



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR AGENDA
Monday, April 13, 2026
6:00 P.M.
Community Building
601 W Main Street
Odessa, MO 64076**

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bryan Barner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan Barner

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Karen Findora

WELCOME TO VISITORS

Mayor Bryan Barner

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion with no separate discussion. If a separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request of a member of the Aldermen.

Approval of Minutes

- March 23, 2026 – Regular Session

Police March Rpt.

Municipal Court March Rpt.

Community Development March Rpt.

MAYOR REPORT

ALDERMEN REPORT

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

PUBLIC HEARING

Annexation / ANNEX-02-2026 / Unaddressed Property –
Located Along West Main Street / Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-
000-001.000 / Bruce Bellington, Greenup Holdings, LLC,
property owner

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-15
System Study Task Order

Proposed Resolution No 2026-15 authorizing the Mayor to sign the work authorization agreement with Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. and the City of Odessa for a 2026 Electrical Distribution System Study.
Shawna Davis, City Administrator

Presentation
FIFA Mutual Aid Update

FIFA Mutual Aid update.
Josh Thompson, Police Chief

Presentation
Economic Development Update

Economic Development Update
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director

Next Scheduled Meeting

Monday, April 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session

Aldermen – Request for New Items

Members of the Board of Aldermen have the opportunity to propose items for consideration to be added to the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting. A vote will be held to determine whether to include an item on the agenda. Therefore, debate and discussion should be limited to determining the board's interest in further discussion at the upcoming Board of Aldermen meeting.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential attorney/client communication.
Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (2) Real Estate Negotiations
Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (3) Personnel
Pursuant to RSMO 610.021 (12) Sealed bids and related documents, until bids are open; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected.

Up-Coming Meetings / Events:

- April 15 @ 7:00 p.m. – Parks Board Meeting @ Community Bldg.
- April 16 @ 6:00 p.m. – Planning Commission @ Community Bldg.
- April 27 @ 4:30 p.m. – Finance Committee @ City Hall
- April 27 @ 6:00 p.m. – Board of Aldermen @ Community Bldg.
- May 11 @ 6:00 p.m. – Board of Aldermen @ Community Bldg.
- May 12 @ 9:30 a.m. – Municipal Court @ Community Bldg.
- May 20 @ 7:00 p.m. – Parks Board Meeting @ Community Bldg.
- May 21 @ 6:00 p.m. – Planning Commission @ Community Bldg.
- May 25 - City Hall Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 26, Tuesday @ 4:30 p.m. – Finance Committee @ City Hall
- May 26, Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m. – Board of Aldermen @ Community Bldg.

Other Events:

- April 3 @ 3:30 – Dusk – Easter Chalk the Walk – Downtown 4-Way*
 - April 4 – St. George Catholic Church Easter Fireworks*
 - June 19 & 20 – Chamber of Commerce Rodeo*
- For more information, please visit the City of Odessa [website](#).

ELECTED OFFICIALS

	Mayor Bryan D. Barner	bryan.barner@cityofodessamo.com	(816) 985-0361
Ward 1	Alderdwoman Mickey Starr	mickey.starr@cityofodessamo.com	(816) 260-8448
Ward 1	Alderdwoman Karla Polson	karla.polson@cityofodessamo.com	(816) 739-2224
Ward 2	Alderman Carl Crabtree	carl.crabtree@cityofodessamo.com	(816) 590-0630

Ward 2	Alderman Mike Plachte	mike.plachte@cityofodessamo.com	(816) 263-9997
Ward 3	Alderman Bruce Whitsitt	bruce.whitsitt@cityofodessamo.com	(816) 565-6610
Ward 3	Alderman Collin Carrigan	collin.carrigan@cityofodessamo.com	(801) 829-8482

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City of Odessa, Missouri
Board of Aldermen
Odessa Community Building | 601 W. Main Street
Regular Meeting ~ Monday, March 25, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

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Monday, March 23, 2026 Board of Aldermen Meeting Rescheduled to Wednesday, March 25, 2026

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bryan Barner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Karen Findora, City Clerk, called the roll and confirmed a quorum.

Mayor Bryan Barner	Present	Alderman Bruce Whitsitt	Present
Alderman Karla Polson	Present	Alderman Mickey Starr	Present
Alderman Mike Plachte	Present	Alderman Carl Crabtree	Present
Alderman Collin Carrigan	Present		

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shawna Davis, City Administrator	Troy Woutzke, Electric - Absent
Karen Findora, City Clerk	Darrin Lamb, Streets/Water
Cathy Thompson, Finance Director	Kenny Snider, Wastewater
Josh Thompson, Police Chief - Absent	Lt. Cody Smith, Police
Jeff Deane, Lauber Municipal Law	Lindsey Adams

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

Hannah Sparr, The Odessan	Amy Finch
Erin Ford, City Clerk, City of Blue Springs	Tony Easter
Charity Easton, City Clerk, Bates City	Amanda Hoskins
Jodi Schneider, City Clerk, City of Warrensburg	Bradlee Falls
Ron Finn	Katherine Brown
Amanda Hoskins	Seth – Amanda – G Smith
Don Findora	Wallace – Heather – K – A Harper

WELCOME OF VISITORS

Mayor Barner welcomed visitors and those viewing on YouTube.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of minutes and consent agenda.

- March 9, 2026 – Regular Session

Alderman Whitsitt gave a brief update on the recent Finance Committee meeting.

Alderman Whitsitt moved to approve the consent agenda and the March 9, 2026, Regular Session meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Alderwoman Polson.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Barner reminded everyone to watch the City Insight broadcast hosted by Leslie Shier, Public Information Coordinator. Mayor Barner thanked all who participated and volunteered for I LOVE Odessa and the City Wide Clean Up day. He also encouraged people to stay faith-based, focus on facts, and pray for the city and community during this upcoming election.

ALDERMEN REPORTS

- Alderman Plachte gave a brief update on the recent Planning Commission meeting. Commissioners discussed storage containers and off-street parking. The Commission will revisit these topics at future meetings.
- Alderman Carrigan reminded everyone to vote at upcoming April 7th election. Alderman Carrigan volunteered for the City Wide Clean Up Day and stated that he enjoyed working with the staff.
- Alderwoman Polson – No Rpt.
- Alderman Crabtree also reminded everyone to get out and vote.
- Alderwoman Starr thanked everyone who volunteered for the City Wide Clean Up day, she stated that she enjoyed working with department heads.
- Alderman Whitsitt – No Rpt.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, provided a brief update on city events.
(visit the [city website](#) to hear update.)

AMEND AGENDA ~ Special Event Permit “St. George Catholic Church Easter Fireworks.”

Alderman Plachte made a motion to amend the agenda to hear a Special Event Permit request made by St. George Catholic Church, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

St. George Catholic Church is requesting to set off fireworks at the church field on April 4th for Easter Sunday. The church will have a pumper truck on site from the Odessa Fire Dept. The church is required to contact all residents within 185 ft. of the site. The fireworks are 1.4 G consumer fireworks, and the church does have a licensed fireworks display operator licensed shooter. Greg Dickens, Deputy Chief, Fire Inspection, Fireworks Enforcement, and Permitting Unit, was contacted, and he confirmed that there is no state license required for the 1.4 G consumer-grade fireworks.

Alderman Plachte made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit for St. George Catholic Church Easter Fireworks, seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

PRESENTATION ~ MRCC Recognition

Recognition of City Clerk, Karen Findora, MRCC, for achieving the Missouri Registered City Clerk designation; presented by Erin Ford, City Clerk of Blue Springs, Jodi Schneider, City Clerk, City of Warrensburg, Charity Eaton, City of Bates City on behalf of the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MoCCFOA). Karen stated, "It is my honor to serve the City of Odessa and the community. I remain dedicated to fulfilling the responsibilities of this office with integrity, professionalism, and devotion, as do all our city employees." She went on to thank Mayor Barner, the Board of Aldermen, and Shawna Davis, City Administrator, for all of their support and encouragement in pursuing her professional development.

PROCLAMATION ~ National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Mayor Barner proclaimed March 26, 2026, as National Vietnam War Veterans Day and urged all citizens to join in honoring and remembering the brave men and women who served in the Vietnam War. He encourages all residents to take time to reflect on the sacrifices made by these veterans and to express their appreciation for their service to our nation.

PUBLIC HEARING ~ Annual establishment of Sewer Rates ~ "CIRA"

Open: 6:41 p.m.
Close: 6:42 p.m.
In Favor: None
Opposed: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION ~ FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Cathy Thompson, Finance Director, presented the proposed FY 2026-2027 City Budget.

Resolution No. 2026-10 ~ Capital Improvements Plan FY 2026/27-2030/31

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-10 adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for the FY 2026/27-2030/31.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-10 seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No

Resolution No. 2026-11 ~ Fee Schedule FY 2026-2027

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-11 approving and adopting the FY 2026-2027 City of Odessa Fee Schedule.

Discussion: Alderman Whitsitt asked whether the fee schedule sets electric rates at the same level as they currently are. Shawna Davis, City Administrator, confirmed that they are. She went on to say that Bill No. 2026-09 on the agenda is tied to the fee schedule. The fee schedule includes new electric connection fees. This change is significant because it alters the electric department's invoicing and billing for service when new services are requested. For example, an electrician would install the conduit, pay a connection fee to the electric department, and then they would pull and connect the wire. This is the same process that both water and sewer currently use. This, in turn, will take a huge load off the electric crews, allowing them to focus more on the city's electric system and move large projects to completion.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-11 seconded by Alderman Carrigan.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No

Bill No. 2026-08 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Consideration / Adoption of Final Budget FYE 03/31/2027

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-08, of proposed ordinance adopting and approving the City's annual budget for FY 2026-2027 and appropriating funds accordingly, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan to adopt Bill No. 2026-08, upon its first reading, and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Discussion: Alderman Whitsitt questioned section four (4) of the ordinance. He requested further explanation as to why the City Attorney is listed and what they have to do with the budget approval. Section four (4) reads as, "Mayor, City Clerk, and City Attorney are hereby authorized to take all the actions necessary to implement the budget." Jeff Deane, City Attorney, stated that this covers the city in case something needs to be corrected or the attorney needs to file something on behalf of the city. It's a backup. It's listed as an additional authority in case the City Attorney needs to file a correction or make a filing on behalf of the city. Mr. Deane stated that it gives the City Attorney the authority to execute documents when directed to do so, without having to return to the board for additional authority. For example, signing approved-as-to-form documents from the state and coordinating with auditors should they have questions for the city attorney, without having to come back and request additional authority.

Bill No. 2026-08 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Consideration / Adoption of Final Budget FYE 03/31/2027

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-08, of proposed ordinance adopting and approving the City’s annual budget for FY 2026-2027 and appropriating funds accordingly, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt to adopt Bill No. 2026-08, of proposed ordinance adopting and approving the City’s annual budget for FY 2026-2007 and appropriating funds according upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Carrigan, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderman Carrigan	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderman Crabtree	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-08 became **Ordinance No. 3172**

Bill No. 2026-09 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Consideration / Adoption of Electric Service Connections and Extensions

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-09, amending Section 48-661 – 48-667 of the City Code of the City of Odessa regarding service connections and extensions, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-09, upon its first reading, and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Polson, and carried with the following vote. **Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Discussion: The Developer's Agreement will clean up the Code of Ordinances. Alderman Carrigan suggested adding the words “residential development” to Sec. 48-666 (e.) of the ordinance.

Bill No. 2026-09 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Consideration / Adoption of Electric Service Connections and Extensions

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-09, amending Section 48-661 – 48-667 of City Code of the City of Odessa regarding service connections and extensions, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan to adopt Bill No. 2026-09, amending Section 48-661 – 48-667 of the City Code of the City of Odessa regarding service connections and extensions as amended by adding the words “residential development” to Sec. 48-666 (e.) of the ordinance upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderman Plachte, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderman Carrigan	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderman Crabtree	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-09 became **Ordinance No. 3173**

Bill No. 2026-10 Introduction and 1st Reading ~ Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) Credits

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-10, approving the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) Credits, first reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte to adopt Bill No. 2026-10, upon its first reading, and proceed to the second reading. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Polson, and carried with the following vote. **Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.**

Discussion:

- ~~60-day~~ / Changed to 90-day window to submit the form.
- You will have to opt in to obtain the credit/refund.
- A Google form with waiver language has been created, and all account holders requesting the credit/refund will need to fill out and submit the form to the city.
- You can visit the city's website to submit a Google form <https://www.cityofodessamo.com/news/post/10690/>
- Hard copies can be filled out at City Hall, 228 S 2nd Street.
- Account holders will need to provide an account number, and the credit/refund will be processed and credited accordingly.
- Multiple forms are required if there is more than one account.
- Refunds/Credits will be distributed over 3-4 months.
- If you currently have an open account, the entire credit will be issued to the current utility billing account.
- If you no longer have a city account, you must provide your current address, and a check will be mailed to you.
- If there are outstanding bills, the credit will first be applied to the outstanding balance.

There were discussions about where the funds would go if no one claims them. It was discussed to forward unclaimed funds to the state's unclaimed property program. Jeff Deane, City Attorney, informed the board that if the funds remain unclaimed with the state, the state will receive the funds, not the city. The board will hold future discussions on how to handle unclaimed funds. The city will open a separate bank account for refunds – marked as a liability. It has already been marked as a liability in the audit.

Unclaimed property: The funds will carry the liability over from year to year, for a minimum of three (3) years, and then in three (3) years, the board can determine what to do with

the funds. After the three (3) year mark, you can send it to unclaimed properties. More research needs to be conducted on the issue.

The board agreed to change the 60 days in the ordinance to 90 days.

Bill No. 2026-10 Introduction and 2nd Reading ~ Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) Credits

Mayor Barner read the proposed Ordinance, Bill No. 2026-10, approving the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) Credits, second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt to adopt Bill No. 2026-10, approving the Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) Credits as amended to change the 60 days to 90 days, with the consensus that the city will open a separate bank account for the funds upon its second reading, and approve the bill as an ordinance. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Starr, and carried with the following vote.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Plachte	yes	Alderman Carrigan	yes
Alderman Whitsitt	yes	Alderwoman Polson	yes
Alderman Crabtree	yes	Alderwoman Starr	yes

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Bill No. 2026-10 became **Ordinance No. 3174**

Resolution No. 2026-12 ~ Audit Engagement Letter

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-12 authorizing the Mayor to approve the Engagement Letter and Professional Services Agreement for auditing services with BergankD.V.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-12 seconded by Alderwoman Polson.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Resolution No. 2026-13 ~ vCFO Advisory Services Internal Controls Review

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-13 authorizing the Mayor to approve the Engagement Letter for an Internal Controls Review completed by vCFO Advisory Services.

Discussion: It was noted that if the vCFOA Advisory Service noticed items in the audit that they felt needed a bit more attention that they would review those items during the audit process. The audit will cost the city \$4,000 - \$6,000.

Motion was made by Alderman Plachte, moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-13 seconded by Alderwoman Starr.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Resolution No. 2026-14 ~ Street Maintenance Bldg.

Mayor Barner read the proposed Resolution No. 2026-14 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with KAT Excavation, Inc. for the construction of a street maintenance facility and demolition of the existing structure at 400 N 1st Street.

Discussion: The Board discussed whether to keep bulk water sales or remove them. Ron Finn commented that he likes using the service, and Darrin Lamb, Water & Streets Superintendent, stated that residents at Lake Lafayette often use it. Notice will be given to water haulers that the Odessa site will be out of order during the construction of the new street maintenance building. It was noted that Oak Grove also sells bulk water. The board agreed to keep the bulk water service. City staff will install it after the building is constructed.

Motion was made by Alderman Carrigan, to approve Resolution No. 2026-14 seconded by Alderman Crabtree.

There was a consensus among the board to add bulk water back into the project development, with the city responsible for construction. It will not be part of the approved resolution, but the city will pay to reinstall the bulk water. It will cost the city \$10,000.00 to install.

Alderman Carrigan amended his motion to add bulk water back into the project, with the city responsible for cost and construction, seconded by Alderman Whitsitt.

Motion carried 5-Aye, 0-No, 1-Abstain (Plachte).

Presentation ~ FIFA Mutual Aid Update ~ POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING

Josh Thompson, Chief of Police, provided an update on the FIFA Mutual Aid for the World Cup.

Motion was made by Alderman Whitsitt, to postpone the FIFA Mutual Aid Update to the next board meeting, seconded by Alderman Plachte.

Motion carried 6-Aye, 0-No.

Discussion ~ Electric Rate Study

Shawna Davis, City Administrator, gave a brief update on the electric rate study. For now, the rate will stay as is for a few months. The board will revisit the ECA and base rates.

Aldermen ~ Request for New Items

None

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting:

Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Regular Session

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, a motion was made by Alderman Plachte, seconded by Alderman Whitsitt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. **Motion carried 6- Aye, 0-No.**

Approved:

CITY OF ODESSA

Bryan D. Barner, Mayor

ATTEST

Karen Findora, City Clerk

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April 8, 2026

Shawna,

Officers worked over **759 incidents** in March.

I'm proud to announce that School Resource Officer Andrew Lockhart is our recipient of the 2025 Odessa Police Department's **Bob Kinder Police Employee of the Year award**. The nominations for Officer Lockhart this year were overwhelming, highlighting the profound impact he has on those around him. His colleagues, who also consider him a close friend, shared several insights into his character: "Andrew has truly stepped out of his comfort zone this year, moving from the 'tiny tots' to the high school students and absolutely rocking it. He has become the unspoken team leader for the SROs and remains a constant source of positivity. Whether he is teaching DARE or just walking the halls, his smile is infectious—everywhere Andrew goes, you can find people laughing. He puts in the hard work for his students and teachers, ensuring our youth stay on the right path." Officer Lockhart's value to this agency cannot be overstated. We thank him for his service.

Over the past eight months, the **City of Odessa has been committed to a transparent, community-led process regarding our public safety infrastructure**. This journey began over a year ago with a dedicated Focus Group, composed of local citizens and stakeholders who volunteered their time to research available options, from renovating existing structures to building a new facility. Their recommendations formed the proposal presented to the voters, and since then, we have hosted numerous open houses, "Coffee with the Chief" events, and Chamber of Commerce presentations to ensure every resident had access to the facts. All Focus Group meetings were recorded and made available on the City's website and YouTube channel to maintain total transparency throughout this evaluation of our department's long-term needs.

I want to **extend my sincere thanks to the volunteers, city staff, and community members** who worked tirelessly to provide accurate information and foster open dialogue during this period. While the ballot measure did not pass, the engagement we've seen proves how much our residents care about the future of Odessa. We will now take the next few months to decompress, regroup, and analyze the feedback. Our goal remains the same: to provide the professional, high-quality public safety services while finding a path forward that the community can fully support. We appreciate your partnership as we determine the next best steps for Odessa.

Police Clerk Jenny Riedl and I have completed our **2025 Annual Report for the Odessa Police Department**. In my efforts for transparency and to build upon our wonderful community involvement efforts, this report will be shared publicly and updated annually. I believe an effective law enforcement organization is built behind an engaged, informed and supportive community. Police Clerk Riedl has done a very good job organizing the report, and we believe it will provide the public a synopsis of our law enforcement activities in 2025. You can review the report in the following pages.

The department is currently recruiting for **two police officer roles** - a patrol officer and a school resource officer. We plan to prioritize the patrol vacancy first. The recent updates to our compensation structure, employee handbook, and job descriptions are expected to be major assets in recruitment and retention.

Codes Enforcement is currently working **41 active** enforcement cases. Codes Enforcement has **closed 41** cases for the year 2026 and taken **12 new** enforcement cases for February 2026. We would like to remind residents that permits are required to maintain backyard chickens. Chicken permits can now be obtained through our Cloud Permit software.

On March 21, 2024, I **volunteered to help the I Love Odessa group** at the dumpster site in Dyer Park. This has always been a meaningful event, and I enjoy volunteering to help.

On March 24, 2026, Lt Phillip Salmon and I participated in the **Odessa Chamber of Commerce Odessa High School Student Development Day**. We met with a number of Odessa seniors to discuss emergency preparedness, situational awareness, self-defense, rights as a citizen, traffic stops and other police topics. We had good interaction with the students.

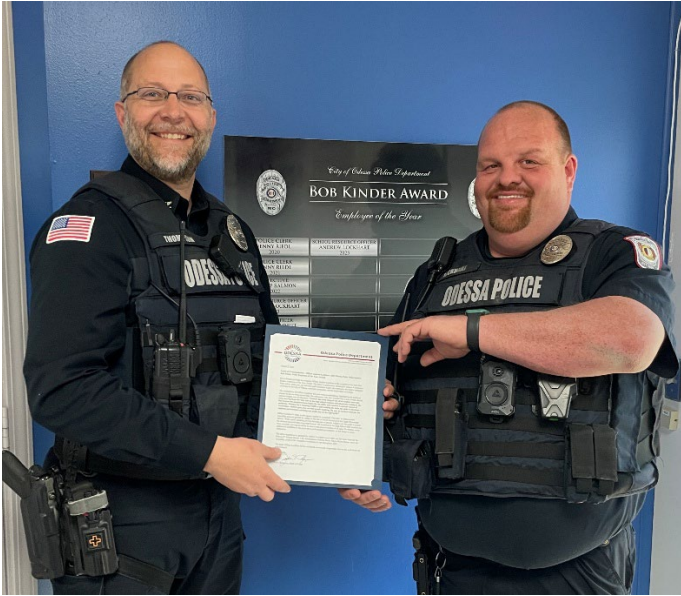
On March 24, 2026, I attended a **Lafayette County CERT** (community emergency response team) leadership meeting. This group discussed the activation and training of interested Odessa community members. Emergency managers from Lafayette County and Higginsville were engaged. We will have another leadership and planning meeting in a few weeks. I am planning to move forward with the planning of an Odessa community CERT program.

On March 26, 2026, Lt. Phillip Salmon attended the area **Major Case Squad meeting** in Lee's Summit. The Major Case Squad is an organization that I've been a member of for 25 years. The squad is made up of a number of municipalities and county law enforcement professionals from across the Missouri Region A rural area. The primary role when the squad is activated is to investigate homicide cases.

I'm working through the **FIFA mutual aid request**. I will update the BOA as I firm up the commitment and reimbursement steps.

Respectfully,

Josh Thompson
Chief of Police & Emergency Management Director





2025

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A message from the Chief



I am proud to share the 2025 Police Annual Report, a comprehensive look at a year defined by growth, modernization, and a commitment to the community we serve. This past year, the Odessa Police Department has focused on not only responding to the needs of today but building the infrastructure for a safer tomorrow.

Our greatest asset remains our personnel, and in 2025 we were fortunate to welcome several new staff members to our team. These individuals bring a wonderful commitment to public service and have quickly embraced our core values of "Service with Integrity." Their energy and dedication are essential as we continue to meet the high expectations of the City of Odessa and ensure that every member of our department is equipped with the necessary training and resources to protect our residents.

This year, we have also taken a more proactive approach to our property maintenance code enforcement efforts. Recognizing that a well-maintained community is a safer community, our team has worked to build collaborative relationships with property owners, developers, and contractors. By prioritizing open communication and partnership over mere enforcement, we are working together to enhance the beauty and safety of our neighborhoods while fostering a sense of shared responsibility.

To better equip our officers, we have aggressively pursued and received multiple grants that have significantly bolstered our police operations. These funds have allowed us to launch impactful new initiatives, most notably our new drone program. This technology provides us with an invaluable tool for search and rescue operations, tactical assessments, and incident management, ensuring our officers have the best possible resources to protect the public. These advancements complement our ongoing progress on the new police facility, which continues to move forward with the input of our Community Focus Group.

Beyond these new milestones, we remain dedicated to our specialized support programs, including the further development of our school resource officer program, our CIT K9, and our veteran suicide prevention initiatives. We continue to prioritize regional partnerships and the strong relationships we have cultivated with our elected officials and the residents of Odessa. The dedication of our officers and civilian employees are the cornerstones of our success. We remain grateful for a community that works hand-in-hand with us to identify challenges and develop meaningful solutions.

I invite you to review the details of our progress in the following pages and stay connected with us throughout the year on social media to remain informed about our ongoing initiatives and achievements.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Thompson".

Josh Thompson, Chief of Police

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Odessa Police Department is to work in partnership with the community, to protect human life, safeguard property, respect and preserve the rights of all individuals equally, and endeavor to enhance the quality of life for all who live in Odessa.

Dedication

to the community, this department, and one another

Respect

for our residents, each other, and ourselves

Integrity

in which our actions will reflect our honesty

Accountability

to answer for our actions and decisions

Courage

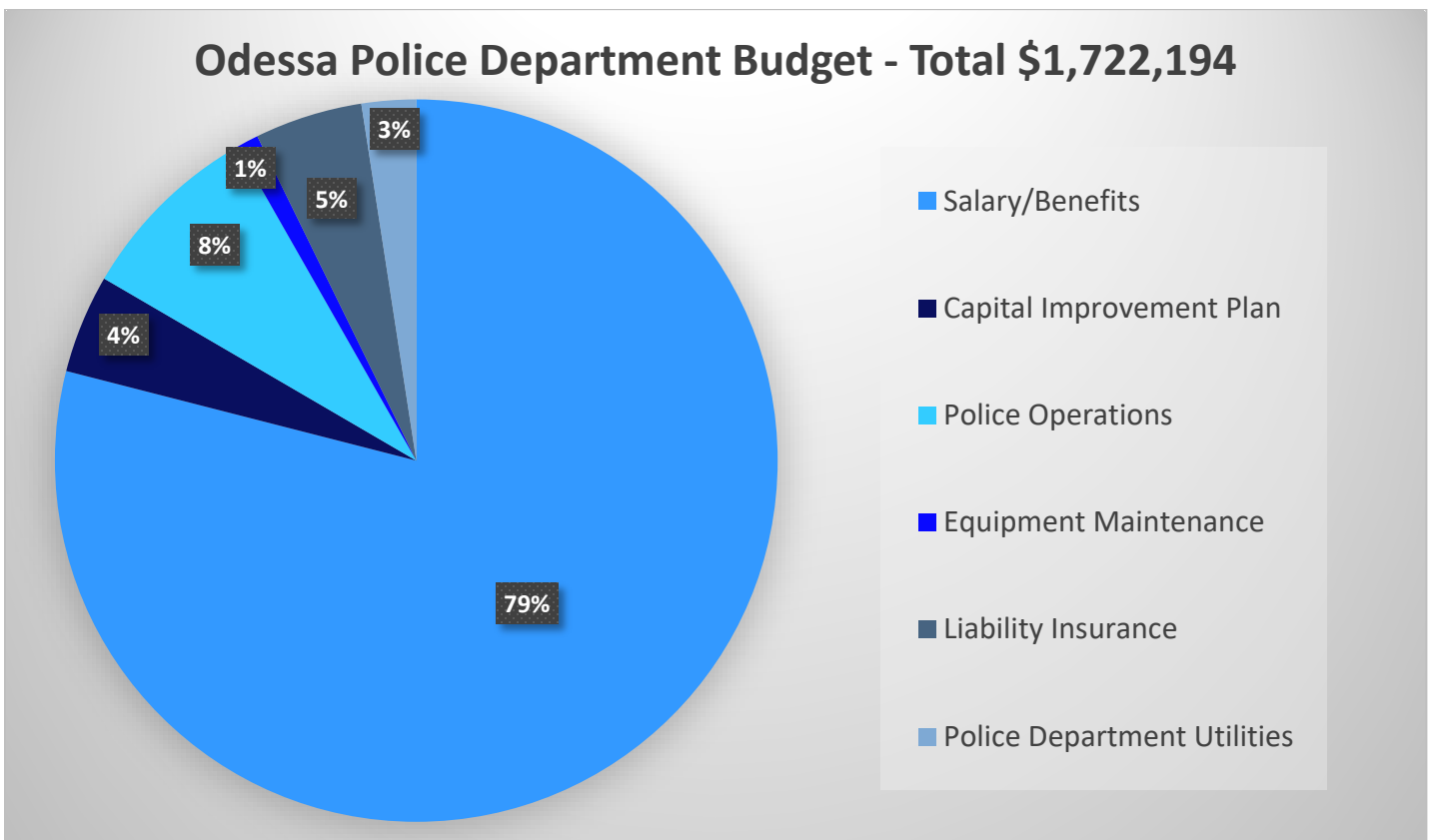
to be steadfast in the face of challenges

Police Department

The Odessa Police Department is responsible for police services to the City of Odessa, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This is accomplished with a staff of 14 full-time officers, eight reserve officers, one animal control/nuisance compliance officer, and one police clerk, all working out of the building located at 310 S First Street in Odessa.

The 14 commissioned officers include one Chief of Police, one Captain, two Lieutenants, one Sergeant, four School Resource Officers, and five Police Officers, as well as Hawkeye, our Patrol K9, and Radar, our CIRT K9. The fleet of vehicles includes nine vehicles that are utilized for patrol and traffic enforcement, four specially marked vehicles used by the School Resource Officers, one Police K9 vehicle, and one truck used by our animal control/nuisance compliance officer.

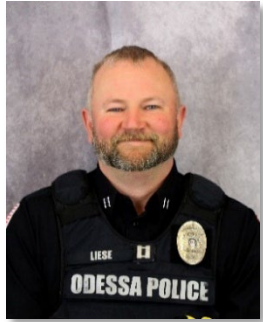
Officer duties are varied. They are expected to investigate crime scenes, participate in community outreach programs, and conduct traffic enforcement. They are responsible for patrolling neighborhoods and responding to a variety of calls for service ranging from noise complaints to family violence. The basic nature of an officer's job is both the most exciting and most dangerous because they never know what the next dispatched call or encounter will be. They must be alert at all times for their safety and the safety of the community they serve, while at the same time being an approachable servant to the citizens of Odessa.



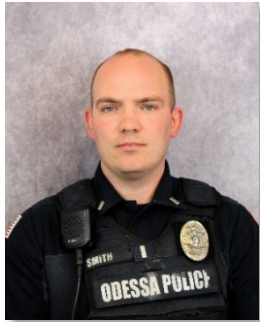
2025 Department Roster



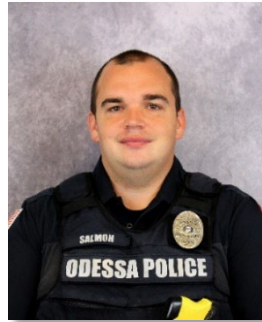
Josh Thompson
Chief of Police



Leland "Bubba" Liese
Captain



Cody Smith
Lieutenant



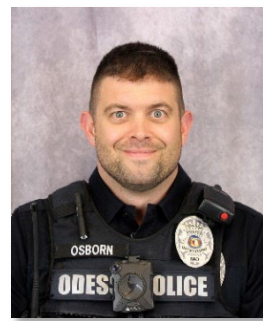
Phillip Salmon
Lieutenant



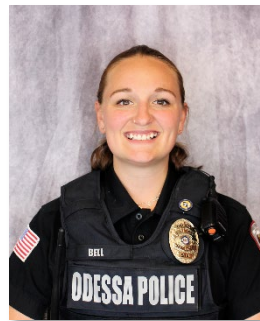
Derek Zarda
Patrol Sergeant



Andrew Lockhart
School Resource Officer



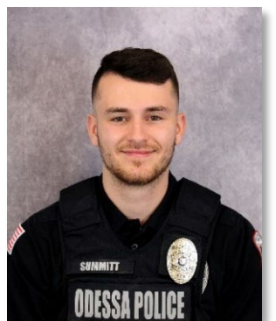
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School Resource Officer



Samantha Bell
School Resource Officer



Ben Brown
School Resource Officer



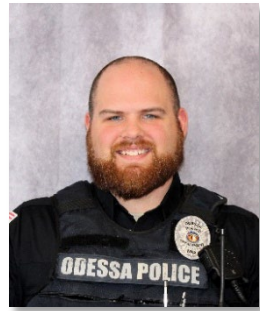
Austin Summitt
Patrol Officer



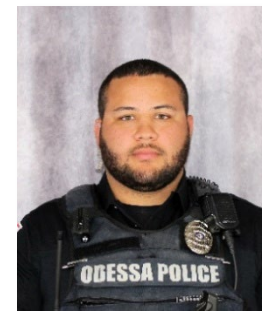
Alexis Parrott
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Daniel Melchioris
Patrol Officer



Ty Bell
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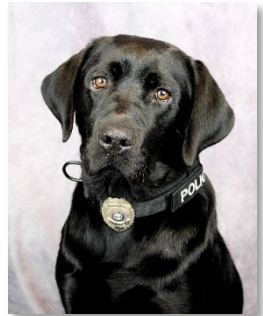
Kane Dobson
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Galene Seitz
Animal Control/Codes



Hawkeye
Patrol K9



Radar
CIRT K9



Jenny Riedl
Police Clerk



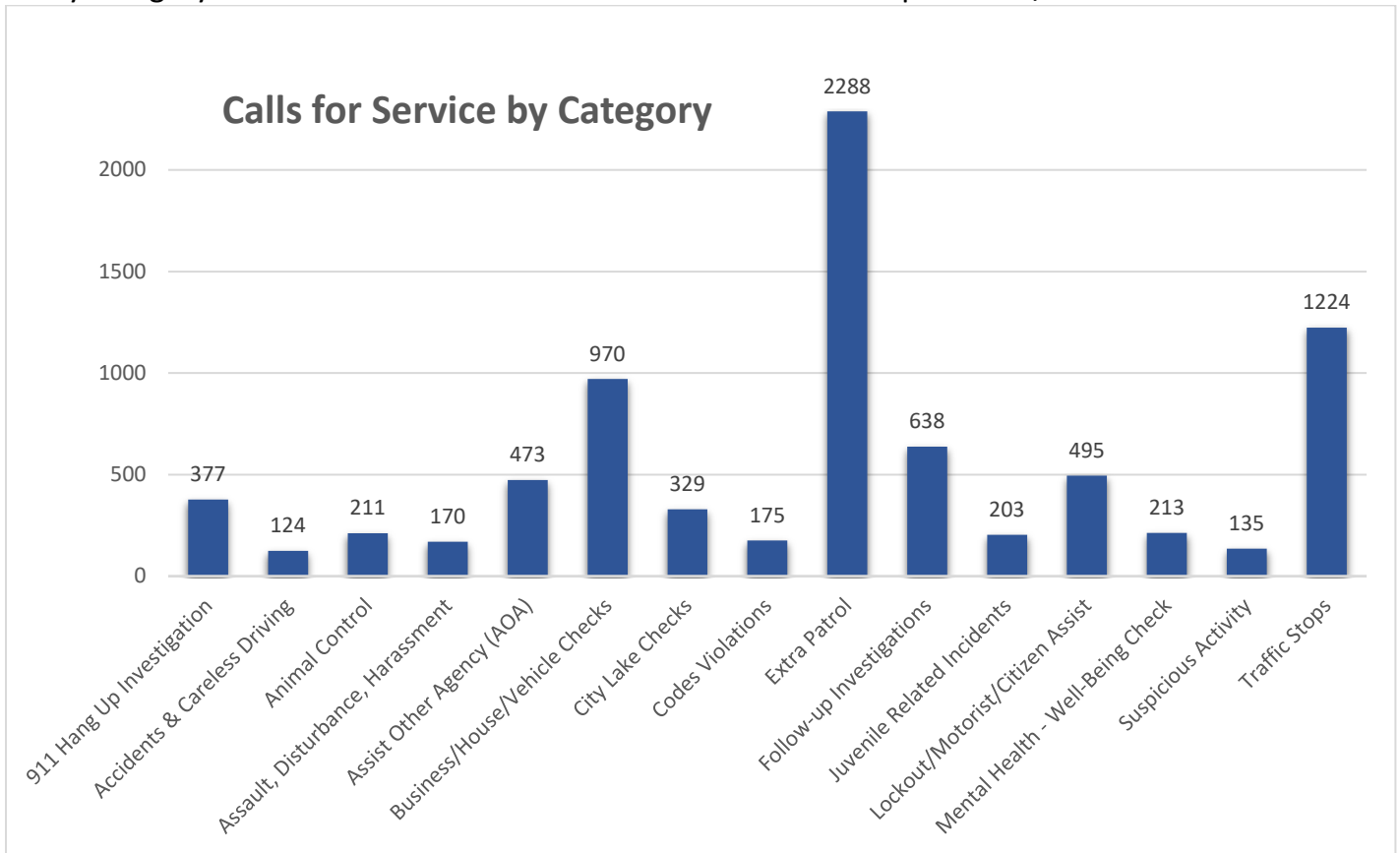
Calls for Service

10,140
CALLS FOR
SERVICE

3 MIN
AVERAGE
RESPONSE
TIME

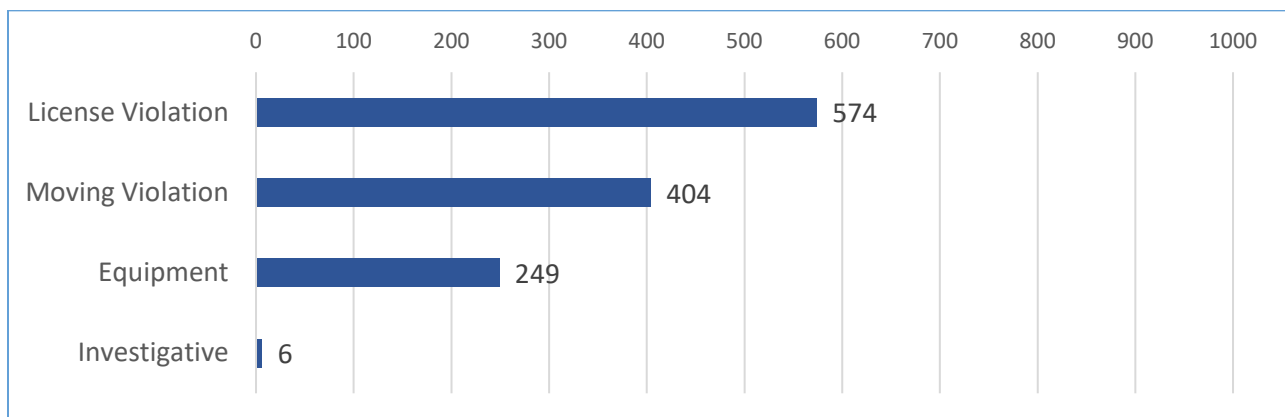
51 MIN
AVERAGE
TIME ON
SCENE

In 2025, the Odessa Police Department received 10,140 calls for service, compared to 8,633 calls for service in 2024. This increase can be partially attributed to a change in how we log extra patrol assignments to more accurately reflect duties being accomplished. The average response time was 3 minutes with an average of 51 minutes spent on scene. Our officers receive a wide variety of calls ranging from simple ordinance violations, to business checks, to assaults. The chart below doesn't show every category of calls received but rather some of the more frequent and/or notable ones.



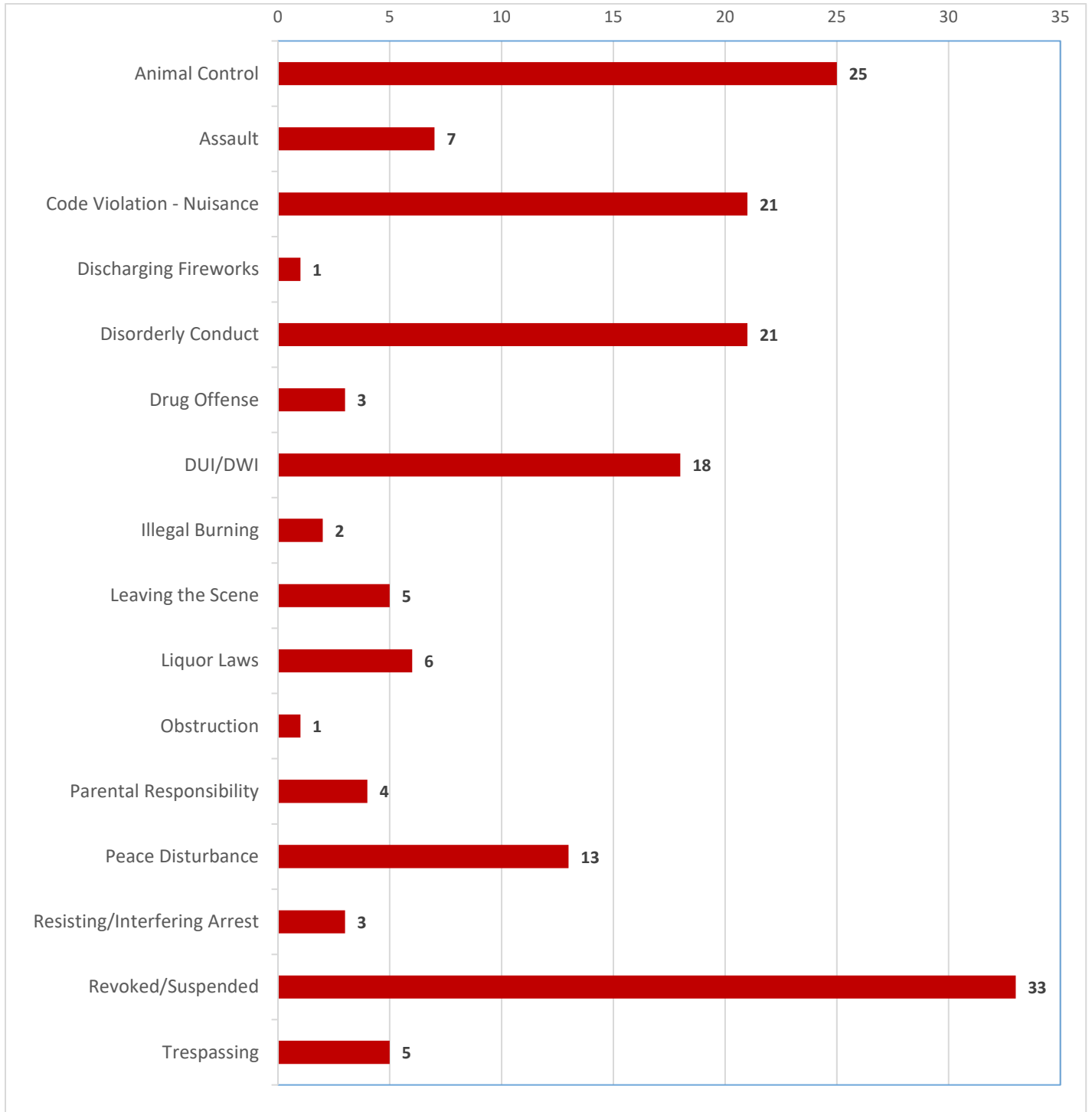
Traffic Analysis

Our officers conducted 1,232 traffic stops in 2025, compared to 1,637 traffic stops in 2024, and 2,099 traffic stops in 2023. Of those stops, approximately 1 out of 5 were given citations. In addition, the majority of those stops were drivers that lived outside of Odessa city limits, with about 32% living within our jurisdiction. License violations (ie, expired plates) were the primary reason for stops, followed by moving violations (ie, speeding, stop sign violation, etc), equipment (ie, brake light out), and investigative.



Citations Issued — Not Minor Traffic

The majority of citations issued during the year are for minor traffic violations (previous page). The chart below shows some other areas in which citations were issued in 2025. Please note that some incidents investigated by the Odessa Police Department are not issued city tickets but rather sent to the State Prosecutor's Office. In 2025, 81 cases were submitted to the State for charges.



Property & Evidence

The Odessa Police Department's Property and Evidence staff is charged with maintaining the integrity of all items taken into custody per department policies as well as state and federal laws. Each piece of property must be checked in, entered into a records management computer system, packaged into the proper storage container, put away in its correct and secure location, and then maintained as long as needed for the case.

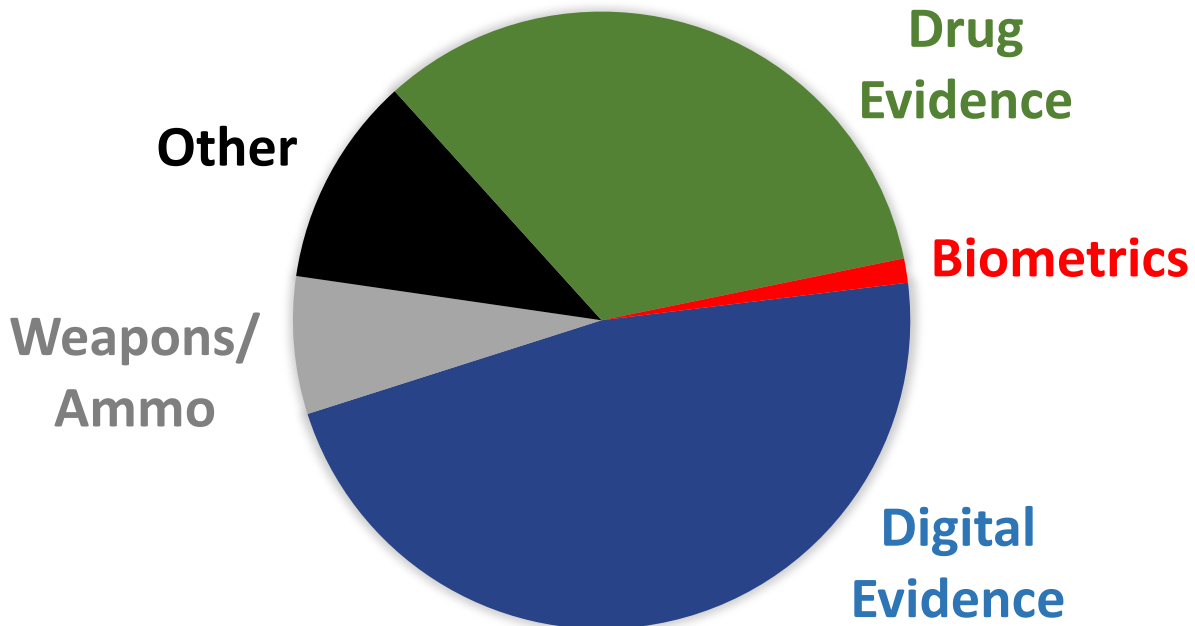
Detailed records of transactions involving items of evidence are maintained to preserve the "chain of custody" – the documentation of the continuous custody of items submitted as evidence. All items entered into our system are given a barcode for tracking and to maintain detailed records needed to present evidence in court. Security measures are also in place to ensure restricted access to property and evidence. In addition, property and evidence staff manage the department's successful prescription drug disposal program twice a year.

15 PIECES
OF EVIDENCE SENT
TO MSHP CRIME LAB

4,000+
TOTAL PIECES OF EVIDENCE
AND PROPERTY SECURED

OVER 110
POUNDS
OF PRESCRIPTION
DRUGS COLLECTED &
SAFELY DISPOSED

236 PIECES OF EVIDENCE RECEIVED IN 2025



Training

The City of Odessa Police Department takes an active role in ensuring all of its employees receive professional, proficient and quality training. The Peace Officer Standards and Training Program (POST) requires sworn officers to complete a minimum of 24 hours of Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) every year. This training includes legal studies, technical studies, racial profiling, interpersonal perspectives, skill development, and firearms. In most cases, Odessa officers average 40-50 hours of continuing education every year. Some of the training completed in 2025 included:

- **Taser recertification**
- **School Resource Officer Training**
- **Firearms Training/Qualifications**
- **DARE Instructor Course**
- **PepperBall® Weapon Training**
- **Public Information Officer Training**
- **Midwest Public Risk Annual Conference**
- **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training**
- **MoCARS (Vehicle Crash Investigation) Training**
- **Missouri Investigators Association Conference**
- **Crisis Leadership and Decision-Making Seminar**
- **Missouri State Highway Patrol MIBRS/NCIC Training**
- **Assisting Individuals in Crisis & Group Crisis Certification**
- **Missouri First Responders Health and Wellness Conference**
- **American Association of Codes Enforcement Conference**
- **Missouri Police Canine Association Workshop**



Department Grants & Donations

Annually, the Odessa Police Department applies for law enforcement grants to assist our department. The applications are submitted to sponsoring agencies for approval and issuance.

The Odessa Police Department was awarded the Missouri Blue Shield Grant. This is a non-competitive grant, which means each Missouri Blue Shield recipient receives an award of **\$50,000** for allowable supplies, equipment, and/or training needed in for the department. The City elected to replace a police vehicle with the grant award, lowering the capital improvement request for the upcoming budget year.

In April of 2025, we received an amazing donation from Remington, a young girl living here in Odessa. At just 11 years old, Remington took it upon herself to ask for donations to support our city dog pound. With around 40 donors, and a contribution from her own birthday money, she was able to purchase much-needed items including dog treats, beds, blankets, and toys. Thank you, Remington, for having such a kind heart and being an inspiration to us all.



In May of 2025, we received a grant from the Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railroad in the amount of **\$2,500**. CPKC is committed to working with local law enforcement agencies to provide extra rail safety, education, and/or enforcement to help keep the community safe. Our department plans to use these funds to assist with the formation of a first responder drone program, enhancing safety and operational effectiveness with real-time aerial intelligence.

In June of 2025, we received a grant from Casey's General Store in the amount of **\$1,000**. Casey's has been a wonderful supporter of local communities through giving that makes an impact on fundamental needs. Our department plans to use these funds in addition to the CPKC grant to assist with the department's drone program.

Also in June of 2025, we received a grant from Walmart Charitable Foundation in the amount of **\$2,500**. Walmart is a wonderful supporter of law enforcement, providing funding for special needs and projects. These funds will also be used to help fund our first responder drone program.

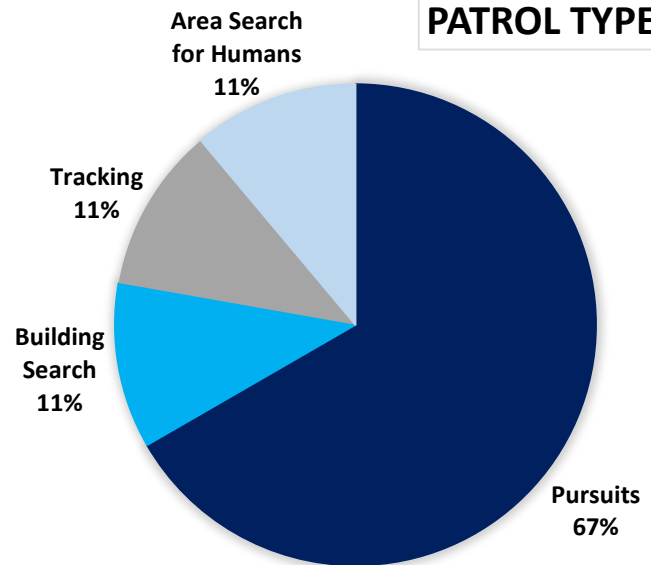
K9 Unit

The Odessa Police Department K9 Unit was established in the summer of 2019 thanks to the generous donations of our community. Below are some of the many achievements made by this dynamic duo.



Drugs found during K9 alert searches in 2025 resulted in the confiscation of drug paraphernalia and 74 grams of drugs including methamphetamine, Xanax, MDMA, and cocaine.

PATROL TYPES



School Resource Officers

The Odessa R-VII School District encompasses over 333,000 square feet of school facilities including McQuerry Elementary School, Upper Elementary, Middle School, High School, Ag Building, and the Childcare Center. At the beginning of 2025, the Odessa Police Department had four School Resource Officers (SROs) in the district, with the assistance of a grant from the Lafayette County Children’s Services Fund.

The deployment assignments for the Odessa School Resource Officers are (left to right):

- SRO Ben Brown – Upper Elementary*
- SRO Sam Bell & CIRT K9 Radar – Middle School*
- SRO Andrew Lockhart – High School*
- SRO Mat Osborn – McQuerry Elementary*



Our School Resource Officers maintain an open and interactive relationship with students and strive to provide a positive image of law enforcement and prevent crime from occurring on school property. They also instruct the D.A.R.E. program to 5th-grade students every year and work security after-hours at various school events.



The D.A.R.E. program provides children with an opportunity to learn and practice good decision-making skills to lead safe and healthy lives. Prior to graduation from the program, students are asked to create a poster or digital presentation about the D.A.R.E. program and what they learned. The winners in 2025 were Kim Dang, Kierstynn Halsey, Dakota Jackson, Kaleigha Joe, Derian Lopez-Quezada, Skylar Marshall, and Finnlee Seals, with Hazel Tilton as the top winner. The winners received a 10-day pool pass for the Odessa Aquatic Center with the top winner receiving a season pass.

In addition, the 2025 D.A.R.E. shirts were designed by two students – Layla Bainbridge and Ryun Kuhlmann – who each received Sonic gift cards. Congratulations to all of the D.A.R.E. graduates.

Critical Incident Stress Management K9 Program



In 2024, the Odessa Police Department implemented a Critical Incident Stress Management Therapy K9. Radar and his handler, SRO Sam Bell, have been trained to work in the complex physical environments of crisis to assist people experiencing intense emotions and stress in the aftermath.

Radar is a valuable addition to our department that was 100% funded by grants and donations. He provides support for students, veterans, victims, first responders, and the entire community of Odessa. We are committed to providing compassionate crisis intervention and effective stress management services to empower individuals facing difficult circumstances. And Radar plays a significant role in our efforts.

Trauma Calls – Emotional distraught juveniles, persons, disturbances, missing persons, sexual assault, etc, the well beings/suicidal subjects, deaths.

Public Safety Critical Incident – Line of duty death of a police officer, firefighter, EMS personnel, dispatch services.

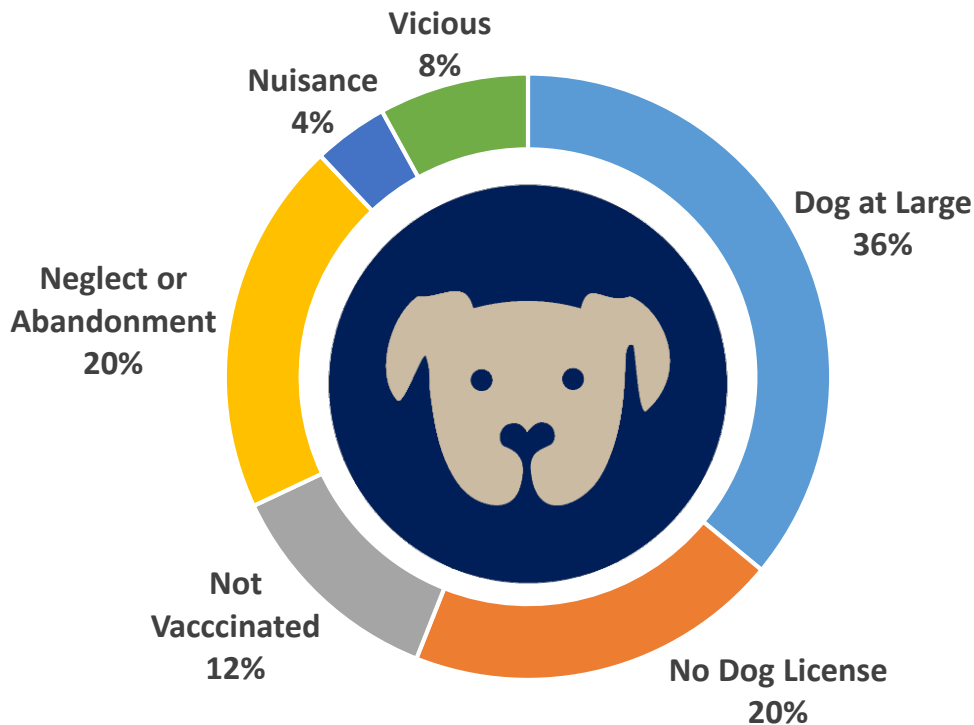
Military Veterans and Families – Persons suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual assault.

Public Relations Events – School events, community events, court events, educational events about Law Enforcement services.



Animal Control

The Animal Control Officer is responsible for serving the community by protecting the health and safety of our residents and animals while promoting responsible pet ownership. In 2025, there were 211 animal control calls for service. From all of the non minor traffic related citations issued, the second highest category was animal control with 25 tickets. The breakdown of the animal control citations are as follows:



The Odessa Police Department renewed our annual Animal Care Facility license with the Missouri Department of Agriculture. This license is necessary to operate our City Dog Pound.

In 2025, we had an intake of 52 dogs compared to 62 in 2024 and 67 in 2023. Of those, the majority (30) were returned to their owners, 15 were adopted, 4 were transferred to other rescues, and 3 were euthanized due to behavioral/health issues.

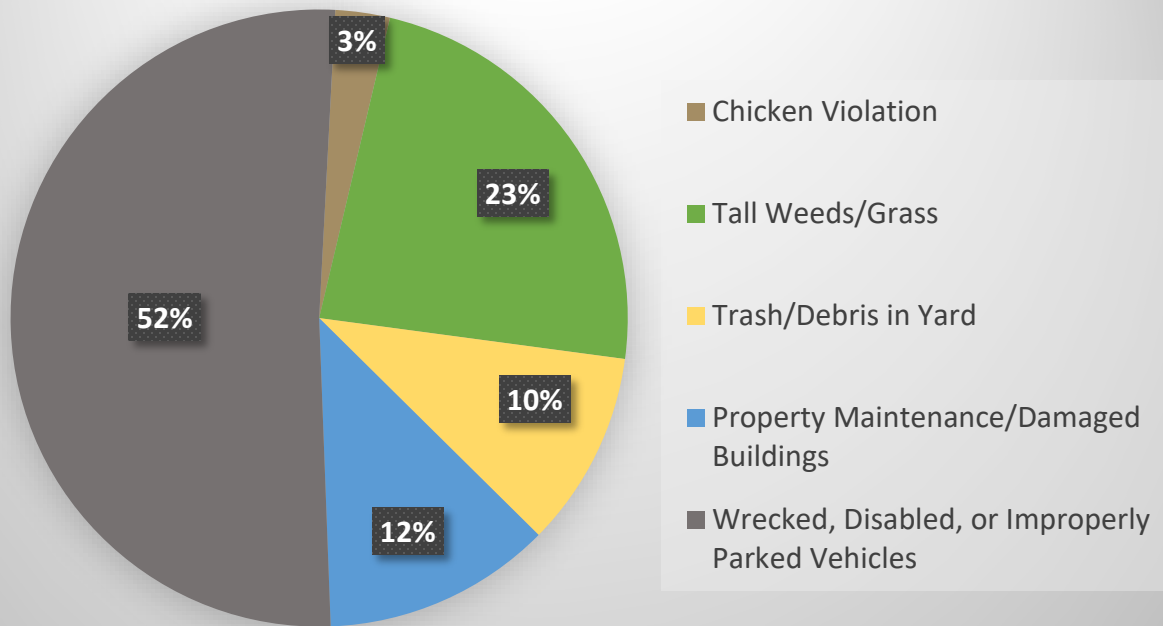


Codes Enforcement

The primary objective of Codes Enforcement is to educate and assist residents in complying with city ordinances in order to promote a clean, safe, and attractive community for all who live in Odessa as well as visitors. We work with citizens and property owners to address complaints and make every reasonable effort to obtain voluntary compliance. In 2025, Codes Enforcement received 175 calls for service and issued 21 citations. The breakdown of those calls are as follows:



Codes Enforcement/Nuisance Calls for Service



Accomplishments/Recognitions



School Resource Officer Andrew Lockhart was recognized as the 2025 Odessa Police Department's Bob Kinder Police Employee of the Year. All full-time police department employees provide nominations of a co-worker for this award. Submissions are evaluated on the employee's service to the department, the City of Odessa organization, and the Odessa community.

This year, Officer Lockhart demonstrated incredible personal growth by taking on the role of DARE Instructor at the Upper Elementary School. His transition to the High School SRO position has been seamless, proving his ability to mentor and protect students of all ages. He remains an open-minded confidant to his peers and a professional representative of this

badge in every interaction. A comment received from one of his co-workers was, "Andrew has truly stepped out of his comfort zone this year, moving from the 'tiny tots' to the high school students and absolutely rocking it. He has become the unspoken team leader for the SROs and remains a constant source of positivity. Whether he is teaching DARE or just walking the halls, his smile is infectious – everywhere Andrew goes, you can find people laughing. He puts in the hard work for his students and teachers, ensuring our youth stay on the right path." Thank you Officer Lockhart for your service, and congratulations on your achievement!

Lt. Phillip Salmon was named the 2025 Missouri Investigators Association Investigator of the Year. This award recognizes his exceptional dedication to resolving crimes, providing justice, and fostering regional law enforcement cooperation. Lt. Salmon's pivotal role in solving a complex series of business burglaries across multiple counties in August 2021 was a key factor in his selection. His sharp investigative skills, collaboration with other law enforcement agencies, and successful deployment of a GPS tracking device led to suspect apprehension and recovery of stolen property. We sincerely appreciate Lt. Salmon's commitment to the Odessa community and our department.





The City of Odessa received the Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This distinction recognizes Missouri communities that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to enhancing public safety and supporting law enforcement. Achieving the Missouri Blue Shield designation is an honor for Odessa, and a testament to the dedication and hard work of the Odessa Police Department in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

In addition, as a Missouri Blue Shield recipient, the City of Odessa received an award of \$50,000 for allowable supplies, equipment and/or training needed for the department. The City elected to replace a police vehicle with the grant award, lowering the capital improvement request for the upcoming budget year.

School Resource Officer Andrew Lockhart graduated from DARE Instructor school in September 2025. The DARE program was founded in 1983 by the Los Angeles Police Department. Today there are more than 15,000 DARE officers teaching the program around the United States. The DARE training course will allow Officer Lockhart to teach both elementary and middle school evidence-based curriculum to students. Officer Lockhart was also awarded a distinguished instructor award while attending this course.

School Resource Officer Samantha Bell and K-9 Radar attended a five-day CIRT development seminar and certification course in which they were both certified nationally through AERI CIRT K-9. Certification is important in public safety to ensure that both the handler and K-9 can operate in high-stress, sensitive environments.

The Odessa Police Department successfully completed a Missouri Department of Public Safety Law Enforcement Support Office audit. This audit involved the Department of Defense property grant program that assists local agency's law enforcement goals preferencing counter-drug and counter terrorism activities.

Odessa was ranked the 5th Safest City in Missouri! This award was published by Safewise Group (a residential safety consulting group). Safewise Group publishes the top 20 safest cities in each state every year. The ranking is based on data reported monthly to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reporting system.



Lafayette County Law Enforcement Day

D.A.R.E. students from all over Lafayette County celebrated their graduation with festivities on Law Enforcement Day at Fairground Park in Higginsville. They watched SWAT presentations, K9 demonstrations, interacted with the Missouri State Highway Patrol, learned about the role of Missouri Conservation Officers, and watched while the fire department responded to a car on fire, first dousing the car and then dousing the kids. Everyone had a great time!



National Night Out

In October of 2025, we hosted our fifth National Night Out! This is a national event that takes place every year as a fun way to increase neighborhood spirit and improve police-community partnerships. The goal is to enhance the relationship between residents and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community, making our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live.

We truly appreciate everyone who came out to enjoy this fun event. In addition to our department, the Odessa Fire & Rescue Protection District, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office, and Odessa City Utilities were in attendance. Everyone was able to meet their local first responders and enjoy an evening full of family fun with food vendors, free music, and bounce houses.



Shop with a Cop

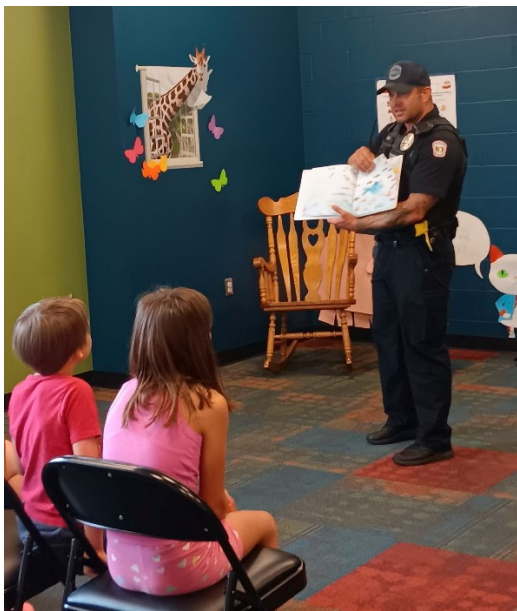
The Odessa Police Department held its 4th Annual Shop with a Cop event. We had a great time spending time with 20 Odessa children and helping make their Christmas wishes come true. Everyone headed out that morning to the Oak Grove Walmart where each child was able to spend around \$300 on gifts for themselves and their families. Walmart also donated a holiday meal to each family. After shopping, we all returned to the Odessa Community Building to eat pizza and cookies. And then the kids were treated to a special visit from Santa himself! We truly appreciate all of the local businesses and volunteers who made this event possible with their generous donations and services – we couldn't have done it without you. It was such a great day with lots of smiles and holiday cheer!



Community Involvement

The Odessa Police Department strives to bring the quality of life to the community and citizens we serve, which includes giving back to the community and those in need. It is important for us to engage with the residents of Odessa proactively rather than only in a reactionary way. Community policing is a collaborative effort that seeks to unite police officers with the community to address issues together. In addition to some of our larger events such as Law Enforcement Day, National Night Out, and Shop with a Cop, we had numerous positive interactions with the residents of Odessa throughout 2025.

In March, School Resource Officer Sam Bell volunteered to be the Odessa Police Department representative at the Odessa Project Grad Donkey Basketball fundraiser. Fellow police officers and other City staff attended to cheer Officer Bell on. She did well, making a few baskets and staying on the donkey.



The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is held twice a year, and the Odessa Police Department participated in both events as a drop-off site for residents to dispose of their unwanted and unused prescription drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet. The DEA's Take Back Day events provide an opportunity for Americans to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths. We collected over 110 pounds of medication to destroy in 2025.

In June and July, we launched a summer "Storytime" event, partnering with the Odessa branch of the Trails Regional Library, in which an Odessa Police Officer reads one of their favorite children's books to the kids.

In June, the police department hosted summer school students from McQuerry Elementary. We discussed many safety learning tips, police operations, and what it is like to be a police officer. We also showed off our police vehicles and some of the equipment we use to stay safe.





Odessa's annual summer fair, Puddle Jumper Days, took place the first weekend of August. The SROs organized a dunk tank in order to encourage positive relationships with the community and help raise money for back to school supplies and the Shop with a Cop program. We also had a command post booth setup and made sure we were out and about socializing with all of the fairgoers. In addition, Officer Zarda and Hawkeye put on a K9 demonstration for everyone to enjoy.

We partner with the Lafayette County Veterans Suicide Prevention Coalition with the goal of raising awareness, promoting educational opportunities, and striving to improve the lives of all veterans and their families. Captain Liese plays a vital role in assisting the coalition, and has recently helped the group acquire their 501c3 status, obtain donations for K-9 Radar, and place suicide prevention signs at Odessa public parks and the reservoir.

The Odessa Police Department has teamed up with WeTip to enhance community safety through anonymous crime tip reporting. This partnership empowers residents to report suspicious activities or criminal behavior without fear of identification. By providing a confidential channel for tips, WeTip encourages more community members to engage in crime prevention efforts, ultimately fostering a safer environment for everyone in Odessa. This partnership highlights the department's commitment to transparency and community involvement in tackling crime effectively.

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SUBMIT AN ANONYMOUS TIP



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Dial 911 in an Emergency



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSOURI
CITY OF ODESSA MUNICIPAL DIVISION**

The Municipal Division of the Circuit Court of Lafayette County for the City of Odessa was held in regular session on March 10, 2026, at 9:30 am. Court is held in the Community Building Courtroom at 601 W Main St, Odessa.

**Municipal Presiding Judge: Carl Scarborough
City Prosecuting Attorney: Jeffrey W. Deane
Municipal Court Clerk: Jennifer LeBlanc**

In compliance with COR 4.29, please find attached the monthly Municipal Division Summary Reporting Form.

The next scheduled court date is May 12, 2026 at the Odessa Community Building.

MUNICIPAL DIVISION SUMMARY REPORTING FORM

Refer to instructions for directions and term definitions. Complete a report each month even if there has not been any court activity.

<u>I. COURT INFORMATION</u>		Municipality: City of Odessa	Reporting Period: Mar 1, 2026 - Mar 31, 2026	
Mailing Address: 601 W MAIN STREET, ODESSA, MO 64076				
Physical Address: 601 W MAIN STREET, ODESSA, MO 64076			County: Lafayette County	Circuit: 15
Telephone Number:		Fax Number:		
Prepared by: Jennifer LeBlanc		E-mail Address:		
Municipal Judge: SCARBOROUGH				
<u>II. MONTHLY CASELOAD INFORMATION</u>				
		Alcohol & Drug Related Traffic	Other Traffic	Non-Traffic Ordinance
A. Cases (citations/informations) pending at start of month		28	379	107
B. Cases (citations/informations) filed		3	28	6
C. Cases (citations/informations) disposed				
1. jury trial (Springfield, Jefferson County, and St. Louis County only)		0	0	0
2. court/bench trial - GUILTY		0	0	0
3. court/bench trial - NOT GUILTY		0	0	0
4. plea of GUILTY in court		2	32	7
5. Violations Bureau Citations (i.e. written plea of guilty) and bond forfeiture by court order (as payment of fines/costs)		0	14	0
6. dismissed by court		0	8	1
7. <i>nolle prosequi</i>		0	3	1
8. certified for jury trial (not heard in Municipal Division)		0	0	0
9. TOTAL CASE DISPOSITIONS		2	57	9
D. Cases (citations/informations) pending at end of month [pending caseload = (A+B)-C9]		29	350	104
E. Trial de Novo and/or appeal applications filed		0	0	0
<u>III. WARRANT INFORMATION (pre- & post-disposition)</u>				
1. # Issued during reporting period		16	<u>IV. PARKING TICKETS</u>	
2. # Served/withdrawn during reporting period		7	1. # Issued during period	
3. # Outstanding at end of reporting period		351	<input type="checkbox"/> Court staff does not process parking tickets	
			0	

MUNICIPAL DIVISION SUMMARY REPORTING FORM

<u>COURT INFORMATION</u>	Municipality: City of Odessa	Reporting Period: Mar 1, 2026 - Mar 31, 2026
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<u>V. DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Excess Revenue (minor traffic and municipal ordinance violations, subject to the excess revenue percentage limitation)		Other Disbursements: Enter below additional surcharges and/or fees not listed above. Designate if subject to the excess revenue percentage limitation. Examples include, but are not limited to, arrest costs and witness fees.	
Fines - Excess Revenue	\$3,557.84	Court Automation	\$445.46
Clerk Fee - Excess Revenue	\$576.00	Court Automation-Time Payment	\$29.55
Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Fund surcharge - Paid to City/Excess Revenue	\$17.76	Due To Debt Collection	\$775.03
		Overpayment	\$0.10
Bond forfeitures (paid to city) - Excess Revenue	\$1,100.00	Overpayment-E/R	\$0.12
Total Excess Revenue	\$5,251.60	Overpayments Detail Code	\$16.00
		State's % of Time Pay Fee	\$25.85
Other Revenue (non-minor traffic and ordinance violations, not subject to the excess revenue percentage limitation)		Time Payment Fee	\$36.94
Fines - Other	\$1,618.64	Total Other Disbursements	\$1,329.05
Clerk Fee - Other	\$187.63	Total Disbursements of Costs, Fees, Surcharges and Bonds Forfeited	\$9,288.07
Judicial Education Fund (JEF) <input type="checkbox"/> Court does not retain funds for JEF	\$0.00	Bond Refunds	\$575.00
Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission surcharge	\$63.63	Total Disbursements	\$9,863.07
Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Fund surcharge - Paid to State	\$453.72		
Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Fund surcharge - Paid to City/Other	\$5.80		
Law Enforcement Training (LET) Fund surcharge	\$126.00		
Domestic Violence Shelter surcharge	\$126.00		
Inmate Prisoner Detainee Security Fund surcharge	\$126.00		
Restitution	\$0.00		
Parking ticket revenue (including penalties)	\$0.00		
Bond forfeitures (paid to city) - Other	\$0.00		
Total Other Revenue	\$2,707.42		



**Building and Community Development
Compliance Update
March 2026**

Planning & Zoning Meeting

March 19, 2026 meeting

- A. **OLD BUSINESS**-Continued discussion on storage and shipping container regulations.

- B. **NEW BUSINESS**-Started a new discussion on parking and driveway requirements.

The next regular Planning & Zoning meeting is April 16, 2026.

A special Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2026.

Board of Adjustment Meeting

March 6, 2026

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** / VAR-01-2026 / R&O SIGN CO / SIGN VARIANCE / 101 W OLD 40 HIGHWAY / PARCEL #14-7.0-36-3-001-001.

Motion carried to APPROVE variance request VAR-01-2026; 5-Ayes, 0 Noes.

- B. **TRAINING**- Public officials' liability training was conducted by Lindsey Kolisch, with Lauber Municipal Law.

Active Projects

Taco Bell

New Construction Permits

None

Other Permits Issued

Accessory structure	2
Demolition	1
Electric	2
Fence	3
Plumbing/Sewer	4
<u>Signs</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	14

PUBLIC NOTICE
ANNEXATION | ANNEX-02-2026
Unaddressed Property – Located along W. Main St
Parcel #: 23-1.0-02-0-000-001.000

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Odessa on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dyer Park Community Bldg., located at 601 W Main Street, Odessa, MO.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear from interested parties and citizens on a request by the property owner, Greenup Holdings, LLC, Bruce Bellington to annex an unaddressed parcel of land currently located in the county and adjacent to the City of Odessa limits. The property is generally located along W. Main St. consisting of 25.96 +/- acres, as further described by the legal description below. The property is currently vacant. Interested parties can review the application materials on file by submitting a request via email to jenny.neel@cityofodessamo.com or visiting City Hall at 228 S 2nd Street, Odessa, MO. Comments in support of, in opposition to, or general inquiries regarding this proposed annexation may be submitted to jenny.neel@cityofodessamo.com or may be submitted during the public hearing.

For more information, the site is legally described as follows:

A tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 48 North of the Base line, Range 28 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Lafayette County, Missouri, being all that portion of a tract of land described in Book 671 at Page 25-30 lying North of the Northerly right -of-way of West Main Street in Odessa, Lafayette County, Missouri.

CITY OF ODESSA
Board of Aldermen

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City of Odessa

Board of Aldermen Action Report

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ISSUE:

Approval of Task Order with Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc (AMI) for a 2026 Electrical Distribution System Study (Loads for 2027 to 2047)

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve/deny Resolution No 2026-15 authorizing spending not to exceed \$74,800 for the 2026 Electrical Distribution System Study

BACKGROUND:

The City of Odessa is responsible for providing reliable and cost-effective electric service to its residents and businesses. As part of ongoing efforts of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan to evaluate and improve system performance, the City previously engaged Allgeier Marin and Associates, Inc., to conduct a comprehensive electric rate study. Following the completion of that study, it was recommended that the City further evaluate its electrical distribution infrastructure to identify opportunities for system improvements, operational efficiencies, and long-term cost reductions. The study will give a definitive answer to where upgrades are needed and how they should be prioritized.

System study scope:

- Data Collection
- Model Creation
- Load Projection for 20 years
- Review of Problem Areas (Divided into 5-year maps)
- Review of Protection Device Sizing and Coordination
- System Loss Analysis
- Sectionalization Review
- System Maps
- Wall Map (Free)

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

\$ 74,800 is the not-to-exceed amount on this project. The City budgeted \$65,000 based on the preliminary estimate provided by AMI.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 2026-15; 2026 Electrical Distribution System Study Work Authorization

PREPARED BY:

Shawna Davis, City Administrator

DATE:

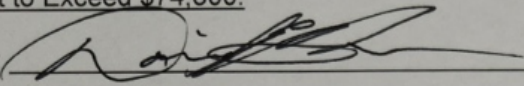
April 13, 2026

ENGINEERING SERVICES WORK AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc., (hereinafter called the Engineer) is pleased to provide the engineering services described herein. This Agreement provides authorization to proceed with the work and confirms the terms and conditions under which the services are provided.

Contract will be charged on time and effort plus expenses not to exceed \$74,800. Billing will be on a monthly basis during the project. If it is necessary to modify the scope of the project during the execution of the work, we will promptly seek a mutually agreeable revision of the scope of work and the associated fees.

Not to Exceed \$74,800.

By: 

Date: April 9, 2024

ALLGEIER, MARTIN and ASSOCIATES, INC. JOPLIN, MISSOURI

PROJECT NAME: 2026 Electrical Distribution System Study

FOR PAYMENT OF CHARGES: Invoice to the Account of: (hereinafter called the Client)

CLIENT: The City of Odessa, MO Utility

ATTN: Cathy Thompson

STREET ADDRESS: 228 S 2nd Street

CITY: Odessa STATE: MO ZIP CODE: 64076

WORK AUTHORIZED BY:

Date

Name and Title

Signature

SCOPE OF WORK:

The scope of this study will provide:

1. A system model to use for other studies and interconnect questions
2. Work plans for 5 four-year periods.
3. Maps of system
4. Sectionalizing Study



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ODESSA, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A TASK ORDER WITH ALLGEIER, MARTIN, AND ASSOCIATES, INC. (AMI) FOR A 2026 ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Odessa, Missouri, (the "City") is responsible for providing reliable and cost-effective electric service to its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City's Strategic Plan includes evaluation and improvement of the electric distribution system; and

WHEREAS, Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMI) has recommended and submitted a proposal to conduct a 2026 Electrical Distribution System Study to assess system performance and plan for future needs; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the study shall not exceed \$74,800.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ODESSA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Task Order and any related documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

SECTION 2. The Task Order with Allgeier Martin and Associates, Inc. (AMI), for the 2026 Electrical Distribution System Study is hereby approved in an amount not to exceed \$74,000.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to correct any scriveners' errors made in amending the Resolution.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor of the City of Odessa, Missouri, this 13th day of April, 2026.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Karen Findora, City Clerk

Bryan D. Barner, Mayor



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



▶ BUSINESS RECRUITMENT, RETENTION & EXPANSION

An Economic Development Team—comprised of Shawna Davis, Cathy Thompson, Jenny Neel, and Leslie Shier—is leading coordinated efforts to support the business community:

- **Recruitment:** Increasing visibility and marketing available sites through regional partnerships
- **Retention:** Maintaining engagement with existing businesses and responding to needs
- **Expansion:** Supporting local employers in pursuing growth opportunities and accessing resources

▶ CURRENT PROJECTS

- Create Economic Development Web page
- Update grocery store initiative presentation
- Coordination with downtown business community regarding sidewalk project

▶ OPPORTUNITY ZONES

The City of Odessa is actively researching Missouri's Opportunity Zones to better understand how these federally designated areas can support local economic growth and investment.

▶ REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS & RECOGNITION



AREA
DEVELOPMENT
COUNCIL

The City has strengthened its regional presence through new memberships with the Kansas City Area Development Alliance and KC SmartPort. On April 1, Odessa was recognized at the KC SmartPort Board of Directors meeting, where Cathy Thompson represented the City and reinforced a clear message: ***"Odessa is open for business and focused on growing its commercial and industrial footprint."***

▶ SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Data Center component manufacturing and Defense Industry production are the two fastest growing industries in the Midwest. How can Odessa best position itself for commercial development and job creation in these areas?

WHERE CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A national site selector presented on regional business development and provided the following recommendations for the KC Region.

- Support your local officials
- Electricity availability = economic development
- Engage with the public
- Make it easier to start and grow a business
- Enhance international relationships
- Retain and attract talent
- Deploy wealth through engagement of the philanthropic community
- Align the business community with the education/training providers
- Invest in the basics
- Modernize your tax structure
- Maximize federal incentives/industrial policy opportunities
- Be ambassadors for your community