



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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CHIEF OF POLICE
Dave Draovitch

ON BEHALF OF THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT, I PRESENT OUR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT. WE HAVE COMBINED THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE 2022 CRIME AND TRAFFIC ANALYSIS REPORT. WE ARE HOPING MORE PEOPLE WILL TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE REPORT AND THAT IT IS EASIER TO UNDERSTAND. 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 REVIEWED THE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT, I LEARNED PERSONAL CRIMES OVERALL WERE UP 5.02% AND PROPERTY CRIMES OVERALL WERE DOWN 19.92%.

ALTHOUGH PERSONAL CRIME IS UP COMPARED TO 2021, 2022 PERSONAL CRIME IS SLIGHTLY BELOW THE FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE OF 1,214 PERSONAL CRIMES PER YEAR. MURDER AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS ARE THE DRIVING FORCE IN THE RISE OF PERSONAL CRIME. THIS IS CONCERNING AND SOMETHING WE ARE ACTIVELY STUDYING TO SEE IF THERE ARE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO HELP PREVENT/LESSEN THESE CRIMES.

IT IS NICE TO SEE THAT PROPERTY CRIME IS DOWN COMPARED TO 2021 AND THAT IT IS THE LOWEST IT HAS BEEN IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. WE WILL BE STUDYING THIS AS WELL TO SEE IF THERE ARE THINGS WE ARE DOING THAT CAN HELP THIS TREND TO CONTINUE.

ONE THING I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT OUR CITIZENS ARE A MAJOR FACTOR IN HELPING KEEP CRIME DOWN. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE PROACTIVE APPROACH OUR CITIZENS TAKE IN REPORTING ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY THEY SEE TO US SO WE CAN INVESTIGATE. MOST OFTEN THE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IS INNOCENT BUT WHEN PEOPLE KNOW THEY ARE BEING WATCHED, THEY ARE MORE APT TO BEHAVE.

THE LAST THING I WOULD LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT IS OUR NEW POLICE ACTIVITY MAP THAT WAS DEVELOPED FOR US BY THE CITY OF BISMARCK GIS DEPARTMENT. IT IS AN INTERACTIVE MAP THAT SHOWS WHAT IS TRULY GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE AS MUCH TRANSPARENCY AS POSSIBLE AS TO WHAT YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS FACING. THERE ARE SOME CALLS FOR SERVICE THAT WE CANNOT RELEASE INFORMATION ABOUT BECAUSE WE NEED TO PROTECT VICTIMS' IDENTITIES. EVEN SO, THE MAP IS VERY INFORMATIVE AND GIVES A GOOD PICTURE OF WHAT IS GOING ON. THE MAP AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC IS LOCATED HERE: [HTTPS://BISMARCK.MAPS.ARCGIS.COM/APPS/DASHBOARDS/B2E6A2B4FF9F4E9BB0CE4049F0FEE80](https://bismarck.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/B2E6A2B4FF9F4E9BB0CE4049F0FEE806)

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RESPECTFULLY,
DAVE DRAOVITCH
CHIEF OF POLICE

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.

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.

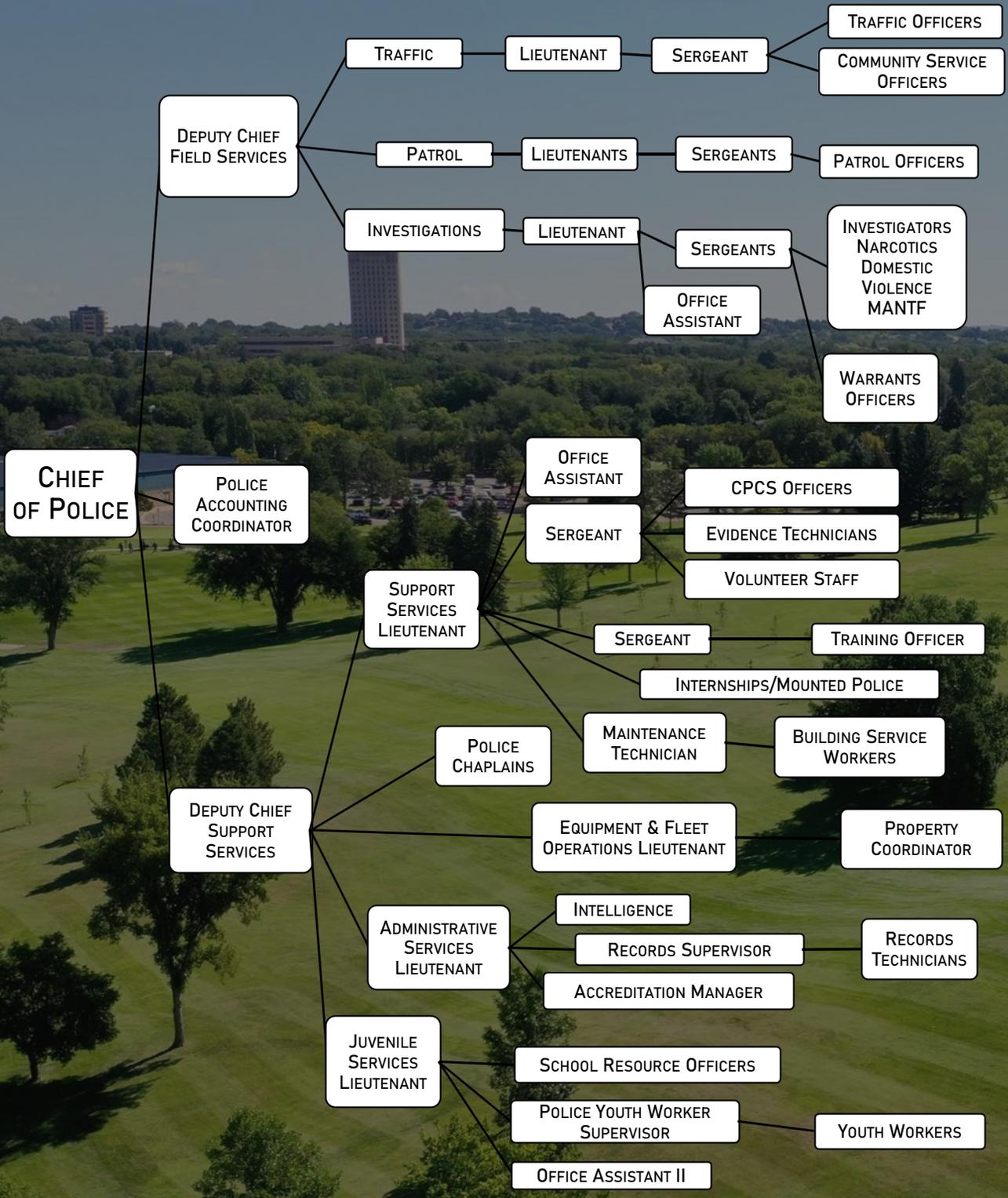
WE WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD UPON OUR SUCCESS THROUGH OPEN COMMUNICATIONS, FORWARD THINKING AND WILLINGNESS TO EMBRACE CHANGE.

2023 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 QUARTERLY MINI IN-SERVICE TRAINING SESSIONS-ALL TRAINING WILL BE TO DEPARTMENT STANDARD BUT MAY BE COMPLETED BY/THROUGH THE SHIFTS/SECTIONS.**
- ✓ **IMPROVE MANPOWER PRESENCE IN THE FIELD**
- ✓ **INCREASE STAFF – ANALYZE THE NEED FOR 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**
- ✓ **COMPLETE TRANSITION TO NEW RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**
- ✓ **IMPLEMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**
- ✓ **DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM**



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIELD SERVICES
Jason Stugelmeier

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GAMING
- 

PATROL
- 

WARRANTS
- 

TRAFFIC
- 

WEST DAKOTA
SWAT TEAM
- 

ANIMAL CONTROL
- 

CRISIS
NEGOTIATION TEAM
- 

PARKING
ENFORCEMENT
- 

BOMB SQUAD
- 

INVESTIGATIONS
- 

K-9 PROGRAM
- 

NARCOTICS UNIT

THE FIELD SERVICES DIVISION IS COMPRISED OF MANY DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN (117) OUT OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX (136) SWORN OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE FIELD SERVICES DIVISION.

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CRIME PREVENTION &
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- 

EVIDENCE
- 

CALEA
(COMMISSION ON ACCREDITED LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES)
- 

FACILITIES
- 

RECORDS AND RECEPTION
- 

RECRUITMENT
- 

DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL
BUDGET
- 

YOUTH SERVICES
(POLICE YOUTH BUREAU)
- 

GRANTS AND ACTIVITIES
- 

TRAINING
- 

INTELLIGENCE LED POLICING
- 

MEDIA AND PUBLIC
INFORMATION
- 

ADMINISTRATIVE AND
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT SERVICES
Randy Ziegler

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.

GROUP A CRIMES

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	%CHANGE 2021-2022
MURDER	2	0	0	2	6	200.00%
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	1	0	0	N/C
SEX OFFENSES	148	142	148	151	135	-10.60%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	128	117	170	122	191	56.56%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	718	717	868	792	736	-7.07%
INTIMIDATION	148	131	165	40	112	180.00%
STALKING	28	21	28	22	11	-50.00%
KIDNAPPING	16	19	19	3	1	-66.67%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	3	3	6	3	0	-100.00%
TOTAL	1,191	1,150	1,405	1,135	1,192	5.02%

GROUP A OFFENSES CONSIST OF THE SERIOUS CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS, GENERALLY FELONIES BY STATUTE; SOME CRIMES OF VICE TO INCLUDE GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION AND DRUG OFFENSES; AND LARCENIES WHICH ALSO INCLUDE FRAUD. THE NIBRS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE OFFENSES ARE MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE THAN FOR THE OFFENSES CLASSIFIED IN GROUP B AND GROUP C.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	%CHANGE 2021-2022
ARSON	3	5	12	4	1	-75.00%
BURGLARY	252	231	334	302	294	-2.65%
COUNTERFEIT/FORGERY	151	169	127	97	107	10.31%
FRAUD	327	325	315	328	287	-12.50%
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	586	581	742	656	580	-11.59%
POSS. OF STOLEN PROPERTY	91	73	73	52	55	5.77%
ROBBERY	24	37	28	26	25	-3.85%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	226	155	192	83	204	145.78%
SHOPLIFTING	630	686	776	742	460	-38.01%
THEFT	1010	1042	1194	1389	1173	-15.55%
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATION	918	979	776	1029	847	-17.69%
DRUG PARA/EQUIP	1103	889	801	1014	564	-44.38%
EMBEZZLEMENT	34	30	36	18	14	-22.22%
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENITY	37	34	39	53	32	-39.62%
PROSTITUTION	7	20	12	7	10	42.86%
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	98	100	71	85	60	-29.41%
TOTAL	5,497	5,356	5,528	5,885	4,713	-19.92%

IN THE NIBRS CODING, GROUP B OFFENSES ARE GENERALLY MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES THAT USUALLY BECOME REPORTED TO THE POLICE WHEN AN ARREST IS MADE. THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ARE CONSIDERABLY LESS STRINGENT THAN THOSE FOR GROUP A OFFENSES, HOWEVER, ANY ARRESTS MUST BE REPORTED.

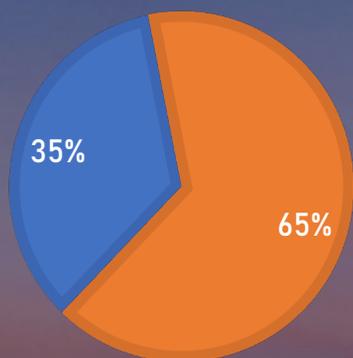
GROUP B OFFENSES	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	%CHANGE 2021-2022
BAD CHECKS	4	11	5	5	0	-100.00%
FAMILY NON-VIOLENT	116	129	139	44	186	322.73%
DUI	380	340	335	354	414	16.95%
LIQUOR LAWS	186	248	237	111	83	-25.23%
DRUNKENNESS (DETOX)	386	428	208	152	170	11.84%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	505	527	473	432	408	-5.56%
PEEPING TOM	8	3	3	4	2	-50.00%
TRESPASSING	335	461	427	443	444	0.23%
TOTAL	1,920	2,147	1,827	1,545	1,707	10.49%

NIBRS USES THE GROUP C CATEGORY TO COLLECT THOSE OFFENSES IN WHICH SOCIETY MAY BE THE VICTIM. THESE INCLUDE OFFENSES AGAINST THE PUBLIC ORDER, HEALTH CODE VIOLATIONS AND ANIMAL TYPE SITUATIONS.

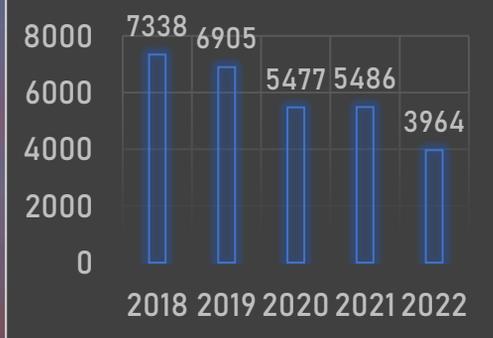
GROUP C OFFENSES	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHANGE 2021-2022
MISSING PERSONS	61	75	78	73	70	-4.11%
ALARM CALLS	2	4	2	3	4	33.33%
FIRE CALLS	21	13	25	28	22	-21.43%
SUICIDE	101	50	72	43	36	-16.28%
UNATTENDED DEATHS	68	64	83	74	92	24.32%
AMBULANCE REQUESTS	112	113	174	168	102	-39.29%
OVERDOSES	19	34	74	134	138	2.99%
MENTAL CASES	69	67	73	73	49	-32.88%
DOMESTIC DISPUTES	226	194	235	192	186	-3.13%
ANIMAL BITES	63	85	33	36	50	38.89%
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0	0	0	12	16	33.33%
ANIMAL CALL, OTHER	590	679	643	640	643	0.47%
OTHER WARRANT REPORTS	1790	1731	682	1106	1007	-8.95%
OTHER PUBLIC PEACE	139	159	181	231	235	1.73%
VEHICLE IMPOUNDS	409	571	467	250	478	91.20%
CIVIL PROCESS/NOTICE TO QUIT	57	39	73	75	64	-14.67%
TOTAL	3,727	3,878	2,895	3,138	3,192	1.72%

ARRESTS

■ FEMALE ■ MALE



TOTAL ARRESTS



OFFENSES	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	% CHANGE 2021-2022	% CHANGE FROM 5 YEAR AVERAGE
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	66	64	86	95	75	-21.05%	-2.85%
ARSON	3	3	3	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
BURGLARY	35	31	37	32	40	25.00%	14.29%
COUNTERFEIT - FORGERY	34	26	20	42	26	-38.10%	-12.16%
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	90	70	81	104	79	-24.04%	-6.84%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	147	196	136	190	135	-28.95%	-16.04%
DRUG EQUIP VIOLATION	880	825	488	669	457	-31.69%	-31.15%
DRUG VIOLATION	1164	1043	546	760	507	-33.29%	-36.94%
DUI/APC	380	340	335	325	395	21.54%	11.27%
EMBEZZLEMENT	14	11	15	8	5	-37.50%	-52.83%
SEX OFFENSES	19	17	8	14	12	-14.29%	-14.29%
FRAUD	84	73	59	47	42	-10.64%	-31.15%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	0	1	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
INTIMIDATION	66	66	67	104	82	-21.15%	6.49%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	6	12	12	11	7	-36.36%	-27.08%
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	171	251	216	119	91	-23.53%	-46.34%
LOUD PARTY	5	2	2	2	1	-50.00%	-58.33%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	41	24	34	28	17	-39.29%	-40.97%
MURDER/NON-NEG M/S	1		0	2	2	0.00%	60.00%
OTHER TRAFFIC	2816	2339	2046	2097	1622	-22.65%	-25.73%
PEEPING TOM	0	1	1	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
PORNO/OBSCENE MATERIALS	4	5	4	0	4	0.00%	17.65%
PROSTITUTION	10	6	3	1	1	0.00%	-76.19%
ROBBERY	9	17	10	13	9	-30.77%	-22.41%
SHOPLIFTING	463	494	441	472	472	0.00%	0.77%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	290	309	349	361	254	-29.64%	-18.75%
STALKING	5	4	2	2	3	50.00%	-6.25%
STOLEN PROPERTY	59	48	36	49	31	-36.73%	-30.49%
THEFT OFFENSES	127	145	109	125	125	0.00%	-0.95%
TRESPASS	242	367	272	253	263	3.95%	-5.87%
WEAPON LAWS	70	76	38	46	36	-21.74%	-32.33%
TOTAL ARREST CHARGES FOR YEAR	7301	6866	5456	5971	4793	-19.73%	-25.09%

PATROL DIVISION



LIEUTENANT
Steve Scheuer



LIEUTENANT
Chad Fetzer

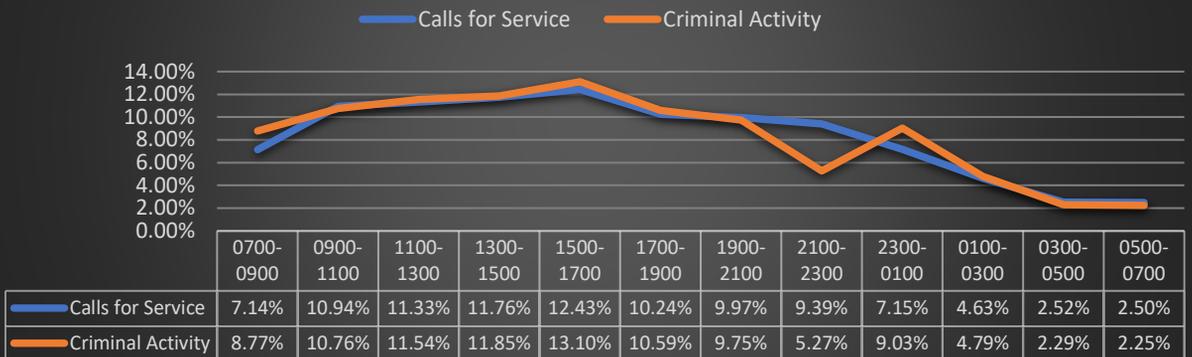
THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PATROL SECTION IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE POLICE SERVICES. WE ALSO STRIVE TO ENSURE OPEN TWO-WAY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THOSE WE HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT AND TO SERVE. OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC'S TRUST AND COOPERATION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR SUCCESS.

THE UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF THE PATROL SECTION ACTIVELY PATROL AND RESPOND TO CALLS FOR SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE CITY. THE OFFICERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROACTIVE CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT, INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES, COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING, AND ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAJORITY OF ALL ARRESTS. OFFICERS ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY DEPLOYED DURING THEIR SHIFTS TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF TOWN, FOR A DESIGNATED AMOUNT OF TIME.

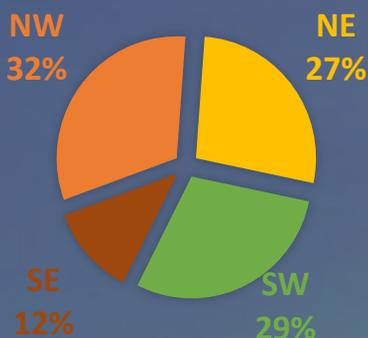
THE PATROL SECTION IS COMPRISED OF TWO SHIFTS. EACH SHIFT IS LED BY A LIEUTENANT, AND THE DAY TO DAY SUPERVISION IS CONDUCTED BY SERGEANTS. THE PATROL SECTION REPORTS TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FIELD SERVICES DIVISION



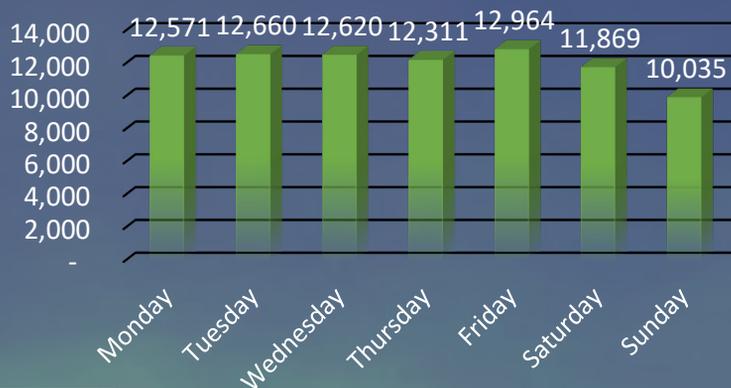
Total Calls for Service and Criminal Activity by Hour Block 2022



CALLS FOR SERVICE BY BEAT AREA 2022



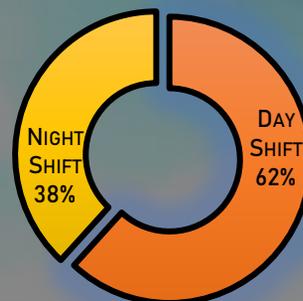
2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK



Total Police Responses Generated by 911 Calls for Service



CALLS FOR SERVICE



THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PATROL SECTION, REPORTING TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FIELD SERVICES 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.

DRUG OVERDOSES



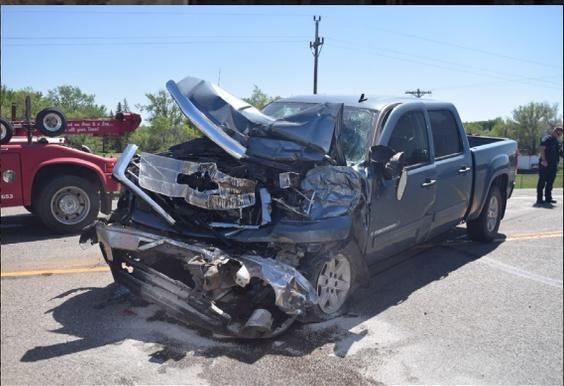
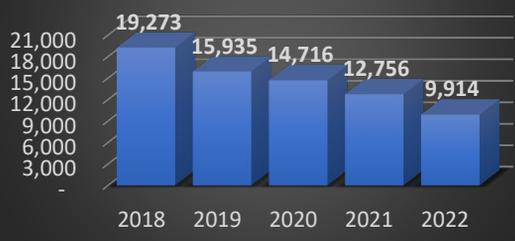
2022
36 OFFICERS ASSAULTED
244 VEHICLES FLEED



LIEUTENANT
Jeff Solemsaas

THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRAFFIC SECTION IS ROADWAY SAFETY. WE WORK WITH SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO REDUCE INJURY AND DEATH. THE TRAFFIC SECTION OFFICERS RECEIVE ADVANCED TRAINING IN COLLISION INVESTIGATION WITH TWO OFFICERS BEING TRAINING AS COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION EXPERTS. WE USE CURRENT TECHNOLOGY TO AID IN OUR DUTIES. THE TRAFFIC SECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING "TRAFFIC" RELATED CONDUCTING SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OF AREAS OF PUBLIC CONCERN.

Traffic Citations Issued 2018-2022



Crash Severity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Fatal	1	2	2	4	5
Incapacitating Injury	24	21	27	30	37
Non- Incapacitating Injury	123	147	147	206	258
Possible Injury	290	276	211	230	173
Property Damage Only	1884	1895	1220	1404	1526
Total	2322	2341	1607	1874	1999

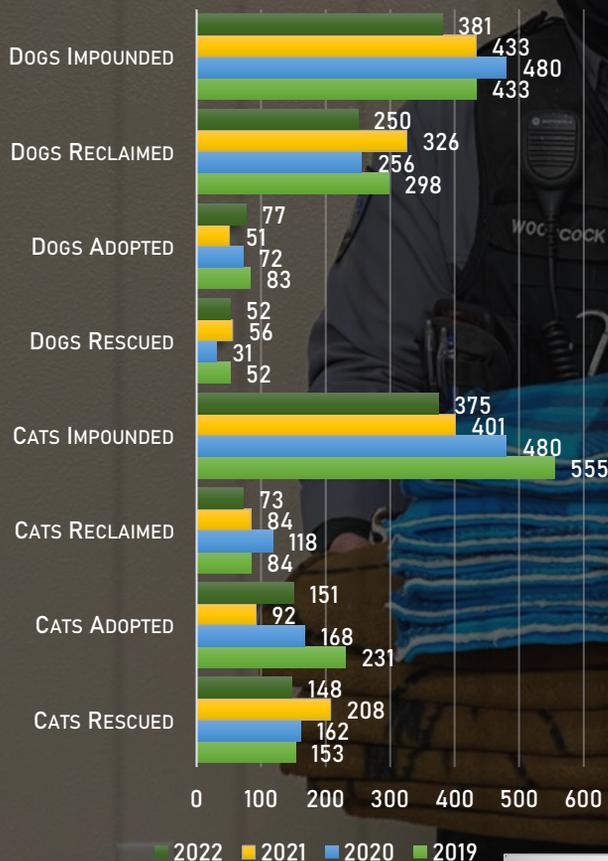
*THERE WERE ALSO 1,272 COLLISIONS OCCURRING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT WERE INVESTIGATED BY THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT.



THERE ARE FIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS, TWO PRIMARILY FOCUS ON PARKING ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT BISMARCK AND THREE CONCENTRATE ON ANIMAL CONTROL. THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS, ASSISTING WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL AND THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES. THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CARE OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS AND ASSIST IN INVESTIGATIONS OF ANIMAL NEGLECT AND CRUELTY.



ANIMAL DISPOSITIONS



PARKING TICKETS ISSUED 2018-2022





LIEUTENANT
Glen Torres

THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION SECTION FALLS WITHIN THE FIELD SERVICES DIVISION OF THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE SECTION IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING: 1-LIEUTENANT, 2-SERGEANTS, 1-OFFICE ASSISTANT, 10-INVESTIGATORS, 5-NARCOTIC INVESTIGATORS, 1 FORENSIC ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATOR/SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE, AND 2- WARRANTS OFFICERS.

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. THE INVESTIGATION SECTION INCLUDES PERSONAL CRIMES, PROPERTY CRIMES, NARCOTIC CRIMES AND THE WARRANTS DIVISION.



144 FIREARMS



\$253,069
IN PROCEEDS FROM
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY



23,734
FENTANYL
PILLS



5,222 G
POWDER
FENTANYL



78 G
COCAINE



4,970 G
METH



49 G
HEROIN



44,221 G
MARIJUANA

10-PROPERTY/PERSONAL CRIME INVESTIGATORS

- THE SECTION INVESTIGATED APPROXIMATELY 207 PROPERTY CRIMES IN 2022. THE PROPERTY CRIMES RANGE FROM VANDALISM TO BURGLARIES. ALSO INCLUDED IN PROPERTY CRIMES ARE FINANCIAL CRIMES & FRAUD CASES.
- 407 PERSONAL CRIMES WERE INVESTIGATED BY THE SECTION IN 2022. 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). THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 111 DRUG RELATED CASES INVESTIGATED BY THE SECTION. THIS NUMBER DOES NOT REFLECT THE CASES INVESTIGATED BY MANTF OR THE NUMEROUS CASES THAT INVESTIGATORS ASSIST PATROL WITH.

2-WARRANTS OFFICERS

- 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.

1-FORENSIC ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATOR/SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE

- ACTS AS A BACKUP TO THE WARRANTS OFFICERS



LIEUTENANT
Luke Gardiner



YOUTH WORKER SUPERVISOR
Luke McKay

THE BISMARCK POLICE YOUTH BUREAU HAS SERVED THE YOUTH AND PARENTS OF BISMARCK SINCE 1975 WITH THE MAIN TENETS OF PREVENTION, EDUCATION, AND CRISIS INTERVENTION.

- **PREVENTION**
 - 138 DIRECT REFERRALS MADE TO YOUTH WORKERS KEEPING YOUTH OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
- **PROGRAMS**
 - 38TH ANNUAL COP'S AND KIDS FISHING DERBY WITH 37 ATTENDEES
 - EVIDENCE BASED CLASSES PRESENTED TO 31 STUDENTS
 - SUMMER MENTORING TWO DAYS A WEEK WITH DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES FOR OVER 11 YOUTH
- **EDUCATION**
 - 324 PRESENTATIONS TO OVER 11,000 ATTENDEES OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND CITIZENS BETWEEN YOUTH WORKERS AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
- **CRISIS INTERVENTION**
 - 298 CRISIS INTERVENTION CALLS TO THE YOUTH WORKERS FROM SCHOOLS, OFFICERS, PARENTS, AND SURROUNDING JURISDICTION.

THE YOUTH BUREAU ALSO HAS EIGHT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THEIR PRIMARY DUTIES ARE SAFETY, EDUCATION, RELATIONSHIP BUILDING, AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS.

- THEY PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS PRESENTATIONS TO STUDENTS, EDUCATORS AND CITIZENS REGARDING SCHOOL SAFETY, AND ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS.
- **ENFORCEMENT**
 - 257 TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS





LIEUTENANT

Mike McMerty

THE CRIME PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SECTION IS STAFFED BY OFFICER CLINT FULLER AND OFFICER CAITLIN HORNE. IT IS SUPERVISED BY SGT. DUSTIN MILLER AND OVERSEEN BY LT. MIKE McMERTY.

THE FOCUS OF OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ENDEAVORS IS FOSTERING A POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP AND CONNECTING US WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. WE WORK TO BUILD TRUST AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY BY ENSURING INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN ALL WE DO. OUR PROGRAMS, SUCH AS BUSINESS WATCH, THE CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY, THE COMMUNITY PICNIC, AND COFFEE WITH A COP, ARE MEANT TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF OUR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN AND AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THEY PROVIDE A CONDUIT FOR THE COMMUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT US WHILE WE, AT THE SAME TIME, LEARN ABOUT THE NEEDS AND PERCEPTIONS OF THE PUBLIC WE SERVE. THE PROGRAM WAS ADDED TO THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN IN 2019.



CRIME PREVENTION PROVIDES A NUMBER OF SERVICES. PRESENTATIONS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND ORGANIZATIONS, ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS. THEY ADDRESS COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION ISSUES FOR OUR SCHOOLS, HOMES, PLACES OF WORSHIP AND WORKPLACES. EXAMPLES OF THESE PRESENTATIONS ARE BICYCLE SAFETY, STRANGER DANGER, PERSONAL SAFETY, WORKPLACE VIOLENCE/ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS AND SCAMS. OUR AUDIENCES RANGE FROM PRE-SCHOOL TO ADULTS. THE CRIME PREVENTION SECTION ALSO ADMINISTERS THE BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM. WE PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON VARIOUS SEASONAL AND RECURRING TOPICS SUCH AS VEHICLE THEFT PREVENTION, HALLOWEEN SAFETY AND WINTER DRIVING TIPS. THE SECTION ALSO PROVIDES SECURITY SURVEYS FOR BUSINESSES, CHURCHES AND HOMEOWNERS. THESE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED BY TRAINED OFFICERS WHO WILL ASSESS HOMES OR WORKPLACES FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY DEFICIENCIES. THEY WILL PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON YOUR PROPERTIES AND FOR THOSE WHO WORK OR LIVE THERE.



SUPERVISOR
Sarah VanBerkum

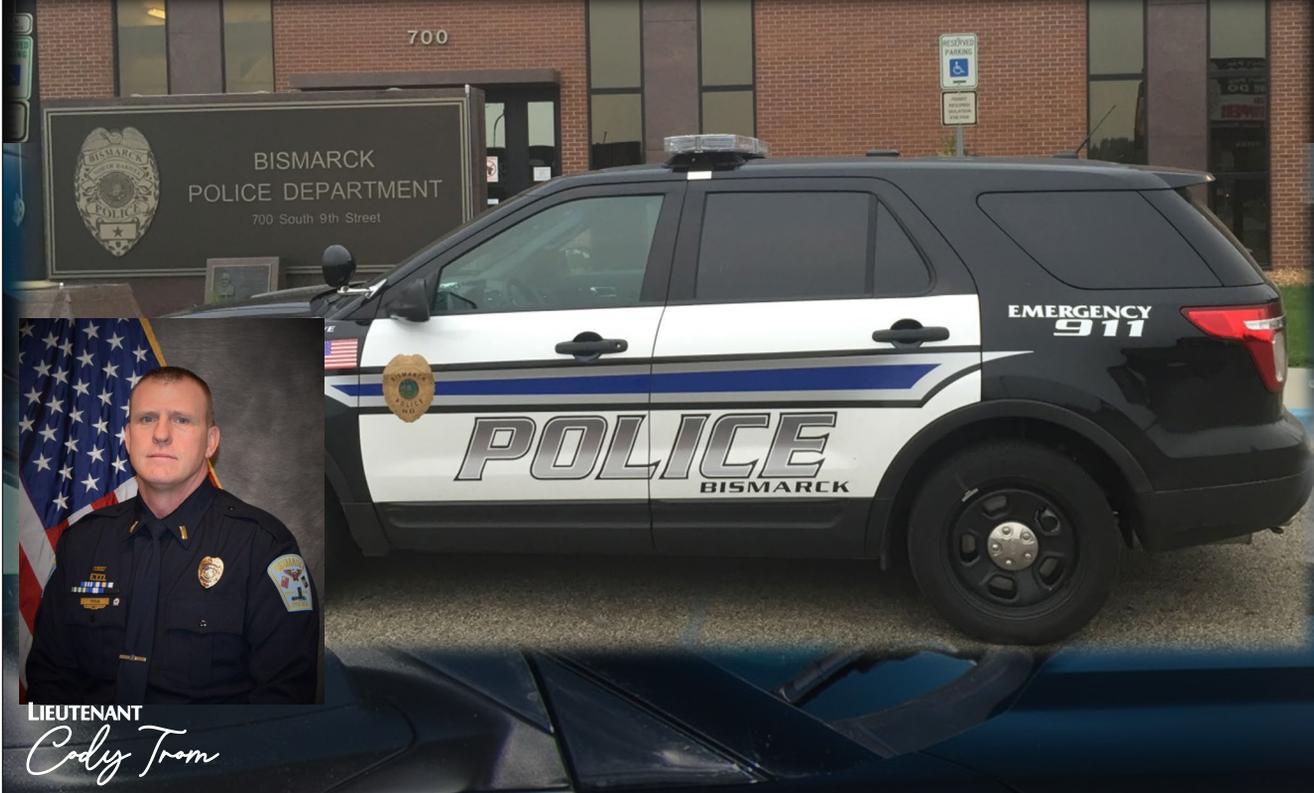
THE RECORDS SECTION SERVES AS THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY FOR ALL INCIDENTS, ACCIDENTS AND ALL OTHER ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS GENERATED BY BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. IT IS COMPRISED OF A CIVILIAN SUPERVISOR AND SEVEN RECORDS/RECEPTION STAFF. RECEPTION DEALS WITH ALL INCOMING CALLS, WALK IN TRAFFIC AND 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.

CASE NUMBERS ASSIGNED 2018-2022	
2018	26,601
2019	24,059
2020	23,042
2021	23,431
2022	20,407



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. ACCREDITATION EMBODIES THE PRECEPTS OF COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING. IT CREATES A FORUM IN WHICH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND CITIZENS WORK TOGETHER TO PREVENT AND CONTROL CHALLENGES CONFRONTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROVIDES CLEAR DIRECTION ABOUT COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS.

BPD HAS BEEN ACCREDITED SINCE 1991 AND IS CURRENTLY IN ITS 10TH ACCREDITATION CYCLE AND CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION PROCESS.



LIEUTENANT
Cody Trom

THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT FLEET VEHICLES ARE ASSIGNED AND CATEGORIZED INTO THE FOLLOWING EIGHT DIVISIONS; PATROL, TRAFFIC, DETECTIVES, POLICE YOUTH BUREAU (PYB), ADMINISTRATION, AIRPORT, AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS. THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF THE FLEET ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- 🚗 PATROL - 27 MARKED PATROL VEHICLES
- 🚗 TRAFFIC - NINE VEHICLES CONSISTING OF FIVE MARKED PATROL VEHICLES, TWO PARKING ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, AND TWO ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLES.
- 🚗 DETECTIVES - 15 VEHICLES, TWO OF WHICH ARE ASSIGNED TO THE METRO AREA NARCOTICS TASK FORCE, LEASED UNDER CONTRACT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
- 🚗 AIRPORT - ONE MARKED VEHICLE. ALL MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS ARE FUNDED BY THE BISMARCK AIRPORT
- 🚗 POLICE YOUTH BUREAU (PYB)/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) - NINE VEHICLES CONSISTING OF SIX MARKED PATROL VEHICLES, ONE UNMARKED ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE, AND TWO VANS
- 🚗 ADMINISTRATION - SEVEN VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO ADMINISTRATION, CRIME PREVENTION, MAINTENANCE, FLEET, INTEL AND TRAINING.
- 🚗 SPECIAL OPERATIONS - NINE SPECIALIZED VEHICLES ALLOCATED TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS DIVISIONS OF THE WEST DAKOTA SWAT TEAM, BOMB SQUAD, AND HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM.
- 🚗 ATV'S (ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES) - TWO 2011 POLARIS RANGERS.

DECOMMISSIONED: IN 2021 THERE WERE (13) VEHICLES DECOMMISSIONED THROUGH THE AUCTION PROCESS, TRANSFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS, OR REPLACED DUE TO MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH LOSS. ALL FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE SALE OF POLICE VEHICLES, UNLESS ORIGINALLY PURCHASED FROM THE DRUG ASSET FORFEITURE FUND, GOES TO THE CITY GENERAL FUND.

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. DUSTIN MILLER. IT IS OVERSEEN BY LT. MIKE McMERTY

IN 2022, THE EVIDENCE SECTION RECEIVED INTO ITS CUSTODY 12,466 TOTAL ITEMS WHICH CONSISTED OF:

- 10,537 GENERAL EVIDENCE ITEMS
- 1,625 DRUG ITEMS
- 144 FIREARMS
- 160 CASH ITEMS CONSISTING OF \$253,069



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.

IN ADDITION TO THEIR DAY-TO-DAY FUNCTIONS, THE FACILITY MAINTENANCE SECTION WORKED ON A COUPLE PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDED: ANIMAL POUND DUCT CLEANING AND BOILER WATER CLEANING AT THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING. ²⁰



LIEUTENANT
Noah Lindelow



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.

THE WEST DAKOTA SWAT TEAM/CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM IS A MULTI-AGENCY REGIONAL TEAM THAT INCLUDES THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT, MANDAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, BURLEIGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE MORTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE RESPONSE AREA FOR THE TEAM IS LOCATED IN THE SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION OF NORTH DAKOTA AND INCLUDES BURLEIGH, MORTON, GRANT, EMMONS, MCINTOSH, LOGAN, KIDDER, MCLEAN, WELLS AND SHERIDAN COUNTIES.

THE WEST DAKOTA SWAT TEAM OPERATES UNDER THE CONTROL OF AND REPORTS TO AN EXECUTIVE BOARD, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FROM THE FOUR PARTICIPATING AGENCIES. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS SEMI-ANNUALLY TO REVIEW ACTIVATIONS, TRAINING, PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND BUDGET ITEMS.



THE TEAM IS COMPRISED OF THIRTY-TWO TACTICAL OFFICERS, A TACTICAL MEDIC, AND ELEVEN NEGOTIATORS. THE RANK STRUCTURE OF THE TEAM CONSISTS OF A COMMANDER, ASSISTANT COMMANDERS, TEAM LEADERS, ASSISTANT TEAM LEADERS, TACTICAL OPERATORS, NEGOTIATORS, AND MARKSMAN. THE WEST DAKOTA SWAT TEAM IS A COLLATERAL DUTY TEAM, WHICH MEANS ALL MEMBERS HAVE OTHER PRIMARY ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE AGENCIES.

A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF INCIDENTS FOR WHICH THE WEST DAKOTA SWAT TEAM 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 TEAM RESPONDED TO ONE ARMED BARRICADED SUBJECT INCIDENT IN 2021 AND EXECUTED THREE HIGH RISK WARRANTS.



OFFICER

Demetrios Petroau

BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT BOMB SQUAD IS A REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM THAT RESPONDS TO THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF NORTH DAKOTA WHICH INCLUDES COORDINATION WITH 18 DIFFERENT COUNTIES INVOLVING 37 SEPARATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.



OUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- RESPONDING TO BOMB THREAT EMERGENCIES
- COORDINATING AREA SEARCHES FOR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES
- EXAMINATION & DISPOSAL OF SUSPICIOUS BAGS/PACKAGES
- RECOVERY & RENDER SAFE PROCEDURES OF IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IED) RECOVERY & DISPOSAL OF COMMERCIAL EXPLOSIVES, MILITARY ORDINANCES, & DANGEROUS CHEMICALS
- RESPONDING TO INCIDENTS INVOLVING EXPLOSIVE, CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR THREATS, & ALL OTHER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION
- POST BLAST INVESTIGATIONS TO INCLUDE EVIDENCE COLLECTION, PROCESSING & ANALYSIS, AND INTERVIEWING VICTIMS, WITNESSES, & SUSPECTS
- SUPPORT WEST DAKOTA SWAT WITH TACTICAL EVENTS UTILIZING THE ROBOTS AND EXPLOSIVE BREACHING

IN 2022 THE BOMB SQUAD RESPONDED TO 16 CALLS FOR SERVICE INVOLVING PIPE BOMBS, SUSPICIOUS BAGS/PACKAGES, HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVES (HME), FIREWORKS, MILITARY ORDINANCE, AND HAZMAT CALLS. THE BOMB SQUAD ASSISTED WEST DAKOTA SWAT WITH 2 CALLOUTS ASSISTING WITH OUR ROBOTS. WE CONTINUE TO CONDUCT JOINT TRAINING WITH STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES ACROSS THE STATE TO ASSIST THEM IN RESPONDING TO BOMB THREATS AND SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES.

THE BOMB SQUAD HAS AN EXCELLENT SAFETY RECORD AND EACH OF THESE RESPONSES WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT ANY INJURY TO THE OFFICERS OR THE PUBLIC.

HIGHLIGHTED RESPONSE

- ASSISTED MINOT ON A HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVES CALL IN WILLISTON

K9 PROGRAM



**OFFICER JOSEPH BENKE
AND K-9 MESA**
154 TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS
 ♂ 2022 NDVMA WORKING ANIMAL OF THE YEAR



**SERGEANT GARNER JONES
AND K-9 TITAN**
132 TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS
 ♂ 2ND PLACE - USPCA NARCOTIC CERTIFICATION
 ♂ 2ND PLACE - IRON DOG



**OFFICER CHRIS ZABEL
AND K-9 ECHO**
142 TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS
 ♂ 2ND PLACE - NDPOA DETECTION COMPETITION
 ♂ 3RD PLACE - IRON DOG



K9 BALA
END OF WATCH: 12-5-22
 SERGEANT DAN SALANDER AND K-9 BALA
 108 TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS IN 2022
 ♂ 3RD PLACE- NDPOA DETECTION COMPETITION
 1500 CAREER DEPLOYMENTS
 IRON DOG - 1ST PLACE (2X), 2ND PLACE, 3RD PLACE

TYPE OF INCIDENT	RESPONSES
ALARM	15
ARREST WARRANT	13
ASSAULT	10
BUILDING SNIFF	21
BURGLARY	21
CURRENCY SNIFF	1
DEMONSTRATION	20
DRUG SEARCH	30
FLEEING ON FOOT	7
HIT AND RUN	1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	8
OPEN DOOR	4
PACKAGE SNIFF	8
PROBATION SEARCH	2
RESTRAINING ORDER	4
ROBBERY	2
SEARCH WARRANT	14
SHOPLIFTING	1
SUSPICIOUS	4
TERRORIZING	2
TRESPASSING	2
VEHICLE SNIFF	359
VEHICLE PURSUIT	2

2022 IRON DOG
SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
HAALAND FIELD
11:00 AM
 HOSTED BY THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT
 MIDWESTERN K9 TRAINING AND TRIALS
 IRON DOG 2022 BISMARCK

THE K-9 UNIT CONSISTS OF FOUR DUAL-PURPOSE K-9'S, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HANDLERS. THE FOUR K-9'S ARE PATROL AND NARCOTICS CERTIFIED. IN 2023 THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADDING A FIFTH K-9 TEAM. THE K-9 TEAMS ARE UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE CITY AS A FORCE MULTIPLIER IN ASSISTING OFFICERS WITH VARIOUS TASKS. THE K9'S ARE ROUTINELY USED FOR DEPLOYMENTS RELATED TO DRUG DETECTION, TRACKING SUSPECTS, SEARCHING BUILDINGS, LOCATING EVIDENCE, AND SUSPECT APPREHENSION. IN 2022, THE K-9 UNIT HAD 536 DEPLOYMENTS. THE UNIT ALSO VALUES PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS TO ASSIST WITH SCHOOL SEARCHES TO AID IN DETERRING DRUG USAGE WITHIN THE SCHOOLS. THE K-9 PROGRAM STARTED IN 1976.

TRAINING



THE SECTION IS SUPERVISED BY SGT. WARDZINSKI AND OVERSEEN BY LT. McMERTY. OFFICER DAVE JOHNSON 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.

THE TRAINING RANGED FROM BASIC RECRUIT TRAINING TOPICS TO ADVANCED TOPICS SUCH AS BASIC HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION, CRIMINAL & ADVANCED INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION, AND BCI ADVANCED CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.

THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA REQUIRES THAT EACH SWORN OFFICER MUST RECEIVE A MINIMUM OF 60 HOURS OF TRAINING EVERY THREE YEARS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION. THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 97 HOURS TRAINING EACH FOR 2022 ALONE. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING HOURS RECEIVED BY OUR OFFICERS IN 2022 WAS OVER 12,376 HOURS. OUR DEPARTMENT'S CIVILIAN STAFF AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 10 HOURS OF TRAINING EACH FOR 2022. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING HOURS RECEIVED BY OUR CIVILIAN STAFF IN 2022 WAS 295 HOURS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING SECTION WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF ELEVEN NEW RECRUIT OFFICERS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COORDINATION OF SPECIALIZED TRAINING FOR DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL AND FOR ENSURING THAT ALL SWORN PERSONNEL MET ND POST, BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND CALEA ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.



SERGEANT
Mitch Wardzinski



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.

IN APRIL OF 2022, THE UNIT WAS CALLED TO ASSIST WITH A SEARCH SOUTH OF BISMARCK, THIS SEARCH WAS ATTENDED BY TWO OF THE MEMBERS. ADDITIONALLY, TWO MEMBERS ALONG WITH THEIR HORSES ATTENDED THE TRI-CITY COMMUNITY PICNIC IN AUGUST. A MEMBER OF THE MOUNTED POLICE AND THEIR HORSE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL OTHER EVENTS INCLUDING THE BACK THE BLUE EVENT, THE LINCOLN PTO HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT AS WELL AS AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY. THE MOUNTED POLICE ALSO HAD A PARTICIPANT IN THE NORTH DAKOTA HORSE EXPO VISITING WITH ATTENDEES ABOUT THE UNIT, AS WELL AS PRESENTING A TRAINING SEMINAR ON EQUINE SCENTING SEARCH AT THE HORSE EXPO IN MINOT.

CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022 WAS SIX ACTIVE MEMBERS AND SIX HONORARY MEMBERS. THE MOUNTED POLICE UNIT IS ALWAYS LOOKING TO GROW THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO CREATE AN EVEN STRONGER ORGANIZATION. THEIR GOAL IS TO CREATE A STRONGER MEMBERSHIP BASE, TO BETTER SUPPORT THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PARADES AND OTHER PERFORMANCE REQUESTS AND TO INCREASE THEIR SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES.

THE BISMARCK MOUNTED POLICE IS A NON-FUNDED ORGANIZATION.

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LIEUTENANT
Roger Marks 111



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LETTER OF RECOGNITION

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OFF. WADE NORDICK

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SGT. CODY BERGER

OFF. BENJAMIN SWENSON

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OFF. MARK MUSCHA
OFF. BENJAMIN SWENSON

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KENNETH A. TENERVILLE	REEDER PD	1975
KENNETH B. MUIR	ST MARSHAL	1983
ROBERT S. ORESHIRE, JR	WILLIAMS SD	1985
SMYTHY L. WELLS	WISDOM SD	1987
VALENCE L. PASCAL	WISDOM SD	1987
E.M. NED MORRIS	NEW RICHFORD PD	1925
JACOB M. HOERNER	NEW RICHFORD PD	1942
CHARLES V. POLVER	ROGET	1943
KEITH W. BRADDOCK	WATFORD CITY PD	1936
LEO A. DAGNER	WATFORD CITY PD	1933
EVAN M. JONES	RICHMOND SD	1917
ROGER C. SORENSEN	NEW RICHFORD PD	1956
FRED D. ALDERMAN	NEW RICHFORD PD	1942
GEORGE DIXON	NEW RICHFORD PD	1917
STEVEN R. KENNER	NEW RICHFORD PD	2001
BRYAN K. SLEEPER	NEW RICHFORD PD	2011



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