

# 2020 Annual Report

Bryan D. Schafer, Chief of Police





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# Chief's Message



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Schafer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bryan Schafer  
Chief of Police

I'm proud to present the 2020 Hastings Police Department Annual Report. The Hastings Police Department is committed to respectful, efficient, and effective service to all who live, work, and visit our beautiful and historic city.

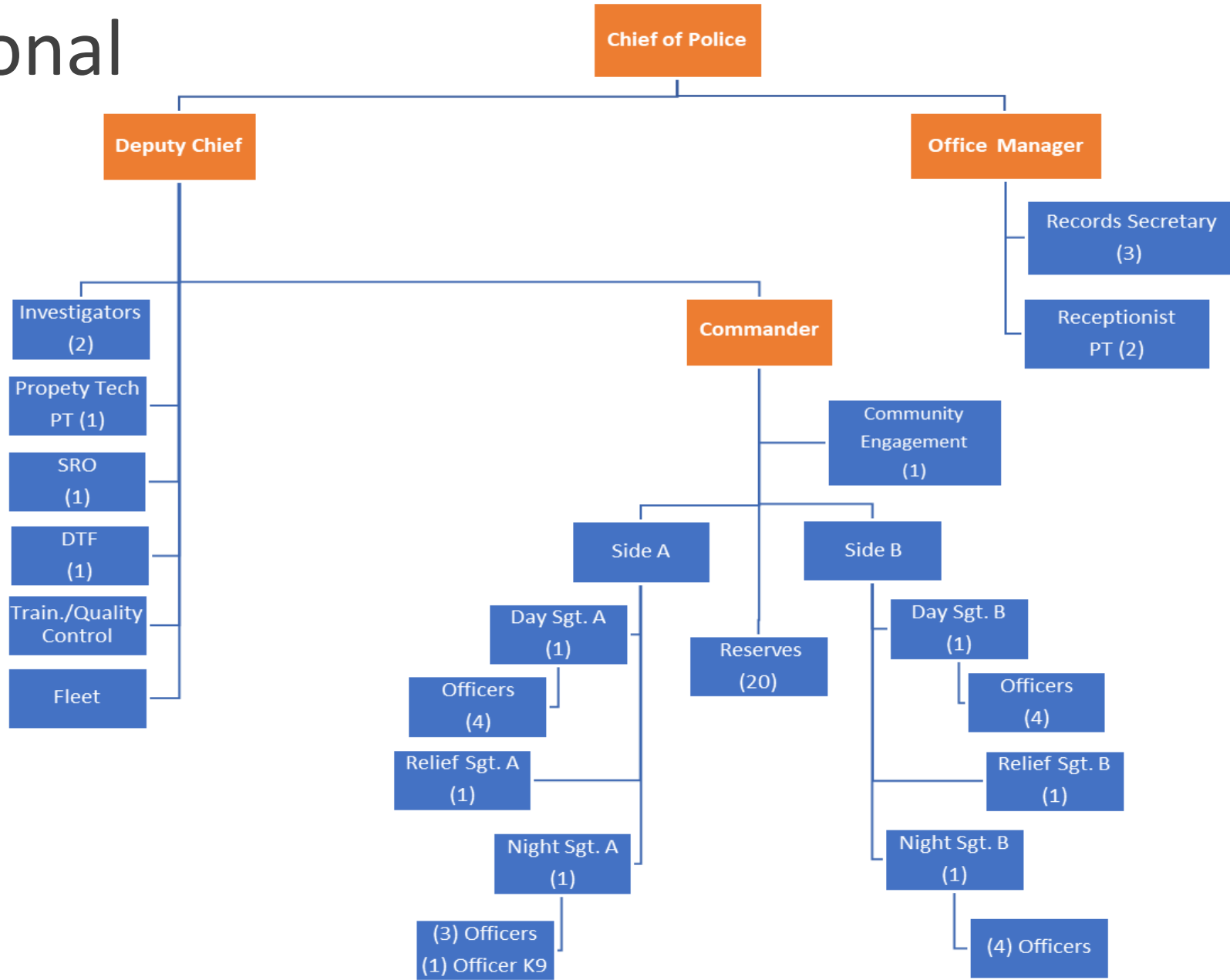
2020 was a challenging year for all. Our Police Officers were faced with adversity like never before with the onset of COVID-19 and civil unrest. Our staff adapted admirably with little interruption in service to our citizens.

Our brave men and women in uniform came to work every day--sanitizing, social distancing, and utilizing PPE to a level not seen. They were forced to change their patrol and emergency response protocol and still responded to nearly 23,000 calls for service, participated in over 2000 hours of training, and processed almost 3300 cases.

The HPD applauds the citizens of Hastings for their patience, respectfulness, and overwhelming support in 2020. Your support empowers our officers to go out every day and do great work under difficult circumstances.

I could not be prouder of our Department and their commitment to "Pride in Service." Regardless of what 2021 brings, we vow to keep this community safe by responding to your needs and serving with honor.

# Organizational Structure



# Chief of Police

## Bryan D. Schafer

### Deputy Chief

David Wilske  
Inv. Paul Young  
Inv. Pat Diedrich  
Ofc. Jake Willers (SRO)  
Ofc. Nate Wood (DTF)  
Richard Brown (Property Technician)

### Commander

Bryan Schowalter  
Sgt. Kyle Linscheid  
Sgt. Chris Nelson  
Sgt. Matt Hedrick  
Sgt. Dave Bauer  
Sgt. Ryan Kline\*\*  
Sgt. Sam Beuch\*\*

### Office Manager

Mary Cofer  
Police Secretary Brenda McGrath  
Police Secretary Kathy Belisle  
Police Secretary Ginger Glaser  
Receptionist Jessica Urbach  
Receptionist Kim Gelhar

### Officers

Ofc. Dan Tollefson	Ofc. Jeremy Jacobson	Ofc. Matt Schlafer	Ofc. Nick Cross	Ofc. Ryan Haedt*
Ofc. Craig Nowlan	Ofc. Brock Bukkila	Ofc. Whitney Rinowski	Ofc. Chad Schlichte	Ofc. Zachary Knochenmus*
Ofc. Chris Weid	Ofc. Mike Schmitz	Ofc. Geoff Latsch	Ofc. Dan Vomastek & K-9 Sonny	Ofc. Payton Walser*
		Ofc. Blake Nosal		Ofc. Matthew Harranty*

### Milestones:

<b>20 Years</b> Brenda McGrath	<b>20 Years</b> Craig Nowlan	<b>20 Years</b> Chris Weid	<b>20 Years</b> Jeremy Jacobson	<b>20 Years</b> Brock Bukkila
<b>15 Years</b> Tina Gipson				
<b>5 Years</b> Geoff Latsch				

### Retirements

Sergeant James Galland (02/2020) – 29 Years  
Sergeant Michael Munson (06/2020) – 25 Years  
K-9 Ozzy – (02/2020) – 9 Years (E.O.W. 12/7/2020)

**\*2020 New Hire**  
**\*\* 2020 Promotion**

**Staff Listing as of December 31, 2020**

# Reserve Unit

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

## **Reserve Lieutenant**

Lt. Joey Trautmann

## **Sgt. Chris Stone**

RO Michael Beard  
RO Gino Messina  
RO Matt Garrick

## **Sgt. Randy Gray**

RO Michelle Caballero  
RO Brian Jansen

## **Sgt. Nate Christiansen**

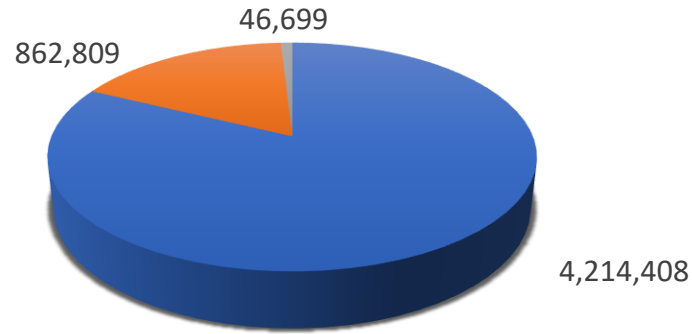
RO Jonathan Tracy  
RO Tyler Stinehibel

**Listing as of December 31, 2020**

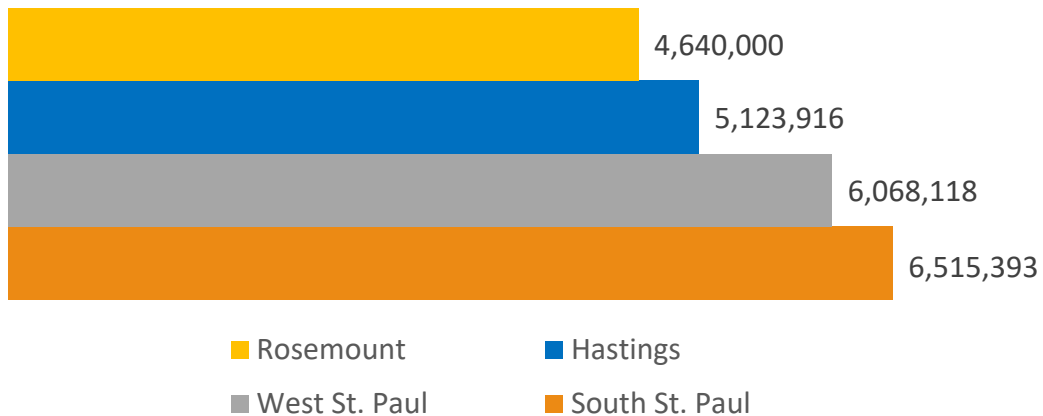
# Budget

2020 HPD Budget - \$5,123,916

Salaries & Benefits    Operations/Debt    Capital Outlay (Cars)



## 2020 Police Budgets Neighboring Cities



## Department Staff (Sworn) 2010 - 2020



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
West St. Paul	30	29	29	30	30	30	30	32	32	32	32
South St. Paul	27	27	27	27	28	28	28	28	28	30	30
Hastings	29	28	29	29	29	28	28	28	30	28	30
Rosemount	22	22	22	22	23	23	23	24	25	24	24

## \*Department Staff (Non-Sworn) 2010 - 2020



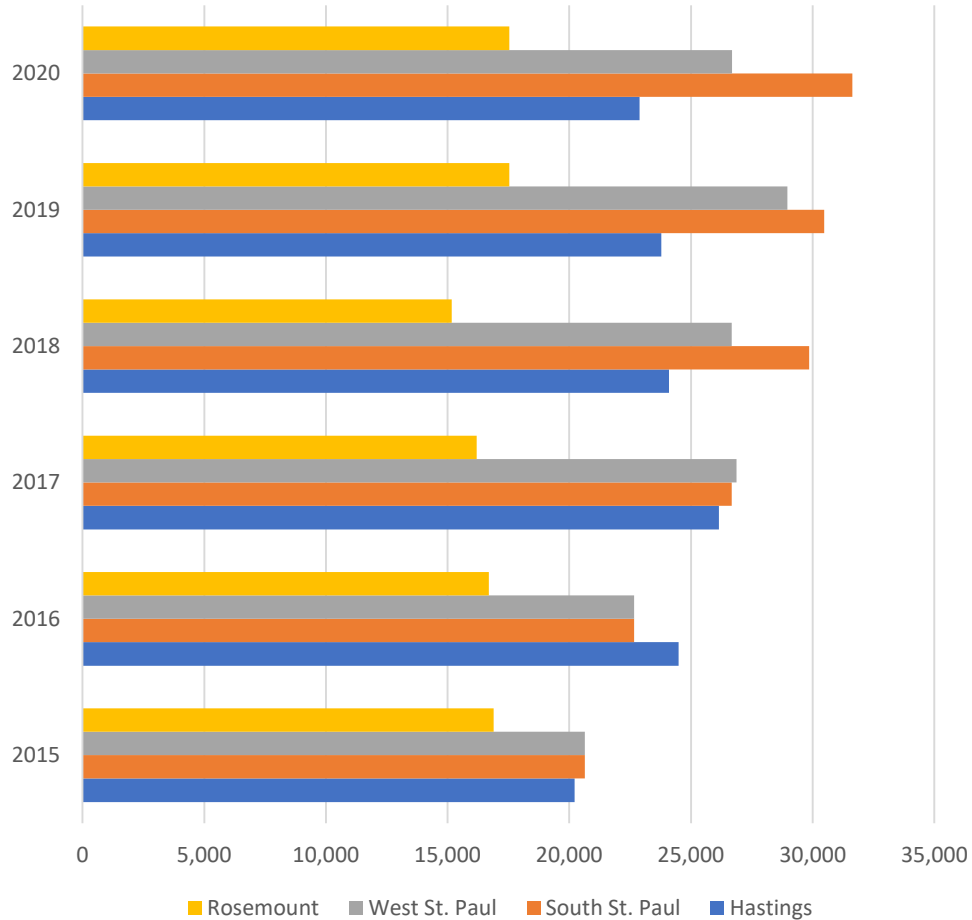
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
West St. Paul	5.6	5.6	5.6	3	4.5	5	6	6	6	6	6
South St. Paul	4.5	4	4.75	4.75	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	7.5	6.5	6.5
Hastings	5	4	3	3	3	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Rosemount	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	3	3	3	3	3	3

\*Excludes off-site DTF funded position

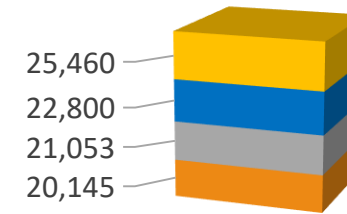


# Statistics

2015 - 2020 Calls for Service  
Neighboring Cities



2020 Neighboring Cities Population  
(Approximate)



- South St. Paul
- Hastings
- West St. Paul
- Rosemount

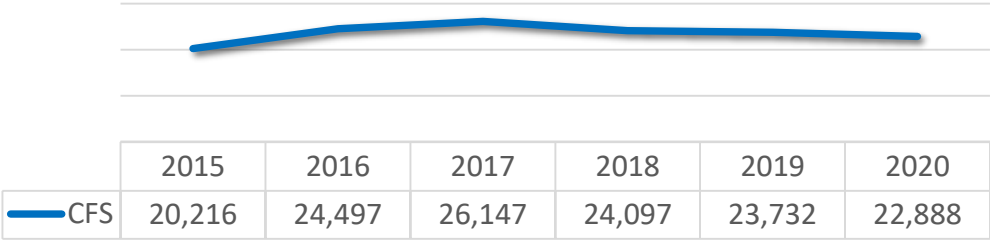
2020 Calls for Service - All Dakota County Cities

Apple Valley	*41,752
Burnsville	47,199
Dakota County	48,664
Eagan	45,949
Farmington	15,391
Hastings	22,888
Inver Grove Heights	35,836
Lakeville	*46,006
Mendota Heights	11,589
Rosemount	*17,533
South St. Paul	31,638
West St. Paul	26,695

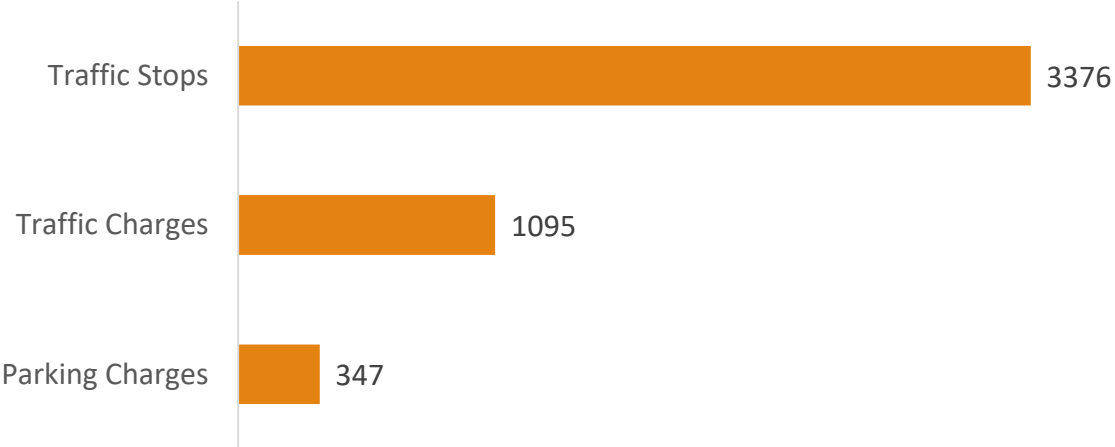
\*2019 Data (2020 data not available at time of publication)

# Statistics

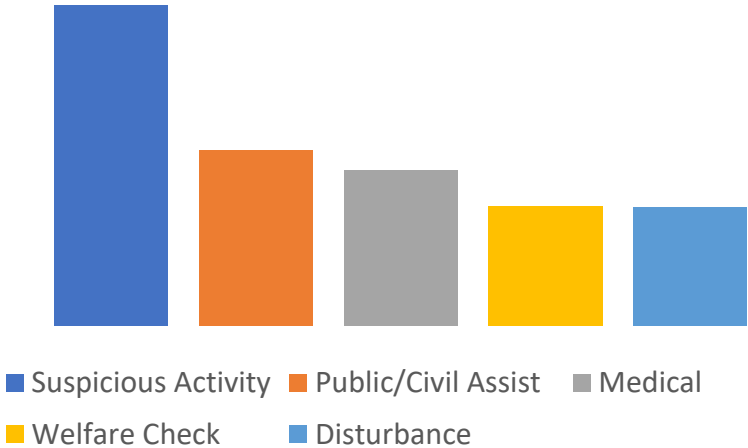
2015 - 2020 Calls for Service  
(Average 23,596 year)



2020 Traffic and Parking

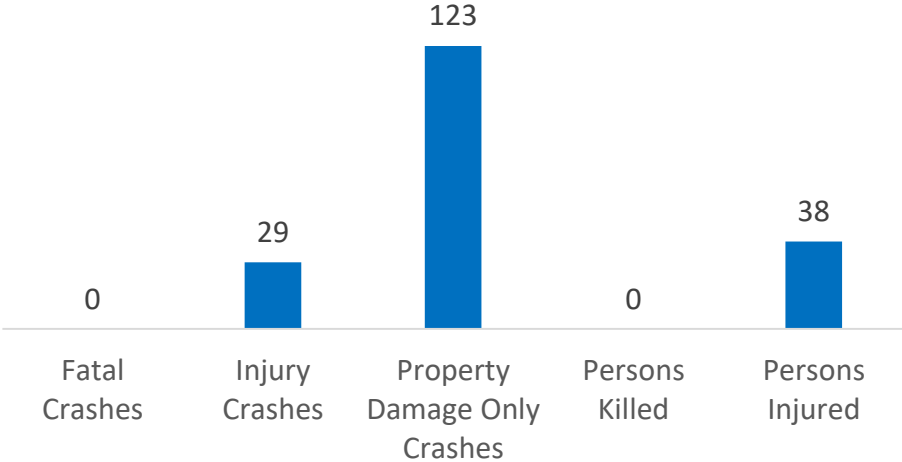


2020 Top Calls for Service



Call source: Dakota Communications Center (DCC) and HPD Initiated.

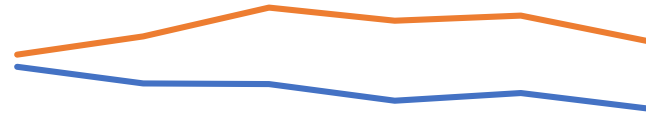
2020 Crash Statistics



Crash data provided by MN DPS Office of Traffic Safety. Includes only crashes occurring on public roadways with reported fatalities, injuries and/or \$1000 minimum property damage.

# Statistics

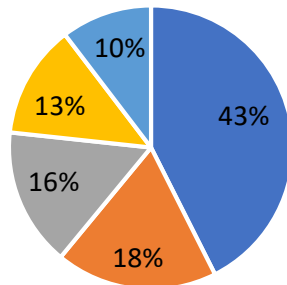
\* Crime - Part 1 and 2 Offenses  
2015 - 2020



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Part 1	624	548	545	470	504	434
Part 2	680	762	894	834	857	742

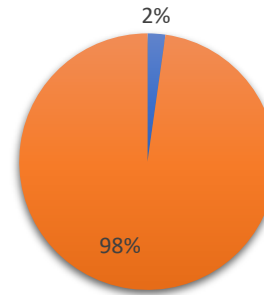
24.7% decrease in Part 1 crime / 9.2% increase in Part 2 crime since 2015

2020 Top 5 Crimes Reported



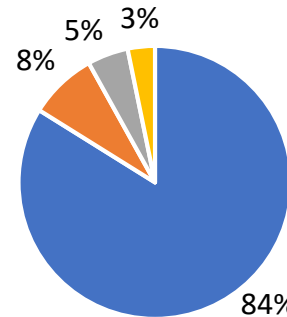
■ Theft ■ Assaults ■ Vandalism ■ Fraud/Forgery ■ Drugs

2020 Physical Arrests



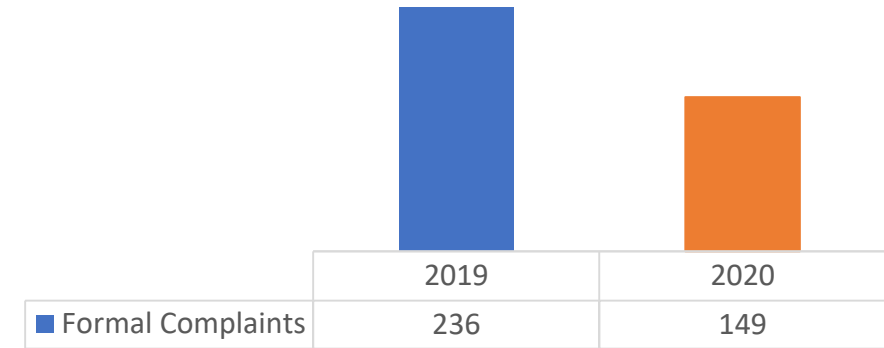
■ Juveniles - 9 ■ Adults - 393

2020 Restraint Used

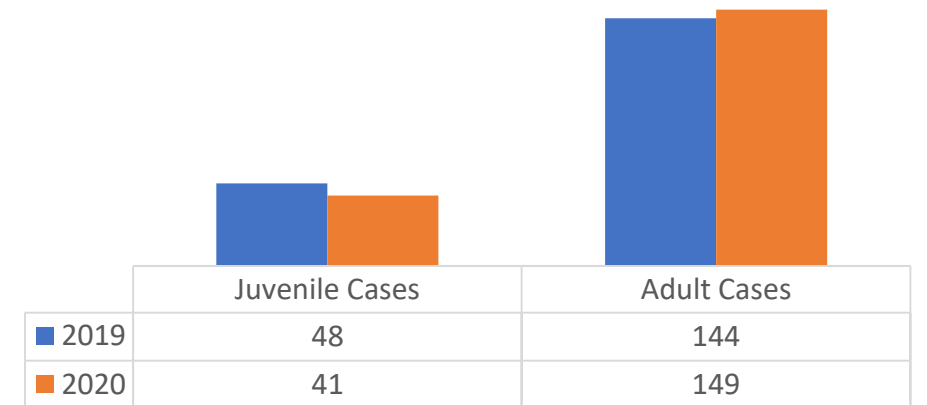


■ Handcuffs ■ Other  
■ Hobble Restraint ■ Spit Hood

City Attorney  
2019 - 2020 Cases Charged



County Attorney  
2019 - 2020 Cases Charged



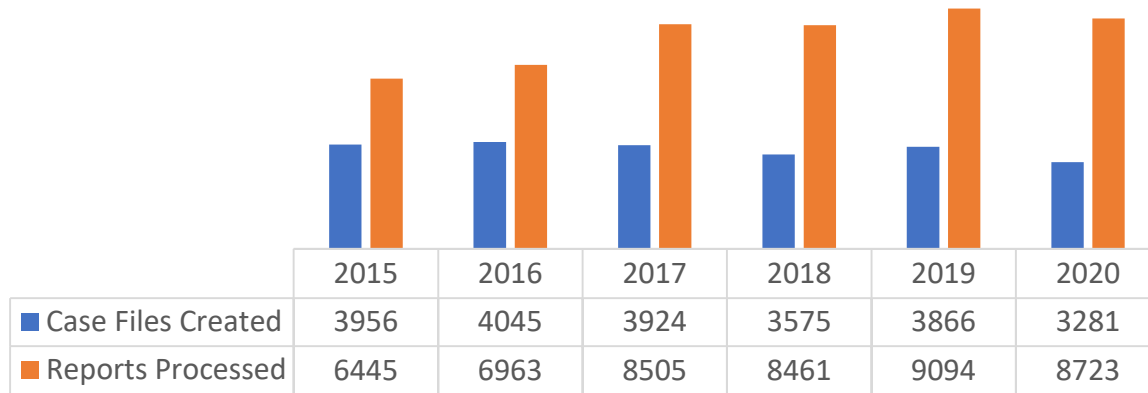
\*Combines Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Jan – July and National Incident-Based Reporting (NIBRS) Aug – Dec, 2020. For purposes of this report, crime statistics for 2020 are shown in UCR format (Pt 1 and 2)

**Part I Crimes:** Criminal Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, Human Trafficking – Commercial Sex Acts, Human Trafficking – Involuntary Servitude

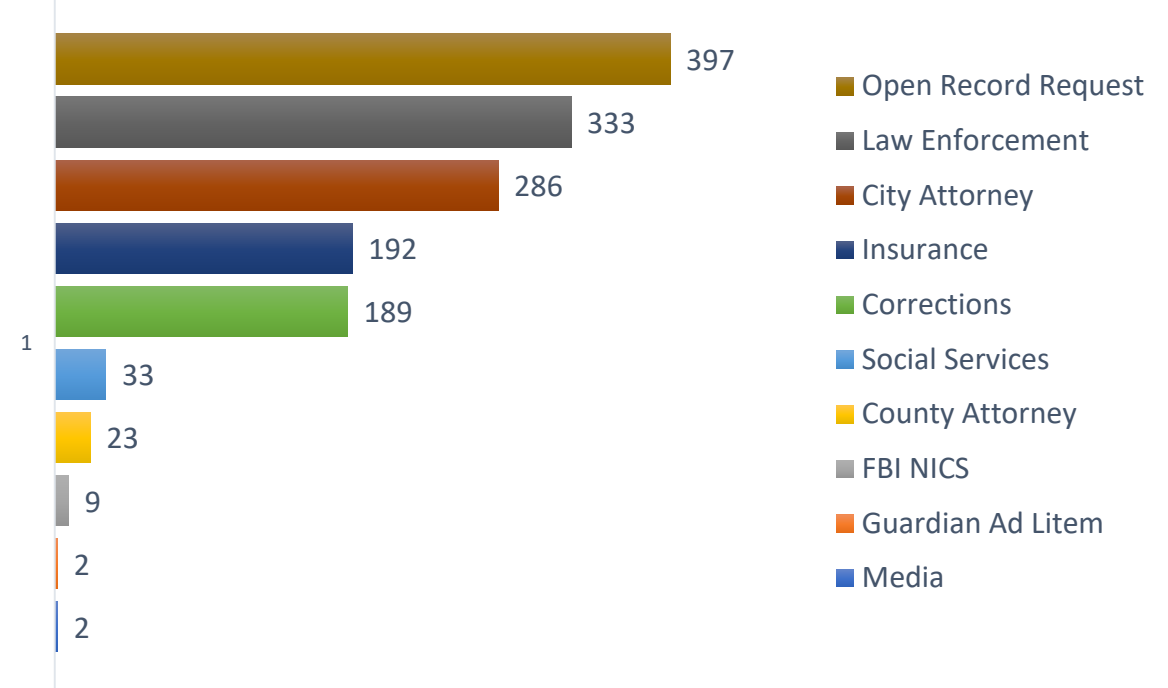
**Part II Crimes:** Other Assaults, Forgery and Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property, Vandalism, Weapons, Prostitution, Sex Offense, Drug Abuse Violations, Gambling, Offenses against the Family and Children, Driving Under the Influence, Liquor Laws, Drunkenness, Disorderly Conduct, Vagrancy, All other Offenses, Suspicion, Curfew and Loitering Laws (Persons under 18), Runaways (Persons under 18)

# Records

Case Files Created and Reports Processed  
2015 - 2020

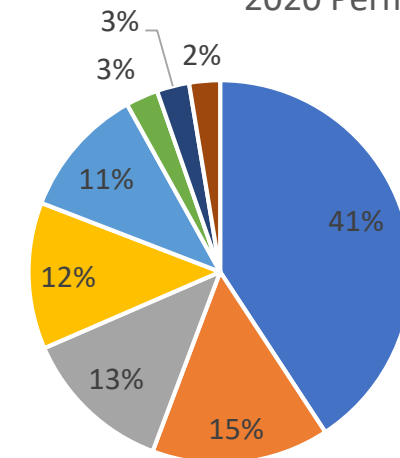


2020 Data Requests by Type – Total



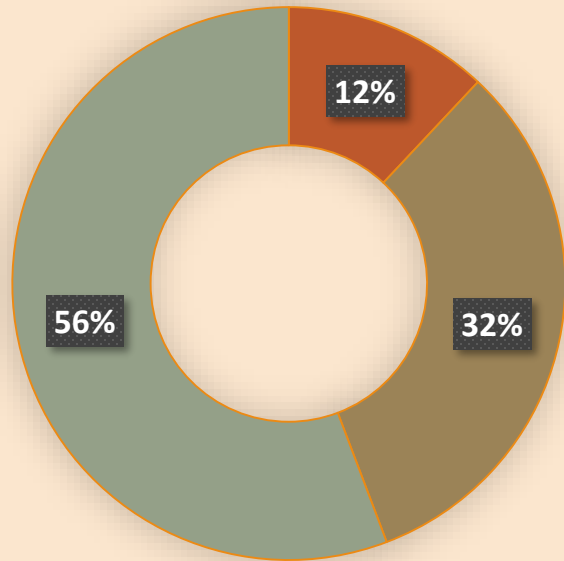
- Gun Permit Applications 313
- Animal Registrations 115
- Alarm Registrations 98
- City Background Checks 95
- City License Checks 85
- Gun Sale Reports 21
- Online Police Reports Filed 21
- Online Citizen Accounts 20

2020 Permits, Registrations, Backgrounds, Etc.



# Professional Standards

## 2020 Officer Training Hours: 2018



- Conflict Management, Crisis Intervention, Cultural Diversity/Implicit Bias
- Pursuit, Use of Force, Firearms, Taser, Drug Recognition, DUI, Basic Life Support
- Continuing Education, Leadership, Other Specialized Training

## 2020 OFFICER COMPLAINTS – POLICE MISCONDUCT

A. Use of Force	0
B. Pursuit/Emergency Vehicle Operation	0
C. Impartial Policing/Discriminatory Conduct	0
D. Other	0

## 2020 OFFICER COMPLAINTS – DEPARTMENT POLICY

A. Use of Force	1	Exonerated
B. Pursuit/Emergency Vehicle Operation	0	
C. Impartial Policing/Discriminatory Conduct	0	
D. Other: External Complaint	1	Sustained

# Awards

2019 and 2020 YTD Police Department Award Recipients were recognized In December 2020 as follows:

## Chief's Award of Excellence

Office Manager Mary Cofer, 2020  
Commander Bryan Schowalter, 2020  
Deputy Chief David Wilske, 2020

## Life Saving Award

Sergeant Ryan Kline, 2019  
Sergeant Sam Beuch, 2019  
Officer Nick Cross, 2019, 2020  
Investigator Pat Diedrich, 2019  
Officer Zak Knochenmus, 2020  
Officer Geoff Latsch, 2019, 2020  
Officer Blake Nosal, 2020  
Officer Craig Nowlan, 2020  
Officer Whitney Rinowski, 2019 (2), 2020 (2)  
Officer Mike Schmitz, 2019  
Officer Dan Tollefson, 2020 (4)  
Officer Chris Weid, 2020  
Officer Jake Willers, 2020

## Medal of Merit

Police Secretary Brenda McGrath, 2020  
Police Secretary Kathy Belisle, 2020  
Police Secretary Ginger Glaser, 2020  
Officer Brock Bukkila, 2020  
Officer Nate Wood, 2020  
Officer Dan Vomastek, 2020  
Investigator Paul Young, 2020  
Investigator Pat Diedrich, 2020

## Special Award of Merit

Sergeant Sam Beuch, 2020 Civil Unrest  
Officer Geoff Latsch, 2020 Civil Unrest  
Investigator Paul Young, 2020 Civil Unrest  
All Department Personnel, 2020 COVID



## Letter of Recognition

Evidence Technician Richard Brown, 2020  
Officer Whitney Rinowski, 2020

# Highlights



## January

- HPD welcomes new Officers Zachary Knochenmus and Ryan Haedt



## February

- Sgt. Galland retires after 29 years of service
- K-9 Ozzy retires after nine years of service.
- HPD participates in Polar Plunge.



## March

- HPD closes lobby to visitors due to COVID 19 Pandemic: City Declaration of Public Emergency and Governor's Executive "Stay at Home" Order issued.



## April

- Focus on Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for during COVID pandemic continues with restocking of N95 masks, goggles and medical gloves for officers.



## May

- K-9 Officer Vomastek and HPD's newest K-9, Sonny, complete certification training
- Police Week Open House cancelled this year due to COVID.



## June

- Sgt. Munson retires after 25 years of service

# Highlights



## July

- 126th Anniversary of HPD Officer Albert Jacobson's death, who was shot and killed as he and other officers attempted to apprehend two burglary suspects.



## August

- Officer Rinowski appointed to new Community Engagement Officer position.
- National Night Out 2020 cancelled in Hastings due to COVID.



## September

- Officer Willers begins new appointment as School Resource Officer.
- HPD participates in 2020 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics



## October

- HPD welcomes new officers Payton Walser and Matt Harrity
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pink Patch project raises \$1,000 for American Cancer Society



## November

- Chief Schafer addresses Chamber of Commerce regarding community safety and operations during COVID



## December

- HPD mourns the passing of K-9 Ozzy on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Ozzy faithfully served the HPD for nine years before retiring from service in February 2020.



# Initiatives and Collaboration

[Public Safety Advisory Commission](#)

**Crisis Intervention Training**

[Vitals App](#)

[360 Community Advocacy](#)

**Community Services Coordinator**

**Ministerial Association**

**Homelessness Collaborations**

[Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run](#)

[Pink Patch Project](#)

**Body Worn Cameras**

**Chamber of Commerce**

**Dakota County Electronic Crimes Unit**

[Dakota County Drug Task Force](#)

**South Metro SWAT**

**Emergency Management**

[Dakota Communications Center](#)

**School Resource Officer**

[United Way of Hastings](#)

[Hastings Rotary](#)

[Hastings Family Service](#)

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**