

MOUNT VERNON-LISBON POLICE DEPARTMENT

2025 Annual Report



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

It is my privilege to present the Mt. Vernon–Lisbon Police Department's Annual Report, a reflection of our commitment to providing professional and community-focused law enforcement services to the citizens we proudly serve. Each year brings new challenges and new opportunities, and 2025 was no exception. Yet through it all, our officers and staff demonstrated resilience, integrity, and a strong commitment to public safety.

My name is Jason Blinks, and it is an honor to introduce myself as the new Chief of Police for the Mt. Vernon–Lisbon Police Department. I step into this role following the retirement of Chief Doug Shannon, who concluded a remarkable 30 years of service to our communities. Throughout my time with this department, I have had the privilege of working alongside outstanding officers and learning from exceptional leaders. As Chief, I will continue striving to uphold the trust, transparency, and accountability that the citizens of Mt. Vernon and Lisbon expect and deserve.

This past year, we continued to strengthen the partnerships that make our communities special. Whether through proactive patrol, responsive service, community outreach, or collaborative problem-solving with residents and local organizations, our focus has remained steady: to safeguard our communities while building and maintaining strong relationships founded on trust.

None of our accomplishments would be possible without the support of our community partners, elected officials, and the citizens who work alongside us every day. We are deeply grateful for your trust and engagement. Your involvement, whether reporting concerns, participating in community programs, or simply taking a moment to thank an officer, plays a vital role in our success.

As we look toward the coming year, we remain committed to strengthening our service, adapting to emerging needs, and continuing the tradition of excellence that defines the Mt. Vernon–Lisbon Police Department. Together, we will continue building a safe, welcoming, and thriving community for all.

Jason Blinks

Chief of Police

Mt. Vernon–Lisbon Police Department

GOVERNMENT

Mount Vernon

Mayor: Tom Wieseler

Councilperson: Scott Rose, Stephanie West, Craig Engel, Mark Andresen, Paul Tuerler

City Administrator: Chris Nosbisch

Lisbon

Mayor: Doug O'Connor

Councilperson: John Bardsley, Rawley Alger, Kevin Steele, Rick Scott, and Nathan Smith

City Administrator: Brandon Siggins



POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Members: Brandon Siggins, Chris Nosbisch, Kevin Steele, Jake Krob, Scott Rose

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mount Vernon - Lisbon Police Departments primary mission is the preservation of life and property, to protect the rights of all persons, maintain peace and order, the prevention and detection of crime, and the enforcement of State law and local ordinances. To accomplish this mission, members of the Mount Vernon - Lisbon Police Department are bestowed the necessary legal authority by the community we serve. The foundation of our mission is based upon our commitment to justice, equality, compassion, courtesy, dedication and professional service to others.

To ensure success in this mission, members of the Mount Vernon - Lisbon Police Department shall maintain the trust, confidence, and respect of the community we serve, by continuing to educate ourselves and our community for evolving needs and trends, having empathy for others, having strength (both physically and mentally) to meet and overcome challenges, demonstrating our commitment to providing the highest level of excellence and professional service, recognizing the need for all members to exhibit organizationally expected behavior and are willing to accept personal responsibility, while being accountable to all members of the Mount Vernon - Lisbon Police Department and the community we serve.

VALUES

Our values are characteristics of qualities of worth. They are non-negotiable. Although we may need to balance them, we will never ignore them for the sake of expediency or personal preference. We hold out values constantly before us to teach and remind us and the community we serve of our ideals.

They are the foundation upon which our policies, goals and operations are built.

In fulfilling our mission, we need the support of the citizens, elected representatives, and city officials in order to ensure the quality of service our values commit us to providing.

Human Life

Integrity

Laws and Constitution

Excellence

Accountability

Cooperation

Problem Solving

Ourselves

DAILY LOG RECORDS

Theft	34	Parking Violation	156	Suspicious Vehicle	147
Burglary	6	Juvenile	151	Animal	131
Assault	30	Alarm/Open Door	161	Disturbance	529
Criminal Mischief	15	Felony Arrests	5	Investigative Time	238 hours
Vehicle Collisions	104	Misdemeanor Arrests	57	Administrative Time	2,054 hours
Public Assist	3,813	OWI Arrests	10	Cornell Related	71 hours
Warnings	608	Towed Vehicles	16	Medical	136 hours
Citations	184	Assisted Agency	382	Lisbon	3,561 hours

Officers had 5,507 call for service in 2025 (6,368 in 2024). Of these calls, 2,179 were dispatched (2,425 in 2024) and 3,328 were observed trip (3,943 in 2024). The department completed 270 incident reports. Of the incident reports, 3 were agency assists, 79 were Lisbon and 188 were Mount Vernon.

*Lisbon Note- Chief Shannon's time for council meetings, case reviews, etc. nor Administrative Assistant Tasha Whitman's time is included.

CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE

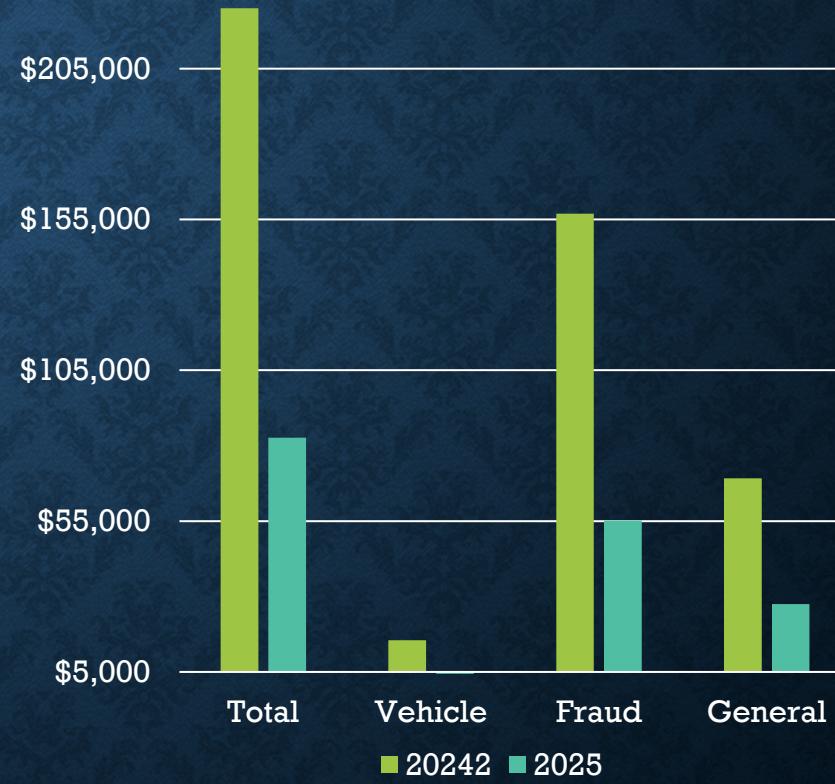
This table includes those offenses reported to MVLPD for investigation. It is important to mention that police officers responded to numerous other disturbances involving assaults of some type. However, no charges were filed at the victim's request, or the parties were gone prior to officer arrival.

Assault Type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Harassment	1	8	13	10	9
Simple Assault	4	2	7	6	10
Aggravated Assault	5	4	4	6	2
Court Order Violations	1	3	2	9	5
Child Endangerment	2	3	1	1	3
Interference W/O Acts	6	1	2	2	1
Simple Assault-DA	6	4	6	8	5
Domestic-with Injury	3	5	8	10	8
Statutory Rape	0	1	0	3	0
Sexual Abuse	1	5	3	1	4
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0
Extortion	1	0	1	0	2
Total	31	36	47	56	49

PROPERTY CRIME

Crime	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Burglary	0	7	4	10	3
Counterfeit/Forgery	3	1	3	4	3
Theft from vehicle	7	1	0	1	3
Theft from building	4	8	8	6	5
Identity theft/Fraud	6	23	14	8	10
Stolen Vehicle	4	1	3	3	0
Shoplifting	6	1	0	1	1
Miscellaneous Theft	18	14	3	7	4
Total	48	56	35	39	29

Reported Financial Losses



PROPERTY CRIME BY TOWN

Crime	Mount Vernon	Lisbon
Burglary	3	0
Forgery/Counterfeit	2	1
Theft from vehicle	2	1
Theft from building	5	0
Identity theft/Fraud	7	3
Stolen Vehicle	0	0
Shoplifting	0	1
Miscellaneous Theft	3	1
Total	22	7



CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (VANDALISM)

Offense	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Criminal Mischief	14	17	13	8	10

- Estimated value of the incidents is \$12,946
- Examples included: broken windows, scratches to vehicles and spray-painted graffiti

DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME

Charge	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Possession of Controlled Substance (PCS)	13	13	12	22	15
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PDP)	10	16	10	11	14
Total	23	29	22	33	29

Offense	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
OWI	15	18	21	19	13
Liquor Law Violations	0	1	4	6	2
Public Intoxication	3	2	2	1	1
Totals	18	21	23	26	16

DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED CRIME BY TOWN

Charge	Mount Vernon	Lisbon
Possession of Controlled Substance (PCS)	11	4
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (PDP)	12	2
Total	23	6

Offense	Mount Vernon	Lisbon
OWI	11	2
Liquor Law Violations	1	1
Public Intoxication	1	0
Totals	13	3

ACCIDENTS

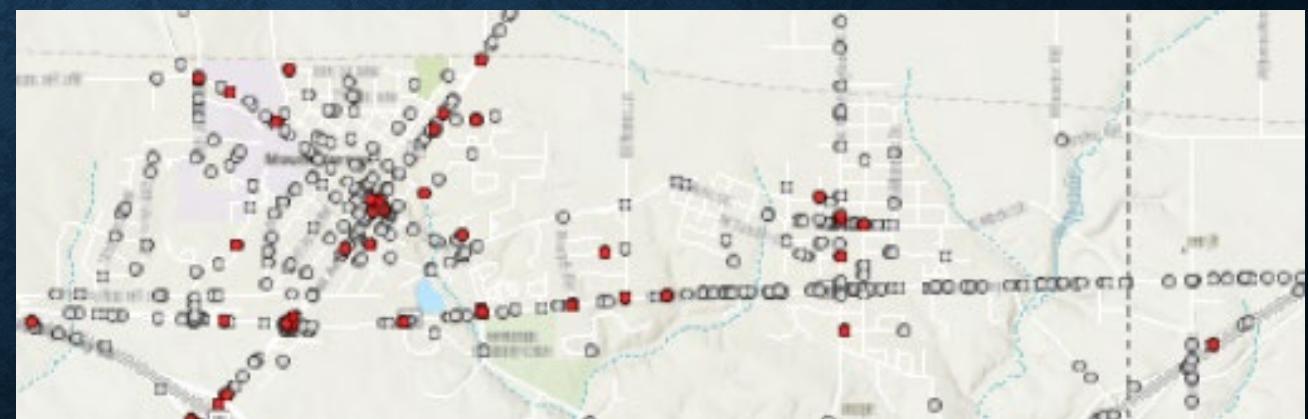
Crash Severity	45
Fatal Crash	0
Suspected Serious Injury Crash	1
Suspected Minor Injury Crash	0
Possible/Unknown Injury Crash	5
Property Damage Only	39

Injury Status Summary	19
Fatalities	0
Suspected serious/incapacitating	1
Suspected minor/non-incapacitating	1
Possible (complaint of pain/injury)	6
Uninjured	0
Unknown	0
Not Reported	11

Property/Vehicles/Occupants	
Property Damage Total (dollars):	259,100.00
Average (per crash dollars):	5,757.78
Total Vehicles:	78.00
Average (per crash):	1.73
Total Occupants:	106.00
Average (per crash):	2.36

Average Severity	
Fatalities/Fatal Crash:	0.00
Fatalities/Crash:	0.00
Injuries/Crash:	0.18
Major Injuries/Crash:	0.02
Minor Injuries/Crash:	0.02
Possible/Unknown Injuries/Crash:	0.13

- The most common causes of the accidents were failure to yield, following too close, losing control, and animal.
- Most accidents occur 12pm – 6pm.



NIBRS - NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

Group A by Month

Month	2024	2025
Jan	9	9
Feb	11	3
Mar	18	8
Apr	17	18
May	18	9
Jun	2	4
Jul	5	9
Aug	14	16
Sep	14	3
Oct	14	7
Nov	4	4
Dec	6	5
Total	132	95

Group A Offense Report

Offense	Reported in 2025	Reported in 2024
Murder	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
Justifiable Homicide	0	0
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:		
Rape	1	2
Sodomy	0	1
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0
Fondling	1	1
Aggravated Assault	3	6
Simple Assault	21	21
Intimidation	5	10
Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0
Consensual Sex Offenses:		
Incest	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0
Crimes Against Persons Total	31	41

Offense	Reported in 2025	Reported in 2024
Robbery	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	1	10
Larceny/Theft Offenses	6	12
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	2
Arson	0	0
Destruction Of Property	10	6
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3	6
Fraud Offense	8	21
Embezzlement	1	0
Extortion/Blackmail	2	0
Bribery	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	0	0
Crimes Against Property Total	31	57
Drug/Narcotic Violations	17	19
Drug Equipment Violations	14	10
Gambling Offenses	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	1	1
Prostitution	0	0
Weapons Law Violation	1	3
Animal Cruelty	0	1
Crimes Against Society Total	33	34
Total Group "A" Offenses	95	132

Arrest Distribution by Type

Offense	On-View Arrest	Summoned/Cited	Taken Into Custody	Total
13A - Aggravated Assault	1		3	4
13B - Simple Assault		1	1	2
13C - Intimidation		1		1
290 - Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property			1	1
35A - Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	2	10	13
35B - Drug Equipment Violations			3	3
90C - Disorderly Conduct			1	1
90D - Driving Under the Influence	1		4	5
90G - Liquor Law Violations			2	2
90J - Trespass of Real Property		1		1
90Z - All Other Offenses			1	1
Total	4	9	21	34

SERVICES THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES

- Fingerprinting
- Golf cart permits: Lisbon – 83, Mount Vernon - 62
- Medication disposal – 243 pounds were collected
- Vehicle Unlocks
- House checks
- Business and school building checks
- Free gunlocks
- Partnership and collaboration with local businesses, Churches, Event Coordinators, Schools, and other community groups on various issues (Active threat response & planning, financial crimes, drug awareness, etc.)
- Assist the Mount Vernon Fire Department, Lisbon Fire Department, and Lisbon-Mount Vernon Ambulance at calls by assisting with traffic control, medical aid, scene safety, and other assistance as requested.
- Respond to medical calls and are the first responders on scene to assist with medical care as needed. Officers are trained in CPR, Stop the Bleed, and AED use.

K9 UNIT

- A golf outing in memory of Monster was in June
- Grom joined the department in September and began training



MOUNT VERNON-LISBON POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 OFFICER MEMORIAL



END OF WATCH
2/25/2025

A MEMORIAL IN HIS HONOR WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, MARCH 8 @ 9:00 AM AT THE MOUNT VERNON-LISBON POLICE
DEPARTMENT LOCATED AT 380 OLD LINCOLN HWY, MOUNT VERNON.
DONATIONS IN HONOR OF MONSTER CAN BE MADE TO "MVLPD-K9".

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

TRAINING

- Sgt Daubs attended Domestic Violence training
- Officer Gehrke attended the GTSB conference
- Officer Blinks attended the Iowa Acts of Interest conference
- Chief Shannon and Officer Blinks attended the Iowa Police Chiefs Association conference
- Officer Gehrke attended ILEA Baton Instructor training
- Officer Gutierrez completed Seated-Battery Transition Training
- Administrative Assistant Tasha Whitman attended the annual Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Conference



AWARDS AND MILESTONES

- Officer Macke was sworn in as a fulltime officer
- Reserve Officer Roelle was sworn in
- Officer J. Frankfurt retired
- Chief Shannon retired
- Officer Blinks was appointed Temporary-Interim Police Chief

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- The department hosted the Boots and Badges blood
- Officers participated in multiple DEA Take Bake events
- Officers provided extra patrol at community events such as Magical Night, Sauerkraut Days and Heritage Days
- Officer Gehrke attended Mount Vernon Middle School career day
- A pedestrian traffic safety study was conducted in conjunction with GTSB and Iowa State University
- Officer Ford read to student at the LECC
- Officer Gehrke participated in the Lisbon School Veteran's Day Program
- The department was awarded a grant through the FY25 Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Implementation Project
- Officer Vaughn participated in the Red Sand Rally & Family and Safety Fair
- Officer Ford participated in Washington Elementary's End of Year party
- Officer Ford and Officer Blinks attended the Kirkwood Career Fair
- Officer Gehrke demonstrated Fatal Vision Goggles at Lisbon High School
- Officer Moel and Chief Shannon attended Coffee with a Cop at Lisbon Rehab. Center
- Officer Gehrke provided safety training to Cornell athletes
- A Mount Vernon High School student completed a job shadow with the department
- DARE at Lisbon Community School District and Mount Vernon Community School District



The Coalition partners with six rural Linn County communities—Mount Vernon, Lisbon, Springville, Central City, Alburnett, and Center Point—to deliver comprehensive prevention, education, and awareness efforts supported through STOP Act, MHAT, and CARA grant funding. Coalition staff are housed within the Mount Vernon-Lisbon Police Department (MVLPD), reinforcing daily collaboration and shared community-focused goals.

- Partnership with Law Enforcement
 - The Mount Vernon-Lisbon Police Department plays a vital role in advancing the Coalition's mission through ongoing collaboration that includes: providing and supporting evidence-based training to schools, colleges, and communities, participating in coalition and community meetings, monitoring prescription drug disposal boxes, partnering in community awareness events and trainings, collaborating in community-wide prevention and education initiatives
 - In partnership with MVLPD and the Linn County Sheriff's Office, 243.4 pounds of unused medications were safely disposed of this year using Coalition-supported funding.
- Prevention & Education Efforts
 - Youth & School-Based Programming
 - The Coalition financially supports the MVLPD D.A.R.E. program in both Mount Vernon and Lisbon schools.
 - LifeSkills Program grant funding provided prevention education to 236+ middle school students.
 - At Mount Vernon Middle School, 152 students participated in Signs of Suicide, an evidence-based prevention program.
 - Coalition staff provided "The Risks of Vaping" training to all Mount Vernon freshmen.
 - Provided Prime For Life support to Mount Vernon High School to assist students 'making high risk choices' or with Good Conduct Violations.
- Community Training & Outreach
 - More than 900 individuals were trained this year through Coalition-funded programming, including: Question. Persuade. Refer. (QPR), Adult & Youth Mental Health First Aid, 988 Training & 988 Simulation Training, Mental Health Awareness Resource Training, Prime for Life, Motivational Interviewing, Signs of Suicide, Drug-specific education (Including, training all Cornell Residential Assistance (RAs) in Naloxone administration. This was a collaboration between Cornell, MVLPD, LMVEMS, and the Coalition.)
 - 4,231+ additional community outreach service hours were completed this year.
 - This year the coalition totaled over 1,790,261 impressions through digital campaigns, billboards, social media, and poster campaigns.

- Community Events & Awareness
 - The Coalition partnered with communities, MVLPD, and Cornell College to host semi-annual awareness events focused on: Mental Health, Alcohol, Tobacco and Vaping, Prescription Drug Misuse and Naloxone Administration, and other substances impacting community health.
 - Community and family events included:
 - April DEA Drug Drop Event (Lisbon and Center Point)
 - August Celebrate Community & Safety Fair (Lisbon)
 - Ebersole Health and Wellbeing Fair at Cornell in August
 - Cornell: 988 Awareness Day in September, Safety Day in October, World Mental Health Day in October
 - Pumpkin Palooza (Springville)
 - October Trunk or Treat DEA Drug Drop Event (Mount Vernon)
 - Together, these events reached over 1,769 individuals through face-to-face community engagement, which provided attendees with a greater understanding of the resources available within their communities.
- Looking Ahead: Sustainability & Future Planning
 - The Coalition remains committed to growth, prevention, and community well-being, with the goal of expanding education opportunities for schools, youth, parents, and organizations across all partner communities.
 - Funding Outlook
 - CARA and MHAT grants conclude in September 2026
 - Coalition staff will pursue additional funding, though fewer opportunities have been available
 - If no new funding is secured after September 2026: Staffing will be reduced to one part-time position, and it will fulfill STOP Act Grant requirements, currently funded through September 2027
 - The Coalition has applied two grants which are currently under review, they are:
 - Drug Free Communities Grant- Focus area is Mount Vernon and Lisbon
 - Communities and School Youth Drug Prevention Grant- Focus area is Mount Vernon and Lisbon

WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

