Cherokee Indian Police Department

Public

MONTHLY REPORT

January 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.

January 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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

Special Operations Activities

ACTIVITIES

- **Assist Probation with court**
- **Assist Probation with door security**
- **Assist Patrol**
- **Conduct radar observation hours with CRO Team member**
- **Work New Year's Eve event**
- **Firearms Quals for new hires**
- **Provide additional officer for security at Council House and Council Complex**

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

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												

- *Narcotics division wrote 301 citations for FY25.*
- *126 felony charges pending.*
- *144 misdemeanor charges pending.*

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												

- Probation filed 12 probation violations for month of January.
- 5 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												

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												

Juvenile Division:

Dec. 9 Discipline Meeting (CHS)

12 - Discipline Meeting

13 - CCS Shelter in Place due to possible subject with stick or gun on Roadway. Located Subject Unfounded.

14 - Safety Meeting- (Elem)

Safety Meeting (MS)

16- Discipline Meeting (HS)

22- Life Skills Camp

SMC Wrestling Tournament

23- Callout Runaway Juvenile (Located)

Threat Assessment Meeting (HS)

29- Meeting to Discuss Hosting NCASRO 2026

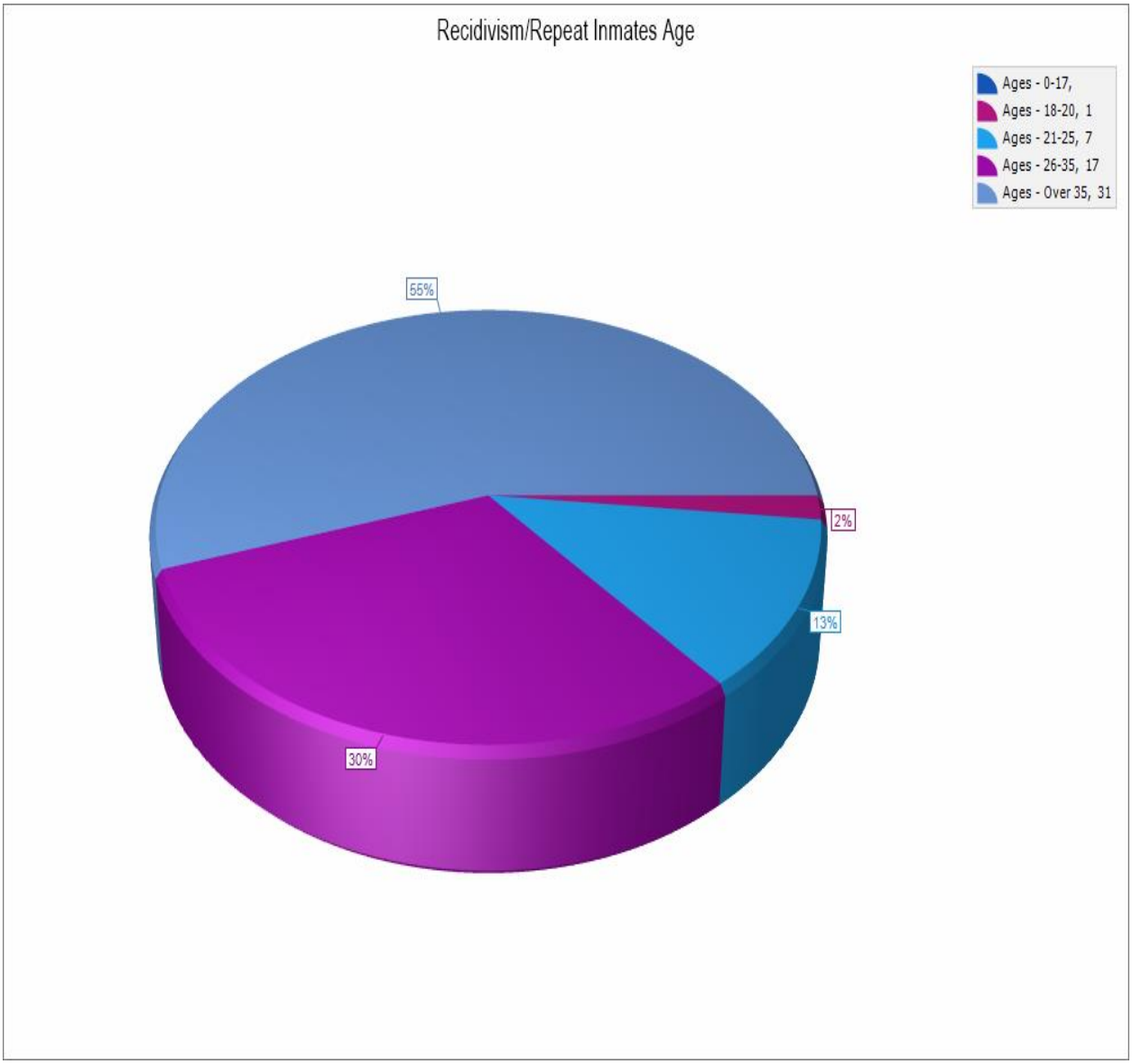
Discipline Meeting (HS)

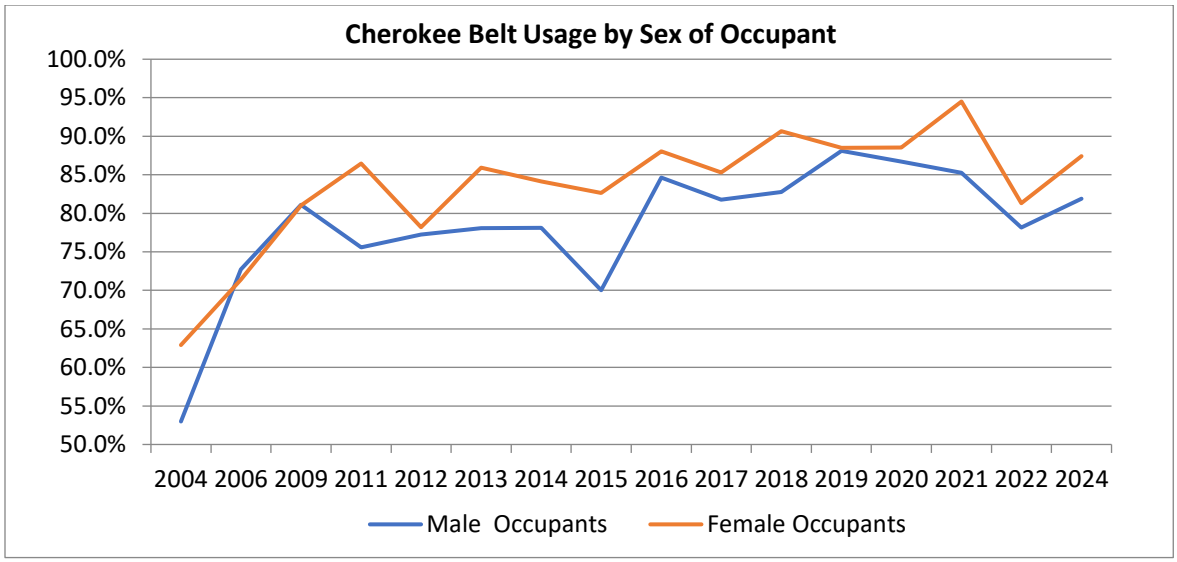
Note: The Discipline Meetings are when a serious incident is on a student against a student to determine what level of disciplinary action they receive.

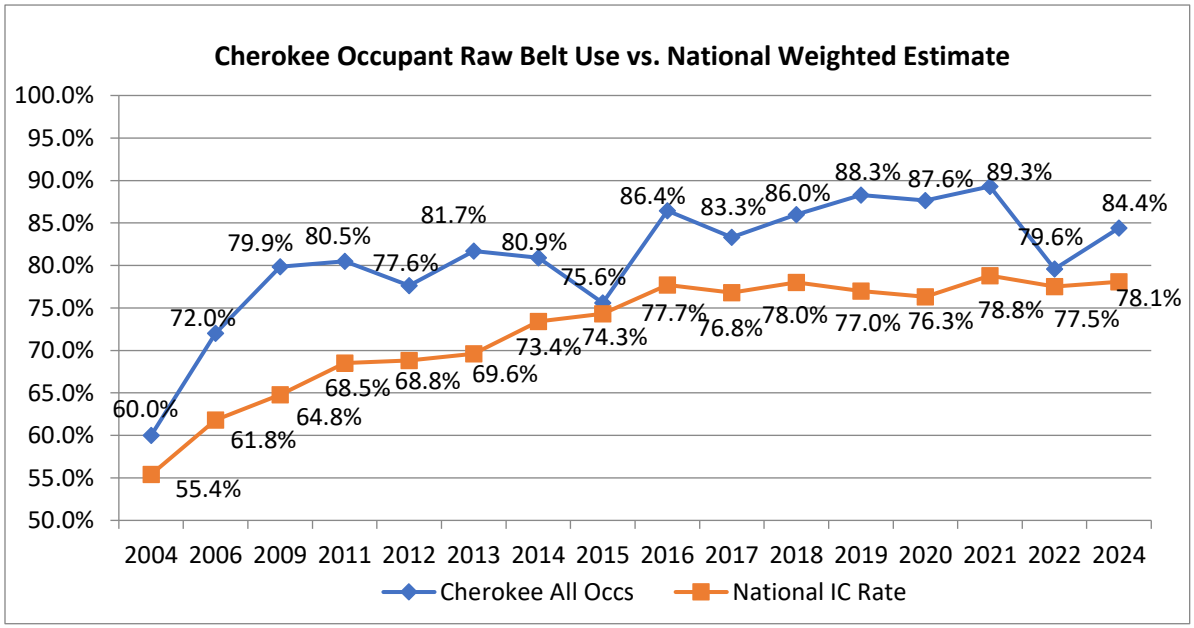
EBCI-CIPD Memorandums of Agreements (Other Agencies)

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%
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%
2004 2006 2009 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2024
Cherokee All Occs
National IC Rate

January safety focuses on preventing cold-related injuries, slips, and falls, maintaining indoor air quality, and supporting mental and physical well-being during winter months.

Cold Weather and Outdoor Safety

Cold stress occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it, leading to frostbite or hypothermia. To prevent this, wear layering clothing, insulated gloves and weather appropriate personal protective equipment. Stay hydrated.

Slip, Trip, and Fall Prevention

Winter conditions increase the risk if slips and falls. Clear walkways of snow and ice, apply ice melt, and use absorbent mats at entrances. Wear footwear with proper traction, use handrails, and walk slowly. Regularly inspect indoor floors for moisture or hazards caused by tracked-in snow.

Indoor Air Quality

Sealed windows and increased use of heating systems can reduce indoor air quality. Maintain HVAC systems, use air purifiers or humidifiers, and encourage breaks outside for fresh air. Awareness of radon exposure is also important, particularly in basements or ground level areas.

Mental and Physical Health

Winter months can exacerbate mental health issues such as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Encourage mental health days, promote work life balances. Monitor for winter related heart risks and ensure family members are aware of first aid procedures.

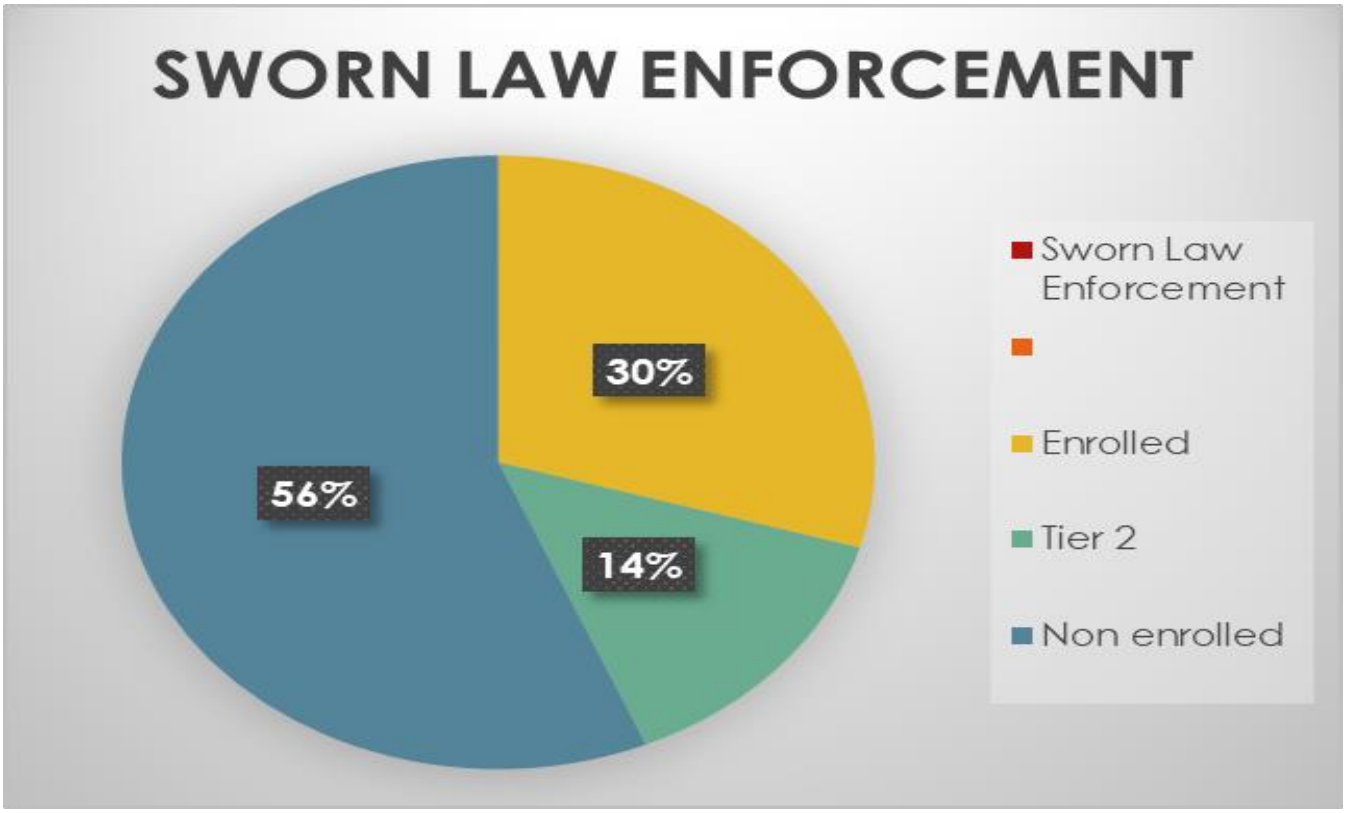
Emergency Preparedness

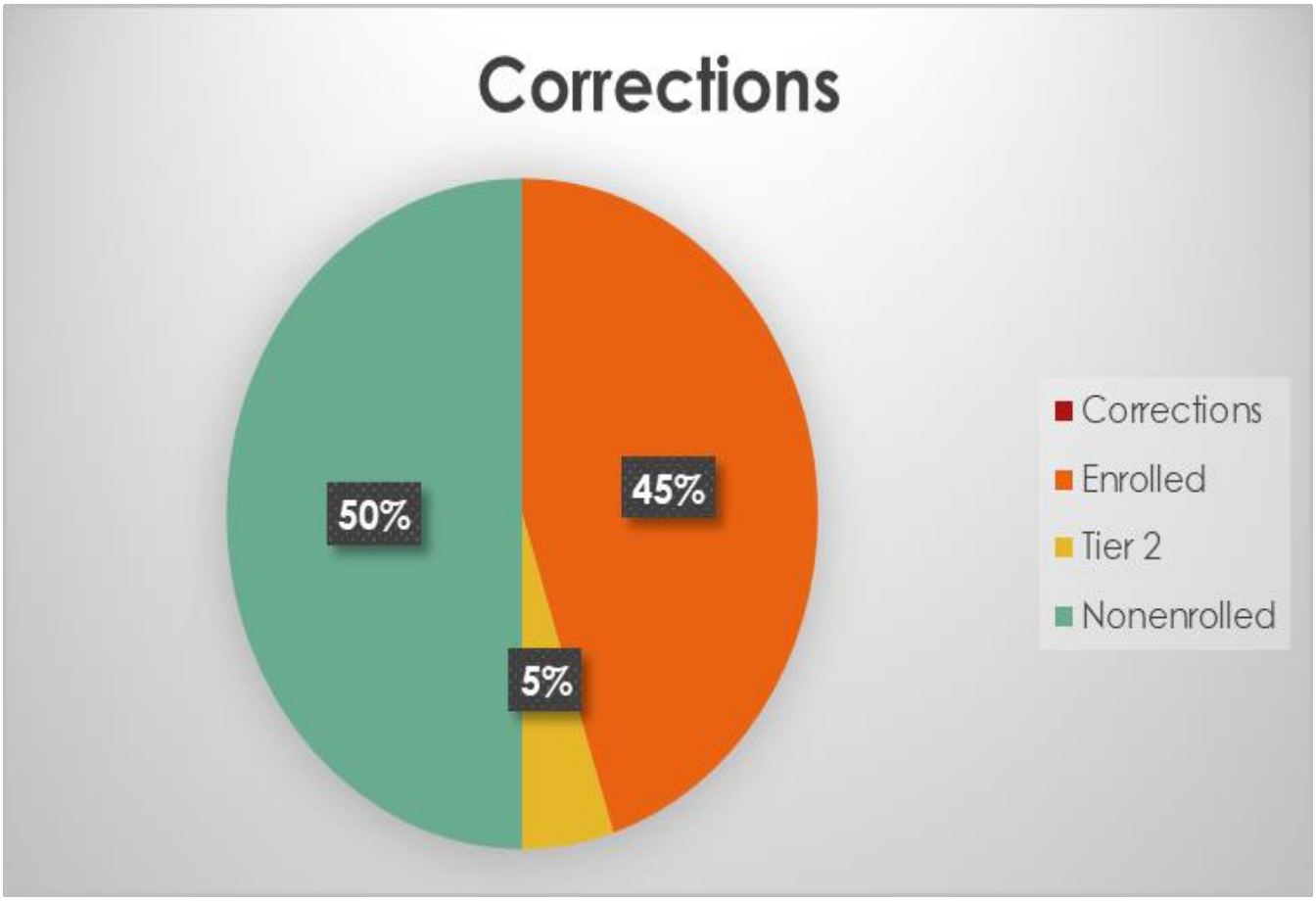
Keep emergency contact information updated, prepare for winter storms or blizzards and ensure that safety protocols are reviewed after the holiday season. This includes checking generators, space heaters, and other equipment used during cold snaps.

Operations/Notable Events

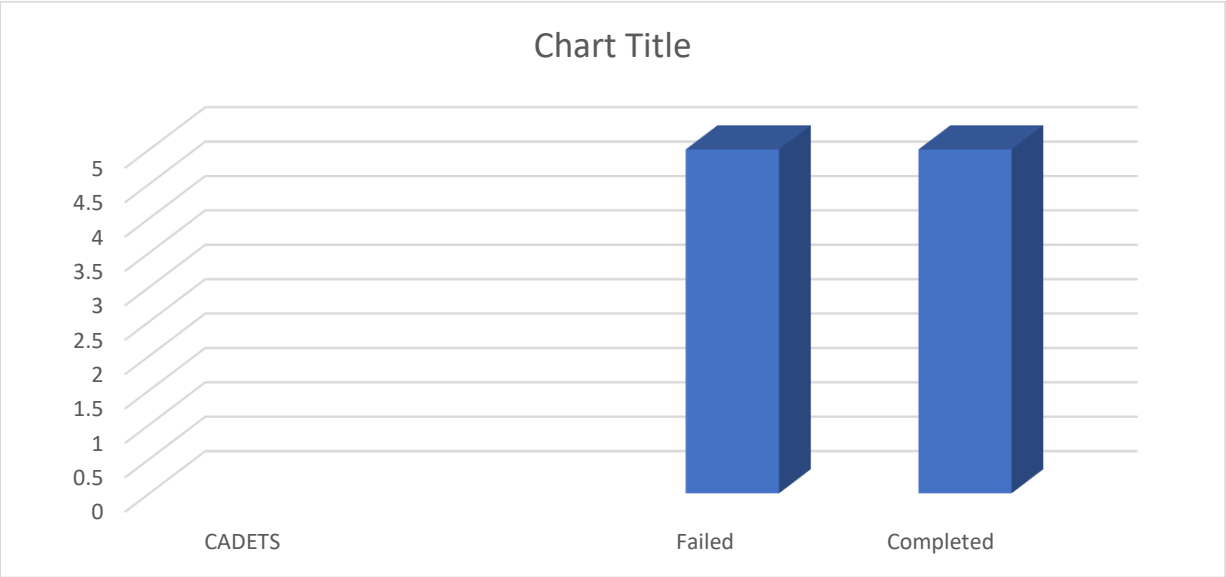
- SWAT Training
- Critial Incident Training

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
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
December	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
December	☐	☒	☐	☒	☐
January None	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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