

ABOUT THE EDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Edgewater Police Department is currently authorized and funded for:

- (1) Chief of Police
- (1) Commander
- (4) Police Sergeants
- (15) Police Officers

In addition, we have five (5) Professional staff members including:

- Police Records Clerk
- Digital Records Clerk
- Assistant Records Clerk
- Property & Evidence Technician
- Community Service Officer

Three (3) Edgewater Police Department priorities for 2023:

- Community Safety
- Neighborhood Engagement
- Employee & Organizational Wellness

A majority of our sworn officers are assigned to the patrol function and these are the officers you see on a daily basis in our neighborhoods. The primary mission of the officers assigned to patrol is to provide professional, effective, and responsive police service to ensure quality of life for our community. The Department emphasizes proactive problem-solving in which officers are responsible for not only proactively detecting problems or issues in the community, but even more importantly they are responsible for developing solutions to those problems or issues by working in partnerships with members of the community.

Our patrol officers who respond to incidents every day and conduct preliminary investigations are normally fully capable of conducting the appropriate follow-up investigations of most of the incidents they encounter. However, sometimes patrol officers encounter incidents that they simply cannot investigate in their assignment as patrol officers. These incidents demand specialized investigative expertise, coordinated assistance from outside law enforcement agencies, and/or a significant investment of time and personnel. Our Detective Unit assumes the responsibility for investigating incidents that surpass the capacity of our patrol officers. The investigation normally moves from the preliminary investigation conducted by the patrol officer through a supervisory review to assignment to one of our two (2) Detectives based upon the specific nature or complexity of the investigation. The detectives can handle investigations from the simple to the complex, from assaults, burglaries and thefts, robberies, fraud and identity thefts to sex crimes and even the rare homicide. Although the detectives have a wide array of training and experience, sometimes the nature or severity of the crime demands even more expertise. In such cases, the detectives can and will call upon and work with outside law enforcement resources at the County, State or Federal level. The detectives regularly attend training seminars to ensure that they are proficient in contemporary evidence recovery and investigative techniques.