

2019

Annual Report



North Mankato Police Department

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Chief of Police Message

March 2020

Dear Mayor Dehen, and City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit the 2019 North Mankato Police Department Annual Report to you and the residents of North Mankato. This report contains a summary of the events and operations the Police Department undertook in 2019.

Our calls for service were up slightly from 2018. We handled 8,570 calls for service in 2019 compared to 8,440 in 2018.

We saw a 17% reduction in our Part 1 criminal offenses mainly due to fewer thefts, burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts reported over the year.

As you review the Part 2 criminal offenses you will see 21% reduction in those offenses as well. This is in large part due to a change in how Crimes Against Family/Children category are reported/captured in our record management system. Coding as a Part 2 offense in this category is reserved for those cases in which an allegation of abuse or maltreatment resulted in a crime being discovered. Allegations or reports of abuse where no criminal action was discovered are now tracked separately (see page 8 under Adult/Child Protection Reports).

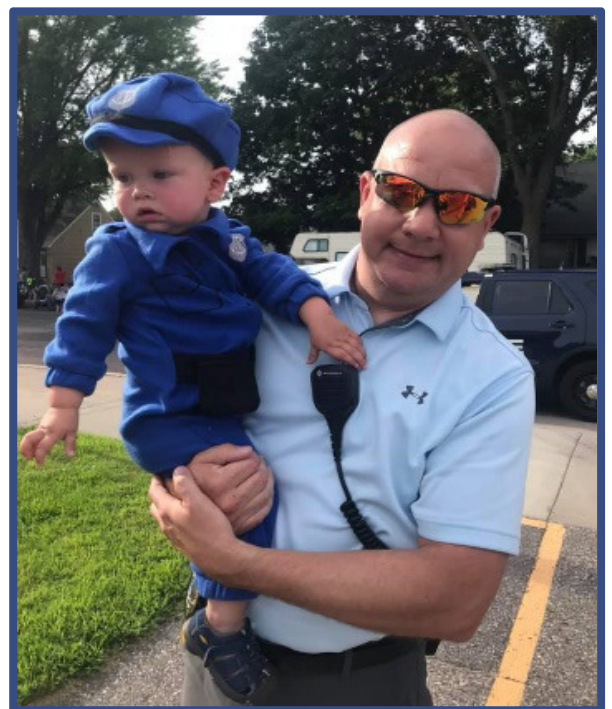
A more detailed list of statistics can be found on pages 7-11 of this report.

We also saw some change in staffing last year. We bid farewell to Officer Sandra Howe when she retired from the department after 20 years of service, and to Officers John McGuire and Thomas Mueller who resigned to pursue employment with other agencies. We were pleased to hire Officer Audrey Kruger and are completing the training process for the two remaining officer positions in 2020.

On behalf of the staff and volunteer members of the Police Department, I thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Together, we make a positive difference for the community at large.

Respectfully submitted,

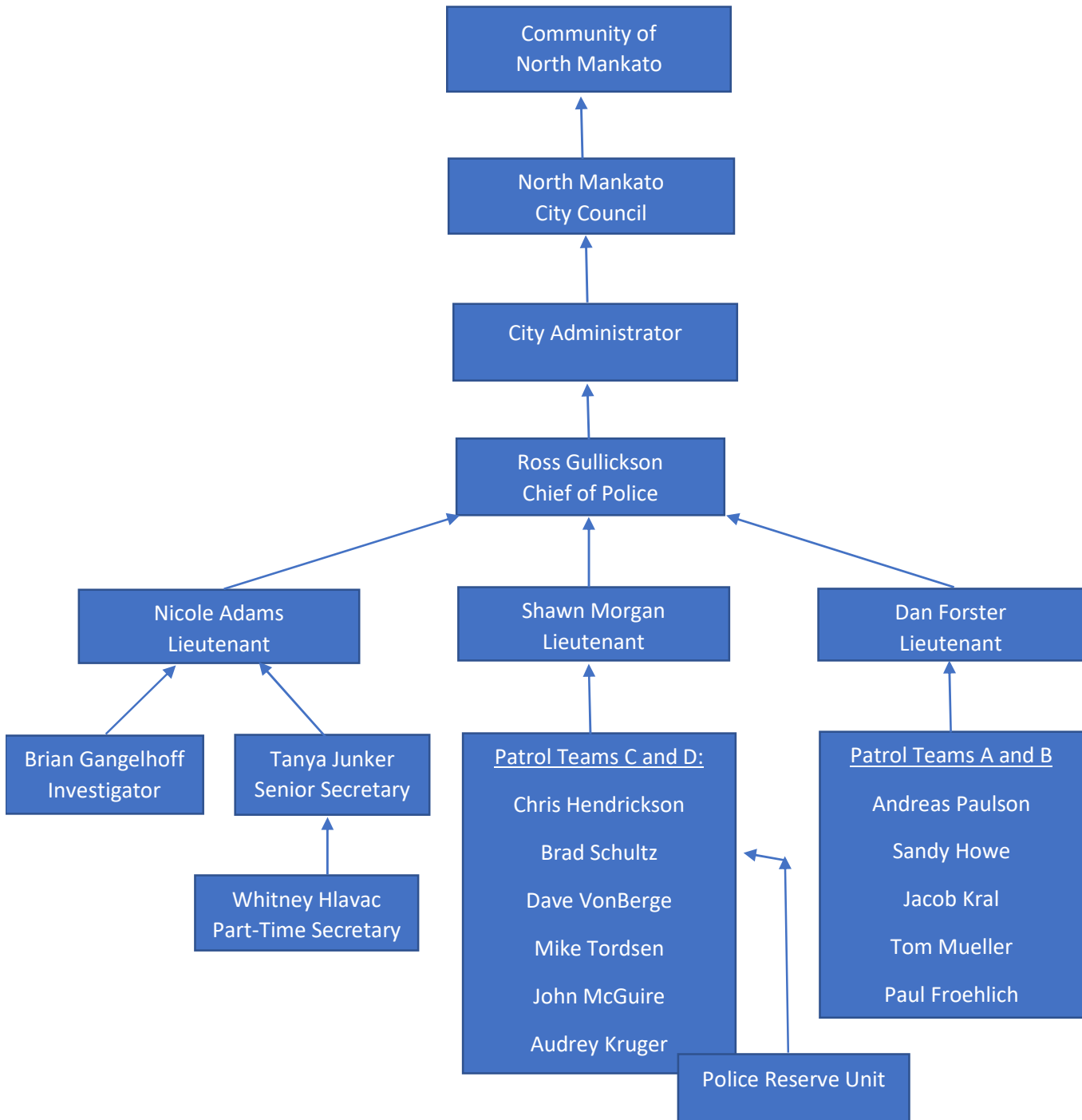
Chief Ross Gullickson



North Mankato Police

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Department 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 1st 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.

In 2019, the North Mankato Police Department completed approximately 800 hours of online and classroom training.

The three officers assigned to the River Valley Tactical Team completed approximately an additional 250 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:

Officers Hendrickson and Gangelhoff again offered an additional firearms and defensive tactics session to increase our officer's knowledge and comfort level. Both instructors reported that confidence levels were up and the benefits of adding the sessions were significant when it came time to requalify.

The three officers assigned to the tactical response team attended the Special Operations Training Association annual training conference in St. Cloud. Training included hands on sessions instructing on new tactics as well as debriefs on the Pulse night club massacre in Florida and a Marathon County Wisc. triple homicide.

Officer Kral attended Field Training Officer training. Officer's VonBerge and Kral are tasked with training in our new hires and ensuring their success.

Officers Hendrickson and Kral attended M16/AR15 armorer's training. This enables us to maintain and repair our squad rifles in-house.

Officer Tordsen was recertified as a phlebotomist. With changes in DWI laws, arresting and processing drunk drivers has become a lengthy and drawn out process. Officer Tordsen is able to conduct blood draws for his arrests as well as other officers, taking the tedious need to bring our arrestees to the hospital for a blood draw.

The problems we see are ever changing and we face new challenges each day we come on duty. By staying current with new trends and updating our training, we are able to offer our community the safety and security they enjoy.

Respectfully submitted, Lt. Shawn Morgan

Patrol Division



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.

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

On May 31, 2019, Officer Sandy Howe retired from the patrol division after 20 years of dedicated service to the City.

On September 3, 2019, Audrey Kruger joined the department as a patrol officer. Officer Kruger has over seven years of police experience, training in crisis negotiations, and is a lifesaving award recipient. Officer Kruger grew up on a farm near Good Thunder.



Investigation Unit

The investigations unit consists of supervisor Lieutenant Nicole Adams and Investigator Brian 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.

The investigation unit completes registration and maintains files for all predatory offenders that reside in the city limits of North Mankato. Currently there are 23 registered offenders in the City of North Mankato.

The investigation unit operates the Medical Collection Program. The North Mankato Police Department maintains a secure drop box which allows citizens to anonymously dispose of waste pharmaceuticals and narcotics free of charge. In 2019, 331.5 pounds of pharmaceutical waste including prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines, narcotics, vitamins, supplements and ointments were collected. Since inception 1,517.5 pounds of pharmaceutical waste have been properly disposed at a license incinerator within the State of Minnesota.

Administrative Support

Lieutenant Nicole Adams oversees the administrative support unit for the North Mankato Police Department. This unit consists of one full-time senior police secretary and one part-time police secretary. These secretaries review all calls for service and are responsible for administrative support including but not limited to customer service, record processing and non-emergency dispatching. In addition, the senior secretary serves as the BCA Terminal Agency Coordinator, Data Practices Designee, and is responsible for crime analysis, record management, record retention, and record dissemination.

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

DEPARTMENTAL SPECIAL DUTIES/TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

Firearms Instructors – Officer Chris Hendrickson and Officer Jacob Kral
Defensive Tactics Instructor– Investigator Brian Gangelhoff
Taser Instructor – Officer David VonBerge
Field Training Officer Instructors – Officer Andreas Paulson and Officer David VonBerge
Use of Force Instructor – Lieutenant Dan Forster
Reserve Unit Coordinator – Officer Brad Schultz
Police/Paramedic Program – Officer Mikeal Tordsen

MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY TACTICAL RESPONSE TEAM

Lieutenant Forster, Officer Hendrickson, and Officer Tordsen 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.

MINNESOTA SOUTH CENTRAL INVESTIGATORS COALITION

Lieutenant Nicole Adams and Investigator Gangelhoff are members of the Minnesota South Central Investigators Coalition. This organization provides training for hundreds of officers each year.



Police Reserves

The reserve unit is headed by Reserve Chief David Krueger and supervised by Officer Brad Schultz.

The North Mankato Police Reserve Unit is a dedicated team of volunteers serving the community by assisting with local events. Throughout the unit's history the reserves have donated hundreds of thousands of hours to the citizens of the City of North Mankato.

The reserve unit receives ongoing monthly training in various aspects such as basic first aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use, mental health crisis response, flood preparations, flood, levee patrol, traffic management, skywarn, search, rescue and scenario-based training.

In 2019 the reserves volunteered over 1,000 hours at the following events:

Fun Days	Anthony Ford Pond Hockey Tournament	Night to Unite
St. Peter Polar Plunge	Kiwanis Holiday Lights and Parade	Mankato River Ramble
Girls on the Run 5K	Fourth of July Fireworks	Risser Run
Mankato Air Show	Dakota Meadows Middle School Dance	Dakota Sioux Ride
Abate Parade	Southern Minnesota Investigators Conference	Bunnies on Belgrade
Movie in the Park	United Way Ride to Unite	Bells on Belgrade
Cone with a Cop	Lasting Imprints Heart Walk	Bookin' on Belgrade
Party on the Prairie	Caswell Park Softball Tournaments	Bier on Belgrade
Drug Take Back	Levee Patrol Flood Watch	Dogs on the Run
Know the Truth	Halloween Trunk or Treat	Mankato Marathon



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.

PART 1 CRIMES	2017	2018	2019	% Change
Larceny – Theft	126	130	107	-18%
Burglary Residential	24	11	12	9%
Aggravated Assault	14	14	11	-21%
Rape	3	7	5	-29%
Burglary Non-Residential	9	7	4	-43%
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	6	4	-33%
Robbery	1	0	2	100%
Homicide	0	1	0	-100%
Sex Related	1	0	0	0%
Arson	1	0	0	0%
TOTAL	191	175	145	-17%

PART 2 CRIMES	2017	2018	2019	% Change
Disturb the Peace	196	164	166	1%
Property Damage	82	52	93	79%
Assaults (Excluding Aggravated)	79	61	79	30%
Narcotic Crimes	85	68	59	-13%
Theft Related/Fraud/Identity Theft	61	43	39	-9%
Other	90	62	38	-39%
Driving Under the Influence	28	25	32	28%
Crime Against Administrative Justice	35	34	21	-38%
Fireworks Violations	26	11	18	64%
Forgery/Counterfeit	7	5	11	120%
Crimes Against Family/Children	216	180	10	-94%
Escape/Flee Police Officer	8	3	9	200%
Terroristic Threats	10	10	8	-20%
Criminal Sexual Conduct	13	11	7	-36%
Liquor Law Violations	14	20	6	-70%
Obscenity	4	5	6	20%
Weapons Violations	9	8	3	-63%
Possession of Stolen Property	6	6	3	-50%
Negligent Fire	12	1	3	200%
Crimes Against Government	3	1	1	0%
TOTAL	984	770	612	-21%

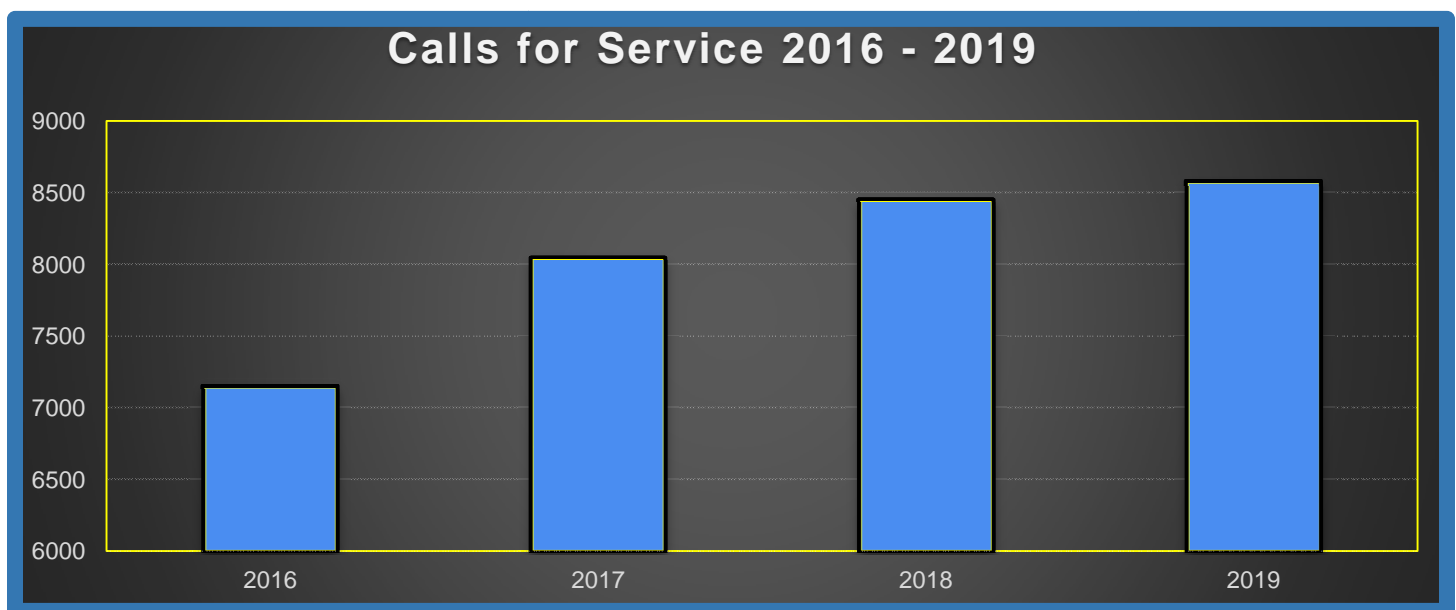
CALLS FOR SERVICE

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	2017	2018	2019	% Change
Traffic stops	1377	1415	1220	-14%
Records	628	849	875	3%
Medical	592	601	776	29%
911 Verification	232	310	512	65%
Agency Assist	447	454	496	9%
Public Assist	342	348	461	32%
Suspicious	401	354	394	11%
Parking/OTP Complaints/Tire Chalking	190	248	292	18%
Accident	199	233	237	2%
Animal Complaint	174	162	214	32%
Alarm	182	171	211	23%
Motorist Assist	110	141	201	43%
Found	176	166	193	16%
Adult/Child Protection Reports	0	23	187	713%
Traffic Complaints	204	207	171	-17%
Civil Issue	120	115	160	39%
Welfare Check	136	149	148	-1%
Disturb Peace/Privacy (N)	151	147	136	-7%
Permits	123	125	111	-11%
Sign Repair/Roadway Obstruction	69	66	105	59%
POR Notifications	69	94	97	3%
Fire	86	104	89	-14%
Lost	105	100	88	-12%
Noise Complaint	71	57	87	53%
Assault (A)	88	74	85	15%
Domestic (Verbal)	85	96	83	-14%

Solicitor/SCAM Complaints	75	60	81	35%
Theft (T)	103	108	81	-25%
Property Damage (P)	119	68	79	16%
Extra Patrol Request	54	57	72	26%
Warrant service/attempts	141	93	64	-31%
Theft Related (U)	79	57	58	2%
Patrols	239	430	50	-88%
Drugs (D)	52	55	46	-16%
General Order/Special Details	11	20	46	130%
Fed/Conserv/JV/Liquor (M)	48	48	34	-29%
Residence Check	56	42	29	-31%
DWI/Traffic (J)	28	23	25	9%
Neighbor/Neighborhood Issues	22	22	23	5%
Door/Window Found Open	33	25	21	-16%
TZD/Safe and Sober	32	31	21	-32%
Weapons (W) / Fireworks	35	17	20	18%
Vehicle Theft (V)/Tampering	29	18	19	6%
Burglary (B)	33	15	16	7%
Vehicle Repossession	16	13	16	23%
Compliance Checks	16	15	15	0%
Checks	11	10	14	40%
Crim Sex (L)	13	17	12	-29%
Crime vs Admin Justice (X)	26	31	12	-61%
Drunkenness	22	23	11	-52%
Counterfeit/Forgery (C)	5	5	10	100%
Funeral/Money Escorts	15	19	10	-47%
Crimes Against Family (I)	213	180	9	-95%
Transport	3	7	9	29%
Animal Bite	15	5	8	60%
Escape/Flight (E)	7	2	5	150%
Obscenity (O)	4	4	5	25%
Negligent Fire/Arson (F)	14	1	3	200%

Paper Service/attempts	0	0	3	100%
Illness/Death Notification	4	5	2	-60%
Robbery (R)	1	0	2	100%
Stolen Property Receive/Conceal (Q)	3	4	2	-50%
TRT Callout	2	5	2	-60%
Underage Party Complaint	0	0	2	100%
Commitments	0	0	1	100%
Crimes Against Government (Y)	2	1	1	0%
On Call Social Worker Referral	0	0	1	100%
Search Warrants	1	3	1	-67%
Home Accidents	77	80	0	-100%
Homicide (H)	0	1	0	-100%
Occupational Accidents	4	1	0	-100%
Public Accidents	12	10	0	-100%
Sex related (Z)	1	0	0	0%
Weather	2	0	0	0%
Grand Total	8035	8440	8570	2%



TRAFFIC CITATION DATA

The Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) enforcement grant program provides federal funds to law enforcement agencies to conduct enhanced traffic enforcement. In 2019, the department conducted 116 hours of TZD enforcement compared to 186 hours the previous year.

VIOLATION	2017	2018	2019	% of Change
Parking Violations	61	87	102	17%
Speeding	71	37	43	16%
Driving After Revocation	38	48	30	-38%
Driver's License/Permit Violation	18	21	17	-19%
Driving After Suspension	19	21	14	-33%
Failure to Yield Right of Way	6	8	11	38%
Stop Sign Violation	12	3	10	233%
No Insurance / No Proof of Insurance	21	13	7	-46%
Fail to Use Due Care	15	10	7	-30%
Seatbelt Violation	25	37	5	-86%
Driving While Intoxicated	10	7	4	-43%
Registration Violation	16	12	4	-67%
Semaphore Violation	3	11	3	-73%
Use of Wireless Communication Device to Compose, Read, or Send Electronic Message	6	1	2	100%
Open Bottle/Allow Open Bottle	2	3	1	-67%
Careless Driving	3	1	1	0%
Driving After Cancellation	1	2	1	-50%
Leaving the Scene of an Accident	0	4	1	-75%
Equipment Violation	0	0	1	100%
Child Restraint Violation	0	0	1	100%
Fail to Move Over for Emergency Vehicle	5	3	1	-67%
School Bus Stop Arm Violation	2	1	1	0%
Underage Drink and Drive	2	2	0	-100%
Driving Restriction Ignition Interlock Violation	0	1	0	-100%
Reckless Driving	0	2	0	-100%
Disobey One Way Sign	0	2	0	-100%
Fail to Yield for Pedestrian	0	2	0	-100%
TOTAL:	336	339	267	-21%

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Connecting with the community is a high priority for the North Mankato Police Department. Through community outreach we become positive role models for the community. Some of the ways that this is done is through neighborhood support activities such as school patrols, community events and public education.

One of the many community events that the police department supports is Night to Unite which is celebrated statewide on the first Tuesday in August. Residents of North Mankato are encouraged to put together a neighborhood celebration and register their event with the City of North Mankato so representatives from the North Mankato Police Department can visit.

2019 School Patrols

Bridges Community School	54	Dakota Meadows Middle School	77
Future's School	34	Hoover Elementary School	68
Monroe Elementary School	75	South Central College	30
2019 Total School Patrols 338			

2019 Community Events

DATE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION
1/25 -1/27	Anthony Ford Pond Hockey	Anthony Ford Fund
2/19	Law Enforcement Career Day	MN State University Mankato
5/18	Booking on Belgrade	Belgrade Avenue
5/18	Starr Cycle Motorcycle Ride	City of North Mankato
5/21	United Way Book Donation	Monroe Elementary School
5/22	United Way Book Donation	Hoover Elementary School
5/22	United Way Book Donation	Bridges Community School
6/6 – 6/7	State Softball Tournament	Caswell Park
6/23	Casting with a Cop	St. Peter, MN
6/28	Cops and Bobbers	Benson Park
7/4	Red Hot Boom Fireworks	Veterans Memorial Bridge
7/10-7/14	North Mankato Fun Days	Wheeler Park
7/22	Ice Cream Social	Taylor Library
7/27	Blues on Belgrade City Festival	Belgrade Avenue
8/6	Night to Unite	North Mankato Taylor Library
8/6	Night to Unite	Cougar Trail
8/10	WCCO Star Gazing Event	North Mankato Taylor Library
8/11	Cone with a Cop	Culver's & North Mankato Police Department
8/12	Night to Unite	Messiah Lutheran Church
8/28	Public Education Event	Bridges Community School
9/11	Welcome Students	Hoover Elementary School
9/14	Motorcycle Ride	Harley Davidson
9/18	Mock Disaster Drill	Minnesota State University Mankato
9/21	Bier on Belgrade	Businesses on Belgrade
9/27	Crossing Guard Detail (Lookout & Howard)	Express Employment Services
9/27	Fun Run	Mount Olive School
9/29	K-9 Fun Run	Benches
10/5	Party on the Prairie	City of North Mankato
10/6	Mankato River Ramble	Greater Mankato Bike & Walk Advocates and Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
10/14	Crossing Guard Detail (Howard and Lookout)	Express Personnel
10/16	Risser Run	Hoover Elementary School
10/17	Coffee with a Cop	St. Peter Power Up Clubhouse
11/15	Tapestry Project	Mankato Refugee Services
11/22	Tapestry Project	Mankato Refugee Services
12/7	Shop with a Hero	Nicollet County
12/12	Police Department Tour	Connecting Nicollet County
12/14	Town Hall Meeting	Representative Jim Hagedorn
2019 Total Community Events: 37		



2019 Public Education

DATE	TOPIC	LOCATION/ORGANIZATION	OFFICER	ATTEND
1/7	Read with a Cop	North Mankato Taylor Library	714	11
1/8	Read with a Cop	North Mankato Taylor Library	716	5
2/11	Active Shooter/Active Violence	North Mankato Family Clinic	707	20
2/22	Career Navigation	South Central College	706	96
2/27	Drug Trends and Safety Tips	Mankato Realtor's Association of Southern Minnesota	710	40
3/12	Fraud Prevention	Koppen Gardens	706	25
3/14	Fraud Prevention	North Mankato Police Department	706	10
3/15	Fraud Prevention	North Mankato Police Department	706	7
3/15	Fraud Prevention	Coloplast	706	5
3/25	DWI Law and Procedure	Minnesota State University Mankato	716	16
4/30	Summer Safety	New Creation World Outreach Church	708/716	60
5/7	Active Violence/Active Shooter	Navitor	707	5
5/13	Read with a Cop	North Mankato Taylor Library	715	12
5/14	Read with a Cop	North Mankato Taylor Library	712	21
5/31	Active Violence/Active Shooter	MICO	707	2
6/3	Safety Talk	Girl Scout Troop	714/715	14
6/4	Active Violence/Active Shooter	Good Shepherd Lutheran School	7	7
6/28	Active Violence/Active Shooter	MICO	707	12
7/19	South Central Minnesota Safety Camp	North Mankato Fire Station	706	41
8/11	Firearm Safety	Blue Earth County Firearm Range	704	30
8/15	MICO	Active Violence/Active Shooter	707	10
8/15	MICO	Active Violence/Active Shooter	707	30
8/23	School Safety	Monroe Elementary School	715	N/A
9/13	Bus Safety	Monroe Elementary School	704	500
9/17	Fraud/Scam Prevention	Power Up Club House	706	9
10/1	Security Survey	Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	707	1
10/18	Law Enforcement Q & A	Minnesota State Mankato	701	35
10/30	Teen Substance Abuse Prevention/Awareness	Know the Truth	701	120
12/9	General Law Enforcement	Boy Scouts	701	6
12/10	Police Officer and Paramedic Jobs, First Aid, Medical Emergencies, and Safety	Boy Scouts – Webelo	717	6
2019 Total Public Education: 30				
2018 Total Public Education:28			2017 Total Public Education: 37	

