



# ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



2022 Annual Report



## FROM THE CHIEF

### Jim Franklin

I am pleased to present to you Rochester Police Department's 2022 Annual Report.

The purpose of this report is to review and summarize our experience in public safety over the last year. It is one of many resources we refer to as we strive to continuously improve and deliver you the highest level of service.

The pages ahead include data that shows a decrease in violent crime but an increase in drug overdoses and calls for service involving people in crisis. In addition to data, it includes snapshots of strategic initiatives and collaborations created to solve problems, such as a Violence Interruption Priorities group and a mentorship program with student drivers.

I am proud of the Department and the officers who serve the City of Rochester 24-7, and am humbled by the considerable support we receive from the community.

We look forward to serving you in the year ahead as we work to be a premier law enforcement agency and set the highest standards in the county, state and country.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Franklin".

Jim Franklin  
Chief of Police  
Rochester Police Department



# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Rochester Police Department (RPD) is comprised of four divisions working together to deliver the highest level of public safety to our community: Patrol, Investigations, Services and Community Services.

1 Chief  
4 Captains  
9 Lieutenants  
25 Sergeants  
114 Sworn Officers (approx.)  
75 Support Staff (approx.)

## MISSION

To provide exceptional service and superior protection by reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life of the first class community we serve.

## VISION

We, the Rochester Police Department, are dedicated to becoming the **premier law enforcement** agency in Minnesota, one that is **reflective of and responsive to the community** that we serve.

## VALUES

Service | Respect | Compassion | Integrity | Innovation

INTEGRITY

SERVICE

COMPASSION

RESPECT  
INNOVATION

**CRIME COUNTS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
MURDER AND NON-NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1	1	6	2
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1	1	2	2
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE	1	0	0	0
KIDNAPPING	10	19	22	22
SEXUAL ASSAULT	137	171	151	153
ROBBERY	32	45	46	36
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	194	245	189	191
SIMPLE ASSAULT	524	627	622	562
INTIMIDATION	140	166	121	108
ARSON	5	6	7	3
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	10	8	1	5
BURGLARY	256	310	285	286
OTHER THEFT/STOLEN PROPERTY	732	757	744	731
SHOPLIFTING	665	627	657	860
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	356	506	453	329
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	170	199	93	44
STOLEN VEHICLE	149	167	170	138
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	113	89	97	98
FRAUD/EMBEZZLEMENT	510	631	639	548
VANDALISM	639	751	736	651
DRUGS/NARCOTICS	358	314	352	397
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	231	200	198	214
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	117	105	88	78
DISORDERLY CONDUCT/PUBLIC PEACE	709	740	757	740
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	300	242	263	192
TRESPASS	272	184	206	179
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1402	1319	1270	1521

RPD shares crime counts with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). Data from RPD and the BCA will differ slightly for various reasons, including delayed reporting of crimes by victims.

# PATROL



Patrol provides 24/7 support throughout the City of Rochester and are the officers who respond to calls for everything from shots fired to injury accidents to missing persons.



Over the course of the year, officers responded to 57,591 calls for service. Here are a few noteworthy observations:

- Person in crisis calls — calls often involving individuals experiencing a mental health emergency — continued to rise. Officers responded to 1,692 person in crisis calls, an increase of 8% from 2021.
- Drug overdoses jumped 29% from 2021 to 2022. Officers responded to 120 drug overdoses, including 22 overdose deaths. They administered Narcan (naloxone), a life-saving medication that can quickly reverse an overdose by blocking the effects of opioids, 49 times.
- Officers used Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) on people experiencing sudden cardiac arrest 19 times in 2022.

## Reports at a glance

In 2022, officers submitted...

**7,407**  
event reports

**2,633**  
arrest reports

**6,005**  
supplement reports

**813**  
referral reports

## Community Outreach Specialists

Four social workers, known as community outreach specialists, work side-by-side law enforcement and respond to a variety of calls for service including person in crisis calls and drug overdoses.

In 2022, community outreach specialists attempted to convince 80 overdose subjects to get treatment. At least 35 of them got help from the Police Assisted Recovery (PAR) Program, which uses narcotics seizure money to fund treatment.

# INVESTIGATIONS



The Investigations Team follows up with and provides detailed investigations on crimes committed in the City of Rochester. Investigators work closely with victims and prosecutors to bring criminals to justice. The Investigations Team consists of the Criminal Interdiction Unit, Major Crimes Unit, General Crimes Unit and the Technology Forensic Unit.

In 2022, Investigations was assigned 2,453 cases, a 19% increase from 2021.

Below are incident types that saw a significant increase/decrease compared to 2021:

Incident Type	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Death Investigation	142% increase
Forgery	112% increase
Shoplifting	378% increase
Damage to Property	40% decrease

## Cyber Tips



Investigations receives cyber tips from the Internet Crimes

Against Children Task Force Program and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Investigations assisted in 25 cyber tip investigations in 2022.

## Warrants

In 2022, Investigations executed approximately 61 residential-type search warrants, eight more than in 2021. None of the search warrants was executed as a no-knock warrant.

## Adult/Child Protection

Rochester Police Department received what amounted to an estimated average of seven adult/child protection reports each work day in 2022.

Olmsted County Social Services and the Minnesota Department of Human Services report them to RPD, and investigators review each report to determine next steps.

### Adult Protection Cases:

773 ( ↑ 113 cases from 2021)

### Child Protection Cases:

1,083 ( ↓ 45 cases from 2021)

## Predatory Offender Registrants

RPD has an investigator dedicated to overseeing the 346 people required to register as predatory offenders in our community.

# Violence Interruption Priorities

To proactively and aggressively address violent crime, RPD created the Violence Interruption Priorities group in early 2022.

The group initiated a coordinated, cross-divisional response to violent incidents within the city. This group proactively works to identify the most violent offenders, understand the criminal environment and disrupt future violence from occurring.

Members of all divisions of the police department work together on this proactive and aggressive strategic response. Within its first two weeks, the response resulted in eight arrests, the execution of three search warrants and seven firearm seizures.



## Seizures

### BY THE NUMBERS

55



6



60,996



58.86

pounds of methamphetamine

10

grams of heroin

13.6

grams of crack

82.4

pounds of cocaine

31.2

pounds of marijuana

79.9

pounds of fentanyl

39,400

\* fentanyl pills

17.2

pounds of ketamine

\* approximate quantity based on weight

# SERVICES



Services makes sure the Department has the tools necessary to function optimally. Dispatch, Records/Evidence, Fleet Maintenance and Training are included within Services .



Dispatch and Records/Evidence serve both RPD and Olmsted County Sheriff's Office.

Throughout the year, Dispatch received 132,329 non-emergency calls and 5,248 911 calls. 98% of all calls were answered within 15 seconds.

In 2022, Records fulfilled 5,580 data requests, and Evidence received 9,835 items, including 287 firearms and 1,640 drugs.



RPD ensures officers receive extensive ongoing training beyond meeting all education requirements by the Minnesota Peace Officer Standard and Training (POST) board. In 2022, that included the introduction of Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement and a multi-agency active shooter training.

## Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement Training

Police are frequently faced with high stress, high stakes decisions. Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) believes it is the responsibility of every officer to act to reduce mistakes, prevent harm and ensure officer wellness.

In 2022, RPD began ABLE training for all officers. The training provides a department-wide shared language and understanding of proactive de-escalation and intervention techniques. It prepares and teaches officers to successfully intervene if tensions and interactions escalate rapidly between officers and passive resistant community members.

Training includes classroom, case studies, large and small group discussions and role-playing.



# Active Shooter Training

RPD participated in a large-scale hostile event response training along with Olmsted County Sheriff's Office, Rochester Fire Department and Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service. During the joint training, we practiced how to enter, evaluate and evacuate during an active shooter situation.



On September 21, 2022, all of that training was tested when we received a 911 report of an active shooter at Lourdes High School.

First responders from multiple agencies including RPD, Olmsted County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), Minnesota State Patrol, Rochester Fire Department and Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service rapidly responded and entered the school. There was no evidence of a shooter and no injuries. The building was quickly cleared. The student body was gathered in the auditorium as part of the school's regular schedule, and there was minimal disruption.

There were numerous other false school threats across the state and country that day.

# New Hires

RPD hired 16 new officers, nearly half of them were women and people of color. They completed our 10-week, in-house training academy before being sworn-in.



# Officer Wellness

The complex and dynamic work officers do daily can take a toll, physically, mentally and emotionally. Rochester Police Department continued to expand its wellness program to help officers effectively handle the demands of working in law enforcement. In 2022, we introduced the Family Readiness Outreach Group and Breach Point Consulting.



Recognizing an increasing need for greater support for police officers and their loved ones, spouses of officers, RPD staff members and chaplains from Salt & Light Partners created the Family Resource and Outreach Group known as FROGS.

In its first few months, FROGs planned several events to support the health of officers, their families and their relationships. FROGs also coordinated a family academy to welcome loved ones of new officers into the culture of police work.

## Breach Point Consulting

RPD provided support for officers with seminars by Breach Point Consulting, an organization dedicated to reducing the stress and frustration often felt in law enforcement agencies.

Officers participated in a full-day seminar and spouses/significant others were invited to join in a half-day seminar.

## New in 2022

- Yoga
- Women's Tactical Fitness
- CrossFit
- Jiu-jitsu



## Chaplain Program

Four chaplains from Salt & Light Partners offer ongoing support to officers and their families.

Chaplains also respond alongside officers to certain calls for service.

# COMMUNITY SERVICES



Community Services fosters relationships in the community to solve problems and reduce crime. Several units comprise Community Services: Community Action Team (CAT), Community Service Officers, Intel/Crime Analysis, Hospital Resource Officers and School Resources Officers.

## School Resource Officers



Rochester Police Department and Rochester Public Schools (RPS) have been working together for more than thirty years.

School Resource Officers (SROs) are in schools establishing relationships with students and staff, being a resource and advocate for them and working to provide a safe environment for everyone.

In 2022, SROs assisted at several challenging school board meetings.



## Mentorship Program

Getting a driver's license is often viewed as a rite of passage, but it is one that some teens never get to experience because multiple barriers – such as financial expense, limited vehicle access and lack of mentorship – get in the way. As a result, some students resort to driving illegally, which makes it even harder to obtain a driver's license later on.

Recognizing this problem, RPD and RPS collaborated on a solution. A pilot program developed by RPS offers driver's education to students who historically have not had access. RPD is assisting with the program's driving mentorship component. Officers are now mentoring student drivers, helping them prepare for their permit exam and providing valuable behind-the-wheel practice.

## Hospital Resource Officers

Rochester Police Department and Mayo Clinic's collaboration has expanded to include five Hospital Resource Officers (HROs). To enhance safety, HROs are on duty 20 hours a day, seven days a week at Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Marys Campus. They responded to 2,314 calls for service in 2022.

# Community Engagement

Police often encounter people in times of trouble or need, but we are here during the good times too. You will find Rochester Police Department active in the community, creating as many positive contacts as possible. In 2022, the Community Action Team (CAT) alone participated in more than 100 community engagement activities.

Our largest community engagement initiative is Safe City Nights, a series of events that provide community members and police officers an opportunity to interact in a casual, fun setting. An estimated 5,450 people attended Safe City Nights in 2022.



*"I simply appreciated the availability of RPD officers to talk about the work they do and seeing the range of equipment they use to do their work."*



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**Memorable Community Engagement Events**

**Police Athletic/Activity League football team, Cops & Kids Community Bike Program fix-it event, Miracle League summer ball, holiday hams giveaway (clockwise from top )**

## Memorable Community Engagement Events

Coffee with a Cop at 125 Live, Shop with a Cop, Miracles & Heroes event, Night to Unite (clockwise from top )





## Memorable Community Engagement Events

Thursdays Downtown (above), Skate City Nights (below)





# United States Police Canine Association Field Trial

The Rochester Police Department K-9 Unit hosted the Region 18 United States Police Canine Association Field Trial in June.

Police service dogs and handlers from across Minnesota and Wisconsin tested, certified and competed in several areas including obedience, detection and agility.

Three RPD K-9 teams certified at the trial.



## Catalytic Converter Theft Reduction



Catalytic converter theft continued to climb in Rochester in 2022. Rochester Police Department (RPD) received reports of 157 of catalytic converters stolen or damaged.

RPD joined a state pilot program to help prevent thefts and began distributing free catalytic converter marking kits supplied by the Minnesota Department of Commerce Fraud Bureau. Each kit includes a label that etches a unique number onto a catalytic converter making the part traceable when registered.

Scrap dealers pay top dollar for the precious metals in catalytic converters. A marked catalytic converter indicates that the part might be stolen, and it is a crime for dealers to receive, possess, transfer, buy, or conceal any stolen property.

The kits are a way to not only reduce the number of thefts, but also help prosecute the criminals responsible.

## Social Media

Rochester Police Department continued to use social media channels to increase transparency, accountability and engagement. The Department grew its reach on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn. In the last half of the year alone, we had a 9% increase in followers on Facebook and a 24% increase in followers on Twitter.

