

Hastings Police Department



Annual Report
2023

Administration

Chief of Police

David D. Wilske

Deputy Chief

Bryan Schowalter

Commander

Kyle Linscheid

Administrative Services Manager

Mary Cofer

DEDICATED TO OFFICER ALBERT JACOBSON
END OF WATCH JULY 10, 1894



On the Cover: Photo courtesy of Officer Freeman-Denn – taken at petting zoo in Lions Park on National Night Out 2023

About Hastings PD

31

Sworn Personnel

8

Non-Sworn Personnel

23K

Calls for Service

3

Divisions

1

K9 Team

Hastings Police
Department
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Chief's Message



Welcome to the Hastings Police Department Annual Report for 2023.

I could not be prouder of the team's efforts this year and although this report highlights a number of accomplishments, please understand that your officers and support staff show up everyday ready to

respond to community emergencies and take steps to keep our community safe.

Hastings PD had the opportunity to participate in numerous Community events again this year and with the revitalization of downtown, events continue to grow in popularity. Staff were involved in HPD's Police Week Open House, Rec+Art+Police events, 4th of July Parade, Rivertown Days, Rivertown Live, Halloween Event at HHS, and Gobble Gait to name a few. In addition, there were several community speaking events throughout the year that assisted in getting the message out to the public on the dangers of Fentanyl and other illicit drugs.

The Hastings Police Department added new members to the team and there were a few changes in positions. Officer Karter Gorney and Officer James Domeier started in 2023 and both have prior law enforcement experience at neighboring agencies.

Officer Georgeann Freeman-Denn was moved to the School Resource Officer position after Officer Willers completed his 3-year term and returned to patrol. Officer Willers did an outstanding job in the SRO Position and Officer Freeman has hit the ground running, making a positive impact already.

Officer Whitney Rinowski continues to knock it out of the park in her Community Engagement Role and the police department outreach is stronger than ever.

One of our main focuses this year was a revitalization of the Police Reserve Program. Reserve Lt. Joey Trautmann resigned after 15 years with the program. This was a difficult loss, but we are hopeful Joey returns to the program when his personal obligations slow down a bit.

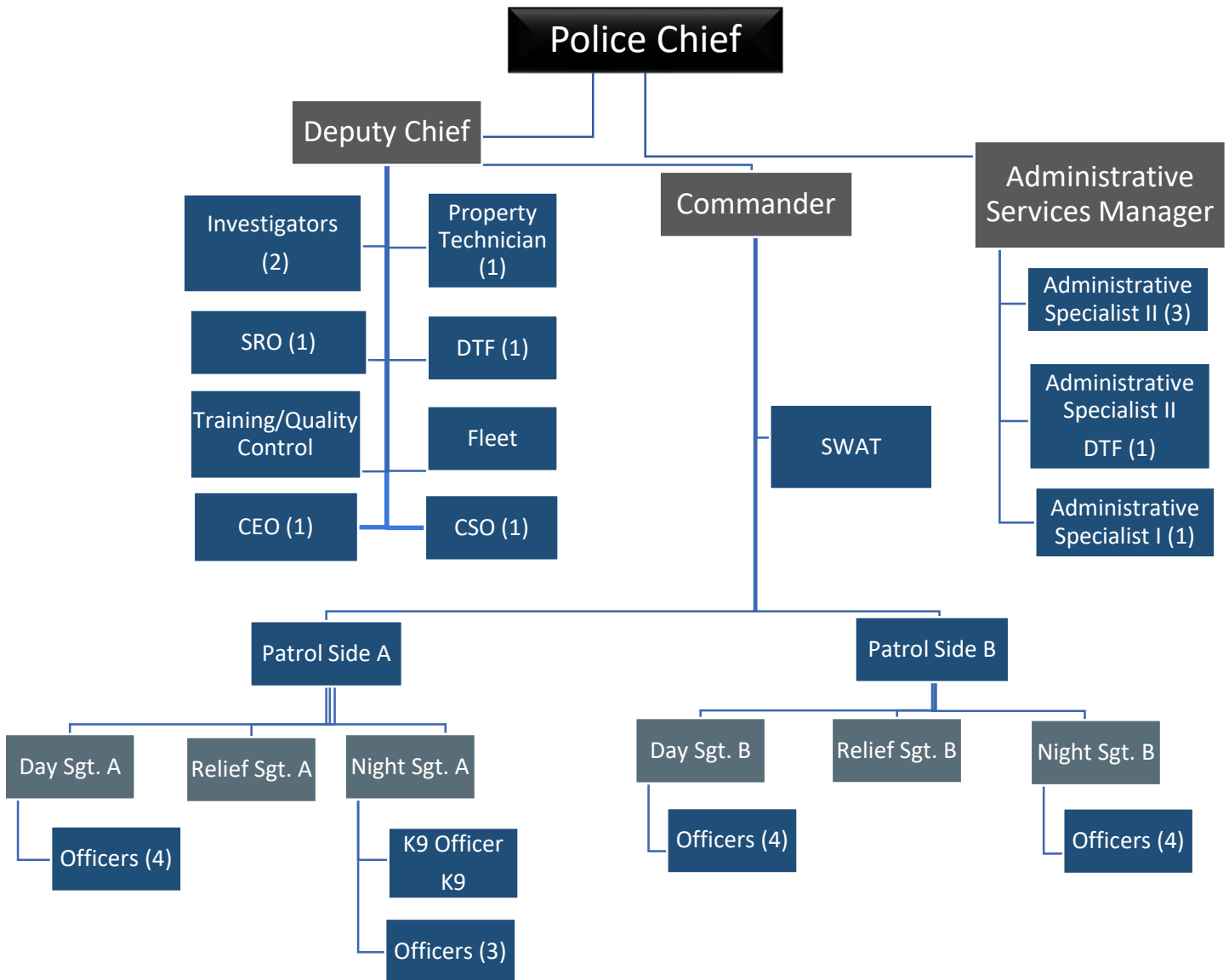
We welcomed new Reserve Officers Allen Jaeger, Theiry Auge, Jordan Spann, and Ronald Riemenschneider. This brought the unit up to 10 members and combined, they volunteered over 1,500 hours of service this year to ensure city events were safe for all. Special thanks to Reserve Officer Jaeger and Auge for earning the Silver Presidential Award for working over 300 hours each and to Reserve Officer Steinhibel for earning the Gold Presidential Award for working over 982 hours in 2023 alone. Reserve Officer Auge also received the Rookie of the Year Award and Reserve Officer Messina received the Reserve Officer of the Year Award. Thank you to the whole team for your dedication to the Hastings Community.

The Hastings Police Department continues to search for grant opportunities to not only be fiscally responsible but also strengthen our ability to maintain safe events. This year, we applied for Pitagone Barriers through the Urban Area Security Initiative and were selected to receive this grant. The Pitagone Barriers Grant request was for \$107,339 and will be utilized to secure large-scale events when roadways need to be closed. Members of the community should see these in use this summer. We were also approved to purchase a new speed trailer and our hope is that we can receive delivery by summer 2024. The speed trailers are in high demand in our community, and we had to retire one trailer this past year due to ongoing issues.

Thank you for taking the time to review the Hastings PD Annual Report and for your support over this past year. The support of this community has been nothing short of astounding.

Respectfully,
David D. Wilske
Chief of Police

Organizational Chart



2023 Authorized Strength

Sworn Police Officers / Full Time	31	Civilian / Full Time	6
		Civilian / Part Time	2

Staff Listing

ADMINISTRATION	
David Wilske, Chief of Police	Bryan Schowalter, Deputy Chief
Kyle Linscheid, Commander	Mary Cofer, Administrative Services Manager

RECORDS/PROPERTY	
Brenda McGrath, Administrative Specialist II	Kathy Belisle, Administrative Specialist II
Ginger Glaser, Administrative Specialist II	Tina Gipson, Administrative Specialist II (DTF)
Stephanie Taylor, Administrative Specialist I	Richard Brown, Property Room Technician

SERGEANTS	
Chris Nelson, Patrol Sergeant	Matt Hedrick, Patrol Sergeant
Dave Bauer, Patrol Sergeant	Ryan Kline, Patrol Sergeant
Sam Beuch, Patrol Sergeant	Pat Diedrich, Patrol Sergeant

OFFICERS	
Chad Schlichte, Investigator	Matt Harrity, Investigator
Chris Weid, Patrol Officer	Jeremy Jacobson, Patrol Officer
Mike Schmitz, Patrol Officer	Nate Wood, Patrol Officer
Matt Schlafer, Patrol Officer	Paul Young, Patrol Officer
Whitney Rinowski, Community Engagement Officer	Geoff Latsch, Drug Task Force
Blake Nosal, Patrol Officer	Jake Willers, Patrol Officer
Nick Cross, Patrol Officer	Dan Vomastek & Sonny, Canine Officer & K-9
Ryan Haedt, Patrol Officer	Zak Knochenmus, Patrol Officer
Georgeann Freeman-Denn, School Resource Officer	Matt Green, Patrol Officer
Karter Gorney, Patrol Officer*	James Domeier, Patrol Officer*

* new hire in 2023

Milestones

25 years

Mary Cofer

15 years

Matt Schlafer

Dave Bauer

Kyle Linscheid

10 years

Chris Nelson

Matt Hedrick

5 years

Sam Beuch

Jake Willers

Nick Cross

Retirements

Ofc. Brock Bukkila – 23 years

(Retired 04/2023)

Resignations

Inv. Matt Harrity – 3 years

Ofc. Payton Walser – 3 years

Ofc. Sean Glancey* – 7 months (CSO 4 mo. – Ofc 3 mo.)

Reserve Unit

2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the Hastings Police Reserve Unit.

Originally formed in 1953 as a civil defense unit, the Hastings Police Reserve is comprised of volunteers who each donate a minimum of 120 hours of service each year; collectively donating over 2,000 hours annually.



RO Auge, Deputy Chief Schowalter, Chief Wilske, Commander Linscheid, Reserve Sgt. Stone, RO Beard

ROSTER	
Chris Stone, Reserve Sergeant	Randy Gray, Reserve Sergeant
Brian Jansen, Reserve Officer	Michael Beard, Reserve Officer
Tyler Steinhibel, Reserve Officer	Gino Messina, Reserve Officer
Thierry Auge, Reserve Officer	Allen Jaeger, Reserve Officer
Jordan Spann, Reserve Officer	Ronald Riemenschneider, Reserve Officer

AWARDS	
RO Steinhibel, Gold Presidential Award	RO Jaeger, Silver Presidential Award
RO Auge, Silver Presidential Award	RO Auge, Rookie of the Year Award
RO Messina, Reserve Officer of the Year	

Milestones

RO Steinhibel – 5 years

Resignations

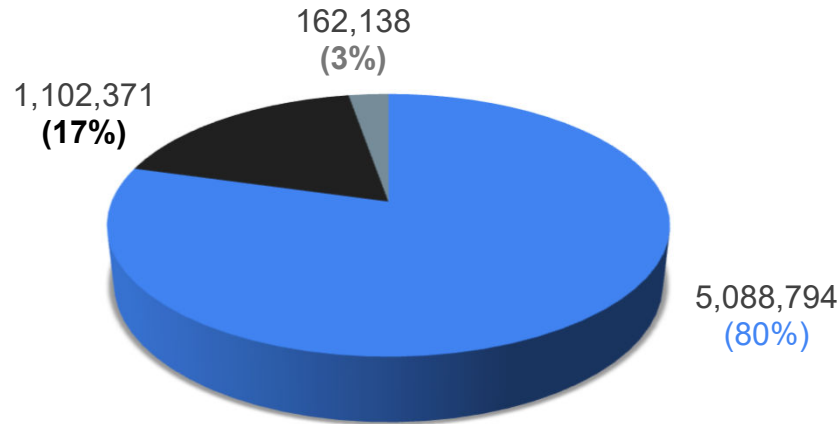
Lt. Joey Trautmann – 15 years (*resigned 7/2023*)



Budget

2023 Police Department Budget \$6,353,303

■ Salaries & Benefits
 ■ Operations/Debt
 ■ Capital Outlay (Cars)



↑
 5.42%
 increase over
 2022 Budget

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Expenses					
Personnel Expense	3,996,343	4,216,109	4,458,836	4,698,737	5,088,794
Supplies	110,441	103,470	96,546	118,850	112,500
Other Services & Charges	739,801	723,288	827,528	910,734	980,991
Miscellaneous	14,492	37,157	8,816	8,520	8,880
Capital Outlay	4,051	50,041	107,292	289,726	162,138
Transfers Out		25,000			
Total	4,865,128	5,155,065	5,499,018	6,026,567	6,353,303

City of Hastings Budget Information [City of Hastings website](#)

2023 Statewide City Budgets [Office of the State Auditor website](#)

City of Hastings [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#)



2023 Statistics



22,685

Calls for Service



23,192

Est. Policing
Population



0

Homicides



5.69m

Avg. Emergency
Response Time



1,155

Medicals



3

Robbery



2,388

Case Files Created



429

Animal Complaints



28

Burglary



766

Citations Issued



184

Gun Permits
Processed



343

Arrests



Total Traffic Stops: 2,688

2023 Calls For Service: 22,685

Top Calls for Service

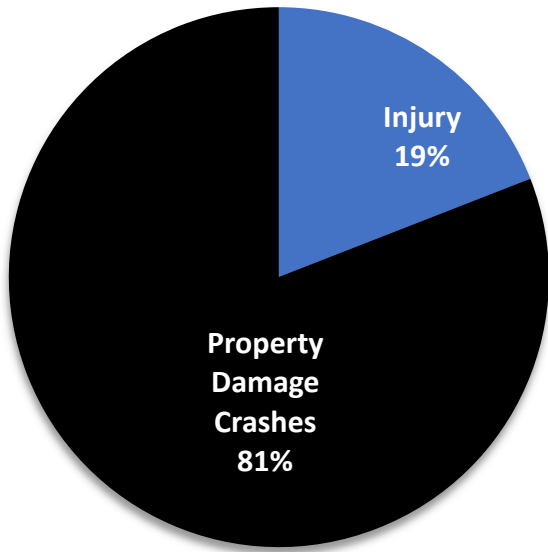
Suspicious Activity	1,210
Medical	1,155
Civil/Public Assist	823
Alarm Calls	649
Check Welfare	641
Disorderly/Disturbing Peace/Fight	586
Animal Call	429

Top Citation Violations

Parking	102
Driving After Revocation/Suspension/Cancellation	97
Expired Registration	77
Driving While Impaired/Under Influence	73
Disorderly Conduct	63
Speeding	54
Assault/Domestic Assault	52
Failure to Stop/Obey Traffic Control Signal or Stop Sign	52

Total Citations: 766
 - 421 Traffic
 - 137 Parking/Ordinance
 - 208 Non-Traffic

Total Violations: 930
 - 561 Traffic
 - 137 Parking/Ordinance
 - 232 Non-Traffic



* State Reportable Crashes by Severity

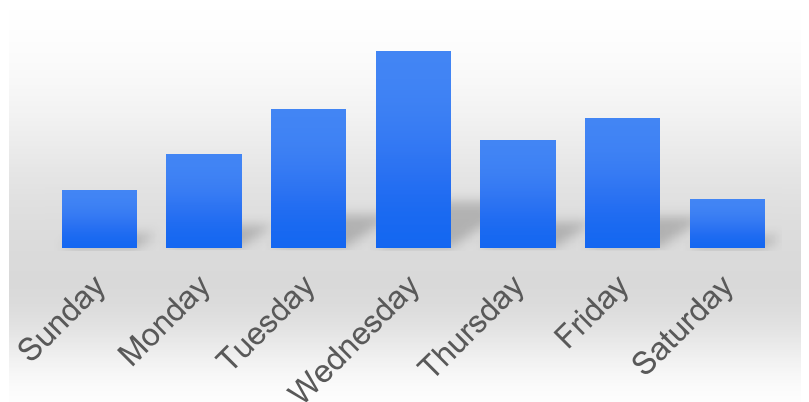
Minor Injury	10
Possible Injury	22
Property Damage	140
Serious Injury	1
Fatality	0

Total 173

Drivers by Age

Age 15 - 29	33
Age 20 - 29	52
Age 30 - 39	59
Age 40 - 49	30
Age 50 - 59	31
Age 60 - 64	17
Age 65+	52

Crashes by Day of Week



* **State reportable** – crashes occurring on public roadway causing injury, death or property damage in the amount of \$1,000 or more.

Of the 392 accidents calls for service in 2023, the above numbers reflect only those that are state reportable crashes and were responded to/reported to the State by HPD - they do not include crashes responded to and state reported by MN State Patrol.

Additional crash data: [MN Dept of Transportation](#) and [MN DPS Office of Traffic Safety website](#)



NIBRS Crime Statistics

Group A	Crime Against Person	2022	2023
09A	Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
09C	Justifiable Homicide (Not a Crime)	0	0
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0
11A	Rape	5	9
11B	Sodomy	0	0
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	2	0
11D	Fondling	13	14
11E	Ejaculate/Excrete on Victim	0	0
13A	Aggravated Assault	24	22
13B	Simple Assault	75	69
13C	Intimidation	18	25
36A	Incest	0	0
36B	Statutory Rape	0	0
64A	Human Trafficking - Commercial Sex Acts	0	0
64B	Human Trafficking - Involuntary Servitude	0	0
		137	139
Group A	Crime Against Property		
120	Robbery	4	3
200	Arson	3	2
210	Extortion/Blackmail	1	7
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	33	28
23A	Pocket Picking	0	0
23B	Purse Snatching	0	0
23C	Shoplifting	42	64
23D	Theft From Building	7	10
23E	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	0
23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	32	32
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	50	16
23H	All Other Larceny	119	97
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	14	21
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	27	10
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	27	26
26B	Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	22	13
26C	Impersonation	7	10
26D	Welfare Fraud	0	0
26E	Wire Fraud	6	8
26F	Identity Theft	34	27
26G	Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0
270	Embezzlement	5	4
280	Stolen Property Offenses	14	12
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	136	123
510	Bribery (Except Sports Bribery)	0	0
		583	513



**Crime
Against
Persons
Up
1.5%**

**Crime
Against
Property
Down
12%**



NIBRS Crime Statistics

Group A	Crime Against Society	2022	2023
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	93	43
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	32	2
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	5	3
39A	Betting/Wagering	0	0
39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0
39C	Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0
39D	Sports Tampering	0	0
40A	Prostitution	0	0
40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0
40C	Purchasing Prostitution	0	0
520	Weapon Law Violations	16	13
720	Animal Cruelty	0	1
		146	62

Crimes
Against
Society
Down
57.5%



**Total Group A Crimes
Down 17.5% in 2023**

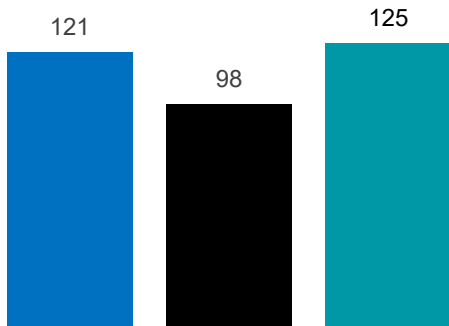
GROUP B		2022	2023
90A	Bad Checks	0	0
90B	Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	1	7
90C	Disorderly Conduct	34	54
90D	Driving Under the Influence	232	192
90E	Drunkenness (Except DUI)	0	0
90F	Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1	6
90G	Liquor Law Violations	17	12
90H	Peeping Tom	0	0
90I	Runaway	0	0
90J	Trespass of Real Property	7	15
90Z	All Other Offenses	135	100
		427	386

Group B
Offenses
Down
9.5%



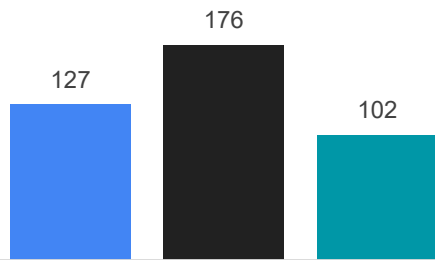
Charging Statistics

County Attorney
2021 – 2023 Formal Complaints Issued

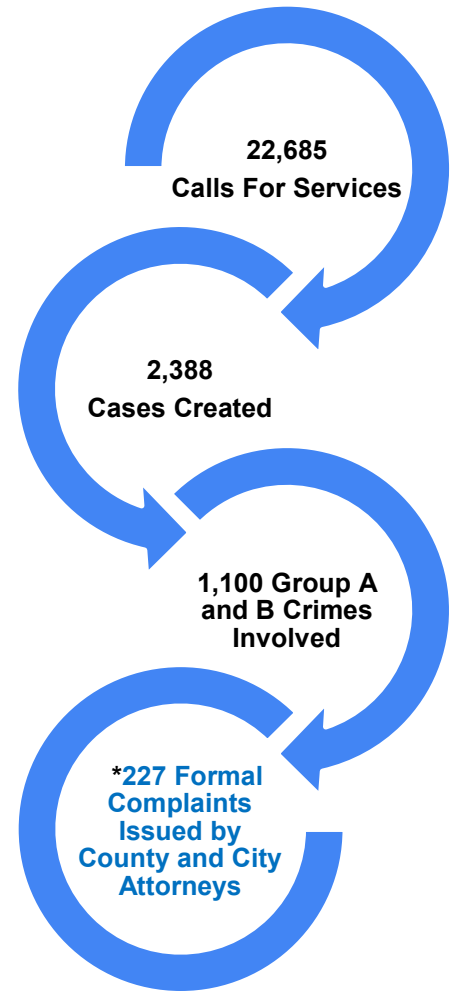


Formal Complaints Issued
■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023

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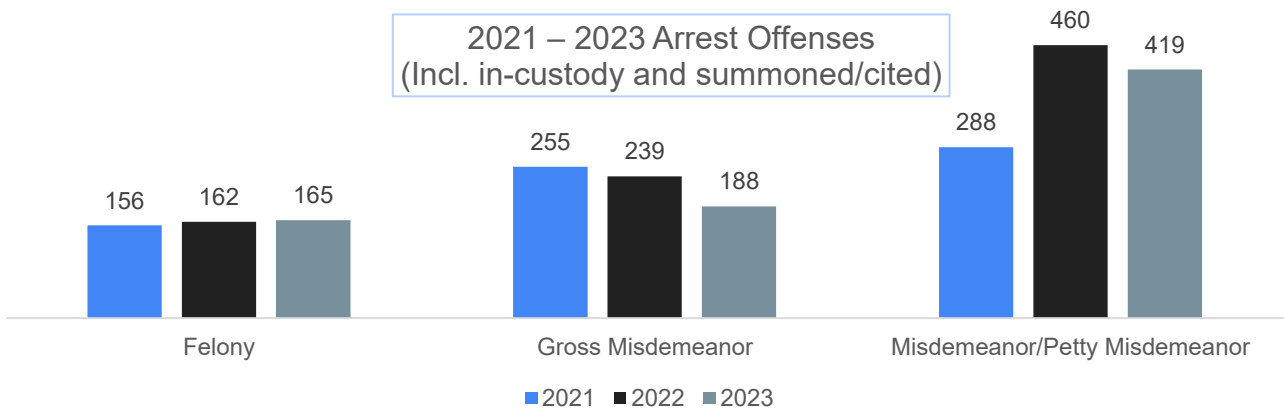


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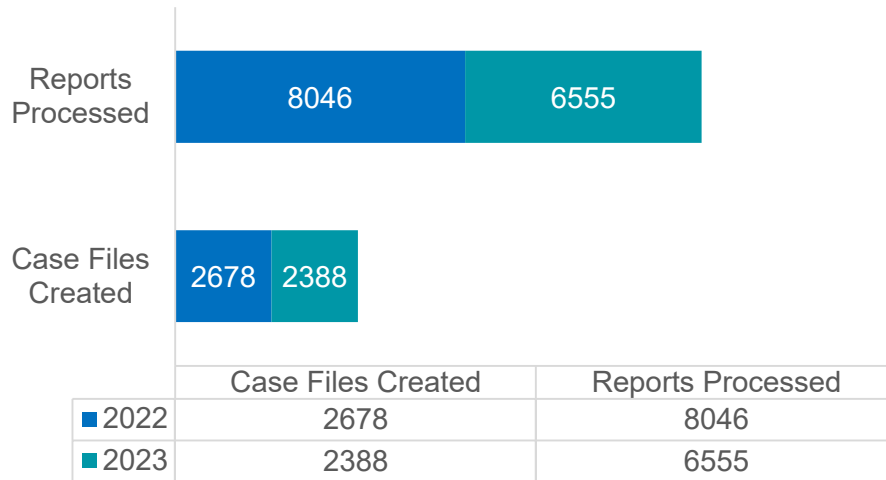


* Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Formal Complaints (may include a small percentage of misdemeanor complaints issued in lieu of a citation)

2021 – 2023 Arrest Offenses
(Incl. in-custody and summoned/cited)

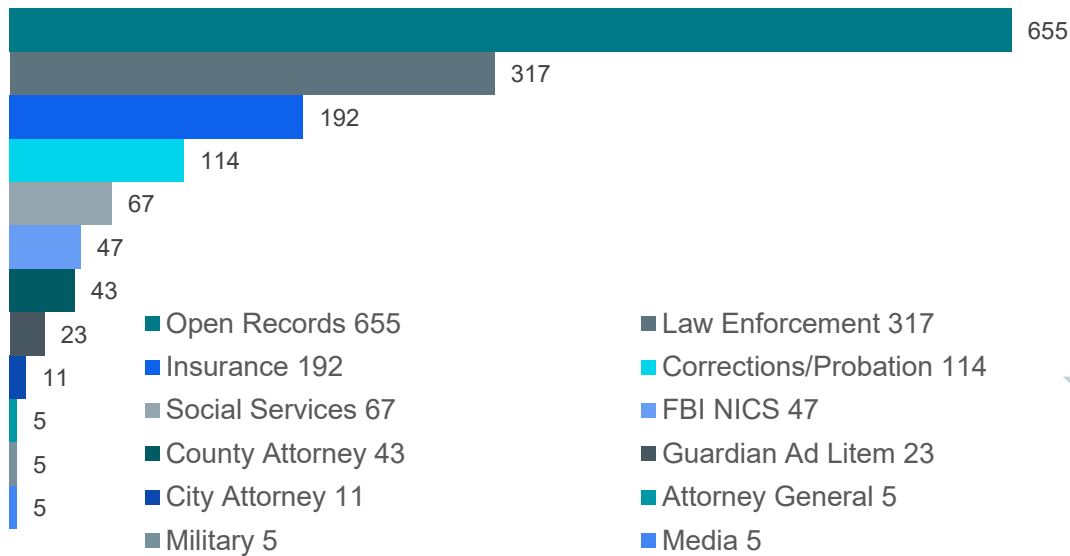


Case Files and Reports



***Open Records Requests Up 60%**

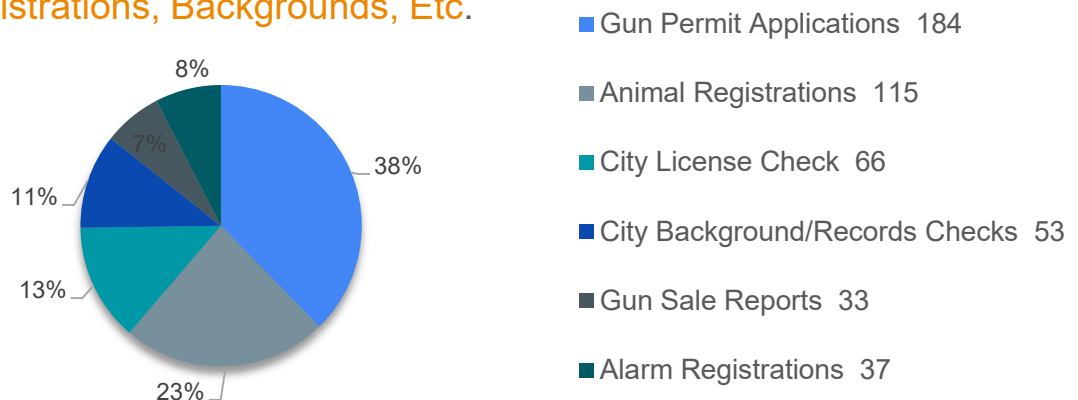
Data Requests – 1,484



Gun Permit Applications Down 10%

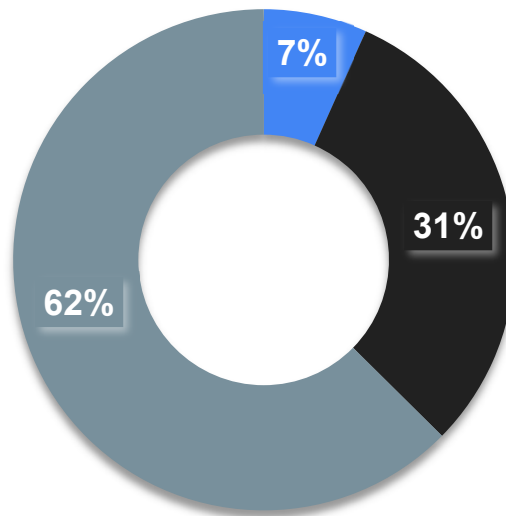
**Open records requests are those data requests received from persons involved in an incident and from the public (not involved in the incident)*

Permits, Registrations, Backgrounds, Etc.



Professional Standards

2023 Officer Training: 2,124 Hours



- **Conflict Management, Crisis Intervention, Cultural Diversity/Implicit Bias**
- **Pursuit, Use of Force, Firearms, Intermediate Force Weapons, Drug Recognition, DUI, Emergency Management**
- **Continuing Education, Critical Knowledge, Leadership, OSHA, Other Specialized Training**

MN POST Board Continuing Education Requirements for Officers

48 hours within their three-year licensing period to include a minimum of 16 approved credits in:

- Crisis Intervention and Mental Illness Crisis
- Conflict Management and Mediation
- Recognizing/Valuing Community Diversity and Cultural Differences to Include Implicit Bias
- Autism
- Crimes Motivated by Bias
- Officer Wellness (required for renewal in 2027)

Active licensed officers are statutorily required to successfully complete use of force and firearms training annually, and emergency vehicle operations training every five years.



2023 OFFICER DISCIPLINE – POLICE MISCONDUCT /DEPARTMENT POLICY

Complaints - 3

Investigated - 3

Sustained - 0

2023 PERFORMANCE METRICS

*Positive Recognition - 44

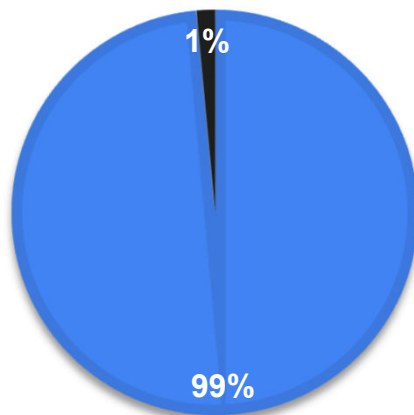
**Employee Consultation - 10

**Awards, Recognition (Peer, Public, Supervisor), Job Knowledge, Productivity, Teamwork, Leads by Example, Managing Others, Problem Solving*

***Coaching of Performance and Policy Infractions*

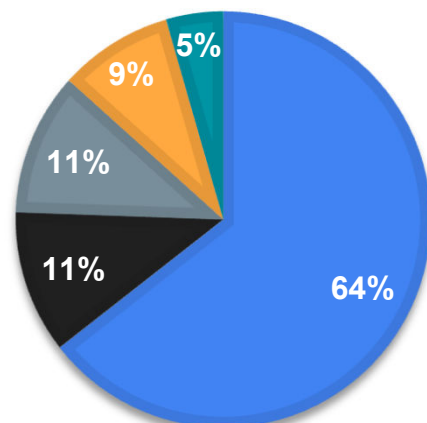
2023 Physical Arrests

■ Adults - 338 ■ Juvenile - 5



2023 Restraint Used

■ Handcuffs ■ The Wrap ■ Other
■ Helmet ■ Hobble Restraint



[BCA Data: MN Law Enforcement Firearms Discharge](#)

[BCA Data: MN Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted](#)



2023 Highlights



Officer Bukkila retired



Investigator Harity resigned



Officer Walsler resigned



Welcome to HPD
Officer Gorney



Welcome to HPD
Officer Domeier



Officer Walsler receives
MAWP Excellence in
Performance Award



Officers Schmitz and Wood
receive MCPA Meritorious
Service Award



Sgt. Nelson graduates
Northwestern School of
Police Staff and Command



MN Senate Capital
Investment Committee visit



Public Safety meeting with
Senator Seeberger



LE Torch Run for Special
Olympics MN



Cop on a rooftop fundraiser
for Special Olympics MN

2023 Highlights



Sound the Siren food drive
Pie in Face Challenge



Pink Patch project



Toys for Tots toy drive



Rail Safety Week



Rec + Art + Police in parks



4th of July Parade



Calvary Church First Responder lunch and axe throwing competition



National Night Out (NNO)



Bike Rodeo



Gobble Gait



Gobble Gait



SRO Freeman-Denn first week of school

2023 Highlights



HPD Officers attend
Cameron PD & Chetek PD
officers' Funeral



Welcome Reserve Officers
Messina and Auge



Welcome embedded social
workers & victim advocate



Walmart donation



Girl Scout cookie donation



Girl Scout cookie donation



Christmas cookie donation



Cub Food donation



Cooler donation, built by
Reserve Officer Auge



NNO - Officer Domeier &
retired Sgt. Gordy Anderson
who served HPD 1964 – 1993

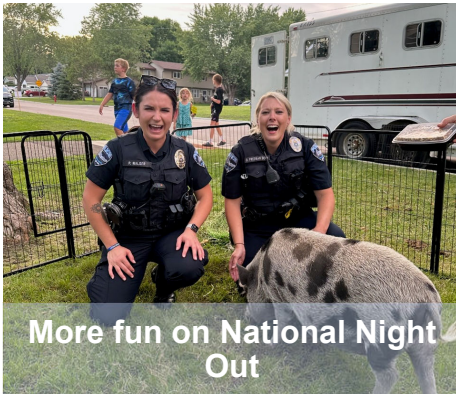


Police Reserve Banquet



Officer Young helping citizen

2023 Highlights



More fun on National Night Out



Officer Jacobson at Shining Star's Learning Center



Sgt. Beuch captures pic of Northern Lights April 24th



Girl Scouts at Hastings Fleet Farm



Sgt. Nelson and new CSO Glancey. Glancey later served HPD as a police officer from Sept - Dec 2023



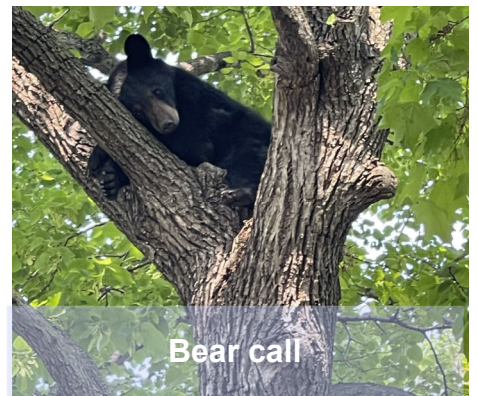
Snake Discovery at Hastings Armory



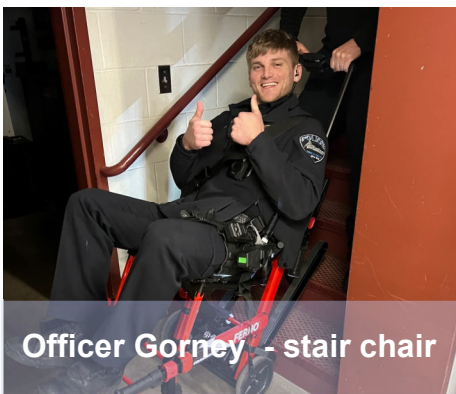
"Snake Charmer" Sgt. Hedrick at Snake Discovery



Officer Young - Eagle rescue



Bear call



Officer Gorney - stair chair



Mobile Field Force Training



Final team walk off with Officer Walser

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