



Eden Prairie Police Department



2017 Annual Report

April 2018

Dear Mayor Tyra-Lukens and City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit the 2017 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 2017.

In personnel, Lt. Jim Morrow retired at the end of September and Matt Sackett was promoted to fill the open lieutenant position. Ron Henke was promoted to fill the open sergeant position. With Sgt. Pete Vosbeek's impending January 2018 retirement, Rob Johnston was promoted to sergeant in November to begin sergeant field training. In addition, the department hired six new officers to accommodate retirements.

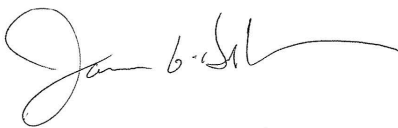
Unfortunately our community saw three homicides in 2017, which are discussed in more detail on page 11. We also had one traffic fatality which occurred in September when a man on a motorcycle died in a single vehicle crash on the Hennepin Technical College campus.

Opioid overdoses increased 425 percent from 2016 to 2017. We are continuing to work on prevention, education and enforcement in the community to bring that number down in 2018. More information on last year's opioid overdoses can be found on page 11.

Residential burglaries were down slightly in 2017, while thefts from vehicles increased approximately 50 percent. Identity theft reports nearly doubled from 2016 to 2017. We will continue to educate our residents on how not to become victims of these crimes. A more detailed table of 2017 statistics can be found on page 21 of this report.

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,



James G. DeMann
Police Chief

Cover photo: Recently retired Reserve Officer Bob Mjolsness, who served Eden Prairie as a Reserve from 1977 to 2017. He volunteered more than 8,600 hours during his 40 years as a Reserve and is the only Reserve to have served under all six Eden Prairie Police Chiefs.



Chief's Report

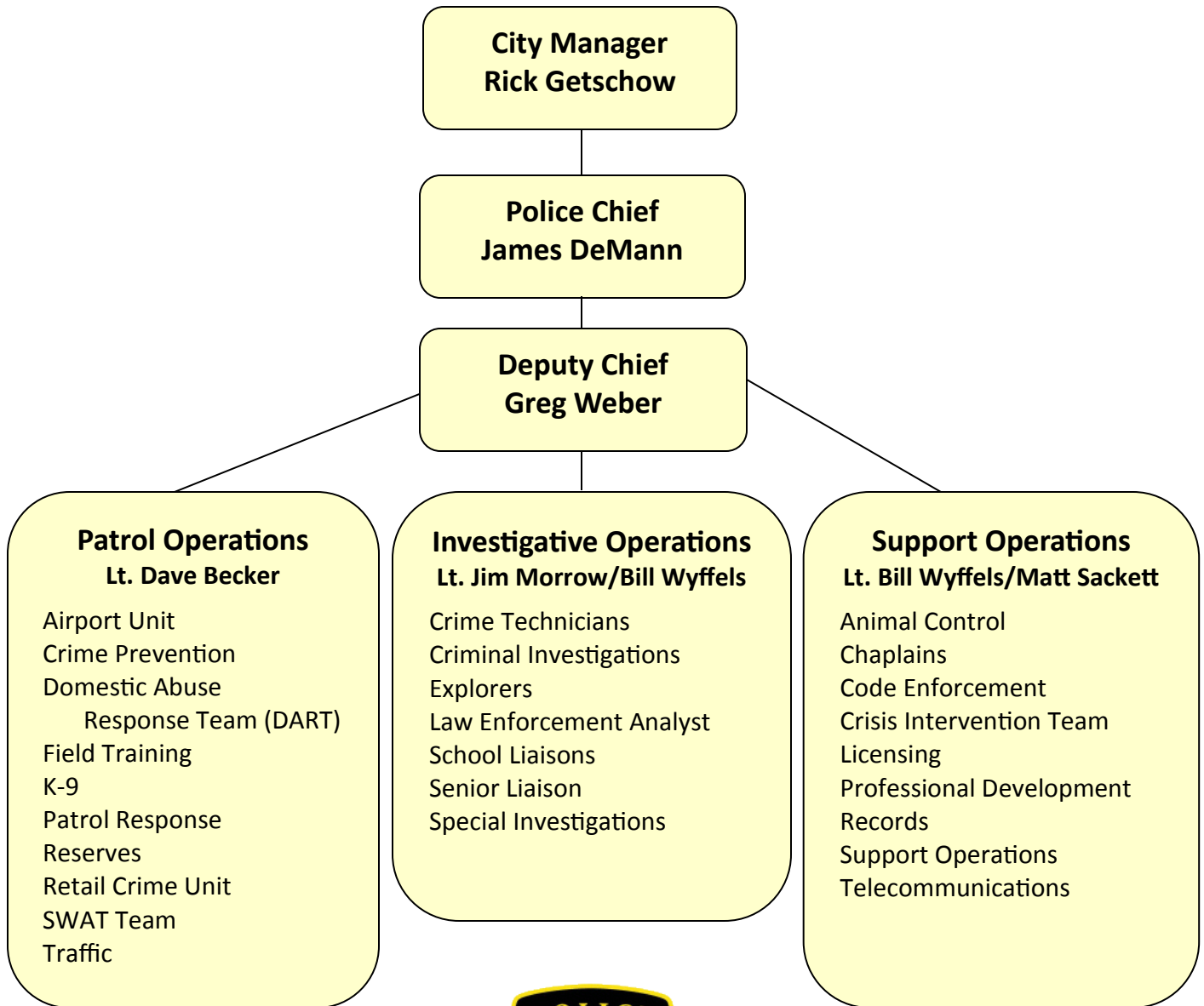
Mission Statement

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
- Promote the professional development of its members

2017 Eden Prairie Police Department Organizational Chart



Office of Police Chief



**Chief
James DeMann**



**Deputy Chief
Greg Weber**

The **Office of Police Chief (OPC)** consists of the Chief, Deputy Chief, Projects Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. The OPC oversees departmental operations including a \$13.6-million annual budget.



Command Staff, L to R: Lt. Dave Becker, Deputy Chief Greg Weber, Chief James DeMann, Lt. Bill Wyffels, Lt. Matt Sackett



In November, Administrative Assistant **Jenna Spaulding** was awarded the Civilian Employee of the Year Award from the department's Labor Management Team for the creativity, resourcefulness and energy she brings to keeping the department running smoothly.

Office of Police Chief

Retirements



Detective Dean Corder retired in May after serving for 30 years.



Records Technician Cindy Rock retired in September after 10 years with the EPPD.



Lt. Jim Morrow retired in September after 28 years in Eden Prairie.



Detective Andy Rohde retired in November after 28 years with the EPPD.



Chaplain Jim McCracken retired in October after volunteering as a Chaplain for 25 years.



Reserve Officer Bob Mjolsness retired in October after 40 years of volunteer service.

Retirements

Promotions



Matt Sackett was promoted to lieutenant Sept. 30, 2017. Lt. Sackett was hired by the EPPD in 2002 and during his tenure has worked as a Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Investigations Sergeant. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Minnesota and a master's degree in public safety administration from St. Mary's University. In his new role, Lt. Sackett supervises the Support Division.

Ron Henke was promoted to sergeant Sept. 30, 2017. Sgt. Henke has worked for the department since 2004 as a Patrol Officer, Commercial Vehicle Inspector, SWAT Team Member and Field Training Officer. Sgt. Henke earned an associate's degree in law enforcement from Alexandria Technical College.



Rob Johnston was promoted to sergeant Nov. 25, 2017. Sgt. Johnston has worked for the EPPD since 2004 and during his tenure has served as a Patrol Officer, Retail Crime Unit Officer, Explorer Post Advisor, Crisis Intervention Team Member, Training Unit Instructor, Crime Prevention Team Member and Field Training Officer. Sgt. Johnston earned an associate's degree from Central Lakes College in Brainerd.



Promotions

Patrol Division



Lt. Dave Becker is the commander of the **Patrol Division** which includes eight sergeants and 37 officers. There are eight Patrol Units as well as the secondary Airport, Crime Prevention, Crime Tech, Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART), Field Training, K-9, Reserve, Retail Crime, Traffic and SWAT units.



On Oct. 27, 2017, a group of community members came together to dedicate new K-9 equipment for the EPPD. The project started when the family of the late Dr. John Wright, the EPPD's first veterinarian, donated \$15,000 to the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund.

After the department's K-9 officers identified the greatest need to be new agility training equipment, the department worked with the City's Senior Center to find wood shop volunteers to build it. After a generous donation of wood from Home Depot and 247 hours of volunteer labor, the equipment was finished.

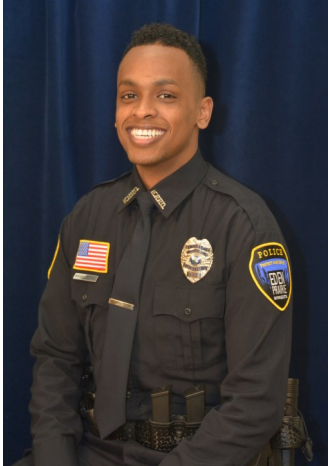


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Six new officers were hired in 2017: **Mohamoud Ibrahim, Jordan Koras, Tino Starke, Jayden DeVilbiss, Spencer Barrie** and **Scott Williamson**.

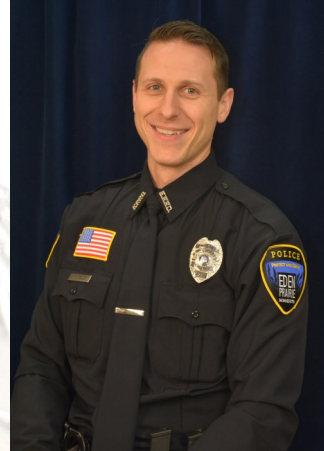
All officers spent three to four months in field training before they began patrolling on their own.



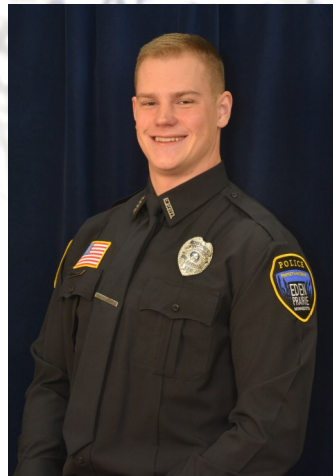
Mohamoud Ibrahim



Jordan Koras



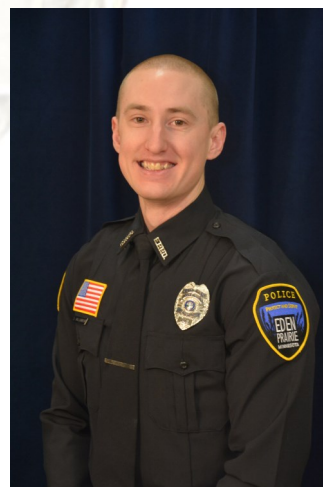
Tino Starke



Spencer Barrie



Jayden DeVilbiss

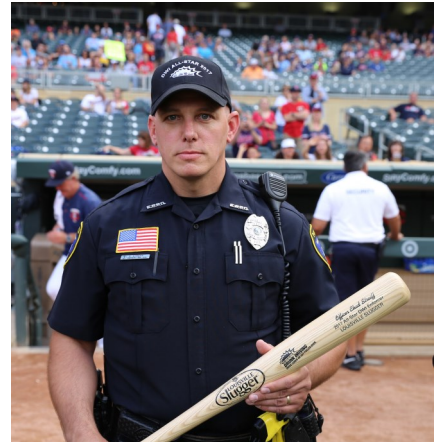


Scott Williamson

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Officer Chad Streiff was named to the Minnesota DWI All-Star Team by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for achieving one of the highest number of DWI arrests in Minnesota in 2016. Officer Streiff made 76 DWI arrests that year. He was honored, along with the rest of the recipients, at a Twins game in June.



Officer Chris Fietek and **Sgt. Jess Irmiter** were each awarded a City Manager Quality Award which is given to employees who have performed at a high level of productivity and quality that regularly exceeds normal expectations.

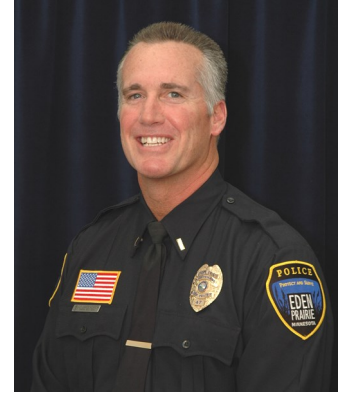
Officer Bryan Dean was awarded the Officer of the Year Award by the department's Labor Management Team for his positive attitude, willingness to assist his partners and ability to keep calm during high pressure situations.



Patrol Division

Investigations Division

In 2017 the **Investigations Division** was led by **Lt. Jim Morrow** until his retirement Sept. 30. At that time Lt. Bill Wyffels became the Investigations Lieutenant. This division consists of the Criminal Investigations, School Liaison and Special Investigations units. There are two sergeants, 13 officers and two full-time civilian employees in the Investigations Division.



There were three homicides in Eden Prairie in 2017. The first two occurred May 25 when Nathan Lehman murdered his parents in their home. He was arrested within hours and was charged with two counts of second-degree murder.

The third homicide occurred June 16 when a 26-year-old woman died of a heroin overdose. The man who sold her the heroin, Timothy Holmes, was charged with homicide.

Investigators continue to work on the department's initiatives, including human trafficking and opioid addiction. EPPD investigators collaborate with law enforcement personnel from Bloomington, Richfield, Minnetonka, Plymouth and Maple Grove as part of the "494 Corridor Group," with the goal to investigate crimes related to human trafficking along Interstate 494. In 2017 that group conducted seven stings in the six member communities that resulted in 38 arrests and the recovery of 17 victims.



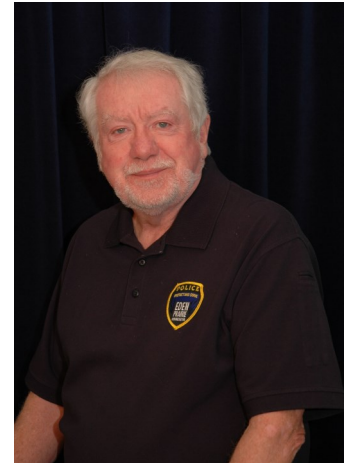
Eden Prairie saw a 425-percent increase in the number of opioid overdoses from 2016 to 2017. Last year 21 people overdosed on opioids and two of them died. Eleven of the 19 overdose survivors received naloxone, a nasal inhalant that reverses the effects of an overdose. We will continue to work hard on education and enforcement in order to decrease this number in 2018.

Investigations Division

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Det. Carter Staaf received the EPPD's first-ever **Chaplain Tim Power Award** at the department's annual award program in November. The award honors the memory of **Father Tim Power**, who served as a Police and Fire Department Chaplain for 24 years before his death in September 2016.

The award recognizes an employee who provides consistent care for people in the department and community, displays empathy when communicating with the public and fellow employees, demonstrates teamwork, and exhibits actions that are engaging and encourages people to share themselves.



Father Tim Power



Chaplain Jim McCracken and Chaplain Tim Power Award recipient Det. Carter Staaf.



Analyst Ryan Kapaun and Lt. Jim Morrow. Not pictured: Det. Travis Serafin

Analyst Ryan Kapaun and Det. Travis Serafin received Commendation Awards from the St. Louis Park Police Department in May for their assistance with two drug overdose deaths in St. Louis Park that led to murder charges.

Investigations Division

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In June 2017, 152 soon-to-be 3rd-graders and their counselors took over Riley Lake Park for the annual **Safety Camp** hosted by the Police, Fire and Parks and Recreation departments.

Campers learned about a variety of topics, including water safety, personal safety, internet safety, bike safety, animal safety, fire safety and many others.



Investigations Division

Support Division



In 2017, the **Support Division** was led by **Lt. Bill Wyffels** until Oct. 1, when Lt. Matt Sackett assumed the position. The Support Division consists of the Records, Dispatch, Professional Development, Support Operations, Community Service/Animal Control, Licensing, Code Enforcement and Chaplain units. There are three sergeants, two supervisors and 24 civilians in the Support Division.

In 2017 the Support Division:

- Answered 46,319 calls in the Dispatch Center
- Processed 591 licenses
- Responded to 994 car lockout calls
- Processed 5,995 pieces of evidence
- Performed 298 fingerprint services
- Responded to 219 city ordinance violation calls
- Processed 8,077 records



Beth Grover joined the Records Unit Nov. 27 as a Records Technician. Beth graduated from Campbell University in North Carolina with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a minor in business administration. She worked in information technology positions for 21 years before joining the EPPD.

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The **Animal Control Unit** responded to 1,424 animal control calls in 2017, including a blue heron caught in a net along Purgatory Creek and a kitten stuck in a car's engine compartment.



At the 2017 **Night to Unite** event in August, neighbors at 174 parties donated 8,622 pounds of food to PROP (People Reaching out to People).



Support Division

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In fall 2017, the EPPD hosted a Citizens Academy for 23 community members. The participants spent every Tuesday night for six weeks learning about various aspects of policing including Traffic, DWI, Investigations, 911 Dispatch, Crisis Intervention Training, Use of Force, SWAT and K-9. Citizens Academy is a free program sponsored by the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund.



The EPPD participated in three **Special Olympics** events in 2017: the Torch Run (left), Polar Plunge (below left) and Tip a Cop (below right).

Law enforcement plays a significant role in helping to raise both money and awareness for Special Olympics.



Support Division

Reserves

Eden Prairie Police Department **Reserves** are adult volunteers who assist sworn officers by performing community service tasks and non-criminal police functions. Reserve officers also assist in natural disasters and other emergencies that require additional personnel. In addition, they help clean up Hwy. 5, serve as the City's Color Guard and are trained to provide basic emergency medical care.



The EPPD welcomed **Tony Ferlauto, Sandee Williams, Erwin Chacon, Thomas Lesnikowski and Matt Koivisto** to the Reserve Unit after they graduated from the six-week Reserve School hosted by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.



At left, **Reserve Officers Abdi Hassan and Gale Ward** on patrol at last summer's Schooner Days.

Below, EPPD Officers, Reserves and their families helped clean up Hwy. 5 in May.



Reserves

Explorers



At last year's Explorer State Conference in Rochester, the **Edina/Eden Prairie Explorers** took home 1st-place honors in De-escalation Techniques, Crime Prevention and Crime Scene Processing.

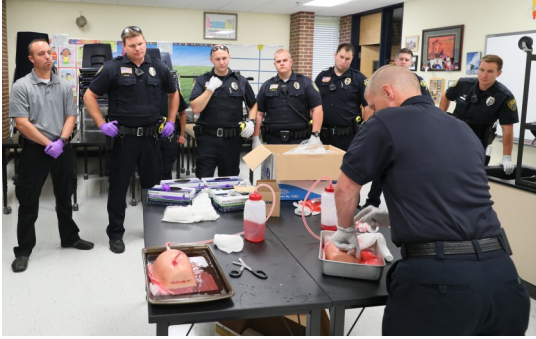


In March 2017 the **Edina/Eden Prairie Explorer Post** was awarded the Minnesota Post of the Year by the Northern Star Council. The Post earned the award for the dedication, teamwork and service they bring to the Explorer Post, a volunteer organization for young people ages 14-21 who are interested in law enforcement.

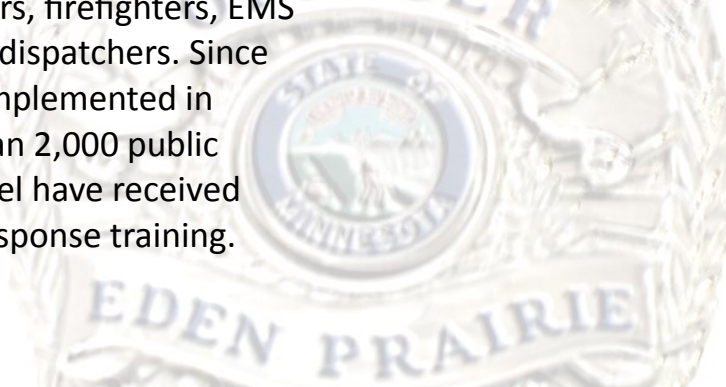


Explorers

2017 Highlights



Beginning in 2013, Eden Prairie took the lead on planning and training for a response to a mass casualty event in the metro area. The **Regional Response Plan** was developed to create consistency in tactics, training and teamwork between officers, firefighters, EMS personnel and dispatchers. Since the plan was implemented in 2014, more than 2,000 public safety personnel have received the regional response training.



Officers visiting with Seniors at the **Senior Awareness Dinner** in May. The seniors also ask us to judge their homemade bar and cookie contests. We always appreciate the chance to spend time with them and eat their delicious creations!

2017 Highlights

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The EPPD's third annual **Shop With a Cop** event took place in December, funded by generous donors through the Eden Prairie Crime Prevention Fund. Target, JCPenney, Davanni's and the Eden Prairie Community Foundation also donated to the event. After buying gifts for themselves and family members, the kids and their families enjoyed lunch at Davanni's with the officers.



Last holiday season the EPPD collected toys from residents and staff, and brought them to the **Toys for Tots** law enforcement procession at the KARE11 studio.



2017 Highlights

2017 Statistics

Person Crimes	2016	2017
Homicide (includes attempts)	4	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct	31	34
Robbery	8	8
Felony Assault	12	13
Non-Felony Assault	118	123
Domestic Assault	76	71
Disorderly Conduct	43	46
Harassing Communication	17	23
Crimes Against Families	7	14
Interfering with 911 Calls	4	10
Prostitution	14	19
Human Trafficking	9	10

Property Crimes	2016	2017
Residential Burglaries	58	49
Non-Residential Burglaries	16	16
Theft	636	636
Theft from Vehicle	147	222
Motor Vehicle Theft	27	28
Motor Vehicle Tampering	250	295
Financial Theft		
Identity Theft	139	269
Forgery/Counterfeiting	28	35
Theft by Check	8	4
Fraud	296	271
Shoplifting	222	297
Property Damage	186	239
Arson	2	0

Other Crimes	2016	2017
Crimes Against Government	57	13
Narcotics	268	341
Underage Drinking Age 18-21	27	22
Underage Drinking & Driving	6	12
Weapons	16	5
Fleeing Police	17	16

Traffic Related	2016	2017
Fatal Vehicle	0	1
Personal Injury Crash	151	118
Driving While Impaired	255	239
Property Damage Crash	896	1,035
Hit and Run	205	207
Written Warnings	8,915	7,236
Driver's License Violations	759	794
Equipment Violations	199	166
Parking Violations	108	106
Moving Violations	3897	3288
Total Traffic Citation Violations	5,510	5,323

Selected Calls for Service	2016	2017
Animal Control	1,416	1,424
Medicals	2,832	3,042
9-1-1 Hang-Ups	3,363	3,117
Alarms (False)	1,557	1,398
Suspicious Activity	2,128	2,210
Death Investigations	40	42

Total Calls for Service	2016	2017
	50,744	46,319

Juvenile Status Offenses	2016	2017
Juvenile-Alcohol	20	19
Juvenile-Runaway	84	38
Juvenile-Curfew	17	3
Juvenile-Tobacco Use	14	12
Total	135	72

