Our Mission
The mission of the Sioux Falls Police Department is partnering with the community to serve, protect, and promote quality of life.

Our Vision
The vision of the Sioux Falls Police Department is to be leaders in assuring quality of life, safety, and protection for every member of the Sioux Falls community. This vision embraces the philosophy of community-oriented policing in all aspects of planning and operations.

We Value ...
• Honesty, integrity, and commitment to quality service throughout the department workforce.
• Respect, fairness, and compassion toward each and every member of our community.
• Actions in partnership with the community that promote a sense of belonging, openness, continuity, and connection.
• The courage of every officer and staff member to act in the best interests of our community as a whole and to each of its members as individuals.
• The commitment of each officer and staff member to be actively engaged as contributing citizens in the community.
• Actions of the community at large to partner in promoting public safety, welfare, and growth of a diverse and vibrant community.
The mission of the Sioux Falls Police Department is partnering with the community to serve, protect, and promote quality of life. Our mission statement strikes at the core of who we are and what we value. In 2018, we operated with an authorized strength of 263 sworn police officers and nearly 315 total staff with the inclusion of the Parking Patrol team. Our partnership with the community is truly the key to maintaining a safe city. We continually look for new ways to engage citizens and encourage them to work with us to elevate public safety for everyone. To that end, in 2018, we created the Community Ambassador Program to further those efforts. These citizens receive department training and work with us in their neighborhoods to increase understanding and foster positive relationships. We fully understand that without the continued support of our community our public safety mission would be very difficult indeed.

2018 was yet another record-setting year at the department. Our end-of-year estimated city population of 187,200 resulted in a new high in calls for police service at 122,771. We continue to have a high number of narcotics cases investigated by the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force, which seized record amounts of controlled substances. The number of homicides returned to single digits in 2018. All eight homicides were investigated and solved. Sioux Falls’ continued population growth continues to present challenges and opportunities for the police department. Despite the growth in population and calls for service, our Property and Violent crime rates per 1,000 residents remained very stable.

The professional men and women of the SFPD are well trained, focused, and dedicated to providing a high level of customer service and public safety. Throughout 2018, we selected highly qualified people to join our sworn and civilian ranks. We work hard to ensure that our department is “the” desired destination in the region for those seeking a career in public service and public safety.

I am very thankful for the strong support of Mayor TenHaken and the members of the City Council for their continued vital support of public safety in this community. I am also thankful for the support of the citizens of Sioux Falls who strongly desire to keep our community a safe place to live, work, raise their families, and pursue their dreams. Looking ahead, we are confident in our community, mindful of our challenges, and optimistic about our path heading into 2019.

Sincerely,

Matt Burns
Chief of Police
Police Department Administration

CHIEF
Matt Burns

ASSISTANT CHIEF
Galen Smidt (retired)
Lt. Kyle Hoekstra (promoted to Asst. Chief)

CAPTAIN
Loren McManus

ADMIN LIEUTENANT
Toby Benson

ARMORER OFFICER
Brent Booth

TRAINING SERGEANT
Josh Disburg

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
Sam Clemens

TRAINING OFFICER
Tony Buss (transferred to Detectives)
Cody Schulz (from Patrol)
Nate Warren
Rene Velasquez (from Patrol)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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Tracy Halverson
Shirrel Moore
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April Prohl
Karen Roemen
Katie Purkapile
Ashley Shaffner
Shauna West (resigned)

WORD PROCESSOR
Jane Reuwsaat
Joan Wynthein
Renee Munce
Amanda Wells (resigned)

POLICE RECORDS SUPERVISOR
Jennifer Disburg

LEAD RECORDS CLERK
Laura Bjergaard

POLICE APPLICATION SPECIALIST
Renita Walters (retired)
Shaun Kayl
Police Department Administration

Training

We hired and trained eighteen new officers in 2018, and provided oversight of all the departments training. Throughout the year, our officers collectively attended thousands of hours of training that included new skills learned and recertification of specialized unit abilities. The department continues to focus on problem based learning protocols that give our officers the best opportunity to retain and put into practice the skills they learn.

Our Recruitment and Retention teams had another productive year. Officers went to numerous job fairs, spoke to law enforcement focused tech schools, college classes, and worked on taking their efforts to the next level. There was an increase in 2018 in the number of recruit officers hired that had a direct connection to a conversation with an officer at a recruitment event.

Honor Guard

Looking back at 2018, our Honor Guard team handled many events that have become a tradition for them. The annual National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Day ceremony in Pierre, the Relay for Life cancer awareness walk, Project Blue Light, the Parade of Lights, and the opening ceremony for the Winterfest of Wheels, an event that supports Cure Kids Cancer. The team also organized, or supported, several funerals of current and retired law enforcement officers.

Records

It was an extremely busy and fast-paced year for our Records Division. Their support of our department, and the Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office, meant that the workload was never ending. Records staff processed thousands of documents, background investigations on Vehicle for Hire drivers, personal and business alarms managed, and required reporting to State and Federal agencies. In addition, the transition to new software for the Records Management System provided challenge after challenge that staff met with professionalism and commitment to getting the job done right.
Uniformed Services

The officers and sergeants assigned to all three shifts continued their tradition of productivity, efficiency, professionalism, and community service in 2018. Our officers and sergeants recognize that the public is at the center of all that we do and they have continued to focus on pro-active policing and community involvement throughout the City. By working together in such a professional manner, the shifts are able to handle the ever-increasing call load/call type handled on a daily basis. While handling calls for service, conducting pro-active patrols, or attending events with the public, officers and sergeants put the welfare and quality of life concerns at the heart of all that they do.

During the summer of 2018, there was an increase in violent crime and gang activity in the east police quadrant. This led to the adjustment of shift staffing and the use of proactive details to address the concerns, identify the suspects and increase their enforcement efforts throughout the area. This focused attention came through increased traffic enforcement, random patrolling, increased intelligence through sources, bike and foot patrols, and door-to-door contact with the citizens and business owners in the area. Once again, this demonstrated the effectiveness, motivation, and passion of the officers and sergeants assigned to the Uniform Services Division.

2018 also marked the first full year of the implementation of the 8 and 10 hour hybrid hours on each shift. This staffing plan has been very well-received and has not only focused on the quality of life for the officers and sergeants assigned to the shifts, but has also enhanced our staffing ability and response times during peak call times throughout the day.
Uniformed Services—Shift 1

SHIFT I
656 Lt. Jon Lohr
616 Sgt. Tim Hagen (retired)
642 Sgt. Tom Ward
699 Sgt. Lon Hatcher
741 Sgt. Tarah Walton
803 Sgt. Jon Thum
771 Sgt. Jessica Speckmeier
743 Sgt. John Spaeth (from Detectives)
   630 Bryan Brink (retired)
   635 Steve Burtis (retired)
   640 Leroy Bingen
   660 Ted Wehrspann
   686 Brian Reinwald
   700 Gretchen Hansen
   704 Matt Starr
   709 Jason Fatone

733 Aaron Klein (to Traffic)
736 Tim Suurmeyer
759 Andrew Mattson
769 Brian Wassenaar
801 Nic Stevens
818 Greg Logan
823 Cody Schulz (to Admin)
826 Matt Walker
831 Darin Martyna (to SRO)
832 Jeremy Krahn
842 Brandt Van Dyke
844 Travis Beltman
852 Jon McMahon
853 Moses Isaías
875 Adam Healy
882 Jennifer Suurmeyer
894 Ben Cook

911 Brittany Stenzel
917 Brady Fox (to Parks)
921 Darren Deneui
922 Eric Larson
923 Dirk Anker
924 Andrew Parrott
927 Josh Herman
935 Sarah Van Voorst
936 Devon Wilson
946 Andrew Ragland
949 Zach Boyum
953 Ben Erickson
1011 Leah Banks
1013 Tanner Vlaminck
1015 Jesse Wiersma
1018 Dustin Jorgensen
Uniformed Services—Shift 1

Shift One provides all essential patrol needs to the City during daytime hours. These officers are responsible for four areas of the city: East, West, Central, and Downtown Quadrants. The deployment of officers comes from historical call data that places officers closest to the areas that see the most calls for service. This has proven to be the most efficient way to get officers to the areas they need to be in the quickest manner possible.

Aside from patrol activities, officers handle community based policing projects that identify and address the needs of the public. These projects focus on enforcement, education, and community policing. Officers use a variety of patrols including marked and unmarked cars along with foot and bike patrols to police the areas that require the most attention. Project teams have effectively reduced crime and maintained public confidence and trust. For consecutive years, shift one has implemented several projects that focus on both nuisance crimes and criminal interdiction that enhance community safety.

A main point of emphasis on Shift One has been visibility and approachability. During busy daytime hours, officers focus on both bike and foot patrols where citizens convene for business and recreation. Primarily this occurs in the core of the city, but also in adjacent city parks and greenways. Officers know the root of community policing starts with accessibility and relationship building.

Shift One officers also take an active role with neighborhood associations, schools, and businesses to suppress crime patterns and address quality of life issues. Officers place a strong emphasis on creating and maintaining positive relationships with those they serve. Strong community partnerships and community engagement help to officers to accomplish their goal of keeping the community safe.

The officers and supervisors of Shift One regularly attend community meetings and events. Open communication starts here and then gets incorporated into the daily activities of our patrol teams. As the city of Sioux Falls continues to grow, new issues will emerge. The officers train and prepare to tackle those issues to make this community the safest it can be.

In 2018, officers began to staff the main entry point at City Hall to greet visitors and business members. This enhanced the security for employees and visitors, but also officers now have even more opportunities for positive community policing for all those that visit City Hall.

Sergeant Thum stopping by a lemonade stand.

Top: Shift 1 Officer Marquez helping to change a flat tire.
Left: Officer Klein on foot patrol
Uniformed Services—Shift 2

SHIFT II
677 Lt. David McIntire (to Support Services)
757 Lt. Randy Brink (to Detectives)
772 Lt. Adam Petersen (from SRO)
750 Sgt. Ryan Flogstad
748 Sgt. Candi Gearman
806 Sgt. Terry Matia
754 Sgt. Nick Cook
679 Sgt. Tommy Schmitz
791 Sgt. Rob Forster
802 Sgt. Andy Siebenborn (to SRO)
860 Sgt. Michelle Hockett (from SRO)
   658 John Matthews
   724 Brian Warwick
   776 Shawn Gordon
   809 Ryan Sandgren
   810 Jennifer Vaernhoej
   845 Ryan Hansen
   851 Jacob Joffer
   861 Rene Velasquez (to Admin)
862 Joel Dalton
864 Dan Thelen
865 Jill Winninger
872 Brad Bunkers
873 Shaun Drummond
883 Landon Leveranz
896 Matt Dunn
900 Ken Hunt
904 Pete Prostrollo
908 Carlos Puente
910 Joseph Meath (to Detectives)
914 Ryan Baltazar
915 Skylar Mathis (to Detectives)
916 Kylie Huemoeller
929 Kyle DeJong
940 Garret Bruhn (to K9)
947 Aaron Jensen
950 Zach Nolz
951 Austin Feenstra
956 Austin Koester
959 Scott Hildebrand
962 Trent Ehler
963 Geno Maule
968 Tyer Torell (resigned)
969 Tyler Wynthein (to Traffic)
972 Mark Toland
978 Ben Fiegen
982 Erin Bertram
984 Nick Eilers
987 Zach Hagberg
989 Dane Chernock
996 Shawn Nielsen
999 Ricky Horn
1002 Melinda Jacobs
1003 Cole German
1004 Mauricio Marquez
1005 Libby Smorada
1019 Christine Lind
1020 Christian O’Brien
1021 Dat Do
1022 Sam Schnell
Shift 2 has historically been the busiest shift on the department and 2018 was no exception. However, the shift lines were blurred and more officers were available on the street thanks to the Shifts 1 and 3 officers that work 10-hour AM and PM shifts that overlap Shift 2 to provide much needed support. This helps to provide quicker responses to calls for service in the City. The overlap also allowed officers to conduct focused, proactive patrols.

**Proactive Patrol Initiative**

During 2018, Shift 2 began a proactive patrol initiative in which officers found large amounts of narcotics and recovered several stolen firearms. As the year progressed, it brought the emergence of newer gangs that conducted the majority of their crime on the east side of Sioux Falls. This initiative gathered intelligence and helped to combat the wave of criminal activity these gangs created. Shift 2 officers were an instrumental part of our department’s attention to this area, and developed numerous leads, confessions, and criminal arrests in serious cases – including a homicide investigation at Falls Park.

**Critical Incidents**

Shift 2 also took the lead on several critical incidents, such as the A-Ox Welding Supply fire and explosions that required the evacuation of a 1-mile perimeter. Officers assisted in dealing with a homemade explosives laboratory operated by an Antifa member. These two examples are just some of many that required cooperative efforts between the shift and other assets in the City’s critical incident infrastructure and again displayed the skills and professionalism of the officers and their Sergeants.

**Community Policing**

Shift 2 Officers participated in numerous community oriented policing events in 2018. In partnership with the Community Resource Officers, Shift 2 helped spearhead another successful National Night Out, participated in several Coffee and Ice Cream with a Cop events, continued building relationships at the Empire Mall, the local colleges, and the Downtown businesses. Shift 2 continues to set the standard for the department with its community oriented efforts.

**Special Teams and Training**

Shift 2 officers and sergeants are members of the SWAT team, the Bomb Squad, Mobile Field Force, Peer Support and others. They also are heavily involved with department training in: Emergency Vehicle Operation Course, defensive tactics, firearms, the Police Training Officer program, and other vital areas within the department. Their dedication helps to elevate the skills of our shift and the department and its capacity to handle critical incidents.
Uniformed Services—Shift 3

**SHIFT III**

623  Lt. Darren McClary
774  Sgt. Kevin Henkel  (to Traffic)
693  Sgt. Jamie Buteyn
799  Sgt. Marty Hoffman
727  Sgt. Paul Smeldsrud
796  Sgt. Scott Van Roekel
804  Sgt. Nick Butler
805  Sgt. Chris Treadway  (from Traffic)
   708  Bridget Devlin
   735  Matt VanderVelde
   837  Tom Brandt
   839  Mat Cook
   854  Justin Reiter
   877  Chase Vanderhule
   878  Ryan Baker
   879  Paul Frerichs
   884  Ian Branch
   887  Charles Skidmore
   889  Joseph Larson

895  Andrew Pearson
899  Rachel Schmeichel
903  Matt Wolfe  (to SCU)
905  Cody Nachreiner  (to K9)
913  Nick Billings
918  Bo Jans
920  Dustin Meyer
928  John Estep
930  Jason DeBoer
931  Ben Wurgler
934  Jacob Hansen
941  Logan Eilers
943  Jeff MacFarlane
944  Eric Olson
952  Nelson Leacraft
957  Luke Schauer
964  Shane Sparger
966  Jeff Rech
973  Korben Leegard
976  Richard Smith II
979  Seth Meier
980  Rachel Mattson
986  Andrew Curry
990  John Drenten
991  Hayden Zeigler
993  Kyle Kocmick  (resigned)
994  Scott Seiner
997  Jeremy Simon
998  Jeff Van Gerpen
1007  Joel Dykstra
1008  Jacob Van Dyken
1014  Amanda Marston

**STREET CRIMES UNIT**

796  Sgt. Scott Van Roekel
   815  John Gross
   841  Chris Jasso
   843  Danjel Mihajlovic  (to Detectives)
   847  Jake Harris  (to Detectives)
   903  Matt Wolfe  (from Patrol)
Officers on Shift 3 make Community Policing the focus of their efforts as they work hand-in-hand with businesses and homeowners alike. These efforts develop strong relationships with citizens and aide us to respond to calls for assistance more efficiently.

Foot, bike, and unmarked patrol units assists our ability to monitor activities and take a proactive approach to crime enforcement. Officers worked hand-in-hand with other law enforcement agencies and made nearly 2,300 citizen contacts in the Pettigrew Heights, Cathedral, and Cleveland Heights all the while performing traffic enforcement. As a result of this partnership, there were 100 narcotics and weapons related arrests made.

Shift 3 Officers also participated in Operation Safe Streets from mid-April thru September. In those areas of the community, residents appreciated the officers and the officer’s efforts made them feel safer at night. Downtown also saw officers providing focused attention while working the areas on foot and bike patrols. Officers worked alongside other City departments monitoring sound and occupancy concerns. Regular patrolling and making contact with bars and business owners helped to pass along any concerns. The goal was to provide a safe environment for our citizens and visitors, of all ages, to enjoy.

Officers utilized up to date data allowing them to focus proactive efforts in specific outlying areas in order to quell increasing crime. Officers made positive citizen and business contacts resulting in key information on offenders. Nighttime efforts also addressed construction and work site thefts along with vehicle burglaries.

**Street Crimes Unit**

Street Crimes Officers were involved in a wide array of activities including search, apprehension, investigation, and interviewing wanted subjects. Those people frequently have ties to more serious domestic violence, drug and weapons related offenses. Street Crimes Officers identify known street gang members, combat human trafficking, and perform various compliance checks. Education and enforcement is another role these officers handle, talking to area businesses providing input on how to recognize and report criminal activity. The team plays an integral part in the day-to-day operations of Shift 3.
Operations

OPERATIONS COMMANDER
Capt. Jeff Garden (promoted to Captain)
Capt. Richard Miller (retired)

OPERATIONS
637 Lt. John Duprey

SRO
772 Sgt. Adam Petersen
(promoted to Lieutenant)
794 Sgt. Jason Leach
Sgt. Andy Siebenborn (from Patrol)
675 Jim Larson
680 Todd Runyan
691 Robert Draeger
715 Eric Kimball
717 Tina Bruxvoort
732 Ryan Valland
753 Jason Larsen
761 Joe Trainor
773 Craig Boetel
775 Marty Cahoy
787 Jon Gannon
800 Michelle Paulsen
831 Darin Martyna (from Patrol)
834 Eric Meyer
860 Michelle Hockett
(promoted to Sergeant)

COMMUNITY RESOURCE
816 Brady Lieuwen
858 Kyle Johnson

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Jill Berg
Susie Berger
During 2018, the Sioux Falls Police Department successfully implemented a Community Ambassador Program (CAP) to further build trust and open relations between the community and the police department. The goals are to improve community relations to help reduce crime, less fear of criminal activity, a greater sense of community control and unity, and assist in providing a high quality of life for the whole community. Two Community Resource Officers supervise the ambassador program. In October, an inaugural class for the Community Ambassador Program graduated nine vetted members. The Community Resource Officers continue to make meaningful and impactful relationships in our community and are very involved.

Our community continues to enjoy a large cadre of School Resource Officers (SROs). Our 14 SROs and 2 SRO sergeants are responsible for over 60 school buildings, which continue to grow covering six school districts. Fortunately, we enjoy a strong relationship with all school districts and work exceptionally well as a team.
Support Services

TRAFFIC
718 Lt. Jeff Garden (promoted to Captain)
   Lt. Dave McIntire (from Patrol)

TRAFFIC-DAY SHIFT
757 Sgt. Randy Brink (promoted to Lieutenant)
774 Sgt. Kevin Henkel (from Patrol)
   669 Bret Hamlyn
   688 Greg Slaven
   695 Ryan Chase
   707 Chad Gillen
   719 Travis Olsen
   738 Chad Johnson (to Traffic Investigator)
   792 Jeff Gillespie
   969 Tyler Wynthein (from Patrol)

TRAFFIC-NIGHT SHIFT
657 Sgt. Mike Olson
   733 Aaron Klein (from Patrol)
   739 Hector Soto
   755 Jason Christensen
   866 Jason Meyer

TRAFFIC CASE INVESTIGATORS
702 Darryl Reemtsma
738 Chad Johnson (from Traffic)
751 Chad Winkel
805 Chris Treadway (promoted to Sergeant)

PARKS
689 Sgt. Troy Bruxvoort
   650 Brian Erickson
   673 Dave Andreassen
   793 David Hamilton
   830 Verlyn Bleyenberg
   917 Brady Fox (from Patrol)

K-9
657 Sgt. Mike Olson
   710 Shannon Irish
   824 Grant VanVoorst
   898 Chad Westrum
   905 Cody Nachrein (from Patrol)
   940 Garret Bruhn (from Patrol)
In 2018 the Traffic and Parks Sections assisted with 102 special events, 74 assemblies and marches as well as numerous Sioux Falls Park and Recreation events. This year the visit by President Trump and the Sanford International Golf Tournament were two notable additions. These events attracted an estimated 600,000 people.

The Police Department received another grant from the Office of Highway Safety in 2018. Removing impaired drivers from the road was our focus again this year. Officers’ grant-funded activities removed 176 impaired drivers and the department, as a whole, removed 1,009. This is a 21% decrease from last year. In addition, fatalities in motor vehicle accidents dropped from 5 in 2017 to 3 in 2018. Our efforts to educate the public about driving impaired, coupled with consistent and focused enforcement are producing some encouraging trends.
Animal Control

AC1 Supervisor Julie DeJong
AC2 Milo Hartson
AC3 Missy John

AC5 Ben VanLaar
AC8 Caroline Frith
AC13 Patty Beckman

AC18 Rebecca Fiegen
AC19 Thomas Rhoades
AC20 Becky Miller
Animal Control continues to keep busy with the pets, people and wildlife within the City. Officers investigated multiple animal cruelty and neglect cases, responded to more than 16,000 calls from the public, and lodged over 2,400 stray animals in the past year. A grant from the ASPCA purchased more equipment and supplies for the Animal Disaster Response Trailer, which will be used as a temporary central command center for animal related disasters.

As the City grows larger, it encompasses more nature areas that are attractive to wildlife. Wildlife can potentially spread disease, cause accidents, interact with pets, and cause property damage. Animal Control continues to work with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks to manage deer, geese, turkey, beaver, and coyotes within the City.

Animal Control hosted an Animal Cruelty and Fighting Investigations Training for Law Enforcement in September. Two officers attended the National Animal Control and Humane Officer Academy, which allowed them to become nationally certified. Officers assisted with a variety of public outreach events this year, such as Coffee with a Cop, Outdoor University, Read for the Record, Paws in the Park, Bark in the Park, Touch a Truck, and Heroes and Helpers.

Animal Control has acquired two new vehicles that are equipped with upgraded fiberglass kennels that stay cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter and are easier to maintain. These improvements will make a pet’s ride both safer and more comfortable. Two new vehicles were added to the fleet in 2017.
Parking Patrol

Manager Matt Nelson

PUBLIC PARKING
Manager Matt Nelson

PARKING PATROL
Janelle Songstad
Eric Langle
Dan Kirstein
Carla Myers
Mark Schmidt

PARKING MAINTENANCE
Harlan Haviland
Mike Stewart
Al Waltman

TECHNICAL CLERK
Gail Trantina

In June 2018, USD Operations staff grew when Public Parking moved to become part of the Police Department. After some City Departments experienced reorganization, Parking Patrol left after Community Development merged with the Planning Department.

There is a similar public safety mission between parking and police, which made sense for the move to occur. Public Parking is responsible for the operation of the public parking system.
Investigative Services

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES
608 Captain Blaine Larsen

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
745 Lt. Mike Colwill
740 Sgt. Sean Kooistra
785 Sgt. Shaun Olson
  636 Mike Webb
  643 Tim Bakke
  664 Ron Harris
  609 Jon Carda
  746 Erin McGillivray
  789 Jason Montgomery
  790 Shellie Slattery
  814 Tony Buss (from Admin)
  817 Cullen McClure
  819 Jason Holbeck (to Narcotics)
  822 Pat Mertes
  825 Chris Schoepf
  847 Jacob Harris (from Patrol)

PROPERTY CRIMES
687 Lt. Kyle Hoekstra
  (promoted to Asst. Chief)
757 Lt. Randy Brink (from Traffic)
758 Sgt. Paul Creviston
737 Sgt. Aaron Benson
  659 Scott VanderVelde
  678 Scott Timmerman
  684 Mike Iverson
  692 Al Millette
  711 Pat Marino
  721 Eric Lewis
  726 Steve Redmond
  729 Curt Daughters
  762 Tim Englund
  763 Marty Neal
  770 Chris Bauman
  829 Jon Dravland

NARCOTICS
687 Lt. Kyle Hoekstra
  (promoted to Asst. Chief)
757 Lt. Randy Brink
720 Sgt. Aaron Nyberg
  743 John Spaeth
    (promoted to Sergeant)
  766 Brad Smidt
  798 Scott Nelson
  819 Jason Holbeck (from CAP)
  843 Danijel Mihajlovic
  848 Peter Blankenfeld
  850 Neilson Conley (to Patrol)
  870 Adam Buiter
  910 Joseph Meath
  915 Skyler Mathis

CRIME LAB
Manager Eddie Aamold
Forensic Specialists
Ofc Marc Toft (retired)
Jackie Wynia
Erin McCaffrey
Ryan Dott (resigned)
Jessica Lichty
Kayla Vastenhout
Brianna Anderson

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN
Jan Karber (retired)
Tom Smith (resigned)
Amy Wagner
Jerod Stapleton
Dustin Haffeman

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Angela McVay
Investigative Services

**Crime Lab**

**NOTABLE EVENTS**—2018 was another busy and exciting year in the Crime Lab. The Crime Lab welcomed three new members in 2018: Police Evidence Technicians Jerod Stapleton and Dustin Haffeman and Forensic Specialist Brianna Anderson. This brings our team to 5 Forensic Specialists and 3 Police Evidence Technicians, with plans to add an additional Forensic Specialist in January 2019. Plans for 2019 include the addition of a new gas chromatography–mass spectrometry instrument to help process drug evidence in our Chemistry Section.

**ACCREDITATION**—The Crime Lab successfully completed a third on-site ANAB (ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board) surveillance assessment, maintaining ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation in the areas of Controlled Substance and Toxicology and expanding the Controlled Substance scope to include the use of Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR). The Crime Lab is updating its policies to reflect the new 2017 ISO and ANAB standards and is preparing for another on-site surveillance assessment in February 2019.

**WORK PRODUCT**—The Crime Lab had another very productive year in 2018. The Crime Scene unit responded to over 325 calls for service. The Toxicology section (blood alcohol testing) continued its busy pace by analyzing more than 1,000 blood alcohol samples and performing over 500 accuracy checks on Uniform Service’s breath alcohol testing instruments. The Controlled Substance discipline (drug testing) analyzed over 2,500 samples this year, which is again an increase from the previous year. The Fingerprint section completed close to 200 exams and processed more than 800 items of evidence. From these exams, over 600 latent prints were developed resulting in 100 identifications.

The Crime Lab’s Property and Evidence Section was responsible for maintaining over 108,000 items of evidence, overseeing all incoming and outgoing evidence throughout this past year. The Crime Lab also collected and properly disposed of over 3,100 pounds of prescription drug medication through the department’s Prescription Drug Takeback Program.

**Crimes Against Persons**

The Crimes Against Persons Section (CAP) investigates reports of homicide, rape, kidnapping, sex crimes, death investigations, suicides, missing persons, assaults, domestic offenses, and offenses against children.

In 2018 the CAP section investigated eight homicides, 330 aggravated assaults, 270 aggravated domestic assaults.

In June of 2018 the CAP section, along with the Street Crimes Unit, assisted with the strategic planning process for the Eastern River Human Trafficking Task Force. The Call to Freedom organization facilitated this process. This task force also involves other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, government officials, and service providers. The goal is to establish meaningful partnerships and create a process to help victims seek healing and justice.

The CAP section works closely with several community partners to combat child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Some of these community partners are Minnehaha and Lincoln State’s Attorney’s Offices, Child Protection Services, Child’s Voice, Children’s Inn, The Compass Center, Minnehaha Family Violence Council and the South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault.
**Narcotics**

The Sioux Falls Police Department and City of Sioux Falls leaders have looked at ways to combat the growing drug epidemic and growing narcotic caseload in Sioux Falls. Due to the steady increase, and with support from the Mayor’s Office, Chief Burns created the Narcotics Crime Unit (NCU) in August. The NCU is comprised of two detectives that will target lower level narcotic dealers in Sioux Falls. The NCU detectives are also members of the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force (SFADTF) and they will augment the task forces efforts. The addition of the NCU will undoubtedly help the citizens of Sioux Falls and the SFADTF.

The Narcotics section had another very busy year with proactive investigations. In 2018, the Narcotics Section and the SFADTF seized over $200,000 in cash and property as a result of their investigations. During 2018, there were 118 search warrants served and 50 firearms seized.

Methamphetamine and marijuana are still the two top drugs that narcotics detectives encounter. However, narcotics detectives continue to see an increase in the amount of opiates seized in the Sioux Falls area. In 2018, detectives seized over 56 pounds of methamphetamine and 8 pounds of heroin. Narcotics detectives continued to see cases involving the deadly synthetic opioid fentanyl. Narcotics and CAP detectives investigated 17 overdose deaths; the majority involved fentanyl or heroin.

The Narcotics section recognizes the vital role in combating the growing threat of opiates and the prevention of increased addiction to our community.

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**Property Crimes**

The Property Crimes section, which includes property crimes and fraud detectives, had another a very busy year.

Property Crimes Detectives were challenged in 2018 with an increase in stolen vehicle reports. In 2017, 544 stolen vehicle reports and in 2018, there were 638 stolen vehicle reports. The majority of the cases involved leaving keys inside an unlocked vehicle. The detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens, worked on educating the public in hopes of reducing the amount of stolen vehicles.

In October of 2018, the Property Crimes Section investigated a string of daytime burglaries and developed a suspect. The investigation led detectives to a suspect while he was transporting a large amount of stolen items. Detectives seized hundreds of pieces of stolen items to include firearms, jewelry, power tools, and various family heirlooms. The detectives tracked down victims and ultimately returned stolen property to the owners. The suspect was charged with several burglaries and possession of stolen property.

Sioux Falls continues to break records for building permits across the city and with that growth Property Crimes Detectives have seen steady reports of construction site thefts. Property Crimes continue to work with the Home Builders Association to educate their membership in order to minimize thefts.

*Items seized by the Property Crimes division.*
Promotions

Lieutenant Jeff Garden was promoted to Captain by Assistant Chief Galen Smidt.

Officer Chris Treadway was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Michelle Hockett was promoted to Sergeant by Assistant Chief Galen Smidt.

Lieutenant Kyle Hoekstra was promoted to Assistant Chief by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer John Spaeth was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Adam Petersen was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Randy Brink was promoted to Lieutenant by Assistant Chief Galen Smidt.
Transitions

New Hires

February Class

#1023
Adam Neal

#1024
Logan Gooch

#1025
Andrew Jensen

#1026
William Janssen

#1027
Aaron Bobier

August Class

#1028
Parker Christensen

#1029
Jason Purkapile

#1030
Kyle Ochsner

#1031
Blake Davis

#1032
Matt Mielke

#1033
Jon Gorter

#1034
Dylan Stancer
Transitions

New Hires

November Class

#1035
Morgan Black

#1036
Emily Klein

#1037
Nevy Garcia

#1038
Vivek Shrestha

#1039
Carter Hand

#1040
Seth Brown

Animal Control Officer Becky Miller began in April.
Crime Lab Forensic Specialist Brianna Anderson began in November.
Crime Lab Technician Dustin Haffeman began in December.
Crime Lab Technician Jerod Stapleton began in October.
Records employee Ashley Shaffner began in April.
Transitions

Retirements

Officer Bryan Brink retired after 25 years of service.

Sergeant Tim Hagen retired after 27 years of service.

Officer Steve Burtis retired after 25 years of service.

Crime Lab Evidence Technician Karber retired after nearly 15 years of service.

Captain Skip Miller retired after 31 years of service.

Assistant Chief Galen Smidt retired after 25 years of service.
Retirements

Officer Marc Toft retired after 28 years of service.

Police Application Specialist Renita Walters retired after 29 years of service.
Awards

Officer of the Year

Officer Matt Dunn was presented with the Officer of the Year award by Chief Matt Burns.

Civilian Employee of the Year

Animal Control Officer Patty Beckman was presented with the Civilian Employee of the Year award by Chief Matt Burns.

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Terry Matia was presented the Supervisor of the Year award by Chief Matt Burns.
Awards

Chief’s Commendation

Officer Shaun Drummond was presented a Chief’s Commendation by Chief Matt Burns for his work with the Sioux Falls Explorer Program.

Police Application Specialist Renita Walters was presented a Chief’s Commendation.

Division Commendation

Sergeant Kevin Henkel was presented a Division Commendation by Captain Keith Gries.

Sergeants Sean Kooistra, Nick Cook, Kevin Henkel (not pictured) and Officer Gretchen Hansen were presented a Division Commendation by Assistant Chief Galen Smidt.
Awards

Life Saving

Animal Control Officer Milo Hartson was presented a Life Saving Award by Animal Control Supervisor Julie DeJong.

Officer Ben Wurgler was presented a Life Saving Award by Captain Keith Gries.

Officer Evan Larson was presented the Life Saving Award from Assistant Chief Galen Smidt.

Officer Ben Cook was presented a Life Saving Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Dustin Meyer was presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.

Officer Jacob Hansen was presented a Life Saving Award by Captain Keith Gries.
Life Saving

Officer Jason DeBoer and Mark Toland were presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary

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Officer John Gross was presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary

Officer Nick Billings was presented a Life Saving Award by Captain Keith Gries

Officer Matt Wolfe was presented a Life Saving Award by Captain Keith Gries
Awards

Life Saving

Officer Paul Frerichs was presented a Life Saving Award by Captain Keith Gries.

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Officers Nick Billings and Rachel Mattson were presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.

Sergeant Paul Smedsrud was presented a Life Saving Award by Captain Keith Gries.

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Awards

Medal of Valor

Officer Dustin Meyer was presented the Medal of Valor by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Jeff Van Gerpen was presented the Medal of Valor by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Luke Schauer was presented the Medal of Valor by Chief Matt Burns.

Outstanding Citizen

Justin Henning was presented an Outstanding Citizen Award by Officers Jason Deboer and Jeff Macfarlane.

Lieutenant Darren McClary presented an Outstanding Citizen Award to Steve Nelson for helping people after an apartment fire.
Awards

Outstanding Citizen

Lieutenant Darren McClary presented an Outstanding Citizen Award to Tonya Piggie and Steve Rise for helping people after an apartment fire.

Matt Tjaden, Carl Stearns, and Neal Stratman were presented an Outstanding Citizen Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Mike Johnson was presented an Outstanding Citizen award by Chief Matt Burns.

Soukup Construction was presented an Outstanding Citizen award by Chief Matt Burns.

Shift Commendation

Officer Darren DeNeui was presented a Shift Commendation by Lieutenant Jan Lohr and Sergeant Tim Hagen.

Officer Paul Freichs received a Shift Commendation from Lieutenant Darren McClary.
Shift Commendation

Officers Andrew Parrot, Daren DeNeui, and Sergeant Marty Hoffman received a Shift Commendation from Lieutenant John Lohr.

Officers Jason DeBoer and John Estep were presented a Shift Commendation by Lieutenant Darren McClary.

Other Awards

Attorney General Marty Jackley presented Officer Adam Neal the Inspiration Award for his work with fellow officers at the academy.

Attorney General Marty Jackley presented Officer Logan Gooch the Coler-Williams Award for his outstanding work at the academy.

Captain Keith Gries was presented the 2nd Judicial Veterans Court Team Member of the Year award by Judge Mark Salter.

Detective Shellie Slattery was presented an appreciation award by FBI Supervisor Matt Moore and Agent Dave Keith.
Edison Middle School Principal Shane Hieronimus presented Officer Michelle Paulsen the Light of Edison award to recognize her efforts and impact in the school.

Lieutenant Kyle Hoekstra received an award of appreciation for his years of service to the Property Crimes Section.

Officer Tony Buss received the VFW Officer of the Year Award.

Sergeant Aaron Nyberg was presented the V.L. Cruisinberry Award by Mayor Paul TenHaken.
Sergeant Jessica Speckmeier was presented the Excellence in Safety Award by Mayor Paul TenHaken.

The American Heart Association recognized the Sioux Falls Police as a Mission Lifeline Achievement Award.
Special Events

Cast with a Cop
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Heroes and Helpers
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National Night Out
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Project Blue Light
## Crime Statistics

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In Memory

Captain Mark Thorstenson, retired 1996

Sergeant Mike Anderson, retired 1997
The 2018 Sioux Falls Police Department Annual Report was compiled by Public Information Officer Sam Clemens.

Special thanks to the City of Sioux Falls Communications department for their expertise.

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