

2021

ANNUAL REPORT

**Marshalltown Police
Department
Chief Michael W. Tupper**



Chief's Message



Dear Citizens of Marshalltown,

We are pleased to present the 2021 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.

2021 saw the successful implementation of the Marshalltown Police and Community Team (MPACT). MPACT is a partnership between the police department and YSS of Marshall County. In 2021, MPACT was 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. YSS community advocates 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 implemented with the hope of providing our community with crisis resources that are timely and effective. MPACT has been a bridge of hope for community members who face daily challenges associated with mental health, addiction, poverty, homelessness and family crisis concerns. The 2021 MPACT pilot project has evolved into a fully funded program that is making a real difference in our community.

I remain 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.

The recruitment and retention of law enforcement professionals is a national crisis. Hiring quality individuals to serve in the important role of police officer is a priority for our police department. Unfortunately, it has become very difficult to attract quality candidates willing to take on the job of a police officer. This is a problem affecting law enforcement agencies all over the country. Applications are down significantly and the job market has become very competitive. Every police department in the country is hiring and the applicant pool is shallow. Iowa and Marshalltown have not been immune from these challenges.

Chief's Message



We are understaffed in the Marshalltown Police Department. We have a budgeted strength of forty-two police officers but have work for fifty police officers. This problem has existed for a decade. Our police department staff has done a remarkable job of doing more with less. We will continue to work with the community and our city council to find ways of meeting community needs. We must look for ways to leverage technology and policy as force multipliers so we can successfully address public safety challenges and meet service expectations.

Gun violence has been a problem affecting many communities across the United States. Fortunately, we have not had these same experiences here in Marshalltown. However, these are issues we are concerned about. Your police department routinely trains and prepares for active shooter events. We offer free violent intruder preparedness training for community members and community organizations. We will continue to work with our community partners to do all we can to prevent this type of violence from becoming a problem in our community.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Tupper".

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 Paul Heitman

Rhonda Allen, Records Clerk

Detective Stephanie Lampe

Sarah Lewis, Records Clerk

Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective

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 Sheets

Officer Wolf

Officer Shelangoski

Officer Svoboda

Officer Roush

Officer Krimmer

Officer Wolken

Officer Speirs

Officer Weispfenning

Officer Garcia

Officer Garland

Officer Juel

Officer Ortiz

Officer Gonzalez

Reserve Unit

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.

2020 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Lieutenant Patricia Thien



NEW EMPLOYEES

Adan Ortiz, Officer

Nick Juel, Officer

Roberto Gonzalez, Officer

Todd Palo, Custodian

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.

YEARS OF SERVICE MILESTONES

Captain Brian Batterson	30 years of service
Captain Christopher Jones	25 years of service
Officer David Powell	25 years of service
Sergeant Chad Hillers	15 years of service
Officer Kraig Lageschulte	15 years of service
Sergeant Casee Veren	15 years of service
Rhonda Allen	10 years of service
Officer Jerad Hoyt	10 years of service
Chief Michael Tupper	10 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

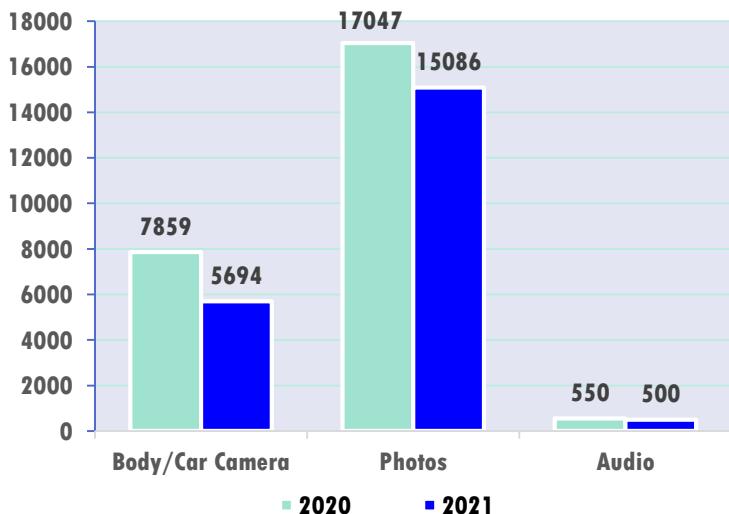
The Detective Division is complemented with a full-time Crime Scene/Evidence Technician (CST). Our CST assists the Detective Division with the methodical processing of crime scenes small and large by scene documentation, evidence processing, and evidence collection. We are fortunate enough to have a full-time professional CST with the department to ensure the 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 are critical for the integrity of cases.

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	2018	2019	2020	2021
Physical	7663	7684	11261	8358
Drugs	429	226	247	278
Firearms	64	21	85	25
Money	6	10	28	16
Vehicles	23	15	22	33

DIGITAL EVIDENCE



Support Services

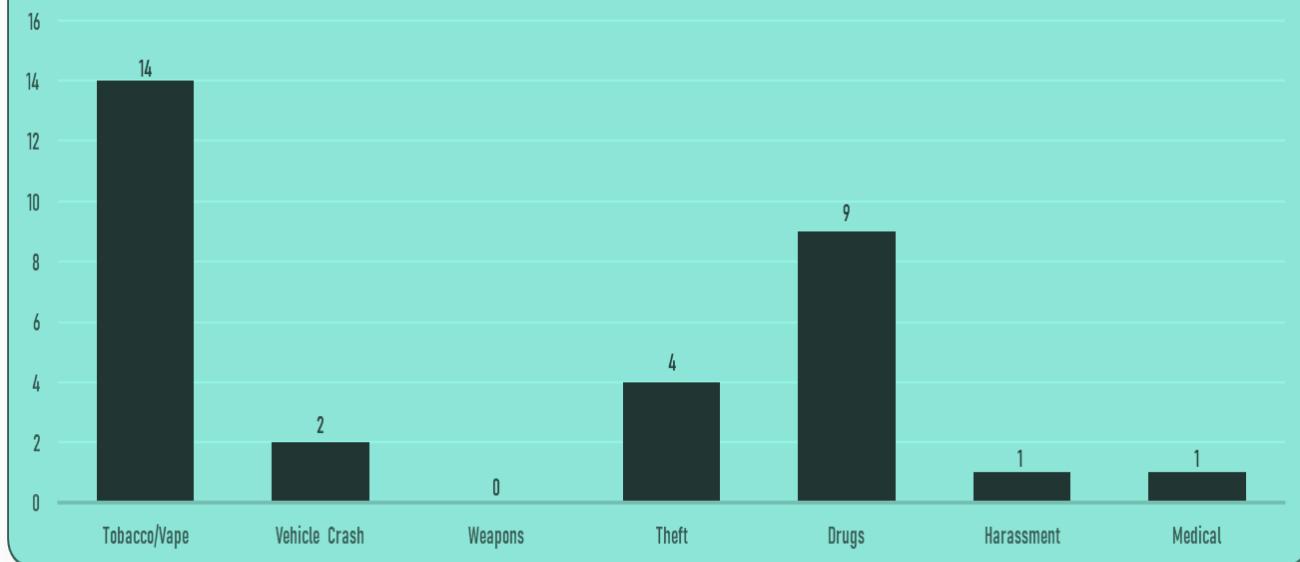


SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

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



INCIDENTS



PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The police department Parking Enforcement Officer is assigned to the Support Services Division. In 2021, the Parking Enforcement Officers' focus was the Central Business District, complaint-based parking issues as well as enforcement of scoff law violations.

PARKING STATISTICS	2019	2020	2021
Police Officers	1520 citations	1936 citations	3209 citations
Enforcement Officer	2303 citations	2162 citations	1280 citations
Scoff (5+ unpaid tickets)	21 tows	16 tows	16 tows
Abandoned tows	42 tows	43 tows	9 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 2021, the department began to implement a new online in-service training program by Police Legal Science (PLS). PLS provides monthly online training for officers on a variety of up-to-date topics relating to the law enforcement field.

Police Legal Science

- Iowa Case Law Update
- Hazardous Material and Hazardous Communication
- Mental Health Awareness
- Iowa Legislative Update
- Implicit Bias
- De-Escalation
- Diverse Communities and Bias Prevention

Employee Training

- Trauma Informed Interviewing
- Human Trafficking
- Weapon Armorer
- Cellular Phone Investigations
- Critical Incident Tactics
- Fire Investigation
- Interview and Interrogation
- Peer Support

In-Service Training

- Firearms Qualifications
- NCIC
- Use of Force
- Vehicle Extractions
- Edge Weapon Training
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- Defensive Tactics
- Weapon Retention
- Mental Health
- TASER
- K-9 Training



IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

In 2021, Officers Derick Garcia and Jonna Garland graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with the 297th Basic Level I Training Class. Officer Nick Juel graduated with the 299th Basic Level I Training Class and Officer Adan Ortiz graduated with the 300th 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 2021 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.

Support Services



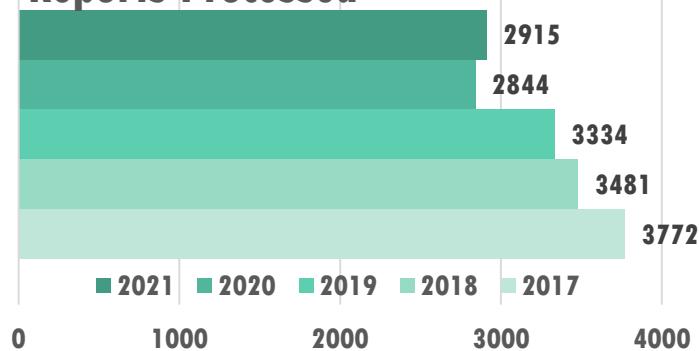
PUBLIC RECORDS

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.

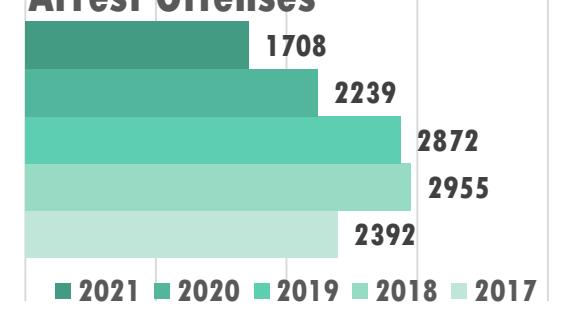
Reports Processed	2915
Arrest Offenses	1708
UCR A Arrests	785
UCR B Arrests	745
Criminal Mug & Prints	769
Traffic Crashes w/ report	499
Traffic Crashes w/ no report	392
Traffic Citations	1541
Record Checks	137
Employment Fingerprints	222
Bicycle Licenses	27



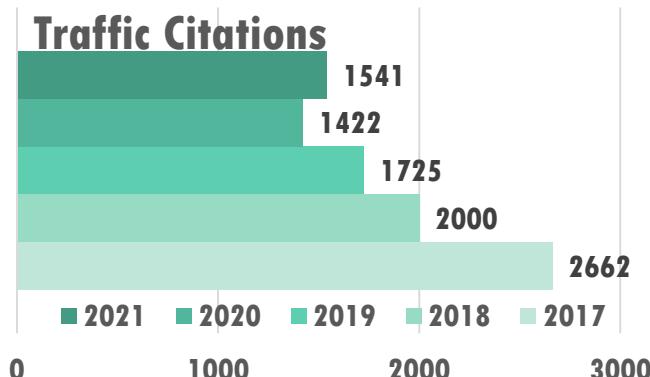
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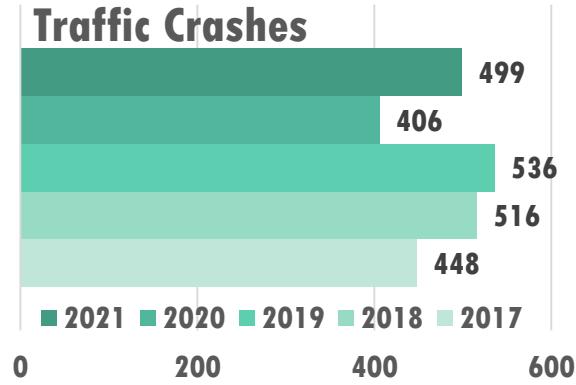
Arrest Offenses



Traffic Citations



Traffic Crashes



Support Services



CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER JONES

INVESTIGATIONS

The Detective Division remained very busy throughout 2021. Included in the active investigations, the courts began resuming business for court hearings. Cases that had been subject to delayed prosecution due to COVID restrictions were able to be scheduled with the courts, allowing for final dispositions to be rendered. Of significant note were two homicide trials that were able to be heard during 2021. Each case was a homicide that occurred in Marshalltown during March 2020. These cases were exhausting and required the expenditure of time and effort to resolve to make them prosecutable. Both cases, when submitted to the courts, resulted in guilty verdicts, allowing for closure for the families involved.

The detective division investigated 237 cases throughout 2021, which included domestic violence, sexual assault, other physical assaults, narcotics, child welfare, fraud, forgery, weapons, harassment, sex offender registry violations, death investigations, no-contact order violations, and theft cases. The detective division has a specific detective assigned to review all domestic violence and sexual assault cases that are handled through the Marshalltown Police Department. Throughout 2021, 156 DV cases and 87 SA cases, along with over 111 violations of no-contact order crimes were reported to the MPD. All of these were reviewed, and over 70 combined sexual assault and domestic cases were further investigated by the detective division.

The detective division was assisted by the Division of Criminal Investigations, and also worked side by side with the Federal Court System with witnesses testifying before the Grand Jury. Sex crime cases were referred to the federal system as well for prosecution based on the age of the victim, the relationship of the victim to the perpetrator, and the specific type of crime committed. One of the cases has already been resolved with a plea of guilt by the offender due to the outstanding work of the investigating detective. The detective division also investigated three specific cases of sexual exploitation involving education staff and students. Two cases have been resolved, while one remains to wait for a court date.

The detective Division participated in coffee with a cop, shop with a cop, and other events hosted by the MPD. The detective division also participates in community education efforts by providing training on bank robbery scenarios to banking staff, and other educational opportunities such as how to speak to your child about sex, in cooperation with Child Abuse Prevention and Center Associates.

Operations



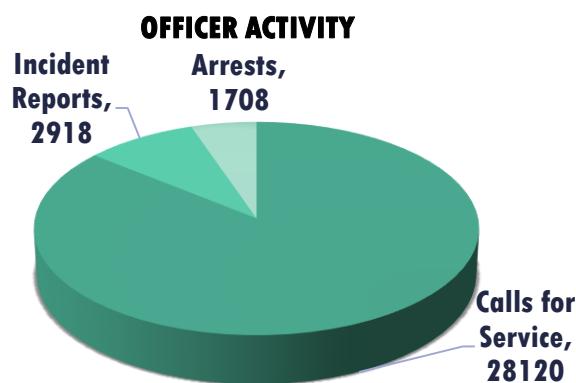
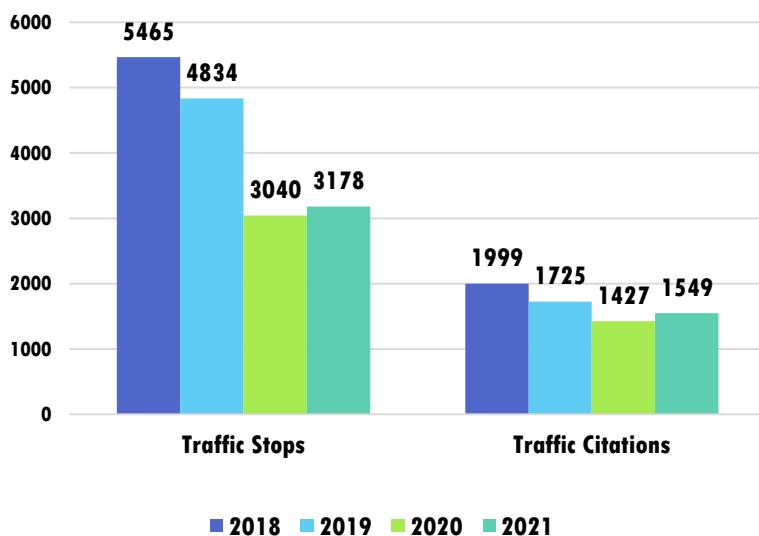
CAPTAIN BRIAN BATTERSON

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.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



■ Calls for Service ■ Incident Reports ■ Arrests

Operations



2021 MARSHALLTOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE – 23,179

911 Hang Up	92	Fraud	135	Sex Offender Registry Violation	3
Accident Hit & Run	195	Harassment	241	Stalking	8
Alarm Call	430	Identity Theft	32	Standby	165
Animal Complaint	222	Information Report	29	Suspicious Activity	775
Assault	221	IVH Check	1077	Theft	557
Assist Other Agency	215	Juvenile Delinquency	303	Threat	118
Bar Check	296	Mental Illness	134	Tow Call	51
Bicycle	53	Missing Person	152	Traffic Incident	688
Building Check	3901	Noise Complaint	112	Traffic Disabled Vehicle	279
Burglary	236	Nuisance Violation	5	Traffic OWI	96
Civil Problem	157	Officer Initiated	458	Traffic Stop	3178
Death Investigation	29	Parking Complaint	616	Transport Prisoner	39
Disorderly Conduct	63	Public Contact	1470	Trespass	335
Disturbance	679	Robbery	4	Vandalism	290
Disturbance Loud Music	239	School Check	226	Violation Court Order	122
Drug Related	140	School Traffic	454	Wanted Person	522
Followup	2105	Search Warrant	36	Weapons	132
Forgery	1	Sex Crimes	60	Welfare Check	897
Found Property	106				

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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.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Use of Force Incidents	57	95	97	102	113
TASER Deploy	12	24	20	4	9
Assault on Officer	9	4	4	11	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 2021, the Marshall County Crime Stoppers solicited over 107 tips, regarding potential criminal activity ranging from Homicide, Robbery, Theft, Warranted Persons, Drug Information, and incidents of Child Welfare. Of these tips, 7 of them resulted in awards totaling \$1,200 for 2021.



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 2021 with six certified Reserve Officers.



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 comprised of 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 ten 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 2021, the SWAT team was requested to assist with 9 different operations. These operations included high-risk search warrant service, arrest warrant service, armed barricaded subject resolution, drug buy/bust, and prisoner transport. The SWAT team strives to bring these incidents peacefully under control to protect the citizens of Marshalltown.

In 2021, the SWAT Team helped apprehend one murder suspect. Additionally, suspects taken into custody by the SWAT team were charged with crimes including Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Robbery, Going Armed with Intent, Trafficking Stolen Weapons, Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person and Burglary.



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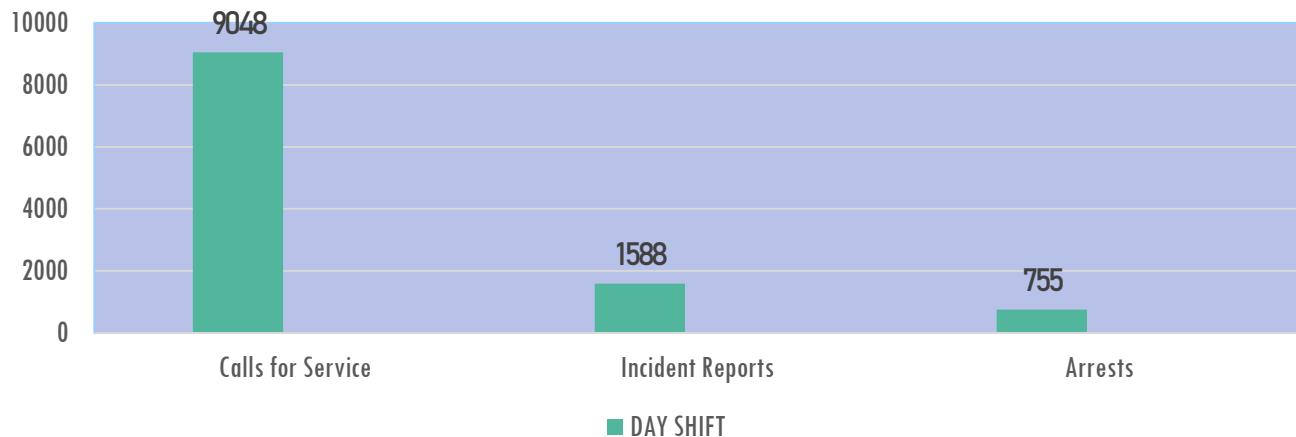
DAY SHIFT – LT SADIE WEEKLEY

In 2021 the Marshalltown Police Department dayshift was comprised of 1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, and 10 officers.

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, Drug Recognition Expert, 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.

2021 STATS



FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

Our field training program consists of three field training officers and a field training officer supervisor. In 2021, four officers were hired and completed the 16-week training at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy where they received 625 hours of basic law enforcement training. After the academy, officers will enter the Field Training Program which consists of 12 weeks of additional and specialized on the job department training with a 2 week "shadow" phase where a Field Training Officer monitors their work. Three of the officers completed the field training program and are on solo patrol with one officer starting their field training at the end of December.

DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT PROGRAM

The Marshalltown Police Department currently has one officer involved in the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program, which is an international program that has oversight from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The Drug Recognition Expert Program is disseminated through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and recognized in all 50 states, Canada and other countries abroad. The MPD's DRE conducted 12 evaluations throughout 2021.

Operations



DAY SHIFT –LT SADIE WEEKLEY

COMMUNITY POLICING

Dayshift patrol tries to do as much community policing and engagement as possible, we were able to spend some time out in the community doing different things this year.



Operations



Iowa Department of Public Safety
GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU

The 2020-2021 GTSB Traffic Program for the Marshalltown Police Department was met with challenges. We set high but attainable goals focused on three areas of enforcement; Impaired Driving, Occupant Restraint, and Moving/Speed violations. During the months greatly affected by Covid 19 we saw an increase in speed violators on our city streets therefore speed was a high priority for the department. In the prior grant year we had a total of 372 speed contacts which include written traffic warnings and written traffic citations. The 2020-2021 speed contacts were 515, an increase of 38%. Our department also saw an increase in alcohol related contacts, most specifically OWI's. The Marshalltown Police Department had a total of 145 contacts which was an increase of 48 contacts or 49% from the year prior. When you combine speed and alcohol then you tend to see an increase in motor vehicle crashes. We know that wearing your safety belt can help prevent serious injury or death during traffic crashes. We focused a lot more attention on occupant protection than the previous year. During the recent GTSB contract year we had 108 occupant protection contacts which was higher than just 32 in the 2019-2020 contract year, that was an increase of over 200%. The GTSB contract also requests two seatbelt surveys per year and our average rate of use was 92.8%.

Child Passenger Safety Program

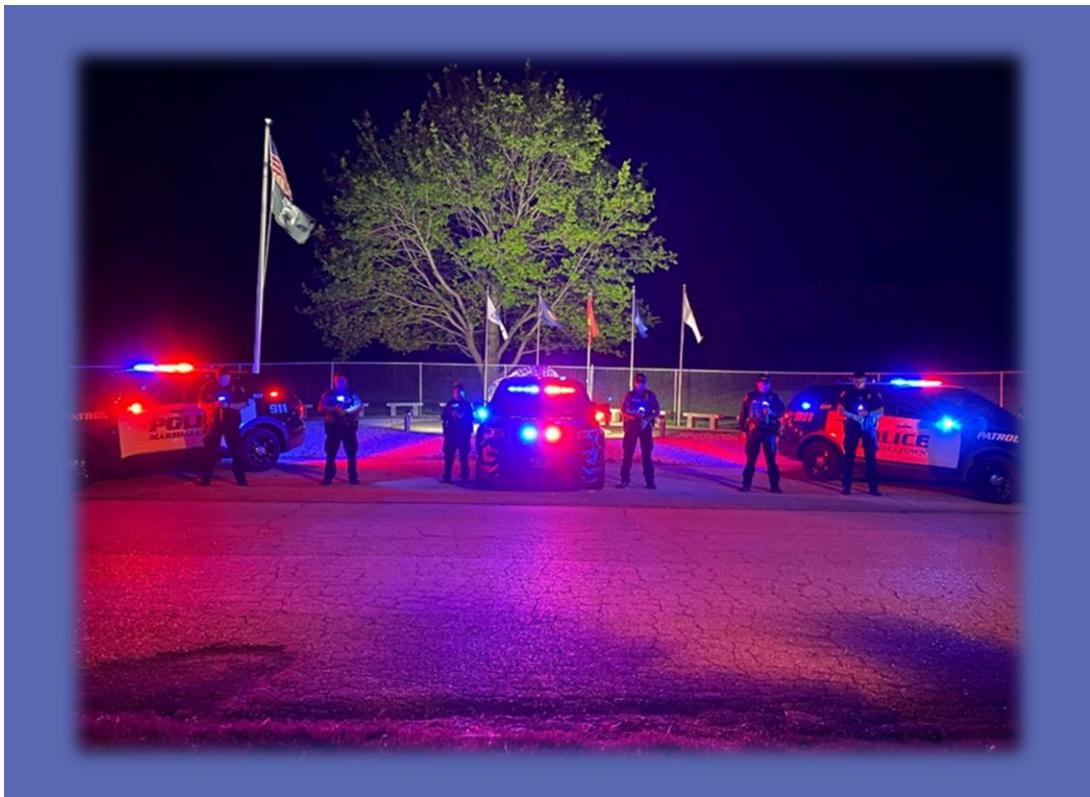
The Child Passenger Safety Seat Program continues to do well. We hosted a car seat event in June 2021. With four certified child safety seat technicians present, they inspected 85 seats in just four hours. Of those seats inspected, they provided 38 free replacement seats. The free replacement seats are available because of private donations gifted to the program and grant money from the Child Safety Seat Program that was applied for.



Operations

NIGHT SHIFT – LT KIEL STEVENSON

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, works with 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.



NIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITY

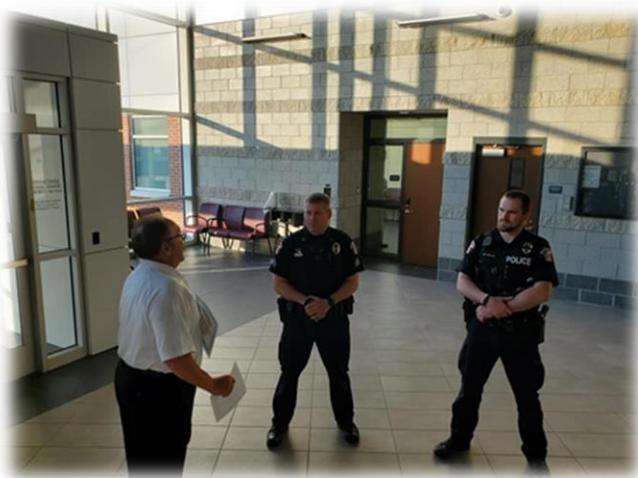
CALLS FOR SERVICE	INCIDENT REPORTS	ARRESTS	TRAFFIC STOPS	TRAFFIC CITATIONS
4,145	986	697	1,389	794

The Marshalltown Police Department takes pride in the relationships we have with our community. Members of the night shifts participate in numerous outreach opportunities throughout the year. This is a great way to meet the people we serve and continue to build positive relationships. Above are several examples of night shift officers working to build community relationships.

Operations



Below -Sergeant Accola and Officer Shelangoski are presented with a Certificate of Meritorious Conduct from Marshalltown Fire Chief David Rierson. Sergeant Accola and Officer Shelangoski were recognized by MFD for their efforts during an overnight medical call.



Above- Sergeant Veren is recognized for outstanding contributions in the area of traffic safety. This award was received at the annual Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Conference.

Below-Night Shift Officers are recognized for their efforts on an overnight call for service. Officers were presented with a Life Saving Award. This award is presented for exemplary service, courageous action, and a commitment to the sanctity of human life.



Below-Officer Danielson speaks to members of the public at a Coffee with a Cop event. Night shift officers take advantage of these opportunities to connect with members of the public.



Right-Officer Garcia participates in the Cop on Top fundraiser. This event helps raise money for Special Olympics. Night Shift officers enjoy giving back to their communities and raising money and awareness for great programs.



Operations



K-9 UNIT

The Marshalltown Police Department Canine Unit was proud to welcome Officer Nick Svoboda and K9 Atlas to the team in 2021. Officer Svoboda and K9 Atlas joined the MPD K9 Unit in the summer of '21. The team attended Basic K9 School in Buffalo, MN in the fall of '21. During that basic training, Officer Svoboda and K9 Atlas trained and became certified as a dual purpose K9 team. Officer Svoboda and K9 Atlas are ready to begin their successful career as we enter 2022.



Officer Svoboda & K-9 Atlas

CERTIFICATIONS

MPD canine team 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 team does on the streets of Marshalltown. Canine teams must show their proficiency to become certified.

PATROL WORK

Police canine teams play a vital role in the detection and prevention of crime. K9 Atlas is 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.

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NARCOTIC DETECTION

Canine teams are often called upon to assist with searching for illegal drugs. MPD Canine teams are trained to detect Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Heroin. They are also trained to detect the derivatives of these drugs.

K9 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 receive training from outside sources.



K9 SERVICE AWARDS

Lieutenant Kiel Stevenson and Sergeant Tom Watson received Distinguished Service Awards for their time in the MPD K9 Unit. K9 Raji (Lt. Stevenson) and K9 Jordy (Sgt. Watson) both retired in January 2021. The handlers received these awards for their dedicated service to the MPD K9 Unit.



Thank you for your support Marshalltown!

