



# 2013 Annual Report

Chief Michael W. Tupper



Marshalltown



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# ***MPD Statements***

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## **VISION STATEMENT**

- A culturally diversified department of sufficient strength to be responsive to the needs of the community incorporating community policing concepts and functioning in a proactive rather than a reactive manner.
- A department whose employees are happy with their jobs working in a community that is safe and secure due to a positive police influence.
- A department with adequate equipment to perform their duties.
- A department committed to crime prevention.
- A department whose employees treat everyone with dignity and respect.
- A department not only professionally trained but a model for professionalism.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Marshalltown Police Department in partnership with the community will work to enhance public safety to reduce the fear and incident of crime and to serve the citizens of Marshalltown with respect and dignity and to do so with honor and integrity.

# Chief's Message

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Dear Citizens of Marshalltown,

We are pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report, which details the activities of the Marshalltown Police Department. I hope this report thoroughly explains the efforts the police department makes to deliver quality and professional police services in Marshalltown.

The Marshalltown Police Department serves a community of approximately 27,500 residents. The department consists of forty-three sworn police officers, eighteen civilian employees, and is supported in its duties by a group of citizen volunteers and a reserve police unit. The Marshalltown Police Department is responsible for the preservation of human life, public peace, protection of the rights of persons and property, prevention of crime, and the enforcement of all federal, state and local laws within the boundaries of the City of Marshalltown. The department also operates an emergency communications center for all public safety services in Marshall County.

In 2013, the Marshalltown Police Department responded to over 18,000 calls for service and filed over 3,500 police reports. The Marshall County E911 Center answered over 26,000 911 calls in 2013.

I am happy to report that violent crime in Marshalltown continues to be a rare occurrence. However, we continue to be concerned about the number of investigations and calls for service that pertain to narcotic offenses, family violence, child abuse, and sexual assault crimes. The police department partners with other community stakeholders in an effort to address the problems of addiction and family violence. We take these issues very seriously and will continue to work with the community to combat these problems.

In 2013, the Marshalltown Police Department made 165 arrests for operating while intoxicated offenses. The police department now has two officers who are certified as Drug Recognition Experts. These officers have specialized training that assist in the detection of drivers who are impaired by drugs. This training will be important as we continue to combat drunk and drugged driving. Impaired driving is a significant public safety problem and we will continue to concentrate on enforcement programs as it relates to alcohol and drug offenses.

Domestic assault crimes (134 total reports) and sexual abuse crimes (19 total reports) continue to be areas of concern. We continue to work with our community partners and the citizens we serve to combat these crimes. It is worth noting that we saw a small increase in domestic assault reports in 2013 (134 total) as compared to 2012 (126 total), while sexual assault reports declined significantly in 2013 (19 total) as compared to 2012 (33 total).

In 2013, the Marshalltown Police Department investigated 206 burglary crimes compared to 248 similar reports in 2012 and 286 similar reports in 2011. Burglary crimes have steadily decreased since 2009.

The Marshalltown Police Department will promote a proactive traffic enforcement program with the goal of achieving voluntary compliance with traffic laws. Traffic enforcement programs are important public safety initiatives and also assist police departments with crime prevention. The men and women of the Marshalltown Police Department take traffic safety issues seriously and are dedicated to saving lives through the enforcement of occupant restraint laws, speed ordinances, and impaired driving statutes. In 2013, the police department offered services related to child safety seat and child occupant protection issues. We now have trained personnel who are certified to install and inspect child safety seats. This is a FREE service we can offer to parents to assist them in making sure their children are appropriately protected in the family vehicle.

# Chief's Message

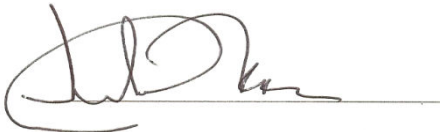
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In 2013, the department will continue to be involved with quality of life issues impacting our neighborhoods and the community as a whole. We are working on a plan to become more involved with code enforcement and nuisance abatement issues. We will also be continuing and building upon our efforts to work with property owners and landlords in the community to help ensure the community members have safe housing options.

The men and women who work for the Marshalltown Police Department continue to embrace the philosophy and goals of the City Council. We deliver service to our community with pride and professionalism, recognizing we are always ambassadors of the City. Despite budget challenges, ever changing technology needs, and significant changes within the department this past year, we clearly understand our objective to serve the residents and guests of our community in a superior manner. Average is not acceptable in our department and we recognize this high standard of professionalism is an expectation of our customers. We are privileged to deliver law enforcement services for the City of Marshalltown.

I am very proud of the Marshalltown Police Department and the great group of employees serving our community. I have asked our staff members to serve the community with *Passion & Compassion*. We will continue to open up and maintain lines of communication with all community members and we will work with the community to address and solve problems. Marshalltown is an outstanding community and the employees of the Marshalltown Police Department will partner with the community throughout the coming year to make Marshalltown the best that it can be.

Best regards,



Michael W. Tupper  
Chief of Police



# ***Personnel***

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## **ADMINISTRATION**

Michael W. Tupper, Chief of Police

Alicia Hunter, Administrative Assistant

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

Michael Hanken, Captain

### MARSHALL COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER

Teresa Lang, Supervisor

Stacy Roads, Lead Operator

Kathy Kroeger, Operator

Daniel McCready, Operator

Vicky Otto, Operator

Allie Erickson, Operator

Angie Beaty, Operator

Jessica Airey, Operator

Haley Nichols, Operator

2 Operators in training

Tamra Bowman, Operator

# Personnel

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

### PATROL

11:00 PM-7:00 AM

Lt Ryan Goecke

Sgt Richard Lang

Sgt Tom Watson

7:00 AM-3:00 PM

Lt Ronald Ohrt

Sgt Tricia Thein

Sgt Melinda Ruopp

3:00 PM-11:00 PM

Lt Christopher Roush

Sgt Todd Tuttle

Sgt Kiel Stevenson

### OFFICERS

Ryan Dehl

Casee Veren

David Danielson

Ramon Maxey

Eric Siemens, K9 Raji

Justin Allen

Paul Heitman

### OFFICERS

Karl Ehrhardt

Rodney Whitmore

Rick Stamp

David Powell

Joe Hengeveld

Vern Jefferson

\*Stephen Sheets

### OFFICERS

Dawn Brooke

Andrew Cole

Juan Tejada

AJ Accola

Jerad Hoyt

Dane Bowermaster

Stephanie Deutmeyer

### RESERVE UNIT

Lt Aaron Polley

Officer Todd Frye

Officer Brad Imsland

\*Officer Lucas Hauser

\*Training

# ***Personnel***

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## **SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Christopher Jones  
Captain

Randy Kessler  
Detective

Bradley Mauseh  
Community Outreach Officer

Brian Siegert  
Detective

Kraig Lageschulte  
School Resource Officer

Sadie Weekley  
Detective

Cortney Watson  
Crime Scene Technician

Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force  
Officer

Sami Bunn  
Code Enforcement

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION**

Brian Batterson  
Captain

Rick Bellile  
Training Sergeant

Rhonda Allen  
Records Clerk

Anne Davis  
Records Supervisor

Sarah Lewis  
Records Clerk/Parking

# *Personnel*

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## **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR:**

Officer Juan Tejada

## **EMPLOYEE MILESTONES:**

Vicky Otto, Dispatcher	30 yrs of service
Karl Ehrhardt, Officer	25 yrs of service
Tricia Thein, Sergeant	10 yrs of service
Todd Tuttle, Sergeant	10 yrs of service
Joe Hengeveld, Officer	10 yrs of service
Andrew Cole, Officer	5 yrs of service

## **RETIREMENTS:**

Tracy Anderson, Officer	Over 28 yrs of service
Linda Schroeder, Lead Operator	Over 22 yrs of service

## **NEW EMPLOYEES:**

Sarah Lewis, Parking/Records	April 15, 2013
Stephanie Deutmeyer, Officer	April 24, 2013
Stephen Sheets, Officer	August 28, 2013

# Significant Cases

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## **TIG Distributing Burglary 01/11/13**

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, officers with the Marshalltown Police Department responded to a business alarm and burglary in progress at TIG Distributing, 610 South 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Responding officers determined that a burglary had occurred to the business. With the assistance of the Marshalltown Police Department's K9 Unit and the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, officers searched the building. During the search, a suspect attempted to run from the business and was apprehended without incident. Officers recovered items of evidence which revealed that the suspect was in the process of cutting and removing metal from inside TIG Distributing. Officers arrested Todd Allen Fisher, 42, of Marshalltown. He was charged and convicted of Burglary 3rd Degree (Class D Felony) and Possession of Burglar's Tools (Aggravated Misdemeanor).

## **Possession with Intent to Deliver 05/31/13**

On May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:24 a.m. Marshalltown police officers were sent to the Executive Inn, 2009 South Center Street, on a disturbance call. When the officers arrived they went to room # 115 where they heard sounds of a male and female arguing. Officers contacted the two people inside the room one of them being Lonnie Allen Hill. As the officers continued their investigation a search warrant was obtained and they located items of drug paraphernalia, narcotics (Methamphetamine) packaging materials and a large amount of currency.

Hill was charged with Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver, Failure to Affix a Drug Tax Stamp and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hill was found guilty later in 2013 in a court trial and sentenced to 25 years in prison for Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver. Hill received an additional 5 year sentence for the Tax Stamp Violation.

## **Motor Vehicle Pursuit 08/30/13**

On August 30, 2013 at 4:24 p.m. Marshalltown police officers attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 1000 block of East State Street. The driver of the vehicle, Tyler Shipley, failed to stop for the officer and continued to drive toward the city limits. Shipley continued to refuse to stop for the officer and then began to accelerate his vehicle up to speeds reaching 85 to 100 miles per hour.

MCSO deputies assisted with the pursuit, deployed tire deflation devices in an attempt to get Shipley to stop. Shipley, before bringing his vehicle to a stop attempted several times to crash his vehicle into those being driven by the officers. Shipley was eventually stopped by officers and taken into custody and charged with multiple criminal and traffic violations as well as OWI 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense, Eluding and 3 Counts of Felony Assault on a Peace Officer. Shipley plead guilty and was sentenced to 5 years in prison for the Felony Offense of Operating While Intoxicated. Shipley also received three suspended 5 year prison sentences for the Felony Assaults on the officers.

# *Significant Cases*

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## **Attempted Murder Investigation 09/10/13**

On Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at approximately 6:30 p.m., the Marshalltown Police Department responded to the Marshalltown Medical & Surgical Center after being alerted that a male subject was seeking treatment for a gunshot wound. Arriving officers discovered a 17 year old male had been shot in the head, but his injuries were not life threatening. A second victim was also identified during the initial investigation who had non-life threatening injuries consistent with being involved in a physical fight.

On September 12 & 13, 2013, the Marshalltown Police Department with the assistance of the Marshall County Sheriff's Office executed search warrants in Marshalltown looking for physical evidence as well as a suspect. As a result, the police department obtained an arrest warrant for Daniel Robert Lott on the charge of Attempt to Commit Murder. Lott was taken into custody without incident on September 14, 2013. Lott has plead not guilty and his trial is scheduled for later in 2014.

## **Homicide Investigation 10/01/13**

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, a Marshalltown Law Enforcement Investigator received information from a concerned citizen that a suspicious death had possibly occurred within the Marshalltown city limits. Law enforcement personnel acting on this information, and subsequent investigative leads, ultimately secured a residence located at 502 North 4th Avenue and located the victim, David James Warnell, age 59, of Garwin, Iowa. The victim had died from a gunshot wound. Two subjects were then arrested and charged in connection with the homicide. Jeremy Gartin, age 30, and Max E. Nelson Jr., age 55, both of Marshalltown.

Jeremy Gartin was subsequently convicted of Voluntary Manslaughter, Abuse of a Corpse, Carrying Weapons and several drug related charges. Max Nelson Jr. was charged with Theft 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Abuse of a Corpse, and Accessory after the Fact. Max Nelson Jr.'s court disposition is pending.

# ***Administrative Services***

## **Captain Brian Batterson**

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The Administrative Service Division is comprised of a team of dedicated professionals who provide essential support for the everyday operation of the department. The major components of the division include the Training Sergeant, the records section, Marshalltown Police Citizen Volunteer program, grants and internal affairs.

The Training Sergeant is responsible for managing and providing training to all department employees. The department has a group of well-trained instructors who teach a variety of topics to department employees to maintain, update and expand employees' knowledge and skills. Iowa Administrative Law requires that all certified peace officers receive annual firearms training, maintain a current certification in CPR, to include AED and foreign body airway obstruction for all age groups, and receive a minimum of 12 hours of general law enforcement training each year plus 4 hours of mental health training every four years. During 2013, department employees received 3,052 hours of professional training through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Midwest Counterdrug Training Center, private training agencies and from in-house trainers.

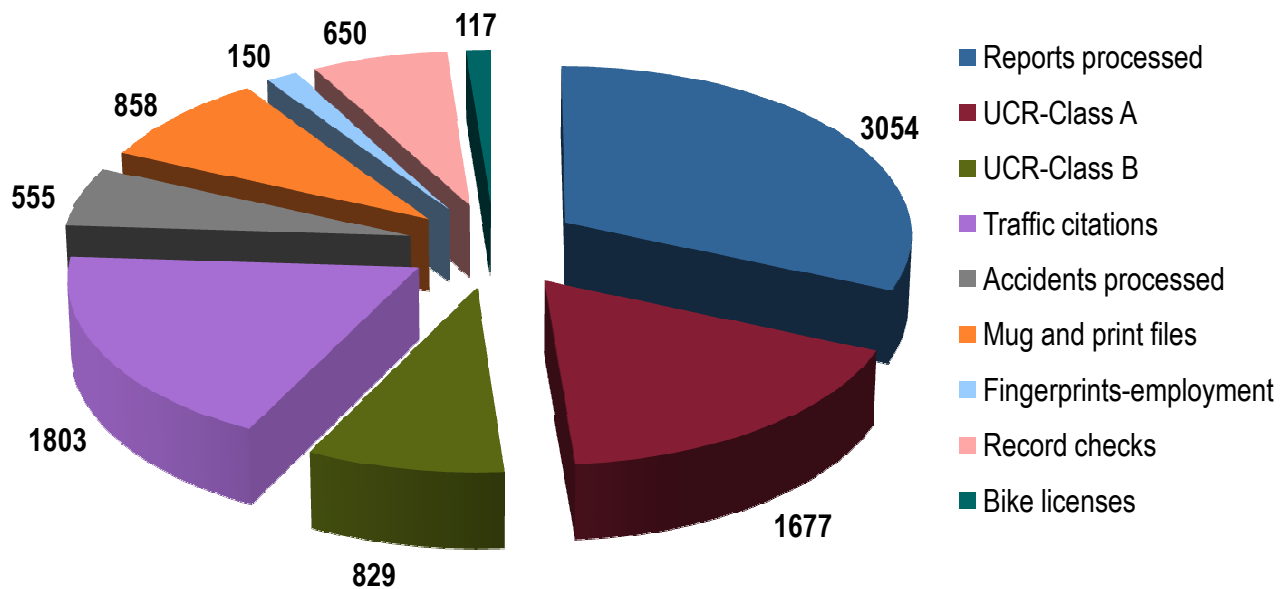
Each spring, the department holds a Citizen Police Academy, which is designed to familiarize participants with department operations. Many academy graduates go on to become members of the Marshalltown Police Citizen Volunteers. In 2013, the Citizen Academy was made up of 27 community members from varied backgrounds. During the ten-week program the participants learned about several programs and divisions within the department such as the K9 Unit, precision driving, weapons, crime scene processing & evidence, traffic stops, building searches and many more. Class instruction consists of lecture, hands-on, or question and answer sessions about department operations.

During 2013, the department continued to utilize grant funds to enhance our effectiveness and efficiency. The department received \$8,459 from the Department of Justice for the purchase of range training equipment, two new police radios and an ID printer. The department continues to employ one additional officer through the COPS hiring grant, which pays the officer's full salary. In addition to the hiring grant, we receive some funding to offset the salaries of our Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective and our Domestic Violence Detective. The Office of Justice programs continues its long history of providing our agency, as well as agencies across the country, with funding for bulletproof vests. Because of this, every officer is issued a vest and required to wear it.

# Administrative Services

## PUBLIC RECORDS

The records section serves as the official repository for all criminal records and documents of the department. The records section is responsible for data entry, maintaining all police reports, arrest records and statistics. This section is also the point of contact for citizens and other agencies requesting records under Iowa's open records laws. Records personnel provide quality customer service to all citizens and visitors seeking information or assistance.

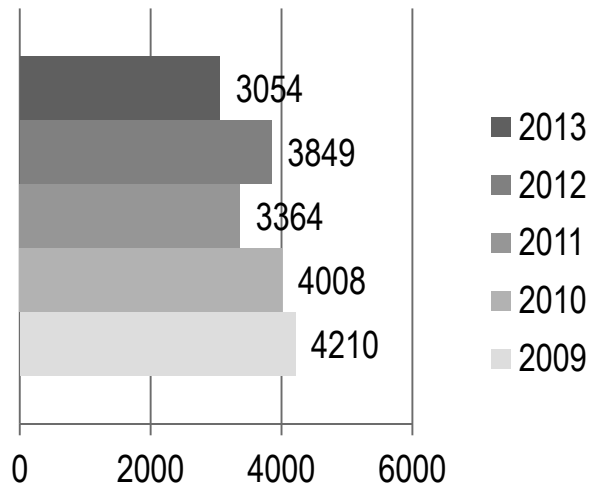


PARKING STATISTICS	
Police Officers	3683 citations
Enforcement Officer	2152 citations
Scoff Tows	19 tows

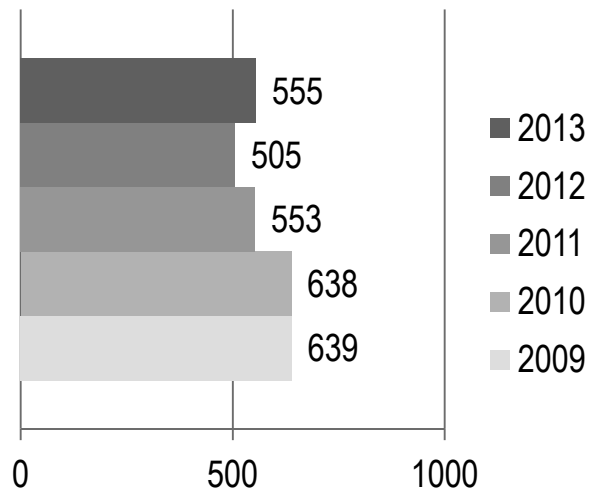
# Administrative Services

## PUBLIC RECORDS

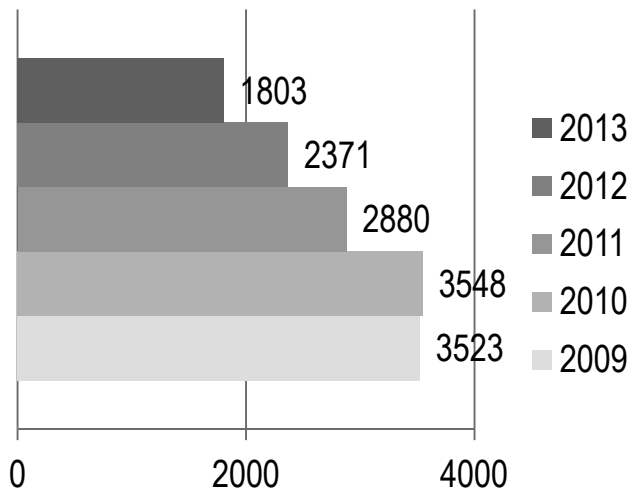
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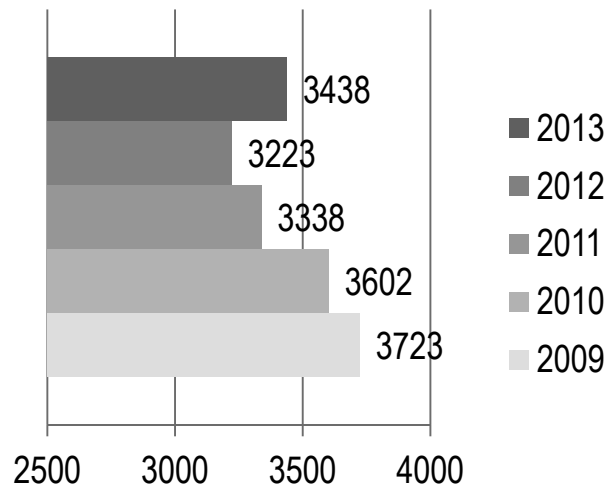
### TRAFFIC CRASHES



### TRAFFIC CITATIONS



### TOTAL ARREST OFFENSES



# Administrative Services



## MARSHALLTOWN POLICE CITIZEN VOLUNTEER

The Marshalltown Police Citizen Volunteer program began in 2010 and has consistently maintained an average of 25+ members who work various non-enforcement assignments within the department. MPCV's work in the Operations Division, Special Services Division and Administrative Services Division. In 2013, volunteers graciously gave over 222 hours of their time, knowledge, talent, and services to the department in excess of \$4,000. The MPCV program creates valuable ties between the citizens of Marshalltown and their police department. Below are some of the tasks and events the MPCV's assisted with.

### Administrative Services:

- Citizen's Academy BBQ
- Bike Rodeos
- New officer testing
- Kids Fest-Community Y
- Central Iowa Fair
- Child Safety Seat event
- Kmart Safety event
- Healthy Family Fair
- K9 fundraising
- Construction of K9 training boxes
- Property disposition
- Business contact updates
- Surplus auction
- Code Enforcement entry
- Records data entry
- Tracking monthly volunteer & reserve time

### Field Services:

- Setup of command trailer
- Tractor parade
- Oktoberfest car show
- Oktoberfest 5 & 10K runs, parade
- Maintenance of 66 squad car
- Reserve Officer module training
- Walk in Your Shoes event



# ***Administrative Services***

## **DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM GRANT**

Since 2010 the Marshalltown Police Department has received a grant with the assistance of the Substance Abuse Treatment Unit of Central Iowa (SATUCI). The goals and objectives of the grant included performing alcohol compliance checks, increased patrols for underage parties, .02 violations/OWI and underage consumption, monitor for minors in bars and assist merchants with identifying fake ID's.

<b>CONTACTS</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Overtime Hours	331	678.25	521.75	559.50
Alcohol & Drug Contacts	82	170	105	202
Other Misdemeanor Contacts	50	54	9	43
Moving Violation Contacts	63	144	229	84
ID Check Contacts	----	405	273	275
Police Checks	490	663	717	595
Public Information Events				9

### **COMPLIANCE AND POLICE CHECKS:**

The Drug Free Communities Support Program Grant contact required the department to perform a variety of compliance and police checks. Among them were contact with liquor establishments and outlets, checking identifications, alcohol compliance checks and ID presentations to merchants. Officers conducted 38 compliance checks resulting in 6 citations for selling alcohol to a person of under legal age. In addition, officers investigated numerous parties involving under age drinking resulting in 70 citations/arrests being made, along with 10 additional citations for the Social Host City Ordinance.

# Administrative Services



**Iowa Department of Public Safety**  
**GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU**

## GTSB YEAR END REPORT

- The 2012-2013 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Program was a success totaling 155.75 hours of overtime enforcement and 27 hours of overtime education hours.
- The seat belt average was 95% usage.
- There were 12 public information releases issued.
- 6 In-car video cameras and 6 radar units installed and in use.

Contact	Objective	Achieved	Total for Yr
Impaired Driving	25	27	157
Occupant Restraint	110	75	89
Moving/Speed Violations	125	342	1878

MPD participated in all five waves and several Saturation/Corridor events. We did two multi-agency enforcement projects and two safety car seat events with the Marshall County Sheriff's Office and Safe Kids Coalition. We are planning another traffic checkpoint in 2013-2014. With the GTSB grant, the Marshalltown Police Department continues to strive for traffic safety through education and enforcement.

# Administrative Services

## CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION SERVICES

In 2013 the department had 3 officers certified as Child Safety Seat Technicians. Two child safety seat events were held in Marshalltown giving citizen's the opportunity to have a technician check the seat for proper use, installation and compliance with Iowa law. New seats were made available if replacement was needed. A total of 46 seats were inspected and 19 new seats were installed. The department continues to offer inspection services to the public by appointment.



*A portion of these seats were purchased through a donation given by Al Hoop in memory of his wife Donna Hoop who advocated for child safety.*

# ***Administrative Services***

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## **TRAINING REPORT**

In 2013 employees participated in 3,502 hours of in-house and outside training. The department also started utilizing on-line training to cover topics such as blood borne pathogens, emergency driving and ethics. MPD also hosted trainings for Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and First Responder Training for Missing and Abducted Children.

### Departmental Training:

- CPR
- PTST
- TASER
- Knife/DT
- Active Shooter
- Felony Stops
- Defensive Tactics
- Search and Seizure
- Law Update
- Courtroom Testimony
- Report Writing
- Firearms

### Outside Agency Training (Employee)

- SFST Instructor
- ALICE Training
- Mental Health / First Aid
- Writing Search Warrants
- Instructor Development
- Street Survival
- Arson Investigation
- Crowd Control Measures
- Amber Alert
- A.R.I.D.E.
- Interview / Interrogation
- Leadership in Police Organizations
- Basic Peer Support
- Certified Car Seat Technicians
- Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
- Undercover Techniques for women
- Creating / Maintaining Excellence in your Law Enforcement Agency



# Operations Division

## Captain Michael Hanken

The Operations Division for the Marshalltown Police Department is the largest of the three departmental divisions. The Operations Division is comprised of 3 patrol shifts and the Marshall County Communication Center, who all provide service to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Attached to the Operations Division are also the Police K9 Unit and Reserve Officer Unit.

Each patrol shift is made up of 1 Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants and 6-7 Officers. The Communication Center maintains 2 operators on duty with each shift, as well as 2 swing shift operators to assist during peak hours. The officers and operators work a schedule of 5 day's on and 2 days off based upon their seniority. The three shifts work an 8.25 hour assignment that includes daily briefings by the previous shift supervisors. The briefings keep officers and operators current on events since they last worked and on any special concerns that they need to be aware of.

2013 saw the Police Department and Operations Division moving forward in its goal of becoming fully staffed. Early 2013 saw the successful return to full duty of Officer Vern Jefferson who was shot and injured during the bank robbery at the Lennox Credit Union in November of 2012. The department also hired three new officers and two new Communication Center Operators to help with staffing concerns. Of these new hires, one Officer and one Communication Center Operator left employment with the department for other opportunities. In December, Officer Tracy Anderson retired from duty due to a non-work related injury after over 28 years of service.

In addition to their daily duties of responding to calls for service, traffic enforcement and accident investigation, the department assisted in several community events throughout the year.



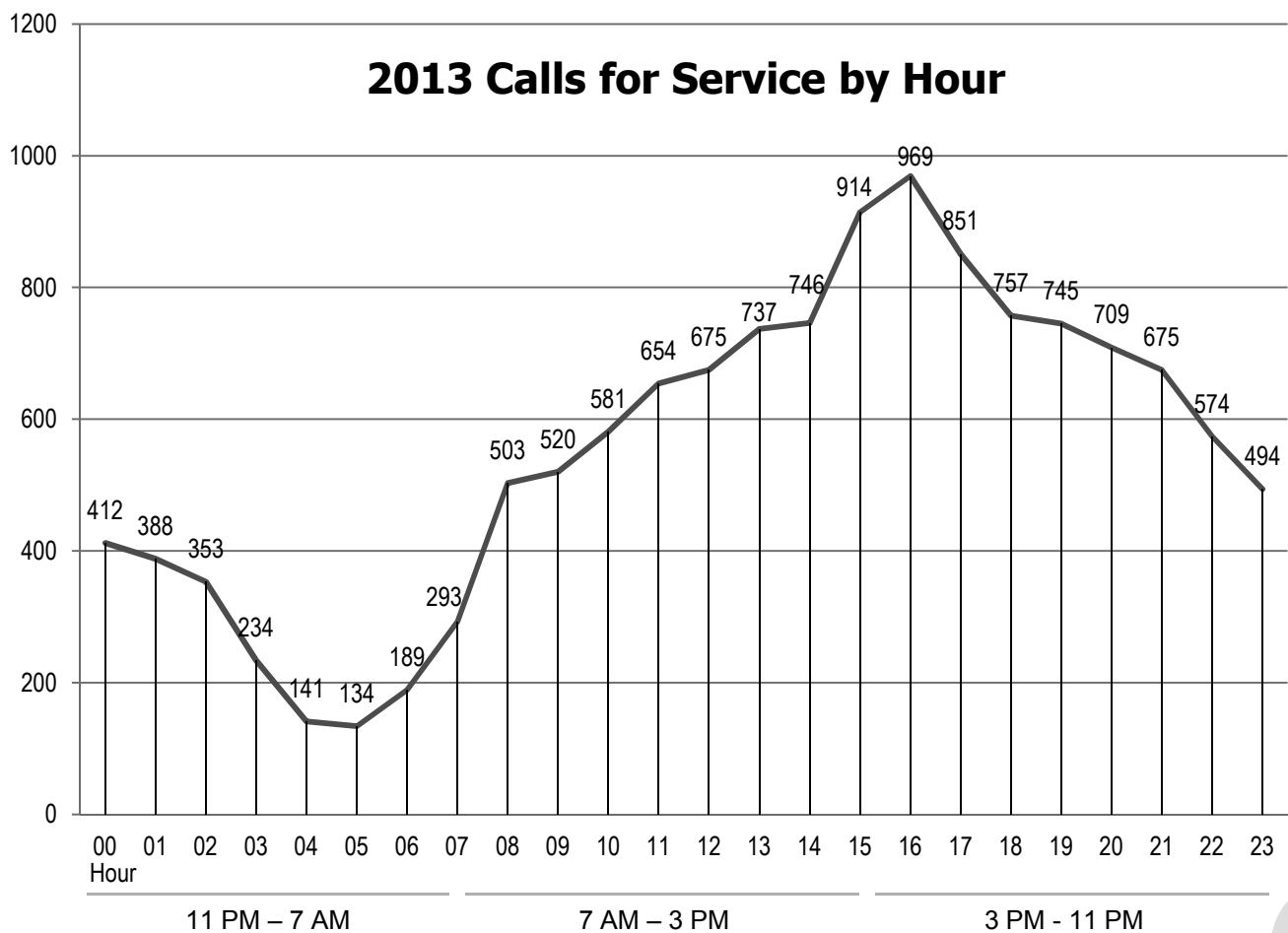
- MACS 5K run
- State BBQ Contest
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks
- Antique Tractor Parade
- MHS Homecoming events
- Oktoberfest events
- Healthy Family Fair
- Holiday Stroll



# Operations Division

During 2013 the Operations Division worked hard to provide a high level of police service to the citizens of Marshalltown. In 2013 there were 13,248 calls for service handled by the department. Traditionally the 3-11 shift has the highest call volume of the three shifts. It was 4:00 PM that showed to be the busiest with 969 calls for service. The least busy hour of the day for the department was 5:00 AM with only 134 calls for service being handled.

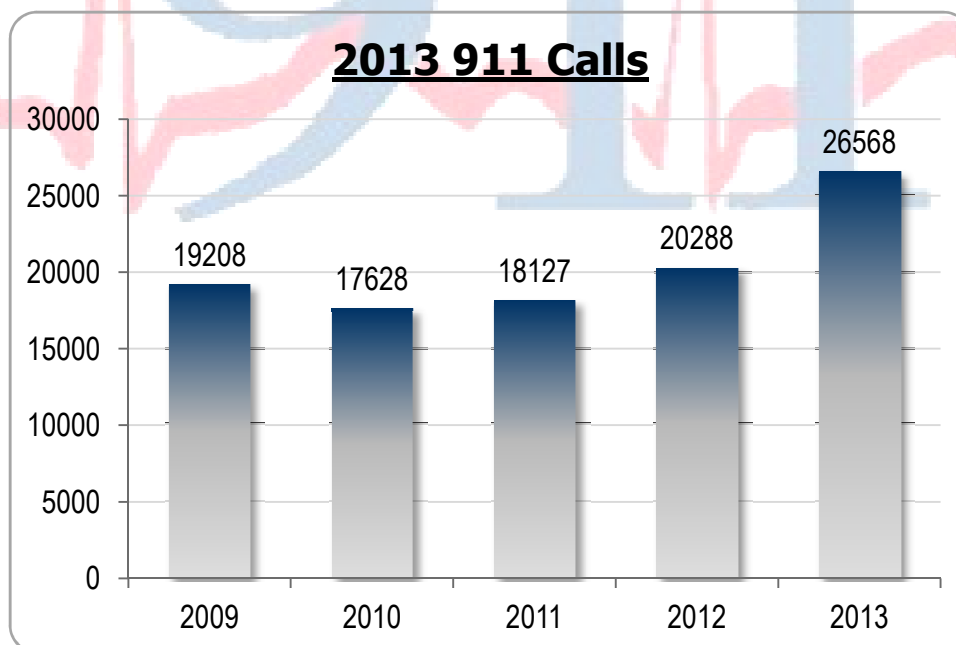
Of the calls for service in 2013 the highest number of calls involved theft incidents. There were 843 calls involving some type of theft complaint handled by officers. The next highest category of calls for service in 2013 was for Police Checks with 841 calls coming in. This call for service encompasses requests by citizens to check for a wide range of concerns. Property damage accidents rounded out the top three with 589 accidents being called into the department.



# Operations Division

## MARSHALL COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER

In 2013 the Marshall County Communications Center saw an increase in call volume answering 26,568 911 calls and 89,828 administrative and non-emergency telephone calls.



### **911 & Admin Calls Per Month**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
911	1982	1657	2281	2075	2596	2303	2242	2387	2330	2334	2164	2217
Admin	7014	6463	7359	7566	9698	7933	7505	7755	7628	7314	6623	6970

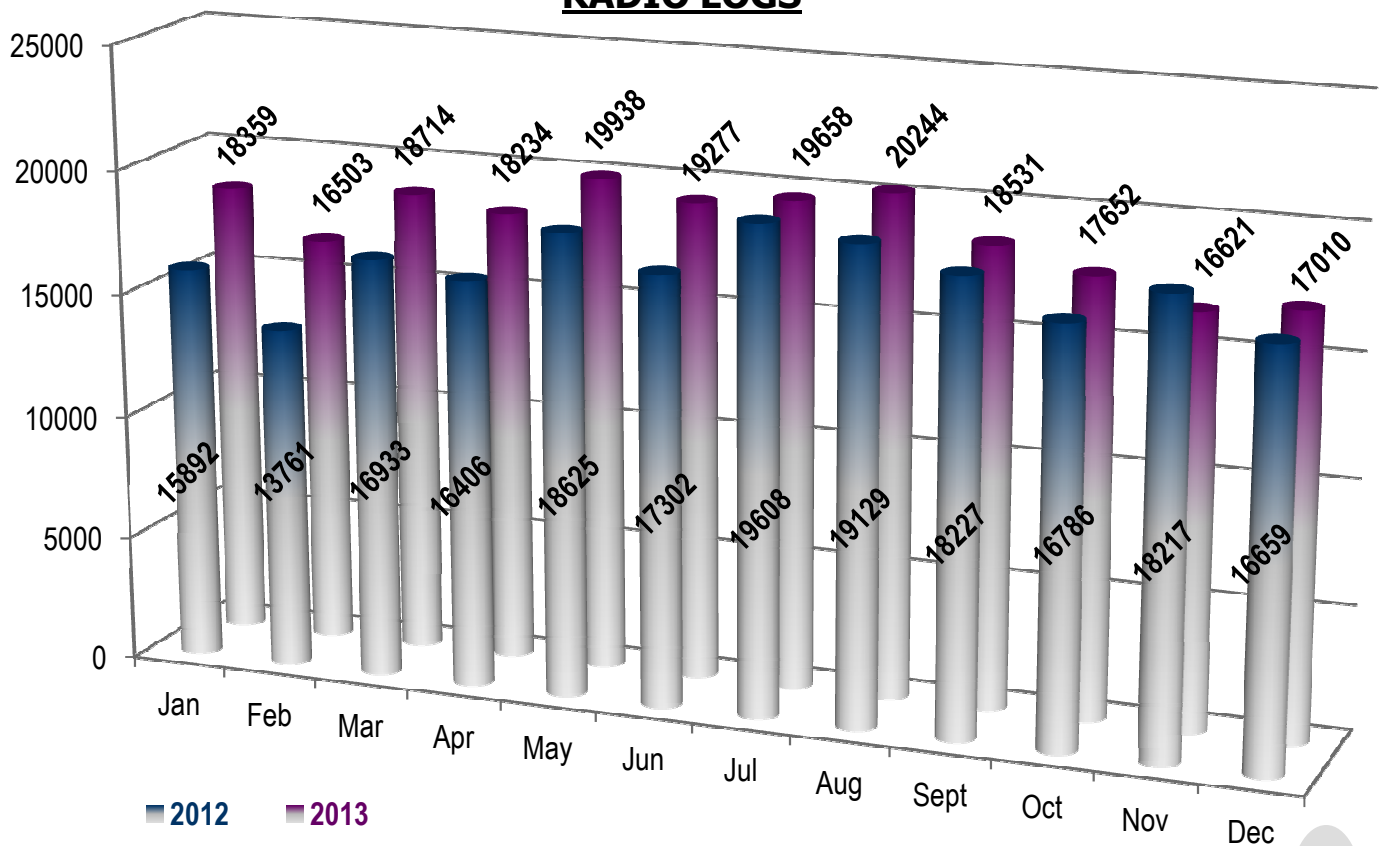
# Operations Division

## MARSHALL COUNTY COMMUNICATION CENTER

Radio Logs include traffic stops, warrant checks, building checks, bar checks, jail trips, plate checks, etc. All radio logs require the Communications Operator to physically enter data into the computer system. In 2013 Communications Operators entered 220,741 radio logs up from 207,545 in 2012.



### RADIO LOGS



# ***Operations Division***

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## **7:00 AM – 3:00 PM Shift with Lt Ronald Ohrt**

For the year 2013, the Marshalltown Police Department day shift consisted of 9 officers and 1 police K-9. Officer experience ranged from 9 to 28 years. Beyond the normally scheduled activities, the day shift team is also responsible for vehicle maintenance/scheduling, Field Training Officer supervision, firearms instruction/maintenance, K-9 Unit supervision, accident investigation/supervision, and defensive tactics instruction.

Much like 2012, staffing concerns influenced day shift activities. Although the shift celebrated the return of Officer Vern Jefferson to active duty in February, short staffing, illness, and required training experienced through the year prompted how remaining staff responded to daily activities. On the positive side, all officers were able to report for duty during the severe weather of winter and the heavy rain/floods of spring. This year's consistent leadership team, combined with veteran officers allowed the shift to adapt to daily calls for service and officer directed activities.

Responding to calls for service, and the reports generated from them, continued to monopolize officer's time. In an attempt to increase the effectiveness of the remaining time and staff, the shift benefited from using technology. Officers took advantage of traffic information garnered from the TraCS software program. Officers also benefited from a Crime Mapping Tool developed by the Marshall County IT Department using report information from the Marshalltown Police Department's record's management/CAD system. Using the information from the two programs, officers were able to focus their activities to areas displaying the need for the most attention.

For 2013, the day shift focused on increased team work with other city departments and community members. Sergeant Ruopp worked with Marshalltown City Attorney, Curt Ward, and the Director of the Animal Rescue League, Heidi Drager, in an attempt to improve the department's response to calls for service involving animal bites and complaints about dogs at large. This resulted in a review of the applicable policy and training for officers. During the school year officers increased checks at Marshalltown Community Schools and made further friendly exchanges with staff and students. Officers Dehl and Jefferson taught defensive tactics/personal safety to city staff at a city wide training day. Officer Dehl also spoke at Emerson-Fisher discussing personal safety for employees.

# *Operations Division*

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## **7:00 AM – 3:00 PM Shift with Lt Ronald Ohrt**

Lieutenant Ohrt and Marshalltown Parks and Recreation Superintendent, Chad Weir worked together with MET-12 to produce a public service announcement about parks and bicycle/skateboard safety in an effort to reduce complaints at city parks and the business districts. Officers continued the recent tradition of contacting youth wearing bicycle helmets and offering them coupons to Dairy Queen provided by the Iowa Valley Bicycle Club. Leadership team members worked with Marshalltown Public Works Street Superintendent, Jeff Roads, to improve the city's response to snow removal operations resulting in focused attention on vehicles left on the city street for extended periods. Finally, staff increased walk-thrus of the Marshalltown Public Library, as well as other city buildings, and business districts, especially during the summer and holiday shopping season.

Outside of training mandated by the state, day shift took the opportunity to schedule various shift trainings throughout the year. The trainings occur during short times when calls for service are at a lull. Topics included snow ordinances, overtime parking, tactical breathing, drug and/or alcohol impaired driving investigation, snowmobile/golf cart ordinances, close quarter combat defense, K-9 use for patrol, and open carry of weapons laws and response. The team expects to discover methods to improve our response to current and rapidly evolving events through increased training.



# Operations Division

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## K9 UNIT

The K9 Unit for the department saw Officer Eric Siemens and K9 Raji completing their certification as a patrol dog team.

Sgt Melinda Ruopp and K9 Awol continued to work hard for the department and community despite the medical issues Awol endured that eventually lead to his early retirement at the end of the year.

During their outstanding service they compiled the following records:

- 37 – Criminal apprehensions
- 66 – Interior & exterior building searches
- 29 – Suspect tracks/trailing
- 78 – Perimeter prevention assists for patrol officers
- 13 – Article searches
- 18 – Area searches for suspects
- 50 – Alarm response calls
- 326 – Narcotics searches (vehicles, residences, schools, areas)
- 50 – K9 demonstrations in Marshalltown and surrounding communities
- 5 – State of Iowa United States Police Canine Association Patrol Certifications, 1 Tracking Certification.
- 6 – State of Iowa United States Police Canine Association Narcotics Detection Certifications, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in several of these certifications.
- 1 – National United States Police Canine Association Narcotics Certification, placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall nationally.
- Multiple Awards for Case of the Quarter; both at the National and State Levels.
- Multiple Awards in obedience, apprehension and box search.



During K9 Awol's career he was also credited with seizing \$1,043,680 in narcotics, to include Methamphetamine, Heroin, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Ice and Marijuana, as well as \$113,169 in cash seizures.

Thank you to Sgt Ruopp and K9 Awol for your dedicated and faithful service to the department and to the community!

# Operations Division

## K9 UNIT

Seized	2011	2012	2013
ICE/Meth	82 gr.	154 gr.	9,338 gr.
Marijuana	92 gr.	3,980 gr.	271 gr.
Paraphernalia	45	11	26
Money	\$17,780	\$6,389	\$85,310

K9 fundraising in 2013 was a huge success. The department thanks the community for all their support and generous donations!



The K9 units participated in 149.25 hours of narcotic & patrol training in 2013.



Thank you for your service Awoll!

K9 Use	2011	2012	2013
Alarm Checks	19	5	9
Area Searches	22	8	4
Building Searches	33	25	17
Narcotics/Search Warrants	39	71	70
Criminal Apprehension	11	4	4
Perimeter	12	4	10
Public Demonstration	6	17	15
Tracking	22	6	13



2014 welcomes K9 Jordy with handler Sgt Tom Watson.

# Operations Division

## 3:00 PM – 11:00 PM Shift with Lt Chris Roush

2013 was a very busy year for officers on the 3-11 shift. Generally made up of younger officers, the 3-11 shift is an ideal place to train new officers. This year we helped train 4 new officers. Field Training Officers Juan Tejada and A.J. Accola spent more than 4 months each training new recruits in our field craft. This field training is arguably the most important part of a young officer's career and something both our FTO's take very seriously.

In addition to training new officers, Officer Siemens was selected as our new K9 officer. He spent 3 months in St. Paul, Minnesota with his partner Raji, learning to work as a team. Officer Siemens and Raji were able to certify in both patrol dog and narcotics.

Another opportunity came in the form of bicycle patrol officer training. I am currently a certified instructor with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in the area of Bicycle Patrol Officer. I was able to train Officers A.J. Accola and Dane Bowermaster along with Reserve Lieutenant Aaron Polley. This certification allows both the regular and reserve officers to patrol Marshalltown on a police bicycle.

Training is certainly necessary, but our work on patrol does not stop or slow down in the meantime. 3-11 is quite simply the busiest shift on the department. The following percentages are determined by the officers that were permanently assigned to the 3-11 shift for the entire year. It does not include the numbers produced by officers in the field training program.

Activity	Percentage from entire MPD
Incident reports	42%
Arrests	42%
Calls for service	45% MPD 31% for Marshall Co including fire calls
Traffic Stops	42%
Traffic Citations	53%

It is clear to see the 3-11 shift has very little downtime. However, officers are using their downtime appropriately as evidence of having over half the written citations for the department.

While every other statistic listed is reactive in nature, citations are most often officer initiated.

Additionally, officers put special emphasis on checking schools in their patrol areas. Every officer was tasked with checking at least one school in their patrol area during their shift. We feel this interaction with the school is vital in helping keep students and staff safe, while allowing for quality community contact.

# Operations Division

## DRE - DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT

In 2013 the department was able to add a second Drug Recognition Officer (DRE) to the Operations Division. Officer Casee Veren completed her training and joined Officer Andrew Cole who was certified in 2012. Both Officer Cole & Veren went through a 4 week training program which certified them as Drug Recognition Experts. The training curriculum and certification for the DRE program is developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

DRE's are trained to be able to determine if a subject is impaired and unable to operate a motor vehicle in a safe manner. DRE's are able to rule out medical reasons for the impairment. DRE's utilize a 12-step evaluation process that determines which category of drugs is influencing the subject at the time of their evaluation.

The DRE program is part of the Drug Evaluation and Classification program that is administered by the Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, with training funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

During 2013 the department DRE's compiled the following stats:

15	Evaluations (13 males, 2 females)
11	Cannabis calls
5	Central Nervous System Stimulant calls
1	Inhalant call
1	Dissociative Anesthetics call



*\*The number of evaluations does not equal the number of calls or determinations due to subjects having more than one controlled substance in their system at the time of evaluation.*

The DRE program is quickly becoming an important component in our efforts to detect and arrest impaired drivers who place not only themselves, but those they meet on the streets and highways at greater risk of injury or death. DRE's are available to assist outside agencies with evaluations of suspected impaired drivers upon request by the investigating agency.

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## **11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift with Lt Ryan Goecke**

The Marshalltown Police Department consists of three shifts to provide a 24/7/365 police presence for the citizens of Marshalltown. The shift begins our day at 10:45 PM and turns the cars over to the day shift at 7 AM. The 11-7 or "Night" shift has 9 or 10 officers at different times during the year. The leadership on the shift is one Lieutenant and two Sergeants. The 11-7 Shift often will have some of the newest officers on the department and complimented by seasoned veterans. The night shift lost one of those veterans, Officer Tracy Anderson, with retirement.

The ebb and flow of staffing has an affect on service. Injury and illness, retirement, mandated and desired training, and temporary assignments can hinder officer's assigned duties. The same can be expected in 2014. Equipment and training have improved significantly over the years and officers are completing assigned tasks more intelligently and efficiently. Inadequate and outdated facilities threaten to undo what we have gained. As with all employee benefits, equipment and facilities affect retention.

The primary function of the patrol officers in the Operations Division is uniformed patrol and answering calls for service. The prevention of crime and the arrest and prosecution of criminals being one of the most important duties. The same is true for the night shift, though our shift statistically has the fewest number of calls for service. Night shift officers are proficient at self initiated activities, staying current on crime trends and, as we refer to it, "going where the business is." Between calls, officers minutely inspect every part of their assigned areas as often as possible, and by their vigilance and activity, make it difficult for anyone to commit a crime there-in. Of the number of traffic stops conducted on the department, 3 of the 4 top producers were on the night shift. The same is true for business and liquor establishment checks.

Officers of the night shift not only support the shift but further assist the department in fulfilling its mission. Officers perform other duties such as tobacco compliance checks, hostage negotiator, bicycle patrol officer, SWAT team, accident investigation, Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, Standardized Field Sobriety Test instructor, and driving instructor. Officers from the night shift have instructed at the Citizen's Police Academy, as well as instructed in their areas of specialty at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

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## **11:00 PM – 7:00 AM Shift with Lt Ryan Goecke**

Night shift officers have also played significant roles in many organizations associated with law enforcement to include, Iowa State Police Association, Fraternal Order of Police, and Crime Prevention Board of Directors. Officers also gave of themselves throughout 2013, participating in some volunteer opportunities such as Cop on Top and Shop with a Cop.

Training is an essential component to maintaining a successful police force. Night shift officers attended several training events to learn new skills or enhance existing skills. Training from the State Alcoholic Beverages Division to properly conduct liquor establishment investigations, first responders to missing persons, investigating violence against women incidents, basic Spanish for law enforcement, wide area searches, improved leadership, accident investigation, precision driving, roadside sobriety detection and testing an impaired drugged driver, child safety seat inspections, physical surveillance, TASER, mental health first aid, bicycle patrol, and writing search warrants.

Goals can be an important part of any organization as well as individually. The night shift sets goals throughout the year and works together as a team to accomplish them. Team goals have included training in building searches, K9 searches, vehicle searches, sobriety tests updates, handling persons experiencing excited delirium, and responding to the City of Marshalltown's snow ordinance and removal operations. Operational goals have included liquor establishment and business checks, OWI enforcement, traffic enforcement and searching for persons with outstanding warrants.

Officers of the night shift are poised to do their part to maintain a safe Marshalltown in 2014.



# Statistics

## ASSAULTS ON POLICE OFFICERS & USE OF FORCE

Circumstances do arise when officers need to use force to effectively bring an incident under control while protecting the lives of the officer or another. Use of force levels vary from verbal direction, physical re-direction, empty hand control, intermediate weapons to lethal force.



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Arrest Offenses	3725	3598	3334	3146	3438
Traffic Stops	13633	6463	5705	4643	4605
Use of Force	98	82	66	64	65
TASER Deploy	1	24	10	11	17
Assault on Officer	7	13	17	11	25

After extensive department training, TASER usage began in late 2009. Before allowing TASER usage officers were required to attend TASER certification, Excited Delirium training and Verbal Judo training. Training was provided by department instructors who had previously received certification from TASER, Verbal Judo and the Institute for the Prevention of In-Custody Deaths (IPICD). New officers receive TASER and Verbal Judo training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

# Statistics

## CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

Type	2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Incid	Arrest	Incid	Arrest	Incid	Arrest	Incid	Arrest	Incid	Arrest
Assault	207	160	202	171	157	148	176	120	144	157
Domestic Assault	144	106	160	129	147	132	126	110	134	138
Sexual Abuse	53	17	50	20	32	8	33	8	19	5
Sex Offender Reg	15	4	19	17	13	4	16	9	17	17
Child Endangerment	45	32	53	54	56	75	53	86	66	91
Harassment	131	69	99	61	105	77	86	51	66	62
Violate No Contact	114	116	113	99	103	103	98	85	107	127
Robbery	15	9	19	17	16	5	15	13	10	13
Burglary	358	82	325	66	286	49	248	62	206	63
Theft	1070	340	852	309	791	297	684	330	843	374
Fraud / Forgery	126	51	116	74	129	78	101	89	75	83
Criminal Mischief	408	101	350	79	248	86	217	60	183	72

# Operations Division

## MARSHALLTOWN POLICE RESERVES

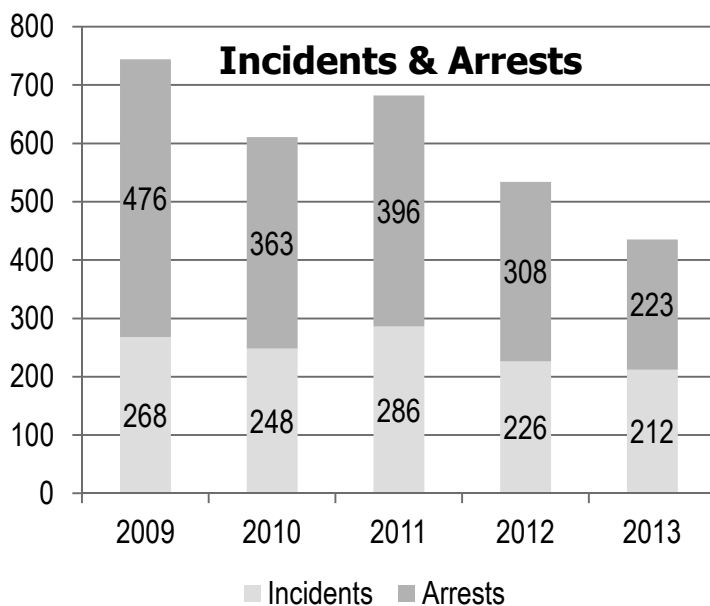
In 2013 the Department started with 6 reserve officers, then had 2 resignations. One officer completed his state certification requirements in December. The reserves volunteered 406.25 hours in patrol and event time throughout the year. Here are some of the events they participated in during 2013:

March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Healthy Family Fair	1 Reserve
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Healthy Kids event-Community Y	3 Reserves
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	MHS Promenade lot security	2 Reserves
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Miller Middle School dance	1 Reserve
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	MACS 5K run	2 Reserves
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Annual BBQ Contest	4 Reserves
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Relay for Life	1 Reserve
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fireworks at fairgrounds	2 Reserves
August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tractor Parade-Mtown Center	1 Reserve
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	House of Compassion 5K run	2 Reserves
September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Oktemberfest Car Show & Carnival	4 Reserves
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	Oktemberfest 10K run & Parade	4 Reserves
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Duck Dash	1 Reserve
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween Patrol	2 Reserves
November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Holiday Stroll	2 Reserves

# Special Services

## Captain Christopher Jones

2013 has been a productive year for the officers and civilians assigned to the Special Services Division. Most significantly, several high profile incidents have been resolved during the last year through the diligent work of Marshalltown Police Department staff and their collaboration with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. During the last year the Special Services Division has helped investigate and solve a number of critical incidents, which include the arrest of a homicide suspect, the closure of several commercial burglary investigations, the arrest of two armed robbery suspects, the investigation of two attempted homicides, and several multijurisdictional counterfeit and fraud investigations. These cases and their resulting arrests were significant, but small in number to the 223 arrests and 212 additional investigations conducted by investigators involving various other reported incidents of identity theft, financial fraud, sexual abuse, child abuse, the possession and distribution of child pornography and the distribution and possession of narcotics.



Collaboratively each employee within the Special Services Division has worked well in establishing a high quality public service for the citizens of Marshalltown. Individually, division activities have worked to improve the quality of life within our community. Some of these activities include regulating and enforcing laws relating to nuisance and property management, combating narcotic and technology based crime, helping to regulate Iowa sex offender registry laws, and

the establishment of community partnerships with the Marshalltown School District, community landlords, local businesses and neighborhood associations. Some examples of the individual success made through the Special Services Division in 2013 have been Detective Sadie Weekley's work in conducting and coordinating three separate community Sex Offender Registry compliance checks. Special Services staff completed over 100 sex offender compliance checks during the last year which resulted in the arrest of 14 individual violators.

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The division's investigator assigned to the Mid Iowa Drug Task Force has been working to help prevent the use and sale of drugs within our community. In 2013 the Mid Iowa Drug Task Force conducted over 83 individual narcotic investigations. Of the 83 total cases, 56 were cases pursued in the Marshalltown area. These 83 cases resulted in the arrest of over 100 individuals who were in possession or distributing narcotics. In one particular city wide investigation, investigators were able to recover over 20 pounds of methamphetamine and \$55,000 in currency.

MPD SEIZURES	2011	2012	2013
Cocaine	1.5 grams	4 grams	5.6 grams
Methamphetamine	30 grams	75.5 grams	77 grams
Marijuana	490.5 grams	296 grams	352 grams
Prescription	255 pills	215 pills	195 pills
Money (*pending)	\$9,702	\$7,953.54	*\$21,223

(Stats do not contain MIDTF Seizures)

Detective Randy Kessler has worked closely with Federal and State Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) agents in conducting 17 local investigations regarding the possession and distribution of child pornography over the Internet.

Detective Brian Siegert has been collaboratively working with local business owners and managers within the Marshalltown community to help better distribute crime prevention information and at the same time provide training on how owners can help their customers prevent financial fraud and theft. Our department's Financial Crime Coalition currently has 11 active business partners who meet monthly to discuss information relating to financial fraud and theft.

Sami Bunn has worked to make outstanding improvements to the enforcement of local property and nuisance violations. In 2013, Sami investigated and resolved 1,609 self-initiated and citizen reported nuisance and property maintenance violations. Her work with local property owners in finding solutions to local ordinance concerns has helped further promote an improved quality of life for Marshalltown citizens.

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## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH OFFICER**

Officer Brad Mauseth is currently collaborating with area youth through his work as a Community Outreach Officer by providing health and safety education in a variety of settings throughout the year. In 2013, Officer Mauseth participated in helping teach over 14 Friday Evening Program sessions with representatives from the Iowa Department of Juvenile Court Services to Marshalltown students participating in our local juvenile probation and diversion program. Officer Mauseth has participated in over 455 hours of community service within our community on behalf of our police department and is currently working closely with local landlords and the City of Marshalltown's Housing and Community Development Division to improve the overall quality of 125 local rental properties.

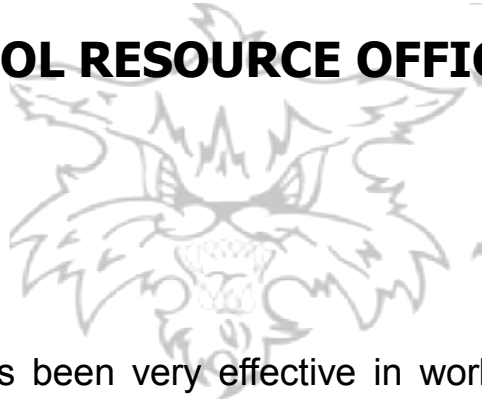


Through several community sponsors and the help of MHS students, Officer Mauseth led a project to restore a surplus military Humvee into a usable police vehicle for community outreach duties.

# ***Special Services***

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## **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**



Officer Lageschulte has been very effective in working closely with the Marshalltown High School as a full-time School Resource Officer. During the last year, Officer Lageschulte engaged in over 1,439 individual school activities and has presented over 198 hours of training relating to the safety and welfare of students and the facility at the Marshalltown High School.

### **2013 CONTACTS**

Disorderly/Assault	57	Number of Reports	65
Gang/Hate	4	Total Arrests	78
Drugs	16	Problem Solving Contacts	93
Alcohol	6	Parking Lot Checks	67
Theft	55	Parent Contacts	292
Harassment	49	Training Hours	34.5
Tobacco	9	Emergency Response	11
Criminal Mischief	15	Mental Health Contact	25
Accidents/Traffic	7	Office Referrals	176
Weapons	2	Other Student Contacts	467
Trespass	9	PD Assists	79

# *Special Services*

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## **SWAT - SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS**

The Marshalltown Police Department SWAT Unit originated in 1979 when Chief of Police James Wilkinson began to allow specially trained officers within the department an opportunity to carry Marlin bolt action rifles with optical scopes while on duty inside their patrol cars. This specialized assignment began to expand little by little as time went on and in 1981 the department started to solidify their development of a part-time tactical unit by implementing mandatory monthly training to officers within the department. During this formalization, six Marshalltown officers volunteered for this tactical assignment and were issued flack jackets and riot helmets obtained through military surplus. The original name given for this project was the Marshalltown Special Tactics Unit "S.T.U.". After being selected for this assignment S.T.U. team members were sent to attend military based tactical training provided by officers working for Offutt Air Force Base outside Omaha, Nebraska.

In October 1986 support for the S.T.U. began to soar. A labor riot originating at the Marshalltown Swift Plant required the need for specially trained personnel to help resolve a developing riot. During this incident 70 area law enforcement officers responded to a demonstration involving over 300 hostile striking workers. Several officers were injured during this prolonged labor strike. Due to the fallout resulting from this protest, the Marshalltown Police Department made a commitment to further develop their tactical capability and to increase the amount of training to those who have volunteered to be a member of the Marshalltown Special Tactics Unit.

Since 1986, the Marshalltown Police Department's tactical unit had grown to as many as 12 tactical operators, 2 individual sniper observer teams and a unit of highly trained hostage negotiators. In 2003, the Marshalltown Special Tactics Unit formally changed their name from S.T.U. to SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics). In October 2012 the Marshalltown Police Department joined efforts with the Marshall County Sheriff's Office by selecting 2 tactical operators from volunteers working for the MCSO. Through the support of seized assets and forfeitures collected by department personnel and the Mid Iowa Drug Task Force, the Marshalltown SWAT unit has been able to preserve a high level of training in modern police tactics and maintain equipment required to handle any type of critical high risk incident. Currently the Marshalltown SWAT Unit has 10 tactical operators, 2 sniper/observerS and 4 crisis negotiators.

# Special Services

## SWAT - SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

In 2013, the Marshalltown SWAT unit was activated to handle 11 high risk critical incidents. These incidents resulted in the arrest of 21 individuals, and the recovery of numerous articles of evidence (weapons, narcotics, drug paraphernalia and stolen property). Tactical team members also engaged in over 386 hours of training in high risk resolution tactics. After each training officers take what they have learned back to others working on their assigned shift and provide individual training. As part of our organizations effort in collaborating with area law enforcement agencies, the Marshalltown Police Department hosted an Improvised Explosive/Current Terrorism Trends training class in August. Instruction was provided by FBI Special Agent Donald Neily and there were over 60 federal, state and local law enforcement officers in attendance for the 1-d day class. During the session, officers learned about the dangers of homemade explosive devices and what home-based items to look for when investigating potential incidents of domestic terrorism.

