



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

2016 ANNUAL REPORT



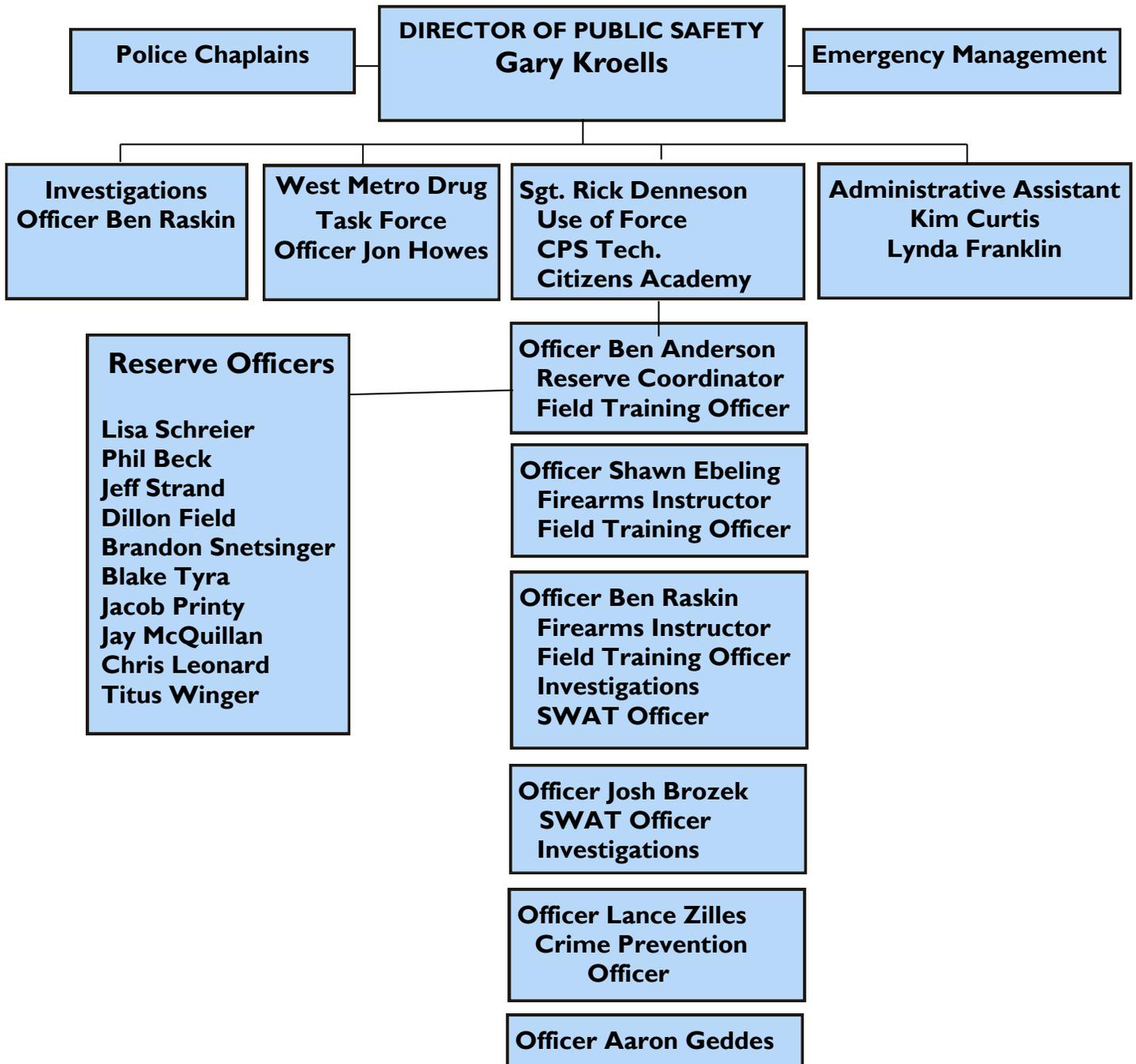
MISSION:

To protect and serve the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence in a professional and compassionate manner.



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WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Serving our Community proudly with our core values:

Honor Courage Common Sense Respect & Dignity Loyalty Fairness Trust



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Director of Public Safety
Gary Kroells**

As the Director of Public Safety at the West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS), it is my honor to submit the *2016 Annual Report*.

As you review this document, I hope you are as proud of your police department as I am. The annual report reflects the commitment our staff continues to show towards our citizens. I am proud to say that our department's most valuable asset is our team. Quality personnel enables us to provide competent, effective and caring service to our communities. We care about our citizens and it shows.

In 2016, West Hennepin was rated the third safest place to live in Minnesota (for small cities with a population between 5,000 and 10,000 people) and fourth safest overall. This is evidence of our goal to make both Maple Plain and Independence cities in which our residents are safe and proud to live in and raise a family.

In an effort to recognize the West Hennepin Public Safety Department, a promotional video was created to explain our mission statement and the core values of our organization. It can be viewed on our website at www.westhennepin.com.

In 2016, WHPS handled 8,716 incident complaints—an increase of 492 calls for service compared to 2015. West Hennepin will continue to find effective and efficient ways to provide proactive police services to our citizens. Our interaction with the public and our citizens is paramount in our working toward the betterment of our communities.

As I reflect on 2016, I am extremely proud of the safety improvements that have been made for our citizens along Highway 12. With the installation of left turn lanes at County Road 92, LED intersection lights at all of the intersections along Highway 12, and the continued discussion on controlled intersections at County Road 90, we will continue to improve safety along Highway 12 and save lives.

The continued support from the Maple Plain and Independence City Councils and our citizens does not go unnoticed by our officers. With these on-going positive relationships, our department will strive towards providing the best quality police services to our citizens. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as the Director of Public Safety for the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. I hope that we have improved your lives as we continue working hard for our communities in 2017.



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USE OF FORCE—TRAINING



Sergeant Rick Denneson
Use of Force Instructor

In 2016, West Hennepin officers participated in several continuing education trainings. Each year, there are several training topics that officers are required to complete to maintain their peace officer certification through the Police Officer Standards & Training (POST) Board. The mandatory training includes firearms qualifiers, first aid refresher, use of force updates, emergency driving, and other topics, including OSHA and POST Board requirements. The POST Board is the agency that administers and approves the licensing of police officers in Minnesota.

Officers are required to maintain a certain amount of continuing education credits each year to keep their peace officer license active. Many of the required refresher courses are now online and can be done in the office, on duty, between calls. This allows them to get the needed training but does not affect our day-to-day scheduling by having an officer away from work to attend training.



West Hennepin officers also participate in training with other agencies. We train with the departments around us as our agencies provide support for each other at the higher-risk calls to which we respond. Inter-departmental training often involves scenario-based training where role-players act as the subject of the training. Scenarios include topics such as domestics, burglaries, assaults, and traffic stops. Special training firearms are used to make the training as realistic as possible.





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HIGHWAY 12 SAFETY COALITION

The West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS) recognizes that it takes more than just police action to make our roads safer. As a member of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition, WHPS is working with local and state partners to create solutions to improve the safety of everyone travelling and living along the Highway 12 corridor. A video explaining all the accomplishments in 2016 can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj0w8WIkRyQ>



The Highway 12 Safety Coalition made significant progress in 2016:

- ◆ The completion of left turn lanes at County Road 92 North and South.
- ◆ Installation of LED intersection lights at six key intersections in Independence.
- ◆ In March, several members participated in legislative hearings for much needed funding on Highway 12.
- ◆ Completion of a center median divider from I-394 to County Road 6.
- ◆ Installation of “blue light” enforcement lights at three intersections.
- ◆ Completion of over 3.2 million dollars of safety improvements in 2016.
- ◆ “Buckle up” logos were placed throughout Maple Plain and Independence.
- ◆ Director Kroells was awarded the Leadership award from Towards Zero Deaths for his work on the Highway 12 Safety Coalition in 2016.



**Sgt. Denneson and
City of Independence
Councilmember Brad Spencer
supervising Delano students
paint “Buckle Up” logos at the
exits of many local businesses**



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DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LEADERSHIP AWARD—DIRECTOR GARY KROELLS



**Chief Kroells with his TZD
Distinguished Public Leadership
award**

In November of 2016, at the Minnesota Toward Zero Death (TZD) Conference, Director Gary Kroells was presented the “Distinguished Public Leadership” award for his leadership of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition. He was selected for this statewide award over several other nominations.

Through his leadership, the Highway 12 Safety Coalition was formed and has brought several communities together to push for improvements along a 38-mile length of the Highway 12 corridor in both Hennepin and Wright County. He was recognized for his achievements by several stakeholders in the safety of Highway 12—city and county officials, state legislators, MNDOT, citizens that live along the highway and, most importantly, victims and their families that have been affected by tragedy along this stretch of the highway.

Director Kroells coordinated press conferences for the media to bring attention to the outdated highway, testified several times at the state capitol about the need for funding and was successful in creating a working relationship with MNDOT to execute several short term fixes. But, most significantly, he worked with and pushed MNDOT to put into motion a plan for long term solutions to improve the highway – not only in Maple Plain and Independence — but the entire 38-mile stretch. His work has without doubt saved lives and prevented injuries.



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WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)



Officer Jon Howes
West Metro Drug Task
Force agent

The West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF) is a joint task force combating narcotics in western Hennepin County and the Twin Cities metro area. The West Metro Drug Task Force was established in 2003 with the cooperation of West Hennepin Public Safety, Medina Police Department, Minnetrista Public Safety, Orono Police Department and Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. There are currently six agents assigned to the WMDTF, which investigates narcotics-related criminal matters. Each member agency has at least one officer designated to the task force. A drug task force agent conducts long-term complex investigations, drafts and executes search warrants, conducts undercover operations and assists local law enforcement with critical incidents.



**West Metro Drug Task Force
Agencies:**

West Hennepin Public Safety

Medina Police

Minnetrista Public Safety

Orono Police

**Hennepin County
Sheriff's Office**



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WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)

2016 was a very productive year for the West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF). The task force added Minnetrista Police Department to the group and maintained a high standard of narcotics investigations. During the year, the WMDTF executed 101 search warrants which resulted in 75 arrests, 62 state criminal complaints and nine federal criminal complaints. The Task Force seized 6,054.42 grams of cocaine, 26,506.8 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 3.90 grams of heroin, and 23 pounds of marijuana.

The estimated street value of the narcotics seized by the WMDTF in 2016 is upwards of \$3,000,000. The pictures below are from significant search warrants that were executed.



Shown above is approximately 14 pounds of cocaine and 8 pounds of methamphetamine, along with \$207,000 in US currency. This investigation involved a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) which operated from Mexico to California to Minnesota. This case resulted in 5 federal indictments and the seizure of 5 vehicles.



This picture shows approximately 28.5 pounds of methamphetamine seized from another long-term investigation. Many packages were found in the exhaust of the vehicle which traveled from Mexico to Minnesota.



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USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING



**Officer Ben Raskin
Firearms Instructor**

West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) ensures that our officers are properly equipped and trained in the effective and appropriate use of firearms. Thankfully, most officers will never have to use their firearms in their career. However, we must train to and maintain State standards and, for our department, even higher standards on the use of firearms. To that end, WHPS makes certain that officers are equipped with quality and well-maintained weapons that comply with the needs of today.

Every sworn officer is required to maintain a high proficiency, not only with accuracy but also with appropriate decision-making, in the use of firearms and use of deadly force. Officers are

required to qualify with a score of 80% or better at two of the four live-fire shoots.

Officers attend department firearms training and qualification shoots about every other month to maintain these standards. WHPS' Firearms Instructors stay abreast of current training methods and best practices as they relate to the use of force and firearms and then ensure the timely inclusion into our training program.





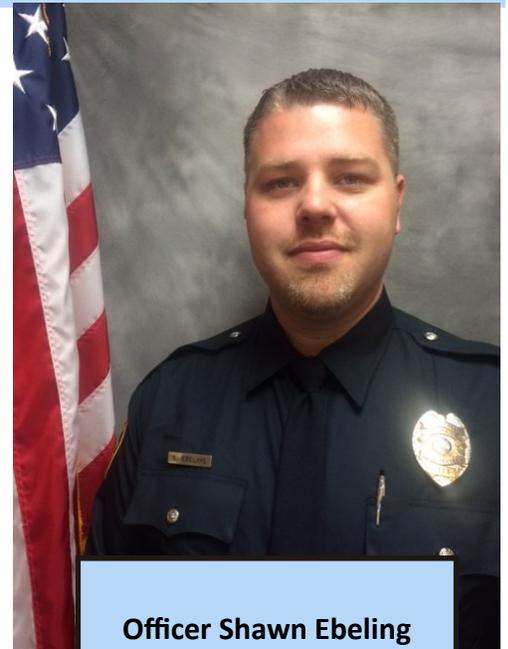
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USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING

Each year, several mediums are used to achieve the goal of maintaining highly skilled and capable officers who use sound judgment when utilizing force and firearms. That goal is met by officers participating in classroom training, range training, and simulation classes on topics such as marksmanship, decision making, weapon selection, firearms safety, active shooter, lone and multiple officer response, and other areas of firearms and use of force.

2016 was a busy year, with Officer Ebeling replacing Officer Maass as a Firearms Instructor after his departure. The department held four live-fire range days, including two qualification shoots, at the Delano Sportsmen's Club. In addition, all of the officers attended a LaserShot simulation training held at WHPS. (LaserShot is a video simulation that uses real-life scenarios with actors that officers engage with using laser equipped weapons.) We would like to thank the Columbia Heights Police Department for allowing us to borrow their LaserShot training system again this year. It is a huge benefit to our officers and offers a great cost savings to our department.

WHPS utilizes the Delano Sportsmen's Club for the majority of our live-fire shoots. We have a good working relationship with the Club and work cooperatively on projects to promote firearms safety and outreach.



Officer Shawn Ebeling
Firearms Instructor





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RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM



**Officer Ben Anderson
Reserve Coordinator**

The year 2016 was another outstanding year for the West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) Reserves—with new officers joining, excellent training opportunities, and 3,862 hours donated to WHPS and the cities of Maple Plain and Independence! Using a modest value of \$23.50 per hour (national 2015 formula), that is a value of \$90,757 to our communities. The value that the WHPS volunteer reserve officers provide to our communities is absolutely incredible.

WHPS honored two reserve officers for their dedicated service. Reserve Officer Lisa Schreier was recognized for her 30 years of service to WHPS! Reserve Officer Jeff Strand was recognized for his five years of service. Each received a plaque and a pin in recognition of their dedication to WHPS and to our communities.

WHPS added three new reserve officers in 2016: Jay McQuillan, Christopher Leonard and Titus Winger. We were also very proud when former Reserve Officer Angela Grabowski was hired by the Buffalo Police Department as a licensed peace officer. Grabowski

thanked WHPS for the opportunity to serve our communities and to gain the invaluable knowledge and skills to help her succeed as a law enforcement officer.

WHPS has reserve officers with a variety of interests and backgrounds. Some of our reserve officers are retired, some still have regular jobs and others are going to school to become licensed police officers or for other careers. There are a variety of opportunities and training to help match our reserves' interest in serving the community.

WHPS' dedication to the Reserve Officer Program was evident with many training opportunities that included: responding to traffic emergencies, handling medical emergencies, use of force, radio usage, and certifications to use an ASP Baton, Mace and Taser. We also upgraded our winter jackets and our flashlights to visibly brighter high-intensity LED versions.

The reserve officers participated in many community events including Night to Unite, a vehicle fair at the Orono Discovery Center, the Maple Plain Fire Department Open House and many running and bicycling events.

In addition, WHPS received a \$2,000 donation from the Gage Underdahl Memorial Ride to help purchase two new Tasers. The reserve officers, after training, are allowed to carry Tasers while on duty to help protect themselves and the officers they work with.



Reserve Officer Printy shows off the squad car to an interested youngster at the Discovery Center Vehicle Fair



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RESERVE OFFICERS – TRAINING and ACHIEVEMENTS



**Graduation from Hennepin County Reserve Officer Training.
Above: Chief Kroells, Reserve Officers Jay McQuillan, Jacob Printy,
Brandon Snetsinger and Sgt. Denneson**



**Reserve Officers Jeff Strand (5 years) and
Lisa Schreier (30 years) at their
Years of Service Recognition Ceremony**



**Reserve Officer Tyra practices a strike
against Reserve Officer Snetsinger at a
self defense training session**



**Right: Reserve Officers Printy and
Snetsinger fire a Taser with
instructor, Officer Ben Raskin**



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VIEW SANTA – RESERVES



2016 marked the 36th consecutive year that the West Hennepin Public Safety Reserve Officers hosted View Santa for residents of Maple Plain and Independence. The reserves collected almost 1,282 pounds in food donations and \$500 in monetary donations for the Maple Plain Area Food Shelf.

NOTE: West Hennepin Reserve Officers volunteered 3,862 hours in 2016.





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LAKE MINNETONKA SWAT TEAM



West Hennepin Public Safety is a member of the multi-agency Lake Minnetonka Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team. It was formed in 2008 and the participating agencies are West Hennepin Public Safety, Wayzata Police Department, Orono Police Department, Minnetrista Public Safety and South Lake Minnetonka Public Safety. The team consists of 18 members and West Hennepin

Public Safety currently has two officers on the team. The SWAT Team trains on a regular basis, learning new techniques, tools, devices and tactics to handle higher-risk situations. They also assist other SWAT Teams on mutual aid agreements. It has been a valuable opportunity for West Hennepin Public Safety to be a member of such a unit that could not be funded or staffed by one police department alone.

West Hennepin Public Safety was pleased to have Officer Josh Brozek be selected to join the SWAT team as a second member from our office. Officer Brozek is a valued addition to the team and will be a great representative of the department.



Officer Josh Brozek
Current SWAT member

In 2016, the team was honored to be one of the host teams, along with the Plymouth and Maple Grove Police Departments, of the annual Midwest Tactical Officer's Association (MTOA) conference at Camp Ripley, MN. The team worked hard to ensure the other 15 teams had challenging and realistic training. It was a successful event.



Officer Ben Raskin
Current SWAT member



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**Administrative Assistant
Kim Curtis**

The Administrative and Records Division of West Hennepin Public Safety consists of two Administrative Assistants with individual responsibilities. Kim Curtis is the administrative assistant/bookkeeper, Human Resources (HR) & benefits coordinator and recording secretary. Lynda Franklin is the administrative assistant/Terminal Agency Coordinator (TAC), primarily responsible for managing the Records Division which includes the submission of state-mandated records. Together, they perform various administrative and support services including:

- Assist the public on the phone and at the front window with public information requests, issuing burn permits, Permit to Purchase applications, etc.
- Department bookkeeping: payroll, HR & benefits coordination, accounts payables/receivables, maintaining financial status reports, bank account maintenance & reconciliation.
- Maintaining employee training records.
- Updating suspense files for the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).
- Transcription of interviews and data entry into case files.
- Preparation of case files for criminal prosecution and court records management.
- State certified for transmitting reports to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.
- Preparing and transmitting monthly crime, property and arrest reports to the BCA.
- Sending weekly media reports and press releases to local newspapers.
- Records management for assets forfeiture programs and reporting to the Office of the State Auditor.
- Compliance with OSHA reporting requirements.
- Storage, retrieval and disposal of records; completing local background investigation checks.
- Collect, process, disseminate and maintain Department records in accordance with Federal and State Data Practices laws and record retention requirements.
- Criminal History Records Management.



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INVESTIGATOR’S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

The West Hennepin Public Safety Department strives to provide career development for its officers and part of this process is to rotate the investigator position between experienced patrol officers every two years.

In 2016, Investigator Ben Raskin completed his second year in investigations, handling 215 cases, about a 2.38% increase over 2015. Of those, 56% (121 cases) resulted in an arrest and 10.7% (23 cases) were “exceptionally cleared” which means we know who did it but for various reasons, we were not able to charge the person(s). One case (.5%) was referred to another agency and the remaining 68 cases (31.6%) are still open, pending further leads.



Investigator
Ben Raskin



TOOL RENTAL THEFT SCAM

On April 16, 2016, West Hennepin Public Safety officers responded to take a theft report at the UFC Farm Supply store in Maple Plain. A couple were said to have rented a chop saw, valued at \$1,200.00. The couple did not return it.

An initial search was completed on computer data bases with no result. Later on, Investigator Raskin obtained the names of two possible suspects from a Statewide Crime Alert that listed two people who were said to rent tools and later pawn the items for cash.

A second search was made on computer data bases using the suspect’s names. It was learned the stolen saw had been pawned by the subjects.

The saw was recovered, the two suspects were charged and convicted of the theft.





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INVESTIGATOR’S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

GARAGE BURGLARY

On July 19, 2016, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) officers responded to a report of items stolen from a garage at an Independence residence. The victim family was on vacation when the burglary occurred. They returned to discover two recently purchased bicycles were missing, along with a Craftsman tool set.



During the initial investigation, upon doing a search on computer bases, it was learned that one of the bicycles had been pawned and a suspect was identified.



In a follow up investigation, using different search techniques, it was learned the second bicycle had been pawned at a different location and by a different suspect. Continuing investigations and search techniques were used, which eventually led to the Craftsman tools being identified at a pawn shop, as well.

Both bicycles and the tool set were recovered and returned to the victim. One suspect was successfully charged and convicted.

THEFT AT TRI-K SPORTS

On June 27, 2016, the owner of Tri-K Sports reported that three aluminum ramps, three tires and a tongue jack had been stolen from a trailer on their lot. A broken flashlight was found at the scene and sent to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for processing. The missing items were valued at \$1,285. On the following day, the owner reported two truck batteries, valued at \$70 each, and an electric pump with a gas hose, valued at \$700, were also missing, for a total loss value of \$2,125.

In November, the BCA notified WHPS of a suspect that was identified from DNA found on the broken flashlight. The suspect was charged and convicted of possessing stolen property in another county.





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INVESTIGATOR’S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

FELONY ASSAULT

On October 9, 2016, just before 11 p.m., staff members of the Vinland National Center (VNC) reported that a client had been assaulted by another client at the facility. The victim was struck in the head 4 or 5 times with a pillowcase holding several sharp-edged rocks resulting in a scalp laceration that required about 10 staples to close it. The suspect was not located at that time.



Bloody pillowcase recovered from a trash can near the assault

The following day, the program director at VNC reported that two additional pieces of evidence had been located, one of which was a map indicating a possible location of the suspect. With assistance from a Plymouth PD K9 team, the State

Patrol helicopter and officers from several area departments, the suspect was eventually located and taken into custody.

The suspect was charged with and convicted of 2nd Degree Assault.



Bloody rock recovered at the scene of the assault



ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

Minnesota law requires law enforcement to perform annual alcohol compliance checks. During 2016, Investigator Raskin held training classes for the employees of local businesses on handling potential sales to parties that appear to be under the legal drinking age. On October 11, an underage decoy was instructed by Investigator Raskin on the proper procedure for attempting to purchase alcohol during an alcohol compliance check.

The decoy was then given money from petty cash (which was later returned) and brought to each business in our cities that has a liquor license. She went inside and attempted to purchase alcohol from each business and was denied every time. All of the businesses successfully passed the compliance check.





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INVESTIGATOR’S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

SCRAP METAL THEFTS/BURGLARY FROM BERGERSON-CASWELL

On November 27, 2016, Bergerson-Caswell employees reported to West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) that tools and scrap copper were missing from their securely fenced-in yard. The business had video of the area which showed a man wearing a striped sweatshirt and a low-hanging string backpack in the yard prowling for three hours.

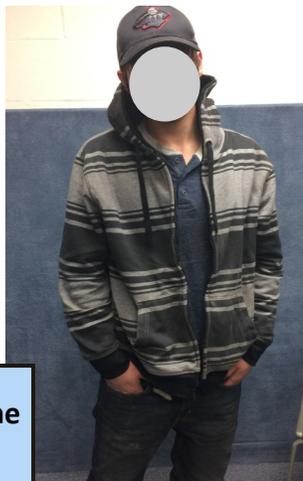
On December 2, 2016, the business yard was missing over \$900 of scrap copper. Video showed the same man with the same backpack and a Minnesota Wild cap.

On December 3, 2016, a WHPS officer found a man who fit that description walking on County Road 90 and Main Street in Independence. The male was detained and identified. Officers found a vehicle parked nearby which contained tools and items that were later determined to be stolen. The male was taken into custody and booked into the Hennepin County Public Safety Facility.

A Bergerson-Caswell employee determined that there had been a final theft on December 3, 2016, just prior to the suspect's arrest. The employee identified rolls of wire taken from the vehicle as missing from the business. The total loss was \$2,626.

The suspect was later interviewed. In a post-Miranda voluntary statement, the suspect admitted to crossing the secured fence at Bergerson-Caswell. He also admitted driving the vehicle that officers searched, which contained stolen property.

The suspect has been charged and is awaiting trial as of early 2017.



Suspect at time of arrest



Video of suspect at the scene



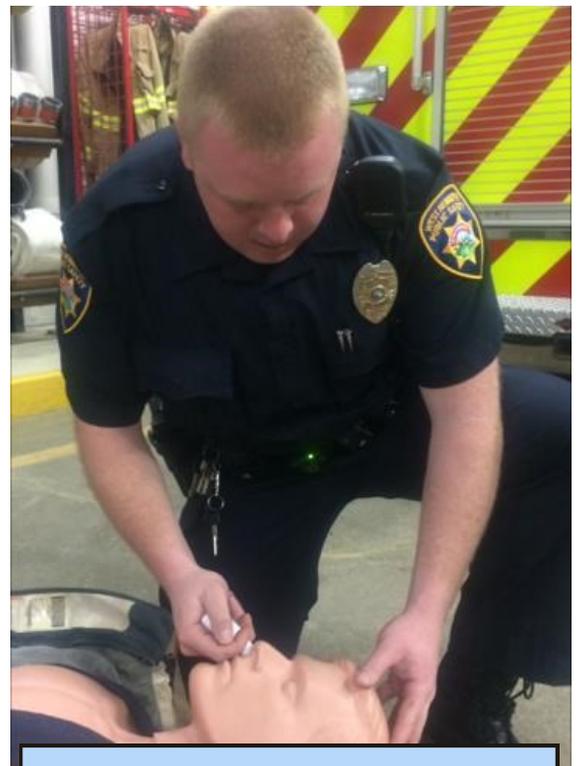
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER TRAINING—USE OF NARCAN

In 2016, there were 153 opioid-related deaths in Hennepin County. Due to the 39% increase in opioid overdose deaths, all sworn officers and volunteer reserve officers of the West Hennepin Public Safety Department received training in the use of Narcan (Naloxan), an anti-overdose drug that is used to save lives.

Director Kroells felt that making Narcan available to officers is placing another life-saving tool in the police officer’s “tool box,” one that may stop a preventable death. With the increases that Hennepin County is seeing in opioid overdoses, our officers must be prepared and provided with the tools and training to help save a person’s life who has overdosed on an opioid-related substance.

It is hoped an officer never has to use Narcan to save someone’s life, but now West Hennepin officers and reserves have the tool and the training to save a life, versus not having the appropriate tool in their tool box.



Officer Howes demonstrating the use of Narcan



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CRIME PREVENTION



Officer Zilles with West Hennepin’s new moveable radar sign.

West Hennepin Public Safety strives to keep the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence safe and up-to-date with current trends and technology. In May of 2016, WHPS received a community partnership grant from Center Point Energy for a moveable speed detection sign. The speed sign can be programmed to flash at different speeds and also has the ability to collect speed and traffic flow data. The data collected can then be accessed via Bluetooth by pulling up to the sign, clicking on the program in the squad car computer and viewing the data it collected. The data can then be analyzed so West Hennepin knows the time of day a particular street may have people driving above the speed limit. The speed sign operates on rechargeable batteries that last 5-7 days on one charge.

West Hennepin Public Safety officers work extremely hard trying to prevent crime but do not do it alone. West Hennepin regularly receives tips from concerned citizens that may see something out of the ordinary that West Hennepin officers have not yet seen. Some of the tips received in 2016 led to arrests including drunk drivers, seizure of a large amount of marijuana and damage to property. Educating citizens with crime prevention information has helped West Hennepin solve more cases during 2016.



**Crime Prevention ...
Works with a Plan**

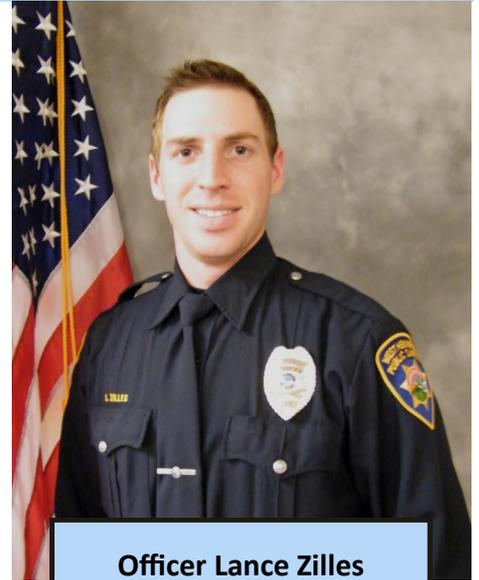


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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—NIGHT TO UNITE

In 2016, the West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS) organized a Night to Unite event that was held on August 2nd. WHPS officers, along with many WHPS reserve officers and Maple Plain firefighters, participated in the event. There were 10 different community hosts for this event, that included private residences and apartment complexes in the cities of Maple Plain and Independence.

During the Night to Unite event, West Hennepin Public Safety made it a goal to connect with residents in the community to educate them on what is happening in the area in which they live. Residents also had the opportunity to meet the officers one-on-one and to get to know them, as well as officers getting to know the residents they serve.



Officer Lance Zilles
Crime Prevention Officer



Historically, Night to Unite has been a great time and the officers were able to talk with residents about what happens when you call 911, as well as to show them some of the tools law enforcement officers use and why they use them.

Another great benefit of the event is, of course, the great food the party hosts provide. West Hennepin Public Safety looks forward to future Night to Unite events and hopes to improve it each year.

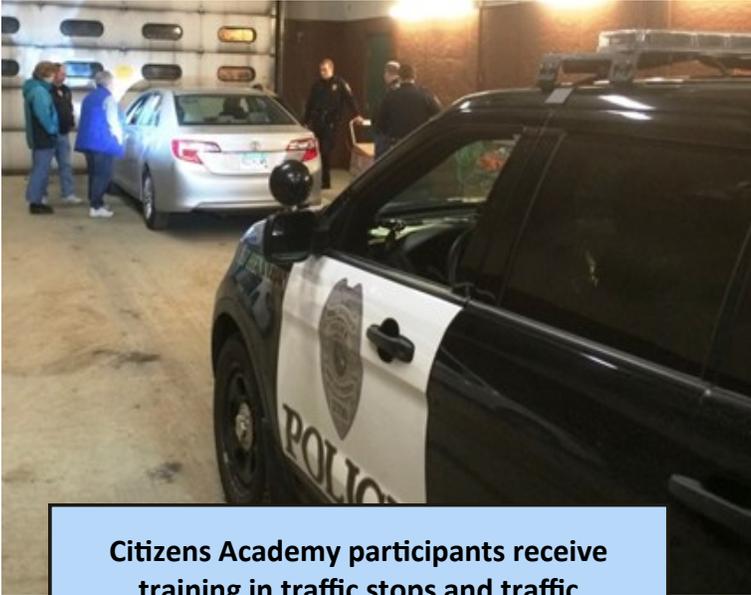


Police and Fire participants in the 2016 Night to Unite event



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



Citizens Academy participants receive training in traffic stops and traffic enforcement

In 2016, West Hennepin Public Safety graduated members of the seventeenth class of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA).

Fifteen citizens from in and around the cities of Maple Plain and Independence participated in the annual 8-week course.

The course is designed to educate citizens about how the police department functions and provides an opportunity for them to meet the West Hennepin officers and to learn more about their jobs as police officers.

The course curriculum includes topics such as criminal and narcotics investigations, traffic enforcement, DWI enforcement, and the department history. There were demonstrations by a Police K-9 and his handler, a use of force video simulator, and a field trip to the 911 dispatch center where participants were able to speak with dispatchers and listen to actual 911 calls coming in. A Hennepin County judge and the prosecuting attorney for Maple Plain and Independence came to one session and spoke to the group about their jobs.



Teaching “trainees” how to write and issue a citation to a violator



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

In another class, after hearing about traffic stops from two officers, participants were encouraged to role play as officers in mock traffic stops. They were able to experience what it is like for an officer to walk up to a car stopped for a traffic violation.

The final evening of the academy included a graduation ceremony where each participant was issued a CPA shirt. Alumni from previous classes are invited back to the ceremony to share their experiences of their own academy classes.



Sergeant Denneson showing participants the breath-testing instrument in the booking area



Citizens Police Academy
2016 Graduating Class



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A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

2016 was a difficult and challenging year for law enforcement. Across the United States, sixty-three officers were shot and killed, one was stabbed to death, three died as a result of being assaulted and another 12 died in vehicular assaults. In all, 144 men and women and 34 K9 officers lost their lives in the line of duty. Also, the national media and press were critical of law enforcement on a daily basis.

However, we at West Hennepin Public Safety were encouraged by the support of the citizens of Independence, Maple Plain and surrounding communities. Throughout the difficult year, our police department received many thank you notes, cards and gestures of support from the kind and thoughtful residents in our area.

In addition, rarely did a day go by without at least one person offering to shake our hands and offer their thanks for the service they receive from our officers and our department. This support was truly appreciated by all of the members of our police department.

Thank You!



A local family brought "Thin Blue Line" mugs for the officers



Several of the Thank You cards that were received and displayed for the officers to read and enjoy



A grateful citizen donated several boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the department

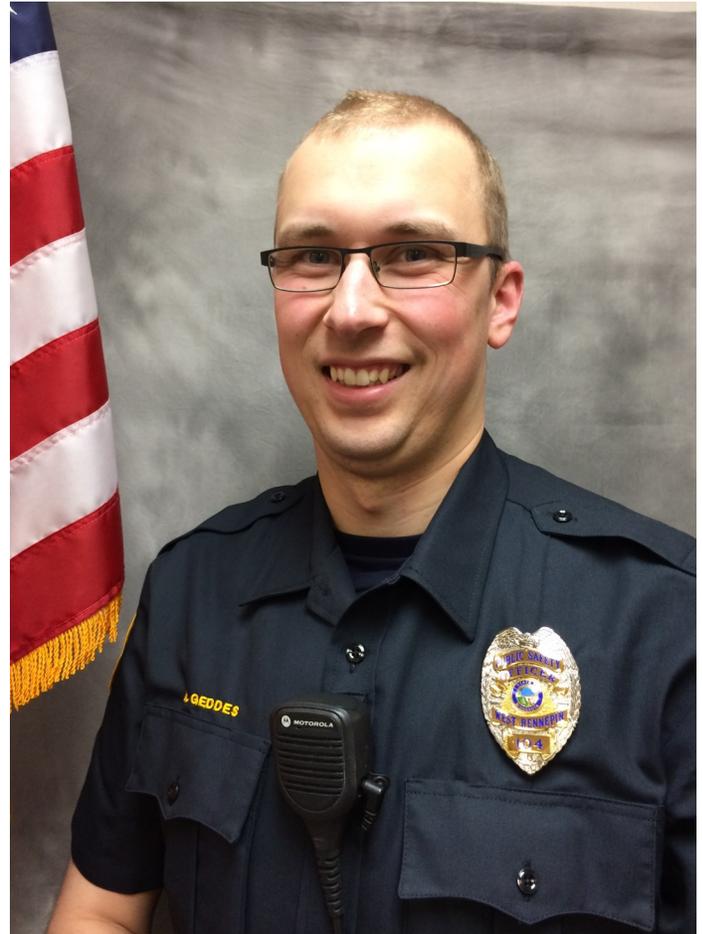


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NEW OFFICERS—2016



**Officer Shawn Ebeling
2016**



**Officer Aaron Geddes
2016**

Officer Ebeling began service with WHPS on March 1, 2016, after serving as a Police/Paramedic for 9 years with the Cottage Grove Department of Public Safety. Officer Ebeling brought with him several years of experience as a Drug Recognition Expert, Firearms Instructor, Field Training Officer, Investigator, and Paramedic.

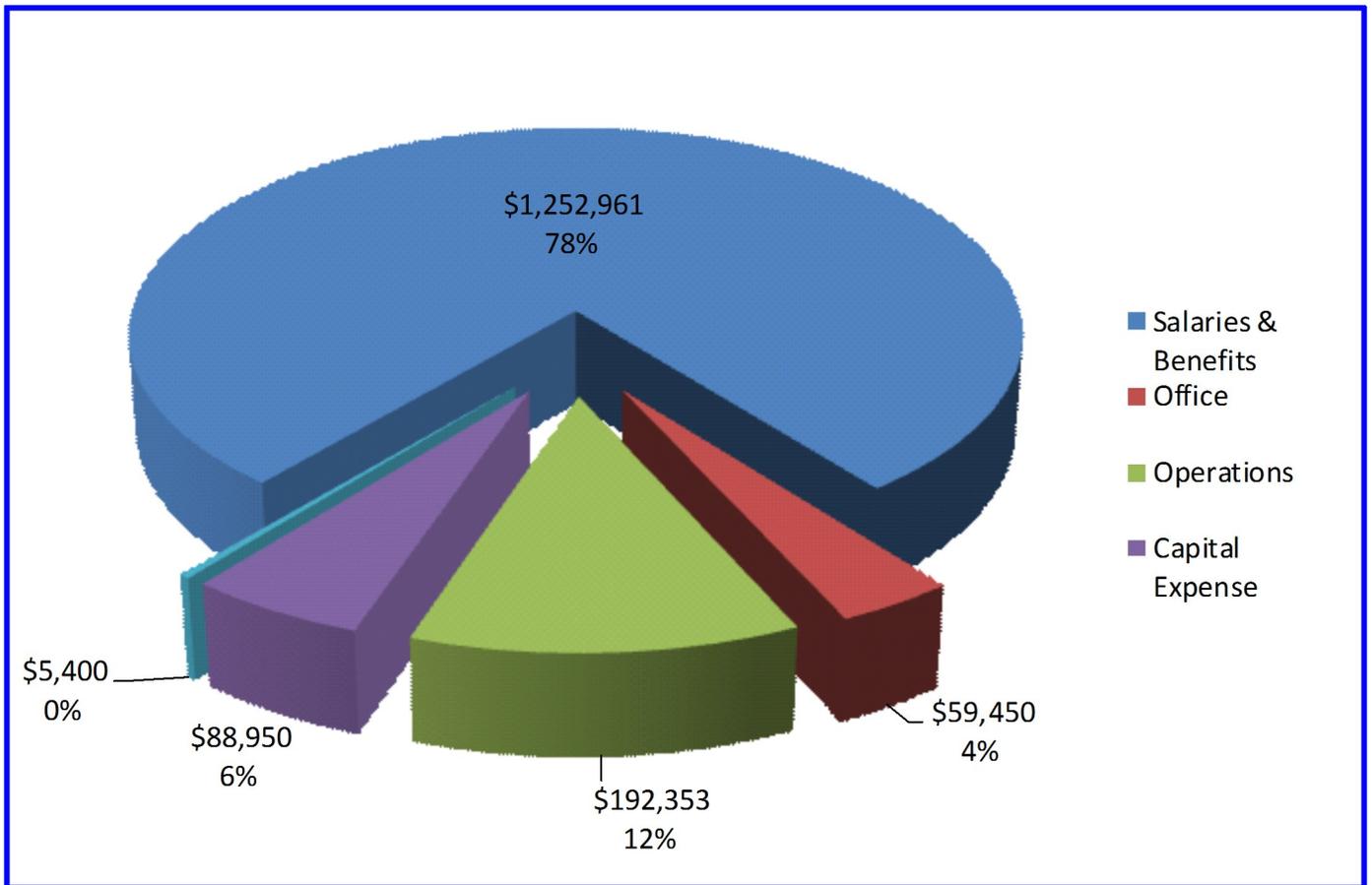
Officer Geddes started with WHPS on April 18, 2016, after serving as a Deputy Sheriff and Corporal in Dunn County, North Dakota. While working with the Dunn County Sheriff's Office, Officer Geddes was a member of the SWAT Team and a Field Training Officer.



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FINANCIAL SUMMARY: 2016 BUDGET

2016 Annual Budget \$1,599,164



As indicated above, 78% of the West Hennepin Public Safety Department budget is dedicated to the salaries and benefits for the ten full-time licensed police officers and two full-time administrative assistants on staff. The remaining funds are dedicated to office supplies, police department operating costs, capital expenses and community service programs.



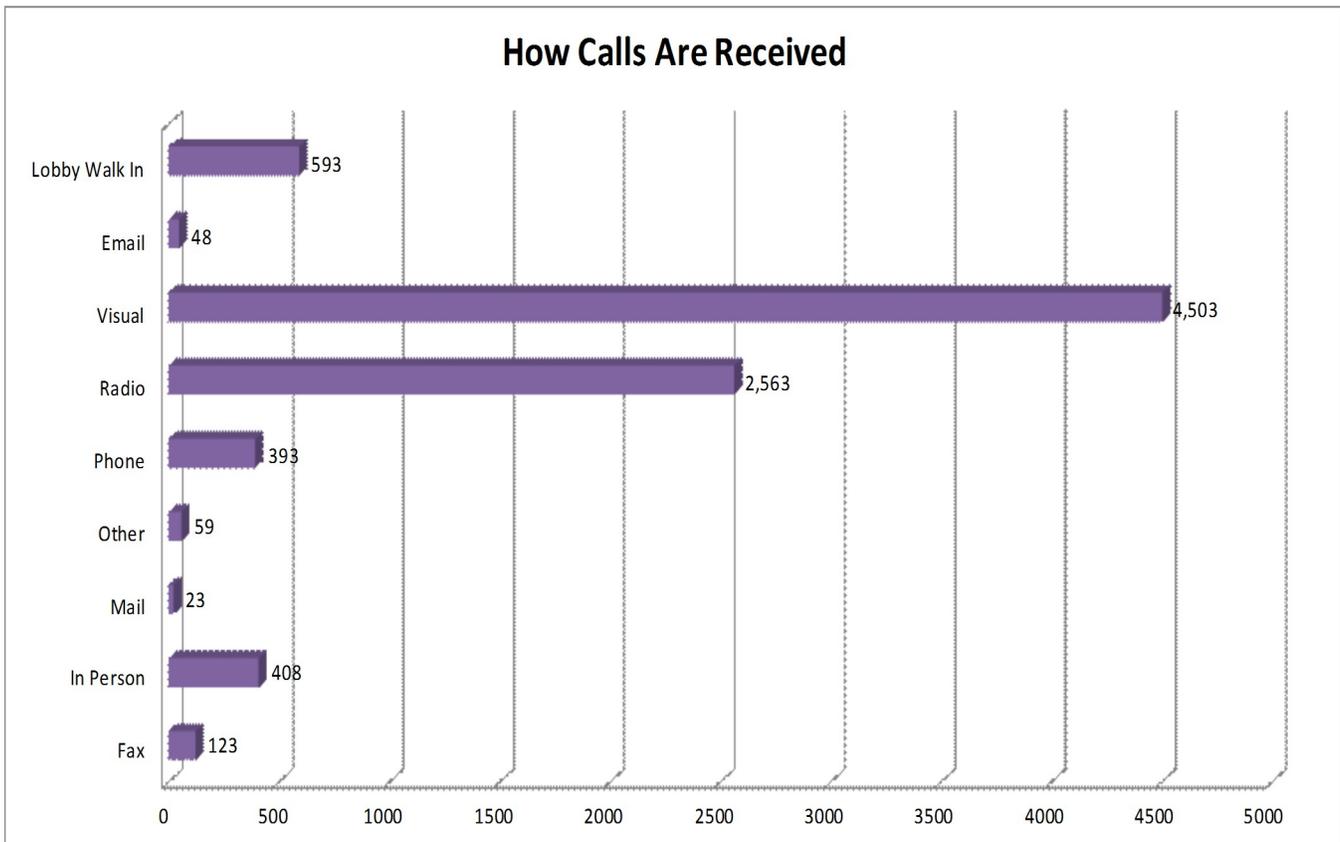
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2016 ACTIVITY REPORT

In 2016, the West Hennepin Public Safety Department handled 8,713 incident complaint reports for Independence and Maple Plain, with 5,002 incidents occurring in Independence and 3,114 occurring in Maple Plain.

Incident complaint reports include:

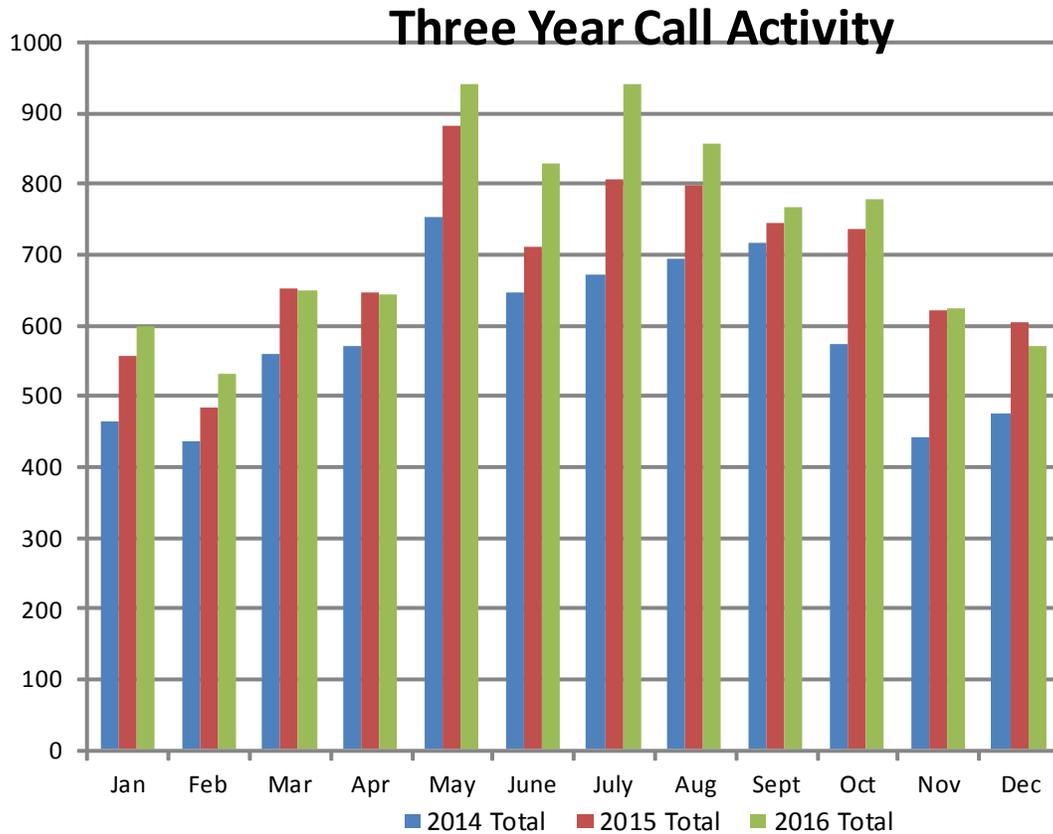
- **3,436 Traffic Stops and Traffic related offenses**
- **215 Criminal Investigations**
- **163 Property Damage Crashes**
- **61 DWI Arrests**
- **17 Personal Injury Crashes**
- **1 Fatality Crash**





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2014-2016 Call Activity Report



West Hennepin Public Safety Department call activity per month for the past three years, 2014-2016



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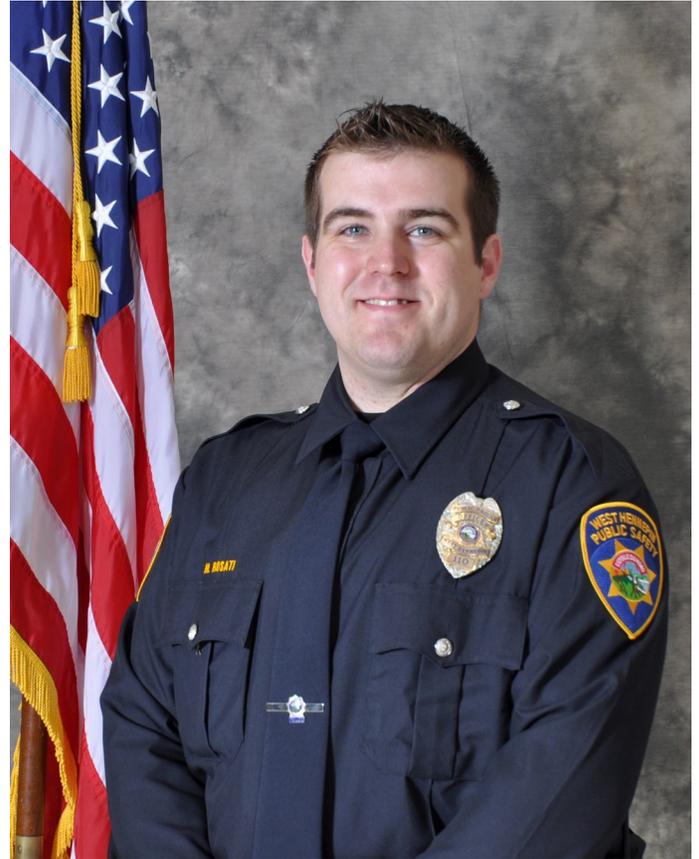
ACTIVITY REPORT: Comparing 2015 versus 2016

Offense	2015	2016
City Of Independence		
Criminal	124	125
Traffic	2,310	2,342
Part III	129	136
Part IV	402	414
Part V	1,901	1,985
Total City of Independence	4,866	5,002
City Of Maple Plain		
Criminal	74	81
Traffic	752	1,094
Part III	68	88
Part IV	259	232
Part V	1,570	1,619
Total City Of Maple Plain	2,723	3,114
Grand Total Both Cities		
TZD	247	538
Other ICRS	385	585
Total ICR Reports	8,221	8,713
How Received		
Fax	121	123
In Person	501	408
Mail	41	23
Other	45	59
Phone	516	393
Radio	2,361	2,563
Visual	4,001	4,503
Email	46	48
Lobby Walk In	589	593
Total	8,221	8,713



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FAREWELLS – OFFICER MAASS, OFFICER ROSATI



Officer Tim Maass
Thank you for your dedicated service.
2000-2016

Officer Matt Rosati
Thank you for your dedicated service.
2014-2016

After 15 years of dedicated service to the West Hennepin Public Safety Department, Officer Tim Maass left our organization to pursue his passion as a conservation officer with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

After two years of service, Officer Matt Rosati accepted a police officer position with the Eden Prairie Police Department.

Both officers were valued assets to West Hennepin Public Safety Department and their service to the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence will be missed.