

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Marshalltown Police Department
Chief Michael Tupper



CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Dear Citizens of Marshalltown,

We are pleased to present the 2023 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.

2023 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. There are three primary challenges facing law enforcement agencies all over the United States. These challenges have remained consistent for the past several years. These challenges are also all related to one another.

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

In 2024, we are addressing a fourth important challenge, officer wellness. Serving as a law enforcement officer, or civilian police employee, is a challenging and stressful endeavor. Our police employees are fatigued. Our police employees are often overworked. Police employees are exposed to a great deal of trauma. Some of these traumas are significant. There can also be a thousand mini traumas that accumulate over time and cause a myriad of health and social problems. Police officers have higher than normal rates of post-traumatic stress disorder as compared to the general public. Police officers have a significantly lower life expectancy than the general public. Divorce rates are high in law enforcement. Suicide rates are high as well. We need to do a better job of helping officers improve and maintain their overall wellness. We will be focusing on physical, mental, and emotional wellness strategies in 2024.

Budget challenges are real and will remain issues of concern for years to come. Local government has been doing more with less for years now. We are at a point of no return where less means we have to reduce or change the services we provide. Continuous changes made by the Iowa legislature as it relates to how property taxes are collected and utilized by cities are going to dramatically impact how cities provide services and how cities budget for these services. These state-level changes have been ongoing for several years now and have resulted in several challenges for local governments as they try to maintain quality services with shrinking revenues. 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. This trend continued in 2023.

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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 problem is not subsiding.

We have a very large body camera and vehicle camera replacement project in the department's near future. This equipment is no longer optional. The city will need to make ongoing, and costly, investments in this equipment annually. The community demands our officers utilize camera technology and our police officers will not work without it. Cameras allow law enforcement to be transparent and accountable. Body-worn cameras legitimize our work. Cameras assist with evidence gathering and help us solve crimes. Cameras also protect our hardworking team members from false allegations of misconduct.

The recruitment and retention of law enforcement professionals is a national crisis and has been so for five years. Hiring quality individuals to serve in the important role of a 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. It seems that every police department in the country is hiring and the applicant pool is shallow. Iowa and Marshalltown have not been immune from these challenges.

The workforce has changed dramatically since 2020. Young people entering the workforce value time off and have legitimate work-life balance concerns. Working nights, holidays, and weekends is a tough sell for many people. We are working hard to recruit locally and to look for non-traditional applicants who have tried other careers and want something that allows them to serve their community. Our police department has become more representative of the demographics in our community but we still have work to do in this regard. We also need to find a way to attract more female applicants.

We are understaffed in the Marshalltown Police Department. We have a budgeted strength of forty-two police officers but have worked for fifty police officers. This problem has existed for over 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 do all of this within budget. The use of Flock Public Safety camera technology will also serve as a force multiplier for our department. This technology will enhance our ability to solve crime quickly and effectively.

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The Marshalltown Police Department enjoys a positive working relationship with the public. These relationships are always fragile. We must protect and nurture community relationships. Building trust and operating transparently are daily responsibilities. We are always looking for ways to enhance our community outreach efforts. Programs like Cops on the Court, citizens police academy, citizen ride-a-longs, Coffee with a Cop, and many others allow us to interact with the public in non-enforcement settings. These programs build trust. They humanize the person behind the badge. These programs also allow us to receive input from the public which we use to improve our services.

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 differently by embedding these services into police operations and culture. MPACT 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 fiscal year 2025. It will be important that we find funding to ensure this resource is available as a permanent service provided in our community. MPACT is an innovative partnership that we are leveraging to build trust and legitimacy in the community. MPACT is making a difference and our community is safer because of this program.

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 continue 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. We are increasing our efforts to combat drugs in our community by assigning a detective sergeant to work directly inside the drug task force. We have also been providing additional drug interdiction training for our patrol officers so they can be more involved in combatting the illegal drug trade.

The problems of addiction will require a multi-disciplinary response. Law enforcement alone cannot effectively address problems associated with addiction. 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.

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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.

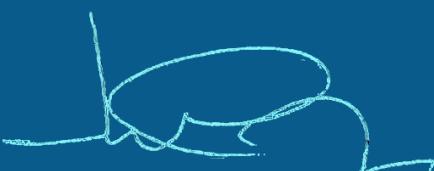
Marshalltown continues to be a safe place in which to live, work, and raise a family. We continue to emphasize community policing initiatives and partnerships to combat crime. The problems we routinely face require strong partnerships between the police department, community members and community organizations. 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.

The future of our police department is bright. We have the best leadership group serving the department in the history of our organization. We also have brought on a group of very talented young police professionals who are fully engaged with our mission and our policing values. I am very proud of the Marshalltown Police Department and the great group of employees serving our community. For nearly thirteen years now, I have asked our staff members to serve the community with Passion & Compassion. They have been up to the task. We will continue to work with our community to solve problems and provide public safety services, which make Marshalltown proud.

We love this community and we are honored to serve.

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 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

Officer Powell

Officer Siegert

Officer Mauseth

Officer Danielson

Officer Allen

Officer Shelangoski

Officer Svoboda

Officer Krimmer

Officer Wolken

Officer Speirs

Officer Weispfenning

Officer Juel

Officer Ortiz

Officer Rush

Officer Lashbrook

Officer Molitor

Officer Markle

Officer Solorio

Officer Birdwell

Officer Sittig

Officer Morrison

Officer Smith

Officer Henson

Officer Mora

Reserve Unit

Officer Puls Officer Zamora

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.

YEARS OF SERVICE

Sergeant Todd Tuttle	20 years of service
Records Clerk Sarah Lewis	10 years of service
Detective Stephen Sheets	10 years of service

2023 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Sergeant Wyatt Shelangoski



NEW EMPLOYEES

Jose Solorio, Officer
Isaiah Birdwell, Officer
Zachary Sittig, Officer
Sean Henson, Officer
Brian Morrison, Officer
Avygail Smith, Officer
Moises Mora, Officer

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

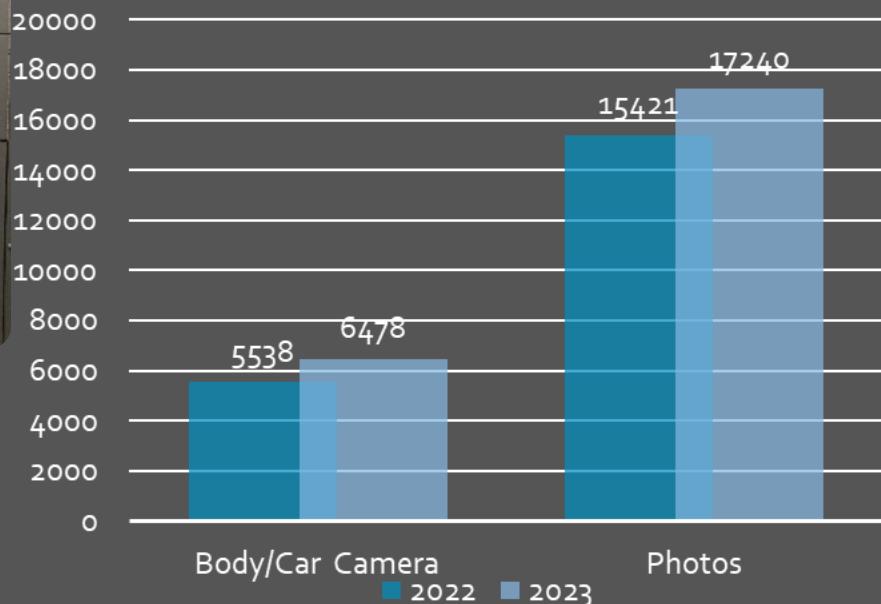
The crime scene technician assists the Detective Division with methodical processing of crime scenes, small and large. Processing includes scene documentation, evidence processing and evidence collection. The CST works with the state DCI crime lab submitting evidence when needed for further analysis. 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.

EVIDENCE	2021	2022	2023
Physical	8358	7447	10,193
Drugs	278	343	325
Firearms	25	44	56
Money	16	3	5
Vehicles	33	15	22

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.



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.



In the academic year of 2023, School Resource Officer (SRO) Wolf continued to exemplify dedication to fostering positive relationships within the school community. Officer Wolf's focus on creating, building, and maintaining positive rapport with students and staff has been a cornerstone of his approach to ensuring a safe and supportive educational environment.

Officer Wolf's interpersonal skills and commitment to the well-being of the school community have resulted in the establishment of a positive rapport with both students and staff members. Through regular engagement and open communication, Officer Wolf has become a trusted figure within the school, enhancing the overall sense of security and camaraderie.

A notable highlight of Officer Wolf's initiatives in 2023 is the introduction of "Project Silver Cord." This program, launched with the aim of connecting students with volunteer opportunities in the community, has proven to be a resounding success. Recognizing the importance of community engagement in fostering personal growth and a sense of civic responsibility, Officer Wolf has seamlessly integrated this program into the school's culture.



SUPPORT SERVICES

TRAINING REPORT

The Marshalltown Police Department emphasizes training and education. This year, there were 623 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. MPPD 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 2023:

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



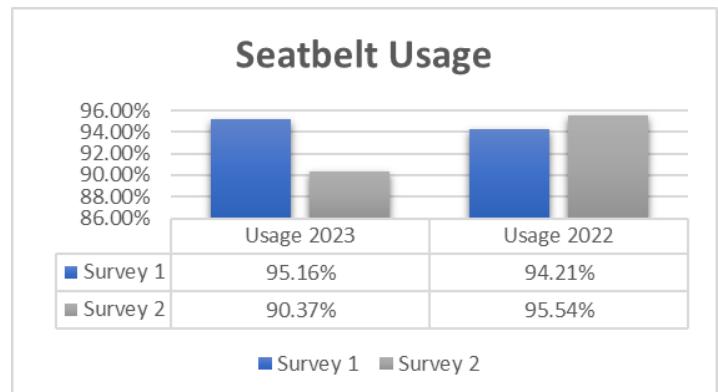
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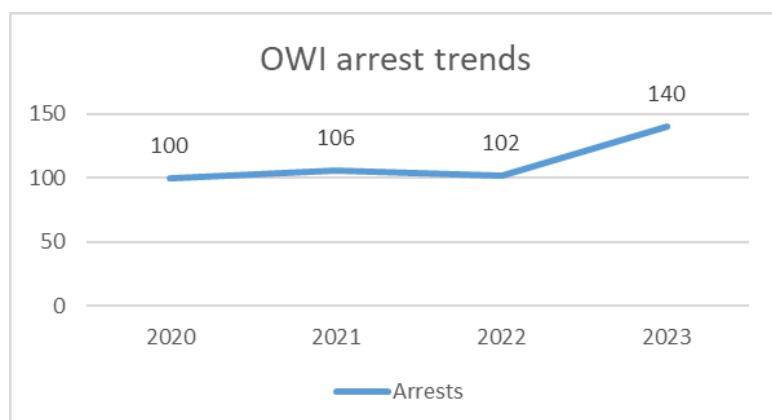
GTSB

The Marshalltown Police Department had a busy year during the 2023 grant contract with the Iowa Governors Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB). Speed is, and remains, the number one complaint our department hears about from the community. We hear you, and we are doing our best to address your concerns. The GTSB provides funding to specifically enforce speeding. The goal of this funding is to slow people down to save lives. In 2023 the Police Department issued 715 citations for speeding. Speed is one of the leading causes of injury and fatality crashes on Iowa roads. In 2023, 377 Iowans died in a motor vehicle crash. These deaths are largely attributable to speed and lack of seatbelt usage. In 2023 Marshall County had six fatality accidents, two of which occurred in Marshalltown. Of those two, one was likely preventable had the driver been wearing their seatbelt. The Police Department also responded to 368 crashes. Nine of these crashes resulted in ten serious injuries

Throughout the year the GTSB contract allows for two seatbelt studies to be done. One takes place in the spring/summer, and the second in the fall. These surveys are done covertly, and study the seatbelt usage of the first 100 cars the recorder comes in contact with. The recorder reports the seatbelt usage of occupants of the front seats (driver and front passenger). The results of the studies were as follows: Although Seatbelt usage is high, the Marshalltown Police Department strives for a 100% usage rate. Seatbelts save lives, plain and simple.



The GTSB funding also provides funds for OWI enforcement. With these funds, the department provides extra enforcement near holidays and during large events where alcohol is consumed. Over the Labor Day holiday weekend, the Marshalltown Police Department partnered up with Deputies from the Marshall County Sheriff's Office for an alcohol enforcement project. During the project Officers/Deputies made four arrests for OWI. Over the entirety of the weekend, Officers/Deputies made nine total arrests for operating while intoxicated.



The Marshalltown Police Department patrol division, along with officers using impaired driving GTSB grant funding made 140 OWI arrests in 2023. That is 137% more than in 2022; an alarming trend. This number is significantly higher than those from 2021 and 2020. The Police Department also responded to a large number of hit-and-run accidents, which were likely alcohol-related. Many of these incidents are never resolved. Drinking and driving never mix. Members of the Police Department also participated in a speed project on HWY 330 with the Marshall County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Patrol Air wing. During this project officers routinely stopped and cited drivers at 90+ MPH speeds.

SUPPORT SERVICES

IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

We had many officers graduate basic training. In 2023, Officer Markle graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with the 308th Basic Level I Training Class. Officer Solorio graduated from the Iowa Regional Law Enforcement Academy with the 90th Basic Level II Academy Class. Officer Birdwell graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with the 310th Basic Level I Training Class. Officers Henson, Morrison and Smith graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with the 312th 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.



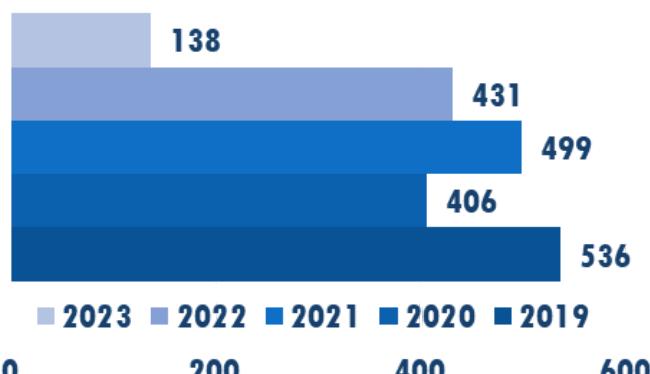
SUPPORT SERVICES

PUBLIC RECORDS

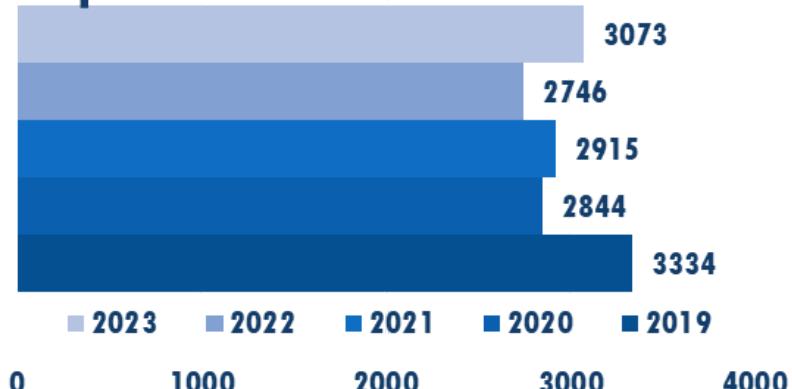
The records department is the custodial entity for all criminal records and other documentation of the department. The staff in the records section is tasked with data entry and maintaining all police reports, arrest records, and other statistical data. The records staff is the first point of contact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

REPORTS PROCESSED	3073
ARREST OFFENSES	2351
UCRA ARRESTS	1097
UCRB ARRESTS	583
CRIMINAL MUG & PRINTS	1004
TRAFFIC CRASHES W/ REPORT	138
TRAFFIC CRASHES W/ NO REPORT	641
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	2482
RECORD CHECKS	175
EMPLOYMENT FINGERPRINTS	133
BICYCLE LICENSES	20

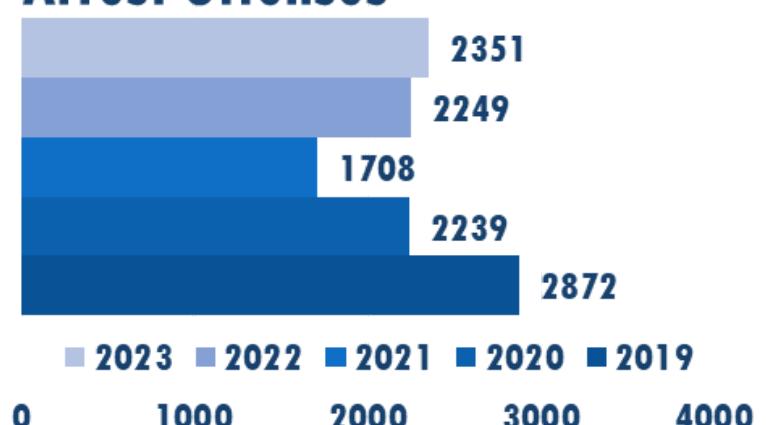
Traffic Crashes



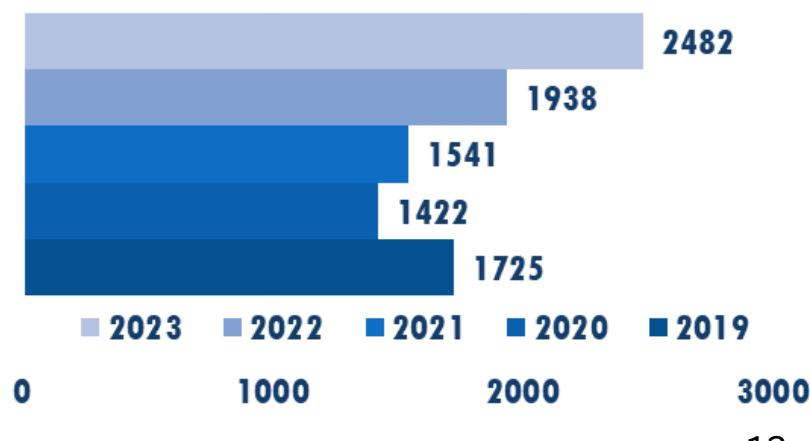
Reports Processed



Arrest Offenses



Traffic Citations



SUPPORT SERVICES

CAPTAIN KIEL STEVENSON

INVESTIGATIONS

The Marshalltown Police Department's Detective Division had a busy 2023. Notably, Detectives worked on 3 homicide investigations and 4 attempted murder cases. These cases take a lot of work and dedication and all were completed successfully. The division collectively worked 175 cases, while being short 1 detective for half the year.

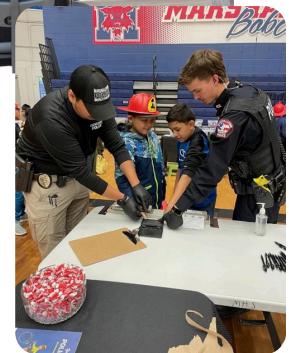
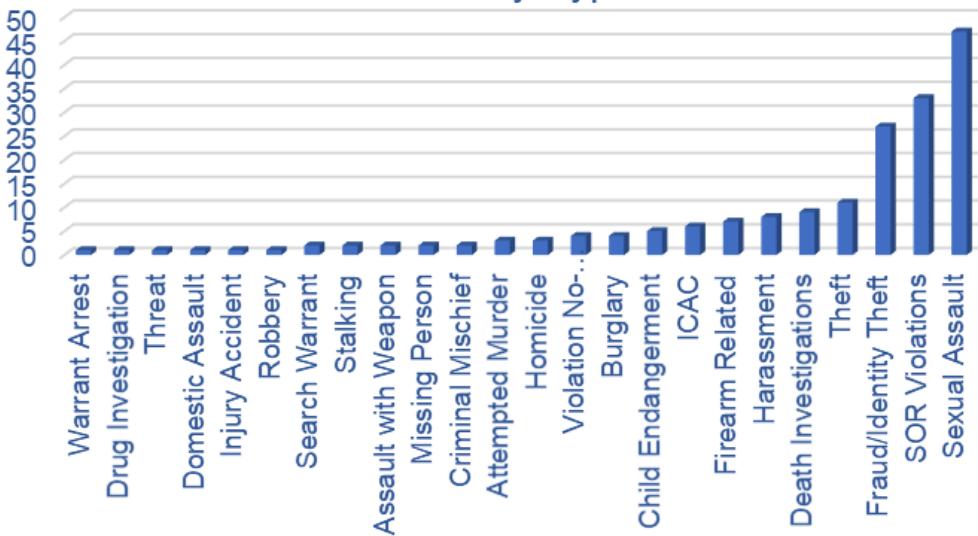
In 2023 the Detective Division added two new detectives, Detective Garcia and Detective Tuttle. Both detectives are fairly new to the Police Department but have been great additions to the division.

The Detective Division has a Violence Against Women Detective who is responsible for reviewing all domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and violation no contact order cases. In 2023 there were 114 domestic violence cases, 75 sexual assault cases, 2 stalking, and 72 violation no-contact order cases that the Police Department handled and this specialized detective reviewed.

Detective Lageschulte was tasked with taking over the Police Department's Negotiation Team in July. From July through December, the team responded to three events. Detective Garcia is our Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Officer. He worked on five ICAC cases in 2023.

Throughout 2023 the Detective Division was tasked with many community outreach presentations and events as well as radio spots. The division did over 2 dozen of these community outreach events speaking to different businesses, private organizations, and others. This is something that all of the detectives enjoy doing.

Cases by Type



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 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

2023 MARSHALLTOWN CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 Hang Up	133	Fraud	197	Sex Offender Registry Violation	0
Accident Hit & Run	176	Harassment	231	Stalking	9
Alarm Call	411	Identity Theft	48	Standby	157
Animal Complaint	885	Information Report	40	Suspicious Activity	778
Assault	225	IVH Check	1052	Theft	695
Assist Other Agency	178	Juvenile Delinquency	255	Threat	145
Bar Check	298	Mental Illness	150	Tow Call	1
Bicycle	47	Missing Person	172	Traffic Incident	552
Building Check	4067	Noise Complaint	101	Traffic Disabled Vehicle	262
Burglary	222	Nuisance Violation	1	Traffic OWI	93
Civil Problem	191	Officer Initiated	614	Traffic Stop	4181
Death Investigation	36	Parking Complaint	757	Transport Prisoner	31
Disorderly Conduct	14	Public Contact	1687	Trespass	458
Disturbance	555	Robbery	4	Vandalism	236
Disturbance Loud Music	233	School Check	157	Violation Court Order	119
Drug Related	127	School Traffic	468	Wanted Person	640
Followup	2377	Search Warrant	42	Weapons	146
Forgery	1	Sex Crimes	73	Welfare Check	755
Found Property	80				

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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Use of Force Incidents	97	102	113	262	255
TASER Deploy	20	4	9	19	17
Assault on Officer	4	11	11	19	21

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 2023, the Marshall County Crime Stoppers solicited over 442 tips, regarding potential criminal activity ranging from Homicide, Robbery, Theft, Warranted Persons, Drug Information and incidents of Child Welfare. Of these tips, 6 of them resulted in awards totaling \$700 for 2023.

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/

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.



	June 2023	July 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2024	Dec 2023	2023 total
Governor Road	140	442	456	369	341	329	244	2321
Lincoln Way	0	1182	1020	603	604	725	571	4705

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.



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 2023 with two 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.



OPERATIONS

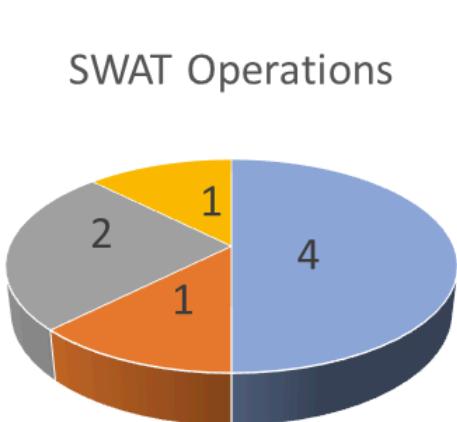
SWAT- SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS

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.

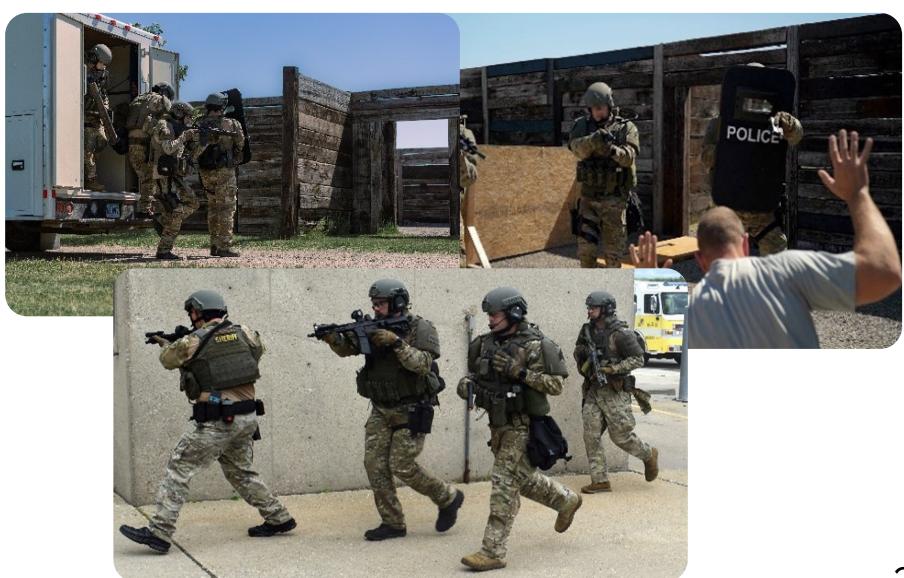
The SWAT team currently has 13 officers with specialized training and experience. Several officers on the team are certified instructors in a variety of law enforcement topics including Firearms, Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT), Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), 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 2023, the SWAT team was requested to assist with 8 operations. These operations included high-risk search warrant service, arrest warrant service, barricaded subject resolution, and surveillance. The SWAT team strives to bring these incidents peacefully under control to protect the citizens of Marshalltown.

In 2023, suspects taken into custody by the SWAT team were charged with crimes including Attempted Murder, Armed Robbery, Going Armed with Intent, Possession of a Firearm as a Felon, Reckless Use of a Firearm, Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Minor, Theft 1st Degree, Criminal Mischief 4th Degree, Burglary 3rd Degree, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, and Violation of a No Contact Order.



- High Risk Search Warrant
- Arrest Warrant
- Barricaded Subject
- Surveillance



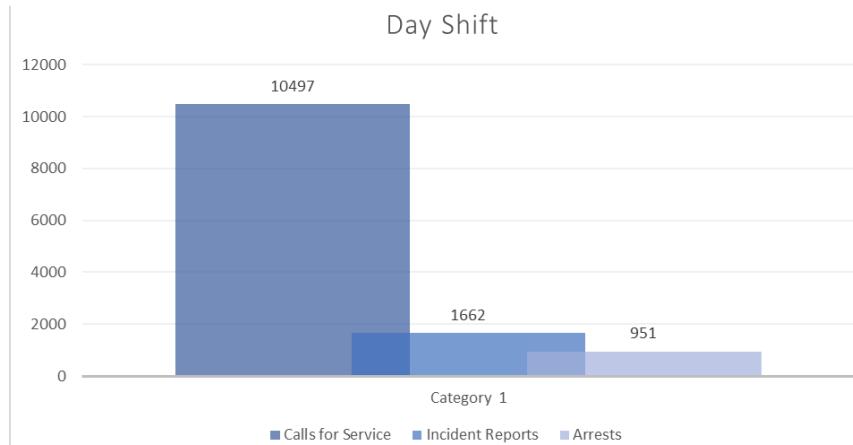
OPERATIONS

DAY SHIFT- LT CHAD HILLERS

In 2023, the Marshalltown Police Department Day Shift was split into two patrol teams comprised of 1 Sergeant and 5 Officers. There was 1 Lieutenant assigned to the day shift who oversaw both patrol teams.

The officers assigned to the day shift are busy and handle a high volume of calls. In addition to routine patrol work, several of the officers have additional responsibilities including SWAT, Hostage Negotiations, Child Safety Seat Technician, IT specialist, 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, Tobacco Compliance, and K-9 unit.

In 2023, day shift patrol responded to 10,497 calls for service resulting in 1,662 reports being taken and 951 arrests being made. Additionally, day shift patrol made 1,275 traffic stops resulting in 927 citations and 445 written warnings being issued.



OPERATIONS

NIGHT SHIFT- LT AJ ACCOLA

Night shift works 19:00-07:00 and consists of two shifts which each cover half the year over the course of 2023. While the roster constantly changed due to manpower and training needs, typically one sergeant and five officers were assigned to each shift with a lieutenant overseeing both shifts. Over the course of 2023, Nights handled 5,899 calls for service, many in difficult and stressful circumstances; took 1,181 reports; conducted 2,575 traffic stops and wrote 1,504 traffic citations; and made 783 arrests. The kinds of calls are typical, but not limited to, on night shift, include burglaries, bar fights, domestic disturbances, drinking and drugged drivers, criminal mischief, alarm responses, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, and weapons calls. Due to the nature of our profession, some nights can be slow and even boring, while others are fast-paced and chaotic. The following are examples of calls the night shift handled in 2023:

In July officers took a report of a missing child who may be the victim of a sexual assault. Officers who arrived to talk to the calling party were greeted by many concerned family and friends of the missing juvenile. Many statements were taken, and information was gathered. Officers on scene had to sift through the information given to come up with a plan of action. Eventually, the detectives were called in, several more interviews were conducted and a warrant was obtained for a local motel. The missing juvenile was located and the information gathered by the shift and the detective division led to the arrest of the suspect.

In August officers were called to a drive-by shooting on the north side of town. Dispatch advised there was at least one person who had been hit by the gunfire. Officers arrived on scene and immediately gave aid to the victim. At the same time, officers started getting statements from bystanders on the scene and took immediate measures to document and preserve the crime scene. While some people at the scene were unable or unwilling to give us much information on the shooting, officers were able to find, document, and seize evidence at the scene. The detective division was then called and took over the investigation. While the shift had no more involvement in the case, the work done on scene was the basis for an investigation that lasted more than three months and led to the arrest of the shooter.

Also, in the month of August 2023, officers responded to the Plaza Mexico (903 W Lincoln Way) for a male subject making threats with a firearm. Officers on scene interviewed witnesses and victims. The detective division also assisted with this. As a result, felony warrants were issued for the suspect's arrest. In early September officers' night shift was able to locate the suspect in an apartment complex. When officers attempted contact, the suspect fled into a common attic space and fell through the ceiling into an adjacent apartment. The Marshalltown SWAT team and K9 Unit were called in and executed a search warrant. The suspect was taken into custody.

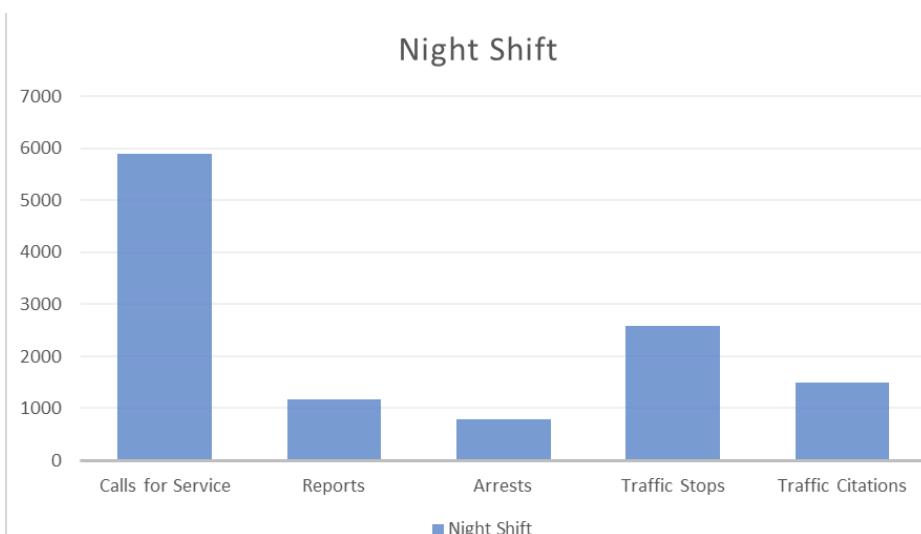
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In October 2023 officers responded to a domestic assault. Officers interviewed witnesses and victims and found that the suspect had been threatening the victims with a firearm on multiple occasions including pointing the firearm at the victims. The defendant was found to be illegally in possession of a handgun, which was recovered on scene. The defendant was arrested on multiple felony counts including Domestic Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Child Endangerment with Injury, Violation of a No-Contact Order, and Possession of Narcotics.

While our officers' main duty is to respond to calls, 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. The night shift had four FTOs: Lt. Accola, Sgt Roush, Officer Shelangoski, and Officer Ortiz. In addition to field training, night shift officers attended other trainings including Technical Accident Investigator, Firearms Instructor, Less Lethal and Chemical Munitions Instructor, SWAT Team Leader School, and Basic Crisis Negotiator.

Officer Ortiz and Sergeant Roush were also given additional responsibilities. They finished the 2022-23 school year as extra duty school resource officers at Miller Middle School. They spent on average four hours each week on campus interacting with school staff, students, and parents. Officer Ortiz and Sgt Roush's emphasis was on school safety and positive relationships. Over the summer break, both were able to attend a School Resource Officer Conference where they learned more about issues specific to the classroom.



OPERATIONS

K-9 OFFICERS

MPD K9 TEAMS

The Marshalltown Police Department Canine Unit currently has two dual-purpose canine teams. 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 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 a 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.

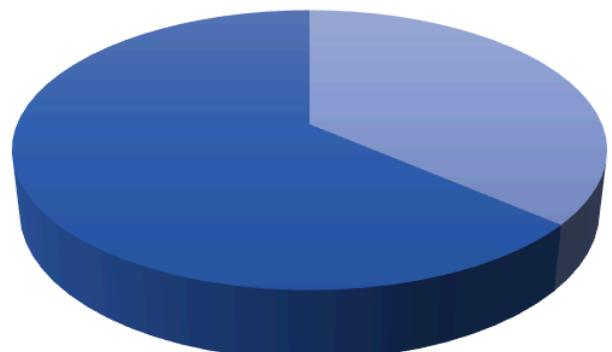


Officer Wolken & K9 Timber



Officer Svoboda & K9 Atlas

2023 K9 Deployments



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K9 Timber

K9 Timber joined the MPD in 2023. In 2023 K9 Timber and Officer Wolken attended a 10-week basic patrol dog course in Minnesota that included instruction on evidence search. This team also attended a 4-week narcotic detector course.

10-WEEK BASIC PATROL DOG COURSE:

The class includes instruction on evidence search, building search, tracking, obedience, agility, tactical deployments, muzzle work, passive gunfire, K-9 first aid, use of force, and report writing. Early class obedience work lays the foundation for all other forms for both dog and handler.

4-WEEK NARCOTIC DETECTOR COURSE:

The dogs are trained to the passive alert and are imprinted on Methamphetamine, cocaine, crack, tar heroin, brown powder heroin, ecstasy, and molly. K-9 first aid, report writing, and search warrant preparation are included.



Officer Svoboda and K9 Atlas attending a community event.

K9 Atlas was successfully certified in USPCA Narcotic detection in Black Hawk County in March of 2023 and USPCA Patrol Dog in Le Mars in August of 2023.

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