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Welcome

I submit to you the 2014 West Fargo Police Department's Annual Report. The West Fargo Police Department saw significant change during 2014 with the retirement of Chief Arland Rasmussen and the beginning of construction of the new police department and commission room addition.

Chief Rasmussen began his career with the West Fargo Police Department in January 1995, after having served for 23 years with the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Rasmussen oversaw many changes while with the department to include the consolidation of the department's dispatch services with that of the Red River Regional Dispatch Center. 3RDC provides emergency service dispatching to all of Cass and Clay Counties. He also was instrumental in developing technologies within the department and the addition of the School Resource Officer Program.

The construction got off to a slow start due to significant ground water issues and other construction delays. Construction is now progressing with a projected occupancy date of late July. The new work space area will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the staff as the department continues to grow. The total project is expected to wrap up sometime in December.

The department maintains its partnership with the West Fargo Public School system and has added a fourth School Resource Officer in 2014. We now have officers working in the West Fargo High School/ Community High; Sheyenne High School; Cheney Middle School and Liberty Middle School. School resource officer not only place an officer in the school to provide a law enforcement presence but also to provide an opportunity for officers to interact with students and staff as mentors and educators on law enforcement subjects.

The City of West Fargo has again witnessed a significant growth in population. There has been a corresponding increase in the number of calls for law enforcement services. The number of calls for service in 2014 was 21,170 compared to 20,707 during 2013. There can be found a direct correlation between the population growth and the larger number of calls for service. The most serious of crimes was that of a homicide. The West Fargo Police Department had the misfortune of investigating its first murder since 1998. This past year a mother caused the negligent death of her days old child while under the influence of narcotics. The mother has pled guilty to the charge and has been sentenced.

The staff began the process of implementing a Strategic Plan to guide the department into the future. The current goals of the department are to:

- a) Maintain a highly trained police force.
- b) Work with community outreach programs to identify and provide necessary services.
- c) Work cooperatively with other cities and agencies to increase effectiveness and efficiencies.
- d) Maintain the lowest crime statistics in the metro area.
- e) Recruit and retain highly qualified employees.
- f) Develop and maintain a highly effective employee development program.
- g) Institute a leadership succession program.

As part of the plan's development the department will be conducting surveys of the staff, other city departments and the public to ensure a product focused on Community Oriented Policing is obtained.

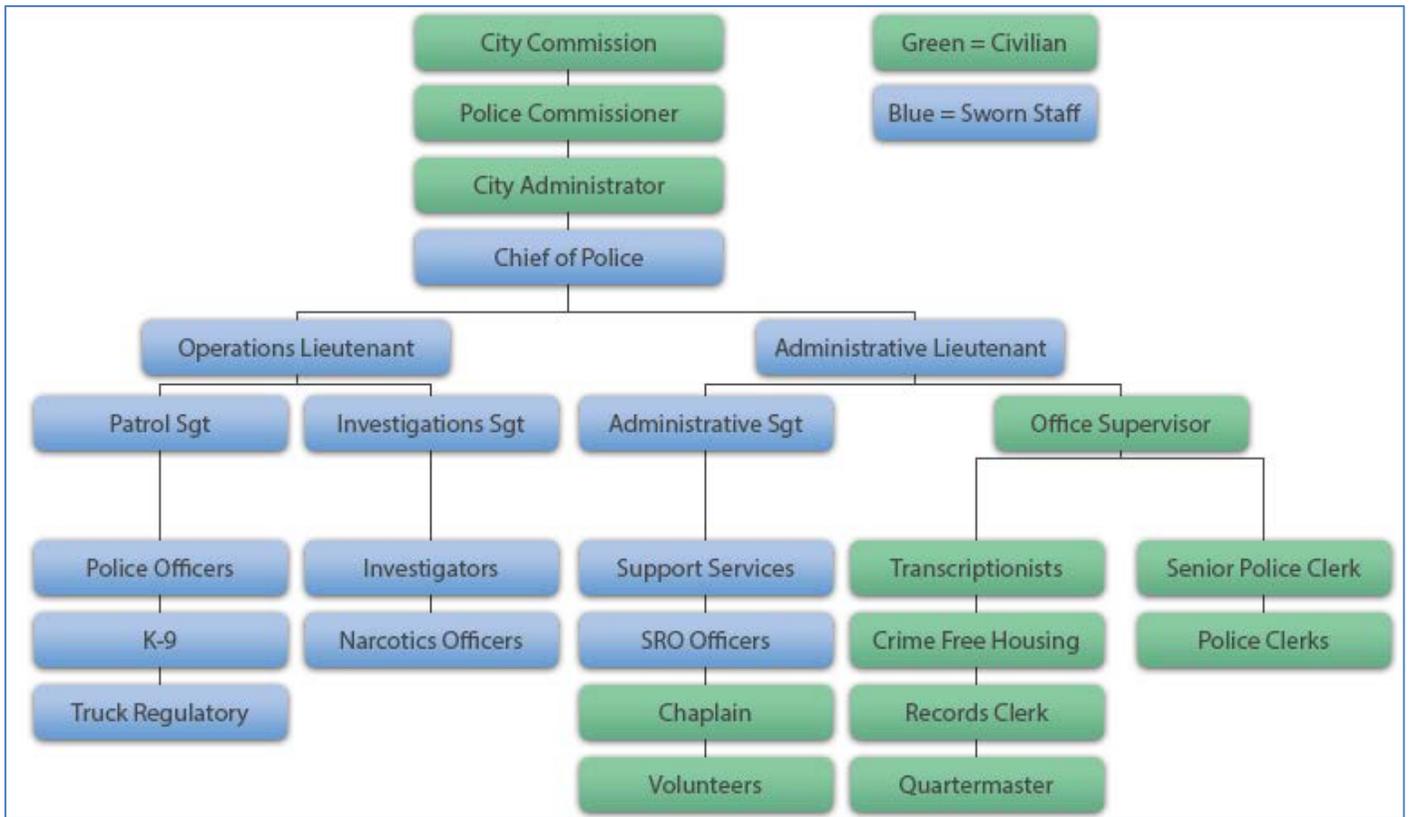
A year of change has included the addition of three new police officer positions and the hiring of four officers to replace Chief Rasmussen; to replace two officers who left the department to be closer to family; and to replace an officer who resigned. Also of significance is the fact Detective Sergeant Greg Warren is in his 40th year with the department; Pam Cota is in her 35th year; Police Officer Joe Birrenkott is in his 34th year and Patrol Sergeant Gary Bommersbach is in his 31st year. Five other employees have more than 20 years with the department.

We wish to extend our thank you to the members of the City Commission and to City Administrator Jim Brownlee for your support during the previous year. It is through the resources you provide that we are able to serve the citizens of West Fargo. We look forward to our continued excellent working relationship with you and the community of West Fargo. The staff remains committed to serve to ensure West Fargo remains the greatest place to live, work and play.

Michael D. Reitan
Chief of Police



West Fargo Police Department Organizational Chart



DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS of the WEST FARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



From the Desk of Chief Michael D. Reitan

Mission Statement

The West Fargo Police Department has the responsibility to protect life and safeguard property in a highly effective and efficient manner.

Core Values *(taken from the Air Force Core Values)*

Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence In All We Do.

Organizational Vision

The vision of the West Fargo Police Department is to: encourage and support the development of its personnel to ensure they reach their full potential personally and professionally; develop and maintain a strong core of visionary leaders capable of guiding the department now and into the future; and develop and maintain a highly effective and efficient law enforcement agency which fosters and supports public trust and is respected by all levels of the justice system.

Motto

Crime Prevention is a Community Effort



Chief Arland Rasmussen (retired) and wife Verna Rasmussen

Chief of Police (retired)

Arland H. Rasmussen (retired) served as West Fargo's Police Chief since 1995 to June 20, 2014.



Chief of Police

Michael D. Reitan was promoted to the position of Chief of Police on June 21, 2014. Mike has served with the West Fargo Police Department since 1987, being promoted to Sergeant in 1995 and Captain in 2005.



Chief of Police, Michael D. Reitan

As Assistant Chief, Mike's administrative responsibilities were developing and maintaining policy and programs and conducting long range planning. He researched, obtained, and managed grant programs on the local, state, and Federal level. The grants were used by the department to secure equipment and provide funding to conduct specific department operations. Mike reviewed current city ordinances and state law to draft new law or recommend change to existing rule. He also developed and maintained incident action plans for the department. Mike was one of two workforce safety coordinators responsible for oversight of the City of West Fargo Safety Program.

Chief Reitan's new responsibilities as Chief are to keep current on activities occurring within the city limits. He makes the final decision on all major changes within the department's policy & procedure, oversees purchasing of equipment, and gives final approval for hiring staff, both sworn and civilian. The Chief is instrumental in maintaining a positive relationship with our citizens by keeping them

informed of any and all incidences of public concern. As the head of the department's administration, the Chief attends many meetings and conferences to stay current on city, state, and national issues. He is instrumental in continuing and improving the excellent working relationship law enforcement agencies have in our region with the West Fargo Police Department.

Operations Lieutenant

Duane Sall was promoted to be the first-ever Lieutenant of the department in 2009. Duane has served with West Fargo Police Department since 1992, and was promoted to Sergeant in 2005. As Lieutenant his main duty consists of supervising day to day operations of the patrol and investigations staff. The Lieutenant is instrumental in maintaining the overall scheduling of sworn officers. Duane works with the Chief to make sure training and equipment needs are met for the department.



Lt. Sall



Lt. Boyer

Administrative Lieutenant

Jerry Boyer was promoted to the position of Administrative Lieutenant in September of 2014. Boyer has served with the West Fargo Police Department since 2005, and was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 2009. His main duties include supervising the SSO position, Administrative Sergeant, and civilian staff, supervision of the Training Program, Workforce Safety, Grants; and as of 2015 the School Resource Officer Program.

Office Supervisor

Chris Davidson has served as the Office Supervisor for the West Fargo Police Department since 2002. The primary responsibility of the Office Supervisor is to supervise and oversee all financial decisions concerning the Police Department. The Office Supervisor is essential in assisting with the development of the budget each year. This position includes reviewing and processing purchase requests and recommending modifications. The Office Supervisor also helps in reviewing reports to ensure compliance with departmental, state, and federal guidelines. The Office Supervisor is responsible for the coordination of Information Technology (IT), Night to Unite, and our new law enforcement Records Management System. This includes providing training to Police Department Personnel and directing work flow of the new system.

The Office Supervisor is the manager of the following office positions: Senior Police Clerk, Police Clerks, Police Records, Crime Free Housing Coordinator, and Transcriptionists.



Transcriptionists

Margy Larson and Nicole Lunski are the Transcriptionists. Their primary responsibilities are typing dictations, which include digital reports and interviews. They prepare correspondence, proofread, edit, file, input data and a host of other activities.

In 2014, the Transcriptionists typed 4,416 officer narratives. Each officer narrative was at least one page to several pages.

Police Records

The primary duties of Police Records, a position filled by Marcy Overby, include; conducting daily criminal background checks, routing reports to the appropriate agencies, and scanning all reports into the Records Management System.

As Police Records, Marcy determines what information can be released from records in accordance with North Dakota Open Records Law.



Crime Free Housing Coordinator Pam Cota

Crime Free Housing Coordinator

Pam Cota has served as the Crime Free Housing Coordinator since 2009. The Crime Free Housing Coordinator follows administrative rule to determine what information can be released to rental property owners, as well as, providing Crime Free Housing record checks to rental property owners.

The West Fargo Police Department offers a spring and fall Crime Free Housing training to owners, managers, landlords, and maintenance personnel that have property in West Fargo.

Support Services Officer

Patrick Hanson accepted the position of Support Services Officer in January of 2014. The primary duties of the Support Service Officer include police department training coordination, volunteer staff coordination, background investigations, equipment research, and additional patrol duties.

Senior Police Clerk

Tracy Haugen was promoted to a newly created position, Senior Police Clerk in 2014. Prior to this position, she was a Police Dispatcher from 1995-2008 and a Police Clerk from 2008-2014.

As a Senior Police Clerk, Haugen is responsible for the supervision and training of Police Clerk personnel. The Senior Police Clerk is responsible for approving task guidelines, scheduling and staff reviews.

Excellent customer service is a prime goal in the Police Clerk area, as Police Clerks are the initial contact with the public, on the phone and in person. This requires continuous training and observation by the Senior Police Clerk to ensure that a high level of service to the public is met.

Haugen also serves as the NCIC Validation Officer who is responsible for verifying the accuracy of records that have been entered by West Fargo Police Department into the National Crime Information Center computer database.

Police Clerks

During the year of 2014: Tracy Haugen, Melanie Johnson, Sylvie Schweyen, Sari Supler, Jordan Pepple, Jena Meske and Caitlin Claussen served as West Fargo's Police Clerks.

The Police Clerks perform a variety of duties for the Police Department. They answer administrative phone calls, assist the public

with City (animal and bicycle) Licensing, assist officers with daily information checks, and provide ink and digital fingerprinting services for the Courts and to the citizens of West Fargo, as well as, the citizens of surrounding communities. The Police Clerks are certified to use the State teletype system, input data, enter cautions and warnings within our records system, maintain parking tickets summons and complaints, perform Child Safety Seat installations, enter warrants to include sending out notifications, as well as, make phone contact with those who have West Fargo warrants, and assist with offender registrations and maintaining files for our Investigations Department.

The Police Clerks keep track of business alarms, vacation house watch requests, CodeRED, and works with Hamm Radio Operators during severe weather notifications during their scheduled shift. The above information is just a brief description of the duties the West Fargo Police Clerks are responsible for.

In 2014, the police clerks fingerprinted 657 individuals at the Police Department and installed 42 car seats.



Police Clerk, Sylvie Schweyen

Investigation Division

By Detective Sergeant Greg Warren

In 2014 the Investigations Division investigated a total of 451 Incidents. Many of the incidents were very time consuming cases and included such offenses as embezzlement, armed robberies, internal thefts, burglaries, missing persons, and sexual assaults. The complexity of the cases required precise work in handling evidence, witnesses, search warrants, and the pursuit of the suspect or suspects responsible for such crimes.

We also worked with Cass County Social Services on several investigations involving child abuse and neglect. These investigations are always very involved and typically included multiple interviews of family, witnesses, and suspects.

The patrol division was included in the team work approach to criminal investigation. I am very pleased with the high level coordination amongst patrol and investigations again in 2014. Patrol's initial reports were passed through to Investigations. The Investigations division followed up on all leads and made sure that everything was covered before closing a case.

Patrol and Investigations had a great working relationship with outside agencies. We were certainly blessed with how well the metro cities, state, and federal agencies assisted one another, no matter what the incident may have involved.

Training was another important part of investigations. As new techniques and technology are developed, officers need to be trained to stay on top of the changes to give our

officers every opportunity to have a successful end to each investigation.



Offender Registration Program

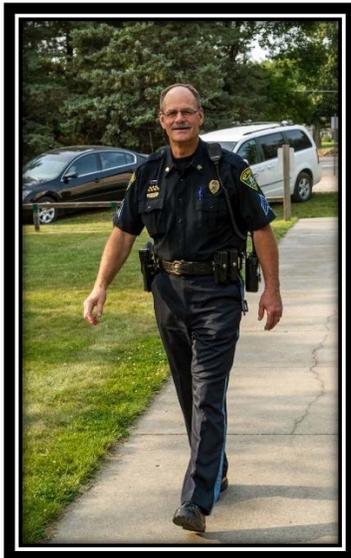
The Offender Registration Program involves investigations, patrol and the Police Clerks. In 2009 it was decided that each officer would have at least one registered offender assigned to them for the purpose of monitoring compliance. The clerical staff was very instrumental in keeping track of all offender updates, along with helping in the registration process and the record keeping of all offenders. This helped greatly as we were able to track each registered offender more effectively through additional status checks done on each offender.

The Offender Registration Program grew substantially since the program was first initiated. The program became a daily activity and required the assistance of the Police Clerks and the patrol division, to efficiently monitor each offender. The West Fargo Police Department's Police Clerks also communicated with the state's offender registration unit in Bismarck on updates on each offender file to make sure all information regarding offenders was sent in a timely manner. The clerks also verified monthly updates were being done by the assigned officers. The number of offenders registered in West Fargo continued to increase to over 40 offenders during 2014.

Detective Sergeant of Investigations
Greg Warren

Detective Sergeant Greg Warren supervised the following sworn staff: five detectives, four School Resource Officers, the Cass County drug task force officer, and the D.E.A. drug task force officer. The Detective Sergeant was responsible for assigning all reports that required follow up investigation, reviewed and approved all investigative reports, monitored progress of major case investigations, and approved cases to be sent to the proper prosecuting attorney for review of criminal charges. The Detective Sergeant was in charge of the Offender Registration program, was a member of the Sexual Offender Containment Committee which meets monthly, and was assigned to the Sexual Assault Response Team which met quarterly.

The Detective Sergeant was also the CART Coordinator for the Red River CART Team which was comprised of 13 area agencies.



Detective Sergeant Greg Warren



Breakdown of Cases for Sgt. Greg Warren:

INVESTIGATED INCIDENTS	
	# OF CASES
Assault (Simple)	2
Burglary	1
Child Abuse/Neglect/Physical	1
Child Sexual Abuse	1
Computer Luring	1
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic Violence	2
Drugs/Narcotics	1
Fraud	1
Harassment	2
Homicide (Attempted)	1
Illegal Use of Credit Card	1
Missing Person	4
Motor Vehicle Theft	7
Other Offenses	5
Runaway	1
Sex Crimes (Adult)	1
Shoplifting	1
Terrorizing	4
Theft	9
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle	1
Unauthorized Use of Personal info	1
Vulnerable Adult	6
TOTAL	55

Breakdown of Cases for Detective Cruff:

INVESTIGATED INCIDENTS	
	# of Cases
Assaults (Simple)	3
Assault (Aggravated)	1
Assist Other Agency	1
Burglary	12
Child Sexual Abuse	3
Computer Fraud	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Criminal Trespass	1
Domestic Violence	2
Drugs/Narcotics	2
Forgery	5
Fraud	1
Harassment	5
Hit & Run	3
Homicide (attempted)	1
Illegal Use of Credit Card	6
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	6
Sex Crimes (Adult)	3
Shoplifting	1
Stalking	1
Suicide	1
Terrorizing	2
Theft	18
Theft by Deception	1
Unauthorized Use of Personal Info	3
Violation of Protection Order	1
TOTAL	86

Detective Travis Johnson

Detective Travis Johnson moved into a three year rotation with investigations in 2014. He replaced Trent Stanton who finished his third year and moved back to patrol.

Detective Johnson investigated 79 cases in 2014.

High Profile Cases - Detective Travis Johnson:

First High Profile Case:

Detective Travis Johnson responded to the scene of a daytime residential burglary to assist patrol in processing the scene. The suspect had made entry to the garden level apartment through a window. After removing the window screen, the suspect slid the window open, climbed inside the bedroom, and was confronted by a resident of the home. He then quickly left through the window. The window was processed for DNA and fingerprints, and as a result, a full handprint was developed. The print was photographed and collected before being sent to the crime lab for processing. On July 2nd, Detective Johnson was notified by the State Crime Lab of a positive match for the fingerprints. The subject had a criminal history, including burglary, and at the time of the incident, had open warrants for his arrest. The subject was arrested near the end of September, and we were able to interview him while he was in custody. He initially denied ever coming to West Fargo and stated that he doesn't know anyone in West Fargo. He was confronted with the fingerprint evidence, at which time he confessed to doing the burglary. He said he thought this apartment belonged to someone he heard had marijuana and cash. He admitted he had gone there to steal the drugs and cash. The subject pled guilty to the criminal trespass and was fined \$535 and sentenced to 180 days in jail.

Second High Profile Case:

The victim's vehicle was broken into in what appeared to be a series of break-ins in the same area. It was discovered that a credit card was stolen from the victim's vehicle and was used at several locations in the metro area immediately

following the break-ins. Video surveillance of the suspect using the stolen card was obtained. The suspect was identified by a Fargo PD officer who contacted Detective Johnson after recognizing the suspect from the surveillance footage. A search warrant was conducted on the suspect's residence to try and locate any stolen property from our victim. No property from our victim was located during the search. However, clothing matching what the suspect was wearing from the surveillance video was located and seized. In addition, other stolen property related to a Fargo PD case was located. The subject plead guilty to theft of property and was fined \$568.75 and sentenced to 20 days in jail.

Third High Profile Case:

The West Fargo Police Department was contacted about a possible scam in which the victims had responded to a craigslist ad to purchase WE-Fest tickets. There were several attempts by the victims to make payments for the tickets, all of which were unsuccessful. The suspect eventually convinced the victims to send \$1,000 via a wire transfer. Once the payment was sent, all communication from the suspect stopped. Johnson was able to track the money transfer to a supermarket in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and was able to obtain surveillance video of the suspects picking up the money transfer. Johnson was able to make contact with a Colorado Springs PD officer, who was actively investigating similar incidents. With Colorado Springs PD assistance, we identified our suspects. Colorado Springs PD interviewed the female subject, who admitted her role and confirmed who the male suspect name. The male subject was arrested and interviewed by Colorado Springs PD on in late September in 2014. The male suspect confessed to the theft from our

victims. Colorado Springs PD planned to roll together all the cases involving both suspects for prosecution.



Breakdown of Case for Detective Johnson

INVESTIGATED INCIDENTS	
	# OF CASES
Assault (Simple)	2
Assault (Aggravated)	2
Assist Other Agency	1
Background Investigation	1
Burglary	8
Child Abuse/Neglect/Physical	3
Child Sexual Abuse	6
Computer Luring	1
Corruption/Solicitation of Minor	1
Criminal Mischief	3
Disorderly Conduct	3
Domestic Violence	2
Found Property	1
Fraud	3
Harassment	3
Hit & Run	5
Illegal Use of Credit Card	1
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Other Offenses	1
Sex Crimes (Adult)	1
Shoplifting	1
Stalking	1
Terrorizing	2
Theft	19
Theft by Deception	3
Unattended Death	1
Vulnerable Adult	1
TOTAL	79

Detective Tim Runcorn

Detective Tim Runcorn fills the permanent position as an Investigator. He has been in this position since 2012. Detective Runcorn is a 12 year member of the Bomb team and has been the Bomb team commander for the past two years. Training for the Bomb team occurs two days a month. The position required extensive paper work and reporting to the Federal Government, and to the committee that oversees the Bomb team. Detective Runcorn helped with the evidence room when needed and with placement of surveillance cameras where the city was experiencing criminal activity.

Detective Runcorn worked 89 cases in 2014.



High Profile Cases - Detective Tim Runcorn:

First High Profile Case:

Detective Tim Runcorn worked a case that stemmed from an identity theft case. A West Fargo resident made the initial report of someone using his personal identification to apply for a credit/ debit card. Runcorn was able to track down video of the suspect from multiple banks, restaurants and service stations and identified the suspect. The suspect ended up being the roommate of the victim, who answered an ad on craigslist that the roommate had posted. Several thousand dollars of unauthorized charges were made and after the

suspect was arrested; Detective Runcorn also discovered the suspect had numerous warrants out of Texas for committing the same type of crime. The suspect's vehicle was also seized at the time of the arrest. That vehicle was discovered to be purchased by fraudulent means and released back to the owner. The suspect is still in jail, and Texas was notified in case they wished to come get the suspect.

Second High Profile Case:

Detective Runcorn investigated a stabbing that occurred outside of the Town Hall Bar in West Fargo. West Fargo Police Department responded to a stabbing after the victim ended up in the hospital. Although the stab wounds were non- life threatening, the victim was stabbed at least ten times. The report was made after the incident occurred, so no witnesses or suspects on scene. Detective Runcorn and Detective Derek Cruft were able to identify suspects through video and the use of social media sites. The suspect confessed to the stabbing and is awaiting trial.

Third High Profile Case:

Detective Runcorn investigated a stolen vehicle that was reported taken from a West Fargo resident. The vehicle was used in a pursuit later in the day and recovered; but the suspects had fled the scene. Detective Runcorn identified the suspect after discovering a stolen credit card recovered in the vehicle had been used and obtained video of the suspect getting into the West Fargo stolen vehicle. Detective Runcorn worked with five other local agencies on a ring of four individuals who stole 15 cars in 13 days, while also committing three armed robberies and three police pursuits. Charges are pending on these individuals.

Breakdown of Cases for Detective Runcorn

INVESTIGATED INCIDENTS	
	# OF CASES
Assault (Simple)	2
Assault (Aggravated)	2
Bomb Call	20
Burglary	6
Child Sexual Abuse	1
Counterfeiting	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Domestic Violence	1
Drugs/Narcotics	1
Forgery	1
Fraud	1
Harassment	1
Hit & Run	3
Illegal Use of Credit Card	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	6
Runaway	1
Shoplifting	3
Terrorizing	3
Theft	18
Unattended Death	1
Unauthorized Use Personal Info	10
TOTAL	89

Detective Dustin Manecke

Detective Manecke has been in Investigations for two years and progressed well in his second year. Dustin had taken the lead on handling the evidence room which is a daily process. He was responsible for most of the barcoding and evidence placement, and he monitored the disposition of evidence so items could be destroyed or returned once the investigation was closed. Detective Manecke also helped with surveillance camera placement when needed.

Detective Manecke investigated 80 cases in 2014.

High Profile Cases - Detective Dustin Manecke:

First High Profile Case:

Kokouvi Afidegnon was arrested for attempted murder after attacking a neighbor from behind with a hatchet. The victim had walked by Afidegnon's apartment and he attacked her without warning. A struggle ensued and multiple bystanders came to her assistance. After a couple bystanders were able to get suspect off the victim, the victim was able to flee into a nearby apartment. The suspect retrieved the hatchet from the ground and ran to the apartment the victim fled to. The suspect unsuccessfully tried to kick in the apartment door. He then threw the hatchet through the apartment. The hatchet went through the window, all the way across the apartment and embedded itself into the opposite wall. Patrol arrived and placed the suspect into custody. The victim suffered cuts to her head from the hatchet and other minor injuries from the attack. He pled guilty to Attempted Murder, Reckless Endangerment, and Simple Assault and is currently awaiting sentencing.

Second High Profile Case:

Detective Manecke was assigned to work a case after victim reported over \$28,000 went missing from his bank account. The victim received a call from the bank about an overdrawn check. The victim told the bank he always has funds to cover bills and drove to the branch location to look into it. It was discovered the victim's bank account was drained and was now in the negative. After looking into the checks that had been cashed, it was discovered checks worth over \$28,000 dollars cashed. The subject was hired by the victim to do yard work. The victim said he paid the suspect \$12 an hour and never would pay him that much money. The victim

also said he never wrote those checks out or gave the suspect permission to cash them. The suspect was arrested for Forgery, Theft, and Violation of No Contact Order. He is currently awaiting trial.

Third High Profile Case:

Detective Manecke received an Internet Crimes against Children Case from one of our School Resource Officers. The case involves a 13 year old girl, who was having nude pics extorted from the phone app KIK Messenger. The teenage girl thought she was communicating with a teenage boy. They started sending pictures back and forth on KIK Messenger. One day the girl no longer wanted to communicate with this boy. She then received a message from another username on KIK Messenger. This message told her to send multiple nude images of herself to him or he will send other nude pics to her friends and family. The term for this is "sextortion." This went on for a while, before the girl alerted her mom and school officials. It was discovered through a search warrant the suspect was an adult in Tennessee. This case is ongoing with the assistance of Nashville Internet Crimes against Children.



Breakdown of Case for Detective Manecke

INVESTIGATED INCIDENTS	
	# OF CASES
Assault (Simple)	3
Burglary	2
Child Pornography	1
Child Sexual Abuse	1
Computer Fraud	3
Corruption/Solicitation of Minor	1
Discharge of Firearm	2
Domestic Violence	3
Felonious Restraint	8
Forgery	1
Fraud	1
Harassment	1
Homicide	1
Identity Theft	3
Larceny	2
Missing Person	3
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Other Offenses	5
Runaway	2
Sex Crimes (Adult)	2
Suicide	1
Terrorizing	2
Theft	24
Theft by Deception	1
Unattended Death	4
Vandalism	1
Vulnerable Adult	1
TOTAL	80

Detective Terry Styf

The Juvenile Officer for the Police Department was Officer Terry Styf, who had been in that position for 18 years. In 2014 Styf was moved to Investigations as the duties and case load continues to increase. The transition for Styf was fairly smooth as he had done some of the investigative duties as a Juvenile officer.

Detective Styf has served on the Cass County Housing Board and has done so for approximately three and a half years. He was involved with the Juvenile Drug Court program for the past seven years.

Detective Styf was assigned 59 cases in 2014.

High Profile Cases – Detective Terry Styf:

First High Profile Case:

This was one of three strong arm bicycle thefts in the FM area that took place at parks and bike parks two of which Detective Styf investigated. Interviews and photo line ups of some of the possible suspects helped in later cases worked in the region. Although we were unable to clear these cases it was a precursor to many other thefts of bikes and burglaries that plagued the region during the summer of 2014, the victims in these cases felt well served by the police interaction.

After these cases Detective Styf more closely reviewed bike theft reports in West Fargo. A case involving the theft of bicycles in the Charleswood development identified two suspects to a residential burglary that evening. These suspects identified a West Fargo Resident who had been facilitating their activities in that neighborhood. The suspects had been involved in a large number of vehicle break-ins in the FM metro. Joint investigations with the West Fargo Police Department, Fargo Street Crimes Unit and ND Probation and Parole linked these subjects to many cases. These subjects are currently in jail pending trial in Cass County and in West Fargo Municipal court.

Second High Profile Case:

This case was one of two sexual assault cases by persons living in this home two brothers being

involved in separate sexual assaults one on a school bus and the other in the home. The event in the home was reported by a mandatory reporter in Clay County MN, Clay County CPS asked for our assistance in the matter because the event took place in the home in West Fargo. The victim was interviewed by the staff at the Red River Valley Child Advocacy in Fargo, the victim provided information that led to the suspect being charged in Cass County Juvenile. The victim was moved from the area by family members which cause concern for her safety because the suspect was a family member. Interviews with the family and assistance from Texas DPS and CPS located the victim and confirmed her safety and that she would be able to assist in the prosecution of the case. This investigation also revealed that the family has ties to gang and drug activities and the home is a jump off point for other crimes in our area, burglaries, runaways and child neglect issues.

Third High Profile Case:

This multi-State/Jurisdictional case involved a stolen vehicle from business owner from West Fargo, a stolen ATV and trailer from Clay County, and the recovery in Mahnomen County, Minnesota. The suspect was taking the vehicle to be scrapped in NW Minnesota when it was recovered by The Mahnomen County Sheriff's Dept. the suspect was identified. Interviews of parties involve by Clay County Sheriff's Department and Detective Styf made it possible to file charges against the suspect and there are currently warrants for him. This was one of many vehicles that disappeared in the same manner from our area and ended up in that area. The case was sent to the States Attorney for theft in both Cass and Clay Counties.

Breakdown of Cases for Juvenile Officer Styf:

INVESTIGATED INCIDENTS	
	# OF CASES
Assault (Simple)	1
Burglary	6
Child Sexual Abuse	4
Criminal Mischief	4
Domestic Violence	4
Embezzlement	1
Harassment	2
Hit & Run	1
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Robbery	1
Runaway	5
Sex Crimes - Adult	4
Shoplifting	3
Terrorizing	3
Theft	9
Theft by Deception	1
Unattended Death	3
Unauthorized Use of Personal Info	1
Unruly	2
Vandalism	1
Vulnerable Adult	1
TOTAL	59

School Resource Officer (SRO)

There were four School Resource Officers in 2014. Officer Jason Balvik was assigned to the West Fargo High School & Community High. He was in his third year of a three year tour.

Officer Todd Pearson was in his third year as a School Resource Officer at the Cheney Middle School. This was Officer Pearson's second three year tour as an SRO.

Officer Rhonda Jorgensen was in her second year of a three year tour and was stationed at the new Sheyenne High School. Officer

Jorgensen spent her first year at Liberty Middle School.

Officer Ryan O'Donnell was in his first year as a School Resource Officer and was stationed at the Liberty Middle School.

Since the School Resource Officer program started in 2005 we have seen great strides in how the program has developed. A typical day as an SRO consists of a wide range of responsibilities that involve but are not limited to investigating thefts, fights, personal student issues, disruption in the classroom, unwanted parties entering the school, drugs on campus, and developing programs that help in combating the everyday problems with drugs, alcohol, bullying, and intimidation.

Presently, it is everyone's consensus that the program is very successful and the SRO officers are welcome in the schools by administration, teachers, staff, and students. Having officers in the schools is a great tool for school administrations, as well as students and Law Enforcement. This has been a win-win for all involved. We consistently hear positive feedback not only from the school

Administration, but also from the students and public on how the SRO program has such a positive effect in the school system.



Sheyenne High School in West Fargo

BCI Narcotics

Another division of investigations involved the Cass County Drug Task Force supervised by the North Dakota State Crime Bureau. The Task Force member were from several area agencies including the Cass County Sheriff's office, North Dakota State Parole & Probation, North Dakota State Crime Bureau, West Fargo Police Department, and the Cass County States Attorney's office.

Officer Shane Orn started his three year rotation with the Task Force on January 1, 2013. Orn was responsible for gathering intelligence, working with and managing informants, evidence gathering, surveillance, interviewing techniques, and case preparation.



The following information is from Detective Orn: TFO Orn initiated 42 cases which ranged from simple possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia to illegal possession of prescription medication, possession of narcotics with intent to deliver and delivery of narcotics.

Orn states methamphetamine use is quite steady in the area. Heroin and prescription medication usage has risen in the FM area with several heroin overdose reports taken in West Fargo during 2014. These drugs are being transported to our area from out of state where they cost less to purchase and are easily attainable. Common methods of transport are by vehicle, mailing systems, and even by train.

A methamphetamine user could use a gram or more per day, which has a \$200 street value. Heroin use also varies per person. A gram of heroin has a \$200-\$300 street value, depending on the type of heroin. In many cases heroin is sold in quantities called "points". A point is one-tenth of a gram which holds a \$50-\$60 value.

Orn's notable seizures during 2014 came with assistance from Patrol Officers. On one occasion, methamphetamine, methamphetamine paraphernalia and approximately \$26,000 was seized from a residence in West Fargo. On one other occasion Orn seized approximately eight pounds of marijuana, felony and misdemeanor level drug paraphernalia and approximately \$9,100 from a West Fargo residence.



2014 Totals

Total Cases 168

Seizure	Grams/DU	Street Value
Arrests	80	
Asset Forfeitures	34	\$111,945.82
Cocaine	63	\$4,550.00
Crack	0	\$0.00
Ecstasy	1	\$20.00
Guns	2	\$400.00
Heroin	13	\$4,080.00
High Grade MJ	6590	\$62,370.00
Khat	0	\$0.00
LSD	2	\$40.00
Marijuana	1245	\$5,220.00
Marijuana Plants	0	\$0.00
Meth (Ice)	327	\$26,880.00
Meth Labs/Dumpsites	3	\$0.00
Mushrooms	0	\$0.00
Stimulants/Depressants	289	\$1,425.00
Synthetic MJ	7	\$360.00
USC Seized	19	\$65,882.00
Vehicles	5	\$37,000.00

Detective Adam Gustafson – DEA Task Force

Officer Adam Gustafson was in his second year in a three year tour with the DEA Task Force. Gustafson spent his first year getting his clearance through the Federal Government in order to work historical cases. He also used this time to get acclimated with the Federal system and the process of investigating drug trafficking in our region. It normally takes several months for the government to complete the officer's background so they can receive their clearance to operate and investigate crimes in the Federal system. Once that is completed, the DEA Task Force will assist other departments with larger investigations and historical investigations. At times the officer will have to travel to other parts of the U.S. and possibly outside the United States. These investigations can be very time consuming and can involve several local, state, and federal agencies during the course of the investigation. Gustafson has worked on two fronts in 2014. He helped out the B.C.I. Drug Task Force while they were shorthanded for six months while continuing his work with the DEA Task Force.

Gustafson stated Methamphetamine is still the main drug being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's office. From cases being prosecuted in the east side of North Dakota there was a total of 105 defendants sentenced for a total of 9,591 months (about 800 years).

Methamphetamine and heroin remained the main drugs in the Fargo/Moorhead area. These drugs normally are transported to the area and then distributed amongst the drug users. Both Methamphetamine and heroin are highly addictive drugs.

The DEA assisted all local agencies in many drug related activities. When drug cases become

large and complex when large quantities of drugs seized or significant amounts of drugs over a long period of time are discovered a historical case, the DEA assists local agencies. The DEA works very well with local agencies and the cooperation amongst the DEA and local agencies is essential.



Evidence Processing

Each time the property is moved it has to be documented so there is no break in the chain of custody. If the chain of custody is broken, the evidence cannot be used in court.

There was more evidence sent to the State Crime Lab in Bismarck than in the previous year. The main reason for the increase was items sent for DNA analysis. DNA testing is a double edged sword as having the ability to have DNA identification is great for law enforcement investigations; the problem is the Lab is understaffed when trying to stay ahead of the amount of DNA sent from throughout the state.

Another addition to the Investigations Division was the new crime scene trailer. This was a great addition and was used multiple times for crime scene investigations, missing persons, and is available when needed for our Child Abduction Response Team. The trailer was fully equipped with investigative tools, and is a great asset for the West Fargo Police Department.

Patrol Division



Patrol Officers respond to major and minor crimes and act as medical first responders. Requests for service range from something as simple as giving directions, to responding to assaults and major incidents that can result in serious injury and death.

The Patrol Sergeants have the same responsibilities as the patrol officers; however, their additional duties are to supervise the day to day functions of the patrol division. They answer questions officers may have regarding performance of their duties. They plan and prepare work schedules, respond to all serious incidents or accidents that occur during their shift, and make recommendations to the Officers as to training needs.

There are 27 full-time sworn Patrol Officers including four Patrol Sergeants.

Within the patrol division, the officers take on extra responsibilities other than their patrol duties, such as Alcohol Compliance checks, Bike Patrol, Citizens Police Academy, Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Internet Safety, Internship Program, Ride-A-Long Program, SWAT, Negotiations, Bomb Squad, Tobacco Compliance, TRIAD, Child Passenger Seat Inspector/Installer, Truck Regulatory, Explorers Post #281, and many other tasks.

Patrol Officers often times respond to complaints about public nuisance issues. These complaints are then forwarded on to the health inspector.



Officer Ryan Denis (bottom) and Officer Ben Orr

Fargo Cass Public Health

The City of West Fargo utilizes a contract with Fargo Cass Public Health to oversee 14 different Environmental Health programs. These programs are regulated by Environmental Health Practitioners and range from food service inspections to environmental nuisance complaints. The primary Environmental Health Practitioner for the City of West Fargo is Pierre Freeman.

The mission of Fargo Cass Public Health is to ensure a healthy community for all people through ongoing assessment, education, advocacy, intervention, prevention, and collaboration.



Types of Complaints

2013	2014 Number of Complaints	Type of Work
162 total contacts	102 (initial review) *187 (total contact with consults and followups)	Environmental (tall grass, garbage, etc.)
87	83	Commercial Food Consults (includes phone calls and reviewing blue prints and on site visits)
112	179	Commerical Food Inspections
35	43	Grocery, Retail Meat, & Bakery Inspections
55	72	Institution Inspections (schools, daycare, etc.)
6	6	Institution Consults
15	44	Swimming Pool Inspections/Consults
5	12	Tanning Facility Inspections/Consults
9	8	Hotel Inspections/Consults
5	4	Body Art Inspections/Consults
2	1	Pet Store Inspections/Consults
3	1	Miscellaneous Inspections/Consults

K-9 Officer

In 2014 the West Fargo Police Department began its third full year with the K9 unit. Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco worked as a team to help provide extra support to the Officers of the West Fargo Police Department and surrounding agencies. Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco were certified nationally with the USPCA (United States Police Canine Association) for both narcotics and patrol work. Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco were requested a total of 70 times during 2014. These 70 times were the result of other Officers or Departments asking for K9 assistance. This does not include the number of

times Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco perform their regular duties. During these deployments, K9 Disco alerted numerous times with different amounts of methamphetamines, marijuana, and multiple pieces of narcotic paraphernalia seized. Most notably, K9 Disco alerted on a trailer home that resulted in \$26,000 and numerous items of paraphernalia being seized from the home. Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco were also used for four separate tracks for armed robbery suspects in the city of Fargo. Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco were used in a sweep for narcotics at the Cass County Jail. K9 Disco and Officer Nielsen were dispatched to a home in West Fargo where a home burglar was inside. K9 Disco was sent into the home and apprehended the suspect. K9 Disco and Officer Nielsen were called out to a home in West Fargo where a male was hiding inside after an aggravated assault occurred. K9 Disco located the suspect in the attic of the home and made the apprehension. Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco were awarded two medals for the home apprehensions. K9 Disco also provided numerous K9 demonstrations to the public with many more requests coming in. With the addition of a second High School Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco have been used much more in the school setting helping assist the School Resource Officers. Officer Nielsen and K9 Disco end 2014 on a positive note and look forward to the busy schedule of 2015.



K-9 Officer Pete Nielsen and Disco

Bike Patrol

West Fargo Police has officers assigned to bike patrol that are cross trained from their regular duties. Officers receive specialized training with the patrol bikes for tactical dismounts and approaching potential suspect(s) differently than in a marked squad car. Officers are able to provide surveillance and are less easily detected on bike patrol than with a marked squad car. Officers are also used for community events such as Night to Unite, West Fest, cruise nights, bike safety talks, and bike rodeos.

Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)



The DRE Program and procedures were initially developed in the 1970s by traffic enforcement officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. Selected officers are trained to utilize a standardized 12 step evaluation procedure to enable the officer to determine whether an individual is under the influence of drugs, and then to determine the type of drug causing the observable impairment. Importantly, the DRE Procedure enables the DRE to rule in (or out) many medical conditions, such as illness or injury, that may be contributing to the impairment. The DRE program was designed to keep impaired drivers off the road but has also evolved into much more. We, at the West Fargo Police Department, have done evaluations to assist with investigations and have also been in the school systems to assist them with students who come to school under the influence. We have held training for school administrators and teachers on how to recognize individuals under the influence. West

Fargo PD DRE completed three DRE evaluations in 2014. DRE Runcorn is currently the only active DRE for the City of West Fargo.

SWAT

The Red River Valley SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team is comprised of the six local agencies: Fargo Police Department, West Fargo Police Department, Moorhead Police Department, Cass County and Clay County Sheriff's Departments and NDSU Police Department. In 2014, we added an additional West Fargo tactical spot for total of three tactical operators. These operators are on call and expected to respond 24/7, 365 days a year. Each month, they will train around 10 hours on tactics and firearms. They also spend a week at Camp Ripley Army Base training 70 hours in just five days each year.

With assistance of grant money the team purchased new duty uniforms, new gas masks, and a tactical robot. In 2014, there were a total of eight callouts ranging from high risk search warrants for drugs and guns to arresting armed robbery suspects.



WFPD SWAT members from left to right: Officer Tyler Williams, Officer Craig Danielson and Officer Shane Orn

Negotiations

Consisting of officers and deputies from the Fargo, West Fargo, Moorhead, and NDSU Police Departments, as well as the Cass County and Clay County Sheriff's Department, the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) is a division of the Red River Valley SWAT Team and consists of nine members.

The Crisis Negotiation Team is called out for various reasons including hostage incidents, barricaded subjects, kidnappings, suicide threats, emotionally disturbed people, and any other situation to facilitate the safety of the community.

The team voted this year to 'do away' with the rotating on call schedule, instead opting to use an online calendar to mark when they will be gone for vacation or training. It is up to the members to police themselves, ensuring there will be adequate coverage in the event of an emergency. So far, this system has worked very well.

They recently acquired a new throw phone and communications system, replacing the older system which was beginning to fail and was no longer supported by the manufacturer due to its age. The team will also be tasked in 2015 with planning the layout for a new CNT Command Truck, as the current "bookmobile" (previous public library traveling truck) is beginning to fail due to age, as well as space constraints due to team growth. The new vehicle will be purpose built to better suit the needs of the team.

The Red River Valley Swat Negotiations unit was fairly quiet for the 2014 calendar year; as they had two call outs. The Crisis Negotiation Team

also hosted its second three day conference/negotiator competition that was attended by over 100 negotiators from Minnesota, North Dakota and Canada.

Bomb Squad

In 2014, the RRVB Bomb Squad handled 20 call-outs pertaining to energetic materials. The squad is operating with a staff of seven, with five certified FBI technicians and two non-techs, one is currently attending FBI Hazardous Devices School and the other West Fargo non-tech will also hopefully attend in 2015.

Three major cases the RRVB Bomb Squad worked this year started with the disposal of a Korean War era grenade. The caller found the grenade and drove around with it in the bed of his vehicle for some time before calling the bomb squad. The Bomb Squad retrieved the device and countercharged it, discovering that it was a live grenade this individual was driving around with.

A second significant call the Bomb Squad was called to involve a continuing investigation to an individual who has been threatening the courthouse and even damaging property. The individual left a letter on a mailbox near the courthouse and we responded for a suspicious package. After package was cleared, the investigation led to the arrest of the individual for terrorizing and criminal mischief.

The third most significant call we handled was deals with the number of homemade explosives/ fireworks. This year the area, along with the nation, are seeing a spike in the number of homemade explosives and/or fireworks. The squad dealt with numerous cases from small homemade firecrackers to large devices that would cause significant

damage, injuries or death. This trend is also a direct correlation to the number of injuries to law enforcement and bomb techs. So far, this area has lucky enough to avoid any injuries or deaths.

Statistic Breakdown	
5	IED's / Explosive Calls
10	Ammunition
1	Hoax Devices
2	Fireworks
2	Suspicious Packages
20	TOTAL CALLS

Truck Regulatory

The Truck Regulatory position is within the Patrol Division, and the primary duty is to monitor the truck routes and make sure that trucks are not varying from these routes. In addition, the officer is vigilant to ensure that trucks are not overweight or oversized. This is done by observing if the load is "heaped up" and by checking the number of axles on the truck to see what kind of load the truck is rated for. The Truck Regulatory Officer also checks to make sure that oversized loads have over width permits and are properly flagged. If a violation is noticed a truck will be weighed and the operator fined.

Officer Mark Morris started his four year rotation January of 2012. Officer Morris has work with contractors about construction debris, and has also made a lot of contacts with overweight trucks on our city streets. In 2014, Officer Morris weighed over 43 vehicles and levied \$32,870 in overweight fines. West Fargo's over dimensional permits continue to increase from 2013 (1331 permits/fees of \$83,125) to 2014 1535 permits/ \$90,424).

Volunteer Program

The West Fargo Police Department has nine volunteers. Earle 'Bud' Myers and Barnaby, Chaplain Vern Baardson, Chaplain Casey Baardson, Ron Babb, Carl Glander, Garry Bakken, Richard Logan, Shawn O'Donnell, and Chad Rice. These individuals spend many hours of their time helping the West Fargo Police Department protect and serve the citizens of our community. Volunteers are used in a variety of ways, including helping locate people who are missing, move vehicles to and from garages for maintenance, deliver items to other city departments and the SA's office, fix broken equipment, help with general building maintenance, and also assist with the department's Explorer program.

In 2014, the volunteers at the West Fargo Police Department contributed 1,555 hours.



Police Chaplain's

The Police Chaplain's responsibility is for the emotional well-being of our officers, as well as, our community and the citizens we serve. Our Chaplains often ride with officers during their shifts and are always on call to support and assist both the officers and victims of trauma that we come in contact with. The Police Chaplain is a volunteer position, and they represent both the Police Department and the city in a most positive manner.

Grant Funding and Programs

Traffic Safety Grants:

Impaired Driving:	\$4,400
Occupant Safety:	\$4,400
Enhanced Alcohol	<u>\$20,600</u>
Total	\$29,400

The Police Department received Traffic Safety Grants through the Department of Transportation (DOT) for seat belt and DUI patrol shifts. These grants allow officers to work overtime to provide extra patrol searching specifically for impaired drivers and the lack of seat belt use. The enhanced alcohol grant allows officers to work overtime to specifically target any alcohol violations, DUI, MIP, or open containers. This grant was received through the Fargo Cass Public Health.

US Department of Justice COPS Program

COPS 2009: \$50,763.09 (closed out 2013)

COPS 2011: \$153,795.91

COPS 2013: \$90,000

US Department of Justice Assistance Grant

\$39,931

Fargo PD \$29,576 Narcotics investigations overtime; West Fargo Equipment \$10,355

North Dakota Department of Emergency Services

Exercise: \$6,588

Equipment: \$11,642

Equipment Regional Bomb Squad: \$90,479

West Fargo Public Schools Memorandum of Agreement

\$231,769.21

Under an agreement with the West Fargo Public Schools the department shares the costs

associated with providing four School Resource Officers. Seventy-five percent was covered by the school and twenty-five percent by the city of West Fargo.

Safety Committee

The City of West Fargo Safety Committee continues to be active. The experience rate has moved from 27.1 percent as reported 2013 to 4.1 percent for 2014. The experience rate is used in the calculation of the premium paid by the City. Through the reduction in the number of claims and the removal of some older claims from the calculation the rate is less than six times of what it was last year. We are looking forward to continue the overall downward trend in the number of reportable injury and illness claims filed with Workforce Safety and Insurance. The committee also learned the City will qualify for an additional 25 percent discount in premium for maintaining a successful safety management program and participating in the drug free workplace, safe lift, and safety committee programs.



Information Sharing:

The West Fargo Police Department continued to submit weekly articles relating to timely topics or news from the department to the West Fargo Pioneer newspaper and other media outlets. Staff also used the social media of Facebook and Twitter to report time sensitive messages and other happenings within the City.

Pharmaceutical Take Back Program

A drop box is available in the lobby of the Police Department to accept expired and unwanted medications.

This program has collected 299 pounds of medication in 2014. The items collected are turned over to the ND Attorney General's Office for destruction.



Business Partners

The Police Department asked Town and Country Credit Union if they would assist in providing traffic safety messages to the community. Adam Silbernagel agreed. The message was "West Fargo Police 2014 DUI Arrests #" "Don't become a statistic" "Don't drink and Drive".

A number of groups teamed up in 2014 to encourage West Fargo youth to buckle up. Monsanto Corn Research Corporation, Subway, SESVanderHave, True North Steel, Sandy's Donuts, NRASP, Safe Communities Coalition, Mid Valley Partnership and West Fargo Dairy Queen sponsored activities implemented by the West Fargo Police Department. Officers distributed incentives to students observed wearing a seat belt or using a child restraint, and also disseminated educational materials for students and their parents.

2014 Child Passenger Safety Month Presentations at West Fargo Public School

Name of Elementary School	District	Number of Students
Osgood	West Fargo	520
Lodoen Center	West Fargo	320
TOTAL		840

CodeRED

CodeRED is a successful public notification tool to use during an incident. CodeRED alerts residents of an incident and where shelters are located.

Crime Free Housing Program

In an effort to better serve property owners and their tenants, the West Fargo Police Department has developed and implemented the West Fargo Police Department Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. The purpose of this program is to emphasize cooperation among owners, landlords, tenants, and law enforcement agencies in order to help neighborhoods fight illegal activity. The program consists of three main components.



Phase I: A Landlord Training Program: an eight hour training course that discusses how to keep illegal activity out of rental property. Each participant will receive a Phase I Certificate for attending the training.

Phase II: A CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) survey to be done at each rental property. A representative of the

law enforcement agency will inspect the property to assess the physical security and general appearance of the property. If the property meets the minimum requirements they will be given a Phase II Certificate.



Phase III: A resident safety social. A meeting is held for the residents at the property where Crime Watch and Crime Prevention techniques are discussed. The police department, resident managers, and residents work together to promote a “Community”. A Phase III Certificate will be provided for completing this phase.

In 2014, the West Fargo Police Department Crime Free Multi-Housing program conducted one eight hour training session for local housing authorities.

Some of the benefits of this program include; a stable, more satisfied tenant base, improved personal safety for tenants, landlords, and managers, and peace of mind, allowing management to spend more time on routine management issues and less time on actual crisis control.

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014
Checks Conducted by Crime Free Housing

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Checks Conducted by Crime Free Housing	
	Quarterly Totals
January	270
February	328
March	508
Total	1106

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Checks Conducted by Crime Free Housing	
	Quarterly Totals
April	340
May	370
June	352
Total	1062

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Checks Conducted by Crime Free Housing	
	Quarterly Totals
July	359
August	373
September	372
Total	1104

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Checks Conducted by Crime Free Housing	
	Quarterly Totals
October	330
November	232
December	263
Total	825

TOTAL RECORD CHECKS 4097

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014
Police Incidents sent to Management

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Housing Incident Reports sent to Mgmt.	
	Quarterly Totals
January	45
February	27
March	61
Total	133

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Housing Incident Reports sent to Mgmt.	
	Quarterly Totals
April	74
May	53
June	82
Total	209

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Housing Incident Reports sent to Mgmt.	
	Quarterly Totals
July	99
August	70
September	53
Total	222

CRIME FREE HOUSING 2014	
Housing Incident Reports sent to Mgmt.	
	Quarterly Totals
October	61
November	46
December	65
Total	172

TOTAL INCIDENT REPORTS 736

Night to Unite

Night to Unite is the first Tuesday in August each year. This is a huge event for the City of West Fargo and is very successful. Office Supervisor Chris Davidson is responsible for coordinating the Night to Unite event.



Amber Alert Program (AMBER)

AMBER stands for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response. The Amber Alert Plan is an emergency alerting system available for use by law enforcement to alert the public when a child has been abducted and the police believe the child is in imminent danger of bodily harm. The goal of the Amber Plan is to generate maximum public participation to aid in recovering children in the most serious abduction situations. This will be accomplished by providing timely information to assist in the location of the child or to coerce the kidnapper to release the child for fear of apprehension or detection. The program activation criteria are as follows. The abduction must involve a child 17 years of age or younger, confirmation by law enforcement of a stranger or family abduction in which the child is believed to be in grave danger of serious bodily harm or death, and enough descriptive information about the child, abductor, and/or suspect's vehicle to believe an immediately broadcast alert will help. There are many steps and procedures for the officers and dispatchers involved and the Amber Alert Team is called in along with other local agencies to assist in the Amber Alert.

Alcohol Compliance Program

Alcohol compliance checks were established to prevent youth access to alcohol and underage drinking. The checks are conducted four times a year at all establishments selling alcohol. The compliance checks are done in conjunction with the Safe Communities Coalition of the Red River Valley and other local law enforcement. Officer Craig Danielson and Lieutenant Duane Sall were in charge of the Alcohol Compliance program in 2014. The alcohol compliance checks consist of a volunteer less than 21 years of age and a law enforcement officer entering a liquor establishment. The minor will then try to purchase alcohol. If the establishment passes the check by not serving alcohol to the minor, they will receive a letter explaining that they were tested and thanking them for doing a good job. The establishments that fail will be warned at the time of the compliance check and may be cited and have a report sent to the city prosecutor for consideration of charges.

In 2014, there were 47 alcohol compliance checks conducted. Of those checks, 43 resulted in a pass.

In West Fargo there are 22 establishments that serve alcohol on-sale, such as in bars and restaurants. There are 18 that sell alcohol to go, or off-sale.



Tobacco Compliance

Tobacco compliance checks were established to prevent youth access to tobacco and help prevent underage smoking. The compliance checks are done in conjunction with Cass Public Health and local area law enforcement agencies. The tobacco compliance checks consist of a volunteer juvenile under the age of 18 entering an establishment and attempting to purchase tobacco. If the establishment passes the compliance check, they receive a letter of explanation that they were tested and a card thanking them for a job well done. If the establishment fails, they are talked to at the time of the compliance check and notified that they may be cited. If cited, a report will be sent to the city prosecutor for consideration of charges. Officer Ben Nechiporenko is currently in charge of Tobacco Compliance checks.

West Fargo Tobacco Checks for 2014:

Date	Number Checked	Number Failed
February 26, 2014	11	0
May 21, 2014	12	1
December 3, 2014	11	0

Internship Program

The West Fargo Police Department offers an internship program allowing college and university students to learn the theory of law enforcement and to see firsthand the actual workings of a police department. Officer Patrick Hanson is the coordinator of the internship program.

In 2014 we had two interns. Thomas Clawson completed 200 hours during his internship. Clawson graduated from NDSU and received a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice. After completing his internship, Clawson joined the

United States Marine Corps. Clawson plans on going into law enforcement after serving active duty in the Marines.

Justin Prettyman also completed a 200 hours internship. He also attended NDSU majoring in Criminal Justice. Prettyman is also planning a career in law enforcement.

Brandon Larson completed a 148 hour internship with the police department while attending the STEM program at West Fargo High School. Larson is also a member of the Explorer program.

The West Fargo Police Department had a total of 548 intern hours.

Ride Along

The West Fargo Police Ride Along Program allows our citizens and/or people thinking about a career in law enforcement to see firsthand the events that actually take place in our community. The events are not staged, they can be mild to wild, and part of the excitement is you never know what is going to occur next. Riders are often amazed at the equipment and knowledge each officer must have to perform their duties. This program has helped people understand why police officers do what they do during traffic stops or why they ask the questions they ask. It provides a great opportunity for both the rider and the officer to learn from each other, have better communication, and have a greater understanding of mutual needs. Officer Patrick Hanson also coordinates this program.

In 2014, we had numerous ride alongs. Officers will often set up their own ride alongs if they know a person who wishes to ride.



2014 Explorers Post 281 – Welcome Night

Explorers Post 281

In June of this 2014, Police Youth Academy Advisors Travis Johnson, Patrick Hanson, and Kyle Hinrichs proposed returning to a formal Police Explorer Post. Chief Retain reviewed the proposal and authorized the return of Police Exploring to the West Fargo Police Department. As a result, the Police Youth Academy was transformed into the West Fargo Police Explorer Post #281. We reactivated our previous Explorer Post number, which we held approximately nine years ago. We began this year's class with 15 Explorers and held our first meeting on September 21st, 2014.

We have introduced many changes to the program to help improve it and make it a long term program. We introduced a summer field trip for the Explorers, which was a great success. Officers took the Explorers to Bismarck, ND, where we continued the student's law enforcement experiences with tours of the North Dakota State Capitol, SLIC Intelligence Center, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, AFIS Fingerprinting, Cybercrime, Bismarck Police Department, and the North Dakota State Penitentiary.

Our topics so far this year have included a police agility test, ride along training, K9 demo,

arrest procedures, narcotics, bomb squad, SWAT, range night, and traffic stops. The Explorers also toured the police department, FM Ambulance, Central Dispatch, and the law enforcement museum. We also started having joint meetings with other area Explorer Posts.

In April, our Explorer Post will attend the Police Explorer competition in Rochester, MN, for the first time. The Explorers will gain valuable experience and get to test what they have learned besides being able to network with other Explorers.



Explorers Post 281 – Bismarck field trip in 2014

The 2014-2015 class has been working toward many national exploring awards and will be recognized for their efforts at our award ceremony on May 24th, 2015.

The Explorers will continue to stay involved with the Post throughout the summer with various activities including West Fargo Cruise Nights, Night to Unite, and the West Fest Parade.

We continue to receive the assistance of our volunteers who help greatly with the program. Shawn O'Donnell is on his third year of volunteering. He has volunteered 79 hours

during the past year. Our newest volunteer, Chad Rice, started with us this fall. He has volunteered 8.5 hours during the past year. Police Department intern Thomas Clawson also helped with training the Explorers.

Current advisors are: Travis Johnson, Patrick Hanson, Kyle Hinrichs, Sari Supler, and our volunteers Shawn O'Donnell and Chad Rice.



Citizen's Police Academy

This year the West Fargo Police Department offered one citizens police academy class. This was held in the spring. The citizen's police academy continues to be a popular program for the community and a great way to invite the citizens of West Fargo in to see the operations of the WFPD. Advisors are Officer Rhonda Jorgensen, Lt. Duane Sall, Sgt. Jason Anderson and Detective Tim Runcorn.



Child Passenger Safety

Employees of the West Fargo Police Department take an active role in promoting safety for the children in and around our community. We have five employees that are

members of the Safe Kids Fargo/Moorhead, and through that organization do many events each year for the safety of children. As a member of Safe Kids, we do monthly car seat checks, Safety Safari and many other events in our local area. We work collaboratively with other entities such as law enforcement, health care and AAA just to name a few.

There are three certified technicians at the police department. These employees are Tracy Haugen, Sylvie Schweyen, and Sari Supler.

Child Passenger Safety Technicians at the police department check child seats to make sure they are installed correctly for fit of the child and best serve the need of the family. We do these checks by appointment or walk-ins.

The West Fargo Police Department continues to provide outstanding service to parents and children, promoting child passenger safety. The technicians at the police department are very passionate in wanting to keep our kids safe!

Armed Robbery Training for Businesses

Officer Rhonda Jorgensen and Detective Derek Cruff team up to educate local businesses about armed robberies. This program is available as needed or as requested. The program is an opportunity for police and business owners, managers and employees to get together and communicate concerns, safety plans and possible strategies in the case of an armed robbery.

An open forum of what businesses need from the West Fargo Police Department and in turn, how businesses can help the Police solve these crimes.

TRIAD

TRIAD is a group of Law Enforcement Officers from all local agencies, AARP, Medicare, various funeral homes, F-M Ambulance, attorneys, senior citizens, and other various government and private agencies that meet once per month to discuss various issues relating to senior citizens. West Fargo Coffee with a Cop had 12 meetings this year, all on the third Thursday of each month at 2:30 p.m. The meetings last approximately one hour.

This year in January Officer Dora Roll took over as facilitator for Coffee with a Cop from Officer Ryan Wuollet. The year was highlighted by a K-9 demonstration from Officer Pete Nielsen and his K-9 Disco. The attendants always enjoy seeing them in action. The following is a highlighted list of other speakers for the year. Lutheran Social Services, FM Ambulance, Rape

& Abuse, Centre, Inc., Cass County States Attorney, West Fargo Crime Free Housing, Former Police Chief Arland Rasmussen, Chief of Police Mike Reitan and Detective Dustin Manecke were among the list of speakers for the year. The attendees expressed interest in the speakers.



2014 Measures (Overall Department Statistics)

Name of Statistic	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of Citizen Complaints Officially Filed <small>*September 30, 2013 we began using a new tracking system.</small>	7	7 6 unfounded	4 4 unfounded	6 5 unfounded 1 lawsuit/dismissed	9 2 exonerated 4 unsustain 3 sustained	*46 21 sustained 2 unsustain 12 exonerated 11 unfounded	*88 14 sustained 14 unsustain 48 exonerated 12 unfounded
Average Response Time to Call	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Average Training Hours per Month for sworn officers	N/A	6.35	6	6.2	7.65	8.23	8.68
Average Training Hours per Sworn Officer	98	76.27	73	74.7	91.8	98.82	104.15
Total Hours of Training for Sworn Officers	N/A	N/A	N/A	2,764	3,672	4,348	4,999
Calls for Service	11,075	11,533	11,711	15,924	19,704	20,743	21,170
Reports Completed and Filed	2,530	2,664	2,122	2,095	2,391	2,383	2,608
Number of Citations	3,290	3,614	3,546	2,509	3,295	2,817	3,453
Number of Vehicle Crashes	533	629	585	573	534	653	659
Hours Paid	54,505.20	59,328.9	82,056.8	59,761.4	66,390.7	65,400.75	87,907
Investigations Cases	787	363*	380	370	526	422	451
Items of Evidence Catalogued	Unavailable	672	699	505	399	514	547
Hours Paid for Investigations	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	10,605.1	10,658.8	12,721.75	17,044.91



Construction of new police department in 2014

WEST FARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT TWELVE - YEAR UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING STATISTIC COMPARISON

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system is a nationwide statistical program which is administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to monitor and track the 22 Group A Offenses including violent crimes such as Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Murder, Rape, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, and Arson along with the other less violent crimes. Also tracked are the 11 Group B Crimes.

Offense	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
PART I CRIMES												
Aggravated Assault	14	15	17	11	18	28	40	34	41	61	29	43
Burglary	53	78	73	84	100	125	176	93	79	79	147	133
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Larceny	350	401	376	336	357	390	348	327	332	388	358	393
Auto Theft	36	38	32	30	56	33	21	26	24	35	47	51
Robbery	4	2	4	1	4	3	5	3	4	5	5	2
Rape	4	5	10	6	5	13	11	7	4	6	16	14
PART II CRIMES - A												
Arson	5	3	0	3	2	1	5	6	4	6	2	3
Assault – Others	182	160	194	223	291	228	204	197	198	207	204	196
Counterfeit/Forgery	28	33	27	14	20	19	29	25	9	13	35	28
Vandalism	270	232	250	270	343	246	252	146	189	155	160	150
Drug Violations	215	241	217	186	139	102	116	109	154	172	159	231
Embezzlement	6	2	3	4	2	4	3	1	2	0	4	5
Fraud Offenses	35	29	40	55	96	78	85	76	55	77	53	80
Gambling Offenses	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Prostitution Offenses	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Sex Offenses – Other	21	23	18	26	35	27	12	31	14	23	21	12
Stolen Property Offenses	14	24	10	13	19	16	20	20	16	30	20	26
Weapons Violations	10	7	15	14	10	15	15	13	9	9	11	13
PART II CRIMES - B												
Curfew Violations	15	24	38	25	17	7	15	15	9	16	10	7
Disorderly Conduct	73	45	53	74	64	60	60	41	48	67	42	49
Driving under the Influence	215	214	257	232	155	179	162	122	153	165	167	160
DUI Refusals												36
												196
Family Offenses	54	38	39	42	43	33	31	39	20	20	28	21
Liquor Law Violations	147	114	144	126	108	101	104	86	96	84	64	87
Runaway	38	35	46	39	34	35	25	25	48	43	38	31
All Other Offenses	183	203	223	219	157	787	925	680	586	729	764	822
TOTAL	1974	1972	2086	2035	2075	2530	2664	2122	2095	2391	2383	2608

REPORTED CALLS (CFS)

Reported calls are the calls for services that either come in on 911, by regular administration lines, or officer initiated calls. Over the past five years, 2010 to 2014, the number of reported calls has increased yearly. Out of the (21,170) reported calls only (2,608) reports were actually taken. Most of the other calls consisted of non-reportable, non-criminal calls such as unlocks, medical emergencies, civil matters, or were informational reports only. Out of the (2,608) reports done this year, there were (1229) total arrests, to include adults and juvenile arrests.



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of Reported Calls	11,711	15,924	19,704	20,743	21,170



CITATION TICKET SUMMARY

Citation	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
DUI/APC & Refusal	199	233	238	150	165	153	110	141	153	160	196
DUS/DUR	281	280	363	254	144	208	266	188	236	284	319
Open Container	34	36	13	22	18	21	17	25	17	11	17
MIC/MIP	102	120	111	127	88	127	67	66	64	30	36
Speeding	888	536	1210	1194	830	1062	1122	974	1283	915	567
No Liability Insurance	226	254	253	152	104	96	67	68	95	144	333
Seatbelt Violation	146	44	148	110	80	131	86	103	157	95	143
Child Restraint	24	31	66	26	37	45	39	37	39	22	8
Poss. of Marijuana	28	35	48	27	17	24	14	22	41	30	33
All Other	1830	1570	2208	2213	1710	1747	1758	885	1210	1126	1831
TOTALS	3907	3267	4873	4317	3365	3614	3546	2509	3295	2817	3447



PARKING TICKET SUMMARY

Parking Tickets Issued	2009	2010	11	2012	2013	2014
	566 Total	769 Total	729 Total	716 Total	638 Total	552 Total

TRAFFIC CRASH SUMMARY

State Reportable Crashes in North Dakota are those crashes which are defined by one or more of the following criteria: Property damage in excess of \$1,000, any sustained injury or the issuance of a citation relating to the crash. All other crashes which do not meet these criteria are considered as a Non-Reportable crash.

10 Year Total	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	452	440	547	537	629	585	573	534	653	659



ARREST STATS

Offense	Juvenile Arrests	Adult Arrests
Aggravated Assault	2	20
Simple Assault	24	73
Driving under Suspension/Revocation	5	333
Terrorizing/Intimidation	2	21
Arson	0	0
Burglary	3	13
Larceny/Theft	27	56
Motor Vehicle Theft/Unauthorized Use	2	7
Robbery	0	1
Sexual Offenses	2	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	0	3
Vandalism/Criminal Mischief	6	10
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	32	212
Drug Paraphernalia	32	178
Embezzlement	0	0
Fraud Offenses	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	8	14
Weapons Law Offenses	2	6
Curfew Violations	13	0
Disorderly Conduct	9	13
Driving Under the Influence	1	157
Minor in Possession/Consumption	24	38
Runaway/Unruly	18	0
Hit and Run Accidents/Leaving the Scene	0	13
Warrants-Other Agency	6	252
All other Offenses	73	247

Total Arrests

MONTH	JUVENILE	ADULT	TOTAL
January	12	139	151
February	29	176	205
March	28	132	160
April	23	166	189
May	28	127	155
June	30	162	192
July	43	161	204
August	30	150	180
September	22	115	137
October	14	124	138
November	11	117	128
December	21	99	128
TOTALS	291	1668	1959

POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE TO WEST FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The West Fargo Police Department responds to calls for service to the West Fargo Public Schools on various call types from unruly juveniles to simple assaults. The School Resource Officers will handle the calls at the West Fargo High School, West Fargo Community High, Sheyenne High School, Liberty Middle School and Cheney Middle school.

School	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<u>LE Berger Elementary</u> (631 4 th Avenue E)	38	40	39	20	28	41	61	32	46
<u>South Elementary</u> (117 6 Avenue West)	22	33	19	21	9	19	21	24	21
<u>Cheney Middle School</u> (825 17 th Avenue East)	107	77	94	80	63	73	79	64	51
<u>Eastwood Elementary</u> (500 10 th Avenue East)	50	60	40	44	46	40	30	50	52
<u>Westside Elementary</u> (945 7 th Avenue West)	25	39	33	30	30	28	34	35	51
<u>Community High School</u> (207 Main Avenue West)	13	14	18	33	31	8	7	7	3
<u>Kindergarten Center</u> (330 3 rd Avenue East)	10	12	10	8	10	10	13	25	13
<u>West Fargo High School</u> (801 9 th Street East)	134	187	172	165	156	168	155	141	135
<u>Sheyenne High School</u> (800 40 th Avenue East)		16	53	43	48	41	47	58	54
<u>Aurora Elementary</u> (3420 9 th Street West)		14	34	20	22	30	35	22	32
<u>Liberty Middle School</u> (801 36 th Avenue East)								26	45
<u>Freedom Elementary</u> (401 26 th Avenue East)								33	27
<u>Independence Elementary</u> (3700 54 th Street South)									1

TRANSCRIPTIONIST STATS

Month	Margy 1-1-14 to 12-31-14			Nicole 1-1-14 to 11-30-14			Robin 12-1-2014 to 12-31-2014			Total 1-1-14 to 12-31-14		
	Initial	Supp.	Total	Initial	Supp.	Total	Initial	Supp.	Total	Initial	Supp.	Total
January	94	68	162	104	49	153	198	117	315			
February	104	94	198	111	73	184	215	167	382			
March	89	56	145	134	70	204	223	126	349			
April	95	37	132	189	100	289	284	137	421			
May	94	65	159	151	65	216	245	130	375			
June	92	67	159	142	84	226	234	151	385			
July	103	72	175	159	105	264	262	177	439			
August	106	60	166	117	95	212	223	155	378			
September	103	55	158	120	74	194	223	129	352			
October	85	78	163	122	106	228	207	184	391			
November	109	48	157	92	56	148	201	104	305			
December	105	63	168	113	43	156	218	106	324			
TOTALS	1179	763	1942	1554	920	2474	2733	1683	4416			



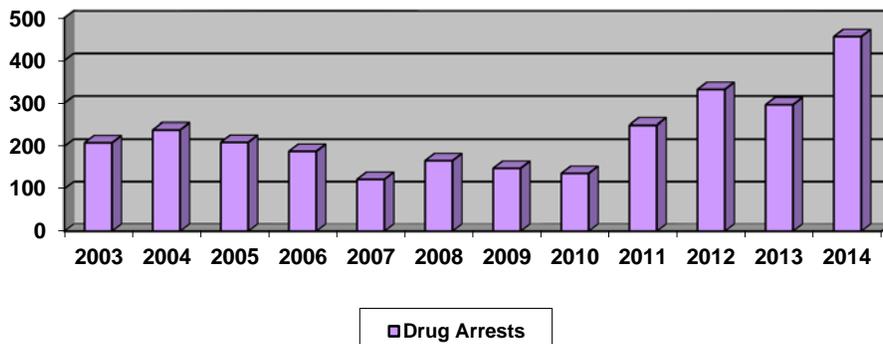
DRUG SUMMARY

2014 Drug Arrests

Possession of Marijuana	78
Possession while Driver of Vehicle	84
Possession of Methamphetamine	32
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	209
Possession of Cocaine	3
Possession of Other Narcotic	50
TOTAL	456

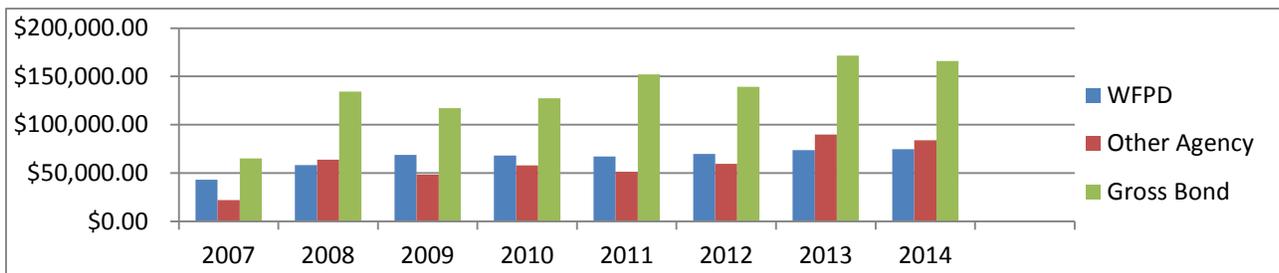


Comparison of Drug/Narcotic Arrest for 2003 - 2014



WARRANTS

Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Warrants Issued	437	347	314	299	335	354	439	410
Warrants Cleared	427	361	317	300	379	351	394	386
% Cleared	97.71%	104.03%	100.96%	100.33%	113.13%	99.15%	89.75%	94.15%
WFPD Cleared	239	171	183	172	161	188	185	184
Other Agency Cleared	195	190	133	128	219	145	187	185
Gross Bond	\$65,059.68	\$134,206.02	\$117,224.88	\$127,544.55	\$151,947.44	\$139,337.25	\$171,416.07	\$166,028.90
WFPD	\$43,154.12	\$58,341.60	\$68,919.88	\$68,152.87	\$67,277.28	\$69,844.70	\$73,848	\$74,748.89
Other Agency	\$21,905.56	\$63,813.00	\$48,305.00	\$57,936.88	\$51,282.16	\$6,355.00	\$89,847.87	\$84,002.01
Court Cancelled						\$6,355.00	\$7,800	\$7,278.00



ND Municipal Court
Caseload for 2014 per City

CITY	FILED	CASES FILED	TOTAL
Bismarck	4354	15092	19446
Burlington	44	668	712
Devils Lake	570	1073	1643
Dickinson	1166	2844	4010
Fargo	5114	19040	24154
Grafton	124	199	323
Grand Forks	2175	4899	7074
Jamestown	996	2407	3403
Mandan	554	1158	1712
Minot	3387	5147	8534
Rolla	129	126	255
Valley City	202	1148	1350
Wahpeton	174	429	603
West Fargo	859	2823	3682
Williston	2913	3717	6630
TOTAL	20797	62734	83531

