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 2019, we operated with an authorized strength of 269 sworn police officers and nearly 310 total staff. Our partnership with the community is vital to maintaining a safe city and we continually look for better ways to engage citizens and encourage them to work with us to elevate public safety for everyone. Our department understands that without the continued support of our community, our public safety mission would indeed be very difficult.

2019 was yet another record-setting year at the department. The end-of-year estimated city population of 190,750 was one factor which resulted in a new high in calls for police service at 125,885. We had a record number of narcotics cases investigated by the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force, and seized record amounts of controlled substances. We continue to put many resources towards combatting illegal drugs in our city as it continues to be the largest driver of crime. The continued growth of Sioux Falls presents both challenges and opportunities for our department, but despite the growth in population and calls for service, our Property and Violent crime rates per 1,000 residents remained very stable.

The men and women of the SFPD are well-trained, focused, and dedicated to providing a high level of customer service and public safety. We make a point to hire men and women who see themselves as public servants and give them the best professional training in the region. 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 of Mayor TenHaken and the members of the City Council for their continued strong support of public safety in our 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 mission, mindful of our challenges, and optimistic about our path heading into 2020.

Respectfully,

Matt Burns
Chief of Police
Police Department Administration

CHIEF
Matt Burns

ASSISTANT CHIEF
Kyle Hoekstra

CAPTAIN
Loren McManus (retired)
Dave McIntire (from Support Services)

ADMIN LIEUTENANT
Toby Benson (to Patrol)
Adam Petersen (from Patrol)

ARMORER OFFICER
Brent Booth

TRAINING SERGEANT
Josh Disburg

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
Sam Clemens

TRAINING OFFICER
Cody Schulz (promoted to Sergeant)
Nate Warren
Rene Velasquez (promoted to Sergeant)
Dan Thelen (from Patrol)
Jill Winninger (from Patrol)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Betsy Odden

POLICE RECORDS MANAGER
Jennifer Disburg

LEAD RECORDS CLERK
Laura Bjergaard

RECORDS CLERK
Karen Roemen
Jane Reuwsaat
Tracy Halverson
Joan Wynthein
Shirrel Moore
Renee Munce
Mary Lee Peters (retired)
April Prohl (resigned)
Katie Purkapile
Ashley Shaffner (resigned)
Shelly Bartles
Robin Hofmeyer (resigned)
Christopher Briggs

POLICE APPLICATION SPECIALIST
Shaun Kayl
Police Department Administration

Training

In 2019, 25 new officers were hired and trained by the SFPD Training Team. The extensive training consisting of 10 weeks of in-house training and 13 weeks of training at the State Academy helps to prepare the newly hired police officers for success in their careers. The team also conducted the department’s in-house training which provides 40 hours of continuing education for the current sworn officers of the department. This yearly training is all for the purpose of providing our community the best trained officers in the State and includes a robust firearms training that saw our department shoot nearly 150,000 rounds of ammunition in training. The Training Team also coordinated several retirements, promotions, and were adjunct instructors for the Minnehaha County Reserves as well as the State Academy in Pierre.

Honor Guard

Throughout 2019 the Honor Guard remained busy organizing and participating in several funerals, flag presentations, and community events. This year’s Honor Guard Commander Loren McManus retired. Captain McManus was the last Charter Member of the Honor Guard serving since its inception in 2000. Captain McManus was presented with a ceremonial sword to commemorate his service to the Honor Guard. Lt. Jason Leach has taken over as the Honor Guard Commander.

Records

Records Division supports both the Sioux Falls Police Department and the Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office, 24 hours a day, which means that the workload is 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. With a total of 10 Police Records Clerks, 1 Lead Police Records Clerk, 1 Police Application Specialist, and Manager, the Records Division is in operation 7 days a week and primarily responsible for managing department records and validating report data. With a heavy focus on documentation and proper retention, Records serves as a liaison between the police department and many outside system agencies, vendors, and community partners.

A significant change for Records was entering accident report information into the State TraCS system. This effort allowed the department to meet the state requirements of electronic submission, but more importantly, prevented patrol officers from having to use additional software or dedicate additional time toward accident reports. Research and testing continued toward the development to electronically submit crash reports direct from Zuercher to the South Dakota Accident Report System (SDARS). Successful electronic submission of reports from the Zuercher Records Management System continues to be one of the division’s biggest goals.

The Zuercher software system operated with minimal downtime. Reports, custom modules, and applications were utilized to maximize the functionality of the system and enhance responsibilities of its users. This included extensive testing with the Fields Ops application to transition motorcycle units from the using laptops to the more portable and user friendly iPads.

The rideshare platform increased with the addition of UBER in Sioux Falls. Rideshare driver information is updated by each respective platform on a monthly basis. Records then reviews the individual drivers to verify the requirements outlined by the rideshare platforms and Transportation Network are upheld.

After several years of the Records team being divided between the positions of Word Processor and Records
Clerk, the Word Processor positions were reclassified to the sole position of Records Clerk. This reclassification brought strength and continuity to the team and promoted the innovation many police departments in the country are moving toward. Longtime employee, Mary Lee Peters retired from working in police records after 37 years, and 2 new employees were welcomed to our team.

Throughout 2019, the Records team gave back to the Sioux Falls community by partaking in servant opportunities. Records collected food for the Food Pantry in March, donated school supplies to Hawthorne Elementary in August, and sponsored Christmas for a family in December.

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Uniformed Services

In 2019, all patrol shifts have been at the heart of several different events and functions throughout the city. This was a very busy and productive year for the officers and sergeants assigned to all three shifts. They continued to work closely with the community and put the well-being of the citizens and businesses at the forefront of all they do. As in the past, pro-active enforcement efforts are very beneficial to the success of patrol officers; this led to numerous drug seizures, weapons confiscations, and gang interdictions. By continuing to work together in a professional manner, the shifts are able to handle the ever increasing call load on a daily basis.

During the past summer, we again saw an increase in gang activity and shooting calls on the east side of the city. This led to a comprehensive ‘team approach’ across the entire department – focusing on identifying problem individuals and areas within the quadrant. This focused attention came through increased traffic enforcement, random patrolling, bike and foot patrols, and door-to-door contact with the citizens and business owners in the area. Officers were able to effectively quell the gang activity and shooting calls, making numerous arrests. Even though these unfortunate and dangerous issues arise from time to time, the patrol shifts continue to demonstrate through their effectiveness, motivation, and passion that they are the backbone of the department and are dedicated to the safety/peace of the city.

2019 also presented further staffing challenges across all three shifts. Through the leadership efforts of all the supervisors on each shift, staffing levels were maintained at a safe and acceptable level. Whether an increase in problems within a certain area of the city, or a weather related event, the patrol shifts have (and always will) come together as one solid unit to support the needs of the city. To this I say ‘thank you’ to all of the officers and supervisors in the Uniformed Services Division.
Uniformed Services—Shift 1

Lieutenant Jon Lohr

SHIFT I
656  Lt. Jon Lohr
642  Sgt. Tom Ward
699  Sgt. Lon Hatcher
720  Sgt. Aaron Nyberg
803  Sgt. Jon Thum (promoted to Lieutenant)
679  Sgt. Tommy Schmitz
713  Sgt. Travis Olsen (from Traffic)
834  Sgt. Eric Meyer (from SRO)
  640  Leroy Bingen
  660  Theodore Wehrspann
  686  Brian Reinwald
  700  Gretchen Hansen
  704  Matt Starr
  709  Jason Fatone
  735  Matt VanderVelde
  736  Tim Suurmeyer
751  Chad Winkel (from TCI)
759  Andrew Mattson
769  Brian Wassenaar
776  Shawn Gordon (to TCI)
801  Nic Stevens
818  Greg Logan
826  Matt Walker
832  Jeremy Krahn
837  Tom Brandt
842  Brandt Van Dyke
844  Travis Beltman
845  Ryan Hansen
852  Jonathan McMahon
853  Gabriel Isais
882  Jenifer Suurmeyer
921  Darren Deneui
923  Dirk Anker
924  Andrew Parrott
927  Josh Herman
931  Ben Wurgler
935  Sarah Van Voorst
936  Devon Wilson
946  Andrew Ragland
949  Zach Boyum (resigned)
953  Ben Erickson
964  Shane Spargur (resigned)
966  Jeffrey Rech (resigned)
976  Richard Smith
979  Seth Meier
982  Erin Bertram
Uniformed Services—Shift 1

Shift One works in conjunction with all Uniformed Services Division personnel to provide police services to our citizens. Officers are assigned to four quadrants within the city to provide the highest quality service possible.

Officers work closely with neighborhood associations, schools and businesses to reduce crime and address quality of life issues. Officers place a strong emphasis on creating and maintaining positive relationships with those they serve. Foot and bike patrols are a focal point within the core areas of Sioux Falls. These type of patrols give officers face to face contact with citizens on a regular basis and allow them to address community issues such as nuisance and public health dangers on the spot.

Officers place a strong emphasis on Community Oriented Policing and regularly attend community meetings and events that promote open lines of communication and provides citizens with the opportunity to address issues and concerns. Officers maintain strong working relationships with various neighborhood watch groups. They establish partnerships with residents and business owners while fostering an environment of trust and respect. Officers and supervisors regularly attend community events like:

- Casting with Cops
- National Night Out
- Zoo Boo
- Coffee With a Cop

As in years past, officers focused on disorderly conduct, alcohol, and drug crimes in the core areas of the city. The Central and Downtown Quadrant projects have been very successful in targeting these crimes while providing visibility and education to the public.

2019 was a challenging year for all city departments including Police. Mother Nature created two significant floods and a tornado event which caused significant damage to commercial and residential properties. Officers worked hand-in-hand with other city departments to ensure citizen safety and to restore normal operations.
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The officers on Shift 2 respond to the majority of the calls-for-service on patrol. The shift uses 2-officer cars as often as possible, which allows for a higher level of call efficiency and officer safety. The use of ten hour shifts allows for more overlap on Shift 2 which helps to provide quicker responses to calls for service in the City. The overlap also allowed officers to conduct focused, proactive patrols.

Officers participated in numerous community oriented policing events in 2019. Shift 2 officers and community resource officers worked together to spearhead National Night Out, Coffee and Ice Cream with a Cop events, building relationships at the Empire Mall, the local colleges, and downtown businesses. Shift 2 continues to set the standard for the department with its community oriented efforts. Shift 2 handled several critical incidents including a house explosion, several homicides, weather related emergencies including spring flooding and tornado clean up. These major weather events required cooperative efforts between the shift and other assets in the City’s critical incident infrastructure.

During 2019, Shift 2 began a proactive patrol initiative in which officers concentrated efforts on the East side of Sioux Falls when there was a sharp increase in shootings involving gang members. Officers worked with area residents to address the problems and held a Town Hall meeting to connect with residents.

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, Recruiting, 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.

Officer Melinda Mitchell and Officer Ben Fiegen on foot patrol downtown
Sgt. Rob Forster at National Night Out
## Uniformed Services—Shift 3

### Shift III

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### STREET CRIMES UNIT

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### Full Names

- Bridget Devlin
- Michelle Paulsen (from SRO)
- Mat Cook
- Justin Reiter
- Adam Healy (to SRO)
- Ryan Baker
- Paul Frerichs
- Ian Branch
- Charles Skidmore
- Joseph Larson
- Ben Cook
- Andrew Pearson
- Rachel Schmeichel
- Nick Billings
- Bo Jans
- John Estep
- Jason DeBoer
- Jacob Hansen
- Logan Eilers (to Detectives)
- Nelson Leacraft (to Street Crimes)
- Luke Schauer
- Korben Leegard (resigned)
- Rachel Neises
- Dane Chernock
- John Drenten
- Hayden Zeigler
- Scott Seiner
- Jeremy Simon
- Jeff Van Gerpen
- Jacob Van Dyken
- Tanner Vlamink
- Amanda Marston
- Christine Lind
- Dat Do
- Adam Neal
- Logan Gooch
- Andy Jensen
- Aaron Bobier
- Jason Purkapile
- Dylan Stancer
- Neilson Conley
- Morgan Black
- Amanda Covert
- Austin VanDiepen
- John Gross
- Chris Jasso (to Detectives)
- Matt Wolfe
- Eric Olson
- Nelson Leacraft (from Patrol)
Shift 3 Officers have made community policing a priority in all areas of Sioux Falls. Officers partnered with home and business owners across the City to work in addressing issues in their respective areas. These partnerships have helped grow strong relationships with the community and provided another way for the public to voice concerns in their areas. Officers used foot and bike patrols as alternative ways to proactively address crimes in the core areas.

Officers worked proactively to combat common crimes like: thefts from vehicles, burglaries, and stolen vehicles. This resulted in several arrests of those involved in these crimes. Officers put together a project to address loitering and racing issues in the southwest portion of Sioux Falls, working with the South Dakota Highway Patrol and Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office.

During the summer of 2019, the eastside of Sioux Falls saw an increase in gang related shootings. To help address this issue, the department held a community town hall. This allowed area residents to express their concerns and gave officers the ability to provide feedback about what was being done. Members of the department worked together to solve this problem. This resulted in numerous arrests of the offenders, most of which were juveniles, and effectively halted the activity.

As in previous years officers worked Operation Safe Streets during the months of April to September. Officers were able to provide extra focus and proactive enforcement to identified problem areas of the city.

**Street Crimes Unit**

The Street Crimes Unit works proactively to address issues within our community. This past year, Street Crimes Officers focused on identifying gang members, tracking and apprehending violent offenders, serving arrest warrants, and made several drug and firearm arrests. Officers work on combatting human trafficking, and other prostitution and pimp cases. The officers make it a priority to educate and inform the community how to properly report and recognize these types of crimes in our area. The team plays an important role with the department in active enforcement.
Operations

OPERATIONS
637  Lt. John Duprey  (retired)
794  Lt. Jason Leach  (promoted to Lieutenant)

SRO
794  Sgt. Jason Leach  (promoted to Lieutenant)
802  Sgt. Andy Siebenborn
748  Sgt. Candi Gearman  (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  (to Patrol)
   831  Darin Martyna
   834  Eric Meyer  (promoted to Sergeant)
   873  Shaun Drummond  (from Patrol)
   875  Adam Healy  (from Patrol)

COMMUNITY RESOURCE
816  Brady Lieuwen
858  Kyle Johnson

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
   Jill Berg
   Susie Berger
School Resource Officers (SRO) | 
In 2019 the School Resource Officer unit worked to provide a safe learning environment for the roughly 28,000 students and staff that they cover. The SRO unit works with every school within the City Limits of Sioux Falls. This accounts for seven school districts and over 60 school buildings, all handled by 14 SROs and two SRO sergeants. The SRO unit partnered with the Sioux Falls School District to conduct a large scale reunification exercise in November. This exercise tested the school district’s systems and allowed the SRO unit to deploy our resources while working closely with the district.

Throughout the school year, SROs maintain the security of their schools during the day and also work numerous extra-curricular activities on nights and weekends. As part of the special event team, SROs help with several special events throughout the year including Jazz Fest and the Air Show. During the summer, SROs split their duties and assist Patrol and Parks.

Community Resource Officers (CRO) | 
The Community Resource Officer program continues to expand and take on various duties. In 2019, the CROs took over organizing and instructing the Citizen’s Police Academy. This program is a great way for the police department to partner with other emergency services to educate the public on daily operations.

The Community Ambassador Program (CAP) is in its second year and going strong. The CROs have partnered with various CAP members to help bridge gaps and create a greater sense of community between the police and the citizens we serve. There are 11 CAP members that represent numerous diverse backgrounds.

A new Mental Health Community Resource Officer position was created in 2019. This position will focus on working with those in our community suffering from mental illness, substance use disorders, and chronic homelessness. The CROs run our Crime Free Multi-Housing program, facilitating the Neighborhood Watch program, and providing various community presentations on a multitude of topics.
Support Services

**TRAFFIC**
677  Lt. Dave McIntire  (to Admin)
803  Lt. Jon Thum  (from Patrol)

**TRAFFIC-DAY SHIFT**
774  Sgt. Kevin Henkel
   669  Bret Hamlyn  (retired)
   688  Greg Slaven
   695  Ryan Chase
   707  Chad Gillen
   719  Travis Olsen  (Promoted to Sgt.)
   792  Jeff Gillespie
   969  Tyler Wynthein
   972  Mark Toland

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

**TRAFFIC CASE INVESTIGATORS**
702  Darryl Reemtsma
738  Chad Johnson
751  Chad Winkel  (to Patrol)
776  Shawn Gordon

**PARKS**
689  Sgt. Troy Bruxvoort
   650  Brian Erickson  (retired)
   673  Dave Andreasen  (retired)
   793  David Hamilton  (retired)
   830  Verlyn Bleyenberg
   917  Brady Fox
   922  Evan Larson
   996  Shawn Nielsen  (from Patrol)

**K-9**
657  Sgt. Mike Olson
   710  Shannon Irish
   824  Grant VanVoorst
   898  Chad Westrum
   905  Cody Nachreiner
   940  Garret Bruhn
In 2019, the Traffic and Parks section assisted with 112 special events, 53 assemblies and marches, and numerous Sioux Falls Park and Recreation events. The Sioux Falls Airshow, Sanford Golf Tournament, Sioux Falls Marathon, and Jazzfest were some of the larger events held this year along with our annual parades.

We continued our efforts removing impaired drivers from the roadway this year utilizing a grant from the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety. Grant funded officers (along with those performing their regular duties) removed 867 impaired drivers from the roadway this year. This is a 14% decrease from last year. There were four fatal accidents in 2019, which matched the total from 2018. The OHS grant will continue in 2020 with an emphasis on speed enforcement. Our efforts to educate the public combined with consistent and focused traffic enforcement continue to produce positive results.

Two long serving K-9 officers retired this year: Rio and Doerak retired after a combined 15 years of service. Two new K-9’s, Bram and Biko, were certified in 2019 to take their place.
Animal Control

**AC1 Supervisor Julie DeJong**
- AC2 Milo Hartson
- AC3 Missy John
- AC5 Ben VanLaar

**AC8 Caroline Frith (resigned)**
- AC13 Patty Beckman
- AC18 Rebecca Fiegen
- AC19 Thomas Rhoades

**AC20 Becky Miller**
- AC23 Patrick Hybertson
Animal Control provides an important role in keeping the community safe and handles a wide variety of animal-related issues. In 2019, Officers responded to more than 18,000 calls from the public. Certain types of calls occur more often, such as:

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Wildlife is plentiful in the City of Sioux Falls which can cause safety concerns for the public. Animal Control responded to nearly 1,000 calls from the public concerning wildlife in the 2019. Officers trap certain wild animals, assist injured wildlife and remove wildlife from inside people’s homes. Animal Control plays an active role in managing beaver, Canada goose and white-tailed deer.

A primary goal of Animal Control is to educate the public concerning City and State regulations and promoting responsible pet ownership. Officers attended a variety of public outreach events such as Coffee with a Cop, Touch a Truck, Shop with a Cop, Cop on the Roof, Outdoor University, National Night Out, Cast with a Cop, and Career Night.
Parking Patrol

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

Public Parking Division provides sufficient, convenient, safe, and attractive parking for the employees and customers of the downtown area by managing the downtown parking system and enforcing parking ordinances throughout the city.
# Investigative Services

**Investigative Services**

**Captain Blaine Larsen**

**Captain Mike Colwill**

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### Crime Lab

Manager Eddie Aamold

**Forensic Specialists**

Jackie Wynia
Erin McCaffrey
Jessica Lichty
Kayla Vastenhout
Brianna Anderson
Natasha Borah (resigned)

**Evidence Technician**

Amy Wagner
Jerod Stapleton (resigned)
Dustin Haffeman

**Administrative Assistant**

Angela Oetken
Investigative Services

**Crime Lab**

**NOTABLE EVENTS**—This past year has been another busy and exciting year in the Crime Lab. A Forensic Specialist was added to the Fingerprint Section and Crime Scene Response Team. A Police Evidence Technician was added to the Property and Evidence Team. Current staff now includes five Forensic Specialists, two Police Evidence Technicians, and two part-time employees, with plans to add an additional Forensic Specialist and Police Evidence Technician in 2020. Improvements were made to the Chemistry Lab by expanding our space and adding a new GC/MS instrument to help process drug evidence. Security improvements were made to the Evidence Storage Room with the addition of video cameras in sensitive storage areas.

**ACCREDITATION**—The Crime Lab successfully completed a fourth on-site ANAB (ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board) surveillance assessment, maintaining ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation in the areas of Controlled Substance and Toxicology. During the on-site audit, no non-conformances were found by the auditors. The Crime Lab is updating its policies to reflect the new 2019 ANAB standards and is preparing for an off-site surveillance assessment in February 2020.

**WORK PRODUCT**—The Crime Lab had another very productive year in 2019. The Crime Scene unit responded to over 400 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 700 accuracy checks on Uniform Service’s breath alcohol testing instruments. The Controlled Substance discipline (drug testing) analyzed over 2,300 samples this year. The Fingerprint section completed over 130 cases and processed more than 240 items of evidence.

The Crime Lab's Property and Evidence Section was responsible for maintaining over 120,000 items of evidence, overseeing all incoming and outgoing evidence throughout this past year. The Crime Lab also collected and properly disposed of over 3,000 pounds of prescription drug medication through the department’s Prescription Drug Takeback Program.

**Crimes Against Persons**

The Crimes Against Persons (CAP) Section investigates homicides, death investigations, suicides, assaults, rape, sex offenses, family offenses, missing persons, internet crimes against children (child pornography and child solicitation), child care provider offenses, child protection referrals, sex offender registration, offenses against children, and disorderly conduct.

CAP cases frequently require long hours, extensive research, search warrants, and numerous interviews with victims, witnesses, and suspects. CAP Detectives and supervisors are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. CAP Detectives work closely with the Minnehaha County State’s Attorney’s Office, Child Protection Services, Child’s Voice, Children’s Inn, Compass Center, Rape and Domestic Violence Abuse Center, Minnehaha County Domestic Violence Council, South Dakota Network Against Family Violence, Suicide Prevention Task Force, and the Minnehaha County Coroner’s Office. Detectives and supervisors provide training to the police department and other agencies, businesses, and community organizations throughout our city and state.

During 2019, the CAP Section investigated approximately 6,424 cases. The number of CAP cases investigated in 2019 shows an increase from the cases investigated in 2018.

The Sex Offender Registry Detective currently has 895 registered sex offenders within our jurisdiction. This is approximately 62 more registered offenders than 2018. Sex offenders are required to register every six months, and the information they provide must be verified once a year for accuracy and to ensure they are not residing in a “Community Safety Zone”.

The Internet Crimes Against Children Detective investigated approximately 86 cases involving child pornography and/or child solicitation.
Narcotics

The Sioux Falls Police Department, City of Sioux Falls leaders, The United States Attorney’s Office, and the South Dakota Attorney General’s Office continued to work together in looking for ways to expand efforts in the investigation of illicit narcotics. In November of 2018, the SD Attorney General’s Office was awarded a federal grant to combat the illegal distribution of methamphetamine in South Dakota. The grant was awarded through the Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) Anti-Methamphetamine Program by the Department of Justice. The police department received funding from the SD Attorney General’s Office to add one full time detective to the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force (SFADTF). The additional detective started in April 2019 and has been a great addition to our enforcement efforts.

The Narcotics section had another extremely busy year in proactive investigations targeting drug trafficking organizations. In 2019, the Narcotics section and the SFADTF seized over $240,000 in cash and property because of their investigations. During 2019, there were 157 search warrants served and over 50 firearms were seized.

Methamphetamine and marijuana remain the top two drugs that narcotics detectives encounter. In 2019, detectives seized a record 133 pounds of methamphetamine. In addition, detectives seized 114 pounds of marijuana and 4.5 pounds of cocaine. Emergency services respond to an increasing number of overdose calls in Sioux Falls, many of which were opioid related. Narcotics and Crime Against Persons detectives investigated 28 overdose deaths; the majority involved opioids.

Property Crimes

The Property Crimes section, composed of property crimes and fraud detectives, had another very busy year, investigating 9,117 cases.

There has been a steady increase in stolen vehicles the past few years. Over the last few years, stolen vehicles have increased from 544 in 2017, to 638 in 2018, and now 761 in 2019. The majority of these cases involve unlocked vehicles where keys were left inside the vehicle. Detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens, worked on educating the public in hopes of reducing the number of stolen vehicles.

In November of 2019, the Property Crimes Section investigated a large string of thefts from vehicles after breaking windows. A suspect targeted apartment complex parking lots and would take loose cash, firearms, clothing, electronics, purses, credit cards, and more. The suspect used stolen credit cards shortly after the theft. When the suspect was ultimately arrested, several stolen firearms and personal property were recovered. The suspect was charged with several larcenies, possession of a stolen firearm, and narcotics charges.

Sioux Falls continues to see solid construction growth around the city. This growth has contributed to steady reports of construction site theft and burglaries. Detectives work with the Home Builders Association to educate their membership on ways to combat thefts and burglaries.
Transitions

Promotions

Animal Control Officer Milo Hartson was promoted to the new Lead Animal Control Officer by Chief Matt Burns.

Detective Cullen McClure was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Lieutenant Dave McIntire was promoted to Captain by Chief Matt Burns.

Lieutenant Mike Colwill was promoted to Captain by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Cody Schulz was promoted to Sergeant by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra.

Officer Eric Meyer was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Joel Dalton was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Rene Velasquez was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.
Transitions

Promotions

Officer Travis Olsen was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Jon Thum was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Jason Leach was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Nick Cook was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Terry Matia was promoted to Lieutenant by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra.
Transitions

New Hires

February Class

#1041
Jordan Kenyon

#1042
Amanda Covert

#1043
Shawn Randolph

#1044
Abbie Kirkpatrick

#1045
Darrell O’Connor

#1046
Mark Lyzenga

#1047
Alexi Miranda

#1048
Austin VanDiepen
New Hires

July Class

#1049
Josh Inman

#1050
Bobby Flaherty

#1051
Michael Cliff

#1052
Kelsey Heer

#1054
Blake Hanson

#1055
Kassandra Anaya

#1056
Christopher Svanda

#1057
Daniel Johnson

#1058
Daniel Shugar-Garza
Transitions

New Hires

October Class

#1059 Sabrina Swanger
#1060 Jordan Taylor
#1061 Dylan Wynthein
#1062 Shayden Drey

#1063 Brian Mayberry
#1064 Riley Danielsen
#1065 Emelia Williams
#1066 Jon Gorter

Patrick Hybertson was hired as a new Animal Control Officer.

Natasha Borah began as a Forensic Specialist in the Crime Lab.

Robin Hofmeyer was hired as a new Records Employee.

Shelly Bartels was hired as a new Records Employee.

Chris Briggs was hired as a new Records Employee.

Dustin Haffeman was hired as the newest Evidence Technician in the Crime Lab.
Retirements

- Captain Blaine Larsen retired after 30 years of service.
- Detective Mike Webb retired after 25 years of service.
- Captain Loren McManus retired after 25 years of service.
- Detective Marty Neal retired after 16 years of service.
- Detective Tim Bakke retired after 25 years of service.
- Lieutenant Darren McClary retired after 27 years of service.
Retirements

Lieutenant John Duprey retired after 25 years of service.

Officer Dave Andreasen retired after 25 years of service.

Officer Bret Hamlyn retired after 22 years of service.

Officer Brian Erickson retired after 25 years of service.

Officer Dave Andreasen retired after 25 years of service.

Officer Dave Hamilton retired after 15 years of service.

Records Employee Mary Lee Peters retired after more than 37 years with the police department.
Awards

Officer of the Year

Detective Shellie Slattery was presented the Officer of the Year Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Civilian Employee of the Year

Crime Lab Evidence Technician Amy Wagner was presented the Civilian Employee of the Year Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Supervisor of the Year

Sergeant Marty Hoffman was presented the Supervisor of the Year Award by Chief Matt Burns.
Awards

Chief’s Commendation

Chief Matt Burns presented Lieutenant John Duprey with a Chief’s Commendation for his work on the Community Ambassador Program.

Chief Matt Burns presented Officer Brady Lieuwen with a Chief’s Commendation for his work on the Community Ambassador Program.

Chief Matt Burns presented Officer Kyle Johnson with a Chief’s Commendation for his work on the Community Ambassador Program.

Chief Matt Burns presented Officer Nate Warren with a Chief’s Commendation for his work on an active shooter training program.

Chief Matt Burns presented Detective Mike Webb (retired) a Chief’s Commendation for his work solving a cold case homicide.
Awards

Lifesaving Awards

Officer Charles Skidmore was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

Officer Jacob Van Dyken was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

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

Officer Jake Dykstra was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Terry Matia.

Officer Jake Hanson was presented a Lifesaving Award by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra.

Officer Jason DeBoer was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.
Awards

Lifesaving Awards

Officer Jesse Wiersma was presented a Lifesaving Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Justin Reiter was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

Officer John Gross was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.

Officer Logan Gooch was presented a Lifesaving Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Logan Gooch was presented a second Lifesaving Award by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Luke Schauer was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.
Awards

Lifesaving

Officer Rachel Mattson was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

Officer Tanner Vlaminck was presented a Lifesaving Award by Sergeant Ryan Flogstad.

Officer Shaun Drummond was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Terry Matia.

Officers Joey Larson, Korben Leegaard, and Adam Neal were presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.

Officers Nick Billings and Rachel Mattson were presented a Lifesaving Award by Chief Matt Burns.
Awards

Lifesaving Awards

Officer Nick Billings and Rachel Mattson were presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Darren McClary.

Sergeant Chris Treadway was presented a Lifesaving Award by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

Medal of Valor

Officer Kyle DeJong was presented the Medal of Valor by Lieutenant Terry Matia.

Officer Ricky Horn was presented the Medal of Valor by Lieutenant Terry Matia.

Officer Shaun Drummond was presented the Medal of Valor by Lieutenant Terry Matia.
Awards

Medal of Merit

Officer Charles Skidmore was presented the Medal of Merit by Lieutenant Adam Petersen.

Officer Jacob Van Dyken was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for risking his life to save another person.

Officer Mat Cook was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for risking his life to save another person.

Officer Nick Billings was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for risking his life to save another person.

Sergeant Cullen McClure was presented the Medal of Merit by Chief Matt Burns for his help pulling a person from a burning house.
Awards

Outstanding Citizen

An Outstanding Citizen Award was presented to Sergey Sushchik by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra for his help saving a suicidal woman.

Captain Jeff Garden presented Santana Lopez with an Outstanding Citizen Award for his help saving a person that fell into the river at Falls Park.

Chief Matt Burns presented an Outstanding Citizen Award to Christian and Harmony Krebs for their help during a stabbing.

Shift Commendation

Officer Brady Fox was presented a Shift Commendation by Lieutenant Dave McIntire.

Officer Brian Erickson was presented a Shift Commendation by Lieutenant Dave McIntire.
Awards

Other Awards

Detective Al Millette was presented the American Legion Post 15 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Records Supervisor Jennifer Disburg was presented an Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve Award for her support of Ashley Shaffner.

Officer Jim Larson was named the 2019 Officer of the Year by the South Dakota Association of School Resource Officers.

Representatives from Sanford Health presented an appreciation award to Chief Matt Burns recognizing the outstanding excellence of the police department.

Sergeant Jessica Speckmeier was the 2019 recipient of the Sergeant Cecil Fisher Memorial Award.

The Sioux Falls Police Department achieved 2019 Mission Lifeline EMS Gold Plus recognition by the American Heart Association for excellent STEMI care.
Special Events

Heroes and Helpers Shopping
Special Events

Heroes and Helpers Shopping
Special Events

Hot Harley Nights
Special Events

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Special Events

Hydrant Block Party
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National Night Out
Special Events

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Special Events

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Sticker and Snickers
Special Events

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# Statistics

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## Traffic Statistics

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Budget

Total Budget—$38,990,750

**Operating Expense**
$5,312,038  
(Law Enforcement Center building needs, general supplies, training, and repairs)

**Capital Outlay**
$1,075,000  
(vehicles and equipment needs costing over $7,500)

**Salaries**
$32,603,712  
(Officers and support personnel)
In Memory

Captain Clark Quiring, retired January 2004

Lieutenant Ronald Hanson, retired December 1990

Officer Paul Albers, retired May 2012
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Officer Russell Prince, retired December 1994

Sergeant Melvin Thompson, retired December 1991
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