

AUBURN ❖ HILLS

Police Department



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Monthly Report: January 2026

Purse Snatching

On January 1st, Officers Anderson and Jackson were dispatched to Great Lakes Crossing Outlets for a report of a stolen purse. The victim reported that she was approached in the parking lot by a male, who forcefully took her purse from her, then got into a vehicle and drove away.

A review of mall video showed the incident, including the suspect vehicle. Flock cameras captured the license plate number for the vehicle, which was registered out of Pontiac. Detective Smith located a previous arrest report where a person drastically similar to the suspect was driving; he was positively identified as a 22-year-old male. The suspect also used the victim's credit cards at two locations to make purchases, which were captured on video.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office issued three felony charges: Larceny from a Person and two counts of Stealing a Financial Transaction Device.

Carrying Concealed Weapons

On January 22nd, officers were dispatched to McDonald's. The caller reported that he struck up a conversation with a stranger in line as they waited for their order. During the conversation, the stranger told the caller that he had been fired from his job and that he intended to teach his former employer a lesson. The stranger then lifted his shirt to reveal a gun in a holster on his waistband. Concerned, the caller took a photo of the suspect's license plate as he left the parking lot, then called the police.

The registered owner of the license plate matched the male who was on video at McDonald's, a 45 year old male from Oxford.

Officers requested that Oxford Deputies respond to the suspect's residence to speak with him. After further investigation, our officers went to the residence to place the suspect under arrest; the suspect resisted officers. A loaded handgun was located, and the suspect's former employer confirmed that he was terminated and had made threatening statements to the staff.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized charges for Carrying a Concealed Weapon and for Assaulting/Resisting/Obstructing an Officer.

Malicious Destruction of Property

On January 7th, officers were dispatched to Barrington Square for a caller reporting that they heard gunshots that sounded like they came from within the complex. When officers arrived, they found a vehicle with bullet holes in it, along with shell casings nearby.

Surveillance video from the parking lot showed the suspect vehicle driving up to the victim's vehicle, shooting the victim's vehicle, then driving away.

The victims identified the suspect vehicle as belonging to an acquaintance, a 27-year-old male from Pontiac. Cell phone records later confirmed that the suspect was in the area at the time of the shooting. The suspect vehicle was later located in a neighboring jurisdiction while the suspect was driving it, and he was taken into custody. Shell casings were located inside the vehicle that matched the shell casings that were located in Auburn Hills.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office issued charges for Carrying Concealed Weapons, Possession of Firearms by a Prohibited Person (Felon), Felony Firearm, and Malicious Destruction of Property.

Armed Robbery

On January 27th, officers were dispatched to Great Lakes Crossing Outlets for a report of a male walking around inside the mall while wielding a knife. Around the same time, calls were taken from two stores within the mall that reported that they had been robbed by a male with a knife.

Officer Skomski located the suspect inside the mall near the movie theatre. The suspect refused to stop for officers and fled, first on foot, then inside a vehicle after a brief pursuit. The suspect, a 29-year-old male, was later taken into custody at his residence in Waterford.

The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office issued six felony charges: two counts of Armed Robbery, Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer, Felonious Assault, Resisting, and two counts of Obstructing a Police Officer.

Crisis Outreach

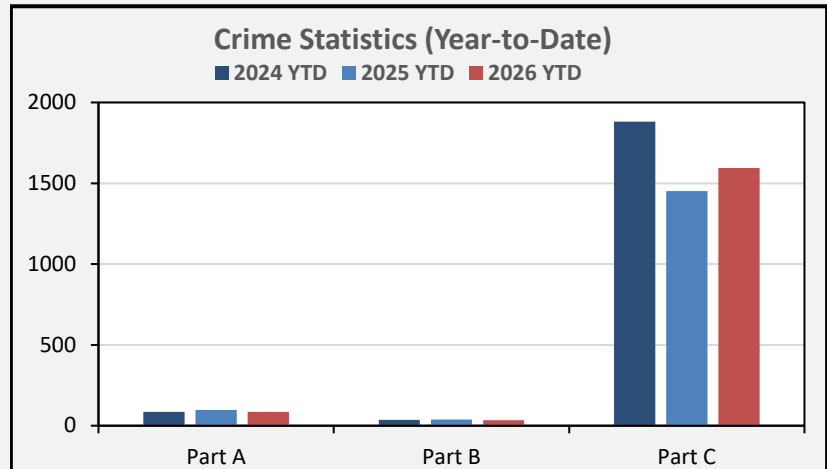
On January 28th, Officer Eckel responded to Great Lakes Crossing Outlets. The caller reported seeing a 17-year-old female she knows in the mall food court and believes the female was reported as a missing runaway.

Officer Eckel contacted the suspected runaway, who explained that she was unhappy with her home life, that her mother was traveling in Ohio, and that she did not have a place to go. She had been away from home for an extended time and had been staying in hotels with men unknown to her.

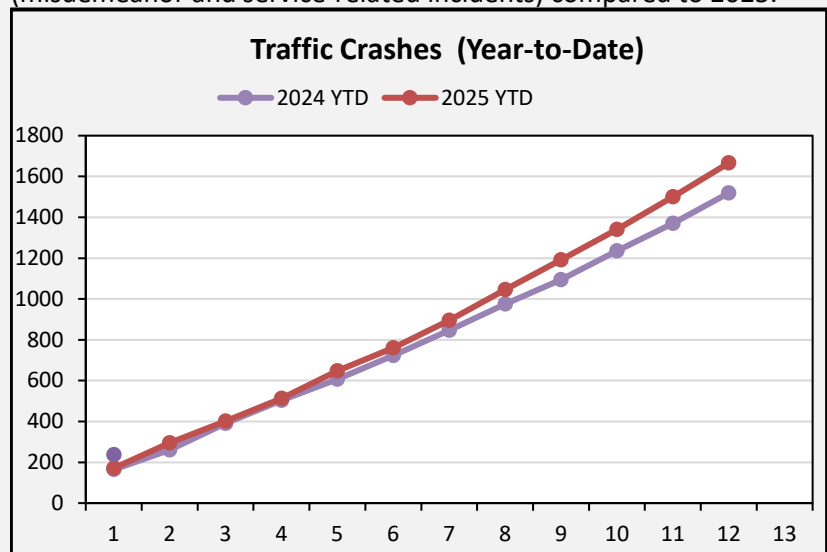
Co-Responder Sydney arranged for safe shelter for the runaway for the night, because her parents could not be reached. The parents were later contacted the runaway was returned to her home in another city. The family was provided with resources to help with the situation.

Crime and Service Statistics

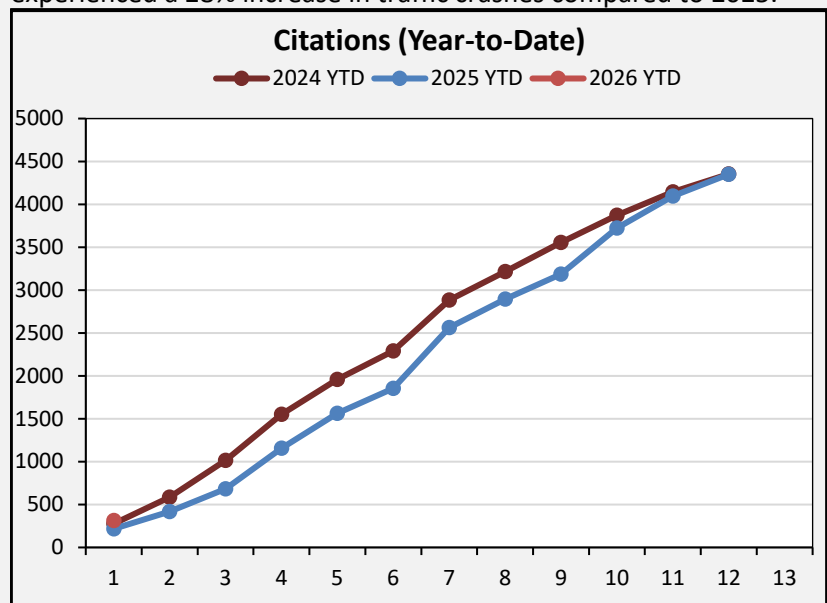
We continually strategize our responses and make the best use of the tools and personnel we have to produce the best possible outcomes.



Year to date we have experienced a 13% decrease in Part A incidents (more serious offenses), a 13% decrease in Part B incidents (non-violent misdemeanors), and a 10% increase in Part C incidents (misdemeanor and service-related incidents) compared to 2025.



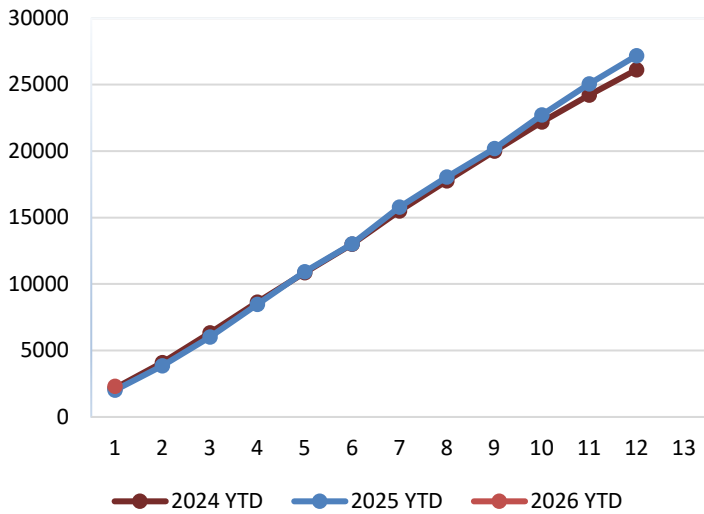
During January, we handled 237 crashes. Year to date, we have experienced a 28% increase in traffic crashes compared to 2025.



Officers issued 315 citations in January. Year to date we have experienced a 45% increase in citations issued compared to 2025.

Calls for Service

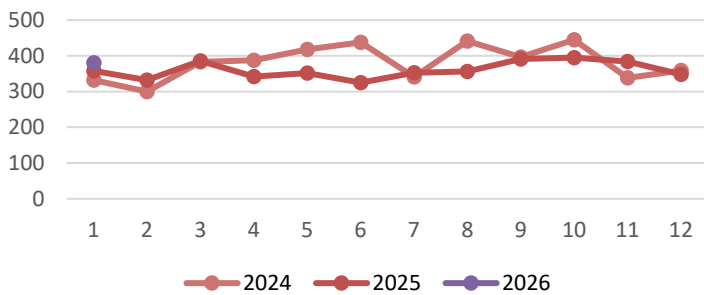
Calls for Service (Year-to-Date)



Officers handled 2316 calls for service during January. Year to date the department has handled 2316 calls for service, which is a 15% change compared to 2025.

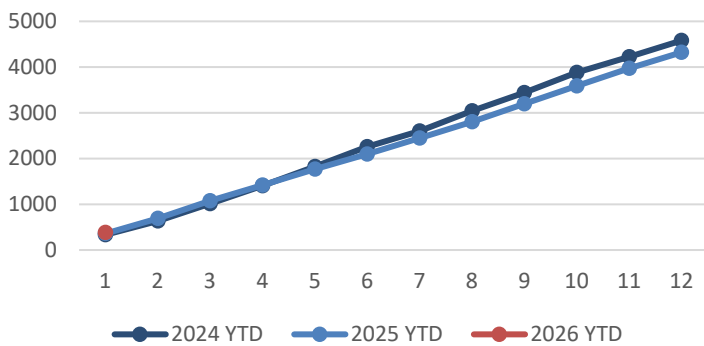
Time in Neighborhoods

Time in Neighborhoods (Hours by Month)



In January, Officers spent 380 hours in our neighborhoods. Officers spend time in neighborhoods proactively patrolling, conducting traffic enforcement, and engaging with our residents.

Cumulative Time in Neighborhoods (Year-to-Date)

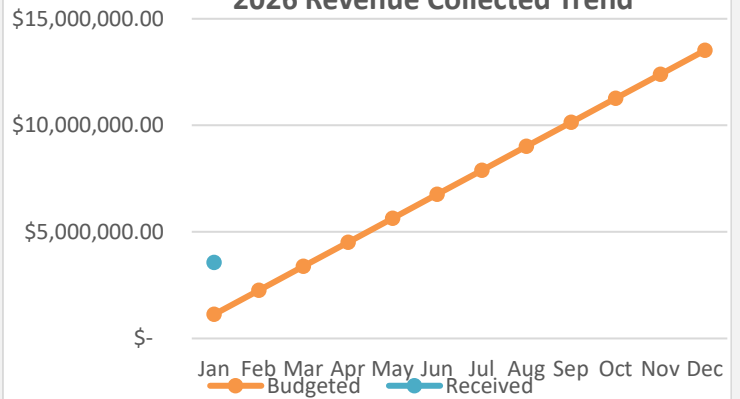


Year to date we have spent 380 hours in our neighborhoods, which is a 6% increase compared to 2025.

Financial Reports

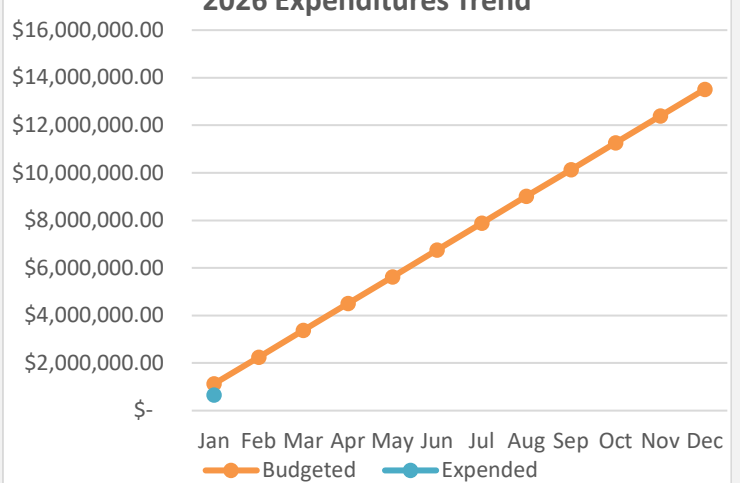
We continually analyze our department expenditures to ensure we remain within our approved budget, while delivering the best possible service to our community.

2026 Revenue Collected Trend



During January, we received \$3,566,919.97 in revenue. Year to date we have received \$3,566,919.97.

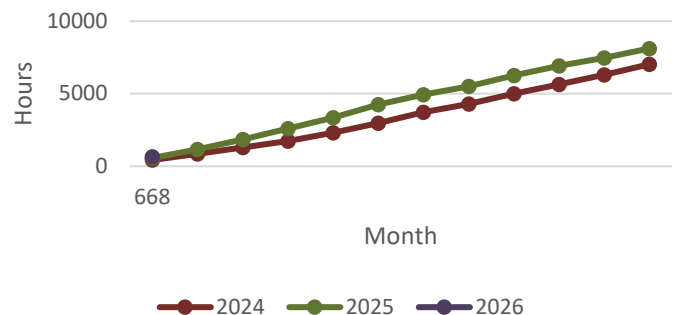
2026 Expenditures Trend



During January, we expended \$657,227. Year to date we have expended \$657,227 or 5% of our approved budget. We are currently \$12,860,789 under budget as of the end of January 2026.

Department Overtime

Total Overtime Hours (Cumulative Year-to-Date)



Officers worked a total of 668 hours of overtime in January. This is a cumulative year to date increase in overtime of 48 hours compared to this same time last year.