Cherokee Indian Police Department

Public

MONTHLY REPORT

February 2026

MONTHLY SUMMARY

By: Chief of Police Carla Neadeau

Dear EBCI Communities,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the unwavering support you have shown to the Cherokee Indian Police Department. Your constant encouragement and trust in our officers and staff have been a source of immense strength and motivation for us all.

The bond between our community and the police department is a testament to the values of unity, respect, and mutual support that we hold dear. Your cooperation and understanding have been crucial in helping us maintain peace and safety within our community. We are truly fortunate to serve such a compassionate and supportive community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the officers and employees of all the Cherokee Law Enforcement Divisions and all tribal and state programs that make protecting and serving the tribe a reality. Your dedication, hard work, and relentless commitment to duty, often under challenging and non-stop schedules, do not go unnoticed. Each one of you plays a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community, and for that, I am profoundly grateful. Together, we have faced many challenges, and together, we will continue to strive for a safer and stronger community. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of our mission.

The purpose of the EBCI Law Enforcement Monthly Report is to compile data into one integrated report for review. I hope you find these reports informative and useful. Several community members have offered suggestions about these reports, and we will make changes as this effort of openness continues.

February remained busy for us as you will see in the pages that follow. The data in the tables below shows an increase in almost every category this month.

We are still hiring.

We appreciate all your support, and we welcome every opportunity to do better.

With deepest gratitude,
Chief of Police Carla Neadeau
Cherokee Indian Police Department

Calls Answered

Calls Dispatched Cherokee

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
1301	1455	1529	1574	1835	1767	1816	1789	1780	1879	1705	1746	**1681**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
1754	1570											

Calls Dispatched Snowbird/Cherokee Co.

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
197	399	316	154	299	307	316	351	278	331	279	284	**293**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
368	310											

Traffic Safety Total

Traffic Stop:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
172	193	211	324	311	257	231	228	215	236	266	239	240
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
233	213											

Total Citations Issued:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
20	32	41	51	184	74	103	95	121	115	151	114	**92**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
143	73											

DWI Arrests:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
5	10	6	5	3	12	3	7	6	1	6	5	**6**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
6	3											

Total Motor Vehicle Crashes:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
38	44	45	40	74	78	69	65	52	122	83	46	**63**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
39	40											

Extra Patrol:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
178	318	256	251	243	276	322	329	459	640	812	662	**396**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
525	534											

Crimes, Reports, and Arrests *Criminal Arrests:*

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
35	43	46	39	49	36	40	42	82	90	103	48	**54**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
96	72											

Incident Reports:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
442	625	675	546	685	600	667	661	628	706	651	635	**627**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	**AVG**
628	455											

Drug Offenses:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
15	37	15	32	24	16	31	25	22	29	42	37	**27**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
34	24											

Larcenies:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
33	33	27	21	33	21	30	19	26	26	24	10	**25**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
28	23											

Assaults:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
37	32	35	29	41	48	39	49	16	50	52	28	**38**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
34	43											

Checkpoints:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
3	6	16	0	10	20	3	11	17	2	12	8	**9**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
5	6											

Overdoses:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
4	2	4	4	3	3	1	1	5	7	5	5	**4**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
1	1											

Fatal Overdoses:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	**.25**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
1	1											

Non-Fatal Overdoses:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
4	1	4	3	1	3	1	1	5	7	1	4	**3**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
0	0											

Natural Resource Enforcement

Citations:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
2	11	69	19	16	19	31	46	13	21	16	1	**22**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
5	1											

Natural Resources

-Patrolling backwoods

-Checking food plots

-Patrolling Graham and Cherokee County

Special Operations Activities

ACTIVITIES

- **Assist patrol with calls for service**
- **Assist probation with court security**
- **Assist patrol during winter storm**
- **Firearms qualifications for new hires**
- **Participate in interview with WCU**
- **SWAT Training**
- **Take Bearcat to Cherokee Schools for event**

Special Operations

Civil Service:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
89	84	87	69	82	138	48	36	145	73	53	31	**78**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
32	31											

Special Operations

Outstanding Paper service:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
11	9	9	6	9	14	17	14	8	12	15	9	**11**

2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
9	6											

Special Operations

Warrants:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
7	6	5	6	0	1	2	0	3	12	9	4	**5**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
4	12											

Special Operations

Transports:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
8	25	25	8	13	16	29	13	23	24	19	8	**18**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
9	17											

Please note that if cases decrease it is because the case has been closed by means of suspects charged, or by other means.

Please be aware that the quantity is no reflection on the severity or complexity of the cases. In other words, a lower number is no indication of how hard or long an investigator is working certain sensitive caseloads

Investigations

Major Crimes:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
36	37	104	106	108	125	101	98	85	30	8	35	**73**

2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
38	18											

Investigations

Special Victim Crimes:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
68	70	79	77	79	87	88	88	84	76	41	45	**74**

2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
46	48											

Investigations

General Crimes:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
38	40	61	93	95	85	80	78	60	53	62	65	**68**

2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
65	66											

Investigations

Narcotics:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
95	93	96	78	83	104	102	105	99	88	72	66	**90**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
68	74											

Drugs Seized (February) *Grams*

Processed Marijuana	
Cocaine	
Crack Cocaine	
Meth (Powder)	
Crystal Meth (Ice/Glass)	*181.1*
MDMA (Ecstasy)	
Opioid/Opioid Derivative	*62.6*

Heroin	
Peyote	
Alcohol (Ounces)	
Other Drug (Prescription)	
Schedule I	
Schedule II	
Schedule III	
Schedule IV	
Schedule V	

- *Narcotics division wrote 301 citations for FY25.*
- *126 felony charges pending.*
- *144 misdemeanor charges pending.*
- *CRO had 172 traffic stops in February*
- *CRO had 26 arrests*
- *CRO had 40 citations*
- *CRO had 6 checkpoints*

Sex Offender

63 Total Offenders Registered with the tribe

60-Tier 3 sex offenders

Probation

Active Probationers:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
334	334	318	325	278	277	365	365	403	418	414	419	**354**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
302	453											

- Probation filed 8 probation violations for month of January.
- 3 drug tests.

Detention

Booked In:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
60	66	78	72	83	87	82	92	91	90	83	99	**82**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
86	72											

Detention

Released Inmates:

2025												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
58	52	79	72	76	86	80	76	91	91	83	86	**78**
2026												
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Avg.
74	66											

Juvenile Division:

9th - Discipline Meeting (HS)

11th - Transport to Timber Ridge

CTE Fair (HS)

Valentines Day Dance (MS)

CCS Student Behavior Meeting

State Championship Parade (Track)

12th - Meeting with Parent, Warning for Banishment from School Property

13th - Risk Assessment Meeting Threat to School

Discipline Meeting (HS)

17th - Attend School Board Meeting With NARC Team

Transport to Taylorsville Detention

State Championship Parade (Wrestling)

19th - NKA STEM Night

Student Behavioral Meeting (All Admin., PD Attorney, NARC Team)

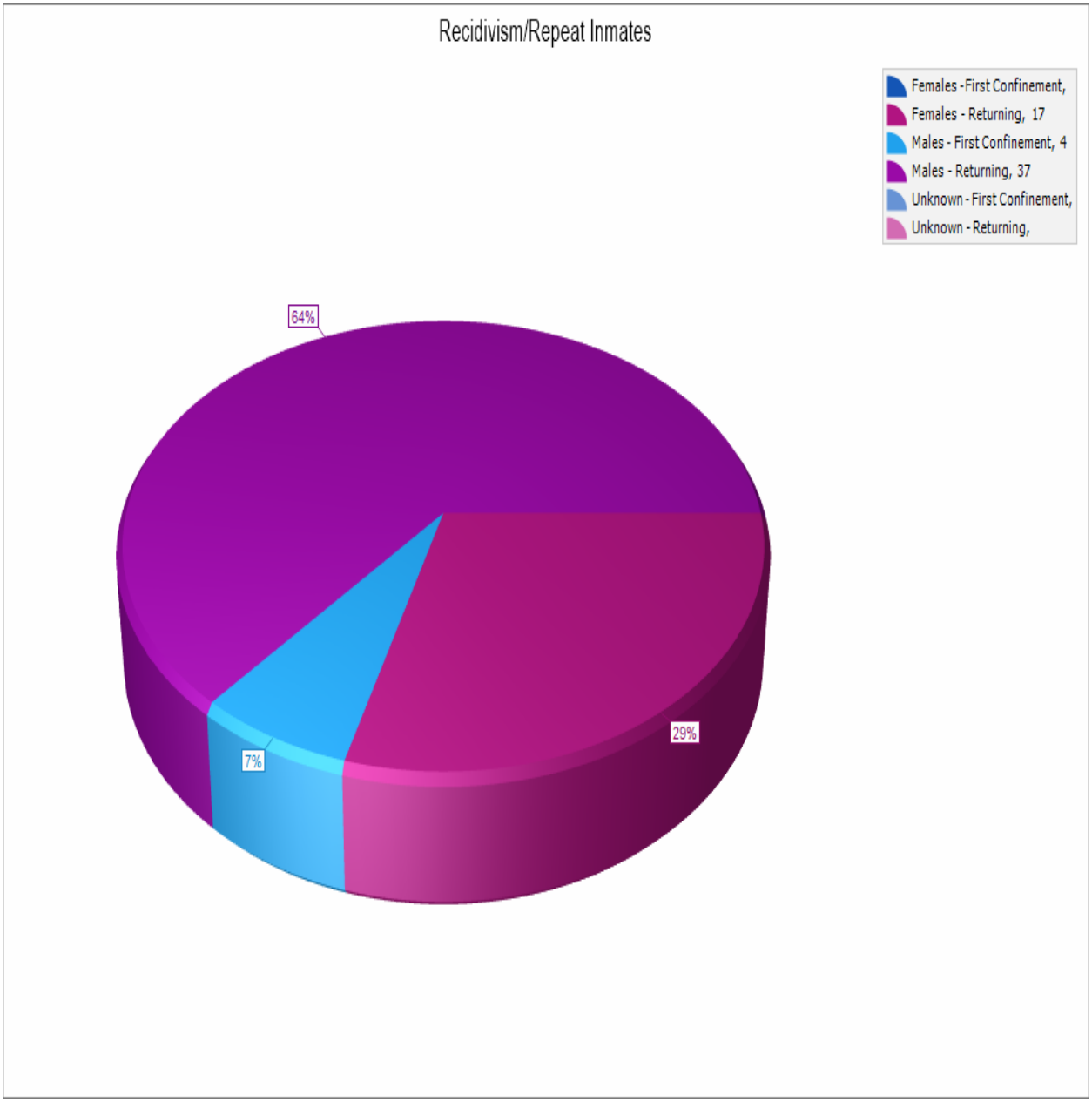
Risk Assessment Meeting (MS)

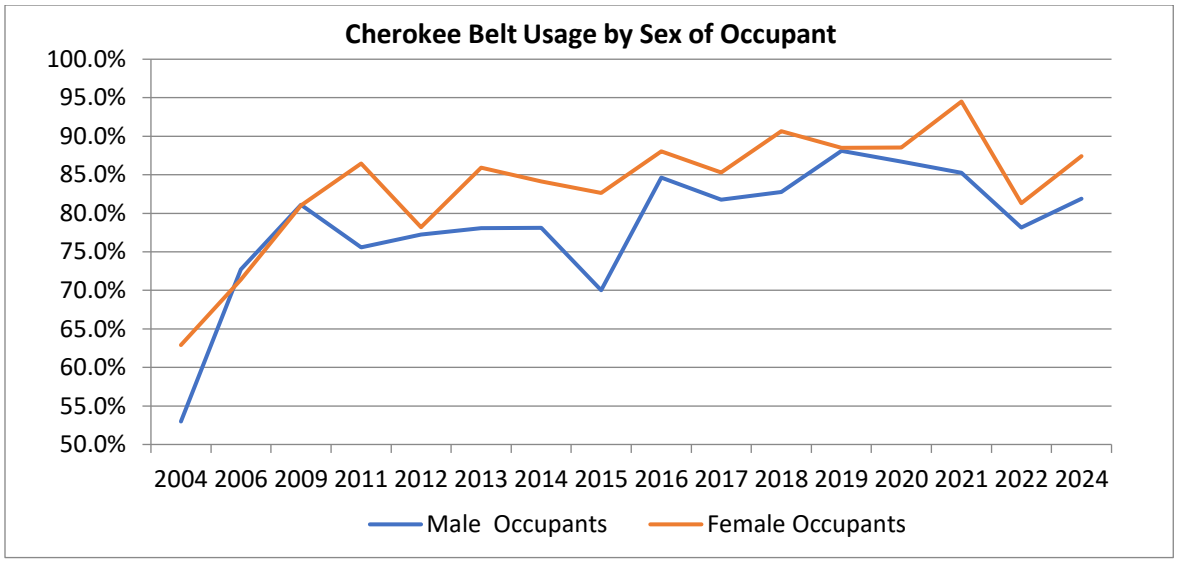
Note: The Discipline Meetings are when a serious incident is on a student against a student to determine what level of disciplinary action they receive.

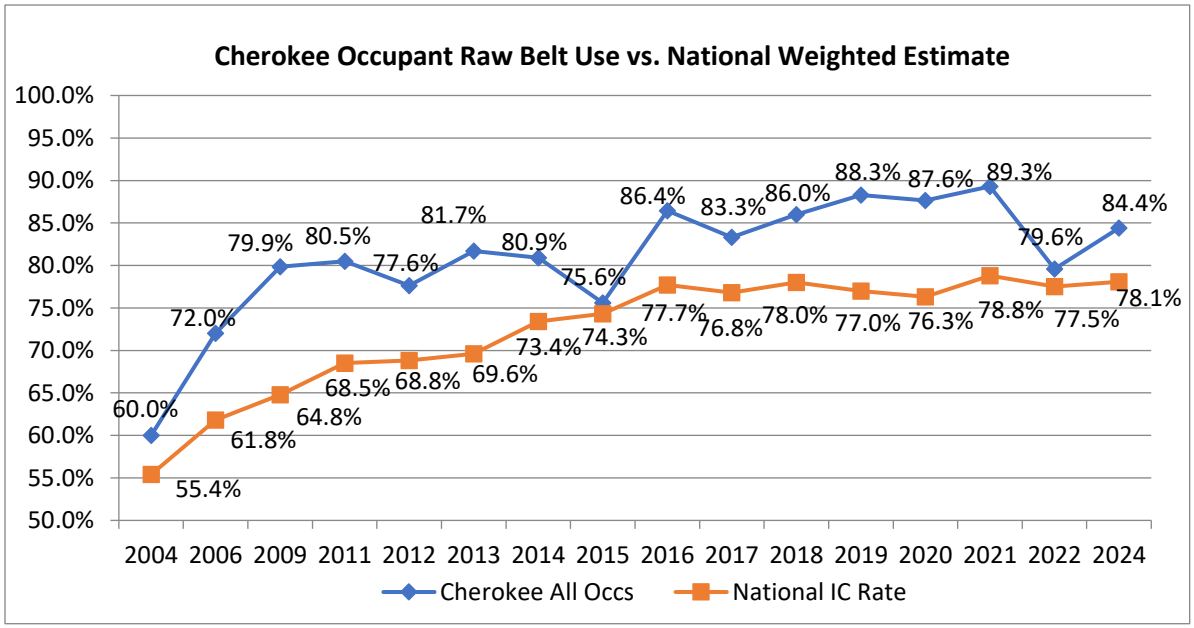
EBCI-CIPD Memorandums of Agreements (Other Agencies)

Signed MOA	Reviewing MOA	Declined
Swain County Sheriff Office	Blue Ridge National Park	Graham County Sheriff Office
Great Smoky Mtn National Park	Maggie Valley Police Dept.	
Andrews Police Department	Waynesville Police Dept.	
Murphy Police Department	Canton Police Dept.	
Asheville Police Department		
Jackson County Sheriff Office		
State Bureau of Investigations		

Cherokee Tribal Detention




Cherokee Belt Usage by Sex of Occupant
100.0%
95.0%
90.0%
85.0%
80.0%
75.0%
70.0%
65.0%
60.0%
55.0%
50.0%
2004 2006 2009 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2024
Male Occupants
Female Occupants


Cherokee Occupant Raw Belt Use vs. National Weighted Estimate
100.0%
95.0%
90.0%
85.0%
80.0%
75.0%
70.0%
65.0%
60.0%
55.0%
50.0%
2004 2006 2009 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2024
60.0%
72.0%
79.9%
80.5%
77.6%
81.7%
80.9%
75.6%
86.4%
83.3%
86.0%
88.3%
87.6%
89.3%
79.6%
84.4%
55.4%
61.8%
64.8%
68.5%
68.8%
69.6%
73.4%
74.3%
77.7%
76.8%
78.0%
77.0%
76.3%
78.8%
77.5%
78.1%
Cherokee All Occs
National IC Rate

February Safety Tip

Fire Safety

Minimize Your Risks

The good news: Deaths from home fires in the U.S. have trended downward since the 1970s, according to *Injury Facts* , but even one death from a preventable fire is too many. While fire doesn't discriminate by age, it is the third leading cause of death for children 1 to 14.

When cooking, make fire safety a priority by keeping these tips in mind:

● Be alert; if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don’t use the oven or stovetop
● Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, boiling or broiling food
● When simmering, baking or roasting, check the food regularly, remain in the kitchen while cooking and use a timer
● Keep anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop

Heating is the second leading cause of home fires. Follow these tips:

● Keep all flammables, like paper, clothing, bedding, drapes or rugs, at least 3 feet from a space heater, stove or fireplace
● Never leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended; turn off heaters and make sure fireplace embers are extinguished before leaving the room
● If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, nonflammable surface, like ceramic tile, not on a rug or carpet
● Keep children and pets away from space heaters
● When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if the heater falls over

Other top causes of fire include smoking, electrical problems and candles. To minimize risks:

● Institute a “no smoking” policy in the house
● Check all cords and replace any that are frayed or have bare wires
● Switch to flameless candles
● Keep matches and lighters high and out of children’s reach in a locked cabinet

Working Smoke Alarms Are a Must



About three out of five fire deaths happen in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan providing early warning to reduce your risk of dying in a fire. The National Fire Protection Association recommends you:

● Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall
● Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen, at least 10 feet from the stove, to

reduce false alarms
● Use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers for people who are hard of hearing or deaf
● Test smoke alarms monthly
● Replace batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector annually
● Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old

Make an Escape Plan

One home structure fire is reported every 95 seconds, according to Injury Facts. Once the smoke alarm sounds, a fire can spread quickly, leaving only a minute or two to escape. That's why it's so important to have a home escape plan.

Start by drawing a map for your home and follow these guidelines:

● Plan two ways to escape from each room
● Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily
● Identify secondary routes: a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder from a second floor window
● If you live in a multi-story building, plan to use the stairs – never the elevator
● Designate an outside meeting place a safe distance from the house

Now Practice Your Home Fire Escape Plan

Everyone – including children – need to know your family escape plan. The National Fire Protection Association indicates 71% of Americans have a home fire escape plan but only 47% have practiced it. Practice your fire drill with everyone in the house at night and during the day, twice a year. Remember to:

● Practice getting out with eyes closed, crawling low to the floor and keeping your mouth covered

● Practice closing doors behind you
● Practice how to "stop, drop and roll" if your clothes catch on fire
● Practice testing door handles to see if they are hot before opening them
● Teach children never to hide and how to escape on their own in case you can't help them

When and How to Use Fire Extinguisher

Always put your safety first; if you are not confident in your ability to use a fire extinguisher, get out and call 9-1-1. The American Red Cross cautions you to evaluate the situation and ensure:

● Everyone has left or is leaving the home
● The fire department has been called
● The fire is small, not spreading, and there is not much smoke
● Your back is to an exit you can use quickly

Remember the acronym PASS:

Pull the pin.
Aim low at the base of the fire.
Squeeze the handle slowly.
Sweep the nozzle side to side.

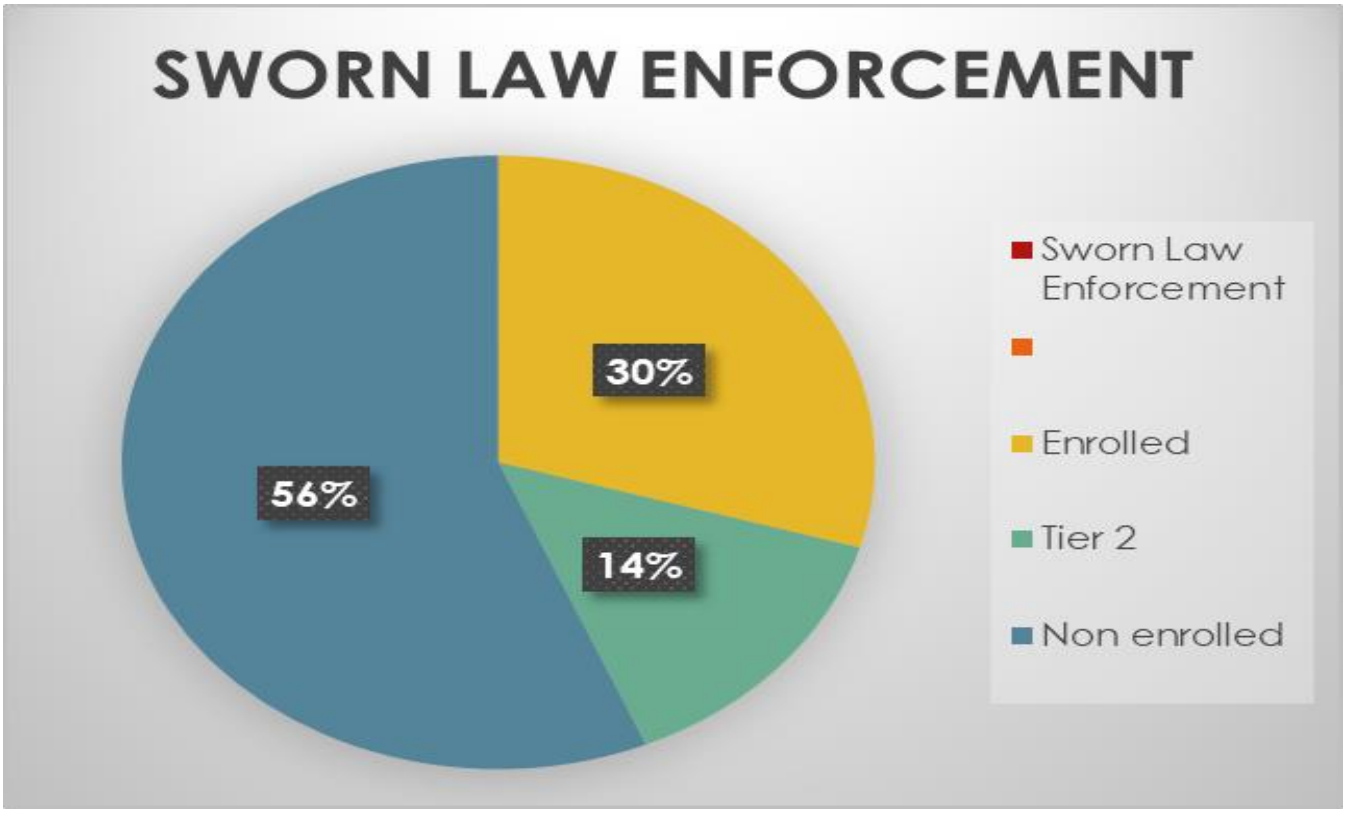
Operations/Notable Events

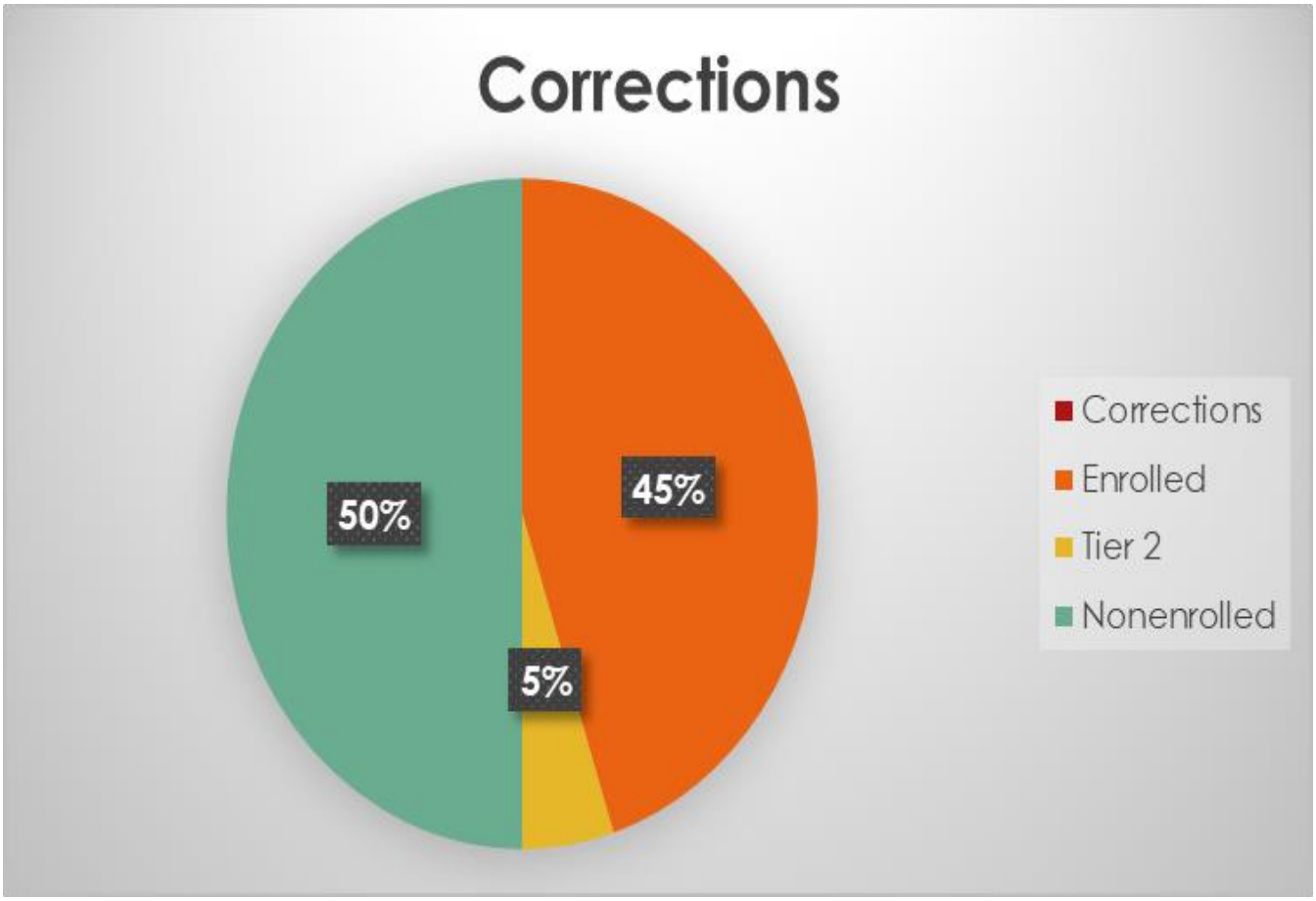
- SWAT Training
- In Service Training
- Career Day CHS

Recruitment/Retention

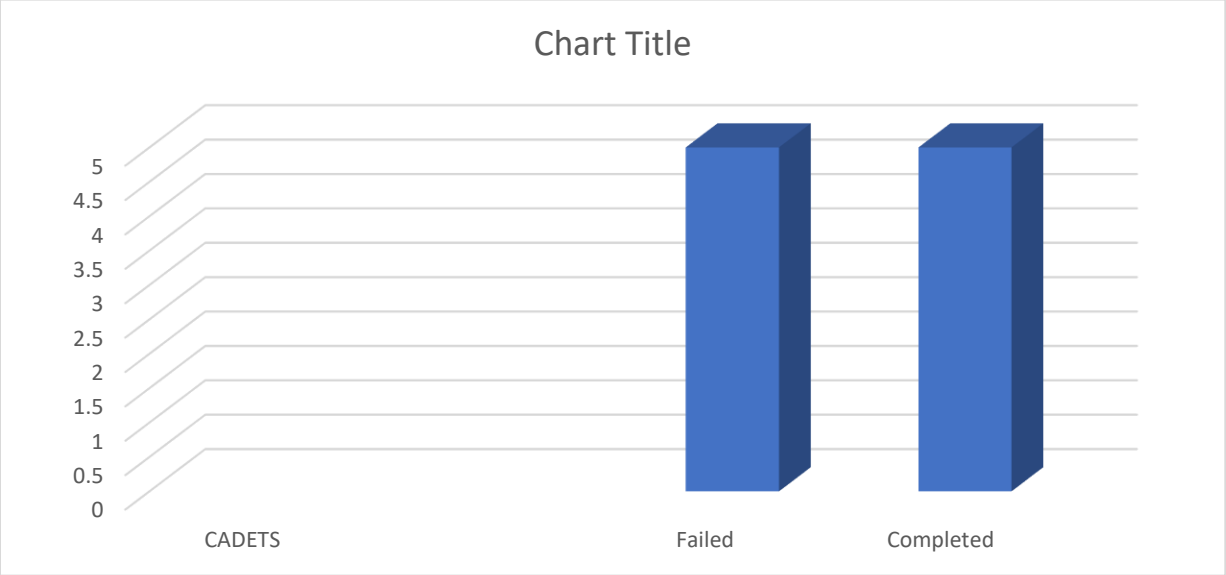
- 7 vacant patrol positions-received one application (received 2 applications-interviews to be completed)
- 1 Vacant Investigations Lieutenant-(to be readvertised)
- 1 Vacant Narcotics Lieutenant-(1 applicant-interviews to be completed)
- 2 Patrol Lieutenant-(2 enrolled member applicants-interviews to be completed)
- 1 vacant Sergeant Patrol-(2-applicants interviews to be completed)
- 3 vacant Corrections-
- 1 Sergeant Corrections-
- 2 NRE

Total Sworn Officers=91, 81 are filled this includes all departments NRE, Patrol, Narcotics, Special Operations, Probation, and Investigations.





Money that has been spent on cadets that have failed out of the course has been over $60,000.



Citizen Complaints

Month	Application of Service	Employee Misconduct	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Under Investigation
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
February None	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Nigada