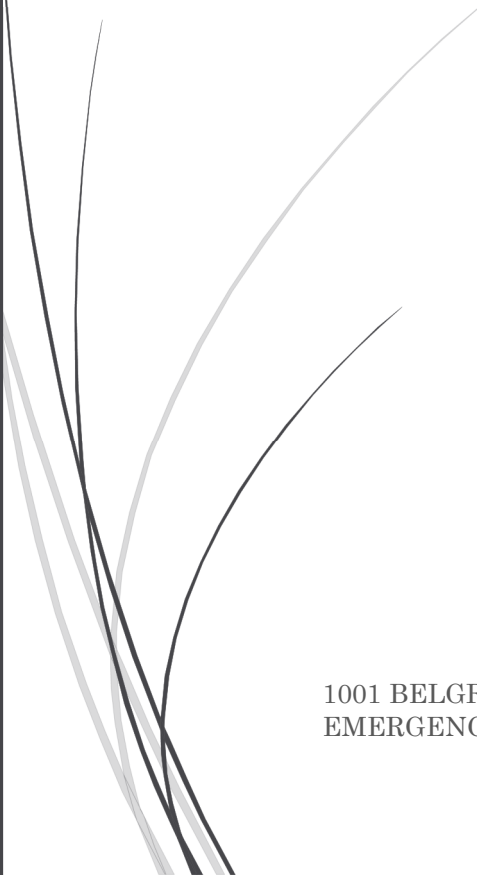




2018

# Annual Report

North Mankato Police Department



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# Chief of Police Message

On behalf of the North Mankato Police Department I want to thank you for taking time to learn about our organization.

As the new police chief, I am asking many questions of staff and community stakeholders alike—who are we, what do we do, how do we do it, and why? I believe the discussion generated by these questions, provides us an opportunity to highlight how we strive to provide quality law enforcement service to all and improve where needed.

Our staff face this tremendous responsibility head on, and I believe that the North Mankato Police Department will be the ‘better way’ to conduct police business. Here are some of the ways we are working to do just that.

The North Mankato Police Department practices community-involved and community-invested policing, with community input, for our city. This means that for us to succeed, we must be in conversation with you, our community. We want to hear your feedback and have an open conversation.

Our officers are absorbed into the fabric of the community. We are not simply the “police” of the community. Officers constantly engage in open dialogue with residents and local leaders to understand the needs of the community. When you see a member of our agency, I encourage you to introduce yourself to them. Relationships help us to effectively serve this community, and it’s energizing to know our residents along the way.

We put our officers through rigorous trainings and are well-equipped to deal with situations with caution and care so that the public interest is best served.

As a department, we are always evaluating our performance and using our experiences today to create better policing practices for the future. Our methods today might not be the same as our methods in 5 or 10 years, we are constantly refining the practices in which we serve and protect the people of North Mankato and its visitors.

This constant questioning and growth reflect upon the five values of the City of North Mankato: Adaptability, Excellence, Responsibility, Integrity and Leadership. These five values fit well with police practices. We continually seek to embody these values in order to strengthen the connection between the police department, the community, and City government.

It is a pleasure to serve the people of North Mankato and I am incredibly proud of our officers. Our staff are a credit to the profession, this department, and our community. I admire their ability to stay focused, build relationships with residents, carry out tasks, and remain committed to serving and protecting all.

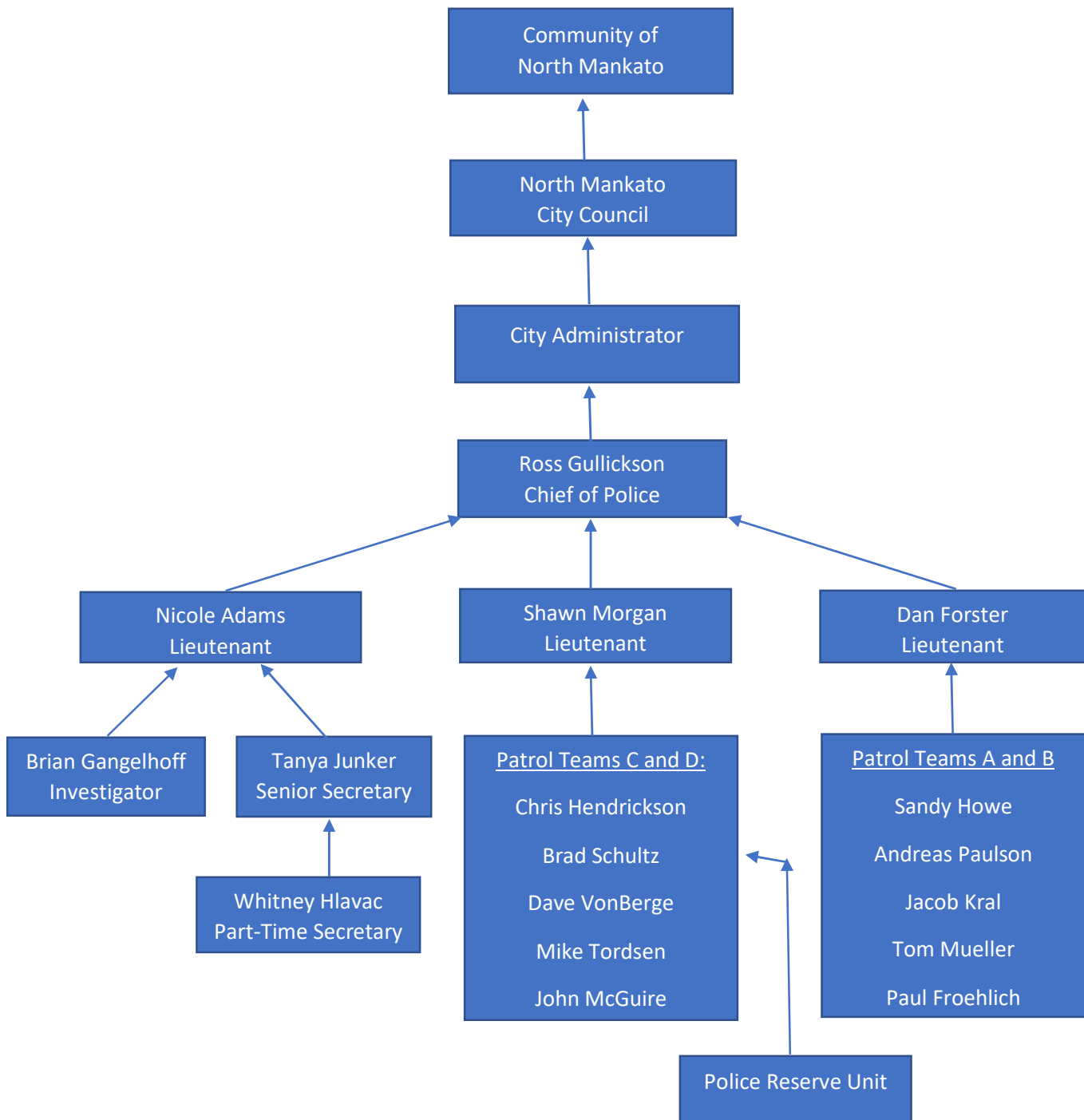
Sincerely,  
Chief Ross Gullickson #701



# North Mankato Police

## Table of Organization

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# Training

The purpose of this report is to provide a general idea of the types of training and hours completed by members of the North Mankato Police Department.

MN POST Board requires officers to complete a minimum of 48 hours of continuing education within the three-year licensing period to maintain and renew their licensing. Active officers are mandated to train annually in use of force and once every five years in emergency vehicle operations/pursuit driving.

In addition, officers of the North Mankato Police Department are required to complete annual firearms, Taser, defensive tactics training, and biennial 1<sup>st</sup> responder medical training. It is the officer's discretion which law enforcement related courses they complete to satisfy the remainder of the required forty-eight hours.

Beginning in July of 2018, a new state funded mandate requiring officers to attend an additional 16 hrs. of training in crisis intervention and mental illness crises; conflict management and mediation; and recognizing and valuing community diversity and cultural differences to include implicit bias went into effect. We continue to seek out training that fits the criteria of the new mandate.

In 2018, the North Mankato Police Department completed approximately 1286 hours of online and classroom training including our biennial 1<sup>st</sup> responder training.

The three officers assigned to the River Valley Tactical Team completed approximately an additional 270 combined hours of specialized training as part of their monthly team training. Training includes but is not limited to firearms, barricaded suspects/subjects and negotiation, high risk warrants, hostage negotiation and rescue, entry training, crowd control, active threats, VIP security, chemical/impact munitions, and distraction devices.

Of interest:

Numerous officers attended the annual MSCIC Conference. MSCIC has been bringing low cost, high quality training to area departments. This year's keynote speakers were the ATF agents who investigated and captured Pablo Escobar.

Multiple officers attended training on Elder Abuse. Something which tends to be underreported and presents challenges to investigate.

Investigator Gangelhoff became an instructor on the expandable baton and OC spray. He now provides training for our department on the expandable baton, oleoresin capsicum spray, and their proper uses.

Officer Hendrickson attended close quarter pistol and rifle retention as well as "reality-based scenario" train the trainer course. Both of these courses allow our department to do more internal reality-based training including "force-on-force" type training.

Officer Mueller became a "Lock-Up" instructor. This is the defensive tactics course that all officers on our department participate in each year. He will now assist Officer Gangelhoff with our annual defensive tactics training.

Officer Tordsen became a qualified Phlebotomist. He is now able to complete evidentiary blood draws with a warrant for our department.

Officer Kral completed both handgun and rifle armor's and instructor's course. He will be assisting Officer Hendrickson on the range to ensure our firearms program functions smoothly, safely, and our officers are trained to a high standard.

Officers VonBerge completed a 30-hr. leadership course hosted by MN Chiefs of Police at Camp Ripley.

Officer VonBerge completed the Taser Instructor course and will be taking over the Taser program for the department.

This year, many officers throughout the department took on instructor roles and new training responsibilities. This is a great way to keep the training fresh and bring new ideas.

As we move forward, there will be continued training emphasis on responding to persons in crisis, the mentally ill, and impaired. Health and wellness programs are being adopted by more agencies as part of officer survival. Finally, technology is becoming increasingly important from the delivery of on-demand learning modules to use-of-force simulation that approaches virtual reality.

Respectfully submitted, Lt. Shawn Morgan

# Patrol Division

The patrol division is often the first and only contact many citizens have with our police department. Patrol officers respond to a variety of emergency and non-emergency calls for service including vehicle crashes, medical emergencies, burglaries, traffic enforcement and crimes in progress.

The patrol division is overseen by Lieutenant Dan Forster and Lieutenant Shawn Morgan and consists of 10 patrol officers. The North Mankato Patrol Division operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

# Investigation Unit

The investigations unit consists of supervisor Lieutenant Adams and Investigator Gangelhoff. This unit is responsible for the coordination of all types of criminal investigations from misdemeanor to felony level crimes. This team is trained in death scene investigations, evidence collection, interviewing and interrogations.

In addition, the investigation unit completes registration and maintains files for all predatory offenders that reside in the city limits of North Mankato. Currently there are 21 registered offenders in the City of North Mankato.

# Administrative Support

Lieutenant Adams oversees the administrative police secretaries that provide support to the Police Department.

The North Mankato Police Department has one full-time police secretary and one part-time police secretary. These secretaries are responsible for administrative support including but not limited to customer service, records processing and non-emergency dispatching. In addition, the full-time secretary is responsible for crime analysis and the management, retention, and dissemination of records.

# Special Assignments

## POLICE CHIEF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Police Chief is an active member of the community and serves on many boards including but not limited to:  
Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA) – Board of Directors  
North Mankato Traffic and Safety Committee – Member  
Safe Routes to School Committee – Member  
TAPESTRY Refuge Program Planning Team - Member  
Regional Emergency Management Team – Member  
Regional Drug Task Force – Board member  
Tactical Response Team – Board Member  
Nicollet County Adolescent Chemical Wellness - Advocate

## POLICE/PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

In 2018, Officer Mikeal Tordsen established a police/paramedic program. Combining his talents as a paramedic with Mayo Clinic Ambulance and police officer with North Mankato Police Department; Tordsen was able to initiate a unique partnership between his employers. Now, while on duty as a patrol officer, Tordsen is sanctioned to serve as a paramedic and carries extra medical equipment in his squad car to provide advanced medical care.

## MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM

Lieutenant Forster, Lieutenant Morgan, and Officer Hendrickson are members of the Minnesota River Valley Tactical Response Team. This team responds to high-risk law enforcement situations in Le Sueur, Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties.

# Police Reserves

The North Mankato Police Department Reserves are a group of dedicated adult volunteers who provide critical support functions to the agency and community. Reserve officers are tasked with performing community service tasks and help with non-criminal duties including patrolling neighborhoods, parks, traffic control and security at city events, and riding with the officers. In addition, reserves play a vital role in helping with the annual Fun Days Festival, Bells on Belgrade, Blues on Belgrade, Kiwanis Lights, ABATE motorcycle parade, numerous marathons, and many other events.

As illustration of the time and effort the reserve officers provide our community, in 2018 the reserves volunteered 1322 hours at 37 different community events, attended over 172 hours of training, and completed 129 administrative hours.

The North Mankato Police Department is proud to have such a dedicated and hard-working group of people who are willing to volunteer their time to help better the community.

# PART 1 & PART 2 CRIMES

The North Mankato Police Department reports crime data to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. For reporting purposes, criminal incidents are categorized as Part 1 Crimes and Part 2 Crimes.

<b>PART 1 CRIMES</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Larceny – Theft	126	130	3%
Aggravated Assault	14	14	0%
Burglary Residential	24	11	-54%
Rape	3	7	133%
Burglary Non-Residential	9	7	-22%
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	6	-50%
Homicide	0	1	100%
Robbery	1	0	-100%
Sex Related	1	0	-100%
Arson	1	0	-100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>-10%</b>



<b>PART 2 CRIMES</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Crimes Against Family/Children	216	180	-17%
Disturb the Peace	196	164	-16%
Narcotic Crimes	85	68	-20%
Other	90	62	-31%
Assaults (Excluding Aggravated)	79	61	-23%
Property Damage	82	52	-37%
Theft Related/Fraud/Identity Theft	61	43	-30%
Crime Against Administrative Justice	35	34	-3%
Driving Under the Influence	28	25	-11%
Liquor Law Violations	14	20	43%
Terroristic Threats	10	10	0%
Criminal Sexual Conduct	13	11	-15%
Fireworks Violations	26	11	-58%
Weapons Violations	9	8	-11%
Possession of Stolen Property	6	6	0%
Forgery/Counterfeit	7	5	-29%
Obscenity	4	5	25%
Escape/Flee Police Officer	8	3	-63%
Negligent Fire	12	1	-92%
Crimes Against Government	3	1	-67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>-22%</b>



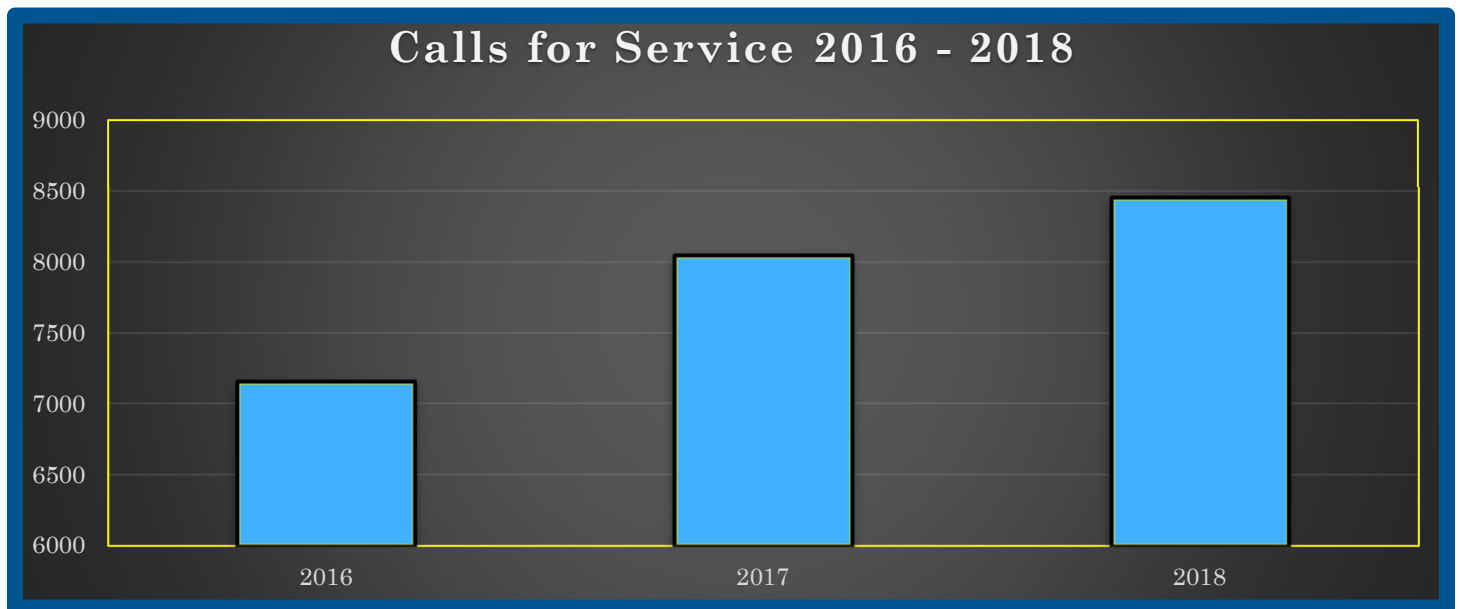
# CALLS FOR SERVICE

The North Mankato Police Department prides itself in providing superior law enforcement services to the community. The department takes all reports very seriously and diligently investigates each report.

Type	2016	2017	2018	% Change
Traffic stops	1394	1377	<b>1415</b>	<b>3%</b>
Records	100	628	<b>849</b>	<b>35%</b>
Medical	507	592	<b>601</b>	<b>2%</b>
Agency Assist	321	447	<b>454</b>	<b>2%</b>
Patrols	199	239	<b>430</b>	<b>80%</b>
Suspicious	323	401	<b>354</b>	<b>-12%</b>
Public Assist	412	342	<b>348</b>	<b>2%</b>
911 Verification	264	232	<b>310</b>	<b>34%</b>
Parking/OTP Complaints/Tire Chalking	180	190	<b>248</b>	<b>31%</b>
Accident	218	199	<b>233</b>	<b>17%</b>
Traffic Complaints	186	204	<b>207</b>	<b>1%</b>
Crimes Against Family (I)	178	213	<b>180</b>	<b>-15%</b>
Alarm	198	182	<b>171</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Found	190	176	<b>166</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Animal Complaint	177	174	<b>162</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Welfare Check	126	136	<b>149</b>	<b>10%</b>
Disturb Peace/Privacy (N)	141	151	<b>147</b>	<b>-3%</b>
Motorist Assist	151	110	<b>141</b>	<b>28%</b>
Permits	132	123	<b>125</b>	<b>2%</b>
Civil Issue	169	120	<b>115</b>	<b>-4%</b>
Theft (T)	109	103	<b>108</b>	<b>5%</b>
Fire	76	86	<b>104</b>	<b>21%</b>
Lost	97	105	<b>100</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Domestic (Verbal)	80	85	<b>96</b>	<b>13%</b>
POR Notifications	31	69	<b>94</b>	<b>36%</b>

Warrant service/attempts	106	141	93	-34%
Home Accidents	49	77	80	4%
Assault (A)	58	88	74	-16%
Property Damage (P)	121	119	68	-43%
Sign Repair/Roadway Obstruction	86	69	66	-4%
Solicitor/SCAM Complaints	50	75	60	-20%
Extra Patrol Request	70	54	57	6%
Noise Complaint	104	71	57	-20%
Theft Related (U)	59	79	57	-28%
Drugs (D)	44	52	55	6%
Fed/Conserv/JV/Liquor (M)	28	48	48	0%
Residence Check	44	56	42	-25%
Crime vs Admin Justice (X)	18	26	31	19%
TZD/Safe and Sober	28	32	31	-3%
Door/Window Found Open	26	33	25	-24%
Adult/Child Protection Reports	2	0	23	100%
Drunkenness	24	22	23	5%
DWI/Traffic (J)	43	28	23	-18%
Neighbor/Neighborhood Issues	22	22	22	0%
General Order/Special Details	24	11	20	82%
Funeral/Money Escorts	12	15	19	27%
Vehicle Theft (V)/Tampering	6	29	18	-38%
Crim Sex (L)	8	13	17	31%
Weapons (W) / Fireworks	32	35	17	-51%
Burglary (B)	30	33	15	-55%
Compliance Checks	15	16	15	-6%
Vehicle Repossession	9	16	13	-19%
Checks	13	11	10	-9%
Public Accidents	8	12	10	-17%
Transport	3	3	7	133%
Animal Bite	12	15	5	-67%
Counterfeit/Forgery (C)	4	5	5	0%

Illness/Death Notification	4	4	5	25%
TRT Callout	1	2	5	150%
Obscenity (O)	4	4	4	0%
Stolen Property Receive/Conceal (Q)	2	3	4	33%
Search Warrants	1	1	3	200%
Escape/Flight (E)	1	7	2	-71%
Crimes Against Government (Y)	0	2	1	-50%
Homicide (H)	0	0	1	100%
Negligent Fire/Arson (F)	7	14	1	-93%
Occupational Accidents	1	4	1	-75%
Robbery (R)	0	1	0	-100%
Sex related (Z)	3	1	0	-100%
Underage Party Complaint	1	0	0	100%
Weather	0	2	0	-100%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>7142</b>	<b>8035</b>	<b>8440</b>	<b>5%</b>



# TRAFFIC CITATION DATA

The Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) enforcement grant program provides federal funds to law enforcement agencies to conduct enhanced traffic enforcement. In 2018, the department conducted 186 hours of TZD enforcement compared to 160 hours the previous year.

<b>VIOLATION</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% of Change</b>
Driving While Intoxicated	13	10	7	-30%
Underage Drink and Drive	0	2	2	0%
Open Bottle/Allow Open Bottle	3	2	3	50%
Driving Restriction Ignition Interlock Violation	0	0	1	100%
Reckless Driving	0	0	2	100%
Careless Driving	6	3	1	-67%
Driving After Suspension	18	19	21	11%
Driving After Revocation	23	38	48	26%
Driving After Cancellation	3	1	2	100%
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	2	0	4	100%
Driver's License/Permit Violation	23	18	21	17%
Registration Violation	11	16	12	-25%
Equipment Violation	2	0	0	100%
No Insurance / No Proof of Insurance	40	21	13	-38%
Seatbelt Violation	38	25	37	48%
Child Restraint Violation	2	0	0	100%
Speeding	65	71	37	-48%
Fail to Use Due Care	15	15	10	-33%
Failure to Yield Right of Way	10	6	8	33%
Semaphore Violation	3	3	11	267%
Stop Sign Violation	10	12	3	-75%
Fail to Move Over for Emergency Vehicle	0	5	3	-40%
Disobey One Way Sign	0	0	2	100%
Fail to Yield for Pedestrian	0	0	2	100%
School Bus Stop Arm Violation	2	2	1	-50%
Use of Wireless Communication Device to Compose, Read, or Send Electronic Message	4	6	1	-83%
Parking Violations	53	61	87	43%
All Other Traffic Violations	3	0	0	100%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1%</b>

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Connecting with the community is a high priority for the North Mankato Patrol Officers. Through community outreach we become positive role models for the community. Some of the ways that this is done is through neighborhood supports activities such as but not limited to medication collection, community events, and public education.

In partnership with Nicollet County and Excel Energy, the North Mankato Police Department implemented a Medication Collection Program in 2015. A secure drop box allows citizens to anonymously dispose of waste pharmaceuticals and narcotics free of charge. All items collected are disposed at a licensed incinerator within the State of Minnesota. Since inception, 1,186 pounds of pharmaceutical waste including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, narcotics, vitamins, supplements and ointments have been collected and properly disposed. The collection drop box is available in the North Mankato Police Department lobby during normal business hours. In 2018, 390 pounds of waste were collected.

In 2018, the department joined with Neutral Groundz to hold Coffee with a Cop and Culver's to hold Cone with a Cop events. The department also teamed up with the North Mankato Taylor Library for Storytime with a Cop.



# Public Education

The North Mankato Police Department conducted the following public education talks in 2018:

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	OFFICER	ATTEND
2/3	5C's Preschool	Active Violence/Active Shooter	707	15
3/8	Dakota Meadows Middle School	Security Survey of School	701	N/A
3/16	South Central College	Career Navigation	706	85
3/27	Mayo Clinic Health System	Sexual Assaults	710	14
3/28	Peace Lutheran Church Preschool	Safety	715	19
3/28	Peace Lutheran Church Preschool	Safety	715	12
3/29	Peace Lutheran Church Preschool	Police Officer	715	15
4/2	Minnesota State Mankato	DWI Presentation	716	25
4/28	Nicollet County Fairgrounds	ATV Safety	704	13
5/2	Neutral Groundz	Coffee with a Cop	710/701/706/707 716/715/705	15
5/21	Bridges Community School	United Way Book Giveaway	710	25
5/21	Monroe Elementary School	United Way Book Giveaway	705	70
5/21	Hoover Elementary School	United Way Book Giveaway	710	60
6/8	KEYC	Active Violence / Active Shooter	707	35
6/8	KEYC	Active Violence / Active Shooter	707	12
6/14	Eagle's Club	Welcome to Women's Auxiliary Group	710	200
6/25	2300 Block Northridge	Bike and Scooter Safety	715	10
6/28	Sioux Trail Mental Health Clinic	Security Assessment	707	1
7/13	North Mankato Fire Station	Safety Camp	706	53
7/29	North Mankato Fire Station	Active Violence/Active Shooter	707	10
8/11	Blue Earth County Firearms Range	Firearm Safety	704 / 716	12
8/26	Culver's	Cone with a Cop	707/701	100
9/11	Northridge Drive	Safety	715	12
9/19	Balsam Drive	Safety	707	10
10/11	North Mankato Police Department	Halloween Safety	709	N/A
10/22	North Mankato Taylor Library	Storytime with a Cop	714 / 715	10
11/13	Hoover Elementary School	Storytime with a Cop	701	20
12/4	South Central College	Active Violence/Active Shooter	707	14

**2018 Total Public Education: 28**

2017 Total Public Education: 37

2016 Public Education: 21

