



# **2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

*Michael W. Tupper*

*Chief of Police*

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The seal of the Marshalltown Police Department is a shield-shaped emblem. It features a red border with the words "MARSHALLTOWN" at the top and "POLICE" at the bottom in white capital letters. The center of the seal depicts a white silhouette of a city skyline with several buildings. Above the skyline, there are five white stars arranged in an arc. The background of the seal is a light blue and white checkered pattern.

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## **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.

## **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.



# Chief's Message

Dear Citizens of Marshalltown,

We are pleased to present the 2017 Annual Report, which details the activities and accomplishments 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 an authorized strength of forty-three sworn police officers and five civilian employees. The department is supported in our duties by a group of citizen volunteers and a reserve police officer unit.

The planning, design, and construction of a new police-fire building has kept us busy in 2017. This is an exciting project for our community and has been a project several years in the making. If all goes as planned, this building should be open for business sometime in very late 2018.

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 state and local laws within the boundaries of the City of Marshalltown. The department works closely with a variety of law enforcement entities at the federal, state and local level to ensure the Marshalltown community receives highly competent and professional law enforcement services. The police department also operates an emergency communications and 911 answering point for all public safety services in Marshall County.

In 2017, the Marshalltown Police Department responded to over 31,000 calls for service and filed over 4,000 police and traffic reports. In 2017, the police department made nearly 2,400 arrests, issued over 2,600 traffic citations and made over 6,400 traffic stops.

In 2017, the City of Marshalltown opened up discussions with Marshall County and our sister communities in Marshall County about the delivery of 911 services. After several months of discussion, a new 911 commission was developed. In early 2018, this commission took over the responsibility of oversight of 911 services for all of Marshall County. The 911 center is no longer under the MPD umbrella and is now a separate entity. The Marshall County 911 Communications Center continues to operate out of the Marshalltown Police Department. 911 operations will move into the new police-fire building when that building opens for business. The changes in how the 911 center is managed are new, but the 911 employees remain the same and continue to provide exceptional services.

Marshalltown continues to be a safe community in which to live, work and raise a family. We continue to emphasize community policing initiatives and community partnerships to combat crime in our community. The community problems we routinely face require strong partnerships between the police department, community members, and community organizations. As members of the Marshalltown community, we all have a shared obligation for the policing of our community. The members of the police department embrace the daily opportunities we have to serve the public and address community concerns. The members of the Marshalltown Police Department also enjoy tremendous public support.

# Chief's Message



Community outreach efforts in 2017 utilizing programs such as an active partnership with Marshall County Crime Stoppers, a very successful citizen police academy and our Coffee with a Cop program, have continued to enhance positive community relationships between the police and community members throughout Marshalltown. We remained committed to community policing values. We will continue our community policing efforts in 2018.

The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that officers are unapproachable on the street. Programs like Coffee with a Cop break down barriers and allow for relaxed, one-on-one interaction. We will continue to use this program and similar efforts to maintain open lines of communication and build relationships with the citizens we serve.

The men and women working in the police department continue to embrace the philosophy and goals of the Marshalltown City Council. We deliver service to our community with pride and professionalism, recognizing we are always ambassadors of the city. Despite resource challenges, and ever-changing technology needs, we understand our objective remains to serve the residents and guests of our community in a superior manner. The average is not acceptable, 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 work with our community to solve problems and provide public safety services, which make Marshalltown proud. Marshalltown is an outstanding community, and the employees of the Marshalltown Police Department will collaborate with the community throughout the coming year to make Marshalltown the best that it can be.

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Michael W. Tupper, Chief of Police





## ADMINISTRATION

Michael W. Tupper, Chief of Police  
Alicia Hunter, Administrative Assistant

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

Captain Christopher Jones

<u>DAY A</u>	<u>DAY B</u>	<u>NIGHT A</u>	<u>NIGHT B</u>
Lt. Rick Bellile	Lt. Ronald Ohrt	Lt. Tricia Thein	Lt. Kiel Stevenson
Sgt. Melinda Ruopp	Sgt. Rick Lang	Sgt. Thomas Watson	Sgt. Todd Tuttle
Of. Rick Stamp	Of. David Powell	Of. Casee Veren	Of. David Danielson
Of. Vern Jefferson	Of. Ryan Dehl	Of. Jerad Hoyt	Of. Andrew Cole
Of. Brad Mauseth	Of. Kraig Lageschulte	Of. Justin Allen	Of. Dane Bowermaster
Of. Dawn Blahnik	Of. Anthony Accola	Of. Stephen Sheets	Of. Paul Heitman
Of. Ramon Maxey	Of. Eric Siemens	Of. Logan Wolf	Of. Wyatt Shelangoski
Of. Juan Tejada	Of. Stephanie Lampe	Of. Tanner Hunt	Of. Jacob Fogt
<u>RESERVE UNIT</u>			
Lt. Aaron Polley			
Of. Chris Mayer	Of. Cale Puls	Of. Jerrod Leffler	Of. Rachel Zamora

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Captain Michael Hanken

### RECORDS DIVISION

Anne Davis, Records Supervisor	Rhonda Allen, Records Clerk	Sarah Lewis, Records Clerk/Parking
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## **SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Captain Brian Batterson

Randy Kessler, Detective

Brian Siegert, Detective

Sadie Weekley, Detective

Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective

Rod Whitmore, School Resource Officer

Cortney Watson, Crime Scene Technician

Community Outreach Officer

## **2017 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Lieutenant Richard Bellile



## **NEW EMPLOYEES**

Braxton Morrison, Officer

Kira Lazenby, Officer

Nicholas Svoboda, Officer

## **EMPLOYEE MILESTONES**

Anne Davis, Records Supervisor	25 years of service
Brian Siegert, Officer	15 years of service
David Danielson, Officer	10 years of service
Sadie Weekley, Officer	10 years of service
Dawn Blahnik, Officer	10 years of service
Dane Bowermaster, Officer	5 years of service
Paul Heitman, Officer	5 years of service
Justin Allen, Officer	5 years of service



## **CAPTAIN BRIAN BATTERSON**

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

Detectives are responsible for the investigation of serious crimes against persons such as homicide, attempted murder, willful injury, etc. In addition, detectives are responsible for complex long-term investigations such as crimes involving large financial loss, credit card fraud, fraudulent checks, identity theft, internet crimes against children and various other crimes. Detectives work in partnership with the Marshall County Attorney's Office, courts, local, state and federal law enforcement to bring cases to conclusion.

During 2017, 140 cases were worked by detectives and assistance was provided to the Operations Division in more than 200 other cases. Due to several factors, mainly a staff shortage at the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation Crime Lab, the average time from reported date to the final disposition was several months for sex crimes and other crimes involving the scientific examination of physical evidence.

<b>Incident</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Total</b>
Fatality Accident	1	Alcohol Incident	1	Assault	6
Assist Other Agency	3	Burglary	1	Child Endangerment	1
Death Investigation	3	Disturbance	1	Sex Crimes	61
Theft	11	Violation Court Order	7	Domestic Assault	11
Forgery/Fraud	12	Weapons	1	Harassment	2
Identity Theft	3	Info Report	1	Missing Person	1
Robbery	2	Sex Offender Registry	9	Threat	2

During the 2017 calendar year, the Special Services Division received, as a whole, 560.75 training hours. The training consisted of classes taught by department subject matter experts, online training and outside agency training. Training topics included:

- Carfentanil and the Gray Death
- Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities
- Elder Abuse-Abuse in Later Life
- Cell Phone Mapping & Analysis
- Certified Property and Evidence Specialist
- International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Systems Change
- Iowa Narcotics Officers Association Conference

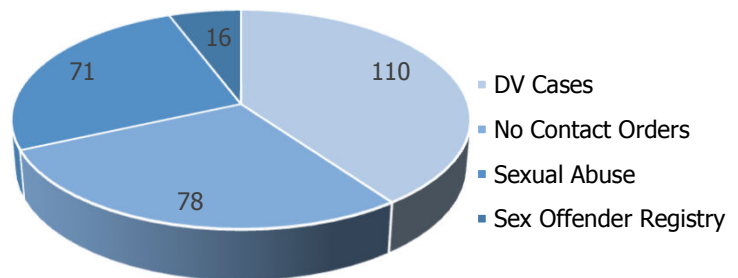


# Special Services

## INVESTIGATIONS

In the mid-1990's, the department received grant dollars to fund an investigator with a specific focus on violence against women. This detective works closely with community partners such as the Department of Human Services, ACCESS and Child Abuse Prevention, to raise awareness of crimes against women, investigate crimes against women and advocate for women in the criminal justice system.

**2017 INCIDENTS**



The Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective is a member of a four-county task force charged with assessing drug trafficking problems and design specific initiatives to reduce or eliminate the production, manufacture, transportation, distribution and chronic use of illegal drugs.

In 2017, the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force investigated 82 drug-related cases of which 55 were in Marshalltown. 71 people were arrested on state charges as well as numerous federal indictments. In one investigation, the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force, in cooperation with the ATF, investigated a methamphetamine trafficking organization based out of Marshalltown, which resulted in numerous search warrants in Marshalltown and Des Moines. Officers recovered over 7 pounds of methamphetamine, 10 firearms, and 3 bulletproof vests.

Federal sentencing also concluded in 2017 on two large methamphetamine investigations from 2015. In one case, the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force, in cooperation with the FBI, investigated a methamphetamine trafficking organization based in Marshalltown responsible for distributing methamphetamine throughout Iowa and Wisconsin. 22 people were successfully indicted and sentenced in this case.

Also, the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force, in cooperation with the DEA, investigated a methamphetamine trafficking organization based out of Marshalltown/Toledo/Tama responsible for distributing at least 340 pounds of methamphetamine throughout Iowa.

The Marshalltown Police Department maintains a drug drop box, located in the lobby of the police department, where the public can dispose of unwanted prescription medications. The drop box is available to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In 2017, approximately 300 pounds of prescription drugs were collected and destroyed.





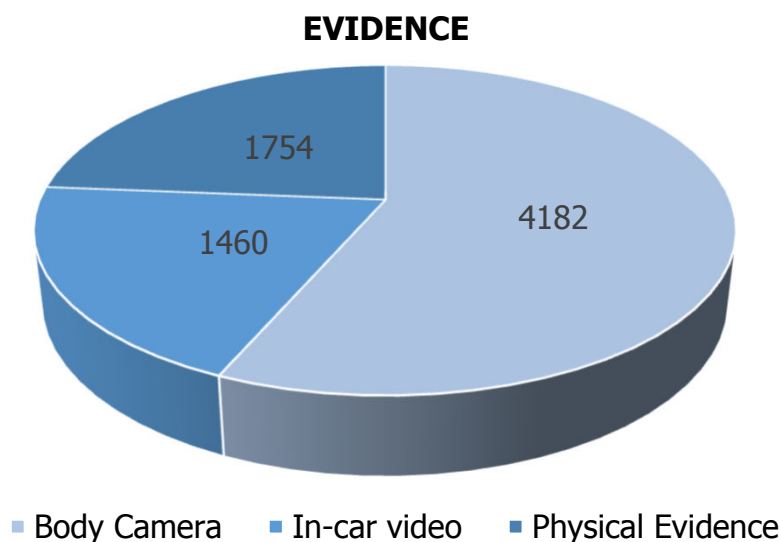


## **CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN**

The department's Crime Scene Technician responsibilities are two-fold. One, the recovery of evidence and the methodical processing of crime scenes. Two, the storage, cataloging and disposing of property bought into the department as evidence, abandoned or safekeeping.

The chart shown breaks down 2017 evidence by type. An upward trend is the amount of digital evidence managed by the property section. 76% of the property placed into evidence is digital, which requires more and more server space. Only 186 pieces of physical property were released to its owner in 2017. The evidence is held for longer periods of time due to court schedules, appeals, and rules regarding the release/destruction of evidence. Not shown in the chart are the over 13,000 digital photos taken by officers and the CST during 2017.

Included in the physical property seized in 2017 are 23 firearms and \$6,554.63 in currency.



DRUG SEIZURES	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cocaine	5.6 grams	20 grams	2 grams	2 grams	20.6 grams
Methamphetamine	77 grams	159 grams	881 grams	192 grams	312 grams
Marijuana	352 grams	1081 grams	443 grams	679 grams	1,848 grams
Prescription	195 pills	318 pills	611 pills	435 pills	469 pills

(Stats do not contain MIDTF Seizures)

# Special Services

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

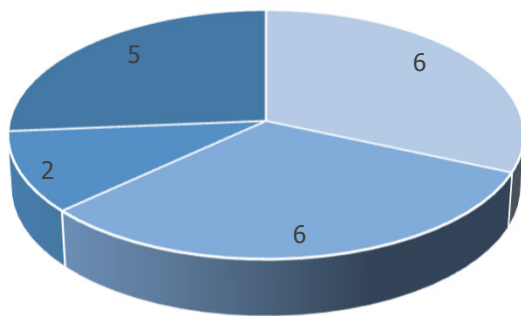
The department has partnered with the Marshalltown Community School District for over a decade to place a police officer in the Marshalltown High School. The School Resource Officer (SRO) provides several services within the high school including crime investigation and prevention, community services, criminal justice education, and enhanced safety. The SRO's daily interactions with teachers, staff, and students improve communication between the community and the Marshalltown Police Department.



During the 2017 school year, the SRO was part of several formal meetings and presentations, but the officer's most important contacts were the frequent informal conversations with staff and students. These day to day contacts have proven over time to be the best way to problem solve, explain expectations and provide a personal face to law enforcement.

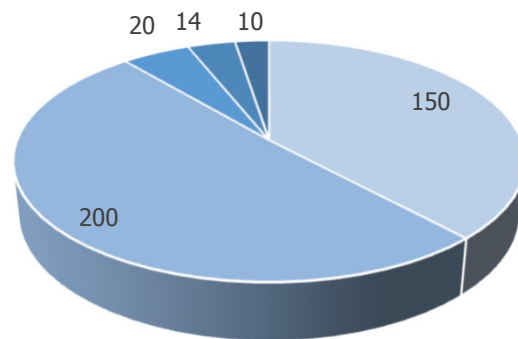


**CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**



- Traffic Cites
- Accidents
- Drug Possession
- Juvenile Court Referral

**NON-CRIMINAL ACTIVITY**



- School Meetings
- Security Checks
- Classroom Instruction
- Emergency Response to Classroom
- Home Vists



# *Special Services*

## **MAJOR CASES**

### **Isaiah Parker Homicide**

On April 26, 2017, officers were called to 7 ½ S. 9<sup>th</sup> St on the report of a stabbing. When Officers arrived they found Isaiah Parker had been stabbed in the lower abdomen. Officers on-scene provided basic medical attention for Mr. Parker until he could be transported to the hospital. Shortly after arriving at the hospital Mr. Parker was pronounced dead as a result of the stab wound.

Jordan Parker, Isaiah's brother, was brought to the police department as a person of interest. After interviewing Jordan and other witnesses, as well as processing the crime scene for physical evidence, Jordan Parker was charged with Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> degree and transported to the Marshall County Jail.

### **Git N Go Armed Robbery**

On September 22, 2017, at 11:40 pm, officers were dispatched to Git N Go (902 Lincoln Way) on the report of an armed robbery. When officers arrived the clerk told them an unknown male came into the store pointed a gun at them and demanded money from the cash register. The suspect fled the scene before police arrived.

On October 10, 2017, a Marshall County Crime Stopper tipster indicated they knew who robbed the Git N Go. When the tip was investigated by detectives it was determined that the tipster himself robbed the Git N Go. The investigation of the tipster also revealed other witnesses who pointed toward the tipster. On November 1, 2017, Eric Wiley was arrested for malicious prosecution and robbery 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

### **Theft 1<sup>st</sup> Degree & Ongoing Criminal Conduct**

On June 15, 2017, a local church reported the loss of \$20,000 due to employee theft. After an audit, it was discovered that a long time employee had used her position and financial secretary to embezzle funds from the church. The subsequent police investigation led to the arrest of Dawn Muller for Theft 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Ongoing Criminal Conduct. The final loss to the church totaled \$20,612.

# Administrative Services



## CAPTAIN MICHAEL HANKEN

The members of the Administrative Services Division are dedicated to providing crucial support services to the other divisions within the department and to the public as well. The Administrative Services Division is comprised of Records and Parking Enforcement, Police Citizen Volunteer program, Grant Management, Training and Internal Affairs-Professional Standards.

During the 2017 year, the department completed the purchasing of body worn cameras and data storage systems that had originally began in 2015 through the Bryne Jag Grant and private donations. All officers on the department are now equipped with a body worn camera. In addition to the Bryne Jag Grant, the department continues to partnership with the Bureau of Justice Administration in providing body armor for all officers.

### **CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY**

Each spring the department holds its Citizen Police Academy. This year the class roster totaled 30 members of the community who were excited learn about the many facets of the police department. The academy is 10 weeks and provides the students both classroom and hands on training from departmental staff on a wide range of topics such as: K9 Unit, Technology, Marshall County Communication Commission, Drug Task Force, Crime Scene, SWAT & Crisis Negotiation Teams, Standardized Field Sobriety, Marshall County Attorney's Office, Defensive Tactics, Traffic Stops & Building Searches, Bike Patrol, Weapons & Driving classroom & practical, and Police Reserve & Citizen Volunteer Program.



### **CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Since its beginning in 2012, the Citizen Volunteer Program has provided assistance to the police department in a variety of ways. During 2017, a total of 487.25 hours of service was provided. From 2012 to 2017, the volunteers have provided a total of 1,417.75 hours of service to the citizens of Marshalltown and the department. We are so thankful for their time and dedication!

In 2017, volunteers assisted with: Healthy Family Fair, Citizen's Academy, Officer Candidate Testing, St. Francis 5k run/walk, mowing of the police range, placing and removing flags at Riverside Cemetery, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, National Night Out at the YMCA/YWCA, Antique Tractor Parade, MHS Homecoming Parade, Oktoberfest Car Show, Oktoberfest Parade, bike path patrol, and records data entry.

Thank you to this fantastic group of Citizen Volunteers both past & present!

*Val Bellile, Dan Brandt, Kay Burke, Jennifer Chamberlin, Mary Curtis, Mary Douds, Angela Faught, John Helfer, Buck Hepler, Kenneth Huge, Val Hunt, Dorothy Johnson, Tamara Johnston, Sherry Kubalsky, Barb Lageschulte, Kevin Lageschulte, Bob Lewis, Peggy Lewis, Cheryl Mausest, Dale Meyer, Joan Moore, Mike Nablo, Sheri Norris, Deb Oetker, Stephen Peterson, Amy Pollard, James Ramsey, Alfredo Rodriguez, Kimberly Stephen, Sharon Thompson, Shelly Tuttle, Jennifer Yantis*

# Administrative Services



## **TRAINING REPORT**

Training is a critical component of a professional police organization. The Marshalltown Police Department takes pride in providing its employees with the best training available, utilizing instructors from within the department and those from outside agencies. The training the staff receives each year ensures the citizens of Marshalltown that they have a highly trained professional police department serving them.

During 2017, the department continued to utilize the Police One Academy online training as a means to provide training on a multitude of topics. The department also hosted multiple training events.

### MPD Hosted Training

- ARIDE – Adv Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- Blue Courage
- Elder Abuse in Later Life
- RAIDER Solo Engagement Training

### In-Service Training

- CPR / AED recertification
- Firearms qualifications
- TASER
- Radio training
- Law & search warrant update
- Courtroom testimony

### Outside Agency Training (Employee)

- Certificate Property & Evidence Specialist
- Tactical Medicine for High Risk Response Teams
- Human Trafficking
- Social Media Marketing
- Advanced Interview & Interrogation
- K9 Certifications
- Intermediate & Advanced Technical Crash Investigation
- National EMS Certification
- Crisis Intervention
- FBI National Academy



- FBI LE Executive Leadership
- Street Survival
- SWAT Team Leadership Development
- Crisis Hostage Negotiation
- Iowa Summit on Justice & Disparities
- Basic SWAT
- Iowa Valley Leadership

## **FBI National Academy**



On June 7, 2017, Captain Christopher Jones was one of over two hundred and twenty law enforcement leaders who graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The 268<sup>th</sup> session of the FBI National Academy consisted of men and women from throughout the United States. Also included in the class were members of law enforcement agencies from 23 countries.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the FBI National Academy offers advanced investigative, leadership, and fitness training to carefully selected officers with proven records as professionals within their agencies.

Once in the program, attendees are challenged academically and physically over the course of 10 weeks. Upon graduation, attendees return to their agencies with an elite skill set and perspective which will enhance the law enforcement services provided by their home agencies.



# Administrative Services

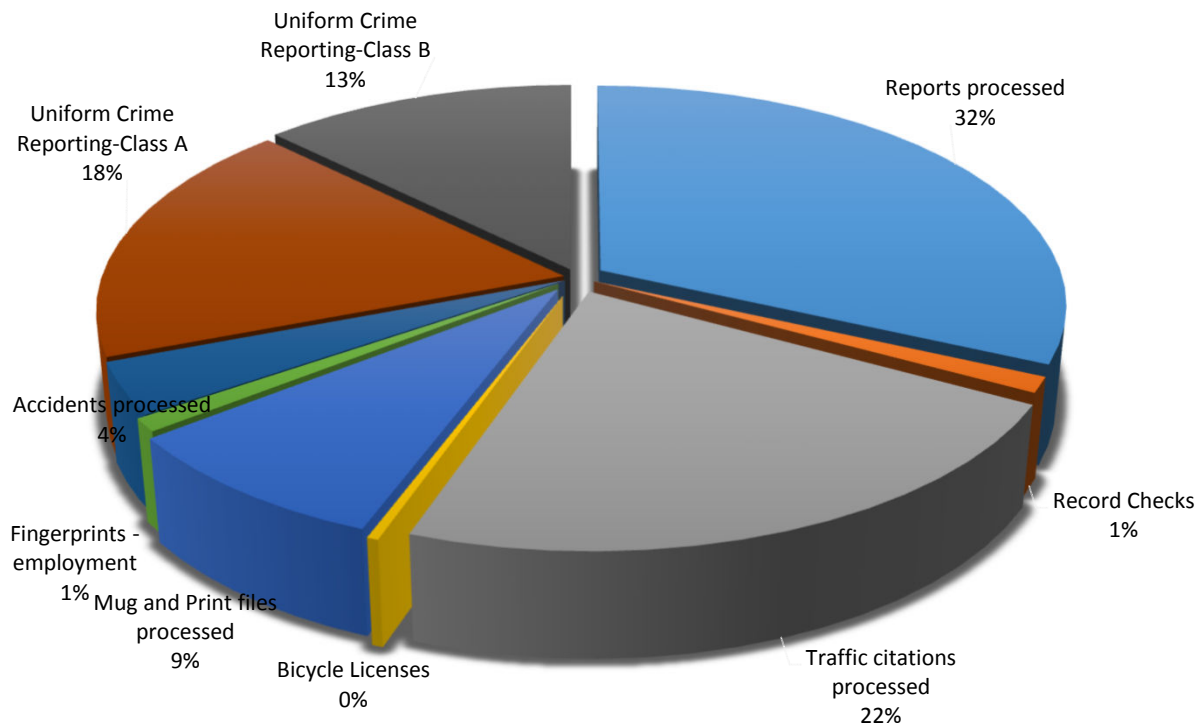


## PUBLIC RECORDS

The records section is the custodial entity for all criminal records and other documentation of the department. The staff in the records section is tasked with data entry and maintaining all police reports, arrest records and other statistical data. The records staff is the first point of contact for citizens and other agencies who request copies of our police records under the open records law.

In addition to maintaining public records, parking enforcement is another segment of the Administrative Services Division. The Parking Enforcement Officer's duties include issuing parking citation for violations of the parking ordinance as well as the towing of Scoff vehicles for those violators who have failed to pay their parking tickets.

## 2017 RECORDS



## Parking Statistics

Police Officers	3032 citations
Enforcement Officer	1800 citations
Scoff (5+ unpaid parking tickets)	4 tows
48 hr Overtime	1 tow

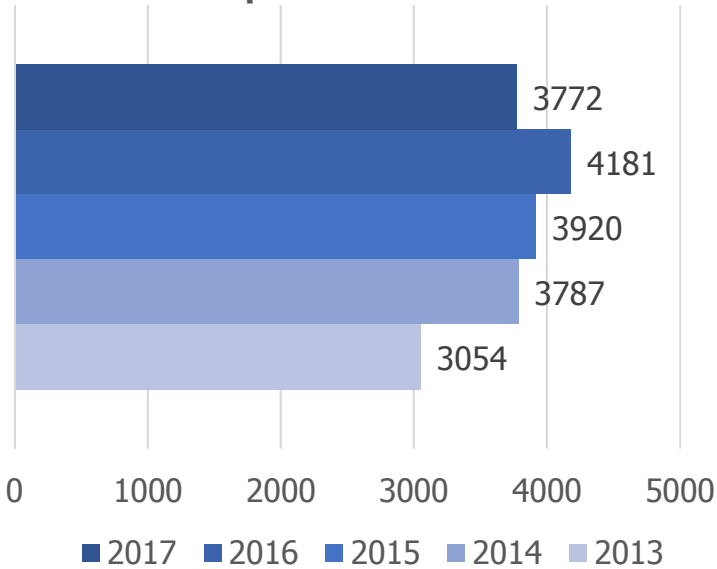




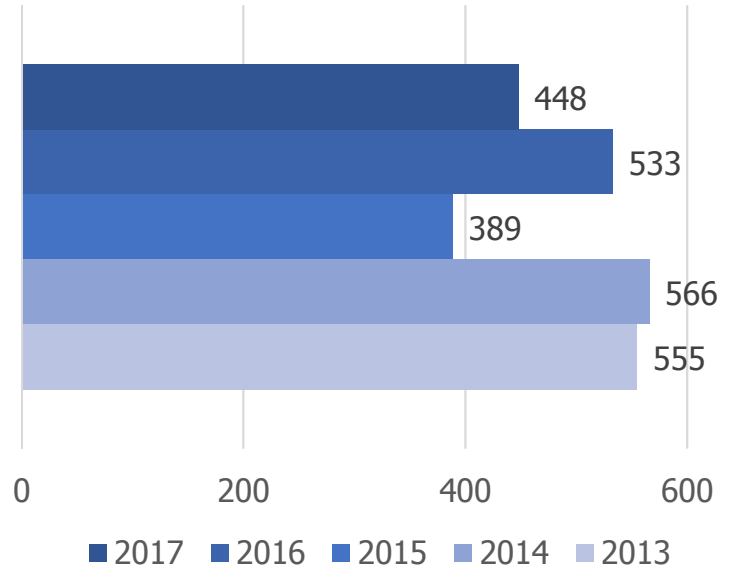
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## PUBLIC RECORDS

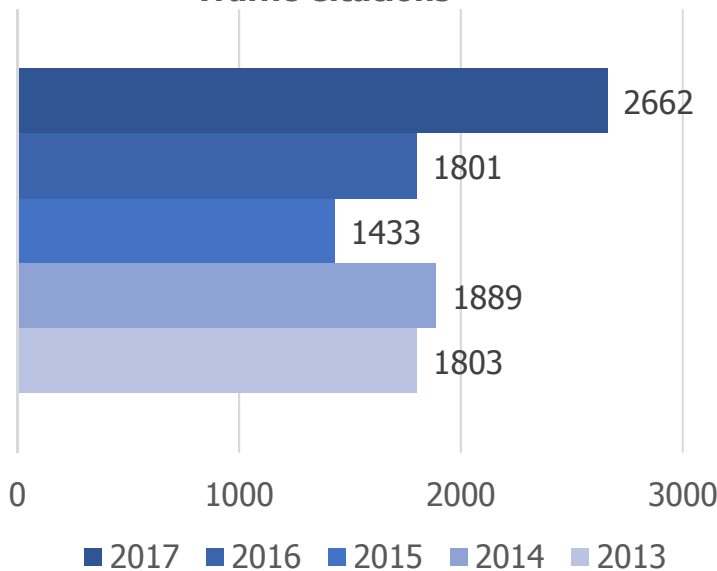
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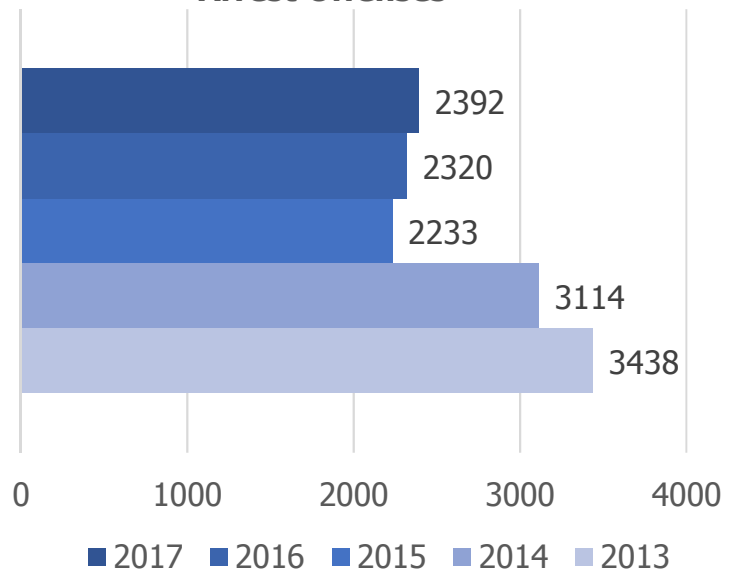
Traffic Crashes



Traffic Citations



Arrest Offenses



# Administrative Services



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

- The 2016-2017 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Program was a success in reaching its goals and educating the motoring public through 192 hours of overtime enforcement & education.
- The seat belt average was 96% usage.
- Two new in-car cameras and one radar was purchased and installed through this grant.

Contact	Project	Agency	Total
Impaired Driving	65	376	441
Occupant Restraint	148	139	287
Moving/Speed	585	2091	2676

We participated in 4 enforcement waves along with several joint projects. We teamed up with the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, the Iowa State Patrol, and Union Pacific Railroad on to address seatbelt, speeding and railroad violations.

The Marshalltown Police Department will again partner with GTSB in 2017-2018 with another traffic safety grant to provide education and enforcement to help keep our roads and highways safe.

## **CHILD SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM**

The Marshalltown Police Department is committed to promoting child safety in our community. Our certified technicians provide free evaluation of child safety seats for proper use and installation.

Community members continue to utilize the program and we were very please to see an increase from 71 inspections in 2016 to 147 inspections in 2017. Three child seat safety events were held throughout the year where 25 new seats were installed.

All of the car seats are purchased through donations by community members and organizations. Special thanks to Al Hoop, who donates in memory of his wife, Donna Hoop, who advocated for child safety. We also thank the Mid-Iowa Regional Board of Realtors for there significant donation in 2017.



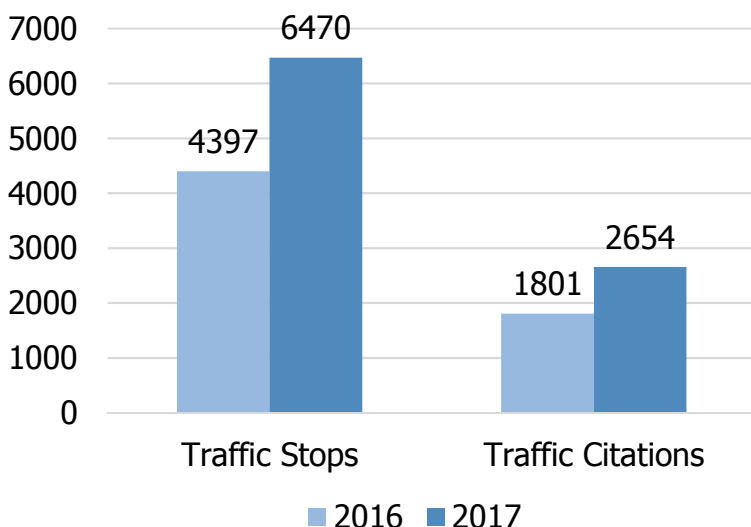


## CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER JONES

The Operations Division is led by Captain Christopher Jones. Operations Division is comprised of uniformed officers who are the first responders to calls for service. Considered the foundation of the agency, officers assigned to this division are tasked with preventing and deterring criminal activity while enforcing local and state laws. Specialized assignments assist officers in accomplishing our public service goals. Bike Patrol, Traffic Crash Investigators, K-9 and Drug Recognition Experts all help supplement patrol services with advanced specialized training when needed.

The men and women of the Marshalltown Police Department are focused 24 hours a day on patrolling the streets, traffic control, responding to emergency calls and conducting police activities in the neighborhoods and business district of Marshalltown. The Operations Division is the most visible section of the department and provides a full range of service seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. Officers patrol the business districts, parks, recreational areas, walking/bicycle paths and residential neighborhoods day and night. Patrol officers handle a wide range of responsibilities, calls and incidents during every shift. Some of their duties include; routine patrol, responding to emergency 911 calls for service, assisting Fire/EMS, traffic enforcement, conducting house checks, assisting motorists, OWIs, and general enforcement. Additionally, officers respond to crimes in-progress, domestic situations, violent altercations, burglaries, high-risk incidents and armed subjects. The Operations Division is committed to working hard to serve the citizens of Marshalltown and building the public's trust.

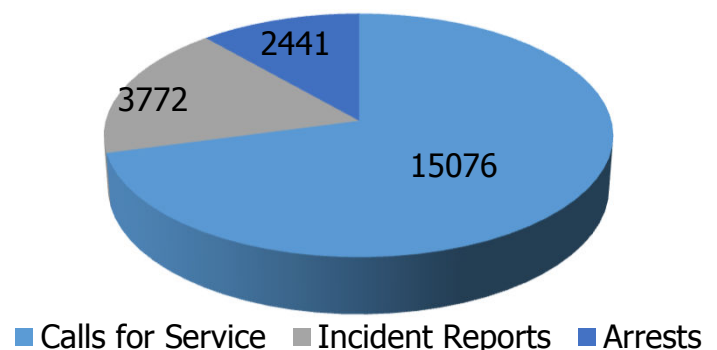
### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



During 2017, the Operations Division responded to 15,076 public-initiated calls for service, which required the presence of a police officer to investigate a complaint. Those calls for service resulted in over 3,772 incident reports and 2,411 arrests.

The city is divided into three patrol areas for the purpose of equally distributing police resources around the city. Dividing the city into specific patrol areas helps increase public safety and police service in a number of ways. The defined areas allow shift leaders to better allocate staffing resources, ensure quicker response times, and increased police visibility.

In an effort to educate the motoring public and make our roadways safer, the Operations Division completed 6,470 traffic stops in 2017 resulting in 2,654 traffic citations.





## **2017 CALLS FOR SERVICE – 31,487**

911 Hang Up	102	Forgery	0	Sex Crimes	36
Accidents	681	Found Property	138	Sex Offender Registry	12
Alarms	397	Fraud	144	Stalking	2
Alcohol Incidents	107	Harassment	383	Standby	188
Animal Complaint	615	Identity Theft	20	Suspicious Activity	646
Assault	159	Information Report	15	Theft	885
Assist Other Agency	254	IVH Check	907	Threat	19
Bar Check	603	Juvenile Delinquency	78	Tow	11
Bicycle Licenses	85	Medical Call	12	Traffic	601
Building Check	6331	Mental Illness	76	Traffic-Disabled Veh	251
Burglary	232	Missing Person	209	Traffic OWI	52
Civil Issue	197	Noise Complaint	181	Traffic Stop	6470
Death Investigation	7	Nuisance	125	Transport	26
Disorderly Conduct	77	Officer Initiated	1047	Trespass	272
Disturbance	843	Parking	657	Vandalism	369
Disturb-Loud Music	158	Public Contact	1597	Vehicle Inspection	11
Domestic	304	Robbery	4	Violation Court Order	82
Drug Related	134	School Check	190	Wanted Person	671
Fire Related	19	School Traffic	196	Weapons	70
Follow-up	3129	Search Warrant	17	Welfare Check	655



## **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.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Use of Force Incidents	65	69	60	76	57
TASER Deploy	17	12	11	16	12
Assault on Officer	25	15	7	14	9

## **MARSHALL COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS**



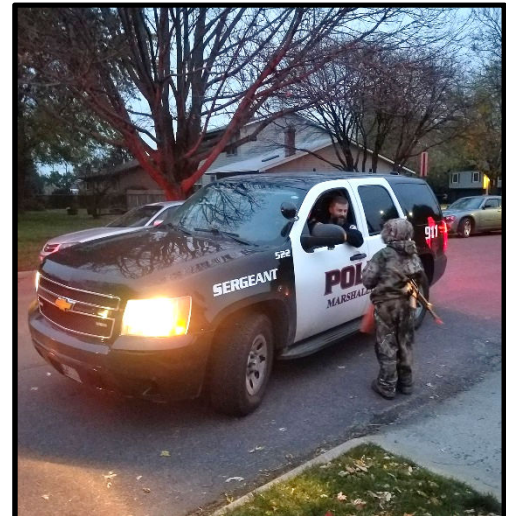
On September 1, 2015 the MPD joined forces with the newly established Marshall County Crime Stoppers Program to launch a telephone, text and online service to solicit anonymous crime tips from the general public. In 2017, the Marshall County Crime Stoppers solicited over 216 tips, regarding potential criminal activity ranging from Theft, Warranted Persons, Drug Information and incidents of Child Welfare. These tips resulted in \$2,500 in rewards. These numbers were up from the 2016 totals of 163 tips and \$1,250 in rewards.

Due to the programs overwhelmingly positive community reception Marshall County Crime Stoppers quickly gained the full support of all area law enforcement agencies and has been an extremely valuable tool for the Marshalltown Police Department in obtaining timely information on a variety of public safety concerns. More information on the program is available on their website at [www.marshallcountycs.com](http://www.marshallcountycs.com).

## **MARSHALLTOWN POLICE RESERVES**

The Reserve Officer program has been an integral, and vitally important, part of the Marshalltown Police Department for decades and we hope to continue the program for many more years to come. The department started 2017 with five certified Reserve Officers. One additional officer became State certified during the calendar year.

This year the Marshalltown Police Department Reserve Police Officer program contributed over 610 hours of work to the community at no cost. The Reserve Officers worked 21 community events as well as providing patrol functions while riding with a certified officer. Events included: Heathly Kid's Event, Verizon Safety Event, St. Francis 5K, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, Arresting Hunger, Fireworks display, County Fair, Race Night, Wildwood Hillers Ranch, MS Walk, National Night Out, Tractor Parade, MHS Homecoming Parade, Oktembersfest, Halloween patrol, and the Holiday Stroll.





# Operations

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

The Marshalltown Police Department and Marshall County Sheriff's Office combine resources to form a SWAT team that covers all of Marshall County. The SWAT team is currently comprised of 9 members and is in the process of adding new members. Members receive a minimum of 12 hours of training per month on dealing with high-risk operations. Each member is required to pass an annual physical fitness test and weapons qualification.

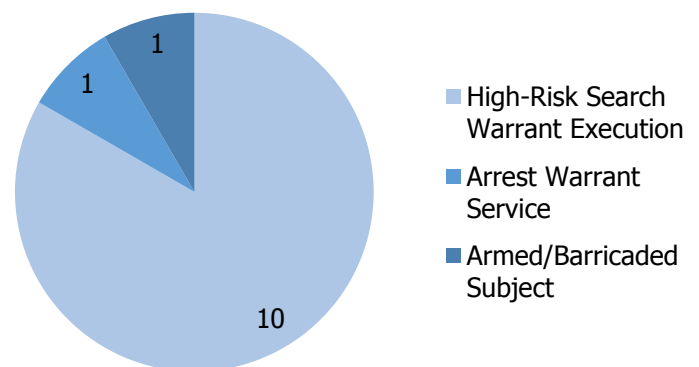
The SWAT team consists of officers with specialized training and experience along with certified instructors in a variety of law enforcement topics including Firearms, Active Shooter Response for Law Enforcement, ALiCE (Active Shooter Response for Civilians), Defensive Tactics, Less Lethal, Ballistic Shield Operation and Combat Medical Aid.



Members of the SWAT team are responsible for providing training to other officers on the department and also providing training and services to the community. Another service provided by the team is security analysis and safety plan review for area churches and businesses.

The SWAT team is trained to handle a variety of high risk and complex situations. During 2017, the team was utilized 12 times for search warrant execution, arrest warrant service and resolution of barricaded suspects. Working in conjunction with department negotiators, the SWAT team successfully completed each operation peacefully.

### **2017 SWAT Operations**







## DAY SHIFT A – LT. RICK BELLILE

The year 2017 proved to be another busy year for Days A, handling a variety of calls. These ranged from minor animal and parking calls to major incidents such as suicides, domestics, and burglaries. Calls for service remained high while officers kept up with their other responsibilities. Nearly every officer has some sort of specialized field assignment to include K-9 Supervisor, SWAT Member, Child Safety Seat Technician, Field Training Officer, Crisis Intervention, TASER Instructor, IT Specialist, Technical Accident Investigator, Fleet Maintenance, and Grant Program Administrator.

Along with these assignments, officer initiated activities included school checks, IVH checks, building/business checks, parking complaints, and traffic enforcement. Never a dull moment!

2017	Total	Monthly Avg
Calls for Service	3,945	328
Incident Reports	727	60
Arrests	523	43

### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Our internship program continues to do well as we had one intern in the summer and one in the fall. We get great feedback from the college students and the institutions they come from on our program, as several applications come in throughout the year. Each intern experiences a variety of aspects of the job like ride-alongs with officers, time at MHS with the School Resource Officer, sit-ins with the Marshall County Communication Center, observation at the Marshall County Jail, and shadow at the Marshall County Attorney's Office. Every intern that has come through has expressed an interest in joining the law enforcement field.

### FIELD TRAINING

Our Field Training Officers were busy working with two officers on the completion of their training for solo patrol. With six Field Training Officers on different shifts, there is a variety of experience and diverse training for our new recruits.

### ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

Alcohol compliance checks were conducted in April and December at bars, stores, and outlets that serve or sell alcohol. A 19-year old confidential informant was sent into the establishments to purchase alcohol. Our goal is for all establishments to be compliant and refuse the sale in an effort to reduce underage drinking in our community. Eight out of thirty-seven establishments made the sale in December. We will continue our efforts to educate on alcohol sale compliance.

### MAJOR CASES

On 01/28/17, officers responded to check the welfare of a suicidal subject. This person produced a Molotov cocktail and threatened to throw it at officers. Officers on scene used great restraint and communication to diffuse the situation and helped the person get to the ER for help.

On 02/07/17, officers were called to a suicide. Officers on scene located a subject that had committed suicide by gun. Officers worked the investigation and assisted the family going through this terrible incident.

On 08/02/17, officers were sent to another suicide, this one being a teenager. Officers on scene handled this call both professionally and with compassion, as family were all there as well. With the victim being so young this call really hit home with the shift.

# Operations

## DAY SHIFT A – LT. RICK BELLILE

### MAJOR CASES

On 09/19/17, officers were sent to a medical call where a male had stabbed himself repeatedly in attempt to end his life. Without hesitation, officers administered first aid and had to physically restrain the victim for his safety. Officers showed tremendous professionalism and compassion on behalf of this subject, and got him to the ER for further treatment. This subject was later transferred to another hospital for life-threatening injuries. As of Jan 2018, he has recovered and is back home with family. Responding officers were presenting with the Life Saving Award for their quick and decisive action which ultimately saved a human life.



Pictured: Officer Vern Jefferson, Officer Dawn Blahnik, Officer Bradley Mauseth and Sergeant Melinda Ruopp

On 11/05/17, officers responded to a Hazmat situation at the Church of God where a carbon monoxide leak left multiple people down or unconscious. Officers first on scene assisted those they could get to and got them outside to medical personnel. Officers then assisted fire and ambulance with identifying and transporting the injured to the hospital. Those officers on scene that day showed true heroism and professionalism in their quick actions to help avoid what could have been a major tragedy.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Despite dealing with these difficult incidents, officers still managed to partake in positive activities in our community. A few this year included Shop with a Cop, Special Olympics Cop on Top, Coffee with a Cop, Big Brothers/Big Sister Fundraiser, and many stops at schools for lunch and reading with kids. It's been a busy and crazy year for the officers on Days A, but we are here to serve the community and it is an honor to do so.



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## **K9 UNIT**

The MPD K9 Unit consists of two dual purpose K9's for patrol and narcotics. K9 Raji is a 6 year old Shepherd/Belgium Malinois cross, handled by Lt. Kiel Stevenson. K9 Jordy is a 4 year old Shepherd/Belgium Malinois cross, handled by Sergeant Tom Watson. Both K9 are trained in patrol work which includes obedience, evidence recovery, tracking, human scent detection and criminal apprehension. They are also trained in narcotic detection, with the skill to locate marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and their derivatives.

Sergeant Melinda Ruopp assists the K9 unit with monthly training and record keeping. Sgt Ruopp was a handler for the department for over 18 years. Ruopp is certified through the United States Police Canine Association as a National Trainer, Instructor, National Judge and National Board member. Sgt Ruopp's retired K9 Awol occasionally enjoys joining the unit for training.

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Our K9 teams attended annual certification events in Iowa to include certification trials through the United States Police Canine Association. Raji and Jordy are certified in Narcotics Detection as well as having a Patrol Dog title.

Jordy and Watson placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the state of Iowa in the March 2017 USPCA Narcotic Detection Certification Trials. Raji and Stevenson placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall in the state of Iowa in the August 2017 USPCA Patrol Dog Certification.



Left: Lt Stevenson & K9 Raji  
Right: Sgt Watson & K9 Jordy

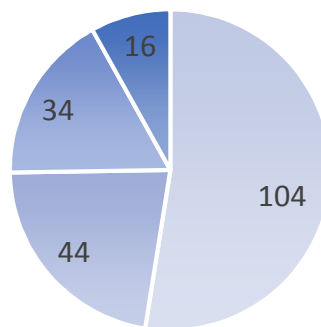


Sgt Melinda Ruopp &  
Retired K9 Awol

### **PATROL WORK**

As part of their patrol work, both K9's are active in the detection and prevention of crime. The K9 units work mostly during the evening and nighttime when criminal activity is most likely. Although their handlers still handle normal shift activities, our K9 handlers are also responsible for responding to any call where the use of the K9 would be beneficial. Because of the K9's natural abilities to detect human scent and illegal narcotics, they are a valuable tool to the Marshalltown PD.

K9 units responded to assist the patrol division 104 times, with perimeter work, tracking and general patrol requests in 2017. This would include tracking, areas searches and preventing the escape of wanted individuals. They responded to 34 alarm calls, where the dogs were used for human scent detection and potentially, the search of a compromised building. We recorded 44 building searches in 2017.



### **K9 Patrol Use**

- Patrol Assist
- Building Search
- Alarms
- Apprehensions





# Operations

## K9 UNIT

Well trained K9's like Raji and Jordy are also used as locating tools to assist Patrol with finding hidden suspects or lost persons. They are trained to apprehend felons when directed to do so, in critical situations. They are also trained to protect their handlers or other officers when necessary. Often the mere presence of a K9 will prevent or reduce the use of force. MPD K9's made 16 apprehensions in 2017, with little to no harm to any suspects.

K9 Jordy was deployed earlier this year to search for a stolen handgun that had been thrown in a ditch. Jordy located the handgun, preventing it from being found by a child or someone who could have been hurt. The handgun was able to be returned to the owner.

### NARCOTIC DETECTION

Narcotic detection directly effects the public because of the amount of drugs taken off the street by the K9. Narcotics are often hidden in areas where officers would be unable to find them. Because of the power of their nose, dogs are able to smell and alert to the odor of an illegal narcotic. This results in officers taking drugs off the street that would have otherwise been sold or used.

K9 units responded to dozens of requests for assistance from the patrol division and the Mid Iowa Drug Task Force. Most of these searches are search warrants, which often include the search of a residence, apartment, outbuilding and sometimes multiple vehicles. Of the 29 recorded deployments, there were often multiple types of searches conducted during those deployments. Statistics show that 90% of the time during those searches narcotics or drug paraphernalia were recovered.

During a search warrant in early 2017, K9 Raji alerted to the odor of drugs on a desk in a residence. Nothing was located initially when the desk was searched, but when the desk was moved, over 19 grams of methamphetamine and a gun were located in a floor vent under where the desk was sitting. It is very possible that without the alert, the desk would not have been moved and the drugs would not have been recovered.

Detection (grams)	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
ICE/Meth	9,338	113	200	2,001	5,100
Marijuana	271	2714	200	88	3,100
Paraphernalia	26	43	12	13	24
Money	\$85,310	\$3,475	\$0	\$107,508	\$1,500

### K9 TRAINING

Because of the liability involved in K9 work, the MPD requires very well trained and proven K9 work. To keep their skills at a high level, the dogs train an average of 16 hours per month in their patrol skills as well as narcotic detection.

In addition, MPD trains regularly with the Des Moines K9 Unit and the West Des Moines K9 Unit. This is valuable for our K9's, providing them with challenging scenarios in agility, obedience, tracking and criminal apprehension.

K9 units do dozens of public demonstrations each year and are excited to be able to share their skills with the public. The Marshalltown Police K9 Unit looks forward to another fantastic year of work for the City of Marshalltown and will continue demonstrating their skills during demonstrations and testing through the USPCA.



## DAY SHIFT B – LT. RONALD OHRT

Day Shift B remained busy during the calendar year 2017. The year started with the shift staffed with a lieutenant, sergeant, and five uniformed police officers. In May of 2017, the shift was assigned another uniformed police officer, bringing the shift to full strength of eight officers. Law enforcement experience for the team ranged from less than one year of experience to thirty-two years of experience. Additional individual tasked responsibilities for Day Shift members included vehicle maintenance, scheduling, case management, Field Training Officer (FTO), Verbal Judo instruction, Defensive Tactics instruction, Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate (ALICE) instruction, Rapid Deployment Awareness Intervention Decisiveness EMS Recovery (RAIDER) instruction, bicycle patrol, Crisis Negotiation (CN), and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT).

As expected, calls for service, along with additionally tasked responsibilities, continued to dictate the daily workload for Day Shift B. With the shift's full staffing status, the team was able to specifically assign officers to concentrate on traffic concerns and outstanding warrants. This focus helped the team respond to traffic complaints and clear unresolved cases. Officers also agreed to make increased contacts with staff and students at our local schools. The hope is to improve communication with staff and cultivate relationships in our community.



Officers also developed individualized goals to work on during the year with the expectation of improving service and relationships with our community. During the year we able to prepare and conduct three intense ALICE Training opportunities for three local organizations. The training will improve the organization's response to a potential violent encounter and established relationships between our organization and theirs. In the same vein, our shift conducted training concerning team room-clearing tactics and communication. The specialized training helped our team prepare for potential forceful encounters in our community. Several of our team members elected to spend time in the Detective Division, developing and improving their investigative techniques and skills that they could use while on patrol. Day Shift B also conducted two traffic enforcement programs for seatbelt evaluations and speeding violations near school zones during drop-off and pick-up times.

Day Shift B also prepared and participated in six *Coffee with a Cop* occasions in our community. The *Coffee with a Cop* events helped officers develop relationships with community members and aid in the community telling us their concerns in our neighborhoods. Finally, a team member was able to work with *Vision Marshalltown* and completed a video documenting the positive attributes of our great community.

Day Shift B continues to enjoy a wonderful relationship with the members of our community. The waves, smiles, cookies, and four-square games are much appreciated. Together, with our community, Day Shift B remains devoted to making Marshalltown a safe community. We are committed to serving our community with respect and dignity, doing so with honor and integrity.



## NIGHT SHIFT A – LT. TRICIA THEIN

Night Shift A officers possess many skills and hold multiple specialty assignments to include DRE (Drug Recognition Expert), K-9, SWAT, Motor Vehicle Accident Investigations, Verbal De-Escalation, Crisis Negotiations, Peer Support, Car Seat Inspection/Installation, and FTO (Field Training Officer). In order for officers to maintain their achieved level of training, it takes the support of the entire shift. For that, kudos to all staff on Nights A for pitching in and filling the gaps to ensure that the A team was able to preserve the professionalism expected by our community. 2017 proved to be another busy year.

Traffic Stops	2,209
Calls for Service	4,000
Reports	1,010
Arrests	318

It was the goal of many officers to share their expertise in certain areas with the rest of the shift, with the overall goal of enhancing all shift response to certain types of calls for service. SWAT team officer on Nights A shared critical information regarding building searches with limited penetration techniques. These officers created an educational phase, an instructional phase, and an application phase where officers performed as instructed. This was highly beneficial. One team member is the tactical medical officer for the SWAT team, and he provided an educational training to the shift on how one provides medical intervention to themselves and coworkers in the field, buying time and saving lives. This training had a hands on phase that included the appropriate application of a tourniquet. Our DRE/SFST officer provided training to the shift about how narcotics physically affect the user. She was able to direct officers on

what certain physical characteristics would be representative of what type of drug, better alerting the officer to potential risks involved when dealing with a subject under the influence. This officer also provided a refresher training to the shift on SFST (standardized field sobriety tests) along with some updated court rulings and trends as they apply to the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of these types of cases. A team member was able to get all three levels of motor vehicle accident investigation towards the end of 2017, and will be providing additional shift training as his experience level grows. Verbal de-escalation training was provided to Cerro Gordo County employees. For officers who have a strong interest in pursuing a possible police future in K9 handling, the team's K9 officer allowed them to participate in K9 trainings and did some one on one shift training with officers on the appropriate way to do building searches and suspect searches while backing up the K9 unit. The K9 unit also does a lot of community training and programs with different schools within the MCSO.

Nights A never has a shortage of ride along requests, where people in the community can come out and ride with an officer. Staff have enjoyed the relationships established through this program which only enhances the community policing ideal.

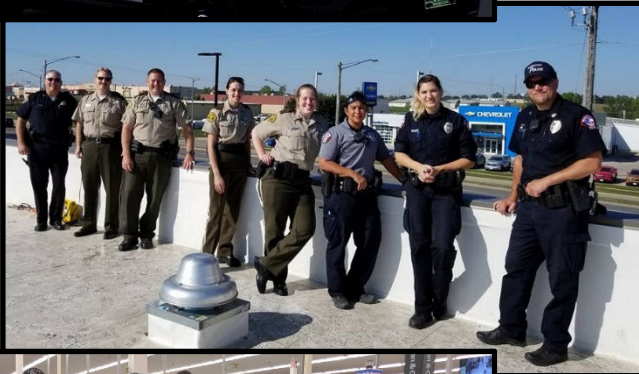
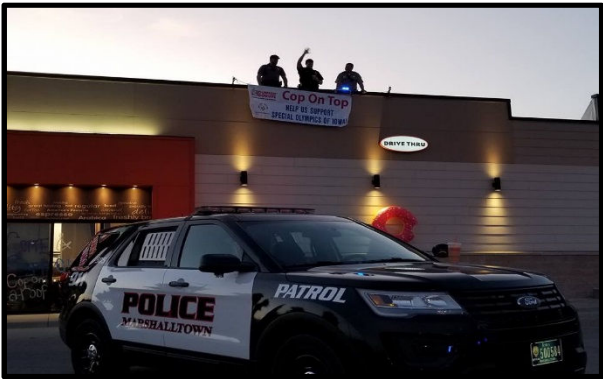




# Operations

## NIGHT SHIFT A – LT. TRICIA THEIN

Nights A has many officers that get involved with the Cop on Top fundraiser for the Special Olympics, as well as the Shop with a Cop activities that help kids within our community have the supplies necessary for school as well as adding some magic to the holidays for some families less fortunate. Officers also participated in Arresting Hunger food drives, and are also very committed to the MPD Reserve Program. Nights A, with the different specialty assignments was also involved with the Citizen's Police Academy hosted by the MPD that gives community members a chance to learn what officers do in their assigned roles.



Nights A participated in working with the local radio station as well as MCTV in doing community training segments. Topics of discussion varied from Human Trafficking, Special Needs Questionnaire-what it is and where to find it, how to handle oneself on a traffic stop, employment opportunities in policing, traffic accident safety information, and a fun Christmas jingle encouraging community members to celebrate responsibly.

With the 12 hour shifts, and alternating weekends off, officers still found time to spend off-duty time together doing different activities. We commitment to do small runs together in different communities in the state. We traveled to the Amana Colonies, Des Moines, Parkersburg, Story City, and also participated in the Gladiator Assault Challenge together. These activities did enhance the working relationship amongst the shift, as we worked together both on and off duty, helping each other reach goals and personally challenge ourselves.



The MPD Peer Support Team was created in 2017, along with the Chaplain Program. Nights A has enjoyed having the chaplains ride along with different officers to become acclimated to the program. Peer Support officers have done a great job reaching out to other officers, regardless of shift assignment, during difficult times. These difficult times may be personal in nature, or professional, or simply transitional. They also support our new hires throughout their academy experience, as well as through the FTO experience.



## NIGHT SHIFT B – LT. KIEL STEVENSON

Night Shift B is comprised of eight members of the Marshalltown Police Department. The team members consist of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant and six Officers. Law Enforcement experience among officers range from one year to fourteen years of service and represent a broad range of skills.

Many officers on Nights B belong to specialized units and have specialized training in various law enforcement disciplines. The team includes a K-9 handler, SWAT Team members, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructors, Driving Instructor, Field Sobriety Test Instructors and a Drug Recognition Expert.



Pictured Left – Officer Paul Heitman organized a food drive for the Emergency Food Bank.

Pictured Right – Sergeant Todd Tuttle with Special Olympics athlete at the "Cop on Top" event to raise money for the Special Olympics.

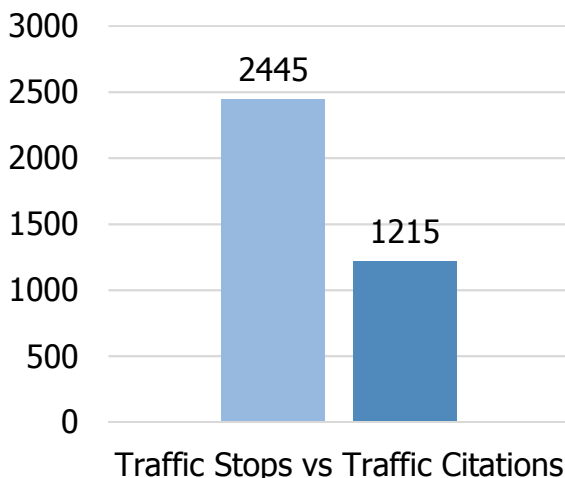


Two members attained milestone anniversaries during 2017.

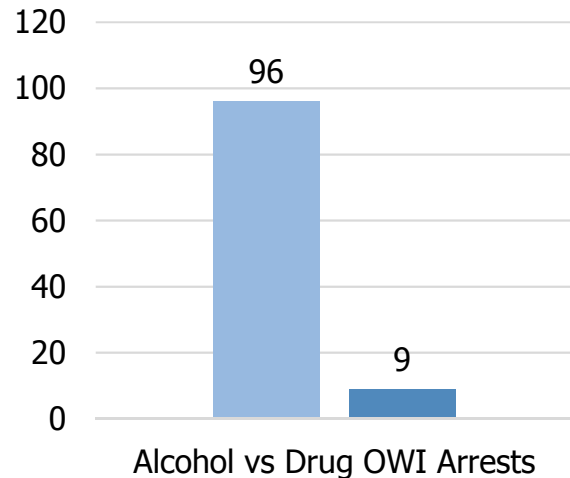
Pictured Left - Officer Paul Heitman, 5 yrs  
Pictured right - Officer Dave Danielson, 10 yrs

Night Shift B placed an emphasis on public safety through proactive enforcement. The first priority was traffic safety. Traffic safety includes enforcement of general traffic violations but our shift made enforcement of impaired driving a priority. Impaired driving includes both drunk and drugged driving. The below charts show the comparison between traffic stops and traffic citations as well as OWI-Alcohol arrests vs OWI-Drug arrests.

### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



### IMPAIRED DRIVING







*Thank you Marshalltown for all your support!*

