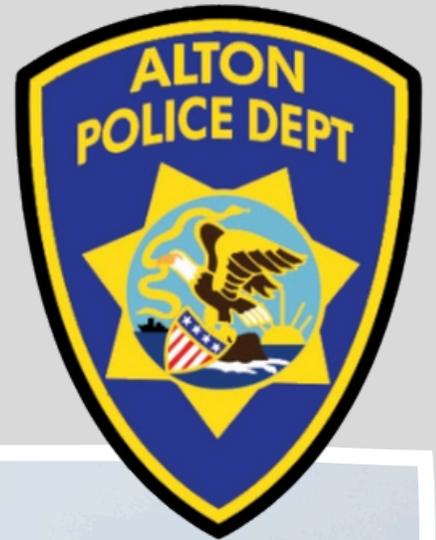


ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2025 Annual Report

A Message from Chief Jarrett Ford

As Chief of Police, I am honored to help lead the Alton Police Department, and the efforts to improve community safety in Alton. I am grateful to be surrounded by the many great men and women of the police department. I am proud of them, and proud to be a part of such a fantastic group of humans.

Each employee is equally important and plays an essential role in our efforts and measurement of our accomplishments. As a partner in the community, we work cooperatively with our fellow members of the department and with the community.

This annual report highlights the efforts of our department in 2025, and looks to educate community members about their police department. It is my hope that you will not only enjoy but learn from this second edition of the Alton Police Department Annual Report.

OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE IS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE A PROFESSIONAL, PROGRESSIVE, AND COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICE SERVICE. WE WILL SERVE OUR COMMUNITY, PROTECT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, AND ENFORCE THE LAW WITH EMPHASIS ON INTEGRITY AND FAIRNESS.

ANNUAL STATS BY CATEGORY 2025

**ALTON
POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

Total Incidents Responded to: 28,555

Traffic Stops: 3,820

Felonies Charged: 691

Misemeanors Charged: 1006

Juvenile Petitions: 109

Juveniles Charged: 77

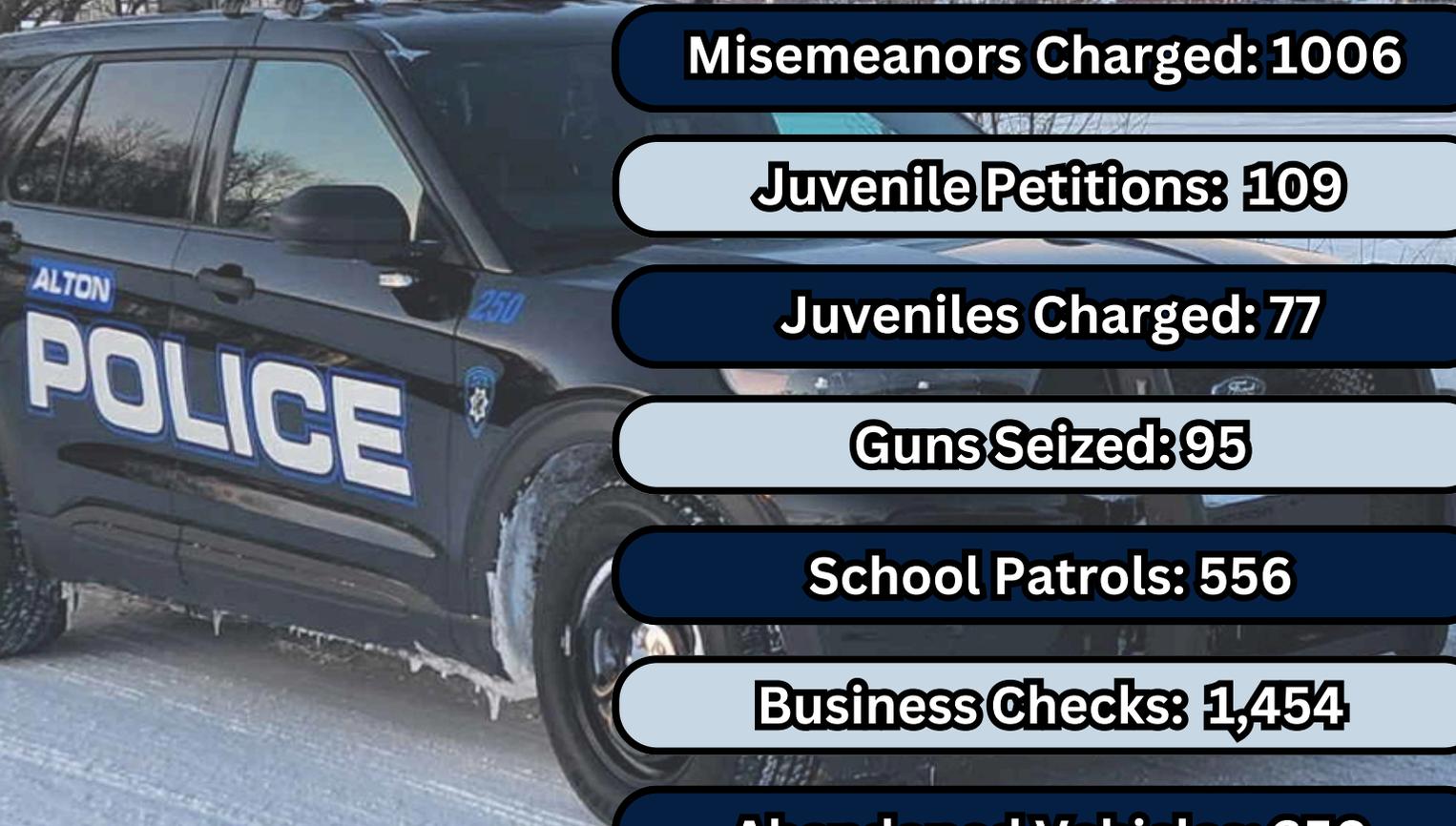
Guns Seized: 95

School Patrols: 556

Business Checks: 1,454

Abandoned Vehicles: 350

Building & Zoning Referrals: 29



JANUARY

PFC Brianne Shain

FEBRUARY

Captain Kurtis McCray

MARCH

Det. Travis; PFC Edwards;
PO Ginder; Sgt. Wimmersberg

APRIL

Sgt. Brenner;
Det. Jensen; Det. Stewart

MAY

Det. Jacob Custer

JUNE

Det. Jacob Stewart

JULY

Det. Daniel Jensen

AUGUST

PFC Jacob Beuttel

OCTOBER

Sgt. William Reed

NOVEMBER

PFC Dalton Archer

DECEMBER

TBD



**2025 OFFICERS
OF THE MONTH**





Officer of the Month!

May 2025 - Detective Jacob Custer



Officer of the Month!

July 2025 - Detective Dan Jensen



Officer of the Month!

June 2025 - Detective Jacob Stewart



Officer of the Month!

Nov 2025 - Officer Dalton Archer



Officer of the Month!

August 2025 - Officer Jacob Beuttel



Community Recognition

Detective Jacob Stewart receives the 2025 Optimist Club Officer of the Year Award for his efforts in combating violent crime.



Detective Dan Jensen receives the 2025 Alton Boys & Girls Club Officer of the Year Award for his efforts involving crimes against children.



Sergeant Mike Morelli receives an award from the Tyler Timmins Memorial Foundation for his distinguished career as a K9 handler and K9 program supervisor.



Employee Spotlight



Lt. Seth Stinnett

Lieutenant Seth Stinnett graduated as a member of the 296th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the FBI National Academy offers 11 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend.

Lt Stinnett is only the 13th officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Patrol Division



- ~ Respond to emergency calls for service in the community.
- ~ Work to prevent criminal activity and suppress criminal behavior.
- ~ Serve as keepers of peace within the community.
- ~ Investigate and report on crimes and incidents.
- ~ Apprehend and arrest those who violate the law.
- ~ Ensure the safety of residents, schools, and businesses.



Officers assigned to this important function are divided into four shifts and patrol five geographical sectors. Command officers provide oversight on each shift and participate in daily operational decisions.



APD Dispatch

DISPATCHERS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE. EACH PATROL SHIFT HAS TWO FULL-TIME DISPATCHERS. THE DISPATCHERS ANSWER ALL 911 CALLS FOR POLICE, FIRE, AND MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND HELP COORDINATE THEIR EMERGENCY RESPONSES. THEY ALSO ANSWER NON-EMERGENCY CALLS PLACED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.



**APD Dispatch
Command Center
handled the
following calls on
our phone lines:**

Landlines = 13,535

911 lines = 17,583

**Total calls handled
by command
center personnel:**

31,118

K9 UNIT

Our K9 Officers live with their handlers while on duty and after retirement. This means they bond for life with their handlers and will always be part of the police family.



In 2025, the Alton Police Department K-9 Unit was comprised of three teams. Each K-9 Unit consists of one trained canine handler and one trained full-service police dog.

2025 Deployments:

K9 Crash-77
K9 Rico-116
K9 Riggs-23





CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division investigates all major felony crimes from the crime scene through the investigation and into court.

Members selected for assignment to the Criminal Investigations Division as general case detectives are chosen for the knowledge, skills, and abilities they exhibited as patrol officers and for their strong work ethic and desire to succeed.

These detectives receive extensive specialized training to help develop them into capable interviewers and investigators. They also receive specialized training in areas such as death investigations, crime scenes, fingerprinting, evidence handling, forensics, court presentations, and surveillance.

INVESTIGATIVE UNITS

CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS CRIME SCENE - DO NOT CROSS

The Alton Police Department investigated approximately 150 felony level drug cases in 2025.



The Alton Police Department **NARCOTICS UNIT** is comprised of detectives assigned to investigate felony drug crimes in our community. They focus their efforts on narcotics dealers. They also often work hand in hand with the general case detectives on high profile felony cases.

The Alton Police Department **EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN** accepts, catalogs, safeguards, stores, produces as required for court, returns to a legal owner, or otherwise legally disposes of all property coming into the custody of the Alton Police Department.

Some of the duties of the evidence technician at crime scenes include photographing crime scenes and evidence, diagramming/sketching crime scenes, scene measurements, processing crime scenes for latent prints, taking a plaster cast or inked impressions of footprints, shoe prints, and tire tracks, collection of hairs and fibers for analysis, detection of blood, blood pattern interpretation, evidence collection, documentation of autopsy examinations, and collection of entomology samples.



School Resource Officers



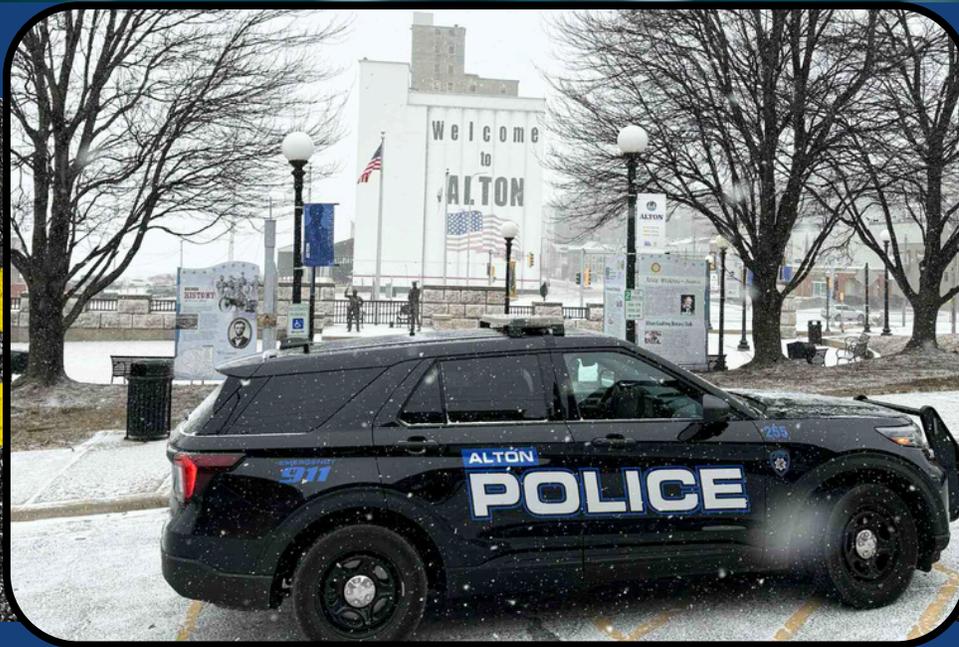
The Alton Police Department has two, full-time school resource officers (SRO). One of the officers, SRO Clare, is assigned to Alton Middle School. The other officer, SRO Custer, is assigned to Mark Twain School.

The School Resource Officers are assigned to assist and keep safe the staff, students, and student family members of their respective schools. They also respond to other schools in the Alton School District when requested.

The Patrol Division assists the School Resource Officers by conducting daily visits of the schools in our community to ensure the safety of all.



TRAFFIC DIVISION



The Traffic Division works to ensure the motoring public is as safe as can be. The Traffic Division is responsible for enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code, various public education programs, traffic crash investigation, conducting traffic studies, and police vehicle service management.

The Traffic Division plans and coordinates special events such as parades, City fireworks display, amphitheater events, and any other special event deemed necessary by the Chief of Police.

The traffic division also oversees the Police Cadet program. If you know of anyone 18-21 years of age who is interested in learning about law enforcement as a career, the Police Cadet program is a good place to start.

TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division oversees departmental training, coordinates course registrations, and maintains training records. The Training Division is also the liaison for the department with all police and correctional academies.



To keep their certification, all sworn officers, at minimum, are required to complete six ILETSB mandated training requirements each year, nine mandates every three years, and one mandate every five years. Other requirements for employment are OSHA mandated training and Sexual Harassment Training.

As of 2025, all Alton Police Department personnel are currently compliant, and training records are up to date.

Training totals:

In 2025, the department had 93 employees (sworn and non-sworn). During the year, personnel completed 1,807 courses of training, including online training, in-person courses, webinars, and other training formats. Total documented training time was 4,898 hours, averaging 52.67 hours of training per employee.

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment of qualified personnel remains a top priority of the police department.

Strong efforts were made in 2025 to actively recruit members to ensure adequate staffing. Many additional recruitment efforts, including an employee referral program, were put in place.

Further increased efforts will be made in 2026 as we focus on using technology and social media to increase our ability to reach a large, diverse pool of potential applicants.



In 2025, the Alton Police Department hired nine employees: eight police officers and one records clerk. With the additional officers, the Alton Police Department concluded 2025 with 60 sworn law enforcement officers.

As of year-end 2025, one officer has been released to solo patrol; three officers are completing the Field Training Officer (FTO) program (on-the-job training); one officer remains in the academy and is scheduled to graduate on February 27, 2026; one officer has completed reciprocity training and is awaiting the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) Equivalency Exam, and two resigned during police academy training.

Among the six officers currently employed from the 2025 hiring class, four are African American, and three are women. In addition, four of the six officers have Alton/Godfrey roots, strengthening local community ties within the department.

ALTON CITY JAIL



***Total # of Federal
Detainees Housed = 63***

***Total # of Persons
Booked in the Jail = 2,189***



The Alton City Jail is unique in that it is a municipal facility that houses both State and Federal detainees. The Alton City Jail is the only municipal facility in the State of Illinois that houses both. Federal detainees are housed at the Alton City Jail in accordance with contractual guidelines established between the City of Alton and the United States Marshall's Office.

It is the duty of Jail Administrator, Lt. Mike O'Neill, to oversee the daily operations of the jail and jail staff. Corrections officers, all of whom have completed the Corrections Academy, staff the jail. Because of their exceptional efforts, the Alton City Jail routinely receives high marks during IDOC inspections.

The Alton City Jail has twenty-seven adult jail cells, two juvenile cells, and four holding cells. All but the two juvenile cells and two of the adult cells are double-bunked, creating a capacity for up to fifty-three detainees. The holding cells hold several individuals each and are used as a place to lodge detainees prior to being booked and placed in a cell. Occasionally, the holding cells are used to lodge any person that might be combative, or considered to be a suicide or health risk.



ILEAS Region 8 WMD SRT (Special Response Team)



The ILEAS Region 8 WMD SRT (Special Response Team), otherwise known as Metro-East SWAT, was formed in 2004, as a Law Enforcement Contingency, specializing in Counterterrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD/CBRN) threats, facing our state and region. The Region 8 SRT is a sister unit of like teams across the state and is funded through Federal, State and Local agencies. The unit serves an 11-county region and is composed of highly trained and proficient officers from numerous local agencies within the region.

In addition to its role as a Counterterrorism/WMD SRT, the team serves as a regional SWAT. The team is trained, equipped, and prepared to carry out conventional SWAT operations, such as high-risk search warrants, barricaded subjects, hostage rescue, manhunt operations, etc. and is prepared to offer services such as a QRF (Quick Reactionary Force) to support local law enforcement.

The Team Commander is Alton PD's own, PFC Brandon DeSherlia. Several other APD officers also serve in various capacities on the team. As Team Commander, DeSherlia provides overall leadership, strategic direction, and operational command for specialized tactical resources serving multiple partner agencies.

There is no doubt that Commander DeSherlia is an asset to not only the team but also to the Alton Police Department as he brings his knowledge and experience with the team to daily police functions here in Alton while also doing a great job of teaching his fellow APD officers.

ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT WELLNESS



TRAINING & EDUCATION

LEO Life Coach: Tactical Intervention & Recovery

C.O.P.S. Wellness & Trauma Conference

IACP Officer Safety & Wellness Conference

PROGRAM EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Healthy Minds Therapy Program

National Police Week - Family Festival

Nutrition / Healthy Snack Supplies

Wellness Resource Library

Safe Firearm & Medication Storage

Wellness Workshops

Mural Project

Family Fall Festival





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RESTORATIVE INTERVENTION SUPPORT EFFORTS

SERVICES PROVIDED BY SACRED SPACES OF CARE



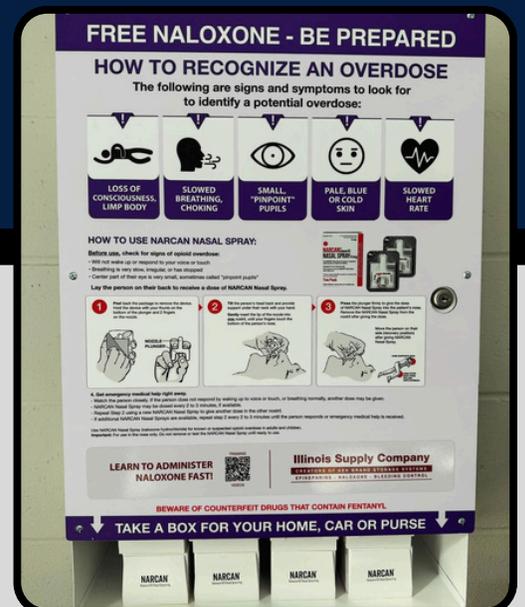
Immediate Linkage to Providers and Resources

Interim Case Management While Coordinating Care

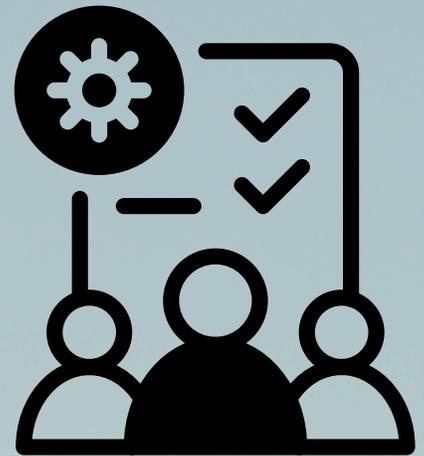
Co-Response On Scene with Detail Officers & General Patrol

Liaison and Collaboration with Community Partners

Assistance with Community-Based Police Events Related to Mental Health & Wellness



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2025 PERFORMANCE REPORT

Provided Case Management
or Referred to Case
Management Provider



57

Referred or Coordinated
Transport/Intake to Mental Health
or Substance Use Treatment



49

Referred to Shelter, Maintained
Housing, Family Reunification or
Coordinated Temporary Shelter



94

Assisted with Immediate
Essential Needs

bus tokens/pass, food, hygiene, gas,
ID/birth certificate, local transport, etc.



185

**Numbers in each category are being reported at minimum and assistance may actually exceed reported totals, especially in regard to immediate essential needs.*

A family member requested treatment coordination for James who had been arrested and incarcerated due to substance abuse related charges. Inpatient treatment was able to be coordinated for James so that he was able to immediately access treatment upon release from jail. James successfully completed inpatient treatment and is now on his recovery journey.



***NAMES HAVE BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**

~ CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES ~



Matthew was facing eviction and requested assistance with housing options along with substance use and mental health services. Through resource navigation, Matthew was able to secure housing and has accessed new methods of recovery support along with maintaining sobriety and consistent mental health treatment.

Sheila began services while experiencing domestic violence. While she has been receiving services, Sheila has been able to leave the domestic violence relationship. She has obtained employment, mental health services, and housing.



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