

# Sandwich Police Department

## 2024 Annual Report



**Service, Pride, Dedication**

# Message from the Chief

On behalf of the members of the Sandwich Police Department, it is my honor to present the 2024 Annual Report. This report will give a summary of the hard work that was achieved by the members of the police department over the past year.

The Sandwich Police Department is committed to preventing crime, promoting traffic safety, and developing officers and community engagement. We want to provide our residents, businesses, and traveling community a safe community to live in, do business in, and travel through.

Our officers consistently work on their skills through in-house training, monthly training, and classroom training. This provides our officers with the most updated laws, procedures, and de-escalation tactics.

We continue to provide updated information to educate our residents as much as possible on matters that could directly affect them.

We enjoy the interactions we have had over the past year with the community and look forward to the continued interactions we will have in the year to come.

Thank you for your amazing support over the past year.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Senne*

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Chief of Police

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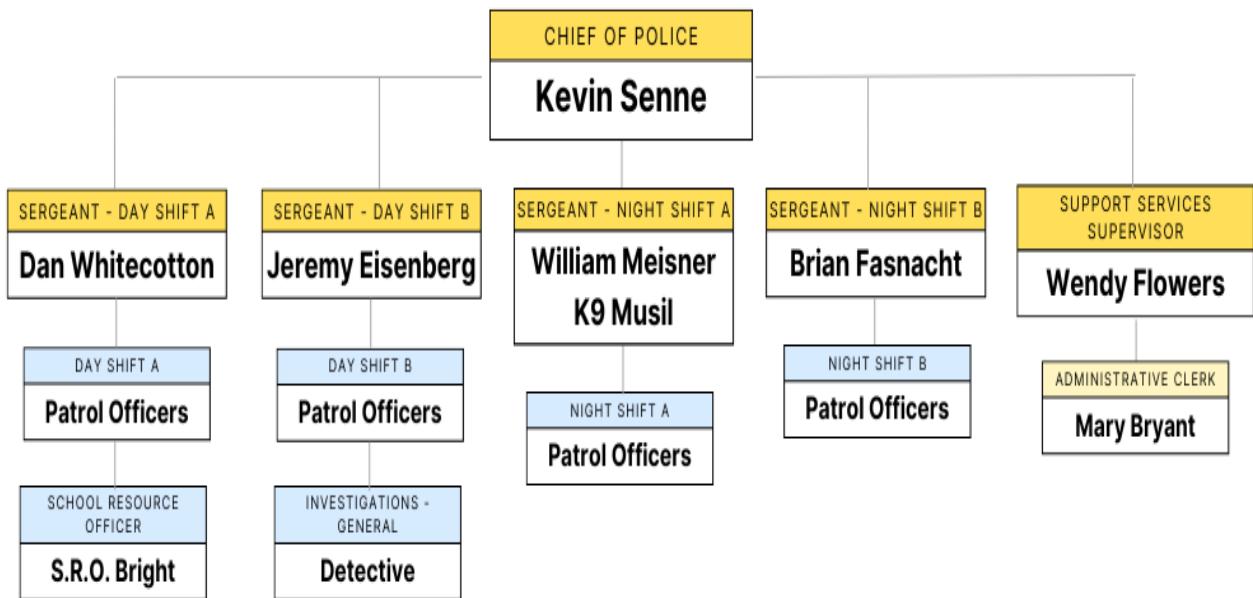
# Sandwich Police Department Mission Statement

The Sandwich Police Department, in partnership with our community through Service, Pride, and Dedication, strives to continue to build community relationships through transparency, fairness, integrity, and humanity to be an impartial, fair, and honest city.



# Sandwich Police Department

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



# Sworn Personnel

The Sandwich Police Department has an authorized strength of fifteen sworn full-time police officers, encompassing the ranks of Chief of Police, Sergeant, and Patrol Officer. Officers assigned to the Patrol Division vigilantly patrol the City of Sandwich to detect and prevent crime. Daily, our officers assist citizens, assist other law enforcement agencies, engage in community events, participate in the schools, and enforce criminal and traffic laws. All patrol officers are required to complete sixteen weeks of basic law enforcement instruction, or equivalent, at a certified Illinois police academy. When a new officer returns from the police academy, the officer participates in a twelve-week field training program where the officer is paired with several Field Training Officers (FTOs). After the officer completes the field training program, he/she is authorized for solo patrol. A new police officer is continually reviewed during a one-year probationary period to ensure that the officer is progressing properly and meeting department standards. Patrol officers are sent to specialized training for DUI detection, investigative techniques, breathalyzer operations, annual law updates, and other classes based on availability. Sandwich Police Officers wear many hats and often play dual roles in the department. Our officers hold specialty positions such as DARE Officer, Evidence Custodian, Crime Scene/Evidence Technician, K9 Officer, Range Master, Firearms Armorer, Field Training Officer, etc. The police department drove over 115,000 miles last year patrolling the city.

Investigative roles with the Sandwich Police Department may include a general assignment detective and a School Resource Officer dedicated to Sandwich CUSD #430. Our investigators are members of the DeKalb County Major Crimes Squad, a multijurisdictional countywide initiative that is periodically activated to investigate the most serious of crimes. Criminal investigations initiated by the Patrol Division that require considerable time and effort are assigned to the Investigation Division. Having members of the police department dedicated to investigating complex and time-consuming cases allows members of the Patrol Division to remain “on the street,” responding to the needs of the community promptly. Members of the Investigations Division participate in monthly multi-jurisdictional detective and gang meetings to share and obtain intelligence with surrounding law enforcement agencies. The police department followed up on seventy cases and executed four search warrants.

This past August, we provided the school district with a School Resource Officer, Officer Eric Bright.

# Civilian Personnel

The Sandwich Police Department Support Services Division includes a Supervisor and an Administrative Clerk who facilitates the Adjudication Program and Community Relations initiatives. Our Support Services Division engages in various clerical and administrative tasks, including maintaining an organized filing system, managing payments, assisting in budgeting, preparing reports, communicating with surrounding State's Attorney's Offices, and so much more.



# Statistical Crime Summaries

Below is a statistical review of crimes in the City of Sandwich over the past three years.

Part One Crimes:

	2022 Offense	2022 Arrest		2023 Offense	2023 Arrest		2024 Offense	2024 Arrest
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0		0	0		0	0
<b>Criminal Sexual Assault</b>	0	0		0	0		2	0
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0		0	0		0	0
<b>Aggravated Battery and Assault</b>	23	12		39	16		43	24
<b>Burglary</b>	2	0		4	0		4	0
<b>Theft</b>	3	1		20	0		16	5
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	0	0		0	0		0	0
<b>Arson</b>	0	0		0	0		1	1

Attached to Appendix A is a more expansive look at Part One crimes from 2023-2024.

Attached to Appendix B is a more expansive look at Officers performance in 2024

Overall, total incidents, along with proactive calls for service, are listed below.

	2022	2023	2024
<b>Community Contact</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>1711</b>
<b>Extra Patrol</b>	<b>6710</b>	<b>3231</b>	<b>3803</b>
<b>Foot Patrol</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>376</b>
<b>Home/Business Check</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1695</b>
<b>School Patrols</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>540</b>
<b>School Walk Through</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Stationary Patrol</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>2518</b>
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>12840</b>	<b>12206</b>	<b>19174</b>

# Traffic Summaries

Below is a statistical review of traffic-related matters in the City of Sandwich over the past three years.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Arrest</b>	<b>Arrest</b>	<b>Arrest</b>
<b>DWLS/DWLR</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>No Valid DL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>DUI</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>33</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Traffic Crash</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Traffic Stops</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>3096</b>

There has been an increase over the past three years in traffic-related matters. However, we saw a small decrease in traffic crashes in 2024

# Training Summary

Two officers in 2024 completed 16 weeks of basic police academy training.

Seven officers had to complete the Field Training Program. The Field Training Program is designed to give the officers the skills and knowledge necessary to become effective and competent police officers. The officers respond to calls with a Field Training Officer. The department had four officers who had been trained to be FTOs. Field training lasts between 10-12 weeks until an officer is released to solo patrol. Officers remain on probation for one year. This allows the department to make sure we have well-trained officers who are serving our community.

In 2024, the Sandwich Police Department conducted over 1,000 hours of training. Some of the training included the following:

- FBI-LEEDA Command and Executive Sessions
- Northwestern Staff and Command
- Crisis Communications
- Lead Armorer
- K-9 Certification
- Illinois Chief Conference
- Meta Communications
- Firearm Simulator Instructors
- SRO update
- Navigating Resilience
- Juvenile Court update
- Breath Operator
- Close Quarter Battle
- High-Risk Traffic Stops
- New Supervisor training

In addition to this training, the department members each month are required to complete two law update cases along with monthly online training by the Police Law Institute that covers topics such as arrest, search, use of force, de-escalation tactics, implicit bias, and vehicle pursuits.

# Oxcart Permits



The Sandwich Police Department partnered with Oxcart Permit Systems for overweight and oversized vehicles in April of 2024.

The police department approved sixty permits, resulting in \$4,925 in fees for the city.

This program is all done online, with the average approval taking a member of the police department less than a minute to approve.



# Support Services Summary

The functions of the Support Service division are responsible for:

- Records and Statistical Management,
- Logistical Services (Budgeting and Fiscal management)
- Ordinance Enforcement
- Adjudication
- School Crossing Program
- FOIA Compliance
- Court Subpoena
- Building Maintenance
- Purchasing
- Expungement/Sealing of Records

FOIA Requests- 97

Subpoenas-160

Adjudication Cases-456



# Evidence Summary

A review of the workload of evidence from January 1st, 2024, through December 31st, 2024.

Items Collected - 145

Items Returned to Owner - 49

Items Destroyed - 775

Items Retained for Department Use - 13

Items Transferred to Other Agency – 3

Total pieces of Evidence- 5,409



# Equipment Summary

In 2024, the department purchased the following equipment:

- AEDs for the squad cars and the building
- One new squad car
- New lap-top computers
- New Shield
- New Portable breath machines
- Desks for the Sergeant's office
- Body cameras
- In-car squad cameras
- Electronic Ticketing



# Use of Force and Internal Review Summary

In 2024, the department had fifteen incidents when use of force was used. When looking at the incidents, the most common use of force was an arm takedown and one case where a taser was displayed but not used. In nine cases, some type of impairment was detected in the individual that force was used against, and in seven cases, the person was determined to have some type of emotional issue occurring. Seven of the calls were domestic-related. Sunday was the day in which most use of force occurred being five with Saturday having three. Twelve of the cases involved men, and three involved women. Twelve cases involved White individuals, two cases Hispanic, and one case African American.

In 2024, the department had three cases of internal review, all of which were generated by the police department. Here is a summary of the cases:

- Traffic Crash- Matter was sustained
- Conduct- Matter was sustained
- Conduct- The matter was not completely investigated due to the officer resigning

# New Hires, Retirements, Promotions and Awards

In 2024, the following officers were hired:

- Officer Erik Favela (1/24)
- Officer Joel French (1/24)
- Officer Steven Mumbower (3/24)
- Officer Nathan Dwyer (4/24)
- Officer Jacob Lundsteen (8/24)



Sergeant Jennifer Marcellus retired on March 2, 2024.

Officer Brian Fasnacht was promoted to Sergeant on April 15, 2024.



Officer William Meisner was appointed as a K-9 officer in April of 2024 and promoted to Sergeant on June 17, 2024.



Sergeant Dan Whitecotton received the Jacob J. Novak Scholarship and was able to attend Northwestern Staff and Command Class.



Sergeant Jeremy Eisenberg completed the FBI-LEEDA trilogy. These are high-level management classes.



Sergeant Dan Whitecotton received the traffic enforcement award in 2024 for his work in 2023.



Sergeant William Meisner received the DUI enforcement award in 2024 for his work in 2023.



Support Supervisor Wendy Flowers received the Employee of the Year award in 2024 for her work in 2023.



# Community Engagement

The department attended over 120 events. The events included Coffee with a Cop, Pop with a Cop, Lunch and Learn, Coffee before Business, Chiefs meetings, National Night Out, Reading to Students, DARE Graduation, Walk and Talks, Drug Take Back, Taste of Sandwich, Halloween Bash and Toys for Tots Christmas event. We also handed out over one thousand popsicles in 2024 and attended the Sandwich Fair.



*Grab a cup 'o joe  
with members of  
the Sandwich  
Police Department!*

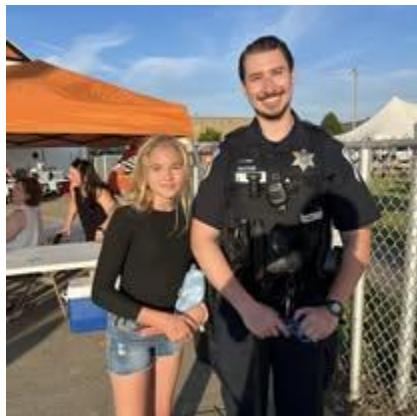
FEBRUARY 29TH, 2024  
10:00 - 11:00 AM  
Aldo's Coffee & Donuts





**Tuesday August 6th, 2024**  
**6 - 8 pm**  
**Veteran's Park Gazebo**

[More information soon!](#)







## Appendix A

Offense	Reported in 2024	Reported in 2023	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Percent Of Category	Rate Per 100,000*
Murder	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:							
Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Sodomy	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.00%	13.58
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Fondling	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	2.00%	13.58
Aggravated Assault	1	7	-85.71%	1	100.00%	2.00%	13.58
Simple Assault	42	32	31.25%	26	61.90%	84.00%	570.34
Intimidation	5	2	150.00%	0	0.00%	10.00%	67.90
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Consensual Sex Offenses:							
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
<b>Crimes Against Persons Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21.95%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>45.05%</b>	<b>678.98</b>
Robbery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	4	4	0.00%	1	25.00%	6.78%	54.32
Larceny/Theft Offenses	16	20	-20.00%	5	31.25%	27.12%	217.27
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Arson	1	0	NA	1	100.00%	1.69%	13.58
Destruction Of Property	16	12	33.33%	2	12.50%	27.12%	217.27
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Fraud Offense	22	17	29.41%	0	0.00%	37.29%	298.75
Embezzlement	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Extortion/Blackmail	0	2	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
<b>Crimes Against Property Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7.27%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15.25%</b>	<b>53.15%</b>	<b>801.2</b>
Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	1	0.00%	1	100.00%	50.00%	13.58
Drug Equipment Violations	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Prostitution	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Weapons Law Violation	1	2	-50.00%	1	100.00%	50.00%	13.58
Animal Cruelty	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
<b>Crimes Against Society Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-33.33%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>27.16</b>
<b>Total Group "A" Offenses</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>12.12%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>34.23%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1507.33</b>

## Appendix B

### Officer Annual Activity Report 2024

Last Name	First Name	Events (incl. Self Init. / Non-Traffic)	Traffic Stops	Case Reports	Arrests (Felony/ A/B/C/War)	Crash Reports	Extra Pat/ Bus/House Check	Foot / Com. Contact	Sch. Pat / Walks / X-ing G.
Fasnacht	Brian	2110	92	19	5	3	1469	56	16
Beatty	Nevada	2877	853	139	25	28	434	381	121
Favela	Erik	1735	468	81	18	6	441	131	13
Eisenberg	Jeremy	1228	141	11	0	2	495	72	102
Hegland	Edward	2100	347	124	22	33	321	242	221
Whitecotton	Daniel	671	351	27	7	3	54	220	82
Bright	Eric	786	109	64	5	9	59	152	94
Rominski	Keith	1772	260	78	13	12	301	220	80
Dwyer	Nathan	972	146	43	5	8	286	66	40
Senne	Kevin	244	59	1	0	0	28	32	26
Meisner	Billy	1503	323	54	14	1	696	209	8
French	Joel	2250	279	113	47	10	675	320	11
Vega	Christopher	192	25	11	3	0	62	15	4
Lundsteen	Jacob	41	7	3	0	2	7	1	1