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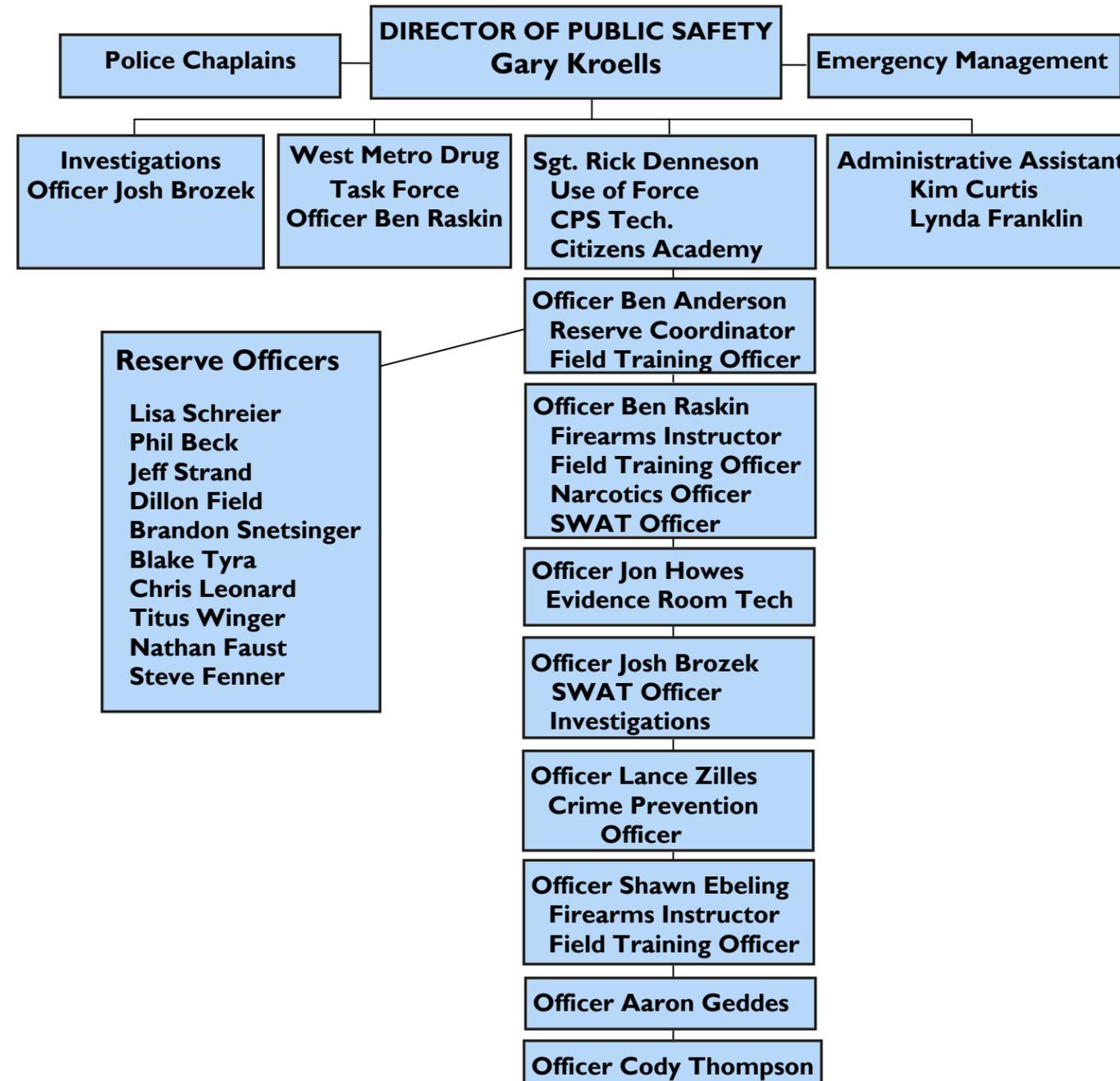
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To protect and serve the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence in a professional and compassionate manner.



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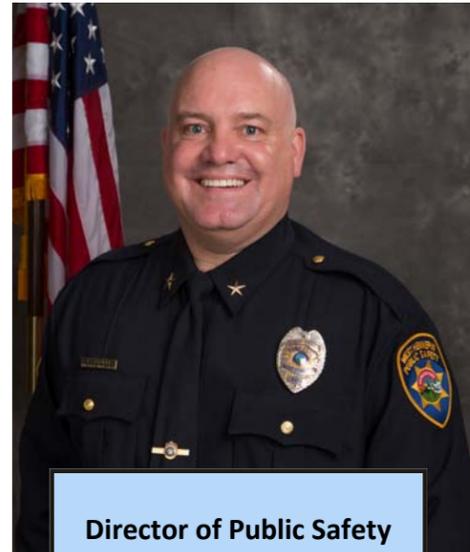
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**Director of Public Safety
Gary Kroells**

As the Director of Public Safety for West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPS), it is my honor to submit the *2017 Annual Report*.

In this year's report, you will find information highlighting different areas of law enforcement, emergency management, community involvement, training, and our volunteer programs. This annual report reflects the commitment our staff continues to show towards our citizens and our community.

2017 is the first year I can recall West Hennepin Public Safety being fully staffed. Within the last five years, over half of our officers have retired, changed careers, or moved on to work at other metro police departments. In replacing those officers, a great deal of time was focused on hiring and training our new officers. I can say with great pride our current department is the most active, hardworking, compassionate group of people I have ever worked with. Your police officers are second to none and I am very proud of this department.

As part of our emergency preparedness function, in the summer of 2017 all of our police officers attended a one-day course on handling a regional response to a mass casualty event. After the training, additional medical equipment was purchased and we worked with our local fire departments on further training. In the fall of 2017, all Maple Plain firefighters also attended this same course. I am very proud to report all West Hennepin police officers and Maple Plain firefighters are now trained and equipped to handle a mass casualty event.

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.

I am happy to report that the West Hennepin Public Safety Department did not have a single fatality crash in 2017. People traveling on Highway 12 have a safer road to use, in part due to the proud work of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition. The Coalition also successfully lobbied our legislature for 12.5 million dollars for intersection safety improvements at County Road 92 and County Road 90, currently scheduled for construction in 2020-2021.

As you review this report, I hope that you feel the same pride I do in recognizing all of the great accomplishments our department has achieved in serving our communities in 2017. 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 made a positive impact in your lives as we will continue working hard for you in 2018.



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USE OF FORCE—TRAINING



Sergeant Rick Denneson
Use of Force Instructor

The West Hennepin Public Safety Department (WHPSD) utilizes an online training program called Patrol Online. This training program is facilitated by the League of MN Cities Trust. They publish online training sessions that our officers can do while on duty from a computer in the office. These online modules cover all of the required POST Board objectives for use of force and also OSHA mandates on topics such as blood-borne pathogens, hazardous materials, confined space, hearing and respiratory protection, and other safety topics. Along with the computer classroom, we also provide hands-on scenarios so that officers get real-life experience in dealing with situations. We use Simunition guns that shoot paint rounds instead of real bullets to make the training as realistic as possible. Annually, we train with our batons, handcuffing techniques, chemical spray, Tasers and also hand-to-hand combat.

Officers in the department also attended work-related outside schooling in areas that interest them. Topics this year included leadership training, emergency management, use of force, and various instructor certifications.

All of our officers attended a one-day class in mass casualty/active shooter training. In this training, we practiced working alongside fire and EMS creating *Tactical Response Teams* to evacuate victims of mass casualty incidents in an elementary school. We also worked on Incident Command skills to help control and organize the chaos that comes along with these incidents.

Several officers from WHPSD attended a half-day training in St. Cloud at the driver training center for our MRAP vehicle. We were taught not only how to drive this unique piece of equipment, but also how to operate safely around it with its limited visibility from the driver's seat. This class certified the participants in the understanding and safe operation of the vehicle.

Training is ongoing for WHPSD officers. Every week, officers do something in a training role whether it is with other officers during a shift, department policy review or renewing one of the many certifications that we hold.



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HIGHWAY 12 SAFETY COALITION-LEGISLATIVE FUNDING

As we entered the 2017 legislative session, the Highway 12 Safety Coalition made the statement, "Now is the time for everyone to get involved to improve the safety of everyone driving Highway 12." We asked that "Everyone" take action and contact your legislators to demand funding for Highway 12. I am proud to say that together we did it!

2017 was a tremendously successful year for legislative funding for safety improvements along Highway 12. Throughout the legislative session, the Highway 12 Safety Coalition successfully lobbied our state legislature and received 12.5 million dollars for intersection improvements at County Road 92 and County Road 90. Hennepin County is to be allocated \$11.3 million and MnDOT is to be allocated \$1.2 million for improvements to those intersections.



Testifying at the state legislature
Photo courtesy of Laker/Pioneer

After funding was allocated, MnDOT approved funding for HNTB Engineering Consultants to begin concept designs for intersection improvements at County Road 92. Staff members from MnDOT, Hennepin County, the City of Independence and HNTB have worked exceptionally hard to develop the safest and most efficient intersection improvements at County Road 92. A public meeting to discuss the improvements is projected to occur in the spring of 2018 and this project is slated for construction in 2021.



Members of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition

Additionally MnDOT approved \$4.3 million in funding for intersection improvements at County Road 90 and \$5.1 million for installing a concrete center median divider between County Road 6 and County Road 29 in Orono. These MnDOT projects are also slated for the 2021 construction season.

WHPS recognizes that it takes "Everyone" to make our roads safer. As a member of the Highway 12 Safety Coalition, I urge people to attend a Coalition meeting. They are held every other month at Delano City Hall at 3:00 pm.

Together we can make Highway 12 safer for everyone traveling along the Highway 12 corridor.



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WEAPON MOUNTED CAMERAS

In August of 2017, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) was approached by Viridian Technologies, a Maple Plain-based business that manufactures laser sights for guns. However, they did not come to us to talk about laser sights, but rather a weapon mounted camera system that they were working on. They were looking for a department to take part in a pilot program for this camera system. After several meetings and consultation with our City Attorney on department policy for this piece of equipment, we agreed to participate in their pilot.



The weapon mounted camera (WMC) is a piece of equipment that mounts to the rails of the officer's handgun under the barrel. It is a video recorder that also captures sound. In addition, the WMC has a flashlight incorporated in it to take the place of the flashlight that is regularly mounted in this location on the gun. When the gun is in the officer's holster, the camera is off but as soon as the officer draws their weapon out, the camera automatically comes on and begins audio and video recording. When the gun goes back into the holster, the camera turns off.

In December 2017, Viridian gave WHPS three of the WMC for testing and evaluation in a four-month pilot program. The WMCs were deployed to Sergeant Denneson and Officer Ebeling who are on patrol and to Officer Raskin who is on the drug task force. This is a new and innovative piece of equipment that will capture an officer's interactions with the public in use of force situations where the officer's gun is involved.



WHPS has gathered several pieces of footage on the WMCs in both training and on-duty events. We will determine after the pilot program is complete if it will be a piece of equipment that WHPS will purchase for each officer.



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WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)



Officer Ben Raskin
West Metro Drug Task
Force Agent

The West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF) is a joint task force created to combat 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 Department**
 - Medina Police Department**
 - Minnetrista Public Safety Department**
 - Orono Police Department**
 - Hennepin County Sheriff's Office**



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WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE (WMDTF)

2017 was another very productive year for the West Metro Drug Task Force (WMDTF). During the year, the WMDTF executed 122 search warrants which resulted in 79 arrests, 56 state criminal complaints and 5 federal criminal complaints. The Task Force seized 2 pounds of cocaine, 50 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, 2 pounds of heroin, 58 pounds of marijuana and 19 guns.

The estimated street value of the narcotics seized by the WMDTF in 2017 is upwards of \$2.9 million. The pictures below are from significant search warrants that were executed.



Pictured above is approximately 28 pounds of marijuana, 2 pounds of cocaine, \$54,000 in U.S. currency and 1 handgun. This case involved a drug trafficking organization that was working in Mexico, California, Texas and Minnesota. This case led to 4 federal convictions.



Pictured above is approximately 32.5 pounds of methamphetamine. This case involved a drug trafficking organization that was working in Mexico, Arizona and Minnesota.





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USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING



Officer Ben Raskin
Firearms Instructor

West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) conducts ongoing training throughout the year in the areas of use of force and firearms. We conduct a minimum of four live-fire firearms trainings each year to ensure officers' proficiency with weapons and appropriate application in different situations.

2017 proved to be a busy year again as we had a new officer start with WHPS. As a result, an entire day was spent on the range with him to ensure proficiency and decision making with regards to the use of weapons and tactics.

We continue to ensure officers are outfitted with the latest equipment and up to date with current trends in use of force and firearms technology. We updated all of the department's patrol rifles this year, replacing rifles that were nearing the end of their service life. Fortunately, we were able to do this on a budget-neutral basis due to the sale of our old rifles as well as a refund for optics equipment from the manufacturer.



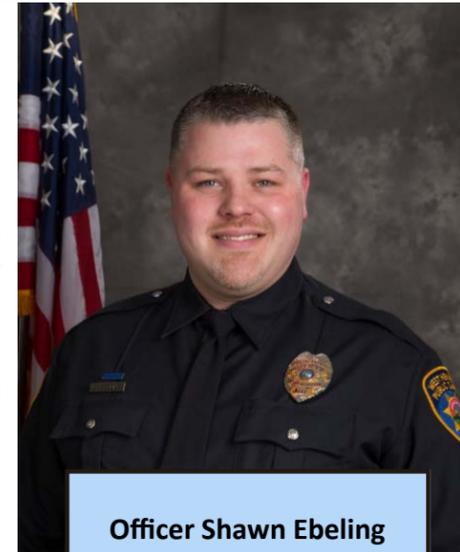
In the process of replacing the rifles, we took the opportunity to address an officer wellness goal of hearing conservation. This was done by outfitting each rifle with a suppressor which reduces the decibels that can cause hearing damage or loss. The rifles without suppressors are approximately 165dB and with the suppressors they are approximately 134dB, thus adding a layer of protection to our officers.



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USE OF FORCE—FIREARMS TRAINING

As discussed in another section of the report, we began a trial of a weapon mounted camera/light. For several years already, we have equipped officers with weapon mounted lights. However, with new technology, a camera can now be integrated into the light. WHPS began this trial in 2017 and it continues into 2018. We are assessing this system with the hopes it can provide greater transparency to the community. As part of the assessment, we are evaluating if the system is a viable product in relation to use, reliability, functionality and quality.



Officer Shawn Ebeling
Firearms Instructor

WHPS has for many years incorporated scenario-based, decision making, and de-escalation training into our use of force program and 2017 was no exception. Columbia Heights PD again provided us with access to their video simulation system called Laser Shot. We spent a week in March of 2017 having officers rotate through simulations that put officers into life-like situations that require varying levels of force. Officers also learn and practice how to address the characters in the simulations by utilizing de-escalation techniques and application of varying levels of force up to deadly force. Following each scenario, our instructors debrief the scenario and review the actions the officer took to address the simulation. This provides a valuable training tool for officers to hone their skills in dealing with potential use of force scenarios and ensure we are using only enough force that is necessary to address a situation.

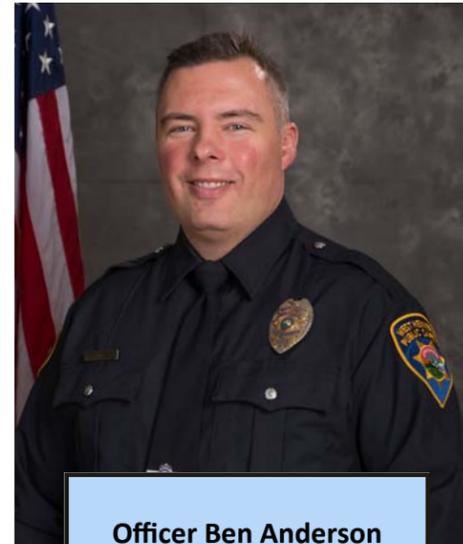
We want to also thank the Delano Sportsmen’s Club for their continued support and cooperation with us by providing access to their range. In the past few years, we are grateful that they asked us to participate when they host a social gathering for their members and area law enforcement, providing an opportunity to meet and answer questions.





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RESERVE OFFICER PROGRAM



**Officer Ben Anderson
Reserve Coordinator**

The year 2017 was another outstanding year for the West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) Reserves. We were able to provide some excellent training opportunities and a total of 2,555 hours were 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 \$60,042.50 to our communities for a very minimal cost. The value that the WHPS volunteer reserve officers provide to our communities is absolutely invaluable.

WHPS was also very proud when Reserve Officers Jacob Printy and Jay McQuillan were hired by the Wright County Sheriff's Department as licensed peace officers (deputies). Printy and McQuillan both thanked WHPS for the incredible opportunities they were given while serving our communities, all the while gaining the invaluable knowledge and skills to help them succeed as a law enforcement officer. Their relationship with the officers of WHPS will continue during their careers as they are mentored towards becoming excellent deputies in the neighboring county.

WHPS has reserve officers with a variety of interests and backgrounds. Some of our reserve officers are retired, some are still working full-time or part-time 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.

The reserve officers participated in many community events including Night to Unite, the Boo Market at MPFC, the Maple Plain Fire Department Open House and many running and bicycling events. Reserves also responded to several large scale incidents to assist the WHPS officers.



Traffic direction training at the industrial park



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RESERVE OFFICERS – USE OF FORCE AND FIREARMS TRAINING



Sgt. Denneson demonstrating a "closed" baton strike at a self defense training session



Reserve Officer Winger practices a baton strike at a self defense training session



Reserve Officer Schreier firing the rifle at firearms training in Corcoran, under the guidance of Officer Raskin



Reserve Officer Snetsinger firing the rifle, with Officer Ben Raskin



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VIEW SANTA – RESERVES



Left to Right, standing: Reserve Coordinator, Officer Ben Anderson, Sgt. Rick Denneson, Officer Shawn Ebeling, Reserve Dillon Field, Reserve Candidate Steven Fenner, Reserve Lisa Schreier, Reserve Titus Winger, Reserve Philip Beck, Reserve Candidate Nathan Faust and Reserve Christopher Leonard. Seated in the sleigh: Santa.



Santa and Elf Lisa waiting for the next child to visit Santa

“This year was an exceptional year with many people coming out to visit Santa and making donations to the local food shelf. The police reserves collected over 1,055 pounds of food and \$245.00 in cash donations,” said Director Gary Kroells. “The volunteer reserve officers of WHPS have been hosting this event for 37 years and it is a very special program for our small communities.”



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LAKE MINNETONKA SWAT TEAM



West Hennepin Public Safety is a member of the Lake Minnetonka SWAT Team, a multi-agency SWAT team. It was formed in 2008 by West Hennepin Public Safety, South Lake Minnetonka Public Safety, Orono Police Department, Minnetrista Police Department, and the Wayzata Police Department. 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, devices, tools, and tactics to handle high-risk situations. They also assist other SWAT Teams on mutual aid agreements. WHPS is thankful to participate in a unit like this that could not be funded by a single police department.

In 2017, West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) and Lakes Area Emergency Management Group applied for and was granted an armored vehicle from the Federal 1033 Program. (The 1033 Program permits the Secretary of Defense to transfer, without charge, excess U.S. Department of Defense personal property (supplies and equipment) to state and local law enforcement agencies.) It is expected that the vehicle will be used in emergency response situations as well as SWAT operations.



The vehicle awarded is a Navistar Defense MaxxPro, with an original cost of \$865,000. The vehicles are awarded “as is” and the receiving department is responsible for transportation costs and any costs the vehicle requires for maintenance and operational setup.



Officer Josh Brozek
Current SWAT member

Thank you to Herc-U-Lift, based in Maple Plain, for assisting WHPS in arranging for transportation of the vehicle from the Red River Army Depot in Texas to SWATMOD in St. Cloud, MN. While there, it was equipped with emergency lighting, bench seating was fabricated and installed, maintenance issues were resolved and it was painted—for a total investment of \$23,000, only 2.66% of its original cost.

The emergency response truck is already in service. It has been utilized for training events, community events, and is ready to respond to any emergency within our communities—natural disasters and police matters alike.



Officer Ben Raskin
Current SWAT member



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ADMINISTRATIVE AND RECORDS DIVISION



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dial 911**



**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.
- Maintaining records and reporting to the Office of the State Auditor for assets forfeiture programs.
- 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.

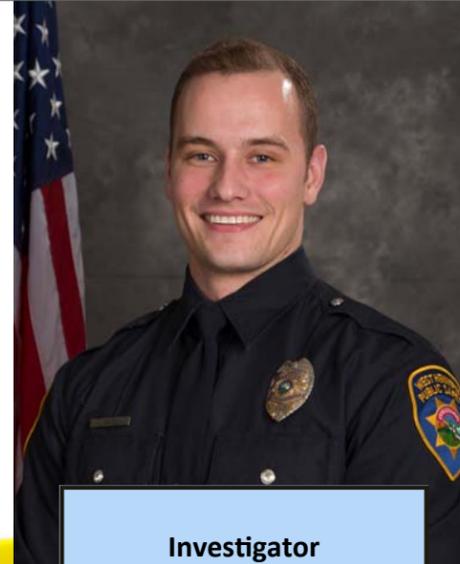


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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

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 2017, Officer Josh Brozek took over investigations for the West Hennepin Public Safety Department. Officer Brozek was assigned this position after three years of patrol experience and leadership.



Investigator
Josh Brozek

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

Burglary and Stolen Tools

On February 14, 2017, West Hennepin Public Safety received a call for the burglary of a detached shed. The victim was missing equipment and tools worth thousands of dollars. The victim was able to provide the serial numbers of several items that could link the property to the theft.

One of the stolen items was a brand-new cordless grease gun that was still in the original hard case. An item matching the description was found on Craigslist and the seller was contacted. An undercover officer arranged to meet with the seller to view and possibly purchase the item. Upon inspecting the item, the serial number matched the one stolen from the victim and the suspect was taken into custody.

A search warrant was obtained on the suspect's vehicle and other tools and equipment belonging to the same victim were located.





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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

Stolen Vehicle with Narcotics and Stolen Tools

On October 7th, 2017, West Hennepin officers observed a vehicle parked on Valley Road near Highway 12. The vehicle initially appeared to be unoccupied, but while checking the vehicle, two individuals were found sleeping in the back of the van.



Upon running the vehicle registration, the vehicle was found to have been stolen from Minneapolis. Both parties involved had active warrants for their arrest. A search of the vehicle found methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia and power tools that were stolen from a nearby address earlier that night.



The suspects admitted to stealing the power tools from the nearby residence. The suspects' vehicle had broken down on Valley Road which is why they decided to sleep in the back until morning.

Stolen Ring

On February 22, 2017, West Hennepin Public Safety received a report that a ring had been stolen from a patient at a nursing care facility located in Maple Plain. The ring was a family heirloom that was easily recognizable.



A list of all employees was obtained and the names were run through a pawn database. A ring was located at a pawn shop that appeared to match the missing ring. It was retrieved and identified by the victim's family as the missing one. Two suspects were identified being involved in the theft. They were released from employment at the facility and charges were filed.



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INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT—CASES OF INTEREST

Felony Warrant and Burglary Tools

On March 25, 2017 at 1130 PM, West Hennepin Public Safety received a report of juveniles being on the roof of the Maple Plain Community Church. Officers did not locate any juveniles on the roof and began to search the area. A vehicle was observed leaving the Christ Lutheran Church.

The vehicle was stopped for not having a front license plate. Officers noticed the vehicle ignition had been tampered with and the driver was found to have a felony warrant for narcotics and was taken into custody. An initial search of the vehicle revealed a pry bar, ski goggles, a flashlight, a vehicle unlocking tool and rubber gloves. These items are considered to be burglary tools. The vehicle was also found to be displaying license plates that were stolen from another vehicle. The original license plates for the vehicle were located underneath the drivers seat.



A search warrant was conducted on the vehicle to find numerous tools that had the identification number removed and one confirmed stolen tool from North Carolina.

ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS

Minnesota law requires law enforcement to perform annual alcohol compliance checks. During 2017, Officer 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 Officer 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

3rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct

On April 19, 2017, West Hennepin Public Safety received a report of possible criminal sexual conduct (CSC) involving a 50 year old male having sexual intercourse with a 14 year old female. The suspect was unknown at the time of the original report.



Initial investigation found that the male suspect and female victim met on social media. The suspect and victim engaged in conversations for months that led up to the suspect arranging a place for the two to meet. At that meeting, the suspect and victim engaged in sexual intercourse. The two met up several more times and engaged in similar activities.

Through our investigation, the suspect was identified. Evidence was found that matched the victim's statements of the encounters she had with the suspect. A search warrant was issued for the suspect's residence and probable cause was established to arrest him. The search warrant was executed on the residence and the suspect was found to be inside. He was taken into custody and was transported to the police department to be interviewed. The suspect initially denied having had sexual intercourse with the female but admitted to talking to her. By the end of the interview, the suspect admitted to the illegal activity with the 14 year old female.



Evidence was collected at the residence and sent in to be analyzed. While the evidence was being processed, evidence of child pornography was found on the suspect's computers. It was also discovered that the suspect had also been talking to several other females that are under 18 years of age.

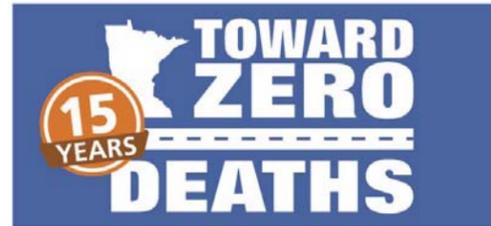
Charges were sent in for Felony 3rd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct and Felony Possession of Child Pornography.



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MN TOWARD ZERO DEATHS INITIATIVE

The Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) approach is based on the belief that even one traffic-related death on our roads is unacceptable. This “zero deaths” idea was first adopted in Sweden in 1997 as "Vision Zero" and since then has evolved to several state Departments of Transportation, including Minnesota, that have identified zero deaths as a core objective in their Strategic Highway Safety Plans.



TZD uses a data-driven, interdisciplinary approach that targets areas for improvement and employs proven countermeasures, integrating application of [education](#), [enforcement](#), [engineering](#), and [emergency medical and trauma services](#) (the “4Es”). A combination of strategies from different focus areas is often most effective for solving a particular problem.

The statewide TZD program was launched in 2003 by the Minnesota Departments of Public Safety, Transportation, and Health as a deliberate, interdisciplinary approach to traffic safety. The members of the TZD program team realized that moving toward a goal of zero deaths would require cooperation among state agencies as well as a way to build connections between state agencies and local organizations.

West Hennepin Public Safety has been a part of this initiative since the beginning, partnering with the Corcoran, Dayton, Deephaven, Medina, Minnetrista, Orono, Rogers and South Lake Minnetonka police departments. There are multiple enforcement mobilizations throughout the year with varying campaigns: Click it or Ticket, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, Speed Enforcement, Distracted Driving and Move Over.





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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—NIGHT TO UNITE



Police and fire participants in the 2017 Night to Unite

West Hennepin Public Safety Department organized the 2017 Night to Unite event which was held on Tuesday, August 1st. Police officers and reserve officers from West Hennepin Public Safety along with many Maple Plain firefighters participated in the event. In 2017, the city of Maple Plain hosted a large gathering at Northside Park in Maple Plain and there were nine neighborhood hosts in the city of Independence.

Officers in squad cars and firefighters in fire trucks visited each of the locations to mingle with the attendees.





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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—DISCOVERY CENTER VEHICLE FAIR

West Hennepin Public Safety and Maple Plain Public Works participated in a vehicle fair at the Orono Discovery Center in Maple Plain. Preschool age children were able to explore the equipment that is used by West Hennepin Public Safety and Maple Plain Public Works.



Officer Lance Zilles
Crime Prevention Officer





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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



Citizens Academy participants receive training in traffic stops and traffic enforcement

In April of 2017, West Hennepin Public Safety graduated members of the 18th class of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA).

Fifteen citizens that live or work in Maple Plain, Independence and surrounding communities participated in the annual eight-week course.

This course is designed to educate citizens on how the police department functions, to give them an opportunity to meet the West Hennepin officers and to learn more about

their jobs as police officers. Each year, the program forges new relationships between community members and the police department.

The course includes topics such as DWI enforcement, traffic enforcement, criminal and narcotics investigations, and the history of the department. One night there was a demonstration by a police K-9 and his handler. Another night there was a field trip to the 911 dispatch center where participants were able to speak with dispatchers and listen to actual 911 calls coming in. There was a video simulator that allowed the students the opportunity to make use of force – deadly force decisions in a split second—just as they happen on the street in real life.

One night included participants role-playing as officers in mock traffic stops. They had the opportunity to see what it was like to walk up to a car stopped for a traffic violation.



Minnetonka K-9 Handler Joe Mace demonstrating a bite apprehension with his partner



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS—CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

A Hennepin County judge and the city prosecuting attorney for the cities spoke to the group about their jobs on another night.

The final evening of the academy included a graduation ceremony where each participant was issued a CPA shirt. Alumni from previous classes were invited back to share their experiences in their academy classes. The West Hennepin Citizens Police Academy is held annually in the late winter.



Judge Kerry Meyer and WHPS Prosecuting Attorney Dawn Speltz answering questions regarding their roles in the court system



Citizens Police Academy
2017 Graduating Class



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

GUNS VS. HOSES SOFTBALL GAME

2017 brought the first annual West Hennepin Public Safety Department vs. Maple Plain Fire Department softball game, uniquely named Guns vs. Hoses. It was a festive evening with Maple Plain hosting the community event at Northside Park on June 12, 2017.

After several dominating innings of play, the West Hennepin Public Safety Department won the game 20-13. It was a great event for our community and the police officers really enjoyed the friendly rivalry between them and the Maple Plain Fire Department. The trophy is proudly displayed at WHPS until next year's Guns vs. Hoses softball game.



Guns vs. Hoses team members



The trophy proudly rests at the West Hennepin Public Safety Department





WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

NEW OFFICER—2017



Officer Cody Thompson
2017

Officer Cody Thompson began service with WHPS on February 1, 2017, after serving as a deputy with the Wright County Sheriff's Office for eleven years. West Hennepin Public Safety is grateful to have a veteran law enforcement officer like him, with several years of experience as a SWAT officer, as a patrol officer in the Delano area and in boat and water patrol enforcement.

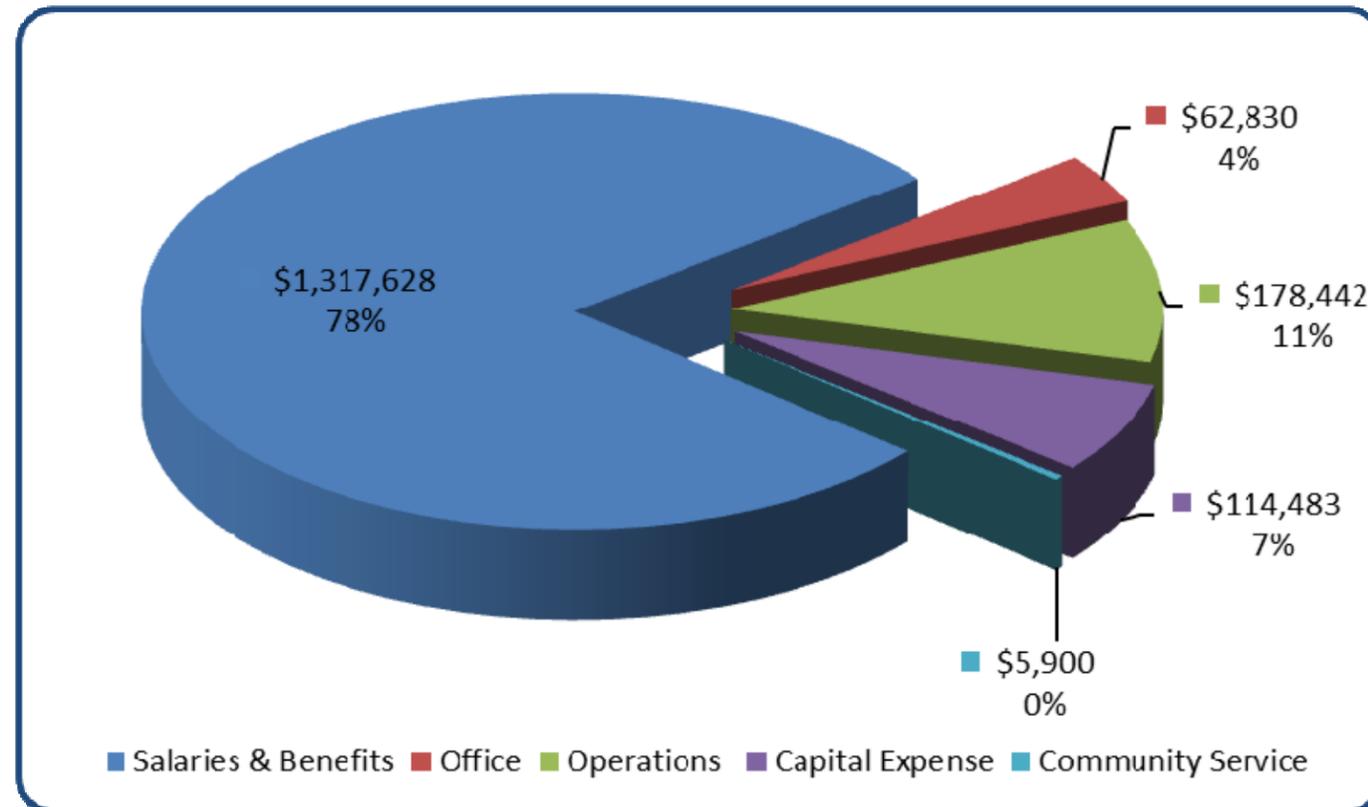
Officer Thompson is committed to our communities and to serving the citizens of Maple Plain and Independence.



WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: 2017 BUDGET

2017 Annual Budget \$1,679,283



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 the two full-time administrative assistants. The remaining funds are dedicated to office supplies, police department operating costs, capital expenses and community service programs.



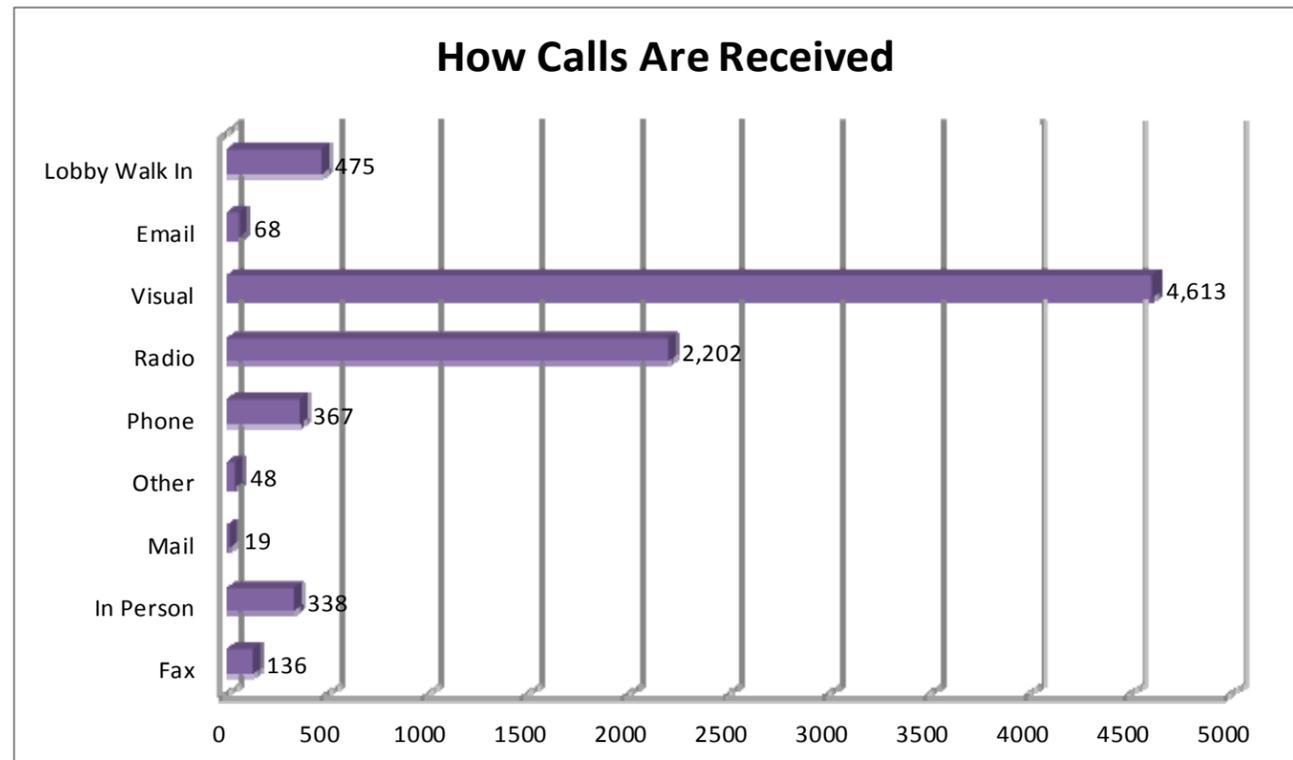
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2017 ACTIVITY REPORT

In 2017, the West Hennepin Public Safety Department handled 8,266 incident complaint reports for Independence and Maple Plain, with 4,163 incidents occurring in Independence and 3,055 occurring in Maple Plain.

Incident complaint reports include:

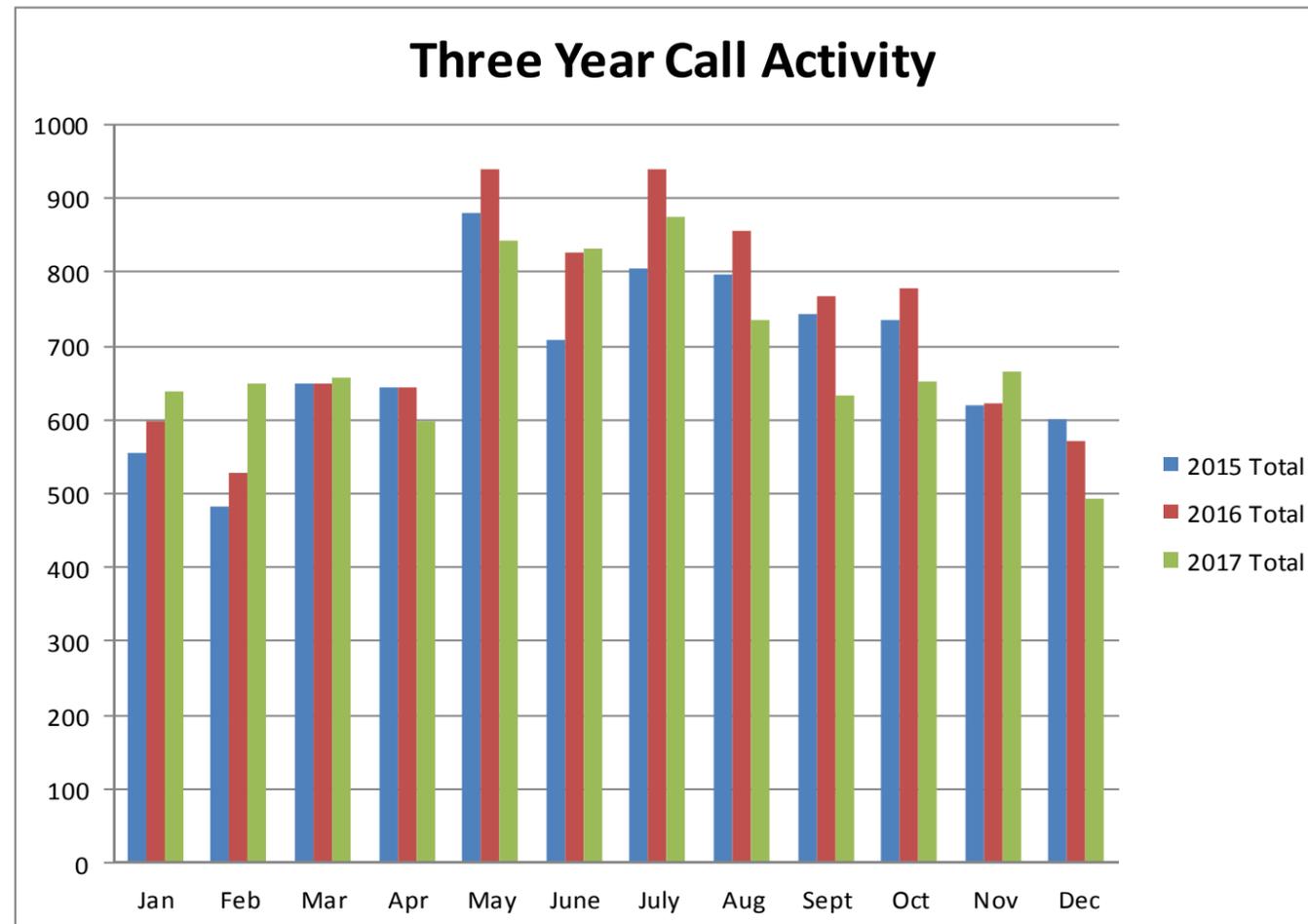
- 3,086 Traffic Stops and Traffic related offenses
- 225 Criminal Investigations
- 148 Property Damage Crashes
- 33 DWI Arrests
- 17 Personal Injury Crashes
- 0 Fatality Crashes





WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY

2015-2017 Call Activity Report



West Hennepin Public Safety Department call activity per month for the past three years, 2015-2017



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ACTIVITY REPORT: Comparing 2016 versus 2017

Offense	2016	2017
City Of Independence		
Criminal	125	118
Traffic	2,342	1,911
Part III	136	84
Part IV	414	318
Part V	1,985	1,786
Total City of Independence	5,002	4,217
City Of Maple Plain		
Criminal	81	107
Traffic	1,094	1,175
Part III	88	48
Part IV	232	203
Part V	1,619	1,578
Total City Of Maple Plain	3,114	3,111
Grand Total Both Cities		
	8,116	7,328
TZD	538	285
Other ICRS	585	653
Total ICR Reports	8,713	8,266
Mileage	155,371	145,473
How Received		
Fax	123	136
In Person	408	338
Mail	23	19
Other	59	48
Phone	393	367
Radio	2,563	2,202
Visual	4,503	4,613
Email	48	68
Lobby Walk In	593	475
Total	8,713	8,266



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FAREWELLS –RESERVE OFFICER PRINTY, RESERVE OFFICER MCQUILLAN



**Reserve Officer
Jacob Printy**



**Reserve Officer
Jay McQuillan**



Thank you for your dedicated service.

After nearly two years of dedicated service to the West Hennepin Public Safety Department, Reserve Officer Jacob Printy began his career as a sheriff's deputy with the Wright County Sheriff's office in the fall of 2017.

After one and a half years of dedicated service to the West Hennepin Public Safety Department, Reserve Officer Jay McQuillan also began his career with the Wright County Sheriff's Office as a sheriff's deputy in the fall of 2017.

Both reserve officers were valued assets to West Hennepin Public Safety Department and we wish them the best of luck in their law enforcement career.