

**CITY
OF
WILLMAR**

**2005
ANNUAL
REPORT**



City Attorney
City Clerk-Treasurer
Community Ed & Recreation
Cultural Liaison
Finance
Fire
Planning & Development Services
Police
Public Works





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ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS & APPOINTED CITY COMMISSIONERS

MAYOR

Lester Heitke

CITY COUNCIL

Denis Anderson, Ward 1
Bruce DeBlieck, Ward 1
Ron Christianson, Ward 2
Steven Gardner, Ward 2

Rick Fagerlie, Ward 3
Cindy Swenson, Ward 3
Jim Dokken, Ward 4
Douglas Reese, Ward 4

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS

Brenda McNichols, President
Enrique Vazquez, Vice President
Terrill Reimer, Secretary



WPD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Willmar Police Department is to guarantee all persons' constitutional rights under the law and to protect life and property through the enforcement of Federal, State, and local laws and ordinances, through education of the community and through service to the public.



WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

as of December 31, 2005

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Chief of Police | James A. Kulset |
| Captain..... | David J. Wyffels |
| Sergeant..... | Glenn D. Negen |
| Sergeant..... | Ricky H. Kleinschmidt |
| Sergeant..... | John B. Kappers |
| Sergeant..... | Julie A. Asmus |
| Sergeant..... | Vincent K. King |
| Sergeant..... | James E. Felt |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Terrence J. Albers |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Timothy L. Manuel |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Marilee K. Dorn |
| Police Officer | Michael C. Markkanen |
| Police Officer..... | Daniel R. Erickson |
| Police Officer..... | Anthony J. LaPatka |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Delmin C. Wagner |
| Police Officer | Robert P. Dobransky, Jr. |
| Police Officer..... | Michael J. Jahnke |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Gene A. Schneider |
| Police Officer..... | Frank O. Hanson |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Kristian M. Kolstad |
| Police Officer..... | Chad L. Nelson |
| Police Officer..... | Craig A. Lange |
| Police Officer..... | Michael J. Anderson |
| Police Officer..... | Chad W. Oakleaf |
| Police Officer | Jared J. Wosmek |
| Police Officer | Jason E. Evans |
| Police Officer | Scott M. Erickson |
| Police Officer | Michael G. Jambor |
| Police Officer | Zachary N. Herzog |
| Police Officer | Dustin M. Van der Hagen |
| Police Officer | James A. Venenga |
| Administrative Assistant | Susan A. Edwards |
| Clerk Secretary | Linda K. Wittman |
| Clerk Secretary | Kimberly M. Becker-Stenglein |
| Clerk Secretary | Cloey B. Rhode |
| Community Service Officer | Ashley R. Bruss |
| Community Service Officer | Samuel M. Neubauer |
| Community Service Officer | Robert J. Braness |
| Community Service Officer | Steven A. Collins |



RESIGNATIONS, PROMOTIONS AND NEW EMPLOYEES

Officer Matthew Akerson resigned on January 3, 2005, after over 11 years with the Police Department.

Officer Kris Kolstad was assigned to General Investigations on January 6, 2005. Kris has been with the department for eight years.

Dell Stone participated in the CSO/Apprentice Program from January 7, 2005 to May 12, 2005.

Effective February 1, 2005, Michael Jambor was hired as a Willmar Police Officer. Michael is from St. Paul and earned his law enforcement degree from White Bear Lake.

Officer David Holmquist resigned February 1, 2005 after seven years with the Willmar Police Department.

Officer Ross Ardoff resigned April 10, 2005, after seven years with the Police Department.

Officer Barrett Voigt resigned April 15, 2005, after approximately one year with the Willmar Police Department.

Matthew Siefkes was hired as a CSO from May 16, 2005 through October 28, 2005 to fill a position during a leave of absence.

Summer part-time employees for the Bicycle Patrol were Elizabeth (Lisa) Braun and Samantha (Sam) Sobieck.

Nathan Luft worked as part-time summer parking enforcement from May 16, 2005 through August 19, 2005, assisting with parking enforcement in the downtown area.

Zachary Herzog was hired as a Willmar police officer on May 17, 2005. Zach is originally from Willmar and received his law enforcement education here as well.

Officer Dustin Van der Hagen was also hired on May 17, 2005. Dustin previously worked for the Redwood Falls Police Department.

Edison Dengler completed the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College May 19, 2005, and left to complete the Law Enforcement Skills Program in Alexandria.

Officer John Holmes was hired June 27, 2005 and resigned August 19, 2005 to work for the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

Effective September 19, 2005, James Venenga was hired as a Willmar Police Officer. James is originally from Iowa and earned his law enforcement degree from the Alexandria Technical College.



Terri Rolland, part-time Clerk Secretary, resigned September 21, 2005 after two and a half years with the department.

Darlene Bjerketvedt, full-time Clerk Secretary, resigned September 23, 2005, to work for the Shakopee Police Department. Darlene had been with the Willmar Police Department for 17 1/2 years.

Robert Braness and Steven Collins began the CSO/Apprentice Program September 27, 2005. They fulfill the Community Service Officer duties along with Ashley Bruss and Sam Neubauer.

Cloey Rhode was hired as a Clerk-Secretary for the Willmar Police Department on November 14, 2005, to fill the vacant full-time position.

Officer Bruce Chapin retired on November 30, 2005, after over 31 years of service with the Willmar Police Department.





WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

| YEAR | POPULATION | SWORN OFFICERS | OFFICERS ON PATROL | CALLS FOR SERVICE |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1995 | 18,500 | 29 | 19 | 12,680 |
| 1996 | 18,688 | 30 | 19 | 12,837 |
| 1997 | 18,688 | 30 | 19 | 12,596 |
| 1998 | 18,978 | 32 | 21 | 12,199 |
| 1999 | 18,978 | 32 | 21 | 11,918 |
| 2000 | 18,978 | 31 | 20 | 12,150 |
| 2001 | 18,351 | 32 | 21 | 11,760 |
| 2002 | 18,488 | 31 | 20 | 12,153 |
| 2003 | 18,512 | 32 | 21 | 12,944 |
| 2004 | 18,597 | 32 | 21 | 12,563 |
| 2005 | 18,659 | 31 | 20 | 17,051 |

In January 2005, the Kandiyohi County Records Unit implemented a new Records Management System (CODY). ICR's are now counted differently from previous years.

NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRAINING

| Courses | Employees | Hours |
|---|-----------|-------|
| Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis C | 8 | 9 |
| Certified Property & Evidence Specialist Certification | 1 | 1 |
| Employee Assistance Program | 1 | .75 |
| First Responders / EMT Recertification | 1 | 16 |
| Fred Pryor Seminar / Women's Conference | 1 | 6 |
| HazMat | 8 | 9.25 |
| Hispanic Cultural Awareness | 1 | 1.5 |
| Intermediate / Advanced Microsoft Word | 3 | 12 |
| Intermediate Excel | 1 | 4 |
| Introduction to Excel | 2 | 12 |
| Law Enforcement Chaplains – North Central Regional Training | 1 | 16 |
| National Tactical Officers Assoc./Tactical EMS Training | 2 | 24 |
| SMART Trailer Deployment | 1 | 2.5 |
| Special Operations Trng Association – 10th Annual Conference | 4 | 39 |
| Use of Force – Defensive Tactics | 1 | 12 |
| Use of Force – Firearms Qualification / Glock Firearms Transition | 1 | 12 |
| Use of Force – Taser & Less Lethal | 1 | 5.5 |
| Total Hours of Training Provided: 182.5 | | |

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Adm. Asst.



WPD STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

| Literal Description | 2005 |
|--|-------|
| 9-1-1 Hang-Up Call | 111 |
| Abandoned Vehicles & 48-Hour Parking | 474 |
| Accident Motor Vehicle – Property Damage | 557 |
| Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian | 12 |
| Accident Other Referred to State Patrol | 5 |
| Accident Packets Issued | 32 |
| Alarms | 523 |
| All Other Public Complaints | 1,204 |
| Ambulance Call – Medical Emergency | 17 |
| Assault Other | 184 |
| Assault with a Firearm | 3 |
| Assault with a Knife | 9 |
| Assist in Locating | 253 |
| Assist Other Agencies | 78 |
| Bicycle Accident Injury | 9 |
| Burglary in Progress | 28 |
| Burglary Report | 125 |
| Bus Stop Arm Violation | 102 |
| Check Cases | 26 |
| Check Welfare of Person | 221 |
| Child Custody Dispute | 49 |
| Consent Search | 1 |
| Crimes Against Admin. Justice | 4 |
| Criminal Damage to Property | 458 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct – 1st Degree | 13 |
| Curfew Violation | 11 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 24 |
| Dog and Animal Complaints | 708 |
| Dog Bites | 13 |
| Domestics | 399 |
| Doors / Windows Found Open | 38 |
| Doors Unlocked | 15 |
| Driving Complaints | 380 |
| Drug Violations | 58 |
| Drunkenness (Other than Detox) | 132 |
| Emergency Messages | 9 |
| Escape From Custody | 2 |
| Family Service Reports | 409 |
| Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident | 1 |



| Literal Description | 2005 |
|---|------|
| Fight Call | 128 |
| Financial Transaction Card Fraud | 3 |
| Fire Call Law Enforcement Response | 6 |
| Fire Investigation | 2 |
| Fireworks Complaint | 57 |
| Foot Pursuit Information | 11 |
| Forgery | 68 |
| Found Animals | 129 |
| Found Persons | 18 |
| Found Property | 313 |
| Fraud | 44 |
| Funeral Escorts | 82 |
| Gang Related Materials | 15 |
| Harassment / Threats / Phone / Mail | 425 |
| Harassment Court Order / Hearing | 12 |
| Harassment Order Violation | 6 |
| Helicopter Assist | 5 |
| Hit & Run Property Damage Accident | 180 |
| Identity Theft | 9 |
| Indecent Exposure | 11 |
| Information | 112 |
| K-9 Assists | 15 |
| Kidnapping | 4 |
| Liquor Violations | 41 |
| Lost Animals | 26 |
| Lost Persons | 9 |
| Lost Property | 80 |
| Loud Parties / Neighborhood Disturbance | 460 |
| Medical Prisoner Transport | 1 |
| Mental Cases | 20 |
| Mental Transport | 7 |
| Missing Person Report | 51 |
| Motorist Assists | 121 |
| Motor Vehicle Accident – Other | 57 |
| Motor Vehicle Pursuits | 2 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 64 |
| Neglect – Information | 10 |
| No Contact Order Violation | 4 |
| Occupational Accidents | 1 |
| Officer Safety Information | 11 |
| Order For Protection Violation | 71 |
| Parking Violations | 213 |
| Permit Denials | 2 |



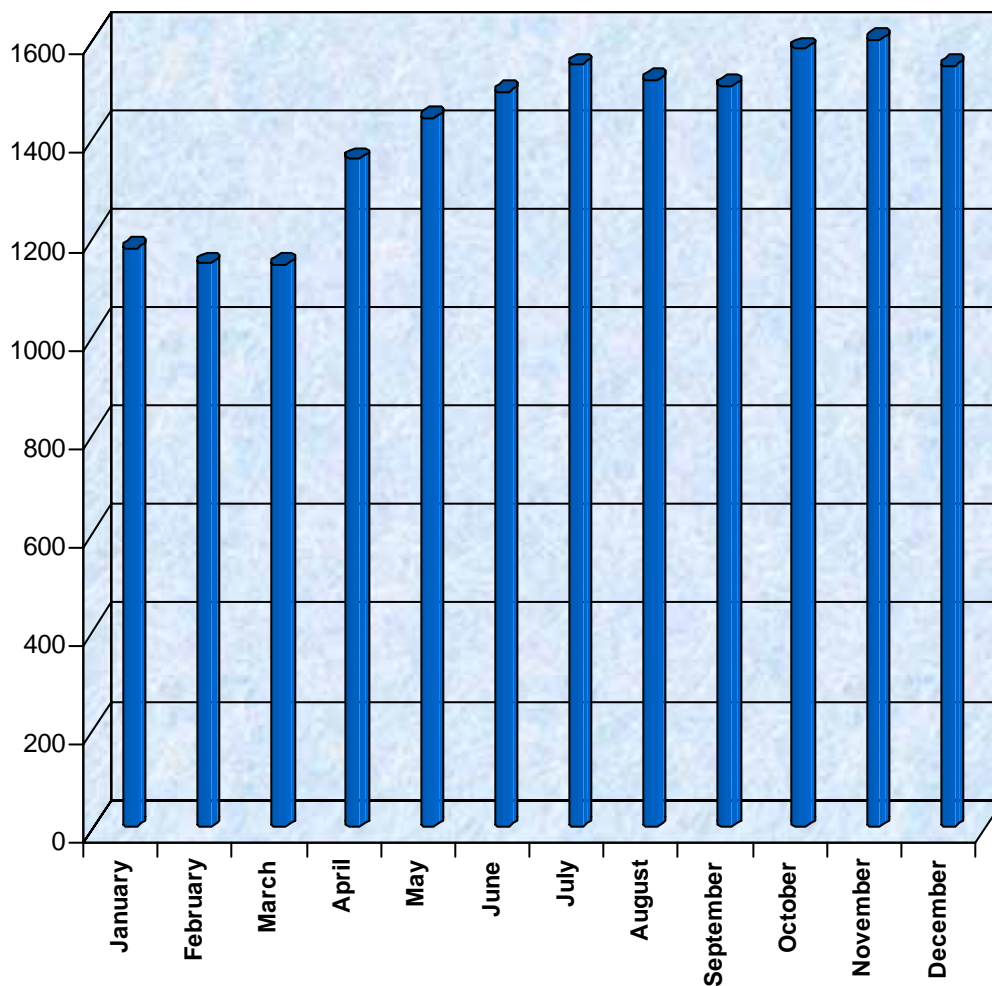
| Literal Description | 2005 |
|--|-------|
| Permit to Acquire | 109 |
| Permit to Carry | 2 |
| Permit to Shoot Pests | 13 |
| Permit to Solicit | 4 |
| Personal Injury Accident | 55 |
| Persons to Crisis | 11 |
| Persons to Detox | 53 |
| Physical Abuse – Information | 17 |
| Possess Child Pornography | 1 |
| Prostitution | 1 |
| Prowler / Window Peekers | 6 |
| Public Accidents | 3 |
| Public Assists | 438 |
| Public Health | 3 |
| Recovery of Stolen Motor Vehicle | 16 |
| Recovery of Stolen Property | 3 |
| Repossessed Vehicle | 22 |
| Request for Extra Patrol | 120 |
| Residence Checks | 76 |
| Robbery In Progress | 2 |
| Robbery Other | 5 |
| Runaways | 97 |
| School Crossing Guard Violation | 6 |
| Search Warrant Execution | 13 |
| Sexual Assault Other | 35 |
| Sex Offender | 4 |
| Sexual Abuse – Information | 11 |
| Shoplifter | 135 |
| Snowbirds | 6 |
| Snowmobile Complaints | 10 |
| Stalled Vehicles | 45 |
| State Hospital Walk-Aways | 43 |
| Stolen Property/Possession | 1 |
| Submerged Motor Vehicle in Water / Ice | 1 |
| Sudden Death / Body Found | 8 |
| Suicide Attempts | 35 |
| Suspicious Person | 362 |
| Theft | 956 |
| Tobacco Violation | 18 |
| Traffic Stops | 4,503 |
| Trespass | 44 |
| Vagrancy | 5 |
| Warrant Arrest | 67 |



| Literal Description | 2005 |
|--|---------------|
| Weapons Complaints | 82 |
| Weather Watch | 1 |
| TOTAL CALLS REQUIRING POLICE ACTION | 17,051 |

Calls For Service By Month

There were 17,051 police calls for service in the year 2005. The graph depicts a breakdown of these calls per month. The statistics were furnished from the Kandiyohi County Records Unit.





UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

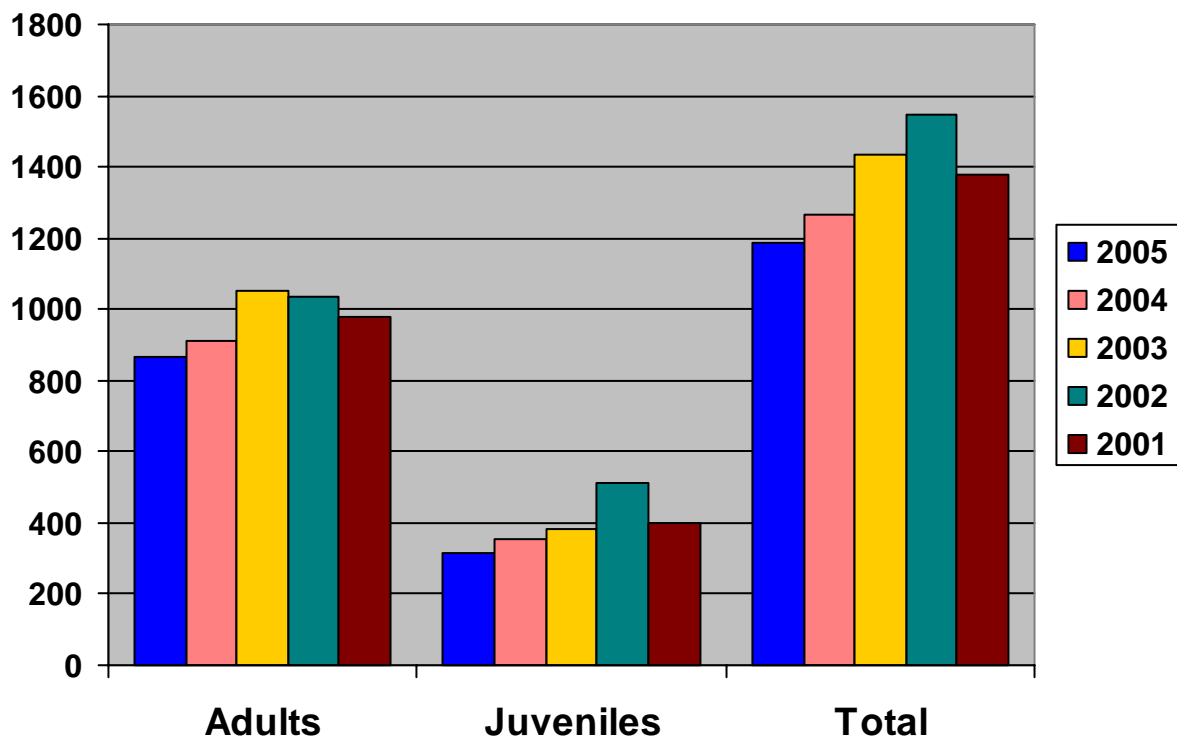
| Incidents by Type | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Murder | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Rape | 12 | 28 | 15 | 23 | 25 |
| Robbery | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| Aggravated Assault | 44 | 39 | 32 | 18 | 32 |
| Burglary | 99 | 102 | 124 | 122 | 123 |
| Theft | 546 | 651 | 634 | 658 | 735 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 36 | 36 | 30 | 32 | 29 |
| Arson | 5 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Misdemeanor Assault | 166 | 123 | 167 | 152 | 135 |
| Forgery | 34 | 34 | 42 | 84 | 49 |
| Fraud | 44 | 55 | 49 | 71 | 58 |
| Embezzlement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stolen Property | 1 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 8 |
| Vandalism | 208 | 220 | 247 | 259 | 282 |
| Weapons | 6 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 15 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Sex Offenses | 18 | 33 | 18 | 27 | 25 |
| Narcotics | 89 | 87 | 87 | 70 | 67 |
| Gambling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Offense Against Family & Children | 8 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 4 |
| Driving Under The Influence | 122 | 120 | 106 | 114 | 106 |
| Liquor Laws | 137 | 106 | 98 | 96 | 88 |
| Drunkenness | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 46 | 35 | 50 | 30 | 46 |
| Vagrancy | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Offenses (Excluding Traffic) | 219 | 261 | 251 | 147 | 182 |
| TOTAL | 1,844 | 1,972 | 1,974 | 1,934 | 2,021 |

Statistics furnished from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to Police Chief James Kulset. The BCA only records the most serious offense in any given incident.



ARREST INFORMATION

| YEAR | ADULTS | JUVENILES | TOTAL |
|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 2005 | 868 | 317 | 1,185 |
| 2004 | 913 | 352 | 1,265 |
| 2003 | 1,054 | 380 | 1,434 |
| 2002 | 1,036 | 511 | 1,547 |
| 2001 | 976 | 401 | 1,377 |

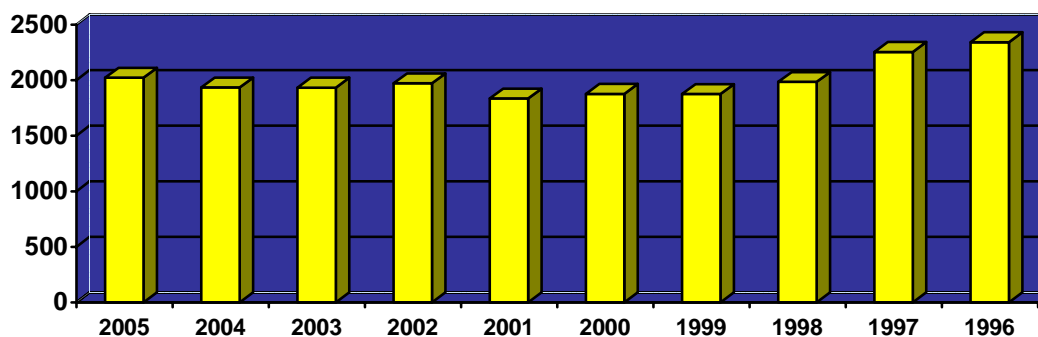




MINNESOTA BCA CRIME ANALYSIS

The following is a 10-year crime comparison for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

| Year | Total | Part I | Part II |
|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 2005 | 2,021 | 955 | 1,066 |
| 2004 | 1,934 | 861 | 1,073 |
| 2003 | 1,932 | 829 | 1,103 |
| 2002 | 1,972 | 867 | 1,105 |
| 2001 | 1,834 | 745 | 1,099 |
| 2000 | 1,877 | 764 | 1,113 |
| 1999 | 1,876 | 726 | 1,150 |
| 1998 | 1,983 | 848 | 1,135 |
| 1997 | 2,254 | 974 | 1,280 |
| 1996 | 2,342 | 1,141 | 1,201 |



- Part I crimes include: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, vehicle theft and arson.
- Part II crimes include: misd. assaults, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex crimes, narcotics, gambling, family/children, D.U.I., liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly, vagrancy, other (excluding traffic).

| Year | Crime Rate per 100,000 Residents |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 2005 | 10,831 |
| 2004 | 10,585 |
| 2003 | 10,521 |
| 2002 | 10,600 |
| 2001 | 9,994 |
| 2000 | 9,861 |
| 1999 | 9,891 |
| 1998 | 10,449 |
| 1997 | 11,948 |
| 1996 | 12,544 |



TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY VIOLATION

| Violation | 2005 |
|---|------|
| .08 Or More | 42 |
| .10 Or More Within 2 Hours of Driving | 45 |
| 1st Degree DUI | 2 |
| 2nd Degree DUI | 15 |
| 3rd Degree DUI | 34 |
| 4th Degree DUI | 66 |
| Amplified Noise | 4 |
| ATV Violation | 1 |
| Bicycle Violations | 8 |
| Careless Driving | 20 |
| Child Restraint Violation | 28 |
| Driving Around Barricades | 28 |
| Driving After Cancellation | 23 |
| Driving After Cancellation IPS | 15 |
| Driving After Revocation | 142 |
| Driving After Suspension | 92 |
| Driving Rule Violation | 2 |
| DUI With Person Under 16 In Motor Vehicle | 1 |
| Exhibition Driving | 36 |
| Expired Driver's License | 9 |
| Expired Plates | 1 |
| Expired Registration | 149 |
| Fail to Signal | 32 |
| Fail to Stop for Railroad Crossing | 2 |
| Fail to Yield Right of Way | 74 |
| Fail to Yield to Emergency Vehicle | 1 |
| Fail to Yield to Pedestrian | 6 |
| Following too Close | 14 |
| Handicap Parking Violation | 19 |
| Headlight Violation | 258 |
| Hit & Run | 19 |
| Illegal Equipment | 93 |
| Illegal Lane Use | 15 |
| Illegal Passing | 9 |
| Illegal U-Turn | 2 |

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| Violation | 2005 |
|--|-------|
| Illegal Use of License Plates | 16 |
| Improper Address | 18 |
| Improper Change of Course | 7 |
| Improper Start, Stop, Park | 2 |
| Improper Turning | 39 |
| Inattentive Driving | 28 |
| Instruction Permit Violation | 56 |
| License Restriction | 2 |
| Littering | 1 |
| Loud Exhaust | 28 |
| Motorcycle Violation | 14 |
| No Driver's License in Possession | 39 |
| No Front/Rear License Plate | 31 |
| No Insurance | 127 |
| No Minnesota Driver's License | 167 |
| No Passing Zone | 1 |
| No Proof of Insurance | 243 |
| Not a Drop Underage Drinking & Driving | 14 |
| Open Bottle | 39 |
| Over Center Line | 30 |
| Permit Illegal Operation | 9 |
| Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle | 18 |
| Railroad Crossing Violation | 2 |
| Reckless Driving | 13 |
| Red Light Violation | 79 |
| Refusal to Submit to Test | 20 |
| Revoked License Plates | 16 |
| School Bus Stop Arm Violation | 50 |
| School Crossing Guard Violation | 3 |
| Seatbelt Violation | 172 |
| Speeding | 1,608 |
| Stop Sign Violation | 201 |
| Suspended Object | 12 |
| Taillight Violation | 101 |
| Title Change | 6 |
| Trucker Violations (Misc.) | 2 |
| Unlighted Motor Vehicle at Night | 19 |

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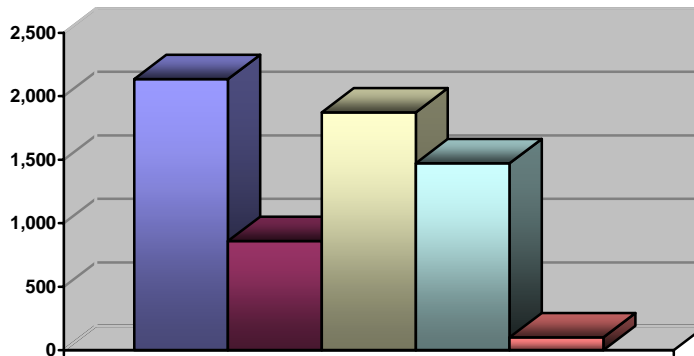


| Violation | 2005 |
|---------------------------|------|
| Unreasonable Acceleration | 3 |
| Vision Obscured | 15 |
| Weaving | 3 |
| Wrong Way on One Way | 3 |

Total Citations by Category

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Traffic Citations | 2,133 |
| Administrative Citations | 859 |
| Oral Warnings | 1,872 |
| Written Warnings | 1,471 |
| Illegal Equipment Repair Tickets | 101 |

Traffic Enforcement Activity





PROPERTY INTAKE REPORT

The following report is a compilation of records entered into the Willmar Police Department property system. This system holds three different categories of property normally submitted by Willmar Police officers. These three categories are:

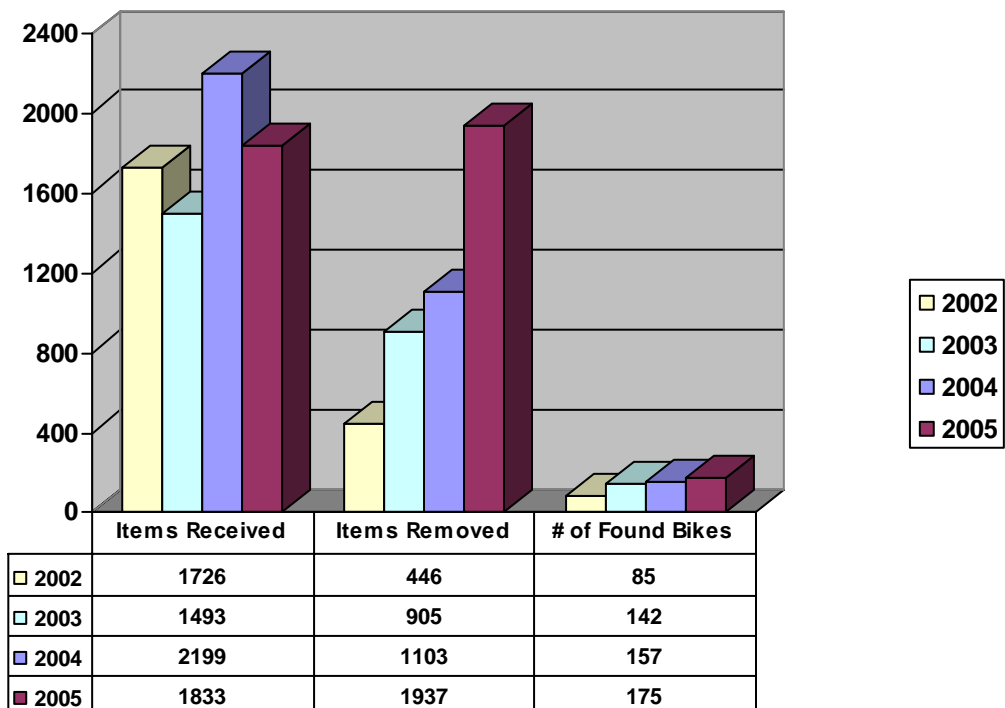
Evidence – any property held as evidence relating to a crime.

Found Property – any property found by citizens and turned into the custody of the police.

Property Held for Safe Keeping – any property held for “safe-keeping” until the owner can make arrangements for its return.

The Willmar Police Department has two property technicians. These technicians spend an estimated 30 hours per week (combined) performing their duties. The technicians are responsible for the intake (storage) and removal (eventual return, destruction, or other outcome) of property brought into the system. The number of items handled fluctuates slightly by season and by current criminal activity. Summer months normally show a greater activity resulting from a greater number of bikes that are turned in as “found property”.

The following statistics give an indication as to the amount of property handled by the technicians in 2005.



Submitted by: Captain David Wyffels



FORFEITURE REPORT

The following report is a compilation of records relating to property that was seized by the Willmar Police Department as being eligible for forfeiture. There are at least 23 different criminal offenses that are considered when determining whether or not property may be forfeited. Most property seized as forfeitable property is obtained from drug or alcohol offenses. Alcohol related forfeitures only allow seizure of the vehicle used.

Law determines who gets what amount of the proceeds from the sale of forfeitable property. Forfeitures initiated by the Willmar Police Department are divided in the following manner.

Type of Forfeiture

Division of Proceeds

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Criminal Forfeitures | 70% - City of Willmar 20% - Kandiyohi County Attorney's Office 10% - State of Minnesota |
| Alcohol Forfeitures | 100% - City of Willmar |

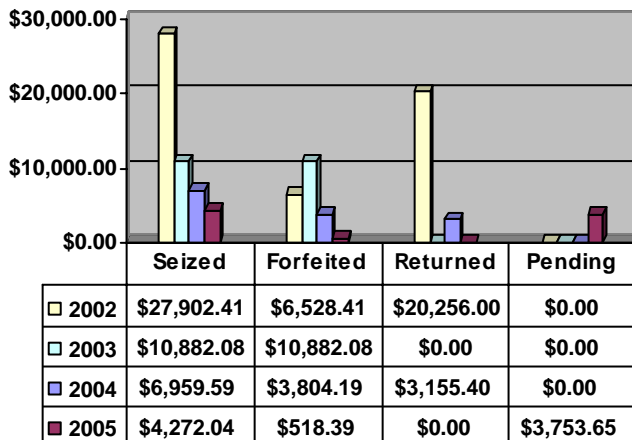
If the violation is prosecuted at a Federal level, the proceeds are divided in the following manner.

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Criminal Forfeitures | 80% - City of Willmar 20% - U.S. Attorney's Office |
|----------------------|---|

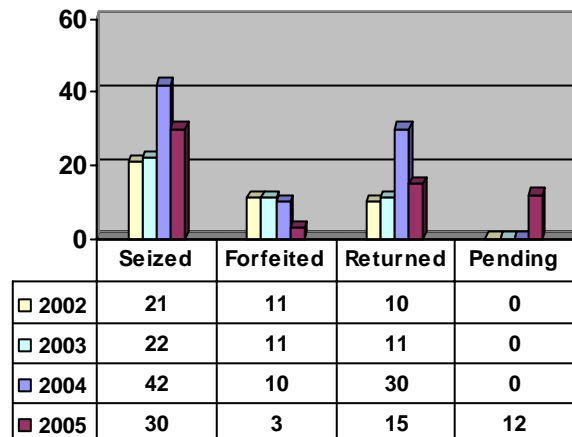
The Willmar Police Department normally employs the use of an "Administrative" forfeiture rather than a "Judicial" forfeiture because the burden of proof is placed upon the defendant. Property eligible for forfeiture is described in Minnesota Statute 609.531 – 609.5318 as property that was used or intended to be used for the commission of a designated offense.

Although a wide variety of items may be forfeitable, the majority and most common items forfeited are vehicles and cash. When practical, the Willmar Police Department will acquire forfeited property for Department use. Many forfeiture actions are settled without a court hearing.

Cash Seizures



Vehicle Seizures



Submitted by: Captain Dave Wyffels



MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assist Other Agencies | 430 | 671 | 730 |
| Citizen Assists | 582 | 1,083 | 1,219 |
| Police Car Mileage | 349,265 | 385,241 | 380,842 |

FALSE ALARMS

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, there were approximately 400 businesses with installed alarms, of which fourteen (14) businesses had over five alarms. Each alarm after the 5th alarm is billed. The fee for police response to false alarms is \$100.00 for each alarm. Revenue in the amount of \$4,000.00 was collected by the City for false alarms that occurred during the period from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

TOWS

As in the past, after advertising for towing bids, the low bidder contracts with the City for towing services, which include accidents, road hazards, snowbirds, abandoned vehicles, vehicles held for evidence, and for security of privately owned vehicles driven by individuals who have been arrested.

The police towed 705 vehicles during 2005 and \$61,934.65 was collected in towing charges, taxes, administration fees, and storage. Approximately, \$35,128.30 in revenue was retained by the City in administration fees and storage fees.

At the May, 2005 auction, 127 impounded vehicles were sold, and at the October, 2005 auction, 76 impounded vehicles were sold.



Submitted by: Linda Wittman, Clerk/Secretary



PRESENTATIONS / TRAINING

Requests for officers to do presentations vary as much as the topics. The department also provides training to other departments. The following is a list of topics presented in 2005:

| Topic | # of Presentations |
|--|--------------------|
| Alcohol & Other Safety Concerns for New Drivers | 18 |
| Alcohol Impairment: Fatal Vision & Personal Safety | 6 |
| Alcohol Server Education | 3 |
| Babysitting Safety & Responsibilities | 2 |
| Bike Safety | 1 |
| Bullying | 1 |
| Calling 9-1-1 and Reporting Crimes | 1 |
| Canine Unit | 1 |
| Child Abuse, Neglect, Endangerment and Safety Issues | 2 |
| Child Safety & Abduction Prevention | 7 |
| Children's Self-Protection | 1 |
| Club Drugs | 1 |
| Crime Prevention | 2 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct Laws | 1 |
| CPTED Around the Home | 1 |
| CSI and Real Law Enforcement Structure | 1 |
| Credit Card Fraud / Identity Theft | 8 |
| Current Fraud & Scam Awareness | 2 |
| Dealing with Dangerous & Aggressive People | 1 |
| Defensive Tactics | 6 |
| Defensive Tactics Instructor Course | 2 |
| Expandable Baton Instructor Course | 1 |
| Firearms Training | 1 |
| First Aid until the Ambulance Arrives | 1 |
| Gangs | 3 |
| Halloween Safety | 2 |
| Holiday Crime Prevention – Fire & Life Safety | 2 |
| Holiday Safety & Scams | 1 |
| Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing | 7 |
| Intoxication – Fatal Vision | 1 |
| IS 700 | 4 |
| Management of Aggressive Behavior in the Workplace | 4 |
| Meth | 39 |
| Neighborhood Drug Awareness | 1 |
| Neighborhood Watch (Organizing) | 1 |
| Oleoresin Capsicum Instructor Course | 2 |
| Officer Friendly (Show & Tell) | 3 |
| Pedestrian Safety | 1 |
| People On Watch! / Volunteering | 1 |
| Personal Safety & Defense | 18 |

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| Topic | # of Presentations |
|--|--------------------|
| Police Activity – Statistics & Community Members' Response Options | 1 |
| Police use of AED's | 1 |
| PR-24 Instructor Course | 1 |
| Preparation & Academic Considerations for hiring process | 1 |
| Robbery Survival | 1 |
| Safety Issues for Seniors | 1 |
| Seatbelts (assist with MSP rollover simulator) | 1 |
| Shoplifting – Consequences & Preventing Recidivism | 6 |
| Tactical Medicine | 1 |
| Terrorism | 1 |
| Theft Prevention | 4 |
| Violence Prevention / Dating & Stalking | 2 |
| Women in Law Enforcement | 1 |
| Women's Self-Defense | 1 |
| Working Relationships with the Schools | 1 |
| WPD Activity & Action | 1 |
| TOTAL | 186 |



Sgt. Julie Asmus, Sgt. Vince King, Sgt. Jim Felt, Sgt. Rick Kleinschmidt,
Sgt. Glenn Negen, Capt. Dave Wyffels, Chief Jim Kulset, Det. Sgt. John Kappers



PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Department. Uniform patrol officers are responsible for response to the majority of the 17,051 public generated calls for service. Uniform officers also do the majority of initial crime scene processing and investigations. The majority of the department's traffic enforcement is done by the officers assigned to the Uniform Division. Other responsibilities include warrant service, crime prevention, community education, ride-along program, parking enforcement (on street), and COPPS meetings.

The Patrol Division generally works in four teams led by a sergeant. Patrol officers generally work 12-hour shifts, with overlap shifts targeted towards highest activity days and times.

OFFICER TRAINING

Minnesota law requires licensed police officers to attend at least 48 hours of Minnesota Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) approved courses in a three-year license period. This means the Willmar Police Department must provide a minimum of 1,536 hours of training to its officers just to meet minimum state requirements.

The following training was provided to officers of the department during 2005:

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| Courses | Officers | Hours |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| "Terror at Beslan" – A Russian Tragedy – Terrorist Seminar | 1 | 8 |
| 112th Annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference | 1 | 32 |
| 2005 Safety and Loss Control Workshop / League of Minnesota Cities | 2 | 8 |
| MN Association of Women Police – 43rd Annual Spring Training Conference | 1 | 16 |
| After the Crisis Happens – Sharing the Experience from Rocori High School | 3 | 9 |
| ATV (All Terrain Vehicles) | 6 | 12 |
| Automated Pawn Systems (APS) | 4 | 22 |
| Basic Fire / Arson Investigation | 1 | 24 |
| Basic SWAT Tactical Training | 2 | 60 |
| Basic Training on Victim Rights, Reparations & the Crime Victim Justice Unit | 1 | 1.5 |
| Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C | 34 | 30.25 |
| Computer and Online Crime Investigation / Certification (level 1) | 1 | 40 |
| Crime Prevention for Immigrant Populations | 1 | 7 |
| D.A.R.E. Junior High New Curriculum Training | 1 | 24 |
| Death Scene Investigation | 3 | 46 |
| Defensive Tactics Instructor Seminar | 2 | 80 |
| Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Recertification | 1 | 24.5 |
| Employee Assistance Program | 5 | 4.75 |
| First Responders / EMT Recertification | 17 | 304 |
| Forensic Science Seminar | 2 | 24 |
| Fraud, Forgery and ID Theft | 4 | 16 |
| FTO Basic Certification | 2 | 80 |
| Glock Armorers Training | 1 | 8 |
| HazMat | 34 | 29.5 |
| Heppa Mask Fitting & Distribution / HazMat Suits | 4 | 3.5 |
| Hispanic Cultural Awareness | 3 | 4.5 |
| Incident Response to Terrorism Bombing | 2 | 8 |
| Intoxilyzer Operators Basic Course | 2 | 72 |
| Intoxilyzer Recertification | 10 | 39.5 |
| Law Enforcement Leadership in the 21st Century | 2 | 26 |
| Leadership Academy | 2 | 80 |
| Leading Away from Liability – Risk Management for Law Enforcement | 2 | 9 |
| Legislative Updates | 2 | 8 |
| Managing Police Pursuits | 2 | 15 |
| Methamphetamine / Minnesota ICE | 1 | 7 |
| Methamphetamine Speaker Training | 1 | 9 |
| Minnesota Chiefs of Police 2005 Executive Training | 1 | 16 |
| Minnesota D.A.R.E. Officers 16th Annual Educational Seminar | 3 | 56 |
| Minnesota D.A.R.E. Officers Association 2005 Fall Training Conference | 2 | 16 |
| Minnesota Juvenile Officers Conference | 1 | 20 |
| Minnesota Operation Lifesaver Presenter's Training | 1 | 7 |
| Missing and Abducted Children: A Survival Program for First Responders | 6 | 40 |
| Minnesota Data Practices | 2 | 8 |
| Minnesota Sheriff's Association Conference | 1 | 7 |
| National Incident Management System (NIMS) – Introduction | 31 | 48.25 |

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| Courses | Officers | Hours |
|---|----------|--------|
| Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol (OC) Instructor Certification | 2 | 11 |
| Police Driving Course | 4 | 32 |
| Predatory Offender Registration | 4 | 25.5 |
| Pursuit Intervention Techniques (PIT) – Pursuit Driving | 4 | 32 |
| Radar Refresher | 7 | 28 |
| Region 12 Narcotics Certification | 1 | 9 |
| Safe & Sober Conference | 1 | 11.5 |
| Sexual Assault and the First Responder | 3 | 12 |
| Standard Field Sobriety Training & Occupant Protection, Usage & Enforcement | 4 | 96 |
| SMART Trailer Deployment | 3 | 7.5 |
| Special Operations Training Association – 10th Annual Conference | 4 | 40.5 |
| SWAT Tactics for High Risk Warrants, Barricaded Suspects & Hostage Rescue | 48 | 303.5 |
| Taser Recertification | 4 | 63.5 |
| Taser M26 and X26 Instructor Certification | 4 | 54 |
| Taser Training | 3 | 36 |
| Terrorism Symposium – Threat Assessments and Response Solutions | 1 | 16 |
| Use of Force – Defensive Tactics | 33 | 484 |
| Use of Force – Firearms | 3 | 30 |
| Use of Force – Firearms Qualification / Glock Firearms Transition | 31 | 252.75 |
| Use of Force – MP-5 Qualification | 10 | 10 |
| Using the Minnesota Crime Alert Network | 2 | 8 |
| Total Hours of Training Provided: 2,973 | | |

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

The Willmar Police Department has a Ride-Along Program, which allows individuals to ride with on-duty officers after signing a Waiver of Liability. If the participant is not 18 years of age, their parents must also sign the waiver. Individuals are allowed to ride twice within a calendar year. Officers are not required to take ride-along participants, but are encouraged to do so as an educational tool for the public. Fourteen officers participated in 59 ride-alongs during 2005.

ACTIVITY FOR OFF-DUTY OFFICERS / EVENTS

| Description | Officers | Hours | Total |
|--|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| Junior High Dances | 2 | 7 | 350.00 |
| Kandiyohi County Fair | 6 | 36 | -- |
| Senior High Dances | 4 | 12.5 | 625.00 |
| Senior High Basketball Games | 1 | 3 | 150.00 |
| Senior High Football Games | 16 | 53 | 2,650.00 |
| Senior High Hockey Games | 13 | 38 | 1,900.00 |
| Senior High Miscellaneous Activities (Graduation, Prom, Variety Show) | 3 | 9 | 450.00 |
| SonShine | 25 | 182.25 | 9,112.50 |
| Ridgewater College Dance | 2 | 7 | 350.00 |
| Willmar Fest | 7 | 49.5 | -- |
| TOTALS | 79 | 397.25 | 15,587.50 |



JUVENILE DIVISION



The Juvenile Division is responsible for several programs, duties and responsibilities within the Willmar Police Department. The Juvenile Division consists of Sgt. Julie Asmus; two school resource officers, Delmin Wagner and Gene Schneider; and Marilee Dorn, the Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator.

Some of the activities coordinated out of the Juvenile Division include: juvenile court liaison, school liaison, special events, community notification of sex offenders, and numerous community education and prevention initiatives.

The Juvenile Division Sergeant also supervises the Apprentice/CSO Program throughout the year and coordinates the bicycle safety program during the summer months.

Community education is an integral part of the Willmar Police Department's public safety commitment. During 2005, Sgt. Asmus was involved in giving speeches and presentations to various groups and organizations on a variety of topics. A major focus of public education in 2005 was on Methamphetamine Awareness. Sgt. Asmus gave over 39 power point presentations to schools, churches, businesses and community organizations on Meth Awareness. She also gave speeches on Gang Awareness, Criminal Sexual Conduct Laws and Club Drugs.

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus



D.A.R.E. (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION)

This was the 15th year the Willmar Police Department participated in the D.A.R.E. Program. The program for the fifth graders started in January and was taught to approximately 300 students at Roosevelt Elementary School. Sgt. Julie Asmus and Officers Marilee Dorn and Gene Schneider taught the D.A.R.E. Curriculum. We were again able to take over 350 D.A.R.E. students and parents to the Twins game for "D.A.R.E. Day at the Dome" on May 1st. As a representative of Willmar, Sergeant Asmus' daughter, Stephanie Asmus, sang the national anthem to the crowd of 35,000 at the Metrodome. We had D.A.R.E. graduation on May 5th, with James Wedgewood as the entertainment for the students and their friends and families in attendance.



JUNIOR HIGH D.A.R.E.

The Junior High D.A.R.E. Program was taught to seventh graders at the Junior High School for the 11th year. Classes are taught for a two-week period, involving one-third of the students each trimester. Junior High School Liaison Officer Gene Schneider, along with the assistance of health teacher Mary Hanson, taught the 10-day program. The new junior high curriculum was implemented nationwide in 2004 and Officer Schneider started teaching the new lesson plans in the 2004-2005 school year.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The D.A.R.E. car and D.A.R.E. tabletop display were requested at several events this past year. The car and display were set up at the Kandiyohi Power Cooperative's Open House, Wal-Mart Safety Fair, and the Home Depot Safety Day. The D.A.R.E. car and officers participated in the "Kandi Is Dandy" parade in Kandiyohi and in June, the D.A.R.E. students marched in the Willmar Fest parade representing the D.A.R.E. program.





DONATIONS

The D.A.R.E. program is funded by donations from the community and fundraisers that we have throughout the year. We have had strong support from the business community for the program for many years and we appreciate it tremendously. The American Legion Club has been our major supporter for many years and provides the majority of the funds it takes to run the D.A.R.E. program.

The following organizations and groups donated their time, resources or money to D.A.R.E.:

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| American Legion | Erbert & Gerbert's | Kandiyohi Premium Water | Speedy Print |
| Bernicks Pepsi | Film Drop | KDJS | Taco John's |
| Burger King | Godfather's Pizza | KQIC-Q102 | Target |
| Cashwise | Gurley's Foods | KWLM | Viking Coke |
| Cub Foods | Jake's Pizza | Old Dutch | Wal-Mart |
| Dairy Queen | KEC | Print Masters | West Central Printing |





SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS



Sgt. Julie Asmus, Officer Gene Schneider,
Officer Del Wagner

During the 2005 school year, Officer Del Wagner, the senior high school liaison officer, was involved with a new suicide prevention project. A group of adults and students worked together to get awareness out to everyone about suicide among teens. This has been a growing concern over the past few years. It culminated with a week-long awareness program.

A second project Officer Wagner worked on was a video production for a new state law, which went into effect in January 2006, covering teen cell phone use in motor vehicles. The video was done with students and was given in English, Spanish and Somali languages.

Officer Wagner continues to teach fifth G.R.A.D.E. at the Community Christian School on Friday afternoons. This is a program on drugs and alcohol, with officer interaction with students.

The Willmar Police Department also supplied uniformed officers for security at home football games and hockey games this year. Officers also covered dances, graduation, prom, and variety shows.

Officer Gene Schneider, the school liaison officer at the Willmar Junior High School and Roosevelt Elementary School, spends time at both schools teaching D.A.R.E. and handling thefts, assaults and criminal damage to property reports. He assists and supports school administration and staff in the areas of investigation, discipline and goal setting. His presence and participation in regular classrooms has been beneficial for students and staff. His involvement in conflict resolutions and the mediation process with students has also been a positive experience. This was his fifth year as a member of **S.A.R.B. (Student Attendance Review Board)**, a local board for children who are consistently truant. He is one of six members, along with a probation officer, the school principal, a county nurse, a chemical dependency counselor, and a social service representative.

While Officer Schneider provides primary assistance to the Junior High and Roosevelt Elementary School, he also receives calls for assistance from other Willmar schools; Jefferson Elementary School, Kennedy Elementary School, the ALC (Alternative Learning Center) and the BLC (Bridgeway Learning Center). Calls range from needing assistance with students or parents, suspicious persons, to giving talks to elementary students.



The Willmar School District has added numerous cameras to their schools. Officer Schneider continues to oversee purchases, consults with building principals to determine locations of any new cameras, monitors and repairs minor problems, and coordinates major repairs with camera companies.

During the summer months, the school liaison officers also assist and support the Willmar Police Department patrol, investigation, and gang enforcement units.

School Liaison Officer Activity

| ACTIVITY | TOTALS |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Alcohol Violations | 3 |
| Arrests | 27 |
| Assaults | 6 |
| Criminal Damage to Property (CDTP) | 2 |
| Calls for Service | 252 |
| Class Talks / Student Interviews | 61 |
| Disturbances | 41 |
| Follow-Up Investigations | 232 |
| Gang Miscellaneous Writing / Signing | 20 |
| Harassment Complaints | 13 |
| Home Visits | 1 |
| Marijuana Cases | 8 |
| Mediations with Students | 25 |
| Missing Persons / Runaways | 8 |
| Officer Assists | 71 |
| Other Substances | 1 |
| Special Assignments | 229 |
| Student to Crisis / Detox | 1 |
| Thefts | 44 |
| Tobacco Violations | 10 |
| Trespass Notices | 8 |
| Truancy / Skipping School | 115 |
| Vehicle Assists | 73 |
| Weapons Complaints | 5 |

Submitted by: Officer Del Wagner & Officer Gene Schneider, School Liaison Officers



CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY POLICING

The Crime Prevention / Community Policing Specialist is responsible for coordinating the department's community policing efforts and a wide variety of crime prevention initiatives. Officer Marilee Dorn is certified as a Crime Prevention Practitioner by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and fills this position.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING AND PROBLEM SOLVING (COPPS): The Willmar Police Department operates under the philosophy of community policing, which requires a proactive approach to dealing with problems instead of simply responding to calls for service. Ongoing attention is paid to crime trends and quality of life issues which can be indicators of criminal activity or safety problems.

The monthly or bi-monthly COPPS meetings between officers and community members continued throughout the year in each of the City's four wards. A sergeant is assigned to each ward and schedules the meetings and topics as appropriate. At the meetings, any topics related to public safety may be addressed. Attendance varies by ward, with averages of 4 to 22 people attending. Each officer on the Department is assigned to a Ward and is expected to be familiar with public safety issues in that area. The Officer may be assigned to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings or special events in their area. The Crime Prevention Specialist coordinates record-keeping, notifications, and special or city-wide activity in the COPPS program.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH / NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Neighborhood Watch has been identified by the Office of Homeland Security as one of the most effective counter-terrorism tools available to the general public. A Neighborhood Watch organizes a small area to facilitate information-sharing, show care for one another, and work on local problems as they emerge. Several Neighborhood Watches continue to be active in Willmar, and one new Watch was formed in 2005. Each is required to hold two meetings or events per year, one of which an officer must attend. Neighborhood Watch members are asked to use Operation Identification to mark their personal property for prevention and identification if it is ever stolen, a benefit to law enforcement, as well as the property owner.

EDUCATING COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Teaching the community is a vital aspect of the crime prevention mission. The Department is committed to empowering and educating the members of our community on ways in which they can reduce their chances of being victimized by crime, enhance their personal safety, and reduce traffic crash burdens on society.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: The Willmar Police Department works on traffic safety education and crash prevention efforts. Traffic crash and complaint trends in the community are tracked and analyzed. Special enforcement may be targeted to problem areas. Education of motorists is an ongoing effort throughout the year, with special events and holidays receiving specific educational messages. The news media is used to spread these safety messages.



A 2006 *Safe & Sober* grant was received which paid for overtime hours for traffic education and enforcement in November and December of 2005.

The Department's Officers who are certified as Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians worked at seven CPS clinics during the year. They also advised or assisted many parents, grandparents, and other drivers in properly securing child passengers in their vehicles, and served as a resource for other officers when questions arose about child passenger safety.

WILLMAR EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION: A number of studies have shown that one of the most effective long-term crime prevention efforts we can do in the United States involves providing support and education to very young children and their parents. Therefore, the Willmar Police Department is involved with the Willmar Early Childhood Coalition, working with local agencies on how this research can best be applied locally to reduce crime and social problems in our community for the long term.

CRIME STOPPERS: Crime Stoppers is a private, non-profit organization that works closely with the Willmar Police Department to obtain information on criminal events from area citizens. Information can be given anonymously by telephone or letter, and the Willmar Crime Stoppers Committee provides financial incentives for that information. Crime Stoppers can facilitate the reward process when a victim wants to offer a reward for information, and crime patterns or specific incidents are sometimes publicized through Crime Stoppers to seek witness information.

CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION: The Willmar Police Department provides a variety of information and resource material on crime prevention and community education programs. The department is a good resource for business and personal crime prevention information and advice.

PEOPLE ON WATCH! (POW!): The People On Watch! volunteer program with the Willmar Police Department was conceived during 1996 and launched in 1997. POW! is an expansion of the concepts of Neighborhood Watch, citizen police academies, and Community Policing. POW! civilian volunteers undergo a background check and complete a 16-hour academy. They then sign up in pairs or trios to patrol our community on their own time and using their own vehicles, watching for suspicious, disruptive, or dangerous situations. When going out on patrol, they sign out an equipment bag from their office at the Police Department, including a cellular phone which is pre-programmed to dial the Emergency Communications Center. Initially provided through a grant by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry of America, the newer phones and service are donated by Midwest Wireless. POW! members are asked to commit to one three-hour shift per month. The group's Board of Directors determines policy and training needs and facilitates recruitment of new members. Lowell Fostervold was POW!'s Chair in 2005.

Members of POW! are also welcome to volunteer at the front reception desk for the Willmar Police Department; several individuals do this in lieu of, or in addition to, patrolling. Five people put in a total of over 802 hours at the reception desk during 2005. This is a boon to the Department's clerical personnel, especially when the volunteers assist during busy morning hours when deadlines must be met for typing reports on arrested individuals.

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Four new members completed POW! Academy in May, with several long-term members attending the sessions for a refresher. Training topics at the bi-monthly meetings in 2005 included a Bystander First Aid refresher, recognizing and describing vehicle brands and styles, estimating vehicle speeds and how police use radar, and a fun night using games which hone observation skills.

The active membership in POW! hovers at about 45. Nearly 140 people have attended the academies during the past eight years, but due to moves, life activity changes, deaths and acquired disabilities, not all have been able to continue in the program. The active members donated 235 hours of patrol time in 2005 (495 person-hours). They drove 2,582 miles at their own expense (not counting those who patrolled on their bicycles). POW! members also patrolled on foot for the Willmar Fests Downtown Block Party in June, provided traffic control assistance for Willmar Fests' Grande Day Parade, and volunteered on an extremely cold and blustery night to do the traffic control and assistance downtown for the Holiday parade in November. They provided the backup to the Police and Sheriff's Departments for the display booth at the Kandiyohi County Fair in August. These events add approximately 116 person-hours to the total. Members responded generously to provide extra patrols in vulnerable locations across the community during SonShine Festival, high school Homecoming week, and Halloween. They issued 130 notices for Operation T.I.R.E., a project to educate drivers who leave property in their parked vehicles in an effort to reduce thefts.

POW! patrols called in about two dozen incidents during their patrols, assisted police officers at traffic crashes and searching for a missing person, and turned in problem report sheets for follow-up on eleven situations such as graffiti removal, park repairs, and street lights out. Notations on their patrol logs assisted in pinpointing the time vandalism happened and drew attention to drug dealing and other ongoing problem issues. Members have commented that the POW! education has made them more aware of what to look for, and several called in dangerous situations like impaired drivers when they were not on POW! patrols, but simply going about their everyday personal business.



Submitted by: Officer Marilee Dorn, Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator



COMMUNITY SERVICE / APPRENTICE PROGRAM

In 2005, the City Council approved the hiring of two additional Community Service Officers (CSOs). We previously had two college students in the program; one freshman and one sophomore law enforcement student. We then hired two additional law enforcement students to bring our total of students in the program to four. This addition allowed us to provide CSO coverage on nights and weekends.

The CSO/Apprentice positions enforce on-street parking and parking in the city lots in the downtown area. Other duties include animal control, vacation checks, administrative errands, providing assistance and information to the public, delivering vehicles for maintenance, organization of vehicles and bicycles at the city impound lot, and assisting with the city auctions. The CSOs have been instrumental in the smooth operation of many special city-wide activities, helping with setup, traffic control and parking enforcement during Willmar Fest, SonShine and numerous other parades and events. The Willmar Police Department and Ridgewater College worked together to develop the apprentice program in 1999. Our sophomore apprentices are Ashley Bruss and Samuel Neubauer, and our freshman apprentices, who should be with the program for two years, are Robert Braness and Steven Collins.



Sam Neubauer, Sgt. Julie Asmus, Ashley Bruss, Steve Collins, Matthew Siefkes, Robbie Braness



Nathan Luft & Matthew Siefkes

In the summer months, we hired two students, one to do downtown parking enforcement and one to provide assistance to the CSOs. Nathan Luft was hired for the parking position and Matthew Siefkes was hired as the summer CSO. Siefkes stayed on for several months during the fall to fill in for Neubauer who had college football commitments.

One of the purposes of the apprentice program is to provide training to the CSOs when we are doing in-house training. The

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CSOs were able to observe or participate in the following training this past year:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- Defensive Tactics

According to statistics from City Offices, during 2005, parking tickets issued by officers and the CSO/Apprentice positions totaled 2,697, of which 2,473 were paid, and 224 were cancelled. Revenue generated in fines was \$22,387.

CSO / Apprentice Activity

| ACTIVITY | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|----------------------------|------|------|-------|
| Animal Complaints | 327 | 358 | 415 |
| Citizen Assists | 59 | 77 | 151 |
| Dogs Impounded | 63 | 48 | 122 |
| Cats Impounded | 77 | 75 | 96 |
| Traps Set | 77 | 71 | 45 |
| 48-Hour – Marked | 112 | 286 | 316 |
| 48-Hour – Cited | 55 | 131 | 116 |
| 48-Hour – Towed | 32 | 116 | 144 |
| Vacation / Security Checks | 304 | 128 | 1,028 |
| Bikes Impounded | 41 | 54 | 133 |



Del Stone



Robbie Braness, Ashley Bruss, Sam Neubauer

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus



SUMMER BICYCLE PROGRAM

The bicycle safety patrol is a part-time program operated during the summer months. In previous years the job also included the crossing guard position at Robbin's Island. Because of declining use and cost effectiveness, the City Council voted in 2005 to discontinue the crossing guard position.

Duties of the bicycle patrol include patrolling the streets for bicycle traffic violators, issuing bicycle warnings and citations when necessary, and conducting weekly bicycle safety seminars.

The bicycle patrol was very active in 2005 with education programs on bike safety. They presented bike safety information to every elementary school in the spring and distributed information and set up bicycle obstacle courses at Kids Kastle, several daycare homes, and the ECFE Activity Fair. Sgt. Julie Asmus assisted in writing a grant through the United Way which will provide every second grade student in the Willmar School District with a bike helmet. The bicycle patrol will help with fitting and distributing the helmets in 2006.

The bike patrol personnel also help out with traffic control at Willmar Fest functions, SonShine, and downtown events. They are a huge resource to have available in our community during the busy summer months.

Breakdown of Violators by Age Groups:

| Age: | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
|------------|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| #Violators | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 |

Enforcement Activity:

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Bicycle Tickets Issued | 36 |
| Juvenile Oral Warnings | 65 |
| Adult Oral Warnings | 5 |
| Safety Citations | 73 |

Miscellaneous Activity:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Community Presentations | 182 |
| Juvenile Contacts | 4,402 |
| Citizen Assists | 15 |

Most Frequent Violations:

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Through stop sign | 16 |
| Careless riding | 14 |
| Failure to signal | 16 |
| Wrong side of street | 10 |
| Unsafe riding | 25 |
| Illegal passenger | 5 |
| Riding on downtown sidewalks | 3 |



Lisa Braun & Sam Sobieck

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus



DETECTIVE DIVISION



GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Willmar Police Department Detective Unit is made up of four detectives. Their responsibilities include investigation of criminal cases, investigation of child abuse reports, tracking predatory sex offenders, investigation of liquor license applications and renewals, conducting liquor compliance checks, conducting background investigations of police candidates, and assisting other agencies in conducting internal affairs investigations. In addition, the detectives share information and assist both the Gang Enforcement Team and the Drug Task Force.

In 2005, the detectives investigated 414 criminal cases, almost all felony level crimes. The Detective Unit received 447 child abuse reports and investigated 37 of them with Family Services. Twenty-four predatory sex offenders living in the city of Willmar were tracked by detectives in 2005. Twenty liquor license applications and renewals were investigated and 39 liquor compliance checks were performed. Six background investigations were conducted on police officer candidates. One internal affairs investigation was conducted for another law enforcement agency.

All detectives assigned to the Detective Unit share in the everyday investigation of criminal cases. In addition, each detective is assigned to a specific area of responsibility. Detective Sergeant Kappers supervises the Detective Unit and the Gang Enforcement Team. Detective Albers is responsible for liquor law compliance and liquor license investigations. Detective Manuel maintains the intelligence files, supervises the tracking of predatory sex offenders, and is an evidence technician. Detective Kolstad is assigned to arson investigation and works closely with the Fire Department.

Submitted by: Detective Sergeant John Kappers



GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GET)

The Willmar Police Department Gang Enforcement Team, known as GET, was established in October, 1997 to serve as a specialized unit designed to track, identify, document, and apprehend criminal gang members and other persons involved in criminal activity.

GET duties include documenting gang activity, including identifying gang members and associates, creating and maintaining gang files, focusing attention on gang members, fugitive apprehension, predatory offender registration updates and file maintenance, case investigations, assisting the narcotics division (CEE-VI Drug Task Force) with drug investigations, and assisting the uniform patrol officers with calls for service.

In 2005, the Gang Enforcement Team included only one officer (former Willmar Police Department Officer Ross Ardoff) due to officer shortages. Officer Ardoff only worked on the gang unit for approximately three months (January, February and March). Due to the vacancies in the gang unit, no statistics are available for the year 2005.

Submitted by: Detective Kris Kolstad





CEE-VI NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

The Willmar Police Department currently has one full-time officer assigned to the CEE-VI Drug Task Force. "CEE" stands for Cooperative Enforcement Effort, and the Roman numeral "VI" stands for the original six counties that were in the task force. However, there are now seven counties that CEE-VI serves. They include Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Renville, Meeker, Yellow Medicine, Swift, and Laq Qui Parle.

The job of the drug task force is to investigate all facets of drug crimes. This includes, but is not limited to, undercover work, supervising informants, surveillance details, writing and executing search warrants, investigating clandestine meth labs, proactive drug enforcement, and follow-up investigation on various leads.

In 2005, the CEE-VI Drug Task Force was responsible for the arrest of 173 individuals. This included several federal defendants. In 2005, the task force seized over ten pounds of methamphetamine and 156 pounds of marijuana. The number of meth labs the task force investigates is decreasing, but methamphetamine continues to be the main "problem drug" in our area.

In the city of Willmar in 2005 the task force was responsible for 30 arrests, 9 search warrants, and total asset seizures of \$8,164.00 (including cash, two long guns and one vehicle).

Drugs Seized

| Drug | Weight |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Cocaine | 31.1 grams |
| Marijuana | 3,816.42 grams |
| Methamphetamine | 108.66 grams |

Drugs Purchased

| Drug | Weight | Amount Paid |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Cocaine | 8.1 grams | \$500.00 |
| Methamphetamine | 84.3 grams | \$4,590.00 |

Submitted by: Agent Michael Anderson



SUPPORT SERVICES

PRECISION MARKSMEN



The Willmar Police Department Precision Marksmen Unit includes three members; Sgt. Rick Kleinschmidt, unit coordinator, and Officers Pete Dobransky and Craig Lange, marksmen. They have all attended the Minnesota National Guard Countersniper Precision Marksmanship School and the Minnesota National Guard Special Response Training. Two members have attended the Advanced Precision Marksmanship Training. Additional training consists of, but is not limited to, ballistics, precision shooting, stalking and stealth, camouflage, use of optics, intelligence gathering, field craft, and tracking.

The marksmen are required to submit a monthly qualification target, as well as firing numerous training rounds.

Precision Marksmen typically work in pairs and can be utilized for a variety of situations:

- barricaded suspect(s)
- barricaded suspect(s) with hostage(s)
- sniper initiated Emergency Response Team (ERT) entry
- intelligence gathering through superior optics and/or fieldcraft
- protection for ERT approach or retreat

When possible, the marksmen train jointly with the Willmar Police Department and Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Teams.

Submitted by: Sgt. Rick Kleinschmidt



CANINE UNIT

The Willmar Police Department Canine Unit was started in December 2002 with handler Officer Craig Lange and K-9 "Cato".

Statistics for 2005 are listed below:

DEPLOYMENTS

| Type | Number | Hours |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Demonstrations | 2 | 1.50 |
| Narcotics searches | 43 | 37.83 |
| Tracking | 4 | 3.83 |
| Miscellaneous | 1 | 0.25 |
| Narcotics training exercises | 41 | 8.58 |
| Obedience training | 1 | 0.17 |
| Tracking exercises | 6 | 3.42 |
| TOTALS: | 98 | 55.58 |

JOB RELATED SEARCHES

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|-------------------|-----------|
| Area searches | 5 |
| Building searches | 9 |
| Vehicle searches | <u>36</u> |
| TOTAL: | 50 |

OTHER AGENCIES ASSISTED

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Alternative Learning Center | CEE-VI Drug Task Force |
| Prairie Lakes Detention Center | Willmar Public Schools |
| Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Office | Benson Police Department |
| Minnesota State Patrol | WRTC Bradley Center |

2005 SEIZURES FROM CANINE SEARCHES

Cadillac Deville
 Jeep Grand Cherokee
 Miscellaneous Drug Paraphernalia
 Dell Laptop Computer
 Two Cash Seizures
 One .40 Caliber Handgun
TOTAL ESTIMATED SEIZURE VALUES: \$28,255.65

DRUGS SEIZED

Approximately 15.0 grams methamphetamine
 Approximately 15.4 grams marijuana
 Approximately 5.5 grams of combinations of drugs

Submitted by: Sgt. Jim Felt, Willmar Police Department



Officer Craig Lange & Cato



SPECIALIZED TACTICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM (STAT)

Team Members

Tactical commander: Sgt. Steve Marquardt – Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Office

STAT team leader: Jim Felt

Volunteer medical director: Dr. George Gordon – Rice Memorial Hospital

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|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <i>Medics:</i> | Stacey Bonnema | Brad Hanson | Keith Pattison |
| | Mike Kubesh | Nathan Preuss | Shannon O'Donnell |
| | Cory Bonnema | Jim Bode | Dan Erickson |

Agencies Assisted

Willmar Police Department Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Office CEE-VI Drug Task Force

Volunteer Hours

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Tactical call-outs for warrants and emergencies: | 40 |
| Regular WPD / KCSO tactical training: | 60 |
| Dedicated STAT training and meetings: | 158 |
| Tactical medicine operator's course: | <u>72</u> |
| TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS | 330 |

The Specialized Tactical Assistance Team (STAT) was formed in 1994 to assist the Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Office CIRT team and Willmar Police Department ERT team in providing medical support and miscellaneous duties at tactical events. Since its inception, the STAT team has provided many support services and medical care to officers, suspects, hostages and bystanders.

In 2005, the STAT team was called to assist on five high risk call-outs, including a barricaded suspect, drug search warrants and a high risk arrest warrant. Fortunately, all incidents were resolved safely; no direct medical care was needed and STAT functioned in a support role. Members of the STAT team also assisted at regular tactical training.

In 2005, three STAT team members were able to attend a National Tactical Officers Association Tactical Operators Course hosted in Willmar. The STAT team also received a local business donation which has been used to order a ballistic blanket that can double as an emergency stretcher.

The STAT team would like to thank the Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Office and Willmar Police Department for their continued support of the team. We would also like to thank Dr. Gordon and Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar for their support for training and equipment.

Submitted by: Jim Felt, STAT Team



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

The Willmar Police Department has an Emergency Response Team that trains to respond to high-risk incidents.

All team members have completed Basic Special Response Team Training. The ERT trains jointly with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Department Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). This was a year of transition as several entry team members retired and two of our marksmen left the department.

In 2005, locations of training were: the Law Enforcement Center, vacant houses, and open fields/woods. Training included stealth movement, use of cover and concealment, cold weather exercises, searches, entry exercises, and injured person rescue.



| Entry Team | Marksmen/Observers |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sgt. Vince King – Team Leader | Sgt. Rick Kleinschmidt |
| Sgt. Jim Felt – Team Leader | Officer Pete Dobransky |
| Officer Mike Jahnke | Officer Craig Lange |
| Officer Dan Erickson | |
| Officer Mike Markkanen | Incident Commanders |
| Officer Frank Hanson | Cpt. Dave Wyffels |
| Officer Mike Anderson | Sgt. Glenn Negen – Team Trainer |
| Officer Gene Schneider | |
| Officer Scott Erickson | Gas Delivery |
| Officer Jared Wosmek | Officer Tony LaPatka |

Submitted by: Sgt. Glenn Negen



LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

The Willmar Police Department is currently anticipating some changes in the chaplain program. Pastor Perry Wieland resigned his position, leaving Pastor Paul McCullough as the lone chaplain. We are anticipating adding other chaplains, with Pastor Paul not only as a participant but also as a co-supervisor of the unit.

Pastor Paul unselfishly donates his time to this non-denominational program. His first priority is to assist employees and families of the Law Enforcement Center, as well as to administer to the general public. Officers are encouraged to ask people in distress if they would like the assistance of a chaplain, as troubled persons are oftentimes interested in spiritual advice when having to cope with unpleasant situations. Pastor Paul is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We are extremely proud and appreciative of Pastor Paul and the unselfish service he provides.

A message from Pastor H. Paul McCullough, Volunteer LEC Chaplain:

"I want to thank the Police and Sheriff's Departments of the Kandiyohi county Law Enforcement Center for the privilege of serving as their volunteer chaplain in times when spiritual comfort or professional assistance is called for or needed throughout the year. In my full-time position as associate pastor in one of the local churches of over 900 attendees, I find it difficult to spend the desired time I would like riding along and becoming better acquainted with the officers and deputies of the departments. However, I have been able to respond promptly to every call received thus far and have been able to give the time needed to fulfill the assignment asked for. For this I am very grateful for the encouragement of the church I serve and the Law Enforcement Center's confidence in my participation and contribution. Again, thank you for the privilege of serving."



Submitted by: Sgt. Rick Kleinschmidt