

Moorhead Police Department

2019 Annual Report



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.”

Shannon Monroe
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.

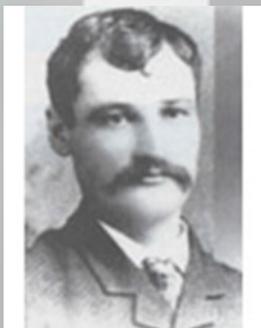
Professionalism - Our success depends on the trust and confidence of the community. We shall always engage in respectful behavior that reflects the honesty and integrity of police professionals

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In Remembrance:

The department was established in 1881 and three of our police officers lost their lives in service to this community, so in effort to never forget their sacrifice this page is dedicated to them. We also have named our training rooms in our new Law Enforcement Center after them as a reminder to all who enter so we never forget that they gave up all their tomorrow's for our today's. We are grateful.



1888 – Officer Peter Poule

Shot and killed by a murder suspect while assisting two other officers taken hostage at gunpoint at 8 Street and Center Avenue, where Wells Fargo now stands. The suspect was convicted and executed on September 20, 1889.



1899 – Officer Alexander "Sandy" McClean

Struck by falling debris while clearing people away from a house fire in what is now Viking Ship Park north of the Hjemkomst Center.



1930 – Officer Roy Larson

Shot and killed by Ray Liggett, a bank robber who fled from Fargo Police. Larson cornered the suspect near the coal shed of the Interior Lumber Company after several shoot outs with other officers. The suspect was arrested and sentenced to life.

Message from the Chief of Police

Thank you for taking the time to review this report to learn about the Moorhead Police Department and how we have put your hard earned tax dollars to work to serve and protect our city. We have embraced the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing as a guide. There are six pillars that I will use to display our 2019 objectives.



Pillar 1: Building Trust and Legitimacy

We continue many programs and outreach like our Summer Youth Program, Change Starts with YOUth, DARE, Citizen's Police Academy, and Night to Unite. We also believe in transparency and accountability and employ active information releases through media and social media.

Pillar 2: Policy and Oversight

All areas of the department are broken into teams with manageable spans of control and decentralized decision making. An Office Manager retired and we converted that position into 2 support staff supervisors overseeing our civilian staff. We employ a cloud based software called Guardian Tracking and one of the functions is a paperless supervisory review of all uses of force and we subscribe to Lexipol, an online based police policy manual largely written and updated by police policy experts and attorneys.

Pillar 3: Technology and Social Media

We issued department smart phones that have been put to use making officers more efficient. Data collection and analysis for smarter resource use has been embraced by our staff and we are adding a crime analyst in 2020 partly paid for in the re-structuring mentioned previously.

Pillar 4: Community Policing and Crime Reduction

Since taking over as Chief in mid-2018, we returned to Community Policing to work closely with citizens and businesses in an effort to solve problems. Calls for service were climbing at a faster pace than we have cops to handle them and applicant numbers in policing are down nationwide adding to increased stress on our officers. We employ our data collection and analysis to put effort toward reducing calls for service, especially repeat calls for service.

Pillar 5: Training and Education

Minnesota has always been a leader nationwide with our Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) licensing and mandated continuing education. Recently, the legislature has increased training reimbursement through POST to assist us in off-setting training costs. We have always exceeded minimum training standards.

Pillar 6: Officer Safety and Wellness

We re-structured the command staff reducing from 3 patrol lieutenants to 1 and creating 2 additional officers to add staff to patrol and an administrative sergeant to handle special programs all with a zero budget impact. New patrol shifts with more overlaps during busy hours to bolster staff at those times and also offers officer 2 weekends per month helping our staff get much needed rest and family time. Lastly, we initiated our Tactical Guardian Wellness Program.

Pillar 1: Building Trust and Legitimacy

Encouraging Community Programs and Outreach

The Moorhead Police Department is active with community activities. Officers volunteer to work with several organizations such as the Police Activities League (PAL) or the Police Explorer Program. The Moorhead Police Department also hosts the Summer Youth Program and Change Begins with YOUTH camp. In addition, we participate in Night to Unite which allows Moorhead Police Department staff to go into the community and speak directly with residents. The Moorhead Police Department also hosts an annual Citizen's Police Academy.



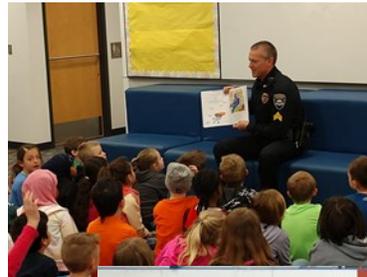


Moorhead Police Athletics and Activities League

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2019 was the second full year of the Moorhead Police Athletics and Activities League. Formed in 2017, the Moorhead PAL chapter has a continuing goal to reduce juvenile crime through establishing positive police contacts with area youth. The focus of the program is at risk and disadvantaged youth. We run several events throughout the year and also manage the Police Explorer Post. Over 60 officers from the area volunteered hundreds of hours to further our mission. The following are ways PAL connected with youth in 2019:

- Cops and Kids Hockey Game – 20 kids
- Safety Patrol Appreciation – 50 kids
- PAL All Stars at the Fargo Force game – 5 kids
- MLB Pitch, Hit, Run competition – 66 kids
- PAL Book Club – 578 kids
- Bikes for Kids – 4 kids
- PAL All Stars at MSUM Basketball – 10 kids
- Shop-with-a-Cop sponsored by Target – 16 kids
- Explorer Post – 10 kids
- Giving Tree at Churches United for the Homeless – 28 kids



Details on all these events can be found at www.moorheadpal.org or on our Facebook page. Moorhead PAL is a registered 501c3 and is governed by a board of directors that includes members of Moorhead education institutions, parks and recreation and citizens that help identify needs in the community.





Moorhead Police Explorer Post #639 2019



2019 was a fun year for the Moorhead Police Explorers! Exploring is a program through the Public Safety Cadets allowing students aged 14-21, a chance to learn about a career field through a “hands-on” level before they decide on a career path. The host agency models their program after their specific field and promotes teamwork, problem-solving, communication and much more.

It was a fun year at the Minnesota Law Enforcement Explorer Association State Conference in Rochester, Minnesota. Explorers attended the conference and competed in multiple different law enforcement “scenarios” and performed well. They placed 1st in the crime prevention scenario as well as in an educational presentation. They also competed in a pistol shoot competition.

Throughout 2019 there were 16 explorers involved in the post. Multiple explorers that have left the post have gone on to work for the Moorhead Police Department, Clay County Jail and other area agencies.

Explorers were involved with numerous volunteer opportunities in 2019 including numerous parades and community events.

Explorer advisors are comprised of seven full time Moorhead Police Officers. The explorer post is a core component of the Moorhead Police Athletics and Activities League and has a core mission of connecting youth and law enforcement in positive ways.

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 Katie Schultz; a full time DARE Officer, Officer Ethan Meehan; Youth Service Coordinator Louis Ochoa; Captain Deric Swenson – Supervision; Sgt. Scott Kostohryz – Asst. Supervision and Community Policing Coordinator Leann Wallin – Financial and Program Management.



History

The Moorhead Police Department began assigning officers to schools in 1999 through the assistance of grants to fund the positions. Prior to 1999, officers responded after an incident with an officer that did not know the involved children or the school officials and could only respond with 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 to intervene in numerous instances and head-off larger problems.

Programs

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 facilitates a discussion with children on how to resist peer pressure and live healthy, productive drug and violence free lives through making healthy choices and being bully free. The program has been ranked among the top 3 most cost effective preventive programs by a study by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA.) The study found that the cost benefit of \$28 in benefits for every \$1 spent. DARE is taught in the 5th grade in all schools in Moorhead and a “next level of learning” DARE program is taught in the 7th grade at Horizon Middle School. In 2019, 1,100 students graduated from the D.A.R.E. program.



Moorhead Police Summer Youth Program

(SYP): Funded through a grant from the Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, SYP is an 8 week summer program for up to 200, 8-12 year-olds offering youth a healthy and educational summer alternative where the curriculum is mixed with fun and interesting activities. In 2019, the program provided safety presentations including bus safety by the Moorhead Public Schools Transportation Dept.; the dangers of e-cigarettes and vaping from Clay County Public Health; bike safety by SRO Katie Schultz; and cyber bullying by DARE Officer Meehan. Kids also got to interact with firefighters from the Moorhead Fire Department and Moorhead Police K-9 units. Activities included a trip to the Chahinkapa Zoo; Thunder Road Amusement Park; Courts Plus Community Fitness Center; roller skating at Skate City; bowling at Sunset Lanes and All Star Bowl; Gooseberry Park playing on inflatable games from Games Galore, playing BINGO and doing arts and crafts; and going to see the movie Toy Story 4.



Change Starts with YOUth at-risk summer camp: This is a program designed for officers to work with a small group of at-risk youth, ages 12-15, which focuses on building positive relationships with law enforcement while learning about positive choices for a successful future. Participants are youth referred by school staff, social services, mental health professionals, probation officers and law enforcement officers. This summer, eight boys spent a total of six days together under the guidance of SRO's Dahl, Schultz and Meehan and Youth Services Coordinator Louis Ochoa. The youth participated in team building and leadership development activities. They went on various tours including the Clay County Correctional Facility, Juvenile Detention Center, Minnesota State Technical and Community College and the Moorhead Fire Department. They participated in presentations from a MPD Detective who is also a bomb squad expert on the Red River Valley SWAT team; MPD bike patrol instructor who put on a bike safety course; watched arraignments at the Clay County Courthouse; and interacted with National Guardsman at the Armory where the camp was held. On the final day of the program a graduation ceremony was held and we had a nice turnout of parents and siblings. Three of the boys were also able to sign up with our Summer Youth Program and continue to have positive interactions with the boys throughout the summer.

Assignments

DARE Officer Ethan Meehan

Officer Meehan mentors students with various problems and handles police incidents at and around the elementary schools. As the DARE Officer he delivers the DARE curriculum to 5th graders at Horizon West Middle School. He also teaches middle school DARE curriculum to 7th graders at Horizon East Middle School. Other teaching and presenting duties include health fairs, Headstart and kindergarten safety presentations. As the DARE Officer, he is assigned the DARE car, which is a 2019 Ford F-150 purchased with driving under the influence seizure funds, and receives several requests for the DARE car to be used in parades and events with exposure to thousands of citizens. In the summer, he helps with the Change Starts with YOUth at-risk camp, Summer Youth Program and fills patrol shifts. Officer Meehan enjoys interacting with students around the schools and providing resources to them academically and outside of school.



SRO Brian Dahl

Officer Dahl is the School Resource Officer at the Moorhead High School. He is also a DARE instructor. He mentors students with various problems, handles police incidents and patrols on and around the school property. He gets into the classroom as much as he can to provide education on various topics. Teaching is one of his favorite things to do at the high school as he is able to connect with a large amount of students. SRO Dahl 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. SRO Dahl also teaches The Point of Impact class for the Driver's Ed students at the high school and their parents in an attempt to make student drivers and their parents more aware of the responsibilities of being a prepared driver. In 2019, Officer Dahl taught the Point of Impact class to approximately 235 students alongside their parents. He also teaches the DARE Program at Park Christian. During the summer, he assists with the Change Starts with YOUth at-risk camp, Summer Youth Program and fills patrol shifts.



SRO Katie Schultz

Officer Schultz is assigned as the SRO for Horizon Middle School East Campus and Horizon Middle School West Campus. Horizon houses over 2,000 students between the two campuses with grades 5-8. She mentors students with various problems, handles police incidents in and around the school and acts as a liaison between the school and police department. Officer Schultz enjoys getting into the classroom to meet, interact and teach students. She has presented to students in grades 5-8 on topics such as bullying, harassment, digital citizenship and the risks of sharing inappropriate photos. In the summer, she assists with the Change Starts with YOUth at-risk camp, Moorhead Police Summer Youth Program and fills patrol shifts. Officer Schultz taught her first DARE class at St. Josephs in 2019 and also started an SRO newsletter to update parents on student trends!



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 Area 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 "Law and Your Life" at Horizon Middle School to at-risk eighth graders. This class teaches youth intervention covering diversity, bullying, conflict resolution, restorative justice, gang awareness, consequences, smoking, drugs, alcohol, internet safety, rail crossing safety, some driving laws, civil law and the school violence/policy handbook. He is an advisor for the Philanthropy and Youth group at RRALC and drivers education. YSC Ochoa is involved with a program called "Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity" (SEED). SEED is about understanding our diverse population of students and families in our schools. It teaches about the different cultures in our community and how we can work with and understand our community. YSC Ochoa's role is to work with families and students and mentor them by understanding their culture, their background and beliefs. He helps them apply these things to their school work and give them a positive outlook on life outside of school and in the community. He is also a part of the Student Assistance Team at the RRALC. This summer he was the lead coordinator for the Summer Youth Program and the Change Starts with YOUth at-risk camp.



Partnerships

Our YFS team works collaboratively with Clay County Social Services, Moorhead Public Schools, Minnesota Department of Corrections, truancy intervention family advocates, Clay County Re-entry services, Clay County Attorney’s office, Clay County Restorative Justice, Clay County Sheriff’s Department, Lakeland Mental Health and Solutions. In addition to working with these agencies throughout the year, these agencies also provide staff to serve as volunteer mentors for our Summer Youth Program. The following agencies also assisted us in 2019 with providing staff to be Summer Youth Program volunteer mentors: Access of the Red River Valley and Minnesota State Community and Technical College. We also have Moorhead Police Volunteers and other community members that volunteer as mentors for this program.

Another organization we partner with is Youth Intervention Programs Association (YIPA). MPD is a member of this non-profit association, made up of member organizations, who provide trainings for youth workers and provides advocacy to raise awareness, gain support and secure funding for youth intervention programs. YSC Ochoa serves as Vice President on the board of the Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association (YIPA) and is also a member of the education committee. In 2019, YSC Ochoa and Community Policing Coordinator Leann Wallin attended a Youth Day rally at the State Capitol in St. Paul to advocate for our area youth and youth programming in the state of Minnesota to our state Senator Kent Eken, Representative Ben Lien, and Representative Paul Marquart. We also took two brothers that were involved in our Change Starts with YOUth program to speak with our legislators so they could hear firsthand the value of our youth programs.

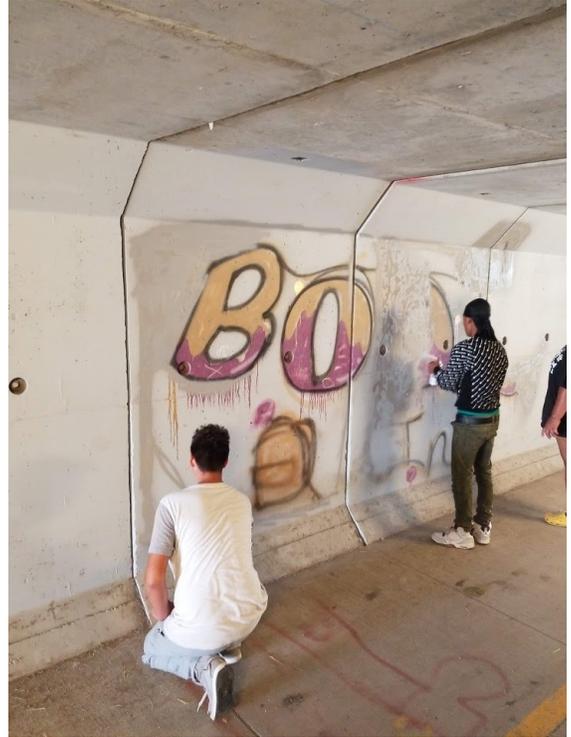


Juvenile Statistics: Below is the last 4 years worth of stats for the most common categories:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assault	71	51	71	121
Alcohol	26	31	33	27
Disorderly Conduct	64	62	34	135
Drugs	54	44	6	28
Runaway	77	69	110	135
Theft	96	52	62	47
Tobacco	24	43	64	82
Traffic	125	176	153	138

Community Service Referrals

Historical Data: YSC Ochoa 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. Since 1997, 45,678 hours of community service work have been completed by youth. The community service work completed in Moorhead consists of tasks that benefit the city such as graffiti removal, transient camp clean-up, parks, ditches and public spaces cleaning, mowing, shoveling snow around fire hydrants, painting buildings, set-up and tear down for city events, inventory found and stolen bikes and the like which may have otherwise been completed by city personnel. The youth are asked to complete evaluations at the completion of their hours and provide feedback on the program. The evaluations are consistently positive with the majority of them commenting that they feel good about the work they completed and they provide positive remarks with regard to YSC Ochoa as well.



2019 Community Service Program Statistics:

Total hours referred: 1,039

Total hours completed: 1,001

This is a 96% completion rate for 2019.

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

Since 1997, 6,413 hours of restitution performed by area youth has equated to \$41,857. This money is paid back to victims.

2019 Juvenile Offender Restitution Program Statistics:

Total hours referred: 281

Total hours completed: 236

This is an 84% completion rate for 2019.

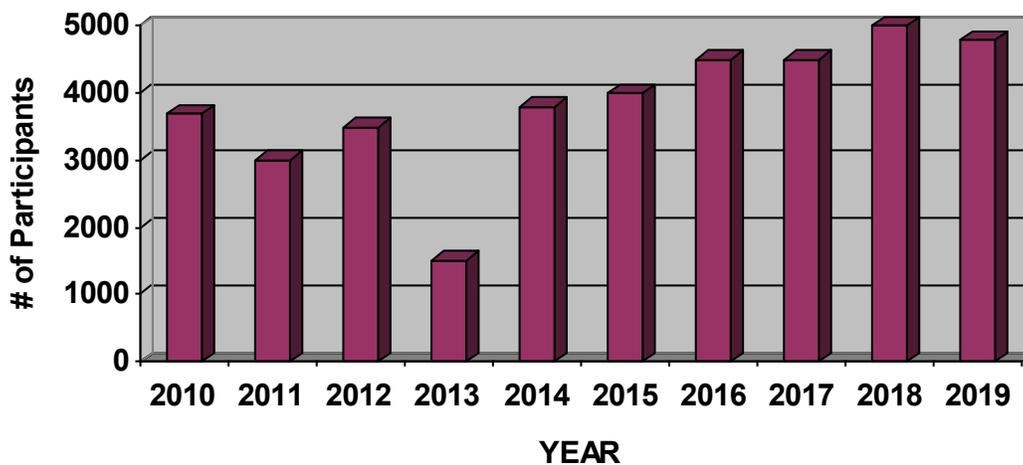
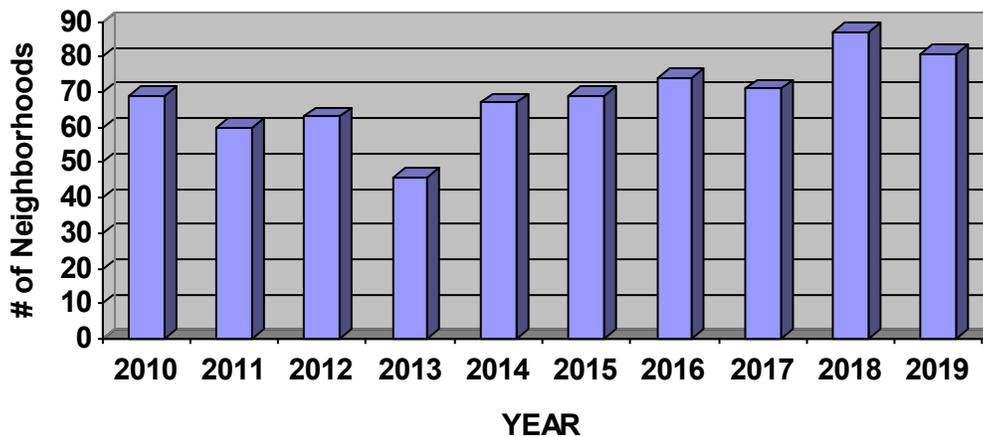


Community Policing Coordinator Leann Wallin presented Operation Lifesaver's rail safety program to 38 driver's education classes (950 students), 6 elementary classes (364 students) and 1 school bus driver's presentation (31 bus drivers).



NIGHT TO UNITE 2019

It was another successful Night to Unite in Moorhead with 81 parties taking place! This year's event involved approximately 4,800 Moorhead residents in 81 different neighborhoods. Fifteen neighborhoods joined in the fun this year by hosting their first parties! Hopefully they will continue participating and make it a tradition like so many neighborhoods have. The weather was beautiful and it was a perfect evening of neighbors connecting and uniting in their commitment to safe, crime-free neighborhoods.







2019 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Moorhead Police Department hosted its 24th Citizens Police Academy (CPA) from September 12 to November 21, 2019, to a class of 22 students. This free program 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 learn 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 hear directly about the concerns and needs of the citizens they serve. Several CPA graduates have gone on to become Moorhead Police Volunteers. The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association was established as a way for participants to stay connected to the department.

Evaluations are given to students after each week; as well as a final, comprehensive evaluation at the end of the program. Here are just a few of the participant's comments:

"What a great experience! I learned much from this opportunity to see inside our hometown police department and meet many of the people that make it a success."

"I truly enjoyed this opportunity. Every week I was excited to go and tell everyone what I learned. I appreciate the profession a lot more!"

"Thank you for being candid, hands-on and interesting. I've appreciated my time to the fullest!"

"Such a wonderful and informational experience! I would definitely recommend it to others. The hands-on exercises and demonstrations were a great way to learn and make an impact/leave a lasting impression. Learning everything makes me want to be more involved in my community."



Pillar 2: Policy and Oversight

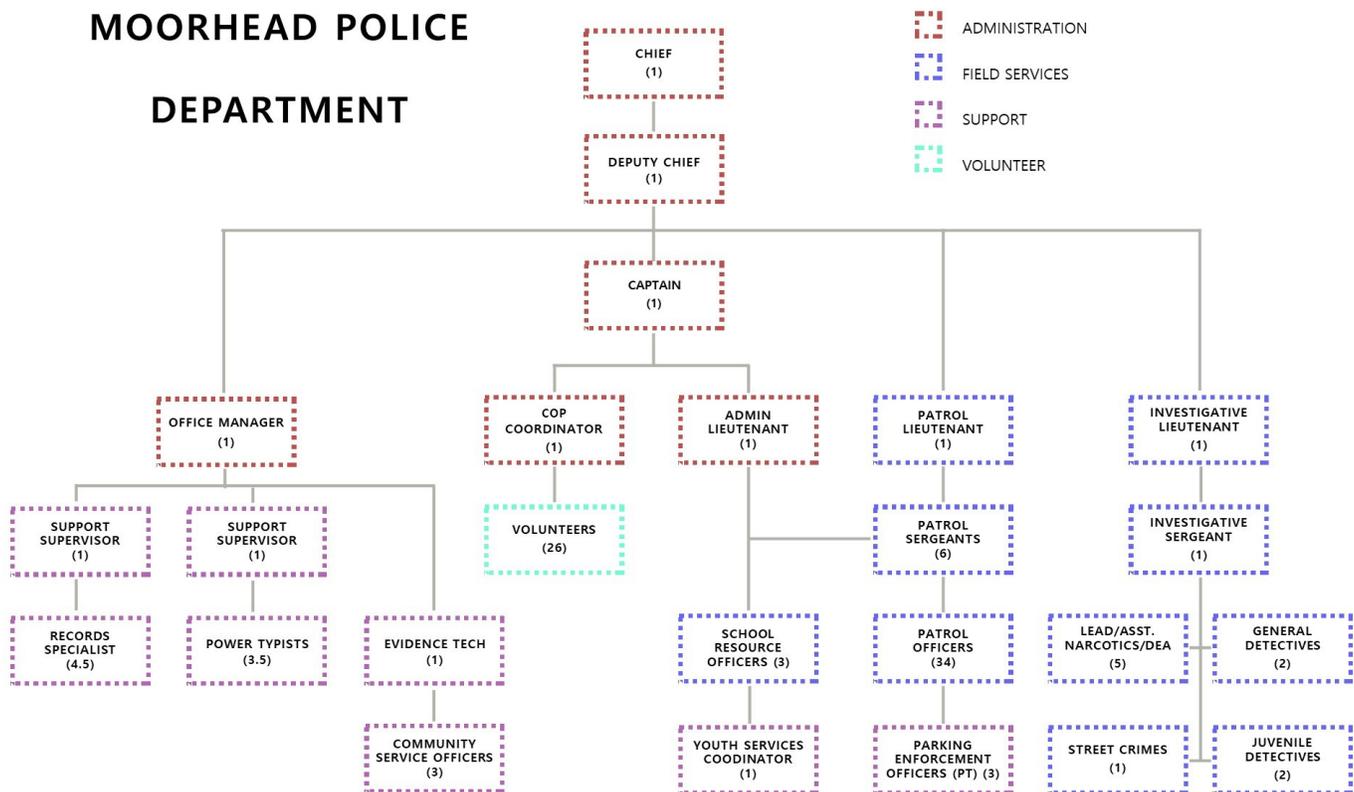
The Moorhead Police Department supports policy and procedures that blend with the community beliefs and objectives. Our system is designed to be effective and efficient in providing direction to the members of our department while keeping the community as our primary stakeholder. Policies are fluid and allow for adaptation as our community direction changes and we strive to provide not only appropriate services but allow for community oversight and input. Oversight provides a voice for our city and an ability to reflect on our current connection and we use collaboration to allow our department to grow. This relationship allows growth and assists to make our city successful.

We employ Lexipol which is a web-based policy creation and management company. Police policy experts and attorneys keep abreast of legislation, case law, and best practices making continual and timely policy updates throughout the year. Officers can view policies online or through a smart phone application making for easy access. Our policies are also available to the public online through our website.

Department Staffing

All areas of the Moorhead Police Department are broken into teams with manageable spans of control and decentralized decision making. Below is a diagram of how the Moorhead Police Department is organized.

MOORHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT



Pillar 3: Technology and Social Media

Social Media

The Moorhead Police Department has embraced the use of social media to further our communication with the public. Our website is easily accessible and has several online options for citizens to receive services, such as filing or requesting a report, filing a complaint, or being able to receive e-notifications or press releases. Crime mapping and the current information on predatory offenders is available. We also use Facebook to update the public as well as the Nextdoor application to update neighborhoods of current events and information by being able to quickly disseminate messages to specific locations of the city.



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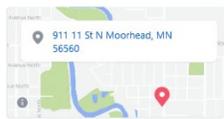
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MPD Policy Manual

Standards, values, and expectations of the Moorhead Police Department.



Crime Mapping

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Contact Information

Law Enforcement Center
911 11 St N
Moorhead, MN 56560

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8am-4:30pm
(Except Holidays)

Emergencies: Call 911

Non-Emergencies:

701.451.7660

Police Main Office:

218.299.5120

Submit A Tip Online

Or Call 218.299.5120

Data Collection

Data analysis and collection has been embraced by staff and has provided the smarter use of resources within the department. Below is data from 2019.

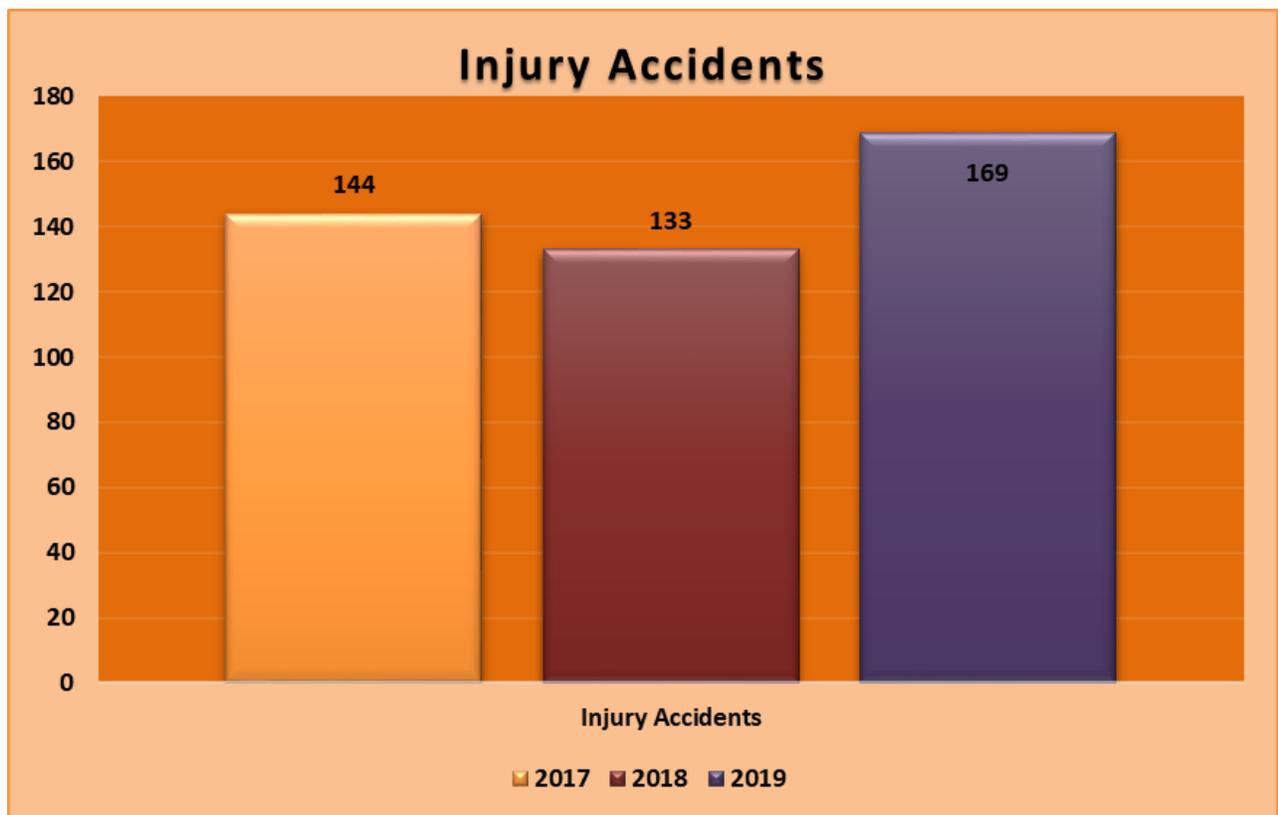
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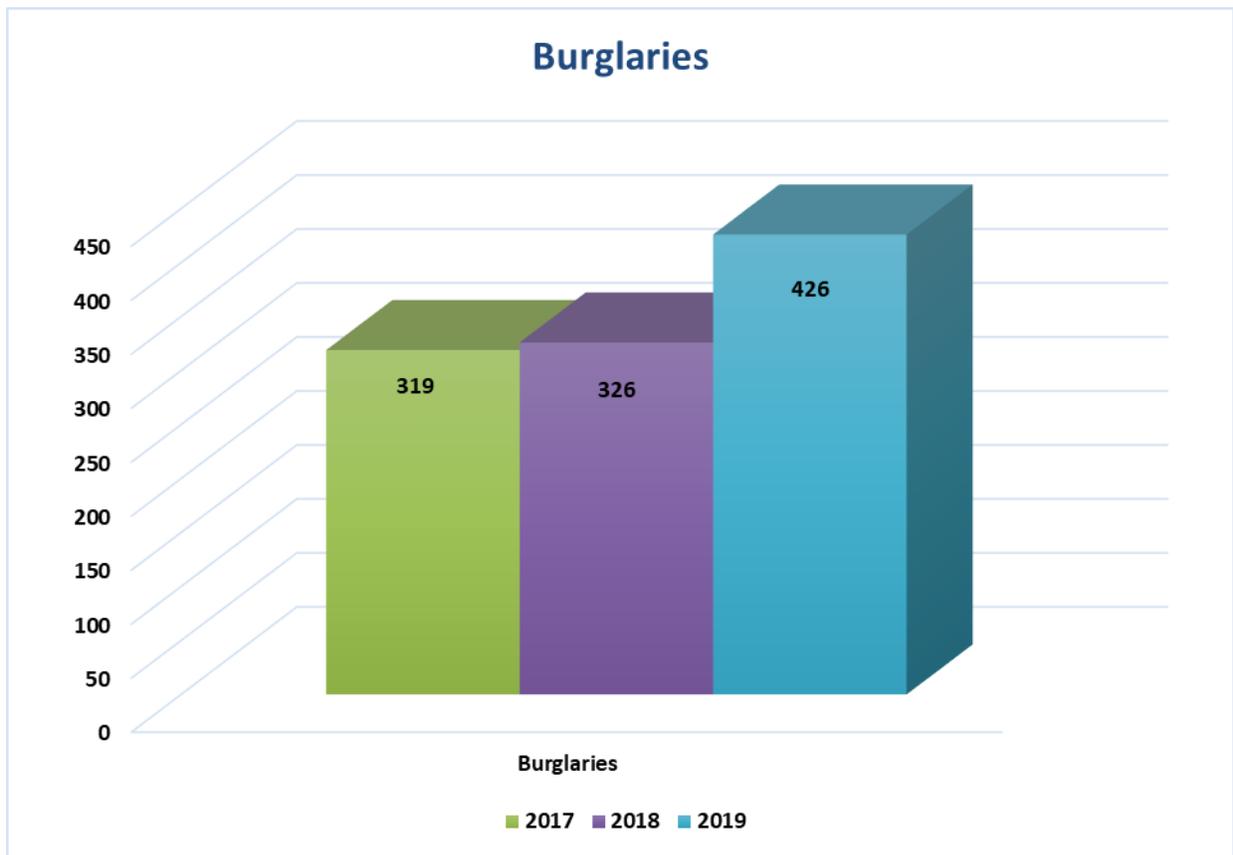
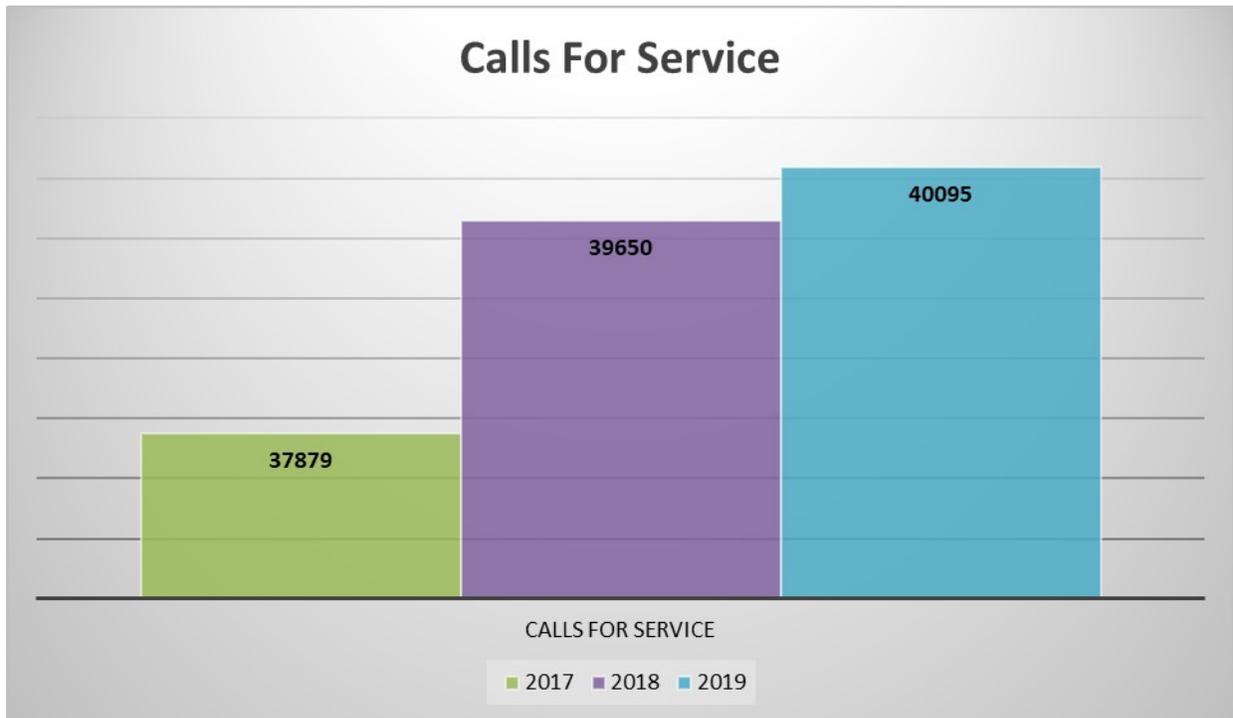
Top Ten Violations Tickets are Written For:

1. Speeding
2. No MN Driver's License
3. No Seatbelt
4. No Registration
5. No Proof of Insurance
6. Driving After Revocation
7. Expired Registration
8. Disobey Semaphore (Red Light)
9. No Insurance
10. Fail to Yield Right of Way

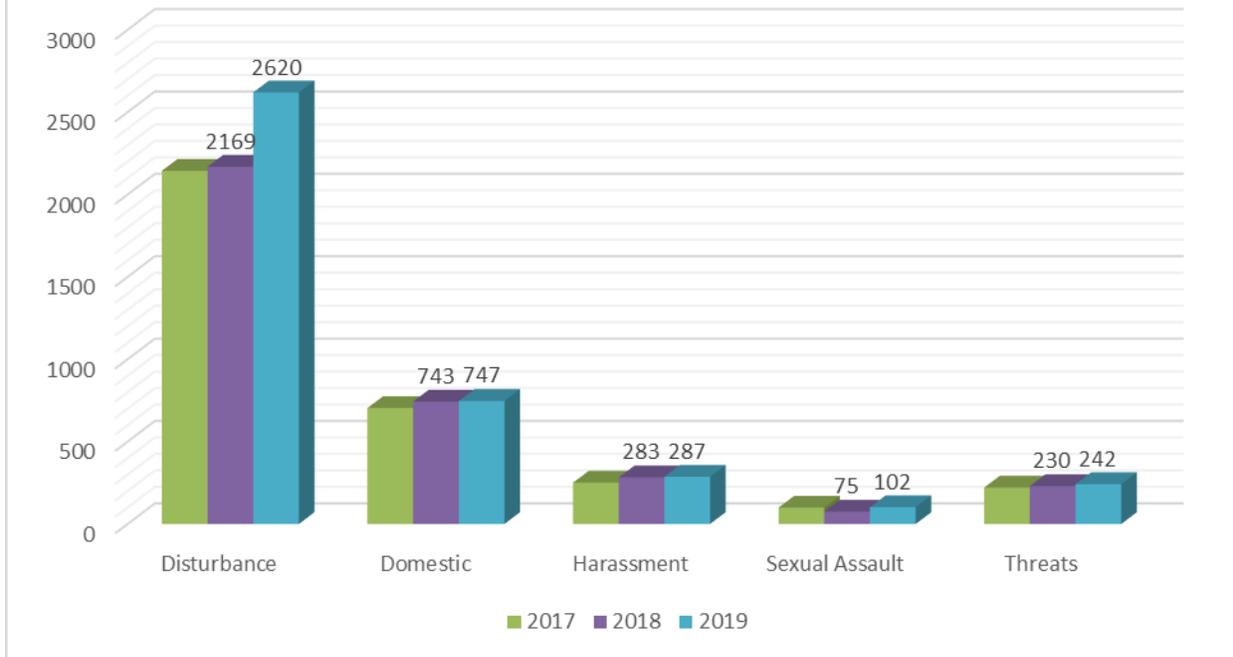
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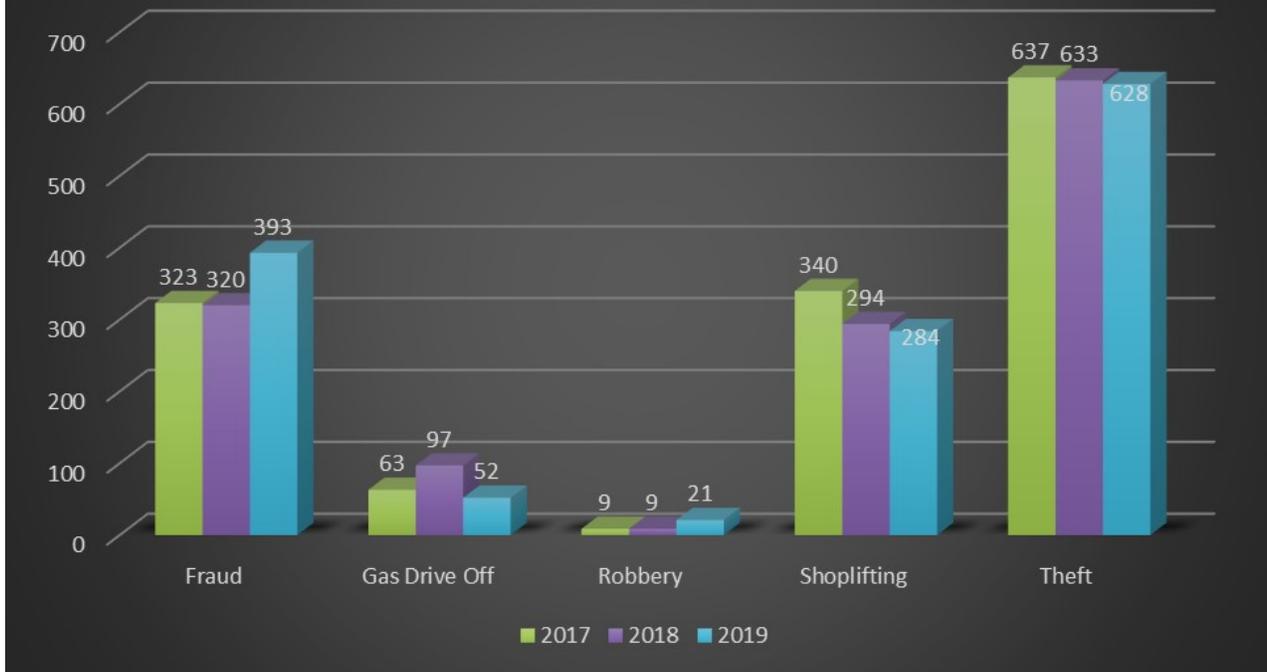
Calls for Service:



Assaultive Behavior



Theft Related





2019 CRIME & SERVICE CLOCK

OFFENSE	# OF OFFENSES	RATE		
MURDER/MANSLAUGHTER	0	0 every	365	days
RAPE	22	1 every	17	days
ROBBERY	12	1 every	30	days
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	27	1 every	14	days
ARSON	3	1 every	122	days
BURGLARY	112	1 every	3	days
LARCENY	421	1 every	21	hours
AUTO THEFT	76	1 every	5	days
TOTAL PART I OFFENSES	673	1 every	13	hours

ASSAULT - SIMPLE	225	1 every	2	days
FORGERY	39	1 every	9	days
FRAUD	72	1 every	5	days
VANDALISM	128	1 every	3	days
WEAPONS	14	1 every	26	days
SEX OFFENSES/PROSTITUTION	18	1 every	20	days
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	86	1 every	4	days
FAMILY/CHILDREN	15	1 every	24	days
D.U.I.	89	1 every	4	days
LIQUOR LAWS	21	1 every	17	days
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	162	1 every	2	days
STOLEN PROPERTY	21	1 every	17	days
OTHER	298	1 every	1	days
TOTAL PART II OFFENSES	1188	1 every	7	hours
TOTAL PART I & II OFFENSES	1861	1 every	5	hours

MOORHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2019 SUMMARY PART 1 OFFENSES

OFFENSES	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Change from 2018
MURDER/MANSLAUGHTER	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0%
% TOTAL CLEARED	0	0	0	0	0						
RAPE	26	15	16	3	20	22	20	26	9	22	144%
% TOTAL CLEARED	46	40	25	0	25						
ROBBERY	8	13	5	6	12	8	14	11	10	12	20%
% TOTAL CLEARED	25	30	40	33	25						
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	29	17	43	28	37	45	33	52	42	27	-36%
% TOTAL CLEARED	82	52	62	56	59						
ARSON	3	3	16	6	7	1	1	0	2	3	50%
% TOTAL CLEARED	100	66	87	32	14						
BURGLARY	135	101	145	158	127	144	169	130	131	112	-15%
% TOTAL CLEARED	12	9	9	6	7						
LARCENY	777	683	688	645	643	744	712	655	815	421	-48%
% TOTAL CLEARED	30	21	23	32	26						
AUTO THEFT	26	40	32	44	57	90	91	104	78	76	-25%
% TOTAL CLEARED	23	2	6	8	17						
HUMAN TRAFFICKING						1	0	0	0	0	0%
TOTALS	1006	872	945	891	904	1056	1041	979	1087	673	-38%
% TOTAL CLEARED	29	20	23	26	24						

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*In 2015 the BCA has added Human Trafficking as an Offense Classification for Part I Crimes.

MOORHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2019 SUMMARY PART 2 OFFENSES

OFFENSES	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% CHANGE FROM 2017
ASSAULT (Simple)	330	290	266	270	347	327	307	271	285	225	-21%
% TOTAL CLEARED	60	50	56	56	63						
FORGERY	20	4	9	35	21	77	24	45	55	39	-29%
% TOTAL CLEARED	25	50	22	2	4						
FRAUD	105	123	128	104	156	124	133	106	122	72	-40%
% TOTAL CLEARED	14	2	4	1	7						
VANDALISM	359	418	275	235	266	325	274	259	278	128	-53%
% TOTAL CLEARED	9	11	9	9	11						
DRUG ABUSE VIOLATIONS	184	173	129	134	169	128	156	135	177	86	-26%
% TOTAL CLEARED	77	84	81	97	90						
SEX OFFENSES/PROSTITU	42	28	39	41	29	51	39	16	25	18	-28%
% TOTAL CLEARED	13	17	15	7	83						
FAMILY/CHILDREN	6	13	13	42	20	16	8	7	9	15	66%
% TOTAL CLEARED	16	23	7	9	20						
LIQUOR LAWS	257	214	204	117	112	112	71	54	53	21	-60%
% TOTAL CLEARED	100	94	96	95	94						
WEAPONS	20	13	8	10	11	6	15	15	16	14	-13%
% TOTAL CLEARED	80	61	87	80	54						
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	324	362	322	300	308	379	298	263	282	162	-43%
% TOTAL CLEARED	34	39	40	52	53						
D.U.I.	358	291	289	225	168	203	221	164	204	89	-56%
% TOTAL CLEARED	100	98	98	99	98						
STOLEN PROPERTY	9	15	8	3	16	29	36	27	25	21	-16%
% TOTAL CLEARED	44	60	87	66	68						
GAMBLING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-100%
% TOTAL CLEARED	0	0	0	0	0						
OTHER OFFENSES	339	307	281	333	351	487	447	458	545	298	-45%
% TOTAL CLEARED	84	71	84	80	76						
TOTALS	2353	2251	1971	1849	1974	2264	2029	1820	2077	1188	-43%
% TOTAL CLEARED	61	54	58	58	58						

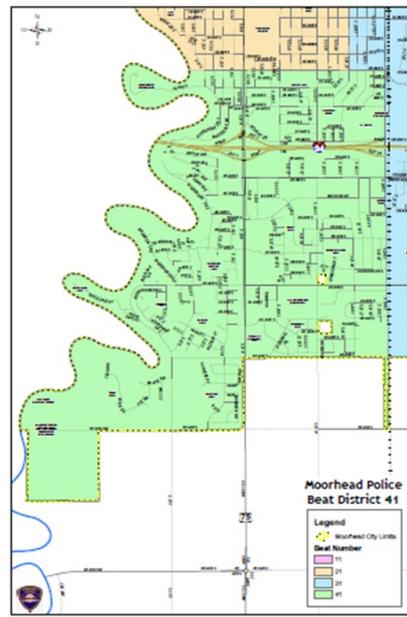
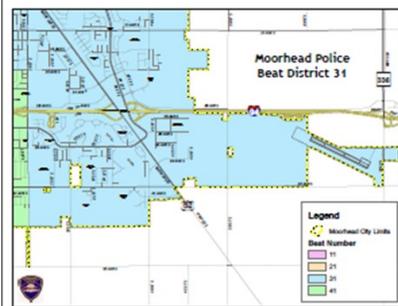
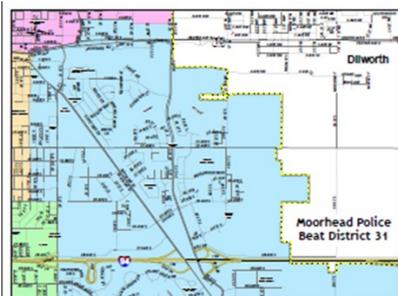
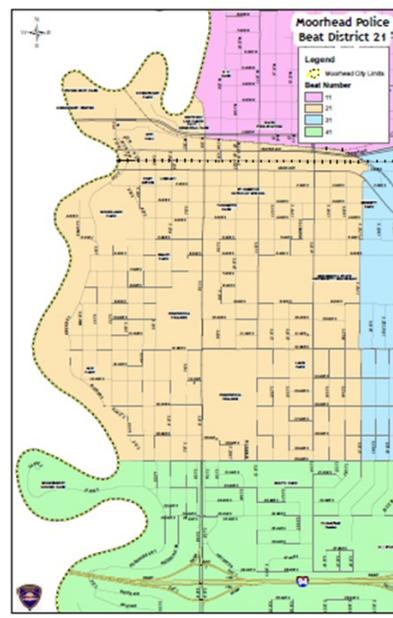
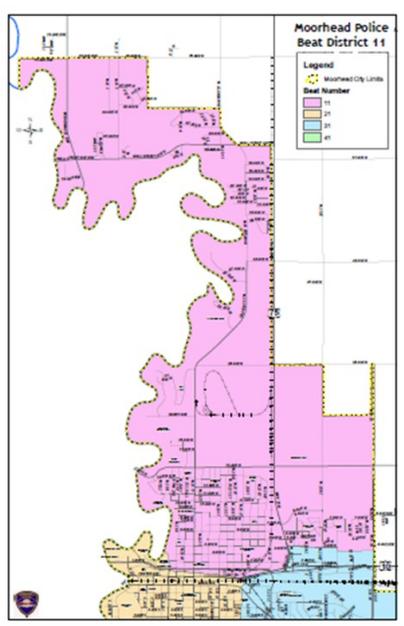
TOTAL PART I & PART II OFFENSES - 1861

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Pillar 4: Community Policing and Crime Reduction

Patrol Division

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. We also assigned a Patrol Sergeant to identify and address issues in their beats with their team members from all the shifts. By focusing on problem areas, they were able to recognize solutions to reduce repeat calls in the longer term. The City of Moorhead is divided into four specific beats. After careful analysis, our beat configuration was redesigned to meet call volume and city development growth in 2015. Our beats are displayed below:





CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM AND CONDUCT ON REGISTERED PREMISES ORDINANCE 9-7-12

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program and the City's Conduct on Registered Premises Ordinance are key components to ensuring safe, desirable rental properties while maintaining the integrity of their surrounding neighborhoods.

In accordance with City Ordinance 9-7-12, 142 letters were sent out to landlords/property managers notifying them of disorderly conduct on their premises. The top three offenses were Noise Ordinance violations accounting for 45% of the letters, followed by drug offenses at 23% and parties resulting in Social Host Ordinance violations at 13%.

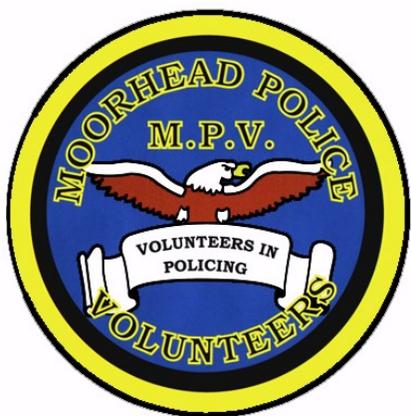
Two Minnesota Crime Free Multi-Housing Program trainings to landlords and property managers were conducted in 2019. The spring session was held over the course of two evenings, 3/5 and 3/12, and had 14 attendees. The fall session was a full day course held on 10/29 and had 14 attendees.

The Successful Outcomes for Tenants and Landlords (SOFTL) committee, which Community Policing Coordinator Leann Wallin serves on, hosted the following trainings for landlords, property managers and tenants:

Housing Programs 101: Everything you need to know about the different mainstream and homeless housing programs in the FM community on 3/12

Deterring crime at your rental property through the use of surveillance cameras and proper lighting on 9/19

Community Policing Coordinator Leann Wallin attended the annual Minnesota Crime Prevention Association's conference in Duluth, 10/21–10/22, for continuing education credits in this field.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

2019 Volunteers:

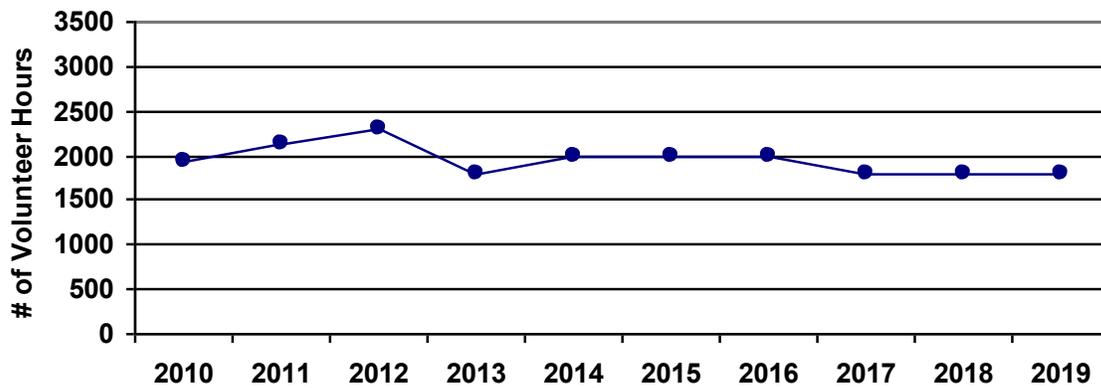
Ruthie Johnson
Eileen Hastad
Nancy Lund
Linda Laske
Dale Mitchell
Beverly Olson

Doug Morey
Annette Graves
Arlene Morey
John Graves
Russ Hanson
Tammy Ehresman

Tiffany Footitt
Jennifer Johnson
Amber Nelson
Bob Footitt
Myron Bowar
Joseph Franklin

Judy Hoganson
Luis Coca Jr.
Susan Spooner
Victoria Gardner
Presley Partlow





YEAR	HOUR
2010	1931
2011	2142
2012	2301
2013	1791
2014	1991
2015	2002
2016	2002
2017	1800
2018	1794
2019	1804

Measurable outcomes for the Police Volunteer Program are as follows:

- **2,882** tickets written in 2019 valued at **\$78,015**
- **1,804** volunteer hours contributed in 2019 for a total contributed value of **\$50,783** calculated using the nationally recognized hourly rate for Minnesota
- **89** vacation residence checks were requested and performed numerous times each by volunteers while the homeowner was temporarily away
- **10** house checks on registered vacant properties performed numerous times per house until they are either occupied or demolished
- **6** new volunteers joined the department and 6 volunteers left the program
- **5** volunteers have been here for 5-9 years
- **9** volunteers have been here for 10 years or more

Special Projects in 2019

- Volunteers worked four Saturdays from Thanksgiving to Christmas selling pet licenses at local stores during the ninth annual pet licensing campaign. Volunteers sold a total of 68 dog and cat licenses. Each week we promoted this service on our department's Facebook page and many residents commented on seeing it on Facebook and thanked the volunteers for selling the licenses out in the community for their convenience.
- Volunteers conducted child fingerprinting at four events: Kidsfest at the Moorhead Center Mall, Kidsfest at Bluestem, Moorhead Fire Department Open House and Halloween Bash at the Moorhead Center Mall.
- Volunteers conducted traffic control at six parades, two marathons, one bike race, a charity 5K, five weeks of River Arts, Celtic Festival, Pangea Festival, Kidsfest at Bluestem and Moorhead High School hockey games.
- Volunteers assisted with the following special events: Route security for Vice President Pence's motorcade, Moorhead PD Bike Rodeo, Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics and the annual Night to Unite. The City had to prepare for a spring flood and we had 15 volunteers put in 87.5 hours to handle registration of the sandbag volunteers over the course of 4 days. We also had 9 volunteers help represent MPD by ringing the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign bell during law enforcement day.
- Volunteers served on Restorative Justice Panels, conducted outreach through jail ministry, served as youth mentors in the Moorhead Police Summer Youth Program and worked at the spring and fall police auctions.
- This year marked the 20 year anniversary of the police volunteer program.



Pillar 5: Training and Education

Field Training Program

Our department maintains a Field Training Unit as part of our Patrol Division. It is the responsibility of this unit to partner with the Investigations Unit to conduct pre-employment background investigations on police officer candidates and to provide the initial training to our new police officers.

Mission Statement

The Moorhead Police Department, in keeping with community expectations for professional police service, has established the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program. The mission of the Moorhead Police Department Field Training Officer Program is to prepare Officers in Training (OITs) to perform the essential duties of a police officer and to enhance the professionalism of patrol work through continuous quality improvement.

The year 2019 was a very active training year for the Moorhead Police Department, which has become normal with the police staffing crisis in our country. There were 20 officers (approximately 1/3 of the entire department) that had been a part of the formal training program in 2019 and the FTO training team delivered 4 New Officer Academies for applicants.

Hired applicants in 2019 were:



Alex Wegner #303: Hired on January 28, 2019. Officer Wegner completed the formal FTO program in May and was assigned to the patrol division. His previous 3 years of police experience with Sauk Rapids Police Department was beneficial and helped him accelerate through our department's field training.



Zach Gruver #324: Hired on January 28, 2019. Officer Gruver resigned from employment on June 10, 2019 while in the training program.



Evan Brown #305: Hired on April 1, 2019. Officer Brown resigned from employment on July 8, 2019 while in the training program.



Mackenzie "Mac" Schultz: Hired on April 1, 2019. Officer Schultz had several weeks of light duty work during his formal training program due to a back injury. His previous 3 years of experience with Jamestown Police Department allowed us to task him with police activity within the office that most new hires would not have been able to perform due to lack of knowledge. Once recovered, Officer Schultz performed well through the training program and graduated on September 19, 2019. He has been assigned to the patrol division.



Martin Borowicz #317: Hired on April 1, 2019. Officer Borowicz resigned from employment on September 30, 2019 while in the training program.



Cuyler Johnson #348: Hired on April 1, 2019. Officer Johnson has three years of experience with Jamestown Police Department. He performed well during the training program and graduated on August 2, 2019. He has been assigned to the patrol division.



Nick Bjorndahl #349: Hired on April 1, 2019. Officer Bjorndahl performed well during the training program and graduated on August 22, 2019. He has been assigned to the patrol division.



Brett Kvam #301: Hired on September 30, 2019. Officer Kvam is still currently in the formal field training program.



Tanner Hennen #305: Hired on September 30, 2019. Officer Hennen is still currently in the formal field training program.



Andrea Habedank #311: Hired on September 30, 2019. Officer Habedank resigned from employment on October 21, 2019 while in the training program.



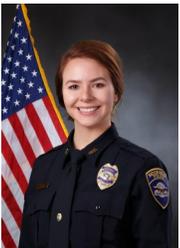
Brandon Heide #324: Hired on September 30, 2019. Officer Heide is still currently in the formal field training program.



Clayton Dorseth #336: Hired on September 30, 2019. Officer Dorseth is still currently in the formal field training program.



Michelle Voeltz #342: Hired on September 30, 2019. Officer Voeltz is still currently in the formal field training program.



Maria Bischoff #307: Hired on December 2, 2019. Officer Bischoff is still currently in the formal field training program.

2018 Hires Graduating or Resigning from FTO in 2019



Kyle Huewe #306: Hired on September 17, 2018. Officer Huewe graduated from the FTO program on January 30, 2019. He was assigned to patrol and performed well during his probationary period. He passed probation on September 17, 2019.



Michaella "Mici" Bolgrean #329: Hired on November 26, 2018. Officer Bolgrean graduated the formal training program on April 16, 2019 and was assigned to the patrol division. Her four years of police experience from Mitchell (SD) Police Department helped guide her through our FTO Program. Officer Bolgrean passed probation on November 26, 2019.



Matt Hanson #341: Hired on November 26, 2018. Officer Hanson graduated the formal training program on April 5, 2019 and was assigned to the patrol division. His three years of police experience from Jamestown (ND) Police Department helped guide him through our FTO Program. Officer Hanson passed probation on November 26, 2019.



Dalton Yagow #347: Hired on November 26, 2018. Officer Yagow graduated from the formal training program on April 15, 2019. He has been working with the evening shift in patrol and performing well. He passed probation on November 26, 2019.



Seth Bentley #315: Hired on November 26, 2018. Officer Bentley and resigned from employment on February 27, 2019 while in the training program.

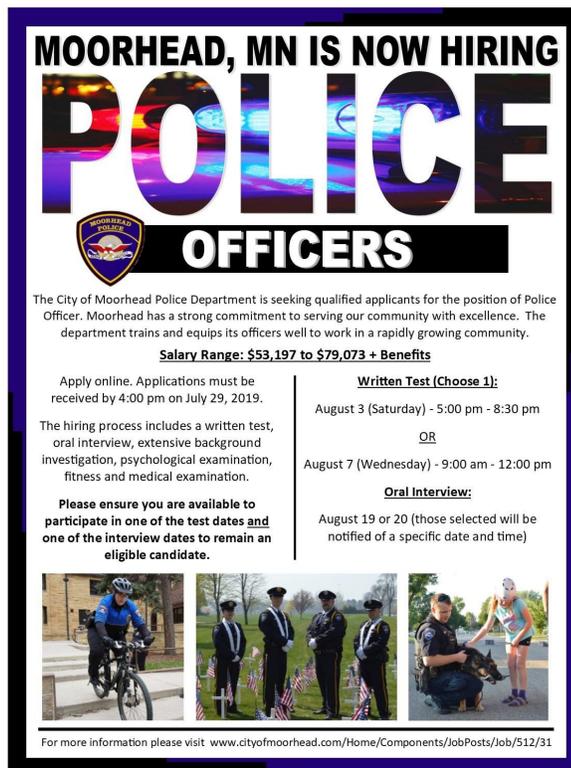


Josh Kleckner #313: Hired on November 26, 2018. Officer Kleckner graduated from the FTO program on March 4, 2019. He resigned from Moorhead Police on August 9, 2019 to take a position with the Clay County Sheriff's Office.

Pre-Employment

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.



MOORHEAD, MN IS NOW HIRING
POLICE
OFFICERS

The City of Moorhead Police Department is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Police Officer. Moorhead has a strong commitment to serving our community with excellence. The department trains and equips its officers well to work in a rapidly growing community.

Salary Range: \$53,197 to \$79,073 + Benefits

Apply online. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm on July 29, 2019.

The hiring process includes a written test, oral interview, extensive background investigation, psychological examination, fitness and medical examination.

Please ensure you are available to participate in one of the test dates and one of the interview dates to remain an eligible candidate.

Written Test (Choose 1):
August 3 (Saturday) - 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
OR
August 7 (Wednesday) - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Oral Interview:
August 19 or 20 (those selected will be notified of a specific date and time)

For more information please visit www.cityofmoorhead.com/Home/Components/JobPosts/Job/512/31

Potential Candidates

Each finalist for employment as a Moorhead Police Officer is subject to a thorough pre-employment background investigation, which is supervised by Lieutenant Brad Penas. Our Investigators and/or 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 Deputy Chief and Chief then review these reports and determine if the candidate passed the investigation.

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

New Hire – Probationary Officer

The hiring, equipping, and training of a new police officer 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 over \$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 \$12,000 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.

New Officer Academy

The field training program starts with a 120 hour **New Officer Academy** in which the new hires will receive classroom training on department expectations, computers, report writing, crime scene processing, patrol procedures, domestic abuse investigations, standardized field testing (DUI), emergency vehicle operations, ARMER radio, peer advisory crisis teams and the Moorhead chaplains program. The new officer academy includes intense training and qualifications in handgun, patrol rifle, Taser and defensive tactics. The new officer academy finishes with 40 hours of scenario based training to include; traffic stops, building searches, felony stops and force on force scenarios.

One purpose of our academy is to train our new officers in the skills that are required before they start working in uniform as a Moorhead Police Officer. Many of these 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, conflict resolution, street level investigations and learning our various computer systems.



Uniformed Field Training

After New Officer Academy, new police officers are assigned to our formal Field Training Program. We use the Sokolove method of field training, which is a coach based theory. This training program is generally sixteen 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.

Field Training Officers

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.

Field Training Officers are the backbone to the success of the training program. They are historically strong performers and leaders within the patrol division.

The following officers (listed by department seniority) were active field training officers during 2019:

- Officer John Lien #301 (retired from MPD in 2019)
- Officer Joe Brannan (K9) #305 (promoted to patrol sergeant in 2019)
- Officer Nick Schultz #323 (reassigned to Detective Bureau in 2019)
- Officer Matt Lambert #319
- Officer Mike Fildes (K9) #330
- Officer Jonathan Hanson #339
- Officer Andy Frovarp #317 (Resigned from MPD in 2019)
- Officer Zach Johnson (K9) #320
- Officer Andy Werk #316 (joined FTO training team in 2019)
- Officer Taylor Huss #345 (joined FTO training team in 2019)
- Officer Joe Secord #337 (joined FTO training team in 2019)
- Officer Brett Musich #309 (joined FTO training team in 2019)
- Officer Eric Zimmer #325 (joined FTO training team in 2019)
- Officer Shaun Van Dyke #346
- Officer Jordan Werk #343

Our Field Training Unit is supervised by **Lieutenant Chris Carey** and **Sergeant Clint Stephenson**.

Pillar 6: Officer Wellness and Safety

Patrol Schedule Change

The patrol officers assigned to the Patrol Division worked nine hour shifts with a five day work week, followed by three days off from January 1st, 2019 to August 31st, 2019. A new patrol shift was implemented with the Patrol Division sergeants on March 1st, 2019. The patrol officers switched to the new schedule on September 1st, 2019. The new patrol shift is a ten hour shift schedule that has more staffing overlaps to increase the number of officers at busier times of the day. This schedule also allows officers two weekends off a month to increase rest and family time. The day shift has both teams working every other Wednesday and every other Friday. The evening and midnight shifts have every other Tuesday and every other Friday as all work days, meaning both teams are working at the same time. All Sergeants and Officers assigned to the Patrol Division rotate shifts every six months. The shift periods and rotation dates are:

March 1st through August 31st

September 1st through February 28th

The shift schedules are listed below:

	<u>9 Hour Shift</u>	<u>10 Hour Shift</u>
Day Shift	7:50 am – 5:00 pm	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Evening Shift	4:50 pm – 2:00 am	4:00 pm – 2:00 am
Midnight Shift	10:50 pm – 8:00 am	10:00 pm – 8:00 am

The new ten hour shift schedule:

Team A Team B		SEPTEMBER 2019 DAYS							SEPTEMBER 2019 MIDS						
5 On	4 Off	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S	S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
5 On	4 Off	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A	ALL WORK	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM A	TEAM A	ALL WORK	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B
4 Off	5 On														
5 On	4 Off	TEAM B	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A	ALL WORK	TEAM B	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A	ALL WORK	TEAM B	TEAM B
4 Off	6 On														
6 On	4 Off	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B	ALL WORK	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM B	TEAM B	ALL WORK	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A	TEAM A
4 Off	5 On														
		TEAM A	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B	ALL WORK	TEAM A	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B	TEAM B	ALL WORK	TEAM A	TEAM A
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Tactical Guardian Wellness Program

The Moorhead Police Department launched a “Tactical Guardian Program” in 2019 to provide services to assist our staff with emotional, physical, and spiritual support. The new system is designed to support our employees on and off duty. We contract with a mental health and spiritual leader who focuses on police trauma, stress, and day to day resilience. Dr. Aaron Suomala Folkerds was designated the Tactical Guardian Coordinator.



Peer Assistance Response Team

The Moorhead Police Department has been a regional leader in providing peer support to staff and other area agencies. Our Peer Assistance Response Team (PART) has specialized training in Critical Incident Debriefings and Defusings, Compassion Fatigue, and is knowledgeable in professional referral services. A team member is also assigned to provide peer support to each new staff member during their first year of employment to provide support and be a resource to new employees. The PART team added six new members in 2019.

The following staff were members of the PART Team in 2019:

Captain Deric Swenson

Sergeant Clint Stephenson

Sergeant Chris Martin

Detective Nick Leinen

Officer Shawn Griego

Officer Adam Jensen

Evidence Technician Laura Hilgers

Officer Matt Lambert

Officer Katie Schultz

Officer Jordan Werk

Officer Shaun Van Dyke

Officer Andrew Werk

Office Specialist Wendy Blankenship

Chaplain Program

The Moorhead Police Department has an active Chaplain Program. The program is organized by our staff that work directly with volunteer clergy from our community. The chaplains provide spiritual support for those members of our department seeking those needs as well as providing emotional support. The chaplains also work with the community members, at the request of those in need, during traumatic incidents, such as deaths. The chaplains are a resource of supportive services officered to the community.

Moorhead Police Department Annual Updates

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 2019, the Patrol Division experienced several shortages due to retirement, attrition, injuries, and medical conditions.

The Patrol Division has a team of officers 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
Firearms Instructors
Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC) Instructors
Tactical Medical Instructors
Bike Patrol Officers
Drug Recognition Experts (DRE)
Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisors

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 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 exemplary service provided by members of the Moorhead Police Department.

Staffing:

During 2019, we lost six officers:

Officer Vern Heltemes was hired on April 3, 1995, and retired on May 26, 2019.

Officer John Lien was hired on September 20, 1999 and retired on September 23, 2019.

Officer Val Kellen was hired on September 24, 2001, and resigned to work for the Clay County Sheriff's Office on September 26, 2019.

Officer Andy Frovarp was hired on December 1, 2014 and resigned to work for the Clay County Sheriff's Office on January 2, 2019.

Officer Cooper Gauldin was hired on March 1, 2017 and resigned on August 2, 2019 to work as an officer for the Brooklyn Center Police Department

Officer Josh Kleckner was hired November 26, 2018 and resigned to work for the Clay County Sheriff's Office on August 23, 2019.

Overtime:

In 2019 due to the unanticipated attrition, injuries, and medical conditions, the patrol division experienced a high amount of required overtime in order to provide minimum staff coverage. For the majority of the year we were down approximately 10 officers. Our minimum staffing is 4 Officers for our Day, Evening, and Midnight Shifts. Until September 1, our Evening and Midnight shifts overlapped from 11 pm to 2 am every night. After September 1, we added an overlap from 4 pm to 6 pm and extended the other overlap from 10 pm to 2 am.

In order to maintain minimum staffing, \$66,076.75 was spent for patrol coverage and \$51,273.29 for supervision for a total amount of \$117,350.08 in 2019.

This year we had an officer at a majority of the City Council Meetings. Due to staffing issues, many times this officer was on overtime. Between patrol officers and supervisors, we spent \$2,647.81 to cover these meetings.

Registered Predatory Offenders

Predatory Offenders are required to register their residency in our community. In addition, all other changes such as employment, vehicles, phone number, school information, etc. are also required information. Homeless offenders residing within the community are required to check in on a weekly basis with law enforcement.

Moorhead Police Department completes registration and maintains files for predatory offenders that reside in the city limits of Moorhead. Currently there are 150 registered offenders in Moorhead.

Moorhead Police Officers and Detectives are assigned specific predatory offenders and are required to conduct quarterly compliance checks to ensure the offenders are complying with their legal requirements for registration. Non-compliant offenders are referred for criminal prosecution and all available means are utilized to bring the offender into compliance or incarceration.

Predatory Offender Registration

Approximately 715 contacts were made with predatory offenders which include quarterly compliance checks, weekly homeless check-ins, offender in-person changes and new registrations.

- In 2019, there were an average of 9 homeless offenders that were required to check-in weekly with law enforcement.

11 Prosecution Packets were forwarded to the Clay County Attorney's Office requesting charges for Failure to Register and cases are pending.

There were 7 Level III Offenders residing in Moorhead during 2019. These high risk offenders are assigned to Detectives for quarterly compliance checks.

Events Staffed

In 2019 the members of the Patrol Division provided staffing for the following events (traffic control, security and public relations):

Holiday Lights Parade	High School Varsity Football and Hockey games
MHS Homecoming Parade	Vice President Pence visit to Fargo and rural Glyndon
Fargo Marathon	Streets Alive
Concordia College Homecoming Parade	Law Enforcement Memorial Day
MBA July 4 th Fireworks at MSUM	Nite to Unite
Multiple Career Fairs / Events	Greater Moorhead Parade
Dances at Concordia	Traffic Control for Concerts at Bluestem

Compliance Checks

Officers' conduct compliance checks at all establishments that have a license to sell alcohol and tobacco within the City of Moorhead. Underage volunteers work with plain clothed officers to ensure that local ordinances and state laws are followed. Officers forward their results to the City of Moorhead Clerk's Office and to the Clay County Attorney's Office.

Supervisors and Patrol Officers Assigned to the Patrol Division (End of Year 2019):

Supervisors

Lieutenant Mike Detloff
Sergeant Scott Kostohryz
Sergeant Chris Martin
Sergeant Joe Brannan
Sergeant Clint Stephenson
Sergeant Robb Matheson
Sergeant Joel Voxland

Police Officers Assigned to the Patrol Division

Officer Brian Dahl (SRO)
Officer Shawn Griego
Officer Adam Breth
Officer Katie Schultz (SRO)
Officer Brad Schenck
Officer Mike Fildes (K9)
Officer Matt Lambert
Officer Jesse Myers
Officer Jonathan Hanson
Officer Ethan Meehan (SRO)
Officer Zach Johnson
Officer Andy Werk
Officer Taylor Huss
Officer Joe Secord
Officer Brett Musich
Officer Dustin Pattengale
Officer Eric Zimmel
Officer Shaun Van Dyke
Officer Jessica Horn
Officer Jordan Werk
Officer Anastacia Hermes
Officer Adam Jensen
Officer Amanda Mohs
Officer Kyle Huewe
Officer Dalton Yagow
Officer Matt Hanson
Officer Michaella Bolgrean
Officer Alex Wegner
Officer Mackenzie Schultz
Officer Cuyler Johnson
Officer Nick Bjorndahl
Officer Brett Kvam
Officer Brandon Heide
Officer Michelle Voeltz
Officer Maria Bischoff

2019 Moorhead Police Department Canine Team Annual Report

The Moorhead Police Department saw a lot of change in the K9 program during the 2019 year. Handler Joe Brannan was promoted to Sergeant early in the year and K9 Milo was retired in February. Officer Zach Johnson was chosen to be the next K9 Handler for the department.

The K9 teams are required to show yearly proficiency in narcotic detection and patrol work. Both teams certified through the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) and National Police Canine Association (NPCA). Both teams did well at their certifications. K9 Argo again certified through the NPCA in patrol work and the USPCA in drug detection.

The police K9s bring skills to the department that can't be matched by their human counterparts. Their noses are so much more powerful and essential in detecting hidden narcotics, finding articles with human scent, and their physical presence helps resolve situations with violent offenders who may be willing to fight with an officer but rarely want to fight with a police dog. Kash and Argo continue to be an unbelievable asset to the City of Moorhead and also the greater metro area with their dedicated service.

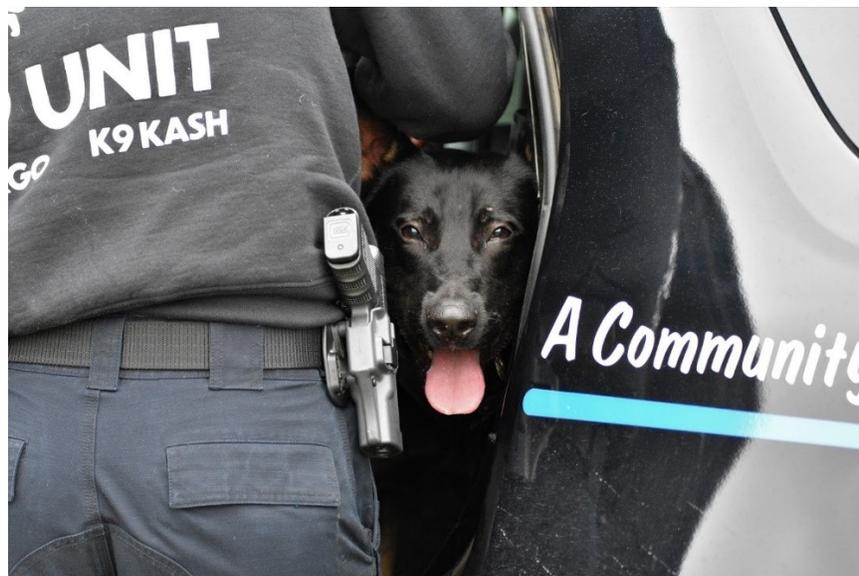


K9 Argo & Officer Fildes at Apprehension training in the Twin Cities.

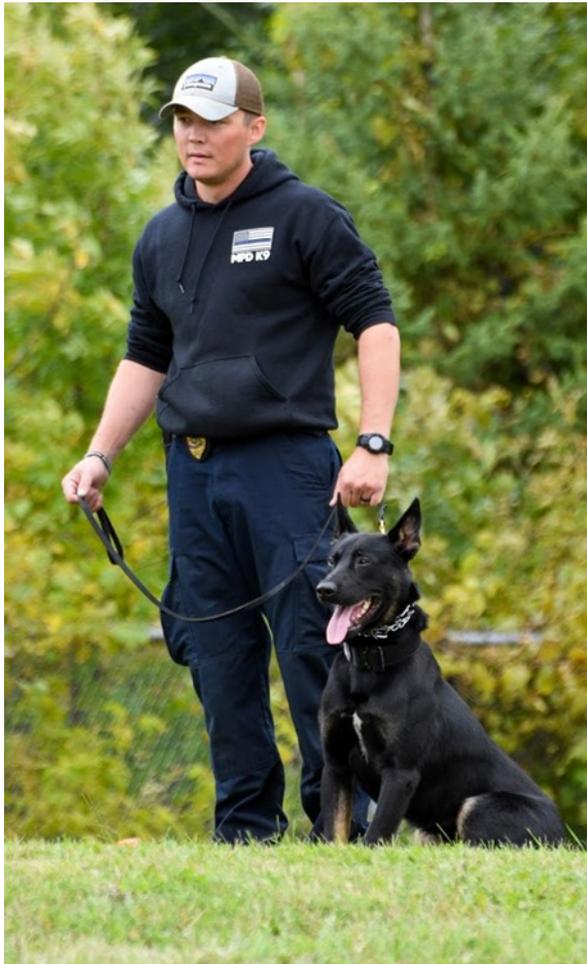


K9 Argo at Home and visiting family in SD.

This year we introduced K9 Kash to the Moorhead Police Department. Kash is a two year old Belgian Malinois/German Shepherd cross from Slovakia. He is paired with Officer Zach Johnson and they have been together since July 2019. K9 Kash and Officer Johnson completed Patrol and Narcotic school in November through Performance Kennels in Buffalo, MN. K9 Kash certified in patrol work through the training. K9 Kash will participate in the NPCA certification in the 2020 year.

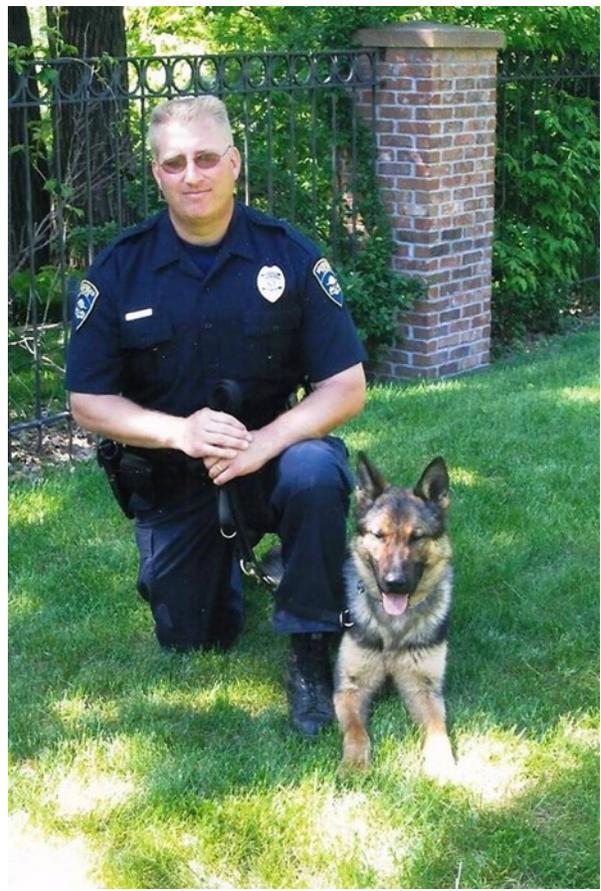


K9 Kash at School.



K9 Kash & Officer Johnson at K9 School.

K9 Milo retired on February 1, 2019 after serving since 2011. K9 Milo was an invaluable resource to not only the City of Moorhead but also the surrounding metro area. He originally was paired with Officer John Lien and later was paired with Officer Joe Brannan. During his time on the Department he was involved in countless incidents where he made a positive impact on the community. K9 Milo was responsible for taking pounds of narcotics off the streets, so they could not be introduced into the community. He was involved in countless deployments that led to the arrests of wanted individuals. K9 Milo was active and enjoyed his time at public demonstrations and community outreach events. K9 Milo now lives with Officer Brannan and his family, as he enjoys a well-deserved retirement.



K9 Milo with Sergeant Brannan and Officer Lien

Significant Deployments:

- On 1/6/19, Officer Brannan and K9 Milo assisted Officers with a felony stop of a stolen vehicle. Milo was commanded to bark at the suspect to deter him from fleeing or fighting with Law Enforcement. The suspect was arrested without incident.
- On 3/1/19, Officer Fildes attempted to stop a vehicle near 8th St/ 30th Ave S in Moorhead. The vehicle fled from Officer Fildes and a pursuit began. Eventually, the vehicle became stuck in a snowbank, and the driver fled on foot. Argo was deployed to apprehend the driver and he did. The driver began assaulting K9 Argo by punching him in the face several times. K9 Argo continued apprehending the suspect until Officer Fildes could catch up to assist him. The driver was eventually arrested and the vehicle was found to be stolen.
- On 8/6/19, Fargo Officers requested Officer Fildes and K9 Argo assist with locating evidence possibly discarded by a fleeing suspect. Argo was deployed and began tracking the suspect along the observed fleeing route. After 1.5 blocks, Argo located 29 Grams of Methamphetamine in nearby vegetation, along with some drug paraphernalia.
- On 8/30/19, Officer Fildes and K9 Argo were requested to assist the Ottertail Co Sheriff's Office and Fergus Falls Police Dept. in an attempt to locate a driver from a pursuit. The driver had attempted to ram a squad car during the pursuit and fled when it crashed. Argo was deployed and tracked the suspect for almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Argo eventually located the suspect who was hiding in a soybean field under the soybean crop. Argo apprehended the suspect and allowed for Officers to safely take the suspect into custody.
- On 9/28/19, Officer Fildes and K9 Argo were requested to assist the Street Crimes Unit with apprehending a suspect who was inside a residence in Moorhead. The suspect had a warrant through the MN DOC for attempted homicide. Argo was deployed into a residence to look for him. After several warnings were given, the male refused to acknowledge Officers. Argo located the suspect hiding in a closet underneath several blankets. Argo apprehend the suspect and he was taken into custody shortly thereafter.
- On 11/24/19, K9 Argo was requested by Deputy Desautel to conduct a drug sniff of a vehicle. Officer Fildes and K9 Argo responded and Argo was deployed on a sniff around the vehicle. Argo alerted to the odor of illegal drugs in the vehicle. A search of the vehicle resulted in Officers locating 3 ounces of Methamphetamine, Valued at \$1800.00.
- On 12/22/19, Officer Johnson and K9 Kash were requested to assist Officer Schenck in tracking a passenger who fled from a pursuit. The passenger was found to have several felony warrants for his arrest. K9 Kash was deployed and began tracking the suspect. K9 Kash tracked the suspect for several blocks before locating him hiding in a backyard. The suspect surrendered to Officers without incident.

Activity Summary - Unit Totals

MOORHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT

2019-01-01 to 2019-12-31



Activity	Amount	Units
Acid Tablets	86.00	Each
Alert	60.00	Each
Alert	2.00	Sniff
Apartment Sniff	15.00	Each
Area Search	5.00	Search(es)
Assist in perimeter	1.00	Assist(s)
Building Search Commercial	1.00	Search(es)
Building Search Residential	2.00	Search(es)
Cocaine Amount	1.10	Gram(s)
Cocaine Value	100.00	Dollar(s)
Criminal Apprehension	9.00	Arrest(s)
Criminal Apprehension	1.00	Person(s)
Demo	3.00	Demo
Drug Para	3.00	
Drug Para	179.00	Each
Firearm	1.00	Firearm(s)
Heroin Amount	45.30	Gram(s)
Heroin Value	4000.00	Dollar(s)
Hotel Sniff	2.00	Each
Marijuana Amount	281.11	Gram(s)
Marijuana Value	1660.00	Dollar(s)
Methamphetamine Amount	147.30	Gram(s)
Methamphetamine Value	875.00	Dollar(s)
No Alert	16.00	Each
No Alert	1.00	Sniff
Outside Agency Deployment	1.00	Each
Seized Vehicle	1.00	Vehicle(s)
Track Successful	2.00	Track(s)
Track Unsuccessful	8.00	Track(s)
Vehicle Sniff	46.00	Each

Teams: Argo/Fildes, Kash/Johnson, Milo/Brannan

Bike Patrol 2019

The Moorhead Police Department's Bike Patrol program continues to flourish and had a productive 2019! Currently there are 11 certified Bike Patrol Officers. We kicked off the bike season with our inaugural Safety Fair at the Law Enforcement Center. On June 24th, 2019 we had numerous agencies including the Clay County Sheriff's Office, FM Ambulance, Moorhead Fire, Moorhead Police K-9 and AAA gather together for demonstrations and to promote kids' safety. A bike rodeo was also held at the Safety Fair with 33 children going through the course and 5 helmets given away. Kids were able to get their faces painted and make a phone number bracelet to wear. It was a fun event and tradition we will keep going!



In addition to the Safety Fair, Bike Patrol Officers also held Bike Rodeos at Streets Alive in June and August and at the annual Rotary Ride. During these events, an additional 104 kids completed the Bike Rodeo with 19 more helmets given away.

The summer of 2019 also saw many Bike Officers hit the streets on Bike Patrol. Officers are able to efficiently move around town and patrol areas on bike not easily accessible by car. Our officers worked the 4th of July Fireworks at MSUM, Bridge Bash and several events at Bluestem. During our bike season, officers logged over 100 hours on bike. During this time they conducted 60 community policing contacts, responded to 23 calls for service and conducted 14 traffic stops. They also focused on providing a heavy presence in our downtown area. The program continues to grow and we look forward to adding additional Bike Officers in 2020!



2019 HONOR GUARD UNIT



The Moorhead Police Honor Guard Unit is comprised of ten officers that show a desire to display respect to this profession and represent this department in public appearances. The Honor Guard Unit trains several times throughout the year and all members attend week long training at Camp Ripley presented by the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association.

Our unit participated in five events in 2019. This included our annual Law Enforcement Memorial Day program with area Honor Guard Units at Lindenwood Park in Fargo, two parades and presenting the colors at the swearing in of newly elected city council members.

In July of 2019, Red Lake Nation Conservation Officer Shannon Barron had a fatal heart attack on duty. Two members from this unit attended the service and assisted LEMA with the service.



Red River Valley SWAT Team

The Red River Valley SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team is a highly trained, multi-agency team composed of Law Enforcement Officers who are available to respond to high risk incidents in our region. The Team is made up of a Tactical Unit (including Medics and Snipers), a Negotiations Unit, and a Bomb Unit. The Team includes Officers, Deputies and Medics from the Fargo Police Department, West Fargo Police Department, NDSU Police Department, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Moorhead Police Department, Clay County Sheriff's Office, FM Ambulance, and Sanford Airmed.

The Red River Valley SWAT Team is a part-time team. The SWAT position is a specialty assignment within each agency. Each member has a full-time function within their home agency (Patrol Officer, Detective, Paramedic, etc.) with SWAT being an added responsibility.

The SWAT Team is led by a Team Commander and two (2) Assistant Team Commanders who oversee all Units. During a high-risk incident, SWAT Command works closely with the local jurisdiction's Scene Commander to coordinate and carry out the safest response possible.

Our SWAT Team takes pride in being a part of our community and wants to be transparent in our role within Law Enforcement. In 2019, the SWAT Team participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge, the Holiday Lights Parade, several Community Picnics, many group tours of SWAT headquarters, and a number of community presentations.

Tactical Unit

The Tactical Unit is utilized for High Risk Search Warrant Service, Barricaded individuals that pose a high risk to the public or law enforcement, Hostage Rescue situations, and many other situations which are viewed as extremely dangerous in nature. The Tactical Unit is made up of three (3) smaller teams that perform specific functions during different operations. The Breacher Team is utilized to gain entry into locked, secured, or barricaded structures and rooms. The Less Lethal/Gas Deployment Team is utilized, when necessary, to deliver chemical agents and deploy less lethal projectiles to uncooperative individuals when needed. The Sniper Team is utilized to observe and report real time information of the incident to the rest of the team as well as to provide precision lethal fire to protect innocent civilians and fellow law enforcement officers when necessary.

The Tactical Unit was called on 15 times in 2019 for a variety of situations.

18 SWAT Operators are assigned to the Tactical Unit. Members of the Moorhead Police Department assigned to the Tactical Unit include:

- Officer Brad Schenck Sniper
- Officer Matthew Lambert Tactical Operator
- Detective Laddie Bata Tactical Operator
- Officer Shaun Van Dyke Tactical Operator

The Tactical Unit prides itself on training hard and staying proficient in their Tactics and Firearms skills. The Tactical Unit trains twice each month. One training is dedicated to tactics and scenario based training. The second training of the month is dedicated to firearms training on the shooting range where tactics are also applied. New operators in the Tactical Unit are selected in April each year and begin training with the team after successfully completing a week long Basic SWAT training course in May. The Tactical Unit trains at Camp Ripley, MN for a week each year in September. The Team takes advantage of this opportunity by training between 14 and 16 hours a day and utilizes many of the training facilities and shooting ranges that are available. This training also serves as the final test for new operators in order to become fully operational.



Bomb Unit

The Bomb Unit is utilized in assisting the community and local law enforcement agencies in the education, location and disposal of all energetic materials. The Bomb Unit is often utilized with the Tactical Unit and Negotiations Unit on large scale events where there could be a potential for dangerous materials or explosives. The Bomb Unit also has different types of technology that can assist the other units to include x-ray machines and bomb robots capable of sending real time video and audio to the rest of the team.

The Red River Regional Bomb Squad is a regional team comprised of technicians from Fargo PD, West Fargo PD, Cass County SO, NDSU PD, Moorhead PD and Clay County SO. This team is accredited by the FBI and trains twice monthly to maintain accreditation. The Bomb Unit is currently over-filled by one technician. A West Fargo member is staying on while a new Clay County technician prepares to attend Hazardous Devices School (Basic Certification) in 2020 or 2021.

The Bomb Unit is comprised of one (1) Team Leader and one (1) Assistant Team Leader who oversee seven (7) Bomb Technicians. Members of the Moorhead Police Department assigned to the Bomb Unit include:

- Detective Nick Leinen

In 2019 the Bomb Unit responded to 34 incidents. Incidents that occurred in Moorhead included:

4/30/19: The Bomb Team Assisted SWAT and Negotiations with a standoff in the 1400 Block of 5th Street South. The Andros Robot was used to breach several doors and windows to aid the SWAT team to make an easier entrance into the residence.

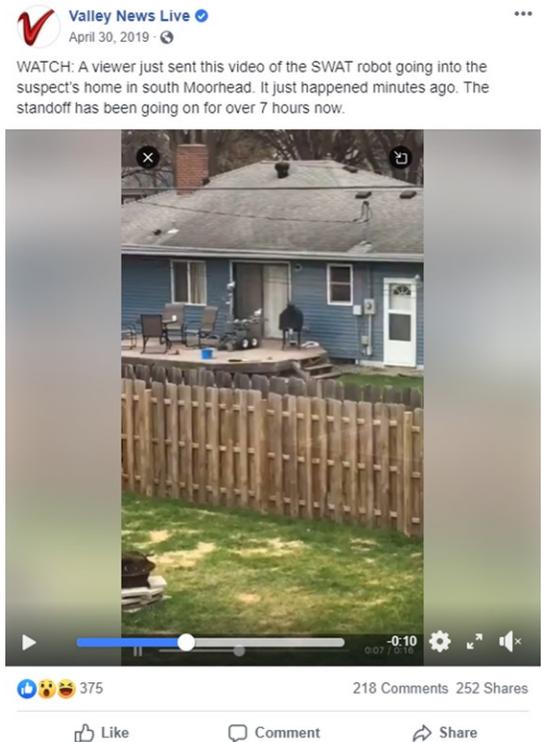
6/3/19: MPD Patrol responded to a report of a suspicious package on the step of a residence in the 1900 Block of 17th Street South. The resident has had previous threats and when the package was partially opened wires could be seen inside. This is indicative of an IED. An x-ray was used to determine that there were no hazards in the packages.

7/4/19: MPD recovered a plethora of illegal fireworks after several citizen complaints in the 1700 Block of Main Avenue. After processing the fireworks for disposal, several improvised fireworks were located which were classified as IED's.

Summary of calls:

- Hoax/ Suspicious packages: **9**
- Ammunition Pickup/Disposal: **6**
- Explosive Devices/Powders: **10**
- SWAT Assists: **9**

Total Responses: **34**



Negotiations Unit

The mission of the Negotiations Team is to reach successful resolution of critical incidents, through professional and calm dialogue, with those involved. The Negotiation Team often responds with SWAT's Tactical Unit during a critical incident. When deployed with all SWAT elements, each Team works together towards the common overall goal. The Negotiation Team can be called to an incident without the Tactical Unit when the criteria for a SWAT response is not met. These incidents can include an armed suicidal subject that is not an immediate threat to others.

The Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) is comprised of ten (10) Negotiators. This includes one (1) Team Leader and two (2) Assistant Team Leaders. The Moorhead Police Department currently has two (2) members allocated to the Negotiations Team. Moorhead's representation in 2019 began with Sergeant Joel Voxland (Assistant Team Leader) and Lieutenant Deric Swenson (Team Leader) who were assigned to the Team. In May, Lt. Swenson resigned from the Negotiations Team following his promotion to Captain within the Moorhead Police Department. At that time, Sergeant Voxland was selected as the Team Leader for the Negotiation Team. Officer Adam Jensen was selected from several interested and well-qualified applicants as Moorhead's second representative on the Negotiator Team.

The Negotiations Team trains one (1) day per month and attends several trainings with all SWAT elements throughout the year. New negotiators must attend a 40-hour course covering contemporary negotiation concepts. A new member must also act as the primary negotiator during a prolonged training scenario before becoming a fully operational member of the Team.

The Negotiations Team was utilized 14 times in 2019. These callouts included barricaded subjects and high-risk search warrants.



Investigative Division

The division is made up of a Division Commander, Investigative Sergeant, Support Services Supervisor, and nine full-time Investigators. Two investigators are assigned to General, two in Juvenile, four in Narcotics, and one to the Metro Street Crimes Unit. General Investigators investigate cases such as crimes against persons (adult), property crimes, and computer forensics investigations. Juvenile Investigators investigate crimes against children such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect. Narcotics Investigators investigate local drug trafficking cases, gang related cases, and historical drug conspiracy cases. Our Investigator assigned to the Metro Street Crimes Unit focuses on gang related activity, fugitive apprehension, and high crime areas.

On January 1, 2017, Sergeant Scott Kostohryz was reassigned from the Patrol Division to the Investigative Division as a rotational assignment. The purpose of the rotational position is to train and mentor our Patrol Division Supervisors on the functions of the Investigative Division so they have a better understating of these roles and responsibilities when they return to their Patrol Division supervisory position. Sergeant Kostohryz conducted a wide variety of investigations during this time and was reassigned to the Patrol Division on March 1, 2019. On March 1, 2019, Sergeant Toby Krone was reassigned to the Investigative Division as his replacement. The position and responsibilities changed with this being a minimum of a four-year rotation and having more of a supervisory role along with carrying an active caseload.

Detective Shawn Krebsbach was assigned to the Investigative Division on September 1, 2015. He spent approximately four years in that role working General Investigations until accepting a position with Homeland Security in August 2019. On August 5, 2019, Detective Nick Schultz was reassigned to the Investigative Division as his replacement.

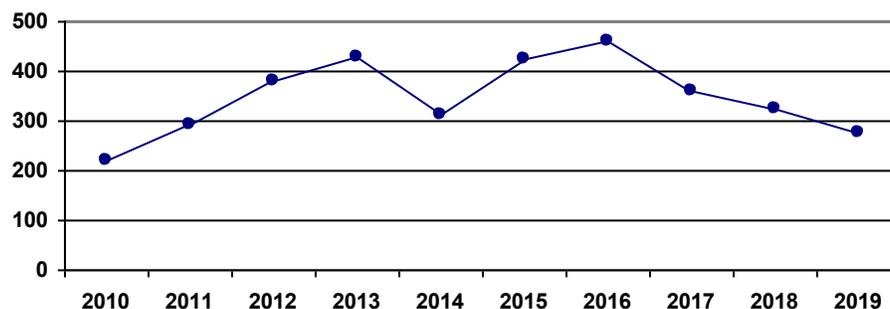
Office Manager Corinne Lien was employed by the Moorhead Police Department full time in 1999 and worked at the Police Department on a part time basis prior to that. She was the Investigative Division Office Manager from April 1, 2006, until her retirement on June 27, 2019. In June, Jami Diederich was promoted to the role of Support Services Supervisor and assigned to the Investigative Division as her replacement.

We currently participate in four different Task Forces. Narcotics investigators are assigned to the Lakes to River Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force. Two of our narcotics investigators are also attached to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Drug Task Force in Fargo, ND. Our Computer Forensic Investigator is a member of the Internet Crimes against Children Task Force (ICAC). Our Metro Street Crimes Investigator is also part of the U.S. Marshals Service North Star Fugitive Task Force. 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 and ensuring compliance of approximately 150 offenders in the City of Moorhead. Offenders are assessed a risk level, by the Department of Corrections, prior to their end of confinement if they were incarcerated in a state prison. Those that were not confined in state prison are given an unassigned risk level. Information on Level I and Unassigned offenders can be shared with other law enforcement agencies and the offender's crime victims/witnesses. Level II offender information may also be disclosed to law enforcement agencies as well as groups the offender is likely to encounter such as educational institutions and day care establishments. Risk Level III is the highest level assigned and can also be disclosed to other members of the community. The Moorhead Police Department provides notification on Level III offenders through the media, community meetings, and the City of Moorhead website. There were approximately (7) Level III Offenders residing in Moorhead at various times in 2019.

The division is also responsible for conducting background investigations for most city licenses and permits including liquor, pawn, massage, tobacco sales, second hand dealers, and used car dealers. We also conduct background checks and issue permits for citizens wishing to purchase handguns and semiautomatic military-style assault weapons. With a steady increase in handgun purchase permit applications for several years we began to see the numbers somewhat fluctuate, from 2013-2019, with a downward trend the past three years.

Handgun and Semiautomatic Military-Style Assault Weapon Permits



The Division is supervised by Division Commander Lieutenant Brad Penas and Sergeant Toby Krone.

High Profile Case Activity

- On the morning of April 30, 2019, a female victim fled a residence reporting that her boyfriend, Blake Fitzgerald, physically assaulted her, was in possession of a handgun, and was threatening to shoot people. Officers set up a perimeter on the home and requested the assistance of the Red River Valley SWAT Team. A SWAT Negotiator communicated with Fitzgerald on and off for several hours in an attempt to get him to exit the residence. The SWAT Team eventually deployed a chemical agent, robot, and drone inside the home. Shortly thereafter Fitzgerald agreed to surrender, exited the residence, and was taken into custody. A replica handgun was found during a search. This incident resulted in a Code Red issued for the neighborhood with some residents removed from their homes or unable to get to their home for several hours. Fitzgerald had a lengthy history of domestic violence and plead guilty to six counts of domestic assault and will have to register as a predatory offender.

- On May 1, 2019, a lone male suspect robbed the Gate City Bank located inside the Azool Hornbacher's store at 950 40th Ave S. The suspect provided a note demanding money indicating he was armed. The suspect fled with a large sum of money. The Federal Bureau of Investigations as well as the U.S. Marshals Service assisted with the investigation. Within a few days, officers were able to identify the suspect as Robert Vaughn Evans. Evans was from the east coast area, had a lengthy criminal history, and an outstanding felony warrant from West Virginia. A Moorhead Investigator continued to work the case with federal authorities and Evans was eventually tracked down and arrested in Marietta, OH by the U.S. Marshals Service. It is believed Evans was involved in a crime spree across 14 states.
- On September 30, 2019, officers investigated a robbery in south Moorhead. The subjects targeted the residence in an attempt to steal drugs from the occupants. Three subjects entered the residence while two people remained outside in a vehicle. One of the subjects was armed with a handgun. One of the victims inside the residence was physically assaulted. After the subjects realized the police had been notified, they fled the residence in the getaway vehicle without the drugs, resulting in a short pursuit and apprehension of all five occupants. One of the occupants inside the residence fled with the drugs and after a short foot pursuit was also apprehended. The drugs and handgun were recovered and seized. Ethan Erickson, age 21, Pierre Hall, age 26, and Mason Reed, age 23, were all booked and held on Felony Conspiracy to Commit Aggravated Robbery. Audra Barr, age 24, was arrested and charged with Felony Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle. The target of the robbery, Tavian Streed, age 20, was also arrested on Felony 2nd Degree Controlled Substance charges.
- On October 23, 2019, a 71-year-old female victim was getting mail from her apartment building entryway when she was robbed at knifepoint by a 16-year-old subject. The subject placed the knife to the victim's throat and took her purse before fleeing the building. The knife was recovered on the ground outside by Officers and an innocent bystander chased after the suspect, retrieving the victim's purse. The subject was identified by a Moorhead High School Resource Officer from surveillance images at the scene. A search of the subject's residence led to the recovery of all of his clothing worn during the robbery. He was charged with 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery, plead guilty, and was sentenced to the Red Wing Juvenile Correctional Facility until his 18th birthday.

Narcotics

For the past several years, the Moorhead Police Department, acting as the fiscal agent, has successfully applied for and obtained grant funding to help combat drug and violent crimes. This funding helps pay partial salaries of Task Force Officers (TFO's) assigned to the Lakes to River Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force. In 2019, this partnership included the Moorhead Police Department, Clay County Sheriff's Office, Wilkin County Sheriff's Office, and the Breckenridge Police Department. Personnel consisted of (4) Narcotics Investigators from the Moorhead Police Department, (2) from the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Commander Brad Penas and our Office Manager.

Grant funding also allows us to collaborate with the local DEA Drug Task Force. This relationship allows investigators to start a case with a local user and follow them all the way up to the source of supply that may be established in another state. This type of investigation will often result in federal charges through the United States Attorney's Office and prosecution of drug traffickers responsible for bringing large quantities of narcotics to the Red River Valley. Cases such as these take an enormous amount of time and resources from local agencies, however the benefit derived from their involvement has great payback as the sources of supply were arrested and convicted as well as the entire distribution network. The distribution network is primarily made up of local drug dealers, which have a daily impact on the standard of living in our community. The Moorhead Police Department has (2) of our Narcotics Investigators assigned to this Task Force. In 2019, they had (12) federal investigations open with three of the most active investigations resulting in (17) subjects indicted in federal court. Below is an investigation starting as a local case moving to the federal system.

A local narcotics investigation resulted in the seizure of (2) pounds of methamphetamine from a vehicle in a public parking lot. The subject was interviewed and admitted to trafficking over (100) pounds of methamphetamine in the Fargo-Moorhead area during the past year. Money was wired to California and a foreign country with the packages shipped via the US Postal Service to various locations in the Fargo-Moorhead area. The investigation was adopted federally by our two Narcotics Investigators assigned to the DEA Drug Task Force. Through coordination with the US Postal Service two packages were intercepted with a total weight of (13) pounds of methamphetamine. To date, (6) subjects have been federally indicted. The investigation is ongoing targeting the source of supply in a foreign country. High-end assets were seized through both the state and federal judicial system.



2 pounds of methamphetamine



8 pounds of methamphetamine



5 pounds of methamphetamine

The abuse of prescription medication led to the implementation of a safe and secure prescription medication drop off location at the Moorhead Police Department a number of years ago. This program along with our partnership with the DEA, through National Take Back events, removed approximately (680) pounds of medications that were incinerated in 2019.

Local Investigations

- On February 4, 2019, Myrone Bell, age 24, was arrested on Felony 1st Degree Controlled Substance charges. Bell was the target of an investigation that led to the seizure of (110) grams of heroin and US currency.



44 grams of heroin

- On May 25, 2019, a narcotics search warrant was executed at a residence in south Moorhead. Investigators seized approximately (290) grams of methamphetamine and (15) grams of cocaine. An adult female and her three children were also located inside the residence. The three children were placed with Social Services and both adults were arrested. Nathan Carr, age 41, was charged with 1st Degree Sales of a Controlled Substance and Child Endangerment. Jasmine Mendoza, age 25, was charged with Child Endangerment. Two of the three children later tested positive for methamphetamine.
- On August 7, 2019, a narcotics investigation concluded with several arrests and the seizure of (½) pound of powder cocaine, (100) grams of marijuana, and a 9mm handgun, cash and a vehicle. Miguel Castillo, age 41, Jared Trevino, age 19, and Raul Cruz, age 43, were all charged with Felony 1st Degree Controlled Substance with Conspiracy to Sell.
- On September 17, 2019, a narcotics search warrant was served in south Moorhead resulting in the seizure of (½) pound of heroin, (24) grams of Fentanyl, crack-cocaine, and prescription pills. Donald Quinn Jr, age 33, and Candi Wilson, age 30, were arrested on numerous drug related charges.

Task Force Seizures

Seizures (in grams)	2017	2018	2019
Marijuana	103,547	35,178	24,330
Methamphetamine	10,621	18,319	12,744
Heroin	157	98	269
Cash	\$95,315	\$69,648	\$28,150

Several of our investigations involved multiple agencies. Often times the traffic stop, search warrant, or arrest would take place in another law enforcement jurisdiction. In these cases, the actual seizure would be handled by the agency with authority.

Juvenile

We have two Juvenile Investigators that primarily work physical/sexual abuse and neglect cases. These investigators receive specialized training on child forensic interviewing techniques. This training is specific to this position so investigators 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. This collaboration works together as a team with members of the Red River Child Advocacy Center to accomplish these efforts. The center was created to help accommodate victims and their families through the process.

The Division Commander and Juvenile/General Investigators are also members of the Red River Child Abduction Response Team (CART). A Child Abduction Response Team is a group of individuals from various local, state, and federal agencies who are trained and prepared to respond to a missing/endangered or abducted child. CART pulls together resources to aid in the search and rescue effort and to assist the agency of jurisdiction in its investigation. Our team is certified through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. To maintain certification our team participates in tabletop and mock exercises to be prepared in case of a real event.

Juvenile Investigations

- In January, a four-year-old female victim went to daycare and complained of severe shoulder pain. She was taken to the hospital, where it was learned the child had sustained a broken right clavicle. The child disclosed that her mother's boyfriend, 32-year-old Travis Klemetson, had picked her up during the previous night and thrown her onto the ground. Klemetson was interviewed and admitted to being upset with the child earlier that evening because she was talking back. During the night, Klemetson noticed she was not sleeping in the proper location, picked her up, and tossed her onto the floor causing the injury. He was charged with felony 3rd Degree Assault and was awaiting trial at the time of this submission.
- In May, a seven-year-old female victim disclosed that she was sexually abused by 26-year-old Christopher Ochoa. In January 2020, Ochoa plead guilty to sexually assaulting the girl and will be sentenced in March 2020.
- In July, a 9-year-old disclosed that she was being molested at night by 62-year-old Michael Stearns. The investigation also revealed previous juvenile victims that are now adults. One victim disclosed multiple sexual assaults from age 9-14 and another disclosed being sexually abused by Stearns at age 10. Stearns was interrogated, confessed, and arrested. A plea deal was ultimately reached with Stearns pleading guilty to avoid all of the victims having to testify at trial and he was sentenced to serve 280 months in prison.
- In December, a 15-year-old female victim disclosed to a Mandated Reporter that 37-year-old Raymon Pritchett had sexually assaulted her numerous times during the past summer. The victim was interviewed and an investigator learned she was a babysitter for Pritchett's young children. She was encouraged by him to spend the night and would be provided alcohol before being sexually assaulted on multiple occasions. A search warrant was executed at Pritchett's residence where evidence was collected. Pritchett confessed to the sexual assaults and was charged with 3rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct.

Juvenile Victims

Case Types	2017	2018	2019
Criminal Sexual Assault	75	72	73
Physical Abuse/Neglect	286	223	254

Division Statistics

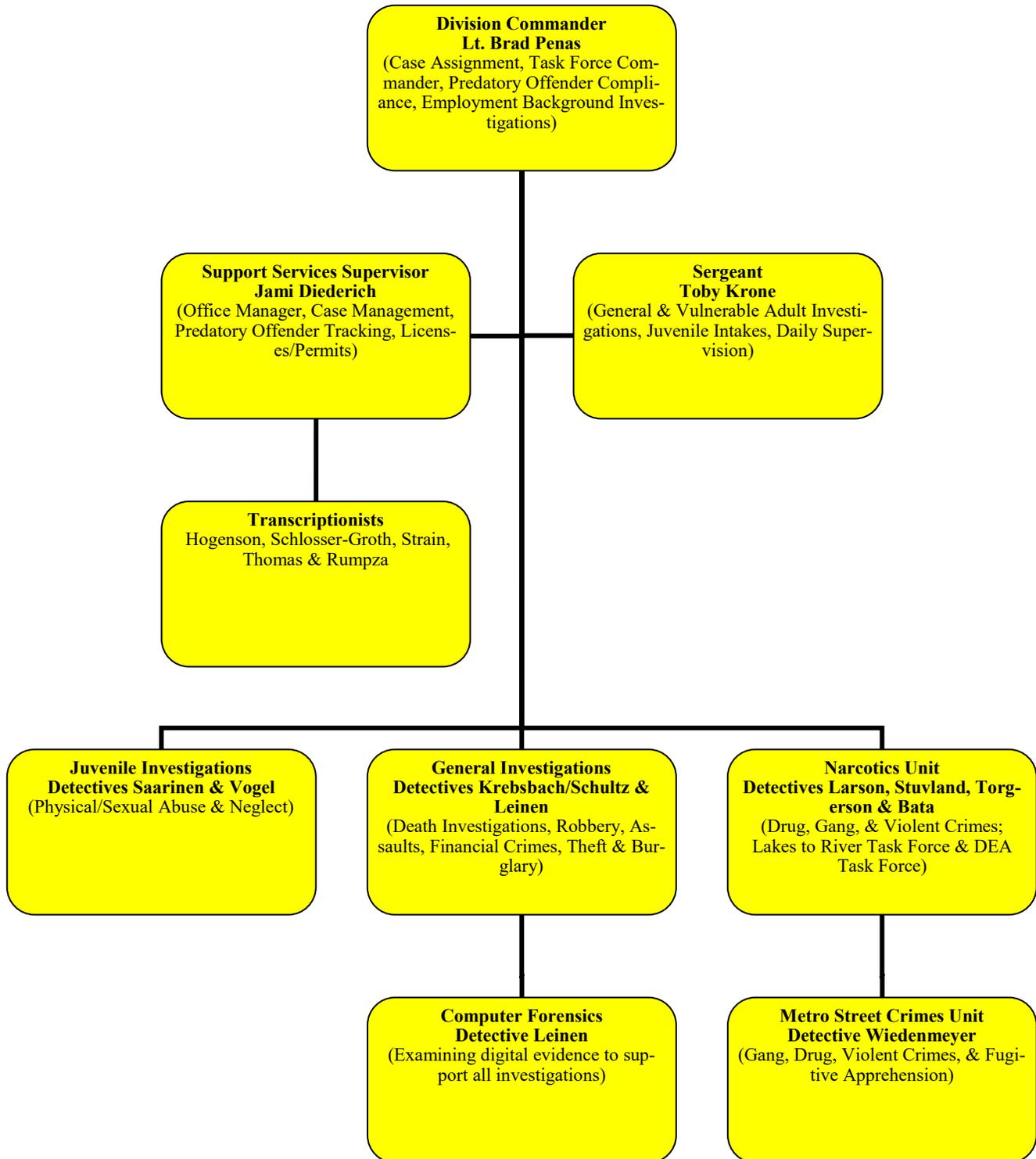
CASE TYPE NAME	TOTAL
ADMIN	16
ARSON	3
ASSAULT	75
ASSIST	58
BURGLARY	8
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	11
CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT	85
DEATH	14
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	9
MISSING PERSON	10
NARCOTICS	91
NEGLECT	199
PERMITS	30
PREDATORY OFFENDER	474
ROBBERY	11
THEFT	22
SCREENED OUT BY SOCIAL SERVICES	861
OTHER ACTIVITY	18
VULNERABLE ADULT	48
TOTAL	2043

Awards

Detective Nick Wiedenmeyer is assigned to the Metro Street Crimes Unit as well as the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Task Force. On December 13, 2018, he was injured while attempting an arrest of a suspect that was resisting. The injury caused a significant amount of time away from active duty and Detective Wiedenmeyer will have lifelong affects as a result of the injury. On April 9, 2019, the U.S. Marshals Service recognized Detective Wiedenmeyer for his injury received in the line of duty and was presented the U.S. Marshals Service Purple Heart award.

Moorhead Police Department Investigative Division

Division Organization Chart & Primary Duties



2019 Support Services

Our Records and Transcription Division went through some changes this past year. Corinne Lien retired as an Office Manager after 20 years of service. Two new supervisory positions were created in her place. One unified division, Support Services, is now overseen by Officer Manager Sandy Timian. Lisa Johnk (Records Team) and Jami Diederich (Transcription Team) were promoted as Support Services Supervisors.

The Support Services Division welcomed Gabby Cordes in August as a full-time Records Specialist. The Support Services Division now consists of four full time Records Specialists, one part-time Office Specialist, one full-time Evidence Technician, three full-time Power Typists, and two part-time Power Typists.

- Over 9,778 incident reports were processed by Records Staff.
- 2,255 requests were made by the City and County Attorney's for squad videos, audios, and other items.
- 1, 246 incidents were referred to the City and County Attorney's Offices for Prosecution.
- 6,286 audio files, squad videos and officer reports were transcribed.
- 4,461 hours of staff time was dedicated to transcribing these items. There were 964 hours of officer dictations.
- 443 impounded vehicles were processed and released.
- 277 handgun permit requests were received and backgrounded.
- 1,330 requests for information were made from the public, military, social services, Department of Corrections, and other agencies.
- 36 criminal background checks were performed for landlords.
- 122 disorderly tenant letters were sent out.
- 604 block club newsletters were distributed.
- 8,148 parking tickets were issued by Community Service Officers, Parking Enforcement Officers, and volunteers. Records staff takes payment for these tickets, issues overdue and collection letters, as well as processes appeals.
- 713 dog licenses and 143 cat licenses were sold and issued to pet owners.

Community Service Officers

Community Service Officers consist of three full-time positions. Harvey Moos, Steve Kemper, and Cameron Cordes, who resigned his position in October, spend their work days responding to animal complaints, vehicle unlocks, found/stolen bicycles, parking complaints, parking enforcement, impound releases, found property, keeping patrol squads maintained, and transporting and delivering mail, supplies, equipment, and evidence for the department.

In 2019 the Community Service Officers responded to a combined total of 2,348 calls for service to include:

- 585 vehicle unlocks
- 602 animal complaints; the department received 1,186 calls for service related to animal complaints.
- 129 dogs and cats were impounded by the police department.
- 544 calls for release of impounded vehicles and personal property.



Parking Enforcement Officers

The Parking Enforcement Unit was formed in 2012 as a response to the new parking regulations around the campus neighborhoods. Two to three part-time seasonal employees cover 50 hours of parking enforcement per week during the school year. In 2019, the unit varied between two to five part-time employees who worked varied shifts from 7:00am to 5:00pm.

The Parking Enforcement Officer (PEO) is responsible for enforcing parking regulations around the campuses of Minnesota State University-Moorhead and Concordia College, monitoring the 3 hours parking areas. They also occasionally enforced parking regulations around special venues such as the Cullen Hockey Center (formerly the Moorhead Youth Hockey Arena). They are equipped with a left side steering Jeep and department high visibility uniforms. Their enforcement has a significant impact on the orderly and safe parking around the neighborhoods adjacent to the campuses.

The department has attracted current criminal justice majors from the area colleges as applicants. This offers the department and the employee some advantages before the graduate enters the full-time work force:

- It creates an opportunity for the department to meet new talent
- It gives the applicant a chance to see our department prior to applying as a police officer
- It allows the department to see the work ethic and attitude of the potential applicant
- It provides the opportunity for students to get a solid understanding of the parking enforcement process
- It gives the student the opportunity to learn the geography of the city prior to any possible police officer employment.

In 2019, the parking enforcement unit consisted of:

Dylan Watt:	A Criminal Justice Major from MSU-M and current lead PEO. Dylan was hired in 2017 and 2019 will be his final PEO season.
Annie Mettert :	A Criminal Justice Major from MSU-M and graduated in 2019.
Scott Salter:	A Criminal Justice Major from M-State, hired in 2018 and worked through the 2018 PEO season.
Kelsey Meston	A Criminal Justice Major from NDSU and was hired in September 2018.
Camille Griffin	A criminal Justice Major at M-State and was hired in 2018

From January through May and August through December, the PEOs wrote 3,823 parking tickets with a total of \$95,575 in parking fines.

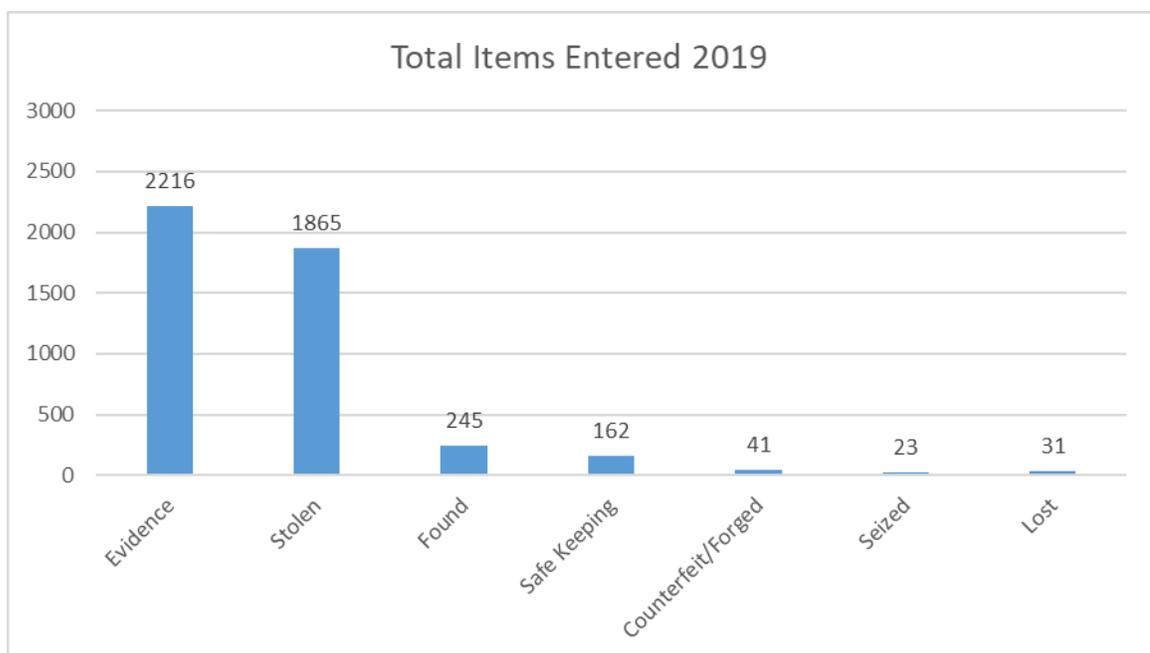
Property and Evidence Unit

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.

The property and evidence room is supervised by Sergeant Robb Matheson. Laura Hilgers is the department's main evidence technician. All evidence technicians and evidence room supervisors have been trained through the International Association of Property & Evidence (IAPE) and are current members in this organization.

Property and Evidence 2019 in Review

- The department uses an electronic format versus the live auction to sell property eligible for release. We have found this method increases the value of the property as more people are interested in the items than they would at an auction. The Moorhead Police Department posts items online through electronic auctions on K-Bid.com.
- Total revenue generated from sale of eligible property was \$5,346.94. This revenue goes directly into the city's general fund.
- 2,216 items were entered into Property and Evidence in 2019. This includes 1,865 items that were listed as stolen items. These are not items that were stolen and recovered, only those items that were mentioned as stolen in a police report.



- 2,216 items were taken into the custody of Property and Evidence in 2019.
- The start of year balance of the Property and Evidence account was \$114,233.74
- \$43,768.00 in cash deposits were made into the Property and Evidence Account for storage until disposition of the criminal case.
- \$101,386.60 was withdrawn from this account in 2019. \$12,259 was returned to the owner or victim after the criminal case was resolved. \$44,137.46 was deposited into the city’s drug seizure account after the criminal case was resolved. Any drug seizure money is split with the State of Minnesota, the Clay County Attorney’s Office and any other agency that assists with the investigation. L2RTF stands for Lakes to River Task Force. In this case the following agencies received the following amounts:

◦ State of MN	\$8,815.36
◦ Clay County Attorney’s Office	\$17,630.72
◦ West Fargo Police	\$135.03
◦ Clay County Sheriff’s Office	\$2,410.03
◦ Cass County Sheriff’s Office	\$135.03
◦ Cass County Drug Task Force	\$901.25
◦ L2RTF	\$19,652.08
◦ Fargo Police	\$14,038.43
◦ Moorhead Police	\$24,056.97
◦ Becker County Sheriff’s Office	\$378.70

- \$31.46 accrued interest in 2019.
- The year-end balance of the account is \$61,983.60.
- All transactions with the Property and Evidence Unit are documented with the City of Moorhead’s Accounting Division.
- The Drug Safe Program available to Moorhead residents was extended to collaborate with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The DEA will destroy the prescribed narcotics and other prescriptions.

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.

2019 Awards Issued



Officer Kyle Huewe was issued the Life Saving Award in 2019. The Life Saving Medal is awarded to personnel who take action to save the life of another which would otherwise have expired without the direct action taken by the rescuer.

Officer Kyle Huewe self-dispatched himself to a call for a female who was unresponsive and believed to not be breathing. He was first to arrive and male was actively performing CPR on the female and he immediately took over chest compressions. The male asked what he could do to assist, and while Officer Huewe continued chest compressions, he gave directions to the male to set up and prep the automatic external defibrillator. Officer Huewe administered 2 shocks to the victim and shortly after Fire and EMS arrived and recovered a heartbeat prior to transport to the hospital. The patient is alive today because of the immediate and emergent response provided by the male on scene and officer Huewe.

