



# ANNUAL REPORT

2023

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ON BEHALF OF THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT, I PRESENT OUR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT. WE HAVE COMBINED THE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE 2023 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 2023 ANNUAL REPORT, I LEARNED PERSONAL CRIMES OVERALL WERE UP 0.08% AND PROPERTY CRIMES OVERALL WERE DOWN 2.06%.

ALTHOUGH PERSONAL CRIME IS UP COMPARED TO 2022, 2023 PERSONAL CRIME IS SLIGHTLY BELOW THE FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE OF 1,215 PERSONAL CRIMES PER YEAR. SEX OFFENSES AND INTIMIDATION OFFENSES 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 2022 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.

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF DRUG OVERDOSES AND OVERDOSE DEATHS NEARLY DOUBLING BEFORE LEVELING OFF BETWEEN 2021-2022, WE ACTUALLY SAW A DECREASE IN BOTH IN 2023. ALTHOUGH THIS IS GOOD NEWS AND I HOPE THIS TREND CONTINUES, WE KNOW THERE ARE MANY OVERDOSES THAT ARE NOT REPORTED TO US MOSTLY DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF NARCAN TO THE PUBLIC. THIS IS ALSO GOOD BUT IT IS ALSO DANGEROUS FOR OVERDOSE VICTIMS TO NOT SEEK TREATMENT AFTER OVERDOSING ON ANY SUBSTANCE.

AS ALWAYS, WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT WE RECEIVE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO EARN YOUR FAITH AND TRUST.

RESPECTFULLY,

CHIEF OF POLICE

*Dave Prorovitch*



**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

1. HIRING - MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE, WHERE POSSIBLE, THE EFFICIENCY OF THE HIRING PROCESS OBJECTIVES
2. RECRUITMENT - IMPROVE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF RECRUITMENT EFFORTS ALONG WITH AN EMPHASIS ON MINORITY GROUPS
3. INSTITUTE QUARTERLY MINI IN-SERVICE TRAINING SESSIONS-ALL TRAINING WILL BE TO DEPARTMENT STANDARD BUT MAY BE COMPLETED BY/THROUGH THE SHIFTS/SECTIONS.
4. IMPROVE MANPOWER PRESENCE IN THE FIELD
5. INCREASE STAFF-ANALYZE THE NEED FOR THE FOLLOWING INCREASE IN STAFF
6. REFINE THE CRIME ANALYST'S ANALYSIS BASED POLICING TO COMMUNICATE CRIME TRENDS MORE EFFECTIVELY
7. CONTINUE WITH INTERNAL SUCCESSION PLANNING
8. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPACE NEEDS STUDY
9. DEVELOP EFFECTIVE "HIGH-TICKET" EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLANS
- 10.IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN COORDINATING COURT SCHEDULING BETWEEN DISTRICT COURT AND OUR OFFICERS' SCHEDULES
- 11.COMPLETE TRANSITION TO NEW RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, RVI 9 AND RVI WEB VIEWER
- 12.IMPLEMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
- 13.DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM







DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIELD SERVICES  
*Jason Stugelmeier*

- GAMING
- WARRANTS
- WEST DAKOTA SWAT TEAM
- CRISIS NEGOTIATION TEAM
- BOMB SQUAD
- K-9 PROGRAM
- PATROL
- TRAFFIC
- ANIMAL CONTROL
- PARKING ENFORCEMENT
- INVESTIGATIONS
- 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-FIVE (135) SWORN OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT ARE ASSIGNED TO THE FIELD SERVICES DIVISION.

- CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- CALEA (COMMISSION ON ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES)
- RECORDS AND RECEPTION
- DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET
- GRANTS AND ACTIVITIES
- INTELLIGENCE LED POLICING
- ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- EVIDENCE
- FACILITIES
- RECRUITMENT
- YOUTH SERVICES (POLICE YOUTH BUREAU)
- TRAINING
- MEDIA AND PUBLIC INFORMATION



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.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	%CHANGE 2022-2023
MURDER	0	0	2	6	2	-66.67%
MANSLAUGHTER	0	1	0	0	0	N/C
SEX OFFENSES	142	148	151	135	157	16.30%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	117	170	122	191	133	-30.37%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	717	868	792	736	735	-0.14%
INTIMIDATION	131	165	40	112	151	34.82%
STALKING <sup>1</sup>	21	28	22	11	10	-9.09%
KIDNAPPING <sup>2</sup>	19	19	3	1	3	200.00%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING <sup>3</sup>	3	6	3	0	2	N/C
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>0.08%</b>

**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.**

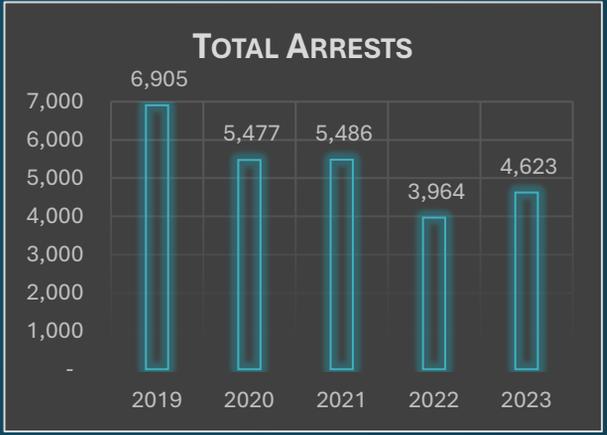
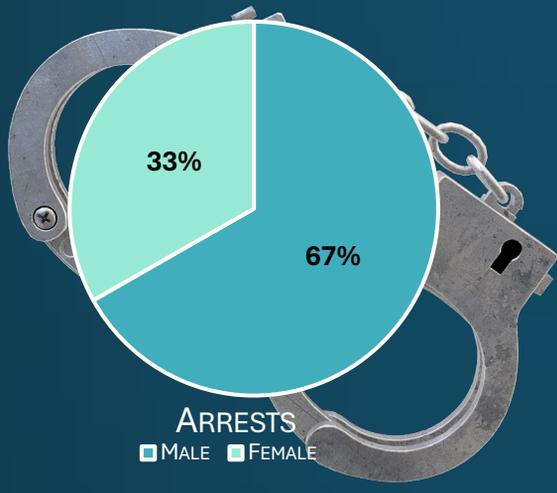
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	%CHANGE 2022-2023
ARSON	5	12	4	1	3	200.00%
BURGLARY	231	334	302	294	170	-42.18%
COUNTERFEIT/FORGERY	169	127	97	107	88	-17.76%
FRAUD	325	315	328	287	266	-7.32%
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VAND	581	742	656	580	582	0.34%
POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY	73	73	52	55	46	-16.36%
ROBBERY	37	28	26	25	30	20.00%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	155	192	83	204	201	-1.47%
SHOPLIFTING	686	776	742	460	693	50.65%
THEFT	1042	1194	1389	1173	1121	-4.43%
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATION	979	776	1029	847	638	-24.68%
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA/EQUIP	889	801	1014	564	673	19.33%
EMBEZZLEMENT	30	36	18	14	15	7.14%
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENITY	34	39	53	32	23	-28.13%
PROSTITUTION	20	12	7	10	10	0.00%
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	100	71	85	60	57	-5.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,356</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>4,713</b>	<b>4,616</b>	<b>-2.06%</b>

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	%CHANGE 2022-2023
BAD CHECKS	11	5	5	0	2	N/C
FAMILY NON-VIOLENT	129	139	44	186	151	-18.82%
DUI	340	335	354	414	363	-12.32%
LIQUOR LAWS	248	237	111	83	252	203.61%
DRUNKENNESS (DETOX)	428	208	152	170	132	-22.35%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	527	473	432	408	442	8.33%
PEEPING TOM	3	3	4	2	2	0.00%
TRESPASSING	461	427	443	444	546	22.97%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,545</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>10.72%</b>

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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% CHANGE 2022-2023
MISSING PERSONS	75	78	73	70	76	8.57%
ALARM CALLS	4	2	3	4	4	0.00%
FIRE CALLS	13	25	28	22	29	31.82%
SUICIDE	50	72	43	36	30	-16.67%
UNATTENDED DEATHS	64	83	74	92	79	-14.13%
AMBULANCE REQUESTS	113	174	168	102	75	-26.47%
OVERDOSES	34	74	134	138	104	-24.64%
MENTAL CASES	67	73	73	49	43	-12.24%
DOMESTIC DISPUTES	194	235	192	186	151	-18.82%
ANIMAL BITES	85	33	36	50	62	24.00%
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0	0	12	16	7	-56.25%
ANIMAL CALL, OTHER	679	643	640	643	519	-19.28%
OTHER WARRANT REPORTS	1,731	682	1,106	1,007	759	-24.63%
OTHER PUBLIC PEACE	159	181	231	235	288	22.55%
VEHICLE IMPOUNDS	571	467	250	478	470	-1.67%
CIVIL PROCESS/NOTICE TO QUIT	39	73	75	64	55	-14.06%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>2,895</b>	<b>3,138</b>	<b>3,192</b>	<b>2,751</b>	<b>-13.82%</b>



OFFENSES	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	% CHANGE 2022-2023	% CHANGE FROM 5-YEAR AVERAGE
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	64	86	95	75	74	-1.33%	-6.09%
ARSON	3	3	0	0	1	N/C	-28.57%
BURGLARY	31	37	32	40	52	30.00%	35.42%
COUNTERFEIT - FORGERY	26	20	42	26	16	-38.46%	-38.46%
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	70	81	104	79	76	-3.80%	-7.32%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	196	136	190	135	149	10.37%	-7.57%
DRUG EQUIP VIOLATION	825	488	669	457	611	33.70%	0.16%
DRUG VIOLATION	1,043	546	760	507	670	32.15%	-4.99%
DUI/APC	340	335	325	395	374	-5.32%	5.71%
EMBEZZLEMENT	11	15	8	5	3	-40.00%	-64.29%
SEX OFFENSES	17	8	14	12	11	-8.33%	-11.29%
FRAUD	73	59	47	42	51	21.43%	-6.25%
HUMAN TRAFICKING	1	0	0	0	0	N/C	-100.00%
INTIMIDATION	66	67	104	82	80	-2.44%	0.25%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	12	12	11	7	5	-28.57%	-46.81%
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	251	216	119	91	142	56.04%	-13.31%
LOUD PARTY	2	2	2	1	1	0.00%	-37.50%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	24	34	28	17	16	-5.88%	-32.77%
MURDER/NON-NEG M/S	0	0	2	2	1	-50.00%	-20.00%
OTHER TRAFFIC	2,339	2,046	2,097	1,622	1,457	-10.17%	-23.81%
PEEPING TOM	1	1	0	0	1	N/C	66.67%
PORNO/OBSCENE MATERIALS	5	4	0	4	1	-75.00%	-64.29%
PROSTITUTION	6	3	1	1	1	0.00%	-58.33%
ROBBERY	17	10	13	9	10	11.11%	-15.25%
SHOPLIFTING	494	441	472	472	434	-8.05%	-6.18%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	309	349	361	254	239	-5.91%	-20.97%
STALKING	4	2	2	3	1	-66.67%	-58.33%
STOLEN PROPERTY	48	36	49	31	27	-12.90%	-29.32%
THEFT OFFENSES	145	109	125	125	151	20.80%	15.27%
TRESPASS	367	272	253	263	316	20.15%	7.41%
WEAPON LAWS	76	38	46	36	38	5.56%	-18.80%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,866</b>	<b>5,456</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>4,793</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>4.51%</b>	<b>-13.21%</b>



LIEUTENANT  
*Luke Gardiner*



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.

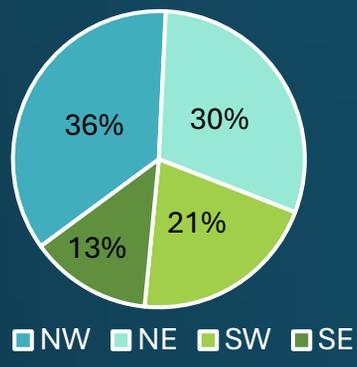
THE PATROL SECTION IS COMPRISED OF TWO SHIFTS. EACH SHIFT IS LED BY A LIEUTENANT, AND THE DAY TO DAY SUPERVISION IS CONDUCTED BY SERGEANTS. THE PATROL SECTION REPORTS TO THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE FIELD SERVICES DIVISION



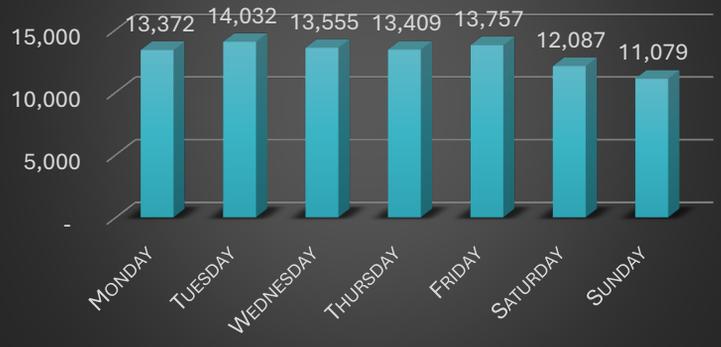
## TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY BY HOUR BLOCK 2023



### CALLS FOR SERVICE BY BEAT AREA



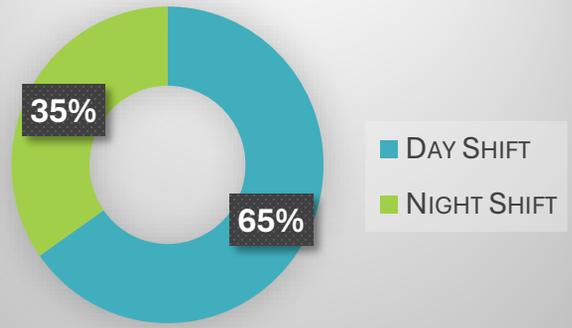
### 2023 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK



### TOTAL POLICE RESPONSES GENERATED BY 911 CALLS FOR SERVICE

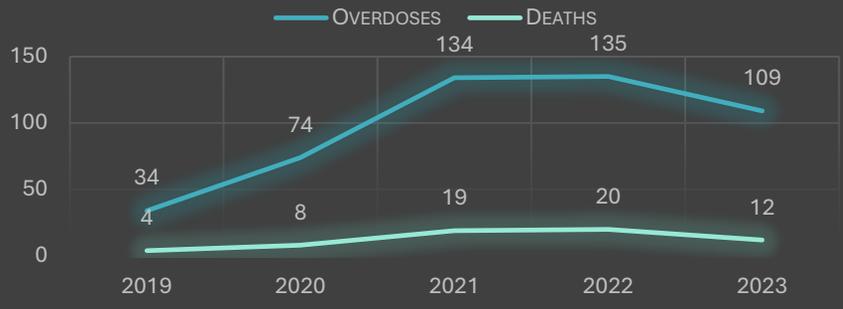


### CRIMINAL ACTIVITY DAY VS. NIGHT SHIFT 2023



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

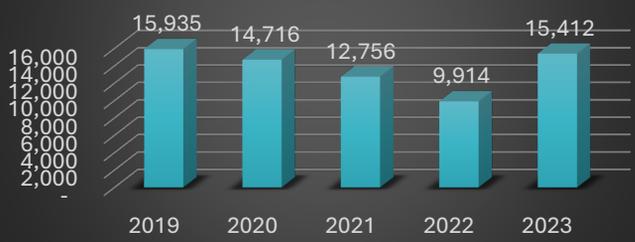




THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRAFFIC SECTION IS ROADWAY SAFETY. WE WORK WITH SEVERAL OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO REDUCE INJURY AND DEATH. THE TRAFFIC SECTION OFFICERS RECEIVE ADVANCED TRAINING IN COLLISION INVESTIGATION WITH THE TRAFFIC SERGEANT AND TWO OFFICERS TRAINED AS COLLISION RECONSTRUCTION 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.

LIEUTENANT  
*Jeff Solemsaas*

### TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED 2019-2023



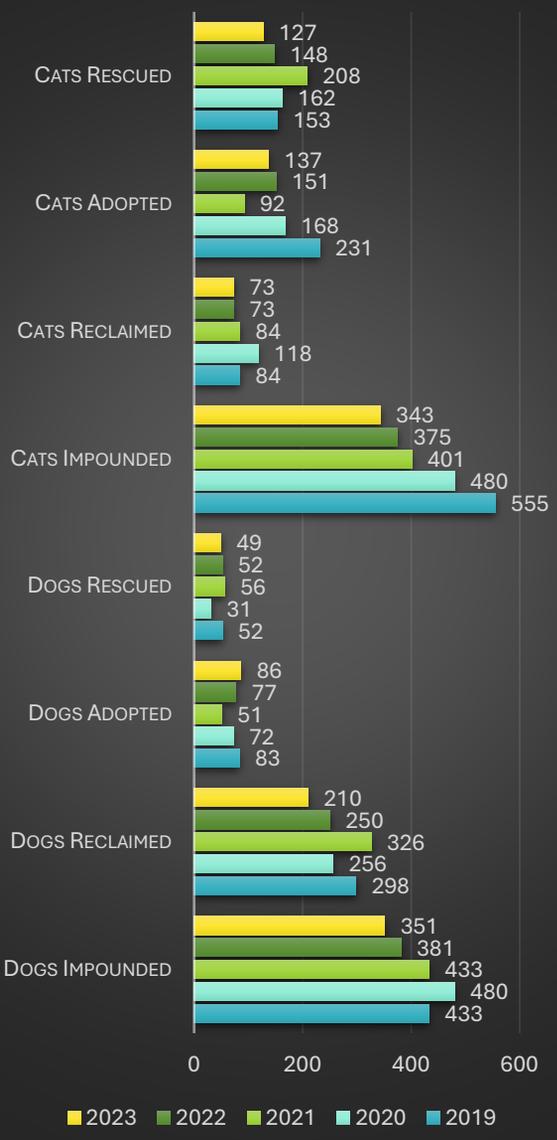
CRASH SEVERITY	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
FATAL	2	2	4	5	2
INCAPACITATING INJURY	21	27	30	37	25
NON-INCAPACITATING INJURY	147	147	206	258	203
POSSIBLE INJURY	276	211	230	173	208
PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY	1,895	1,220	1,404	1,526	2,634
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,341</b>	<b>1,607</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>3,072</b>



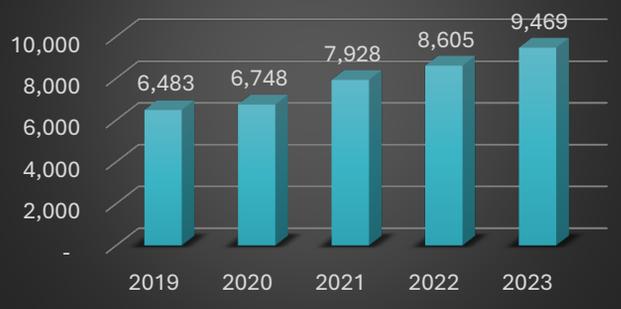
THERE ARE FIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS, TWO PRIMARILY FOCUS ON PARKING ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT BISMARCK AND THREE CONCENTRATE ON ANIMAL CONTROL. THE PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS, ASSISTING WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL AND THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES. THE ANIMAL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



### ANIMAL DISPOSITIONS



### PARKING TICKETS ISSUED 2019-2023





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, 3-SERGEANTS, 1-OFFICE ASSISTANT, 10-INVESTIGATORS, 7- NARCOTIC INVESTIGATORS, 1 FORENSIC ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATOR/SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE, 2- WARRANTS OFFICERS, 1-INTEL ANALYST AND 1-INTEL OFFICER.

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.



147 FIREARMS



\$60,540  
IN PROCEEDS FROM  
CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

21,064  
FENTANYL  
PILLS



533 G  
POWDER  
FENTANYL



110,497 G  
COCAINE



23,453 G  
METH



24G  
HEROIN



16,065 G  
MARIJUANA

-DRUG AMOUNTS FROM MANTF 2023

10-PROPERTY/PERSONAL CRIME INVESTIGATORS

- THE SECTION INVESTIGATED APPROXIMATELY 188 PROPERTY CRIMES IN 2023. THE PROPERTY CRIMES RANGE FROM VANDALISM TO BURGLARIES. ALSO INCLUDED IN PROPERTY CRIMES ARE FINANCIAL CRIMES & FRAUD CASES.
- 465 PERSONAL CRIMES WERE INVESTIGATED BY THE SECTION IN 2023. 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  
*Steve Scheuer*

YOUTH WORKER SUPERVISOR  
*Luke McKay*

THE BISMARCK POLICE YOUTH BUREAU (PYB) HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY'S YOUTH; FAMILIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR 48 YEARS WITH THE GOAL OF HELPING OUR YOUTH AVOID BEHAVIOR THAT BRINGS THEM IN CONTACT WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. PYB IS ONE OF THE NATION'S LONGEST RUNNING YOUTH PROGRAMS DEALING WITH JUVENILES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES. A DIRECTOR, WHO IS A POLICE LIEUTENANT, FIVE YOUTH WORKERS, A YOUTH WORKER SUPERVISOR, EIGHT SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND AN OFFICE ASSISTANT II CURRENTLY STAFF PYB.

- PREVENTION
  - 195 DIRECT REFERRALS MADE TO YOUTH WORKERS KEEPING YOUTH OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM
- PROGRAMS
  - 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COPS AND KIDS FISHING DERBY
  - RED RIBBON CARNIVAL
  - TEEN TOUR
  - TEEN MAZE
  - EVIDENCE BASED CLASSES PRESENTED TO STUDENTS
  - SUMMER MENTORING TWO DAYS A WEEK WITH DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH
- EDUCATION
  - 223 PRESENTATIONS TO OVER 10,000 ATTENDEES OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND CITIZENS BETWEEN YOUTH WORKERS AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS
- CRISIS INTERVENTION
  - 554 CRISIS INTERVENTION CALLS TO THE YOUTH WORKERS FROM SCHOOLS, OFFICERS, PARENTS, AND SURROUNDING JURISDICTION.
- ENFORCEMENT
  - 804 TOTAL JUVENILE CITATIONS





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 2019-2023	
2019	24,059
2020	23,042
2021	23,431
2022	20,407
2023	23,641

## RECORDS AND RECEPTION

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 WE ARE CURRENTLY IN OUR 11<sup>TH</sup> ACCREDITATION CYCLE AND PARTICIPATING IN THE ADVANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION PROCESS.

CALEA REVIEWS STANDARDS ANNUALLY AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE A PORTAL AVAILABLE FOR CONCERNS THAT ARE ALSO REVIEWED.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL COMPLETE THE NEXT ON-SITE PROCESS IN JUNE 2025



ACCREDITATION MANAGER  
*Amanda Gallagher*



## ACCREDITATION



LIEUTENANT  
*Cody Tramm*

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 - 29 MARKED PATROL VEHICLES
- 🚓 TRAFFIC - 9 VEHICLES CONSISTING OF FIVE MARKED PATROL VEHICLES, TWO PARKING ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, AND TWO ANIMAL CONTROL VEHICLES.
- 🚓 DETECTIVES - 20 VEHICLES, EIGHT OF WHICH ARE ASSIGNED TO THE METRO AREA NARCOTICS TASK FORCE
- 🚓 AIRPORT - 1 MARKED VEHICLE. ALL MAINTENANCE AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS ARE FUNDED BY THE BISMARCK AIRPORT
- 🚓 POLICE YOUTH BUREAU (PYB)/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) - 11 VEHICLES CONSISTING OF EIGHT MARKED PATROL VEHICLES, ONE UNMARKED ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE, AND TWO VANS
- 🚓 ADMINISTRATION - 8 VEHICLES ASSIGNED TO ADMINISTRATION, CRIME PREVENTION, MAINTENANCE, FLEET, AND TRAINING.
- 🚓 SPECIAL OPERATIONS - 9 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 2023 THERE WERE (13) VEHICLES DECOMMISSIONED THROUGH THE AUCTION PROCESS, TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS, LEASE RETURNS, OR REPLACED DUE TO DEPARTMENT'S 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.

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LT. MIKE McMERTY AND SGT. DUSTIN MILLER, EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS BRITTNEY RAMBOUSEK AND AMBER HANOANO ARE TASKED WITH MAINTAINING THE EVIDENTIARY CHAIN OF CUSTODY AND INTEGRITY OF EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY. EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES ROUTINELY INCLUDE RECEIVING, RECORDING, ACCOUNTING FOR, STORING, AND RELEASING OF EVIDENCE, AS WELL AS FOUND AND ABANDONED PROPERTY.

IN 2023, THE EVIDENCE SECTION RECEIVED INTO ITS CUSTODY 11,214 TOTAL ITEMS WHICH CONSISTED OF:

- 1,247 DRUGS
- 2,185 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA
- 147 FIREARMS
- 50 VEHICLES
- 333 BAGS/LUGGAGE/BACKPACKS



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 DEALT WITH ALMOST A RECORD-BREAKING YEAR OF SNOW FALL KEEPING ALL FACILITIES CLEARED OF SNOW AND ALSO ASSISTED WITH THE NEW INSTALL OF THE AXON SYSTEM FOR BODY CAMS AND INTERNAL CAMERAS AT THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

THIS YEAR AS IN LAST YEARS, MAINTENANCE WAS TASKED WITH ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GENERAL CLEANING AND SANITIZING OF THE MULTIPLE BUILDINGS DUE TO COVID-19.



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.

**HIGHLIGHTED RESPONSES**

THE WEST DAKOTA SWAT TEAM RESPONDED TO FOUR BARRICADED SUBJECT INCIDENTS IN 2023.



OFFICER  
*Demetrios Petrou*

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 2023 THE BOMB SQUAD RESPONDED TO 10 CALLS FOR SERVICE INVOLVING PIPE BOMBS, SUSPICIOUS BAGS/PACKAGES, HOMEMADE EXPLOSIVES (HME), FIREWORKS, MILITARY ORDINANCE, AND HAZMAT CALLS. THESE CALLS CONSISTED OF BOTH FAKE AND LIVE DEVICES. THE BOMB SQUAD ROUTINELY ASSISTS THE WEST DAKOTA SWAT WITH CALLOUTS 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.

FOUR SECURITY SWEEPS WERE CONDUCTED FOR BOTH THE EVENT CENTER AND THE STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS.

ONE NEW TECH WAS ADDED IN 2023 AND THE ROBOT WAS UPGRADED.

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

# BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE K-9 UNIT CONSISTS OF FOUR DUAL-PURPOSE K9S AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HANDLERS. THE K-9S ARE NATIONALLY CERTIFIED TO PERFORM PATROL AND NARCOTICS DETECTION. IN 2024, 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 K-9S ARE ROUTINELY USED FOR DEPLOYMENTS RELATED TO DRUG DETECTION, TRACKING SUSPECTS, SEARCHING BUILDINGS, LOCATING EVIDENCE AND SUSPECT APPREHENSION.



IN 2023, THE K-9 UNIT HAD 412 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.



**CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**  
ALL BISMARCK POLICE K-9 TEAMS ARE CERTIFIED AT A MINIMUM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THROUGH A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION (NPCA), UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION (USPCA), NORTH AMERICAN POLICE WORK DOG ASSOCIATION (NAPWDA), OR SIMILAR ORGANIZATION TO ENSURE THE TEAM'S OPERATIONAL READINESS.



**MONTHLY TRAINING:**  
A MINIMUM OF TWO TRAINING DAYS ARE SCHEDULED EACH MONTH TO ENSURE THAT HANDLERS MEET THE K-9 INDUSTRY STANDARD OF A MINIMUM OF 16 HOURS OF TRAINING PER MONTH.



- DEPARTMENT HANDLERS AND K-9s:**
- SGT. GARNER JONES AND K9 TITAN
  - OFFICER CHRIS ZABEL AND K9 ECHO
  - OFFICER JOSEPH BENKE AND K9 MESA
  - OFFICER WADE NORDICK AND K9 EMBER



# K9 PROGRAM



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 THEY CAN 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, CRIMINAL & ADVANCED INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS, AND ADVANCED TRAFFIC CRASH INVESTIGATIONS.

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 THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATION. THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 107 HOURS TRAINING EACH FOR 2023 ALONE. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING HOURS RECEIVED BY OUR OFFICERS IN 2023 WAS OVER 13,740 HOURS. OUR DEPARTMENT'S CIVILIAN STAFF AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 15 HOURS OF TRAINING EACH FOR 2023. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING HOURS RECEIVED BY OUR CIVILIAN STAFF IN 2023 WAS 420 HOURS.



SERGEANT

*Mitch Wardzinski*

THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING SECTION WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF FOURTEEN 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.

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 2023, MEMBERS OF THE UNIT ATTENDED THREE COMMUNITY EVENTS. 1ST LT. JEANETTE HOFFMAN, PAST CAPTAIN TERRI SCHONERT AND CAPTAIN GOLDSACK ALONG WITH THEIR HORSES ATTENDED THE TRI-CITY COMMUNITY PICNIC AND PARTICIPATED IN THE MANDAN FOURTH OF JULY PARADE. CAPTAIN GOLDSACK AND 1ST LT. HOFFMAN AND THEIR HORSES REPRESENTED THE MOUNTED POLICE AT THE BACK THE BLUE EVENT. DUE TO THE WEATHER, SCHEDULED EVENTS SUCH AS THE LINCOLN PTO HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT WAS CANCELLED AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUNK OR TREAT AT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY AND THE BISMARCK POLICE DEPARTMENT TRUNK OR TREAT WERE MOVED INDOORS, SO THE UNIT AND THEIR HORSES WERE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.



CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023 WAS SIX ACTIVE MEMBERS AND SIX HONORARY MEMBERS. ALAN FITTERER RESIGNED IN 2023 AND LATER IN THE YEAR ELISE FETTIS JOINED THE UNIT. 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.





LIEUTENANT  
*Roger Marks 111*



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OFFICER TYLER MAHOWALD

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SERGEANT GARNER JONES

OFFICER DAVID SCHNEIDER  
OFFICER BRENNAN BENNINGTON  
K9 TITAN

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OFFICER ZACH HALPIN  
OFFICER WADE NORDICK

OFFICER BEN FRIEDT

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

AMBER HANO HANO

SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

SERGEANT CODY BERGER  
OFFICER THOMAS GROSZ

SERGEANT DEL GALLAGHER

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

AMBER HANO HANO

SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

OFFICER THOMAS GROSZ

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NAME	PROGRESS
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KENNETH D. MARR	ST. MARSHAL 1983
ROBERT S. ORESHIRE, JR.	ST. MARSHAL 1983
SMITHY L. WELLS	WILKINS SD 1989
VALENCE L. PASCAL	WILSON SD 1993
EM. NED MORRIS	NEW RICHFORD PD 1996
JACOB M. ROERNER	NEW RICHFORD PD 1996
CHARLES V. PULVER	ROCKFORD PD 1997
KEITH A. BRADDOCK	WATFORD CITY PD 1999
LEO A. DACNER	WILLOW CITY PD 1999
EVAN M. JONES	RICHMOND SD 1977
ROGER C. SORENSEN	NEW RICHFORD PD 1985
FRED D. ALDERMAN	NEW RICHFORD PD 1985
GEORGE RAYN	NEW RICHFORD PD 1977
STEVE KENNER	NEW RICHFORD PD 2011
DAVE SLEEPER	NEW RICHFORD PD 2011



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