



**Village of Clinton
Police Department
Chief of Police**

Clinton Police Department 2025 Annual Report





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Letter from the Chief of Police

March 30, 2026

**Village Administrator Dan Risse
Village President Thomas Peterson
Village Board Members**

The Police Department’s full-time officers continued their stability even with the retirement of an officer in May. One of our part-time officers was immediately promoted to fill that position. Officer recruitment and retention will continue to be a challenge, not only for the Clinton Police Department, but for the new police chief of Clinton, as I am retiring from my position.

My last day of employment, not including utilizing unused benefit time, will be Friday, April 17, 2026. Taking this step was not easy, as I have truly enjoyed working with the men and women of the police department, the Village Administration, department heads, and the Village Board over the past six plus years. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together, particularly bringing consistency and legitimacy to our department. Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and the support you have shown me.

I have full confidence that the Village will continue to achieve great things. I believe the new chief of police will make a smooth transition and improve on the achievements that we have made.

I encourage the next Chief of Police to make community outreach a priority. The two main community events, Falloween and the Winter Wonderland Parade, were well attended. Other outreach events attended by Officers included the Read Across America program, the Meals on Wheels Bowling Fundraiser, the Clinton High School Career Fair, the Memorial Day Parade, and the Rock County Fair police booth.

The Clinton High School and the police department came to an agreement on April 10th for the department to provide a School Resource Officer for the 2025-2026 school year, signing a memorandum of understanding. For the fall semester, calls for service and criminal incidents at the school dropped exponentially from previous years.

We continue to send crime reporting statistics to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to the Federal Bureau of Investigations through the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Along with many criminal offenses, NIBRS reporting also includes many juvenile offenses (truancy, tobacco, and alcohol offenses) and many self-initiated drug offenses, such as possession of marijuana and narcotics. In 2025, the Clinton Police Department reported 115 reportable offenses, up from 96 in 2024.



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The community continues to be very supportive of our officers. The community has shown its appreciation through the posts on our Facebook page, which continues to grow in numbers each year, and by various members of the Village showing up at the Police Department with treats and other food items.

Michael Schultz
Chief of Police



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MISSION STATEMENT

The members of the Clinton Police Department strive to work in partnership with our community in seeking out and solving problems to enhance the quality of life. We are committed to preserving the peace and protecting the lives, property and rights of all our citizens through proactive policing strategies.

VALUES

To accomplish our mission, we are committed to the following values that guide our decisions and help us provide the highest quality of service to citizens.

Human Life- We value human life and dignity above all else.

Integrity- We believe that honesty and integrity are the basis for personal and public trust. We believe in and live by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics.

Constitutional Rights- We believe in the rights given by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, which we are sworn to uphold.

Fairness- We continually strive to be fair in all of our actions.

Excellence- We strive for personal and professional excellence, dedication to duty and service to the public, by providing the most professional and fiscally efficient police service possible.

Accountability- We are accountable to each other and to the citizens we serve, who are the source of our authority, as well as to the department through written policies and procedures.

Cooperation- We believe that cooperation among ourselves, members of the community, government bodies and other law enforcement agencies, will enable us to combine our resources to achieve common goals.

Team Work- We recognize the importance of each employee as an individual and team member, and will strive to apply all these values to our relationships with each other and work as a team to achieve our goals.



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DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Clinton Police Department provides the 2,221 citizens of the Village of Clinton with 24 hours of protective services while patrolling 1.4 square miles. The department consists of six full-time officers and four part-time officers. There are currently no vacancies as all positions have been filled during the past year, however with the Chief of Police’s retirement planned in 2026, and an officer planning on leaving for another agency, the department will continue to update its personnel.

The Chief of Police generally works regular business hours and on an as-needed basis, while patrol officers work one of three 8 ¼ hour shifts, 5:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (first shift), 1:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (second shift), 9:45 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (third shift) and a split shift 5:45 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The new split shift gives the Village a second officer working during peak hours and provides an added measure of officer safety working with a partner five days per week. Officers work five days on, followed by two days off, then five days on, followed by three days off.

The department deploys three squad cars: a 2020 Ford Explorer, a 2022 Ford Explorer, and a 2025 Ford Explorer. The three squad cars are shared amongst the six full-time officers, which keeps the mileage and wear and tear down. The department is purchasing a 2026 Ford Explorer and will be selling the 2020 at auction in 2026. The three Ford Explorers are equipped with a Mobile Data Computer, video camera, patrol rifle, and radar unit for traffic monitoring and enforcement, and each officer is also assigned a body-worn camera.

In 2025 Clinton officers completed the mandatory 40 hours of training in various schools. In 2026, the officers will complete another 40 hours of training, including 24 hours of State of Wisconsin required training in the areas of Firearms, and Emergency Vehicle Operations (EVOC), and CPR.

CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief Michael Schultz concludes 2025 with six years of service as Clinton’s Police Chief after being sworn in as the Chief of Police on January 21, 2020, coming to the Village of Clinton after a 30-year career with the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department in Rockford, Illinois. Chief Schultz is a 1986 graduate of Hononegah High School and a 1990 graduate of Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement Administration and a Master’s degree from Michigan State University. Chief Schultz is a 2004 graduate of the Northwestern University School of Staff and Command and a 2016 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He is scheduled to retire from the Wisconsin retirement system in 2026.



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PATROL OFFICERS:

Officer Aaron Walz works the first shift during the summer and was selected as the new School Resource Officer, and has been with the Police Department since 2006. Officer Walz graduated from Milwaukee Riverside University High School in 1997. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2001, before completing his police training at the Wisconsin Police Academy in 2001. Officer Walz worked for the Dane County Sheriff's Department from 2001-2002, the Janesville Police Department from 2002-2005, and the City of Jefferson Police Department from 2005-2006. Officer Walz is also a certified instructor at Blackhawk Technical College.

Officer Nathanael Schumer works a split first/second shift. He is a 2011 graduate of Janesville Parker. He received his associate degree from Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) in 2014 and is a 2022 graduate of the Police Academy at BTC. He has prior police experience, having been employed by the Beloit Police Department and the Town of Beloit Police Department before being hired by the Village in March of 2023.

Officer Tyler Gaes works a split first/second shift and has been with the Police Department since this past September. He is a 2018 graduate of Alta-Aurelia High School in Alta, IA. He is a December 2023 graduate of the Blackhawk Technical College Police Academy and was a police officer for one year at the Port Royal Police Department in Port Royal, SC before moving to Wisconsin. He is currently working on completing his Master's degree after finishing his Bachelor's degree this past fall semester.

Officer Craig Konopski works the modified split second/third shift and has been with the Police Department since this past October. He is a 1989 graduate of Milwaukee Technical and Trade High School. He received his Associate's degree from Milwaukee Area Technical College in 1996 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Upper Iowa University in 2010. He graduated from the Milwaukee Area Technical College Police Academy in 1997. He was a police officer with the city of Pewaukee for three years, Greenfield for a year, and was a Detective with the Walworth County Sheriff's Department for 21 years.

Officer Greg Cisneros was promoted to full-time in May of this year and works the third shift. He has been employed since March 12, 2024. He has previously worked as a full-time officer over the past twenty years for the Beloit Police Department and, most recently, at the Town of Beloit Police Department as a Sergeant. He speaks Spanish fluently and has been an asset to the department and is often called upon to assist neighboring agencies with translation.

Officer Jeremiah Burdick Sr. is a part-time officer with the Police Department and has been employed since 2016. He is a full-time police officer and Chief of Police with the Orfordville Police Department.



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Officer Richard LeFeber is a part-time officer with the Police Department and has been employed since 2020. He is a retired lieutenant from the Beloit Police Department, is currently head of security with Beloit Health Systems, and is a certified instructor at Blackhawk Technical College.

Retirees, Resignations and Hires

RETIREES

Officer Michael Rufer retired in May. He has been with the Police Department since 2016. After a state mandated 75 days away from the job, he returned to the department as a part-time officer. He is a 1984 graduate of Brodhead High School, a 1986 graduate of Blackhawk Technical College, and a 1992 graduate of the Wisconsin Police Academy. Before coming to Clinton PD, Officer Rufer worked for the Rock County Sheriff’s Department, Waushara County Sheriff’s Department, and Columbus Police Department. Officer Rufer also works part-time for the Orfordville Police Department as a Sergeant.

RESIGNATIONS

None.

NEW HIRES:

The Department hired one new part-time officer in 2025. Officer Adam George comes to the Police Department after a short stint with the Walworth County Sheriff’s Department. After working part-time with the Clinton Police Department, he was hired full-time with the Fontana Police Department, however continues to work part-time for the Village.



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CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2025, the Clinton Police Department responded to and initiated 8,168 calls for service. This is down from 9,215 calls for service in 2024 and up from 5,827 calls in 2023.

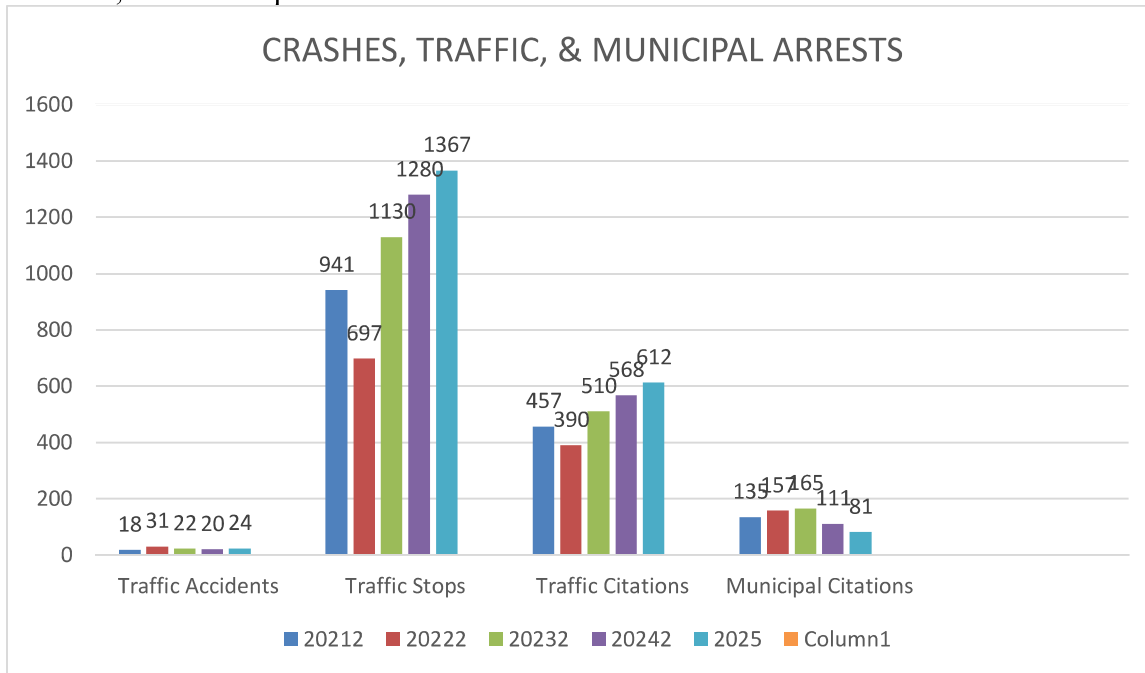
- First Shift (0600-1400 hours) =2,365 calls for service
- Second Shift (1400-2200 hours) =3,632 calls for service
- Third Shift (2200-0600 hours) =2,171 calls for service.



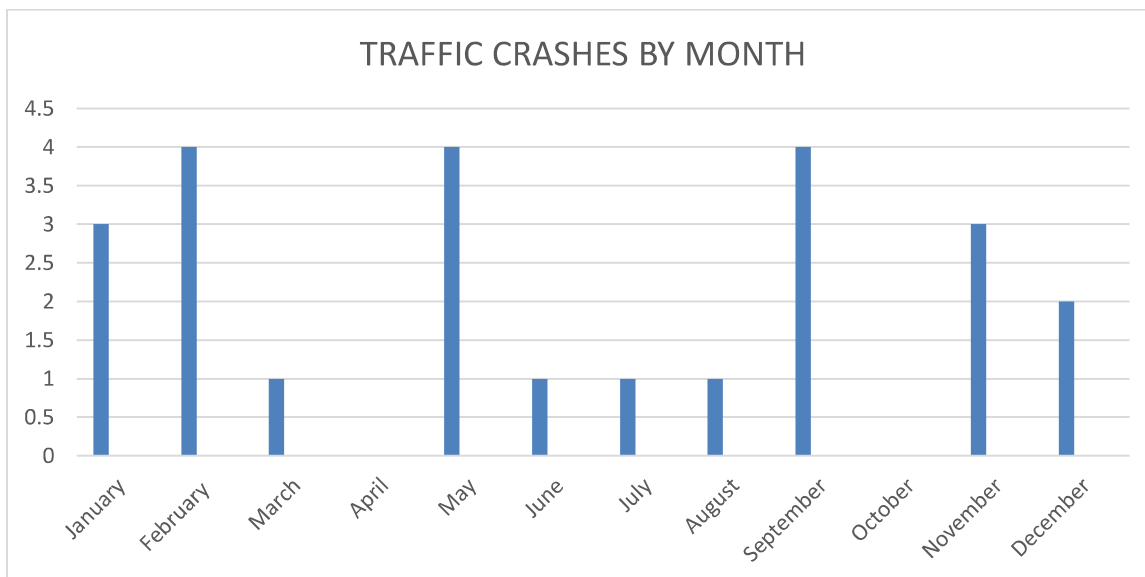


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Over the past five years, statistics were gathered regarding traffic crashes, traffic stops, traffic citations, and municipal citations.



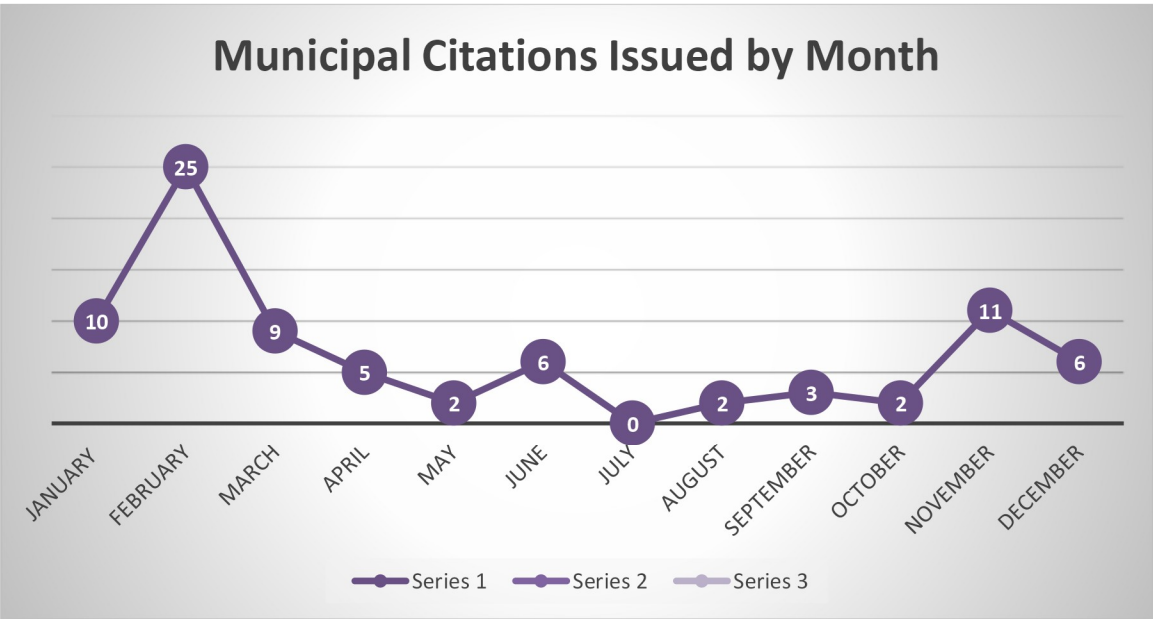
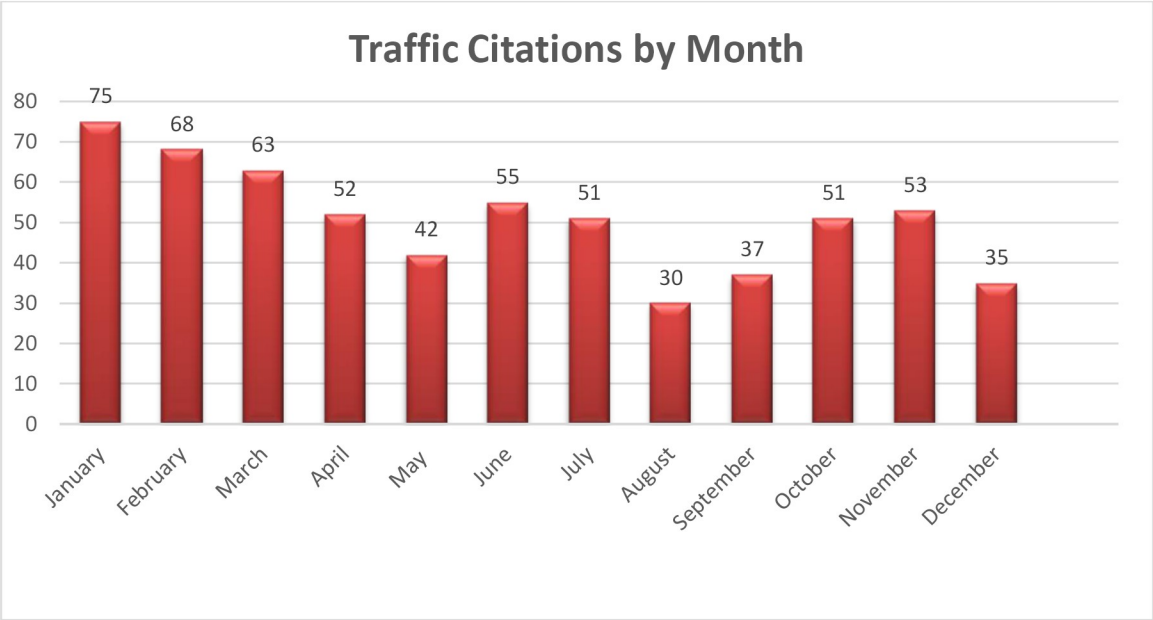
During the past year, the police department handled 24 traffic accidents, up from 20 traffic accidents in 2024. There was no discernible pattern or specific location where the 24 crashes occurred. All 24 accidents were property damage-only accidents, and there were no injury accidents. All the accidents handled were relatively minor.





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During 2025, Clinton Police officers issued 81 municipal citations (down from 111 in 2024) and issued 612 traffic citations (up from 568 in 2024). In 2025, police conducted 4,221 business and/or security checks in the Village.





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CALLS FOR SERVICE BY TYPE

| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Security Checks | 2235 | 4791 | 3520 |
| Traffic Stops | 1130 | 1280 | 1367 |
| Follow Ups | 269 | 246 | 245 |
| Business Checks | 234 | 479 | 701 |
| Special Assignments | 99 | 126 | 185 |
| Assist Citizen | 175 | 180 | 172 |
| Assist Other Jurisdiction | 167 | 220 | 216 |
| Assist Fire or EMS | 172 | 173 | 182 |
| Parking Complaint | 47 | 62 | 73 |
| 911 Abandoned or Hang Up | 159 | 75 | 57 |
| School Patrol | 136 | 299 | 335 |
| Welfare Check | 57 | 74 | 75 |
| Alarm | 35 | 27 | 47 |
| Suspicious Person | 75 | 60 | 45 |
| Foot Patrol | 109 | 127 | 25 |
| Out With Subject | 50 | 37 | 32 |
| Animal Complaint | 42 | 55 | 44 |
| Theft | 41 | 23 | 18 |
| Ordinance Violation | 6 | 10 | 11 |
| Phone Message for Officer | 23 | 22 | 18 |
| Traffic Complaint | 38 | 35 | 49 |
| Vehicle Unlock | 20 | 40 | 22 |
| Civil Dispute | 38 | 21 | 27 |
| Family Problem | 23 | 15 | 25 |
| Disturbance | 26 | 26 | 21 |
| Special Event | 10 | 3 | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 24 | 28 | 14 |
| Property | 20 | 8 | 19 |
| Open Door/Window | 60 | 147 | 48 |
| Hazardous Condition | 18 | 18 | 56 |
| Fireworks Complaint | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Stalled Vehicle | 13 | 17 | 18 |
| Threat | 5 | 10 | 12 |
| Death Investigation | 13 | 6 | 10 |
| Fraud/Forgery | 15 | 11 | 17 |
| Harassment | 16 | 13 | 9 |



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|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Drug Offense | 16 | 4 | 6 |
| Traffic Accident | 18 | 20 | 24 |
| Vandalism | 33 | 7 | 5 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 28 | 16 | 22 |
| Unwanted Person | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Code Enforcement | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Operating While Intoxicated | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| Hit & Run | 11 | 6 | 9 |
| Loud Noise | 13 | 15 | 10 |
| Battery | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| Warrant Service | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Civil Paper Service | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kid Problem | 9 | 14 | 11 |
| State Offense | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Accident with Injury | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Sex Offense | 2 | 8 | 3 |
| Burglary | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Armed Subject | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Chase | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Unknown Problem | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Message Delivery | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| HUD House Check | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Truancy | 24 | 20 | 16 |
| Child Offense | 3 | 8 | 1 |
| Vehicle Inspection | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Vehicle Runoff | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Overdose | 7 | 0 | 2 |
| Loitering | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Probation and Parole Violation | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Weapons Offense | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| Runaway | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Dept of Natural Resources Complaint | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intoxicated Subject | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Subject Down | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Gunshot Wound | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stabbing | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Suicide | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Alcohol Violation | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Totals | 5,827 | 9,215 | 8,168 |



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Community Outreach

Police-community relationships have been steadily improving in the Village. Building trust and positive community relations are critical in crime prevention, officer safety, and reminding the public that we are here to protect and serve.

In 2025, Clinton Police Department members were involved in numerous outreach programs, making meaningful connections and building positive relationships with community members. We will continue to build on these relationships moving forward.





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Clinton High School Career Fair

On February 19, 2025, Officer Rufer represented the department at the Clinton High School Career Fair, recruiting future officers and showing off different equipment officers use on a daily basis.





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Clinton Grade School Read Across America

On March 7, 2025, Officer Rufer, Officer Schumer and Chief Schultz participated in Read Across America, reading books to the grade schoolers at Clinton Grade School.





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Blackhawk Tech Career Fair

The police department joined local agencies at Blackhawk Technical College for its annual career fair. Officer Walz represented the department on April 16, 2024.





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Model A Car Show

On June 1, 2025, the Rockford A's Model A Car Club put on a car show on Allen Street. The Village saw many patrons to the show and the Rockford A's presented the Police Department with a new battering ram from proceeds of the show.





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Clinton High School Classic Car Show

On June 14, 2025, Clinton Police “showed off” our classic squad car at the Clinton High School Classic Car Show held in the high school parking lot.





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Rock County Fair

On July 24, 2025, Chief Schultz and Officer Konopski worked in a law enforcement tent at the Rock County Fair at the fairgrounds in Janesville. We handed out coloring books, crayons, police stickers, and play badges to the children, and Clinton PD can koozies to the parents.





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Beloit Meals on Wheels Fundraiser

On March 8, 2025, Chief Schultz and guests from the Winnebago County (IL) Sheriff's Office and Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations joined the community for a fundraising event and night of bowling at Cougar Lanes.





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Fall-O-Ween

On October 26, 2025, the Clinton Chamber of Commerce put on a Halloween event for the fifth straight year. Downtown was blocked off, and there were numerous food booths and activities for the children, including getting candy from the Fire Department and Little Debbie treats from the Chief of Police. 2025 Fall-O-Ween once again outdid the previous year's crowd! This year Officer Rufer and Officer Schumer handed out 300 brownies and cupcakes compared to 271 last year. The event was very successful as it was well attended and very popular amongst the community's children.





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Winter Wonderland Parade

The winter Christmas parade of 2025 did not have quite the attendance that it had in previous years. Chamber of Commerce put on the festivities downtown. The police department provided security for the event. The police led the parade, followed the end of the parade, and provided traffic control for the event. Officer Schumer once again did a great job decorating the Police Department and Village Hall.





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Social Media-Facebook

Officer Schumer and Chief Schultz continue with their duty of maintaining and updating the Police Department's Facebook account. Facebook is used to message the community with a multitude of different activities, crimes, notices, and positive stories affecting the Police Department and our relationships with the people within and around the Village of Clinton. The account increased in 2025 from 1,900 followers in 2024 to over 2,200 followers.

