

City of  
Moorhead

# Police Department

Year in Review

2010



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# MISSION STATEMENT

*“Our mission is to maintain peace and order through the provision of police services that are of the highest quality and responsive to the needs of the community. We will contribute to the safety and security of the community by apprehending those who commit criminal acts, by developing partnerships to prevent, reduce or eliminate neighborhood problems, and by providing police services that are fair, unbiased, judicious, and respectful of the dignity of all individuals.”*

**David Ebinger**  
**Chief of Police**

## VISION STATEMENT

**We**, the members of the Moorhead Police Department, are committed to working together in a problem-solving partnership **with the community** to prevent crime and improve the quality of life for all.

## VALUE STATEMENTS

**Safety** - The protection of human life is our biggest priority.

**Cooperation** - We are committed to working cooperatively with the community and each other by encouraging open communication and active participation to achieve our mutual goals.

**Fairness** - We strive to resolve conflict through impartial enforcement of law. Everyone shall be treated equitably and compassionately.

**Crime Prevention** - We will work in a partnership with the community through positive role-modeling and education.

**Diversity** - We appreciate one another's differences and recognize that our unique skills, knowledge, abilities and backgrounds bring strength and caring to our community.

**Professionalism** - Our success depends on the trust and confidence of the community. We shall always engage in respectful behavior that reflects the honesty and integrity of police professionals.

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## **A Message from the Chief of Police**


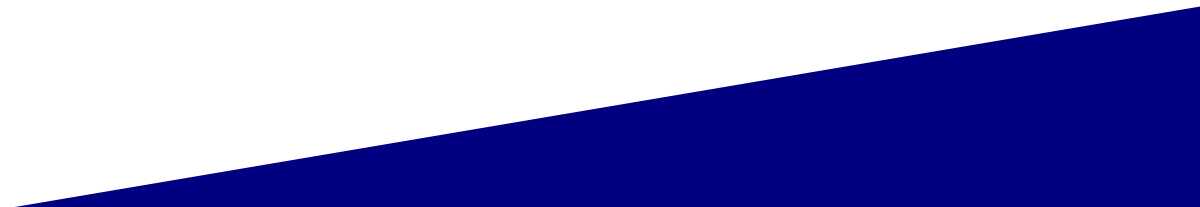
The Moorhead Police Department continues to work with other Moorhead City services as well as public and private partners to provide for the public safety needs of the citizens of Moorhead. In times of fiscal challenges the team approach with our community partners and other City departments becomes even more important in order to maintain the high degree of safety and the quality of life that people in our community have come to expect.

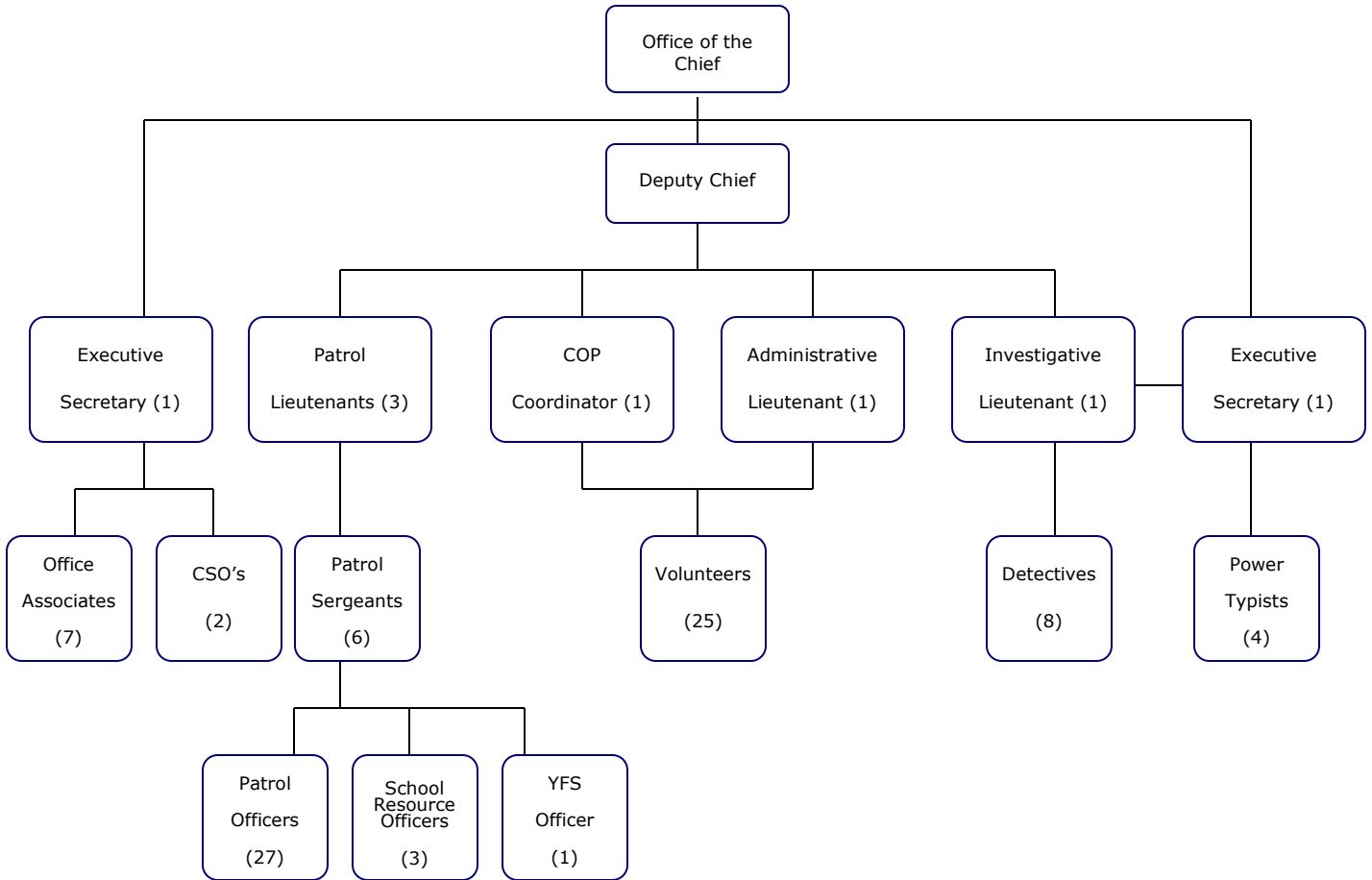
We are able to enhance the efficiency of the City's response in areas threatened by spring floods by being part of the flood zone project. The collaboration by members of the City's Engineering Department, Operations, Fire Department, as well as members of the Moorhead Police Department proved effective in 2010 and will be initiated again in 2011 if needed. This project assigns specific teams of City personnel to individual neighborhoods in responding to the flood fight. With our commitment to community policing this is an easy fit for MPD and has been well received by the public.

By partnering with other area law enforcement and public safety agencies in efforts like the Red River Valley SWAT Team, the Red River Regional Dispatch Center, and the DEA Drug Task Force we are able to provide coordinated response to the needs of our community at the highest level possible, and in an efficient and fiscally responsible manner. These collaborative efforts have resulted in a \$4 million project, largely grant funded, that will provide the RRRDC and partner agencies with a state of the art Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System which is slated to go on line this year.

In 2011 we will continue to provide for the public safety needs of our community in the same effective manner that has become the proud tradition of our department since 1881.

David Ebinger  
Chief of Police





## Police Administration

The Moorhead Police Department continues to provide a high degree of service despite the fiscal challenges presented in the last several years. As in the past we rely on enhancing our efficiency through technology, partnerships, and collaboration with the citizens of Moorhead.

Prior attempts to contain budget shortfalls, resulting from cutbacks in State LGA funding, by maintaining up to four open positions proved ineffective. With that number of vacancies much of the savings in salary and benefits were offset by overtime expenditures necessary to maintain minimum staffing levels. We have had some success in maintaining staffing with one open position which has remained unfilled throughout the year.

The model traditionally used to estimate proper staffing of police officers is an officer to citizen ratio. The national average is 2.5 police officers per 1,000 residents. Moorhead Police are at 1.4 officers per thousand so we make every attempt be as efficient as we can and maximize every budget dollar.

Effective use of civilian personnel who serve as Community Service Officers and Office Specialists accomplishes a number of essential functions at a lower cost than sworn peace officers. Functions such as case file and report preparation, records

management, animal control, evidence and property management, and equipment maintenance are all accomplished by civilian personnel. This frees sworn officers for duties that require the response of a law enforcement officer.

Along with other Red River Regional Dispatch Center partners we have participated in a grant to purchase new computer aided dispatch and records management software. New World Systems will 'go live' in March 2011. The new \$4 million dollar software will further automate many functions of the department and reduce redundancy saving staff time and allow better information sharing across our cities and counties.

Efficiency is also a result of the many partnerships we are committed to in the provision of public safety services to the citizens of Moorhead. Some of those partnerships are as follows:

Red River Regional Dispatch Center is the joint Cass, Clay, Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo dispatch center. All police, fire, and EMS regular and 911 calls run through this dispatch center from Tower City, ND to Hawley, MN. The costs associated with the dispatch center are shared by all the parties.

Red River Valley SWAT is a specialized unit to respond to high risk situations like barricaded suspects, bomb threats or other situations. We partner with Fargo, West Fargo, Cass and Clay County and NDSU to form this unit comprised of tactical, bomb, and negotiators. With the training, expertise, and equipment necessary in these units, it would be impossible to fund our own.

Red River Valley Gang and Drug Task Force pools together regional law enforcement from Minnesota and North Dakota under the direction of the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate drug trafficking and gang related crimes in our community and gives us access to federal prosecution and the resources to follow cases to other states and countries.

MPD Volunteers enforce parking restrictions that our police and community service officers do not have time to do. They also assist records staff in many functions reducing the need for additional positions.

The Police Department's total budget is over 7 million dollars annually. We work to be responsible with your tax dollars and we try to offset the budget with grants and form partnerships to reduce redundancy. In 2010, through police department actions taxpayers were saved nearly 1.8 million dollars:

### **MPD Revenues and Savings**

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| <b>\$87,253</b> | Events requiring police officers are staffed with off-duty officers brought in on overtime and are billed to the event sponsor. |
| <b>\$54,438</b> | Moorhead Police Volunteer hours worked, public contributions to the DARE program, and other savings.                            |

<b>\$474,689</b>	Total grants from the state or federal government the Moorhead Police Department was able to obtain and use in the past year.
<b>\$287,837</b>	Net seizures in drug and alcohol cases, auction sale of property and automobiles.
<b>\$903,836</b>	Fines, Fees, Licenses, Permits collected by the police department and returned to the city's general fund and police state aid.
<b>=\$1,808,053 Total</b>	

## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division seeks to maintain social order and the quality of life through the enforcement of laws, the timely response to calls for service, the investigation of criminal offenses, the apprehension of offenders, the enforcement of traffic laws, and the furtherance of crime deterrence through the maintenance of a visible presence and collaboration with the community. The Patrol Division is often the first and only contact many citizens have with our Police Department. In 2010 the Patrol Division was comprised of 27 sworn officers who were supervised by three Lieutenants and six Sergeants.

The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to all calls for police service(s) (24) hours per day, located within the City of Moorhead. In addition Police Officers assigned to our Patrol Division provide routine patrol to deter and detect both traffic and criminal violations of law. They also conduct criminal investigations and actively employ community oriented policing strategies to solve community problems. Police Officers assigned to the Patrol Division are also assigned to specialty positions which include; Field Training Officers, Canine Handlers, SWAT Team Members, Use of Force Instructors, Bike Patrol Officers, Drug Recognition Experts, and Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisors. The Police Officers assigned to our Patrol Division currently work the following shifts;

Day Shift	7:50 am – 5:00 pm
Evening Shift	5:00 pm – 3:00 am
Midnight Shift	10:50 pm – 8:00 am

Officers assigned to the Day and Midnight Shifts work a nine hour shift with a five day work week, followed by three days off. All Lieutenants and Sergeants assigned to the patrol Division also work this schedule. Officers assigned to the Evening shift work a ten hour shift with a rotation of five evening shifts, four days off, four evening shifts, and three days off. Each evening there is a four hour overlap between the Evening and Midnight shifts from 11:00 pm to 3:00 am. This shift overlap enables both shifts to concentrate on alcohol related offenses, work bike patrol shifts, conduct training, and be adequately staffed for the general increase in calls for service during this time

period. It also allows Officers assigned to the Evening Shift to complete their required paperwork prior to the end of their shift.

The ten minutes preceding each shift is dedicated for roll call briefings. This is the time when a Sergeant or Lieutenant spends time with their shift passing along all necessary information for their upcoming shift. Roll call briefings are important in providing officer safety information and areas of concern for the officers with respect to their assigned beats. Attendance at roll call briefing are mandatory and part of our Officers assigned work hours.

All Lieutenants, Sergeants and Officers assigned to the Patrol Division rotate shifts every six months. The shift periods and rotation dates are;

March 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>

September 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>

**Complaint Process:** The Moorhead Police Department takes allegations of misconduct on the part of its members seriously, and at the same time actively solicits feedback on any Officer conduct. Anyone wishing to file a complaint is provided with a bilingual handout which outlines the complaint process and contains our complaint form. This information is also posted on [www.moorheadpolice.com](http://www.moorheadpolice.com) and a complaint can be filed electronically as well. All complaints alleging misconduct by a member of the Moorhead Police Department are thoroughly investigated and recommendations are forwarded to the Chief of Police. The same system can be used to report compliments on actions taken by members of the Moorhead Police Department.

**Staffing:** In 2010 two Officers left employment with the Moorhead Police Department. One Officer resigned and a second Officer's employment was terminated. At the end of the year we had two open Police Officer positions.

Early in 2010 (1/04/10) we hired four new Police Officers. These Officers filled vacancies. These new Officers were assigned to the Field Training Program until their graduations in May and June.

In August Officers Robb Matheson and Clint Stephenson were promoted to the rank of Sergeant. This promotion raised our number of Sergeants from four to six. This promotion was done to improve our field supervision and to lower the amount of overtime we previously had spent to coverage supervisor shortages.

A total of 596 hours of overtime had to be allocated to meet our minimum Officer staffing in 2010. Our minimum staffing is 4 Officers for our Day and Evening Shifts. The midnight shift maintains a 4 or 3 Officer minimum, depending on the overall staffing of the Patrol Division. Our Evening and Midnight shifts overlap from 11:00 pm to 3:00 am every night. At least one Lieutenant or Sergeant is on duty at all times.

In 2010 members of the Patrol Division were injured (22) times. These injuries resulted



in (75) hours of loss work time.

**Community Policing:** Moorhead Police Officers are committed to building and maintaining problem solving partnerships within the community. Our officers are committed to providing police services that are fair, impartial, and professional. Our Patrol Division is dedicated to Moorhead Police Department's philosophy of community oriented policing. As part of this philosophy, officers are assigned to work permanent areas of the community, which we call beats. The City of Moorhead is divided into four specific beats. They are:

- 11 Beat-City's north border south to Center Avenue
- 21 Beat- Center Ave South to I94 and the Red River east to 14<sup>th</sup> Street
- 31 Beat- Center Ave South to I94 and 14<sup>th</sup> Street east to the City's east border
- 41 Beat- I94 south to the City's south border

Through this assignment of beats, officers become more familiar with the issues and problems within their portion of the community. This helps officers to address issues and problems on more of an individual basis. Growth in the City of Moorhead will affect the future of our beat configurations.

**Registered Predatory Offenders:** Predatory Offenders in Minnesota are classified as level I, II, III or Unassigned. They are required to register their residency in our community. Approximately 800 registration changes were made in 2010 for offenders living in the City of Moorhead. All Moorhead Police Officers are required to conduct quarterly checks on specific predatory offenders to ensure their compliance with their legal requirements for registration. Non-compliant offenders are referred for criminal prosecution, and all available means are utilized to bring them into compliance or incarceration. ***In 2010 Moorhead Police Officers conducted compliance checks resulting in a total of 425 checks on registered offenders in our community (13% increase from 2009).*** In 2010 no predatory offenders were charged with violating predatory offender registration requirements. Due to the ever increasing legislation mandating compliance updates and registration, the work load for the Moorhead Police Department in this area continues to grow.

The City of Moorhead currently has two level III offenders living in our community. William Upshaw resides in the 600 block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street South. David Harmer resides in the 900 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

**Community Contacts / Presentations:** Through the course of their regular duties, all Officers assigned to our Patrol Division are required to make regular contacts with businesses located in their assigned beats. Officers enjoy these contacts as they help to build bridges between the members of our community we serve and our Police Department. Officers are routinely provided information that allows them to address

concerns that may not have otherwise been brought to their attention. These contacts are conducted, and documented, on a regular basis. ***In 2010 the Officers of the patrol Division conducted 1709 community contacts.***

**Flood of 2010:** The planning for the flood of 2010 began with our department's administration in January. The Red River crested in March with significant flooded but at a level below our record 2009 crest. The department was tasked with maintaining public safety and staffing each of the city's eight flood zones. When necessary during emergencies the Moorhead Police Department is divided into two equal teams. Each team then works a twelve hour shift. As needed, each team will not take any shifts off until the end of the emergency. During the flood our Lieutenants were assigned to flood related duties including staffing the Flood Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC operated on a 24 hour basis during most of the flood emergency. Our Sergeants supervised their shifts and handled all flood related scheduling issues.

**[WWW.MOORHEADPOLICE.COM](http://WWW.MOORHEADPOLICE.COM):** The Internet continues to be a valuable tool for the Moorhead Police Department. Our website includes a large amount of information about all sections of our department. Citizens can file a complaint or commendation about an officer's performance using our website. Other available services include paying for pet licenses or paying a parking ticket.

In 2010-

23,487 visitors on moorheadpolice.com

902,589 hits on moorheadpolice.com

**Moorhead Together:** Moorhead Together is a collaboration of MSUM, Concordia College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, and the Moorhead Police Department to address underage alcohol consumption in a community wide manner. Officers from the Patrol Division volunteer for overtime shifts utilizing bikes, unmarked patrol vehicles, and foot patrol to address these issues. This partnership has been found to be extremely effective over the past four years and will continue. In mid 2008 the grant funding for the program ended, as a result funding has been secured from a variety of sources to continue this valuable program. A cost sharing arrangement was developed in which MSUM, Concordia, MSCTC, and the Moorhead Police Department. A grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety was also used to bolster funding for this year. Funds for the Moorhead Police Department's commitment were received from DWI Seizure Funds. In 2010, Officers assigned to this detail:

Issued 207 Under-age consumption of alcohol citations.

Addressed 37 noise violations, issuing 18 noise ordinance citations

Issued 18 Criminal Citations

Made 5 DWI Arrests

Made 13 Criminal Arrests

Charged 8 Drug Offenses

Worked 424 Overtime Hours

**Safe Communities Coalition of the Red River Valley:** Officers in the Patrol Division also work closely with Safe Communities Coalition of the Red River Valley. Through this program, Officers conduct monthly alcohol compliance checks of Moorhead liquor establishments to observe their compliance with alcohol laws. In 2010 Officers conducted 104 random compliance checks, resulting in 3 failures. This translates to a 98% compliance rate in the City of Moorhead. 27 establishments in Moorhead passed all their compliance checks. Officers also conduct alcohol server training to all employees of liquor establishments in our City. This training provides instruction for identifying false identifications, over consumption, and other liquor law violations. The Moorhead Police Department also has 2 car seat safety technicians who work at community events to provide education and training on proper installation. In December of 2010 the Moorhead Police Department was recognized as the; "Organization of the Year" by Safe Communities for outstanding dedication to the missions of the SCRRV.

**Traffic Enforcement and Safety Education:** The Patrol Division remains committed to making our roadways a safer place for all through aggressive enforcement of motor vehicle laws combined with solid educational components. Patrol Officers are expected to place a high priority on addressing traffic enforcement during their regular shifts, they also work special details sponsored through state and federal grant funding known as Safe & Sober. The Moorhead Police Department is the managing partner for Safe and Sober in a county wide effort. These special mobilizations target such offenses as; speeding, seat belt and child restraint usage, distracted driving, and impaired drivers. Officer Scott Kostohryz was recognized by the State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety as a "DWI All-star" for his commitment to traffic safety and DWI enforcement efforts. The Moorhead Police Department was also recognized on a statewide basis with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety "Star Award" for commitment efforts towards traffic safety. The Moorhead Police Department also began the implementation of a program called "Every 15 Minutes" which serves as an educational program targeting teen drivers and will be implemented in the Moorhead High School System in the spring of 2011. In response to a growing incidence of persons operating vehicles under the influence of substances other than alcohol, a Drug Recognition Expert Program was formed in 2009 with two Officers attending Drug Recognition Expert Training, and will be working in an effort to identify those operating vehicles under the influence of substances. In 2010 Moorhead Police DRE's performed 6 evaluations on subjects arrested for DWI involving substances other than alcohol. The City of Moorhead experienced no traffic fatalities during the 2010.

***In 2010, members of the Patrol Division:***

Made 349 arrests for Driving While Under the Influence of Alcohol

Made 9 arrests for Driving While Under the Influence of Narcotics

Charged 62 persons with Underage Drinking and Driving

The average Blood alcohol test 2010 was .15, the high test during this period was a .36, and 44 people refused testing.

Seized a total of 89 vehicles from enhanced penalty DWI Violators, Fleeing, and Narcotics Offenses. 11 vehicles have been auctioned/settled value of \$11,775, 31 vehicles were released to owners or lien holders and 47 are still pending sale or forfeiture completion.

Made 2,701 arrests (not including traffic citations)

Made 10,561 total Traffic Stops

**Events Staffed:** In 2010 the members of the Patrol Division provided staffing for the following events (traffic control, security and public relations):

Holiday Lights Parade	FM Fall Half Marathon
MSUM Homecoming Parade	MHS Homecoming Parade
Fargo Marathon	Streets Alive
Concordia College Homecoming Parade	Law Enforcement Memorial Day
West Acres Law Day	MSUM July 4 <sup>th</sup> Fireworks
Multiple Career Fairs / Events	Nite to Unite
Traffic Direction for Trollwood Events	Cornstock Concert
UPC Hockey Tournament	

**Total 2010 Event Overtime Expense Estimated:    \$ 26,500**



### Calls for Service and Officer Activity for 2010

<b>Priority Calls for Service (Breakout of Various Call Types)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Accident	1195	1250	1305	1397	1312
Burglary	178	179	188	186	215
Robbery	6	7	8	8	8
Shoplifter	68	90	144	170	179
Intoxicated Driver	214	252	264	334	345
Criminal Complaint	1841	1805	1807	1907	1968
General Disturbance	853	791	841	906	994
Domestic Disturbance	414	465	481	551	576
Narcotics	241	239	265	339	319
Welfare Check	675	685	616	713	878
Impaired Person	535	645	629	581	659
Back-up Another Officer	2035	2065	1673	2294	2290
Suspicious Activity	1039	1211	1130	1192	966
Motorist Assist	571	770	807	1024	1044
Community Contact	2131	2044	2085	1948	1709
Warrant Service	187	189	195	172	128
Miscellaneous Priority Calls	4283	5044	4552	10656	12850
<b>Total Priority Calls for Service</b>	<b>9514</b>	<b>9755</b>	<b>9825</b>	<b>10592</b>	<b>10447</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>22819</b>	<b>22395</b>	<b>20817</b>	<b>22444</b>	<b>23297</b>
<b>Total Calls for Service w/Incident Report</b>	<b>11223</b>	<b>10485</b>	<b>10093</b>	<b>10649</b>	<b>12178</b>
<b>Total Officer Initiated Calls</b>	<b>29050</b>	<b>29501</b>	<b>26529</b>	<b>29666</b>	<b>30365</b>

The City of Moorhead receives a small portion of revenue from each criminal and traffic fine. In 2010 fines generated from investigations by members of the Patrol Division totaled \$ 291,455. This was a 25% increase over 2009. This amount does not include any drug related fines.

**Supervisors and Patrol Officers Currently Assigned to the Patrol Division****Supervisors**

Lieutenant Jim Nielsen

Lieutenant Chris Carey

Lieutenant Joel Scharf

Sergeant Mike Detloff

Sergeant Deric Swenson

Sergeant Steve Larsen

Sergeant Toby Krone

Sergeant Clint Stephenson

Sergeant Robb Matheson

**Police Officers Assigned to the Patrol Division**

Chad Anderson

Dan Birmingham

Kim Bloch

Joe Brannan

Adam Breth

Shawn Carlson

Cameron Cordes

Mike Fildes

Shawn Griego

Vern Heltemes

Scott Kostohryz

Shawn Krebsbach

Nick Leinen

John Lien

David Miller

James Ohnstad

Nicole Reno

Seth Saarinen

Brad Schenck

Katie Scholla

Josh Schroeder

Nick Schultz

Jordan Smart

Aaron Sprout

Justin Vogel

Nick Wiedenmeyer

Matt Wychor

## Investigative Division

The Investigative Division did not experience any personnel changes in 2010. The division is made up of eight full-time General, Juvenile, Narcotics, and Computer Forensics Investigators. Two investigators are assigned to General, two in Juvenile and four in Narcotics. Computer forensics investigations are performed by one of our General Detectives. Computer Forensic Investigators perform forensic examinations on computers in child pornography cases, narcotics cases, and others including the location and arrest of online predators. General Detectives investigate cases such as crimes against persons (adult) and property crimes. Juvenile Detectives investigate crimes against children and vulnerable adults such as physical and sexual abuse and financial exploitation. Narcotics Detectives investigate local drug trafficking cases, gang related cases, and historical conspiracy cases. Two of our Narcotics Detectives are attached to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

We currently participate in three different task forces. Narcotics officers are assigned to the Red River Valley Gang and Drug Task Force whose members are attached to the DEA Drug Task Force out of Fargo, ND. Our computer forensic detective is also a member of the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force (ICAC). The participation in these Task Forces allows for additional funding to offset the cost of salaries, overtime, and equipment. This funding comes from grant money and federal agencies.

The Investigative Division maintains local Predatory Offender files by tracking offenders and ensuring compliance of over 160 Clay County offenders. They register with the department and we track residence, vehicle, school, and employment changes. Each patrol officer and detective is assigned specific offenders that are randomly checked for compliance on at least a quarterly basis.

The division is also responsible for conducting background investigations for most city licenses and permits including gaming, liquor, pawn, masseuse, used car dealers, and handgun purchase permits. In 2010 we saw a 26% increase in handgun purchase permits from the previous year.

The Investigative Division worked with Representative Morrie Lanning on a bill to ban the substance Salvia in the State of MN. This hallucinogenic drug was legally being sold in local head shops (smoke/paraphernalia businesses) in Moorhead and throughout the state. It was easily accessible to area teens and had been the topic of concern and many news reports for the past couple of years. Several other states had successfully made it illegal to sell and possess. Past attempts to ban the substance during previous legislative sessions had not been successful. Through our research, partnerships with statewide experts, and relationships with local representatives, we were successful in passing new legislation.

Members of the Red River Valley Gang & Drug Task Force provided a presentation to all local and state political leaders. The presentation provided an overview of the Task Force, local trafficking concerns, gang issues, proactive community enforcement, a Drug Court presentation by Judge Borgen, a Seizure & Forfeiture presentation by County Attorney Melton, and an overview of a large-scale federal trafficking case by US Attorney Meyers.

In May, Detective Ryan Nelson received an award from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) for his work on a local gun related case. He was one of two local officers to receive such an award. The case involved a drive by shooting which resulted in successful prosecution. Detective Nelson has a great working relationship with our local ATF Office and has worked various previous joint investigations that have resulted in federal convictions.

The Division is commanded by Lt. Brad Penas and assisted by Executive Secretary Corinne Lien who also supervises 5 typist positions that type the department's dictated reports.

### High Profile Case Activity

- We investigated an arson/double homicide in February where a young adult male and a young adult female were murdered. The apartment was set on fire by the suspect in an attempt to cover up evidence. Through countless hours of investigative work, a suspect was quickly identified, located hiding out in a camp in a wooded rural area, and arrested. The suspect, Tracy Zornes, is currently in custody and awaiting trial.
- In late 2009, we investigated a home invasion involving multiple suspects and two victims. The suspects used a ruse to gain entry into an apartment in an attempt to rob the victims of money and drugs. The suspects mistakenly entered the wrong apartment of two innocent college students. Firearms were used to threaten the victims. Five suspects were charged and convicted in 2010. Three of the five suspects received prison sentences.
- In January, we investigated a report of a stabbing. The victim was stabbed over a dozen times and amazingly survived the attack. The suspect, Eloy Cantu, later pled guilty and was sentenced to prison.
- In November, a local narcotics investigation resulted in the arrest of Brandon Enget. A search warrant was executed and officers seized 4.57 pounds of high-grade marijuana, \$44,793 cash, and a vehicle. The marijuana is believed to have come from the west coast. The case is awaiting trial.

A Moorhead narcotics investigation, with the assistance of local pharmacies, revealed that a mother and son residing in Moorhead purchased 3,284 pseudoephedrine pills in a short period. A criminal complaint was requested for possession of methamphetamine precursors with intent to manufacture.

### MPD Cases Taken Into Federal Court

#### Definitions

**Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF):** A federal drug enforcement program in the United States that is overseen by the Attorney General and the [Department of Justice](#). It primarily concerns itself with the disruption of major [drug trafficking](#) operations and related crimes, such as [money laundering](#), tax and weapon violations, and violent crime. It combines the resources of federal, state, and local law enforcement along with the United



States Attorney's Office.

**Indictment:** A formal accusation that a person has committed a crime.

- "Operation Ferris Wheel" is an OCDETF case originating in Bismarck, ND, but the sources of supply were based out of the Fargo-Moorhead area. The defendants in the case were from the Minneapolis, MN and Chicago, IL areas. Many of the defendants were admitted gang members. The defendants in the case were responsible for selling multiple pounds of crack cocaine, marijuana, and ecstasy in the area. Nine people were federally indicted in the case on charges of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and continuing criminal enterprise. Sentences handed out ranged from probation to life in prison. There is still one person awaiting sentencing in this case.
- "Operation Price is Right" is an OCDETF case originating in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The main targets in the case are from the Minneapolis-St Paul area and California. The targets are responsible for selling multiple pounds of methamphetamine in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Seizures to date include approximately 1 pound of methamphetamine and approximately \$30,000. So far, six people have been federally indicted in this case in 2010 with additional indictments and seizures expected in 2011.
- "Operation Budapest" is an OCDETF case originating in the Fargo-Moorhead and Grand Forks, ND region. The main sources of supply are out of California. Seizures to date include approximately 10 pounds of methamphetamine, a kilo of cocaine, a Mercedes automobile, firearms, and cash. Approximately 45 people have been federally indicted in the case for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Additional indictments are expected. The case is still ongoing.

These cases are an indication of how the state funded task forces work together and are able to dismantle an entire drug trafficking organization from the street level dealers to the sources of supply.

The Investigative Division was involved in a large-scale counterfeit money operation during the summer of 2010. This was a joint investigation involving several suspects and search warrants. There were several arrests and the case resulted in a federal indictment on the main suspect, Earl Russell St. Claire. It is believed to be the largest counterfeit ring for the district of North Dakota.

## Narcotics

Marijuana is often observed with seizures/arrests and is a secondary product for many traffickers. Small scale grow operations have been uncovered in the Red River Valley area, however; most of the marijuana seized in 2010 appeared to be high quality marijuana which is grown and transported to the Fargo-Moorhead area from California, Oregon, Colorado and Canada. Low quality marijuana is also readily available and comes to this area from the southern border. Moorhead saw a slight increase in the number of marijuana cases worked in 2010 and a 40% increase for marijuana seized.

Cocaine/Crack Cocaine continues to be a problem and is readily available in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Gang members from Minneapolis, Chicago, and Detroit continue to traffic in

large amounts of both crack cocaine and powder cocaine. These gangs continually rotate new personnel into the area to avoid law enforcement detection. Crack cocaine cases dropped by 50% from 2009 to 2010 and Moorhead Police seized 33% less crack cocaine in 2010 as compared to 2009. In 2010 Detectives investigated a similar amount of cocaine cases as compared to 2009. However, cocaine seizures increased in 2010 by approximately 800% due largely to three cocaine seizures where approximately ½ kilo was located at each seizure.

Heroin does not appear to be readily available in the Fargo-Moorhead area since an operation and subsequent arrest in early 2009. Since this arrest, the Fargo-Moorhead area does not appear to be a strong market for heroin compared to the other drugs of choice identified above.

2010 showed a similar number of methamphetamine related cases and seizure amounts as compared to 2009.

As a part of education and prevention, our Narcotics Detectives conducted 13 narcotics/gang presentations to approximately 475 people from the community this past year. The audiences included students, educators, landlords, and area political leaders.

Two Narcotics Detectives are also assigned to the Red River Valley Drug Task Force (RRVTF). The RRVTF was formed in 1992 to address increasing narcotics trafficking problems in Moorhead (MN), Fargo (ND), and surrounding communities. The Task Force has made important partnerships with surrounding enforcement agencies including the DEA and US Attorney's Office. This partnership has led to the successful investigation and prosecution of drug traffickers from other states that are responsible for bringing large quantities of narcotics to the Red River Valley.

## **Red River Valley Task Force**

### **A Multi-jurisdictional narcotics & Gang task force**

#### **Mission Statement**

The Red River Valley Drug & Gang Task Force is a cooperative partnership between local, state and federal agency resources to provide an effective drug enforcement effort.

We do this through information sharing, commitment, dedication and working together with a unified command structure to reduce drug trafficking and its consequences.

By completing this mission we will improve the safety and quality of life for our citizens and communities.

**Narcotics Seizures**



**4.57 Pounds Marijuana & \$44,793 Cash**

**3.58 Pounds Marijuana \$3176 Cash**



**13 Ounces of Cocaine**



The following chart displays narcotics enforcement activity that Moorhead Police Detectives worked on over a three-year period. This does not include seizures involving our Investigators assisting other agencies.

<b>Seizures (in grams unless stated)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Marijuana	48,869	10,295	14,727
Methamphetamine	457	794	610
Cocaine	869	152	1190
Crack	3.3	98	66
Ecstasy	67 (pills)	26 (pills)	86
Autos	24	12	13
Firearms		22	10
Cash	\$113,798	\$60,503	\$133,000
Search warrants	34	44	64

### **Juvenile**

Two of our detectives are specially trained in Corner House and First Witness child forensic interviewing techniques. This training is specific to this position so detective's working as a team with social services, medical staff, and counseling services, can effectively receive non-leading information from child victims for court purposes and limit redundancy that leads to further exposing the victim to trauma. We continue our collaborative work efforts with the Red River Child Advocacy Center and the Nemzek House to accomplish these efforts.

The following chart is a three-year display of case activity. Physical abuse and criminal sexual assaults numbers remained similar to cases in 2009. We are happy to report that alcohol, tobacco, drug, and runaway offenses all saw a considerable drop in 2010. These decreases could be for various different reasons and there is no single clear explanation.

### **Juvenile Victims**

<b>Case Types</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Criminal Sexual Assault</b>	74	69	71
<b>Physical Abuse/Neglect</b>	94	67	73

### Juvenile Offenders

Case Types	2008	2009	2010
Alcohol	96	122	58
Tobacco	38	75	49
Drugs	28	61	36
Runaway(s)	88	65	49

### Computer Forensics

Detective Voxland continues to attend training to stay up to date on all the regular changes in the computer forensics field. As members of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force a large portion of Detective Voxland's training was grant funded. He provided 15 computer related educational presentations to approximately 1200 people of various organizations and ages. Presentations were related to internet safety, frauds, and identification theft. He handled 15 computer forensic cases examining 26 separate devices some of which were assisting other law enforcement agencies. His forensic skills were utilized in various types of cases including child pornography, child exploitation, counterfeiting, prostitution, theft, and homicide.

### Division Statistics

Total Case Assignments: 756

Search Warrants Executed: 97

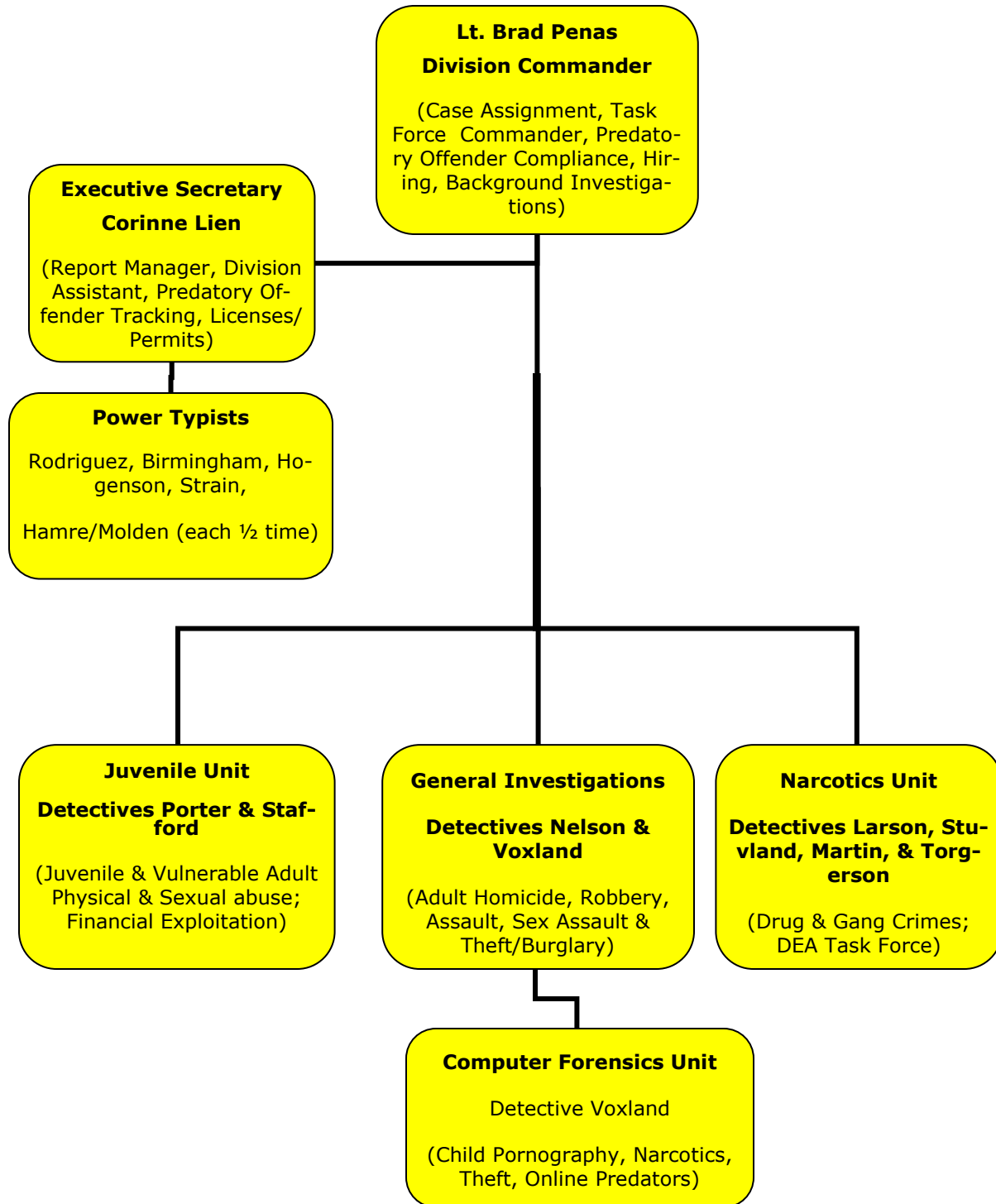
Administration	23
Arson	1
Assault	54
Assist	37
Burglary	19
Computer Forensics	15
Criminal Sexual Conduct	91
Death	28
Missing Persons	5
Narcotics	131
Other Activity	135
Permits	50
Predatory Offender	115
Robbery	1
Theft	51

## New in 2010

Detective Brad Stuvland researched the idea of implementing a Prescription Drug Disposal Program at the Law Enforcement Center. The Police Department has seen a local increase in prescription theft and a large-scale case of prescription medication abuse on the national level. His research found that the program has been very successful in neighboring North Dakota as well as other states. The program allows people to discard their prescription medication in an alternative location rather than disposing them in a landfill, water system, or allowing them to be stolen and abused. After collection, the medications are destroyed by the use of a local incinerator. The program was implemented in the end of April. During that eight-month period, we collected 183 pounds of medications.



### Division Organization Chart & Primary Duties



## Bike Patrol Unit

2010 marked the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Bike Unit, which continues to be an integral portion of the Moorhead Police Department. The Bike Patrol Unit continues to be utilized as an effective tool to: deter criminal activity, provide alternate enforcement methods, promote public relations, and for the education of area youth regarding bicycle safety.

In 2010 the Bike Patrol Unit experienced only one vacancy due to staff turnover. The Bike Unit is coordinated by one Lieutenant, and ended 2010 with 14 Patrol Officers, two School Resource Officers, and two Sergeants assigned to the Program. All members are trained as Police Cyclists under the *International Police Mountain Biking Association* guidelines. Bike Officers undergo a rigorous training program prior to being assigned to duty on a bike. The Bike Patrol Unit has its own IPMBA Instructor which enables the Moorhead Police Department to become a regional training location for Officers desiring this certification. The current IPMBA Instructor will need to be replaced in 2011 due to his reassignment to the Investigative Bureau. Because only one vacancy occurred in 2010, the IPMBA course was not instructed but will be again undertaken in 2011.



Bike Patrol is also part of the Moorhead Police Department's Community Policing Initiative. Officers find policing on bikes has enabled them to interact more closely with citizens allowing them: to be better informed as to what problems exist in a particular neighborhood to address these problems and make neighborhoods in our community safer places to live. With Capitol Improvement Funds in 2010, we were able to replace the remaining 6 Patrol Bikes, bring the entire bike fleet to modern standards and reducing upkeep and maintenance on aging bikes.

As fuel prices remain high, and budgets more lean, the Moorhead Police Department continues with a more aggressive approach to placing officers on bikes during their regular shifts. Bike Officers take their bikes with them on their normal shifts assigned to a squad car, and ride when calls for service allow. In addition, most Officers above minimum staffing were assigned to shifts on bikes. *This translates to a savings in fuel costs, reduced mileage to patrol vehicles, and reaffirms the Bike Unit as the green friendly entity of the Moorhead Police Department and City of Moorhead.*

***In 2010, Bike Officers undertook a total of 48 community policing related activities in their tours of duty.*** Bike Patrol Officers are generally assigned to bike duty when adequate staffing allows, and during the evening and midnight shift overlap from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. ***In 2010 Bike Officers rode a total of 478 hours.***

**In 2010, the Moorhead Bike Patrol Unit:**

Alcohol Offenses Charged: 43



Criminal Offenses Charged:	36
Traffic Stops:	8
Routine Calls for Service:	60
Pedestrian Stops:	72
DWI Arrests	1
Warrant Arrests	3

**Events the Bike Patrol Unit was assigned to include:**

4<sup>th</sup> Of July Fireworks Celebration at MSUM  
MSUM and Tri-College Alcohol Enforcement Project  
Block Clubs and Community Events-Night to Unite  
Various Bicycle Safety Presentations  
Enhanced Park Patrol  
Law Day-West Acres

**Current Moorhead Police Department Members Assigned to the Bike Unit Include:**

Lieutenant Joel Scharf	Sergeant Mike Detloff
Sergeant Deric Swenson	Officer Shawn Carlson
Officer Scott Kostohryz	Officer Josh Schroeder
Officer Seth Saarinen	Officer Brad Schenck
Officer Nick Leinen	Officer Jordan Smart
Officer Katie Scholla	Officer Kim Bloch
Officer Nicole Reno	Officer James Ohnstad
Officer Joe Brannon	Officer Nick Schultz
Officer Chad Anderson	Officer Shawn Krebsbach

## Canine Unit Report

2010 marked another great year for our Canine Unit. Our unit is comprised of two canine teams; Canine Handler John Lien and his canine partner Hickok and Canine Handler Justin Vogel and his canine partner Duke. The unit was supervised by Lieutenant Jim Nielsen.

As each year passes, our Canine Unit becomes stronger and more proficient. Canines Duke and Hickok continue to prove themselves as wonderful locating tools and incredible assets to the Moorhead Police Department. This is demonstrated both by their public demonstrations and by their street activity.

Listed below are the canine street activities involving Duke and Hickok during 2010. We categorized our activity records in the following areas: building searches, open area searches, tracks, arrest warrant services, article searches, miscellaneous activity, public demonstrations, non-physical apprehensions, physical apprehensions, narcotics vehicles sniffed, narcotics building sniffed, and canine call-outs.

A find is when the canine finds a person, article, narcotic or narcotic paraphernalia. Miscellaneous uses are uses that aren't included under any other category. This could include the following situations: Having the canine present during the arrest of a violent or potentially violent person, not including warrant service; having the canine present during a high risk traffic stop; using the canine to clear a vehicle during a high risk traffic stop or just having the canine present while doing an exterior building perimeter check, during an alarm call. Public demonstrations are events where the canine is used for an actual demonstration of a canine skill(s). Public presentations are events where the handler talks about the canine program and the capabilities of the canines. Non-physical apprehensions are situations where it is reasonable to believe that the canine's presence caused the suspect(s) to give up, during an arrest or detentions situation, where the canine didn't physically apprehend the suspect(s). Physical apprehensions are situations where the canine makes contact with the suspect by way of the canine's teeth, and or holds the suspect in that manner. Canine call-outs include any event where the canine is used outside of normal duty hours.



**BUILDING SEARCHES:** 30 with 0 finds

**OPEN AREA SEARCHS:** 3 with 0 finds

**TRACKS:** 29 with 13 finds

**ARREST WARRANT SERVICES:** 5

**ARTICLE SEARCHES:** 3 with 2 finds

**MISCELANNEOUS ACTIVITY:** 25

**PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS:** 23

**NON-PHYSICAL APPREHENSIONS:** 22

**PHYSICAL APPREHENSIONS:** 1

**NARCOTICS VEHICLE SNIFFED:** 646 with 51 finds

**NARCOTICS BUILDING SNIFFED:** 36 with 11 finds



In 2010 our Canine Units trained an average of sixteen or more hours each month. We kept our canines active with various street activities, and continual training. We continually trained in both patrol canine tactics and in narcotic detection. Each month, each handler completed logs of both their monthly street activity and their monthly training. Our training also included working with other law enforcement canine units from around our region. New for this year our Canine Units also trained periodically with the Red River Valley SWAT team.

We strived to use our canines regularly either by self initiated activities or by calls for service from other police officers. We kept a close working relationship with other area law enforcement agencies, which allowed us to use our canines in other jurisdictions. The reason our canine program is successful is because of the dedication and support from our Patrol Division, Investigative Division, and our department's Administration.



In October, Canine Handler Justin Vogel and his canine partner Duke qualified for, and competed at, the 2010 National PD1 Canine Trials. This national trial was held in Louisiana.

We strive to continue with quality training to keep our canine program a success. We certify our canines annually in narcotics detection and street patrol. Both canines are certified through the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).



**Canine Handler John Lien**



**Canine Handler Justin Vogel**

## Red River Valley SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team

***Mission: The purpose of the SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team is to provide a highly trained unit of police personnel to respond to tactical and high-risk incidents.***

Red River Valley SWAT is a multijurisdictional team of professionals from law enforcement agencies in Cass (ND) and Clay (MN) Counties. These personnel are specifically from; Cass County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Sheriff's Office, West Fargo Police Department, Moorhead Police Department, NDSU Police Department and the Fargo Police Department. Red River Valley SWAT primarily responds to incidents in Cass and Clay counties, but is accessible to other jurisdictions through mutual aid when circumstances warrant. All mutual aid requests in the State of North Dakota are reimbursed through a fund managed by the State. Mutual aid requests in the State of Minnesota are funded directly by the individual agencies.



### Leadership

Red River Valley SWAT operates under an existing mutual aid agreement between all agencies with the oversight of a board comprised of one member from of each participating agency who functions at an Executive Level. Direct team leadership comes from the Lieutenant Pat Claus (Fargo P.D.) who serves as the overall team Commander. Sergeant Ross Renner (Fargo P.D.) and Lieutenant Joel Scharf (Moorhead P.D.) serve in the capacity of Assistant Commanders, or Commander in the absence of Lieutenant Claus. There is one member of the leadership team on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to field inquiries and mobilize resources when needed.

### Red River Valley SWAT is comprised of four Units:

#### Tactical Operations Unit

The Tactical Unit, generally referred to as the "SWAT Team" is designed to provide tactical support to other law enforcement agencies, assist with executing high risk search warrants, high risk arrest warrants of dangerous subjects, barricaded suspects, building or rural searches for suspects or missing persons, and hostage situations or any incident in which there is an elevated danger to the public. *The Moorhead Police Department currently has six members assigned to the Tactical Unit, one Lieutenant and five Officers.* The Lieutenant assigned functions within Red River Valley SWAT in the capacity of an Assistant Team Commander.

## Negotiations Unit

The Red River Valley SWAT Negotiations Unit is comprised of nine negotiators, eight officers and one sergeant who functions as the Unit Leader. The Moorhead Police Department currently has two Sergeants assigned to the Negotiations Unit, one of whom acts as the Team Leader.

## Tactical Emergency Medical Service (TEMS)

Medical support is provided by a team of paramedics assigned to Red River Valley SWAT. Six paramedics, three from Sanford Hospital Life Flight and three from F-M Ambulance, work under the direction of an emergency physician from Sanford Health and provide Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS).

## Bomb Unit

The Bomb Unit is comprised of 8 members; the Moorhead Police Department currently has one member assigned.

### Red River Valley SWAT Tactical Unit had the following activity for 2010:

<b>High Risk Search Warrants:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Fargo (2) Moorhead (1)</b>	
<b>Barricaded Subjects:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Negotiations Unit</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Call Outs:</b>	<b>8</b>

### Red River Valley SWAT Bomb Unit had the following activity for 2010:

<b>Assists with Tactical Unit:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Suspicious Items:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Energized Hazardous Material</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Disposals:</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Call Outs:</b>	<b>29</b>

### Notable Call Outs:

- **Fargo High Risk Warrant:** On 02/12/10 SWAT served a high risk search and arrest warrant for the Fargo Police Department. The suspect was taken into custody on felony level charges of parole violation.
- **Kindred North Dakota Barricaded Suspect:** On 10/30/10 a suspect who was involved in a domestic dispute and committed a felony level assault upon his spouse barricaded himself into a residence and threatened suicide/suicide by police officer, or homicide upon a police officer. The scene was secured, and negotiations undertaken for over 7 hours. The Negotiations and Bomb Units were also activated for this call out. After negotiations broke down, a chemical irritant was deployed into the garage the suspect was barricaded inside of, and an entry point created with the use of the Bearcat. The suspect emerged and a physical altercation took place, during which time Tactical Operators were assaulted. The suspect was taken into custody.

**Moorhead High Risk Warrant:** On 08/28/10 SWAT served a high risk search warrant for the Moorhead Police Department. A subject in the apartment had threatened a neighbor with a knife, and threatened to kill his wife. It was believed the suspect may be holding his wife, and child against their will. Negotiations Unit also assisted with this activation. The suspect was taken into custody with nobody injured.

**2010 Training:**

In 2010 Red River Valley SWAT Tactical Unit trained together as a team a total of 166 hours, the Negotiator Unit 40 hours, and the Bomb Unit 200 hours for a total of approximately 406 hours beyond their regularly scheduled shifts to maintain the highest degree of skills possible.

**Assigned Moorhead Police Department Members for 2010 include:**

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|--------------------------|---|
| Lieutenant Joel Scharf   | Assistant Commander   |
| Detective Joel Voxland   | Tactical Operator/Technology and Surveillance,<br>Hostage Rescue Instructor |
| Officer Jordan Smart     | Sniper  |
| Officer Joshua Schroeder | Tactical Operator/Chemical and Distraction Deployment                       |
| Officer Bradley Schenck  | Tactical Operator   |
| Officer Joseph Brannan   | Tactical Operator   |
| Sergeant Mike Detloff    | Negotiations Unit Team Leader   |
| Sergeant Deric Swenson   | Negotiations Unit   |
| Officer Nick Leinen      | Bomb Unit Technician  |



## Field Training Unit

Our department maintains a Field Training Unit as part of our Patrol Division. It is the responsibility of this unit to conduct pre-employment background investigations on police officer candidates and to provide the initial training to our new police officers. On January 4, 2010 our department hired four new police officers. Our Field Training Unit was training these new of-

ficers for approximately five months.

Applicants for full time peace officer positions in Minnesota (MN) must be eligible for licensing as a peace officer before they can be hired. Eligible for licensing in Minnesota means that the person has; completed a MN POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) Board approved education program, passed a MN law enforcement skills training program, and passed a written test administered by the MN POST Board. The education programs are either two or four year programs and they are available at numerous colleges located throughout Minnesota.

The Moorhead Police Department extensively recruits new police officer candidates by attending various law enforcement career fairs held throughout the state. We actively try to recruit police officer applicants of diverse backgrounds and female police officer applicants.

Each finalist for employment as a Moorhead Police Officer is subject to a thorough pre-employment background investigation. Our Field Training Officers (FTO) spend approximately fifty hours conducting each background investigation. Much of this investigation is done in person and thus it requires travel to many locations. At the conclusion of this investigation a report is completed. Our Police Civil Service Commission then reviews these reports and the commission determines if the candidate passed this investigation. In 2010, our Field Training Officers did not conduct any pre-employment background investigations.

Once a candidate passes our pre-employment background investigation they must pass a medical examination and a comprehensive psychological exam. Once a new officer is hired we do everything we can to help that officer successfully complete their field training.

The hiring, equipping, and training of new police officers is very expensive. From the start of the hiring process through when officers complete their training, and are working on their own, the department invests nearly \$100,000. These costs include approximately \$ 18,000 to establish a hiring list made up of advertising the openings, giving a written test, conducting the pre-employment background investigations, medical testing and a psychological exam. Uniforms and equipment for a new officer is about \$5,000 per officer. Our Field Training Program cost is approximately \$11,000 for each group of new officers we hire. The remainder of the cost is the salaries of the involved employees. Our department tries very hard to retain our officers because of the investment we have placed in hiring, equipping, and training them.

Our field training unit provides the initial training to each new Moorhead police officer. The new officer's first two weeks of employment are spent attending our two week new officer academy. This academy is taught by members of our department and its topics include;

- Use of force
- Firearms training and qualification (handgun, shotgun & carbine)
- Defensive tactics (hand to hand, handcuffing, baton, OC Spray, & Taser)
- Report writing



- Patrol procedures
- Building searches
- High risk traffic stops
- Community policing
- Department rules and regulations
- Crime scene processing
- Computers
- DWI enforcement

One purpose of our academy is to train our new officers in the skills that are required before they can start working as a Moorhead Police Officer. These required skills are use of force related. Our academy also provides an introduction to many of the skills that they will need to master before they graduate from our formal Field Training Program. These skills include topics like report writing and learning our various computer systems. Our academy is taught in a relaxed atmosphere and is not taught in a high stress environment.

After their two week academy new police officers are assigned to our formal Field Training Program. We use the Sokolove method of field training. This training program is generally fifteen work weeks in length. It can be modified to be slightly shorter, or longer, in length to meet the training needs of individual new police officers. During this program new police officers are always working with a Field Training Officer (FTO). They are assigned to each officer for generally four work weeks. Our new police officers' performance is evaluated daily. The purpose of this evaluation is to provide constructive feedback to increase the new officer's learning. Our Field Training Program also includes a comprehensive training manual. Each week our new officers are taught the topics that are required for them to succeed as a Moorhead Police Officer.

Our field training officers are selected by our Chief of Police from the members of our Patrol Division. When we have an opening for a Field Training Officer we post the opening and any interested officers apply for this assignment. They are appointed by the Chief of Police after he considers input from their supervisors, our existing Field Training Officers, and our Community Policing Coordinator. New Field Training Officers attend a forty hour long training course which certifies them as field training officers.

The following officers were active field training officers during 2010;

- Officer Kim Bloch
- Officer Adam Breth
- Officer Scott Kostohryz
- Officer Shawn Griego
- Officer Nick Leinen
- Officer Robb Matheson
- Officer Shawn Carlson
- Officer Nicole Reno
- Officer Katie Scholla

- Officer Josh Schroeder
- Officer Nick Schultz
- Officer Clint Stephenson
- Officer Nick Wiedenmeyer

Due to their promotions to the rank of Sergeant, both Sergeant Robb Matheson and Sergeant Clint Stephenson left the Field Training Program upon their promotions to Sergeants in August. Sergeant Matheson had been a Field Training Officer for nine years. Sergeant Stephenson had been a Field Training Officer for nearly three years. Both were great contributors to our program. To fill these vacancies Officers Nick Schultz and Nick Wiedenmeyer were selected in September to become Field Training Officers. In September they both completed their Field Training Officer training.

Our pre-employment background investigations were supervised by Lieutenant Brad Penas. Our Field Training Unit was supervised this year by Lieutenant Jim Nielsen.

## Youth & Family Services

*The mission of the Youth and Family Service (YFS) Unit is to serve as youth mentors through constant presence and communication with youth to establish and build rapport, to educate through such courses as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and the Summer Youth Program in effort to impact prevention by offering healthy alternatives, and finally to maintain order and deliver police services in the Moorhead School District.*

### Personnel

The YFS Unit personnel include two School Resource Officers (SRO's), Officer Brian Dahl, Officer Jeff Nelson; a full time DARE Instructor, Officer Valarie Kellen; A Youth Service Coordinator Louis Ochoa; and Sgt. Deric Swenson – Supervision; Leann Wallin – Financial and Program Management; and Deputy Chief Shannon Monroe – YFS Unit Commander.

### History

The Moorhead Police Department began assigning officers to schools in 1999 through the assistance of grants to fund the positions. The department worked closely with our partners the Moorhead School District to define the roles of our School Resource Officers. It was believed that a more beneficial impact on students could be made through officer presence and prevention rather than the older model. Prior to 1999 officers responded after an incident with an officer that did not know the involved children, the school officials, and could only respond with an enforcement action. Since 1999, the SRO's have been accepted by the students and have established positive relationships with students. This relationship has made the officers more approachable and has led to tips and reports that have allowed the SRO's and schools intervention in numerous instances to head-off larger problems. The YFS Unit continuously strives to enhance

their effectiveness within the schools and in 2010 implemented “Text-A-Tip” making it even easier to receive important information.

### Programs Defined

*Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE):* Founded in Los Angeles in 1983 and started in Moorhead in 1990, it is a police officer led curriculum that teaches children how to resist peer pressure and live healthy productive drug and violence free lives. The course is in its tenth revision to keep fresh and up-to date and reaches over 900 Moorhead students annually.



*Moorhead Police Summer Youth Program:* Funded largely through a grant from the Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association, SYP is an 8 – week summer program for 200 8-12 year-olds offering youth a healthy and educational summer alternative where the curriculum is mixed with fun and interesting activities. The course offers training from various guest speakers from such places as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources on boat and water safety, Operation Lifesaver’s railroad safety program, shoplifting prevention, to healthy eating. Activities include a trip to the City Beach in Detroit Lakes for swimming and Zorbaz Pizza, an afternoon at Thunder Road Amusement Park and many others.

### 2010 Summer Youth Program



*Moorhead Police Summer Partnerships:* The YFS personnel have worked with Centro Cultural, Moorhead Parks, and Youthworks in the Romkey Park neighborhood to offer summer programming for kids in the neighborhood funded in part through drug crime fine money.

*Moorhead Police Junior Police Academy:* This academy is offered during the school year (February – May) to students ages 13-18. Youth who may have an interest in the criminal justice field meet after school once per week with SRO Brian Dahl to learn about various topics in police work and explore the career of law enforcement. As a follow-up, a two-week summer JPA is offered as a more hands-on skills and training course.

### 2010 Junior Police Academy



### Assignments

#### SRO Brian Dahl

Officer Dahl is assigned to the Moorhead High School during the school year. He mentors students with various problems, handles police incidents and patrols on and around school property, serves as a liaison between the school/students and other governmental agencies providing services to students, teaches DARE at Park Christian School and St. Joseph's School, and keeps school officials abreast of police situations in the school and assists in crisis/security planning. He often is a guest speaker/instructor for such classes as self-defense and personal safety, consequences, and health courses covering drug and alcohol abuse. He meets regularly with probation to share information. He is on the Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association Board of Directors. In the summer, he coordinates the Moorhead Police Summer Youth Program, which in 2010 was the 30-year anniversary of this program; coordinates the Junior Police Academy, assists in the Summer Partnerships in Romkey Park, and fills patrol shifts.

#### SRO Jeff Nelson

Officer Nelson is assigned to the Horizon Middle School (6-8 graders) during the school year. He mentors students with various problems, handles police incidents and patrols on and around school property, serves as a liaison between the school/students and other governmental agencies providing services to students, keeps school officials abreast of police situations in the school and assists in crisis/security

planning. He is a certified trainer in Firearms, Active Shooter and the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS). He has worked with the schools and SRO's in the FM area on common active shooter response plans to assist each other in such an event. He works with Restorative Justice to provide court deferment from criminal charges by assisting in meetings between juveniles and their crime victims in an attempt to educate them on the impact of their actions. He assists with the Summer Youth Program, Summer Partnerships, Junior Police Academy and also fills patrol shifts.

**Officer Val Kellen**

Officer Kellen teaches a full class load of DARE courses to elementary and middle school students during the school year. She serves as president for the Minnesota DARE Officers Association. Officer Kellen is not assigned one school as she provides many of the same police services and student mentoring as the SRO's to all the Moorhead Elementary Schools when not teaching. Other teaching and presentation duties include Headstart and kindergarten safety presentations and as the DARE officer with the DARE car assigned to her, she receives numerous requests for the DARE car. The car is a 2008 Dodge Charger purchased with driving under the influence seizure funds and due to its paint job, is a highly sought after display for car shows, parades and events with exposure to thousands of citizens. She also assists with the Summer Youth Program, Summer Partnerships, Junior Police Academy and also fills patrol shifts.

**Youth Services Coordinator Louis Ochoa**

YSC Ochoa is a non-sworn or civilian employee that during the school year works and teaches at the Red River Alternative Learning Center (RRALC) and at times at Horizon Middle School. He works with youth that have disorderly/behavioral issues, truancy problems, and serves as a youth mentor. He teaches in the Business Law classes with a focus on juvenile delinquency and status offenses. He also teaches youth intervention covering diversity, bullying, conflict resolution, restorative justice, gang awareness, consequences, smoking, drugs, alcohol, Internet safety, rail crossing safety, and the school violence/policy handbook. He is a member of the Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association (YIPA) and assists with the Summer Youth Program, Summer Partnerships, and Junior Police Academy. He works with a partnership between the police, probation, social services, shelter care, and schools with youth at risk by taking on juvenile court community service referrals where he takes kids out to work sites to complete community service sentences.

**Juvenile Statistics:** Below is the last 4 years worth of stats for the most common categories:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
<b>Assault</b>	37	42	30	32
<b>Alcohol</b>	90	95	122	57
<b>Disorderly Conduct</b>	50	44	46	41
<b>Drugs</b>	36	28	61	36

<b>Runaway</b>	121	88	65	49
<b>Theft</b>	61	68	47	48
<b>Tobacco</b>	67	38	75	49
<b>Traffic</b>	165	130	168	86

## 2010 Juvenile Data

<b>Placements</b>	75 (40 into shelter care & 35 into detention)
<b>Chemical abuse referrals</b>	78
<b>Restorative justice referrals</b>	13
<b>Assaults</b>	50% occurred on/within 2 blocks of school ground.
<b>Disorderly conduct</b>	86% occurred on/within 2 blocks of school ground.
<b>Drugs</b>	The majority occurred on/within 2 blocks of school grounds
<b>Tobacco</b>	Nearly all occurred on/within 2 blocks of school grounds
<b>Schools citations:</b>	126 total. 75 at High school, 19 at Horizon, 22 at RRALC, 7 at Asp, 3 at Hopkins

Officer Brian Dahl wrote 108 juvenile citations

Officer Jeff Nelson wrote 30 juvenile citations

Officer Val Kellen wrote 12 juvenile citations

## Community Service Referrals

### *Historical Data:*

Since 1997, 33,100 hours of community service work have been completed by youth. Most of this community service work is completed in Moorhead and consists of tasks that benefit the city such as graffiti removal, parks cleaning, mowing, shoveling snow around fire hydrants, painting buildings and the like which may have otherwise been completed by city personnel. Community Service participants also put in many hours filling sandbags for the 2010 spring flood fight.

### *2010 Community Service Program Statistics:*

Total hours referred: 3,263

Total hours completed: 2,869

This is an 88% completion rate for 2010.

Referrals were also made to the Community Service Program under the Juvenile Offender Restitution Program.

Since 1997, 5,129 hours of restitution performed by area youth has equated to \$31,108. This money is paid back to victims.

*2010 Juvenile Offender Restitution Program Statistics:*

Total hours referred: 245 (4 cases)

Total hours completed: 168

This is a 69% completion rate for 2010.

## Explorer Post #639



2010 was a very productive year for the Moorhead Police Explorer Post. During the fall of 2010, the post had twenty four active members. Moorhead Explorers were active in the community working traffic control at several parades and events, including over 250 hours at the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition project in October alone. Total hours of volunteer time exceeded 550 hours last year contributing volunteer time totaling almost \$10,000. Our Explorers consistently volunteer for programs such as Moorhead Summer Youth, DARE Role Models, Jr. Police Academy, and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

The Moorhead Post was one of fifty four that attended the state conference in Rochester, MN. Out of the seventeen team events our explorers competed in, the following awards were received:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Domestic Crisis Intervention
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – White Collar Crime
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Interview and Interrogation
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Team Pistol Shoot

In the individual competitions, Brent Halverson placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the job interview event, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the sample police exam and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the individual timed fire pistol shoot. Crystal Smith placed 1<sup>st</sup> place in the two mile run.

In October, the Post attended another Explorer Conference in Cloquet, MN. There were twenty four departments represented and the Moorhead Explorers competed in 6 total team events. Of those events, the post placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Traffic Accident Investigations and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Domestic Crisis Intervention.

Matt Boelter, a four year member of our post from 2004-2008, was hired by the Golden Valley Police Department during the fall. That brings the total number of former Moorhead Explorer now working in law enforcement to twenty three.



The advisors for the post are comprised of six full time Moorhead Police officers and one Clay County Sheriff's Department deputy. Over three quarters of the time spent with the explorers by advisors is donated, with the other one quarter being on duty time (including ride alongs). Approximately 200 hours annually are donated or exchanged by post advisors saving the department \$9,000 in overtime. The Moorhead post continues to be fully self sustained, raising money through donations and fundraising. We look forward to 2011 when we will again be bringing four teams to the state conference, which makes us one of the top five posts in the state for membership.

## Property and Evidence Unit

The Moorhead Police Department Property Unit is an entity of our agency that very few people have the opportunity to see. The property unit is charged with the safekeeping of all property obtained through criminal investigations, as well as found or confiscated property. It is the policy of this department to ensure that property in its custody is properly secured, packaged, labeled and stored, is readily retrievable, and that any changes in its custody are properly and fully documented.

### Property and Evidence's 2010's Fast Facts

- The position of Evidence Technician was reassigned to Robin Hamre after the resignation of Trisha Giddings from the department.
- 2,779 items were taken into the custody of Property and Evidence in 2010.
- \$166,083.54 in cash deposits were made into the Property and Evidence Account for storage until disposition of the criminal case.
- \$67,768.33 was transferred out of the account upon case resolutions.



- The year end balance of the account is \$129,927.96
- All transactions with the Property and Evidence Unit are documented with the City of Moorhead's Finance Department.
- Two evidence purges were completed in 2010 in anticipation of the flood and transfer of all data to the new records management system New World.

The Drug Safe was introduced to Moorhead residents. The drug safe allows residents of Moorhead to safely discard unused prescriptions and over the counter medication at the police department. The product is then sealed and stored in the property and evidence room until it can be destroyed with the narcotic evidence that is clear for destruction.

The Moorhead Police Department stores audio/video/photographic evidence electronically. Most evidence from minor case files (petty misdemeanors) is photographed and destroyed. Retention of electronic versus hard evidence increases efficiency, and decreases the volume of hard evidentiary items retained by the Property Unit.

## Records Division

In 2010 the Records Division had Trisha Giddings and Tania Molden resign their positions. These open positions were filled with new staff members Mandi Cochran and Brittany Meints.

During the Spring flood the staff members of the Records Division assisted with the flood efforts in the Emergency Operations Center and organizing volunteer efforts at MSUM.

Staff members assisted in the organization of Nite to Unite involving 67 neighborhoods.

The New World project to include a new records management system was scheduled to be implemented with a "go live" date of August 30, 2010, this date has since been rescheduled for March 6, 2011.

We achieved data reporting accuracy of over 96% from the BCA/CJRS.

The Records Division managed the following information and requests:

Processed over 12,178 incident reports

816 incidents were referred to the County Attorney's office for prosecution.

470 requests were made by the County Attorney's office for photos, audios and MVR.

Transcribed 181 audio files.

Released 674 impounded vehicles

Sold 652 dog/cat licenses.

Issued 223 handgun permits.

Completed over 504 city background checks for city employment

578 background checks for military, social services and other agencies

5,614 criminal background checks performed for landlords

206 disorderly tenant letters were sent out.

820 Block Club newsletters were mailed out.

## **Community Service Officers**

Community Service Officers, Harvey Moos and Steve Kemper, spend their work days responding to animal complaints, vehicle unlocks, found/stolen bikes, parking complaints, parking enforcement, keeping patrol squads maintained, as well as delivering or transporting mail, supplies, equipment or evidence for the department.

In 2010 the Community Service Officers responded to –

A combined total of 2568 calls for service to include

747 Vehicle Unlocks; the department received 1638 calls for service for vehicle unlocks.

667 Animal Complaints; the department received 1424 calls for service related to animal complaints.

186 dogs, and 179 cats were impounded by the police department.

## **Power Typists**

The officers and detectives of the police department complete reports and investigations which are documented in writing. To maximize licensed officer's use of time, the department has the officers dictate the reports into a digital dictation system for later transcription by Power Typing Staff. This allows officers to spend more time patrolling the streets and responding to calls for service.

In 2010, we said good-bye to Power Typist Sandra Rodriguez who retired.

Linda Strain was interviewed by Dave Olson of the Forum who completed an article for the business news titled "It's My Job: Going 100 wpm" providing an overview of the job of a power typist. (Published October 25, 2010).

The Power Typing Staff transcribed 7650 jobs in 2010. This was over 1100 hours of dictation that translates into approximately 2200 hours of transcription time.

In addition, Power Typing Staff and Records Staff completed over 325 transcription jobs consisting of suspect/victim/witness recorded statements, mobile video recordings and court requests.

## Community Policing

Below is a summary of community policing and crime prevention activities for 2010:

Hosted and taught two Minnesota Crime Free Multi-Housing Program sessions. The spring session was conducted by Nancy Taralson over the course of two evenings, 3/9 and 3/16, and had seven attendees. The fall session was a full day course held on 10/26 and had 18 attendees.

Assisted the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association with its second annual Law Enforcement Week Officer Breakfast.

Coordinated the celebration of Nite to Unite, including the kick-off luncheon involving area law enforcement agencies. Approximately 3,700 people participated in 69 neighborhood parties.

Developed and delivered a Minnesota Crime Free Multi-Housing Program newsletter to a landlord email list of approximately 185.

Developed and delivered 2 Block Club Beat newsletters to a mailing list of approximately 300.

Developed a four-week long pet licensing campaign that yielded 39 new residents registering their pets (54 new animals) and 14 residents renewing their pet licenses (19 animals).

Coordinated the recruitment and scheduling of 19 Police Volunteers who worked 260 hours for the Extreme Makeover Home Edition project.

Wrote a successful proposal for a pilot seat belt reward program sponsored by AAA. On 10/29 Officers Dahl and Kostohryz along with Police Explorers, rewarded Moorhead High School students, who arrived at school wearing their seatbelts, with free music download certificates.

Coordinated a day-long Senior Safety Seminar with the Moorhead TRIAD Committee on 10/21, and facilitated CodeRed Weather Warning alerts sign-up during the event.

Coordinated speakers for TRIAD's four-week Senior Safety Academy.

Coordinated the 2010 Citizens Police Academy with Lt. Jacobson with 22 students.

Collaborated with the Parks Department, Centro Cultural, Metro Youth Partnership and others to develop summer programming in the Romkey Park neighborhood.

Collaborated with police staff to coordinate the volunteer effort for the flood event.

Performed grant administration for the Edward Byrne and YIP grants.

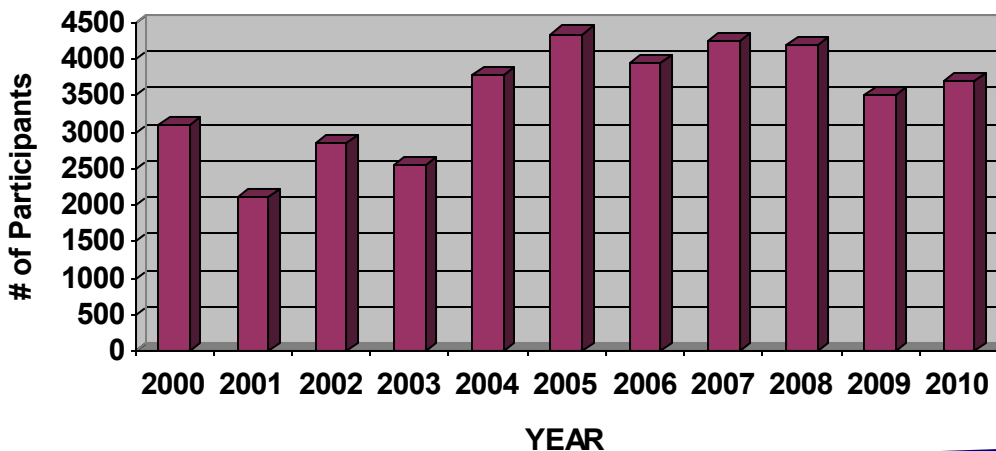
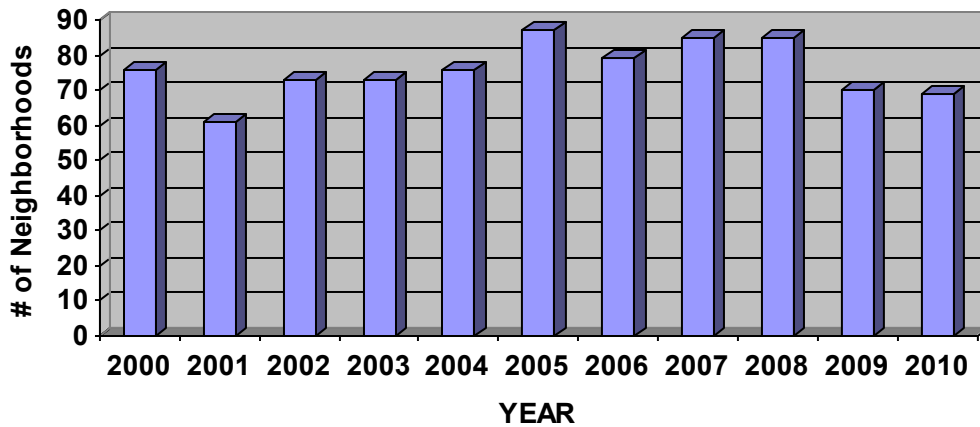
Presented Operation Lifesaver's rail safety program to 20 driver's education classes (447 students), 5 elementary classes (331 students) and 1 professional truck driver's class.

Continued to update and fine tune [www.moorheadpolice.com](http://www.moorheadpolice.com) to include more opportunities for on-line engagement by citizens.

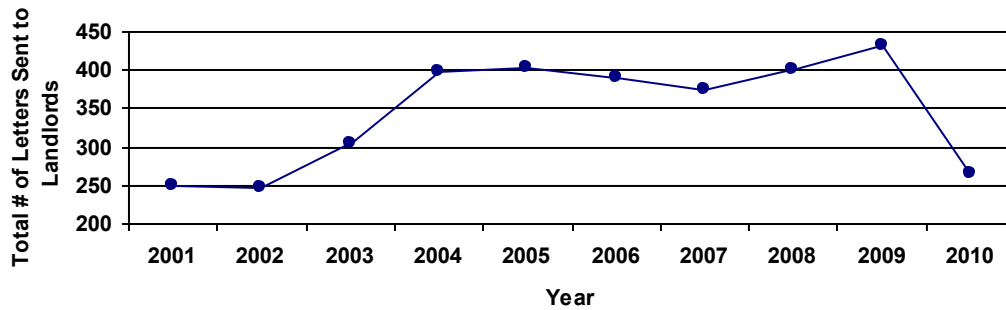
### NITE TO UNITE 2009

Nite to Unite involved approximately 3,700 Moorhead residents in 69 different neighborhoods. A beautiful evening may have contributed to the great attendance as many neighborhoods reported larger crowds than usual. Moorhead continues to be the leader area-wide in the number of neighborhood gatherings for this event.

### TEN-YEAR REVIEW (2001-2010)



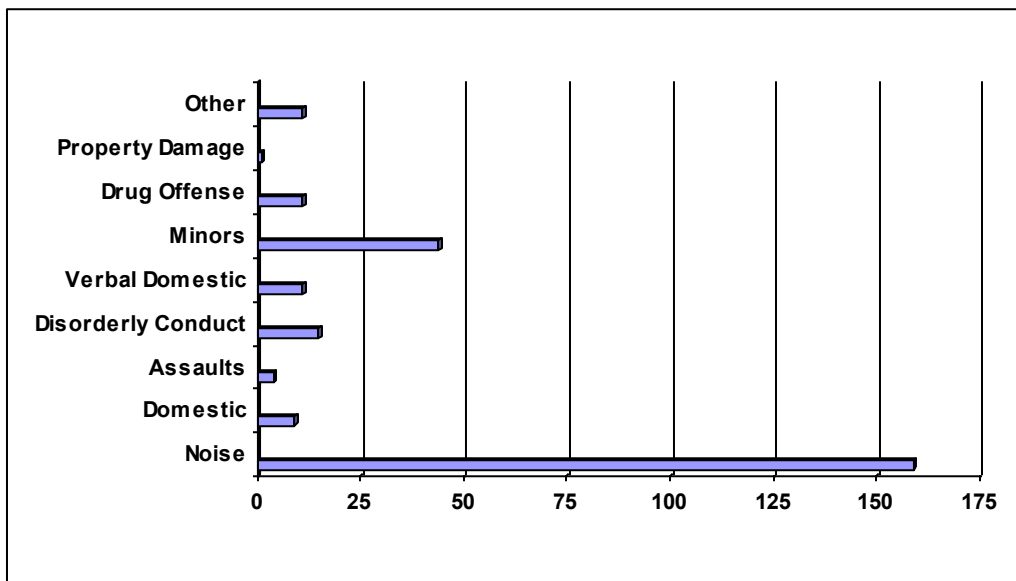
### DISORDERLY TENANT ORDINANCE



It should be noted the decrease in letters sent to landlords in 2010 was the result of loss of efficiency in the program following the retirement of Nancy Taralson.

### 2010 DISORDERLY TENANT ORDINANCE

OFFENSE	TOTAL
Noise	159
Domestic Assaults	9
Assaults	4
Disorderly Conduct	15
Verbal Domestic	11
Minor Consuming	44
Drug Offenses	11
Property Damage	1
Other	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>265</b>



Here is the actual number of letters sent since tracking began:

1996 – 542	2004 – 395
1997 – 594	2005 – 401
1998 – 279*	2006 – 390
1999 – 276	2007 – 378
2000 – 266	2008 – 397
2001 – 251	2009 – 433
2002 – 246	2010 – 265
2003 – 314	

\*ordinance was changed so that letters were not sent when tenant called



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

2010 Volunteers:

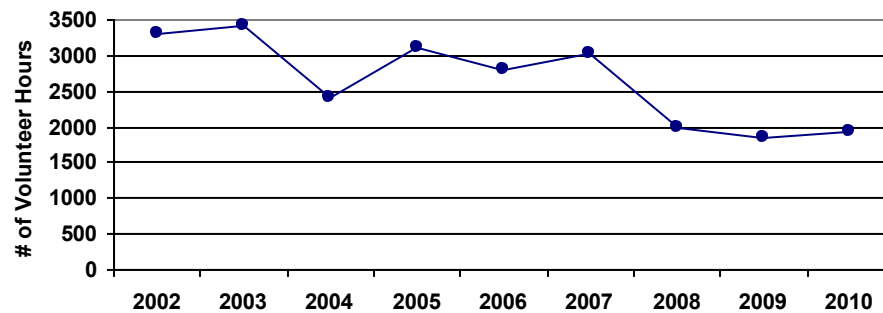
Cliff Harrison	Donnelle Pogorzelski	Arden Pearson	Joanne Pounds
Cory Bennett	Roger Buscher	Sharon Adair	Annette Graves
Dale Mitchell	Jill Ulrich	Earl Felland	Kirk Olson
Brian Klinnert	Nancy Lund	Eileen Hastad	Nicholas Pestel
Ruthie Johnson	Linda Laske	Doug Morey	Shawn Gode
Vivian Wensel	Beverly Olson	Arlene Morey	Joyce Sonnenberg
			Chris Martens

Number of volunteers: 25

Measurable outcomes for the Volunteer Program are as follows:

- **5203** tickets written in 2010 valued at **\$105,540**
- **1931** volunteer hours contributed in **2010** for a total contributed value of **\$39,103** calculated using a nationally recognized hourly rate.

- **23** vacation residence checks were requested and performed numerous times each by volunteers
- **51** house checks on flood buyout homes performed numerous times per house until they are moved or demolished.
- **13** house checks on registered vacant homes performed numerous times per house until they are occupied
- **13** Volunteers have been here for 5 years or more
- **7** volunteers have been here for 10 years or more



YEAR	HOURS
2002	3302
2003	3421
2004	2418
2005	3107
2006	2794
2007	3014
2008	1988
2009	1852
2010	1931

## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY 2010



The Moorhead Police Department hosted the 15th Citizens Police Academy from September 16 to November 16, 2010, to a class of 22 students. This class is open to all members of the community and is designed to help the public understand the policies, procedures and protocol of the police department as well as what it is like to be the men and women sworn to protect and serve this community. It is an opportunity for the Moorhead Police Department to learn about the concerns and needs of the citizens they serve. Several CPA graduates have gone on to become Moorhead Police Volunteers. Other graduates enjoyed the experience so much they went on to create the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

Evaluations were given to students after each class and a final, comprehensive evaluation was sent home with them. These evaluations included comments like:

*“Impressed at how professional and well trained the MPD is and how friendly the staff is. Good job!!!.”*

*“Completely changed my overall view of law enforcement and all areas involved.”*



*In answer to what they liked best about the department: “How involved the officers were and how they showed they wanted to be there!” “Very involved within the community and all the different programs. Also enjoyed hearing how each officer is a “specialist” in a different area and is very passionate about the work that is being done.”*



*"I had no idea of all the services and programs MPD does until talking this class." "I truly enjoyed this experience and am glad I applied for the CPA. It turned into the highlight of my week and something I looked forward to each week."*



# Crime Statistics Attachments

- **Serious Crimes in Moorhead**
- **Maintaining Professional Integrity**
  - **Accident Summary**
  - **Part I Crime Statistics**
  - **Part II Crime Statistics**
  - **Crime Service Clock**
- **Traffic Enforcement Summary (Moving and Non Moving Violations)**