

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Marshalltown Police Department
Chief Michael W. Tupper



Chief's Message

Dear Citizens of Marshalltown,

We are pleased to present the 2020 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 year 2020 was a challenging year for our community and our country. A global pandemic drastically changed everything for everyone. The police department endured illness and staffing challenges. We had to adjust how we deliver services while maintaining the ability to respond effectively and efficiently to the needs of the community. We lost the ability to do the things we enjoy most and do best when we had to shut down community outreach programs due to the pandemic. COVID-19 left its mark on our community and the police department. We did rise to the occasion and I am proud of our team for overcoming many challenges.

The murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, brought forth many important discussions about policing and criminal justice reform. The tragic circumstances surrounding Mr. Floyd's death prompted communities all over the United States to look closely at police services. We are examining how we might make positive changes in law enforcement to ensure all people receive fair treatment in the justice system. These have been valuable discussions.

In Marshalltown, these discussions led to the creation of the Marshalltown Police and Community Team (MPACT). MPACT is a partnership between the police department and YSS of Marshall County. In 2021, MPACT will be a pilot project to study the delivery of social and crisis services in our community in a different manner by embedding these services into police operations and culture. Social workers will work alongside police officers in the field to assist officers in responding to the many different social problems our community members face daily. Thanks to the generous support of the city council, and our community, MPACT was born in 2020 in the hopes of providing our community with crisis resources that are timely and effective. MPACT will be a bridge of hope for community members who face daily challenges associated with mental health, addiction, poverty, homelessness and family crisis concerns.

As we move into 2021, I am concerned about the trafficking of illegal narcotics and an opioid crisis that is affecting communities across the United States. Methamphetamine use and trafficking continues to be the criminal problem that drives most of our crime in Marshalltown. However, the dangers of heroin, fentanyl, and prescription drug abuse cannot be ignored. These problems keep me awake at night. As a community, we must carefully monitor how the opioid crisis is affecting Marshalltown.

The problems of addiction will require a multi-disciplinary response. Law enforcement alone cannot effectively address problems associated with addiction. In fact, law enforcement should be the call of last resort. Public and private partnerships will be necessary with the goal of ensuring people have access to treatment and recovery services. These services must be readily available and delivered timely.

Marshalltown continues to be a safe place in which to live, work, and raise a family. We continue to emphasize community policing initiatives and partnerships to combat crime. The 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 that occurs here. The members of the police department embrace the daily opportunities we have to serve the public and address community concerns.

The men and women working in the police department continue to embrace the philosophy and goals of the Marshalltown City Council. We deliver services 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. Average is not acceptable and we recognize this high standard of professionalism is an expectation in our community.

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 to make Marshalltown the best that it can be.

Best regards,



Michael W. Tupper
Chief of Police

Personnel



Michael W. Tupper, Chief of Police

Anna Vaughn, Administrative Assistant

Captain Christopher Jones

Lieutenant Tricia Thein

Detective Juan Tejada

Cortney Watson, Crime Scene Tech

Detective Dawn Blahnik

Rhonda Allen, Records Clerk

Detective Stephanie Lampe

Sarah Whitmore, Records Clerk

Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective

Dan McCready, Parking Enforcement

Officer Rod Whitmore, SRO

Captain Brian Batterson

Lieutenant Stevenson

Lieutenant Weekley

Sergeant Watson Sergeant Tuttle Sergeant Veren Sergeant Accola Sergeant Hillers Sergeant Cole

Officer Powell

Officer Siegert

Officer Jefferson

Officer Dehl

Officer Mauseth

Officer Lageschulte

Officer Danielson

Officer Siemens

Officer Hoyt

Officer Allen

Officer Heitman

Officer Sheets

Officer Wolf

Officer Shelangoski

Officer Hunt

Officer Svoboda

Officer Baldazo

Officer Roush

Officer Krimmer

Officer Wolken

Officer Speirs

Officer Weispfenning

Officer Garcia

Officer Garland

Reserve Unit

Officer Ruopp

Officer Puls

Officer Leffler

Officer Zamora

Officer Lubbert

Personnel



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

2020 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Officer Stephen Sheets



NEW EMPLOYEES

Ross Wolken, Officer

Maurice Speirs, Officer

Andrew Weispfenning, Officer

Derick Garcia, Officer

Jona Garland, Officer

Anna Vaughn, Administration

- 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.

YEARS OF SERVICE MILESTONES

Officer Richard Stamp	30 years of service
Lieutenant Kiel Stevenson	15 years of service
Officer Ryan Dehl	15 years of service
Officer Bradley Mauseth	15 years of service
Officer Eric Siemens	10 years of service
Officer Tanner Hunt	5 years of service
Officer Wyatt Shelangoski	5 years of service
Officer Logan Wolf	5 years of service

Support Services



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

CRIME SCENE TECHNICIAN

The Detective Division is complemented with a full time Crime Scene/Evidence Technician (CST). Our CST assists the Detective Division with the methodical processing of crime scenes small and large by scene documentation, evidence processing and evidence collection. We are fortunate enough to have a full-time professional CST with the department to ensure successful preservation of all evidence and have the skill set locally. The CST also works with the state lab submitting evidence for further testing when needed.

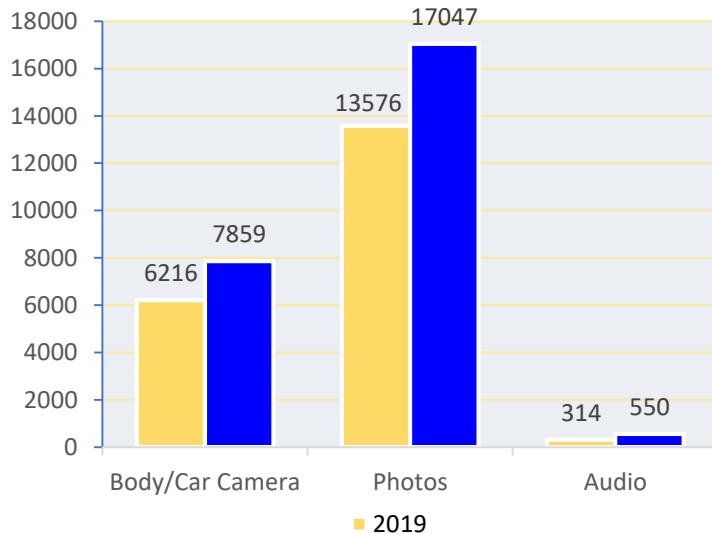
In addition to scene processing, the CST also serves as the evidence technician handling all physical and digital evidence submitted. Cataloging, maintaining chain of custody and proper disposal of property/evidence is critical for the integrity of cases.

2020 brought several challenges with COVID-19 and scene processing. Additional safety measures including wearing proper PPE were taken to minimize exposure to victims and the CST while processing scenes. This enabled the dept to continue giving high quality service while protecting staff and community.

The charts shown break down evidence by type. An upward trend is the amount of digital evidence managed by the property section. The amount of digital evidence recovered continues its upward trend and is expected to rise dramatically due to the increased use of body cameras, in-car cameras, commercial and residential surveillance cameras as well as the Marshall County Crime Stoppers video evidence.

EVIDENCE	2017	2018	2019	2020
Physical	8008	7663	7684	11261
Drugs	440	429	226	247
Firearms	67	64	21	85
Money	19	6	10	28
Vehicles	24	23	15	22

DIGITAL EVIDENCE



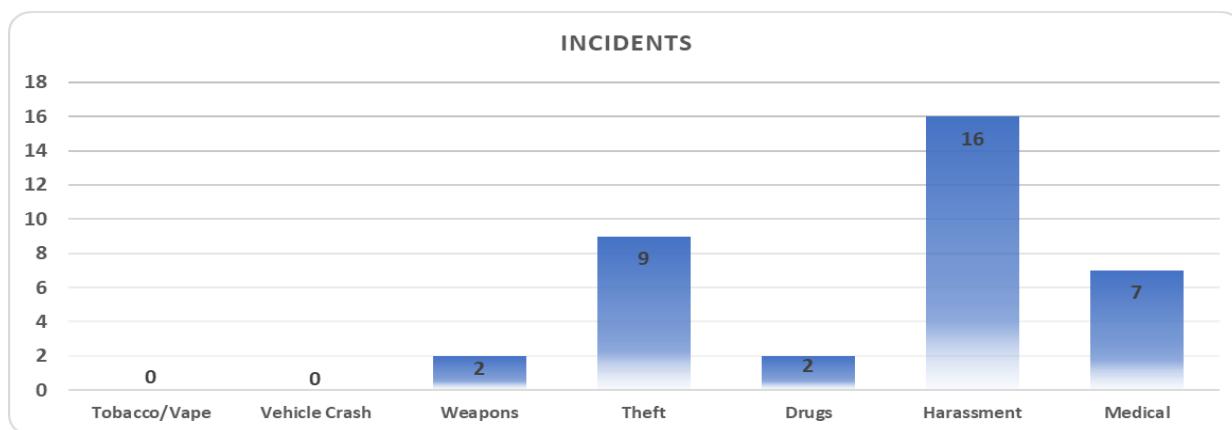
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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

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 for teachers and students. The SRO's daily interactions with teachers, staff, and students improve communication between the community and the Marshalltown Police Department.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Marshalltown Public School District suspended in-class sessions and moved to an online format for the 2020 Spring semester. During that time, our agency's SRO was reassigned to patrol operations to assist with department staffing. During the Fall semester of 2020, students were able to return to in-class sessions and our SRO was reassigned to their normal duties. As part of their assignment, our SRO interacts as a liaison between the Marshalltown High School and the Marshalltown Police Department. They participate in meetings and presentations with school leaders and staff and maintain relationships through frequent formal and informal conversations with students. The SRO's day-to-day contacts within the Marshalltown High School have proven over time to be the best way to problem-solve, explain expectations and provide a personal face to law enforcement. In 2020, our SRO conducted 170 building and grounds checks along with 110 parking lot checks.



PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The police department Parking Enforcement Officer is assigned to the Support Services Division. In 2020, the Parking Enforcement Officers' focus was the Central Business District, complaint-based parking issues as well as enforcement of scoff law violations.

PARKING STATISTICS	2018	2019	2020
Police Officers	2054 citations	1520 citations	1936 citations
Enforcement Officer	796 citations	2303 citations	2162 citations
Scoff (5+ unpaid tickets)	2 tows	21 tows	16 tows
Abandoned tows	31 tows	42 tows	43 tows

Support 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.

In 2020, the department continued to implement a new policy system created by Lexipol: Public Safety Policy & Training Solutions. This system tests our officer's knowledge monthly on department policy and provides an online platform for officers to better research and understand approved department policies and procedures.

In-Service Training

- Firearms Qualifications
- NCIC
- Use of Force
- TASER
- K-9 Training

Employee Trainings

- Distracted Driving
- Drug Recognition
- Peer Support
- Chemical Munitions
- Less Lethal Munitions
- Crisis/Hostage Negotiations
- Cyber Security
- Fair and Impartial Policing
- Child Exploitation Investigations

- Low Light/Laser Training
- ALICE Training
- Tac/Medic Training
- Justice and Disparities in Policing
- Evidence-Based Interviewing
- Incident Command Systems
- Physical and Sex Assault Investigations

IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

In 2020, Officer Ross Wolken graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with the 292nd Basic Level I Training Class and Officer Speirs graduated with the 294th Basic Level I Training Class. The ILEA Basic Training School is 619 hours in length lasting 16 weeks. Recruits are required to stay at ILEA Sunday-Thursday for classes. Training areas consist of Foundations of American Policing, Communication Skills, Life Skills, Legal Topics, Patrol Procedures, Investigations, and Tactical Skills. Upon graduation, officers are required to go through an internal Field Training Officer program before being released for solo patrol duty.



GRANTS

During the 2020 year, the department continued its partnership with the Bureau of Justice Administration. Through the Bryne JAG Grant award we were able to upgrade our range equipment. In addition, we received a Ballistic Vest Grant to aid in the replacement of our duty vests. We also continue the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau grant for traffic enforcement.

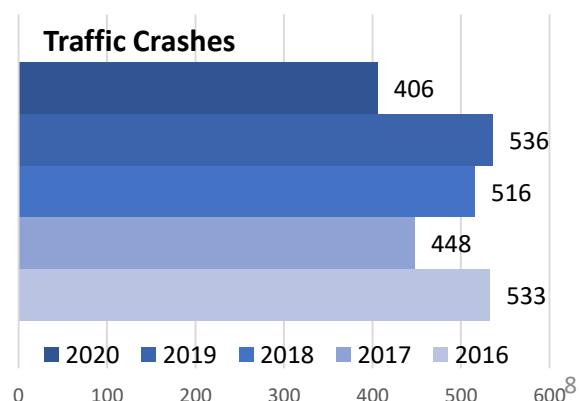
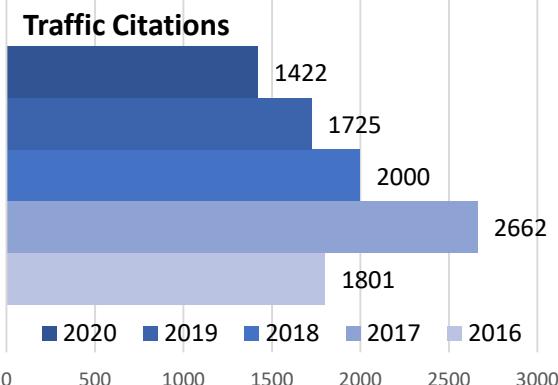
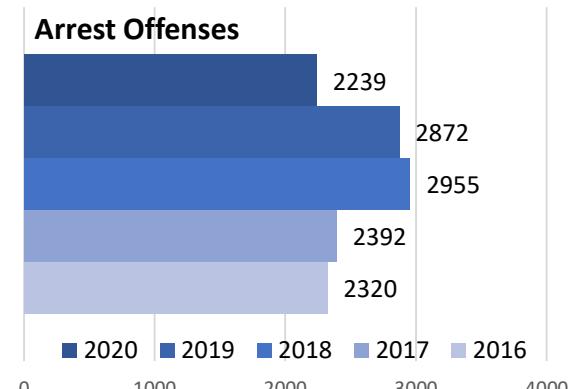
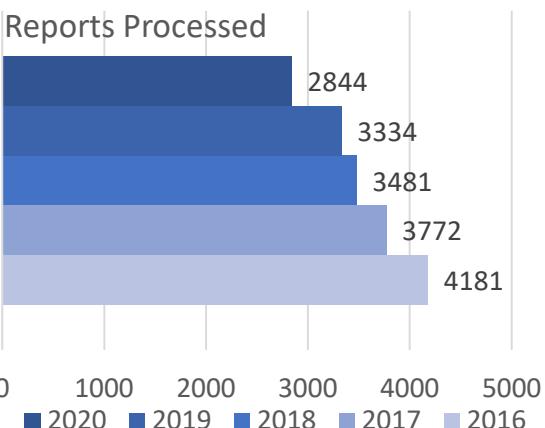
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PUBLIC RECORDS

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.

Reports Processed	2844
Arrest Offenses	2239
UCR A Arrests	934
UCR B Arrests	787
Criminal Mug & Prints	749
Traffic Crashes w/ report	406
Traffic Crashes w/ no report	506
Traffic Citations	1422
Record Checks	105
Employment Fingerprints	239
Bicycle Licenses	23



Support Services



CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER JONES

INVESTIGATIONS

The Marshalltown Police Department Detective Division was very busy in 2020, investigating over 141 cases. These cases included thefts, fraud, identity theft, burglary, harassment, sex crimes, robbery, child endangerment, stalking, weapons violations, attempted murder, murder, missing persons, and death investigations. The Marshalltown Police Department Detective Division has one investigator who solely focuses on drug-related investigations and one whose primary investigations are domestic violence/sexual assault-related.

The Marshalltown Police Department Detective Division partners with state and federal law enforcement officers as well as prosecutors regularly on cases. In 2020, this partnership was a very valuable resource to this division. In the first quarter of 2020, two homicides were reported and investigated. Through these collaborative investigative efforts, charges have been filed in each case. Though we recognize the significant impact that violent homicide has on surviving family members, identifying the perpetrator and holding them accountable through arrest does allow for some level of healing to begin. The Marshalltown Police Department remains committed to these cases by remaining connected to these families in the days and months that follow heinous crimes such as homicide, and throughout the prosecution process. These cases provide the opportunity for law enforcement to attempt to find answers for families and be the voice for those who no longer can speak for themselves. These cases also require a time commitment from investigators that does not equate to "shift" work. These investigations involve an interview and possible interrogation of witnesses and suspects, writing search warrants once the location of evidence is identified, crime scene processing, and actual searches. These things must be handled in a timely fashion, and there is no second shift or "relief" shift to the detective division. The Detective Division and the Marshalltown Police Department as a whole, do not lose sight of the significance of the impact of these types of cases on families. We place a high level of importance on assuring the families have access to victim resources and a consistent and fluid liaison with the police department ensures open and clear communication for these families.

When violent crime strikes our community, the results are devastating. Police and community members live with the impacts of violent crime, together. It is important to the Marshalltown Police Department and the Detective Division to instill a sense of safety in those that live, visit, and recreate here. The Detective Division addresses this in two major ways. We respond to violent crime cases swiftly and immediately. In some investigations, immediate requests for investigative/resource support are petitioned from state law enforcement, the Division of Criminal Investigation. This increases the number of investigative personnel and offers additional resources that may be necessary. Rapid case resolution results in a sense of safety/security being established within the community. The second and no less important key to creating a safe environment is public education. The MPD Detective Division takes an active role in connecting with the community in many forums to provide information and guidance on how to keep one's self safe. These community engagements include strategic communication/de-escalation, human trafficking awareness, active shooter/robbery training, crisis negotiation training, sexual assault awareness and investigations, internet safety, and many more. The detective division has linked with community education specialists to ensure that the message of safety is brought to different ethnic groups within Marshalltown. This is possible by the use of translators for those that are not English speaking and are unfamiliar with law enforcement. Building these liaisons within these sub-communities allows our agency to speak to protections and requirements afforded under Iowa law and Marshalltown City Ordinance. The relationships established through this type of community outreach are beneficial should future investigatory assistance from within these communities be necessary.

The Marshalltown Police Department Detective Division also works with Federal Parole Officers, the US Marshals, the United States Postal Inspector's Office, and the United States Attorney's Office. We were able to federally prosecute and convict cases involving child pornography, and possession of firearms by felons, as well as assist in parole revocations based on domestic violence.

We also have an investigator who dedicates a portion of his investigative prowess to internet crimes against children (ICAC). The importance of investigating these cases is apparent in a world with ever-changing social media and social apps. The dark web is a dangerous place for vulnerable people. Investigating the possession and dissemination of obscene material as well as attempting to identify predators that are attempting to prey on our children is a priority for our division. ICAC cases can be very time-consuming and require a person who is willing to stay on the cusp of every changing technological advances. These cases require working with different social media sites to identify evidence as well as perpetrators and victims through subpoenas and search warrants. Building these cases is fundamental in holding offenders accountable. Marshalltown Police Department Detective Division takes great pride in presenting solid cases to federal prosecutors, which, in turn, allows for longer incarceration periods for offenders, equaling greater public safety.

Support Services



MAJOR CASES

PD20-00687

On March 15, 2020, at around 0324 hours, officers were dispatched to a reported shooting at 508 W Linn Street. An after bar party was being held at this location, and an altercation occurred between attendees, resulting in a shooting. Upon arrival, officers located a male lying injured on the ground. They rendered medical aid to the victim, identified as Blake Clifford Thomas, 22 years old, from Marshalltown. EMS was summoned, and the victim was transported to the emergency room, where he succumbed to his injuries. Patrol units quickly identified a suspect in the shooting based on witness statements. Division of Criminal Investigations was called into assist, and the investigation began. Through multiple interviews, and search warrants, the weapon used in the shooting was located, other evidence was collected, and Mustafa Fard Muhammad, 31 years old from Marshalltown, was charged with the following offenses:

Murder 1st

Trafficking in Stolen Weapons

Intimidation with a dangerous Weapon

Reckless Use of a Firearm with Bodily Injury

Possession of a Firearm by a Domestic Abuse Offender

Controlled Substances Violation

PD20-00756

On March 25, 2020, at around 2119 hours, officers were dispatched to 407 Union Street on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers found two victims on scene. Johnqwez DeAnthony Lewis, 22 years old from Marshalltown, and Devonte Allen Brooks 27 years old, from Marshalltown had both been shot. Johnqwez Lewis died from his injuries on scene, and Devonte Brooks was transported to the emergency room for treatment. The Division of Criminal Investigations assisted in this case. This investigation was complex and involved over 75 interviews, records for more than 66 individuals were sought through search warrants for social media, residences, and phone were prepared and executed. This case involved a lot of people that intentionally created suspicion on one another to throw the investigation off track. This case also invoked fear of retaliation, creating limited witnesses that were willing to speak to police. After arduous efforts, witnesses slowly started coming forward creating a foundation for the investigation. This case spanned through 4 different states, requiring the assistance of additional law enforcement agencies. This investigation occurred over the course of 11 months. A diligent persistent search for the truth uncovered evidence that led to the arrest of Robert Joseph Thomas 37 years old from Marshalltown, on February 10, 2021. Robert Joseph Thomas was charged with the following offenses:

Attempted Murder

Murder 1st Degree

Support Services



MAJOR CASES

PD20-00991

On May 3, 2020, officers were dispatched to the area of 312 N 1st Avenue on the report of a man shooting at a house from a white truck. The reporting party advised that the white truck also had children in it. They were able to provide live time information to responding officers, telling him where the truck went, and which apartment building the shooter had gone into. Upon arrival, officers met with an intoxicated male, identified as Matthew Puig, 25 years old from Marshalltown, at 312 N 1st Avenue. After speaking with him, they were able to develop probable cause to obtain a search warrant. Patrol executed the search warrant at that residence. While executing the search warrant, police recovered a Glock 22 .40 caliber weapon from the toilet tank in the residence, and a 9 mm pistol. The 40 caliber weapon was entered into NCIC as stolen out of Mississippi. Matthew Puig was arrested and charged with the following offenses:

Carrying Weapons

Child Endangerment x 2

Possess a Firearm as a Felon

Possess a Firearm as a Domestic Abuser

Pub Intoxication

Reckless use of Firearm

Theft 4th Degree (stolen firearm)

Federal prosecution was sought because Matthew Puig was a prohibited person regarding firearms. Mr. Puig was prosecuted and ultimately convicted under federal law.

Operations



CAPTAIN BRIAN BATTERSON

The Operations Division led by Captain Brian Batterson, 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.

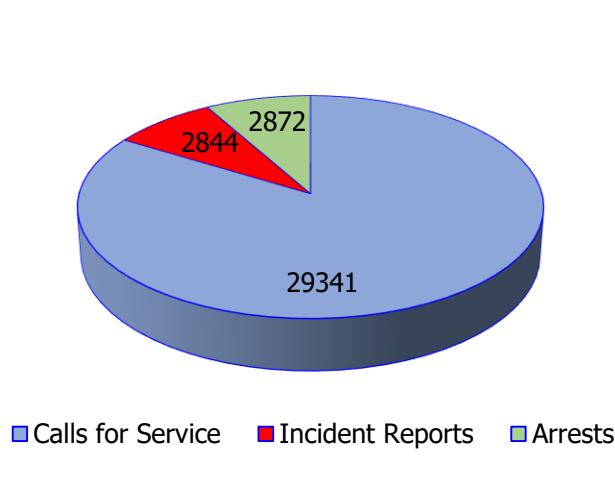
The city is divided into three patrol areas for the purpose of equally distributing police resources around the city. Dividing the city into specific patrol areas helps increase public safety and police service in a number of ways. The defined areas allow shift leaders to better allocate staffing resources, ensure quicker response times, and increased police visibility. At any given time there is a minimum of 5 patrol officers working 24/7, 365 days a year.

In an effort to educate the motoring public and make our roadways safer, the Operations Division completed 3,040 traffic stops, although COVID-19 slowed down traffic enforcement as they were not as many drivers on the road and we were striving to keep our staff healthy. During 2020, officers responded to 29,341 public-initiated calls for service, which required the presence of a police officer to investigate a complaint. Those calls for service resulted in over 2,844 incident reports and 2,338 arrests.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



OFFICER ACTIVITY





Operations

2020 MARSHALL COUNTY CALLS FOR SERVICE – 22,874

911 Hang Up	80	Fraud	142	Sex Offender Registry	7
Accident-Hit and Run	180	Harrasment	274	Stalking	5
Alarm	407	Identity Theft	34	Standby	185
Animal Complaint	586	Information Report	38	Suspicious Activity	743
Assault	190	IVH Check	915	Theft	583
Assist Other Agency	190	Juvenile Delinquency	123	Threat	99
Bar Check	299	Mental Illness	69	Tow Call	34
Bicycle	50	Missing Person	139	Traffic	637
Building Check	5453	Noise Complaint	219	Traffic-Disabled Vehicle	258
Burglary	178	Nuisance Violation	29	Traffic OWI	33
Civil	190	Officer Initiated	517	Traffic Stop	2798
Death Investigation	4	Parking	569	Transport	12
Disorderly Conduct	149	Public Contact	1363	Trespass	309
Disturbance	299	Robbery	2	Vandalism	251
Disturbance-Loud Music	134	School Check	132	Violation Court Order	92
Drug Related	107	School Traffic	332	Wanted Person	402
Followup	2041	Search Warrant	23	Weapons	118
Forgery	1	Sex Crimes	42	Welfare Check	740
Found Property	68				

Operations



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.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Use of Force Incidents	76	57	95	97	102
TASER Deploy	16	12	24	20	4
Assault on Officer	14	9	4	4	11

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 2020, the Marshall County Crime Stoppers solicited over 99 tips, regarding potential criminal activity ranging from Homicide, Robbery, Theft, Warranted Persons, Drug Information, incidents of Child Welfare. Of these tips, 5 of them resulted in awards totaling \$650 for 2020.



Due to the program's overwhelmingly positive community reception, Marshall County Crime Stoppers has 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 and Facebook at www.facebook.com/marshallcountycs/.

RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM

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 2020 with six certified Reserve Officers. One additional officer is in the process of becoming State certified.



During 2020, COVID-19 slowed down the Reserve Officer program. Numerous events including City events were cancelled, so the Reserve hours were down for this year. In an effort to keep our fulltime staff healthy we suspended Reserve Officers riding with our fulltime Police Officers. We are hopeful that 2021 will bring back events and we now allow Reserve Officer to ride with fulltime Officers. We did keep training our Reserve Officers through online resources.



Operations

SWAT – SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

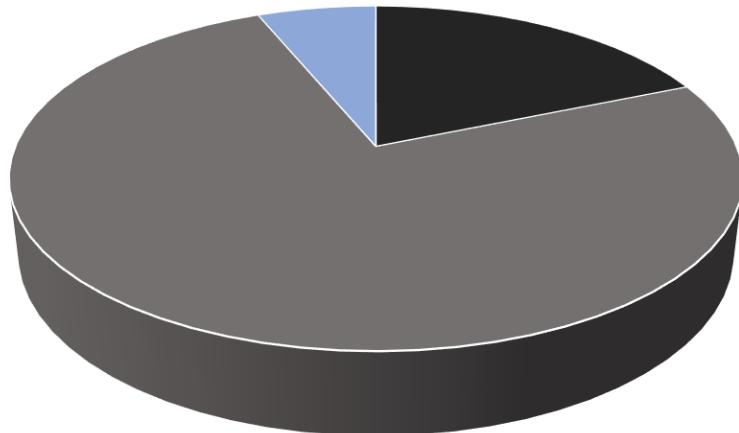
The Marshalltown Police Department and Marshall County Sheriff's Office combine resources to form the Special Weapons and Tactics Team. The SWAT team covers high-risk operations, occurring anywhere in Marshall County. The SWAT team is a group of officers who receive extra training in dealing with a variety of high-risk situations. Members of the SWAT team are held to high standards for work performance, physical fitness, and weapons proficiency. The Marshalltown SWAT Team members attend monthly training to maintain proficiency in the latest law enforcement tactics.

The SWAT team currently has nine officers with specialized training and experience. Several officers on the team are 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.

The SWAT team is trained to handle a variety of high risk and complex situations. In 2020, the SWAT team was requested to assist with 13 different incidents. The SWAT team strives to bring incidents peacefully under control to protect the citizens of Marshalltown. SWAT team members assisted with numerous arrests throughout the year. The team was activated to assist with high risk search warrants, arrest warrants, arrests, and assisting with investigations.

In 2020, the SWAT Team helped apprehend two murder suspects, and one attempted murder suspect. Additionally, suspects taken into custody by the SWAT team, were charged with crimes including Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Sexual Abuse, and Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver.

2020 SWAT Operations



- Arrest Warrant Service
- High Risk Search Warrant Service
- Investigation Assist





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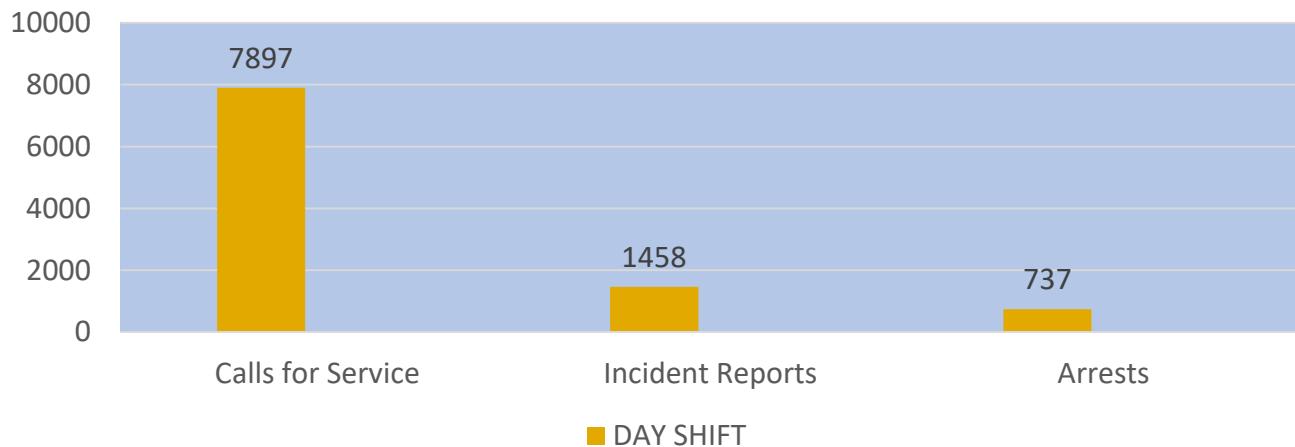
DAY SHIFT – LT SADIE WEEKLEY

Due to COVID-19 we asked our officers to try and limit their number of contact with the public, which caused a decrease in some traffic stops and related activity. Dayshift officers did see an increase in the number of calls for services they did respond to in 2020, compared to 2019.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Both Days A and Days B officers have many tasks they are assigned to besides patrol work. These include: vehicle maintenance, Field Training Officer, case management, K-9 training supervisor, Advanced Accident Investigation, Bike Patrol, SWAT, Hostage Negotiations, Child Safety Seat Technicians, IT specialist, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Firearms Instructor, ALICE Instructor and Grant Program writer. Along with handling calls, working cases, and their special assignments, officers on both shifts remained busy and diligent at all times.

2020 STATS



FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

Our field training program currently consists of 4 field training officers, 1 for each shift and a field training officer supervisor. Three officers were hired in 2020. One officer was prior certified in the State of Iowa and completed the FTO program. The two other officers completed the 16 week training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy where they received 625 hours of basic law enforcement training. One of those officers has completed the Marshalltown Police Department Field Training Program. The second officer is in the process of completing the Field Training Program. The Field Training Program consists of 12 weeks of additional and specialized department training and 2 weeks of a "shadow" phase where they are considered a solo officer while being monitored by a field training officer.



Operations

DAY SHIFT – SADIE WEEKLEY

COMMUNITY POLICING

Dayshift patrol tried to do as much community policing and engagement as possible, this year COVID-19 made it a little more difficult but we got some done when we could.



Operations



The 2019-2020 GTSB Traffic Program for the Marshalltown Police Department was met with challenges but also produced some effective traffic enforcement numbers for our agency. Several factors weighed into our department reporting lower than average numbers. COVID-19 had the largest effect with regulations being put in place within our Department to limit the amount of face-to-face contact we had with our community members. For six out of twelve months there were no GTSB enforcement hours used therefore our numbers essentially reflect only half of the years totals. With that being said, our numbers were still consistent with having met our intended goals had we conducted GTSB enforcement during those additional six months. Impaired driving and/or alcohol contacts were 19 during GTSB hours with our goal being 40. This is 48% performance obtained. Our department numbers combined with GTSB hours had a total of 220 OWI/alcohol related contacts. This shows that there is a definite need for alcohol impaired enforcement in Marshalltown, Iowa. Occupant restraint contacts were 40 during GTSB enforcement, and the objective was 90. This calculates to 44% performance obtained. Occupant protection is an area we strive to do better in and tend to produce larger numbers during projects and planned GTSB enforcement time. Unfortunately we were unable to have as many projects as years past which resulted in lower seatbelt numbers.

- The 2019-2020 Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Program strived to reach its goals and educating the motoring public through 113.5 hours of overtime enforcement and education.
- The seat belt average was 94.8% usage.
- Purchased 1 new radar unit and 1 in-car camera.

Contact	Project	Agency	Total
Impaired Driving	2	95	97
Occupant Restraint	28	5	32
Moving/Speed	37	335	372

The MPD also received grant money in the 2019-2020 year for Nighttime Seatbelt Enforcement. We had a successful nighttime seatbelt project in December 2019 but due to COVID-19 and a reduced manpower we were unable to attain our Nighttime Seatbelt Enforcement hours. Our seat belt survey had a positive showing of 95.5% usage. Speed and other traffic violations during GTSB hours were 302, the objective was 500. This is a 60% performance attained. This is one goal that I feel would have been surpassed had we been able to perform traffic stops in March, April, and May. Our department participated in all traffic waves available in 2019-2020. We participated in three daytime enforcement projects and one night time enforcement project. We did not meet our goal for education with that falling short at 45%. However, with schools being closed and COVID-19 taking over the educational part of our Facebook it was difficult to provide education without enforcement. We completed 9 out of 12 public information activities, so awareness and education is still a top priority for our enforcement objectives. The Marshalltown Police Department will again partner with GTSB in 2020-2021 with another traffic safety grant to provide education and enforcement to help keep the roads and highways safer for all.



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NIGHT SHIFT – LT KIEL STEVENSON

The outbreak of the COVID-19 virus created many challenges for Marshalltown Police Department. The night shift patrol teams overcame adversity to provide efficient and effective police services during this worldwide pandemic. Our goal was to maintain the same level of service in the safest manner possible. Our night shift teams adapted to the changes and remained vigilant in our approach to policing.



MPD Night shift is divided into two patrol teams. Each night shift is comprised of 1 Sergeant and 5 Patrol Officers. The Night Shift Lieutenant, oversees both night shift teams. There are many talented officers that are tasked with protecting our community at night. The two night shifts have officers who work in a number of specialized positions which include: SWAT Team, K-9 Unit, Field Training Officer, Bike Patrol, Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Less Lethal and Chemical Munitions Instructor, and Firearms Instructor.

Activity	Night A	Night B	Total
Calls For Service	2,849	2,724	5,573
Traffic Stops	1,150	981	2,131
Arrests	459	364	823
Reports	691	616	1,307

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The Marshalltown Police Department took steps to slow the spread of COVID-19. This meant limiting direct contact with the public. Although this changed the way we did business, it did not prevent the night shift officers from carrying out their duties. The two night shift teams stayed busy throughout the year. Our teams came up with ways to implement problem oriented and community policing as masks became the new norm and our public contact was kept at a distance.



The MPD, in partnership with the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), joined law enforcement agencies across Iowa, and the nation to support Breast Cancer Awareness month. The success of selling pink Marshalltown Police patches netted \$1,670 which was donated to Susan G. Komen of Iowa.



One event that night shift officers, and other members of MPD enjoy every year is the FOP's annual Shop with a Cop event. We were elated to hold the annual Shop with a Cop event after making some adjustments with the health and safety of everyone in mind. Below is a picture taken on the first night of the Shop with a Cop event. Officers were receiving one of many community donations.



Our community policing approach to law enforcement is at the core of our mission statement. We partnered up with Dairy Queen to reward kids wearing bike helmets with a "ticket" for free ice cream.



Operations

K-9 UNIT

The Marshalltown Police Department Canine Unit has two, dual-purpose canine teams. K9 Raji and K9 Jordy are both German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois cross. K9 Raji is handled by Lieutenant Kiel Stevenson. K9 Jordy is handled by Sergeant Tom Watson.



Lt Stevenson & K-9 Raji



Sgt Watson & K-9 Jordy

CERTIFICATIONS

MPD canine teams are required to certify annually, through the United States Police Canine Association. Canine teams are tested and evaluated by certified judges in patrol and narcotics detection. These tests simulate the work our canine teams do on the streets of Marshalltown. Canine teams must show their proficiency to become certified. Sergeant Watson and K-9 Jordy placed 3rd in the state at PDI Certifications.

PATROL WORK

Police canine teams play a vital role in the detection and prevention of crime. K9 Raji and K9 Jordy are trained in patrol work, which includes obedience, evidence recovery, tracking, human scent detection and criminal apprehension. Police canines are primarily used for their ability to detect human scent and illegal drugs. The canine unit was utilized 25 times during 2020. The deployments included tracking criminal suspects, securing perimeters, and other general patrol requests. The MPD Canine Unit was responsible for 2 criminal apprehensions during 2020.

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NARCOTIC DETECTION

Canine teams are often called upon to assist with searching for illegal drugs. The Canine Unit was requested 16 times throughout 2020. MPD Canine teams are trained to detect Marijuana, Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Heroin. They are also trained to detect the derivatives of these drugs. The two main drugs encountered by the MPD K9 teams are Methamphetamine and Marijuana.

Detection(grams)	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Methamphetamine	2,001	5,100	4,412	3,000	198
Marijuana	88	3,100	252	3,467	178

K-9 TRAINING

The Marshalltown Police Department follows best practice guidelines for canine training. At minimum, each canine team participates in an average of 16 hours of training per month in patrol skills and narcotics detection. Canine teams conduct in-house training as well as receiving training from outside sources.



K9 RETIREMENTS

The Marshalltown Police Department announced that both K9 teams have retired, effective on January 1st, 2021. This is an unfortunate situation, but it opens up new opportunities for the K9 program. The first K9 team will be replaced in the fall of 2021. The plan is to stagger the K9 teams, adding a second team in the near future. K9 Raji and K9 Jordy are already enjoying retirement.

Thank you for your support Marshalltown!

