

# Annual Report

2021



DAVID A. PETERSON  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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# FROM THE CHIEF

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, Community Engagement, Bike Rodeos, Safe Bank Instruction, Mayor's Task Force on Elderly Exploitation, and many others. If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please contact us. We would be happy to hear from you.

**David A. Peterson**  
Chief of Police



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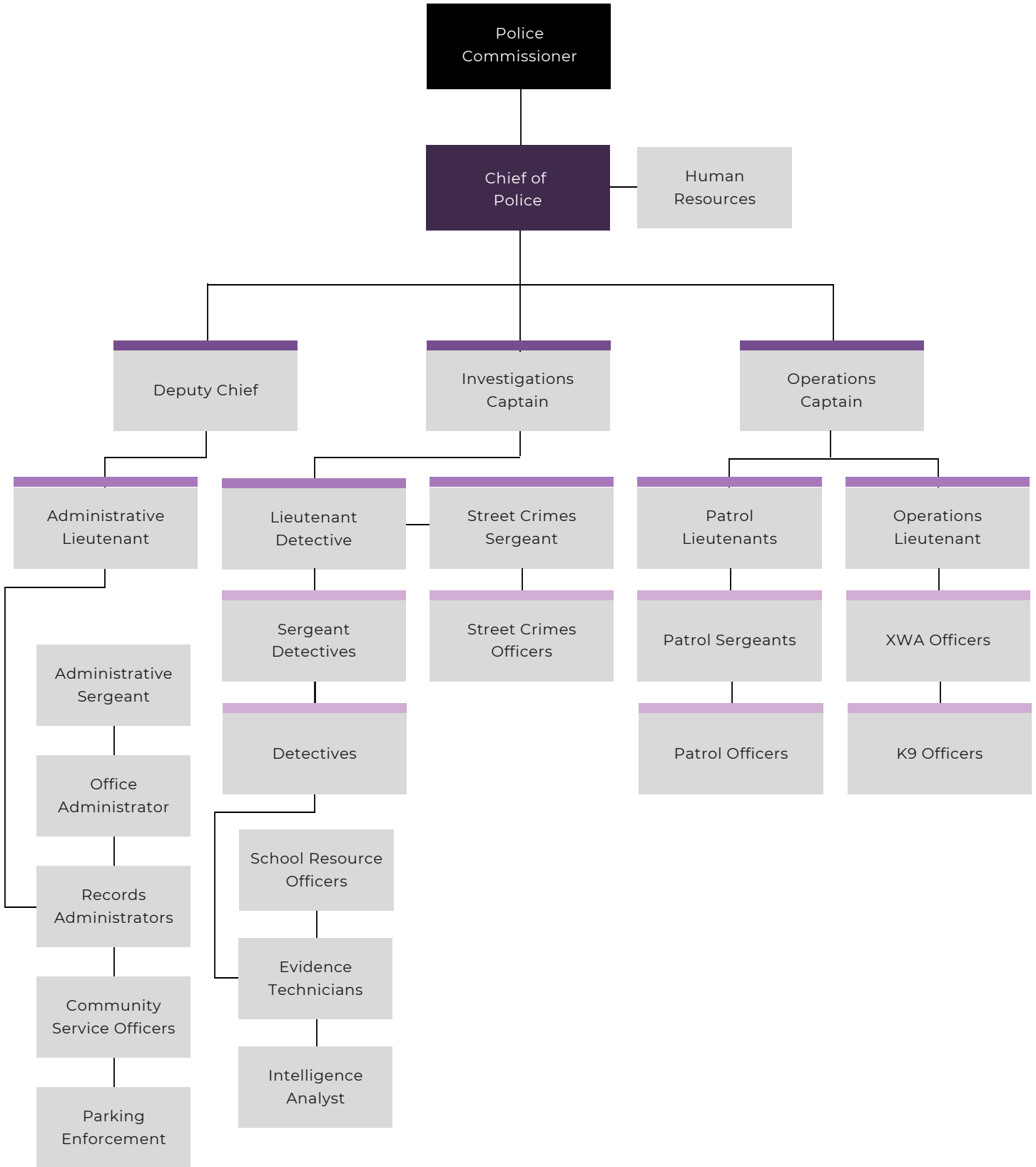
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# Welcome

## OUR NEW HIRES



**MADISON AMBROSINI**  
Community Service Officer



**MICHELLE ANTONSON**  
Records Administrator



**MARIAH BARTLETT**  
Patrol Officer



**ELENA CELVA**  
Intel Analyst



**CADEN COLLINS**  
Patrol Officer



**HANNAH FISHER**  
Evidence Technician



**TANNER HRONEK**  
Patrol Officer



**TYLER IWEN**  
Patrol Officer



**EVAN JOHNSON**  
Patrol Officer



**KREED**  
Canine Officer



**BRYSON NORSTEN**  
Patrol Officer



**BENJAMIN WILLIAMS**  
Patrol Officer



**TYLER WOLD**  
Patrol Officer



## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide the highest quality of service that promotes and maintains a safe environment in partnership with the community.

## CORE VALUES

- Professionalism
- Responsiveness
- Safety
- Integrity
- Service









# YEARS OF SERVICE

## SWORN

Chief David Peterson	22 Years
Deputy Chief Steven Armstrong	14 Years
Operations Captain Rodney Dickerson	10 Years
Investigations Captain Steven Gutknecht	28 Years
Administrative Lieutenant Dustin Celandier	10 Years
Operations Lieutenant Derek Schipferling	13 Years
Administrative Sergeant Randy Haugenoe	20 Years
Investigations Lieutenant Daniel Dery	9 Years
Investigations Sergeant Danielle Hendricks	7 Years
Investigations Sergeant Sam Aide	10 Years
Street Crimes Sergeant Jacob Koehn	6 years
Detective Momcilo Babic	9 Years
Detective Alexius Clark	5 Years
Detective Christopher Cook	10 Years
Detective Robert Cummings	6 Years
Detective Amber Koehn	6 Years
Detective Nicholas Satermo	6 Years
Community Engagement Detective Ashley Celandier	6 Years
School Resource Officer Heather Cook	7 Years
School Resource Officer Joshua Hilgart	7 years
School Resource Officer Nicole Roberts	4 Years
Patrol Lieutenant Hugh Benzen	9 Years
Patrol Lieutenant Walter Hall	16 Years
Patrol Lieutenant Travis Martinson	11 Years
Patrol Lieutenant Michael Wilson	26 Years

Patrol Sergeant Brett Flesness	6 Years
Patrol Sergeant Jacob Hendricks	9 Years
Patrol Sergeant Michael Isenhower	10 Years
Patrol Sergeant Anthony Mann	4 Years
Patrol Sergeant Luke Olson	12 Years
Patrol Sergeant Justin Pelzl	8 Years
Patrol Sergeant Kenneth Prentice	13 Years
Patrol Sergeant Kristiina Ravaska	7 Years

Officer Brandon Balogh	3 Years	Officer Charles Kuhlmann	1 Year
Officer Jason Barten	9 Years	Officer Jeremiah Lachner	4 Years
Officer Mariah Bartlett	1 Year	Officer Travis Lawhead	2 Years
Officer Lucas Brinkman	3 Years	Officer Michael Licciardi	5 Years
Officer Caden Collins	3 Months	Officer Joshua Mahlum	4 Years
Officer Erica Davis	3 Years	Officer Cody Miller	7 Years
Officer James Dixon	7 Years	Officer Nicholas Nelson	7 Years
Officer Tanner Farstveet	2 Years	Officer Bryson Norsten	3 Months
Officer Jory Forsberg	3 Years	Officer Garrett Norsten	2 Years
Officer Wrangler Frye	2 Years	Officer Jeffrey Olson	4 Years
Officer Tanner Granger	2 Years	Officer Gregory Oster	4 Years
K9 Officer Alexis Haggerty	3 Years	Officer Jordan Patton	3 Years
K9 Kreed	5 Months	Officer Nick Rintamaki	2 Years
Officer Robert Harrah	3 Years	Officer Derrick Said	2 Years
Officer Jonathan Holter	8 Years	Officer Chase Spitz	1 Year
Officer Rowan Horswill	2 Years	Officer Samuel Valdez	6 Years
Officer Tanner Hronek	3 Months	Officer T.J. Vangrinsven	4 Years
Officer Tyler Iwen	3 Years	Officer Robert Van Winkle	7 Years
Officer Evan Johnson	3 Years	Officer Benjamin Verespe	1 Year
K9 Officer Jason Jonas	8 Years	Officer Jesse Weicht	4 Years
K9 Sisu	1 Year	Officer Benjamin Williams	5 Years
Officer Eric Keyes	3 Years	Officer Tyler Wold	1 Year

# YEARS OF SERVICE

## NON-SWORN

Office Administrator Linda Granbois

Administrative Clerk Kevin Craft

Human Resource Coordinator Catherine Larson

Records Administrator Michelle Antonson

Records Administrator Amy Johnson

Records Administrator Crystal Schaubel

Records Administrator Calli Stellmacher

Evidence Technician Hannah Fisher

Evidence Technician Amanda Prentice

Intelligence Analyst Elena Celva

Community Service Officer Supervisor Carli Wade

Community Service Officer Madison Ambrosini

Community Service Officer Yulissa Jimenez

Community Service Officer Amber Pelzl

52 Years

16 Years

1 Year

2 Months

2 Years

15 Years

2 Years

8 Months

2 Years

6 Months

3 Years

1 Year

3 Years

6 Years





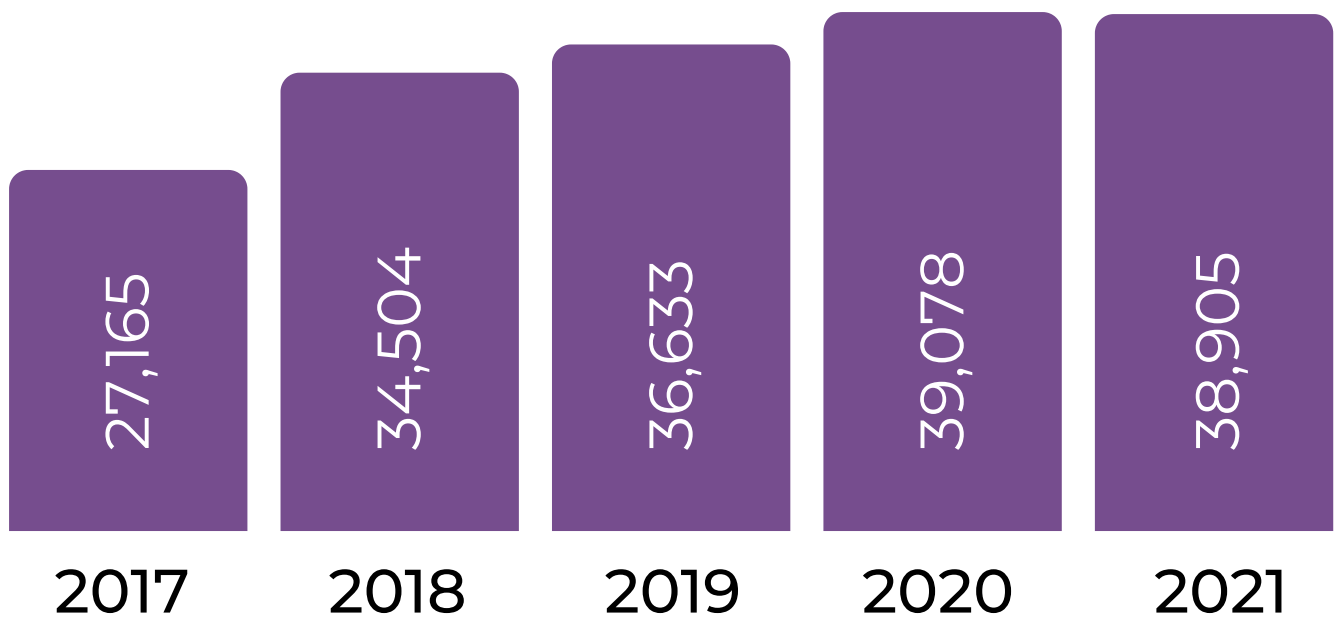


# CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 Hang-up/Misdial/Open Line	2,828	Fire	500
Abandoned Vehicle	39	Fireworks	147
Aircraft Emergency/Crash	1	Follow Up	1,649
Animal Call	2,262	Fraud/Forgery/Scam	197
Assault & Battery	93	Funeral Escort	66
Assistance Request	2,194	GSI/Rape/Sexual Offense	63
Attempt to Locate/BOLO	527	Gun/Weapon Call	92
Bar Check	29	Harassment	236
Beat Check	353	Identity Theft	28
Bike Patrol	16	Indecent Exposure	15
Bomb Threats/Found	4	Information	74
Burglary	88	Intoxicated Person	166
Burglary Alarm	352	Kidnapping/Abduction	1
Canine Assist	15	Littering	5
Child Abuse	61	Lost or Found	151
Civil Dispute	400	Loud Music/Noise	344
Civil Standby	376	Medical	1,254
Community Policing	385	Mental Health	28
Counterfeit Money	14	Minor in Consumption	43
Custody Dispute	100	Missing Person/Child	58
Death Notification	9	Motorist Assist	224
Disorderly Person	218	Motor Vehicle Theft	20
Disturbance/Altercation - Verbal	62	MV Accident - Fatality	1
Domestic - Physical	266	MV Accident - Hit & Run	234
Domestic - Verbal	265	MV Accident - Injury	95
Drivers License Check	41	MV Accident - Property	527
Driving Suspended/Revoked	7	Open Door/Window	39
Drugs/Narcotics	222	Outside Agency Assist.	443
Escort	29	Parking Complaint	2,295
Fight - Physical	103	Parking Ticket	680



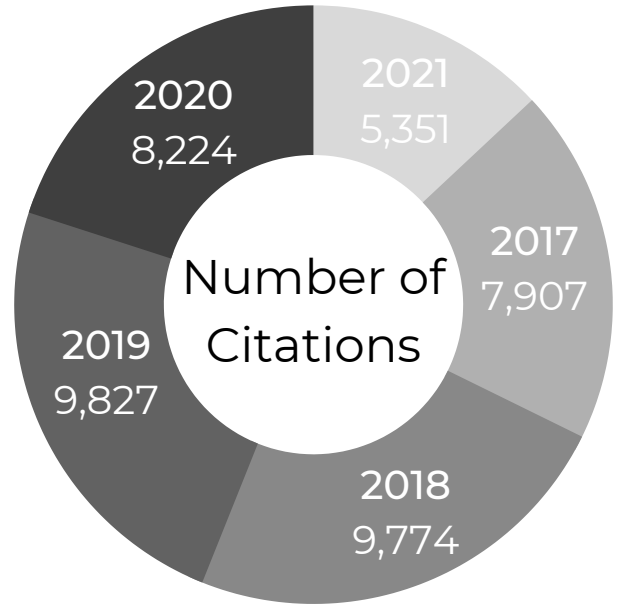
Party	30	Tow Call	132
Patrol Request	442	Traffic Control	23
Pound Duties	310	Traffic Hazard	27
Pursuit	11	Traffic Stop	6,204
Reckless Driver	136	Trespassing/Prowler	92
Recovered Stolen Property	31	Unattended Death	2
Road Hazard	119	Unruly Child	163
Runaway	86	Unwanted Person/Loitering	155
School Zone Enforcement	581	Vandalism	180
Search Warrant	29	Vehicle Break In	20
Security Check	2,448	Vehicle Check	1,436
Sex Offender Registry	205	Vehicle Impounded	197
Shoplifting	109	Vehicle Registration Check	1,262
Stolen Vehicle	41	Wandering Child	44
Suicide - Attempted/Threats	7	Wanted Person	465
Suspicious Pkg/Person/Vehicle	222	Warrants Check	149
Theft/Larceny	29	Welfare Check	1,103
Threats	188		





## ARRESTS MADE

	5 Year Average	2020	2021
AA Felony	4	1	0
A Felony	15	23	21
B Felony	31	21	25
C Felony	681	412	314
A Misdemeanor	180	164	151
B Misdemeanor	954	914	686
Infraction	0	0	0
Other	12	7	3

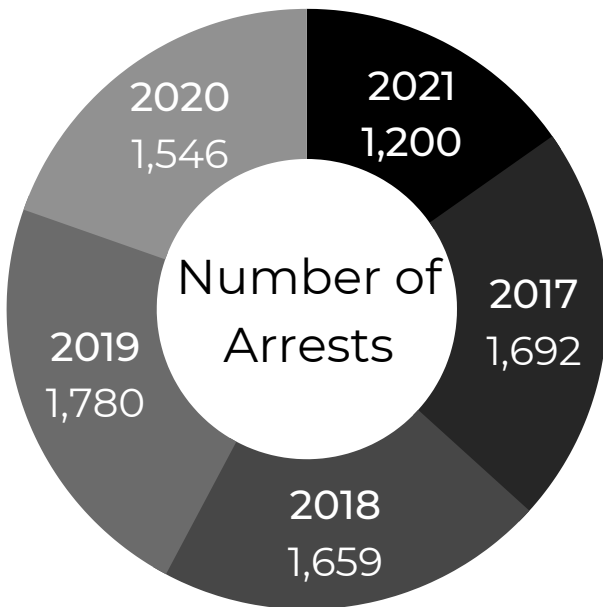


## CITATIONS ISSUED

	5 Year Average	2020	2021
Traffic	4,298	3,569	2,918
Non-Traffic	3,919	4,636	2,433
Traffic Warnings	1,000	1,166	1,330
Non-Traffic Warnings	322	375	344

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	5 Year Average	2020	2021
Accidents	799	466	460
Non-Reportable Accidents	191	241	202
Accident Fatalities	2	2	0



## ALARM CALLS

	5 Year Average	2020	2021
Alarms Answered	305	372	343
Bank Alarms	7	2	0
Burglary	268	322	221
Hold Up	6	5	1
Motion	6	4	0
Panic	8	10	4
False Alarms	10	20	28







# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS



## ANIMAL CONTROL

	2020	2021
Animals in Pound	602	534
+ Dogs	334	287
+ Cats	259	222
+ Other	9	25
Pound Fees Paid	\$10,680	\$14,913
Calls Answered	2,540	2,299
Animals Adopted/Rescued	266	246
Citations Issued	165	244

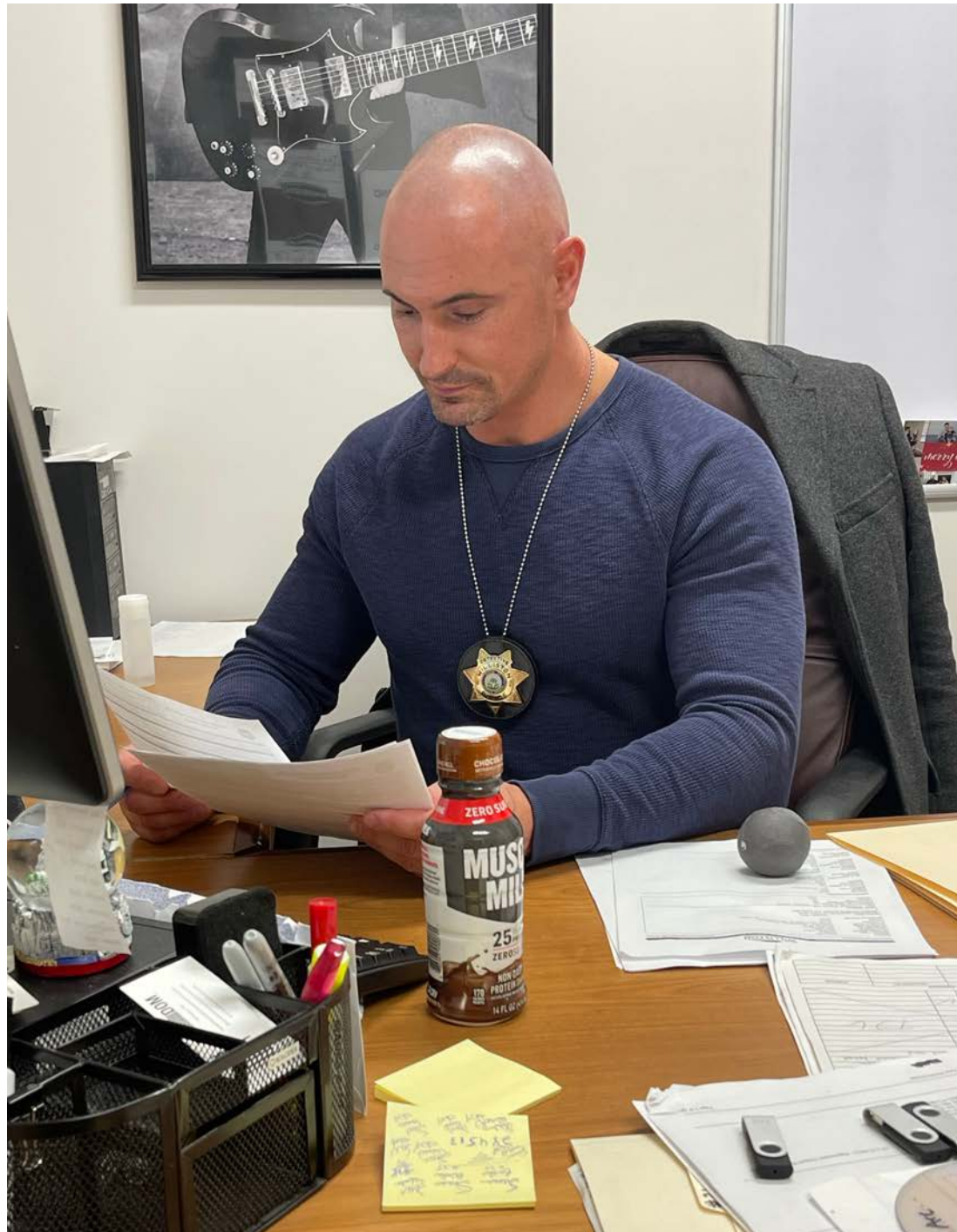
## CODE COMPLIANCE

	2020	2021
Parking Tickets	616	1,890
Impounded Vehicles	162	219
Impound Fees Paid	\$29,313.75	\$41,500
Auction Revenue	\$81,836.32	\$231,823.15

## PARKING AUTHORITY

	2020	2021
Parking Tickets	986	729
+ Lot	23	28
+ Street	963	701







# CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Williston Police Department's Investigations Division is made up of a Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, and 9 Detectives. This division is responsible for investigating the many cases that come into the Williston Police Department each year. These Detectives each specialize in at least one discipline, usually being either person or property crimes and some doing both.

A new addition to this division in the last year, was the Cyber Investigator, this position works closely with the North Dakota's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. This is a technology driven and demanding position that requires a lot of technical training to be completed during the first two years, before this investigator is fully equipped with the tools and knowledge to excel in this assignment.

The Intelligence Analyst is another new position that is housed in the Detective Division that assists the entire police department. This is a progressive position that is an integral part of an intelligence led policing strategy that defines the Williston Police Department today. The duties of this position often include making work products that aid in the sharing of data and intelligence throughout not only the Williston Police Department, but all regional law enforcement agencies. This position also coordinates a regional law enforcement intelligence meeting. This meeting is the most well attended intelligence meeting in the state of North Dakota.

Public Information Officer (PIO) is a position that continues to evolve. The PIO is always looking for new ways to partner with community members and groups to get out the information on what the Williston Police Department is doing. Transparency is key in this role and using the different media outlets to help us reach this goal is paramount. This may involve a specific incident such as a current SWAT callout or a more routine public service announcement.

A second Evidence Processing Technician was added to the Williston Police Department this year and is supervised under the Detective Division. These positions, like the PIO and Intelligence Analyst, serve the entire Williston Police Department. Evidence Technicians also work extensively with prosecution discovery needs and act as a direct liaison from the Williston Police Department to both the City of Williston Attorney and the Williams County State's Attorney Offices.

Large steps towards the implementation of the Williston Police Department's Street Crimes Unit were taken in 2021 to include the assigning of a Sergeant to the unit. He has been busy working on the acquisition of equipment and establishing training and standard operating procedures (SOP) for the unit to be operated under. This unit will gain two more members in early 2022 and this three-person team will address any specific investigative needs law enforcement encounters. The Street Crimes Unit is intended to operate independently as well as bolster the other police department division's activities when needed.

In 2021, The Williston Police Department Investigations Division responded to all the common crimes they normally experience with some noticeable ones being all but non-existent. The report of homicide was not received in 2021 and the number burglaries normally investigated by Detectives was lower than average. The numbers of domestic violence and assaults stayed about the same. A noticeable and concerning trend has been the threat of gun violence that took place in the City of Williston in 2021. Most, if not all, appeared to be drug related and involve relatively newcomers to our region.

On the positive side, two investigators were sent to the National Forensic Academy in Tennessee where they received extensive training over a 10 week period on criminal forensics. The training they received will benefit the law enforcement for years to come.

In 2021, multiple educational presentations were given to law enforcement officers by detectives at various venues such as the North Dakota Law Enforcement Training Academy, ND Bureau of Criminal Investigations Basic Investigations and BCI's Advanced courses. These requests to teach other officers are a testament to the fact the members of the Williston Police Department's Investigations Division are experienced, knowledgeable, and respected by their peers across the state.

Captain Steven Gutknecht  
Williston Police Department  
Investigations Captain

# CRIMINAL ARRESTS

## Group A Offenses

	5 Year Average	2020	2021
Animal Cruelty	3	2	2
Arson	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault	56	53	48
Simple Assault	187	185	150
Intimidation	21	22	21
Stalking	0	0	0
Burglary	14	16	3
Counterfeiting/Forgery	5	3	0
Vandalism	24	20	16
Drugs	238	287	198
Drug Paraphernalia	88	120	92
Embezzlement	0	0	0
False Pretenses	7	5	8
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	1	0	0
Impersonation	2	2	3
Welfare Fraud	0	0	0
Wire Fraud	0	0	0
Hacking/Computer Inv.	0	0	1
Betting/Wagering	0	0	0
Promoting Gambling	0	0	0
Murder	2	2	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0
Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	6	3
Shoplifting	148	200	86
Theft from Building	2	1	0
Theft from Coin Machine	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	9	5	4
Theft of MV Parts	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	8	5

# CRIMINAL ARRESTS

## Group A Offenses

	5 Year Average	2020	2021
Porn/Obscene Material	3	5	6
Prostitution	0	1	0
Promoting Prostitution	0	0	0
Robbery	3	6	0
Rape	2	1	0
Fondling	4	4	5
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	2	1	2
Stolen Property	18	13	19
Weapon Law Violations	15	20	12
All Other Larceny	33	15	17

# CRIMINAL ARRESTS

## Group B Offenses

	5 Year Average	2020	2021
DUI	204	165	184
Disorderly Conduct	181	126	133
Liquor Law Violations	64	58	37
Trespassing	15	10	12
Curfew/Loitering	40	80	25
Drunkennes	67	54	57
All Other Offenses	1,044	1,185	1,010

DUE TO REPORTED TIMES AND WHEN INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONCLUDED, NUMBERS MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA'S REPORTING.







# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

In 2021, the Williston Police Department created a Community Engagement team, consisting of the Community Engagement Detective, 3 School Resource Officers, 1 Public Information Officer and a few leaders in the department. The team is tasked with creating and implementing opportunities throughout the community to partner with the police department in order to further our mission.

National Night Out was held on August 4th, 2021 at Davidson Park in Williston, ND. The participation of community members made this event a large success. Approximately 1600 people attended the event sharing meals and conversation with members from local law enforcement agencies. There was a new twist this year, involving a scavenger hunt for a free snow cone, funded by the department and provided by Jer Bears Sno Shack. There was also encouragement to stay and converse while playing commonly known yard games, playing in the sand for tots and sidewalk chalk for inspiring artists. Another goal of National Night Out is to become familiar with Law Enforcement capabilities throughout our community.

In November, members of the Community Engagement team worked in partnership with Wal-Mart to provide a Thanksgiving meal to McKinney Vento families in Williston. The McKinney Vento program is through the Williston Public School district and includes families that are classified as homeless. This program has been able to feed approximately 120 families in the last two years of it being launched.

The Community Engagement team continued the programs that have previously been in place, including Responsible Beverage Server Trainings, Valentines to schools, DARE and many safety presentations. The close relationships with members of the community allow the Community Engagement Team to help community members learn about the Police Department, State laws and local ordinances, as well as safety considerations for different scenarios, human trafficking information and so much more. This year was the first annual Bakken Human Trafficking Summit held at the Williston ARC.

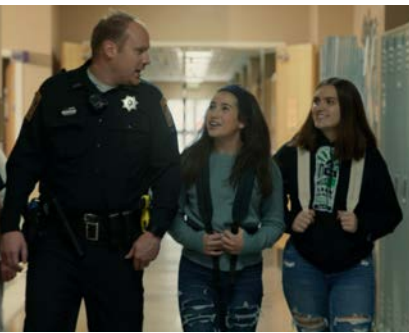
The Annual Williston Bike Rodeo was held in May and had a large turnout. There were approximately 200 kids that attended the event, along with their parents. The event is hosted at the Williston Raymond Family Community Center and is geared toward Bike Safety lessons. Snacks and drinks were provided, along with a well thought out course to help young riders navigate different obstacles they may see while out biking. The purpose of the Bike rodeo is to teach kids bike safety, get a free helmet if they do not currently have one and promote a positive interaction with Law Enforcement and especially the new Bike Patrol Unit. This year, as a matter of interest, a young boy and his father, who were traveling from Washington state to New York City, stayed in Williston a couple of extra days in order to participate in the Williston Bike Rodeo.

Members of the Community Engagement team participate in annual events that different city entities host. One of the most popular being the Halloween Trail of Treats hosted by the Williston Downtowners Association. This year, milk and cookies and a couple of cheetahs (costumes) were handing out candy for the Williston Police Department.

Department funded "Back to School Backpacks" were drawn for again this year. To enter into the drawing, all that was required was to send your name, child's age and school into a member of the Community Engagement Team. This year, approximately 50 entries were drawn from. 20 winners were picked and all of their school supplies, to include the backpack, were purchased for them from the Department.

Detective Ashley Celander  
Williston Police Department  
Community Engagement Detective





The Williston Police Department has partnered with Williston Public Schools for the School Resource Officer (SRO) program since January 2015. The SRO program covers all nine Williston Public School District #7 schools that fall within the city of Williston. There are currently three School Resource Officers assigned to Williston Public School District #7.

School Resource Officers are trained in the SRO Triad and act as an educator of state and local laws, an informal counselor, and a law enforcement officer. School Resource Officers are assigned other duties to include D.A.R.E., Bike Rodeo, classroom and school presentations, safety talks, along with many other duties. Each SRO is required to undergo training with the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) and has opportunities to participate in other trainings specific to the SRO position on a state and national level. The SRO program has been beneficial to both Williston Public School District #7 and the Williston Police Department in building connections with our youth in the community and law enforcement.

## Officer Heather Cook Williston Police Department School Resource Officer





# K9 SISU

## Incident Activity 2021

Area Search	2
Article Search	3
Assist in Perimeter	17
Building Search	4
Burglary Alarm Assist	13
Community Policing	3
Consent Searches	35
Drug Search	147
Narcotics Search	6
School Demos	2,097 students
Search Warrant	13
Tracking	3
Vehicle Search	1
Vehicle Pursuit	4

## Seizures 2021

Cell Phone	5 each
Cocaine	6.2 grams
Ecstasy	73 pills
Fentanyl	381 pills
Firearm	16 each
Hash	1.9 grams
Heroin	9.55 grams
Marijuana	522.42 grams
Marijuana Edibles	6 each
Meth	570.87 grams
Paraphernalia	342 each
Suboxone	29 each
THC	4 each
US Currency	\$2,170
XANAX	0
Unknown Pills	23 pills



In Service since November 9, 2020



# K9 KREED

## Incident Activity 2021

Area Search	1
Article Search	2
Assist in Perimeter	0
Building Search	1
Burglary Alarm Assist	1
Community Policing	0
Consent Searches	0
Drug Searches	0
Narcotics Search	24
School Demos	0
Search Warrant	0
Tracking	1
Vehicle Search	0
Vehicle Pursuit	0

## Seizures 2021

Cell Phone	2 each
Cocaine	0
Ecstasy	0
Fentanyl	47.5 pills
Firearm	0
Hash	0
Heroin	0.01 grams
Marijuana	1 gram
Marijuana Edibles	0
Meth	3,014.1 grams
Paraphernalia	30 each
Suboxone	0
THC	0
US Currency	\$8,357
XANAX	4 each
Unknown Pills	8 pills



In Service since August 9, 2021





# WILLIAMS COUNTY S.W.A.T.

The Williams County Special Weapons and Tactics Team is comprised of members from the Williams County Sheriff's Office, the Williston Police Department, and the Williston Fire Department. The team consists of a team commander, four team leaders, fourteen operators, four designated marksmen, and ten tactical medics.

Since 2018, the North Dakota Peace Officers Association Special Operations Committee has recognized the Williams County SWAT Team as a regional team. The team covers a four-county area consisting of Williams County, Divide County, McKenzie County, and Burke County. For the year, the Williams County SWAT Team served three high-risk warrants, responded to two active barricades, the team was called on multiple other occasions but thankfully, those situations were resolved prior to SWAT intervention.

It is the continued mission of the Williams County SWAT Team to be a highly trained, well-equipped, and skilled tactical team that is a resource to the communities it serves for the successful resolution of critical incidents.

Lieutenant Hugh Benzen  
Williston Police Department  
Williams County S.W.A.T. Team Leader









# NORTHWEST CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS

The Northwest Crisis Negotiations Team (NWCNT) was originally started by one member from the Williams County Sheriff's Office and one from the Williston Police Department in early 2016.

NWCNT has a total of 9 team members. The members work their normal shifts for the agencies and are on call for situations that require the NWCNT.

The NWCNT equipment has been very beneficial to both the Negotiations and SWAT team in various situations. The team continues to attend regular trainings including the NTOA Crisis Negotiators Conference.

The NWCNT responds to suicidal subjects, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, mental crisis situations, and responds simultaneously with the SWAT team call outs. In 2021 the team responded to 6 incidents, one being in Divide County. The NWCNT continues to be an asset to the Northwest Region.

Sergeant Detective Sam Aide  
Williston Police Department  
Northwest Crisis Negotiations Team Member



# NORTHWEST NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

The Northwest Narcotics Task Force (NWNTF) is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force. It is a joint effort set forth by area law enforcement agencies through a memorandum of understanding. These agencies (NWNTF Board) include the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation (Williston and Watford City field offices), Williams County Sheriff's Office, McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, Divide County Sheriff's Office along with the Williston Police Department.

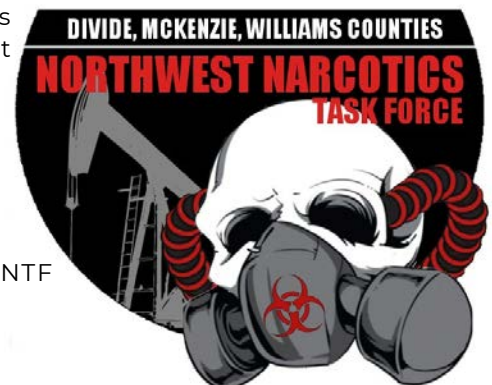
The NWNTF consisted of agents who cover Williams County, Williston, McKenzie County, Watford City, and Divide County. During the year of 2020 the NWNTF members consisted of seven task force officers assigned from participating agencies, two civilian intelligence analysts/ evidence custodian, and one North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation Special Agent assigned as the Task Force Coordinator.

The Williston Police Department, Williams County Sheriff's Office and McKenzie County Sheriff's Office, and Divide County Sheriff's Office agreed to employ a full time Administrative Assistant/Intel Analyst. The Intel Analyst position is key to the operation of the NWNTF. During the calendar year of 2021, the intel analyst assisted numerous separate agencies not including the NWNTF with a variety of intelligence information requests. Our intel analyst has provided a resource that relieves the task force officers from having to spend a lot of time in the office and allows for more time in the field. The intel analyst has also been working with others throughout the state to further the mission.

The executive board has also agreed to fill the position of evidence custodian for the NWNTF. This position was received on a grant that ended in 2021. The evidence custodian saves the task force officers and coordinator several hours by handling the evidence after the officers in the field complete their duty. The evidence custodian works hand in hand with the Williams County States Attorney's Office in preparing evidence for trial. Other duties include, cataloging evidence, disposing evidence properly, returning evidence per court orders, sending evidence to the state crime lab for testing, as well as generating reports for the task force officers.

Over the last few years, The NWNTF has experienced personnel changes from task force coordinators to task force officers. The NWNTF primarily focuses on issues related directly to the communities the NWNTF serves, but when investigations stretch out to the neighboring communities, the NWNTF is always willing to share information and try and combat the influx of drugs that are frequently transported within their jurisdiction.

The NWNTF is also committed to aiding the Three Affiliated Tribes Division of Drug Enforcement (MHA DDE). This collaborative effort has been proven successful and has led to federal indictments and state arrests. Information and resource sharing between NWNTF and MHA DDE, along with the personal relationships between the entities, has been proven successful in operations and assistance through many cases to ensure the safety of the Mandan-Hidatsa-Arikara community members and community members within the area of responsibility of the NWNTF. The NWNTF looks to continue, and strengthen, the relationship in the future.





**The 2021 Statistics are as follows:**

Meth purchased/seized.....4,497 grams (Approx. 9.9 lbs)  
Street Value (Approx. \$100/gram) = \$449,700  
+ in 2020 the total amount seized was 1,831 grams (4 lbs)

Cocaine purchased/seized.....424.25 grams (Approx. 1 lb)  
Street Value (Approx. \$100/gram) = \$42,400  
+ in 2020 the total amount seized was 292.73 grams (.5 lb)

Marijuana purchased/seized.....2,449 grams (Approx. 5.4 lbs)  
Street Value (Approx. \$10/gram) = \$24,490  
+ in 2020 the total amount seized was 7,937 grams (Approx. 17.5 lbs)

Suspected Fentanyl purchased/seized.....1,558 Dosing Units/Pills  
Street Value (Approx. \$50/Dosing Unit or Pill) = \$77,900  
+ in 2020 the total amount seized was 291.5 pills

Hash/Wax/BHO purchased/seized.....300 grams (Approx. .66 lbs)  
Street Value (Approx. \$50/gram) = \$15,000  
+ in 2020 the total amount seized was 392.33 grams (Approx. .86 lbs)

Heroin purchased/seized.....47.1 grams  
Street Value (Approx. \$400/gram) = \$18,840  
+ in 2020 the total amount seized was 515.35 grams (Approx. 1 lb)  
++ it should be noted, heroin is often weighed in points. a dose of heroin could be measured around 5 mg or 2 points. 1 point is equal to one-tenth (0.1) grams

Hydrocodone/Oxycodone/OxyContin.....17 Dosing Units/Pills  
Street Value (Approx. \$60/DU) = \$1,020

Total Approximate value of drugs seized = \$629,350.00

Total number of cases (195) | Total number of search warrants (24) | Total number of Felony Arrests (84)  
Total number of Misdemeanor Arrests (13) | Total number of Traffic Arrests (1)  
Total number of Warrant Arrests (26) | Total firearms seized (62) | Intel requests (1,333)

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, assist with non-drug related undercover operations and investigations, execution of search warrants, etc.

The NWNTF conducted six (6) presentations throughout the year for local schools, landlords and apartment managers, realtors, emergency service providers, and local schools. During the transition to the new normal, the NWNTF has a similar amount of cases as they did during the year of 2020 and it is obvious to see that opioids (Oxycodone, Fentanyl, and Heroin) are on the rise as well as cocaine and meth.

Special Agent Ryan Chaffee  
ND Bureau of Criminal Investigations  
Northwest Narcotics Task Force Coordinator







# SERVICE MILESTONES



DUSTIN CELANDER

10 Years



BRETT FLESNESS

5 Years



MICHAEL ISENHOWER

10 Years



NICHOLAS SATERMO

5 Years



# PROMOTIONS



ANTHONY MANN

Promoted to Patrol Sergeant



CARLI WADE

Promoted to Community Service Officer Supervisor





# NEW IN 2021

Animal  
Pound  
Construction



Mobile  
Command  
Trailer

Intel Analyst  
Position



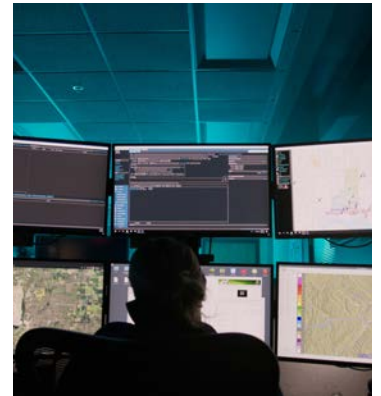
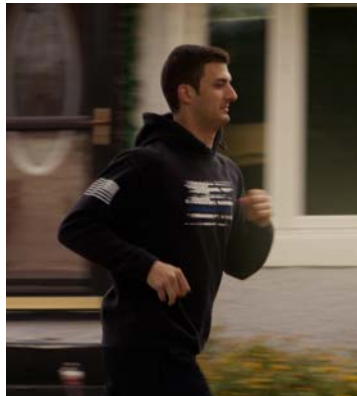
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SIRN  
Project

Impound  
Improvement

Wellness  
Program



Pink Badge  
Program

Community  
Service  
Officers

Internet  
Crimes  
Detective







# AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS



**CAPTAIN STEVEN ARMSTRONG**  
School of Police Staff & Command Graduate



**LIEUTENANT DANIEL DERY**  
National Forensic Academy Graduate



**CAPTAIN STEVEN GUTKNECHT**  
Lone Eagle Award



**CAPTAIN STEVEN GUTKNECHT**  
Patriot Award



**K9 OFFICER ALEXIS HAGGERTY**  
Life Saving Award



**OFFICER JEFFREY OLSON**  
Life Saving Award



**CHIEF DAVID PETERSON**  
Patriot Award



**DETECTIVE NICHOLAS SATERMO**  
National Forensic Academy Graduate

# Officer of the Year



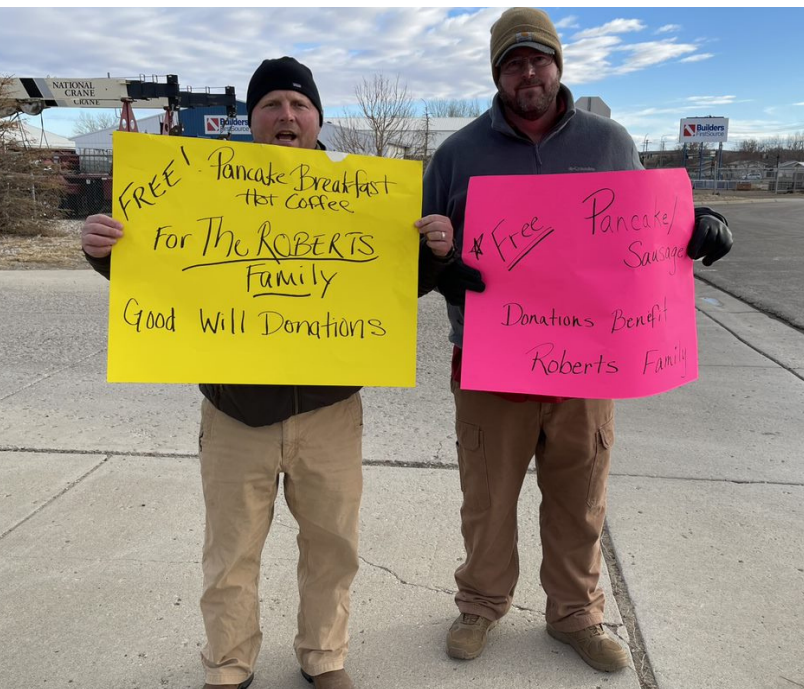
Patrol Officer  
Theodore Vangrinsven  
Began Employment on  
October 1, 2017

# Employee of the Year

Records Administrator  
Calli Stellmacher  
Began Employment on  
May 13, 2019











Sergeant Les Slagle (ret.)  
1950-2021