

City of Trenton

CitiStat Review
July 16, 2025

Agenda

- Opening Remarks, W. Reed Gusciora, Mayor
- Trenton Police Department Statistics
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Purchase of City Properties
- Last Meeting Results
- Questions and Concerns

Trenton CitiStat Mission Statement

The Trenton Citi-Stat Initiative is a performance-based management system designed to improve government efficiency, accountability, and service delivery.

Through regular review meetings, collaborative problem-solving, and a focus on measurable results, Citi-Stat will help city departments work more effectively and ensure that Trenton residents receive higher-quality public services.

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Trenton Police Department
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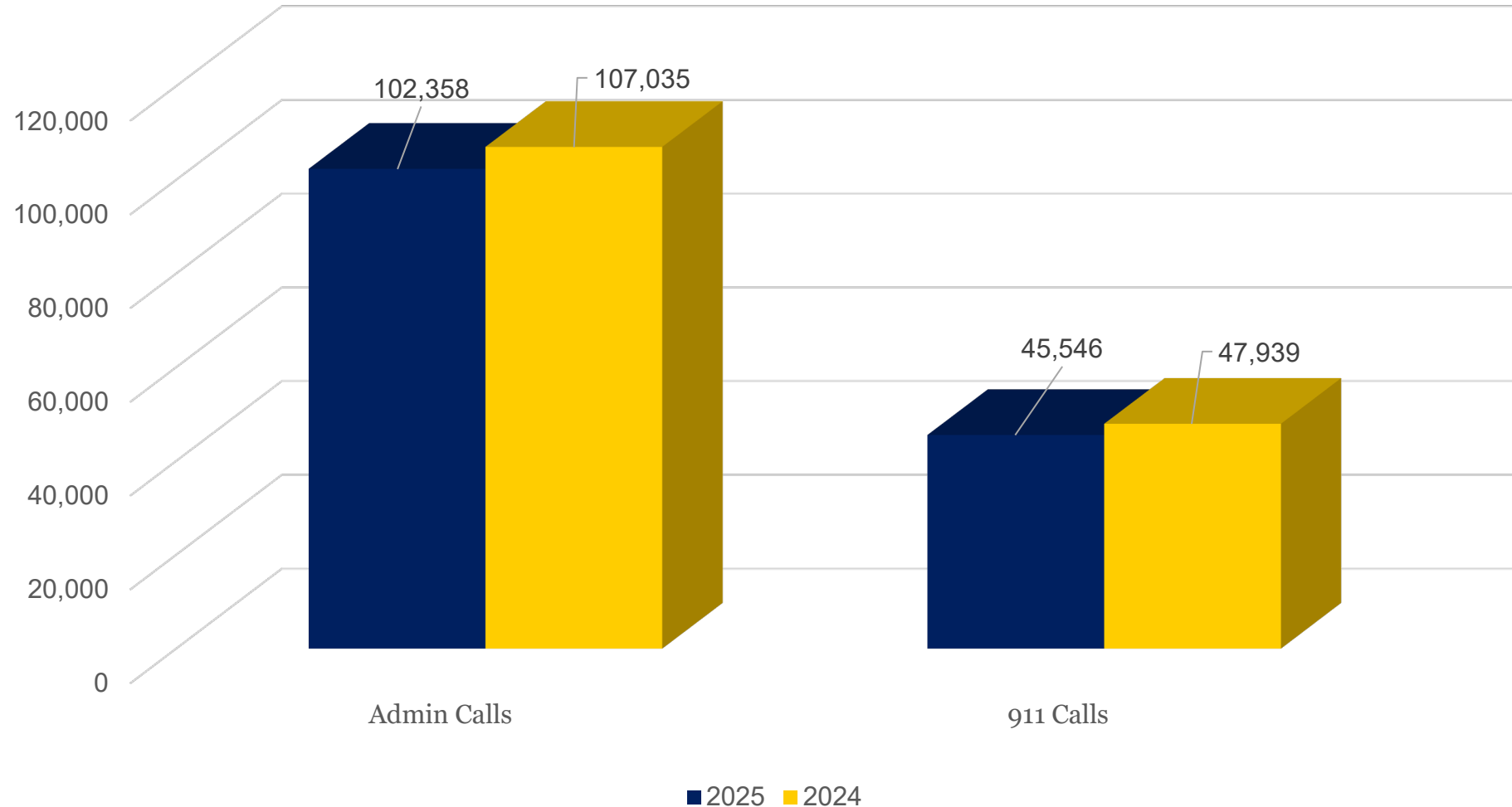
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Captain James Slack



Overview

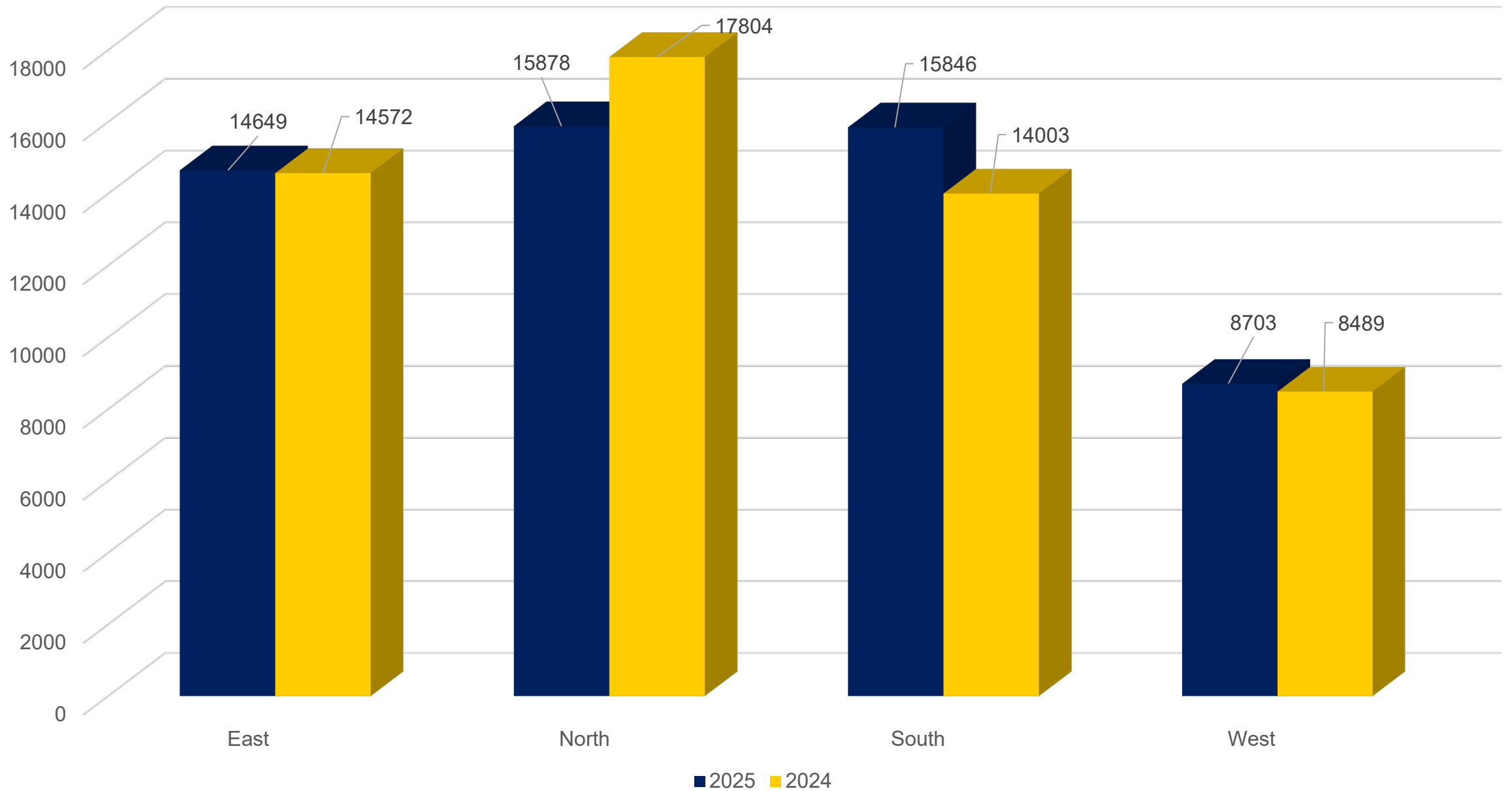
January 1, 2025 - July 1, 2025

Calls for Service to Communications



These calls for service are not only police calls, but calls for fire, courts, and other city departments that are received and handled by the Trenton Communications Center. These numbers are year-to-date.

2025 vs 2024 CFS by District (January 1 – July 1)





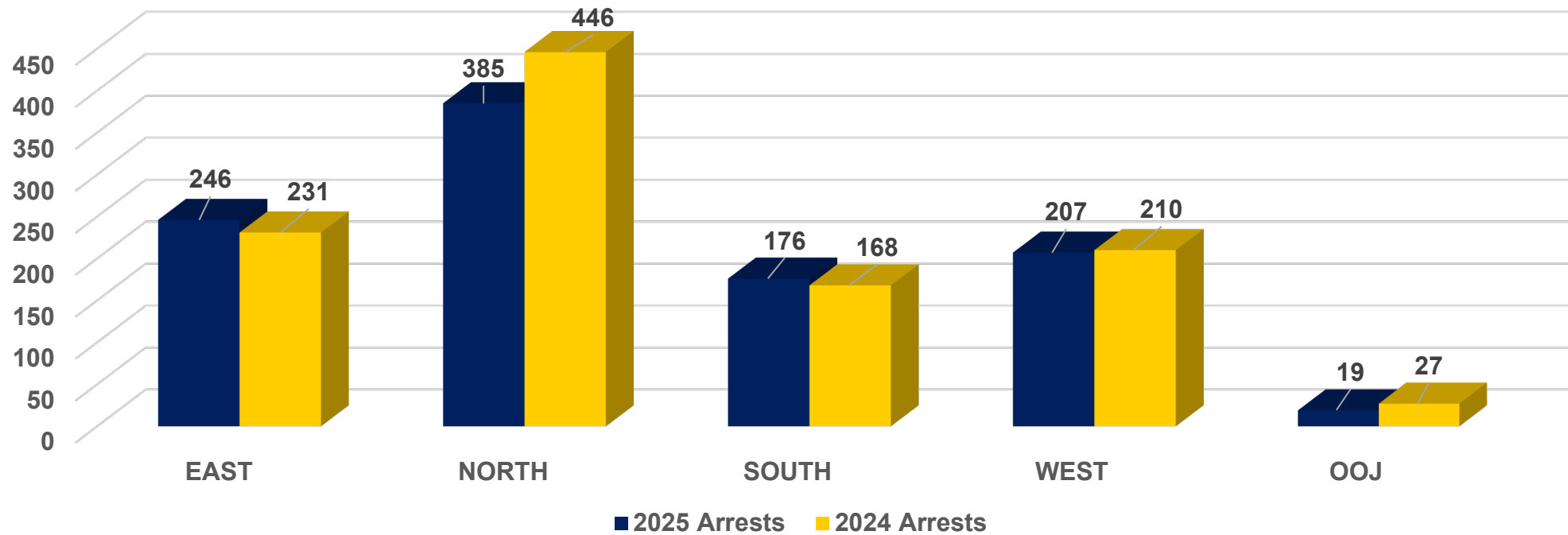
TRENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

CITIWIDE CRIME ANALYSIS YTD

YEARS 2024 & 2025*

<u>HOMICIDE</u>			<u>SEXUAL ASSAULT</u>			<u>ROBBERY</u>			<u>AGG. ASSAULT</u>		
2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025	2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025	2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025	2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025
13	-23.1%	10	22	-36.4%	14	167	-32.9%	112	255	-1.2%	252
<u>BURGLARY</u>			<u>THEFT</u>			<u>AUTO THEFT</u>			<u>TOTALS</u>		
2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025	2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025	2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025	2024	<i><u>diff</u></i>	2025
127	19.7%	152	610	10.2%	672	240	-14.2%	206	1434	-1.1%	1418

2025 vs 2024 Arrests by District Jan 1 – July 1



District	2025 Arrests	2024 Arrests	Change
East	246	231	6.0%
North	385	446	-13.6%
South	176	168	4.5%
West	207	210	-1.4%
OOJ	19	27	-3.0%



Firearms Recovery Breakdown



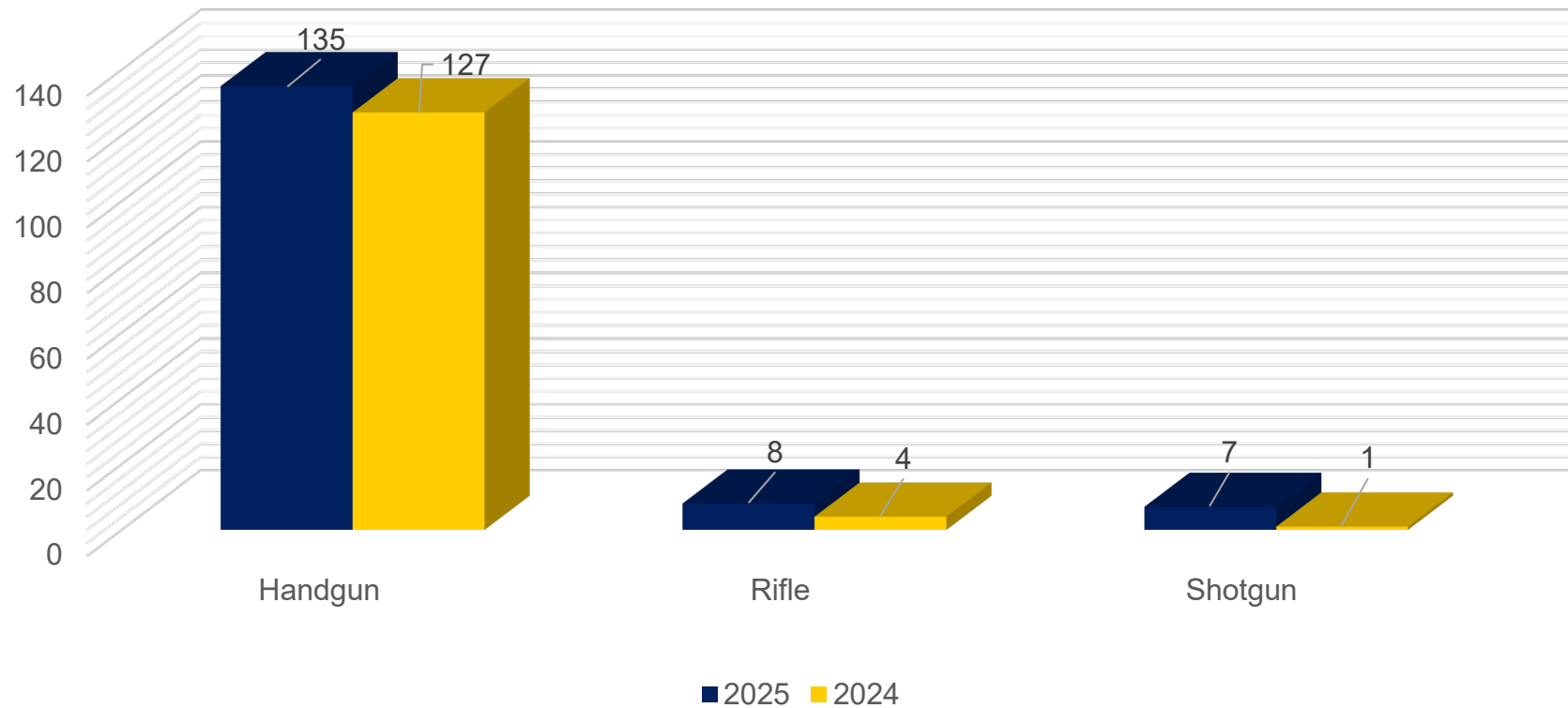
Trenton Firearms Recovery

Total firearms recovered 1/1/2024 to 7/01/2024: **132**

Total firearms recovered 1/1/2025 to 7/01/2025: **150 (+12%)**

Trenton Firearms Recovery Breakdown

1/1/2024 – 7/1/2024 vs. 1/1/2025 – 7/1/2025





Notable Assignments/Commendable Work

Patrol Bureau



Patrol Officers Mario Vidal & Michael Manning - Shots Fired Investigation

- On Friday, June 13, 2025, about 6:04 pm officers were on patrol in the area of Hudson Street and Ditmar Alley and heard several gunshots.
- They observed a black Volkswagen with two occupants flee the area at a high rate of speed.
- The officers stopped the vehicle and Officer Manning observed a handgun and suspected heroin inside. A search of the vehicle was conducted. Officers found and a second 9mm handgun with an extended magazine and a distributable amount of heroin and crack cocaine.
- Surveillance cameras in the area confirmed the two arrestees were responsible for the shooting and they were charged accordingly.

Homicide Task Force



The Mercer County Homicide Task Force, as of 07/08/2025, has investigated 10 total homicides, from 9 investigations, in the City of Trenton.

- 7 were from separate shooting investigations.
- 2 were from a stabbing investigation.
- 1 was from a motor vehicle used as a weapon.
- All have been closed out and cleared by arrest or charges issued, with one pending, and resulting in a **90%** clearance rate to date.

Shooting Response Team



- On Saturday, June 21, 2025, about 8:38 pm, the Trenton Communications Bureau received a 911 call reporting a male shot in the back and leg at the intersection of Stuyvesant and Hoffman Ave.
- Patrol units responded and found a male on the sidewalk suffering from two gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to Capital Health Regional Medical Center for treatment.
- Shooting Response Detectives obtained surveillance video footage which revealed a suspect operating a red ATV. The suspect fired multiple rounds at the victim before fleeing the scene.
- Members of the Shooting Response team identified Justin Steward as the suspect.
- Justin Steward was located at 55 Ellsworth Avenue and taken into custody.
- A search warrant was executed at 55 Ellsworth Avenue and Two (2) handguns, several magazines, ammunition, and CDS recovered. Justin Steward was charged and lodged in the Mercer County Correctional Facility.

Criminal Investigation Bureau – ATV/Dirt Bike Detail

Under the direct supervision of Detective Captain Nathan Bolognini and Detective Lieutenant Luis F. Nazario Jr., the ATV/Dirt Bike Detail was deployed into action during the month of June, and was spearheaded by Detective Sergeant Nicholas Mahan. Through a combined effort with detectives from the CIB Task Force, Criminal Intelligence Support Unit and NJSP CSCU, the following statistics were gathered;

TOWS/SEIZURES	TICKETS	FIR	INVESTIGATIONS	ARRESTS
8	33	7	8	4



The depicted dirt bikes, scooters and ATV were all confiscated during the operation and are pending forfeiture. 2 of the offenders were found to be **Trinitarios Gang members** and their scooters were confiscated in the area of Hamilton Avenue and Chestnut Avenue, near **Unity Square Park**. The scooters are commonly used by the Trinitarios Gang to facilitate criminal actions, such as robberies and assaults. This detail also resulted in large quantities of CDS Heroin being seized and numerous charges filed against the offenders.

Additional information:

- **Unity Square Park** will remain a major focus of attention for the Trenton Police Department as we continue to gather intelligence and deploy specific details, such as the successful Criminal Investigation Bureau's – ATV special operations.
- The safety and well being of our citizens remains paramount and we shall continue these efforts going forward through criminal intelligence. Currently, there are cameras around the perimeter.
- In a continuing with our mission and efforts for the safety of our Trentonians and visitors, the Trenton Police Department's –Technical Services Unit (TSU) is working to install additional cameras inside the park.



CITY OF TRENTON

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS (HOME)
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

Carlos D. Minacapelli, MD, Director
Health & Human Services

HUD Entitlement Funds

The City of Trenton is a grantee of entitlement funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Funds are made available to the City annually, based upon a formula calculation that considers population size, housing conditions, and number of poverty level households (according to U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) data).

This presentation will provide information on each program, the funding levels, and activities the City has undertaken using these funds.

Meeting National Objectives

CDBG Activities must meet one of the **three national objectives**:



Benefit Low- and
Moderate-Income
Persons
(at least 70% of
grant amount)



Prevent or Eliminate
Slum or Blight
(not more than 30%
of grant amount)



Urgent Needs
when health and
welfare are
threatened, and no
other funding source
is available

Basic CDBG Eligible Activities



Housing
Rehabilitation



Homeownership
Assistance



Public Facilities and
Improvements



Blight Removal
Demolition/Site
Preparation



Code Enforcement



Economic
Development



Acquisition /
Disposition of Real
Property



Public Services

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM BASICS

Street Outreach

Engagement

Case Management

Emergency Health/Mental Health

Transportation

Emergency Shelter

Shelter Operations

Essential Services

Renovation and Conversion

Homelessness Prevention

Short-Term Rental Assistance

Housing Relocation & Stabilization

Legal Services

Rapid Re-Housing

Rental Assistance

Housing Search & Placement

Case Management

HMIS & Admin

HMIS- Data Collection & Reporting

Program Administration

FY 2025 Funding

HUD announced allocations in May 2025, and the plan will be submitted to HUD no later than August 15, 2025.

Program	City of Trenton
CDBG	\$2,527,173
HOME	\$909,830.67
ESG	\$235,430
Total Funding	\$3,672,434

Prior Year (FY 2023) Accomplishments

CDBG-
\$2,408,021.88

- West Ward Community Center Improvements
- Sr. Center Operations provided services to seniors in the community.
- Demolition of 19 vacant/unsafe buildings
- 2 Homebuyer assistance activities completed
- 4 Housing rehabilitation activities for urgent repairs

HOME- \$80,000

- Patriot Village- final lease up took place for the 11-unit affordable rental units created.

ESG \$504,212.02

- 1,932 persons assisted with emergency shelter
- 162 persons assisted through street outreach
- 20 persons assisted with rapid re-housing

Current Projects Underway or in Planning Phase

CDBG

- Public Facility Improvements
 - Reading and South Ward Senior Center
 - Fire Engine Purchase
- Sidewalk Improvements- CDBG-CV (in planning)
- Free Public Library Improvement Project
- MLK Blvd. Improvement- Design & Engineering

HOME

- Affordable Rental Development – Van Sciver Building

ESG

- Emergency Shelter
- Street Outreach
- Rapid Re-housing
- HMIS and Planning

Trenton Urgent Rehabilitation Program (TURP) / Senior Home Rehabilitation Program (SHRP)

The objective of the Trenton URGENT Housing Rehabilitation Program is to assist lower income homeowners **address immediate and critical housing rehabilitation** needs. The maximum amount of financial assistance for rehabilitation is **\$5,000** per dwelling unit in any **2-year period**.

Eligibility requirements must be met for:

- The Homeowner
- The Property
- The Urgent Rehab
- The Contractor

The applicant must have been the **owner and occupant of the property** as a **primary residence**.

The applicant's annual income must not exceed 80% of the median income for the City of Trenton as published by HUD.

TURP & SHRP Scope of Work

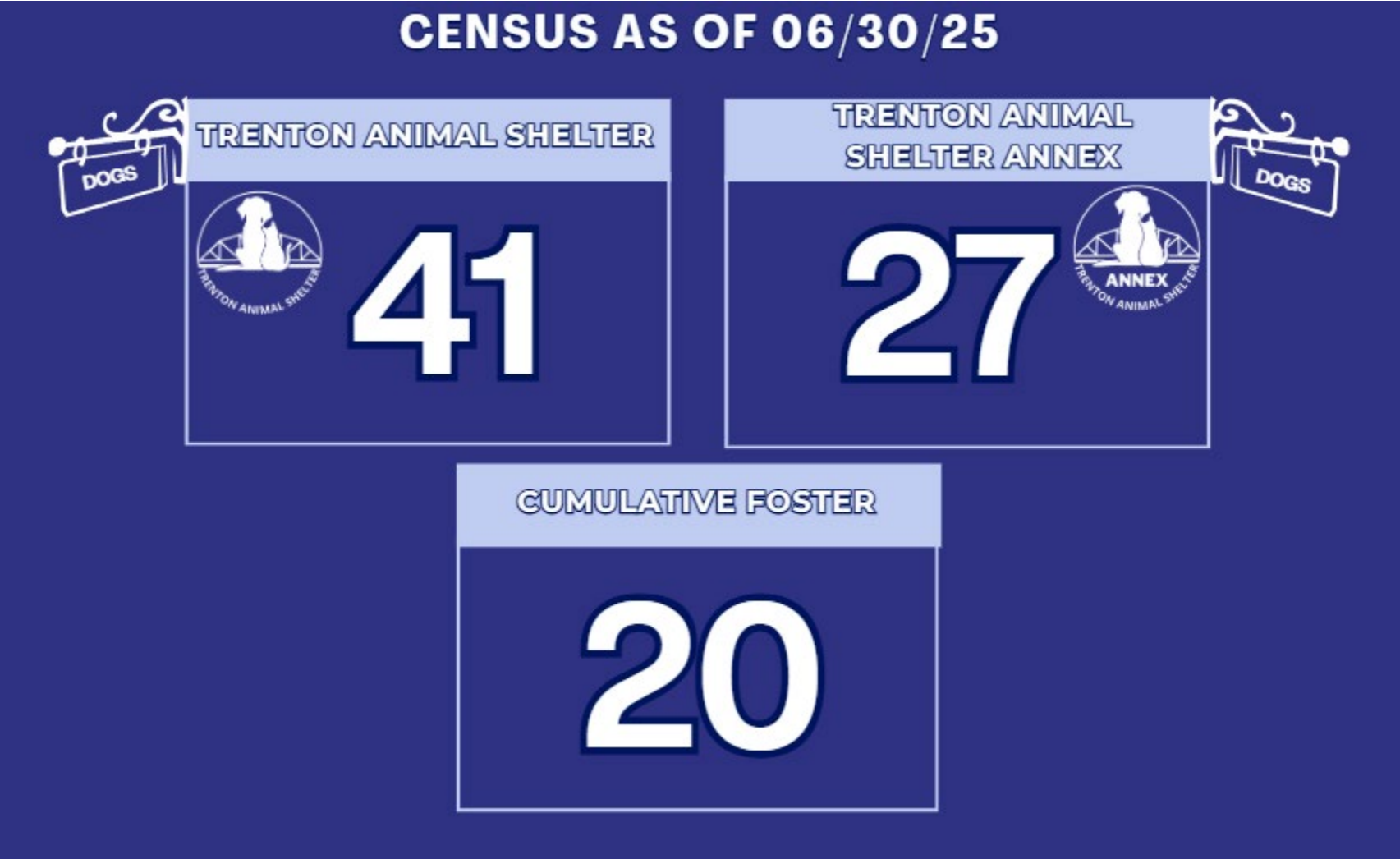
URGENT REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation is limited to items needed to secure the property against weather, such as a roof replacement, or provide for necessary utilities such as heat, water, and sanitary sewer. **These items must be necessary to ensure the safe and continued occupancy of the property.**

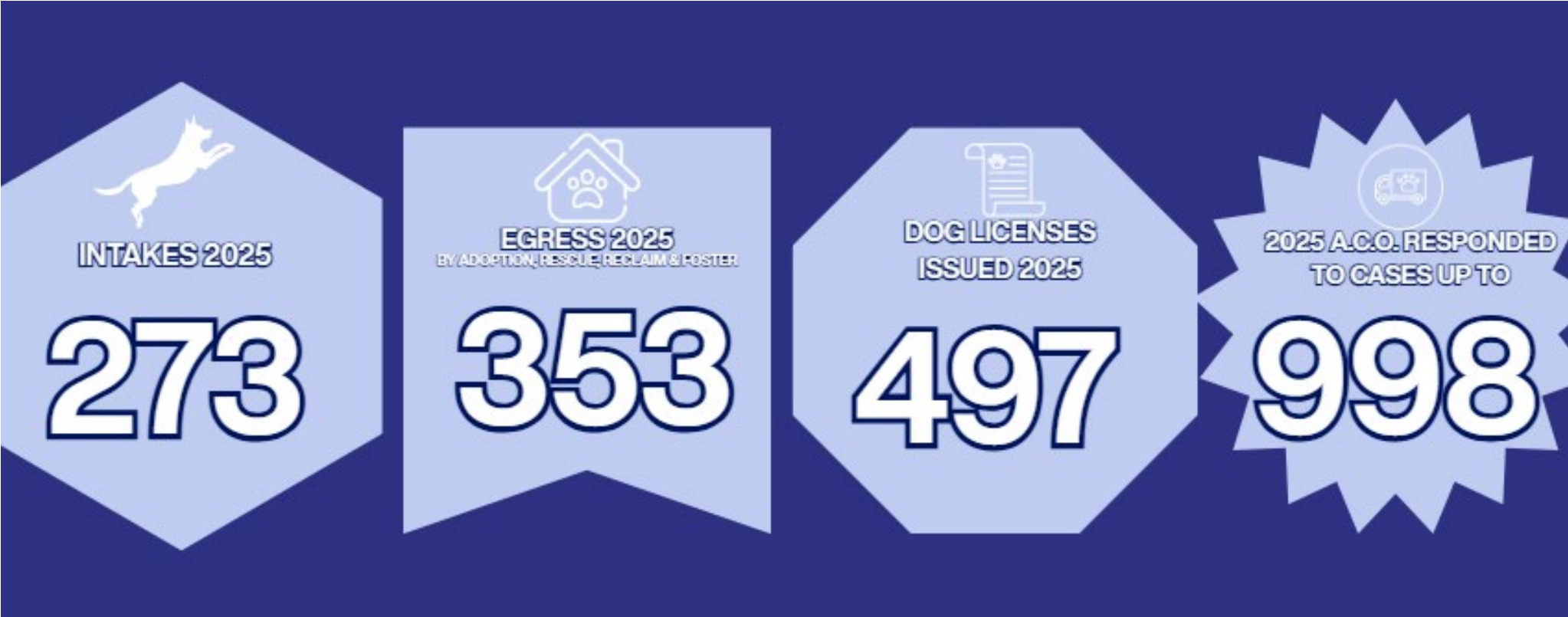
Examples of items that will be considered Urgent Repairs:

- No water, no hot water, or damaged and/or severely leaking water pipes.
- Standing raw sewage; other plumbing-related issues.
- Electrical hazards such as loose and live wiring, breakers not holding amp service, no electric power to the house, shocks from switches and/or plugs, or loss of power to essential major appliances such as refrigerators, stoves, or essential medical equipment.
- No heating source in the unit, or if the furnace has been determined to be hazardous by the utility company.
- Severely leaking roof subject to collapse of ceilings.
- Removal of architectural barriers (Accessibility Improvements).
- A floor area weakened by water damage, subject to collapse; and/or
- Other situations as determined solely by program staff to be an immediate threat to the health or safety of the occupants, including air conditioning.

Trenton Animal Shelter - Census as of 06/30/25



Trenton Animal Shelter – Current Data Sheet



Trenton Animal Shelter – Upcoming events

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
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DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
KENNETH DOUGLAS, MPA, DIRECTOR

WET-NOSES & FIRE HOSES
BE SOMEONE'S HERO. ADOPT TODAY

ADOPT-A-THON

ADaPt Me

Saturday, 19 July, 2025
11:00AM-3:00PM

Trenton Fire Dept. Engine Co. 9
1464 W State St, Trenton, NJ 08618

Scan to Apply

PET ADOPTION
FIRE TRUCK TOUR
FUN ACTIVITIES
FREE FOOD
AND MORE

Scan to see PetFinder

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES 609-989-3254

Application required for adoption. Please follow the QR code to complete the application.

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FLASH FOOD DRIVE

72 ESCHER ST. TRENTON, NJ
TRENTON ANIMAL CENTER

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH
11:00AM - 1:00PM

BUFFALO

BIZZY

LIMITED SUPPLIES!!
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

★ **FREE DOG FOOD AND CAT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE!!**

★ Information and a list of available dogs for adoptions will be available!

★ Social services will be giving supplies and more information about services!

JINGLE

Want more information? Call the Department of Health and Human Services: 609-989-3254

Pet Finder Apply Here



For more information:

City of Trenton, Department of Health and Human Services

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THANK YOU!

Overview

This presentation outlines the process for acquiring City-Owned, vacant residential properties within the City of Trenton. These properties, typically single-family homes or vacant lots, are made available to the public as the City seeks to support neighborhood stabilization and redevelopment efforts.

The purchase of multi-unit residential, commercial or industrial properties will follow a different process. *Any sale of City-owned property is subject to approval by City Council.*

Identifying Available Properties

A comprehensive list of City-owned properties—including residential, commercial, industrial, and vacant parcels—was most recently updated June 2025 and is available on the City’s website: [City-Owned Properties – June 2025](#)

This list, along with publicly accessible tax records, represents all of the City’s official repository of available properties, but also includes ones that are not for sale.

Application Process

A. Submission

- Applications are reviewed on a **rolling, first-come, first-served** basis.
- Paper submissions are no longer accepted.
- As of July 2025, all applications must be submitted via **email only** to propertypurchases@trentonnj.org.

B. Application Review and Prioritization

Applications are evaluated under the criteria established by **City Council Resolution 025-028**. Priority is given as follows:

- **Owner-occupants:** Individuals who intend to live in the home will receive priority. Successful applicants must agree to a **10-year owner-occupancy deed restriction**.
- **Investors:** May acquire up to **five (5)** properties per application. Priority is given to those who intend to resell the property to a homeowner rather than operate it as a rental.

Application Process

C. Competing Applications

In the event of two or more applications are received for the same property, priority will be given to:

- Applicants who intend to **personally occupy the property**; or
- Applicants requesting a **vacant lot** that is **adjacent to their existing property**.
- All applications will be time/date stamped upon receipt.

D. Approval

- Once the application is approved by HED, it will be submitted to City Council in the form of an Ordinance
- Must pass 1st and 2nd Readings at City Council
- Following 2nd Reading, there is a 20-day period before the Ordinance becomes effective

Applicant Qualifications

To be eligible for acquisition, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Demonstrate financial capacity** to rehabilitate the property:
 - A default assumption of \$100,000 is used for estimating renovation costs unless the applicant provides a licensed contractor's estimate.
 - Applicants are provided with information on financing options, including:
 - City and County **first-time homebuyer programs**
 - **Federal construction loans**
 - **Conventional renovation financing**
- **Submit proof of funds within 10 business days** of receiving a conditional award. Failure to do so may result in the property being reassigned.
- **Clear municipal standing:**
 - No outstanding **tax liens** with the City
 - No unresolved **code violations**
 - No unpaid **Vacant and Abandoned Property** registration fees

Future Communications

Only electronic submissions will be accepted to ensure efficient processing.

The launch of a centralized application portal and email address will be communicated on the City's website and through official bulletins.

Please submit any such applications or questions to our Real Estate Legal Coordinator. propertypurchases@trentonnj.org

Last Meeting Concerns: Results

June 18, 2025, CITISTAT Meeting Responses

Concern	Department	Response
215 E. Front Street, Architect Housing. Security doors need repair. Resident is trying to save the building by sending letters to the landlord. Afraid of becoming homeless, due to the retaliation of the landlord. Also, stated that HUD cuts are coming, seeking help. Requesting an investigation.	Division of Inspections Department of Housing & ED	The Housing Inspector responded, door concern has been addressed.
Concerns with trucks damaging the road behind the property. Due to the damage to the road, it makes it possible to get out. Complained three years ago and nothing happened.	Department of Public Works	Contacted the resident on 6/23/25 (phone) and advised that the Road Inspector would go out and investigate the site. Resident would like to meet the Road Inspector on the site. The Road Inspector is aware of the pothole situation at 344 Emmet Avenue & York Alley. Both locations are on DPW's paving list for this season.
Klagg Avenue drivers are not paying attention to the STOP signs and ONE WAY street signs. There is no parking availability. People are blocking her driveway. Requesting lights be placed on the STOP signs.	Department of Public Works Division of Police	Contacted the resident (phone) and advised that more will be done to educate drivers in the city to observe every traffic sign through the Police Dept. The Traffic Division will investigate to determine if a study is necessary. (Resident requested the following: Klagg Avenue to be a One-Way Street. Stop sign that lights up. Unregistered and uninsured cars to be towed to accommodate parking for more residents.)
Flooding in York Alley (damage from trucks). Fencing is too high in the alley for driving visibility.	Department of Public Works Division of Inspections	Contacted the resident on 6/23/25 (phone) and advised that the concerns will be investigated. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is investigating the request to put a mirror type object up to seek on-coming traffic. Emmette and York Alley are on DPW's paving list. Violation issued by the Zoning Officer. Summons will follow if they fail to correct the violation.

Concern	Department	Response
General litter concerns. Resident is happy with DPW addressing issues reported in previous meeting, but still litter issues. West End Avenue 10, 16, 20 and the alley are an eye sore and dumping ground. Resident cleans the area constantly and does not mind, and is requesting supplies from DPW, to help with cleaning.	Department of Public Works Division of Inspections	Left a message with resident on 6/23/25 (phone) and advised that the Assistant Director of DPW will schedule a meeting with the residents to address their concerns. DPW will supply the cleaning supplies. Waiting for a reply from the resident to schedule a time. Public Property will clean 10, 16, and 20 West End Avenue. Violation issued, summons to follow if not abated. Violation issued by the Zoning Officer. Summons will follow if they fail to correct the violation.
Route 1 exit onto Mulberry Street is too dangerous. Need caution strips installed. Concerns about rental levels in the city. Buyers are placing homes in LLCs, which makes it hard to track them down.	Department of Public Works	Spoke with the resident on 6/23/25 (phone) to give thanks for bringing this concern to our attention. DPW will evaluate the situation and make necessary improvements. DPW is aware of the potholes at the rail crossings. That was mitigated, including the Mulbury Street and New York Avenue intersections. The resident thanked DPW for responding.
Concerned about crime levels in general on Farragut Avenue, and landlord retaliation for filing housing complaints.	Department of Police	Police Director spoke with the resident during the meeting to address his concerns and obtain additional information
Clinton Avenue, by the train station: drug issues, prostitution, and graffiti on the wall by the bridge under path near the train station. Greenwood and Hamilton Avenues, issues with drug use and prostitution. Vacant property at 355 and 357 Greenwood has issues with loitering.	Department of Public Works Department of Inspections Department of Police	Contacted the resident on 6/23/25 (phone) that the DPW would have it removed. The Division of Public Property will place 355 and 357 Greenwood on the schedule for cleaning. Violation issued, summons to follow if not abated.
Franklin Street (418): concerns with unlicensed day care. Bars in the area stay open beyond 2AM. Cadwalader Park handicap accessibility.	Division of Inspections Department of Recreation, NR&C	Franklin Street was inspected by the Zoning Officer, no sign of day care facility at that property. The Department of Recreation, NR&C is working on repaving access paths from the sidewalk to the outer loop. This will address concerns the community have about accessing the outer loop.

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Tyrell Avenue (37, 39, 41) has a dangerous vacant lot. Fencing was inappropriately moved. The property is an eye sore. Issues with parking.	Department of Public works Division of Inspections	Contacted the resident on 6/24/25 and advised that DPW frequently cuts the grass the grass in this area, and it is monitored. A camera has been installed at this location to discourage illegal dumping.
Garbage in the neighbor's yard (rear). When the resident enters their backyard must look at refrigerators and stoves.	Division of Inspections	No address was provided for this complaint.
Mill Hill neighborhood sidewalks need repair (brick work). Market Street parking for businesses. Double parked cars holding up traffic. Advised someone from the City to sit down with the Mill Hill Society.	Department of Public Works Department of Police	Contacted the resident on 6/24/25 and advised that in May 2025, the DPW met with the President of the Mill Hill Association, and other officials. During this meeting sidewalks were discussed as well as funding. Other meetings with the Association are planned. DPW is seeking a contractor to repair the brick sidewalks.
Trenton Neighborhood. Requesting speed controls in the city. Improved signage and traffic light cameras. Complaint about cats in the area (resident is feeding cats, which encourages stray cats to gather).	Department of Public Works Department of Health & HS	Contacted the resident on 6/24/25 and advised that the Traffic Division will investigate the matter and determine what actions to take. Improvements will be made as necessary. The resident had other concerns regarding traffic and speeding in Culvert Alley. DPW will place signs in the alley. An invitation was extended to attend the East Trenton Collaborative meeting. The Dept. of H&HS will investigate the stray cats in the area and contact the resident that tend to feed the cats.
Mill Hill area – 11 of 13 streetlights are out. Called DPW and was informed that it is a wiring issue. The Lamps should be maintenance. It has been 14 years since the lights have been active. Street repair due to sewer issues. Repave Public Parking lot (Pullen Alley)	Department of Public Works Department of Water & Sewer	Contacted the resident on 6/23/25 and advised that DPW has met with the Mill Hill Association and the streetlights issue was on the agenda. Informed the resident that numerous requests have been placed with PSE&G. A negative wire was reported. An electrician will be out to remove the wire. Hopes to mitigate within a month. Resident had concerns with the 200 block of Jackson Street, and Mercer and Clay Streets.

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Landlord responsibility. Concerns that the City is failing to hold landlords accountable for deplorable living conditions. This oversight leaves tenants in vulnerable position.	Department of Housing & ED Division of Inspections	Violations have been issued to this landlord along with five (5) summonses.
Beatty Street near International Charter School/Hungarian Reborn Church) – double parking daily.	Department of Police Department of Recreation, NR&C	Parking Enforcement was notified to make routine visits to the area and enforce parking regulations.
Cleaning of Broad Street Area, Beatty Street, and Home Avenue. Motor bike riders are causing recklessness in the Broad Street area.	Department of Public Works Department of Police	Contacted the resident on 6/25/25 and advised that DPW will place this area under the radar and do better with cleaning the area. DPW was recently in the area to pave Home, Tremont, and Smith. Due to tight vehicle parking and residents do not move their vehicles, Broad Street is on the off route for street sweeping, A crew will manually sweep the area in the coming weeks.



Questions & Concerns

2 minutes

Next Trenton CitiStat Meeting

August 20, 2025

5:00 P.M.

City Council Chambers

Thank you!

