



EDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023-YEAR IN REVIEW



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TO OUR COMMUNITY

Purpose Statement

“Keeping Edgewater Safe in Partnership with Our Community”

Edgewater is made safe by the residents, business owners, and city staff. It is our purpose and humble responsibility to keep Edgewater safe and we are committed to doing that through engagement and partnership with all who live, work, and visit Edgewater.

Core Values

Engagement

We value engaging all members of our community to address contemporary issues impacting Edgewater. Through these partnerships, we work toward a common goal of improving quality of life and community safety.

Professionalism

We do not accept mediocrity. We value professionalism in how we present ourselves, how we treat others, and how we carry out our duties. With strength of character, we insist our employees show respect for the public as well as for each other.

Dedication

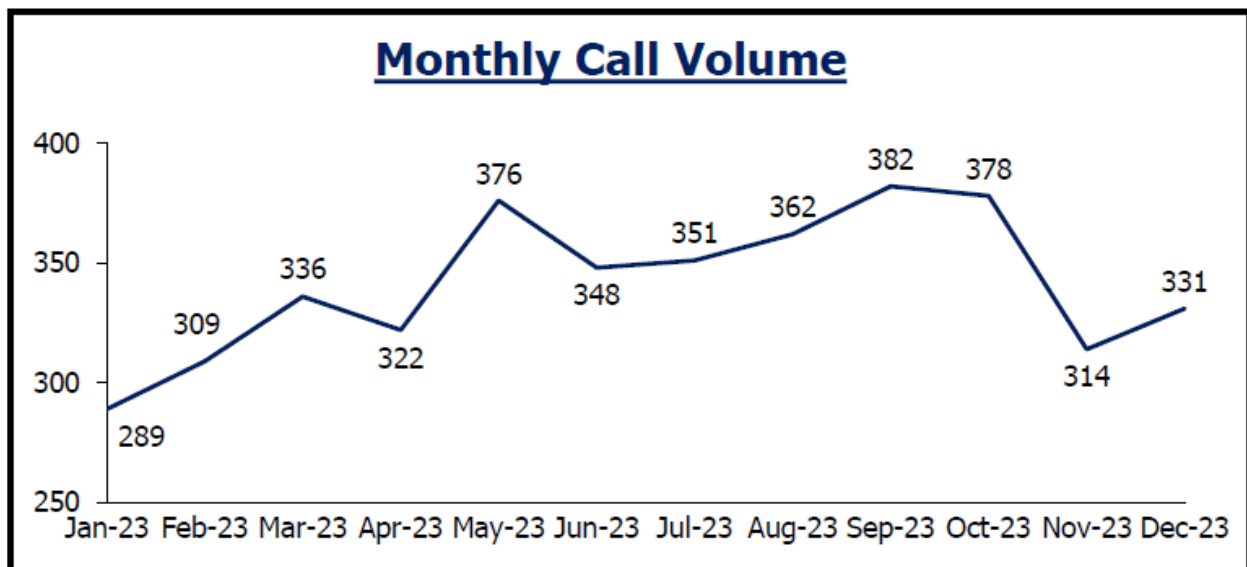
We are dedicated to the nobility of the law enforcement profession and recognize that our society is founded upon the principle of the Rule of Law. We understand the authority entrusted in us by the people of Edgewater and are dedicated to honorably wearing our badge as a symbol of that trust.



ACTIVITY SUMMARY



- *Edgewater Officers responded to over 4,000 calls for service in 2023.*
 - *Officers also made over seven-hundred (700) arrests in 2023 including the most D.U.I. arrests (56) since 2018.*
- *Despite two (2) tragic homicides, violent crime in Edgewater dipped to its lowest level in nearly eight (8) years.*
- *Motor vehicle theft saw a 42.5% reduction in 2023 with our lowest number of stolen vehicles since 2019.*
- *Shoplifting and narcotics violations remained the most prevalent offense in Edgewater in 2023 and comprised nearly 75% of total offenses reported.*



2023 GOALS & OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

- Install fixed License Plate Readers (Flock Safety) in high-volume routes in Edgewater
- Continue providing vehicle-theft deterrence devices to Edgewater residents
- Continue emphasis on enforcement of three “D” drivers: Dangerous, Distracted, and DUI/DUI-D.
- Continue to emphasize school zone traffic safety with participation in regional school safety operations.
- Work with the homeless navigator and housing navigator to ensure services are available for those that want/need them.
- Continue to work with Community Development & City Manager’s Office to determine safe operating conditions for downtown alcohol establishments.
- Continue community outreach at Coffee & Conversations on Friday morning.
- Have uniformed officers work the Edgewater PRIDE event.
- Develop a social media plan to regulate quantity & quality of posts across multiple platforms.
- Provide peer support resources for all employees.
- Approve the use of City workout facility on-duty.
- Complete the transition to the new Taser 7 ECW’s.
- Send Department representatives to Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) training.
- Host a Performance and Accountability class at the Edgewater Civic Center.
- Continue to provide additional training on Active Shooter & Rapid Response tactics.
- Implement new Professional Standards software to streamline our UOF and Pursuit reporting.
- Conduct a comprehensive review of the policy manual to ensure all policies are current and are equitable & inclusive.
- Continue to enhance internal communications with a weekly Chief’s message.
- Implement a patrol activity log to enhance internal communication of community incidents/events for all officers.
- Review and assess the Department’s mission statement and organizational values.
- Develop and implement a Department patch for uniformed personnel.

2023 IN ACTION



EDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

2023 Staff



Chief Eric S. Sonstegard



Commander Melvin Berghahn



Sergeant Jason Forsythe



Sergeant Brandon Challis



Sergeant Robert Brink



Sergeant Erik Young



Officer Ed McCallin



Detective Tristan Robenalt



Detective Chad Slaven



Officer Terry Ross



Officer Paul Perez



Officer Ericka Rendon



Officer Derek Stakley



Officer Thomas Plaza



Officer Susan Altman



Officer Jeff Carrasco



Officer Renee Rhoads



Officer Sandy Santti



Records Manager
Deborah Hernandez



Digital Records Clerk
Nancy Maldonado



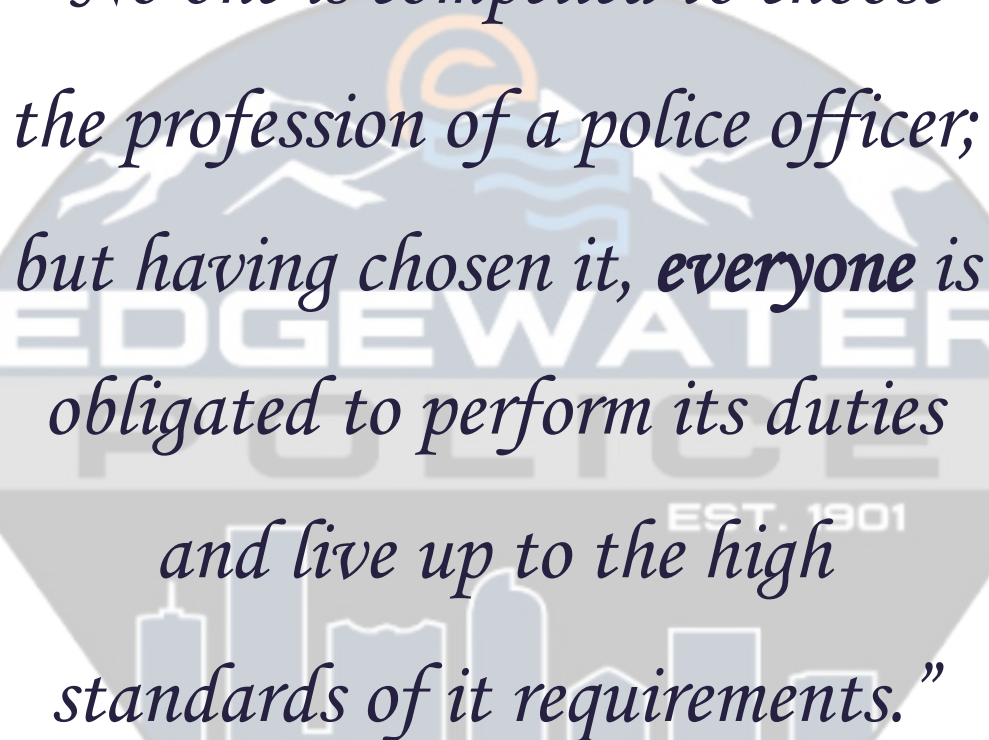
Property & Evidence Technician
Samantha Reiber



Asst. Records Clerk
Valeria Garcia



Community Service Officer
Charles "Alex" Price

The logo for the Edgewater Police Department is a shield-shaped emblem. It features a stylized mountain range in the background with a sun or moon rising behind the peaks. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of buildings and a body of water. The text "EDGEWATER" is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the middle of the shield, and "POLICE" is written below it in a smaller font. To the right of the shield, the text "EST. 1901" is visible.

*“No one is compelled to choose
the profession of a police officer;
but having chosen it, **everyone** is
obligated to perform its duties
and live up to the high
standards of its requirements.”*

-President Calvin Coolidge