



Gastonia Police Department

2025 Annual Report

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4 Cpl  
24 patrol

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4 Cpl  
24 patrol

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# ***Gastonia Police Department***



## ***Youth Citizens Academy***

The Youth Citizens Academy focuses on Gastonia Police operations and training topics including segments on the department's K-9 unit, SWAT Team, the Identification Bureau (crime scene investigations), patrol officer techniques, crime prevention programs, and many other components of the police department.



# COPS Camp

COPS Camp is a 5 day camp for rising 5th graders. It includes many topics and incorporates them into team building and fun learning activities for the students. Officers are assigned a team and are able to mentor them and instruct them on safety topics.



# Police Athletic League (P.A.L)

The program reaches 35+ Kids a year. The Police Athletic consists of youth sports teams coached by Gastonia Police Officers.

The idea behind having a Police Athletic League was to reach out to youth, especially at-risk youth, and build lasting positive relationships. As the youth get older, they will remember those positive interactions with Police Officers.



# Gastonia Police Donut Dash

The third annual Donut Dash was held in Gastonia at Rankin Lake Park on November 1, 2025. With 100 participants, this was a fantastic event to bring the community together with a play on our Department's favorite Treat to raise money for the Gastonia Police Foundation.



# Christmas Magic

Officers from the Gastonia Police Department partnered with multiple different churches, City Departments, and local organizations this past Christmas to spread cheer. Officers helped with delivery of gifts to those in need in Gaston County.



# Shop With a Cop

Officers from the Gastonia Police Department teamed up with the local schools to host the annual Shop With a Cop event at Target on Dec 13, 2025. Each child was paired up with an officer and provided \$300 to shop for clothes and other items. This event was funded by the Gastonia Police Department Foundation and City Church.



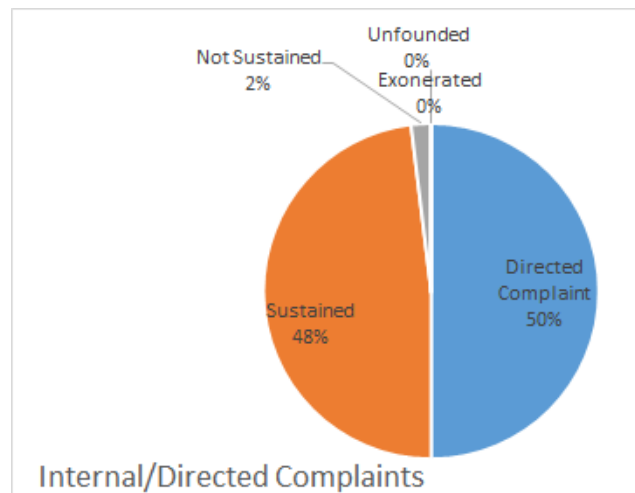
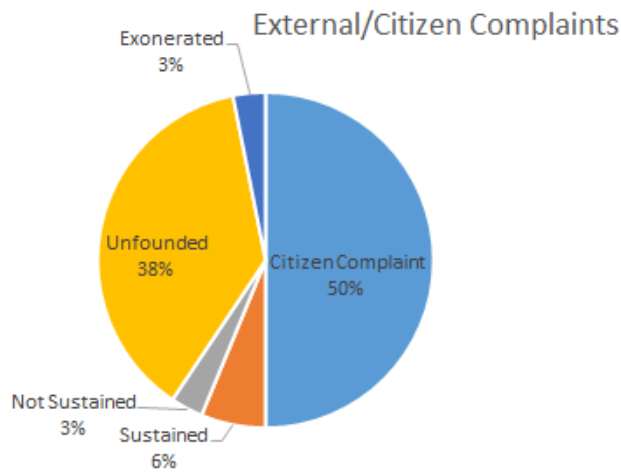
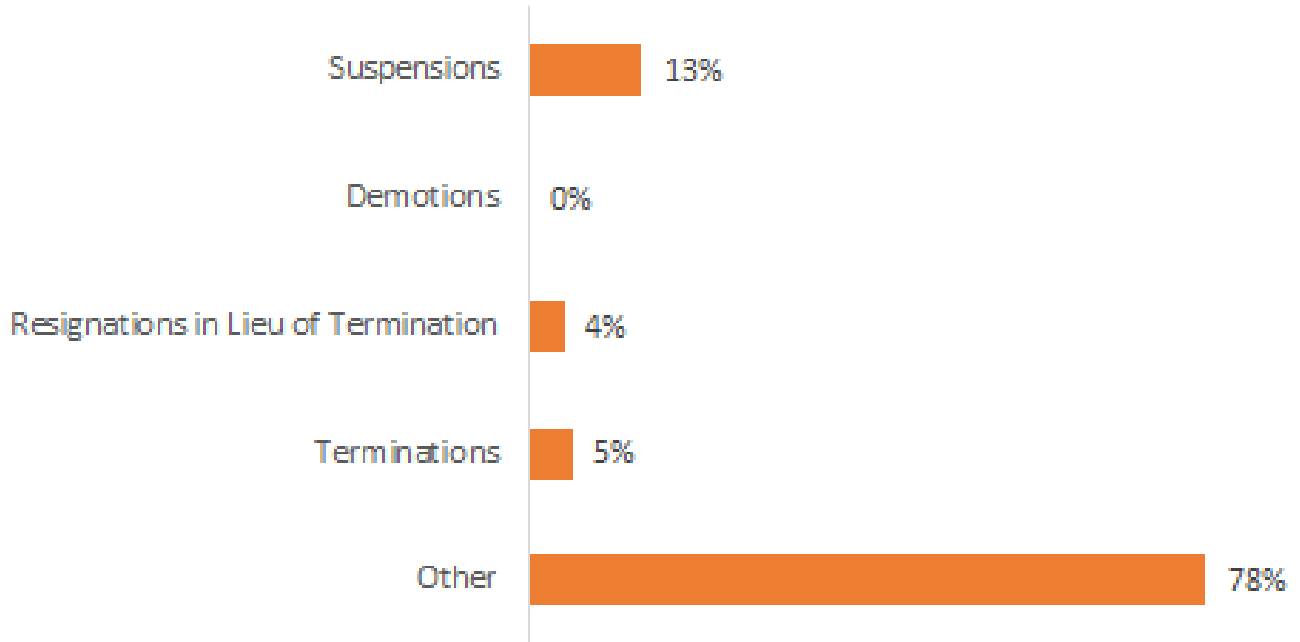
# Real Time Crime Center

In 2025, the department established the first Real Time Crime Center in Gaston County. This initiative facilitated the development of a citywide camera and license plate reader system, enhanced intelligence-gathering capabilities, and supported the advancement of real-time policing technologies.

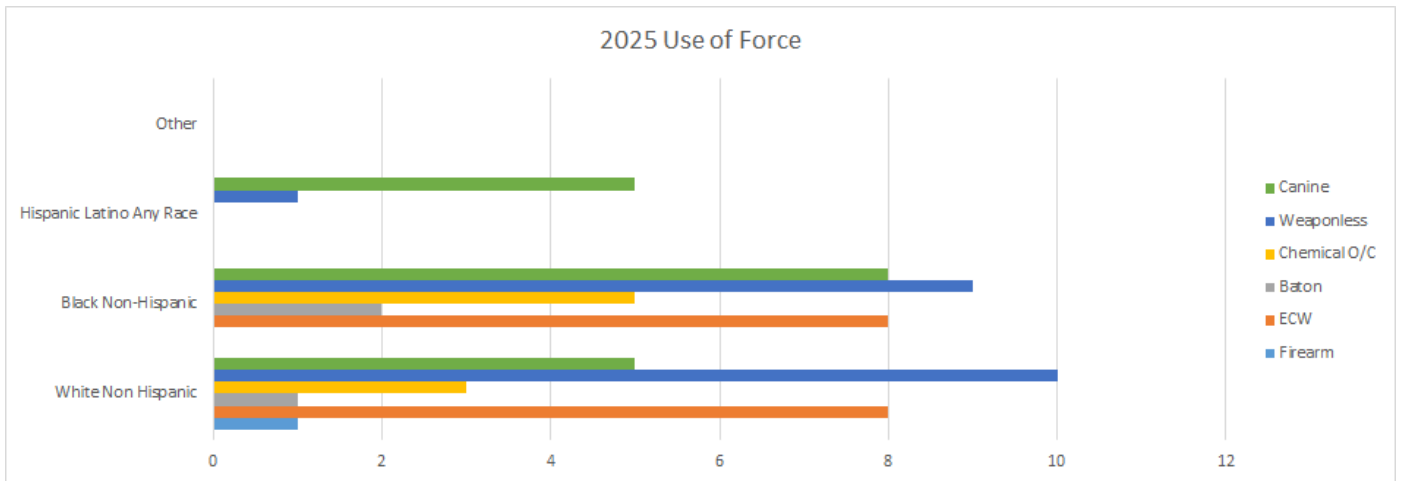


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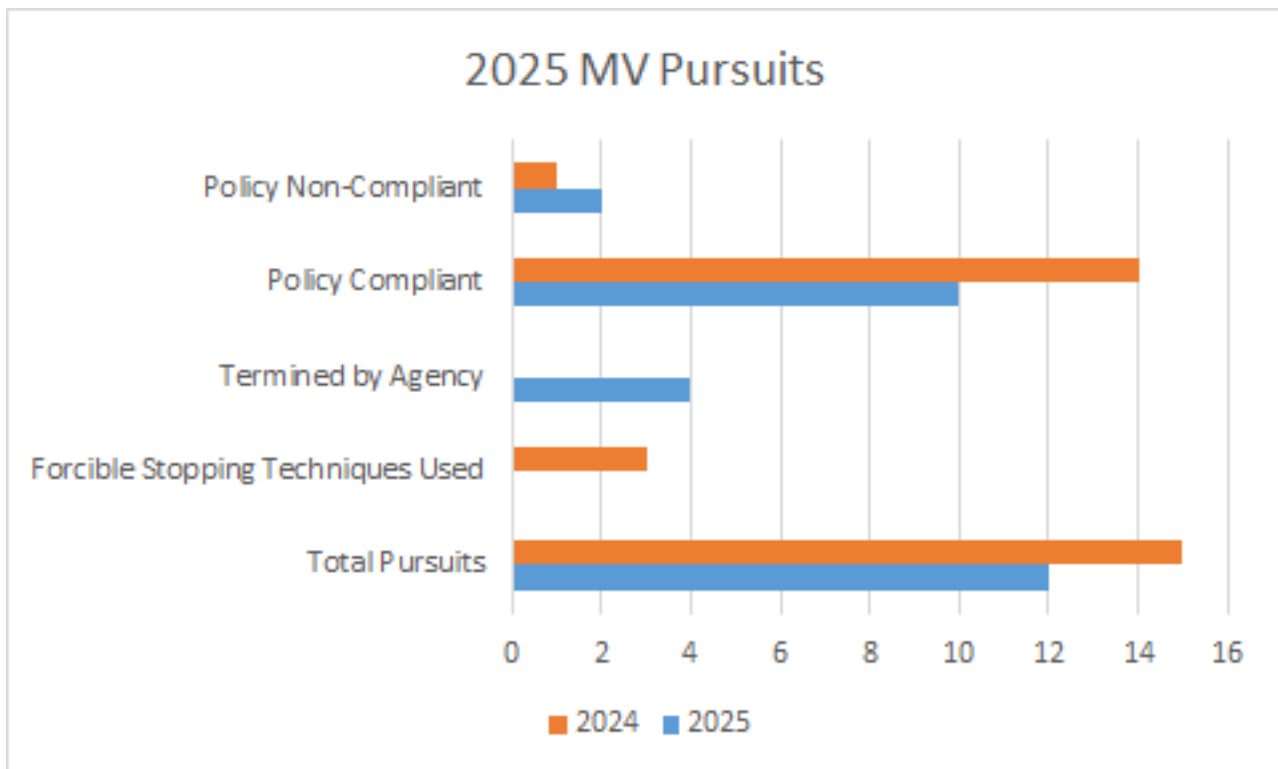
## 2025 Personnel Actions



# OPS Statistics



	White Non Hispanic	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Latino	Other
<b>Firearm</b>	1	0	0	0
<b>ECW</b>	8	8	0	0
<b>Baton</b>	1	2	0	0
<b>Chemical O/C</b>	3	5	0	0
<b>Weaponless</b>	10	9	1	0
<b>Canine</b>	5	8	5	0

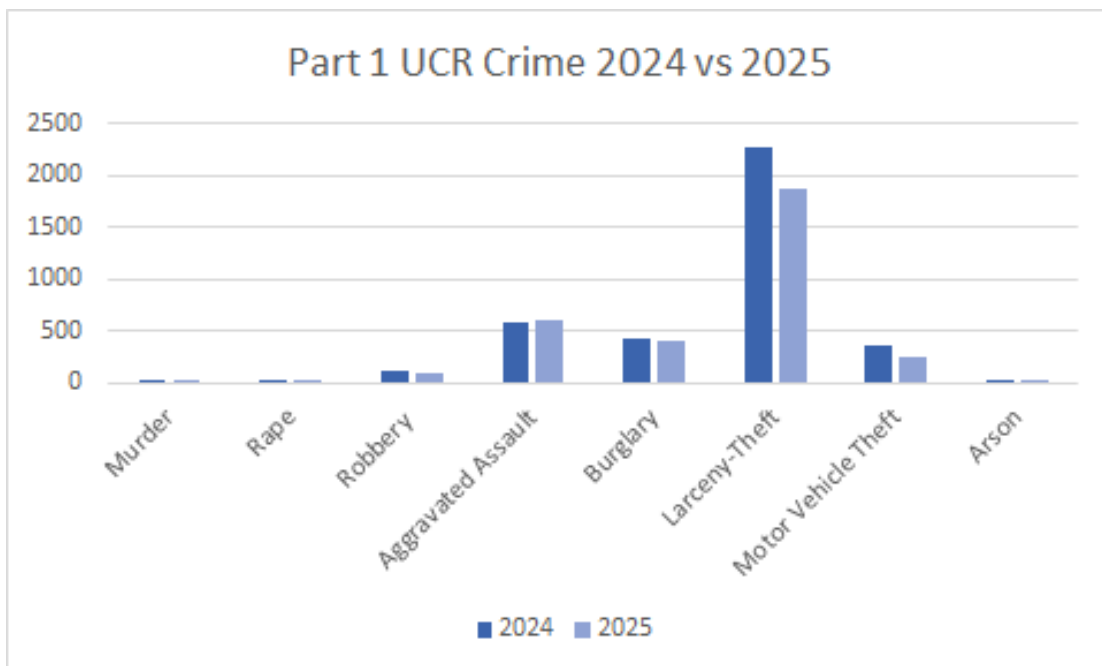


# Crime Statistics

Offense	2024	2025	% Change
Murder	6	6	0.00%
Rape	25	28	12.00%
Robbery	104	82	-21.15%
Aggravated Assault	574	612	6.62%
Burglary	423	395	-6.62%
Larceny-Theft	2,286	1,871	-18.15%
Motor Vehicle Theft	349	243	-30.37%
Arson	20	9	-55.00%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>2.68%</b>
<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>3078</b>	<b>2518</b>	<b>-18.19%</b>
<b>Total Part 1 Crime</b>	<b>3787</b>	<b>3246</b>	<b>-14.83%</b>

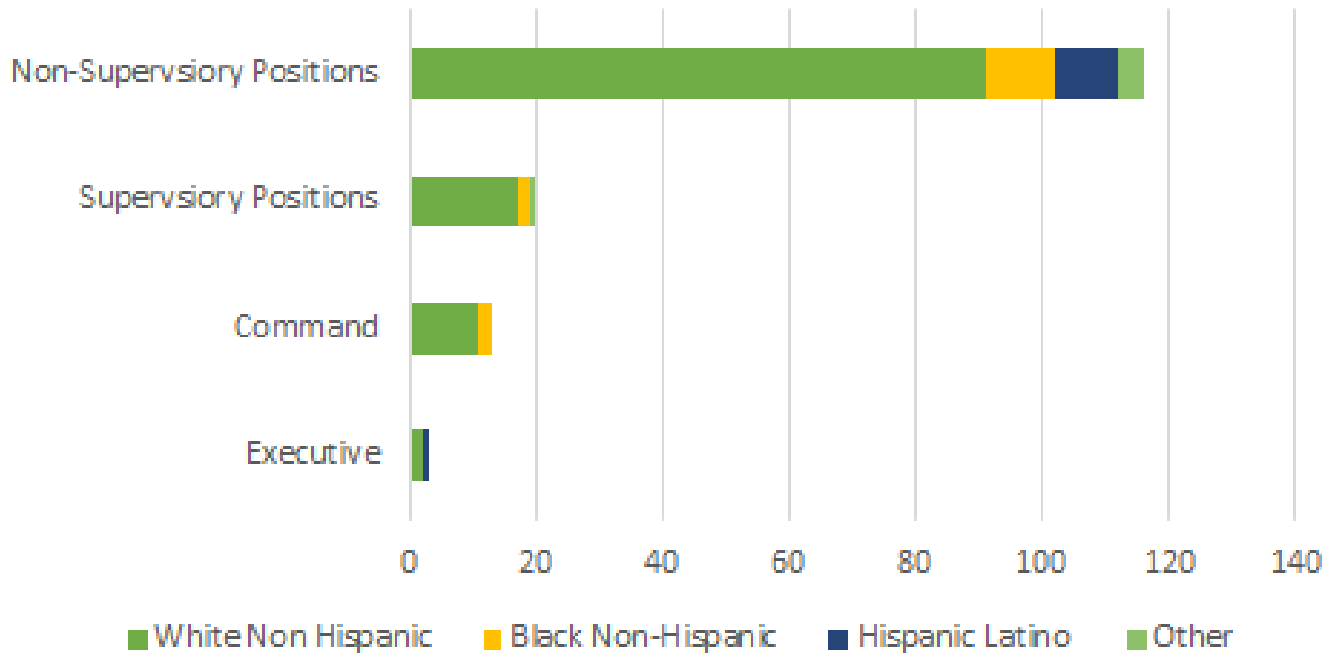
Part 1 Crime decreased slightly in 2025 by 14.83% (541 less reported crimes). Violent Crime increased by 2.68% (19 more reported crimes).

Property Crime decreased 18.19% (560 less reported crimes).



# Agency Breakdown

## 2025 Sworn Agency Breakdown



## 2025 Professional Staff Agency Breakdown

