

# 2022

# ANNUAL

# REPORT



Marshalltown Police  
Department  
Chief Michael W. Tupper

# CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Dear Marshalltown Community Members,

We are pleased to present the 2022 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.

2022 was another busy year for the Marshalltown Police Department. Your police department remains committed to providing professional public safety services that you can rely upon 24/7. Law enforcement agencies all over the United States face three primary challenges.

1. Recruitment and retention of quality police employees.
2. Building strong community relationships through trust and transparency.
3. Budget challenges.

Budget challenges is something we should all be concerned with. Changes made by the Iowa legislature as it relates to how property taxes are collected and utilized by cities is going to dramatically impact how cities provide services and how cities budget for these services. Public safety budgets rely upon property tax revenue almost exclusively. The City of Marshalltown has many budgetary priorities to balance. How the City manages these priorities will affect how we staff city departments, how much we can pay employees, how we train employees, and how we equip our employees. Law enforcement salaries are exploding across Iowa. Our department is competing with Cedar Rapids and Des Moines metro area police departments for a limited pool of qualified police officer applicants. Oftentimes these other agencies have significantly higher salary packages. These agencies are also actively recruiting law enforcement professionals from other agencies like ours. This is a problem we will have to address.

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.

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. The use of automated traffic enforcement technology is one of example of using technology to address a significant community concern. Traffic safety is a common concern I hear about in the community. Excessive speeding is the primary traffic safety concern. We do not have enough uniformed police officers to address all of these concerns. Utilizing automated traffic enforcement is one method we are trying to address community concerns, enhance safety for the motoring public, and doing all of this within budget.

The Marshalltown Police and Community Team (MPACT), continues to thrive. 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. In 2022, this resource moved beyond pilot project and has become a vital public safety resource. 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. MPACT is working to divert people from the criminal justice system and from unnecessary emergency room hospital visits. MPACT currently has enough funding to continue at least through calendar year 2024. It will be important that we find funding to ensure this resource is available as a permanent service provided in our community. MPACT is a resource we are using to build trust in the community through innovative partnerships. MPACT is making a difference and our community is safer because of this program.

# CHIEF'S MESSAGE



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.

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



## ADMINISTRATION

Michael W. Tupper, Chief of Police

Anna Vaughn, Administrative Assistant

## SPECIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Captain Stevenson

Lieutenant Weekley

Detective Kraig Lageschulte	Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective
Detective Derick Garcia	Cortney Watson, Crime Scene Tech
Detective Steph Lampe	Rhonda Allen, Records Clerk
Detective Juan Tejada	Sarah Lewis, Records Clerk
Detective Paul Heitman	Chase Siemens, Parking Enforcement Officer

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

Captain Christopher Jones

Lieutenant Thein

Lieutenant Accola

Sergeant Watson   Sergeant Tuttle   Sergeant Hillers   Sergeant Bowermaster

Officer Powell	Officer Siegert	Officer Jefferson	Officer Dehl
Officer Mauseth	Officer Veren	Officer Danielson	Officer Cole
Officer Siemens	Officer Hoyt	Officer Allen	Officer Wolf
Officer Shelangoski	Officer Svoboda	Officer Roush	Officer Krimmer
Officer Wolken	Officer Speirs	Officer Weispfenning	Officer J. Tuttle
Officer Juel	Officer Ortiz	Officer Rush	Officer Lashbrook
Officer Molitor	Officer Markle		

### Reserve Unit

Officer Puls   Officer Leffler   Officer Zamora   Officer Lubbert

# PERSONNEL



## MISSION STATEMENT

As part of our community, the MPD works to enhance trust, safety, and quality of life for All. We serve with empathy and compassion while treating all with dignity and respect.

## VISION STATEMENT

- We are a department with innovative equipment and software to perform their duties at a high level.
- We are a model department for policing and program across the state & nation.
- We are a diversified department that is properly staffed to meet the needs of the community and are proactive in safety and inclusion.
- We are a department that utilizes up to date methods, technology and resources to promote safety and well-being.
- We are a department whose employees promote the city and department and the opportunities they present.
- We have an established social media network with the ability to reach the vast majority of people on a daily basis.
- We are a department that prioritizes the wellness and professional development of staff.

## 2022 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Officer Adan Ortiz



## NEW EMPLOYEES

Collin Lashbrook, Officer  
Dalton Rush, Officer  
Jacob Molitor, Officer  
William Markle, Officer  
Chase Siemens, Parking

## YEARS OF SERVICE MILESTONES

Officer Brian Siegert	20 years of service
Officer David Danielson	15 years of service
Lieutenant Sadie Weekley	15 years of service
Officer Justin Allen	10 years of service
Sergeant Dane Bowermaster	10 years of service
Sergeant Paul Heitman	10 years of service
K9 Officer Nick Svoboda	5 years of service

# CAPTAIN BATTERSON



Captain Brian Batterson served our community as a police officer from 1991-2022. Brian was a graduate of Minnesota State University – Mankato, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI National Academy, Session #257. Following a stellar and decorated law enforcement career, Brian retired in June of 2022. Brian was from Minnesota and loved the Golden Gophers. He would occasionally talk about the Vikings and we liked to tease him about his choice of sports teams.

Brian was a humble and dedicated professional. During his career, Brian served in every assignment imaginable inside the police department. He distinguished himself as a detective, member of the tactical team, and in various leadership positions. Brian helped lead the department through many critical events and difficult times. Brian was a steady voice and calming presence during the 2018 tornado and 2020 Derecho events. We miss him and his leadership at the police department. Brian passed away on April 6, 2023 after enduring through an extended illness. He was 56 years old.

These are the tangible things I can tell you about Brian. Cops like tangibles because we can touch them, we can assign value to them, they are evidence of what has been accomplished. Brian's life was more than tangibles. Brian lived the life he had to the fullest not because of the accomplishments we can assign a value too but because of the intangible things he did to love his family and serve his community. Brian was passionate about his family and friends. He loved his wife, Julie, and children (Lauren and Adam) dearly and spoke of them and their accomplishments often. Brian was a devoted friend and colleague. He was always willing to help his fellow officers be successful. He was the voice of common sense and reason. His advice was always measured and on point. Brian was the consummate professional. He was old school, make no mistake about that. He did not mince words. He was direct. You always knew where he stood. But...he loved his team members and he loved his community. He worked tirelessly to make the police department a better place and he worked fearlessly to make Marshalltown a safe place to raise our families. Brian was an honorable man and represented everything that is good about the law enforcement profession. For thirty-one years he touched and helped countless community members and co-workers. He left an impression with all of us. We all take a piece of his wisdom with us as we carry his legacy forward.

We can list a lot of tangible accomplishments connected to the life of Captain Brian Batterson. The list is no doubt impressive. However, what we can't see or measure is the positive impact Brian had on so many people. The hidden secret of a public safety career is that every day you have an opportunity to help someone and to make a difference in your community. Sometimes we can see the tangible results of our work but most of the time we never know the difference we make. I can promise you though a positive difference is being made. I am certain Brian made a difference in the lives of many people and those people will go on to make a difference in the lives of many more. These results are never measured. You can't touch them but they are real. These intangible success stories exist and the world is forever a better place because of what Brian Batterson has done.

Brian Batterson's life was cut short but it was packed full of love, duty, courage, wisdom and service. Brian served his community well. His work mattered. He mattered. And he did it all for his family, his friends, and his community because he was called to serve and he loved what he did. Brian was so much more than the tangibles and I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to learn from him.

RIP Captain Batterson.

Chief Tupper

# 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

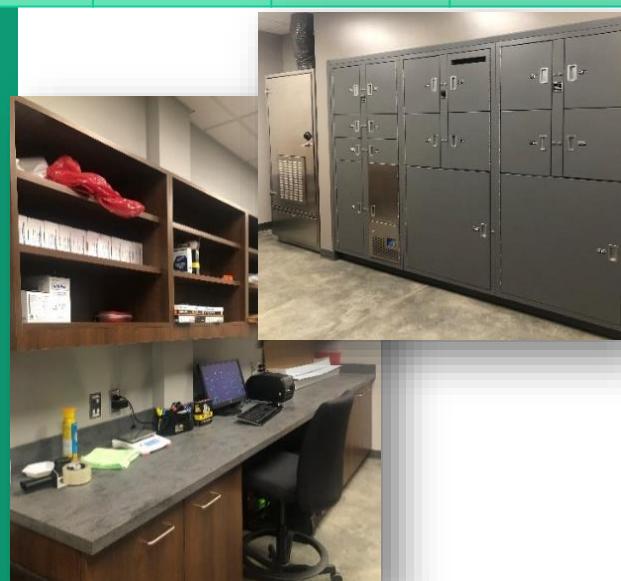
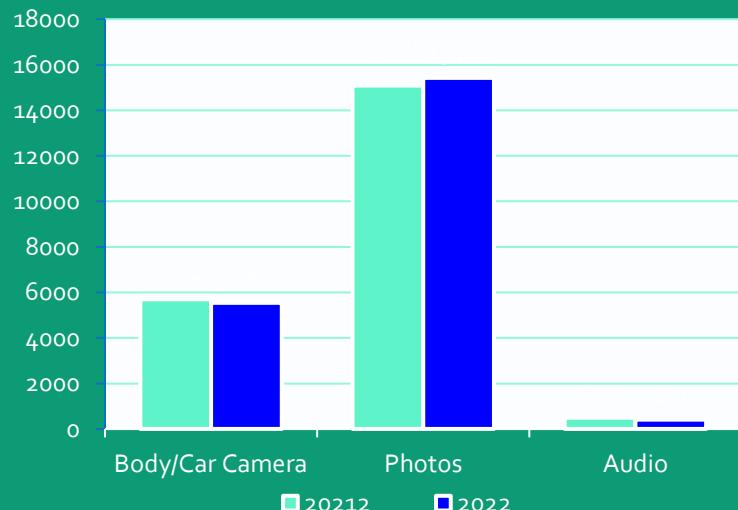
The Detective Division is complemented with a full-time Crime Scene/Evidence Technician (CST). Our CST assists the Detective Division with the methodical processing of crime scenes small and large by scene documentation, evidence processing, and evidence collection. We are fortunate enough to have a 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	2019	2020	2021	2022
Physical	7684	11261	8358	7447
Drugs	226	247	278	343
Firearms	21	85	25	44
Money	10	28	16	3
Vehicles	15	22	33	15

## DIGITAL EVIDENCE

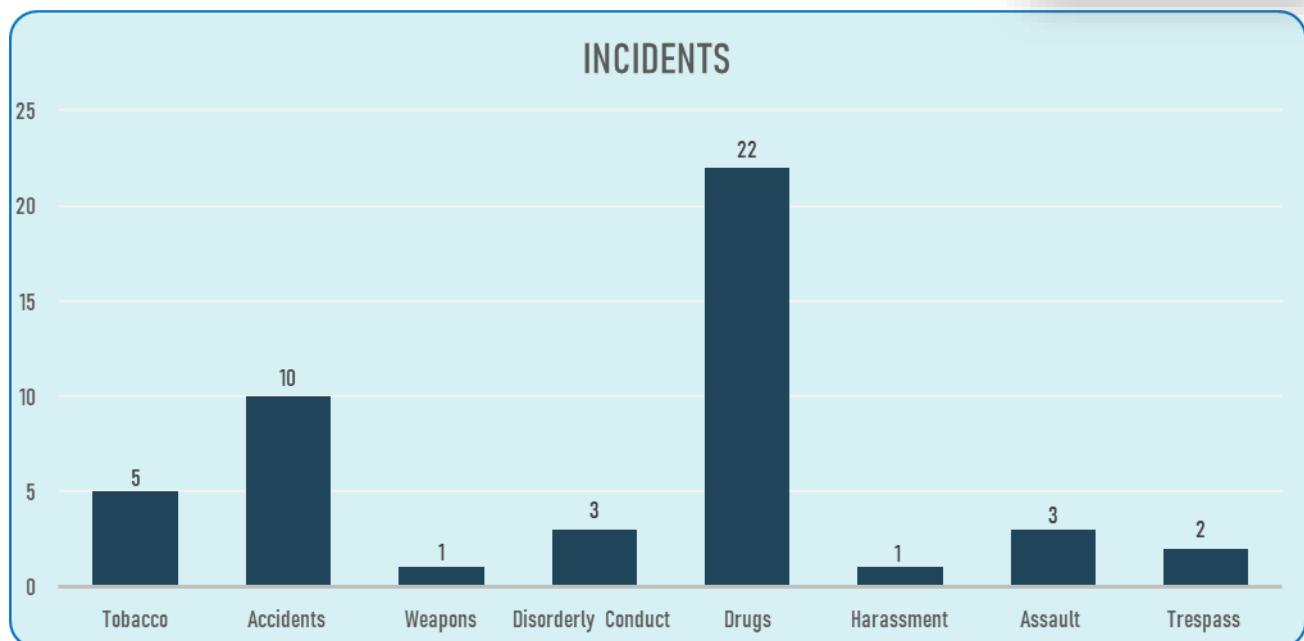


# SUPPORT SERVICES



## 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.



## PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The police department Parking Enforcement Officer is assigned to the Support Services Division. In 2022, the Parking Enforcement Officers' focus was the Central Business District, complaint-based parking issues as well as enforcement of scoff law violations.

PARKING STATISTICS	2020	2021	2022
Police Officers	1936 citations	3209 citations	2597 citations
Enforcement Officer	2162 citations	1280 citations	1243 citations
Scoff (5+ unpaid tickets)	16 tows	16 tows	7 tows
Abandoned tows	43 tows	9 tows	16 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.

The department now implements an 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 2022, Officer Rush graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with the 306<sup>th</sup> 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 2022 year, the department continued its partnership with the Bureau of Justice Administration. Through the Byrne 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



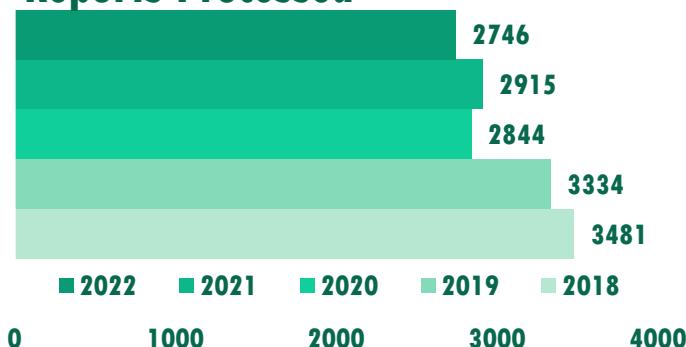
## PUBLIC RECORDS

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.

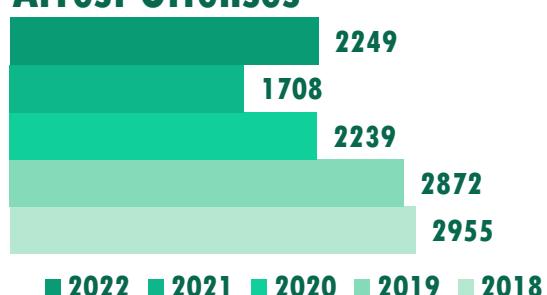
Reports Processed	2746
Arrest Offenses	2249
UCR A Arrests	928
UCR B Arrests	618
Criminal Mug & Prints	838
Traffic Crashes w/ report	431
Traffic Crashes w/ no report	787
Traffic Citations	1936
Record Checks	112
Employment Fingerprints	128
Bicycle Licenses	28



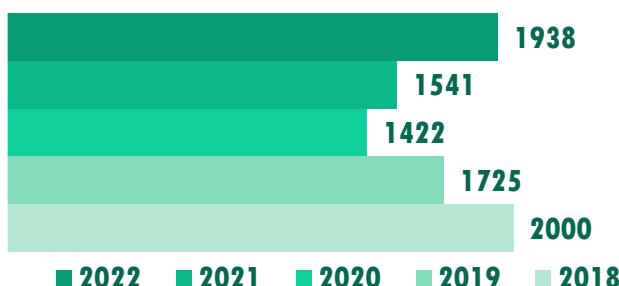
### Reports Processed



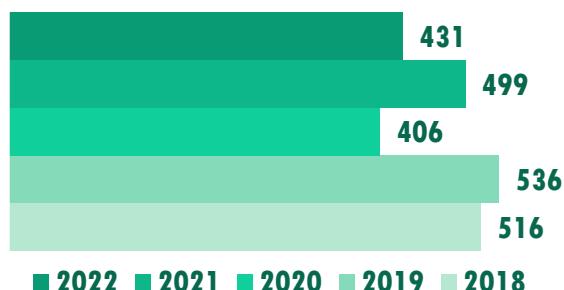
### Arrest Offenses



### Traffic Citations



### Traffic Crashes



# SUPPORT SERVICES



## CAPTAIN KIEL STEVENSON

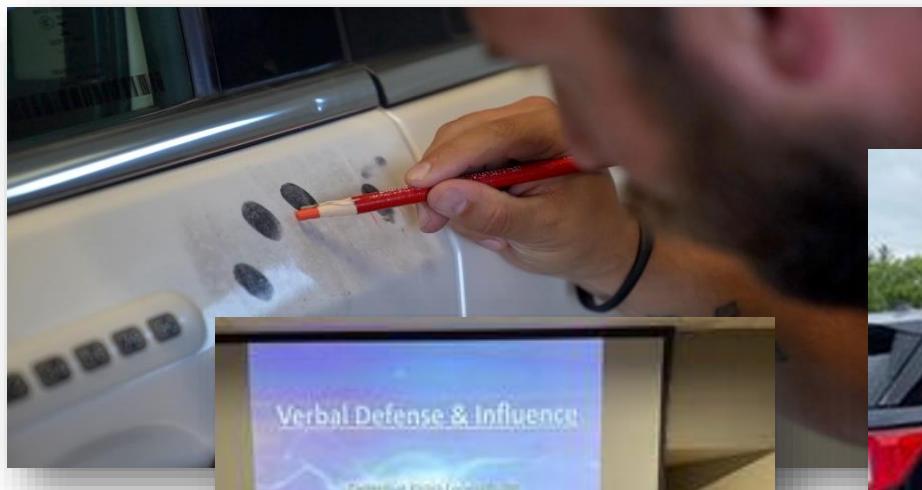
### INVESTIGATIONS

The Marshalltown Police Department Detective's Division started 2022 investigating a homicide on January 1. This seemed to set the pace for a busy 2022. The division collaboratively worked 175 cases running one detective short for a good part of the year.

In September, after Lt Kiel Stevenson was promoted to Captain, Lt Weekley took over the division. Detective Lageschulte came on at the same time along with a new Task Force Detective. Thus, making the division very new but energetic.

The Detective Division does have a specialized Violence Against Women Detective that is responsible for reviewing all of the domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and violation no contact order cases. In 2022 there were 121 domestic violence cases, 83 sexual assault cases, 2 stalking, and 85 violation no contact order cases that the Police Department handled and this specialized detective reviewed.

Throughout 2022 the Detective Division was tasked with many community outreach presentations and events as well as radio spots. This is something that all of the detectives enjoy doing.



# OPERATIONS



## CAPTAIN CHRISTOPHER JONES

The Operations Division led by Captain Christopher Jones, 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.

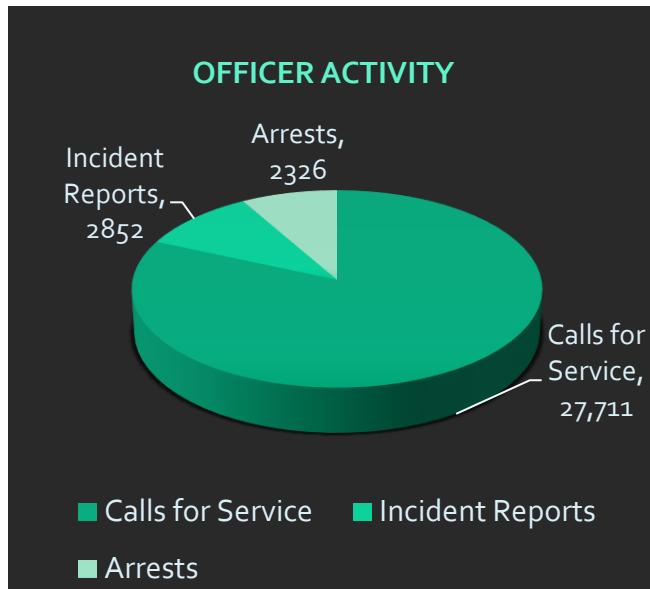
The men and women of the Marshalltown Police Department are focused 24-hours a day on patrolling the streets, traffic control, responding to emergency calls and conducting police activities in the neighborhoods and business district of Marshalltown. The Operations Division is the most visible section 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



### OFFICER ACTIVITY



# OPERATIONS



2022 MARSHALLTOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE – 27,711

911 Hang Up	122	Fraud	117	Sex Offender Registry Violation	65
Alarm Call	438	Harassment	194	Stalking	3
Alcohol Incidents	64	Identity Theft	34	Standby	181
Animal Complaint	697	Information Report	19	Suspicious Activity	677
Assault	209	IVH Check	995	Theft	497
Assist Other Agency	181	Juvenile Delinquency	294	Threat	193
Bar Check	278	Medical	463	Tow Call	10
Bicycle	50	Mental Illness	31	Traffic Incident	530
Building Check	3741	Missing Person	151	Traffic Disabled Vehicle	343
Burglary	280	Noise Complaint	103	Traffic OWI	70
Civil Problem	175	Nuisance Violation	1	Traffic Stop	3058
Death Investigation	45	Officer Initiated	673	Transport Prisoner	35
Disorderly Conduct	22	Parking Complaint	797	Trespass	375
Disturbance	665	Public Contact	1594	Vandalism	304
Disturbance Loud Music	254	Robbery	1	Vehicle Accidents	809
Drug Related	134	School Check	199	Violation Court Order	135
Followup	1855	School Traffic	247	Wanted Person	585
Forgery	3	Search Warrant	44	Weapons	126
Found Property	97	Sex Crimes	64	Welfare Check	783

# OPERATIONS



## USE OF FORCE

January 1, 2022, the Marshalltown Police Department implemented an electronic use of force reporting system. Having reports entered in a digital format allows for more accurate accounting of use of force incidents, more consistency in reporting, and more accountability through shift level and administrative review. The new system allows our agency to track additional non-lethal force options that were not recorded in previous years.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Use of Force Incidents	95	97	102	113	262
TASER Deploy	24	20	4	9	19
Assault on Officer	4	4	11	11	19

## 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 2022, the Marshall County Crime Stoppers solicited over 41 tips, regarding potential criminal activity ranging from Homicide, Robbery, Theft, Warranted Persons, Drug Information, and incidents of Child Welfare. Of these tips, 10 of them resulted in awards totaling \$1,200 for 2022.

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](http://www.marshallcountycs.com) and Facebook at [www.facebook.com/marshallcountycs/](http://www.facebook.com/marshallcountycs/)



# OPERATIONS



## AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Many local governments have turned to automated traffic enforcement (ATE) programs to enforce city ordinance traffic violations without diverting law enforcement resources from other areas. Speeding is a significant problem that negatively impacts the safety of everyone on the road.

Working closely with city leadership, and Sensys Gatso Group the Marshalltown Police Department has begun work on establishing an Automated Traffic Enforcement program designed to enhance roadway safety.

Through this program, 2-fixed locations were determined to help reduce speed on Lincoln Way near Bel Air Drive and on 12th Avenue (Governor Road) between Olive Street and Iowa Avenue. Our program will also include a mobile system that is designed to provide speed enforcement measures in areas of public concern.

There is no cost to the City of Marshalltown for this program. Program implementation will begin in the Spring of 2023.

## SECOND-HAND SALES AND LEADS ONLINE

In 2022, the Marshalltown Police Department in collaboration with local business owners and Leads Online established a refined city ordinance to help reduce the amount of stolen property being sold within our community. The new program will allow businesses that are exchanging second-hand property for money to record their transactions in a secure database for law enforcement investigators to cross reference with items of property reported stolen. This program has been developed in other surrounding communities and allows officers more opportunity to track criminals who bring property into our community that has been reported stolen.



## 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 2022 with three certified Reserve Officers and one in training.



# OPERATIONS



## BOBCAT READY PROGRAM

Since 2018, the Marshalltown Police Department in collaboration with the Marshalltown High School and Marshalltown Community College has participated in the Marshalltown High School's Bobcat Ready program. This program is designed to provide junior and senior high school students with an opportunity to earn both high school and college credit while exploring various career fields. For the last 6-years, Marshalltown police officers have taught a class exploring the criminal justice system. Beyond the study of law enforcement, students are taught about the history and makeup of the criminal justice system and how law enforcement, the court system, and our correctional system all work together to serve their respective communities. College credit earned in this course may be used in the furtherance of a student's work toward obtaining an Associate's or Bachelor's degree.



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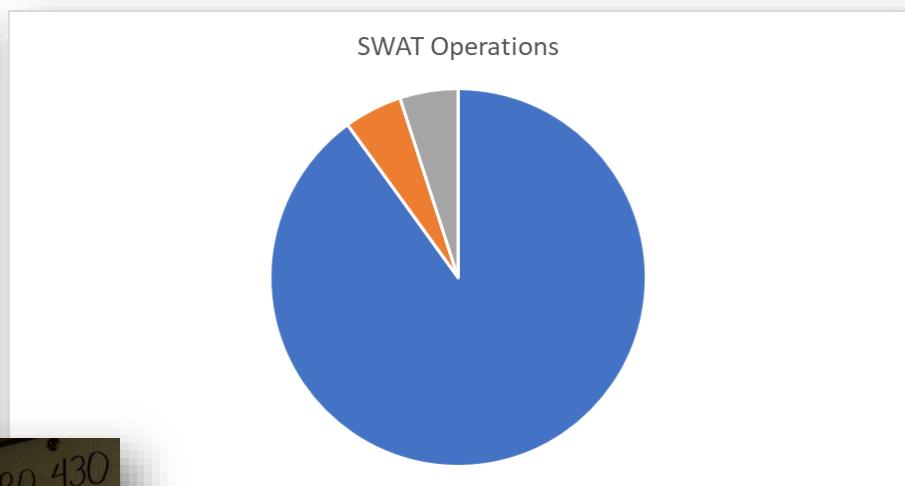
## SWAT – SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

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 13 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, Taser, Ballistic Shield Operation, Driving and Combat Medical Aid.

The SWAT team is trained to handle a variety of high risk and complex situations. In 2022, the SWAT team was requested to assist with 20 operations. These operations included high risk search warrant service, arrest warrant service, and hostage rescue. The SWAT team strives to bring these incidents peacefully under control to protect the citizens of Marshalltown.

In 2022, suspects taken into custody by the SWAT team were charged with crimes including Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, Assault on a Peace Officer, False Imprisonment, and Eluding. The SWAT team also took 8 fugitives into custody.



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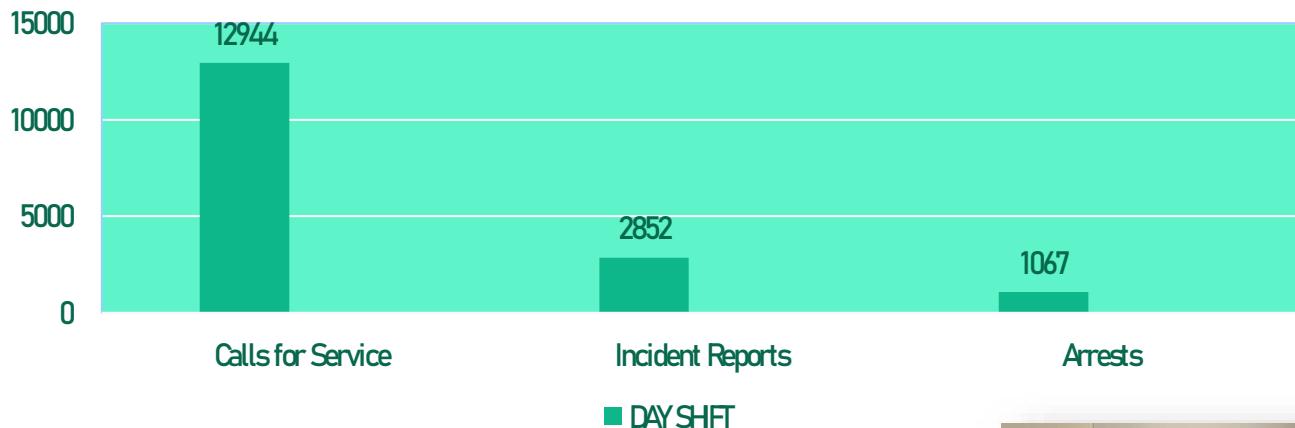
## DAY SHIFT – LT PATRICIA THEIN

In 2022, the Marshalltown Police Department was comprised of 1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, and 11 officers. We celebrated retirements, and new officers being hired in 2022. We lost some great talent, and gained eager dedicated professional officers willing to step up. 2022 saw promotions, and re-assignments within the divisions. MPD embarked on some new adventures, such as developing a hiring video showcasing Marshalltown, our facilities, and our officers.

Patrol officers are engaged in SWAT, Negotiations, Drones, K9, and combined scenario based training with surrounding public safety/emergency management/medical agencies. MPD hosted trainings and officers received training offsite, to include training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Officers also get involved in community engagement activities, such as Coffee with a Cop, Trunk or Treat, Healthy Family Fairs, Bobcat University, Cops on the Court, Cops on a Rooftop, Turkey Giveaway, and Lunches at Lenihan School. Officers also participate in community education endeavors by speaking on Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Verbal Defense and Influence, and other areas of importance. These educational opportunities occur face to face in groups as well as through other sources like our collaborative efforts with KFJB/KIX101 and KDAO.

Patrol is the foundation of policing. On top of the efforts listed above, patrol responds to calls for service from the community. Dayshift patrol responded to 12,944 calls for service. 2852 reports were generated from these CFS and 1067 arrests were made by dayshift patrol. Additionally, dayshift officers made 1172 traffic stops, resulting in 574 citations being issued.

## 2022 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.



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## DAY SHIFT –LT PATRICIA THEIN

### 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.



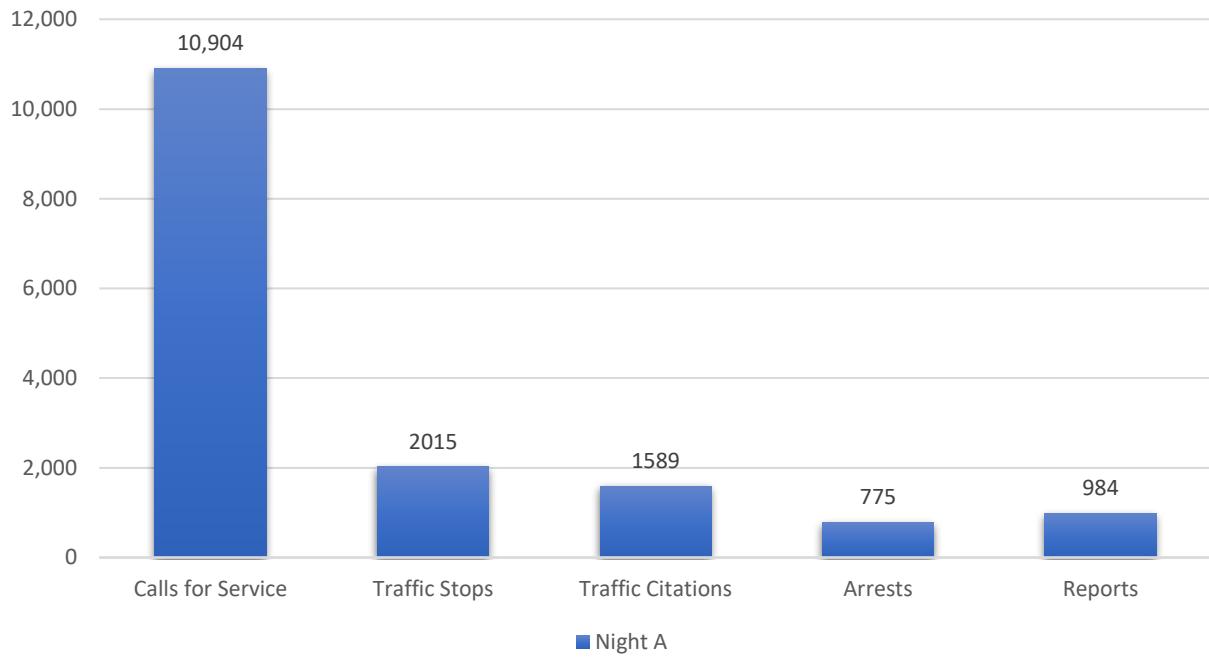
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## NIGHT SHIFT – LT ANTHONY ACCOLA

MPD Night shift is divided into two patrol teams, Nights A and Nights B. Each night shift is comprised of 1 Sergeant and 5 Patrol Officers. The Night Shift Lieutenant and Night Shift Rover Sergeant, 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: 5 SWAT Team members, K-9 Unit, 2 Field Training Officers, 4 Bike Patrol Officers, Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor, Less Lethal and Chemical Munitions Instructor, and 2 Firearms Instructors.

### NIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITY



2022 saw challenges in staffing which was taxing on department personnel. Despite these challenges, both night shifts stepped up, participating in community events including Shop with a Cop, Cops on the Court, Cop On Top, and Coffee with a Cop. These events are done outside of on-shift working hours. While on shift, both night shifts stayed busy taking 10,904 calls for service, making 2,015 traffic stops, issuing 1,589 traffic citations, processing 775 arrests, and writing 984 reports. Night shift also saw changes in leadership with the promotion of Sgt. Accola to Lieutenant and two new Sergeants promoted from Detectives, Sergeant Tejada and Sergeant Bowermaster.

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## NIGHT SHIFT – LT ANTHONY ACCOLA



Officer Tuttle supporting Special Olympics during the Cop On Top fundraiser.



Lieutenant Accola talking to potential new recruits at the MCC Career Fair.



Officer Weispfenning wrangled a frog during the Harvest Festival on 13th St.



Officer Ortiz showing team spirit before the Marshalltown-Ames football game.



Teamwork makes the dream work. Here Nights B is helping push a vehicle that ran out of gas into the nearby gas station.



Officer Svoboda enjoys a taco while K9 Atlas looks on, hoping to get a bite.

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## K-9 UNIT

The Marshalltown Police Department Canine Unit currently has one dual-purpose canine team. K9 Atlas is a German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois cross. K9 Atlas is handled by Officer Nick Svoboda.



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. The canine unit was utilized for patrol work on nine incidents in 2022. The deployments included tracking criminal suspects, securing perimeters, and other general patrol requests. The MPD Canine Unit was responsible for 4 criminal apprehensions during 2022.

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## NARCOTIC DETECTION

Canine teams are often called upon to assist with searching for illegal drugs. The Canine Unit was requested 25 times throughout 2022. MPD Canine teams are trained to detect Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Heroine. 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.

## 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.



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