



## 2017 Annual Report



David Peterson  
Chief of Police

## Mission Statement

The Williston Police Department is committed to the citizens of Williston to provide fair and equitable law enforcement to all persons.

We pledge to treat all persons with dignity and respect, and will continually strive to meet their needs.

We will provide a professional, effective, and timely response to the needs of the community regarding law enforcement issues, and other community issues.

We will operate the Williston Police Department with fiscal prudence, and yet maintain a professional well-trained staff to provide the highest level of service and protection to the community.



## Letter from the Chief of Police

First, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Williston Community as the Police Chief. It is truly my honor to serve this community. I serve alongside many outstanding men and women that make up the Williston Police Department. We take tremendous pride in our partnership with this community. It is through this partnership that the high quality of life and safety can be preserved for those that live and work in Williston, and for those that visit our excellent community.

Our men and women are highly educated, well trained, and extremely devoted to the highest standards of integrity, morals, and ethics. Each member of the Williston Police Department is devoted to work with our community to solve crime and keep our neighborhoods safe. We pride ourselves on having tremendous community support, which assists us in hiring and retaining the best police officers we possibly can.

As a department, we have initiated many different programs to provide education and promote community relations. Some of these programs include Citizens Police Academy, DARE, Neighborhood Watch, Bike Rodeos, Safe Bank Instruction, and many others.

Thank you for visiting for allowing us to serve you. If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please contact us. We would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,  
**David A. Peterson**  
Chief of Police

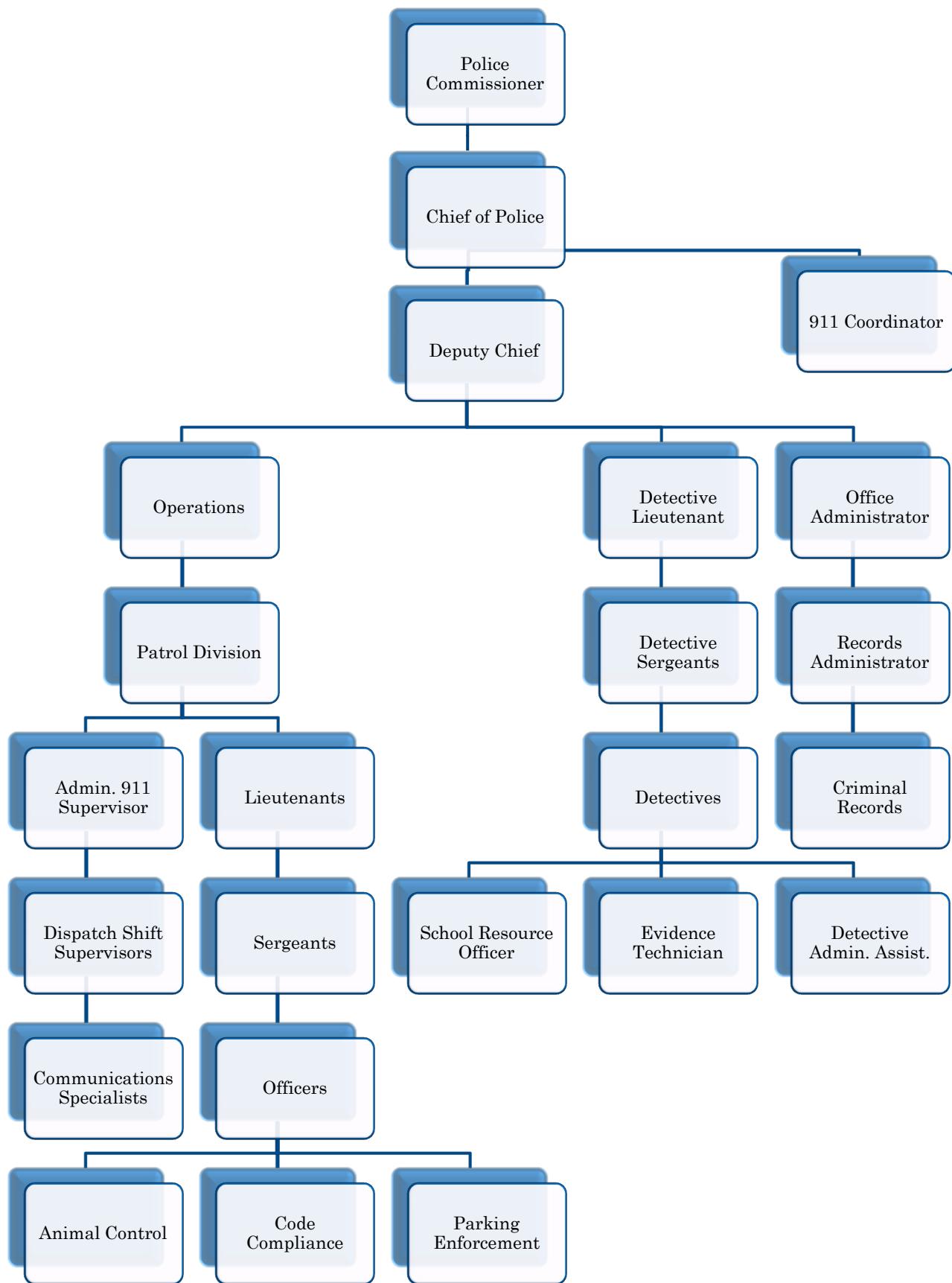


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# Organization Chart



## Years of Service

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### *Sworn*

Chief David Peterson	9 Years 4 Months
Captain Amy Nickoloff	7 Years 8 Months
Det. Lt. Steven Armstrong	2 Months
Det. Sgt. Daniel Dery	4 Years 11 Months
Det. Sgt. Danielle Hendricks	3 Years 8 Months
Det. Jacob Gregory	6 Years 4 Months
Det. Sam Aide	6 Years 2 Months
Det. Dustin Celander	6 Years 8 Months
Det. Amber Koehn	2 Years 6 Months
SRO James Dixon	3 Years 1 Month
SRO Heather Cook	3 Years
Admin. Lt. Randall Haugenoe	14 Years 7 Months
Lt. Michael Wilson	18 Years 2 Months
Lt. Walter Hall	9 Years 6 Months
Lt. Rodney Dickerson	6 Years 2 Months
Lt. Travis Martinson	7 Years 4 Months
Sgt. Dustin Bertsch	10 Years 10 Months
Sgt. Hugh Benzen	5 Years 4 Months
Sgt. Kristiina Ravaska	3 Years 9 Months
Sgt. Jacob Hendricks	5 Years 5 Months
Patrol Michael Isenhower	6 Years 10 Months
Patrol Jonathan Roggenkamp	6 Years 4 Months
Patrol Jason Barten	5 Years
Patrol Jonathan Holter	4 Years 4 Months

Patrol Aaron Kurtenbach	4 Years
Patrol Justin Pelzl	4 Years
Patrol Travis Peterson	3 Years 7 Months
Patrol Nicholas Nelson	3 Years 5 Months
Patrol Jacob Koehn	2 Years 6 Months
Patrol Craig Ware	2 Years 5 Months
Patrol Ashley Celander	2 Years 1 Month
Patrol Melanie Russell	2 Years
Patrol Brett Flesness	2 Years
Patrol Nicholas Satermo	2 Years
Patrol Benjamin Williams	2 Years
Patrol Shawn Holm	1 Year 2 Months
Patrol Bryce Dahl	1 Year 1 Month
Patrol Alexius Enget	1 Year 1 Month
Patrol Michael Licciardi	7 Months
Patrol Cody Miller	7 Months
Patrol Jeffrey Olson	7 Months
Patrol Beau Jacobson	6 Months
Patrol Robert Van Winkle	5 Months
Patrol Theodore Vangrinsven	3 Months
Patrol Zachary Schwartz	3 Months
Patrol Ginger Alby	3 Months
Patrol Joshua Mahlum	3 Months
Patrol Jennifer Willard	2 Months
Patrol Jeremiah Lachner	1 Month
Patrol John Pagano	1 Month
Patrol Martin Burch	1 Month

# Years of Service

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## *Non-Sworn*

Records Admin. Linda Granbois	48 Years 8 Months
Records Admin. Chelsea Fossen	5 Years 2 Months
Det. Admin. Asst. Crystal Schaubel	10 Years 5 Months
ACO Susan Schneider	5 Years 7 Months
Evidence Tech Megan Peterson	3 Years 11 Months
CCO Amber Pelzl	2 Years 1 Month
PA Cindy Kopac	1 Year 9 Months
Admin. Clerk Kevin Craft	12 Years 5 Months
Admin Dispatch Sup. Joleen Tinker	12 Years 8 Months
Shift Sup. Lindsey Hatch	4 Years 7 Months
Shift Sup. Laura Woltjer	4 Years 1 Month
Dispatch Bonnie Coleote	3 Years 5 Months
Dispatch Cindy White	2 Years 6 Months
Dispatch Elizabeth Olson	2 Years 2 Months
Dispatch Mikaela Skalicky	1 Year 8 Months
Dispatch Jasmine Collins	1 Year 2 Months
Dispatch Georgia Hollembeak	11 Months
Dispatch Caitlin Estrada	6 Months
Dispatch Justin Freed	6 Months
Dispatch Sarah Hilton	6 Months
Dispatch Kenneth Mason	2 Months



# Criminal Investigations

## Group A Offenses

	<b>5 Yr. Avg.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Murder	1	2	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	7	9
Rape	17	13	18
Sodomy	2	4	1
Sexual Assault w/ Object	2	1	1
Fondling	26	38	27
Robbery	4	4	7
Aggravated Assault	68	49	70
Simple Assault	218	213	244
Intimidation	52	43	28
Stalking	3	1	5
Arson	2	1	5
Burglary	40	32	65
Pocket-picking	3	1	0
Purse-snatching	4	1	1
Shoplifting	127	119	131
Theft from Building	81	22	41
Theft from Coin Machine	1	0	1
Theft from Motor Vehicle	115	74	67
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	17	16	5
All Other Larceny	338	314	284
Motor Vehicle Theft	156	86	69
Stolen Property Offenses	26	35	22

	<b>5 Yr Avg</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Counterfeit Money	64	38	57
Vandalism	301	239	216
False Pretenses	31	44	40
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	34	16	21
Impersonation	30	53	48
Welfare Fraud	0	0	1
Wire Fraud	4	2	3
Identity Theft	7	0	3
Hacking	0	1	1
Embezzlement	4	8	4
Drugs	214	242	234
Drug Paraphernalia	179	224	195
Pornography/Obscene Material	4	4	13
Prostitution	1	2	0
Promoting Prostitution	1	1	0
Weapon Law Violations	37	32	27
Animal Cruelty	2	2	6

**Group B Offenses**

	<b>5 Yr. Avg.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Disorderly Person	6	2	10
DUI	8	6	15
Intoxicated Person	1	1	1
Prowler	0	1	1
Trespassing	3	1	7

**Group C Offenses**

	<b>5 Yr. Avg.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Domestic	41	35	70
Missing Person/Child	18	15	26
Runaway	18	12	28
Custody Dispute	0	0	3
Ambulance	14	16	18
Welfare Check	13	8	21
Lost or Found	0	0	1
Loud Music/Noise	0	0	1
Mental Subject	2	0	5
Unattended Death	18	14	27
Vehicle Check	0	0	2
Suspicious	10	7	14
Pursuit	10	6	14
Accident - Fatality	2	0	2
Accident – Hit and Run	0	1	0
Accident - Injury	1	4	1
Accident - Property	1	4	1
Outside Agency Assist	7	5	13
DUS/DUR	4	1	8
Wanted Person	16	13	20



## Arrests Made

	<b>5 Yr. Avg.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
AA Felony	7	3	7
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B Felony	42	39	71
C Felony	342	462	413
A Misdemeanor	208	285	232
B Misdemeanor	662	1,076	932
Infraction	0	2	0
Other	12	10	11

## Citations Issued

Traffic	5,416	6,912	3,672
Non-Traffic	3,308	2,113	4,155
Traffic Warnings	411	724	696
Non-Traffic Warnings	396	237	215
Accidents	1,375	786	1,145
Accident Fatalities	3	1	3

## Criminal Arrests

Prisoners Jailed	1,512	1,035	1,384
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## Group A Offenses

	<b>5 Yr. Avg.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Animal Cruelty	1	2	6
Arson	0	3	8
Aggravated Assault	30	49	69
Simple Assault	125	213	250
Intimidation	13	43	35

Stalking	0	1	5
Burglary	17	96	118
Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	38	57
Vandalism	26	239	210
Drugs	198	242	229
Drug Paraphernalia	179	224	188
Embezzlement	3	8	4
False Pretenses	3	44	39
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	2	16	21
Impersonation	2	53	45
Welfare Fraud	0	0	1
Wire Fraud	1	2	3
Hacking/Computer Invasion	1	1	1
Gambling	0	1	0
Promoting Gambling	0	1	0
Murder	1	2	1
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	1
Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	1
Kidnapping/Abduction	1	7	9
Pocket Picking	3	1	0
Purse-Snatching	4	0	1
Shoplifting	127	119	124
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Robbery	3	6	6
Rape	2	13	17
Fondling	3	38	30
Incest	1	2	0
Statutory Rape	8	7	14
Stolen Property	26	35	22
Weapon Violations	13	32	26

#### Group B Offenses

	<b>5 Yr. Avg.</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
DUI	257	363	211
Curfew	12	22	29
Disorderly Conduct	55	110	88
Liquor Law Violations	10	14	9
Trespassing	3	12	0

#### Alarm Calls

Alarms Answered	716	591	545
Bank Alarms	10	14	11
Burglary	203	233	151
Hold Up	2	3	2
Motion	4	2	1
Panic	2	19	4
False Alarms	526	634	516
Responding Officers	1,025	1,052	1,168



## Animal and Code Compliance

<b>Animal</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Animals in Pound	378	478
• Dogs	257	282
• Cats	121	190
Pound Fees Paid	\$5,135	\$12,380
Calls Answered	1,207	2,366
Animals Destroyed	19	22
Animals Adopted	62	133
Citations Issued	57	132

<b>Code Compliance</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Parking Tickets	1,034	622
Impounded Vehicles	75	120
Impound Fees Paid	\$6,700	\$10,300
Auction Revenue	\$53,039.45	\$45,063.67

<b>Parking Authority</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Parking Tickets	1,108	1,283
• Lot	73	124
• Street	1,035	1,159

## Municipal Court Docket

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
January	\$67,810	\$63,785.50
February	\$95,908.06	\$79,231.54
March	\$78,641.17	\$88,420.55
April	\$83,813.17	\$50,905.25
May	\$91,375.00	\$63,843.25
June	\$83,589.34	\$64,460.03
July	\$82,508.33	\$66,818.75
August	\$89,520.19	\$59,379.89
September	\$73,727.50	\$53,451.41
October	\$85,395.00	\$72,107.47
November	\$54,578.75	\$60,962.77
December	\$60,362.90	\$39,091.55
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$947,229.40</b>	<b>\$762,457.96</b>

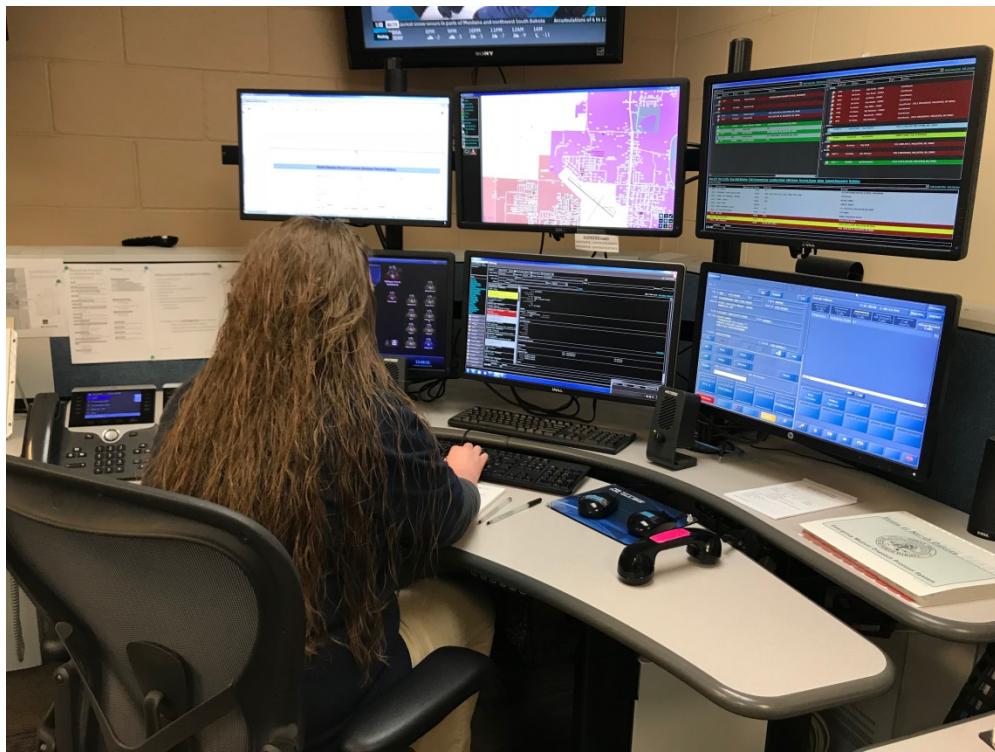
Bonds Received	977	850
Victim Service Fees	15	44
Criminal Cases	3,618	3,235
Animal Cases	52	148
Traffic Cases	5,849	3,345

## 9-1-1 Statistics

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	<b>City</b>	<b>County</b>
Crimes in Progress	1,627	787
Ambulance	1,363	463
Fire	444	323
Other 9-1-1	4,628	1,094
Total	8,062	2,667
Cell Phone Calls	40,756	
9-1-1 Cell Phone Calls	8,597	
9-1-1 Text Calls	48	
9-1-1 Training Hours	272	
Actual 9-1-1 Calls	10,490	
Radio Calls	56,737	



## Canine Services Unit

### K-9 Molly



To: Williston City Commission  
 Chief Peterson  
 Captain Nickoloff

From: Sergeant Dustin J. Bertsch

RE: 2017 Williston Police Canine Services Unit Annual Report



Dear Williston City Commission, Chief Peterson and Captain Nickoloff,

I am happy to present to you the Year End Report for the Williston Police Canine Services Unit for 2017. I would like to thank the City of Williston along with the City Commission, Chief Peterson and Captain Nickoloff for their continued support of the Williston Police Canine Services Unit.

Molly and I completed re-certifications with two certifying associations this year. We certified in West Fargo, ND during the month of March with the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA). During the USPCA Certification, Molly and I were awarded a third place trophy for the vehicle search portion of the certification. We also obtained National Police Canine Association (NPCA) certification which was held in Bismarck in July. These certifications are recognized by state and federal courts and show the courts that the training we attend and conduct is up to date and that the certifying associations agree that our skills are up to or surpass national standards.

The Williston Police Department Canine Unit offers our services to area law enforcement agencies as well as area businesses. We have been called upon several times by surrounding communities to assist with narcotic related investigations. Due to the success of the Williston Police Department's Canine Unit, other area law enforcement agencies have started their own Canine Units. We continue to work with these agencies in training and utilization of the canines.

The schools in the area have continued to utilize our services as we conducted several school searches again this year. We appreciate the great working relationship we have with our local schools and recognize their hard work in keeping our schools a safe learning environment. With the ongoing success of our SRO program in the Williston School District, the Canine Unit has been able to assist even more frequently with narcotic related investigations within the local schools. We have conducted talks and demonstrations for area elementary schools, high schools and even Williston State College.

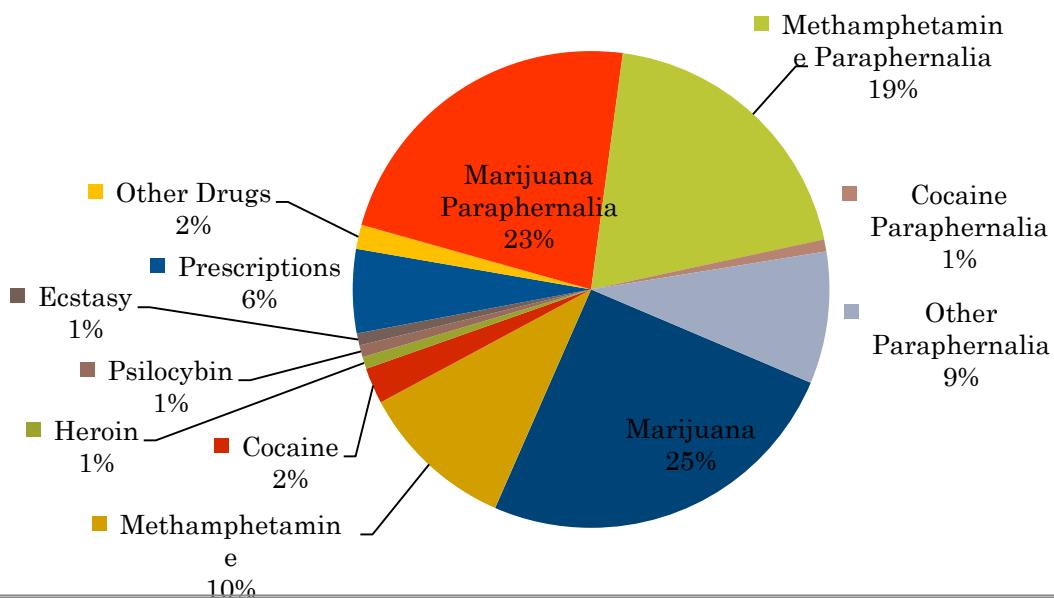
In 2017 the Williston Police Canine Services Unit saw a decrease in generated funds due to the legislative changes in the severity or de-criminalization of certain drug crimes. In 2017 the Canine Unit generated \$354,155.00. These totals include all citations, arrests and assets that were seized over the course of the year. We were also successful in removing \$277,880.00 "Street Value" of narcotics from the community.

Thank you again for your support over this past year,

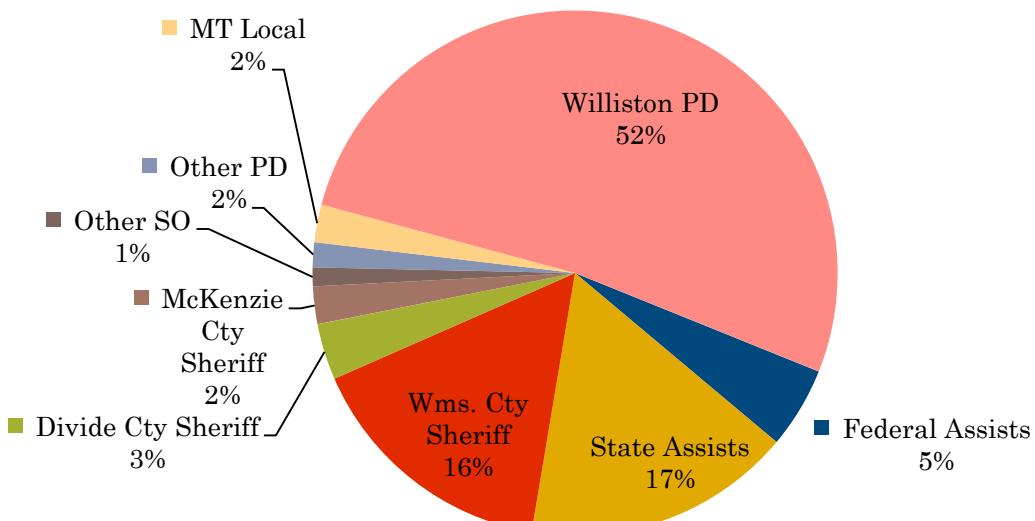
*Dustin J. Bertsch*

Sergeant Dustin J. Bertsch  
 Patrol Division/Canine Handler  
 Williston Police Department

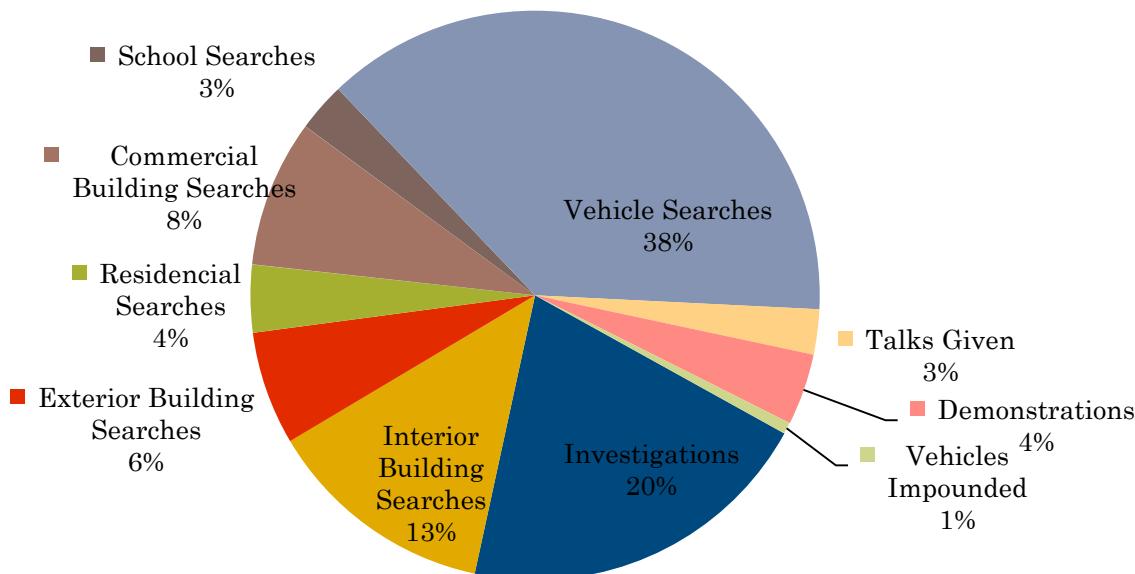
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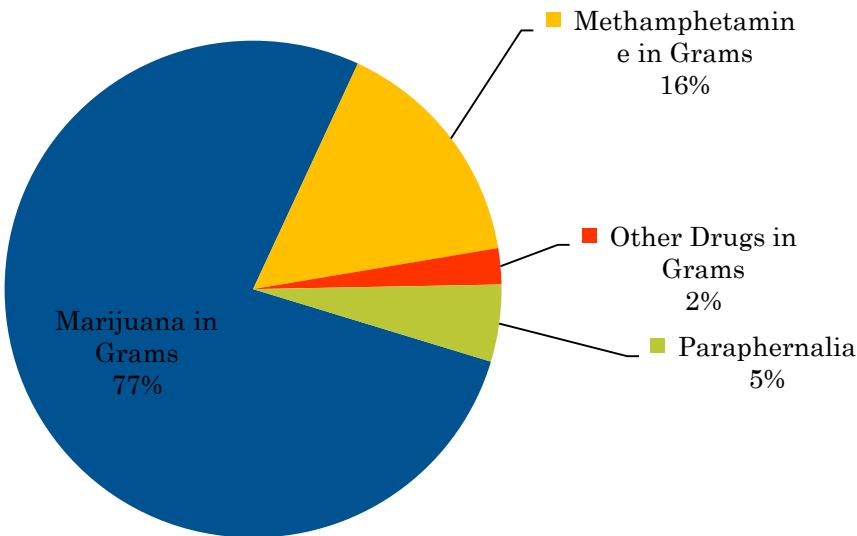
## Canine Assistance Comparison



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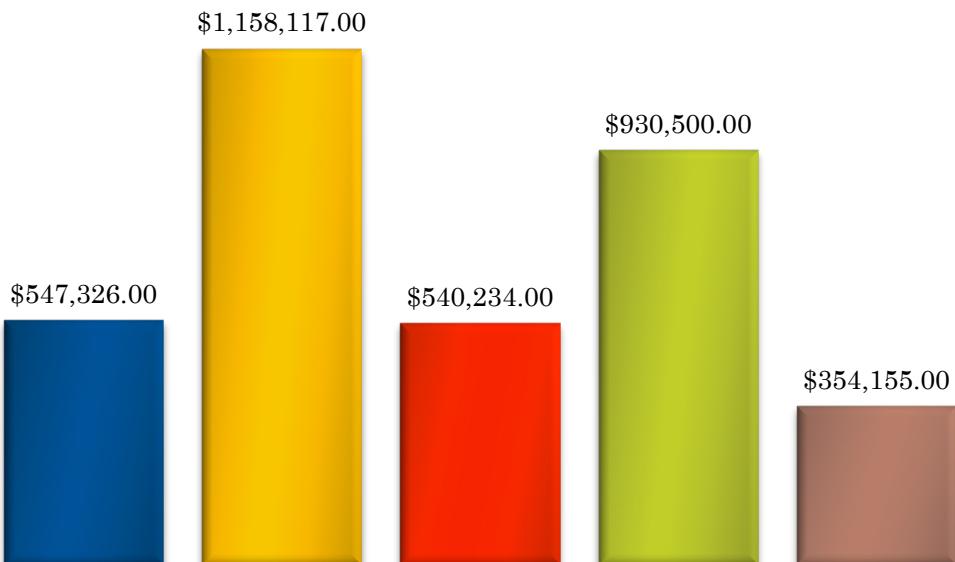


## Seizures



## Funds Generated

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Funds Generated by Canine Unit



# Crime Prevention



## Programs

D.A.R.E

Crossing Guard

Alcohol Server Training

Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks

Seatbelt Safety

Law and Justice High School Presentations

Bike Rodeo

Crime Stopper Events

Press Releases

Community Policing Presentations

Neighborhood Watch

Safety Talks

## Presentations

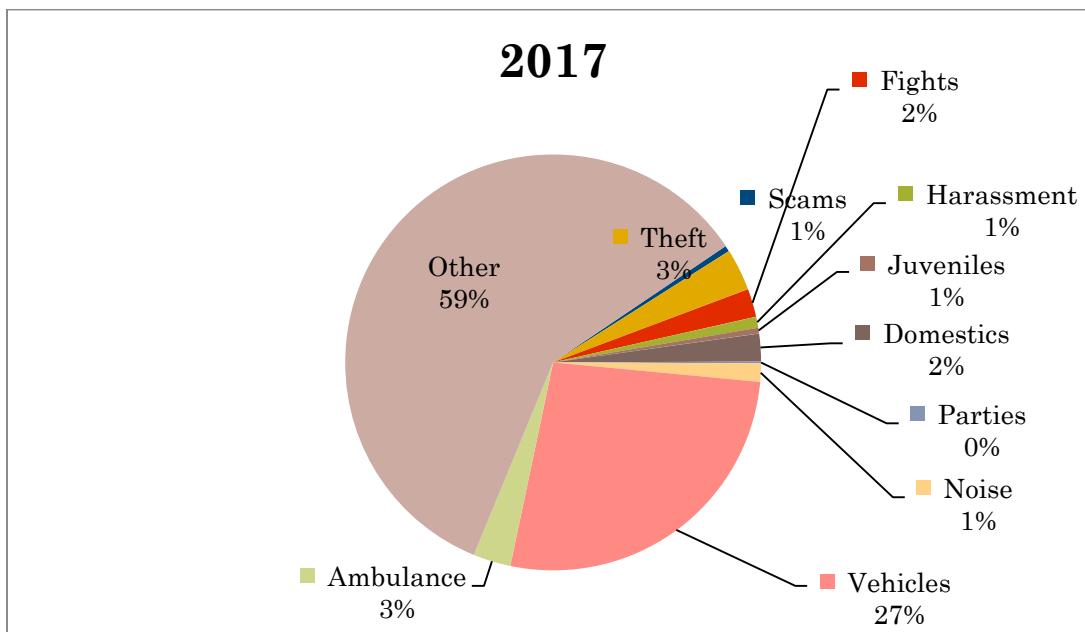
	<b>Talk</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Counteract	90	400	27	90
Kids' Day Out	25	1,000	60	10
Media	352	0	0	341
Department Tours	30	405	75	22
Safety Talks	15	245	125	19
Grant Meetings	0	0	0	0
Community Meetings	30	215	360	38
Bank Robbery	3	0	62	5
School Presentations	18	1,640	57	37
Alcohol Server Training	4	0	193	12
Other Classes	3	925	725	11
Bike Rodeo	8	75	50	34
National Night Out	1	650	800	15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>5,555</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>634</b>

<b>Totals</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Totals</b>
2017	5,555	2,534	8,089
2016	6,280	1,445	7,725
2015	3,543	1,107	4,650
2014	4,514	948	5,462
2013	4,630	734	5,364
5 Year Average	4,904	1,354	6,258



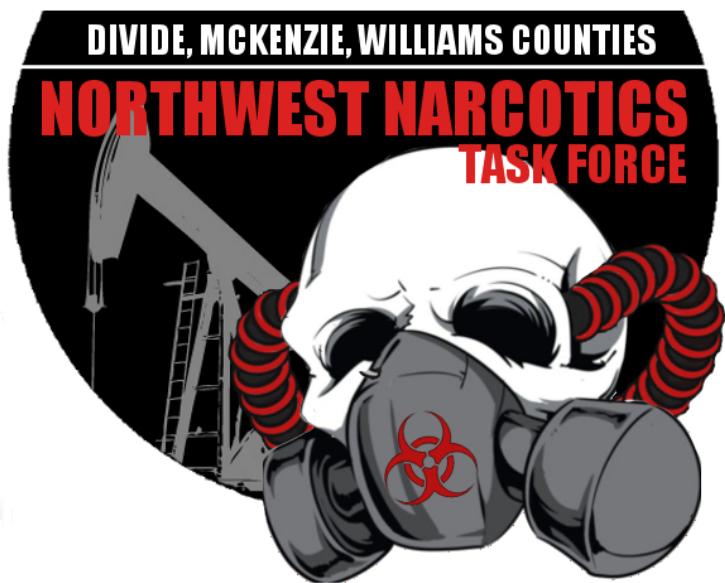
## Calls for Service

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Scams	127	107	87	45	32
Theft	903	1,983	1,662	1,574	1,140
Fights	612	1,823	1,954	1,230	1,070
Harassment	236	899	326	364	596
Juvenile	122	957	674	826	701
Domestics	599	624	742	1,123	841
Parties	37	926	76	538	410
Noise	394	769	446	812	697
Vehicles	7,426	8,137	7,204	6,341	6,100
Ambulance	807	1,364	884	2,158	1,997
Other	16,436	10,054	8,016	7,591	7,100
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,712</b>	<b>28,507</b>	<b>23,715</b>	<b>21,075</b>	<b>18,871</b>





## Northwest Narcotics Task Force



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### Shawn Banet, Coordinator

The Northwest Narcotics Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force. It is a joint effort set forth by area Law Enforcement agencies. These agencies include the Williams, McKenzie and Divide Sheriff's Offices and the Williston, Watford City Departments. This has been a successful endeavor for nearly two decades.

The NWNTF consists of 6 agents who cover Williams County, Williston, McKenzie County, Watford City, and Divide County. When fully staffed NWNTF is made up of a mixture of the following: 1 Williams County SO Deputy, 1 Williston PD Officer, 1 Watford City PD Officer, 1 US Border Patrol Agent, and 2 McKenzie County SO Deputies. Currently the NWNTF is staffed with the following: 1 Williams County Deputy, 1 Watford City PD Officer and 1 US Border Patrol Agent. The NWNTF has recently been advised that the Watford City PD will be assigning a second officer to the NWNTF with in the first few months of 2018.

As part of the Oil Impact Grant funding, the NWNTF employs a full time Administrative Assistant/Intel Analyst through June of 2018 at which time the NWNTF Board has agreed to split the salary cost amongst the member agencies. The intel analyst position is key to the operation of the NWNTF. During the calendar year of 2017, the intel analyst assisted 8 separate agencies not including the NWNTF with a variety of intelligence information requests. The intel analyst completed 319 intelligence information requests with 117 of those belonging to agencies outside the NWNTF.

Over the last year the NWNTF made several changes in overall goal and focus in an effort to adjust for larger and more complex drug trafficking organizations. In the past, the NWNTF has focused on local issues, which included simple drug possession charges and delivery of controlled substances on a lesser level. With the huge influx of population, the NWNTF has been forced to shift its focus to organized criminals that use the Bakken as an opportunity to make large sums of money by selling drugs.

One of the major issues the NWNTF continues to face are the transient dealers that are coming to the area from all over the world, hoping to get a foothold in the Bakken drug market. To combat these jurisdictional issues the NWNTF continues to work with the Montana DCI and their task forces, FBI, DEA, BIA, Tribal Task Force and other Federal agencies, not only in effort to combat the drugs being brought in but also for the Federal prosecution that goes hand in hand. With the slowdown in oil in 2016, the NWNTF witnessed continual high prices for all narcotics. The supply and demand for narcotics remains at a high level in the Bakken region and the supply of those narcotics is constant.

The NWNTF executed 41 search warrants.

The NWNTF has conducted approximately 178 cases (50% increase) that have led to over 243 felony and 160 misdemeanor arrests (30% increase). Approximately half of the total cases conducted by the NWNTF are methamphetamine cases and more than doubled the amount of heroin cases from last year.

The NWNTF confiscated over \$99,216.40 worth of marijuana, \$80,175.40 worth of BHO, \$231,605 worth of heroin, \$645,721 worth of methamphetamine, \$29,030.00 worth of cocaine, \$1,715.00 worth of MDMA/Ecstasy and over 1085 dosage units of controlled prescriptions worth \$54,240.00. Other drugs seized include cocaine and synthetic cannabis.

In all the NWNTF seized approximately \$1,141,703.00 in drugs in 2017 (169% increase from \$425,000.00 in 2016). Needless to say our statistics for cases, search warrants and drug seizure amounts have dramatically increased from 2016.

In 2017 the NWNTF assisted with 10 unattended death investigations that have been ruled as drug overdoses in our region. There has been numerous other non-fatal drug overdoses that the NWNTF has investigated. The NWNTF has presented charges on two cases to the US Attorney's Office that has resulted in two individuals that have been/will be federally prosecuted for delivery of a controlled substance that resulted in death. The NWNTF is working diligently with local and federal agencies in attempting to identify and prosecute any and all persons who are being linked to the delivery of the controlled substances that resulted in either fatal or nonfatal overdoses.

In addition to the illegal drugs and narcotics removed from the streets the NWNTF has also seized cash and assets, to include vehicles and firearms, all used or derived from the sale/transport of narcotics.

The NWNTF have always been available and utilized by the member agencies to transport non-drug evidence, install camera systems for theft investigations, assist with non-drug related undercover operations and investigations, execution of search warrants, etc.

The NWNTF conducted numerous presentations throughout the year to oil field companies, schools, churches, and local businesses. The requests for presentations are on the rise which is a trend we strive for and hope will continue.

Sincerely,

Special Agent Shawn Banet  
ND Bureau of Criminal Investigations  
Northwest Narcotics Task Force Coordinator

## Williams County S. W. A. T. Team

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## Williams County S.W.A.T. Team

**Steven Armstrong, Commander**

The Williams County S.W.A.T. Team is comprised of members from the Williams County Sheriff's Office, Williston Police Department, and Williston Fire Department. The team consists of one Commander, three Team Leaders, an Assistant Team Leader, fourteen operators, four Marksmen, and six medics.

The SWAT Team's Mission is to provide a well-equipped, highly trained, skilled tactical team to be a resource for agencies in successfully resolving critical incidents, with the intent of preserving life and protecting citizenry. The team responds to high-risk critical incidents; barricaded subjects, high-risk search warrants, hostage rescues and any other incidents that require the team such as search and rescue operations.

In 2017, the Williams County S.W.A.T. Team served 8 high risk search warrants, resolved one incident of barricaded subjects, and assisted in two search missions.



## Northwest Crisis Negotiations Team



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### Alan Bratt, Team Leader

The Northwest Crisis Negotiations Team (NWCNT) is made up of members from the Williams County Sheriff's Office and the Williston Police Department. The team was originally started with a member of each department in early 2016 and has grown to 8 members. Most members on the team have, at minimum, attended a basic negotiations training course and some of the members have attended advanced negotiation training courses throughout the US. The team annually attends and participates at a Crisis Negotiations Conference and Completion held in various cities throughout North Dakota and Canada. Currently the team responds to all incidents they are requested for in Williams County. In 2018, the team is striving to become certified through the state of North Dakota to become the regional team to cover Northwest North Dakota.

The NWCNT responds to suicidal subjects, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, and also responds simultaneously with SWAT team call outs. In 2017, the team focused on training, both as a team, and attended trainings put on by other agencies. The team responded to 8 incidents in Williams County in 2017.

Warm regards,

Northwest Crisis Negotiations Team

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Officer of the Year**



Sergeant Kristiina Ravaska

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Employee of the Year**



Evidence Technician Megan Peterson

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