Cherokee Indian Police Department

Public

MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 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.

May 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	1781	1743	1816								

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	208	274	278								

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	315	285	283								

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	70	97	82								

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	4	4	4								

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	32	74	48								

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	592	575	479								

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	45	94	95								

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	655	658	753								

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	28	31	26								

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	17	23	20								

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	20	48	49								

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	13	4	3								

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	2	2	2								

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	0	0	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	2	2	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	52	25	15								

Natural Resources

-Patrolling backwoods

-Checking food plots

-Patrolling Graham and Cherokee County

Special Operations Activities

ACTIVITIES

Special Operations

- **Yearly agency firearms qualifications**
- **Assist Patrol**
- **Assist Probation**

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	42	31	53								

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	4	13	36								

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	0	3	19								

This total does not include the remaining units of the police department.

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	8	10	10								

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	9	14	13								

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	63	35	38								

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	66	72	70								

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	73	74	67								

Drugs Seized (May) *Grams*

Processed Marijuana	*25.00*
Cocaine	*.8*
Crack Cocaine	
Meth (Powder)	
Crystal Meth (Ice/Glass)	*15.7*
MDMA (Ecstasy)	
Opioid/Opioid Derivative	*4.8*
Heroin	
Peyote	
Alcohol (Ounces)	
Other Drug (Prescription)	*2*
Schedule I	*38.8*
Schedule II	*32*
Schedule III	*1*
Schedule IV	*25.6*
Schedule V	

NARC/CRO

102 Traffic Stops

37 Citations

26 Arrests

2 DRIVERS LICENSE CHECKPOINTS

Total of 200 hours of training. All CRO Team members are Advanced SWAT Certified.

2 new Federal Investigations

DARE $ Received FY26	*0*
Asset Forfeiture	*$23,025.68*

- *Due to stipulations of tribal garnishment requirements DARE fines are one of the last tiers to be withdrawn. Understanding this, we received $0 in support from DARE fines.*

- *Asset forfeiture money can only be used for Narcotics Officers. (equipment, vehicles, training, etc.) This money comes from the Department of Justice.*
- *Sheriff Offices across the state can receive substance abuse state tax money. The tribe does not pay state taxes therefore we are not included in the payout.*

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	474	477	412								

- Probation filed 39 probation violations for month of May.

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	77	77	83								

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	69	75	70								

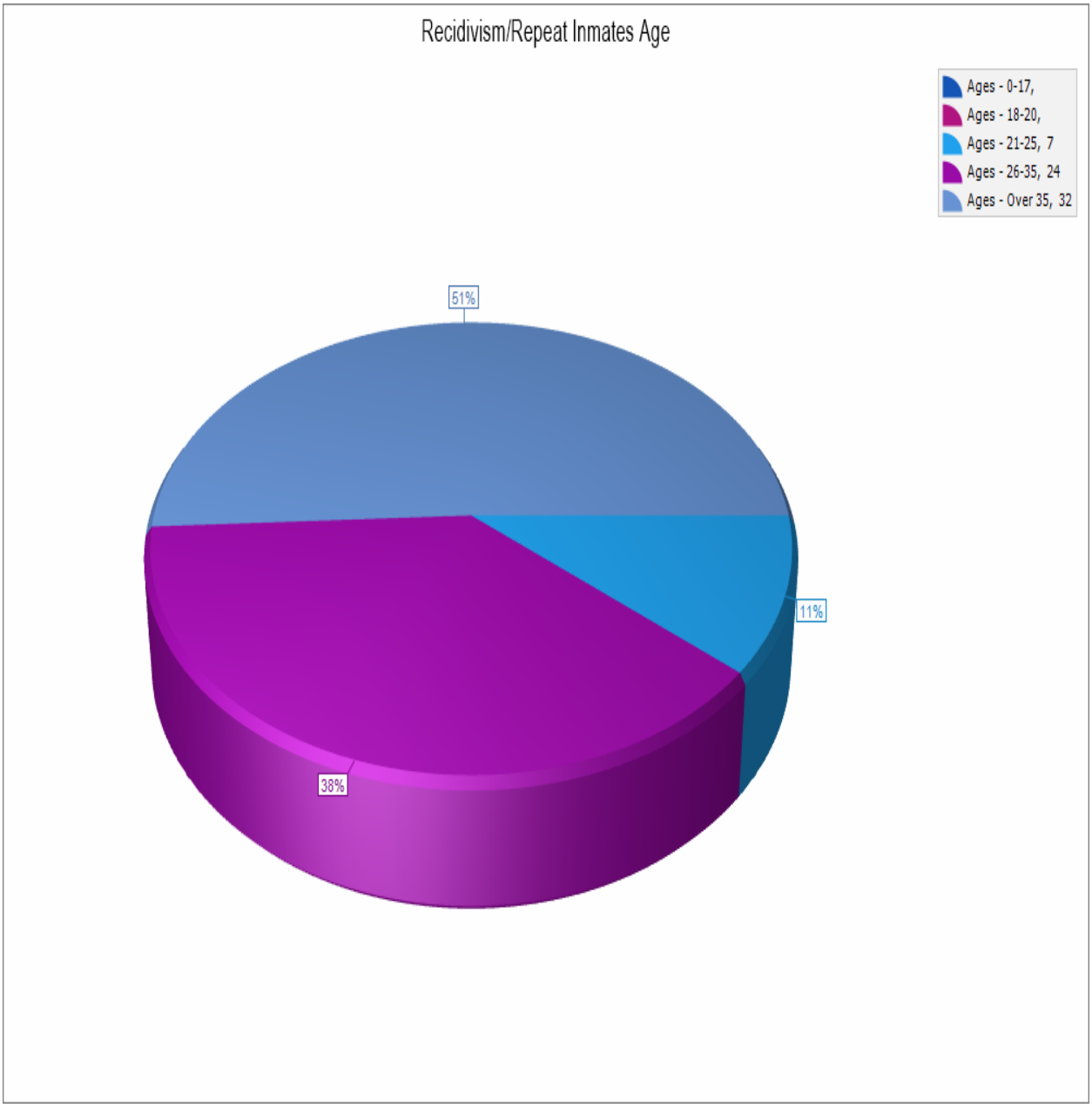
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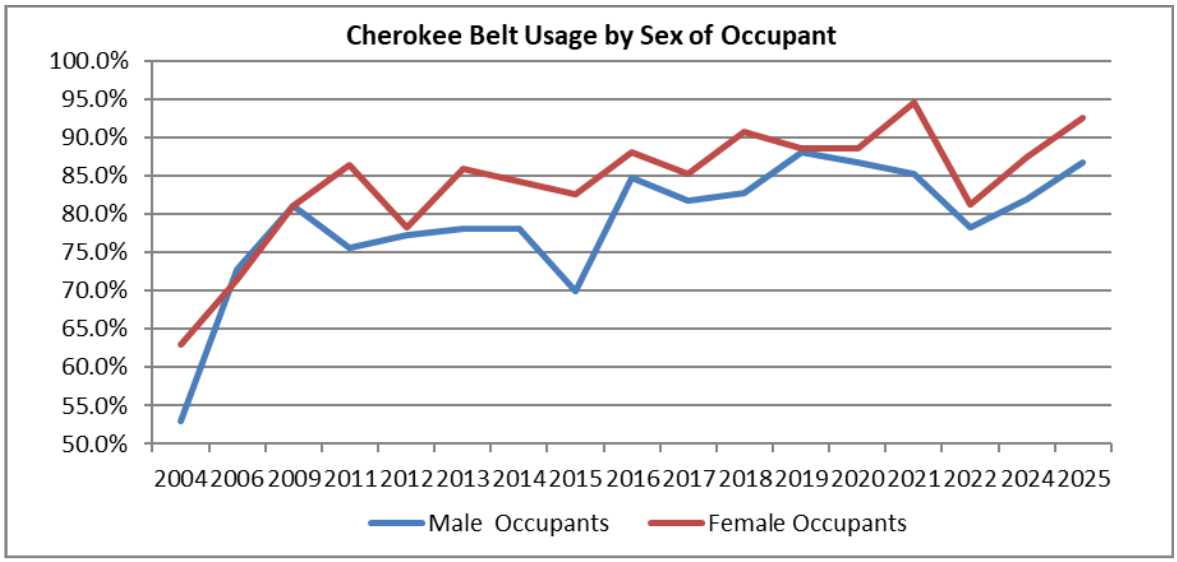
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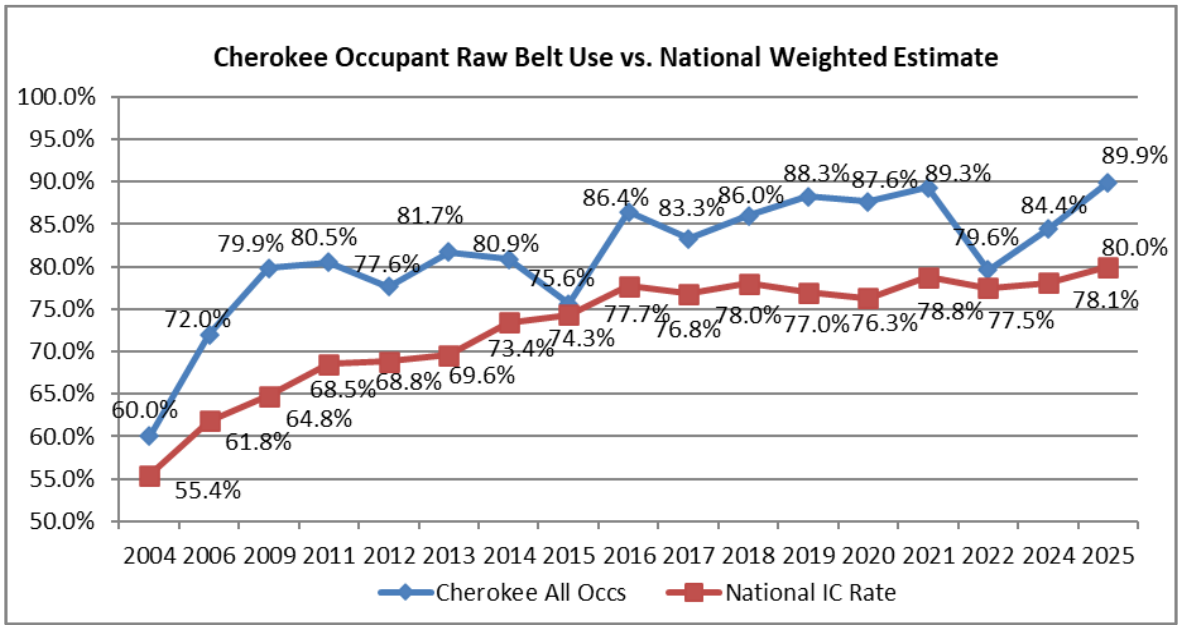
EBCI-CIPD Memorandums of Agreements (Other Agencies)

Signed MOA	Reviewing MOA	Declined
Swain County Sheriff Office	Blue Ridge National Park	
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 Co. Sheriff's Office		
Graham Co. Sheriff Office		

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 2025
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%
89.9%
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%
80.0%
2004 2006 2009 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2024 2025
Cherokee All Occs
National IC Rate

To stay safe in May:

Heat Stress Prevention: Rising temperatures increase the risk of heat-related illnesses. Provide water, rest breaks, shade, and a heat acclimatization plan for new workers. Recognize early signs of heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke

Slips, Trips, and Falls Prevention: With outdoor work and spring storms, ensure walkways are clear, use proper footwear, and implement fall protection measures, especially on elevated surfaces

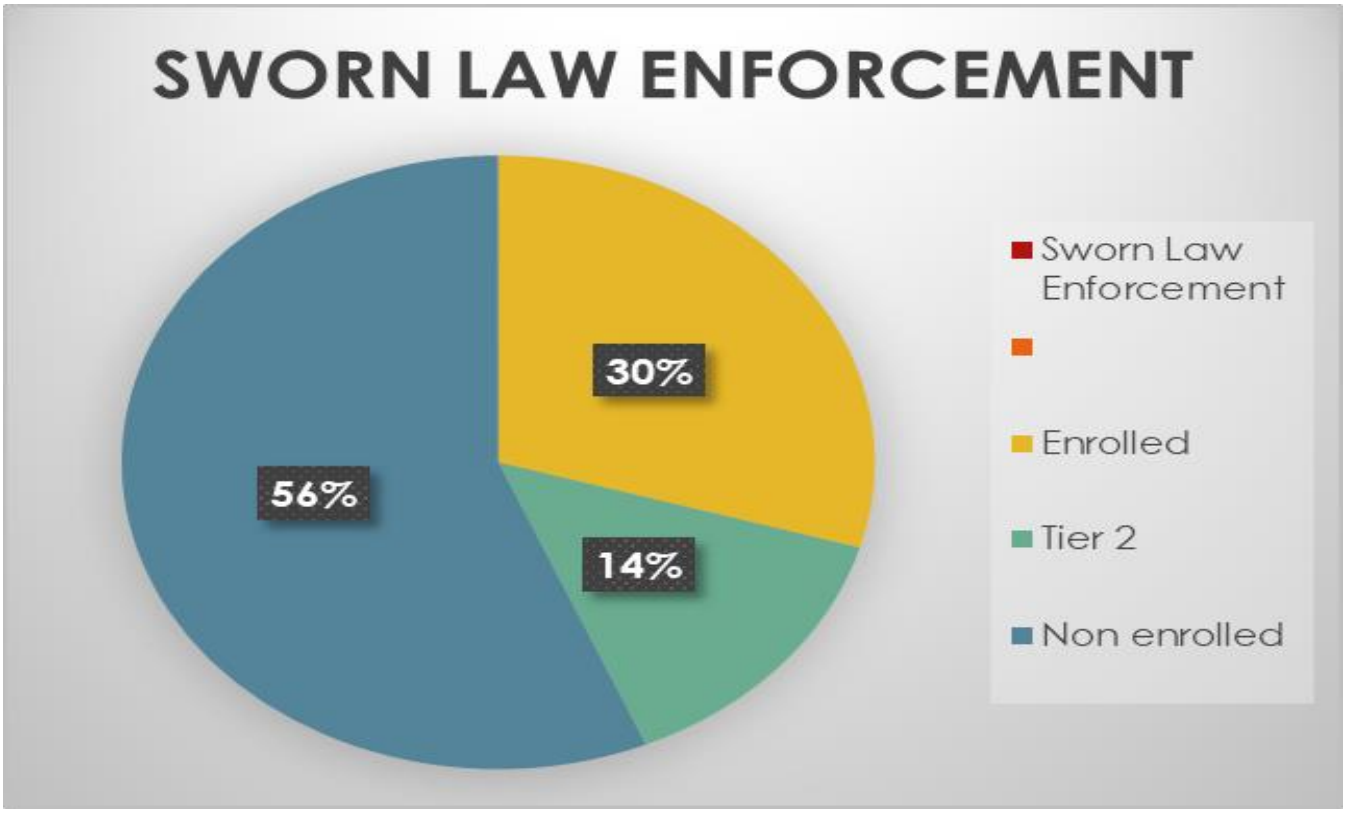
Operations/Notable Events

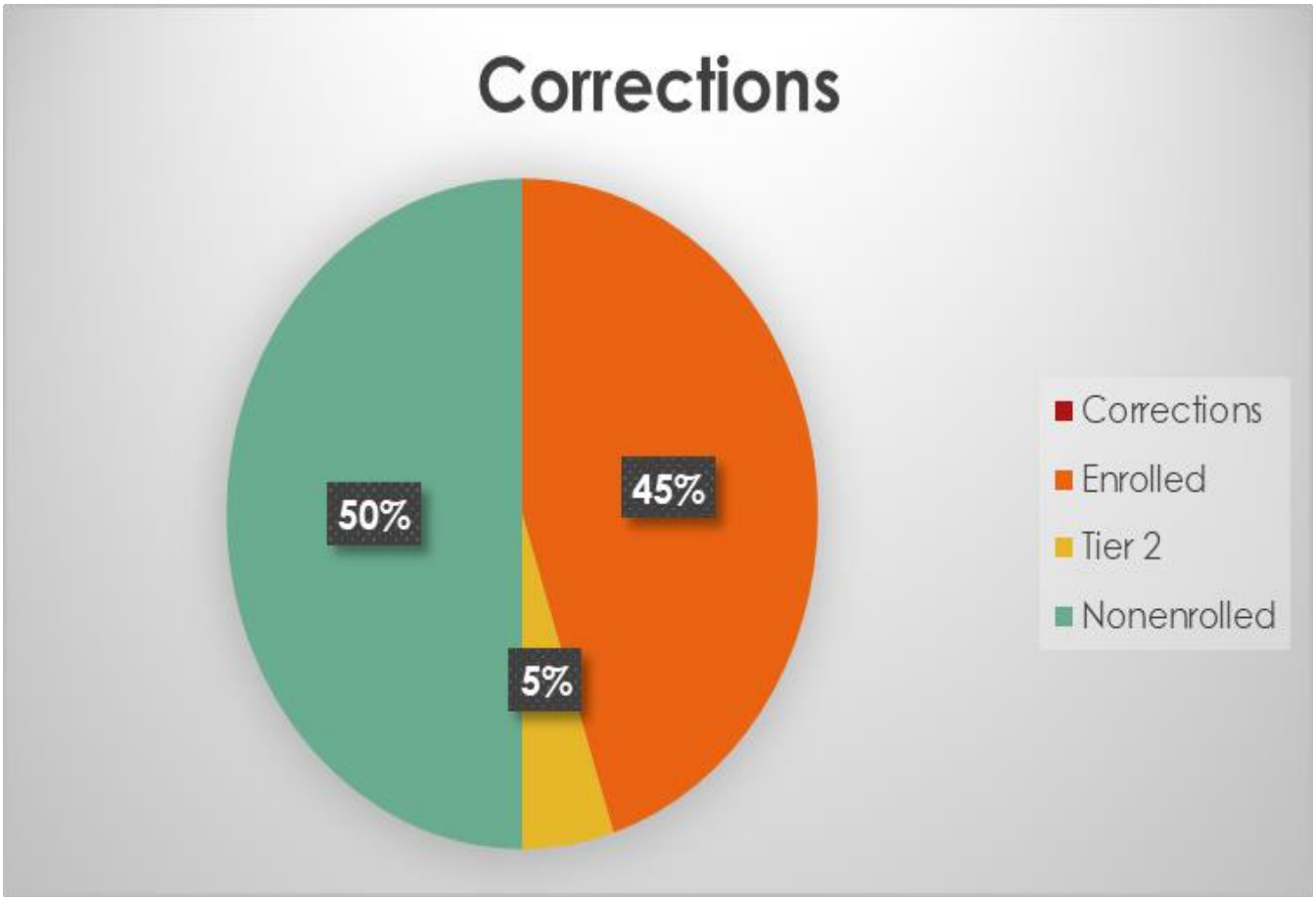
- Basic & Advanced SWAT Training
- MMIR Event

Recruitment/Retention

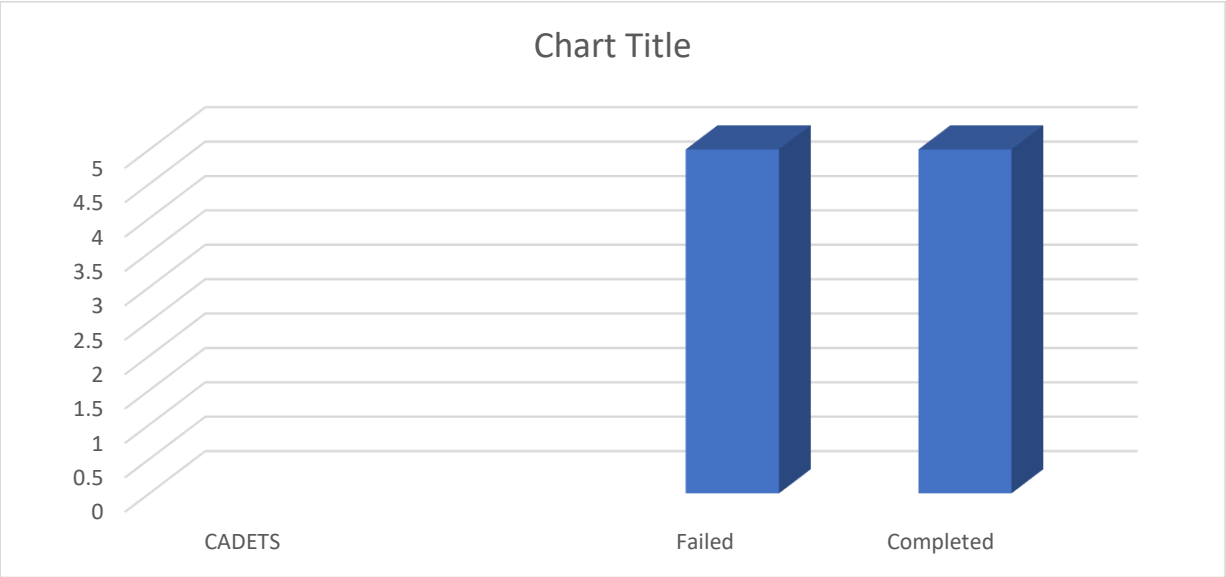
- 5 vacant patrol positions-received one
- 1 Vacant Investigations Lieutenant
- 1 Sergeant Patrol
- 4 vacant Corrections
- 2 NRE-(cadet position to be advertised)

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	Corrective Action
None/MAY	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
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	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	

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