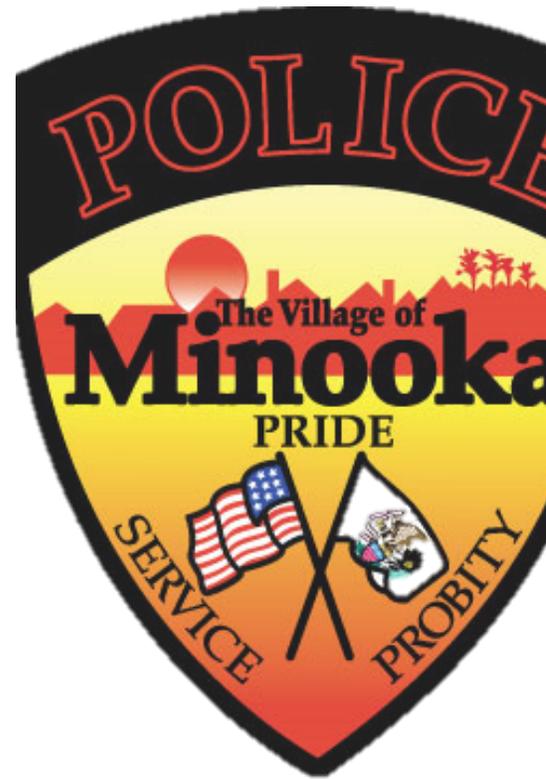




**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2025**

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# Executive Summary



Village President, Trustees, and Community Members,

It is my honor to present the 2025 Minooka Police Department Annual Report, highlighting our performance, initiatives, and commitment to public safety throughout the past year.

The Minooka Police Department remains committed to maintaining a high standard of public safety while planning for the future needs of our community. Over the past year, the Department has focused on organizational growth, infrastructure assessment, and service delivery enhancements to ensure we are well positioned to meet both current and emerging challenges.

As we build for the future, a comprehensive Space Needs Analysis of the Police Department facility and Village Hall was conducted by Williams Architects. This assessment will identify critical limitations in our current building related to staffing capacity, evidence storage, training space, and public service areas. The findings will provide a data-driven foundation for long-term facility planning and will guide future decisions regarding expansion, renovation, or relocation to support operational efficiency and officer safety & wellness.

In support of proactive service delivery, the Department also completed the hiring of three additional police officers and the promotion of another. While the Village board has authorized the addition of three more. These additions will strengthen patrol coverage, reduce response times, and improve our ability to engage in community-oriented policing. This staffing increase ensures the Department can continue to provide high-quality services while preparing for future population growth and increased service demands.

Despite national trends, criminal offenses within the Village continue to remain at a low and stable rate. This reflects the effectiveness of targeted enforcement strategies, proactive patrol, and strong collaboration with partner agencies. Maintaining low crime levels remains a priority, and ongoing data analysis will continue to inform operational deployment.

Equally important, community involvement continues to excel. The Department has strengthened relationships with residents, schools, and local organizations through outreach programs, public events, and regular communication. These partnerships have enhanced trust, increased transparency, and reinforced shared responsibility for community safety.

In summary, the Minooka Police Department is operating from a position of adequate strength; balancing low crime rates, steady increase for calls with forward-looking planning. Through facility assessment, strategic staffing, technology integration, training and professionalism and sustained community engagement, the Department is building a foundation to serve the community effectively today and well into the future.

Thank you for your trust in the Minooka Police Department.

# Mission and Vision



## Mission

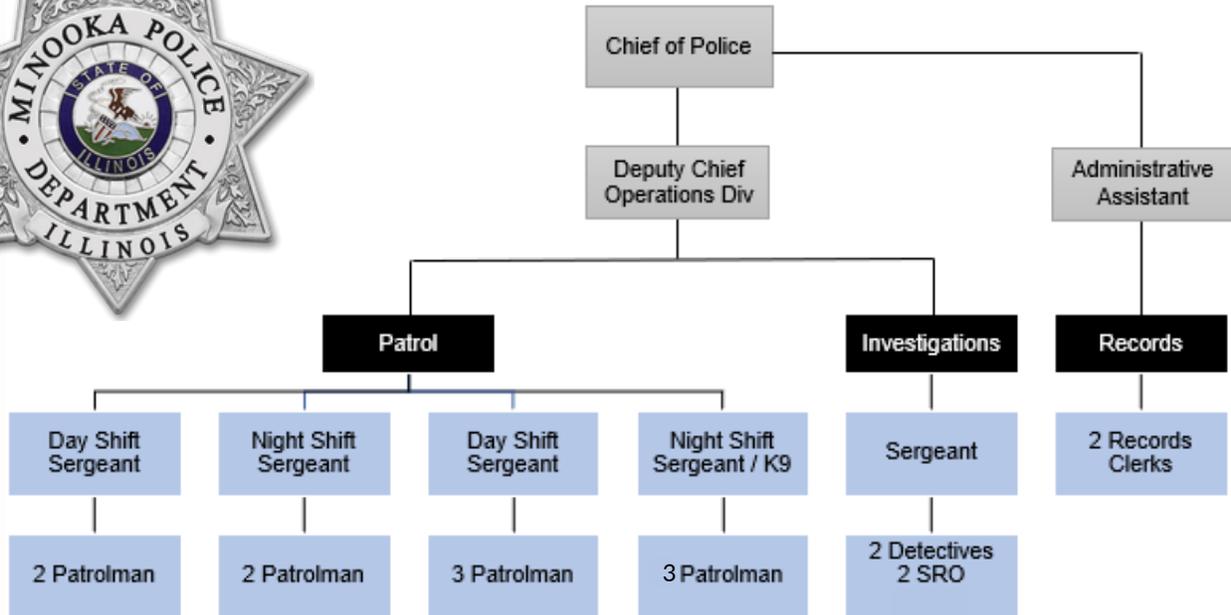
Our mission is to strive to develop a partnership with the community to provide quality police services while protecting individual rights in a professional and impartial manner.

## Vision

Our vision is to recognize our employees as our greatest asset and continually strive to enhance our skills. We will promote a harmonious work environment and hold our employees to a higher standard.

# ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

## 2025 MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The organizational structure of this department is designed to create an efficient means of accomplishing our mission and goals while providing the best service to the public.

The Police Commission Board promoted Chris Presler to the rank of Sergeant and appointed three new officers to fill the new vacated positions that the Village Board approved in May. Michelle Williams was hired as the new Records Clerk after the retirement of Abby Castellanos.



K9 Rueger retired in June. During his eight years on the department, Rueger assisted in the seizure of over 68,000 grams of cannabis, 16,000 grams of cocaine, 6,000 grams of meth, 4,000 grams of heroin, 1,440 MDMA pills, and over \$283,000.



# DEPARTMENT BUDGET

**\$4,797,485.00**

FY 2025 Annual Budget



**\$150,000.00** Grants / Donations

Provides supplemental income to purchase equipment and support for community engagement activities.



PERSONNEL

**78%**

CONTRACTUAL  
SERVICES

**18%**

CAPITAL

**2%**

COMMODITIES

**2%**



# Professional STANDARDS

A peer safety committee convenes and conducts an administrative review of all use of force incidents that do not result in death or serious injury, vehicle pursuits, vehicle accidents and injuries. Will/Grundy or Kendall County Major Crimes Task Force would be called upon for an independent investigation if a use of force incident resulted in a death or serious injury.

6	<b>Use of Force</b> incidents, a decrease from 2024. 5 were justified; 1 not within department policy. 4 Firearms High Risk Traffic Stops to effect arrest and prevent escape 1 Taser 1 Hands Techniques
10	<b>Vehicle Pursuits</b> , an increase from 2024. 9 were justified; 1 within policy with additional training. 5 Traffic Violation 2 Criminal Activity 1 Felony Crime 1 Stolen Vehicle 1 Warrant
4	<b>Complaints</b> 1 Use of Force Violation 1 Pursuit Violation 2 Policy Violation
2	<b>Injuries.</b> 1 injury resulted in a loss of time
0	<b>Vehicle Crash</b>
8	<b>Compliments</b>



# **PATROL SECTION**

The Operations Division of our police department includes the patrol and investigation sections and is responsible for the departments daily operations, such as patrolling, responding to calls, following up on criminal complaints, and investigating crimes.

Since calls for service increased, we supplemented our traffic enforcement initiative by securing a grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation. The purpose of this grant is to focus our enforcement efforts towards dangerous driving behaviors, including speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving and seat belt violations.

**4,997**  
CALLS FOR SERVICE

**5,523**  
TRAFFIC STOPS

**298**  
ARRESTS

**25**  
DUI'S

**26%**  
CITATIONS FROM  
TRAFFIC STOPS

**199**  
TRAFFIC CRASHES

To streamline our ticketing process the Grundy County Circuit Clerks Office purchased Quicket Solutions, an electronic citation software to replace handwritten tickets with digital, instantly processed records. The purpose of this software is to reduce roadside time, increase accuracy by reducing illegible writing and errors.





# INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) became the national standard for law enforcement crime data reporting data in the United States in measuring reported crime.

54

Part 1 Offenses  
Decrease in Thefts and Burglaries



184

Part 2 Offenses  
Increase of Drug, Alcohol Offenses and a decrease in Disorderly Conduct, and Trespass Offenses.

67

Cases Opened



12%

Arrest Clearance Rate

82%

Exceptionally Cleared  
Cases where prosecution is denied, victim refuses to cooperate, unfounded or referred to other jurisdiction.



# 2025 TRAINING



POLICY TRAINING  
359 REVIEWED

**227.5 HRS**



LOSS CONTROL /  
WORKPLACE SAFETY

**317 HRS**



CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT AND  
MANDATES

**2,783 HRS**



TOTAL HOURS

**3,327.50 HRS**

Beginning in 2026, Under the SAFE-T Act, all active officers must complete a certification verification every three years. This requires each officer to attest that they have met all of the applicable training mandates, any reported prior terminations, and remain free from reportable misconduct within the verification period.

# Community Engagement

Aims to build trust, legitimacy, and partnerships between police and residents to create safer community. Regular, non-enforcement interactions create positive, collaborative relationships and increase public confidence in police. Through initiatives like community events, public forums, and youth programs, we can ensure a more effective and sustainable approach to public safety.



# Employee Recognition

## Good Conduct

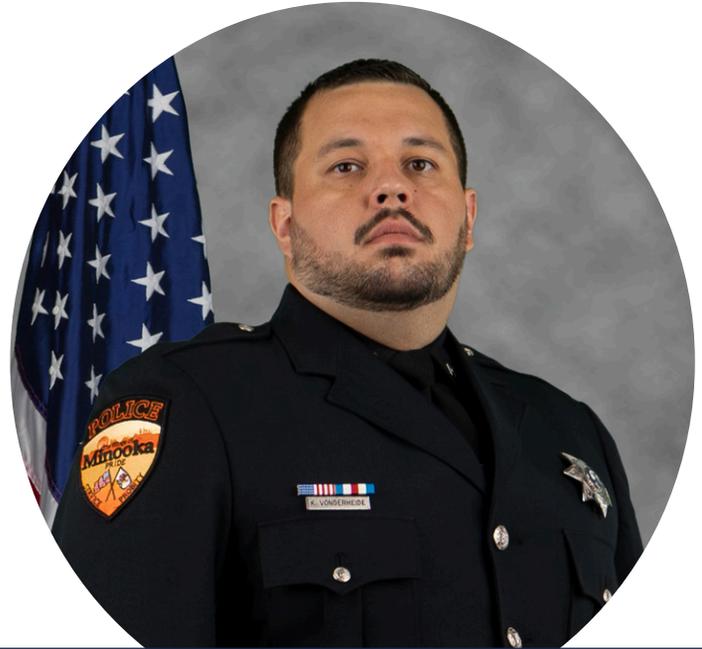
- Mackenzie Melendez
- Tyler Gholson
- Guadalupe Lopez
- Thomas Lotarski
- Jamie Picha
- Shallyn Pera-Lopez
- Christopher Presler
- Staci Kapinus

## Beyond the Stop

- Matthew Juras

## The Samaritan Award

- Shallyn Pera-Lopez

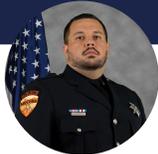


2025 OFFICER OF THE YEAR  
KYLE VONDERHEIDE

## 2025 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



January  
Ofc Stefanich



February  
Ofc Vonderheide



March  
Det Pera-Lopez



April  
Det Kentgen



May  
Ofc Ooms



June  
Ofc Wood



July  
Ofc Ooms



August  
Clerk Bowden



September  
Ofc Stefanich



October  
Ofc Martinez



November  
Ofc Vonderheide

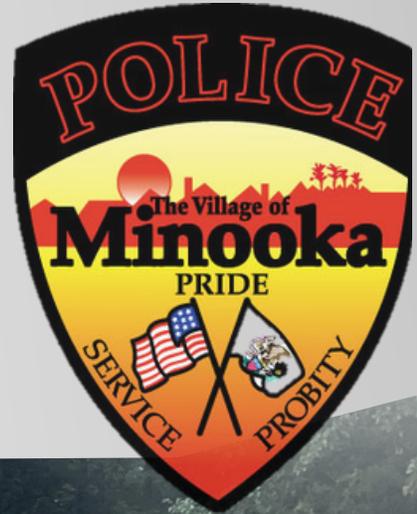


December  
Ofc Lopez

# THANK YOU

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Village President, Trustees and the citizens of Minooka for your continued support this year and previous years. You have made serving you enjoyable! To the men and women of this great department, the goals we have been able to accomplish are a direct result of your hard work.



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