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ANNUAL REPORT

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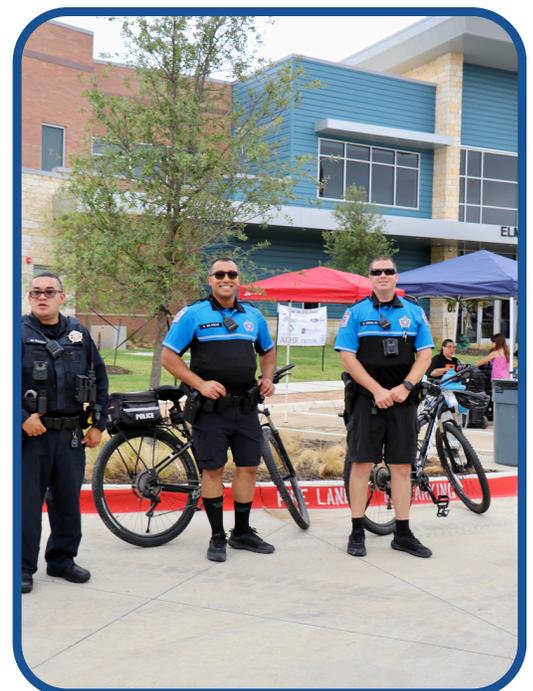
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ELM RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Brandon Kennedy
Chief of Police

On behalf of the men and women of the Elm Ridge Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2025 Annual Report. Our mission, as an organization, is to bring professional and progressive policing methods that exceed the expectations of our community. We value the trust of our citizens and will perform our duties by following our core values of service, integrity, transparency, and empathy.

I am pleased to announce that in 2025 we experienced another decrease in the year over year crime rate. This is not just a reflection of the hard working men and women we have serving this community every day, but a reflection of the community whom we serve, as well as the Board of Directors, for providing us the means to proactively reduce crime in the communities we serve.

We invite you to join us in partnership to keep Elm Ridge safe by participating in one of our many community programs such as Citizen Police Academy, Camera Registration Program, Vacation House Watch, Police Explorer Program, Guardian Connect, and more.

Each of our employees are honored and committed to serving the community. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please don't hesitate to call upon us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Kennedy".

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT



The Elm Ridge Police Department was founded in 2018 and began operations in January 2019. The current authorized strength of the department is twenty-six full-time Police Officers, and two civilians.

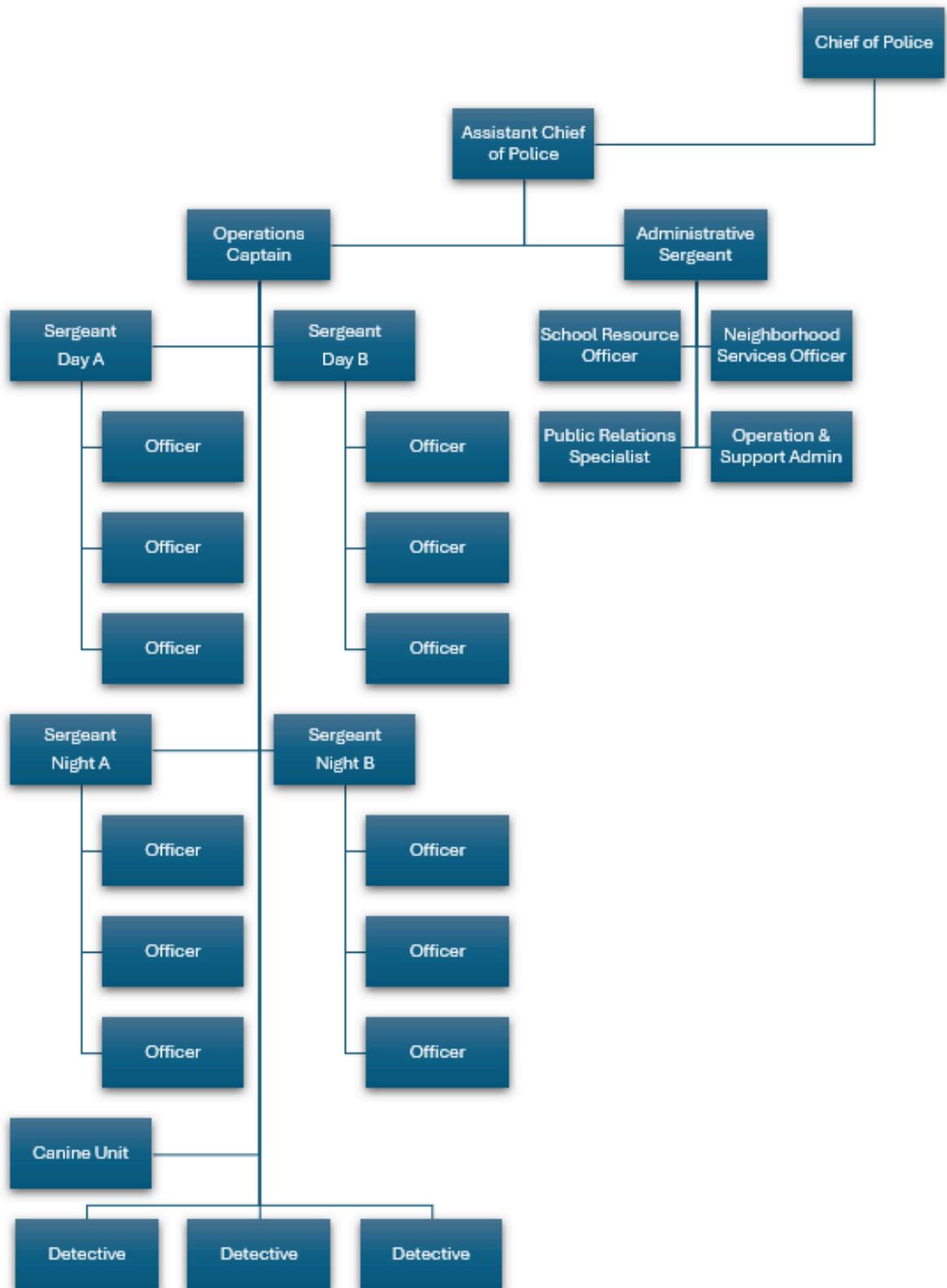
The sworn structure of the police department includes a Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police, Police Captain, an Administrative Sergeant, Patrol Sergeants, Detectives, a School Resource Officer, Canine Handler, Neighborhood Services Officer, and Patrol Officers.

The department operates within four values: Service, Integrity, Transparency, and Empathy. Every decision made, whether internally or externally, is tested against these values to ensure we are abiding by our department's policing philosophy. Our philosophy, at its core, is building partnerships with our community and engaging in internal and external collaborative efforts. The pursuit of this philosophy is maintained to ensure we keep the trust of the citizens we serve as well as continually executing our public duties at the highest degree of excellence.

The police department operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The police department lobby is open Monday through Friday from 8:00A to 5:00P.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





NIBRS & CRIME STATISTICS

Elm Ridge Police Department, along with other agencies across the United States, utilize the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is the most effective way to track crime trends because it tracks all crimes committed during a single incident.

If multiple crimes occur in a single incident, all violations are reported separately. For example, if a wallet is stolen during a vehicle burglary, and a credit card is used by the criminal, NIBRS will count two crimes: theft from motor vehicle and credit card fraud.

The table on the next page shows the 2025 NIBRS reportable offenses for the Elm Ridge Police Department. The report also provides you the crime rate per 1,000 residents which is standard calculation for determining crime across the country.

To explain the Crime Rate per 1,000 inhabitants: This represents the number of Index offenses per 1,000 inhabitants.

In 2025, compared to 2024, Crimes Against Persons decreased 11.61%, Crimes Against Property decreased 18.3%. Crimes Against Society increased by 100%, resembling a high self-initiated arrest percentage by Elm Ridge Police Officers.

The overall crime rate of Elm Ridge WCID decreased 11.32%. For more information, see the graphic on page six.

The low crime rate experienced in Elm Ridge is a direct reflection of the community's involvement, the leadership and vision of our district's Board of Directors, and the relentless work our officers put in every day when coming to work.



CRIME STATISTICS

Classification of Offenses	Offenses Reported	Projected Rate/1000	Last YTD Reported
Animal Cruelty, Total	1	0.05	2
Arson, Total	0	0.00	0
Assault Offenses, Total	127	6.05	149
Aggravated Assault	13	0.62	6
Intimidation	21	1.00	36
Simple Assault	93	4.43	107
Bribery, Total	0	0.00	0
Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Total	13	0.62	16
Counterfeiting/Forgery, Total	3	0.14	2
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Total	20	0.95	20
Drug/Narcotic Offenses, Total	14	0.67	5
Drug Equipment Violations	1	0.05	3
Drug/Narcotic Violations	13	0.62	2
Embezzlement, Total	0	0.00	0
Extortion/Blackmail, Total	1	0.05	2
Fraud Offenses, Total	20	0.95	30
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	5	0.24	5
Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	5	0.24	5
Welfare Fraud	0	0.00	0
Wire Fraud	0	0.00	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0.00	0
Identity Theft	10	0.48	18
Impersonation	0	0.00	2
Gambling Offenses, Total	0	0.00	0
Betting/Wagering	0	0.00	0
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0.00	0
Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0.00	0
Sports Tampering	0	0.00	0
Homicide Offenses, Total	0	0.00	0
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0	0.00	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0.00	0

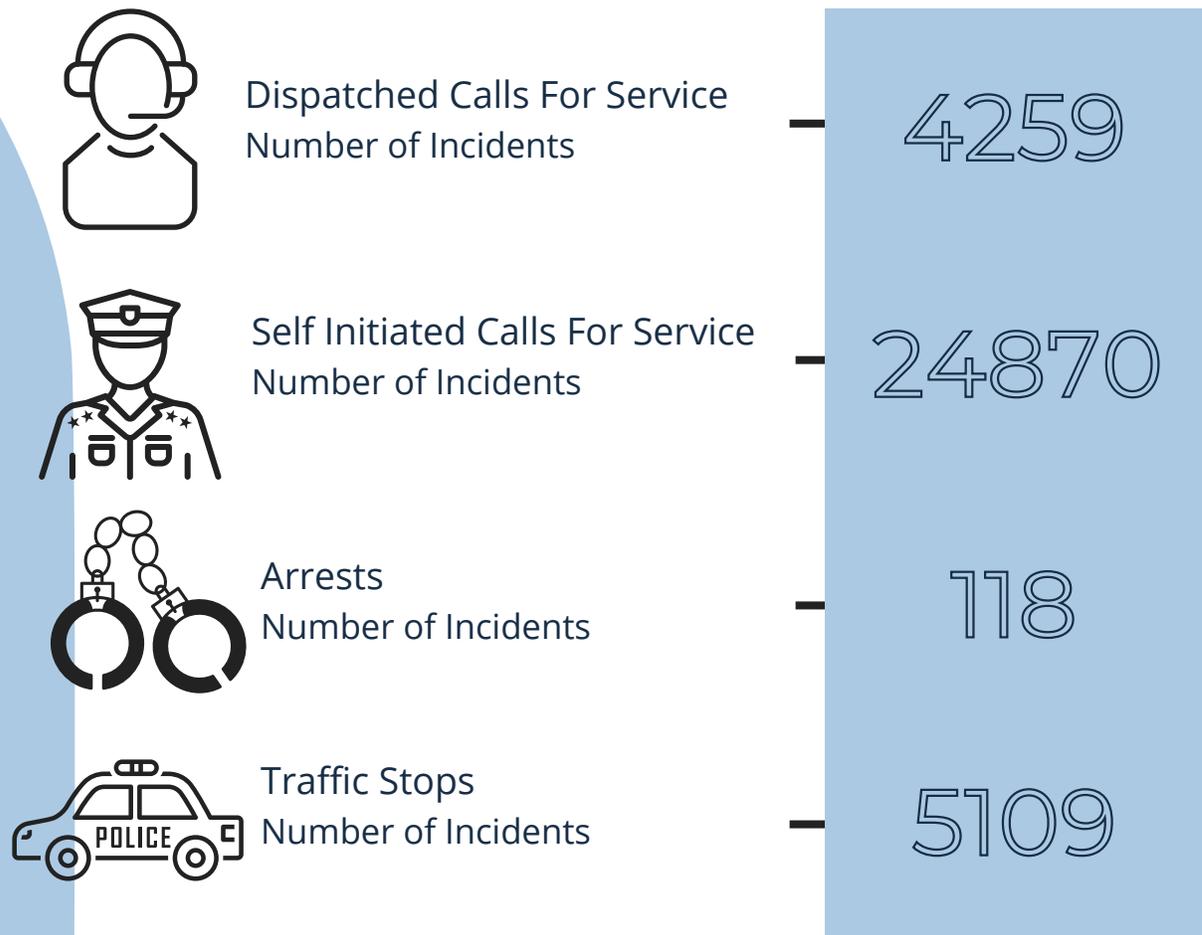
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Negligent Manslaughter	0	0.00	0
Human Trafficking, Total	0	0.00	0
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0.00	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0.00	0
Kidnapping/Abduction, Total	1	0.05	4
Larceny/Theft Offenses, Total	57	2.71	68
Motor Vehicle Theft, Total	8	0.38	12
Pornography/Obscene Material, Total	2	0.10	1
Prostitution Offenses, Total	0	0.00	1
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0.00	0
Prostitution	0	0.00	1
Purchasing Prostitution	0	0.00	0
Robbery, Total	3	0.14	2
Sex Offenses, Total	9	0.43	2
Fondling	2	0.10	0
Rape	7	0.33	2
Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0.00	0
Sodomy	0	0.00	0
Sex Offenses, Non-Forcible, Total	0	0.00	0
Incest	0	0.00	0
Stolen Property Offenses, Total	0	0.00	1
Weapon Law Violations, Total	3	0.14	1

Classification of Offenses	Offenses Reported	Projected Rate/1000	Last YTD Reported	Percent Change
Group A Offense, Total	282	13.43	318	-11.32%
Crimes Against Person, Total	137	6.52	155	-11.61%
Crimes Against Property, Total	125	5.95	153	-18.30%
Crimes Against Society, Total	20	0.95	10	100.00%
Officers Killed or Assaulted YTD	1		0	



CALLS FOR SERVICE

Elm Ridge Police Department's patrol division handled over 29,000 calls for service in 2025. The criminal investigations division conducted follow up investigations on 680 cases. Elm Ridge Police Department recovered over \$73,800 in stolen property in 2025.



2024 VS. 2025 COMPARISON

Dispatched Calls for Service decreased by 17.85%
Self Initiated Calls For Service increased by 1%
Arrests increased by 15.83%
Traffic Stops increased by 17.23%



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Crime prevention is a community effort. Elm Ridge Police Department was built off the community policing philosophy and values the input and teamwork with our community to keep the crime rates low. We offer a wide variety of community programs for the community. Some of the programs offered are listed below.

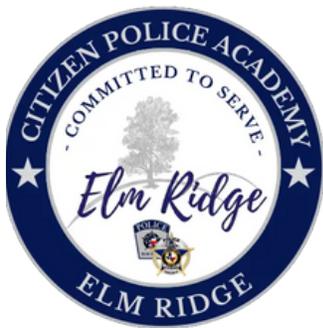


- **POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM**

The Police Explorer Program is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America through the Learning for Life Organization. The program is available for ages 14 (and completed the 8th grade) to 20.

- **CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**

An in-depth, hands on course taught by the law enforcement professionals who patrol your streets everyday. The academy is open to all residents of Elm Ridge WCID (Savannah, Arrowbrooke, and Artesia.)



- **VACATION HOUSE WATCH PROGRAM**

Elm Ridge Police Department offers a Vacation House Watch service that provides increased patrols for those residents who are away from home.

- **GUARDIAN CONNECT**

Guardian Connect is a voluntary enrollment program designed to assist individuals with cognitive, developmental, or communication challenges during moments of crisis.

- **BICYCLE REGISTRATION PROGRAM**

As a service to our residents, Elm Ridge Police Department officers free bicycle registration. In registering your bike with the department, you significantly increase the chances of it being returned in the case of theft or loss.



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