



Dickinson Police Department
Annual Report

2018

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Committed to Public Safety through exceptional Service and Community Partnerships

CHIEF'S MESSAGE



CHIEF OF POLICE

Dustin Dassinger

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2018 Annual Report for the Dickinson Police Department. In our scope of work, business is non-stop. Our department provides services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. As you will read, a lot transpires in a year especially in a vibrant community like Dickinson.

As you read the following pages, I hope you will come to be as proud of the men and women of our department as I am. I believe you will get a feel for the many hours of hard work, the difficult and sometimes thankless job to be done, and most importantly the pride and passion shared by our employees as we serve this great community day after day.

The 2018 Annual Report is designed to provide complete information on the operation of the Dickinson Police Department during 2018 including mission, vision, and activity levels during the year.

The Dickinson Police Department remained true to its value system in 2018 while each officer displayed the highest regard for the security and safety of the residents of Dickinson. We continued throughout the year to utilize every available resource to assist in our mission and to build strong alliances to assist in crime fighting efforts, particularly the war on drugs and to enhance the safety of our schools.

I am impressed with the individual efforts exerted by each member of my staff to build a strong working relationship with our residents and to hold their concerns in the highest regards. We strive to be a public safety agency that understands the community we serve, and aligns resources accordingly to provide services in the best interest of the citizens while handling new challenges facing our community.

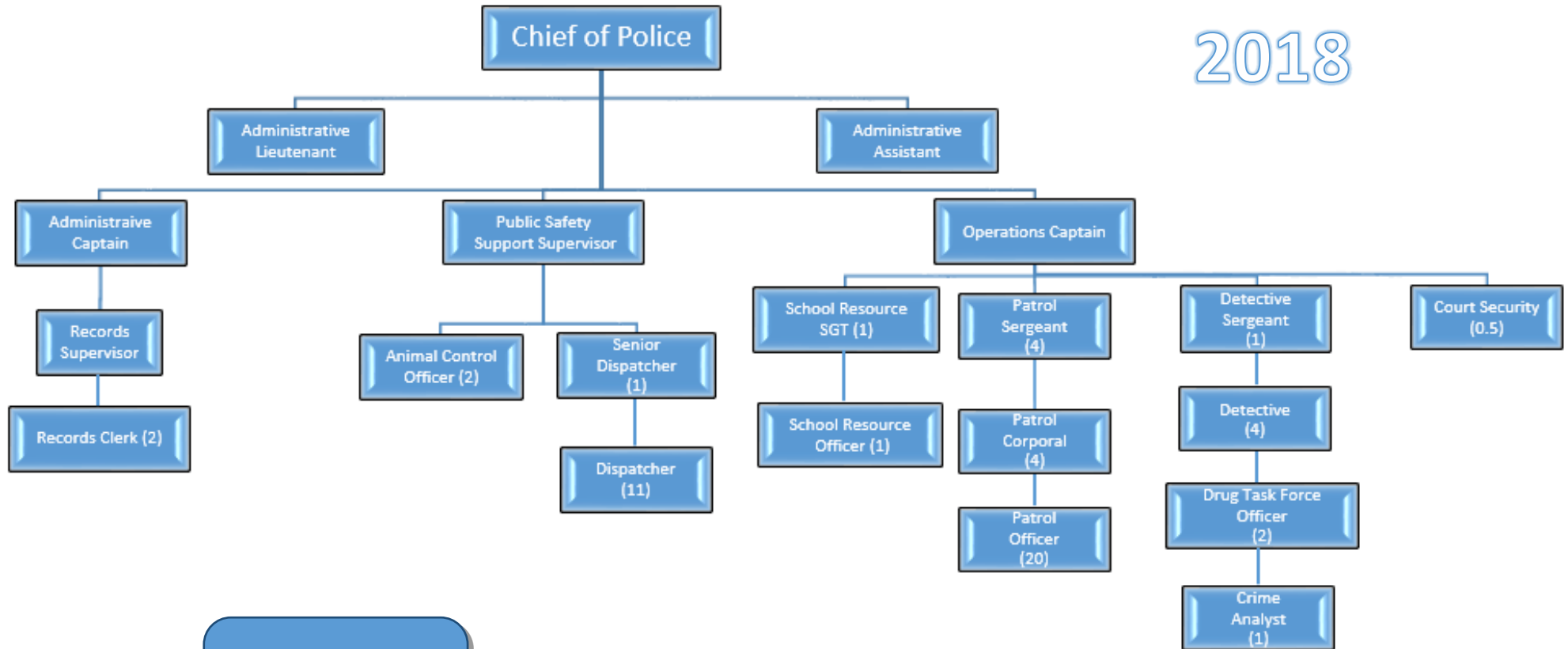
Community support is essential to the Dickinson Police Department's mission. Our department is blessed to have it. Working together with the Dickinson City Commission, city staff, and community members is both an honor and a privilege.

Most importantly, I would like to thank each member of the Dickinson Police Department who I have the honor of serving with in this community. I am proud to lead a very professional team of employees who are dedicated to providing a safe place for our citizens to live, work, learn, and play.



STRUCTURE

2018

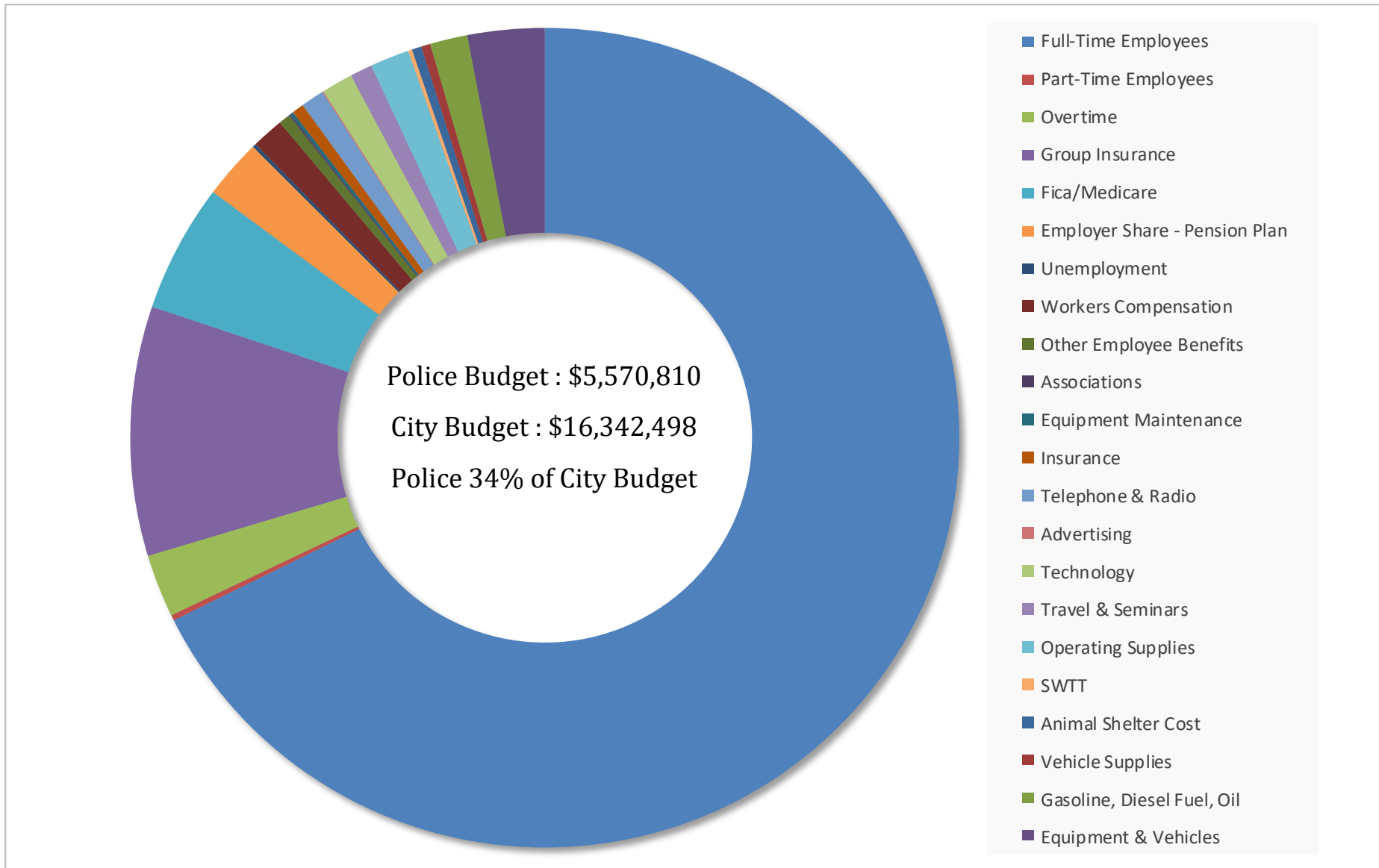


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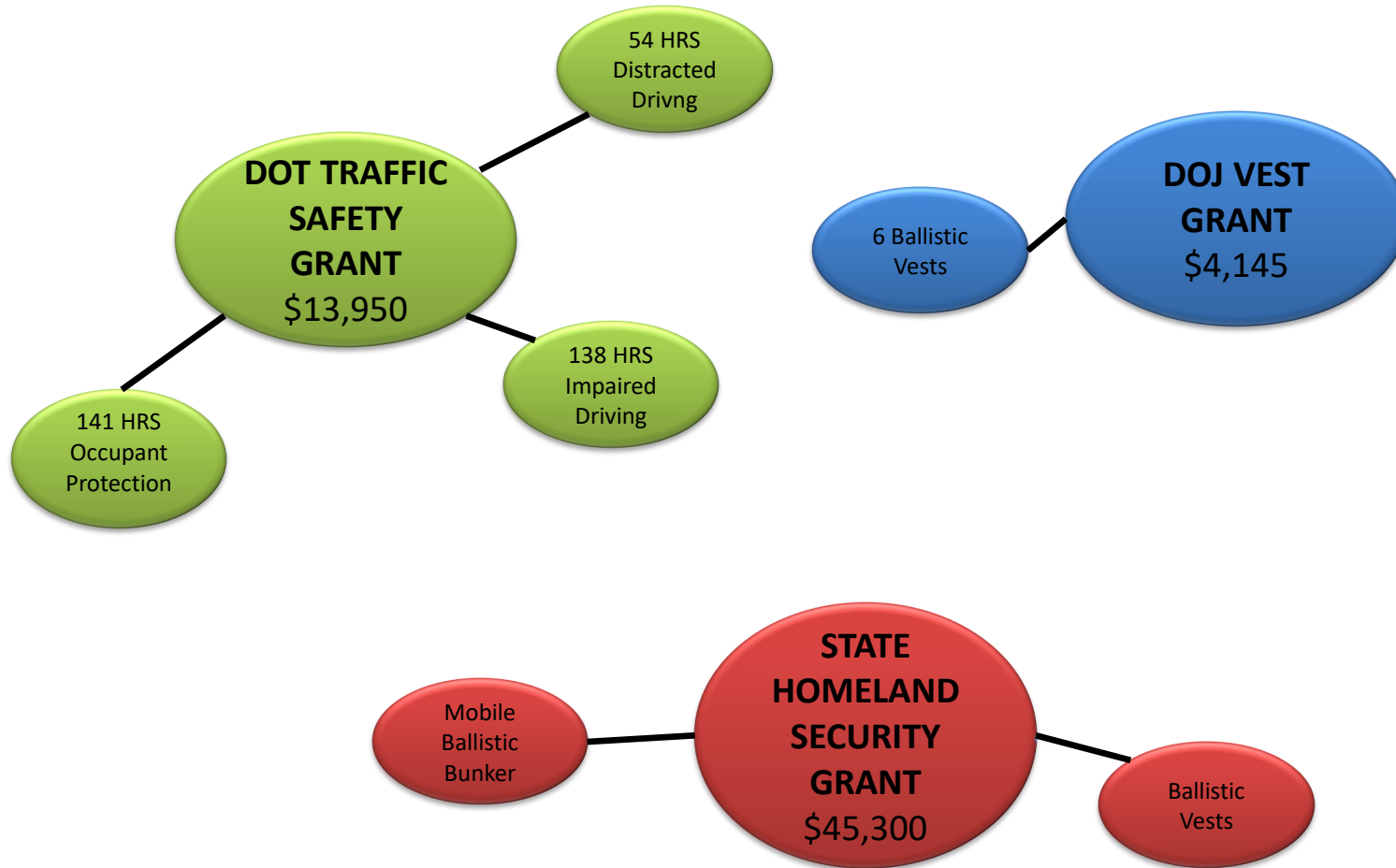
20 Non-sworn Positions



BUDGET



GRANTS



CALLS FOR SERVICE



Our department keeps electronic record of all activity through our Record Management System. We call this activity “Calls For Service. (CFS)”. This term is used loosely, and is not limited to simply calls from citizens requesting a service. Rather, this term is also includes all officer self-initiated activity, agency assists, and internal records tracking. Everything from thefts, traffic stops, barking dogs, and background checks are included in these numbers.

The chart above represents a 7-year history of year-end total CFS numbers. As you can see, 2018 was a record year for CFS totals. It is about 10% more from the height of the oil boom, which many consider to be the year 2014.



CALLS FOR SERVICE

2018

Animal Related Calls	1,167
Agency Assists	353
Assaults/Fights	200
Alarms, Bank	15
Alarms, Business	209
Alarms, Residential	158
Background Investigations	177
Burglary	123
Child Abuse Neglect	29
Criminal Trespass	66
Disorderly Conduct	303
Domestic Violence	469
Drug and Paraphernalia	40
Drug Information	201
Forgery	4

Homicide	0
Parking Enforcement	966
Speak With an Officer	1,032
Standbys	172
Suicidal Threats	94
Theft and Fraud	679
Theft of Motor Vehicle/Unauthorized Use	16
Traffic Stops	6,123
Traffic Stops, Truck Regulation	10
Vandalism	186
Violation of Protection Order	87
Warrants Served	483
Weapons Offenses	14
Weapons, Shots Fired or Heard	27
Welfare Check	603



The Dickinson Police Department Patrol Division is responsible for patrolling the 157 miles of city streets contained in the 14 square miles making up Dickinson corporate city limits. The Patrol Division is divided into four patrol crews identified as A, B, C and D shifts. Each patrol crew has 7 staff members comprised of one Patrol Sergeant, one Corporal Police Officer and five patrol officers. The Patrol Sergeant's in charge of each crew report directly to the Operations Captain. Each crew works a 12hr shift with two opposing crews assigned to dayshift (6:00am-6:00pm) and two assigned to nightshift (6:00pm-6:00am). Officers work a 28-day shift rotation from which they cycle from dayshift to nightshift. There are currently 28 officers assigned to the patrol division which includes 3 K-9 teams consisting of 2 single purpose and 1 dual purpose K-9. Minimum staffing requirements dictate 4 officers on-duty from 2:00am-2:00pm and 5 officers on-duty from 2:00pm-2:00am which is considered our peak activity time frame. A Shift Commander with the minimum rank of Corporal or Sergeant (preferred) are required to be on-duty 24/7.

The patrol Division began 2018 down 4 officers. Although short lived, we were able to become fully staffed for the first time in many years in late October, we remained fully staffed throughout the rest of the year. Five new police recruits were hired in 2018. These recruits were provided 12 weeks of in-house field training and another 12 weeks of actual academy training occurring at the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Bismarck. This correlates to each recruit receiving nearly 1,000 hours of on-boarding training in their first year. The beginning of 2018 also brought about a minor reallocation of patrol division resources. The truck regulatory position was reassigned to bolster the war on drugs and converted to a drug task force position.

The Dickinson Police Department logged 28,509 calls for service in 2018. These numbers encompass everything from a public relation's visit to a felony arrest and include 6,123 traffic stops. Theft and fraud related calls for service remain prominent in the vast variety of calls for service received making up 679 for the year. The patrol division posted 947 criminal misdemeanor arrests, 621 A-misdemeanor and felony arrests, 2,188 traffic citations, 4,071 warnings and 466 parking tickets.



CAPTAIN

Joe Cianni



The Patrol Division investigated 977 traffic crashes 45 of which were associated with an injury of some nature. A traffic crash is considered an injury accident if there is any claim of pain or an actual injury regardless of the severity of the injury. By far, Highway 22/3rd Ave West produces the majority of all state reportable traffic crashes investigated within city limits. Many of these crashes seem to be typically concentrated in the 1100-1300 block of 3rd Ave West and most are occurring in a 25mph speed zone.

There were 11 recorded police use of force incidents in 2018. A use of force is formally recorded if an officer uses more than empty handed physical control or take-down techniques or if any use of force causes any injury. The patrol division also recorded 6 vehicle pursuits which resulted in no collateral injuries or property damage.

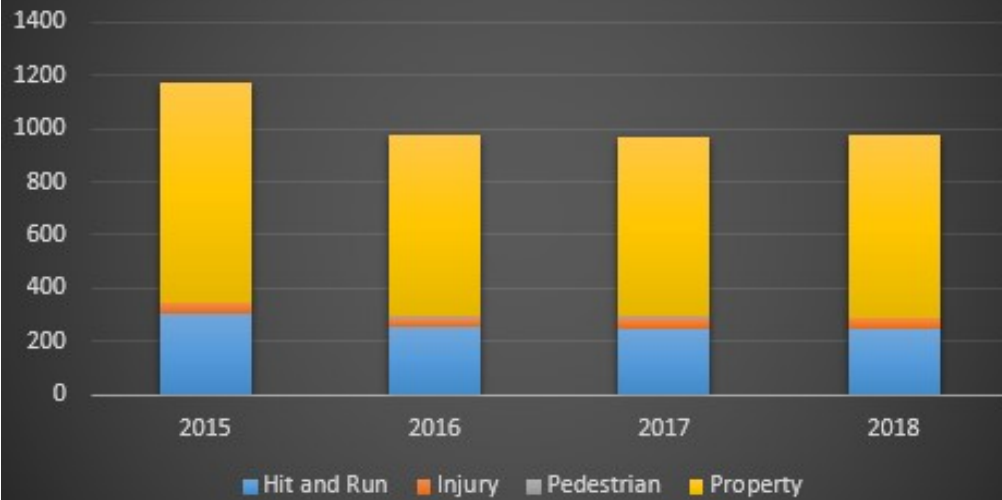
2018 also became a year of transition of sorts for the department. Unfortunately, during the height of the *boom*, we were forced to take a harder approach to policing and were forced to become extremely reactive. Fortunately, the downturn of oil related activity in the region has allowed us to *change gears* to certain extent. Throughout 2018 the department made a concerted effort to get back to our roots and in touch with the community by revitalizing our community programs, resources and commitments. Programs such as Badlands Crimes Stoppers, Coffee with a Cop, Meals on Wheels, Adopt-a-Cop, LEAD (Law Enforcement at Daycares), National Night Out, Citizens Police Academy and the Police Youth Academy have been reborn and revitalized. We also took over control and management of resources once held by Community Action. In the summer of 2018 we took on the Convincer seat belt simulator and SIDNE impaired driving simulator and continue to make these resources available to the region.

The Dickinson Police Department Patrol Division is comprised of some of the most professional, well trained men and women in the region. They wield the latest in equipment, deploy proven tactics and make up one of the most modern and progressive departments in the state. I am extremely proud of our staff and their commitment to the department and the community, they are truly humble servants and steadfast protectors of Dickinson.



TRAFFIC

VEHICLE CRASHES



PROPERTY
688

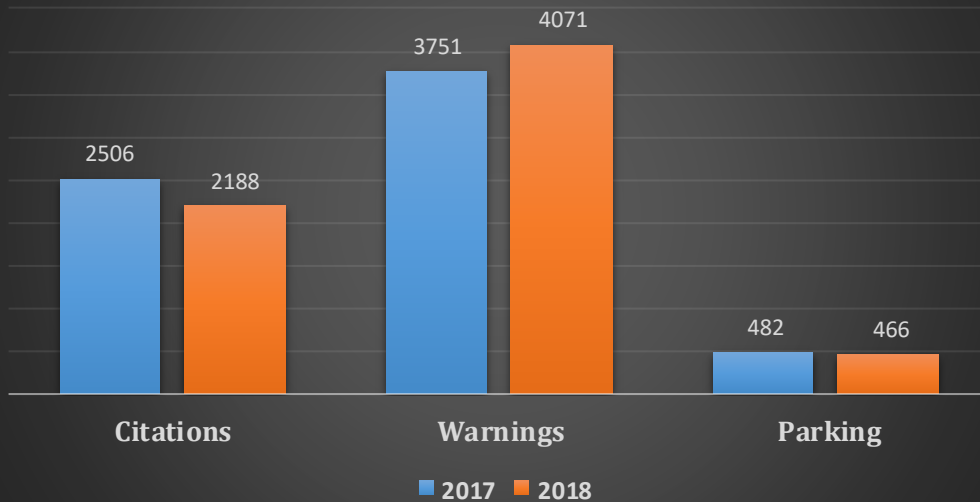
HIT AND RUN
244

INJURY
42

PEDESTRIAN
3

FATAL
0

ENFORCEMENT



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

In 2018, the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) experienced a steady increase of activity comparatively to 2017. As our community continued to grow, the increases in activity brought with it an entirely new set of demands for our detectives. It also presented many more opportunities to build on the Dickinson Police Department's mission statement; committed to public safety through exceptional public service and community partnerships.

The total number of cases and incidents handled by the 5 person CID team totaled 770. This was an increase of 77 from 2017. More importantly though, of these total incidents, was another year of increased call-outs. In 2018, we had a total of 57, which was an increase for a third consecutive year. These incidents almost always reflect felony level crimes such as burglary, assault, robbery, and homicide. In these instances the training and experience of CID is needed to assist the patrol officers for investigative purposes. This number also indicates CID is getting called out an average of once per week. In many of these instances, multiple detectives are called out to handle the incidents at hand.

One of the investigative areas worth highlighting for this year's overview, are the demands of investigative work in the technological realm. An increasing number of cases reported to and handled by CID involve matters that require forensic download and review of digital information. In many instances multiple search warrants are required to complete these sorts of tasks. This realm is growing at such a rate, the discussion of specifically assigning personnel to cybercrimes is a real thing.

The 2019 budget approved an additional position for CID, and once it is filled, it will certainly help our team as our volume of cases increases.

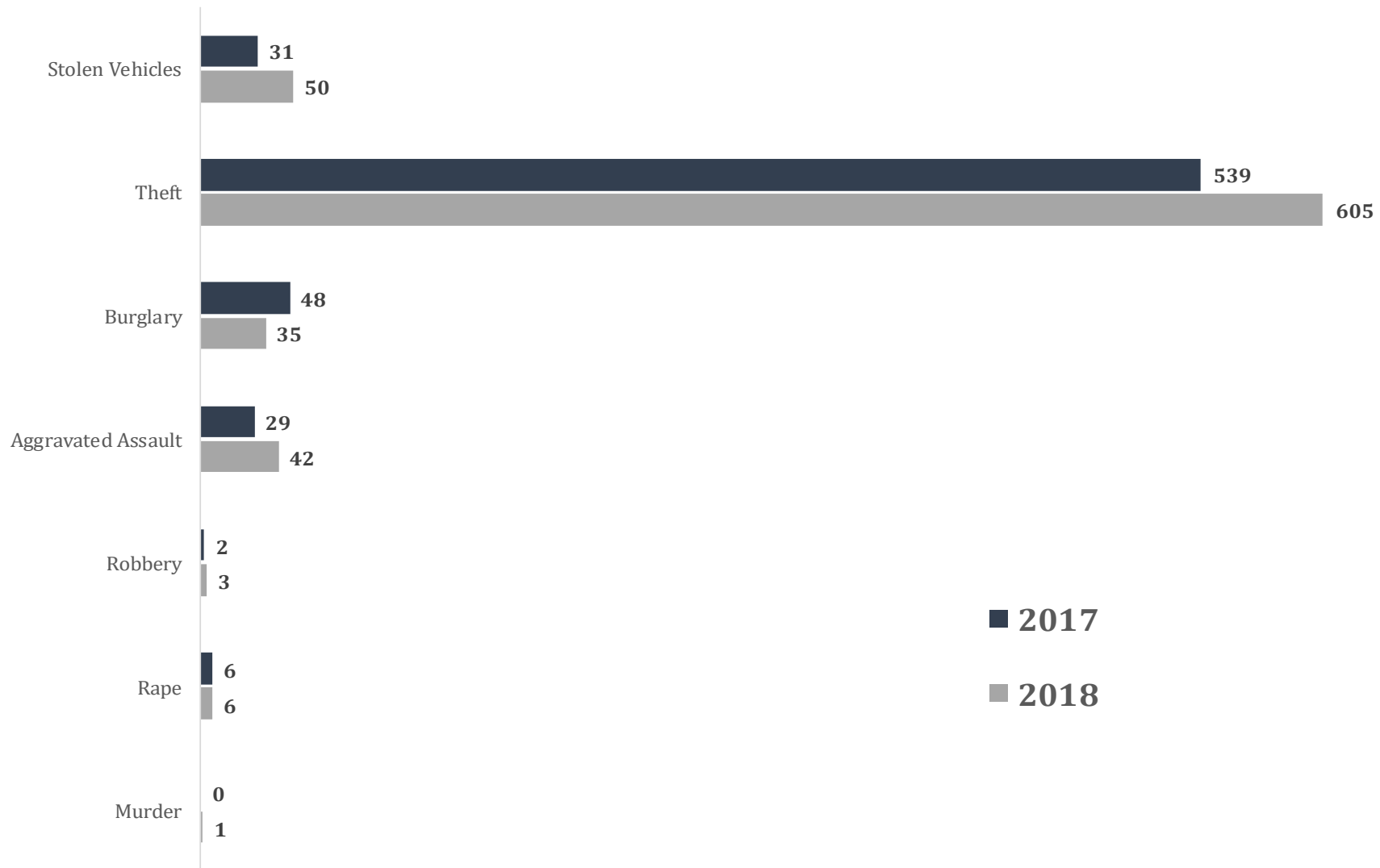


DETECTIVE SERGEANT

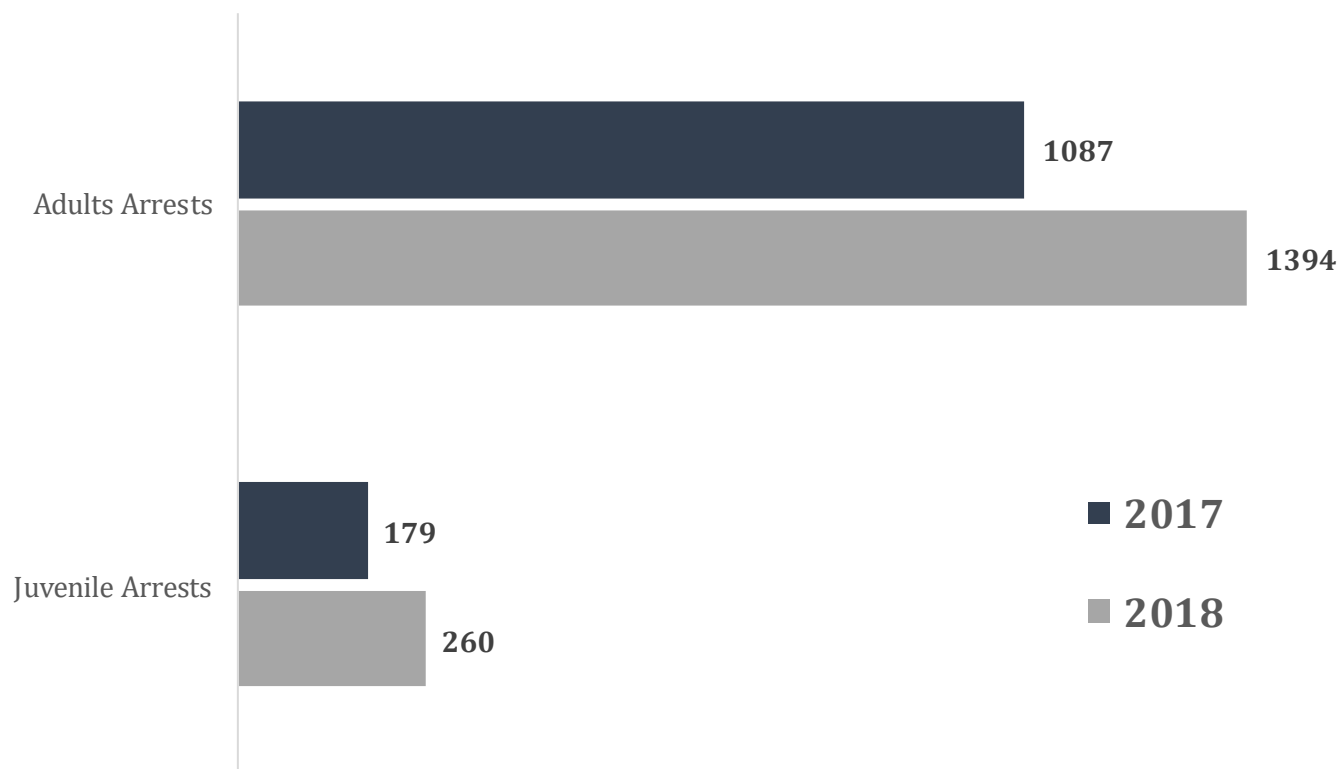
Kylan Klauzer



MAJOR CRIMES



ARRESTS



Total arrests 2017:

1,266

Total arrests 2018:

1,654



JANUARY

Charles Jackson taken into custody by SWAT after a tip received from bounty hunters who had tracked him to rural Stark County. He was wanted for weapons offenses in California.

SWAT deployed to Killdeer, ND to assist in arresting a 40-year-old male for aggravated assault after he placed a handgun in the mouth of his girlfriend during a dispute.

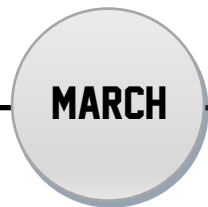
FEBRUARY

Pablo Villalobos was arrested for fleeing in a vehicle after he led officers on a pursuit. He also allegedly tossed a handgun out of the vehicle, which was later located in a snow-bank near Jefferson Elementary

Steven Wynn arrested by US Marshals in Florida. He was wanted by DPD for Gross Sexual Imposition. He was subsequently sentenced in January 2019 to 20 years in prison with 13 years suspended.

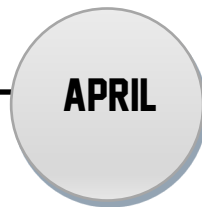
Lorenzo Pemberton arrested for attempted murder after stabbing his girlfriend in the back of the head with a screwdriver. Patrol officers arrived on scene and intervened before assault could get any worse. Pemberton sentenced to 20 years in prison on November 5th, 2018.





Several counterfeit bills reported in the city. Investigation by CIU led to the arrest of two Dickinson males for making the counterfeit currency. Over 35 victims were identified.

SWAT Bearcat used in deep snow to help Stark County deputies search for an elderly, mentally-ill male who led them on a pursuit and later fled on foot north of Gladstone.



Dickinson Police Association annual Hero's Ball held at Ramada Grand Dakota Lodge.

Drug-related armed robbery at an apartment in the 400 blk of 2 ST E. Several adult teens and juvenile teens arrested for Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery.

Dickinson Police Association annual Daddy Daughter Dance held at the Astoria Hotel.

A Dickinson female arrested after an extensive stalking/cyberstalking of a family over a 5-month period.



K-9 Normal and SPO Easterling take the “Top Dog” award during Midwest Canine Alternatives certification at Camp Ripley, MN.

CIU investigation into scams resulted in the recovery of over \$15,000 in illegally purchased property

Coffee With a Cop starts. A local coffee shop partners with the department to serve free coffee and host the opportunity to meet and chat with our officers

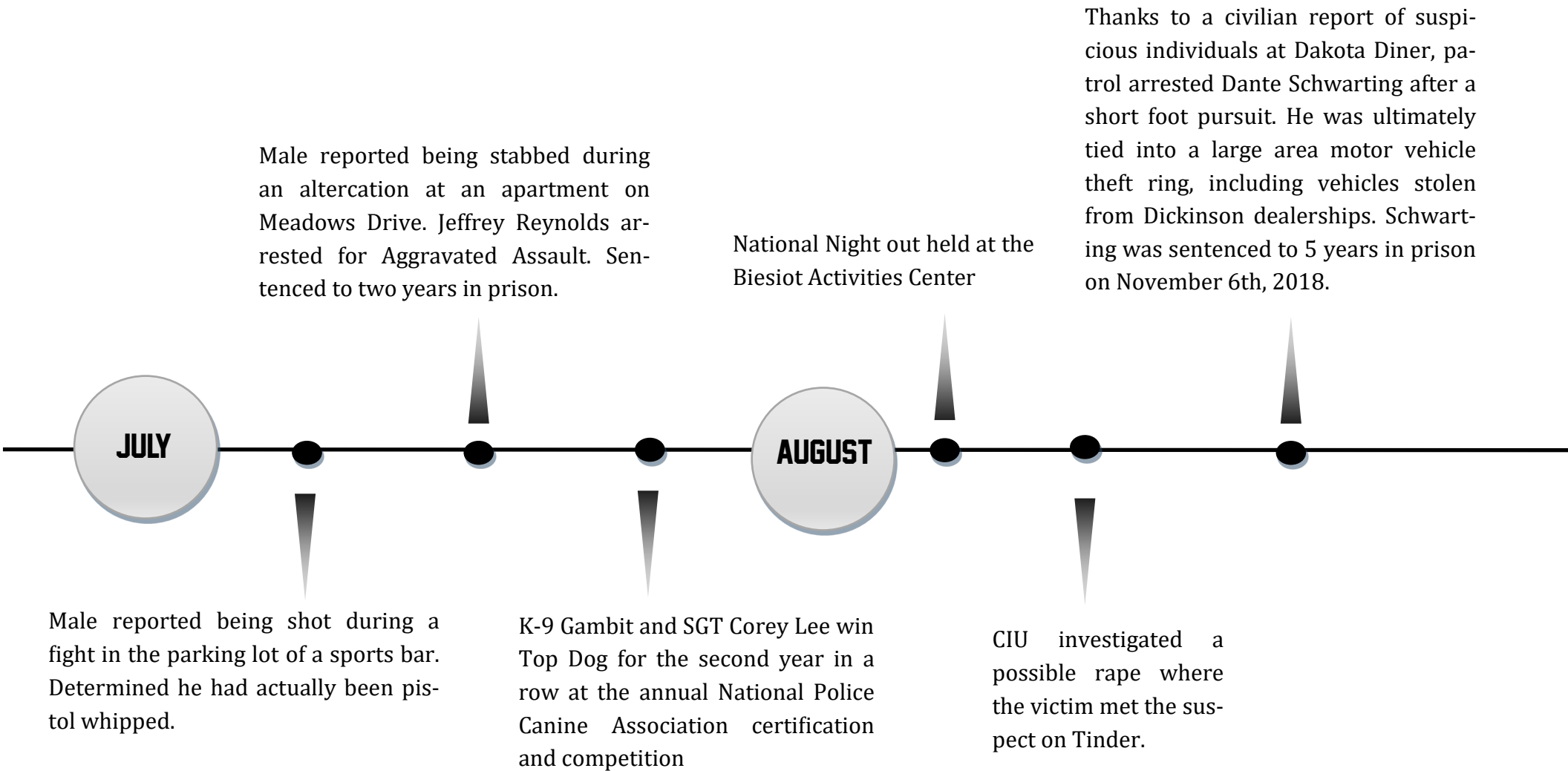
MAY

JUNE

The department finished installing our new \$250,000 VirTra situational shooting simulator. This state-of-the-art system will allow officers to refine split-second decision making and concentrate on de-escalation skills.

K-9 Kalo and SPO Jayden Peters complete certification and deploy as DPDs second patrol apprehension K-9 unit. Makes first large drug seizure within a few days back from certification.





SEPTEMBER

Brice Beech was arrested for Reckless Endangerment after pushing his girlfriend out of a moving vehicle during an argument. He was sentenced to 360 days in jail on March 14th, 2019.

The Dickinson PD debuts its rendition of the Lip Sync Challenge. It stars our very own SPO Hunter Easterling and OFC Taylor Peters singing to "Gangnam Style" and garners a half-million views online.

With the assistance of our Intelligence Analyst, the department broke up a statewide fraudulent prescriptions and counterfeiting ring.

OCTOBER

A suspicious nursing home death in August initiates an extensive investigation by CIU. By October, search warrants were obtained and investigation led the State's Attorney to file Aggravated Assault charges on a family member.

The Citizen's Police Academy begins a 10-week journey to learn more about the DPD. The program was on hiatus during the oil boom.



Badlands Crimestoppers officially re-launches.

NOVEMBER

SGT Matthew Hanson becomes a certified Taser Master Instructor, the first in our region.

CIU conducts annual 100% face-to-face sex offender registration checks. Several arrests for non-compliance made.

DECEMBER

With the help of the FBI and NDBCI, investigators conducted a human trafficking outreach operation at a local hotel.

Rash of theft of packages from porches around town.



INTEGRITY

RESPECT

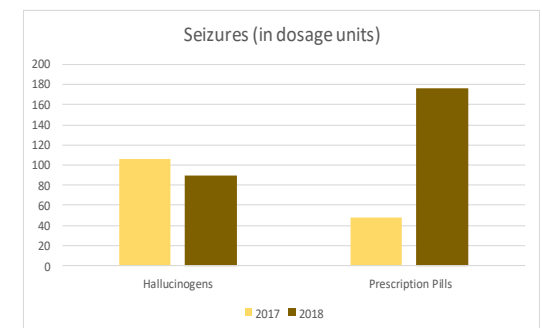
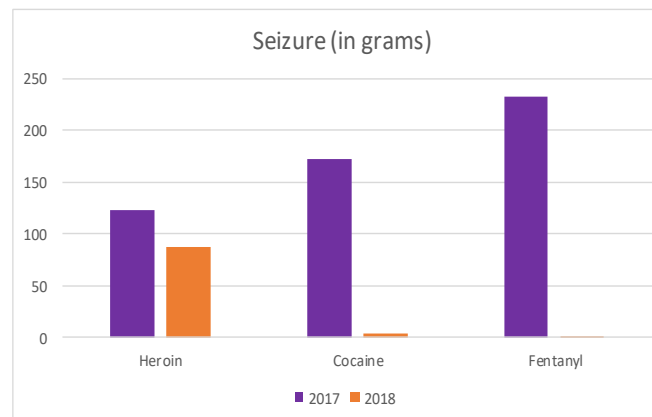
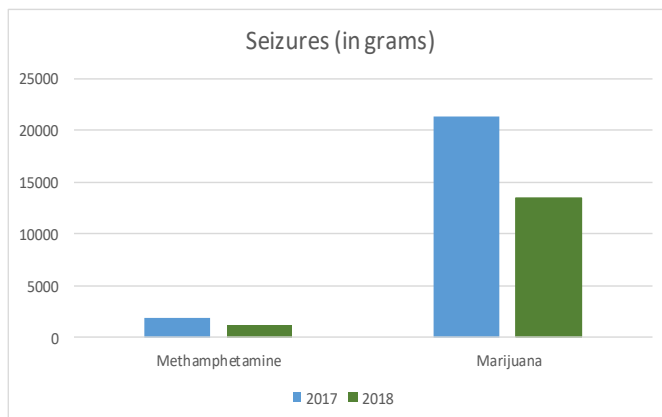
TEAMWORK

SOUTHWEST NARCOTIC TASK FORCE

The mission of the Southwest Narcotics Task Force (SWNTF) remains to target drug trafficking organizations at the highest level.

With that goal in mind, we have shifted our efforts from time consuming conspiracy cases to a more proactive, higher-volume approach. This is the approach that we have seen the greatest success and the most meaningful impact on our area. While large scale conspiracy cases remain an important tool, working smaller local cases that often lead to larger seizures is a more efficient use of our resources given our current manpower and experience levels. In the last months, this has manifested in increased contacts and arrests with more significant actionable intelligence.

With the assistance of our parent agencies we have began issuing media releases which have raised awareness of the drug problems in our area, rekindled public support and interest, to include increased community involvement, and has sent a message to drug dealers and users in our areas that we are proactively combating this problem.







K9 GAMBIT & SGT COREY LEE

- 45 Narcotic searches resulted in 7 narcotic-related arrests
 - Multiple school-related seizures
- 15 Public Relation events
- 9 Patrol related deployments
- 1 Felony suspect apprehension

K9 KALO & SPO JAYDEN PETERS

- 41 Narcotic searches resulted in 8 narcotic-related arrests
 - 16 pounds marijuana located on traffic stop
- 28 Public Relation events
- 8 Patrol related deployments

K9 NORMAN & SPO HUNTER EASTERLING

- 34 Narcotic searches resulted in 8 narcotic-related arrests
- 34 Public Relation events
 - Cornerstone of the D.A.R.E. program



🐾 **K-9 Norman and SPO Easterling** received Top Dog Award during regional trials at Camp Ripley, MN in May.



🐾 **K-9 Gambit and SGT Lee** took 2nd place overall at the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Certification and Trials in West Fargo in February. This competition was with 40 other teams from the region, and is known for its high standards.

🐾 **K-9 Gambit and SGT Lee** claimed 1st place honors (second year in a row) while competing in an advanced narcotics detection competition during the annual K-9 Seminar held in Bismarck in July.

🐾 **K-9 Gambit and SGT Lee** claimed 1st place honors while competing in the annual North Dakota Peace Officers Association (NDPOA) K-9 Narcotics Challenge in Minot in August.







SOUTHWEST TACTICAL TEAM



LIEUTENANT
Michael Hanel

The Southwest Tactical Team (SWTT) continues to serve as Dickinson and Southwest North Dakota's primary tactical intervention team. We are comprised of officers and deputies from area agencies to include the Dickinson Police Department, Stark County Sheriff's Office, and Dunn County Sheriff's Office. The Southwest Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is also under the umbrella of the SWTT and provides tactical communication support during crisis events. In total, 22 operators and nine negotiators comprised the roster for 2018.

During 2018, the team's deployment tempo was rather slow. We were activated a total of eight times, however many of those incidents were resolved by either street resources or other agencies prior to the arrival of the first SWAT member on scene. These incidents ranged from high-risk arrest warrants, to shots fired, to wide-area searches.

We train regularly to sharpen and hone skills related to the use of specialized tactics. On top of the 104-hours of in-house training, many of our operators received additional out-of-jurisdiction training last year to include Risk Mitigation training as well as Team Commander school. We also partnered with the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF) to enter into contract with the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) to conduct a Team Review of our team. The findings of NTOAs team assessment is expected in early 2019. We anticipate a fair amount of validation in our practices, but also look forward to any suggestion to better improve our training, record keeping, and tactics.



18-1	Aggravated Assault arrest warrant (weapons inv.)	Killdeer, ND
18-2	High Risk Arrest warrant (weapons charges)	Rural Stark County
18-3	Shots Fired incident	Dickinson, ND
18-4	Wide Area Search for suspect following pursuit	Gladstone, ND
18-5	Domestic Assault (weapon in possession)	Dickinson, ND
18-6	Domestic Assault (weapon in possession)	Taylor, ND
18-7	Fight (pistol whipping) turned barricaded suspect	Rural Stark County
18-8	Domestic Assault (weapon in possession)	Belfield, ND



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

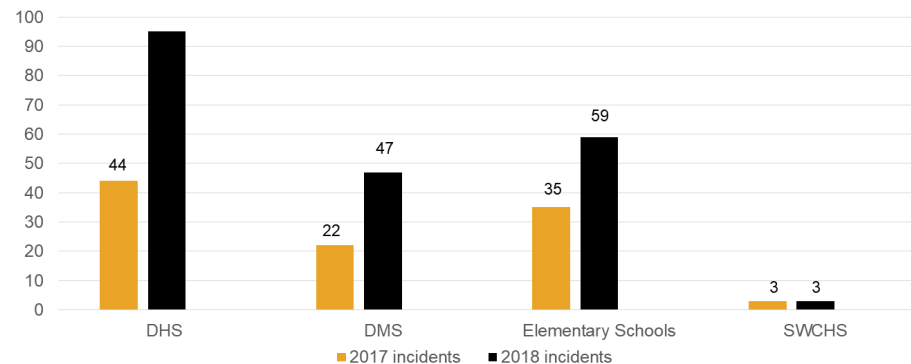
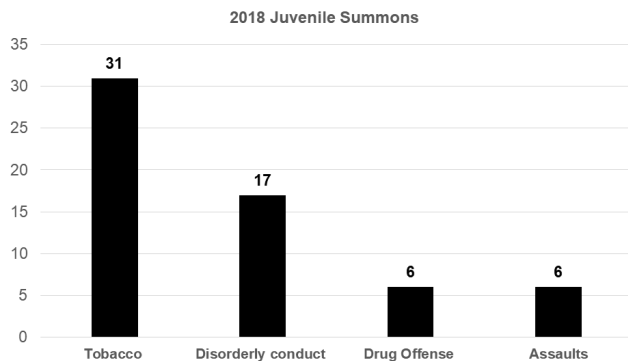
The School Resource Officer (SRO) position has been in place in the Dickinson Public School District since January of 2007. Currently, SGT Brandon Stockie and Officer Tiffany Whinery serve as our department's SROs. SGT Stockie concentrates his duties primarily at Dickinson High School, whereas Officer Whinery spends a majority of her time at the Dickinson Middle School. In addition, with the assistance of patrol officers, the SROs also respond to any issues at our local elementary schools. The SROs spent over 687 hours and responded to over 200 incidents in the public school system so far in the 2018-2019 school year.

There are many issues facing our youth across the nation, and Dickinson youth are not exempt from those challenges. These include mental health issues at earlier ages, vaping/tobacco/marijuana use, assaults, and other unruly acts. Despite these challenges, we feel our SRO program is successful in identifying problems and work with students to find solutions. We feel students are widely –receptive to our SRO program, and often seek out officers for advice and to report situations before they happen. This early intervention in the student-police relationship has already been paying dividends when we interact with former students who are now adults.

Our SROs also remain busy with other Community Oriented Policing strategies that include: bike safety talks, Text-a-Tip, Career fair, A.L.I.C.E. training, D.A.R.E. programming, monthly school safety meetings, Adopt-a-Cop programming, athletic events, and classroom presentations on sexting, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.



SERGEANT
Brandon Stockie



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

Since 2014, one of our department's hallmark crime-prevention programs has been the nationally-renowned Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. We partner with the Dickinson Public School District to provide officer-led classroom lessons that teach children how to resist peer pressure, practice good decision making skills, how media can influence their lives, facts about drugs/alcohol/tobacco, and how to be good citizens in our community. In addition to classroom courses, students participate in extensive role-playing with officers on practical ways to resist pressure to experiment with drugs and alcohol and to join gangs. Currently, the D.A.R.E. program is focused on 7th graders at Dickinson Middle School. Our department hopes to expand the scope of the program to other grades in the near future.

We currently have three certified D.A.R.E. instructors; SGT Brandon Stockie, Detective Samantha Okke, and Officer Tiffany Whinery. The officers have personal experience working with drug abusers on the street, therefore young people consider them to be highly credible instructors. The most recent class of 287 students graduated from the program in December.

In October, D.A.R.E. officers and students completed a fundraising event with the help of our local Qdoba Restaurant to raise \$1,145 which helped fund the purchase of D.A.R.E. t-shirts for graduation. In addition, our local Eagles Club donated \$500 towards the program.



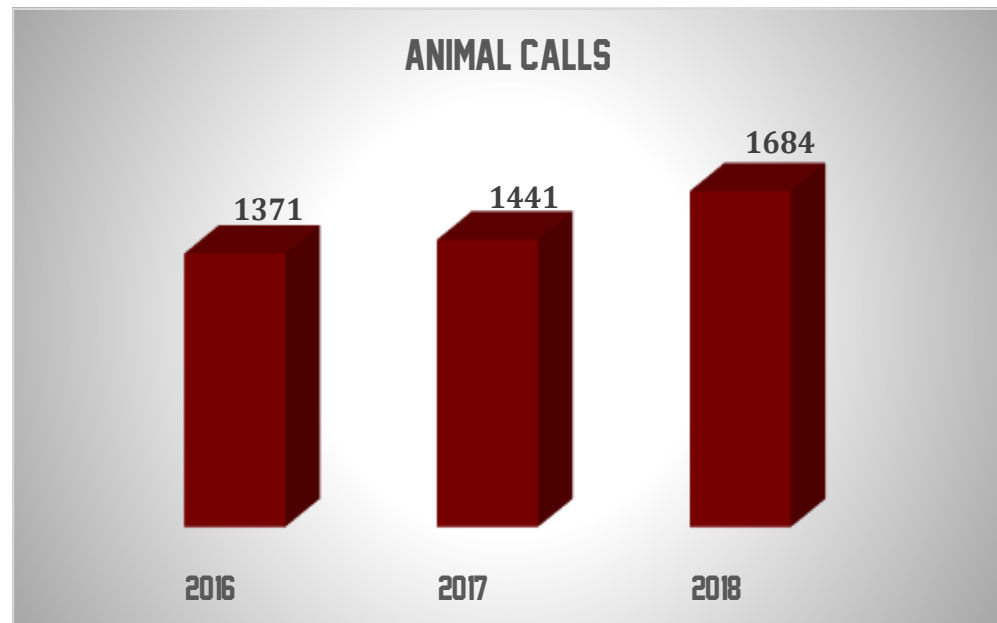


ANIMAL CONTROL



The Dickinson Animal Shelter is a division of the Dickinson Police Department. The division is currently staffed by one Animal Control Supervisor (ACS) and one Animal Control Officer (ACO). In addition to paid city staff, the shelter relies heavily on a strong contingent of community volunteers to keep the shelter running and keep the animals healthy and safe. A strong working relationship with area adoption organizations helps keep down the number of animals that are impounded.

In 2018, the city allocated a separate budget line in the amount of \$20,000 for operating expenses. This comes at a time where animal calls are at an all time high, and staff remains busy processing impounds and other animal complaints.



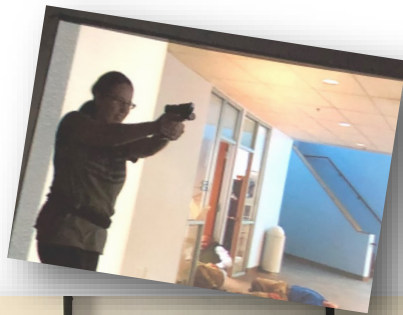
CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



After a several-year hiatus, the Dickinson Police Department resurrected our Citizen's Police Academy program in the fall of 2018. First started in the early 1990's, the CPA gives citizens the opportunity to learn about the department through classroom courses and hands-on activities.

For 10 weeks, around 25 citizens spent their Wednesday evenings learning about patrol, investigations, SWAT, K-9, Constitutional law, internet crimes, use of force, school resource, and much more. In addition to the classes, students were also able to go on ride-alongs with patrol officers as well as experience our new VirTra use of force shooting simulator.

The success of 2018s CPA class reiterated the importance of fostering a bond between police and citizens. Educating the public on the dynamics of police work is an important piece of Community Policing, and in return, our department is reminded that transparency is a key component of building trust with our citizens.



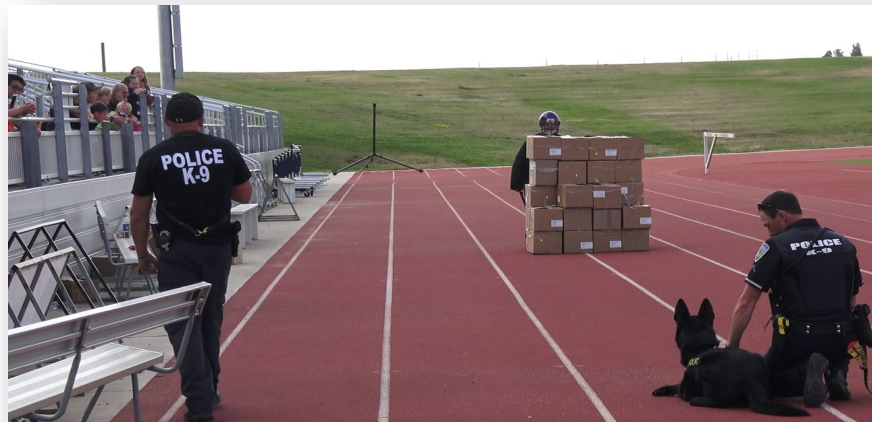
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



The height of the summer brought about one of the most successful events in department history. On August 8th, the Dickinson Police Department joined agencies across the nation in celebrating the 35th annual National Night Out.

The department partnered with area first responder agencies as well as many food vendors and businesses to host an evening of fun and community interaction at the Biesiot Activity Center.

Besides SWAT and K-9 demos, citizens could view static displays of police cars, ambulances, fire trucks. A BB gun shooting range was hosted by the Mule Deer Foundation, and the fire department conducted a Jaws of Life demonstration.



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER



SHOP WITH A COP







Daddy Daughter Dance 2018

AWARDS

LIFESAVING



- 🛡️ OFC Cori Wallace
- 🛡️ SPO Ian Wise
- 🛡️ SGT Jeremy Moser
- 🛡️ OFC Nate Slack
- 🛡️ SPO Mike Legler
- 🛡️ Dispatcher Tenille Weyer
- 🛡️ Dispatcher Michelle Kihiro

10 YEAR SERVICE



- 🛡️ SGT Jeremy Moser
- 🛡️ SGT Brandon Stockie

COMMUNITY SERVICE



- 🛡️ DET Justin White
- 🛡️ SRO Tiffany Whinery
- 🛡️ SPO Hunter Easterling
- 🛡️ OFC Taylor Peters
- 🛡️ SGT Brandon Stockie
- 🛡️ DET Samantha Okke
- 🛡️ Dispatcher Michelle Kihiro
- 🛡️ SGT Kylan Klauzer

MERITORIOUS



- 🛡️ DET Shane Holtz

MILITARY SERVICE



- 🛡️ OFC Aaron Bates
- 🛡️ OFC Andrew Stidham
- 🛡️ OFC Tyler Mahoney

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

- 🛡️ LT Mike Hanel
- 🛡️ OFC Nate Slack
- 🛡️ SPO Hunter Easterling
- 🛡️ OFC Taylor Peters
- 🛡️ OFC Sydnee King
- 🛡️ OFC Tristan Tokach
- 🛡️ OFC Jonathan Avalos
- 🛡️ SRO Tiffany Whinery



NEW HIRES



 **Officer Tristan Tokach**



 **Intel Analyst Janelle Groll**



 **Officer Jenny Rea**



 **Officer Aaron Bates**



 **Officer Andrew Stidham**



 **Officer Tyler Mahoney**





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