



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Sioux Falls Police Department



Our Mission

The mission of the Sioux Falls Police Department is partnering with the community to serve, protect, and promote quality of life.

Our Vision

The vision of the Sioux Falls Police Department is to be leaders in assuring quality of life, safety, and protection for every member of the Sioux Falls community. This vision embraces the philosophy of community-oriented policing in all aspects of planning and operations.

We Value ...

- *Honesty, integrity, and commitment to quality service throughout the department workforce.*
- *Respect, fairness, and compassion toward each and every member of our community.*
- *Actions in partnership with the community that promote a sense of belonging, openness, continuity, and connection.*
- *The courage of every officer and staff member to act in the best interests of our community as a whole and to each of its members as individuals.*
- *The commitment of each officer and staff member to be actively engaged as contributing citizens in the community.*
- *Actions of the community at large to partner in promoting public safety, welfare, and growth of a diverse and vibrant community.*

Office of the Chief

The mission of the Sioux Falls Police Department is partnering with the community to serve, protect, and promote quality of life. Our mission statement strikes at the core of who we are and what we value. In 2019, we operated with an authorized strength of 269 sworn police officers and nearly 310 total staff. Our partnership with the community is vital to maintaining a safe city and we continually look for better ways to engage citizens and encourage them to work with us to elevate public safety for everyone. Our department understands that without the continued support of our community, our public safety mission would indeed be very difficult.

2019 was yet another record-setting year at the department. The end-of-year estimated city population of 190,750 was one factor which resulted in a new high in calls for police service at 125,885. We had a record number of narcotics cases investigated by the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force, and seized record amounts of controlled substances. We continue to put many resources towards combatting illegal drugs in our city as it continues to be the largest driver of crime. The continued growth of Sioux Falls presents both challenges and opportunities for our department, but despite the growth in population and calls for service, our Property and Violent crime rates per 1,000 residents remained very stable.

The men and women of the SFPD are well-trained, focused, and dedicated to providing a high level of customer service and public safety. We make a point to hire men and women who see themselves as public servants and give them the best professional training in the region. We work hard to ensure that our department is "the" desired destination in the region for those seeking a career in public service and public safety.



Police Chief Matt Burns

I am very thankful of Mayor TenHaken and the members of the City Council for their continued strong support of public safety in our community. I am also thankful for the support of the citizens of Sioux Falls who strongly desire to keep our community a safe place to live, work, raise their families, and pursue their dreams. Looking ahead, we are confident in our mission, mindful of our challenges, and optimistic about our path heading into 2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Burns". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "M" and a trailing flourish.

Matt Burns
Chief of Police

Police Department Administration



Assistant Chief
Kyle Hoekstra



Captain
Dave McIntire



Captain
Loren McManus

CHIEF

Matt Burns

ASSISTANT CHIEF

Kyle Hoekstra

CAPTAIN

Loren McManus *(retired)*

Dave McIntire *(from Support Services)*

ADMIN LIEUTENANT

Toby Benson *(to Patrol)*

Adam Petersen *(from Patrol)*

ARMORER OFFICER

Brent Booth

TRAINING SERGEANT

Josh Disburg

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Sam Clemens

TRAINING OFFICER

Cody Schulz *(promoted to Sergeant)*

Nate Warren

Rene Velasquez *(promoted to Sergeant)*

Dan Thelen *(from Patrol)*

Jill Winninger *(from Patrol)*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Betsy Odden

POLICE RECORDS MANAGER

Jennifer Disburg

LEAD RECORDS CLERK

Laura Bjergaard

RECORDS CLERK

Karen Roemen

Jane Reuwsaat

Tracy Halverson

Joan Wynthein

Shirrel Moore

Renee Munce

Mary Lee Peters *(retired)*

April Prohl *(resigned)*

Katie Purkapile

Ashley Shaffner *(resigned)*

Shelly Bartles

Robin Hofmeyer *(resigned)*

Christopher Briggs

POLICE APPLICATION SPECIALIST

Shaun Kayl

Police Department Administration

Training |

In 2019, 25 new officers were hired and trained by the SFPD Training Team. The extensive training consisting of 10 weeks of in-house training and 13 weeks of training at the State Academy helps to prepare the newly hired police officers for success in their careers. The team also conducted the department's in-house training which provides 40 hours of continuing education for the current sworn officers of the department. This yearly training is all for the purpose of providing our community the best trained officers in the State and includes a robust firearms training that saw our department shoot nearly 150,000 rounds of ammunition in training. The Training Team also coordinated several retirements, promotions, and were adjunct instructors for the Minnehaha County Reserves as well as the State Academy in Pierre.

Honor Guard |

Throughout 2019 the Honor Guard remained busy organizing and participating in several funerals, flag presentations, and community events. This year's Honor Guard Commander Loren McManus retired. Captain McManus was the last Charter Member of the Honor Guard serving since its inception in 2000. Captain McManus was presented with a ceremonial sword to commemorate his service to the Honor Guard. Lt. Jason Leach has taken over as the Honor Guard Commander.



Records |

Records Division supports both the Sioux Falls Police Department and the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, 24 hours a day, which means that the workload is never ending. Records staff processed thousands of documents, background investigations on Vehicle for Hire drivers, personal and business alarms managed, and required reporting to State and Federal agencies.

With a total of 10 Police Records Clerks, 1 Lead Police Records Clerk, 1 Police Application Specialist, and Manager, the Records Division is in operation 7 days a week and primarily responsible for managing department records and validating report data. With a heavy focus on documentation and proper retention, Records serves as a liaison between the police department and many outside system agencies, vendors, and community partners.

A significant change for Records was entering accident report information into the State TraCS system. This effort allowed the department to meet the state requirements of electronic submission, but more importantly, prevented patrol officers from having to use additional software or dedicate additional time toward accident reports. Research and testing continued toward the development to electronically submit crash reports direct from Zuercher to the South Dakota Accident Report System (SDARS). Successful electronic submission of reports from the Zuercher Records Management System continues to be one of the division's biggest goals.

The Zuercher software system operated with minimal downtime. Reports, custom modules, and applications were utilized to maximize the functionality of the system and enhance responsibilities of its users. This included extensive testing with the Fields Ops application to transition motorcycle units from the using laptops to the more portable and user friendly iPads.

The rideshare platform increased with the addition of UBER in Sioux Falls. Rideshare driver information is updated by each respective platform on a monthly basis. Records then reviews the individual drivers to verify the requirements outlined by the rideshare platforms and Transportation Network are upheld.

After several years of the Records team being divided between the positions of Word Processor and Records

2019				
Citations Validated (PD, SO, & AC)	Reports Transcribed	SFPD Accidents Validated	Merges Completed	Telephonic Search Warrants Transcribed
30,856	7,109	6,877	4,736	349

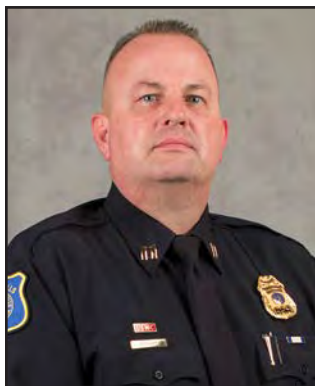
Clerk, the Word Processor positions were reclassified to the sole position of Records Clerk. This reclassification brought strength and continuity to the team and promoted the innovation many police departments in the country are moving toward. Longtime employee, Mary Lee Peters retired from working in police records after 37 years, and 2 new employees were welcomed to our team.

Throughout 2019, the Records team gave back to the Sioux Falls community by partaking in servant opportunities. Records collected food for the Food Pantry in March, donated school supplies to Hawthorne Elementary in August, and sponsored Christmas for a family in December.

WARNING TICKETS CJIS WARRANTS
ARREST VERIFICATION NIBRS VEHICLE FOR HIRE ALARM BILLING
MARSY'S LAW EVIDENCE FORMS AFFIDAVITS
ACCIDENT REPORTING SEALS/EXPUNGEMENT
WARRANTS **RECORDS** INVENTORY
BACKGROUND CHECKS MOBILE FOOD VENDORS
NCIC CERTIFICATION ALARM TECHNICIANS MAIL
PEDDLERS CITATIONS COURT NOTIFICATION
TELEPHONIC SEARCH CRIMINAL TRESPASS LICENSING PERMITS
NOTARIZATION LYFT/UBER



Uniformed Services



Captain Keith Gries

In 2019, all patrol shifts have been at the heart of several different events and functions throughout the city. This was a very busy and productive year for the officers and sergeants assigned to all three shifts. They continued to work closely with the community and put the well-being of the citizens and businesses at the forefront of all they do. As in the past, pro-active enforcement efforts are very beneficial to the success of patrol officers; this led to numerous drug seizures, weapons confiscations, and gang interdictions. By continuing to work together in a professional manner, the shifts are able to handle the ever increasing call load on a daily basis.

During the past summer, we again saw an increase in gang activity and shooting calls on the east side of the city. This led to a comprehensive 'team approach' across the entire department – focusing on identifying problem individuals and areas within the quadrant. This focused attention came through increased traffic enforcement, random patrolling, increased intelligence gathering,

bike and foot patrols, and door-to-door contact with the citizens and business owners in the area. Officers were able to effectively quell the gang activity and shooting calls, making numerous arrests. Even though these unfortunate and dangerous issues arise from time to time, the patrol shifts continue to demonstrate through their effectiveness, motivation, and passion that they are the backbone of the department and are dedicated to the safety/peace of the city.

2019 also presented further staffing challenges across all three shifts. Through the leadership efforts of all the supervisors on each shift, staffing levels were maintained at a safe and acceptable level. Whether an increase in problems within a certain area of the city, or a weather related event, the patrol shifts have (and always will) come together as one solid unit to support the needs of the city. To this I say 'thank you' to all of the officers and supervisors in the Uniformed Services Division.

Uniformed Services—Shift 1



Lieutenant Jon Lohr

SHIFT I

656 Lt. Jon Lohr

642 Sgt. Tom Ward

699 Sgt. Lon Hatcher

720 Sgt. Aaron Nyberg

803 Sgt. Jon Thum *(promoted to Lieutenant)*

679 Sgt. Tommy Schmitz

713 Sgt. Travis Olsen *(from Traffic)*

834 Sgt. Eric Meyer *(from SRO)*

640 Leroy Bingen

660 Theodore Wehrspann

686 Brian Reinwald

700 Gretchen Hansen

704 Matt Starr

709 Jason Fatone

735 Matt VanderVelde

736 Tim Suurmeyer

751 Chad Winkel *(from TCI)*

759 Andrew Mattson

769 Brian Wassenaar

776 Shawn Gordon *(to TCI)*

801 Nic Stevens

818 Greg Logan

826 Matt Walker

832 Jeremy Krahn

837 Tom Brandt

842 Brandt Van Dyke

844 Travis Beltman

845 Ryan Hansen

852 Jonathan McMahon

853 Gabriel Isais

882 Jenifer Suurmeyer

921 Darren Deneui

923 Dirk Anker

924 Andrew Parrott

927 Josh Herman

931 Ben Wurgler

935 Sarah Van Voorst

936 Devon Wilson

946 Andrew Ragland

949 Zach Boyum *(resigned)*

953 Ben Erickson

964 Shane Spargur *(resigned)*

966 Jeffrey Rech *(resigned)*

976 Richard Smith

979 Seth Meier

982 Erin Bertram

Uniformed Services—Shift 1

Shift One works in conjunction with all Uniformed Services Division personnel to provide police services to our citizens. Officers are assigned to four quadrants within the city to provide the highest quality service possible.

Officers work closely with neighborhood associations, schools and businesses to reduce crime and address quality of life issues. Officers place a strong emphasis on creating and maintaining positive relationships with those they serve. Foot and bike patrols are a focal point within the core areas of Sioux Falls. These type of patrols give officers face to face contact with citizens on a regular basis and allow them to address community issues such as nuisance and public health dangers on the spot.

Officers place a strong emphasis on Community Oriented Policing and regularly attend community meetings and events that promote open lines of communication and provides citizens with the opportunity to address issues and concerns. Officers maintain strong working relationships with various neighborhood watch groups. They establish partnerships with residents and business owners while fostering an environment of trust and respect. Officers and supervisors regularly attend community events like:

- Casting with Cops
- National Night Out
- Zoo Boo
- Coffee With a Cop

As in years past, officers focused on disorderly conduct, alcohol, and drug crimes in the core areas of the city. The Central and Downtown Quadrant projects have been very successful in targeting these crimes while providing visibility and education to the public.

2019 was a challenging year for all city departments including Police. Mother Nature created two significant floods and a tornado event which caused significant damage to commercial and residential properties. Officers worked hand-in-hand with other city departments to ensure citizen safety and to restore normal operations.



Uniformed Services—Shift 2



Lieutenant
Terry Matia



Lieutenant
Toby Benson

SHIFT II

623 Lt. Darren McClary *(retired)*

806 Lt. Terry Matia *(to Detectives)*

662 Lt. Toby Benson *(from Admin)*

750 Sgt. Ryan Flogstad

748 Sgt. Candi Gearman *(to SROs)*

771 Sgt. Jessica Speckmeier

806 Sgt. Terry Matia *(promoted to Lieutenant)*

791 Sgt. Rob Forster *(to Detectives)*

860 Sgt. Michelle Hockett

743 Sgt. John Spaeth

823 Sgt. Cody Schulz *(from Training)*

861 Sgt. Rene Velasquez *(from Training)*

862 Sgt. Joel Dalton *(from Patrol)*

658 John Matthews *(to Detectives)*

724 Brian Warwick

809 Ryan Sandgren *(retired)*

810 Jennifer Vaernhoej

851 Jacob Joffer

862 Joel Dalton *(promoted to Sergeant)*

864 Dan Thelen *(to Training)*

865 Jill Winnering *(to Training)*

872 Brad Bunkers *(to Detectives)*

873 Shaun Drummond *(to SROs)*

877 Chase Vanderhule

883 Landon Leveranz

896 Matt Dunn *(to Detectives)*

900 Ken Hunt

904 Pete Prostrullo

908 Carlos Puente

911 Brittany Stenzel

914 Ryan Baltazar

916 Kylie Huemoeller

929 Kyle DeJong

943 Jeff MacFarlane

947 Aaron Jensen

950 Zach Nolz

951 Austin Feenstra

956 Austin Koester

959 Scott Hildebrand

962 Trent Ehler

963 Geno Maule

978 Ben Fiegen

986 Andrew Curry *(resigned)*

984 Nick Eilers

987 Zach Hagberg

996 Shawn Nielsen *(to Parks)*

999 Ricky Horn

1002 Melinda Mitchell

1003 Cole German

1004 Mauricio Marquez

1005 Libby Smorada

1007 Joel Dykstra

1010 Stephen D'Alfonso

1011 Leah Banks *(resigned)*

1015 Jesse Wiersma

1018 Dustin Jorgensen

1020 Christian O'Brien

1022 Sam Schnell *(resigned)*

1030 Kyle Ochsner

1031 Blake Davis

1039 Carter Hand

1040 Seth Brown

1041 Jordan Kenyon

Uniformed Services—Shift 2

The officers on Shift 2 respond to the majority of the calls-for-service on patrol. The shift uses 2-officer cars as often as possible, which allows for a higher level of call efficiency and officer safety. The use of ten hour shifts allows for more overlap on Shift 2 which helps to provide quicker responses to calls for service in the City. The overlap also allowed officers to conduct focused, proactive patrols.

Officers participated in numerous community oriented policing events in 2019. Shift 2 officers and community resource officers worked together to spearhead National Night Out, Coffee and Ice Cream with a Cop events, building relationships at the Empire Mall, the local colleges, and downtown businesses. Shift 2 continues to set the standard for the department with its community oriented efforts. Shift 2 handled several critical incidents including a house explosion, several homicides, weather related emergencies including spring flooding and tornado clean up. These major weather events required cooperative efforts between the shift and other assets in the City's critical incident infrastructure.

During 2019, Shift 2 began a proactive patrol initiative in which officers concentrated efforts on the East side of Sioux Falls when there was a sharp increase in shootings involving gang members. Officers worked with area residents to address the problems and held a Town Hall meeting to connect with residents.

Shift 2 officers and sergeants are members of the SWAT team, the Bomb Squad, Mobile Field Force, Peer Support and others. They also are heavily involved with department training in: Emergency Vehicle Operation Course, defensive tactics, firearms, the Police Training Officer program, Recruiting, and other vital areas within the department. Their dedication helps to elevate the skills of our shift and the department and its capacity to handle critical incidents.



Officer Melinda Mitchell and Officer Ben Fiegen on foot patrol downtown



Sgt. Rob Forster at National Night Out

Uniformed Services—Shift 3



Lieutenant Adam Petersen



Lieutenant Nick Cook

SHIFT III

772 Lt. Adam Petersen *(to Training)*

754 Lt. Nick Cook *(from Detectives)*

741 Sgt. Tarah Walton

693 Sgt. Jamie Buteyn

799 Sgt. Marty Hoffman

727 Sgt. Paul Smedsrud

796 Sgt. Scott Van Roekel *(to Detectives)*

804 Sgt. Nick Butler

805 Sgt. Chris Treadway

817 Sgt. Cullen McClure *(from Detectives)*

708 Bridget Devlin

800 Michelle Paulsen *(from SRO)*

839 Mat Cook

854 Justin Reiter

875 Adam Healy *(to SRO)*

878 Ryan Baker

879 Paul Frerichs

884 Ian Branch

887 Charles Skidmore

889 Joseph Larson

894 Ben Cook

895 Andrew Pearson

899 Rachel Schmeichel

913 Nick Billings

918 Bo Jans

928 John Estep

930 Jason DeBoer

934 Jacob Hansen

941 Logan Eilers *(to Detectives)*

952 Nelson Leacraft *(to Street Crimes)*

957 Luke Schauer

973 Korben Leegard *(resigned)*

980 Rachel Neises

989 Dane Chernock

990 John Drenten

991 Hayden Zeigler

994 Scott Seiner

997 Jeremy Simon

998 Jeff Van Gerpen

1008 Jacob Van Dyken

1013 Tanner Vlaminck

1014 Amanda Marston

1019 Christine Lind

1021 Dat Do

1023 Adam Neal

1024 Logan Gooch

1025 Andy Jensen

1027 Aaron Bobier

1029 Jason Purkapile

1034 Dylan Stancer

850 Neilson Conley

1035 Morgan Black

1042 Amanda Covert

1048 Austin VanDiepen

STREET CRIMES UNIT

796 Sgt. Scott Van Roekel *(to Detectives)*

804 Sgt. Nick Butler

815 John Gross

841 Chris Jasso *(to Detectives)*

903 Matt Wolfe

944 Eric Olson

952 Nelson Leacraft *(from Patrol)*

Shift 3 Officers have made community policing a priority in all areas of Sioux Falls. Officers partnered with home and business owners across the City to work in addressing issues in their respective areas. These partnerships have helped grow strong relationships with the community and provided another way for the public to voice concerns in their areas. Officers used foot and bike patrols as alternative ways to proactively address crimes in the core areas.

Officers worked proactively to combat common crimes like: thefts from vehicles, burglaries, and stolen vehicles. This resulted in several arrests of those involved in these crimes. Officers put together a project to address loitering and racing issues in the southwest portion of Sioux Falls, working with the South Dakota Highway Patrol and Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.

During the summer of 2019, the eastside of Sioux Falls saw an increase in gang related shootings. To help address this issue, the department held a community town hall. This allowed area residents to express their concerns and gave officers the ability to provide feedback about what was being done. Members of the department worked together to solve this problem. This resulted in numerous arrests of the offenders, most of which were juveniles, and effectively halted the activity.



Lt. Petersen and Lt. Matia speak at town hall

As in previous years officers worked Operation Safe Streets during the months of April to September. Officers were able to provide extra focus and proactive enforcement to identified problem areas of the city.

Street Crimes Unit |

The Street Crimes Unit works proactively to address issues within our community. This past year, Street Crimes Officers focused on identifying gang members, tracking and apprehending violent offenders, serving arrest warrants, and made several drug and firearm arrests. Officers work on combatting human trafficking, and other prostitution and pimp cases. The officers make it a priority to educate and inform the community how to properly report and recognize these types of crimes in our area. The team plays an important role with the department in active enforcement.

Operations



Captain Jeff Garden



Lieutenant Jason Leach



Lieutenant John Duprey

OPERATIONS

637 Lt. John Duprey *(retired)*

794 Lt. Jason Leach *(promoted to Lieutenant)*

SRO

794 Sgt. Jason Leach *(promoted to Lieutenant)*

802 Sgt. Andy Siebenborn

748 Sgt. Candi Gearman *(from Patrol)*

675 Jim Larson

680 Todd Runyan

691 Robert Draeger

715 Eric Kimball

717 Tina Bruxvoort

732 Ryan Valland

753 Jason Larsen

761 Joe Trainor

773 Craig Boetel

775 Marty Cahoy

787 Jon Gannon

800 Michelle Paulsen *(to Patrol)*

831 Darin Martyna

834 Eric Meyer *(promoted to Sergeant)*

873 Shaun Drummond *(from Patrol)*

875 Adam Healy *(from Patrol)*

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

816 Brady Lieuwen

858 Kyle Johnson

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jill Berg

Susie Berger

Operations

School Resource Officers (SRO) |

In 2019 the School Resource Officer unit worked to provide a safe learning environment for the roughly 28,000 students and staff that they cover. The SRO unit works with every school within the City Limits of Sioux Falls. This accounts for seven school districts and over 60 school buildings, all handled by 14 SROs and two SRO sergeants. The SRO unit partnered with the Sioux Falls School District to conduct a large scale reunification exercise in November. This exercise tested the school district's systems and allowed the SRO unit to deploy our resources while working closely with the district.

Throughout the school year, SROs maintain the security of their schools during the day and also work numerous extra-curricular activities on nights and weekends. As part of the special event team, SROs help with several special events throughout the year including Jazz Fest and the Air Show. During the summer, SROs split their duties and assist Patrol and Parks.

Community Resource Officers (CRO) |

The Community Resource Officer program continues to expand and take on various duties. In 2019, the CROs took over organizing and instructing the Citizen's Police

Academy. This program is a great way for the police department to partner with other emergency services to educate the public on daily operations.

The Community Ambassador Program (CAP) is in its second year and going strong. The CROs have partnered with various CAP members to help bridge gaps and create a greater sense of community between the police and the citizens we serve. There are 11 CAP members that represent numerous diverse backgrounds.

A new Mental Health Community Resource Officer position was created in 2019. This position will focus on working with those in our community suffering from mental illness, substance use disorders, and chronic homelessness. The CROs run our Crime Free Multi-Housing program, facilitating the Neighborhood Watch program, and providing various community presentations on a multitude of topics.



SROs help with reunification exercise



School Resource Officer Jon Gannon talking to kids during reunification exercise



Sergeant Andy Siebenborn and Officer Brady Lieuwen at community outreach event



School Resource Officer Eric Kimball showing flexibility at the Heroes Camp



Community Ambassadors and CROs Kyle Johnson and Brady Lieuwen

Support Services



Lt. Dave McIntire



Lt. Jon Thum

TRAFFIC

677 Lt. Dave McIntire *(to Admin)*

803 Lt. Jon Thum *(from Patrol)*

TRAFFIC-DAY SHIFT

774 Sgt. Kevin Henkel

669 Bret Hamlyn *(retired)*
688 Greg Slaven
695 Ryan Chase
707 Chad Gillen
719 Travis Olsen *(Promoted to Sgt.)*
792 Jeff Gillespie
969 Tyler Wynthein
972 Mark Toland

TRAFFIC-NIGHT SHIFT

657 Sgt. Mike Olson

733 Aaron Klein
739 Hector Soto
755 Jason Christensen
866 Jason Meyer

TRAFFIC CASE INVESTIGATORS

702 Darryl Reemtsma
738 Chad Johnson
751 Chad Winkel *(to Patrol)*
776 Shawn Gordon

PARKS

689 Sgt. Troy Bruxvoort

650 Brian Erickson *(retired)*
673 Dave Andreasen *(retired)*
793 David Hamilton *(retired)*
830 Verlyn Bleyenbergh
917 Brady Fox
922 Evan Larson
996 Shawn Nielsen *(from Patrol)*

K-9

657 Sgt. Mike Olson

710 Shannon Irish
824 Grant VanVoorst
898 Chad Westrum
905 Cody Nachreiner
940 Garret Bruhn

Support Services

In 2019, the Traffic and Parks section assisted with 112 special events, 53 assemblies and marches, and numerous Sioux Falls Park and Recreation events. The Sioux Falls Airshow, Sanford Golf Tournament, Sioux Falls Marathon, and Jazzfest were some of the larger events held this year along with our annual parades.

We continued our efforts removing impaired drivers from the roadway this year utilizing a grant from the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety. Grant funded officers (along with those performing their regular duties) removed 867 impaired drivers from the roadway this year. This is a 14% decrease from last year. There were four fatal accidents in 2019, which matched the

total from 2018. The OHS grant will continue in 2020 with an emphasis on speed enforcement. Our efforts to educate the public combined with consistent and focused traffic enforcement continue to produce positive results.

Two long serving K-9 officers retired this year: Rio and Doerak retired after a combined 15 years of service. Two new K-9's, Bram and Biko, were certified in 2019 to take their place.



Park Officer Evan Larson at Hot Harley Nights

Animal Control



Supervisor Julie DeJong

AC1 Supervisor Julie DeJong

AC2 Milo Hartson
AC3 Missy John
AC5 Ben VanLaar

AC8 Caroline Frith (*resigned*)
AC13 Patty Beckman
AC18 Rebecca Fiegen
AC19 Thomas Rhoades

AC20 Becky Miller
AC23 Patrick Hybertson

Animal Control

Animal Control provides an important role in keeping the community safe and handles a wide variety of animal-related issues. In 2019, Officers responded to more than 18,000 calls from the public. Certain types of calls occur more often, such as:

Phone calls with general questions	2,913
Confined dog/cat/wildlife	1,846
Lost pet reports	1,367
Animal abuse/neglect/well-being	1,177
Stray animal/animal not on a leash	1,122
Injured animals	753
Barking dogs	679
Bats in homes	632
Dead animal	598
Animal bites to humans	544
Vicious animal	168

Wildlife is plentiful in the City of Sioux Falls which can cause safety concerns for the public. Animal Control responded to nearly 1,000 calls from the public concerning wildlife in the 2019. Officers trap certain wild animals, assist injured wildlife and remove wildlife from inside people's homes. Animal Control plays an active role in managing beaver, Canada goose and white-tailed deer.

A primary goal of Animal Control is to educate the public concerning City and State regulations and promoting responsible pet ownership. Officers attended a variety of public outreach events such as Coffee with a Cop, Touch a Truck, Shop with a Cop, Cop on the Roof, Outdoor University, National Night Out, Cast with a Cop, and Career Night.

Parking Patrol



Matt Nelson

PUBLIC PARKING

Manager Matt Nelson

PARKING PATROL

Janelle Songstad
Eric Langle
Dan Kirstein
Carla Myers
Mark Schmidt

PARKING MAINTENANCE

Harlan Haviland
Mike Stewart
Al Waltman

TECHNICAL CLERK

Gail Trantina

Public Parking Division provides sufficient, convenient, safe, and attractive parking for the employees and customers of the downtown area by managing the downtown parking system and enforcing parking ordinances throughout the city.

Investigative Services



Captain Blaine Larsen



Captain Mike Colwill

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

- 608 Captain Blaine Larsen** *(retired)*
745 Captain Mike Colwill *(from Detectives)*

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

- 745 Lt. Mike Colwill** *(promoted to Captain)*
806 Lt. Terry Matia *(from Patrol)*
740 Sgt. Sean Kooistra
785 Sgt. Shaun Olson *(resigned)*
791 Sgt. Rob Forster *(from Patrol)*
636 Mike Webb *(retired)*
643 Tim Bakke *(retired)*
664 Ron Harris
609 Jon Carda
746 Erin McGillivray
789 Jason Montgomery
790 Shellie Slattery
814 Tony Buss
817 Cullen McClure
(promoted to Sergeant)
822 Pat Mertes

CRIME LAB

Manager Eddie Aamold

FORENSIC SPECIALISTS

Jackie Wynia
Erin McCaffrey
Jessica Lichty
Kayla Vastenhout
Brianna Anderson
Natasha Borah *(resigned)*

- 825 Chris Schoepf
847 Jacob Harris
896 Matt Dunn *(from Patrol)*
941 Logan Eilers *(from Patrol)*

PROPERTY CRIMES

- 757 Lt. Randy Brink**
758 Sgt. Paul Creviston
737 Sgt. Aaron Benson
659 Scott VanderVelde
678 Scott Timmerman
684 Mike Iverson
692 Al Millette
711 Pat Marino
721 Eric Lewis
726 Steve Redmond
729 Curt Daughters
762 Tim Englund
763 Marty Neal *(retired)*
770 Chris Bauman
829 Jon Dravland
872 Brad Bunkers *(from Patrol)*

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

Amy Wagner
Jerod Stapleton *(resigned)*
Dustin Haffeman

NARCOTICS

- 757 Lt. Randy Brink**
720 Sgt. Aaron Nyberg *(to Patrol)*
754 Sgt. Nick Cook *(promoted to Lieutenant)*
796 Sgt. Scott Van Roekel *(from Patrol)*
658 John Matthews *(from Patrol)*
766 Brad Smidt
798 Scott Nelson
819 Jason Holbeck
841 Chris Jasso *(from Patrol)*
843 Danijel Mihajlovic *(from Patrol)*
848 Peter Blankenfeld
870 Adam Buiter *(resigned)*
910 Joseph Meath
915 Skyler Mathis
829 Jon Dravland
872 Brad Bunkers *(from Patrol)*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Angela Oetken

Crime Lab |

NOTABLE EVENTS—This past year has been another busy and exciting year in the Crime Lab. A Forensic Specialist was added to the Fingerprint Section and Crime Scene Response Team. A Police Evidence Technician was added to the Property and Evidence Team. Current staff now includes five Forensic Specialists, two Police Evidence Technicians, and two part-time employees, with plans to add an additional Forensic Specialist and Police Evidence Technician in 2020. Improvements were made to the Chemistry Lab by expanding our space and adding a new GC/MS instrument to help process drug evidence. Security improvements were made to the Evidence Storage Room with the addition of video cameras in sensitive storage areas.

ACCREDITATION—The Crime Lab successfully completed a fourth on-site ANAB (ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board) surveillance assessment, maintaining ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation in the areas of Controlled Substance and Toxicology. During the on-site audit, no non-conformances were found by the auditors. The Crime Lab is updating its policies to reflect the new 2019 ANAB standards and is preparing for an off-site surveillance assessment in February 2020.

WORK PRODUCT—The Crime Lab had another very productive year in 2019. The Crime Scene unit responded to over 400 calls for service. The Toxicology section (blood alcohol testing) continued its busy pace by analyzing more than 1,000 blood alcohol samples and performing over 700 accuracy checks on Uniform Service's breath alcohol testing instruments. The Controlled Substance discipline (drug testing) analyzed over 2,300 samples this year. The Fingerprint section completed over 130 cases and processed more than 240 items of evidence.

The Crime Lab's Property and Evidence Section was responsible for maintaining over 120,000 items of evidence, overseeing all incoming and outgoing evidence throughout this past year. The Crime Lab also collected and properly disposed of over 3,000 pounds of prescription drug medication through the department's Prescription Drug Takeback Program.

Crimes Against Persons |

The Crimes Against Persons (CAP) Section investigates homicides, death investigations, suicides, assaults, rape, sex offenses, family offenses, missing persons, internet crimes against children (child pornography and child solicitation), child care provider offenses, child protection referrals, sex offender registration, offenses against children, and disorderly conduct.

CAP cases frequently require long hours, extensive research, search warrants, and numerous interviews with victims, witnesses, and suspects. CAP Detectives and supervisors are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. CAP Detectives work closely with the Minnehaha County State's Attorney's Office, Child Protection Services, Child's Voice, Children's Inn, Compass Center, Rape and Domestic Violence Abuse Center, Minnehaha County Domestic Violence Council, South Dakota Network Against Family Violence, Suicide Prevention Task Force, and the Minnehaha County Coroner's Office. Detectives and supervisors provide training to the police department and other agencies, businesses, and community organizations throughout our city and state.

During 2019, the CAP Section investigated approximately 6,424 cases. The number of CAP cases investigated in 2019 shows an increase from the cases investigated in 2018.

The Sex Offender Registry Detective currently has 895 registered sex offenders within our jurisdiction. This is approximately 62 more registered offenders than 2018. Sex offenders are required to register every six months, and the information they provide must be verified once a year for accuracy and to ensure they are not residing in a "Community Safety Zone".

The Internet Crimes Against Children Detective investigated approximately 86 cases involving child pornography and/or child solicitation.

Narcotics |

The Sioux Falls Police Department, City of Sioux Falls leaders, The United States Attorney's Office, and the South Dakota Attorney General's Office continued to work together in looking for ways to expand efforts in the investigation of illicit narcotics. In November of 2018, the SD Attorney General's Office was awarded a federal grant to combat the illegal distribution of methamphetamine in South Dakota. The grant was awarded through the Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) Anti-Methamphetamine Program by the Department of Justice. The police department received funding from the SD Attorney General's Office to add one full time detective to the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force (SFADTF). The additional detective started in April 2019 and has been a great addition to our enforcement efforts.

The Narcotics section had another extremely busy year in proactive investigations targeting drug trafficking organizations. In 2019, the Narcotics section and the SFADTF seized over \$240,000 in cash and property because of their investigations. During 2019, there were 157 search warrants served and over 50 firearms were seized.

Methamphetamine and marijuana remain the top two drugs that narcotics detectives encounter. In 2019, detectives seized a record 133 pounds of methamphetamine. In addition, detectives seized 114 pounds of marijuana and 4.5 pounds of cocaine. Emergency services respond to an increasing number of overdose calls in Sioux Falls, many of which were opioid related. Narcotics and Crime Against Persons

detectives investigated 28 overdose deaths; the majority involved opioids.

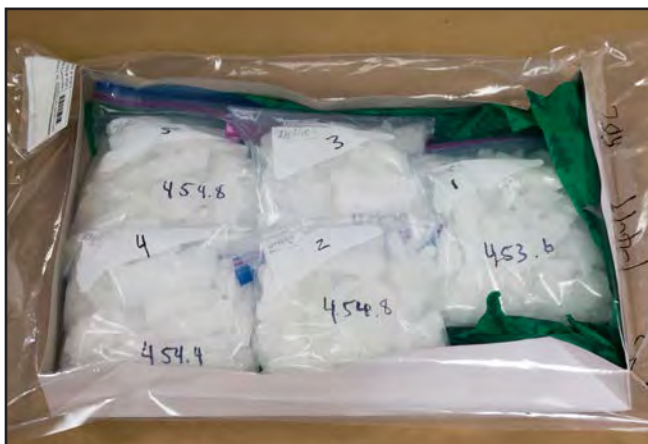
Property Crimes |

The Property Crimes section, composed of property crimes and fraud detectives, had another very busy year, investigating 9,117 cases.

There has been a steady increase in stolen vehicles the past few years. Over the last few years, stolen vehicles have increased from 544 in 2017, to 638 in 2018, and now 761 in 2019. The majority of these cases involve unlocked vehicles where keys were left inside the vehicle. Detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens, worked on educating the public in hopes of reducing the number of stolen vehicles.

In November of 2019, the Property Crimes Section investigated a large string of thefts from vehicles after breaking windows. A suspect targeted apartment complex parking lots and would take loose cash, firearms, clothing, electronics, purses, credit cards, and more. The suspect used stolen credit cards shortly after the theft. When the suspect was ultimately arrested, several stolen firearms and personal property were recovered. The suspect was charged with several larcenies, possession of a stolen firearm, and narcotics charges.

Sioux Falls continues to see solid construction growth around the city. This growth has contributed to steady reports of construction site theft and burglaries. Detectives work with the Home Builders Association to educate their membership on ways to combat thefts and burglaries.



Meth bust

Transitions

Promotions



Animal Control Officer Milo Hartson was promoted to the new Lead Animal Control Officer by Chief Matt Burns.



Detective Cullen McClure was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.



Lieutenant Dave McIntire was promoted to Captain by Chief Matt Burns.



Lieutenant Mike Colwill was promoted to Captain by Chief Matt Burns.



Officer Cody Schulz was promoted to Sergeant by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra.



Officer Eric Meyer was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.



Officer Joel Dalton was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.



Officer Rene Velasquez was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Promotions



Officer Travis Olsen was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.



Sergeant Jason Leach was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.



Sergeant Jon Thum was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.



Sergeant Nick Cook was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.



Sergeant Terry Matia was promoted to Lieutenant by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra.

Transitions

New Hires

February Class



#1041
Jordan Kenyon



#1042
Amanda Covert



#1043
Shawn Randolph



#1044
Abbie Kirkpatrick



#1045
Darrell O'Connor



#1046
Mark Lyzenga



#1047
Alexi Miranda



#1048
Austin VanDiepen

New Hires

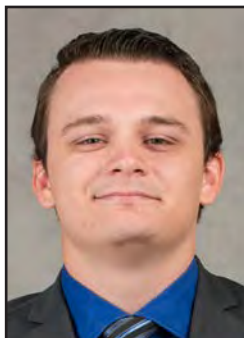
July Class



#1049
Josh Inman



#1050
Bobby Flaherty



#1051
Michael Cliff



#1052
Kelsey Heer



#1054
Blake Hanson



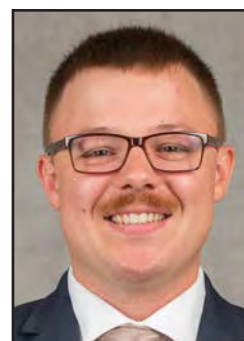
#1055
Kassandra Anaya



#1056
Christopher Svanda



#1057
Daniel Johnson



#1058
Daniel Shugar-Garza

Transitions

New Hires

October Class



#1059
Sabrina Swanger



#1060
Jordan Taylor



#1061
Dylan Wynthein



#1062
Shayden Drey



#1063
Brian Mayberry



#1064
Riley Danielsén



#1065
Emelia Williams



#1066
Jon Gorter



Chris Briggs was hired as a new Records Employee.



Dustin Haffeman was hired as the newest Evidence Technician in the Crime Lab.



Natasha Borah began as a Forensic Specialist in the Crime Lab.



Patrick Hybertson was hired as a new Animal Control Officer.



Robin Hofmeyer was hired as a new Records Employee.



Shelly Bartels was hired as a new Records Employee.

Transitions

Retirements



Captain Blaine Larsen retired after 30 years of service.



Captain Loren McManus retired after 25 years of service.



Detective Marty Neal retired after 16 years of service.



Detective Mike Webb retired after 25 years of service.



Detective Tim Bakke retired after 25 years of service.



Lieutenant Darren McClary retired after 27 years of service.

Transitions

Retirements



Lieutenant John Duprey retired after 25 years of service.



Officer Bret Hamlyn retired after 22 years of service.



Officer Brian Erickson retired after 25 years of service.



Officer Dave Andreassen retired after 25 years of service.



Officer Dave Hamilton retired after 15 years of service.



Records Employee Mary Lee Peters retired after more than 37 years with the police department.



Officer of the Year

Detective Shellie Slattery was presented the Officer of the Year Award by Chief Matt Burns.



Civilian Employee of the Year

Crime Lab Evidence Technician Amy Wagner was presented the Civilian Employee of the Year Award by Chief Matt Burns.



Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Marty Hoffman was presented the Supervisor of the Year Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Chief's Commendation



Chief Matt Burns presented Lieutenant John Duprey with a Chief's Commendation for his work on the Community Ambassador Program.



Chief Matt Burns presented Officer Kyle Johnson with a Chief's Commendation for his work on the Community Ambassador Program.



Chief Matt Burns presented Officer Brady Lieuwen with a Chief's Commendation for his work on the Community Ambassador Program.



Chief Matt Burns presented Officer Nate Warren with a Chief's Commendation for his work on an active shooter training program.



Chief Matt Burns presented Detective Mike Webb (retired) a Chief's Commendation for his work solving a cold case homicide.

Awards

Lifesaving Awards



Officer Charles Skidmore was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.



Officer Dustin Meyer was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.



Officer Jacob Van Dyken was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.



Officer Jake Dykstra was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Terry Matia.



Officer Jake Hanson was presented a Lifesaving Award by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra.



Officer Jason DeBoer was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.

Awards

Lifesaving Awards



Officer Jesse Wiersma was presented a Lifesaving Award by Chief Matt Burns.



Officer John Gross was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.



Officer Justin Reiter was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.



Officer Logan Gooch was presented a Lifesaving Award by Chief Matt Burns.



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Officer Luke Schauer was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

Awards

Lifesaving



Officer Rachel Mattson was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.



Officer Shaun Drummond was presented a Lifesaving Award by Sergeant Ryan Flogstad.



Officer Tanner Vlamincik was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.



Officer Zachary Hagberg was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Terry Matia.



Officers Joey Larson, Korben Leegaard, and Adam Neal were presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.



Officers Nick Billings and Rachel Mattson were presented a Lifesaving Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Awards

Lifesaving Awards



Officer Nick Billings and Rachel Mattson were presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.



Sergeant Chris Treadway was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

Medal of Valor



Officer Kyle DeJong was presented the Medal of Valor by Lieutenant Terry Matia.



Officer Ricky Horn was presented the Medal of Valor by Lieutenant Terry Matia.



Officer Shaun Drummond was presented the Medal of Valor by Lieutenant Terry Matia.

Awards

Medal of Merit



Officer Charles Skidmore was presented the Medal of Merit by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.



Officer Jacob Van Dyken was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for risking his life to save another person.



Officer Mat Cook was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for risking his life to save another person.



Officer Nick Billings was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for risking his life to save another person.



Sergeant Cullen McClure was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for his help pulling a person from a burning house.

Awards

Outstanding Citizen



An Outstanding Citizen Award was presented to Sergey Sushchik by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra for his help saving a suicidal woman.



Captain Jeff Garden presented Santana Lopez with an Outstanding Citizen Award for his help saving a person that fell into the river at Falls Park.



Chief Matt Burns presented an Outstanding Citizen Award to Christian and Harmony Krebs for their help during a stabbing.

Shift Commendation



Officer Brady Fox was presented a Shift Commendation by Lieutenant Dave McIntire.



Officer Brian Erickson was presented a Shift Commendation by Lieutenant Dave McIntire.

Awards

Other Awards



Detective Al Millette was presented the American Legion Post 15 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.



Officer Jim Larson was named the 2019 Officer of the Year by the South Dakota Association of School Resource Officers.



Records Supervisor Jennifer Disburg was presented an Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve Award for her support of Ashley Shaffner.



Representatives from Sanford Health presented an appreciation award to Chief Matt Burns recognizing the outstanding excellence of the police department.



Sergeant Jessica Speckmeier was the 2019 recipient of the Sergeant Cecil Fisher Memorial Award.



The Sioux Falls Police Department achieved 2019 Mission Lifeline EMS Gold Plus recognition by the American Heart Association for excellent STEMI care.

Special Events

Heroes and Helpers Shopping



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Hot Harley Nights



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Hydrant Block Party



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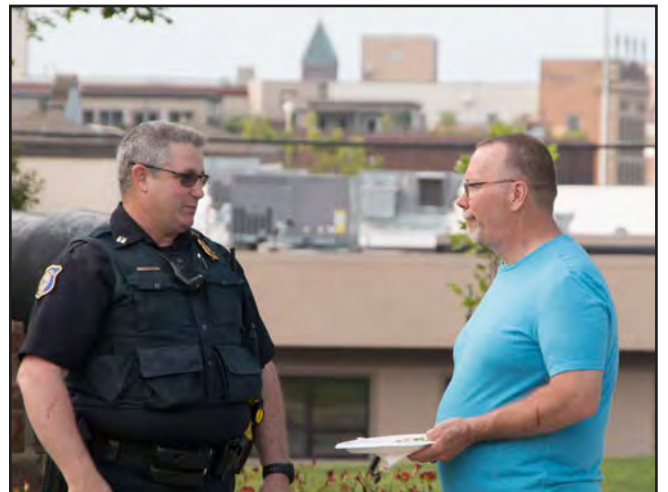
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National Night Out



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Sticker and Snickers



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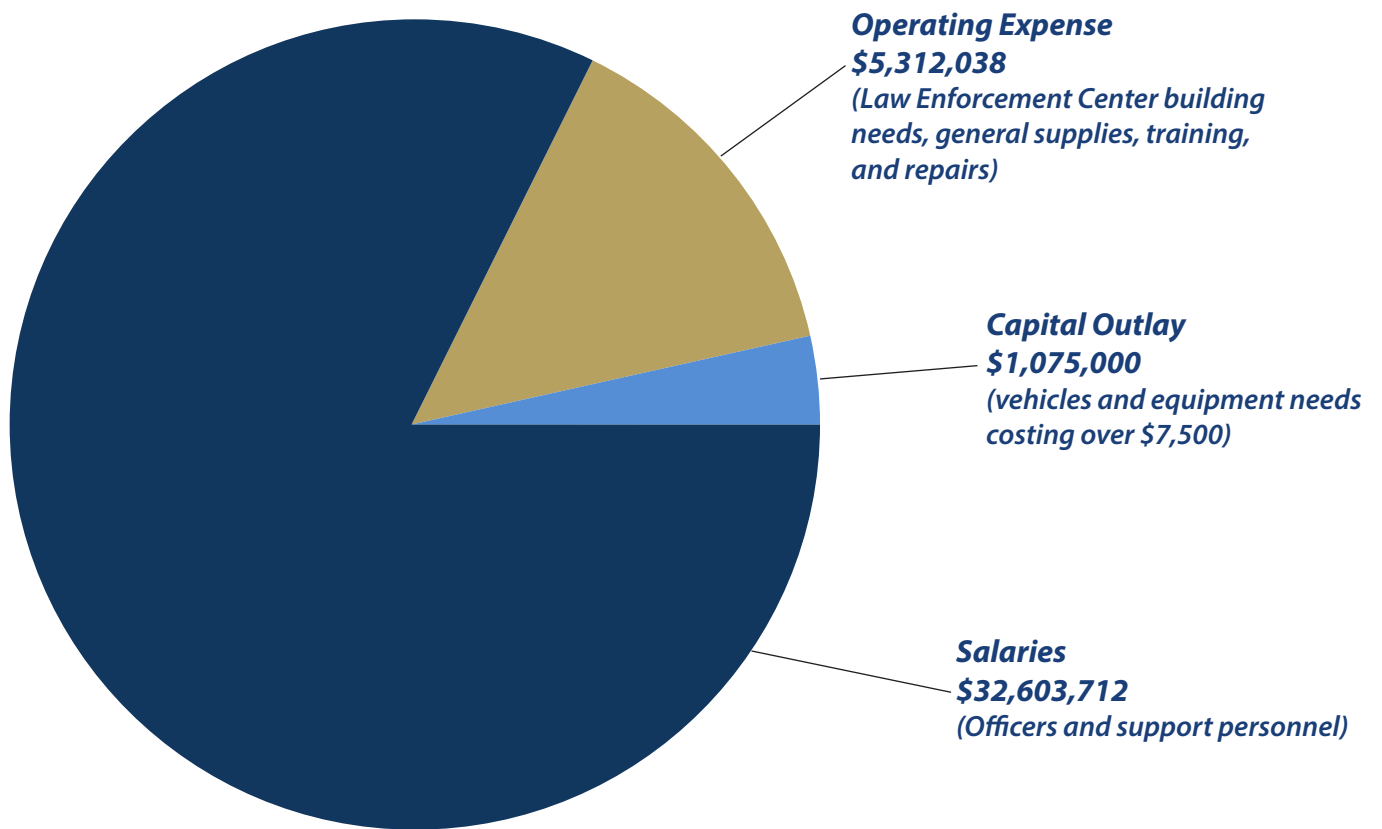
Sticker and Snickers



Statistics

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Crime Statistics								
Calls for Service (Incidents)	89,407	91,497	92,928	96,488	103,698	105,865	122,771	125,885
Murder	3	3	6	3	6	10	8	7
Rape	153	142	148	138	160	122	128	121
Aggravated Assault	263	256	291	317	345	306	330	379
Domestic	129	205	216	267	276	256	270	343
Simple assault	658	588	611	621	619	697	716	860
Domestic	910	781	779	779	907	855	857	1,014
Runaways	589	612	624	640	712	546	629	583
Robberies	83	80	98	110	132	103	119	98
Burglary	870	881	846	973	896	667	682	718
Stolen Vehicles	316	322	346	472	697	544	638	759
Larceny	4,269	4,438	4,242	4,885	4,822	4,545	5,049	5,321
Vandalism	1,979	1,837	1,567	1,820	1,762	1,590	1,447	1,621
Forgery	183	216	177	237	324	302	369	277
Fraud	542	703	647	687	785	731	677	671
Embezzlement	93	109	115	128	139	129	128	131
Total Narcotics Cases	1,883	1,897	2,102	2,409	2,772	2,992	2,856	3,043
Drug Seizures								
Cocaine/Crack (grams)	349.808	320.422	139.69	376.89	1406.17	839.57	541.42	2,019.66
Methamphetamine (pounds)	4.18	20.36	9.97	9.77	37.98	11.16	56.32	133.35
Marijuana (pounds)	352.947	112.414	237.565	475.11	114.797	284.883	91.42	114.26
Synthetic Marijuana (grams)	34,536.96	419.712	1,750.99	4,056.89	804.04	373.44	392.39	613.01
Fentanyl (grams)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	47.72
Ecstasy (tablets)	114	22	10	3	0	2	8	44
Heroin (grams)	4.11	121.128	4.13	8.96	91.81	139.85	3,828.85	35.63
Meth Labs	30	20	15	3	4	0	0	2
Arson Investigations	56	28	27	28	48	47	41	31
Traffic Statistics								
Total Citations Issued	36,020	26,718	28,613	27,386	29,491	32,283	24,607	24,322
Speeding General	9,118	6,183	5,096	5,935	6,543	8,512	5,001	6,570
Child Restraint Enforcement	482	211	269	230	233	133	83	82
DWI Arrests	1,387	1,072	1,106	1,128	1,152	1,220	1,009	904
No Driver's License	1,573	1,421	1,674	1,744	1,957	1,938	1,512	1,378
Driving While Suspended	966	690	983	902	1,092	1,434	956	889
Driving While Revoked	225	193	245	228	309	367	220	183
Total Driver's License Violations	2,764	2,304	2,902	2,338	3,358	3,739	2,688	2,450
No Proof of Insurance	6,592	5,190	5,828	5,190	5,444	5,895	4,369	3,885
Total Motor Vehicle Accidents	6,407	5,386	5,943	6,082	5,976	6,017	6,442	6,877

Budget

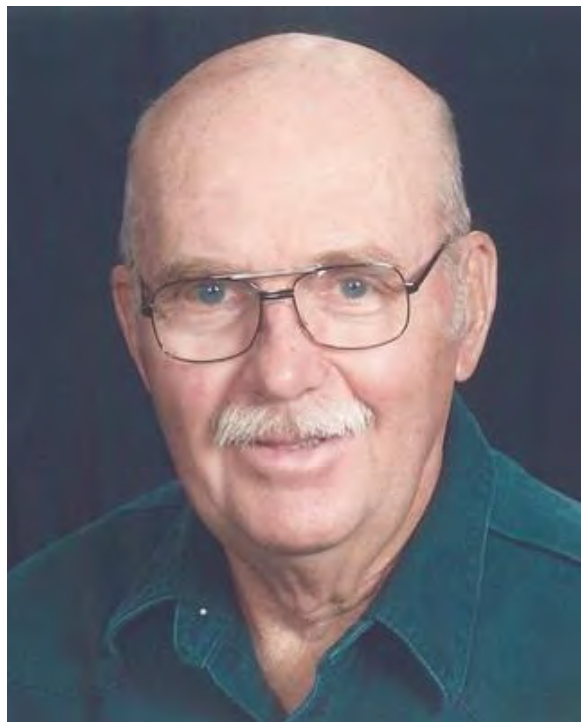


Total Budget—\$38,990,750

In Memory



Captain Clark Quiring, retired January 2004



*Lieutenant Ronald Hanson,
retired December 1990*



Officer Paul Albers, retired May 2012

In Memory



Officer Russell Prince, retired December 1994



*Sergeant Melvin Thompson,
retired December 1991*



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