

2019
ANNUAL
REPORT

BISMARCK
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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[CHIEF'S MESSAGE]

On behalf of the Bismarck Police Department, I am proud to present our 2019 Annual Report. We have changed the look of the report in an effort to let our citizens see what our personnel do through quick facts and photos. Our 2019 Crime and Traffic Analysis will be released at the same time as this report so the people who want to “crunch” the numbers will have the opportunity through that report. We welcome and encourage constructive feedback so that we can continue to improve this report and give our citizens the information they want to learn about their police department.

As I write this our City, Country and World is experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic. I am very proud of my teammates at the police department, my teammates throughout the other City of Bismarck departments, the Bismarck Board of City Commissioners and the citizens of Bismarck. I was welcomed to Bismarck a little over thirty-one years ago as a rookie police officer. Over that time, I have seen the citizens and political sub-divisions of Bismarck/Burleigh and Mandan/Morton come together to take on whatever is affecting our communities at the time. We have always been successful and I expect the same result during this very trying time. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this community.

We at the police department are truly grateful for the support we receive from our community. Every time we are in need we receive what we need from our community. This support does not occur in all parts of our country. I want you to know we do not and will not take this for granted. We will continue to work as hard and as transparently as possible so that we can continue to earn the trust and support of our citizens.

I wish you all well,



Chief of Police



CHIEF DAVE DRAOVITCH

[MISSION STATEMENT]

The mission of the Bismarck Police Department is to protect life and property, provide professional customer service and foster community partnerships to preserve Bismarck's exceptional quality of life.

[VISION STATEMENT]

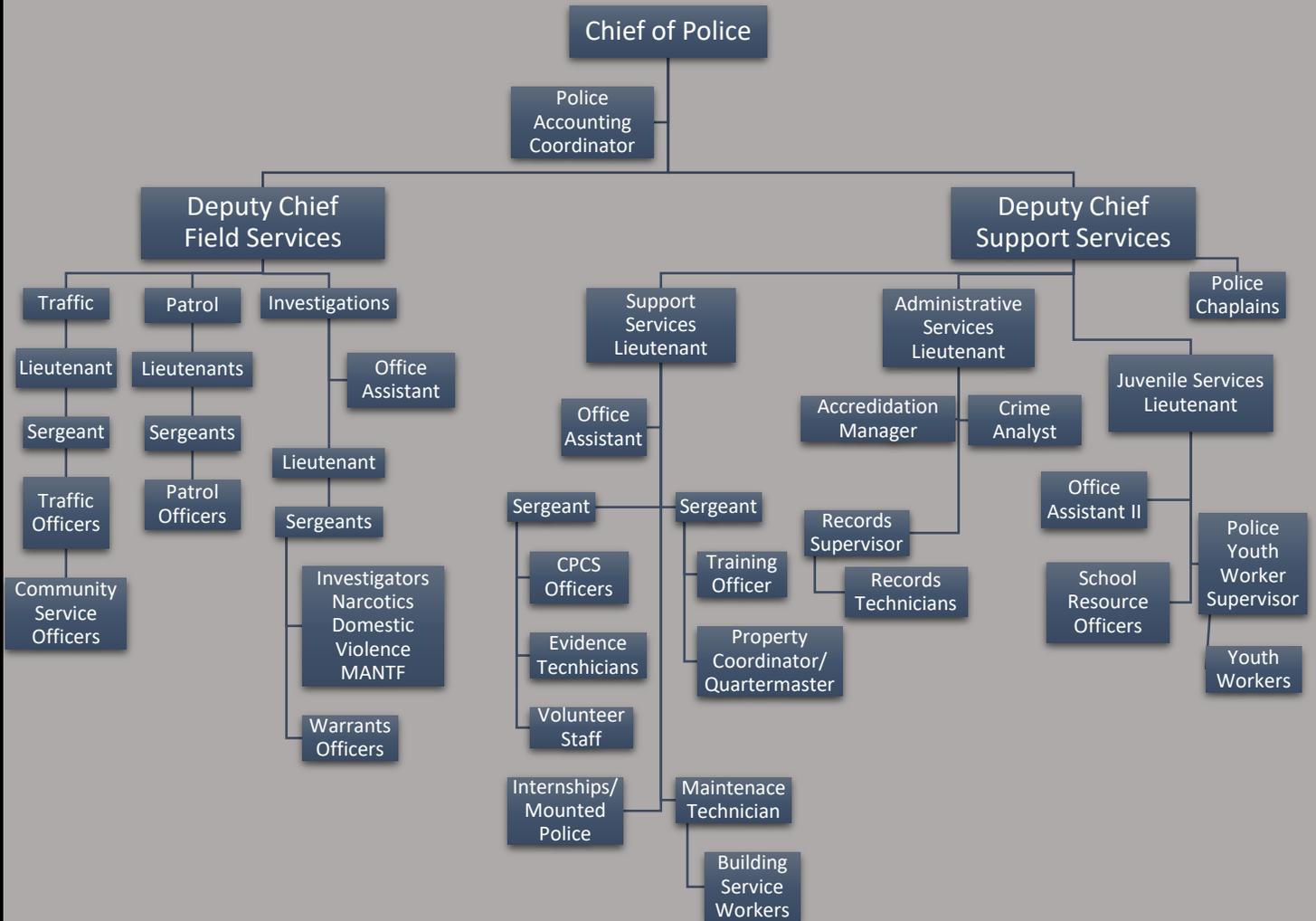
The Bismarck Police Department will be recognized as a premier law enforcement agency which provides exceptional customer service through professional, well trained, caring and innovative employees working in partnership with the community. We will foster an environment of honesty, trust, and mutual respect in which the Department and the community work together to resolve problems and promote public safety.

We will strive to provide progressive leadership at all levels with a dedicated service orientation. We will remain responsive to new ideas and provide opportunities for employees to develop to their highest potential.

We will fully explore and utilize emerging technology in order to maximize efficiency and effectiveness of our operations. We will strategically plan in order to anticipate enforcement challenges and prepare for the growth and expansion of our progressive community.

We will continue to build upon our success through open communications, forward thinking and willingness to embrace change.

[ORGANIZATIONAL CHART]

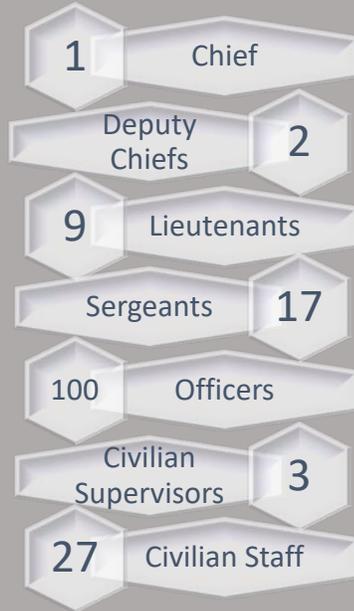


[2020 DEPARTMENT GOALS]

- Hiring – Maintain and improve, where possible, the efficiency of the hiring process
- Recruitment - Improve overall effectiveness of recruitment efforts along with an emphasis on minority groups
- Institute Mini In-Service Training Sessions-All training will be to Department Standard but may be completed by/through the shifts/sections.
- Mobile Field Force Training
- Improve manpower presence in the field
- Increase Staff – Analyze the need for the following increase in Staff
- REFINE the Crime Analyst’s Analysis Based Policing to more effectively communicate crime trends
- Continue with internal succession planning
- Develop effective “high-ticket” equipment replacement plans
- Improve efficiency in coordinating court scheduling between District Court and our officers’ schedules



[QUICK FACTS]



The Bismarck Police Department is responsible for policing the Capital City in North Dakota. Bismarck Police is responsible for over 31.23 square miles of area and provides services to over 73,112 citizens.

In 2019 the Bismarck Police Department was responsible for patrolling and servicing 362 miles of roadway with a fleet of (76) vehicles that are assigned to the following sections within the Bismarck PD: Administrative, Airport, Animal Control, ATV's, Car Marker, Crime Prevention, Detectives, Fleet, Maintenance, Patrol, Police Youth Bureau, Special Operations, Traffic, and Training.



[FIELD SERVICES]

The Field Services Division is comprised of many different sections of the police department. One Hundred Ten (110) out of the One Hundred Twenty-Nine (129) sworn officers in the department are assigned to the Field Services Division.



**DEPUTY CHIEF
RANDY ZIEGLER**



Patrol



Gaming

Traffic



Warrants



Animal Control



West Dakota SWAT
Team

Parking Enforcement



Crisis Negotiation
Team



Investigations



Bomb Squad

Narcotics Unit

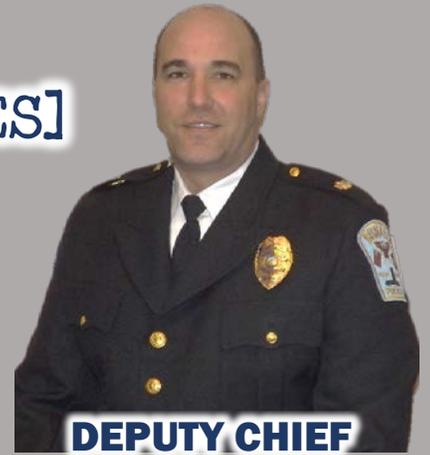


K-9 Program



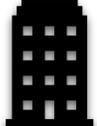
[SUPPORT SERVICES]

The Support Services Division plays a very important role in the department and is mostly responsible for what happens behind the scenes at the Bismarck Police Department. All of these duties play a vital role to support and enable effective **policing** operations.



DEPUTY CHIEF
JASON STUGELMEYER

-  **CALEA**
(Commission on Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies)
- Department's Annual Budget** 
-  **Grants and Activities**
- Intelligence Led Policing** 
-  **Administrative and Professional Services**
- Recruitment** 

-  **Crime Prevention & Community Engagement**
- Records and Reception** 
-  **Evidence**
- Facilities** 
-  **Youth Services**
(Police Youth Bureau)
- Training** 
-  **Media and Public Information**

[PATROL SECTION]



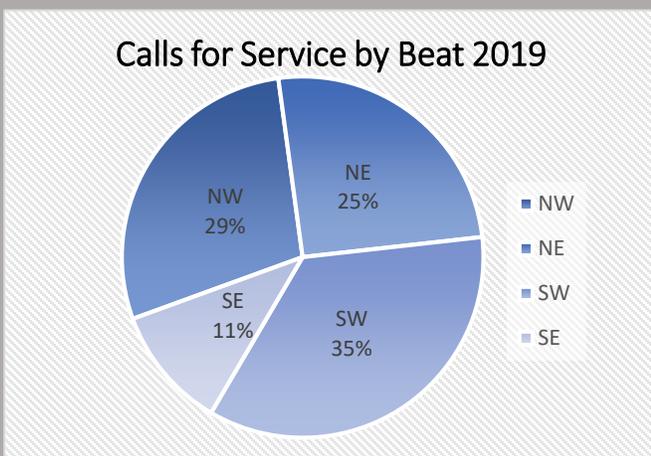
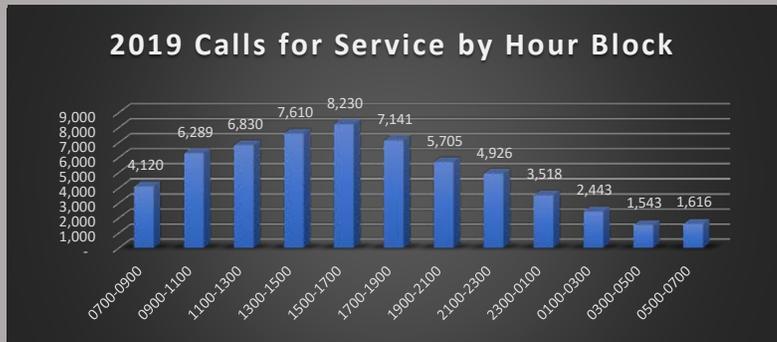
**LIEUTENANT
CHAD FETZER**



**LIEUTENANT
STEVE SCHEUER**



The Bismarck Police Department's Patrol Section, reporting to the deputy chief of the field division, is divided into two patrol shifts. Each patrol shift is led by a lieutenant. In addition to the lieutenants, each shift is assigned six sergeants and approximately thirty police officers. Our Patrol Section is responsible for initial police response, proactive criminal and traffic enforcement, with a focus on fighting crime, collaborative problem solving, community policing initiatives, building relationships within our community, and response to significant or emerging issues. The collaborative efforts between our patrol officers, and the other sections within the Department, as well as with our outside law enforcement, and community partners, have resulted in some excellent police work.



[INVESTIGATIONS SECTION]



**LIEUTENANT
GARY MALO**

The Criminal Investigation Section falls within the Field Services Division of the Bismarck Police Department. At full strength, there are twenty-two people assigned to Investigations. The section is comprised of the following: 1-Lieutenant, 2-Sergeants, 1-Office Assistant, 15-Investigators & 3-Officers. There are seven rotational detective assignments and the others are non-rotational.

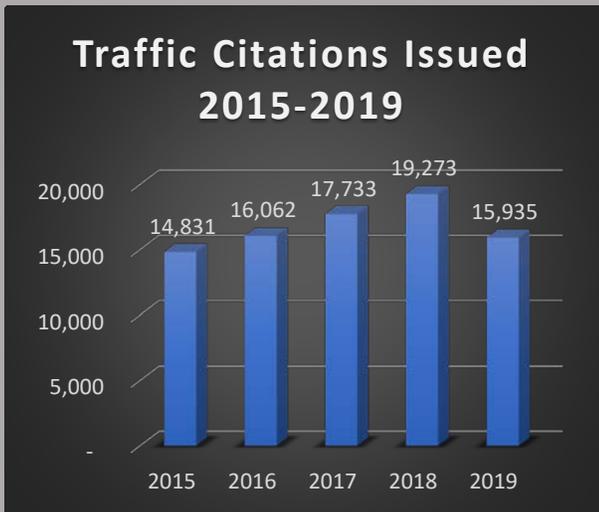
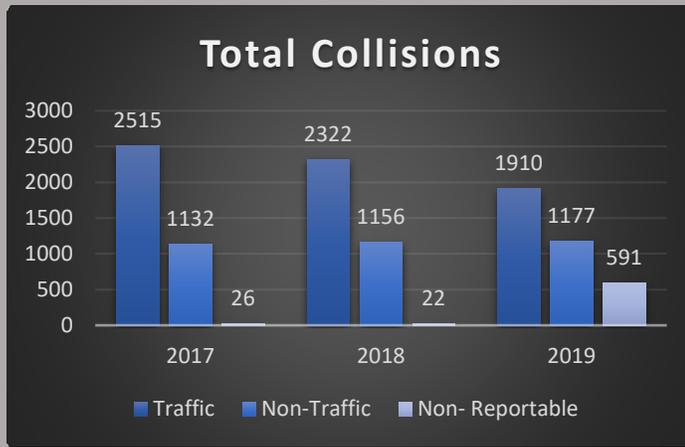
The detectives/officers assigned to the Investigation Section are responsible for conducting thorough investigations by interviewing victims, witnesses, suspects and processing crime scenes, preserving evidence, and completing case files for prosecution. Detectives are on call 24 hours a day. The Investigation Section includes Personal Crimes, Property Crimes, Narcotic Crimes and the Warrants Division. The following are the number of personnel assigned to each category

- **5-Property Crime Investigators**
 - The section investigated approximately 324 property crimes in 2019. The property crimes range from Vandalism to Burglaries. Also included in property crimes are financial crimes & fraud cases.
- **5-Personal Crimes Investigators**
 - 312 personal crimes were investigated by the section in 2019. Personal crimes can range from simple assault to homicide. Also included in personal crimes are domestics, sex assaults, terrorizing, kidnapping etc.
- **5-Narcotic Crimes Investigators**
 - Two of the Five narcotic investigators are assigned to a local Drug Task Force (MANTF). Approximately 79 drug related cases were investigated by the section.
- **3-Warrants Officers**
 - Two of the warrants officers' duties are court security, serving municipal warrants and subpoenas. They also assist the U.S. Marshals Task Force apprehending subjects with felony warrants. The third warrants officer's main duties are sex offender compliance.

| Group A Offenses | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | %Change 2018-2019 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Murder | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | -50.00% |
| Manslaughter | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/C |
| Forcible Rape | 24 | 39 | 46 | 45 | 64 | 42.22% |
| Forcible Fondling | 53 | 53 | 56 | 75 | 58 | |
| Forcible Sodomy | 6 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 8 | |
| Incest | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | -24.27% |
| Statutory Rape | 35 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 11 | |
| Aggravated Assault | 120 | 142 | 158 | 128 | 117 | -8.59% |
| Simple Assault | 796 | 781 | 785 | 718 | 717 | |
| Intimidation | 124 | 114 | 113 | 148 | 131 | -2.80% |
| Stalking ¹ | 26 | 25 | 17 | 28 | 21 | |
| Kidnapping ² | 20 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 19 | 18.75% |
| Human Trafficking ³ | | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0.00% |
| TOTAL | 1,206 | 1,198 | 1,209 | 1,191 | 1,151 | -3.36% |



[TRAFFIC SECTION]



**Bismarck Police
Officers made 18,526
Traffic Stops in 2019**

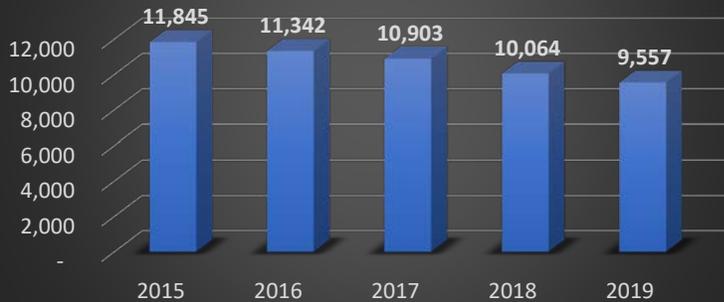


The Traffic section is primarily responsible for the investigation of traffic collisions and hit and run follow up investigations. We are also responsible for the enforcement of traffic related issues throughout the community. The Traffic section also works closely with other city departments to improve traffic safety throughout Bismarck. When fully staffed the section has one Lieutenant, one Sergeant and 6 Traffic officers who receive advanced training in collision investigation and other traffic related areas.

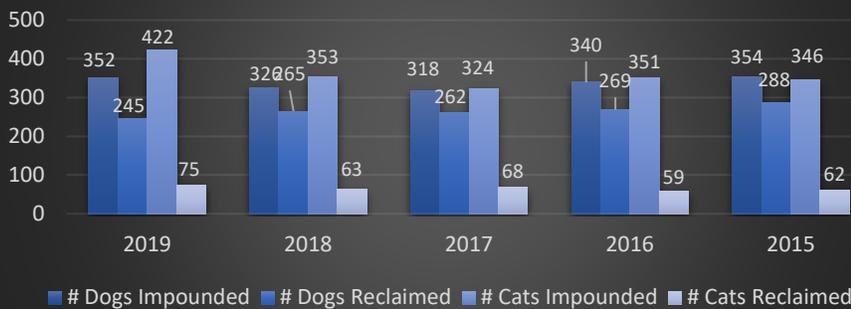
[COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS]

Community Service Officers have two primary responsibilities. There are three CSO's that focus on animal control and there are two the focus on parking enforcement. The two positions were combined on 2019 to allow for more flexibility in scheduling. All of the CSO's will become cross trained in order to perform both areas of concentration.

**Parking Tickets Issued
2015-2019**



2019 Animal Statistics



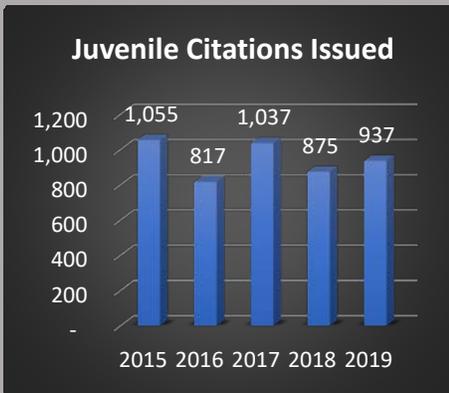
[POLICE YOUTH BUREAU]



**LIUTENANT
LUKE GARDINER**



**PYB SUPERVISOR
LUKE MCKAY**



Bismarck Police Youth Bureau is an entity within Bismarck Police Department responsible for prevention, crisis intervention, and diversion of youth in and around the city of Bismarck. The section is commanded by Lt. Luke Gardiner, and supervised by Youth Worker Supervisor Luke McKay. Assigned to the section are 5 youth workers, who specialize in prevention of criminal behavior in youth, and diverting youth from the Juvenile Justice System. Additionally, the section has 6 School Resource Officers assigned to the Secondary Schools in collaboration with the Bismarck Public School System. This is a very unique section for any police department, and has existed since 1975. We are proud of the accomplishments of PYB!



[CRIME PREVENTION/ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT]



**LIEUTENANT
MIKE MCMERTY**

The Crime Prevention and Community Engagement Section is staffed by Officer Fuller and Officer Horne. It is supervised by Sgt. Brocker and overseen by Lt. McMerty. The focus of the section is fostering positive relations by providing outreach programs, education and services to the community. Examples of Community Engagement programs include events such as Coffee with a Cop, the National Night Out, Citizen Police Academy, and the Neighborhood Crime Watch program. The section met with civic leaders and organizations to educate them on, and promote, our endeavors.



In the area of Crime Prevention, the section performed 112 informative presentations with audiences ranging from pre-school to adults. These covered a wide variety of topics and addressed community safety and crime prevention for our schools, homes, places of worship and workplaces. Examples of these presentations are Bicycle Safety, Stranger Danger, personal safety, and Workplace Violence/Active Shooter awareness. The section also conducted numerous security surveys for businesses, churches and homeowners providing suggestions on how to improve safety and security on their properties and for those who work or live there.

[TRAINING]

The section is supervised by Sgt. Wardzinski and overseen by Lt. McMerty. Officer Burkhartsmeier is the training officer and he and Sgt. Wardzinski are responsible for the training and professional development of the officers. They are committed to providing the officers with the very best training opportunities available in order to perform their duties in the safest and efficient manner while providing the very best service to the public.



**SERGEANT
MITCH WARDZINSKI**



The training ranged from basic recruit training topics to advanced topics such as death investigation, active attack integrated response.

Numerous Bismarck Police Department Officers are North Dakota Police Officer Standards and Training Instructor certified and provided nearly 2,200 hours of training themselves to our officers.

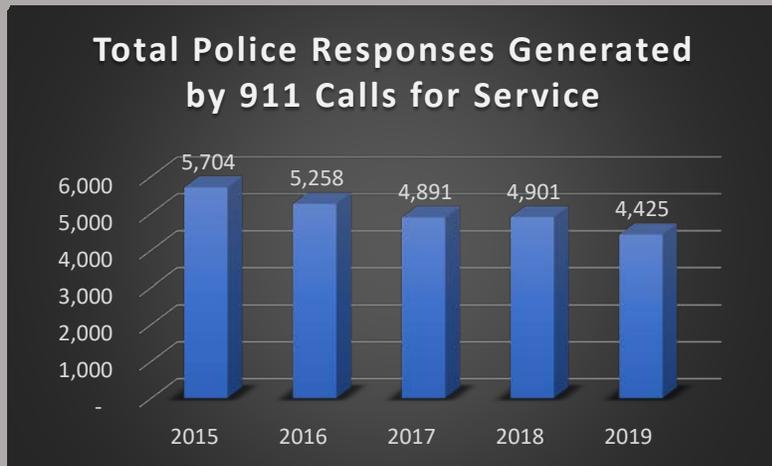


[RECORDS/ RECEPTION]

The records section serves as the central repository for all incidents, accidents and all other associated documents generated by Bismarck Police Department officers. It is comprised of a civilian supervisor and seven records/reception staff. Reception deals with all incoming calls, walk in traffic and all other requests. These records allow department employees and other governmental agencies access to critical information for investigators, officers, administrators, prosecutors and the public. The records section completes background checks for gaming, taxi, and door to door permits, liquor licenses, and the public or other agencies. This section also updates the sex offender information when the offender comes in to register.



RECORDS SUPERVISOR
SARAH VANBERKUM



Case Numbers Assigned 2015-2019

| | |
|------|--------|
| 2015 | 22,901 |
| 2016 | 23,733 |
| 2017 | 25,046 |
| 2018 | 26,601 |
| 2019 | 24,059 |



[ACCREDITATION (CALEA)]



The Bismarck Police Department participates in a national accreditation process through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which is thought to be the Gold Standard in Public Safety. BPD has been accredited since 1991 and is currently in its 10th accreditation cycle and currently participating in the Advanced Law Enforcement Accreditation process.



[EVIDENCE SECTION]



**EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN
DONNA BLAUVALT**



**EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN
NICK METZGER**

The Evidence Section processes and maintains the integrity of all evidence for possible lab analysis or court proceedings. In addition to managing evidence, the section is also responsible for storing found property turned into the department and facilitating the release of property to the rightful owner. The section is comprised of Evidence Technicians Nicholas Metzger and Donna Blauvelt and section supervisor Sgt. John Brocker.

In 2019, the Evidence Section received into its custody:

- 11,687 Total Items with consisted of:
 - 9,449 General Evidence Items
 - 1,806 Drug Items
 - 146 Firearms
 - 266 cash items consisting of \$528,557



[FACILITIES/ MAINTENANCE]

The Facility Maintenance Section is under the Support Services Division of the Bismarck Police Department. The Maintenance staff is comprised of one Police Maintenance Technician, and two Building Service Workers. The staff is responsible for the preventive maintenance, minor construction projects, reorganization and general cleaning/upkeep of the six (6) Bismarck Police Department Facilities



**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
JEREMY KJOS**



[FLEET]

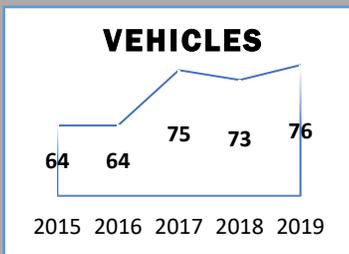


**QUARTERMASTER
SCOTT BRAND**



**LIEUTENANT
CODY TROM**

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| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Mileage | 787,868 | 886,918 | 914,860 | 859,318 | 905,022 |
| Fuel(gallons) | 70,200 | 72,798 | 83,212 | 77,567 | 68,550 |
| Fuel Cost | \$148,178 | \$130,450 | \$157,936 | \$189,742 | \$151,841 |
| Maintenance | \$212,152 | \$162,829 | \$99,908 | \$122,127 | \$134,217 |
| Total Cost | \$360,330 | \$293,280 | \$257,845 | \$311,869 | \$286,058 |



[SPECIAL OPERATIONS]

[WEST DAKOTA SWAT]



**LIEUTENANT
GLEN TERNES**

The mission of the West Dakota SWAT Team is to support public safety entities with a technically and tactically proficient special operations team. A team capable of responding to critical incidents and community problems that are best resolved by the application of advanced tactical methods. The ultimate goal is to resolve these critical incidents with no loss of life or injury to officers, innocent persons, and suspects

A high percentage of incidences for which the West Dakota is activated involve armed barricaded subjects who have committed a serious criminal offense. The Team also responds to hostage rescue situations, high risk warrant service, high risk suspect apprehension, dignitary protection, and terrorism response.

The West Dakota Swat Teams responded to seven incidents in 2019 with six of the incidents involving armed barricaded suspects. The Team also responded to a bank robbery incident where the suspect was still on the premises.





[BOMB SQUAD]



**OFFICER
KENDALL VETTER**



In 2019 the Bomb Squad responded to approximately 16 calls involving explosives or bomb threats both in Bismarck as well as assisting other jurisdictions. We also responded to 6 SWAT calls assisting West Dakota SWAT with our robots. The Bomb Squad has an excellent safety record and each of these responses was completed without any injury to the Officers or the public.





[K9]



**SERGEANT
LYLE SINCLAIR**



The K-9 Unit consists of four dual-purpose K-9's, and four handlers. The K-9's are Patrol and Narcotics certified. The K-9 teams are utilized throughout the city as a force multiplier in assisting officers with various tasks including vehicle searches, building searches, tracking, criminal apprehension, article searches, and narcotics detection. The unit also values public demonstrations, and working the with the School Resource Officers to assist with searches to aid in deterring drug usage.

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Total Deployments | 621 |
| Narcotic Deployments | 531 |
| Narcotic Detections | 185 |
| Patrol Deployments | 65 |
| Public Demonstrations | 25 |

[RECRUITMENT]



**LIEUTENANT
ROGER MARKS III**



Minimum requirements are:

- Must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license
- Us citizen or proper documentation to work in the US
- 60 semester credits OR
- 4 years full time Military/ National Guard OR
- 3 years full time sworn law enforcement experience OR
- combination of education and relevant work experience.

Benefits:

- Starting salary range \$50,409.53 (will pay for experience)
- Pay range \$50,409.63 to \$75,614.30
- Fully paid family or single plan health insurance
- Excellent pension plan
- Paid sick, annual and holiday pay
- Education assistance & much more!



Apply with the Bismarck Police Department at www.bismarcknd.gov/jobs. For more information contact Lt. Roger Marks III (701-223-1212) rmarks@bismarcknd.gov

[CRISIS CARE CHAPLAINCY]



Thirteen volunteer chaplains carry out the ministry of Crisis Care Chaplaincy under the guidance of one paid, full time chaplain. We continue to be on call 24/7 to assist emergency services in their time of need.

In 2019 the Crisis Care Chaplains gave 2336 volunteer hours to our departments. LEO care was 402 hours, FF care was 79 hours, and assisting with death notifications and unattended deaths was 156 hours, dwelling house fires 23 hours, the detention center had 947 hours, public relations, training, office and other duties were 593 hours. Those hours resulted in contact with 12,243 chaplain to person contact.



[MOUNTED POLICE]

The Bismarck Mounted Police serve as an auxiliary component of the Bismarck Police Department. They and their horses are trained in Equine Scenting Search and Rescue and can be activated to assist when needed by any Law Enforcement Agency in the State. The Mounted Police and their horses participate in several events throughout the State to help promote the positive image of North Dakota Law Enforcement and community involvement.



[DEPARTMENT AWARDS]

Citizen Awards

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Letter of Recognition | Barbara Holwegner | |
| Certificate of Appreciation | Orlando Hale | Jayden Porter |
| | Matthew Olson | Sidney Miller |

Department Awards

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| SWAT Retirement Plaque | Deputy Chief Jason Stugelmeyer | |
| NDDOT Commemorative Coin Award | Off. Justin Antonovich | Off. Joseph Petersen |
| Letter of Recognition | Travis Rau | Off. Joseph Benke |
| | Off. Zach Kraft | Off. Bryce Klein |
| | Off. Josh Dietrich | Off. Zach Hayden |
| | Off. Ryan Guggenberger | Off. Taylor Roman |
| | Off. Rob Rasmussen | Off. John Schaf |
| | Off. Alex Weiand | Sgt. Dan Salander |
| | K-9 Bala | Off. Wade Nordick |
| Commendable Service Award | Detective Dave Johnson | |
| Life Saving Award | Off. Nick Hoffert | Off. James Anderson |
| Distinguished Service Award | Sgt. Jordan West | Off. David Horner |
| Meritorious Service Award | Off. Michael Miller | Off. Damien Girodat |
| Employee of the Year Award/ Civilian | Ashley Mathias Tweet | |
| Employee of the Year Award/Sworn | Det. Jeremy Seeklander | Off. Joseph Benke |
| | Sgt. Loren Grensteiner | |



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