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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  
Lowell Fostervold, Vice President  
Dennis Anfinson, 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, 2008

Chief of Police .....	James A. Kulset
Captain .....	David J. Wyffels
Sergeant .....	John B. Kappers
Sergeant .....	Julie A. Asmus
Sergeant .....	Vincent K. King
Sergeant .....	James E. Felt
Sergeant .....	Michael J. Anderson
Sergeant .....	Daniel R. Erickson
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Timothy L. Manuel
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Marilee K. Dorn
Police Officer (Specialist) .....	Michael C. Markkanen
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 .....	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 .....	Bridget A. Coit
Police Officer .....	Ross S. Livingood
Police Officer .....	Michael J. Holme
Police Officer .....	Samuel M. Neubauer
Police Officer .....	Joshua M. Helgeson
Police Officer .....	Christopher T. Flatten
Police Officer .....	Jason M. Hay
Administrative Assist .....	Susan A. Edwards
Secretary .....	Linda K. Wittman
Secretary .....	Kimberly M. Becker-Stenglein
Secretary .....	Katherine E. Laughlin
Community Service Officer .....	Jacob J. Kutz
Community Service Officer .....	Cory M. Hillesheim
Community Service Officer .....	Alexander M. Anderson
Community Service Officer .....	Anthony M. Pearson



## **RESIGNATIONS, PROMOTIONS AND NEW EMPLOYEES**

Michael Anderson was promoted to Sergeant on January 13, 2008. Mike has been with the Willmar Police Department since October 22, 1998.

Officer Michael Jahnke was assigned to the CEE-VI Narcotics Task Force on January 13, 2008.

Officer Scott Erickson was assigned to the Gang Enforcement Team (GET) on February 5, 2008.

Officer Joshua Helgeson was hired on March 3, 2008. Josh is originally from Wood Lake, Minnesota, and received his law enforcement degree from Minnesota State University – Mankato.

Nate Mens and Ashley Hecksel completed the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on May 16, 2008, and left to complete the Law Enforcement Skills Program in Alexandria.

Aaron Clouse and Nate Walther were hired for the summer months as part-time CSO's.

Summer part-time employees for the Bicycle Patrol were Andrew Halbritter and Brittany Swartz.

Officer Colleen Myhre resigned from the Willmar Police Department on June 14, 2008, to take a job with the South St. Paul Police Department.

Sergeant Rick Kleinschmidt retired on August 11, 2008, after 23 years with the department.

Officer Christopher Flatten was hired on August 11, 2008. Chris is originally from St. Louis Park, Minnesota, and received his law enforcement degree from Minnesota State University – Mankato.

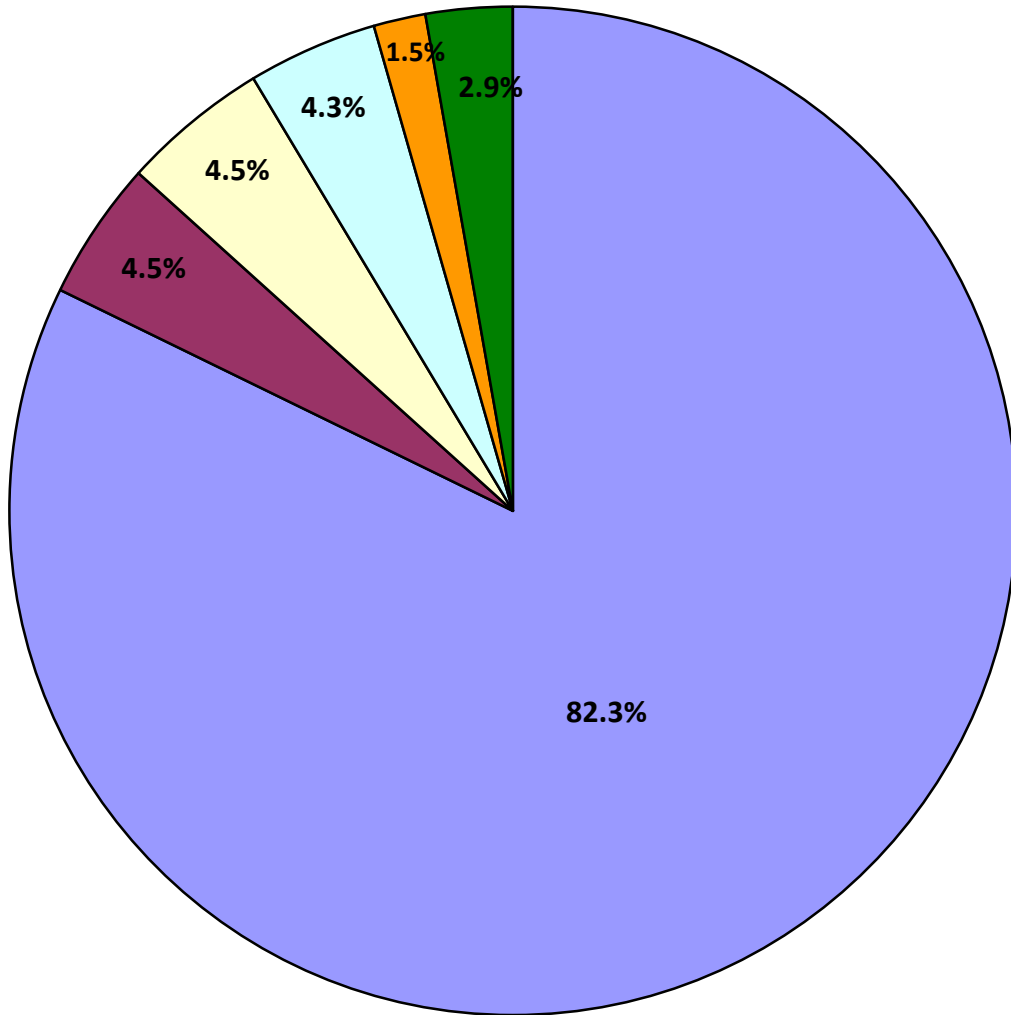
Officer Daniel Erickson was promoted to Sergeant on September 17, 2008. Dan has been with the Willmar Police Department since February 16, 1988.

Alex Anderson and Tony Pearson began the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on September 29, 2008.

Officer Jason Hay was hired on October 20, 2008. Jason is from Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and received his degree from St. Cloud State University.



## WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT 2008 BUDGET ALLOCATION



- Personnel (82.3%)
- Debt Services LEC (4.5%)
- Fuel & Vehicle Maintenance (4.5%)
- Capital Expense - Vehicle Replacement (4.3%)
- Other Services - Animal Control, Impounding, Vehicle Towing (1.5%)
- All Other - Less than 3% in 18 other areas of line items (2.9%)



## WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

YEAR	POPULATION	SWORN OFFICERS	OFFICERS ON PATROL	CALLS FOR SERVICE
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
<b>2008</b>	<b>19,040</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20,754</b>

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

## NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRAINING

Courses	Employees	Hours
Community Spanish	1	12.5
CPR and Defibrillator Training	4	18
Employee Assistance Program	1	.5
Gang Net Internet Database Training	1	2.5
MN State Patrol Driving Simulator	8	8
Police Chaplain Training	3	15
Search & Seizure / Search Warrants / Forfeiture Issues	3	6
<b>Total Hours of Training Provided: 62.5</b>		

Submitted by: Sue Edwards, Adm. Asst.



## WPD STATISTICS

### CALLS FOR SERVICE

Literal Description	2007	2008
9-1-1 Hang-Up Call	130	116
Abandoned Vehicles & 48-Hour Parking	257	276
Accident Motor Vehicle – Property Damage	472	455
Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Animal	2	5
Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian	7	8
Accident Other Referred to State Patrol	5	5
Accident Packets Issued	55	72
Alarms	472	383
All Other Public Complaints	1395	1192
Ambulance Call – Medical Emergency	33	37
Animal Bites	1	1
Arson Investigation	2	1
Assault Other	169	162
Assault with a Firearm	2	6
Assault with a Knife	8	14
Assist in Locating	220	257
Assist Other Agencies	108	95
ATV Complaints	0	13
Bicycle Accident Injury	6	2
Bomb Threat	6	4
Burglary in Progress	28	23
Burglary Report	101	98
Bus Stop Arm Violation	60	65
Check Cases	35	41
Check Welfare of Person	223	241
Child Custody Dispute	101	87
Consent Search	1	0
Crimes Against Admin. Justice	0	1
Criminal Damage to Property	456	441
Criminal Sexual Conduct – 1st Degree	20	23
Curfew Violation	19	21
Disorderly Conduct	44	52
Dog and Animal Complaints	1013	922
Dog Bites	20	18
Domestics	432	428
Doors / Windows Found Open	39	56
Doors Unlocked	21	24
Dr. Blue Lake – WRTC	2	0
Driving Complaints	431	397

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Literal Description	2007	2008
Drug Violations	82	71
Drunkenness (Other than Detox)	112	122
Emergency Messages	5	4
Escape From Custody	2	0
Family Service Reports	336	335
Fight Call	226	204
Financial Transaction Card Fraud	17	16
Fire Call Law Enforcement Response	21	59
Fire Investigation	1	1
Fireworks Complaint	86	79
Foot Pursuit Information	15	9
Forgery	20	45
Found Animals	103	166
Found Persons	12	25
Found Property	300	226
Fraud	54	83
Funeral Escorts	91	79
Gang Affiliation Information	50	11
Gang Related Materials	72	386
Harassment / Threats / Phone / Mail	420	484
Harassment Court Order / Hearing	2	1
Harassment Order Violation	16	41
Hazmat Incident	0	1
Hit & Run Injury Accident	3	2
Hit & Run Property Damage Accident	212	187
Homicide	0	1
Identity Theft	74	71
Illness or Death Notices	4	5
Indecent Exposure	14	10
Information	87	79
Internet Crimes	0	5
Juvenile Detention Transport	1	0
K-9 Assists	8	5
Kidnapping	2	0
Liquor Violations	49	45
Lost Animals	51	76
Lost Persons	5	12
Lost Property	129	87
Loud Parties / Neighborhood Disturbances	604	513
Medical Assist / Police	1	1
Medical Prisoner Transport	2	0
Mental Cases	15	173
Mental Transport	1	2
Missing Person Report	27	14

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Literal Description	2007	2008
Motorist Assists	207	247
Motor Vehicle Accident – Other	94	57
Motor Vehicle Accident – Fatal	1	1
Motor Vehicle Pursuits	4	3
Motor Vehicle Tampering	7	15
Motor Vehicle Theft	61	44
Neglect – Information	17	5
No Contact Order Violation	6	25
Occupational Accidents	1	0
Officer Safety Information	4	5
Operation ID	1	0
Order For Protection Violation	57	50
Order For Protection	2	1
Other	5	2
Parking Violations	247	230
Permit Denials	8	10
Permit to Acquire	98	112
Permit to Shoot Pests	27	40
Permit to Solicit	2	3
Personal Injury Accident	62	46
Persons to Crisis	23	20
Persons to Detox	33	45
Physical Abuse – Information	15	15
Possess Child Pornography	4	1
Prisoner Release Notification	1	1
Probation Violation	0	2
Project Lifesaver Walkaway	0	1
Prostitution	1	0
Prowler / Window Peeker	5	9
Public Accidents	2	0
Public Assists	375	414
Recovery of Stolen Motor Vehicle	19	11
Recovery of Stolen Property	6	10
Repossessed Vehicle	22	25
Request for Extra Patrol	155	117
Residence Checks	65	61
Return Locate	0	4
Ride-Along Program Participant	94	136
Robbery In Progress	6	4
Robbery Other	2	3
Runaways	97	63
School Crossing Guard Violation	5	5
Search Warrant Execution	9	16
Sexual Assault Other	35	27

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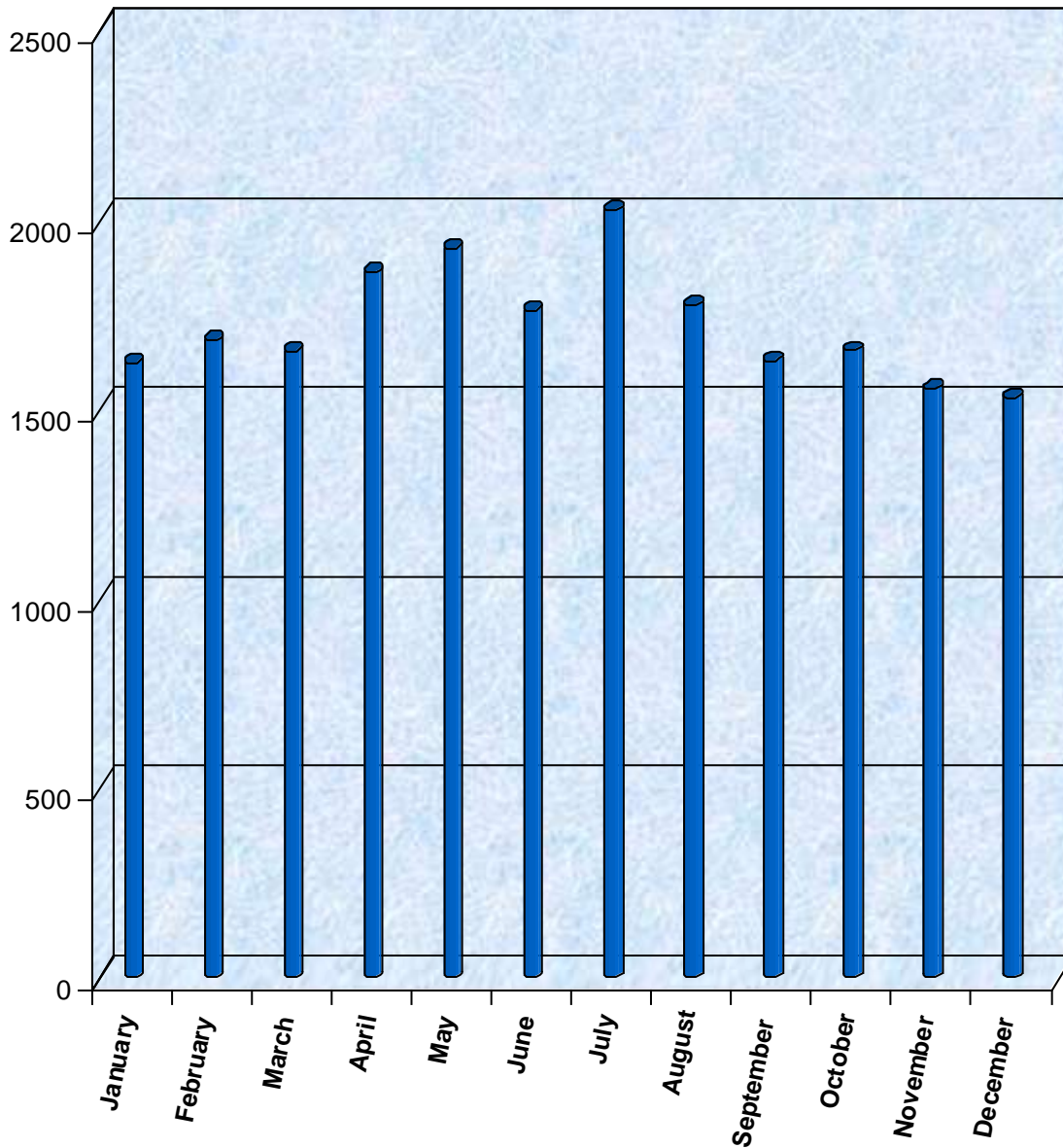
Literal Description	2007	2008
Sex Offender	5	11
Sexual Abuse – Information	14	28
Shoplifter	125	169
Sick Cared For	1	0
Snowbirds	74	71
Snowmobile Complaints	4	3
Sonshine Violations		15
Stalled Vehicles	135	173
State Hospital Walk-Aways	16	9
Stolen Property/Possession	7	2
Submerged Motor Vehicle in Water/Ice	0	3
Sudden Death / Body Found	7	10
Suicidal Person	39	60
Suicide	0	2
Suicide Attempts	10	1
Suspicious Person	513	543
Theft	786	766
Tobacco Violation	14	19
Traffic Stops	7,236	6,720
Trespass	51	48
Vagrancy	2	6
Vulnerable Adult Information		24
Warrant Arrest	88	322
Warrant Transport	4	6
Watercraft Complaints	0	2
Weapons Complaints	78	77
Welfare Fraud	1	0
<b>TOTAL CALLS REQUIRING POLICE ACTION</b>	<b>20,834</b>	<b>20,754</b>





## Calls For Service By Month

There were 20,754 police calls for service in the year 2008. The graph depicts a breakdown of these calls per month. The statistics were furnished from the Kandiyohi County Records Unit.



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## UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

Incidents by Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Murder	1	0	0	0	1
Rape	23	25	25	35	26
Robbery	5	7	8	8	7
Aggravated Assault	18	34	35	15	33
Burglary	122	123	111	90	78
Theft	658	752	603	552	570
Motor Vehicle Theft	32	28	34	33	19
Arson	2	4	9	3	3
Misdemeanor Assault	152	136	163	158	128
Forgery	84	50	69	44	58
Fraud	71	63	98	92	96
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property	12	8	4	9	7
Vandalism	259	290	396	246	414
Weapons	5	16	16	8	4
Prostitution	0	0	0	1	1
Other Sex Offenses	27	27	27	26	29
Narcotics	70	74	92	82	81
Gambling	0	1	0	0	0
Offense Against Family & Children	6	5	3	3	4
Driving Under The Influence	114	108	152	137	125
Liquor Laws	96	89	86	97	98
Drunkenness	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	30	47	72	57	37
Vagrancy	0	0	0	1	0
Other Offenses (Excluding Traffic)	147	184	195	198	191
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>2,071</b>	<b>2,199</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>2,005</b>

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.

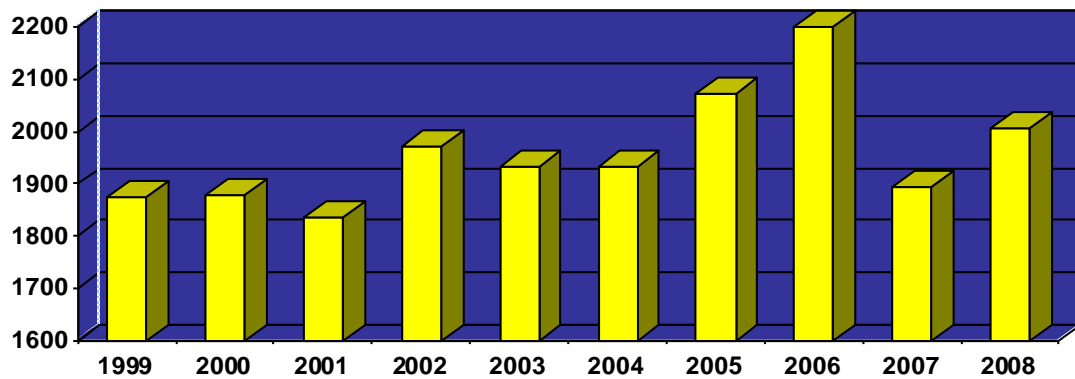
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## MINNESOTA BCA CRIME ANALYSIS

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
<b>2008</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>1,272</b>
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



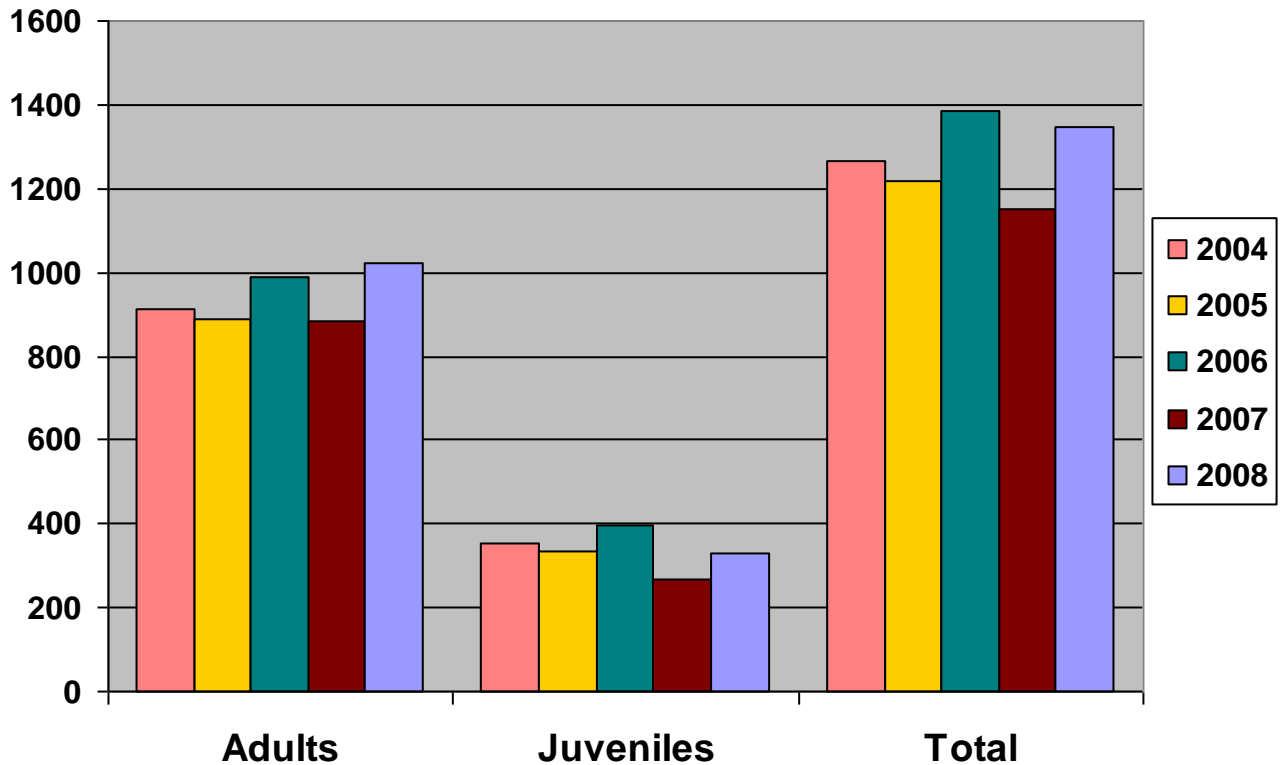
- Part I crimes include: homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, vehicle theft and arson.
- Part II crimes include: misd. assaults, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution, other sex crimes, narcotics, gambling, family/children, D.U.I., liquor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

Year	Crime Rate per 100,000 Residents
<b>2008</b>	<b>11,131</b>
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



## ARREST INFORMATION

YEAR	ADULTS	JUVENILES	TOTAL
<b>2008</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>1,349</b>
2007	884	268	1,152
2006	989	397	1,386
2005	887	332	1,219
2004	913	352	1,265





## TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY VIOLATION

The following is a breakdown of District Court Citations:

Violation	2008
.08 or More	114
1st Degree DUI	4
2nd Degree DUI	15
3rd Degree DUI	34
4th Degree DUI	80
Amplified Noise	1
Bicycle Violations	2
Careless Driving	4
Child Restraint Violation	15
Driving Around Barricades	1
Driving After Cancellation	16
Driving After Cancellation IPS	16
Driving After Revocation	133
Driving After Suspension	166
Driving Rule Violation	3
Exhibition Driving	17
Expired Driver's License	3
Expired Plates	1
Expired Registration	23
Fail to Signal	4
Fail to Stop for Railroad Crossing	1
Fail to Yield Right of Way	15
Fail to Yield to Pedestrian	1
Following too Close	5
Handicap Parking Violation	6
Headlight Violation	8
Hit & Run	18
Illegal Equipment	2
Illegal Lane Use	1
Illegal U-Turn	1
Illegal Use of License Plates	2
Improper Address	4
Improper Change of Course	1
Improper Start, Stop, Park	1

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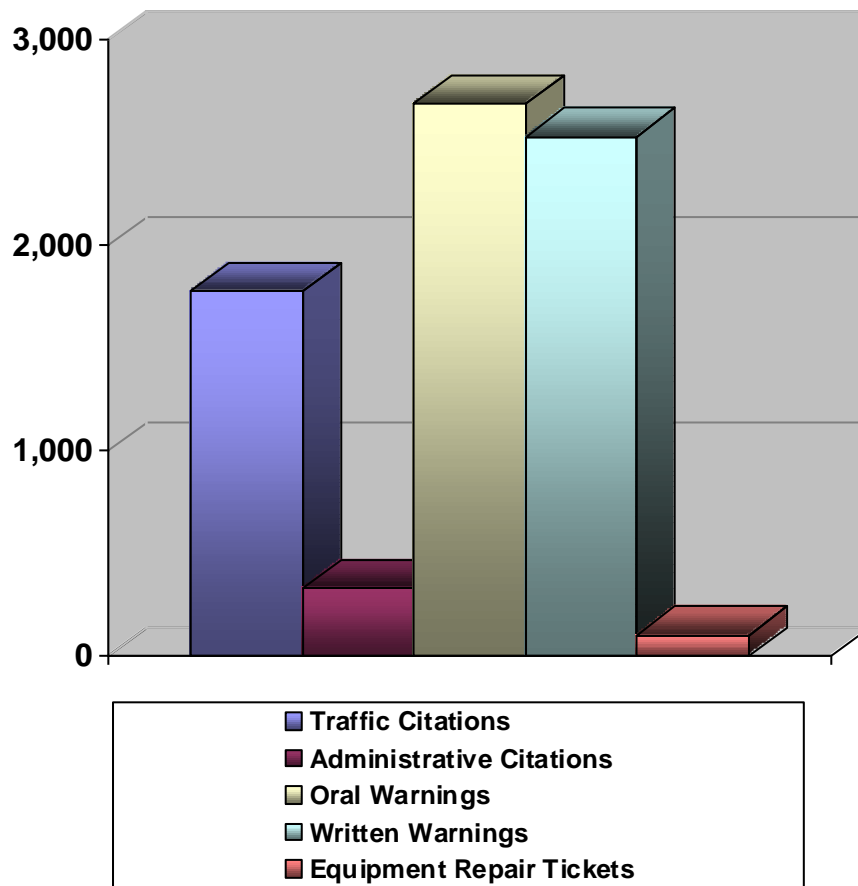
Violation	2008
Improper Turning	3
Inattentive Driving	7
Instruction Permit Violation	54
License Restriction	1
Littering	2
Loud Exhaust	14
Motorcycle Violation	2
No Driver's License in Possession	1
No Front/Rear License Plate	3
No Insurance	75
No Minnesota Driver's License	152
No Proof of Insurance	169
Not a Drop Underage Drinking & Driving	16
Open Bottle	25
Operating Cell Phone Under 18	1
Over Center Line	15
Permit Illegal Operation	1
Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle	34
Reckless Driving	5
Red Light Violation	19
Refusal to Submit to Test	19
Revoked License Plates	18
School Bus Stop Arm Violation	37
School Crossing Guard Violation	1
Seatbelt Violation	69
Speeding	247
Stop Sign Violation	50
Taillight Violation	2
Title Change	5
Trucker Violations – Miscellaneous	1
Unlighted Motor Vehicle at Night	2
Unreasonable Acceleration	2
Vision Obscured	7
Weaving	1
Wrong Way on One Way	1



## Total Citations by Category

<b>Traffic Citations</b>	<b>1,779</b>
<b>Administrative Citations</b>	<b>331</b>
<b>Oral Warnings</b>	<b>2,691</b>
<b>Written Warnings</b>	<b>2,531</b>
<b>Illegal Equipment Repair Tickets</b>	<b>101</b>

## Traffic Enforcement Activity



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## 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:

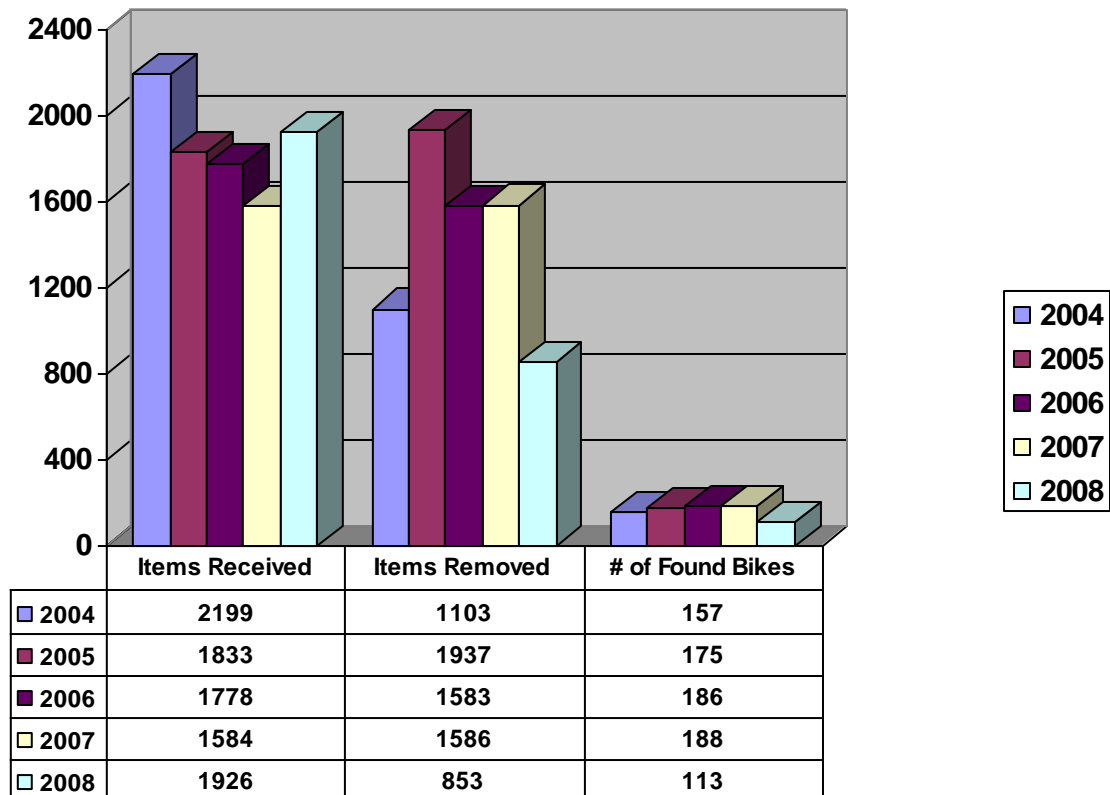
**Evidence** – any property held as evidence relating to a crime.

**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 2008:



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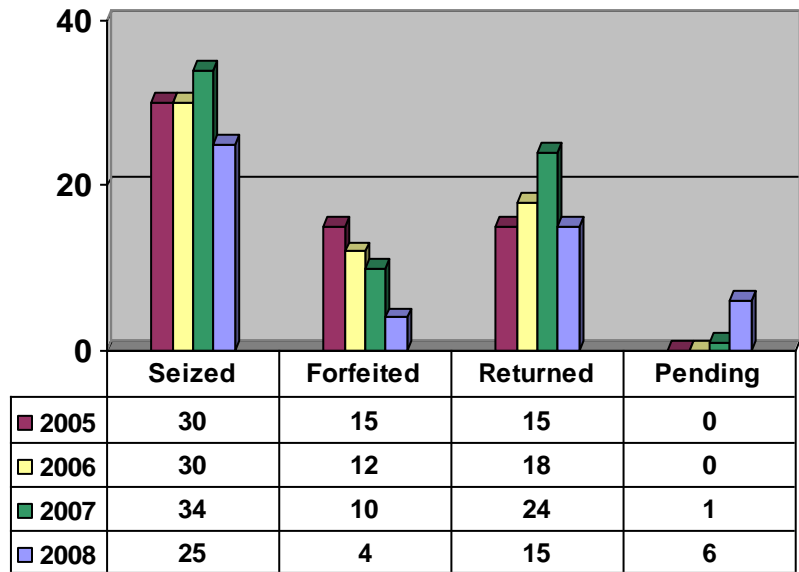
The Willmar Police Department normally employs the use of an "Administrative" forfeiture rather than a "Judicial" forfeiture because the burden of proof is placed upon the defendant. Property eligible for forfeiture is described in Minnesota Statute 609.531 – 609.5318 as property that was used or intended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

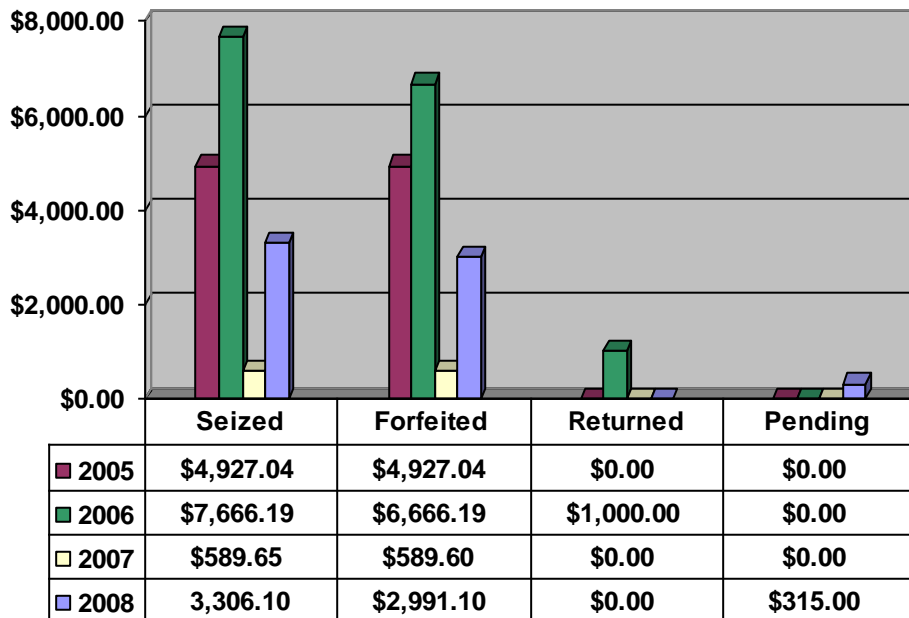
Submitted by: Captain Dave Wyffels



## Vehicle Seizures



## Cash Seizures





## MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

	2006	2007	2008
Assist Other Agencies	964	939	1,008
Citizen Assists	1,028	1,233	1,019
Police Car Mileage	408,071	448,044	398,544

## FALSE ALARMS

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, there were approximately 470 businesses and residences with installed alarms, twelve (12) of which had over five alarms. Each alarm after the 5<sup>th</sup> alarm is billed. The fee for police response to false alarms is \$100.00 for each alarm after the 5th alarm. Revenue in the amount of \$2,600.00 was collected by the City for false alarms that occurred during the period from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

## 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 469 vehicles during 2008 and \$57,500.96 was collected in towing charges, taxes, administration fees, and storage. Approximately \$29,780.00 in revenue was retained by the City in administration fees and storage fees.

At the May 2008 auction, 76 impounded vehicles were sold, and at the October 2008 auction, 42 impounded vehicles were sold.

Submitted by: Linda Wittman, Secretary

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## 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 2008:

Topic	# of Presentations
Babysitter Safety	2
Binge Drinking, DWI and Other Consequences	1
Bullying	1
Canine Demonstration	1
Calling 9-1-1: When, How and What	2
Careers in Policing	2
Children's Personal Safety	1
Citizenship	1
Concerns for New Drivers	16
Crime Scene	1
Crime Stoppers	1
Current Scams & Fraud	5
Dangers of Intoxication	1
Drug Awareness, Managing Unacceptable Behaviors, and Personal Safety Tips	1
Drugs, Alcohol, Minor Consumption	3
DWI	1
Exercise Safety	1
Gangs	4
Halloween Safety	1
Health Care Needs for Incarcerated Individuals and Personal / Workplace Safety for Health Care Providers	1
Heart Attack Survival and AEDs	1
Holiday Crime and Scam Prevention	1
Home Alone Safety	2
Identity Theft – Personal Prevention and Management	6
Identity Theft – Effects on Small Business and Economy	1
Identity Theft – Employer Responsibilities	1
Internet Safety	12
Keeping Kids Safe	1
Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out	1
Organizing a Neighborhood Watch	1
“Officer Friendly”	1
Peace Officers – Promoting Peace	1
Personal Safety for Children	12
Personal Safety for Teens and Adults	4
Personal Safety and Policing Problems in the Library	1

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Topic	# of Presentations
Responsible Alcohol Server Education	1
Responsibility – From a Community Helper’s Perspective	1
Robbery Survival	4
Scooters and Scams	2
Self-Defense	1
Severe Summer Storm Survival	1
Sexual Assault Investigations	1
Shoplifting / Theft Diversion Clinic	6
Shoplifting Prevention and Apprehension	2
The Aftermath of a Home Burglary – Family Recovery & Identity Theft	3
Transportation and pedestrian Safety	1
Underage and Binge Drinking	1
Urban Legends and Scams	3
Winter Survival	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>



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## PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Department. Uniform patrol officers are responsible for the response to the majority of the 20,754 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-four (24) officers participated in 136 ride-alongs during 2008.

## ACTIVITY FOR OFF-DUTY OFFICERS / EVENTS

Description	Officers	Hours	Total
Double D Club	2	10	500.00
Kandiyohi County Fair	5	36	--
North American State Bank	1	3	150.00
Senior High Dances	3	7.5	375.00
Senior High Basketball Games	2	3.5	175.00
Senior High Football Games	8	39.75	1,987.50
Senior High Hockey Games	1	2.5	125.00
Senior High Lunch Detail	10	242.5	12,125.00
SonShine	13	194	9,700.00
House Moves	2	2	100.00
Wal-Mart	4	28.5	1,425.00
Willmar Jaycees Downtown Block Party	1	6	300.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>575.25</b>	<b>26,962.50</b>



## 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 2008:

<b>Courses</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>Hours</b>
"The Bullet Proof Mind" Psych Preparation for Combat	6	41
115th Annual IACP Convention	1	17.5
2008 Region 18 Narcotics Canine Certification	1	5
21st Annual Metro Gang Strike Force Conference	2	48
Background Investigations	2	12
Basic Field Training Officer Certification	2	80
Basic Radar Operator	2	15
Basic Sexual Assault Investigations	4	31
Basic Sniper School	1	56
Basic SWAT Tactics	6	177.5
Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C – OSHA Approved Course	3	2.5
Canine Training	1	16
Cell Phone Tracking	6	12
CODY Mobile Records Use	29	110
Computer Crime and digital Forensics Techniques	3	108
DARE – 19th Annual Educational Seminar	4	65
DEA Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	1	40
Domestic Assault / DANCO / Firearms	16	27
DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Recertification	2	22
Driving – One-Day Advanced Driving Course	5	41
Driving – Pursuit Intervention Techniques (PIT) Driving Course	3	24
Employee Assistance Program	6	4.25
ERT 50-Round MP5 Qualifier	10	43.25
First Responder / EMT Recertification	8	157.75
First Responder Refresher	7	112
Gang Specialist Certification Course	1	24
GangNet Training	2	4
Glock Armorer School	1	8
Hazardous Materials – First Responder Awareness – OSHA Approved Course	3	2.5
IBIS – RDT 4 Two-Finger Rapid ID Devices "Train the Trainer"	4	8
Impact of Attitude	2	6
Incident Command System "Train the Trainer"	1	48

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Courses	Officers	Hours
Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support / CISD	1	18
Intoxilyzer Operator Basic Course	2	48
Leadership Academy	2	64
LIDAR Training	4	20
Minnesota Chiefs of Police 2008 Executive Training	1	22
Minnesota State Patrol Driving Simulator	31	31
MNDOA Fall Training Conference	2	14.25
Motor Vehicle Drug Interdiction	12	190
New Laws Update County Attorney Training Session	13	26
NIMS 100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System for Law Enforcement	4	2
NIMS IS 200 – ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents	4	1.75
NIMS 700 – National Incident Management System Introduction	1	.25
NIMS 800 – National Response Framework Introduction	3	1.25
Non-Accidental Bruising & Medical Issues in Child Maltreatment	1	5
PPCT GAGE Instructor Seminar	3	60
PPCT Spontaneous Knife Defense Instructor Seminar	3	60
Report Writing	3	13
School of Police Staff and Command	1	400
Search & Seizure / Search Warrants / Forfeiture Issues	14	28
Seizure Recognition & Response Training	31	28.75
Standard Field Sobriety Training – Occupant Protection Use Enforcement & Drugs that Impair	3	24
Standard Field Sobriety Training (SFST)	1	16
Street Crimes Seminar	6	144
Support Group Crisis Intervention – Critical Incident Stress Debriefing	1	18
SWAT Tactics for High Risk Warrants, Barricaded Suspects & Hostage Rescue	67	410
Towards Zero Deaths Conference	1	14
Understanding the Hispanic Culture	9	36
Use of Force – Defensive Tactics	33	466
Use of Force – Firearms	34	273
Vehicle Fingerprinting	6	47
Vehicle Theft	7	102.5
<b>Total Hours of Training Provided: 3,991.75</b>		



## 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 2008, officers assigned to the Juvenile Division were very active in giving speeches and presentations to various groups and organizations on a variety of topics. A major focus of public education in 2008 was on Prescription Drug Abuse. Sgt. Asmus is a board member for the Minnesota D.A.R.E. Officer's Association and helps coordinate training for all of the D.A.R.E. officers in the State of Minnesota.

National Night Out was August 5th. The Willmar Police Department hosted the third 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Officers Marilee Dorn, 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 20<sup>th</sup>. We had D.A.R.E. graduation on May 9<sup>th</sup>, with “Marco the Magnificent” 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 14<sup>th</sup> year. Classes are taught for a two-week period during their health class. Junior 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 7<sup>th</sup> graders were taught D.A.R.E. in the fall.



## **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**

The police department has three police officers who are assigned to the schools during the school year. Officer Gene Schneider is assigned to the Sr. High School; Officer Michael Markkanen has an office at the Jr. High School and also handles calls for service at Lincoln Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School and the Focus House; and Officer Anthony LaPatka has an office at the Alternative Learning Center (ALC) and also handles calls for service at Roosevelt Elementary School and Kennedy Elementary School.

As the School Resource Officer assigned to 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 student and parent issues, to vehicle assists. He continues to be involved with teaching alcohol and methamphetamine awareness sessions in all of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade health classes.

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 Mike Markkanen is assigned as the School Resource Officer at the Willmar Junior High School. He teaches the Junior High D.A.R.E. program in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade health class, along with the Roosevelt Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. 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 Girls High School Hockey team for the previous ten 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.

Officer Tony LaPatka is assigned as the School Resource Officer at the Alternative Learning Center. He also teaches the D.A.R.E. program to the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

During the summer months, the School Resource Officers work uniform patrol and support the Detective Division.

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## School Resource Officer Activity

ACTIVITY	TOTALS
Alcohol / Other Substances Violations	8
Assaults	24
Calls for Service	625
Criminal Damage to Property (CDTP)	12
Disturbances	95
Follow-Up Investigations	151
Gang Miscellaneous Writing / Signing	95
Harassment Complaints	17
Marijuana Cases	9
Officer Assists	210
Special Assignments	80
Students to Crisis / Detox	3
Thefts	58
Tobacco Violations	26
Trespass Notices	4
Weapons Complaints	8



Submitted by: Sgt. Julie Asmus



## 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:

- Willmar Early Childhood Coalition
- Kandiyohi County Parents Forever steering committee
- Willmar Public Schools Child Guide Program Advisory Board
- Kandiyohi County AED Coalition
- 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.

**EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** Teaching members of our community about crime and safety is a vital aspect of the crime prevention mission. The Willmar Police Department is committed to empowering and educating the people in 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 assist with this education, the Department maintains display materials and handouts to distribute. Numerous classes were taught in the community on a variety of topics in 2008, which are included in the Department's Presentations/Training section. In addition, the Department set up and staffed displays at the Early Childhood "Read with the Firefighters" event, classes for new families in the school district, a booth at the Kandiyohi County Fair, Willmar Home Depot's Safety Day, and two community health fairs. Crime Stoppers board members had a display at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

Education is also done using the Willmar Regional Access television services. After over a year of using a 5-minute segment of the "Do You Know?" program, we were asked to return to the format of producing a monthly, 30-minute, public safety show titled "Willmar 9-1-1". The new show involves the Police Department, the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, Willmar Fire and Willmar Ambulance Services, and Kandiyohi County Emergency Management. The Willmar Police Department coordinates this program. Guest appearances are arranged with the other Fire Departments and First Responder units in WRAC's coverage area, along with MN-DOT and other agencies whose services may be needed in emergencies. Topics from "Do You Know" shows in 2008 included POW!, scooters, park use regulations, missing children, and post-storm do's and don'ts. The longer format, used from August on, allowed us to explore in more detail how all emergency service agencies have to work together for an event like SonShine, Winter preparedness, and fire, life safety, and crime prevention issues for the December holidays.

**COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING AND PROBLEM SOLVING (COPPS):** The Willmar Police Department operates under the philosophy of community policing, which uses a proactive approach to identifying and 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.

Monthly COPPS meetings between officers and community members in each of the City's four wards continued throughout the year. Any topic 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 5 to 21 people attending. The Crime Prevention Specialist coordinates record-keeping, and special or city-wide activity in the COPPS program. City-wide meeting topics in 2008 were heart attack survival and AEDs in March, and domestic abuse challenges faced by recent immigrant women in October. Any area resident who wants to attend, can request to have their name on the notification list for meetings.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** 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 gives a sub-section of the city a sense of community, allowing people to share information, show concern for one another, and work on solving localized problems as they emerge. Most Watches are about two to three blocks in area. Each Watch neighborhood is required to hold two meetings or activities per year, one of which an officer must attend. Neighborhoods desiring to form a Watch do so with the assistance of the Department at the request of at least half the residents; the Department will not impose a Neighborhood Watch in an area which doesn't want to participate. One new Watch was formed in 2008; several others continue to be active. Several apartment complexes who use the Minnesota Crime Free Multi-Housing Program participate in Neighborhood Watch and held activities as well.

**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 personal safety for workers and customers and to 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 appropriate sources for information, statistics, or other community resources.

**CRIME STOPPERS:** The Crime Prevention Specialist serves as the liaison between local law enforcement agencies and the Willmar Area Crime Stoppers Board of Directors. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization which provides the means for individuals to give anonymous tips about any criminal activity in Kandiyohi County, with financial rewards for information which leads to the arrest and prosecution of suspects. Specific crimes or patterns of crimes may be publicized by Crime Stoppers, though tips are welcome on any crimes and hazardous situations. Calls to the Crime Stoppers tip line increased slightly during 2008.

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**TRAFFIC SAFETY:** Complaints and concerns about traffic safety are the chief topic for many COPPS meetings and other venues for public input. The Crime Prevention Specialist monitors crash rates, specific driving complaints, and complaints of congestion throughout the city and adjacent areas of the county. This allows allocation of resources through the Safe & Sober program, targeted public education, and discussion of environmental solutions in the effort to reduce crash losses and driver frustrations.

The Department continues to participate in the Safe & Sober traffic safety education and enforcement program. Partners with the Willmar Police Department in the state-funded campaign include the Kandiyohi and Swift County Sheriff's Offices, and the Benson and Atwater Police Departments. During 2008, Willmar Officers worked 303.5 hours of grant-reimbursed overtime on traffic law enforcement through the campaign.

Two members of the Department continue to remain certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians, advising caregivers (and other officers) on safe transportation of babies and children and assisting them in properly installing child restraints in their vehicles.

**PEOPLE ON WATCH! (POW!):** POW! was conceived during 1996 and launched in 1997 under the lead of citizens attending Willmar's Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving meetings, working with members of the Department to establish the program. Each POW! volunteer receives 16 hours of initial training in a citizen police-academy setting taught by Willmar Police Department officers. Academy graduates' new knowledge includes basic constitutional and criminal law and procedures, observation and reporting skills, DWI detection, drug trafficking familiarization, bystander first aid, and self-defense. The program has recently been modified to allow anyone 15 or older to attend the Academy; those who choose to join POW! after completing the Academy, must undergo a background check and be at least 19 years old. POW! volunteers sign up to patrol in pairs or trios. Members on patrol call in any suspicious, dangerous, or emergency situations they encounter—and we have found that many members call in incidents they observe when simply going about their daily lives. They use their own vehicles, logging nearly 1,500 miles of active patrol in 2008. Members attend bi-monthly training meetings at the Law Enforcement Center.

POW! members assist the Department with special events. In 2008, members worked on foot at the Willmar Fests Downtown Block Party, manned barricade posts for the Grande Day Parade in June and the Holiday Parade in November, staffed displays and food service for the National Night Out community picnic, and assured consistent staffing for the Police and Sheriff's Departments' booth at the Kandiyohi County Fair.

One Academy was held in the spring of 2008, welcoming five new members to POW!. While over 150 people have attended part or all of the Academy, active POW! membership hovers around 30. These faithful POW! members volunteered over 300 hours of patrol time, 194 hours of special-events time, and 340 training hours to the community. The board members who administer the POW! program put in uncounted hours organizing events and planning for training. In addition, members worked as receptionists at the Police Department's front desk for 924 hours, a very welcome assist for the clerical staff.

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



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER / APPRENTICE PROGRAM**

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

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 Cory Hillesheim and Jake Kutz, and our freshmen apprentices, who were hired in September, are Alex Anderson and Tony Pearson.

In the summer months we hired two students, one to do downtown parking enforcement and one to provide assistance to the CSOs. Nicholas Walther was hired for the parking position and Aaron Clouse was hired as the summer CSO.

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
- Minnesota State Patrol Driving Simulator
- Search & Seizure/Search Warrants/Forfeiture Issues

According to statistics from City Offices, during 2008, parking tickets issued by officers and the CSO/Apprentice positions totaled 3,845, of which 3,334 were paid or partially paid, and 186 were voided. Revenue generated in fines was \$27,114.

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie A. Asmus



## CSO / Apprentice Activity

ACTIVITY	2006	2007	2008
Animal Complaints	595	713	658
Citizen Assists	201	180	264
Dogs Impounded	110	114	80
Cats Impounded	112	96	62
48-Hour – Marked	274	211	379
48-Hour – Cited	101	176	129
48-Hour – Towed	63	93	68
Vacation / Security Checks	1,623	670	1,039
Bikes Impounded	165	165	72



CSOs: Cory Hillesheim, Jacob Kutz, Alex Anderson, Tony Pearson



## 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 part-time summer employees hired for 2008 were Brittany Swartz and Andrew Halbritter.

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 third year, provided every second grade student in the Willmar School District with a bike helmet. The bike patrol helped with 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 5th was National Night Out and the bike patrol helped organize the third 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.

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, the Kandiyohi County Boy's Group Home and several daycare homes. They worked with the YMCA on a special community bike rodeo and ride from downtown Becker Market to Robbins Island.

Submitted by: Sgt. Julie Asmus



Andrew Halbritter & Brittany Swartz



## DETECTIVE DIVISION



### GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Willmar Police Department Detective Division is made up of four detectives, GET officers and a narcotics officer assigned to the CEE-VI Narcotics Task Force. 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 2008, detectives investigated 480 criminal cases, almost all felony level crimes. The Detective Unit received 383 child abuse reports and investigated 48 of them with Family Services. Twenty-eight (28) predatory sex offenders living in the city of Willmar were tracked by detectives in 2008. Thirty-nine (39) liquor license applications and renewals were investigated and 42 liquor compliance checks were performed.

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. The Detective Sergeant supervises the Detective Division.

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. In 2008, the Gang Enforcement Team was staffed by Officer Del Wagner and Officer Scott Erickson. GET is a component of the Detective Division and is supervised by the Detective Sergeant.

GET duties include documenting gang activity, identifying gang members and associates, creating and maintaining gang files, focusing attention on criminal gang behavior, educating the public on gang awareness, 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.

During 2008, our community saw a drastic increase in the amount of gang graffiti. The downtown area was the most severely impacted. During the Gang Enforcement Team's investigation of these graffiti crimes, they were able to charge out 17 juveniles and 2 adults, clearing over 115 cases of gang graffiti. Although gang graffiti was a focus of the Gang Enforcement Team, they also investigated burglaries, thefts, identity thefts, and sexual assaults.

Shown below are some samples of three different graffiti groups that showed up in Willmar last year. These groups were responsible for most of the graffiti in the Willmar area last year.



Submitted by: Officer Scott Erickson and Officer 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 currently seven counties that the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force serves. They include: Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Renville, Meeker, Yellow Medicine, Swift, and Lac 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 detail, writing and executing search warrants, investigating clandestine meth labs, proactive drug enforcement, and follow-up investigation on various leads.

In 2008, the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force was responsible for the arrest of 130 individuals. The task force seized and purchased over a ½ pound of cocaine, 36 pounds of marijuana, and 3 pounds of methamphetamine. Methamphetamine lab investigations remain low; however, methamphetamine and cocaine seem to be increasing in the City of Willmar.

The task force was responsible for 38 arrests and 13 search warrants in the City of Willmar in 2008. The total asset seizures in Willmar consisted of \$16,950.00 cash, and a big screen TV.

### Drugs Seized in Willmar

Drug	Weight
Cocaine	61.70 grams
Marijuana	3,855.40 grams
Ritalin	.50 grams

### Drugs Purchased in Willmar

Drug	Weight
Cocaine	75.50 grams
Marijuana	132.40 grams
Methamphetamine	43.70 grams
Steroids	20 milligrams



Submitted by: Agent Michael Jahnke, CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force



## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **PRECISION MARKSMEN**

The Willmar Police Department Precision Marksmen Unit includes four members. They have 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, as well as firing numerous training rounds from varying distances, elevations, and positions.

Precision marksmen work in pairs and can be utilized for a variety of situations. Example situations are as follows, but are not limited to:

- Barricaded suspect(s)
- Barricaded suspect(s) with hostage(s)
- Active shooter(s)
- Sniper initiated Emergency Response Team (ERT) entry
- Narcotics type ERT entry with known and/or unknown armed suspects
- Intelligence gathering through superior optics and/or field craft
- Protection for ERT approach, entry, and/or retreat

The marksmen train jointly with the Willmar Police Department and Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Teams on practical scenario exercises. These exercises were specifically designed for the realistic deployment and use of the marksmen to be utilized for use of specialized optics and equipment, covert intelligence gathering, and guidance and protection of the ERT approach and perimeter of designated suspect locations. Scenarios were completed for known and unknown armed suspects / persons within the residence, area, and buildings.

Submitted by: Officer Craig Lange, Unit Coordinator



## CANINE UNIT

Officer Craig Lange and Canine "Cato" began working as a canine unit team 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. Cato is a German Shepherd currently certified as a narcotics detection dog by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).

### 2008 Canine Unit Statistics:

#### **DEPLOYMENTS**

Public demonstrations	2
Job related	34
Training exercises	<u>30</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>66</b>

#### **NARCOTICS RECOVERY**

Cocaine	13.6 grams
Marijuana	157.0 grams
Methamphetamine	<u>10.75</u> grams
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>181.35 grams</b>

#### **ADDITIONAL AGENCIES ASSISTED**

Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office  
CEE-VI Drug Task Force  
Minnesota State Patrol  
Willmar Public Schools



Canine Handler: Officer Craig Lange  
Canine: "Cato"

#### **PROPERTY SEIZED FOR NARCOTICS FORFEITURE**

(1) Currency seizures (Total \$1,620)  
(3) Weapons seizures, consisting of (1) handgun, (1) 12-gauge shotgun, (1) .22 long rifle  
Other miscellaneous property included drug paraphernalia, digital scales, and other miscellaneous items.

#### **TOTAL ESTIMATED SEIZURE VALUES: \$2,470**

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

Submitted by: Officer Craig Lange



## 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 and any other support duties needed at a tactical event or training.

In 2008, the STAT team was called on seven (7) separate times to assist in tactical team operations. Six missions involved high risk search warrants and one for a barricaded person. In one incident, a suspect had to be forcibly restrained and received a minor injury. The suspect was treated on-scene by STAT medics and transported by ambulance to the hospital where he was treated and released.

### **Volunteer Hours**

Call-outs:	50.5 cumulative
Training with SWAT/ERT:	110
Specific STAT training:	<u>20</u>
<b>TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS:</b>	<b>180.5</b>

### **Agencies Assisted**

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



The STAT team is currently made up of eleven (11) 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.

In 2008, there were three medics who retired from the team, each having served over ten years. Six new medics were taken on the team to bring it back to a full staffing level.

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 2008, the Willmar Police Department's ERT team continued to train jointly with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office SWAT team and STAT medic team. The ERT team was also called upon to assist in serving several high risk drug search warrants in the past year.

In 2008, the ERT team was able to acquire a new ballistic shield through capital equipment purchases from the City of Willmar.



Submitted by: Sgt. Jim Felt



## LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

In 2008, our Chaplain program saw another new face added when Father Brian Mandel of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Kandiyohi joined the team. This brings the number of chaplains serving our department to three. We are also honored to have Pastor H. Paul McCullough and Pastor Richard "Woody" Glanzer.

The chaplains serve the entire Law Enforcement Center. This includes the Willmar Police Department, Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, Kandiyohi County Jail and the Dispatch Center. Not only do they serve the officers, but also the officers' families, and inmates as well.

During the past year, the chaplains did numerous ride-alongs with officers. They also helped with families of suicidal victims, spoke to officers after trying events, and counseled prisoners. This is all done on a volunteer basis.

The chaplains give of their time to help and support our departments and the community. Pastor Paul also hands out a weekly message which discusses various topics, such as relationships, character and integrity. We wish to thank all three chaplains for their prayers and support.



Pastor Woody Glanzer Pastor Paul McCullough Father Brian Mandel

Submitted by: Officer Delmin Wagner