

May 2009

Dear Mayor Young and City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit the 2008 Eden Prairie Police Department Annual Report to you and the residents of Eden Prairie. This report contains a summary of the events and operations the Police Department undertook in 2008.



We responded to 54,483 calls for service in 2008, an increase of 6% over 2007. Our written warnings were up 37% and our overall traffic stops increased 17% from the previous year.

In the spring of 2008 our 9-1-1 Dispatch Center was completely remodeled with new equipment designed for large-scale, mutual aid events. We had an opportunity to fully utilize that new system when we handled a volatile trench collapse that trapped a construction worker in July.

Last summer we also assisted with providing security during the Republic National Convention in St. Paul. Between the training and time worked at the Convention, the Department contributed 1,689 hours towards the security effort. The department staff who stayed and worked in Eden Prairie during the Convention also assisted by working additional and longer shifts.

Our outreach efforts in 2008 included fundraising for the Special Olympics, reading to Eden Prairie children during My Book Day and honoring officers killed in the line of duty as part of the National Law Enforcement Memorial Day.

On behalf of the nearly 150 staff and volunteer members of the Police Department, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert L. Reynolds  
Police Chief

Chief's Report

## Mission statement

The mission of the Eden Prairie Police Department is to protect and serve the community of Eden Prairie through active and professional engagement.

## Department values

- Provide customized service to the community;
- Exercise discretion and fairness in enforcement;
- Build public trust in the Department; and
- Promote the professional development of its members.

# 2008 Eden Prairie Police Department Organizational Chart

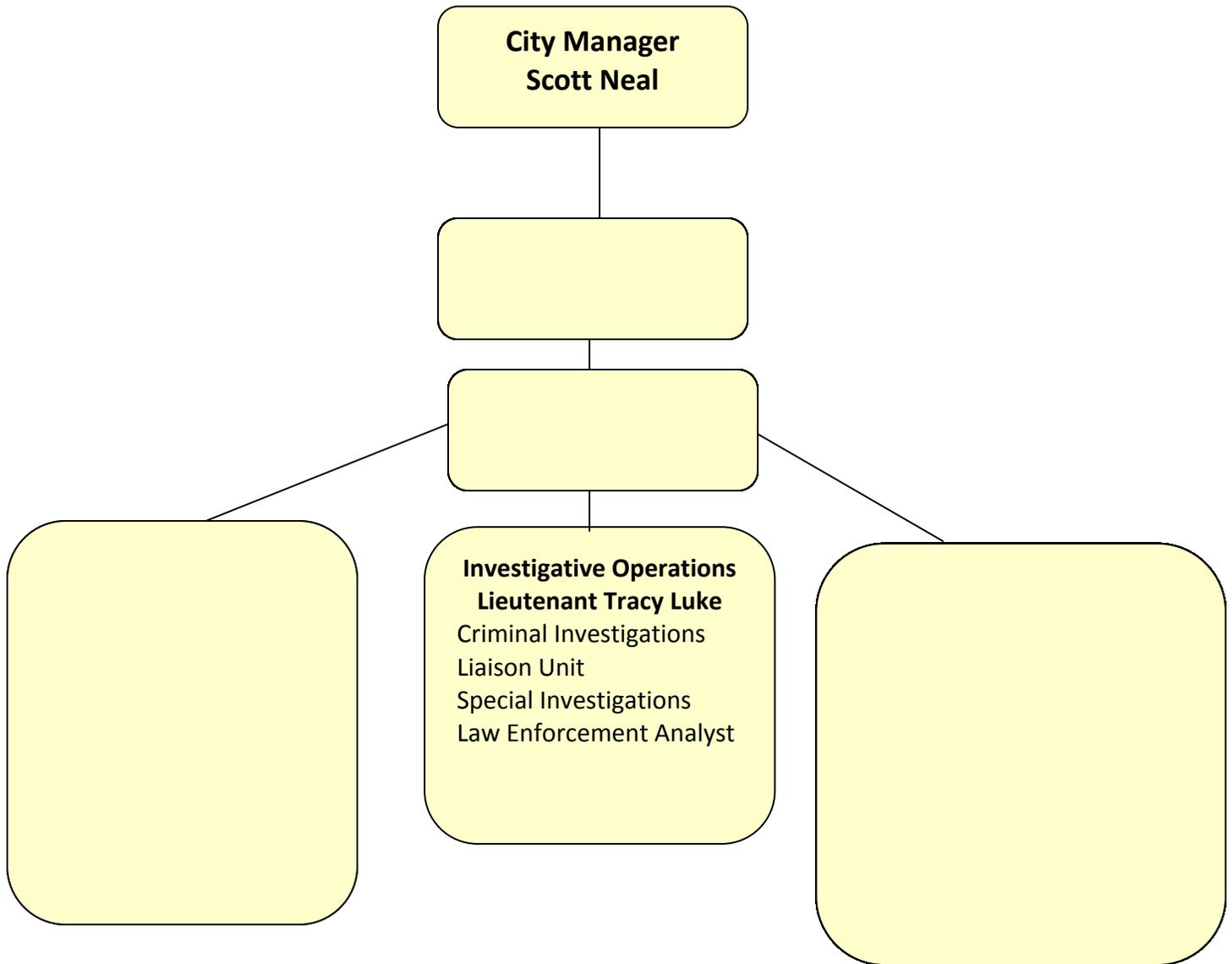




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# 2008 EPPD Command Staff



**Police Chief  
Rob Reynolds**



**Captain  
Jim DeMann**



**Investigations Lieutenant  
Tracy Luke**



**Support Lieutenant  
Jim Morrow**



**Patrol Lieutenant  
Greg Weber**

**Command Staff**

## 2008 Promotions



**Patrol Lieutenant  
Greg Weber**

**Greg Weber** was promoted to Lieutenant of the Patrol Division on February 2, 2008. Lt. Weber began working for the EPPD in 1990. Since that time, Lt. Weber has served as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Corporal, Patrol Sergeant, Liaison Sergeant and Emergency Response Unit (ERU) Team Leader. He is also the current commander of the ERU. Lt. Weber has a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Minnesota State University-Mankato and a master's degree in police leadership, administration and education from the University of St. Thomas.



**Brent Dupont** was promoted to Police Sergeant on March 15, 2008. Sgt. Dupont was hired by the Eden Prairie Police Department in 1988 and since that time has served as a Community Oriented Policing Unit Officer, Patrol Officer, Traffic Unit Officer, Liaison Officer for Eden Prairie Central Middle School and Eden Prairie High School, Adult Investigator, Special Investigator and Crisis Negotiator. Sgt. Dupont has an associate's degree in law enforcement from Golden Valley Lutheran College.



**Tom Lowery** was promoted to Police Sergeant on December 6, 2008. Sgt. Lowery was hired by the Eden Prairie Police Department in July 2000 and since that time has served as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, ERU Team Member, Commercial Vehicle Inspector, Use of Force Instructor and Adult Investigator. Sgt. Lowery has an associate's degree from North Hennepin Community College.

Promotions

# New Officers Hired in 2008



**Officer Matt Schmidt**  
Start date: February 4, 2008



**Officer Jenny Schnickel**  
Start date: April 7, 2008



**Officer Tyler Quesenberry**  
Start date: July 1, 2008



**Officer Brandon Carlston**  
Start date: August 28, 2008



**Officer Kevin Brown**  
Start date: January 20, 2009

New Officers



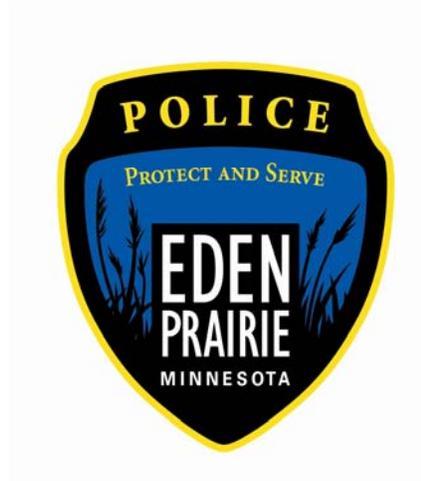
**Community Service Officer  
Bryan Dean**  
Start date: August 11, 2008



**Law Enforcement Analyst  
Jessica Claeys**  
Start date: August 20, 2008



**Police & Fire Chaplain  
Sharon Predovich**  
Start date: April 2008



**Sgt. Jim Franzen**  
retired in November 2008 after 20 years of service with the Eden Prairie Police Department. Sgt. Franzen left the City for an opportunity to serve as Captain of the Robbinsdale Police Department.



Police Reserve **Officer Dave Huml**  
retired after 12 years of service.

# New Hires & Retirements



**Officer Jeff Berg** retired in March 2008 after 21 years of service with the Eden Prairie Police Department. Officer Berg passed away in May 2008 and was posthumously awarded the Department's Career Achievement Award. Officer Berg was known for his helpfulness, calm demeanor and attention to detail. He spent his career as a Patrol Officer, Detective and Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) member. He is deeply missed by the members of the EPPD.



Members of the Department's **Emergency Response Unit (ERU)** took home three 1st-place trophies at the 2008 Minnesota Tactical Officers Association annual conference. ERU members are: Carter Staaf, Chris Wood, Mike Harrington, Lonnie Soppeland, Eric LeBlanc, Bob Davis, Jerrad Biggar, Travis Serafin, Ronnie Henke, Chris Millard, Zach Hessel, John Wilson, Jenny Bahr and

**Dispatchers Rachel Selness, Laurie Henning and Beth Sams** received an award from the Minnesota Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials for their work during a construction trench collapse in July 2008. At right is Laurie Henning and Beth Sams. Not pictured: Rachel Selness.



Awards



**Officer Jim Schlossmacher** received the 2008 Officer of the Year Award from the Labor Management Team. Officer Schlossmacher has been with the Department since 1985 and during that time has served as a Patrol Officer, founding Emergency Response Unit (ERU) Member and School Liaison Officer. He was recognized for his dedication and service to the students and community of Eden Prairie.



**Officer Linda Williams** received the City of Eden Prairie's Dr. Jean L. Harris Community Service Award in April 2008 for her work with the Special Olympics and in particular for her efforts coordinating the 2008 Polar Plunge fundraiser.



In April 2008 **Officer Kevin White** received the Concordia Criminal Justice Department Student Appreciation Award from Concordia University in St. Paul for his dedication, perseverance and commitment to his college education.

**Sgts. Dave Becker and Matt Sackett** received the Above and Beyond Award from the Minnesota Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for their efforts in assisting members of the Guard and Reserve and their families during their active duty.



# Awards

# Patrol Division Highlights



**Officer Todd Groves** (back row, 3rd from left) was selected to be a member of the Metro DWI Enforcers All-Star Team for the high number of DWI arrests he made in 2007.

**K-9 Booker** (right) joined the Police Department and is pictured here with his partner, Officer Tim Snetting. At left is Officer Jess Irmiter and his K-9 partner, Brix.



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On July 17, 2008, a residential construction worker became stuck in a trench collapse. The first responding police officers made the wise decision to delay entry into the unstable trench until a special search-and-rescue squad could arrive. That decision ultimately saved the life of the construction worker. Multiple jurisdictions participated in the rescue including the Eden Prairie Fire Department, Eden Prairie Public Works, Hennepin County Medical Center EMTs, and public safety personnel from Bloomington, Edina, Minnetonka and Minneapolis.

Patrol Division

# Investigation Division Highlights



**Investigative Aide Pauline Sager** was bestowed a Lifetime Membership to the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators. This honor is conferred upon any member who has made significant and unusual contributions toward enhancing and/or advancing the goals and objectives of the Association.



On Tuesday, August 5 the City of Eden Prairie celebrated **Eden Prairie Night Out** with 103 neighborhood celebrations. During the event, Eden Prairie citizens collected 7,462 pounds of food for the PROP foodshelf, 1,300 pounds more than the previous year. At left is **Detective Andy Rohde** at a neighborhood celebration.

In July, more than 350 3rd-grade kids attended a two-day Safety Camp where they learned and practiced a number of skills including animal safety. At right is **Animal Control Officer John Peters**.



In May EPPD Officers participated in several Senior Awareness Month activities including lunch-and-learn events and a cookie baking contest. At right are contest judges **Officer John Conley**, retired **Officer Joyce Conley**, **Officer Patti Van Sickle** and **Sgt. Matt Sackett**.



Investigations Division

# Support Division Highlights



February 2008: before the remodel



April 2008: after the remodel

In 2008 the City of Eden Prairie researched and began implementing an upgrade to its records system for Police and Fire personnel. As part of the project the Department's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center was remodeled in order to install a new radio system designed to make handling large-scale mutual aid incidents more efficient. The project has taken hundreds of hours and when completed will increase overall efficiency, reduce response time and provide for better information sharing between departments. The upgrade is expected to be completed in 2010.



The Department's Crime Scene Technician Unit processed evidence from 142 incidents in 2008 including death investigations, drugs, tampering with autos, burglary and damage to property. At left is Crime Scene Tech Unit member **Sgt. Bill Wyffels** demonstrating evidence processing techniques for Open House visitors.



On May 15, 2008, nine EPPD officers participated in **National Law Enforcement Memorial Day** at the State Capitol honoring officers killed in the line of duty in Minnesota. At left, bottom row: Linda Williams, Erica Halverson, T.J. Henderson, Greg Weber, Jim DeMann. Top row: Dave Becker, Ronnie Henke, Jim Morrow, Zach Hessel.

Support Division

# Volunteer Highlights



The Eden Prairie Police Department relies on its three volunteer programs (Reserves, Explorers and Chaplains) to assist department members with traffic direction, security at special events, requests for service at both emergency and non-emergency incidents and, in the case of the Chaplains, spiritual guidance in times of trauma and tragedy.

**Reserve Officer Dave Hendricks** assists an Open House participant with the fingerprint machine. The Department's 25 Reserve Officers volunteered nearly 4,500 hours of their time in 2008.



**Police Explorers** are men and women ages 14-21 who are interested in law enforcement. They gain working knowledge of law enforcement through hands-on experience with the Edina and Eden Prairie Police Departments. In July 2008, the Edina-Eden Prairie Police Explorers earned a 1st Place trophy for Crime Scene Search at the National Explorer Conference.



**In 2008 the Eden Prairie Police and Fire Chaplains** were called into service 24 times. In addition Chaplains Brian Schulenburg, Jac Perrin and John Brecount assisted the thousands of police officers who patrolled St. Paul during the Republican National Convention (RNC). At the RNC, Chaplains raised money to purchase food for the officers, served the food and provided fellowship and prayer to the officers.

Volunteers



The **Republican National Convention** was held in St. Paul September 1 – 4, 2008. As the host city, the St. Paul Police Department asked the Eden Prairie Police Department to assist with providing security for convention guests. The EPPD provided two supervisors, 11 officers, one analyst and three chaplains for use during the convention. Officers who stayed in Eden Prairie adjusted their schedules to 12-hour days in order to fill the Department's shifts. The City of Eden Prairie was reimbursed by the federal government for the 1,689 hours its staff spent in training and working at the convention.



**EPPD Officers John Wilson and Zach Hessel**

**RNC**



# 2008 Statistics

Person Crimes	2007	2008
Homicide (includes attempts)	0	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	18	34
Robbery	13	11
Felony Assault	67	72
Non-Felony Assault	38	48
Domestic Assault	105	99
Disorderly Conduct	143	107
Harassing Communication	27	26
Crimes Against Families	41	28
Interfering with 9-1-1 Calls	18	17
Kidnapping/False Imprisonment	8	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>445</b>

Property Crimes	2007	2008
Residential Burglaries	144	105
Non-Residential Burglaries	50	36
Theft	600	590
Theft from Vehicle	458	385
Vehicle Theft	37	35
Motor Vehicle Tampering	600	514
<b>Financial Theft</b>		
Identity Theft	200	209
Forgery/Counterfeiting	58	46
Theft by Check	19	22
Credit Card Fraud	44	34
Shoplifting	272	251
Property Damage	575	447
Arson	10	11
Negligent Fires	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>2,685</b>

Other Crimes	2007	2008
Crimes Against Government	109	99
Narcotics	168	187
Underage Drinking Age 18-21	76	63
Underage Drinking & Driving	56	32
Weapons	8	10
Fleeing Police	17	16
Miscellaneous	95	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>519</b>

Traffic Related	2007	2008
Fatal Vehicle	1	1
Personal Injury Crash	187	168
Driving While Impaired	310	237
Property Damage Crash	1031	933
Hit and Run	233	233
Driver's License Violations	651	739
Equipment Violations	885	966
Parking Violations	647	353
Moving Violations	4,377	4,061
<b>Total Traffic Citations</b>	<b>6,560</b>	<b>6,119</b>
Warnings-Written	9,167	12,539

Selected Calls for Service	2007	2008
Animal Control	1,804	1,663
Medicals	2,195	2,304
9-1-1 Hang-Ups	3,851	5,092
Alarms (False)	1,757	1,709
Suspicious Activity	1,900	1,766

Total Calls for Service	2007	2008
	51,638	54,483

Juvenile Status Offenses	2007	2008
Juvenile-Alcohol	54	49
Juvenile-Runaway	40	37
Juvenile-Curfew	12	25
Juvenile-Tobacco Use	46	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>142</b>

**Residential burglaries were down 27%** from 2007. Last summer officers found 800 open garage doors and notified the homeowners. The EPPD has made a concerted effort to alert residents about the importance of keeping their garage doors closed. Entry through an open garage door is the most common way of committing a residential burglary in Eden Prairie.



**9-1-1 Hang-ups were up 32%** from 2007. There may be more accidental calls due to increasing use of cell phones. When a cell phone key pad is not locked and a button is pushed in for several seconds, it can result in a 9-1-1 call.

**Written traffic warnings increased 37%.** In 2008 the Department started requiring more documentation for written traffic warnings. In addition, overall traffic stops increased 17% between 2007 and 2008.



### Crimes Against People

With a total of 445 crimes against people reported in 2008, the lowest reported in three years, Eden Prairie Police saw an overall decrease in robberies (down 15%); domestic assaults (down 6%); disorderly conduct (down 25%); and child abuse/neglect (down 32%).

Despite an increase in criminal sexual conduct cases (34 total) and non-felony assaults (48 total), crimes against people were down a total of 7% in 2008.

Although 34 reported cases of criminal sexual conduct may seem like a large number, six of those were the result of a single investigation and four were unfounded, so the total for the 2008 is just about even with what has been reported in prior years.



Statistical Analysis