



**CITY OF WILLMAR
2007 ANNUAL
REPORT**



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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

Terrill Reimer, Vice President
Brenda McNichols, 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, 2007

Chief of Police	James A. Kulset
Captain	David J. Wyffels
Sergeant	Ricky H. Kleinschmidt
Sergeant	John B. Kappers
Sergeant	Julie A. Asmus
Sergeant	Vincent K. King
Sergeant	James E. Felt
Police Officer (Specialist)	Timothy L. Manuel
Police Officer (Specialist)	Marilee K. Dorn
Police Officer (Specialist)	Michael C. Markkanen
Police Officer	Daniel R. Erickson
Police Officer (Specialist)	Anthony J. LaPatka
Police Officer (Specialist)	Delmin C. Wagner
Police Officer	Robert P. Dobransky, Jr.
Police Officer (Specialist)	Michael J. Jahnke
Police Officer (Specialist)	Gene A. Schneider
Police Officer	Frank O. Hanson
Police Officer (Specialist)	Kristian M. Kolstad
Police Officer (Specialist)	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	Zachary N. Herzog
Police Officer	Dustin M. Van der Hagen
Police Officer	James A. Venenga
Police Officer	Colleen D. Myhre
Police Officer	Bridget A. Coit
Police Officer	Ross S. Livingood
Police Officer	Michael J. Holme
Police Officer	Samuel M. Neubauer
Administrative Assistant	Susan A. Edwards
Secretary	Linda K. Wittman
Secretary	Kimberly M. Becker-Stenglein
Secretary	Katherine E. Laughlin
Community Service Officer	Nathan W. Mens
Community Service Officer	Ashley L. Hecksel
Community Service Officer	Jacob J. Kutz
Community Service Officer	Cory M. Hillesheim



RESIGNATIONS, PROMOTIONS AND NEW EMPLOYEES

Ashley Hecksel began the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on January 1, 2007.

Officer Anthony LaPatka was assigned to the School Resource Officer position on January 2, 2007. Tony has been with the department for 18 years.

Cloey Rhode, full-time secretary resigned on January 5, 2007.

Katherine Laughlin was hired as a full-time secretary on February 20, 2007.

Officer Michael Holme was hired on May 8, 2007. Mike is from New London, Minnesota and received his law enforcement degree from Ridgewater College.

Neil Maidl completed the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on May 11, 2007, and left to complete the Law Enforcement Skills Program in Alexandria.

Jacob Kutz began the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on May 9, 2007.

Summer part-time employees for the Bicycle Patrol were Krista Koenen and Mitch Schneider.

Blake Hagert worked part-time parking enforcement May 28, 2007 through August 17, 2007.

Officer Terry Albers retired on August 25, 2007, after 28 years with the Willmar Police Department.

Cory Hillesheim began the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on October 7, 2007.

Officer Samuel Neubauer was hired on October 8, 2007. Sam is originally from Bird Island and received his law enforcement degree from Ridgewater College.

Sergeant Glenn Negen retired on October 12, 2007, after 34 years with the department.



WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

YEAR	POPULATION	SWORN OFFICERS	OFFICERS ON PATROL	CALLS FOR SERVICE
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
2006	18,709	33	20	20,363
2007	18,305	33	20	20,834

In January 2005, the Kandiyohi County Records Unit implemented a new Records Management System (CODY).

NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRAINING

Courses	Employees	Hours
2007 Regional Police Chaplains Conference	1	16
Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C	8	7.75
Drug Court Training	2	2
Gang Net Internet Database Training	1	3
Hazardous Materials – First Responder Awareness	8	10
Impact of Attitude	6	18
MNCIS – Accessing Court Records through the Internet	3	4.25
Property & Evidence Management	1	16
School Safety: Psychology of a Shooter	4	32
Total Hours of Training Provided: 109		

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Adm. Asst.



WPD STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Literal Description	2006	2007
9-1-1 Hang-Up Call	97	130
Abandoned Vehicles & 48-Hour Parking	318	257
Accident Motor Vehicle – Property Damage	443	472
Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Animal	7	2
Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	9	7
Accident Other Referred to State Patrol	6	5
Accident Packets Issued	40	55
Accident Snowmobile	1	0
Alarms	499	472
All Other Public Complaints	1004	1395
Ambulance Call – Medical Emergency	28	33
Animal Bites	0	1
Arson Investigation	7	2
Assault Other	192	169
Assault with a Firearm	0	2
Assault with a Knife	10	8
Assist in Locating	187	220
Assist Other Agencies	91	108
Bank Escorts	1	0
Bicycle Accident Injury	1	6
Bomb Threat	2	6
Burglary in Progress	23	28
Burglary Report	112	101
Bus Stop Arm Violation	82	60
Check Cases	32	35
Check Welfare of Person	223	223
Child Custody Dispute	47	101
Consent Search	0	1
Crimes Against Admin. Justice	4	0
Criminal Damage to Property	545	456
Criminal Sexual Conduct – 1st Degree	9	20
Curfew Violation	13	19
Disorderly Conduct	50	44
Dog and Animal Complaints	806	1013
Dog Bites	15	20
Domestics	381	432
Doors / Windows Found Open	39	39
Doors Unlocked	22	21
Dr. Blue Lake – WRTC	0	2

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Literal Description	2006	2007
Driving Complaints	411	431
Drug Violations	79	82
Drunkness (Other than Detox)	90	112
Emergency Messages	5	5
Escape From Custody	2	2
Family Service Reports	314	336
Fight Call	178	226
Financial Transaction Card Fraud	9	17
Fire Call Law Enforcement Response	13	21
Fire Investigation	0	1
Fireworks Complaint	59	86
Foot Pursuit Information	10	15
Forgery	72	20
Found Animals	147	103
Found Persons	18	12
Found Property	299	300
Fraud	60	54
Funeral Escorts	79	91
Gang Affiliation Information	5	50
Gang Related Materials	65	72
Gun Event Permits	2	0
Harassment / Threats / Phone / Mail	426	420
Harassment Court Order / Hearing	9	2
Harassment Order Violation	8	16
Hazmat Incident	1	0
Helicopter / Plane Assist	2	0
Hit & Run Injury Accident	2	3
Hit & Run Property Damage Accident	159	212
Homicide	1	0
Identity Theft	66	74
Illness or Death Notices	1	4
Indecent Exposure	14	14
Information	97	87
Juvenile Detention Transport	1	1
K-9 Assists	7	8
Kidnapping	2	2
Liquor Violations	44	49
Lost Animals	41	51
Lost Persons	5	5
Lost Property	100	129
Loud Parties / Neighborhood Disturbances	438	604
Medical Assist / Police	1	1
Medical Prisoner Transport	2	2
Mental Cases	20	15

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Literal Description	2006	2007
Mental Transport	4	1
Missing Person Report	10	27
Motorist Assists	94	207
Motor Vehicle Accident – Other	76	94
Motor Vehicle Pursuits	5	4
Motor Vehicle Tampering	0	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	58	61
Neglect – Information	7	17
No Contact Order Violation	5	6
Occupational Accidents	0	1
Officer Safety Information	1	4
Operation ID	0	1
Order For Protection Violation	74	57
Order For Protection	0	2
Other	4	5
Parking Violations	178	247
Permit Denials	5	8
Permit to Acquire	99	98
Permit to Carry	1	0
Permit to Shoot Pests	20	27
Permit to Solicit	2	2
Personal Injury Accident	65	62
Persons to Crisis	22	23
Persons to Detox	45	33
Physical Abuse – Information	14	15
Possess Child Pornography	2	4
Prisoner Release Notification	1	1
Probation Hold for Jail	1	0
Project Lifesaver Walk Away	1	0
Prostitution	2	1
Prowler / Window Peeker	7	5
Public Accidents	4	2
Public Assists	451	375
Recovery of Stolen Motor Vehicle	12	19
Recovery of Stolen Property	5	6
Repossessed Vehicle	30	22
Request for Extra Patrol	121	155
Residence Checks	73	65
Ride-Along Program Participant	59	94
Robbery In Progress	3	6
Robbery Other	4	2
Runaways	93	97
School Crossing Guard Violation	5	5
Search Warrant Execution	12	9

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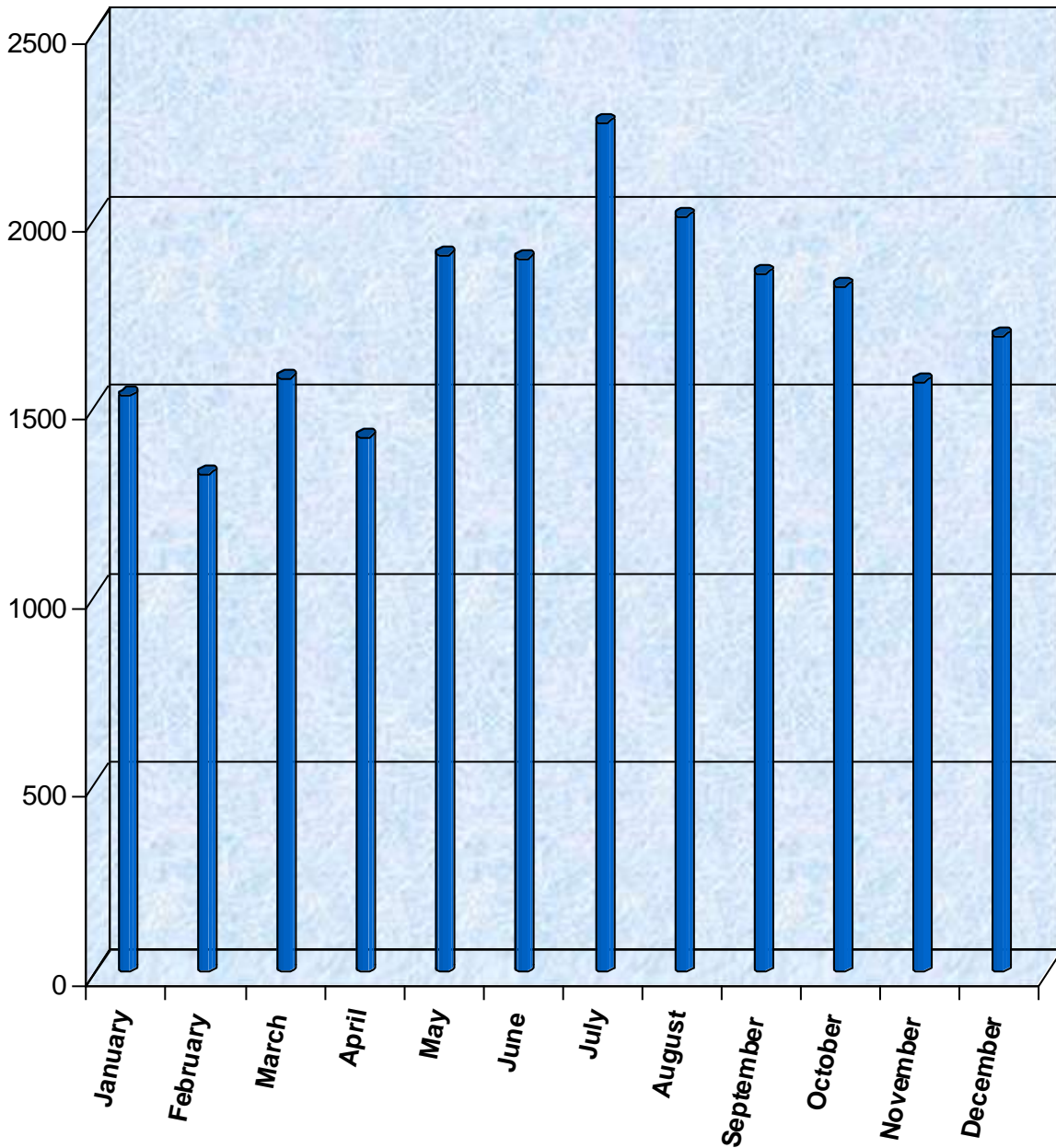
Literal Description	2006	2007
Sexual Assault Other	31	35
Sex Offender	6	5
Sexual Abuse – Information	7	14
Shoplifter	77	125
Sick Cared For	0	1
Snowbirds	38	74
Snowmobile Complaints	8	4
Stalled Vehicles	111	135
State Hospital Walk-Aways	15	16
Stolen Property/Possession	2	7
Sudden Death / Body Found	9	7
Suicidal Person	0	39
Suicide	1	0
Suicide Attempts	24	10
Suspicious Person	516	513
Theft	867	786
Tobacco Violation	25	14
Traffic Stops	8,047	7,236
Trespass	46	51
Vagrancy	3	2
Warrant Arrest	69	88
Warrant Transport	3	4
Watercraft Complaints	1	0
Weapons Complaints	71	78
Weather Watch	1	0
Welfare Fraud	0	1
TOTAL CALLS REQUIRING POLICE ACTION	20,363	20,834





Calls For Service By Month

There were 20,834 police calls for service in the year 2007. 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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Murder	0	1	0	0	0
Rape	15	23	25	25	35
Robbery	6	5	7	8	8
Aggravated Assault	32	18	34	35	15
Burglary	124	122	123	111	90
Theft	634	658	752	603	552
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	32	28	34	33
Arson	2	2	4	9	3
Misdemeanor Assault	167	152	136	163	158
Forgery	42	84	50	69	44
Fraud	49	71	63	98	92
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	7	12	8	4	9
Vandalism	247	259	290	396	246
Weapons	4	5	16	16	8
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	1
Other Sex Offenses	18	27	27	27	26
Narcotics	87	70	74	92	82
Gambling	0	0	1	0	0
Offense Against Family & Children	5	6	5	3	3
Driving Under The Influence	106	114	108	152	137
Liquor Laws	98	96	89	86	97
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	50	30	47	72	57
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	1
Other Offenses (Excluding Traffic)	251	147	184	195	198
TOTAL	1,974	1,934	2,071	2,199	1,895

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.

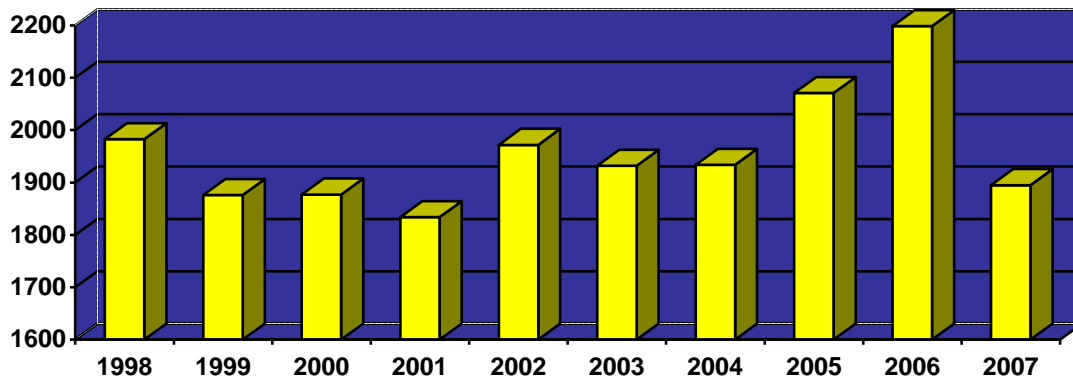
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MINNESOTA BCA CRIME ANALYSIS

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
2007	1,895	736	1,159
2006	2,199	825	1,368
2005	2,071	973	1,098
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



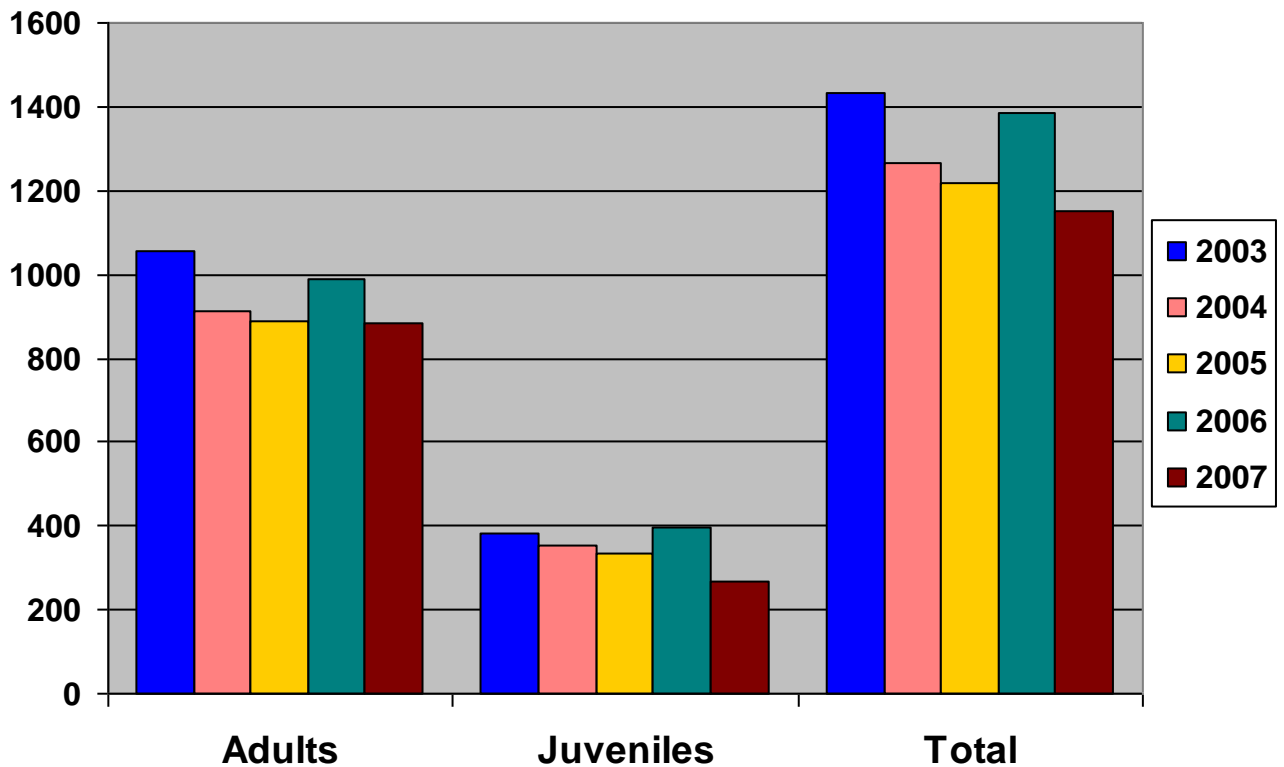
- Part I crimes include: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, vehicle theft and arson.
- Part II crimes include: misd. assaults, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex crimes, narcotics, gambling, family/children, D.U.I., liquor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

Year	Crime Rate per 100,000 Residents
2007	10,352
2006	11,742
2005	10,831
2004	10,585
2003	10,521
2002	10,600
2001	9,994
2000	9,861
1999	9,891
1998	10,449



ARREST INFORMATION

YEAR	ADULTS	JUVENILES	TOTAL
2007	884	268	1,152
2006	989	397	1,386
2005	887	332	1,219
2004	913	352	1,265
2003	1,054	380	1,434





TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY VIOLATION

The following is a breakdown of District Court Citations:

Violation	2007
.08 or More	106
1st Degree DUI	3
2nd Degree DUI	21
3rd Degree DUI	36
4th Degree DUI	72
Amplified Noise	0
ATV Violation	0
Bicycle Violation	2
Careless Driving	8
Child Restraint Violation	31
Controlled Access Violation	0
Corrective Lenses	1
Driving Around Barricades	13
Driving After Cancellation	29
Driving After Cancellation IPS	14
Driving After Revocation	179
Driving After Suspension	124
Driving Rule Violation	5
Exhibition Driving	12
Expired Driver's License	4
Expired Plates	1
Expired Registration	35
Fail to Dim Lights	0
Fail to Obey Lawful Order	0
Fail to Signal	5
Fail to Stop for Railroad Crossing	0
Fail to Yield Right of Way	17
Fail to Yield to Emergency Vehicle	2
Fail to Yield to Pedestrian	0
Following too Close	5
Handicap Parking Violation	3
Headlight Violation	1
Hit & Run	18
Illegal Equipment	10

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Violation	2007
Illegal Lane Use	4
Illegal Passing	3
Illegal U-Turn	0
Illegal Use of License Plates	4
Improper Address	3
Improper Change of Course	1
Improper Start, Stop, Park	0
Improper Turning	1
Inattentive Driving	7
Instruction Permit Violation	54
License Restriction	5
Littering	2
Loud Exhaust	13
Motorcycle Violation	3
No Cycle Helmet or Eye Protection	0
No Driver's License in Possession	7
No Front/Rear License Plate	2
No Insurance	119
No Minnesota Driver's License	188
No Proof of Insurance	213
Not a Drop Underage Drinking & Driving	21
Open Bottle	42
Operating Cell Phone Under 18	0
Over Center Line	12
Parking All Other	2
Permit Illegal Operation	1
Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle	29
Railroad Crossing Violation	2
Reckless Driving	10
Red Light Violation	16
Refusal to Submit to Test	15
Revoked License Plates	21
School Bus Stop Arm Violation	35
School Crossing Guard Violation	0
Seatbelt Violation	96
Snowmobile Violation	1
Speeding	197

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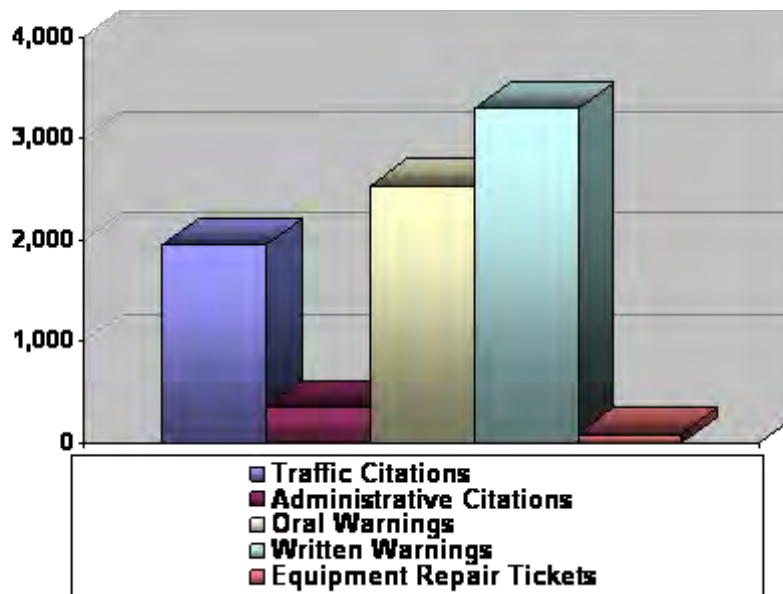


Violation	2007
Stop Sign Violation	31
Suspended Object	0
Taillight Violation	3
Title Change	9
Unlighted Motor Vehicle at Night	6
Unreasonable Acceleration	3
Vision Obscured	6
Weaving	2
Wrong Way on One Way	0

Total Citations by Category

Traffic Citations	1,946
Administrative Citations	353
Oral Warnings	2,535
Written Warnings	3,289
Illegal Equipment Repair Tickets	90

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:

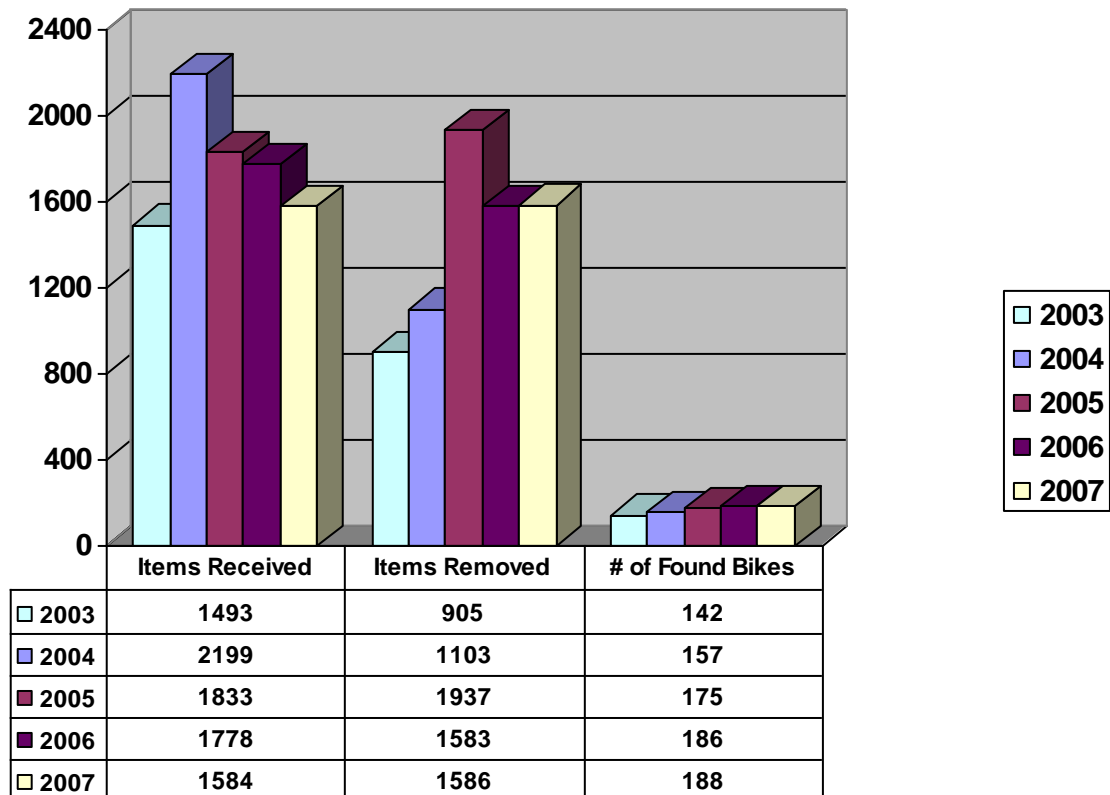
Evidence – any property held as evidence relating to a crime.

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 2007:



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:

<u>Type of Forfeiture</u>	<u>Division of Proceeds</u>
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
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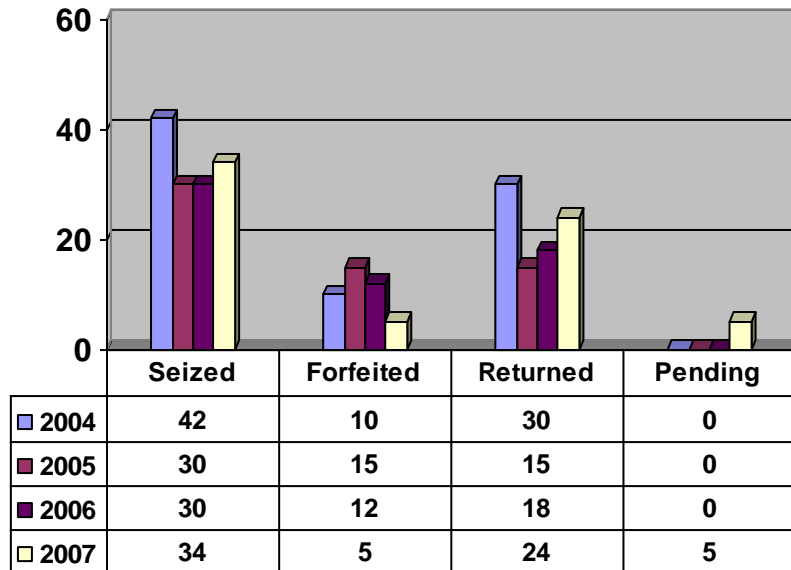
The Willmar Police Department normally employs the use of an "Administrative" forfeiture rather than a "Judicial" forfeiture because the burden of proof is placed upon the defendant. Property eligible for forfeiture is described in Minnesota Statute 609.531 – 609.5318 as property that was used or intended 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.

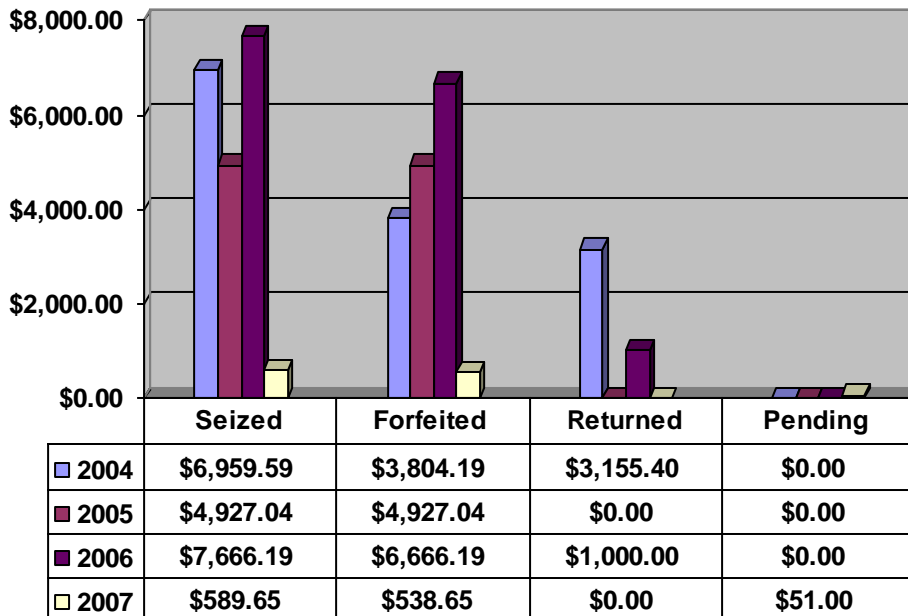
Submitted by: Captain Dave Wyffels



Vehicle Seizures



Cash Seizures





MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

	2005	2006	2007
Assist Other Agencies	730	964	939
Citizen Assists	1,219	1,028	1,233
Police Car Mileage	380,842	408,071	448,044

FALSE ALARMS

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, there were approximately 460 businesses and residences with installed alarms, sixteen (16) of which 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 \$5,900.00 was collected by the City for false alarms that occurred during the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

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 566 vehicles during 2007 and \$76,955.14 was collected in towing charges, taxes, administration fees, and storage. Approximately \$40,000.00 in revenue was retained by the City in administration fees and storage fees.

At the May 2007 auction, 81 impounded vehicles were sold, and at the October 2007 auction, 67 impounded vehicles were sold.



Submitted by: Linda Wittman, Secretary



PRESENTATIONS / TRAINING

Requests for officers to do presentations vary as much as the topics. The Police Department also provides training to other departments. The following is a list of topics presented in 2007:

Topic	# of Presentations
Alcohol Server Education	2
Alternative Wheeled Transportation	2
Babysitter Safety	2
Bullying	3
Calling for Help (9-1-1 Use)	1
Canine Demonstration	2
Child Abuse, Neglect & Safety	1
Driver Education	14
Drugs in the Community	1
DWI Laws / Minor Consumption	3
Females in Law Enforcement	1
Gang Awareness	5
Halloween Safety	4
Holiday Safety and Holiday Scams	3
Home Alone Safety (Including Internet)	1
Identity Theft	8
Identity Theft in Medical Care	3
Internet Safety	12
Law Enforcement Careers	3
Meth Awareness	3
Personal Safety and Defense	15
Policing Problem Patrons – Laws & Safety Practices	1
Preparing for a Career in Policing	2
Responsibility	1
Safely Managing Aggressive Behavior in the Work Place	3
Scams and Fraud	5
Severe Storm Preparedness	1
Shoplifting Diversion Clinic	6
Underage / Binge Drinking	3
Women in Non-Traditional Jobs	2
TOTAL	113



PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Department. Uniform patrol officers are responsible for response to the majority of the 20,834 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.



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. Twenty (20) officers participated in 109 ride-alongs during 2007.

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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 1,584 hours of training to its officers just to meet minimum state requirements.

The following training was provided to officers of the department during 2007:

Courses	Officers	Hours
Advanced Driving Course	19	133.25
ATV and Off-Road Vehicle Enforcement	14	27.75
Basic Sexual Assault Investigations	1	8
Basic SWAT Tactics	2	54
Basic Tactical Officer School	2	108
Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C	34	26.25
Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Training	2	68
Coaching the Employee	11	33
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training	2	80
D.A.R.E. Officer Training	1	40
Death Investigation	2	18
Domestic Abuse – Breaking the Silence	4	8
Drug Court Training	9	9.75
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Certification	1	80
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Recertification	2	15.5
ERT – MP5 Qualification	10	4.5
First Responder / EMT Recertification	17	296
GangNet Internet Database Training	2	5
Grant Seeking and Grant Writing Process Overview	1	5.5
Hazardous Materials – First Responder Awareness – OSHA Approved Course	34	27.75
Hybrid Vehicles & Vehicle Airbag Safety	6	18
Impact of Attitude	27	78
Inside the Criminal Mind	1	5.5
Intoxilyzer Recertification	11	41.25
Introduction to Computers for Law Enforcement	1	24
Investigative Interviewing	3	40
Juvenile Firesetter Intervention	4	62.5
Law Enforcement Guide to Forfeiture Training	2	6
Midwest Gang Investigators Association Conference	2	66
Minnesota Chiefs of Police Executive Training	1	19.5
Minnesota Crime Alert Network – Web Based	1	1
Minnesota Crime Prevention Association Annual Fall Conference	1	11
Minnesota D.A.R.E. Officers Association Annual Conference	3	42
Minnesota D.A.R.E. Officers Association Fall Training Conference	4	26
Minnesota Juvenile Officers Conference	1	20
Missing and Abducted Children: An Awareness Program	1	8.5

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Courses	Officers	Hours
Minnesota State Association of Narcotics Investigators Conference	1	24
MNCIS – Accessing Court Records Through the Internet	10	14.75
MPPOA Legislative Conference	1	7
N-95 Mask – Port-A-Count Fitting Instructor’s Training	8	16
National Incident Management (NIMS) 100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System for Law Enforcement	1	.5
NIMS 100, 200, 700 & 800	1	6
NIMS 200 – ICS 200 for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents	1	.5
NIMS 800 – National Response Plan	1	.5
Native American Gang Training	2	12
Peer Precision – Internet Crimes Against Children	4	8
Predatory Offender Registration	8	64
Progressive Discipline	13	39
Pursuit Intervention Techniques (PIT) Driving Course	1	8
Railway Safety for Public Law Enforcement	15	14.5
Region 18 Explosive and Narcotics Detection Dog Certification	1	10
Safe & Sober – Towards Zero Deaths Conference	1	12
Safety and Loss Control Workshop	2	8
School Safety – Psychology of a Shooter	21	154.5
Search & Seizure of Electronic Evidence	1	36
Standard Field Sobriety Training (SFST)	2	20
SkyWarn Training	1	2
Snowmobile / ATV / Burning Laws – DNR Update	7	12
SOTA (Special Operations Training Association) – 12th Annual Conference	4	97.5
Street Crimes Seminar	6	144
Supervising & Managing the Field Training Process	1	40
SWAT Tactics for High Risk Warrants, Barricaded Suspects & Hostage Rescue	66	401.5
Targeting Terror in Our Schools	3	40
Taser X26 and M26 Instructor Training & Refresher	4	66
Thermal Imager Instructor Course	2	5
Use of Force – Defensive Tactics	34	522
Use of Force – Firearms	67	293.75
Total Hours of Training Provided:		3,596.5



ACTIVITY FOR OFF-DUTY OFFICERS / EVENTS

Description	Officers	Hours	Total
Junior High Dances	1	3	150.00
Kandiyohi County Fair	4	29.5	--
Senior High Dances	3	9	450.00
Senior High Basketball Games	3	6	300.00
Senior High Football Games	10	51	2,550.00
Senior High Hockey Games	5	14.5	725.00
Senior High Lunch Detail	12	70	3,500.00
Senior High Miscellaneous Activities (Graduation, Prom, Variety Show)	2	6	300.00
SonShine	14	176.5	8,825.00
House Moves	10	14	700.00
Taunton Stadium – Alex. Beetles Baseball	1	4.5	225.00
Wal-Mart	5	28	1,400.00
Willmar Jaycees Block Party	1	6	300.00
TOTALS	71	418	19,425.00



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



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; three School Resource Officers, Anthony LaPatka, Michael Markkanen and Gene Schneider; and the Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator, Marilee Dorn.

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/Community Service Officer (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 2007, 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 2007 was on Methamphetamine Awareness. She also gave speeches on Gang Awareness, Law Enforcement Ethics and Community Oriented Policing. Sgt. Asmus is a board member for the Minnesota DARE Officer's Association and helps coordinate training for all of the DARE officers in the State of Minnesota.

National Night Out was August 7th. The Willmar Police Department hosted the second annual Cookout and Safety Fair at Robbins Island. There were safety booths, displays and safety demonstrations. Local businesses donated food for a free picnic, a drawing was held for two bikes, and there were activities and games for the young and old. Approximately 800 people attended the event to promote neighborhood safety in an atmosphere of fun and community fellowship.



Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus



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

This was the 18th 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, Officers Marilee Dorn, Gene Schneider, Michael Markkanen and Tony LaPatka taught the D.A.R.E. curriculum. We were again able to take over 300 D.A.R.E. students and parents to the Twins game for “D.A.R.E. Day at the Dome” on April 15th. We had D.A.R.E. graduation on May 11th, with Cheryl Sawyer 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 13th year. Classes are taught for a two-week period, involving one-third of the students each trimester. Jr. High School Resource Officer Michael Markkanen, along with the assistance of health teacher Mary Hanson, taught the ten-day program. Beginning in the fall of the 2007-2008 school year, the Junior High went to a new class schedule and all of the 7th graders were taught D.A.R.E. in the fall.



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 and Home Depot’s Safety Day. 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 held 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.

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

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| American Legion | KDJS |
| Bernicks Pepsi | KQIC-Q102 |
| Burger King | KWLM |
| Cashwise | Print Masters |
| Culver's | Speedy Print |
| Dairy Queen | Taco John's |
| Erbert & Gerbert's | Target |
| Gurley's Foods | Viking Coke |
| Jake's Pizza | Wal-Mart |
| Kandi Entertainment Center | West Central Printing |
| Kandiyohi Premium Water | West Central Tribune |



Submitted by: Sgt. Julie Asmus



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

In 2007, we had some reassignments with the School Resource Officers and the schools they are assigned to as a result of the school district requesting the addition of a third officer to be housed out of the Area Learning Center. The police department now has three police officers who are assigned to the schools during the school year. Officer Gene Schneider is assigned to the Senior High School and has an office on the second floor. Officer Michael Markkanen has an office at the Junior High School and also handles calls for service at Lincoln Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School and the Focus House. The third School Resource Officer, Anthony LaPatka, was added to the Area Learning Center (ALC) in January of 2007. He splits his time between the ALC and Roosevelt Elementary School, and also handles calls at Kennedy Elementary School.

During the 2006-2007 school year, we experienced a rash of bomb threats that were either called in or left on messages in various schools throughout the district. There were six bomb threats which resulted in the evacuation of the students from the schools while the threats were investigated. All of the bomb threats were found to be unfounded and almost every one of them were solved and resulted in students being prosecuted for calling in a false alarm.

As the School Resource Officer at the Senior High School, Officer Gene Schneider assists and supports school administration and staff with investigations, discipline and goal setting. He investigates thefts, assaults and criminal damage to property reports, as well as other calls ranging from assisting with students and parent issues to vehicle assists. He continues to be involved with teaching alcohol and methamphetamine awareness sessions in all of the 9th grade health classes. With the assistance of the student council, Officer Schneider implemented a crime stoppers program at the high school in 2007, resulting in the recovery of several stolen items and receiving tips on drugs, etc.

Approximately 150 video cameras are currently in place in the Willmar school district. Officer Schneider continues to oversee purchases of new cameras, consults with building principals to determine placement of cameras, monitors and repairs minor problems, and coordinates major repairs with camera companies. He instructs school personnel in the use of the recording equipment and assists in recording when needed.

Officer Michael Markkanen is assigned as the School Resource Officer at the Willmar Junior High School. He teaches the Junior High DARE program in the 7th grade health class, along with the Roosevelt Elementary School 5th grade DARE program. He is available to students and their parents to discuss any matters they have questions on and he also supports the school administration and staff members. Officer Markkanen is requested to give classroom presentations on various topics having to do with safety and law enforcement.

Officer Markkanen is also an assistant coach for the Willmar High School Boys Hockey team and was an assistant coach for the Willmar High School Girls Hockey team for the previous 9 years. This has given him the unique opportunity to interact with over 70 high school students and their parents as a coach and as a police officer.

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In January of 2007, Officer Anthony LaPatka was selected for the new School Resource Officer position which is located at the Area Learning Center. After completing DARE officer training in January, he joined the other Willmar Police Department DARE officers in teaching the DARE program to the 5th grade students at Roosevelt Elementary School. Officer LaPatka serves as a resource for the students, staff and administration at all three of his assigned schools. He assists with conflict resolution, dispute mediation, and by being available to discuss and assist parents with other relevant issues. Officer LaPatka responds to and handles the law enforcement related calls for service at the schools he is assigned to, as well as assisting the other School Resource Officers when necessary. Officer LaPatka says the most enjoyable aspect of the S.R.O. position is being able to interact with the students and staff of the Willmar Public School system.

During the summer months, the School Resource Officers work a uniform patrol position and support the investigation and gang enforcement units.



Officer Gene Schneider, Officer Michael Markkanen, Officer Tony LaPatka



School Resource Officer Activity

ACTIVITY	TOTALS
Alcohol Violations	9
Arrests	12
Assaults	26
Criminal Damage to Property (CDTP)	4
Calls for Service	448
Class Talks / Student Interviews	92
Disturbances	123
Follow-Up Investigations	328
Gang Miscellaneous Writing / Signing	50
Harassment Complaints	11
Marijuana Cases	13
Mediations with Students	17
Missing Persons / Runaways	17
Officer Assists	115
Other Substances	5
Physical / Sexual Abuse	1
Special Assignments	125
Student to Crisis / Detox	1
Thefts	36
Tobacco Violations	19
Trespass Notices	7
Truancy / Skipping School	100
Vehicle Assists	70
Weapons Complaints	5

Submitted by: Officers Gene Schneider, Michael Markkanen, & Tony LaPatka,
School Resource Officers



CRIME PREVENTION / COMMUNITY POLICING

The Crime Prevention / Community Policing Coordinator 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.

As part of this mission, Officer Dorn participates in the following community activities:

- United Community Assessment of Needs – Data-gathering committee
- Olweis Bullying Prevention Program with Willmar Public Schools
- Willmar Early Childhood Coalition
- Kandiyohi County LEAD / now the AED Coalition
- PACT 4 Grant Review Committee
- Kandiyohi County Parents Forever Steering Committee
- Kandiyohi County Safe Communities Coalition

Officer Dorn is also the law enforcement liaison to the Willmar Area Crime Stoppers and coordinates the Willmar People On Watch! volunteers.

The Willmar Police Department maintains handouts and display materials to assist in educating the public about crime and safety issues. Materials and information on using them were provided to several civic and educational groups during the year. Teaching the community is a vital aspect of the crime prevention mission. The Willmar Police 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. To this end, numerous classes were taught in 2007, which are included in the Department's Presentations/Training section. In addition, the department set up and staffed displays at the Ridgewater Health Fair, the Willmar Senior High School Health Fair, Home Depot Safety Day, Read-Along with the Firefighters night at the Willmar Fire Department, and the MN Arrive kick-off event.

The Willmar Police Department tapes a monthly segment with the Willmar Regional Access Channel for the "Do You Know?" program. Tips in 2007 included traffic safety topics (scraping your windshield, speeding, booster seats for children in vehicles, and back-to-school traffic), severe storm survival, providing alcohol to underage drinkers, fireworks laws, cleanup and storage issues for winter, and holiday crime prevention.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: A Neighborhood Watch organizes a small area of the larger community to facilitate information-sharing, show concern for one another, and work on localized problems as they emerge. 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. Several Neighborhood Watches continue to be active in Willmar. 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. Neighborhoods desiring to form a Watch do so



with the assistance of the Willmar Police Department at the request of at least half the residents; the Police Department will not impose a Neighborhood Watch in an area.

Several apartment complexes in Willmar participate in the Crime Free Multi-Housing program, and management uses Neighborhood Watch as part of their safety programming. Five meetings were held within those complexes, in addition to other neighborhoods meeting on their own.

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 COPPS meetings between officers and community members in each of the City's four wards continued throughout the year. Any topics related to public safety may be addressed at COPPS meetings. A sergeant is assigned to each ward and schedules the meetings as appropriate. Each officer on the department is assigned to a ward and is expected to be familiar with public safety issues in that area. An officer may be assigned to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings or special events in their area. Attendance at COPPS meetings varies by ward and concern, with averages of 4 to 22 people attending. The Crime Prevention Specialist coordinates record-keeping, and special or city-wide activity in the COPPS program. City-wide meetings in 2007 addressed bullying and drug courts.

PREMISE SURVEYS, CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION: The Willmar Police Department has a Crime Prevention Specialist trained and available for consultation on crime prevention issues throughout the community. She is called upon by homeowners and businesses to recommend procedures or products to improve safety and prevent burglary, robbery, theft and other crimes. She also provides information to landlords on crime prevention and calls for service at rental apartments. The Specialist is normally available during the day to answer questions from the public, refer individuals to proper resources for information or assistance, or to assist students with statistics and other information-gathering for research projects.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: Traffic safety has been identified by the public to be a major concern in our community (often brought up at COPPS and other public meetings). Therefore, 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 all motorists is an ongoing effort throughout the year, with special events and holidays receiving specific educational messages. The news media has cooperated in spreading these safety messages throughout the area. Issues relating to engineering and maintenance are relayed to the proper authority.

The department's officers who are certified as Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians worked at six CPS clinics during the year. They also advised or assisted drivers in how to properly secure child passengers in their vehicles, and served as a resource for other

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officers when questions arose about child passenger safety. This certification requires a significant commitment by the department for initial and ongoing training for the technicians.

The Police Department participates in overtime Safe & Sober enforcement. The grant which ran from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007 resulted in a total of 257 hours of overtime traffic law enforcement specific patrol by Willmar Police officers. The 2008 grant began in October and has included a seat belt focus and a DWI focus wave so far. It runs through September 2008.

PEOPLE ON WATCH! (POW!): Since the first volunteer patrols went out in August of 1997, members of the People On Watch! (POW!) unit sponsored by the Police Department have been faithful in providing volunteer services to the community. In 2007, POW! members totaled approximately 561 hours of volunteer patrol and special events time. Members drove over 2,665 miles on patrol in their own vehicles. The special events where they provided service included the Downtown Block Party and Grande Day Parade for Willmar Fest, the Holidaze Parade, National Night Out, and assisting with the law enforcement booth at the Kandiyohi County Fair.



POW! members contributed 891.75 hours of volunteer receptionist time at the Police Department's front desk during 2007, a welcome assist for the department's clerical staff.

Service for the cell phones used by POW! was terminated by AllTel after they took over Midwest Wireless. This had been a community contribution by Midwest Wireless, as were



the phones. The phones provided for POW! members on patrol now can call 9-1-1 only, instead of the non-emergency lines for the Communications Center.

Training topics at the bi-monthly meetings in 2007 included:

- School Zone Problems, Rules and Patrol Needs
- Bullying (at the City-wide COPPS meeting in March)
- Fireworks laws review, with summer patrol needs, updates and scheduling
- Post-session Legislation Updates (new laws and law changes)
- Observation Skills and Call-In Procedure Review
- Several members took advantage of city-employee training to renew their HeartSaver First Aid cards

No Academy for new members was held during 2007, as adequate applications were not received. With the deaths of several members this year, residence relocations, and acquired disabilities, POW! is down to about 34 participating members.

Submitted by: Officer Marilee Dorn, Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator and Lowell Fostervold, POW! Volunteer Chair



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER / APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The Willmar Police Department currently has four law enforcement students who work part-time in the Community Service Officer/Apprentice Program, two freshman and two sophomores, from Ridgewater College.

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, National Night Out, 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 Nathan Mens and Ashley Hecksel, and our freshman apprentices are Jacob Kutz and Cory Hillesheim.

In the summer months we hired two students, one to do downtown parking enforcement and one to provide assistance to the CSOs. Blake Hagert was hired for the parking position and Jacob Kutz was hired as the summer CSO. Kutz then applied and was hired for the two-year CSO/Apprentice position in the fall.

One of the purposes of the apprentice program is to provide training to the CSOs when we are doing in-house training. The CSOs were able to observe or participate in the following training:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- Defensive Tactics
- Psychology of a Shooter
- Impact of Attitude

According to statistics from City Offices, during 2007, parking tickets issued by officers and the CSO/Apprentice positions totaled 3,395, of which 2,875 were paid or partially paid, and 132 were voided. Revenue generated in fines was \$22,834.00.

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus



CSO / Apprentice Activity

ACTIVITY	2005	2006	2007
Animal Complaints	415	595	713
Citizen Assists	151	201	180
Dogs Impounded	122	110	114
Cats Impounded	96	112	96
Traps Set	45	116	74
48-Hour – Marked	316	274	211
48-Hour – Cited	116	101	176
48-Hour – Towed	144	63	93
Vacation / Security Checks	1,028	1,623	670
Bikes Impounded	133	165	165



Ashley Hecksel, Nathan Mens, Cory Hillesheim, Jacob Kutz



SUMMER BICYCLE PROGRAM

The bicycle safety patrol is a part-time program operated during the summer months. 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 also utilized to help at several projects and events throughout the summer.

- The Willmar Police Department received a grant through the United Way which, for the second year, provided every second grade student in the Willmar School District with a bike helmet. The bike patrol coordinated the fitting and distribution of the helmets and presented bike helmet safety classes at each school.
- During Willmar Fest, the bike patrol assisted with the Downtown Block Party and helped with traffic control during the Kiddie Parade and the Grande Day Parade. They helped organize and distribute emergency management books to all of the coordinators of the Willmar Fest events.
- During the SonShine Music Festival, the bike patrol staffed the information booth at the police substation located at the event.
- August 7th was National Night Out and the bike patrol helped organize the second annual city-wide Safety Fair at Robbins Island. They contacted businesses for food donations and prizes for games and activities. They helped coordinate safety demonstrations by the ambulance, rescue squad and fire department.
- The bike patrol also staffed the information booth at the Kandiyohi County Fair. They assisted with distributing pamphlets and brochures from the Elk's Drug Information trailer and assisted with demonstrating the drunk goggles to fairgoers who stopped by the booth.

Besides their weekly bike safety classes for bicycle violators, they also did community presentations on bike safety and set up obstacle courses at Kids Kastle and several daycare homes.

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie Asmus



Mitch Schneider & Krista Koenen



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 2007, the detectives investigated 465 criminal cases, almost all felony level crimes. The Detective Unit received 349 child abuse reports and investigated 30 of them with Family Services. Twenty-six predatory sex offenders living in the city of Willmar were tracked by detectives in 2007. Thirty-five liquor license applications and renewals were investigated and 22 liquor compliance checks were performed.

All detectives assigned to the Detective Unit share in the every day 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 Nelson 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, identifying gang members and associates, creating and maintaining gang files, focusing attention on criminal gang behavior, 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 2007, the Gang Enforcement Team was staffed by Officer Del Wagner and Officer Michael Jahnke. In 2006, ten different gangs had been identified as existing in Kandiyohi County, while 2007 showed 24 active gangs. They updated the gang file system and currently have 221 active gang members on file, while the end of 2006 showed 125. These numbers show that the number of gangs increased by 140% and gang members by 77% in 2007. During 2007, GET officers made 214 arrests related to warrants, gang activity, drugs, etc.

Officers Wagner and Jahnke attended classes through the National Midwest Gang Investigator's Association to better identify and track local gangs, as well as training for Predatory Offender Registration. The Gang Enforcement Team cleared 25 identity theft cases by arrest. Officers Jahnke and Wagner are both members of the Quad-State Task Force and Midwest Gang Investigators Association. They work closely with the State Gang Strike Force/Drug Investigators, as well as conducting many training classes on gangs throughout the community.



Sur 13 Tattoo



← Texas
Boys tattoo
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Submitted by: Detective Del Wagner



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. 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 2007, the CEE-VI Drug Task Force was responsible for the arrest of 136 individuals. This number is down from 2006, but the task force lost a couple of veteran agents. Training new agents is a priority, but this does take away from the productivity of other more experienced investigators.

The task force seized over one-half pound of cocaine and purchased about the same amount. CEE-VI seized over 36 pounds of marijuana. The number of meth labs the task force investigates remains low; however, there was a slight increase in labs from 2006 to 2007. Cocaine has made a strong come back and was the main "problem drug" in our area.

In the City of Willmar in 2007, the task force was responsible for 34 arrests, 6 search warrants, and 10 consent searches. The total asset seizures in Willmar consisted of \$11,696.00 cash, four vehicles, two handguns and two flat screen televisions.

Drugs Seized in Willmar

Drug	Weight
Cocaine	216.30 grams
Codeine	17 grams
Marijuana	107 grams
Methamphetamine	32.7 grams

Drugs Purchased in Willmar

Drug	Weight
Cocaine	177.20 grams
Marijuana	59.10 grams
Methamphetamine	81.4 grams



Submitted by: Agent Michael Anderson, CEE-VI Drug Task Force



SUPPORT SERVICES

PRECISION MARKSMEN

The Willmar Police Department Precision Marksmen Unit includes four members: Officers Craig Lange, Pete Dobransky, Chad Oakleaf and Chad Nelson. They have all attended the Minnesota National Guard Counter Sniper Precision Marksmanship School and the Minnesota National Guard Special Response 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 from varying distances, elevations and positions.

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 field craft
- 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 on practical scenario exercises. The marksmen attended joint entry training with the Willmar Police Department, the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ERT teams. Officers Craig Lange and Chad Nelson attended Basic SWAT Tactics training in June.

The Willmar Police Department purchased two new marksman rifles for replacement. The old rifles were used for trade to purchase one new spotter rifle (DPMS Panther .308). The Police Department also received an anonymous donation of a DPMS Panther .308 cal. rifle with optics. The marksmen unit appreciated the donation, and the rifle was immediately put into service to upgrade the current spotter rifles being used.



Submitted by: Officer Craig Lange, Unit Coordinator



CANINE UNIT

Officer Craig Lange and Canine "Cato" began working on December 1, 2002. As part of Officer Lange and Cato's assignment, they are to perform regular patrol officer functions, along with assisting other officers and agencies with narcotics searches, evidence searches and tracking fugitives or lost persons.

2007 Canine Unit Statistics:

DEPLOYMENTS

Public demonstrations	1
Job related	54
Training exercises	<u>23</u>
TOTAL:	78

NARCOTICS RECOVERY

Cocaine	5.0 grams
Marijuana	14.3 grams
Methamphetamine	85.5 grams
Mixed narcotics	<u>2.1</u> grams
TOTAL:	106.9 grams

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES ASSISTED

Kandiyohi County Sheriffs Department
CEE-VI Drug Task Force
Minnesota State Patrol
Minnesota Gang Strike Force

PROPERTY SEIZED FOR NARCOTICS FORFEITURE

(2) Currency seizures (Total \$7,100)

(2) LCD TV's

Other miscellaneous property included drug paraphernalia, digital scales, and other miscellaneous items.

TOTAL ESTIMATED SEIZURE VALUES: \$12,300

The Willmar Police Department feels the canine unit is an important tool in combating narcotics sales and activity.

Submitted by: Officer Craig Lange, Willmar Police Department



Canine Handler: Officer Craig Lange
Canine: "Cato"



SPECIALIZED TACTICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM (STAT)

The Specialized Tactical Assistance Team (STAT) is a volunteer support group organized under the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office to assist the Sheriff's Department and the Willmar Police Department in tactical operations. The primary mission of the STAT team is medical support for any injured or ill hostages, bystanders, officers or suspects. A secondary mission is to support the Sheriff's Department SWAT team and the Police Department ERT with general medical support, hydration/nutrition needs, and any other support duties needed at a tactical event or training.

In 2007, the STAT team was called on three (3) separate times to assist in tactical team operations. Two missions involved high risk search warrants, and a third for a barricaded and suicidal person. All incidents were resolved safely and only support care was needed by the teams.

Volunteer Hours

Call-outs:	36.5 cumulative
Training with SWAT/ERT:	72
Specific STAT training:	<u>12</u>
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS:	120.5



Agencies Assisted

Willmar Police Department
Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office
CEE-VI Drug Task Force
Swift County Sheriff's Office
Appleton Police Department

The STAT team is currently made up of nine members, with a combination of Emergency Medical Technicians, trained to intermediate level or with additional IV therapy training, and Paramedics. All training and call-out hours are without monetary compensation.

Submitted by: Sgt. Jim Felt, STAT Team Leader



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT)

The Willmar Police Department Emergency Response Team (ERT) was established in 1994 as a unit to deal with high risk incidents where specialized training and equipment are utilized. Some specific high risk situations may include dangerous search warrants, hostage situations, barricaded suspects, suicidal individuals with weapons, and special protection details.

The Willmar Police Department Emergency Response Team is composed of an entry team unit and a marksmen unit. These teams operate under the command of the Chief of Police, the Police Captain, and two team leaders.

All entry team members have completed a minimum of a basic tactical class through the Special Operations Training Association, Minnesota National Guard Counter-Drug Program and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Members receive training in techniques such as emergency rescue, active shooters, forcible entry, and room entry/searches. Specialized equipment may include tactical weapons, lock disruption devices, controlled explosive devices (aka noise/flash diversion devices) and chemical munitions.

In 2007, the Willmar Police Department ERT continued to train jointly with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and STAT medic team. We were also able to train with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension SWAT team.

In 2007, Sergeant Glenn Negen retired from the Willmar Police Department. Sgt. Negen had served as the Emergency Response Team commander since its inception in 1994. The team commander role is now shared jointly by Sgt. Vince King and Sgt. Jim Felt.



Submitted by: Sgt. Jim Felt



LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

In 2007, a second chaplain, Pastor “Woody” Glanzer, was added to the Law Enforcement Chaplain Program. During his first year, he has been in the “get acquainted” stage, riding with officers as often as his schedule allows, and trying to meet as many law enforcement employees as possible. He is an enthusiastic and highly recommended addition to our program.

Pastor Paul McCullough is the mainstay of the program and is well-known not only in our building, but throughout the community as well. He administers to us in many ways, and each week hands out a short printed message which discusses important things such as relationships, character and integrity.

Both chaplains serve the entire Law Enforcement Center, all of its employees, and their families, as their first area of focus. They are also on-call and ready to respond to assist law enforcement officers at unpleasant events and crime scenes in any way possible. In addition, they administer to the general public as requested, giving comfort, advice and companionship as needed. Our law enforcement officers are encouraged to inform citizens about the availability of a chaplain at stressful and painful situations, as it seems these events are when people seek religious advice and knowledge and find it comforting.

It is important that we recognize and thank our chaplains and give them the respect and credit they deserve, as this is not a paid position, but one which these esteemed clergymen volunteer for. They are indeed an asset to the entire community.



Pastor Woody Glanzer

Pastor Paul McCullough

Submitted by: Sgt. Rick Kleinschmidt