



# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

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**MARSHALLTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CHIEF CHRISTOPHER JONES**

# CHIEF'S MESSAGE



As the newly appointed Chief of Police for the City of Marshalltown, I am pleased to present this annual report, reflecting on the significant strides we've made in 2024 and outlining our vision for a safer and stronger community in 2025. During the last year, our agency focused on maintaining positive community relationships through our work with the Marshalltown School District, area-profit and non-profit agencies, and our active participation in local community events. Our agency understands the importance of building positive relationships, and we will strive to find every opportunity to help those in our community who are actively looking to help others. This includes continuing to find ways to maintain our MPACT program. Our community's embrace of the quality of service our MPACT program provides helps ensure that those needing services are given quality care and resources.

Technology and innovation have played a tremendous role in our agency's development in 2024. Adding our FLOCK camera system (License Plate Recognition) has helped us more quickly track and solve in-progress crime and allowed our agency to be more proactive and efficient in detecting criminal activity entering our community. The future use and purchase of crime detection technology and software data analysis programs will prepare us by helping create objective crime reduction strategies that address specific crime trends. Trends that will be used to justify increased patrols in high-crime areas and the enhancement of our proactive enforcement efforts.

Even though technology is helping us more and more every day, our staff often work long weeks and many hours putting together and building quality criminal cases. As a department leader, I will always emphasize our officers' and their families' safety and wellness. Officer wellness during the last year has taken a priority, and we as an agency are continuously looking for ways to help provide staff with the resources and time they need for themselves, both physically and mentally. This begins by continuing to work towards creating a positive and supportive environment for everyone.

This annual report highlights our dedication to serving the Marshalltown community with a sense of service, pride, and accountability. We are committed to working together to create a safe, strong, and vibrant Marshalltown.

# PERSONNEL

Michael Tupper, Chief of Police

Anna Vaughn, Office Manager

## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Captain Kiel Stevenson

Lieutenant Sadie Weekley

Detective Kraig Lageschulte

Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force Detective

Detective Derick Garcia

Cortney Watson, Crime Scene Tech

Detective Jonna Tuttle

Rhonda Allen, Records Clerk

School Resource Officer Logan Wolf

Sarah Lewis, Records Clerk

## OPERATIONS DIVISION

Captain Christopher Jones

Lieutenant AJ Accola

Lieutenant Chad Hillers

Sergeant Watson    Sergeant Tuttle    Sergeant Bowermaster

Sergeant Heitman    Sergeant Roush    Sergeant Allen    Sergeant Shelangoski

Officer Powell

Officer Siegert

Officer Mauseth

Officer Danielson

Officer Svoboda

Officer Wolken

Officer Speirs

Officer Weispfenning

Officer Juel

Officer Ortiz

Officer Lashbrook

Officer Markle

Officer Molitor

Officer Solorio

Officer Birdwell

Officer Sittig

Officer Morrison

Officer Henson

Officer Mora

Officer Teske

### Reserve Unit

Officer Puls    Officer Faas

# 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.

### **2024 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

**Officer Andrew Weispfenning**

**NEW EMPLOYEE**  
**Treye Teske, Officer**



### **YEARS OF SERVICE**

**Sergeant Tom Watson**

**20 years of service**

**Crime Scene Tech Cortney Watson**

**20 years of service**

**Sergeant Chris Roush**

**20 years of service**

**Lieutenant AJ Accola**

**15 years of service**



### **Retirement**

**Rhonda Allen, one of our dedicated records clerks, retired on May 3, 2024.**

**Rhonda did an exceptional job for the MPD. She served our department and our community for thirteen years. She was with us through some rough times and some wonderful times. Rhonda was a dedicated professional who always cared about her co-workers and always gave her best. We thank her for her hard work and contributions to the Marshalltown Police Department.**

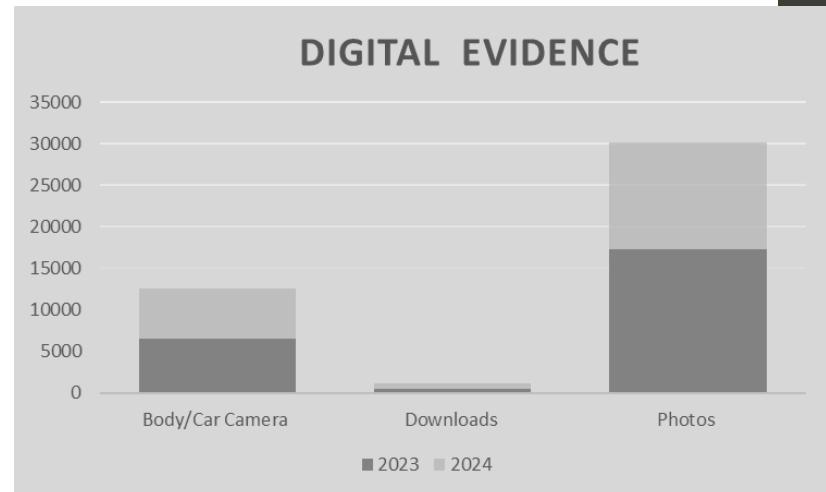
# SUPPORT SERVICES

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 TECH

The crime scene technician assists the Detective Division with methodical processing of crime scenes, small and large. Processing includes scene documentation, evidence processing and evidence collection. The CST works with the state DCI crime lab submitting evidence when needed for further analysis. The CST also serves as the evidence technician handling all physical and digital evidence. This role is vital for maintaining chain of custody 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	2022	2023	2024
Physical	7447	10,193	7749
Drugs	343	325	348
Firearms	44	56	39
Money	3	5	2
Vehicles	15	22	18



# SUPPORT SERVICES

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



During the 2024 school year, Officer Wolf demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment to fostering a safe and supportive environment for students. He led with a goal-oriented mindset, always striving to empower students to achieve success both academically and personally. His approach was not only focused on maintaining safety but also on promoting positive engagement with students, staff, and the community.

**Project Silver Cord: Connecting Students with Community Opportunities:** A key accomplishment this year was the growth of Officer Wolf's SRO Silver Cord Program, which provided students with the opportunity to engage in volunteer work and contribute to the community. His efforts were instrumental in organizing and motivating students to participate, resulting in over 300 volunteer hours during the 2024 Summer Project. This initiative not only benefited local organizations but also helped students develop a sense of responsibility and a deeper connection to their community.



In recognition of his efforts, Officer Wolf was honored by the Marshalltown Education Association for his significant contributions to the Marshalltown Community School District. This acknowledgment is a testament to his unwavering commitment to students' safety, success, and overall well-being.

Additionally, Officer Wolf's commitment to service has extended far beyond his role as a School Resource Officer. For the fifth consecutive year, he has volunteered with Junior Achievement, dedicating his time and expertise to inspiring and mentoring young people. His continued service to Junior Achievement reflects his deep passion for fostering personal and academic growth in students, further strengthening the positive impact he has had on the Marshalltown community.



Officer Wolf aims to continue the growth and rapport between Police and the students, staff, and school district. This year has been nothing short of commendable, and his leadership continues to leave a lasting and meaningful impact on both the students he serves and the wider community. His dedication to creating a positive, goal-driven environment sets an inspiring example for others to follow.

# SUPPORT SERVICES

## TRAINING REPORT

The Marshalltown Police Department emphasizes training and education. This year, there were 733 documented training sessions attended by employees. This includes in-service training, individual officer training, and specialized training. This does not include training for specialized teams like SWAT and K9. There are a number of training topics each year that officers are required to attend. There are many other elective training opportunities provided to officers.

The Marshalltown Police Department has a number of certified instructors on staff. This allows the instructors to plan and organize training for members of the department. There are also many training opportunities outside the department. MPD employees are encouraged to attend training to improve their job skills and knowledge.

Police Legal Sciences (PLS) is an online platform that provides relevant training to officers. MPD utilizes PLS to provide monthly training on a variety of topics. These courses are self-paced and let officers complete them as time allows.

The following are some training topics covered by MPD staff in 2024:

### Police Legal Sciences

- Diverse Communities & Bias Prevention (2 lessons)
- De-Escalation
- Implicit Bias
- Human Trafficking Investigations
- Caselaw Update (4 lessons)
- Legislative Update
- Officer Mental Health
- Sovereign Citizens



### Employee Training

- Leadership
- Accident Investigations
- Crisis Negotiations
- Cryptocurrency Investigations
- Interview & Interrogation
- UAS Pilot Certification
- Human Trafficking
- Less Lethal Instructor
- Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Firearms Instructor
- Active Shooter
- Traffic Safety
- RDS Instructor
- School Safety
- School Resource Officer
- Homicide Investigations



### In-Service Training

- Electronic Control Devices
- Defensive Tactics
- Emergency Driving
- Crowd Control
- Building Search
- Firearms
- Law Update
- Mandatory Reporter
- CPR
- Hazmat
- Bloodborne Pathogens



# SUPPORT SERVICES

## GTSB

Each state is required to have a highway safety program directed by guidelines of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) is a subdivision of the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) and fulfills this requirement. GTSB administers the State of Iowa's allocation of federal highway safety funds authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), most commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), signed into law by President Joe Biden on November 15, 2021.

Although GTSB is embedded within the Iowa DPS, it takes many agencies and organizations working together to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused by crashes on Iowa roads. The Marshalltown Police Department is one such agency that annually applies for and is granted GTSB funds in an attempt to reach those goals.

In 2024, Officers with the Marshalltown Police Department were able to commit over 172 hours of extra traffic enforcement through the assistance of the GTSB grant. The GTSB grant also allows Officers with the Marshalltown Police Department to participate in multi-jurisdictional projects throughout Marshall County with other agencies such as the Iowa State Patrol, Marshall County Sheriff's Office, and State Center Police Department. Some projects included two separate speed projects with the Air Wing Unit of the Iowa State Patrol, and 24-hour speed enforcement project on US Highway 30 at State Center. Officers issued 209 citations and 309 warnings during GTSB-funded enforcement.

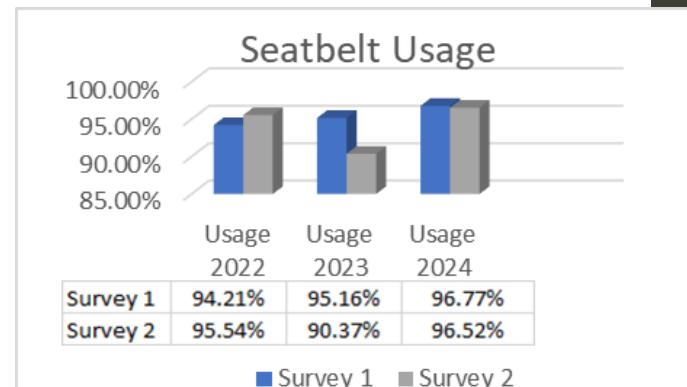
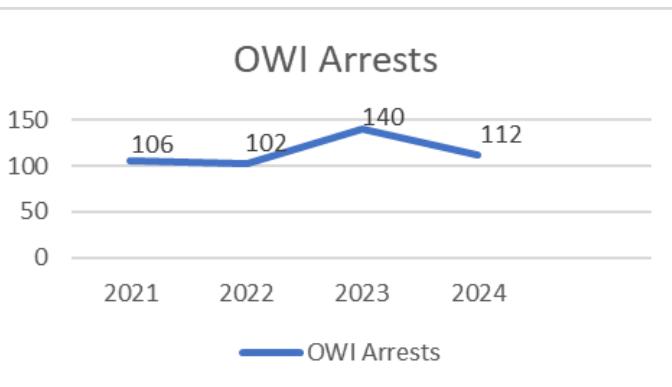
Speed remains a constant complaint that the Marshalltown Police Department receives. Approximately 31% of all citations issued by the Marshalltown Police Department in 2024 were for speed violations. Speed is an emphasis of the GTSB grant, along with operating while under the influence (OWI), seat belts, child safety restraints, stop signs/lights, and electronic device usage. Officers with the Patrol Division of the Marshalltown Police Department, along with Officers using GTSB-funded enforcement, made 112 OWI arrests in 2024.

Drinking and driving are never a good mixture, and there should not be any excuses for it happening.

In 2024, 354 people lost their lives on Iowa roadways. Most of those deaths are attributed largely to speed and lack of seatbelt usage. Through out the year the GTSB grant allows for two seatbelt survey studies to be completed, one in the spring and one in the fall. These surveys are done covertly, and studies the seatbelt usage of the first 100 vehicles the recorder comes in contact with. The recorder reports the seatbelt usage of occupants in the front seats (driver and passenger). Even though the seatbelt usage was high during both surveys in 2024, the Marshalltown Police Department strives for a 100% usage rate.

The Marshalltown Police Department was also invited by the Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Unit of the Iowa State Patrol to participate in the Multi-Agency Strike Force Operation (MASFO) on November 18, 2024.

The Operation was intended to increase roadside traffic enforcement across the State and reduce CMV-related crashes and fatalities. Officers with the Marshalltown Police Department targeted unsafe driving behaviors in both CMV and non-CMV vehicles on numerous routes well-traveled by CMVs. Officers braved the rainy weather on that date working over 16 hours of traffic enforcement that resulted in 11 citations and 29 warnings being issued, and 2 motorist assists.



# SUPPORT SERVICES

## FLOCK

In 2024, the Marshalltown Police Department entered into an agreement with Flock Safety to provide Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras throughout the City of Marshalltown. Camera installation began in late February. The project was completed in late August. The program was fully operational for approximately four months in 2024.

The ALPR cameras are capable of identifying vehicles by characteristics and license plate numbers. The cameras provide real-time alerts to officers. The alerts include wanted subjects, missing persons, and stolen vehicles/license plates. Officers can also create custom hot-lists, allowing them to enter suspect vehicles from local crimes.

The Flock cameras have drastically improved our officer's ability to solve crimes. They have become a key resource for preventing crimes and apprehending criminals. The ALPR cameras had documented uses in 145 cases. The uses helped officers make arrests, generate leads, or clear cases by other means. There were 85 documented arrests resulting directly or indirectly from use of the ALPR cameras. We look forward to continued success of our ALPR program.

flock safety



# SUPPORT SERVICES

## IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

We had one officer graduate basic training. In 2024, Officer Teske graduated from the Iowa Regional Law Enforcement Academy with the 93rd Basic Level II Academy Class. Officer 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.

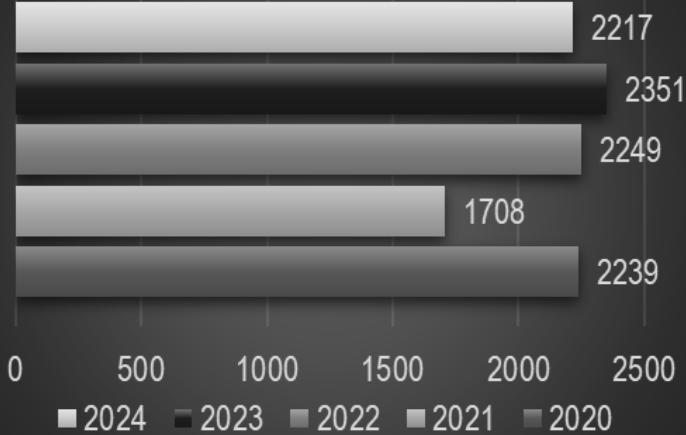


# SUPPORT SERVICES

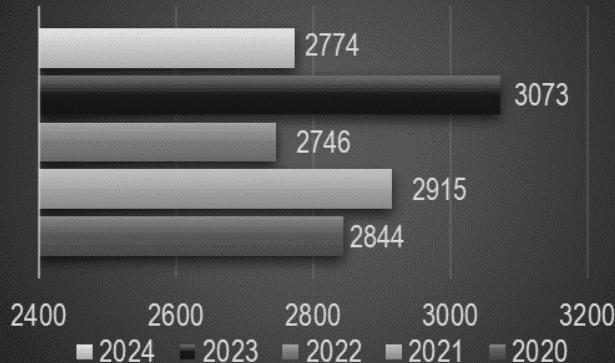
## PUBLIC RECORDS

The records department 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.

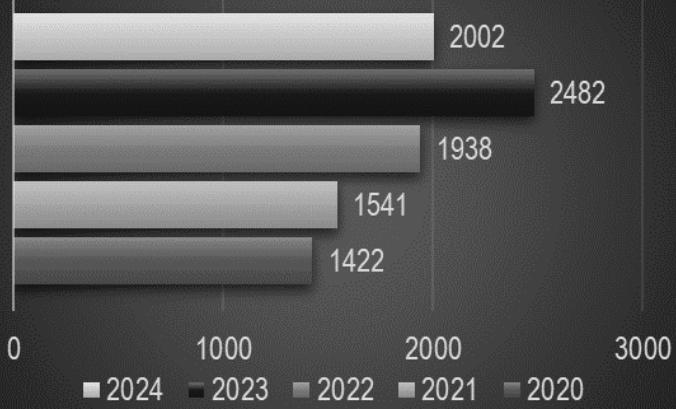
### Arrest Offenses



### Reports Processed



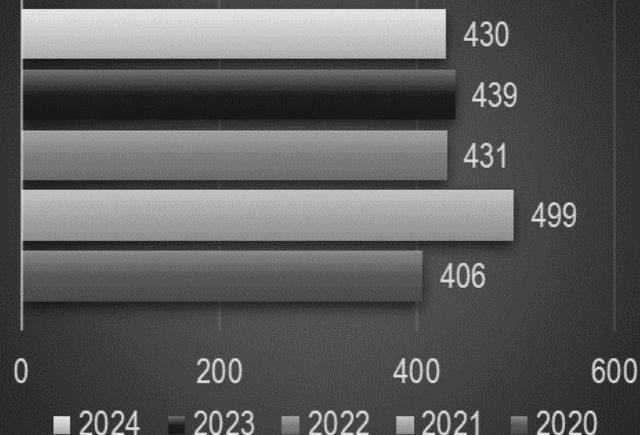
### Traffic Citations



### REPORTS PROCESSED

REPORTS PROCESSED	2774
ARREST OFFENSES	2217
UCRA ARRESTS	1018
UCRB ARRESTS	462
CRIMINAL MUG & PRINTS	898
TRAFFIC CRASHES W/ REPORT	430
TRAFFIC CRASHES W/ NO REPORT	835
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	2002
RECORD CHECKS	279
EMPLOYMENT FINGERPRINTS	105
BICYCLE LICENSES	34

### Traffic Crashes



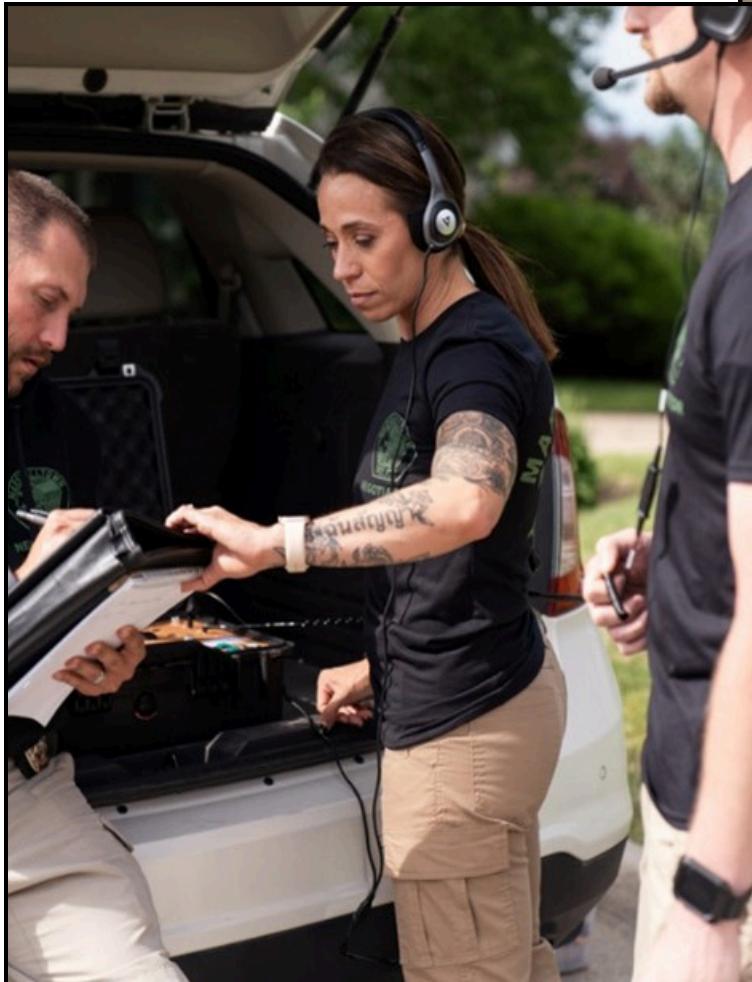
# SUPPORT SERVICES

## INVESTIGATIONS

The Marshalltown Police Department Detective Division worked very closely together in 2024 to solve some big cases. They worked 2 homicide investigations and had other two homicide trials during this time period. The division also assisted patrol on multiple large cases to include a skimming case with over 30 victims as well as several burglary cases that were successfully solved. The division collectively worked a total of 198 cases in 2024.

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 2024 there were 129 domestic violence cases, 75 sexual assault cases, and 71 violation no contact order cases that the Police Department handled and this specialized detective reviewed.

The Marshalltown Police Department worked 3 Internet Crimes Against Children Cases in 2024.



# SUPPORT SERVICES

## MPACT

In January of 2021, YSS of Marshall County and MPD collaborated to form MPACT. MPACT (Marshalltown Police and Community Team) is an intervention program providing services within the city of Marshalltown. The service is a collaboration between the Marshalltown Police Department and YSS of Marshall County. MPACT's Community Advocates, who are highly trained human service providers, are contacted when a non-emergent non-criminal police call comes in involving mental illness, family conflict, substance abuse, or emotional/behavioral situations. While MPACT advocates are dispatched through the Marshalltown Police Department, they are not law enforcement. MPACT is not appropriate when violent situations or life-threatening medical emergencies occur, nor is it a 24-hour service.

MPACT Community Advocates help resolve mental and behavioral health calls by connecting individuals and families to community social services in cases where law enforcement intervention is not required.

The MPACT advocates have become a major asset to the MPD and the community.

SERVICE CALLS	Total calls for service	262	2024	2023
	Total # of call contacts	601		
	Under age 18	222 /601 = 37%		
	Homeless	79 /262 = 30%		
	Mental Health	51 /262 = 19%		
	Domestic Violence	47 /262 = 18%		
	Juvenile Issues	43 /262 = 16%		
	Family Conflict	26 /262 = 10%		
	Substance	10 /262 = 3%		
	Other/welfare check	7 /262 = 3%		
FOLLOW-UPS	Calls for Service	262		362
	Contacts from Calls	601		801
	Follow-ups	1,104		506
	Contacts from Follow-ups	2,083		941
	Total follow-ups	1,104		
	Total # of follow-up contacts	2,083		
	Mental Health	376 /1,104 = 34%		
	Homeless	355 /1,104 = 32%		
Law enforcement officer returned to the field after initial call for service		255 /262 = 97%		
Client accepted recommendations of advocate		245 /262 = 93%		



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*I didn't want to go to a mental health hospital, but I'm so glad [MPACT] talked me into committing. You are the angel that was sent to me to wake the hell up. My suicidal threats were nothing more than a cry for help and I'm thankful it was you who came. I should have done this a long time ago. Today I feel amazing. They have me on a whole new regimen of meds I haven't felt this good in my own head for probably 15 years to be honest.*

*So far so good and I take one day at a time.*

-Marshalltown, Iowa resident

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# OPERATIONS

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 services 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 build the public's trust.

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



# OPERATIONS

## 2024 MARSHALLTOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 Hang Up	160	Found Property	128
Accident Hit & Run	203	Fraud	201
Alarm Call	456	Harassment	212
Animal Complaint	1046	Identity Theft	42
Assault	182	Information Report	39
Assist Other Agency	183	IVH Check	1127
Bar Check	503	Juvenile Delinquency	211
Bicycle	44	Mental Illness	136
Building Check	3183	Missing Person	140
Burglary	233	Noise Complaint	79
Civil Problem	243	Nuisance Violation	3
Death Investigation	28	Officer Initiated	456
Disorderly Conduct	8	Parking Complaint	775
Disturbance	629	Public Contact	1920
Disturbance Loud Music	237	Robbery	3
Drone	30	School Check	197
Drug Related	110	School Traffic	614
Followup	2165	Search Warrant	40
Forgery	2	Sex Crimes	63
Sex Offender Registry Violation	72	Traffic OWI	87
Stalking	8	Traffic Stop	3827
Standby	173	Transport Prisoner	2
Suspicious Activity	747	Trespass	430
Theft	699	Vandalism	183
Threat	140	Violation Court Order	124
Tow Call	21	Wanted Person	795
Traffic Incident	612	Weapons	145
Traffic Disabled Vehicle	333	Welfare Check	851

# OPERATIONS

## 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 2024, the Marshall County Crime Stoppers solicited 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 \$1675 for 2024.

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/)



## 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.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Use of Force Incidents	102	113	262	255	235
TASER Deploy	4	9	19	17	10
Assault on Officer	11	11	19	21	25

# OPERATIONS

## AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

On May 23, 2023, the City of Marshalltown began an Automated Traffic Enforcement program to reduce excessive speeding at (2) fixed Marshalltown locations. One fixed location is on Lincoln Way near the intersection of Orchard Lane. The second location is on Governor Road near Benjamin Drive. Owners of vehicles traveling more than 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

Beginning October 1, 2024, the Iowa Department of Transportation provided guidelines that prohibit the future use of our Governor Road camera system. The Department of Transportation's decision is currently under review.



	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sept 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	2024 Total
<b>Governor Road</b>	133	115	330	344	116	249	169	302	NA	NA	NA	1758
<b>Lincoln Way</b>	336	402	448	432	216	317	289	352	373	466	465	4096

## SECOND-HAND SALES AND LEADS ONLINE

In 2023, the Marshalltown Police Department collaborated with local business owners and Leads Online continued to collaborate to help reduce the amount of stolen property being sold within our community. The Second-Hand Sales program allows businesses 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.

Marshalltown currently has 6 licensed Second-Hand Sales dealers.

**Leads**

# 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 7 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.



# OPERATIONS

## RESERVE OFFICERS

The Marshalltown Police Reserve Unit originated in 1970 from a police auxiliary program, which consisted of a small group of citizen volunteers who helped our department with a variety of different tasks. In 1980, the State of Iowa began to allow departments to change their police auxiliary volunteers to a more formal unit called

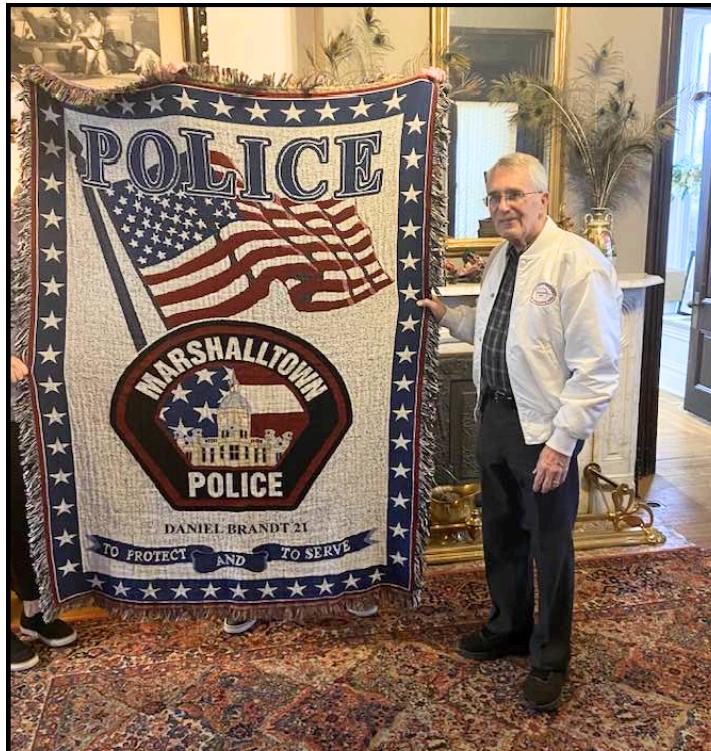
Police Reserves. In the early stages of this transfer, the State of Iowa began implementing a mandatory 30-hour training requirement for agencies to declare reserve volunteers as police personnel. At that time, police departments throughout the State of Iowa were responsible for establishing their own hiring standards as they began to fill their respective police reserve units.

In 2004, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy began to require agencies to hire reserve officers under the same hiring standard required of sworn personnel. Following that change, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy began a statewide standardized training curriculum for police reserves that, in many ways, mirrors the basic training each sworn officer within the State of Iowa must complete before becoming a certified peace officer. This training consists of 80 hours of voluntary training on 32 separate law enforcement-related topics and 46 hours of additional firearms training. On top of the rigorous commitment, reserve officers must devote more than 12 hours of their time for in-service training and assist with agency assignments at least 8 hours per month. All for \$1.00 per year.

The Marshalltown Police Department currently has two certified Reserve Officers:

**Reserve Police Officer Cale Puls**

**Reserve Police Officer Daniel Faas**



In 2024, long-time MPD reserve officer and volunteer Dan Brandt left the MPD and later passed away in January of 2025. Dan devoted over 50 years of his life to reserve policing in the State of Iowa. He worked for decades to help build up the Iowa State Reserve Law Officers Association (ISRLOA) and further develop the overall professionalism of Reserve Policing within our state. For those of us who have had the opportunity to work with Dan throughout the years, he will be greatly missed!

# OPERATIONS

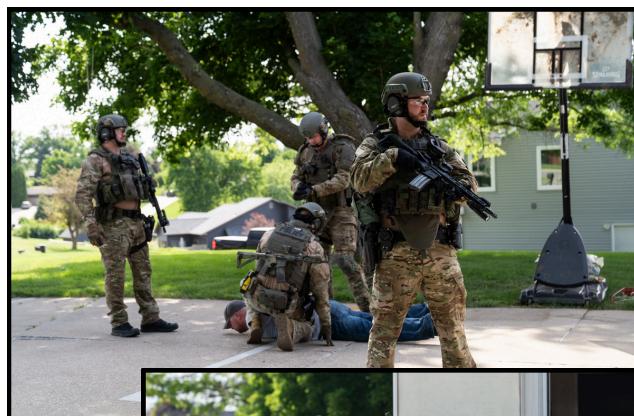
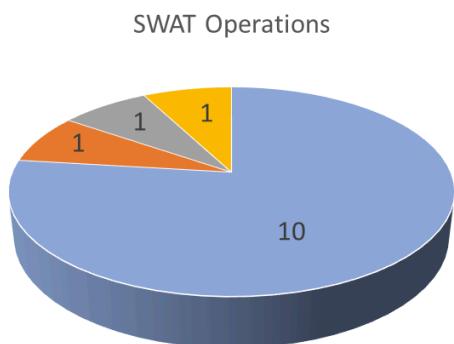
## **SWAT-SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS**

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 12 officers with specialized training and experience. Several officers on the team are Certified Instructors in a variety of law enforcement topics, including Firearms, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), Defensive Tactics, Less Lethal Munitions, 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 2024, the SWAT team was requested to assist with 13 operations. These operations included high-risk search warrant service, arrest warrant service, surveillance and emergency rescue response. The SWAT team strives to bring these incidents peacefully under control to protect the citizens of Marshalltown.

In 2024, work done by the SWAT team assisted in suspects being charged with crimes including Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Accessory After the Fact, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Failure to Affix Drug Tax Stamp, Possession of a Firearm as a Felon, Theft 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Burglary 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Prohibited Acts and Child Endangerment. The SWAT team also served arrest warrants for probation violation and pretrial release violation.



# OPERATIONS

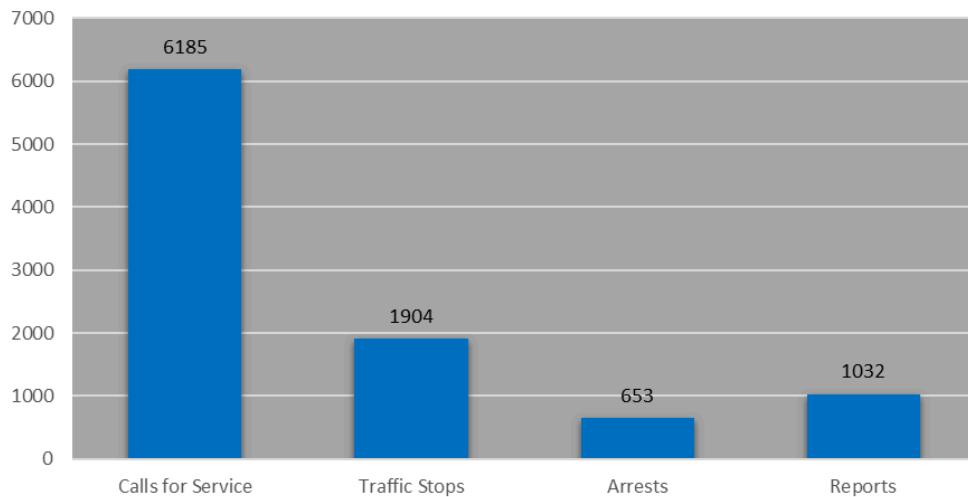
## NIGHT SHIFT

In 2024, the Marshalltown Police Department Night Shift was comprised of 1 Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, and 10 patrol officers, who were split into two patrol teams.

The officers assigned to night shift focus primarily on proactive enforcement activity. While the call volume on nights can be slower, the calls tend to be more high-stress and chaotic. In addition to routine patrol work, several of the officers have additional responsibilities to include SWAT, Hostage Negotiations, Child Safety Seat Technician, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Firearms Instructor, Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events Instructor (CRASE), Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Instructor (ALERRT), Field Training Officer, Drone Operator, Bike Patrol, Alcohol/Tobacco Compliance, and K-9 unit.

In 2024, Night Shift patrol responded to 6,185 calls for service resulting in 1,032 reports being taken and 653 arrests being made. Additionally, Night Shift patrol made 1,904 traffic stops resulting in 788 citations and 1039 written warnings being issued.

### NIGHT SHIFT ACTIVITY



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## DAY SHIFT

Day shift works 07:00-19:00 hours and consists of two shifts which each cover half the year over the course of 2024. There typically one sergeant and five officers assigned to each shift with a lieutenant and roving sergeant overseeing and working between both shifts. Over the

course of 2024, Days handled 10,177 calls for service, many in difficult and stressful circumstances; took 1,630 reports; conducted 1,779 traffic stops and wrote 1,031 traffic citations; and made 861 arrests. The kinds of calls typical, but not limited to, on day shift include burglaries, retail thefts, domestic disturbances, criminal mischief, alarm responses, medical emergencies, mental health calls, motor vehicle accidents and other quality of life issues. Due to the nature of our profession, some days can be slow and even boring, while others are fast paced and chaotic. Day shift started the year off with a plethora of accidents, responding to 153 traffic accidents in January alone. The following are examples of calls the Day shift handled in 2024:

In March of 2024, Officers on both day shifts were called to Electromotive (603 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave) for the report of multiple overnight thefts. Through our investigation we were able to connect the thefts to the same group of individuals. Several search warrants were executed in Marshalltown and Marshall County which led to an arrest in the case and multiple vehicles and equipment recovered.

In May 2024, the department started receiving reports of fraudulent use of credit cards. A common purchase (gas at Git N Go on Lincoln Way) among the victims began to emerge.

The subsequent investigation produced three suspects. Multiple search warrants were executed and a credit card skimming device was recovered during one of the search warrants. This led to the arrest of two suspects with the third still awaiting his arrest on outstanding warrants in the case.

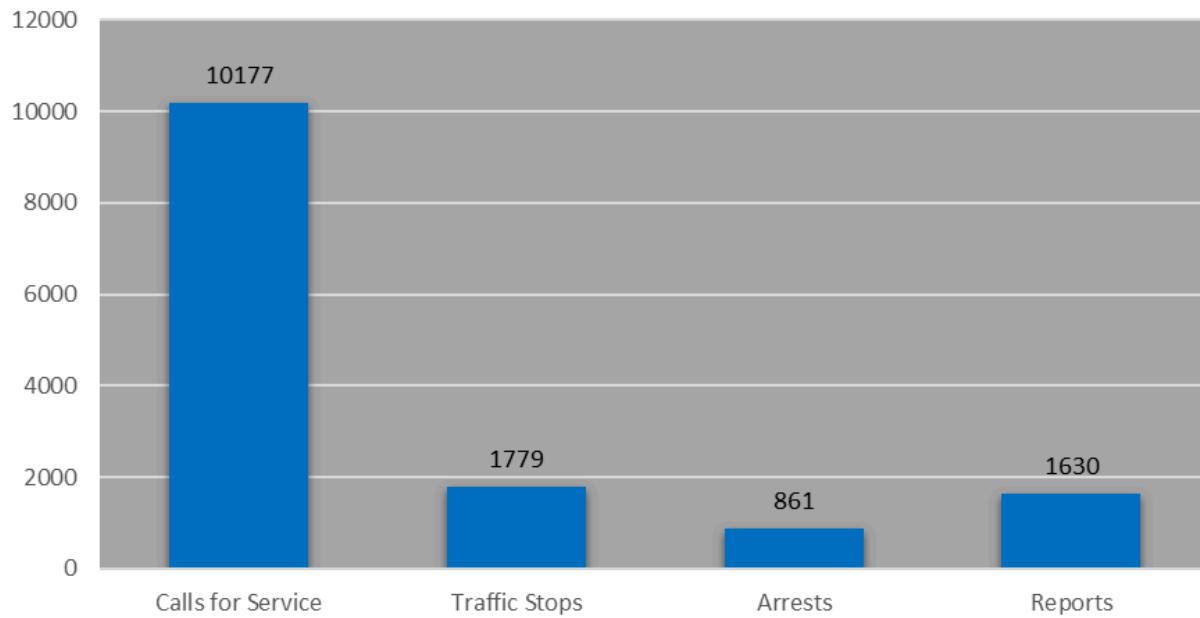
On August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a burglary was reported to the Marshalltown Police that took place during the day time. Physical evidence left at the scene produced a suspect and a search warrant for stolen property was executed at the suspect's residence. During the execution of the search warrant, a large amount of stolen property totaling \$50,147 from another burglary case in town was recovered (Mechdyne burglary from the mall). Additional search warrants were executed in connection with this case to include a residence in Palo Alto County. Three people were arrested and charged as a result of this case.

The primary duty of MPD officers is to answer calls, however, many officers also have additional duties and responsibilities. Our largest commitment is to the training of new officers. This training necessitates multiple field training officers to facilitate the daily training. Day shift had one FTO assigned during 2024, Officer Andrew Weispfenning. Other assigned duties spread throughout Day shift include: K9 handler, Drone Operator, Crisis Negotiator, SWAT Operator, Driving Instructor, Bike Instructor, Chemical Munitions Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Firearms Instructor, SFST Instructor, and Less Lethal Munitions Instructor.

# OPERATIONS

## DAY SHIFT

### DAY SHIFT ACTIVITY



### FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

Our field training program consists of four field training officers and a field training officer supervisor. New officers complete 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.

Our Field Training Officers were very busy in 2024, training five total recruits. MPD hired three new officers at the end of 2023. They graduated the ILEA Academy and completed their Field Training in April of 2024. Additionally, two more officers were hired in 2024, one graduating ILEA in April and completing Field Training in September and the other graduating ILEA in August and was nearing completion of Field Training in December. With the promotion of FTO Shelangoski to Sergeant in January of 2024, the department trained with three FTOs for the remainder of the year. The department will be adding a fourth FTO and hosting an FTO certification course in January of 2025.



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## K-9 OFFICERS

### MPD K9 TEAMS

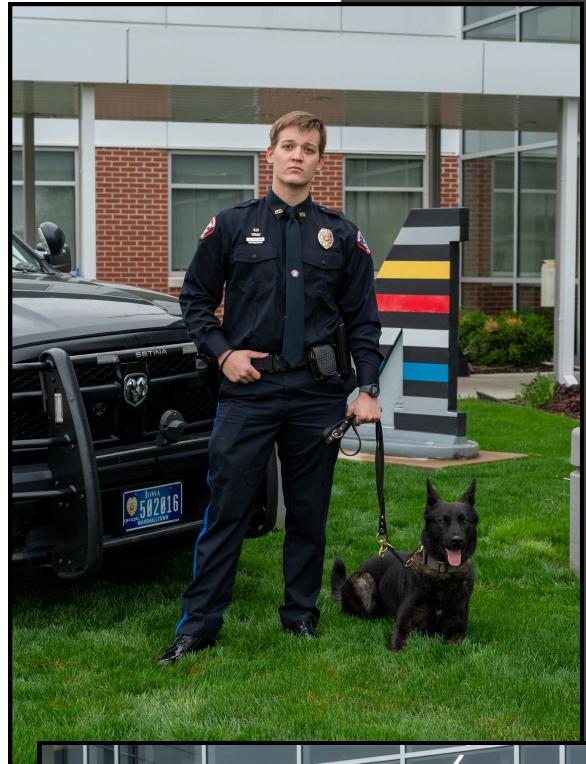
The Marshalltown Police Department Canine Unit currently has two dual-purpose canine team. K9 Atlas and K9 Timber are both German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois cross. K9 Atlas is handled by Officer Nick Svoboda. K9 Timber is handled by Officer Ross Wolken.

### PATROL WORK

Police canine teams play a vital role in the detection and prevention of crime. MPD K9 teams 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. MPD Canine teams are trained to detect Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Heroin. They are also trained to detect the derivatives of these drugs. The primary drug located by MPD K9 teams is Methamphetamine. In 2024, MPD K9 teams helped recover over 528 grams of Methamphetamine. MPD K9 teams were deployed during 32 separate incidents during 2024.

### 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 receiving training from outside sources.



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