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NIXA POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear Community Members,

The Nixa Police Department is pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report. This report offers a comprehensive overview of our operations and reflects the professionalism, dedication, and steadfast commitment demonstrated by our officers and staff in service to our community. We invite you to review this document, which provides detailed insights into our activities, accomplishments, and the ongoing challenges we address together.

Over the past year, our city has continued to experience low crime rates. This achievement is attributable to the diligent efforts of our officers, support personnel, and community partners who collaborate daily to enhance public safety. Through proactive policing strategies and meaningful community engagement, our department remains committed not only to enforcing the law but also to fostering trust, transparency, and strong partnerships with those we serve.

In addition to crime statistics, this report outlines key initiatives centered on community engagement, including youth mentorship programs, neighborhood outreach efforts, mental health support initiatives, and public safety education. These efforts reflect our broader mission to serve with integrity, professionalism, and compassion while strengthening relationships throughout the community.

We encourage all residents to review the Annual Report in full. It represents more than data; it reflects a shared commitment to accountability, collaboration, and the continued pursuit of a safe and thriving community. We value your partnership and appreciate your ongoing trust and support as we build on the progress achieved this year.

Respectfully,

Joe Campbell |Chief of Police



VISION

The Nixa Police Department will endeavor to be leaders in public service. Our commitment to excellence will be the driving force in all we do. Through our efforts, we will serve our community by providing the best possible law enforcement service to the community.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Nixa Police Department exists to enforce the laws of the United States of America, the State of Missouri, and the City of Nixa. We will investigate crime and apprehend offenders. The Nixa Police Department will proactively work to prevent crime, maintain peace, and serve the needs of our community.

CORE VALUES

Integrity - Honest and moral behavior.

Service - The selfless concern for others.

Courage - The strength to overcome our fears.

Pride - Satisfaction derived from our excellent performance.

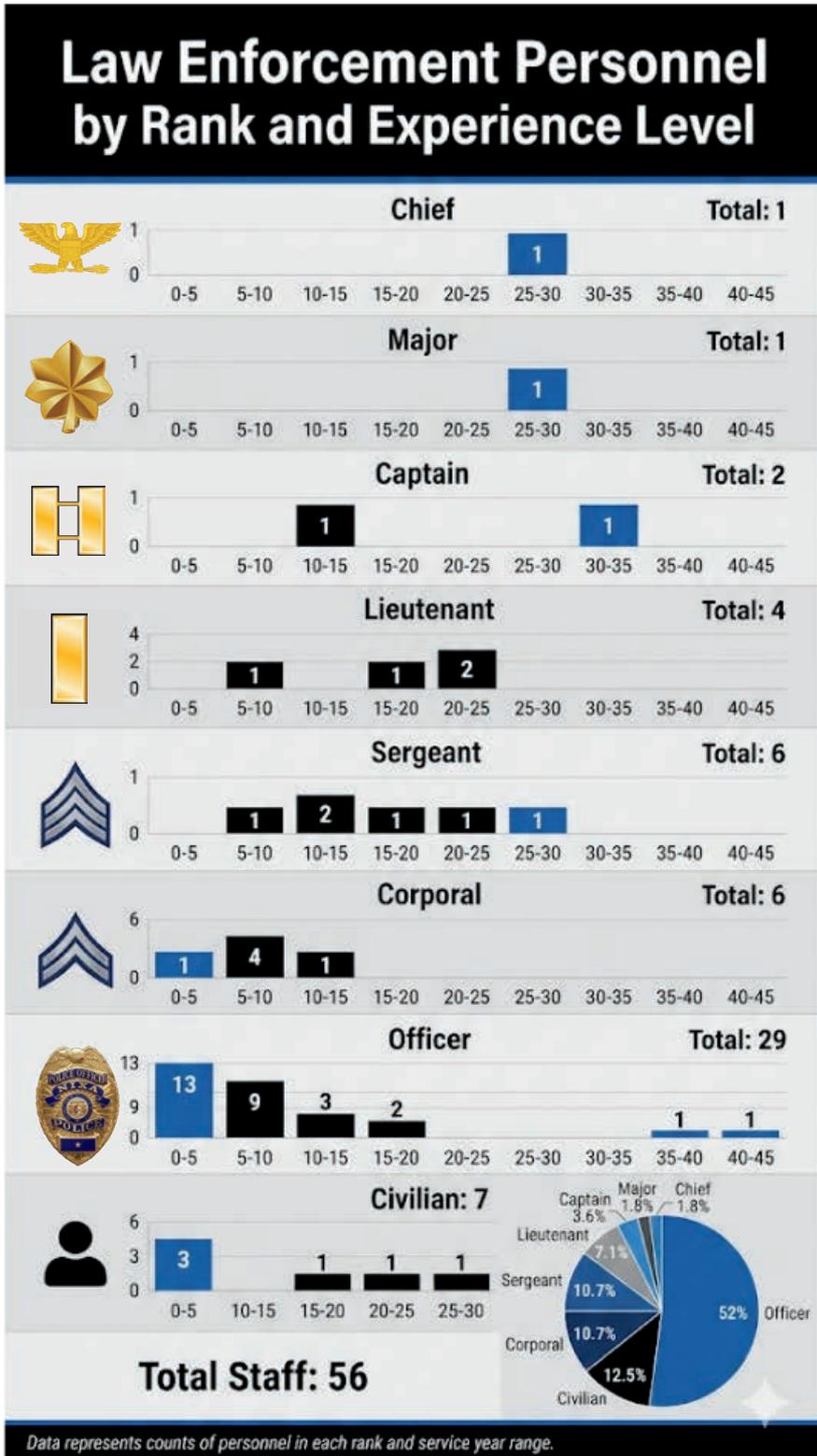
Professionalism - Competence in our skill, knowledge, and expertise of law enforcement.



STAFFING

The Nixa Police Department is led by a dedicated Command Staff, which includes the Chief of Police, one Major, two Captains, and four Lieutenants. This leadership team provides strategic direction, ensures operational excellence, and maintains accountability across all department functions.

The department benefits from a diverse range of experience drawn from various police agencies across the country. This includes everyone from brand-new officers to a former NYPD detective, as well as staff members who have spent their entire careers here. Together, this blend of knowledge and perspectives enables us to deliver the high-quality service our community expects.



2025 NEW MEMBERS

- Officer Lance Goddard
- Officer Kyler Hammonds
- Officer Chad Maik
- Officer Jacob McTeer
- Officer Terrance Smith
- Officer Matthew Coyle
- Officer Shannon Smith
- Officer Abigail Whiteman
- Officer Nathan Gaddis
- Officer Lillian Gross
- Officer Kiel Waltz

2025 PROMOTIONS

- Sergeant Justing Henderson
- Corporal Noel Young
- Corporal Adam Gamble
- Corporal Logan Cash
- Corporal Sam Gallardo
- Corporal Eric Wolfe
- PCS Wendi Bucmaster
- PSS Bj Sartin

2025 SERVICE AWARDS

- 30 Years
 - Officer Brent Forgey
- 25 Year
 - Major Chad Tennis
- 20 Year
 - Lieutenant Shawn Clark
- 5 Years
 - Corporal Sam Gallardo
 - Corporal Eric Wolfe
 - Officer Shane Braunm
 - Officer Michelle Trafford

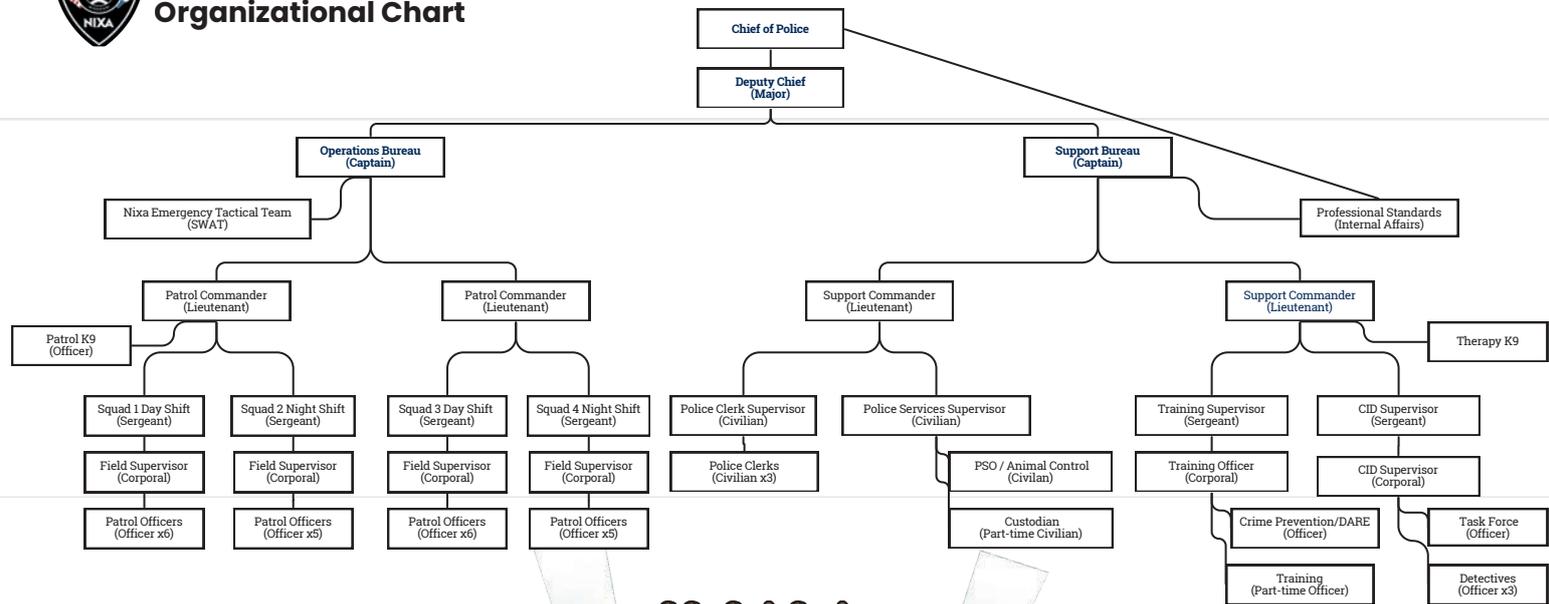


The department is structured into two core bureaus, the Operations and Support Bureau which is comprised forty-nine sworn officers alongside seven civilian employees, enabling comprehensive service delivery to the community. The Support Bureau, under the command of one Captain, encompasses thirteen sworn officers and the full complement of seven civilian personnel. Two Lieutenants provide oversight: one leads Training, Crime Prevention, Therapy K9 operations, and Investigations, while the other manages Police Services, Evidence, and the Police Clerk Unit.

The Operations Bureau, under the command of one Captain, encompasses thirty-four sworn officers organized into four patrol squads. Two Lieutenants are assigned to this bureau, each supervising two uniformed patrol squads to promote seamless coordination, consistent leadership, and effective response to daily policing demands



**NIXA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Organizational Chart**



56 Authorized Personnel

**NIXA POLICE DEPARTMENT
2025 STAFFING DISTRIBUTION**



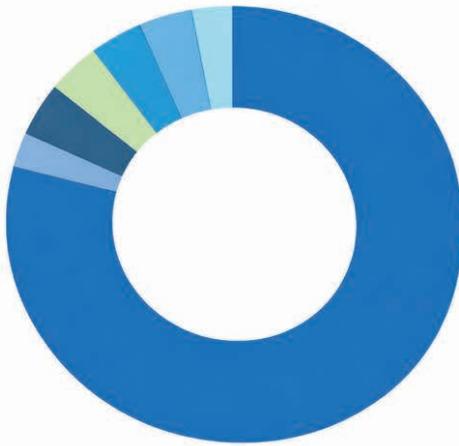
Budget

The Nixa Police Department prioritizes fiscal responsibility, ensuring careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars. For 2025, our operating budget totals \$7,697,509.64, allocated as follows: \$4,599,437.12 for personnel and \$3,098,072.49 for operations.

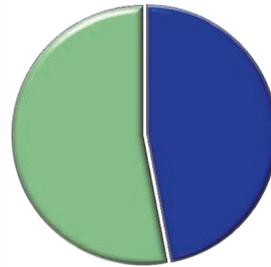
This budget also includes one-time capital funding of \$15,394,000 for designing and constructing a new police headquarters, primarily supported by the dedicated ¾-cent public safety sales tax and bond proceeds. This brings total appropriations to \$23,091,509.61, without affecting core operating resources.

We maintain efficiency through close monitoring of expenses, including vehicle delivery delays, unused construction funds, and oversight of salaries and benefits. This approach maximizes the value of every dollar while upholding high service standards within our means.

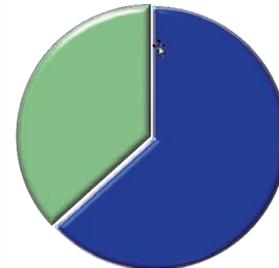
2025 Police Department Revenue



Police ¾ Sales Tax:	\$2,831,741.81
Dog Impounding:	\$880.00
Interest:	\$511,083.16
Fingerprints:	\$1,680.00
Police Impact:	\$53,683.22
Grants:	\$116,627.62
Miscellaneous Income:	\$1,762.60
Restitution:	\$36,509.98
Surplus Sales:	\$49,962.50
Donations:	\$3,050.00
Fines - Traffic:	\$48,448.34
Fines - Other:	\$14,038.52
POST Distribution:	\$529.65
Domestic Violence:	\$6,305.42
LET - County (Police Training):	\$3,814.87
Inmate Security Fund:	\$1,398.00



47.01%
of General Fund
used for the Police
Department
budget in 2025



36.79%
of General Fund
used comes from
¾ cent police
sales tax



\$16,372,536.85
City of Nixa General Fund



47.01% of General Funds used for
the Police Department Budget in
2025 City of Nixa General Fund



Police Department Budget:
\$7,697,509.64



36.79% of General Funds used for
Police come from the the ¾ cent
police sales tax



OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau oversees all uniformed patrol operations and serves as the frontline of the Nixa Police Department. Its primary responsibilities include responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, enforcing traffic laws, and investigating motor vehicle crashes.

The bureau oversees the following essential units and functions:

- Patrol Staffing
- Patrol K9
- NETT Operations
- Drone Operations
- Field Training
- Traffic Enforcement
- Motor Vehicle Crash Investigations
- Recruiting

This structure provides comprehensive daily coverage while maintaining specialized capabilities to meet the diverse needs of the community.

The core mission of the Operations Bureau is to enhance community safety by delivering timely, professional, and effective public safety services. Through proactive policing and rapid response, the bureau remains committed to protecting residents and maintaining a secure environment throughout the City of Nixa.



Calls For Service

Total Calls for Service

31044



Average a Month

2587



Average a Day

85



Average a Shift

43





OPERATIONS BUREAU

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Ensuring the safety of all road users is fundamental to protecting lives and safeguarding our community. Through consistent enforcement of traffic laws, the Nixa Police Department works to prevent collisions, enhance safety for drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists, and promote responsible driving behaviors.

In addition to proactive enforcement, our department thoroughly investigates all traffic crashes that occur within Nixa city limits. These investigations help identify contributing factors, support accountability, and inform targeted strategies to reduce crash frequency and severity.

Our ultimate goal remains clear: safer streets for everyone in Nixa.

Traffic Stops

In 2025 the department conducted

10,002 traffic stops

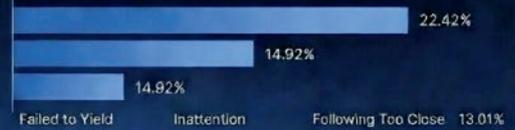


The following data reflects only crashes reported to the MSHP

2025 Crash Data Summary



Top 3 Contributing Circumstances



Total Crashes: 284 | Monthly Avg.: 25.25

The following data reflects only crashes reported to the MSHP

Traffic Crash Statistics



Summary of Traffic Crashes



Gender Distribution



Age Group Involvement



Crash Days & Peaks



Highest Peak Times: 4-6 PM (21% Total)
 Highest Crash Days: Tues & Fri (Tues 16%, Fri 20%)
 Peak Times (4-6 PM): 21% (4-5 PM 10%, 5-6 PM 11%)

Monthly Frequency

September: Highest Monthly Crashes - 11.62% (33 crashes)



Detailed breakdown by Month: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep (33, 11.62%), Oct, Nov, Dec. Monthly values available in report



OPERATIONS BUREAU

USE OF FORCE

Nixa Police Department officers use force progressively, applying only the level necessary for each situation's circumstances. This may range from an officer's presence or verbal commands to physical techniques or higher levels of intervention to safely manage or de-escalate an incident. Officers receive ongoing training to assess each encounter and select the most proportionate response. Force is escalated only when needed to regain or maintain control, and must always be reasonable and appropriate to the context.

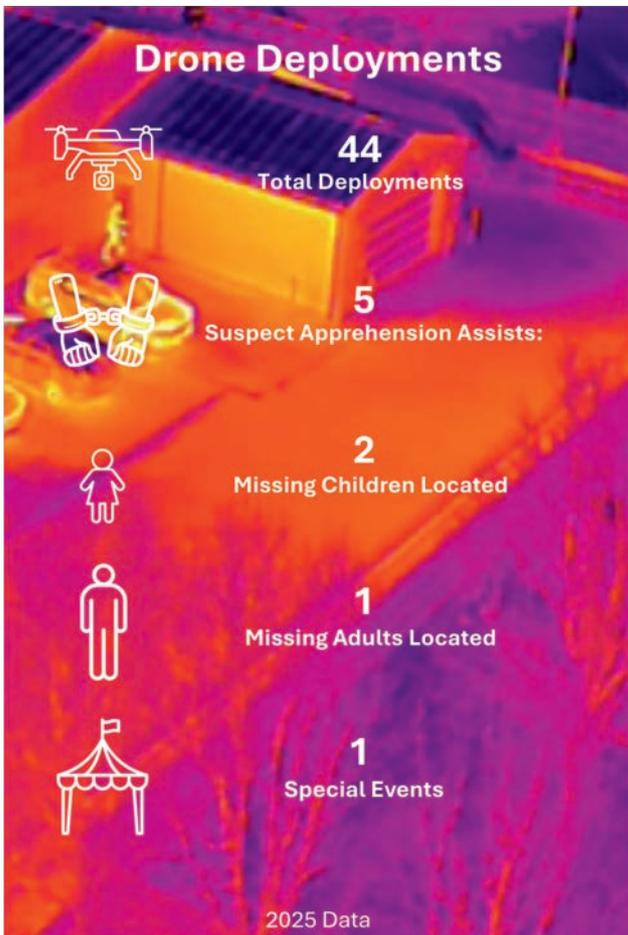
Use of Force Reporting

Any use of force must be documented promptly, thoroughly, and accurately in the incident report, including a clear justification showing the force was reasonable under the circumstances.

The following generally do not require use-of-force reporting unless unusual circumstances exist:

- Reasonable touch or firm grasp to guide, escort, or maintain control of an individual
- Drawing or displaying an authorized weapon
- Humane euthanasia of an animal

This policy promotes accountability, transparency, and professional policing standards.



UNMANNED AREIAL SYSTEM (UAS) OPERATIONS

Drone Operations were implemented in March 2023 as part of the Operations Bureau's specialized capabilities, enhancing the Nixa Police Department's ability to respond to critical incidents. Drones are deployed in various scenarios, including:

- Situational awareness
- Search and rescue
- Scene documentation
- Providing visual perspective
- Tactical support

This technology improves safety for officers and the community by delivering real-time aerial surveillance, reducing risks in high-threat situations, and increasing overall situational awareness. Drones also support other city departments upon request, extending their value to public safety efforts across Nixa.

In 2025, the department maintained two FAA Part 107-certified drone pilots. To build greater capacity and address growing needs, four additional pilots are planned for certification in 2026.

This investment in unmanned aerial systems reinforces the department's commitment to providing safe, efficient, and innovative policing services to the community.

OPERATIONS BUREAU

Nixa Emergency Tactical Team (NETT)

The Nixa Emergency Tactical Team (NETT) is specially trained to handle high-risk situations that go beyond the capabilities of regular patrol officers. Using specialized tactics, equipment, and rigorous training, NETT operators work to minimize risks and protect lives during complex incidents.

The team’s core mission is to ensure the safety of our community by maintaining the training and tools needed to respond effectively to critical events. By voluntarily taking on these demanding responsibilities in addition to their regular duties, NETT operators demonstrate a strong personal commitment to protecting the citizens of Nixa.

The team consists of:

- 8 SWAT Operators
- 4 Support Members
- 3 Crisis Negotiators
- 1 Team Commander
- 1 Team Administrator

In 2025, each operator completed 184 hours of specialized training, in addition to all required department and state training. That same year, NETT was deployed 14 times for critical incidents and planned operations. All of these incidents were resolved peacefully, demonstrating the team’s expertise, precision, and commitment to resolving dangerous situations without injury.





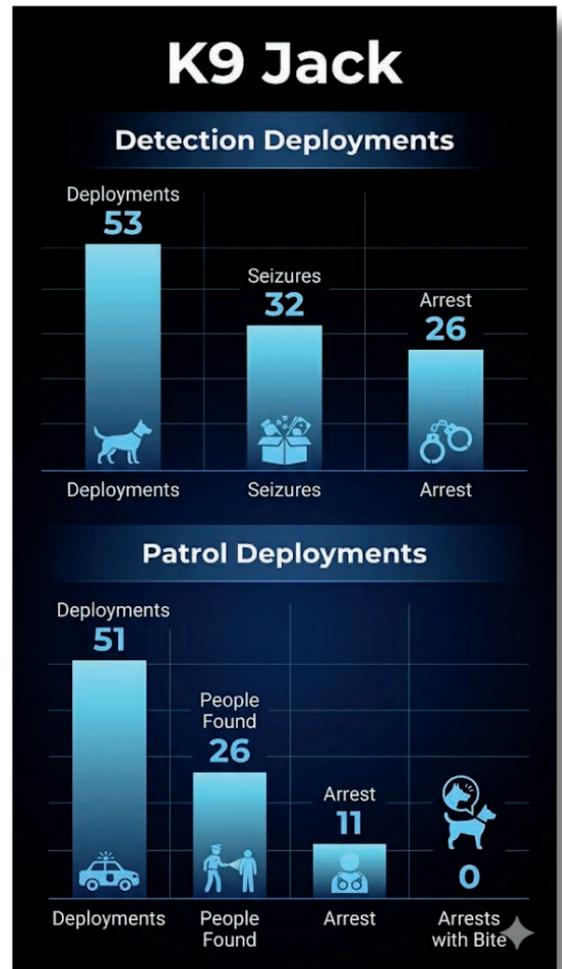
OPERATIONS BUREAU

K9 UNIT

Officer Ronald Hilburn and his partner, K9 Jack, form the Nixa Police Department's dedicated K9 Unit. Jack, a highly trained Belgian Malinois dual-purpose K9 specializing in narcotics detection, article searches, tracking, suspect apprehension, and handler protection.

To maintain peak performance, both Officer Hilburn and K9 Jack undergo rigorous weekly training, ensuring they are always prepared for real-world scenarios.

In 2025, the K9 Unit completed over 250 hours of specialized training, covering key areas such as detection, tracking, building searches, obedience, and evidence recovery. Through continuous training and operational readiness, the K9 Unit remains an invaluable asset to the department and the community.





SUPPORT BUREAU

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Nixa Police Department integrates advanced technology, including over 45 software applications and specialized hardware, to enhance efficiency, accuracy, and public safety. By embracing IT and IoT, we streamline processes, reduce paperwork, improve communication, and provide real-time access to critical data, transforming law enforcement operations.

Key systems like NICHE, SharePoint, LEWEB, LETS5, and evidence libraries centralize records for quick retrieval and updates.

Investigative tools such as TLO, LeadsOnline, and DataPilot enable instant database access for informed decisions. Digital ticketing and electronic reporting minimize administrative burdens, allowing officers more field time.

Collaborative platforms including Microsoft Teams, OneDrive/SharePoint, and Power Automate foster interdepartmental and multi-agency cooperation. IoT solutions like Cradlepoint, AXON secure evidence and boost case resolution. We remain committed to evolving IT and IoT use for superior community service.

SUPPORT BUREAU OVERSIGHT: ASSETS & SYSTEMS SUMMARY

IT AND IOT ASSET BREAKDOWN

- 43 Laptops and MDTs
- 32 Desktops
- 3 Tablets
- 19 In-Car Cameras
- 39 Property Cameras
- 19 Car Printers
- 39 Mobile Radios
- 21 Mobile Repeaters
- 57 Portable Radios

* Assets and systems data summary for 2025.
* Data values available in report.

PROGRAMS AND APPS OVERVIEW

45
(Programs & Applications)

FLEET UNIT ALLOCATION: SUPPORT BUREAU OVERSIGHT

DETAILED VEHICLE BREAKDOWN

- 30 SUVs (18 Marked / 11 Unmarked)
- 1 Command Post
- 1 SWAT Unit
- 3 Pickups (2 Marked / 1 Unmarked)
- 1 Marked Sedan
- 1 Armored Vehicle
- 1 Trailer

* 38 Total Units (Overall Allocation)

FLEET ALLOCATION OVERVIEW

38
(Total Units Allocated)

POLICE SERVICES

The Police Services Unit supports the Nixa Police Department's operational efficiency by overseeing a fleet of 38, including purchasing, upfitting, maintenance, acquisitions, safety compliance, and optimization to provide reliable transportation for officers.

The unit also maintains an inventory of approximately 2,500 pieces of equipment and uniforms, ensuring proper upkeep for officer safety and readiness.

Additionally, it manages fleet and quartermaster budgets, monitoring expenditures, identifying cost savings, and strategically allocating resources to meet departmental needs effectively.





SUPPORT BUREAU

TRAINING

The Training Unit ensures that all sworn officers and civilian employees receive ongoing professional development, in full compliance with Missouri Department of Public Safety requirements.

The unit's areas of oversight include:

- Nixa Police Department's Citizens' Police Academy
- POST-required training
- In-House Academy

This unit's structured approach to training reinforces the Nixa Police Department's commitment to professionalism, safety, and continuous improvement.

In addition to in-service and technology update training, sworn officers reported attending over 3,519 hours of POST-approved training in 2025, covering areas such as Legal Studies, Technical Studies, Interpersonal Perspectives, and Skill Development. (This total includes POST-approved in-service training.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

In the fall of 2025, the Nixa Police Department's Training Unit, with assistance from the Nixa Citizens Police Academy Alumni, proudly hosted the 14th annual Citizens Police Academy. Fifteen community members dedicated over 30 hours across 11 weeks to gain in-depth insights into the Nixa Police Department and the broader law enforcement profession. The comprehensive curriculum covered essential topics such as criminal investigations, courtroom testimony, traffic stops, patrol best practices, law enforcement challenges, departmental policies, case law, and a hands-on range day, fostering greater understanding and collaboration between officers and residents.



Leadership Training Completed

- Cpl S Gallardo – ILEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute
- Cpl S Gallardo – SWAT Team Leader
- Cpl E Wolfe - SWAT Team Leader
- Lt R Strohm – SWAT Command Leadership 1
- Lt R Strohm – MPCA Resource Allocations
- Lt R Seiner - MPCA Resource Allocations

Instructor Level Certifications

- Sgt J Henderson – EVOC Instructor
- Cpl L Cash – Police Instructor
- Cpl E Wolfe – Police Instructor
- Cpl S Gallardo - Ballistic Shield Instructor
- Cpl E Wolfe - Ballistic Shield Instructor
- Cpl S Gallardo – RDS Instructor
- Ofc J Schissler – RDS Instructor

Field Training Officer Certification

- Ofc B Arnott
- Ofc T DuVall
- Cpl A Gamble
- Ofc C Welter
- Cpl N Young

Certifications Completed

- Ofc K Clark – Advanced Interviewing
- Ofc R Hilburn – Patrol K9 Handler
- Ofc K Clark - Therapy K9 Handler
- Sgt M Sloan - Therapy K9 Handler
- Cpl L Cash – SWAT 1
- Cpl S Gallardo – SWAT 1
- Cpl E Wolfe – SWAT 1
- Ofc J Schissler - SWAT 1
- Ofc B Ford - SWAT 1
- Cpl A Gamble - SWAT 1
- Ofc L Housman -SWAT 1
- Ofc L Goddard - SWAT 1
- S Clark – Glock Armorer
- Cpl S Gallardo – Glock Armorer
- Ofc K Ballenger - ARIDE
- Ofc M Trafford - DARE Officer Certification
- G Landreth – Intelligence Analysis
- Lt J Barton – Type II
- Cpl C Gullett - VIPR CVSA



SUPPORT BUREAU

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division (CID) handles investigations into crimes referred by patrol officers or external agencies. Every case receives a detailed evaluation to determine its solvability, focusing primarily on the availability of credible leads that could realistically result in an arrest and successful prosecution.

Cases featuring strong leads are promptly assigned to a detective for comprehensive follow-up. If a case lacks sufficient leads, it remains unassigned. However, if new information becomes available later, the case may be reopened and assigned for follow-up.

Beyond core criminal investigations, the division performs rigorous background checks on all potential police department hires.

In 2025, CID managed 695 criminal cases alongside 17 background investigations a testament to the team's commitment to helping our victims, resolving viable cases, and advancing the department's goals of public safety and operational excellence.

This methodical framework enables CID to allocate resources strategically while staying adaptable to emerging developments.



ANIMAL CONTROL

The Nixa Animal Control Unit is essential in enforcing animal ordinances and safeguarding animal welfare within city limits. The unit operates Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with 24/7 emergency availability. Outside regular hours, Patrol Officers may handle animal-related calls.

In 2025, there were animal-related calls, including 19 dog bite investigations. All impounded dogs were cared for at the department's facility, overseen by a Police Services Supervisor.





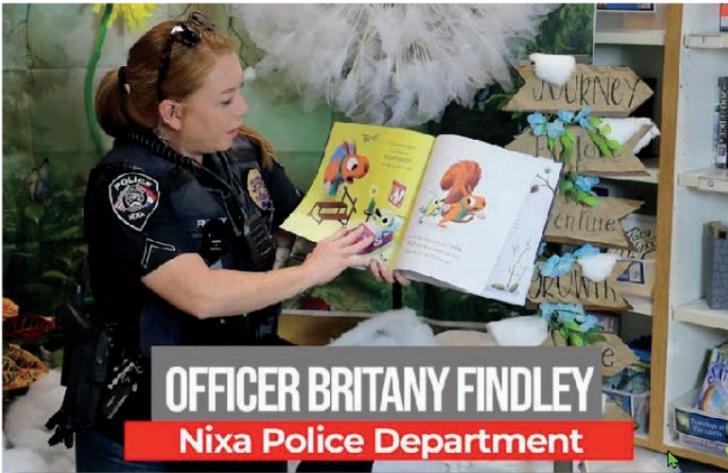
SUPPORT BUREAU

DARE

The Nixa Police Department launched the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in Nixa schools in early 1991. Today, Officer Forgey oversees and manages the program, which serves students in the Nixa Public School District.

The program empowers youth by helping them build self-confidence, manage stress, understand the consequences of their choices, and resist pro-drug influences in the media. Rather than simply instructing students to “just say no,” DARE teaches them how to do so, equipping them with the critical thinking and decision-making skills needed to make positive life choices.

Officer Forgey has long served as the face of the DARE Program for the Nixa Police Department. In 2025, Officer Michelle Trafford completed her training and will now collaborate with Officer Forgey to deliver the program to Nixa’s youth.



Crime Prevention

The Nixa Police Department is dedicated to strengthening relationships with the community through active participation in national and local initiatives. These efforts deliver important crime prevention education while building trust and collaboration between officers and residents.

Key community events and programs include Spooktacular, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Nixa Sucker Days, NIXPO, Shop with a Hero, Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, and various other community-requested activities. These opportunities allow meaningful engagement with the public in positive, non-enforcement settings.

In 2025, the department participated in 58 community events and 11 school events (excluding DARE programs). Department staff also represent the Nixa Police Department on the following committees and coalitions focused on planning and development:

- Sucker Day Committee
- Christian County Coalition on Substance Abuse
- Safe Kids Coalition
- Christian County Suicide Prevention Network
- Nixa Arts Council
- Southwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety

This ongoing commitment reflects our priority of partnering with the community to enhance safety and quality of life in Nixa.





HIGHLIGHTS

HEADQUARTERS CONSTRUCTION

On September 30, 2025, the City of Nixa hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for its new \$15.2 million police headquarters at 305 N. Leeann Drive. The approximately 22,000-square-foot facility, financed through a 3/4-cent sales tax approved by voters in April 2023, aims to support the city's expanding population and enhance public safety operations. As of early 2026, construction is progressing steadily, with an anticipated completion in December 2026.



2025 VOICE FOR CHILDREN AWARD

Sergeant Matt Sloan

Sgt Matt Sloan was honored by the Child Advocacy Center with the Voice for Children Award. This award recognizing outstanding professionals whose dedication, collaboration, and impact have gone above and beyond in making our communities safer for children.

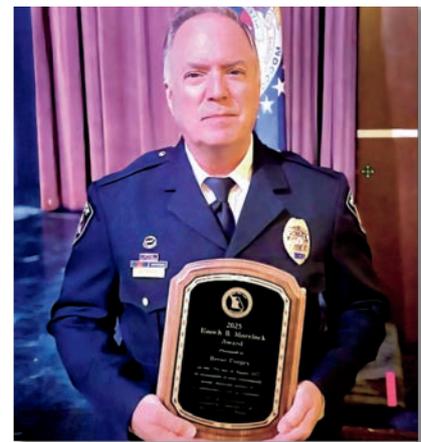
Through his tireless work, Sgt. Sloan has not only protected children in immediate danger but also advocated for stronger legal frameworks to ensure accountability and prevent future abuse. His collaboration with advocacy centers and willingness to engage policymakers highlight his leadership in driving systemic change



ENOCH B. MORELOCK AWARD

Officer Brent Forgey

Officer Forgey was honored on August 21, 2025, during the 23rd Annual LECC Training Seminar in Springfield, MO. The prestigious law enforcement award, presented annually by the U.S. Attorney's Office Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, is named in honor of Sullivan County Sheriff Enoch B. Morelock.



BLUESHIELD CITY DESINGATION

The City of Nixa was recognized by the Department of Public Safety for demonstrating a commitment to strengthening public safety and support for law enforcement, and building sustainable public safety partnerships.



HIGHLIGHTS



OPTIMIST CLUB HERO AWARD

Officer Brent Forgey

Patt Briggs and Jeanne Sleeth of the Springfield Summit Optimist Club presented Officer Brent Forgey with their 2025 HERO Award for serving our community as a DARE Officer, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Cops Connecting with Kids Coordinator, and Community Policing Officer. Optimist International celebrates National Hero Day to honor and recognize the people who have contributed to the history, culture, and development of our country.



PRESIDENTS AWARD - DARE

Officer Forgey was honored with the President's Award at Missouri DARE Officer Association Conference. His outstanding commitment and dedication were instrumental in bringing the conference to Southwest Missouri, where law enforcement officers from across the state gathered for continuing education and training. As conference coordinator Officer Forgey played a key role in making the event a success.



DRUG TAKEBACK

On April 26 (81 lbs) and October 25 (78lbs) , along with other law enforcement agencies across the country Nixa Police participated in the National Drug Takeback event, successfully collecting unused medication. This important program helps keep our community safe by providing a safe and responsible way to dispose of medications, reducing the risk of accidental poisoning, misuse, and environmental harm.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 5, the Nixa Police Department, Nixa Fire Department, and Christian County Sheriff's Department came together for an exciting and fun-filled evening at the Nixa Aquatic Center to celebrate National Night Out! Serving 400 hotdogs and getting to meet with members of the community the event was a huge hit, with our first responders and the community making a splash in the pool, enjoying games, music, and friendly interactions.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for this unforgettable night of fun and community spirit. We had a blast connecting with so many of you, and we look forward to even more great events in the future!



HIGHLIGHTS



WEEKLY WRAP-UP VIDEO MESSAGING

In 2025 with the help of our communications department transitioned from a written weekly wrap to the video format. Each week a member of the department gives a recap on the departments activities from the previous week. If you have not seen us follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/NixaPolice



FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS ON THE SQUARE

December 12th, we braved the cold from 5 to 9 p.m. at Christian County Ozark's Historic River District's Friday Night Lights event! Alongside local businesses, we celebrated the season by "Decking the Halls" with stunning decorations and light displays. The Nixa Police Department, along with other law enforcement, fire, and EMS agencies, joined in the fun, participating in a friendly competition to see who could showcase the most holiday cheer with their vehicles. Patrons had the chance to vote for their favorite display and we proudly took 1st place for the second time! A huge thank you to the Nixa Citizens' Police Academy Alumni for their support. The event was a success, and we were thrilled to spend the holiday season with our wonderful community!

SHOP WITH A HERO

In 2025, we were honored to partner with the Christian County Sertoma Club and Walmart of Nixa to host a Shop with a Hero event, benefiting families during the holiday season. This special program gave children the chance to shop for Christmas gifts alongside local heroes from the Nixa Police Department, Christian County Ambulance District, Nixa Fire Department, Christian County Sheriff's Office, and the Missouri Department of Conservation. Thanks to the generous support of the Christian County Sertoma Club, these children were able to select meaningful presents for themselves and their families at Walmart in Nixa, bringing holiday joy and spreading cheer throughout our community.





DEPARTMENT AWARDS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

An honor awarded annually to the officer who consistently exemplifies the mission, vision, and values of the Nixa Police

Officer of the Year – Tyler Duvall

Officer Tyler Duvall was selected as the 2025 Officer of the Year for his exceptional performance, professionalism, and dedication to the department.

During the evaluation period, Officer Duvall’s statistical performance across department metrics exceeded that of all other patrol personnel. He handled 2,187 calls for service, completed 230 reports, and conducted 744 traffic stops. His proactive enforcement efforts resulted in 93 arrests, 161 citations, and 55 vehicle searches, some of which led to expanded investigations and search warrants.

Beyond these measurable accomplishments, Officer Duvall consistently goes above and beyond his assigned duties. He volunteers his time assisting with recruiting efforts at the Drury Law Enforcement Academy and supports monthly fleet inspections. He is widely recognized in our community and attends many community events. Officer Duvall was recently selected as both a Field Training Officer and a Drone Pilot, demonstrating his leadership and commitment to the future of the department.

He also coordinated the department’s Friday Night Lights Christmas event, where his leadership and organization helped the department achieve a first-place finish.

Officer Duvall’s work ethic, leadership, and dedication to service make him highly deserving of recognition as the 2025 Officer of the Year.



Award of Marksmanship

An award given to an officer who demonstrates superior skill and proficiency in marksmanship during a given period, competition, event, or incident.

Award of Marksmanship – Cpl. Eric Wolfe

Cpl. Wolfe was selected for this award after winning our 2025 Top Gun Competition. His demonstrated proficiency, discipline, and commitment to excellence on the range reflect the high standards we expect of our officers.





DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Award of Lifesaving

An award presented for actions taken to provide lifesaving efforts to a person or persons who, without immediate assistance, would have been at imminent risk of death.

Award of Lifesaving – Officers Duvall and Goddard

On July 7, 2025, Officers Goddard and Duvall responded to an emergency medical call. Dispatch advised that a male subject was unresponsive and suspected of overdosing.

Upon arrival, the officers located the male in the master bathroom lying on the floor with an ashen complexion and agonal breathing—clear signs of a life-threatening overdose. Without hesitation, Officer Goddard administered two doses of Narcan. As a direct result of their immediate intervention, the individual regained consciousness and became alert, avoiding what would likely have been a fatal outcome. The professionalism, calm under pressure, and quick thinking demonstrated by Officers Goddard and Duvall directly resulted in saving a human life. Their actions exemplify the highest standards of service and dedication to our community.



Award of Lifesaving – K9 Officer Hilburn

On May 10, 2025, at approximately 0730 hours, K9 Officer Hilburn was alerted by his neighbor that something was wrong with her father and that her mother was calling 911.

Upon entering the residence, Officer Hilburn located the father lying on his bed experiencing a seizure. Shortly thereafter, the man stopped breathing and began turning blue. Officer Hilburn was unable to detect a pulse and immediately began CPR after moving him to the floor. Officer Hilburn performed multiple rounds of CPR until additional officers and EMS arrived. EMS ultimately delivered a shock, stabilized the man’s pulse, and transported him to Cox South Hospital.

The following day, the man was removed from the ventilator and released from ICU. Months later, he personally expressed that without Officer Hilburn’s immediate response and decisive action, he would not be alive today.

Officer Hilburn’s swift action, composure under pressure, and commitment to preserving life reflect the very best of our profession.





DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Award of Merit

An award presented for exceptional work above and beyond the call of duty to improve the overall service of the department.

Award of Merit – Rhonda Pullins

Rhonda consistently demonstrates exceptional reliability, professionalism, and attention to detail. She maintains high custodial standards, ensuring a clean, safe, and welcoming environment throughout the department. Her positive attitude, willingness to assist others, and commitment to excellence significantly contribute to a professional workplace environment. She is a valued and dependable member of our team.



Award of Merit – K9 Officer Hilburn and K9 Jack

On March 9, 2025, following a vehicle search that resulted in the seizure of methamphetamine, an unrelated vehicle rammed Officer Duvall’s patrol car and fled, initiating a multi-jurisdictional pursuit.

K9 Officer Hilburn and K9 Jack responded and deployed on a track through heavily wooded terrain for approximately one mile. During the track, K9 Jack located discarded evidence and ultimately located the suspects seated on a residential porch. These suspects had previously evaded federal authorities for more than two years. In 2025 alone, K9 Jack was deployed more than 104 times. He competed and earned top awards at both a regional K9 conference and the K9 Olympics.

Without this exceptional K9 team, these dangerous suspects may not have been apprehended.



Award of Merit – Sgt. Richard Eutsler

In July 2019, Todd Blankenship was arrested and charged with first-degree murder following a Nixa Police Department investigation into the death of his wife, Staci Whiteley.

From the beginning of the investigation, Sgt. Eutsler served as the primary detective overseeing the case. He logged countless hours building the case through interviews, data collection, and follow-up investigations to strengthen the case for trial.

In May 2025, Blankenship was tried and convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison plus 15 years.

Following the trial, members of the Prosecutor’s Office personally praised Sgt. Eutsler and the involved officers for their professionalism and preparedness.

Without Sgt. Eutsler’s tremendous effort and dedication, this case would not have reached its successful conclusion.



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Award of Merit – Detective Jeff Schissler

Throughout 2025, Detective Schissler demonstrated sustained excellence, initiative, and professionalism well beyond expectations.

He successfully obtained and executed eight search warrants, resulting in the seizure of illegal narcotics, weapons, and contraband. His proactive investigative approach routinely uncovered additional criminal activity, leading to further arrests and charges.

Detective Schissler collaborated with federal partners on major cases, including contributing to a large-scale DEA conspiracy

investigation and assisting Homeland Security Investigations through electronic search warrant analysis.

He also dedicated approximately six months to a complex financial crimes investigation spanning multiple jurisdictions, ultimately submitting charges including money laundering, conspiracy, and multiple felony stealing counts.

Beyond investigations, Detective Schissler serves as a SWAT operator and firearms instructor. He developed and delivered a full-day narcotics investigations course for the in-house academy and mentors newer officers in search warrant preparation and investigative techniques.

Detective Schissler is a tremendous asset to this department.



Award of Merit – Detective Jeff Schissler

Assigned to the SWAT Team since October 2023, Detective Schissler demonstrated continued growth, professionalism, and leadership throughout 2025.

He plays a key role in mentoring newer operators and strengthening team performance. He provides thoughtful input during operational planning, holds himself and others accountable, and maintains a high level of tactical proficiency.

His investigative work directly supported safe and effective SWAT operations, including authoring numerous search warrants executed by the team.

Detective Schissler continues to be a significant asset to both the SWAT Team and the department as a whole.

Award of Merit – Josh Gibson

Josh Gibson continues to make a meaningful impact on the department well beyond his assigned duties and responsibilities. Over the past seven months, he has voluntarily assisted with pound care and other animal control-related responsibilities, filling a critical operational need.

His willingness to step forward and serve reflects exceptional dedication to the city and continued commitment to his former colleagues at the Nixa Police Department.

Josh Gibson's service exemplifies teamwork, loyalty, and a strong sense of commitment.



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Award of Merit – Major Tennis

In 2023, Christian County Emergency Services began a major project to transition all county law enforcement agencies to the MOSWIN radio system. The county’s previous radio system had several deficiencies and was a frequent source of frustration for officers and dispatchers alike.

From the beginning of this project, Chief Campbell assigned Major Tennis to oversee our agency’s involvement and collaborate with E-911 as they implemented the MOSWIN radios.

Early in the project, his efforts were instrumental in securing grant funding to partially pay for the system. His continued involvement

ensured every aspect of the project was addressed, ultimately leading to a successful implementation.

Today, the MOSWIN radio system is the most effective law enforcement communications system Christian County has ever had. Every officer operating under this new system is safer because of the dedication and effort invested by professionals such as Major Tennis.



Award of Merit – Sgt. Matt Sloan

In September, Sergeant Matt Sloan received the 2025 Voice of Children Award, presented by the Child Advocacy Center.

Sergeant Sloan is widely regarded throughout the profession as a fierce advocate for the protection of children. He has been repeatedly recognized for his dedication, collaboration, and impact in protecting children and investigating child abuse throughout Southwest Missouri.

In May 2024, Sgt. Sloan led an investigation involving a foster parent engaged in a sexual relationship with a teenage foster child. Despite clear exploitation, Sgt. Sloan identified a critical gap in Missouri law that did not explicitly prohibit such conduct.

Through proactive outreach to Senator Mike Moon and the submission of a detailed briefing, Sgt. Sloan helped highlight the need for legislative reform. His recommendations ultimately contributed to a change in state law designed to better protect children in foster care.



Award of Merit – Officer Brent Forgey

In August, Officer Forgey was honored with the Enoch B. Morelock Award, presented annually by the U.S. Attorney’s Office Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee.

This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding moral character and service to both law enforcement and the community.

Officer Forgey was also presented with the 2025 HERO Award by Patt Briggs and Jeanne Sleeth of the Springfield Summit Optimist Club. This award recognized his work as a DARE Officer, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Cops Connecting with Kids Coordinator, and Community Policing Officer.

His dedication, exemplary service, and commitment to community engagement reflect the highest standards of our profession.



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Citizen Service Award

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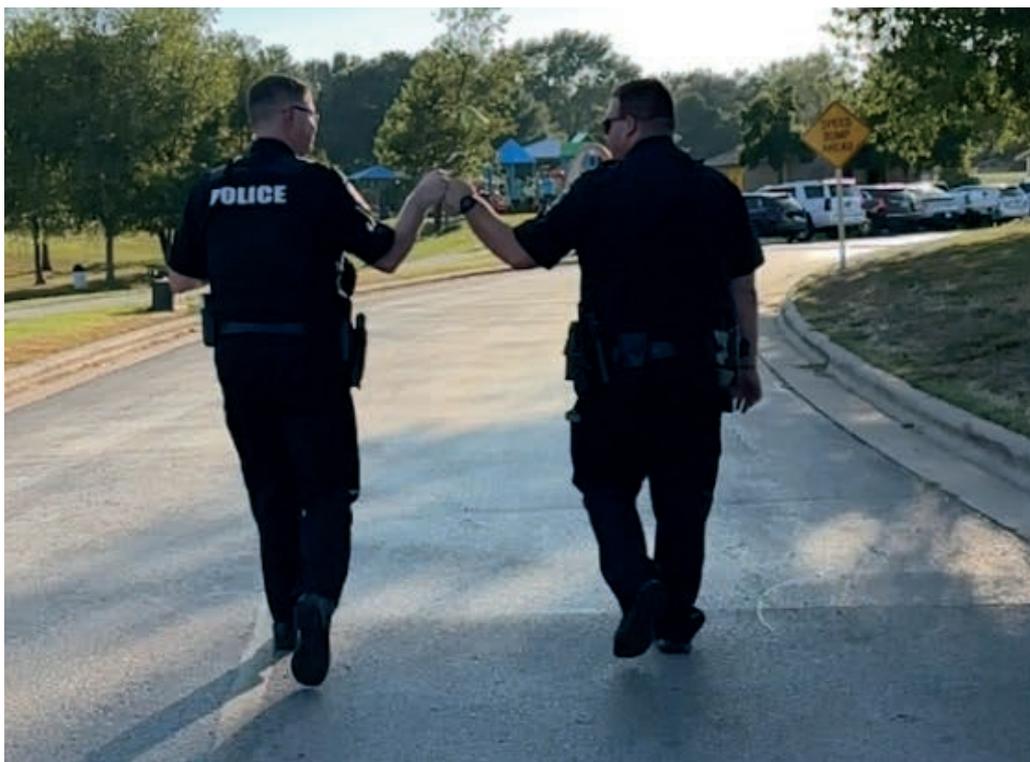
Award of Citizen Service - Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kara Wacker

Kara Wacker has been an outstanding partner to our agency and has consistently gone above and beyond in supporting our officers and investigators.

Throughout 2025, she frequently helped facilitate quick access to judges in order to secure search warrants and arrest warrants on high-profile and time-sensitive cases. Her efficiency and legal expertise have led to numerous arrests and the seizure of illegal narcotics and weapons that otherwise could have posed a threat to our community. Kara is also consistently available to provide consultation to officers and investigators regarding probable cause statements, appropriate charges, and case preparation.

This level of accessibility and professionalism ensures that our officers not only enforce the law, but build strong cases that successfully move through the justice system.

Partnerships like this are critical to effective law enforcement, and Kara exemplifies the spirit of cooperation and dedication this award is meant to recognize.





To the incredible people of our Nixa community,

Thank you for standing with us, believing in us, and lifting us up day after day. Your support, whether through a kind word, a wave from your porch, a thoughtful note, or simply trusting us to keep our city safe, means more than we can ever express. You make Nixa feel like the true home it is.

To the families of our officers: we see you, we appreciate you, and we are deeply grateful for the love, patience, and strength you give every single day. You share your loved ones with our community, often during the hardest hours, and your quiet sacrifices help make everything we do possible. Thank you for being our rock.

And to every Nixa Police Officer who laces up their boots, puts on the uniform, and steps out for another shift: you are the heartbeat of this department. Your dedication, courage, and unwavering commitment to protecting and serving this community never go unnoticed. You answer calls in the dark, stand in the gap when it's tough, and choose compassion even when it's hard. We are proud to stand beside you, and we are honored to call you our own.

We hope you have found some useful information in this annual report. Our goal is always to be transparent, to share what we're doing, and to keep you informed about the work happening in our community.

Nixa is special because of all of you, our residents, our families, and our officers working together. Thank you for making it a safer, kinder place to live.

**With deepest gratitude,
The Nixa Police Department**



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