2020 ANNUAL REPORT
Sioux Falls Police Department
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 2020, we operated with an authorized strength of 274 sworn police officers and 316 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.

2020 was certainly a year for the record books. There was a steep learning curve as the COVID-19 pandemic quickly enveloped the country. The police department adjusted how to provide a high level of service to the community while trying to keep residents and employees safe from the virus. A peaceful protest in May turned into a riot where shots were fired at officers, people threw rocks at officers, and damaged numerous businesses. The 13 homicides that took place last year was a record number, however, all were solved with a 100% clearance rate. While the number of narcotics cases investigated by the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force decreased slightly, there were still record, or near record, amounts seized of meth, heroin, and fentanyl. We continue to put many resources towards combatting illegal drugs in our city as it continues to be the largest driver of crime. Another record was set when 127,477 calls for police service were received. The growing city population of 195,767 was one factor that contributed. 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 relatively 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. The City Council gave approval for a new Public Safety Training Center for both the police and fire departments that, when completed, will provide a state-of-the-art facility for years to come. 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 2021.

Respectfully,

Matt Burns
Chief of Police
POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

ASSISTANT CHIEF
Kyle Hoekstra

CAPTAIN
Dave McIntire

CAPTAIN
Jon Lohr

LIEUTENANT
Adam Petersen

CHIEF
674 Matt Burns

ASSISTANT CHIEF
687 Kyle Hoekstra

CAPTAIN
677 Dave McIntire (to Patrol)
656 John Lohr (from Patrol)

ADMIN LIEUTENANT
772 Adam Petersen

ARMORER OFFICER
681 Brent Booth

TRAINING SERGEANT
643 Josh Disburg (retired)
804 Nick Butler (from Patrol)

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER
713 Sam Clemens

TRAINING OFFICER
857 Nate Warren
864 Dan Thelen
865 Jill Winninger

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Betsy Odden

POLICE RECORDS SUPERVISOR
Jennifer Disburg

LEAD RECORDS CLERK
Laura Bjergaard

RECORDS CLERK
Tracy Halverson (retired)
Shirrel Moore
Karen Roemen
Katie Purkapile
Shelly Bartles
Christopher Briggs
Jane Reuwsaat (retired)
Joan Wynthein
Renee Munce (retired)
Tara Nuss
Molly Langenfeld
Adriana Fajardo

POLICE APPLICATION SPECIALIST
Shaun Kayl
POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING

2020 has proven to be a challenging, yet pivotal year for the SFPD Training Team. The regional academy proposal was accepted and the first ever remote training academy was hosted in Sioux Falls. This major undertaking allowed the Training Section to train SFPD recruits, as well as officers from outside agencies, locally for their 13-week basic academy. On November 13, 2020, the first fourteen students of the academy graduated. This was a major undertaking and a resounding success for the section and the department.

The training team also conducted annual in-service training and hosted numerous outside courses for our officers. Unfortunately, the year was also negatively impacted by the COVID-19 virus. This caused much of the scheduled training to be postponed or cancelled. Early in the year, the training section made the move to provide access to training online. This fortuitous move helped the SFPD to meet its training requirements throughout the year while under pandemic restrictions.

This was one of the busiest years in memory for the Training Section, yet they were able to meet and exceed their goals for 2020 through dedication, hard work, and assistance from the department’s ISD and USD Divisions. The accomplishments of this section were made possible through that strong team effort.
RECORDS

Throughout the year, the Records Team maintained the fast pace of the community and managed the associated work volume while continually adjusting to the evolving dynamics of 2020.

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Innovation remained at the forefront as we continued to look for ways to gain efficiency in our processes. With the anticipation to enhance dictation competencies in upcoming years, Speech Recognition software was purchased in the latter part of 2020. Speech Recognition software transcribes the officer’s dictation as it happens. Records employees then listen to the audio and verify the transcription details are listed as expected and makes any necessary corrections. When a correction is made, the artificial intelligence in the software retains the correction and adapts future dictation accordingly. The value of this feature is expected to create a considerable time savings for the Records Team; potentially cutting the transcription time in more than half. The software was installed in Investigative Services, Traffic Crash Investigation, and among a limited number of Patrol Officers.

Over the past 12 months, our Police Application Specialist remained busy with troubleshooting and fielding projected software enhancement dates to ensure little to no interruption for our police department.

Enhancements to our accident report were developed for official release at the beginning of 2021. These changes are expected to reduce duplication and decrease time spent working on the report in the field. We continue to work closely with Central Square on our South Dakota Accident Reporting System (SDARS) interface, as it still remains one of our biggest division goals.

There were some noteworthy changes to our team in 2020 with the departure of three long time employees. We had a combined total of 50 years of experience retire from our division. While it’s hard to watch long term members of the team leave, retirement is a hard earned and well-deserved benefit we are happy to see people be able to use. We congratulate:

Jane Reuwsaat–20 years
Tracy Halverson–20 years
Renee Munce–10 years
In 2020, the Patrol Officers in the Uniform Services Division continued to work closely with our residents and our agency partners to make Sioux Falls a safe place to live, work, and visit. These men and women are the first to respond when our community is in need. This is a 24/7 mission that is embraced and all are committed to completing.

To provide service to our ever growing community, we are deploying our three patrol shifts at nine different start times throughout the day. This provides an overlap in personnel to closely match call volume by time of day. Answering over 120,000 police calls-for-service this year over a ten square mile area has led to constant re-evaluation of operations to do the best job for the residents. This year, the Shift Commanders worked with a team of officers and sergeants to find the best possible staffing solution. The goal is to provide the best public safety while improving the working conditions for our personnel. I am very pleased with their efforts and know that this will provide our residents with the fast response times they deserve and improve the work/life balance for our officers. Throughout 2020, plans were developed for a report-to-work station in Southwest Sioux Falls. A building was selected and renovation began to make it suitable for police needs. The work station is planned to open in early 2021.

I am privileged to work with an amazing staff. Our Officers are the most highly trained and experienced personnel in the region and the public deserves no less. Our supervisory cadre is made up of sergeants with a broad array of experience who are committed to lead, develop, and motivate their personnel. Our three Shift Commanders bring nearly sixty combined years of experience to our Department. They are strong leaders who are dedicated to our public, their officers, and the success of our public safety mission.

2020 was a difficult year for our country and our community. COVID-19 and civil unrest created challenges never before seen by our residents and the officers who serve them. We are ever grateful for the heartfelt support of our citizens and look forward to serving and protecting them in 2021!

Captain David McIntire
## UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 1

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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 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.

Kind Cop
UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 2

LIEUTENANT
Toby Benson

LIEUTENANT
Nick Cook

SHIFT 2
662 Lt. Toby Benson (to Shift 1)
754 Lt. Nick Cook (from Shift 3)
750 Sgt. Ryan Flogstad
(to Detectives)
771 Sgt. Jessica Speckmeier
679 Sgt. Tommy Schmitz
860 Sgt. Michelle Hockett
823 Sgt. Cody Schulz
861 Sgt. Rene Velasquez
834 Sgt. Eric Meyer
862 Sgt. Joel Dalton
724 Brian Warwick
789 Jason Montgomery
810 Jennifer Vaernhoej
851 Jacob Joffer (to Detectives)
877 Chase Vanderhule (to SRO)
878 Ryan Baker
883 Landon Leveranz
894 Ben Cook
900 Ken Hunt
904 Pete Prostrollo
908 Carlos Puente
911 Brittany Stenzel
914 Ryan Baltazar
916 Kylie Huemoeller
929 Kyle DeJong (resigned)
943 Jeff MacFarlane
947 Aaron Jensen
950 Zach Nolz
951 Austin Feenstra
956 Austin Koester
959 Scott Hildebrand
962 Trent Ehler
963 Geno Maule
978 Ben Fiegen
980 Rachel Neises
982 Erin Bertram
984 Nick Eilers
987 Zach Hagberg
999 Ricky Horn
1002 Melinda Mitchell
1003 Cole German
1004 Mauricio Marquez
1005 Libby Smorada
1007 Joel Dykstra
1010 Stephen D’Alfonso
1015 Jesse Wiersma
1018 Dustin Jorgensen
1020 Christian O’Brien
1021 Dat Do
1023 Adam Neal
1035 Morgan Black
1040 Seth Brown
1042 Amanda Covert
1065 Emelia Williams
The officers on Shift 2 are responsible for a high percentage of the calls-for-service for the uniformed division, due to the times that are covered during the afternoon hours. Shift 2 officers are supplemented by ten hour shifts from morning and night shift that allow for better call efficiency during the high call volume times of the day. Utilizing officer deployment options such as two-officer cars, bicycle patrol, and foot patrols allows for better coverage and response to calls for service.

Shift 2 officers participated in several community oriented policing events throughout 2020, while dealing with COVID-19 restrictions. Officers assigned to Community Resources and Shift 2 worked with the community to make events such as National Night Out, Badges and Friends, Coffee with a Cop, and other events a success. Shift 2 officers assisted other community partners with the homeless count and continue to build relationships with downtown businesses.

During 2020, Shift 2 began several proactive patrol initiatives where officers addressed a rise in recent shootings. An increase in enforcement and community relationships helped officers concentrate on gang activity after 2019 saw a dramatic increase in shootings. 2020 saw an increase in panhandler activity along the downtown and east portion of town. Officers worked with many of the local businesses to educate them on what was legal and not legal within the City of Sioux Falls.

Many of the officers and sergeants on Shift 2 are members of a variety of specialty teams within the department. The teams include the SWAT team, Mobile Field Force, Peer Support, Crisis Intervention and others. Many are involved in training other officers in the department in: Emergency Vehicle Operation Course, defensive tactics, firearms, the Police Training Officer program, Recruiting, and Mentoring 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 3
754 Lt. Nick Cook (to Shift 2)
774 Lt. Kevin Henkel (from Traffic)
741 Sgt. Tarah Walton
693 Sgt. Jamie Buteyn
799 Sgt. Marty Hoffman
727 Sgt. Paul Smedsrud (to K-9)
805 Sgt. Chris Treadway
817 Sgt. Cullen McClure (to SCU)
882 Sgt. Jenifer Suurmeyer
866 Sgt. Jason Meyer (promoted to Sgt.)

899 Rachel Schmeichel
913 Nick Billings
928 John Estep
930 Jason DeBoer
934 Jacob Hansen
957 Luke Schauer
989 Dane Chernock
990 John Drenten
991 Hayden Zeigler
994 Scott Seiner
997 Jeremy Simon
998 Jeff Van Gerpen
1008 Jacob Van Dyken
1013 Tanner Vlaminck
1014 Amanda Marston
1019 Christine Lind
1024 Logan Gooch
1025 Andy Jensen
1027 Aaron Bobier
1029 Jason Purkapile
1030 Kyle Ochsner
1031 Blake Davis
1034 Dylan Stancer
850 Neilson Conley (resigned)
1039 Carter Hand
1041 Jordan Kenyon
1048 Austin VanDiepen
1050 Bobby Flaherty (resigned)
1066 Jon Gorter

1084 Sgt. Nick Butler (to Training)
1017 Sgt. Cullen McClure
(from Patrol)
815 John Gross
903 Matt Wolfe
944 Eric Olson
952 Nelson Leacraft

STREET CRIMES UNIT

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Officers on Shift 3 take pride in protecting the citizens of Sioux Falls during the overnight hours. From simple noise complaints, to impaired drivers, or serious assaults, Shift 3 officers see a broad spectrum of call types each night. To help tackle problem areas, they rely on the relationships formed through Community Policing. Working with businesses and homeowners to address problems they see in their neighborhoods is a key element to solving issues that arise. We believe that if a citizen sees something, they should say something.

At the end of May, night shift officers stood with officers from our Mobile Field Force unit to defend life and property as some people sought to destroy and loot property during a riot. They bravely protected the City from those seeking to cause damage and disorder. Many of the instigators are now facing charges for their attacks on officers and their riotous behavior.

Year round foot patrol combined with bike patrols during the summer months in the downtown area gives officers the opportunity to be highly visible and interact with downtown residents and patrons. Their presence helps to deter crime and be proactive in combating issues that may emerge during bar close in a bustling and growing downtown.

When a crime trend is noticed in a certain area of the city, we address the issue head-on by allocating multiple assets from different sections of the department to saturate the area with enforcement. From May through August the annual Safe Streets initiative in the Pettigrew and Cleveland Heights neighborhoods resulted in over 700 citizen contacts along with arrests for narcotics, weapons violations, and various other nuisance crimes. Our commitment to those sometimes troubled neighborhoods remains a top priority and enforcement efforts will continue.

The Street Crimes Unit remained committed to putting a stop to human trafficking in Sioux Falls this year. They continue to educate local lodging businesses on signs to watch out for that trafficking may be occurring. One of their investigations led to the shutdown of an illegal massage business and charges of pimping and prostitution were brought against the owner. The case was turned over to federal authorities for possible federal charges.

The Street Crimes Unit was also called upon in our fight against gang violence. Their efforts to identify and investigate gang members involved in a spate of gun violence during the summer resulted in multiple arrests and the recovery of four guns in one weekend. They also assisted in tracking down witnesses and suspects involved in other high priority crimes including homicides that happened this year.
OPERATIONS

SUPPORT SERVICES
Captain Jeff Garden

OPERATIONS
794 Lt. Jason Leach

SRO
748 Sgt. Candi Gearman
802 Sgt. Andy Siebenborn
675 Jim Larson
680 Todd Runyan
691 Robert Draeger
715 Eric Kimball (to Parks)
717 Tina Bruxvoort
732 Ryan Vailand
753 Jason Larsen
761 Joe Trainor (to Traffic)
773 Craig Boetel
775 Marty Cahoy (to Traffic Investigator)
787 Jon Gannon
831 Darin Martyna
873 Shaun Drummond
875 Adam Healy
877 Chase Vanderhule (from Patrol)
924 Andrew Parrott (from Patrol)
946 Andrew Ragland (from Patrol)
816 Brady Lieuwen
858 Kyle Johnson
935 Sarah Van Voorst (from Patrol)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Jill Berg (retired)
Susie Berger

COMMUNITY RESOURCE
The Operations Section is comprised of the School Resource Officer and Community Resource Officer Programs. In the spring of 2020, all the school systems moved to a distance learning platform. The SRO team looked for creative ways to stay engaged with their student population and a story time project was created. Several SROs participated and were recorded reading stories. These videos were posted on the department's social media outlets twice a week for three months. The story videos were well received by the public. Also this spring, the police department identified a need for additional hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes, but all sources were backordered. Through great community collaboration the SRO section was able to collect a tremendous amount of supplies from our school districts. These supplies were shared with other first responders.

This year brought about the addition of a newly created Community Resource Officer position. The new position is called our Mental Health CRO. Officer Sarah Van Voorst was selected to fill this position and continue to build it from the ground up. The Mental Health CRO works directly with community providers to introduce services to those struggling with mental health or substance abuse disorders. Throughout this year the SFPD and the Sioux Falls community have benefited greatly from the addition of this position. In August, the CRO section organized a soccer game between Police and Team Somalia. This event was attended by approximately 300 community members and achieved its goal to bring law enforcement and the Somali community closer together.

The Operations 2020 Unit goal was, “Provide support for the schools and community through volunteer opportunities outside of our previous realms of engagement.” During this year the unit volunteered on two occasions at Feeding South Dakota to package food for those in need locally and across the state.
SUPPORT SERVICES

TRAFFIC
803 Lt. Jon Thum

TRAFFIC-DAY SHIFT
774 Sgt. Kevin Henkel (promoted to Lieutenant)
719 Sgt. Travis Olsen (from Patrol)
  688 Greg Slaven
  695 Ryan Chase
  707 Chad Gillen
  792 Jeff Gillespie
  969 Tyler Wynthein
  972 Mark Toland

TRAFFIC-NIGHT SHIFT
657 Sgt. Mike Olson (retired)
727 Sgt. Paul Smedsrud (from Patrol)
  733 Aaron Klein
  739 Hector Soto
  755 Jason Christensen
  761 Joe Trainor (from SRO)
  866 Jason Meyer (promoted to Sgt.)

TRAFFIC CASE INVESTIGATORS
702 Darryl Reemtsma
738 Chad Johnson
775 Marty Cahoy (from SRO)
776 Shawn Gordon (promoted to Sgt.)

PARKS
689 Sgt. Troy Bruxvoort
  715 Eric Kimball (from SRO)
  830 Verlyn Bleyenberg
  917 Brady Fox
  922 Evan Larson
  996 Shawn Nielsen

K-9
657 Sgt. Mike Olson (retired)
727 Sgt. Paul Smedsrud (from Patrol)
  710 Shannon Irish
  824 Grant VanVoorst
  898 Chad Westrum
  905 Cody Nachreiner
  940 Garret Bruhn
In 2020, the Traffic and Parks section assisted with 31 special events, 53 assemblies and marches, and numerous Sioux Falls Park and Recreation events. The Sanford Golf Tournament, Sioux Falls Marathon, Truck Convoy, and Hot Classic Nights were some of the larger events held this year. Unfortunately, most events were either cancelled or held virtually this year due to COVID-19. The parks were noticeably busier than usual in 2020 with the increase in people seeking outdoor activities during the pandemic.

The efforts removing impaired drivers from the roadway continued this year utilizing a grant from the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety. Grant funded officers (along with those performing their regular duties) removed 862 impaired drivers from the roadway this year. This is a decrease from last year. There were 11 fatal accidents in 2020, which surpassed the total from 2019. The OHS grant will continue in 2021 with an emphasis on speed enforcement. Efforts to educate the public combined with consistent and focused traffic enforcement continue to produce positive results.

Two retired K-9s, Max and Rio, were laid to rest this year with honors. SFPD honor guard helped arrange a ceremony at the veterinarian’s office which was attended by numerous officers, family, and friends.

Officer Bruhn and K-9 Tommy assisted with President Trump’s visit to Mount Rushmore over the 4th of July. Officer Irish and Sgt. Smedsrud completed their judge certification in 2020 and along with other SFPD K-9 team members helped train approximately 30 canine teams within the state in various disciplines.
ANIMAL CONTROL

SUPERVISOR
Julie DeJong

AC1 Supervisor Julie DeJong
AC2 Lead Milo Hartson
   AC3 Missy John (resigned)
   AC5 Ben VanLaar
   AC13 Patty Beckman
   AC18 Rebecca Fiegen (resigned)

AC19 Thomas Rhoades
AC20 Becky Miller
AC23 Patrick Hybertson (resigned)
AC24 Stacia Bunkers
AC25 Silhouette Smith
AC26 Mark Kock
ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control serves an important public safety role in the City of Sioux Falls. Officers responded to more than 2,800 phone calls from the public in 2020 during which they provided advice and assisted the public with their concerns. Officers picked up more than 2,000 stray animals and checked on the wellbeing of more than 875 animals. In a continued effort to reduce the spread of rabies, Animal Control responded to more than 500 animal bites and tested 78 bats from people’s homes for rabies.

The buzz in Animal Control this year was about the new hobby bee keeping ordinance that went into effect on December 31, 2019. Residents of Sioux Falls are now able to apply for a permit to keep bee hives for honey production. There were two applicants for this permit in 2020, and only one permit was granted. Wildlife management (i.e. deer, Canada goose, beaver) continues as a cooperative effort with the SD Game, Fish and Parks, Sioux Falls Regional Airport, and Sioux Falls Parks Department.

Certain types of calls occur more often, such as:
- Phone calls with general questions: 2,842
- Animal problems: 2,845
- Stray animal/animal not on a leash: 2,098
- Confined dog/cat/wildlife: 1,694
- Lost pet reports: 1,241
- Animal abuse/neglect/well-being: 917
- Injured animals: 784
- Bats in homes: 673
- Barking dogs: 609
- Dead animal: 581
- Animal bites to humans: 520
- Vicious animal: 173

Animal Control Officer Ben VanLaar catches a raccoon.
HONOR GUARD

THE SFPD HONOR GUARD

The SFPD Honor Guard is comprised of a 14 member unit. The Honor Guard has the distinct honor of representing the Department at funerals of fallen officers in the region and conducting flag posting ceremonies at several community events.

In May during Law Enforcement Memorial Week, the Honor Guard conducted a flower ceremony to honor the sacrifice of our two fallen police officers, Captain Edward Pike (End of Watch 1922) and Captain George Saville (End of Watch 1935).

In July, the SFPD Honor Guard was requested by the Sheriff’s Association to lead funeral services for Hughes County Chief Deputy Lee Weber. The team only had a few days to make all the arrangements and coordinate with a limited number of Honor Guards from law enforcement around the State. After the service, numerous agencies from across the state expressed their gratitude for the SFPD leadership and guidance to provide a proper send-off to Deputy Weber. The Honor Guard added two new members, Tim Suurmeyer and Adam Neal, to the unit this year to fill vacancies and would like to thank Sergeant Andy Siebenborn for his 10 years of commitment to the Honor Guard.
On June 17, 2020, the Sioux Falls Police Department unveiled the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Team. Planning for the team began in 2019 and the first step was starting the process of obtaining authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to fly legally in controlled airspace.

Policies for the UAS program were researched and crafted. Since a grant from the Department of Homeland Security was utilized to purchase the UAS for the department, the policies were vetted by the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in Washington, D.C. In an effort to keep the citizens of Sioux Falls apprised of our use of this new technology, a policy was created to notify the public, via social media or press release, when a UAS deploys. The policy also requires to submit a yearly report to the Chief of Police and is published in the annual report.

The Sioux Falls Police Department UAS team consists of six officers who have completed the necessary training and testing to receive their Remote Pilot Certificate from the FAA. In 2021, the team will expand to include pilots from Sioux Falls Fire Rescue.

The SFPD UAS Team deployments since inception date of June 17, 2020 are as follows:

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# Investigative Services

**CAPTAIN**
Mike Colwill

## Investigative Services

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- 664 Ron Harris *(retired)*
- 711 Pat Marino
- 609 Jon Carda
- 746 Erin McGillivray
- 790 Shellie Slattery
- 814 Tony Buss
- 822 Pat Mertes
- 825 Chris Schoepf
- 851 Jacob Joffer *(from Patrol)*
- 847 Jacob Harris
- 896 Matt Dunn
- 941 Logan Eilers

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- 659 Scott VanderVelde *(retired)*
- 678 Scott Timmerman
- 684 Mike Iverson
- 692 Al Millette
- 721 Eric Lewis
- 726 Steve Redmond
- 729 Curt Daughters
- 762 Tim Englund
- 770 Chris Bauman
- 829 Jon Dravland
- 844 Travis Beltman *(from Patrol)*
- 872 Brad Bunkers
- 918 Bo Jans *(from Patrol)*

## Narcotics

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- 658 John Matthews
- 766 Brad Smidt *(resigned)*
- 798 Scott Nelson
- 819 Jason Holbeck
- 841 Chris Jasso
- 843 Danijel Mihajlovic
- 848 Peter Blankenfeld
- 910 Joseph Meath
- 915 Skyler Mathis *(resigned)*

## Crime Lab

Manager Eddie Aamold

## Forensic Specialists

Jackie Wynia
Erin McCaffrey
Jessica Lichty *(resigned)*
Kayla Vastenhout *(resigned)*
Brianna Anderson
Jaime Clemans
Samantha Hayek
Aidan Mullaney

## Evidence Technician

Amy Wagner
Dustin Haffeman
Todd Edwards

## Administrative Assistant

Angela Oetken
CRIME LAB

NOTABLE EVENTS:
This past year has been another busy and exciting year in the Crime Lab. We added three Forensic Specialists who will work in our Drug Chemistry section and serve on our Crime Scene Response Team. We also added a Police Evidence Technician to our Property and Evidence Team. This brings our staff to six Forensic Specialists, three Police Evidence Technicians, and two part-time employees. New shelving units were added to our East Evidence Storage Facility to accommodate the increasing number of evidence submissions and a long term storage area for vehicles was secured and is now being utilized.

ACCREDITATION:
The Crime Lab successfully completed a fifth 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 preparing for an on-site surveillance assessment in February 2021.

WORK PRODUCT:
The Crime Lab had another very productive year in 2020. The Crime Scene unit responded to over 540 calls for service. The Controlled Substance discipline (drug testing) analyzed over 2,000 samples this year. The Fingerprint section completed over 140 cases and processed more than 385 items of evidence.

The Crime Lab’s Property and Evidence Section was responsible for maintaining over 123,000 items of evidence, overseeing all incoming and outgoing evidence throughout this past year. The Crime Lab also collected and properly disposed of over 1,600 pounds of prescription drug medication through the department’s Prescription Drug Takeback Program.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
The Crimes Against Persons (CAP) Section of the Investigative Services Section is tasked with investigating homicides and other major crimes or incidents. CAP Detectives investigates the following; Homicide, 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.

Assigned CAP cases frequently require long hours, extensive research, search warrants, and numerous interviews with victims, witnesses, and suspects. CAP Detectives and supervisors are available for call-outs 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 & 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. CAP Detectives and supervisors are also instrumental in providing training to the Sioux Falls Police Department as well as other agencies, businesses, and community organizations throughout our city and state.

CAP Detectives investigating a homicide

The department’s The Crimes Against Persons (CAP) Section is comprised of one Lieutenant, two Sergeants and eleven detectives. Of these assigned personnel, one full-time CAP detective
INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

The Narcotics section and the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force (SFADTF) had another very busy year in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic. The SFADTF focused investigations to all level of illegal narcotics distributors from low level to large-scale drug trafficking organizations. In 2020, the SFADTF seized over $242,700 in US currency and property as a result of their investigations. During 2020, there were 2,893 investigative cases, 518 operations, 136 search warrants served, and over 58 firearms seized.

Methamphetamine and marijuana remain the top two drugs that narcotic detectives encounter. In 2020, detectives seized over 64 pounds of methamphetamine and 138 pounds of marijuana. The 64 pounds of methamphetamine is the second most in the department's history.

Emergency services continued to respond to overdose calls in Sioux Falls. The majority of overdose calls continued to be opioid related. Sioux Falls saw a decrease in overdose calls going from 93 in 2019 to 63 in 2020. Overdose death investigations also decreased from 28 in 2019 to 20 in 2020. The SFADTF was able to successfully investigate heroin/fentanyl dealers and remove the deadly opioids out of the community. The SFADTF seized over 308 grams of fentanyl and 281 grams of heroin.

PROPERTY CRIMES

The Property Crimes section, comprised of property crimes and fraud detectives, had another very busy year, investigating 9,924 cases. This was an increase of 807 from 2019.

Stolen vehicles continued to increase in 2020. In 2020, the Property Crimes section investigated 1,121 cases of stolen vehicles, an increase of 362 from 2019. The overwhelming majority of these cases are vehicles that were unlocked with the keys inside the vehicles. Detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens, worked on educating the public in hopes of reducing the numbers of stolen vehicles.

In 2020, the fraud section investigated several cases of phone frauds pertaining to gift cards. Scammers are calling victims claiming to be law enforcement, the IRS, or the Social Security Office then demand gift cards to take care of non-existent arrest warrants or debts. Fraud Detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens, worked on educating the public in hopes of reducing the numbers of phone frauds.
Sioux Falls continued to see solid construction growth around the city. The growth has contributed to steady reports of construction site thefts and burglaries. Detectives work with the Home Builders Association to educate their membership on ways to combat thefts and burglaries.
PROMOTIONS

Lieutenant Jon Lohr was promoted to Captain by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Kevin Henkel was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Shawn Gordon was promoted to Sergeant by Assistant Chief Kyle Hoekstra.

Officer Jenifer Suurmeyer was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Matt Walker was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Jason Meyer was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Matt Burns.
TRANSITIONS

NEW HIRES

February Class

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Emilio Hernandez

#1068
Mason Millard

#1069
Joe Hayes

#1070
Isaac Anderson

#1071
Drew Zoellner

#1072
Tanner Pollema

#1073
Matthew Jock

#1074
Jacob Juelfs

#1075
Samuel Buhr

#1076
Aaron Bennett

#1077
Jason Skallberg

#1078
Kyle Grim
TRANSITIONS

NEW HIRES

July Class

#1079 Nicholas Jensen
#1080 Amelia Knuth
#1081 Joseph Gerry
#1082 Joshua Siferd
#1083 Matthew Johannsen

#1084 Anthony Inzitari
#1085 John Wollman
#1086 Alexis Smith
#1087 Nicholas Ashley
#1088 Aristarcus (AJ) Payton

#1089 Tarlue Zulu
#1090 Eric Glover
#1091 Paul Halter
#1092 Colt Bradley
#1093 Dylan Weitzman
NEW HIRES

October Class

#1094
Jackson Neal

#1095
Justin Umthun

#1096
Brian Twedt

#1097
Keith Mayer

#1098
Jason Banik

#1100
Kaden Landa

#1101
Robert Olson

#1102
McKayla Fallesen

#1103
Austin Eulberg

#1104
Mike Curtis

#1105
Shelby Swenson

#1106
Kaylea Ahrens
NEW HIREs

NEW ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

- Mark Kock was hired as a new Animal Control Officer
- Patrick Hybertson was hired as a new Animal Control Officer
- Silhouette Smith was hired as a new Animal Control Officer
- Stacia Bunkers was hired as a new Animal Control Officer

NEW RECORDS EMPLOYEES

- Adriana Fajardo was hired as a new Records Employee
- Molly Langenfeld was hired as a new Records Employee
- Tara Nuss was hired as a new Records Employee

NEW CRIME LAB EMPLOYEES

- Aidan Mullaney was hired as a new Crime Lab Forensic Specialist
- Jaime Clemans was hired as a new Crime Lab Forensic Specialist
- Todd Edwards was hired as a new Crime Lab Evidence Technician
- Samantha Hayek was hired as a new Forensic Specialist
RETIREMENTS

Captain Keith Gries retired after 26 years of service.

Sergeant Mike Olson retired after 25 years of service.

Detective Ron Harris retired after 25 years of service.

Detective Scott Vandervelde retired after 25 years of service.

Officer Leroy Bingen retired after 25 years of service.
RETIREMENTS

Officer Ted Wehrspann retired after 25 years of service.

Jill Berg retired after 17 years of service.

Records Employee Jane Reuwsaat retired after 20 years of service.

Records Employee Tracy Halverson retired after 20 years of service.

Records Employee Renee Munce retired after 10 years of service.
Detective Pat Mertes was presented the Officer of the Year award by Chief Matt Burns.

Forensic Specialist II Brianna Anderson was presented the Civilian Employee of the Year award by Chief Matt Burns.

Sergeant Nick Butler was presented the Supervisor of the Year award by Chief Matt Burns.
AWARDS

MEDAL OF MERIT

Officer Charles Skidmore was presented a Medal of Merit award by Captain Keith Gries.

Officer Erin Bertram was presented the Medal of Merit by Captain Dave McIntire.

Officers Darin Martyna and Jason Purkapile were presented the Medal of Merit by Captain Dave McIntire.

MEDAL OF VALOR

Officer Jon Gorter was presented the Medal of Valor by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Jon Gross and Eric Olson were presented the Medal of Valor by Chief Matt Burns.

Officer Kyle Ochsner was presented the Medal of Valor by Chief Matt Burns.
LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Detective Scott Nelson was presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Randy Brink.

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

Officers Tanner Vlaminck and Andy Jensen were presented a Life Saving Award by Lt. Nick Cook.

Officer Jeff Van Gerpen was presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Kevin Henkel.

Officer Richard Smith was presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Jon Lohr.

 Officers Trey Hunt and Trent Ehler were presented a Life Saving Award by Captain Dave McIntire.

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AWARDS

CHIEF’S COMMENDATION

Brian Sherman was presented a Chief’s Commendation by Chief Matt Burns.

DIVISION COMMENDATION

Officer Jordan Taylor was presented a Division Commendation by Captain Dave McIntire.

SHIFT COMMENDATION

Detective Jake Harris was presented a Section Commendation by Lieutenant Terrance Matia.

Officer Ben Fiegen, Mauricio Marquez, and Dustin Jorgensen were presented a Shift Commendation by Captain Dave McIntire.

Officers Carlos Puente and Zach Nolz were presented a Shift Commendation by Sergeant Ryan Flagstad.
AWARDS

OTHER AWARDS

Animal Control Officer Ben Van Laar was presented a One Sioux Falls coin by Mayor Paul TenHaken.

Captain Keith Gries was presented the American Legion Officer of the Year award.

Chief Matt Burns was presented the Chief John Wainman Sr. Service Award by Mayor TenHaken.

Detective Scott Vandervelde was presented an award of appreciation for his years of service in the Property Crimes Section.

Lieutenant Adam Petersen was presented a certificate by Chief Matt Burns after completing the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce leadership program.

Lieutenant Jon Thum was presented the inaugural Chief Clark Quiring Award for Excellence by Chief Matt Burns.
SPECIAL EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
# CRIME STATISTICS

| Year | Calls for Service (Incidents) | Murder | Rape | Aggravated Assault | Simple assault | Runaways | Robberies | Burglary | Stolen Vehicles | Larceny | Vandalism | Forgery | Fraud | Embezzlement | Arson Investigations | Total Narcotics Cases | Drug Seizures | Trafficking Statistics |
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| 2014 | 92,928                        | 6      | 148  | 291               | 611            | 624      | 98        | 846      | 346            | 4,242  | 1,567     | 177     | 647   | 115         | 27                    | 2,102                |                      |
| 2015 | 96,488                        | 3      | 138  | 317               | 621            | 640      | 110       | 973      | 472            | 4,885  | 1,820     | 237     | 687   | 128         | 28                    | 2,409                |                      |
| 2016 | 103,698                       | 6      | 160  | 345               | 619            | 712      | 132       | 896      | 697            | 4,822  | 1,762     | 324     | 785   | 139         | 48                    | 2,772                |                      |
| 2017 | 105,865                       | 10     | 122  | 306               | 697            | 546      | 103       | 667      | 544            | 4,545  | 1,590     | 302     | 731   | 129         | 47                    | 2,992                |                      |
| 2018 | 122,771                       | 8      | 128  | 330               | 697            | 629      | 119       | 682      | 638            | 5,049  | 1,447     | 369     | 677   | 128         | 47                    | 2,856                |                      |
| 2019 | 125,885                       | 7      | 121  | 379               | 716            | 583      | 98        | 718      | 759            | 5,321  | 1,621     | 277     | 671   | 131         | 31                    | 3,043                |                      |
| 2020 | 127,477                       | 13     | 116  | 557               | 860            | 569      | 136       | 775      | 759            | 5,333  | 1,894     | 230     | 630   | 176         | 47                    | 2,893                |                      |

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

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TOTAL BUDGET—$41,497,131

OPERATING EXPENSE
$5,840,571
(Law Enforcement Center building needs, general supplies, training, and repairs)

CAPITAL OUTLAY
$1,264,000
(vehicles and equipment needs costing over $7,500)

SALARIES
$34,392,560
(Officers and support personnel)
IN MEMORY


James Shabram, Officer, retired December 1988.

John Keenan, Officer, retired December 1999.

Leo Drew, Officer, retired January 2000.

Michael Doohen, Officer, retired November 2004.
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