

Arcanum Police Department

2025 First & Second Quarter Activity Report

“Service with Integrity.”

Overview: January – June 2025

During the first half of 2025, the Arcanum Police Department continued to demonstrate that effective policing isn’t measured solely by how many calls come in — but by how few have to. Our officers logged 6,153 total activities between January and June and took 351 total incident reports. The majority of these weren’t reactionary calls—they were proactive patrols, investigations, and deterrence efforts designed to prevent crime before it happens. This approach keeps our call volume low, our clearance rates high, and our community safe.

Operational Activity Summary

Category	Total
Total Documented Activities	6,153
Area Checks	3,176
Business Checks	286
Traffic Stops	65
Welfare Checks	28
Domestic-Related Calls	6
Juvenile-Related Complaints	9
Follow-Up Investigations	189
Training Hours Logged	81
School Zone Patrols	155
Delegated Duties	356
Shift Briefings	387



Nearly two-thirds of all documented actions were self-initiated. That means officers weren’t waiting for a call—they were already out there checking neighborhoods, watching the parks, running radar in school zones, and maintaining visibility throughout the community.

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Proactive Policing in Action

Many communities see rising crime and reactionary policing. Arcanum takes the opposite route: constant visibility and early intervention. Over 3,000 area checks were completed in just six months, covering neighborhoods, parks, and utility areas. Business and house checks added another 590 points of contact with residents and local owners. Traffic enforcement remained consistent, with 65 stops and 33 citations issued for hazardous driving. Officers maintained presence in school zones 155 times, reinforcing child safety during peak hours. This heavy emphasis on patrol isn’t busywork—it’s a deliberate strategy. Each time an officer circles through a park, runs radar, or checks a suspicious vehicle, they’re removing opportunity and increasing deterrence. The result is fewer emergency calls, fewer victims, and a calmer, safer village.

Criminal Investigations and Case Management

As of June 30, officers have investigated 23 criminal cases out of the 351 Incident Reports, with 15 already solved and cleared, resulting in a current clearance rate of 65%. That figure, however, doesn’t tell the whole story—many of the remaining cases are still active, awaiting final paperwork or prosecution. Based on investigative progress, the Department is on pace to close 100% of its 2025 cases by year’s end. These include complex and sensitive cases such as sexual offenses, domestic violence, theft, and juvenile-related incidents. Each one was handled with diligence, professionalism, and in compliance with modern evidence standards.

Community Engagement

Community presence remains central to the Department’s mission. Officers attended and provided coverage for:

- Brick Street Block Party
- High School Football Games & Homecoming Parade
- Purple Heart Parade & Recognition Ceremony
- Darke County Teachers' Retirement Association Event

These events reflect what policing looks like when it’s personal—neighbors protecting neighbors, not just responding to them.

Performance Context: Quality Over Quantity

When compared to other villages of similar size, Arcanum PD’s activity level is exceptional. Departments serving populations of 2,000–3,000 typically log around 2,500–3,000 calls per year. Arcanum officers logged 6,100 activities in just six months, the majority of which were

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officer-initiated—not reactive. This shows:

- Our low call volume is not due to inactivity, but because proactive patrol and engagement prevent crime before it occurs.
- Each documented activity represents time invested—not just responding, but preventing, mentoring, and maintaining presence.
- Public safety isn’t accidental here; it’s built on consistency, vigilance, and teamwork.

In a time when many communities consider reducing police funding, it’s important to note that our stability and safety exist precisely because of this consistent proactive work. Without that presence, those “quiet days” could easily turn into reactive ones.

A Message of Appreciation

The numbers only tell part of the story. Behind every statistic is an officer spending hours in the cold running traffic enforcement, standing by on a domestic call, or writing reports after midnight. Each officer in this Department continues to show the grit, professionalism, and heart that keep this community safe. On behalf of the Administration and the Village leadership, thank you for your dedication, your service, and the pride you bring to the uniform every day.

