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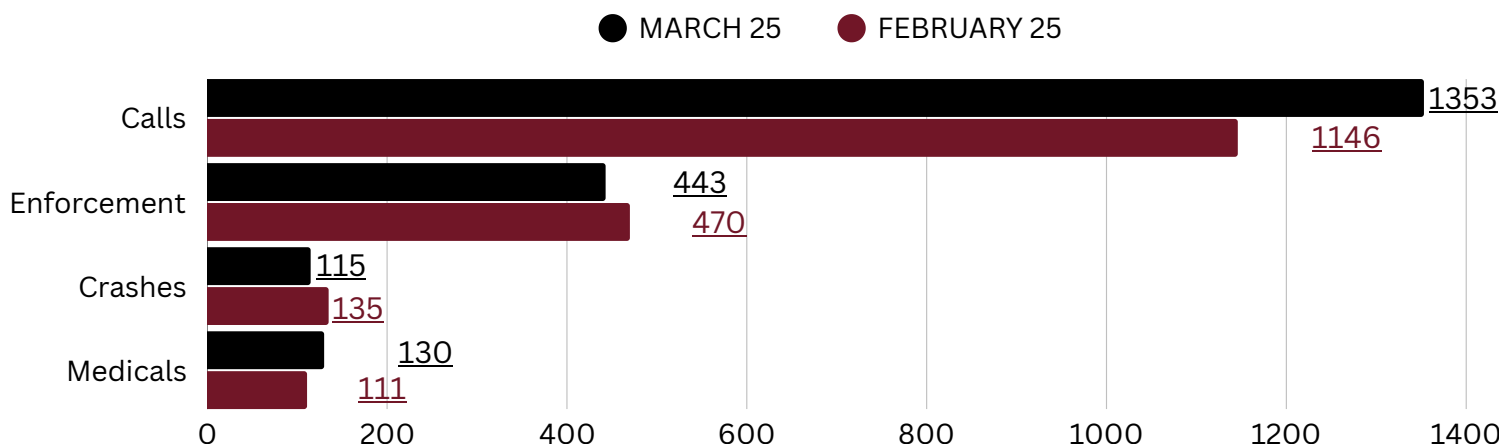
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Data Trends



Training Update

Sgt. Bennett attended the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA) Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Over the course of the week-long training, Sergeant Bennett participated in the following courses:

- Assessing Training: How Do We Improve Teaching and Learning
- Enhancing Culture Through Training
- Physical Fitness Program Design, Execution, and Training
- Active Leadership: Be a Coach, Not a Spectator
- ASP Handcuffing Instructor Certification
- Critical Incident Aftermath Instructor Certification
- Tactical Mass Casualty Management and Triage
- Leadership in a Training Environment
- Aftermath and Restructuring Following a Critical Incident
- Firearms: Improving Speed and Accuracy with Elevated Fundamentals



Ottawa County completed installation in 119 vehicles in March.

Community Policing Update – "Project Home"

Deputies participated in planning sessions for "Project Home," an ongoing initiative focused on locating and assessing encampments within the area. Deputies, along with members of the HOPE Outreach Team, conducted field contacts at these sites, provided resources to individuals, and assisted with site clean-up effort.

Submitted by Sgt. Bennett

Additional Patrols in April to Deter Distracted Driving

Throughout April, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office will be conducting additional patrols focused on stopping distracted driving. These efforts are funded by the Office Highway Safety Planning as part of the national campaign to raise awareness and save lives.

Driving distracted puts everyone at risk. Stay focused. Stay safe.



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Michigan Traffic Summit focuses on safer roads

The 2025 Michigan Traffic Safety Summit, held March 4-5 at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids, brought together traffic safety professionals from across the state to address critical roadway challenges including staff from Ottawa County Sheriff's Office.

Experts from the four areas—Enforcement, Engineering, Education, and EMS—collaborated on key issues such as impaired and distracted driving, crash data analysis, and road safety improvements.

This year's Summit featured over 25 workshops, covering topics like traffic enforcement, emerging technologies, and updates to the UD-10 crash report. Attendees gained valuable insights into how data-driven strategies can enhance decision-making and improve road conditions for all users. A key focus was Traffic Incident Management (TIM) strategies, which play a crucial role in improving emergency response times and roadway efficiency. The Summit reaffirmed Michigan's commitment to Vision Zero—a goal to eliminate roadway fatalities through smarter policies, innovative engineering, and strong enforcement strategies.

New Child Car Seat Laws Take Effect April 2



- **Infant to two years:** Child must be in a rear-facing car seat until they reach 2 years old or until they reach the largest weight and height indicated for that seat.
- **Two to five years:** Child can be in a forward-facing car seat once they meet the height and weight stipulations for that seat.
- **Five to eight years:** Child can use a booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt until they are 4'9" tall or 8 years old.
- **Rear seating:** All children age 12 and younger need to ride in the rear seating area of the vehicle, whether or not they are also sitting in a car seat or booster seat.



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Annual Sheriff's Awards

The Ottawa County Sheriff's Office is proud to recognize the outstanding dedication and service of our employees through our annual Employee of the Year awards. The awards were held at the Pinnacle Center in Hudsonville, March 31, 2025.

Listed below are the winners:

Brendan Vriezema – Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year
Glenn Barr – Corrections Deputy of the Year
Terri Pols – Volunteer of the Year
Jacob Ritenour – Administrative Employee of the Year
Jeremy Maat – Marine Deputy of the Year
Training Unit - Unit of the Year



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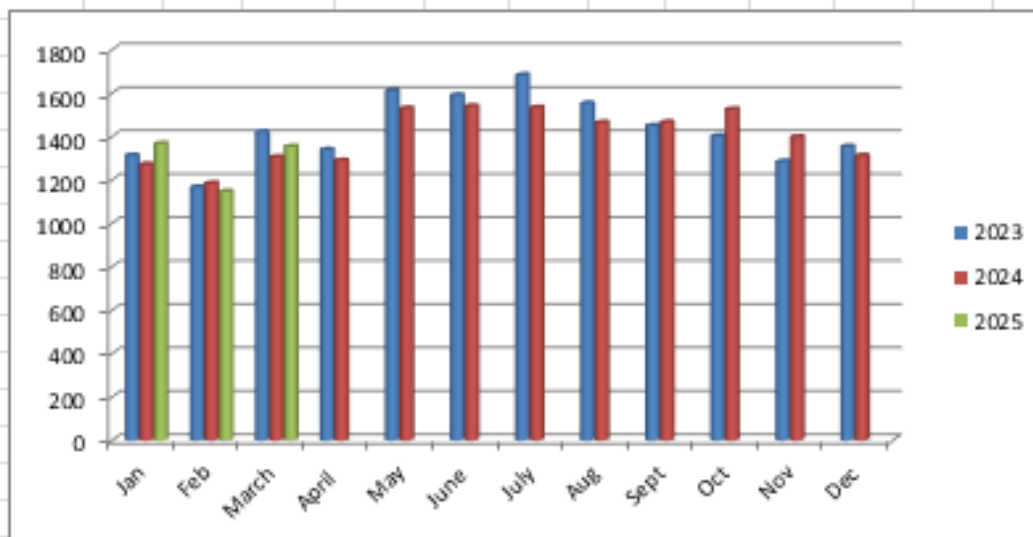
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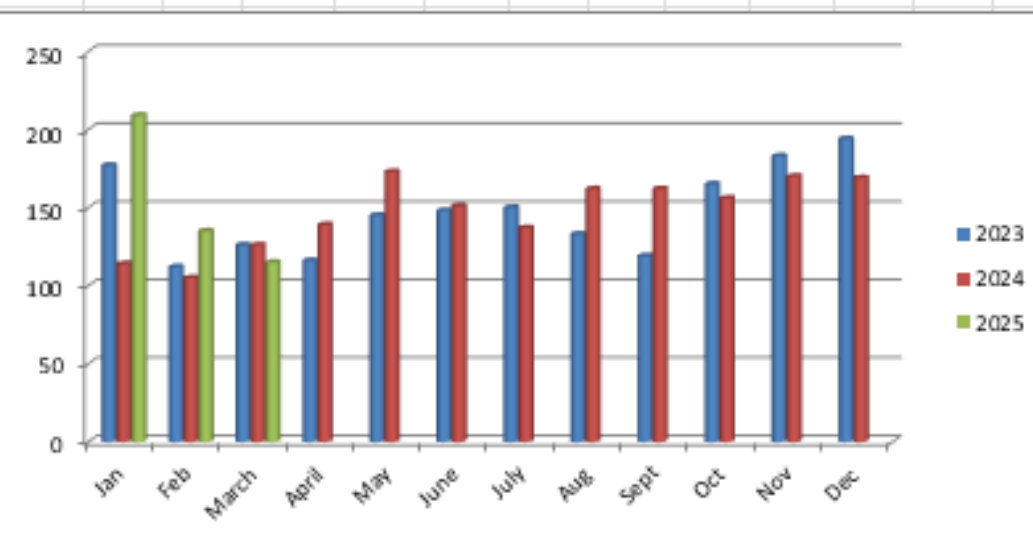
Holland Twp - Monthly Calls for Service

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	1312	1166	1421	1339	1610	1590	1683	1552	1449	1401	1284	1353
2024	1271	1184	1305	1289	1529	1539	1533	1464	1465	1525	1397	1311
2025	1367	1146	1353									



Holland Twp - Monthly Traffic Crash Totals

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2023	177	112	126	116	145	148	150	133	119	165	183	194
2024	114	105	126	139	173	151	137	162	162	156	170	169
2025	209	135	115									





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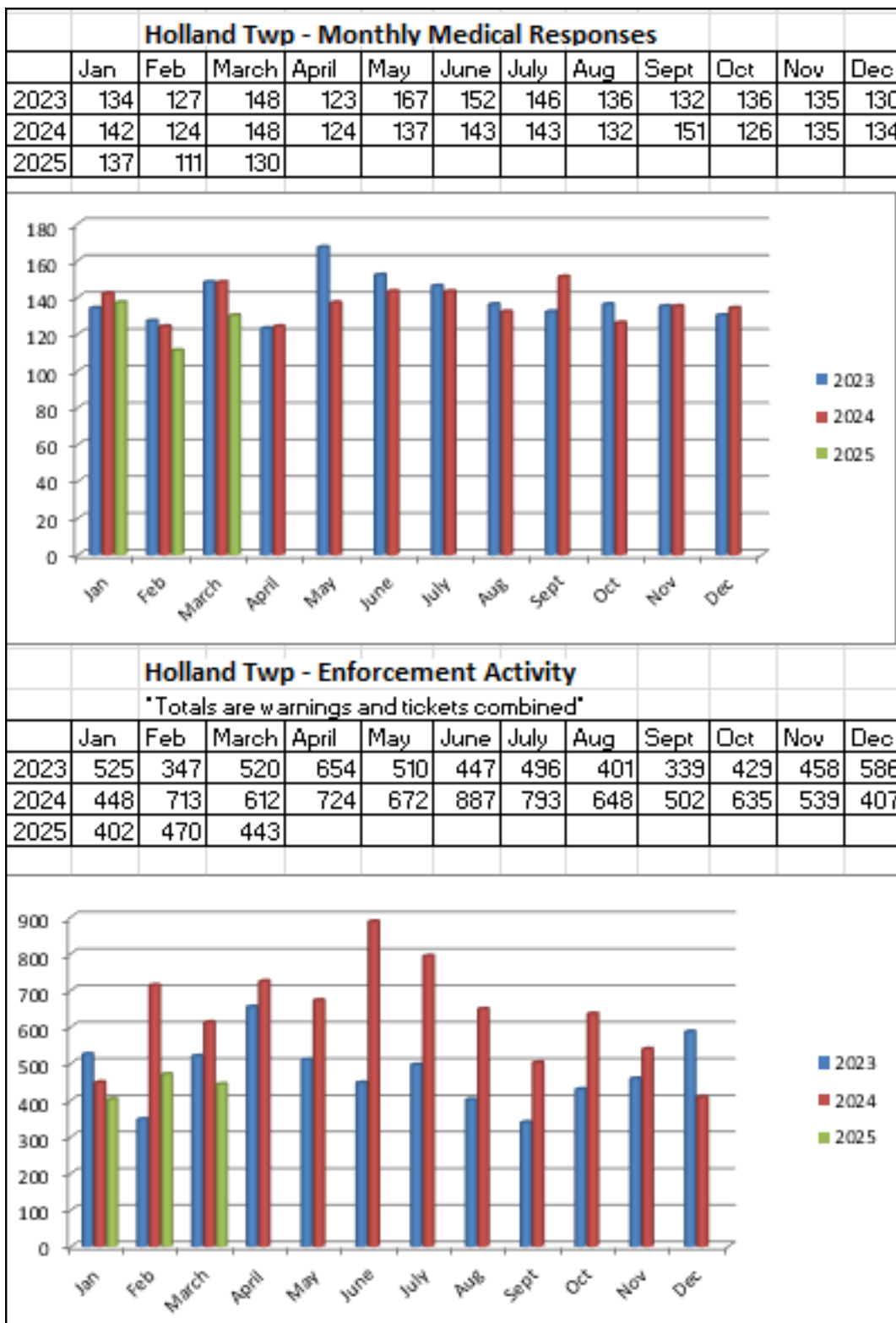


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B&E	11	8	3										22	87	90	83
Larceny	21	14	21										56	341	308	297
MDOP	6	15	10										31	177	164	147
Shot/stabk	0	0	0										0	3	5	12
Rob	0	0	0										0	4	7	3
Narcotic	3	11	17										31	118	126	149
Assault	7	3	8										18	114	117	107
Domes	72	67	85										224	1005	1125	1021
Alarm	59	8	45										112	586	570	633
Traffic	90	83	119										292	1246	1292	1354
OWI	2	2	5										9	89	88	92
Animal	33	21	41										95	499	475	484