



**WEST FARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2018**



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# INTRODUCTION BY CHIEF JANKE



Welcome to the West Fargo Police Department (WFPD) 2018 Annual Report. Our department saw another record year with 29,926 calls for service – a 10 percent increase over 2017. However, despite record calls for service, I am pleased to report that the City of West Fargo has seen a 5.7 percent decrease in crime over the past two years. I am also happy to report that the City of West Fargo was named the 2018 Safest City in North Dakota by the National Council for Home Safety and Security. This achievement and the continued decrease in crime are testaments to the quality of our community and the men and women I have the privilege to lead.

In 2018, we operated with 61 sworn police officers, two K9 units, 13 civilian employees and eight volunteers. Our department had a total appropriated budget of \$7,272,464. Because we strive to be good stewards of the tax payer dollars we receive, we came in \$95,409.35 under the final WFPD budget for the fiscal year. Below are my 2018 highlights.

## 1. RESTRUCTURING THE DEPARTMENT AND PROMOTIONS

We created two new lieutenant positions, three new sergeant positions, a business manager and a cultural liaison officer. These positions allowed our department to run more efficiently and effectively while providing supervision and additional mentoring to our young department.

## 2. NEW OFFICER HIRES AND TRAINING

We hired seven new patrol officers in 2018 and had 11 patrol officers in our Field Training Program.

## 3. WELLNESS POLICY AND PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

According to the American Heart Association, a law enforcement officer's average life expectancy is 22 years less than the average citizen. To combat this we established a wellness policy and implemented a mandatory physical fitness test to ensure our officers are fit for duty, but more importantly to make sure they are living a healthy lifestyle.

## 4. LAUNCH OF THE DAVID LEMI LOGULOMO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In October, the department had the honor of launching the David Lemi Logulomo Memorial Scholarship Fund to enroll qualified residents in Project Lifesaver, a program that provides wearable transmitters to individuals with cognitive conditions that lead to a propensity to wander so emergency responders can quickly locate them if they go missing. The scholarship fund not only provides funding for Project Lifesaver but also honors David Lemi Logulomo, a 6-year-old resident of West Fargo with autism who tragically drown during the summer.

## 5. SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

Realizing social media channels are a key source of information for our public, we dramatically increased our online presence by establishing a social media team. We added more than 8,000 followers on Facebook and increased our presence on Twitter and

Instagram. Our team also started Tipline Tuesday and Warrant Wednesday campaigns that have led to the identification of numerous suspects and identified the locations of numerous people with warrants. Additionally, as part of our social media team, a viral lip sync video with three of our officers garnered more than 2 million views and was highlighted on "Good Morning America."

## 6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A strategic initiative in 2018 was to build relationships and trust with our entire community. Throughout this report you'll see examples of our events and everyday interactions with the public to build that trust. We also held special events, such as our Pink Patch Project where we raised \$6,230 for the Edith Sanford Breast Cancer Center and the Tip-A-Cop program where we raised \$2,588.75 for the Special Olympics.

There was one core value – compassion – we frequently talked about in 2018. Our department standard is to show compassion for everyone we encounter, especially those who are going through a dark time in their life. This value was lived day in and day out and we often received feedback and stories from the community that this value really resonated with them. In 2019, I commit that we will continue to be a department that proudly protects and serves while showing compassion for those we encounter.

I would like to thank the West Fargo City Commission and our city administrator for their continued support of our department. I hope you enjoy our report highlighting our accomplishments for 2018.

PERSONAL CRIMES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
HOMICIDE	1	3	1	0	2
SEX CRIMES	28	29	33	43	54
KIDNAPPING	5	6	4	9	5
PORNOGRAPHY	2	6	9	20	8
ROBBERY	2	5	7	6	3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	45	39	35	36	56
SIMPLE ASSAULT	208	274	275	249	260
STALKING	7	5	7	5	2
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	15	25	38	30	27
MISSING PERSON/RUNAWAY	117	96	126	133	100
SUICIDE (ATTEMPTED, COMPLETED)	62	35	42	47	59
SUICIDE THREAT	45	55	57	56	85
UNATTENDED DEATH	17	23	13	20	17
OTHER PERSONAL CRIMES	827	1073	1156	947	800
PERSONAL CRIMES PER 100,000 PEOPLE	3682.67	4464.00	4808.00	4269.33	3941.33
SUBTOTAL	1381	1674	1803	1601	1478

PROPERTY CRIMES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
BURGLARY/THEFT FROM BUILDING	141	154	146	90	122
SHOPLIFTING	35	44	55	70	93
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	52	39	51	45	35
ALL OTHER THEFT	413	337	341	396	423
COUNTERFEITING	77	118	115	113	128
IDENTITY THEFT	36	70	48	54	42
VANDALISM	150	179	141	135	124
OTHER PROPERTY CRIMES	254	296	358	316	361
PROPERTY CRIMES PER 100,000 PEOPLE	3088.00	3298.67	3346.67	3250.67	3541.33
SUBTOTAL	1158	1237	1255	1219	1328

DRUG CRIMES	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	204	221	329	355	354
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	234	221	313	351	338
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	97	112	109	77	94
DRUG CRIMES PER 100,000 PEOPLE	1426.67	1477.33	2002.67	2088.00	2096.00
SUBTOTAL	535	554	751	783	786
<b>CRIME TOTAL</b>	<b>3074</b>	<b>3465</b>	<b>3809</b>	<b>3603</b>	<b>3592</b>

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The West Fargo Police Department has the responsibility to protect life and safeguard property in a highly effective and efficient manner and to engage the community in a collaborative crime prevention program.

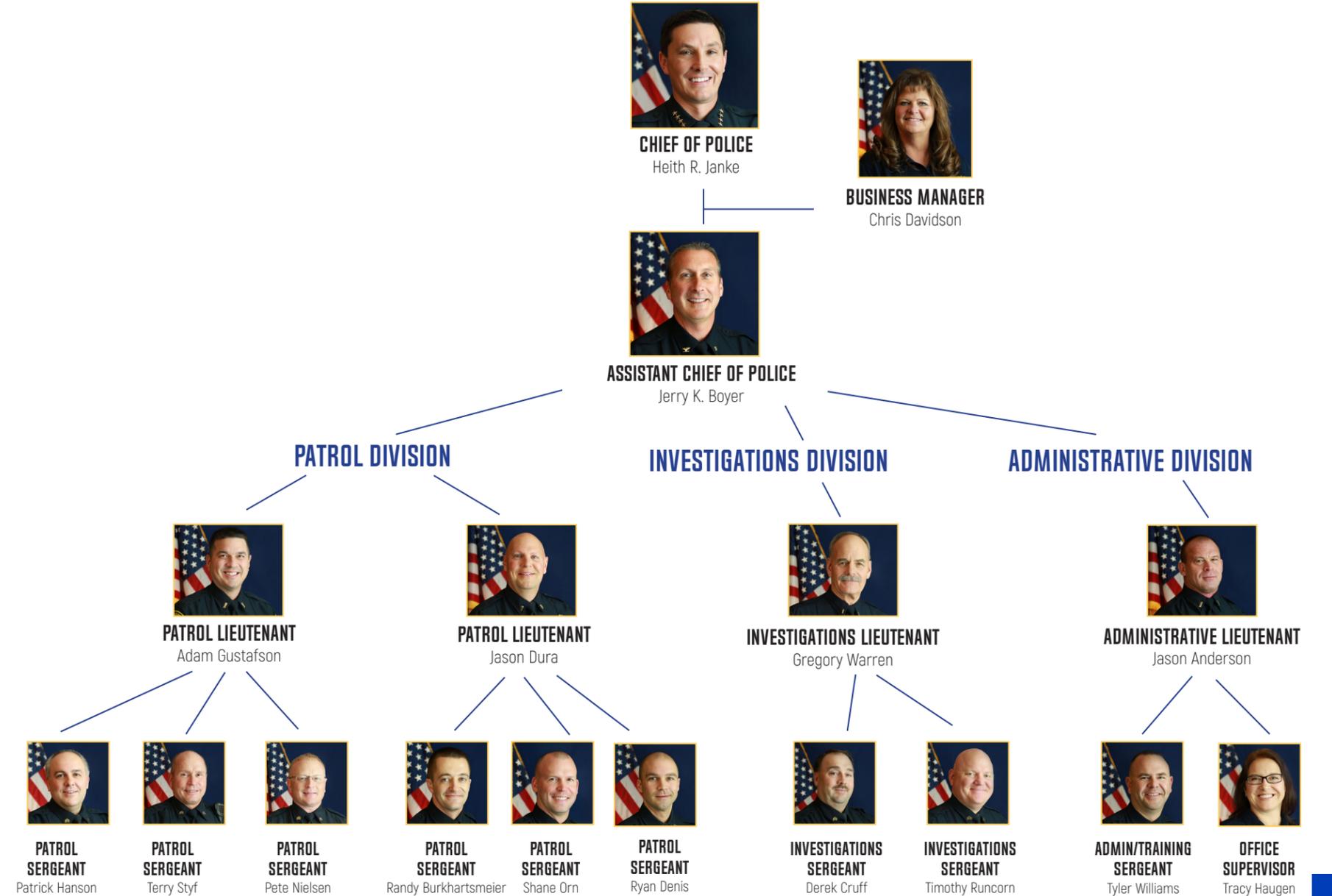
**VISION STATEMENT**

The West Fargo Police Department strives to be a highly trusted public service agency that all levels of the criminal justice system may use as a standard of law enforcement performance as a result of having developed and maintained a strong core of visionary leaders and exceptionally trained and motivated personnel.



I N T E G R I T Y  
 H O N E S T Y  
 T R U S T  
 C O M P E T E N C E  
 T E A M W O R K  
 R E S P E C T  
 S E R V I C E  
 B A L A N C E

**2018 COMMAND STAFF**



# PROMOTIONS

# NEW HIRES

61  
SWORN OFFICERS



**JASON ANDERSON**  
Administrative Lieutenant



**JASON DURA**  
Patrol Lieutenant



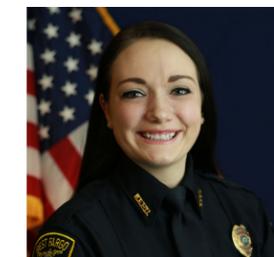
**ADAM GUSTAFSON**  
Patrol Lieutenant



**DAWSON ROGSTAD**  
Patrol Officer



**DAVID SAARI**  
Patrol Officer



**ANNIE BREWER**  
Patrol Officer



**JACOB ZACH**  
Patrol Officer

7  
NEW OFFICERS



**TIMOTHY RUNCORN**  
Investigations Sergeant



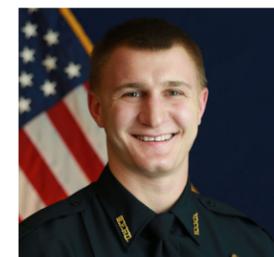
**SHANE ORN**  
Patrol Sergeant



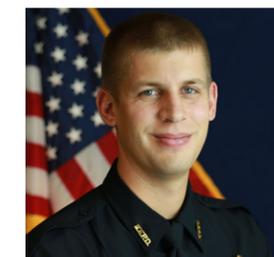
**TYLER WILLIAMS**  
Administrative/Training Sergeant



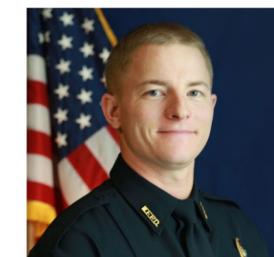
**RYAN DENIS**  
Patrol Sergeant



**ADAM SUFFICOOL**  
Patrol Officer



**JAMES ELLEFSON**  
Patrol Officer



**BRENT YOUNG**  
Patrol Officer



**JESSICA GUSTAFSON**  
Transcription Specialist

# NEW POSITIONS

# COMPLETED PROBATIONARY PERIOD

13  
CIVILIAN STAFF



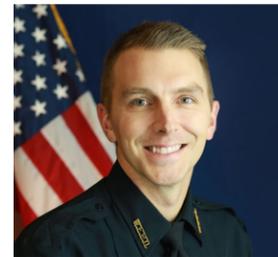
**CHRIS DAVIDSON**  
Business Manager



**TRACY HAUGEN**  
Office Supervisor

- DAVID TODD**, Patrol Officer
- MICHAEL CARLSON**, Patrol Officer
- BRENDA HEIB**, Police Records Specialist
- HEITH JANHE**, Chief of Police
- KRISTY O'KEEFE**, Police Records Specialist
- NICHOLAS GOMEZ**, Police Records Specialist
- TRAVIS EVINH**, Patrol Officer
- ANTHONY CORONADO**, Patrol Officer

2018 LUTHER FAMILY FORD SALUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT RECIPIENTS



**RYAN WUOLLET**  
March 2018



**BROCK ACKERMAN**  
July 2018



**SYLVIE SCHWEYEN**  
December 2018

DISTINGUISHED YEARS OF SERVICE MILESTONES MET



**JASON ANDERSON**  
20 Years of Service



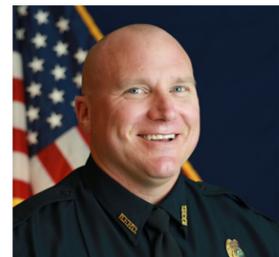
**SHANE ORN**  
10 Years of Service



**KYLE HINRICHS**  
5 Years of Service



**DORA ROLL**  
5 Years of Service



**WES CHRISTIANSON**  
5 Years of Service

LIFE SAVING AWARD RECIPIENTS



**ANTHONY CORONATO**  
Patrol Officer



**MATTHEW OLDHAM**  
Patrol Officer

2018 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



**KYLE HINRICHS**  
Patrol Officer

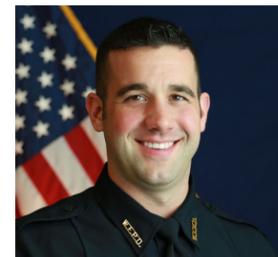
2018 EMPLOYEES OF THE QUARTER



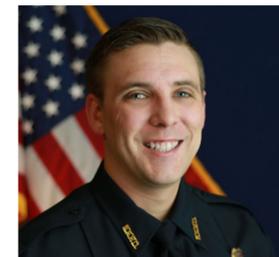
**SARAHANNE SUPLER**  
Quarter 1



**AUSTIN BAGLEY**  
Quarter 2



**BROCK ACKERMAN**  
Quarter 3



**MICHAEL CARLSON**  
Quarter 4

OUTSIDE AGENCY RECOGNITION



**RENATA SELZER**, Cass County Assistant States Attorney  
**REID BRADY**, Cass County Assistant States Attorney



**SADIYO HASSAN**, West Fargo High School



**SGT. MATTHEW THOM**, Stutsman County Sheriff Office

# DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS



**VERN BAARDSON**  
Chaplain



**CASEY BAARDSON**  
Chaplain



**MICHAEL O'BERG**  
Chaplain

In 2018, West Fargo Police Department volunteers donated 929.5 hours of their time.

Vern Baardson and Casey Baardson serve as chaplains for the department. Mike O'berg is chaplain for the West Fargo Fire Department, but assists the WFPD as well. These three individuals help with a wide range of tasks, from death notifications to the overall well-being of the department. In 2018, the chaplains donated 404 total hours of their time.

Chad Rice and Shawn O'Donnell serve as volunteer advisers for the West Fargo Police Explorers Post #281. Rice and O'Donnell help organize meetings and take photos at events. They also assist in planning and chaperoning the Explorers' annual trip to Rochester, Minnesota, for their competition. In 2018, these volunteer advisers donated 271 hours to the Explorers.

Ron Babb, Carl Glander and Richard Logan serve the West Fargo Police Department in a number of ways. These three men take turns doing everything from washing and bringing cars to the mechanic to running paperwork. In 2018, these three volunteers donated 254 total hours to the department.



**CHAD RICE**  
Volunteer Police Explorers Advisor



**SHAWN O'DONNELL**  
Volunteer Police Explorers Advisor



**RON BABB**  
Department Volunteer



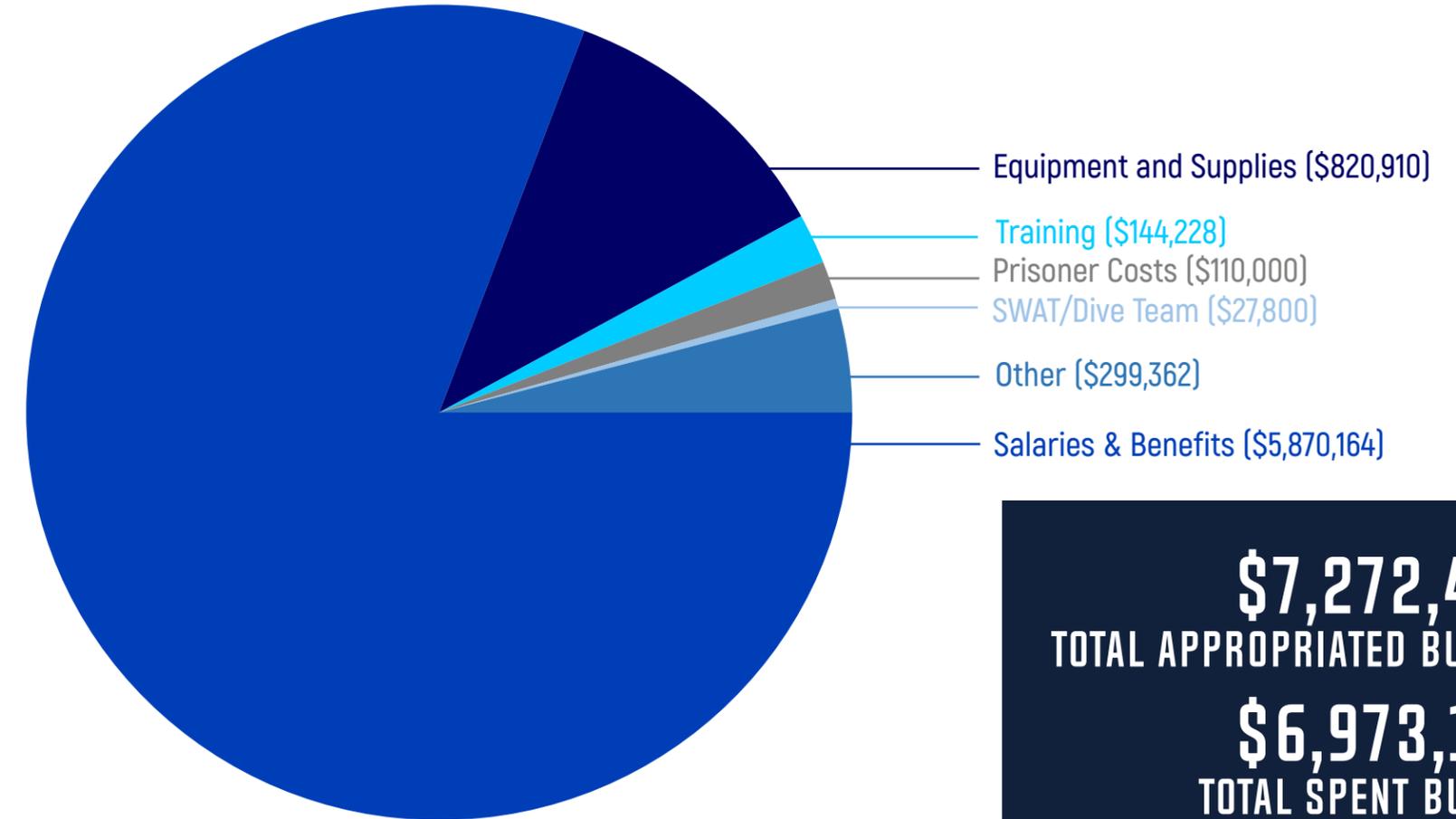
**CARL GLANDER**  
Department Volunteer



**RICHARD LOGAN**  
Department Volunteer

**929.5**  
**TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS**

# 2018 BUDGET



**\$7,272,464**  
**TOTAL APPROPRIATED BUDGET**

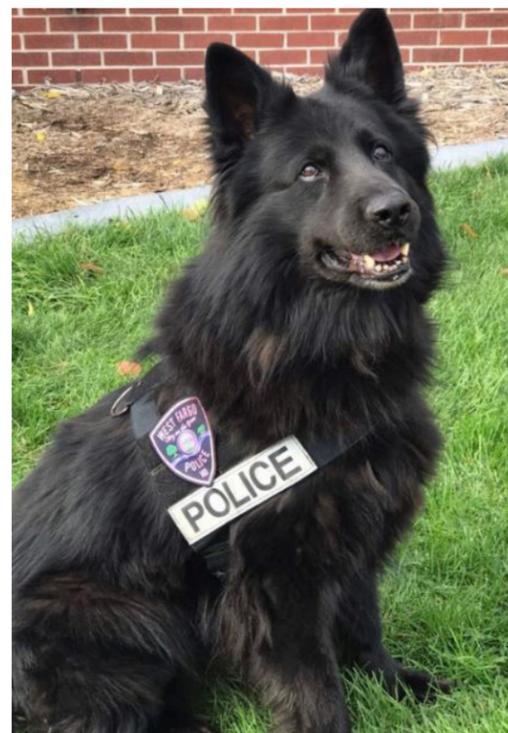
**\$6,973,102**  
**TOTAL SPENT BUDGET**

**\$95,409**  
**UNDER BUDGET**

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

THE WEST FARGO POLICE DEPARTMENT PRIDES ITSELF ON THE VARIETY OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS OFFICERS PARTICIPATE IN AND OFFER TO AREA RESIDENTS SUCH AS:

- BICYCLE HELMET AWARENESS
- CASS COUNTY TRIAD
- CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY
- CLASSROOM VISITS
- COFFEE WITH A COP
- COPS & KIDS SHOPPING EVENT
- DAVID LEMI LOGULOMO SCHOLARSHIP
- DEPARTMENT TOURS
- DOSE OF REALITY
- K9 DEMONSTRATIONS
- NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM
- NIGHT TO UNITE
- NO SHAVE NOVEMBER
- PINK PATCH PROJECT
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE
- POLICE EXPLORERS POST #281
- PROJECT LIFESAVER
- SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING
- SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM
- SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS TIP-A-COP
- VACATION HOUSE WATCH
- WEST FARGO COMMUNITY EVENTS
- YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



In October, the WFPD presented the Pink Patch Project. All officers sported pink patches throughout the month. The department also sold commemorative pink patches to the public and held an auction of signed patches to raise money for breast cancer research, prevention, treatment and awareness. A total of \$6230 was raised for the Edith Sanford Breast Center through the project.



## PINK PATCH PROJECT OCT. 2018



**CHIEFS' BURGER COOK-OFF**



**SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS**



**RECOGNIZING K9 DISCO**



**TONS OF ATTENDEES, BOOTHS AND ACTIVITIES**



Every August, the West Fargo Police Department hosts Night to Unite at Elmwood Park. This event strengthens neighborhood and community partnerships through free activities, interactive demonstrations, public safety education and delicious food from local food trucks. Thousands of West Fargo residents attend each year.



**BIKE PATROL**



**FIRE DEMONSTRATION**



**SRO DUNK TANK**



**POLICE VS. FIRE TUG OF WAR**



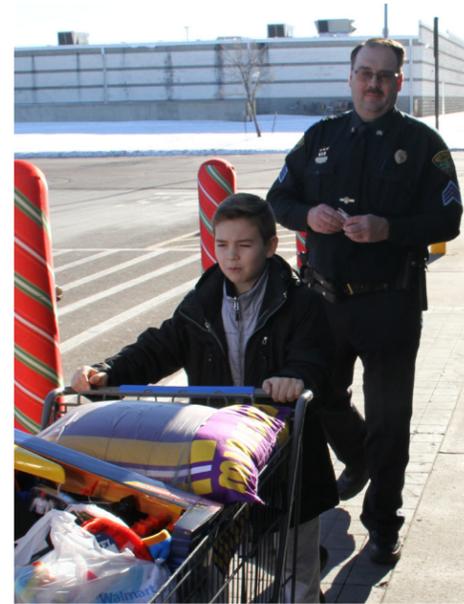
**K9 DEMOS**



**POLICE EXPLORERS**



**SWAT TEAM DEMONSTRATION**



In December 2018, the West Fargo Police Department participated in the annual Cops & Kids shopping event. Law enforcement personnel from the Red River Valley region come together to provide a holiday shopping experience to area low-income children. Each child is matched with an officer and given \$200 to spend.



Through West Fargo Police Explorers Post # 281, students age 14 - 21 learn about a career in law enforcement through hands-on training, competition, community engagement at special events, volunteer work and more. Students gain experience in many facets of law enforcement while also gaining skills such as leadership, problem-solving, effective communication and life-long friendships.



# 18 COPS & KIDS | DEC. 2018 POLICE EXPLORERS POST #281 19



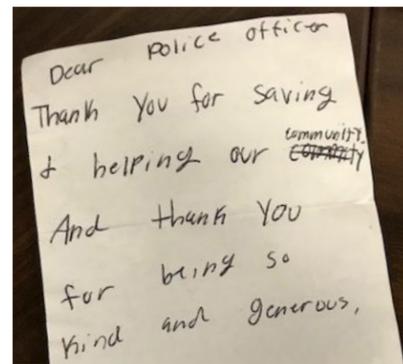
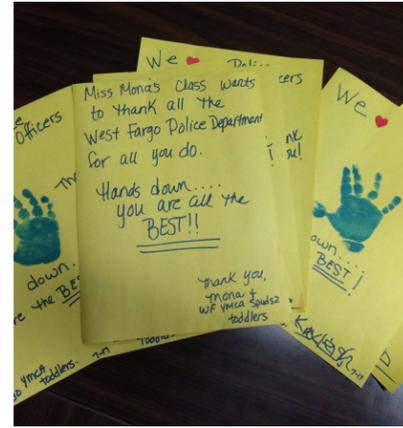
WEST FEST



POLAR PLUNGE



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



One fun role of West Fargo police officers is engagement with area youth. The WFPD interacts with its young fans through classroom visits, special events, department tours, fundraisers and a variety of special programs to encourage youth safety.



TIP-A-COP



# MORE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



Each year, residents are able to participate in the Citizens Police Academy. This ten-week program is designed to increase the understanding between citizens and police through hands-on training. In addition to specialized classroom training, citizens are exposed to a wide range of real-world scenarios.

Citizens Police Academy participants are not actually trained for police work. Participants do, however, have a better understanding of the West Fargo Police Department operations and the day-to-day responsibilities and duties with which officers are tasked.



In October, the West Fargo Police Department announced the David Lemi Logulomo Scholarship Fund. Through this fund, the WFPD is able to offer the community access to Project Lifesaver free of charge. Project Lifesaver provides transmitters for individuals with cognitive conditions that cause the propensity to wander, such as those with Alzheimer's or autism, so that they may be quickly found during periods of elopement.

Through the use of radio frequency technology, innovative search and rescue techniques, and accredited first response training, Project Lifesaver member agencies have successfully located more than 3,400 special needs individuals and located individuals in less than 30 minutes, a 95 percent decrease in standard operations.



### ABOUT DAVID

David Lemi Logulomo was a young West Fargo resident with autism who drown in the summer of 2018. With this scholarship fund, generously started by the Corwin Automotive Group, the West Fargo Police Department hopes to turn a tragedy into a lasting legacy of protection for our community.



# CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY DAVID LEMI LOGULOMO SCHOLARSHIP

# PATROL DIVISION

**523,653**  
TOTAL MILES DRIVEN



**43,973**  
TOTAL GALLONS OF GAS



The West Fargo Police Department (WFPD) patrol officers respond to major and minor crimes and assist on medical calls. Calls for service range from giving directions to responding to major incidents that can result in serious injury or death.

Within the Patrol Division, the officers take on extra responsibilities other than basic patrol duties. These responsibilities include:

- Alcohol Compliance Checks
- Bike Patrol
- Bomb Squad
- Citizens Police Academy
- Coffee/Cocoa with a Cop
- Defensive Tactics
- Drug Recognition
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Instruction
- Explorers Post #281
- Field Training
- Honor Guard
- Internet Safety
- Internship Program
- Negotiations
- Peer Assistance Crisis Team (PACT)
- Ride-A-Long Program
- Social Media Management
- SWAT Team

The West Fargo Police Department Patrol Division saw many changes in 2018. In order to have more supervision coverage on all shifts, the Patrol Division added another lieutenant. Another patrol sergeant was also added to staff, for a total of six patrol sergeants.

The WFPD saw a record year for the hiring and training of patrol officers in 2018. Seven new patrol officers were hired and trained, which brings the total of patrol staff to 35 officers in total, including command staff. The Patrol Division also encompasses a truck regulatory officer and a civilian community service officer.

Along with a record number of calls for service in 2018 (29,967) Patrol Division staff also responded to 827 crash reports. In 2018, Patrol staff also earned two Lifesaving Awards and two 1100 The Flag Luther Family Ford Salute to Law Enforcement recognitions.

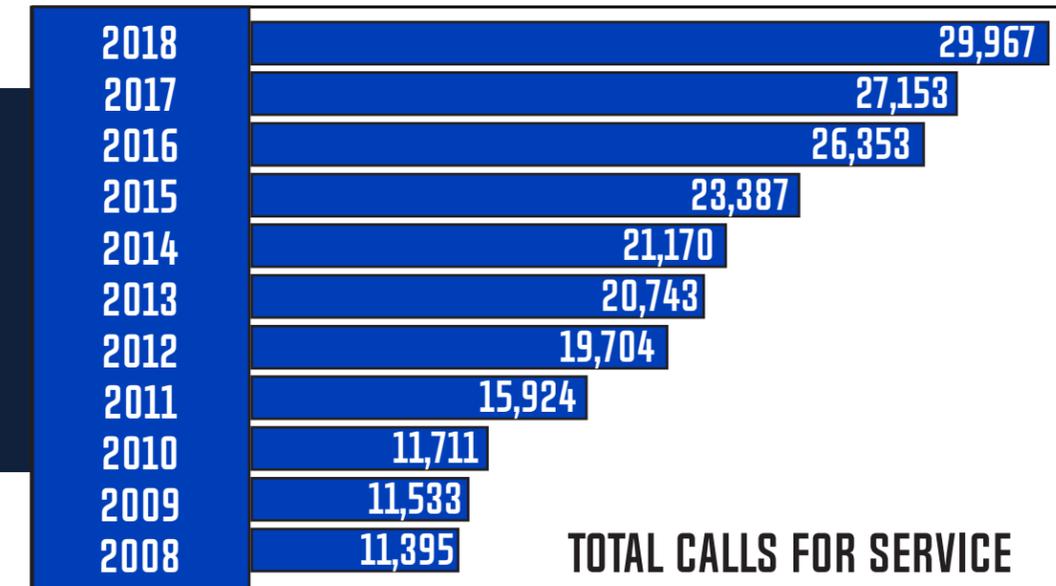


**LIEUTENANT JASON DURA**



**LIEUTENANT ADAM GUSTAFSON**

**29,967**  
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE  
IN 2018



# K9 DIVISION



**K9 TOSTI**



**K9 MACHO**



In 2018, the West Fargo Police Department retired K9 Disco and welcomed K9 Macho to the department. K9 Disco had a long, successful, award-winning career and will be missed around the department and by West Fargo residents.

**266**  
TOTAL K9 DEPLOYMENTS

Between K9 Disco, K9 TosTi and K9 Macho, the K9 unit had a total of 266 deployments in 2018, several of which were assisting other regional agencies.

# K9 DIVISION



**K9 DISCO**



**K9 DISCO**  
2011 - 2018

# TRAFFIC & PATROL STATS



TRAFFIC STATS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
DUI	159	174	187	160	240
DUI REFUSAL	35	36	36	46	46
DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION	359	334	424	538	754
TOTAL	553	544	647	744	1040

PATROL STATS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
CITATIONS ISSUED	5043	5560	5880	5459	6966
ARRESTS	1478	1577	1883	1920	1960
ACCIDENTS	759	811	963	930	986

# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER



28 CSO ANNIE BURTHOLD

Annie Burthold serves as community service officer for the West Fargo Police Department. She responds to calls for service including vehicle unlocks, animals calls and parking complaints. She also provides direction of vehicle maintenance and delivers paperwork to various government agencies.

This position has evolved over time. Beyond the duties listed above, CSO Burthold also completes investigations and reports on animal neglect and provides assistance to other city departments, such as code enforcement, to help make residents aware of and enforce city ordinances.

## 2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE

ARREST	1	SHOPLIFTING	1
ACCIDENT-PROPERTY	4	SUICIDAL PERSON	1
ANIMAL CALLS	276	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	5
BICYCLE FOUND	22	THEFT	2
BURGLARY	1	TICKET	57
COMMUNITY POLICING	2	TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	12
DISTURBANCE	1	TRAFFIC STOP	1
FIELD CONTACT	3	VEHICLE UNLOCK	122
FINGERPRINTS	18	WELFARE CHECK	3
FOUND PROPERTY	27		
HEALTH - SAFETY	1		
IMPOUND	36		
PARKING COMPLAINT	487		
PUBLIC ASSIST	24		
SEARCH AND RESCUE	1		

**1122**  
TOTAL ACTIONS

# BOMB & SWAT



## RED RIVER VALLEY SWAT TEAM

The Red River Valley SWAT team is comprised of members from various local agencies. The WFPD current has three members on the team, with two of the three being team leaders. In 2018, the Red River Valley SWAT team was deployed 14 times. These deployments ranged from assisting with high-risk search warrants to providing dignitary protection for President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence. The team spends many hours each year training for these and other situations, such as barricaded suspects and terrorist attacks.

## RED RIVER REGIONAL BOMB SQUAD

The Red River Regional Bomb Squad assists local law enforcement agencies in the education, location, and disposal of all energetic materials. The bomb unit is often utilized with the tactical unit and negotiations unit on large-scale events where there could be a potential for dangerous materials or explosives. The bomb unit has different types of technology that can assist the other units, such as bomb robots, which are capable of sending real time video and audio to the rest of the team.

## BOMB SQUAD SUMMARY OF CALLS 2018

HOAX/SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES	5
AMMUNITION PICKUP/DISPOSAL	16
EXPLOSIVE DEVICES	9
SWAT ASSISTS	5
DIGNITARY/SECURITY SWEEPS	4
TOTAL BOMB SQUAD RESPONSES	39



# INVESTIGATIONS



**LIEUTENANT GREG WARREN**

In 2018, Lieutenant Greg Warren led the West Fargo Police Department Investigations Division. The division consisted of two sergeants, four detectives, one intelligence detective, a crime-free multi-housing coordinator and an evidence technician. In total, the division was assigned 705 cases with 1,900 pieces of evidence processed.

West Fargo Police officers also worked as members of the Cass County Drug Task Force, the Metro Area Street Crimes Unit and the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force. Officers in these task forces focused on narcotics trafficking and gangs in the metro area.

The Investigations Division is home to five West Fargo School District school resources officers as well. These five SROs are responsible for the safety of over 11,000 students at all 19 district schools.

The Investigations Division also manages a number of special programs such as offender registration and the crime-free multi-housing program.

2018 CALLS FOR SERVICE	TOTAL	ARRESTS	TOP MONTH
HOMICIDE	2	1	MARCH
SEX CRIMES	54	14	OCTOBER
KIDNAPPING	5	3	MARCH
PORNOGRAPHY	8	3	JANUARY
ROBBERY	3	0	APRIL
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	56	33	OCTOBER
SIMPLE ASSAULT	260	162	JULY
STALKING	2	1	APRIL
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	27	16	MARCH
BURGLARY	122	14	JANUARY
SHOPLIFTING	93	27	DECEMBER
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	35	4	SEPTEMBER
ALL OTHER THEFT	423	53	DECEMBER
DRUG VIOLATIONS	354	306	JULY

**705  
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS  
CASES  
ASSIGNED**

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### CRIME-FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

The West Fargo Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program offers training for West Fargo rental property management and staff. After the training, the crime-free multi-housing coordinator notifies the trained management when tenants or visitors commit certain offenses on the property. The offenses can include a variety of things, from noise complaints, indecent exposure and assault, to minors possessing or consuming alcohol, possession of controlled substances, conduct related to the need for protection services, delinquency of a minor, criminal damage to property or robbery. Through this program, the WFPD also assists rental property management with background checks.

### OFFENDER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

There are currently 47 offenders registered with the West Fargo Police Department. Registered offenders include those who have been convicted of serious sexual crimes or violent offenders that are required to register by North Dakota state offender statutes. Since 2009, each WFPD officer has at least one registered

### INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

In 2018, the West Fargo Police Department received 12 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cyber tips. From these tips, the WFPD went on to produce seven workable cases. Cyber tips include possession or distribution of child pornography or luring a minor by computer.

The West Fargo Police Department is happy to provide this service to the community knowing it results in a stable, more satisfied tenant base, increased property values, improved personal safety for tenants, landlords, and managers and peace of mind for spending more time on routine management and less time on crisis control, appreciative tenants and neighbors and more benefits to the entire community.

In 2018, background checks were conducted on 1114 possible renters, 29,967 calls for service were reviewed and 969 housing incident reports were sent to trained rental management.

offender assigned to them to monitor their compliance. Assigned officers are required to provide monthly updates. The police support specialists communicate with the state offender registration unit in Bismarck for updates to each offender's file and to make sure all information is sent in a timely manner.

**1114  
TOTAL CRIME-FREE  
HOUSING  
BACKGROUND CHECKS  
CONDUCTED**

**47  
TOTAL REGISTERED  
OFFENDERS**

**12  
TOTAL ICAC TIPS  
RECEIVED**

# METRO AREA STREET CRIMES UNIT

METRO AREA STREET CRIMES UNIT STATISTICS	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
GANG ARRESTS	8	10	14	4	8	8	8	1	17	7	4	6	95
NON-GANG ARRESTS	16	15	21	30	24	16	25	8	16	24	30	12	237
ASSIST ARRESTS	6	1	3	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	3	19
WRITTEN SEARCH WARRANTS	3	5	8	5	5	1	13	5	6	2	1	7	61
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	10	3	4	6	7	3	5	1	1	3	3	2	48
NON-CRIMINAL CITATIONS	0	0	3	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	11
METH SEIZURES (GRAMS)	23.2	6.8	0	9	2.6	84	10.98	26	0	55	0	3.2	220.78
MARIJUANA SEIZURES (GRAMS)	117.2	19.6	43.5	486.2	97	41.6	33.9	6065.9	3.6	23.6	15.6	8	6955.7
COCAINE SEIZURES (GRAMS)	0	2	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
PILL SEIZURES	0	0	2	0	1	2	10	0	0	17	8	1	41
HEROIN SEIZURES (GRAMS)	1	0	0	2	0	0	2.1	0	0.4	0	0	1.1	6.6
HARD DRUG PARAPHERNALIA SEIZURES	4	4	8	6	3	2	35	1	1	4	3	0	71
MISDEMEANOR PARAPHERNALIA SEIZURES	6	5	10	1	4	10	12	8	1	9	10	0	76
CASH SEIZURES	\$556	\$0	\$0	\$2600	\$0	\$564	\$0	\$13925	0	1487	0	0	19132
DANGEROUS WEAPON SEIZURES	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	1	14
VEHICLE SEIZURES	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
GANG EDUCATION PRESENTATION HOURS	6	4	4	4	3.5	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	24.5
CRIME REDUCTION DETAILS HOURS	0	0	24	18	0	80	0	0	0	40	0	0	162
TRAINING HOURS	4	92	74.5	88	159	136	115	79	206	115	2	56	1126.5
UNCONFIRMED GANG CLASSIFICATION	18	5	14	10	6	2	3	1	2	10	7	5	83
GANG MEMBERS CONFIRMED/IDENTIFIED	8	6	34	13	4	2	6	6	1	3	5	0	88

**95**  
TOTAL GANG ARRESTS

The West Fargo Police Department participates in the Fargo-Moorhead Metro Area Street Crimes Unit. This unit is comprised of officers and deputies from Cass County Sheriff's Office, Clay County Sheriff's Office, West Fargo Police Department, Fargo Police Department and Moorhead Police Department. This unit works to identify, track and apprehend gang members and their associates. In 2018, the unit made 332 arrests. Ninety-five of those arrests were confirmed gang members or known associates. The unit also seized thousands of grams of street drugs, from amphetamines to marijuana. In 2018, the unit conducted 61 total search warrants, which included body, phone, GPS tracking, residential and DNA.

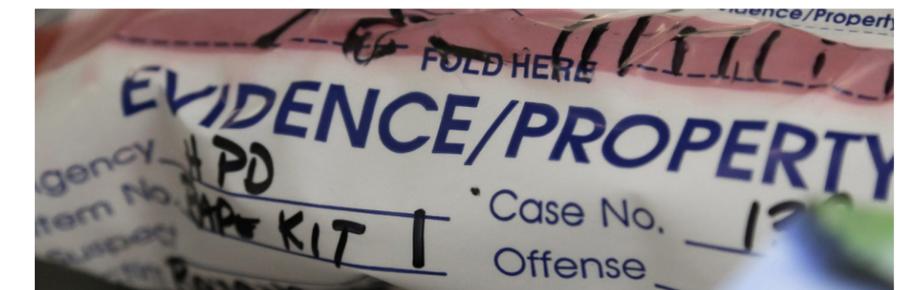
# DRUG STATS

CASS COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE STATISTICS	SEIZURES
METH	283.7 GRAMS
HEROIN	0
MARIJUANA	151,049 GRAMS
HASH	148.06 GRAMS
GUNS	14
CURRENCY	\$80,369

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TASK FORCE STATISTICS	SEIZURES
MARIJUANA WAX	65.35 GRAMS
MARIJUANA	912 GRAMS
MARIJUANA EDIBLES	4746
KLONOPIN TABS	7 TABS
CLONAZEPAM TABS	13 TABS
ATIVAN	32
DESOXYN	7
COCAINE	0.2 GRAMS
METH (IN OPEN INVESTIGATIONS)	3319 GRAMS

# EVIDENCE PROCESSING

The evidence processing department took in 1900 pieces of evidence in 2018 and it was the first year using new tracker software. With this software the WFPD is able to track evidence more precisely, save time by having a better work flow and keep a more detailed chain of custody for each item of evidence. Sari Supler continued as the part-time evidence technician to free up investigators for their other duties. Under this role, Supler conducts, audits, maintains the flow of evidence, ensures the proper handling of items and processes evidence. Supler continues to work on improving the evidence room with hopes to get it accredited in the future.



**1609**  
TOTAL PIECES OF EVIDENCE  
DISPOSED OF



### SENTENCING OF FERNANDO SAYASAYA

On October 20, 2018, Fernando Sayasaya, a former catholic priest, was sentenced to 20 years in prison, bringing a more than 20 year

investigation to an end. Sayasaya was convicted of sexually assaulting two young boys in the 1990s before fleeing to the Philippines in 1998.

Due to the dedication of Lt. Greg Warren, Sayasaya was captured and extradited back to the United States so that justice could be served.



### CONVICTION OF SHANNON MOSER

In mid-2018, the WFPD began an investigation related to allegations that Shannon Moser, a teacher at Liberty Middle School, had inappropriate sexual contact with

students. After the investigation, Moser was charged with eight felony counts involving six different juvenile victims. Moser pleaded guilty to having sex with a student

and sharing illicit photos and videos with students. On Nov. 5, 2018, Moser was sentenced to 10 years in prison followed by five years of supervised probation.



### CONVICTION OF SPENCER FONER

On March 7, 2018, WFPD responded to an apartment for a non-responsive eight-month old baby. After rendering life-saving efforts, the infant later died at the hospital. While in the apartment, officers smelled marijuana and saw

marijuana paraphernalia. On April 24, 2018, Foner was charged with Class B felony manslaughter and Class C felony child neglect.

On Nov. 13, 2018, Foner pleaded guilty to one count of negligent homicide

and admitted to causing the drowning death of the eight-month old by placing the child in a bathtub and leaving the room for several minutes. Foner was sentenced to one year in prison and four years suspended.



### CONVICTION OF STEPHANIE KNUTTILA

Investigation alleged Knuttila embezzled more than \$80,000 from her employer, a West Fargo trucking company. She also wrote company checks to her brother, Michael Milbrett. On July

20, 2018, Knuttila was charged with the theft. On Aug. 2, 2018, Milbrett was also charged with a Class B felony charge of conspiracy to commit theft of property. On Nov. 13, 2018, Knuttila pleaded guilty to theft

by deception for stealing more than \$50,000. Knuttila was sentenced to five years of supervised probation. She was also ordered to pay restitution of \$82,000 as well as 200 hours of community service.



### INVESTIGATION OF DANIEL LUGO

Daniel Lugo was suspected of stealing four guns from a residence. Later that same day, the WFPD was dispatched to a West Fargo bar on a report that

a man was threatened with a gun. The investigation revealed Lugo was the individual who had produced the threat. Lugo was charged with burglary,

terrorizing and theft charges, but fled the state before he was arrested. He was finally located in Nebraska, arrested and extradited back to Cass County.



### INVESTIGATION OF SERGIO HIDALGO JR.

On March 9, 2018, the WFPD was dispatched to a call where an individual stated she had been raped and the suspect was suicidal. The suspect, identified as Sergio Hidalgo Jr. had multiple

weapons in the home. WFPD set up a perimeter as well as a mobile command post. The female victim was instructed by dispatch to exit the trailer through a window and run toward officers, which she

did successfully. Contact was made with Hidalgo and negotiators were able to talk him out of the house without incident. Hidalgo was charged with gross sexual imposition and has pleaded guilty.

### OPERATION DAMAGE CONTROL

During the month of September 2018, the Metro Street Crimes Unit and U.S. Marshals High Plains Fugitive Task Force conducted Operation

Damage Control. The operation focused on fugitives with suspected gang affiliations, violent offenders and firearms violations. The

operation resulted in 41 arrests and the seizure of one firearm, two stolen vehicles, \$8,872 in cash, and 149 grams of controlled substances.



### CASS COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION

Through the combined efforts of North Dakota Probation and the Cass County Drug Task Force, information was received and investigated regarding the distribution of marijuana and

methamphetamine. Search warrants were conducted on the suspect's residence resulting in the seizure of 26 pounds of marijuana and multiple grams of meth

including \$18,000 in U.S. currency. Jason Lee Barking was convicted and sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary for these crimes.

### METRO STREET CRIMES UNIT & U.S. MARSHALS HIGH PLAINS FUGITIVE TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION

The Metro Street Crimes Unit and U.S. Marshals Service High Plains Fugitive Task Force worked with area police departments regarding a

September 2018 homicide. Task force officers worked to locate the suspect, Miguel Cooley Sr., while also ensuring no retaliation from

the victim's family occurred. Through the unit's investigation, Cooley was located and arrested near Rochester, Minnesota.

### DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION TASK FORCE INVESTIGATION

The Task Force opened an investigation on a California and Mexico based drug trafficking organization that was trafficking meth to the Bismarck/Mandan and Fargo metro area. The suspects were responsible for trafficking hundreds of pounds of

meth to North Dakota. Fourteen people were federally indicted as a result of this investigation. Charges included conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of

a drug trafficking crime. The meth was mostly smuggled in the door panels of vehicles, with an average of 10 to 15 pounds per load. This investigation was a concerted effort involving federal, state and local agencies.

# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



The West Fargo Police Department has partnered with the West Fargo School District for the School Resource Officer (SRO) program since 2005. The team is currently made up of five officers.

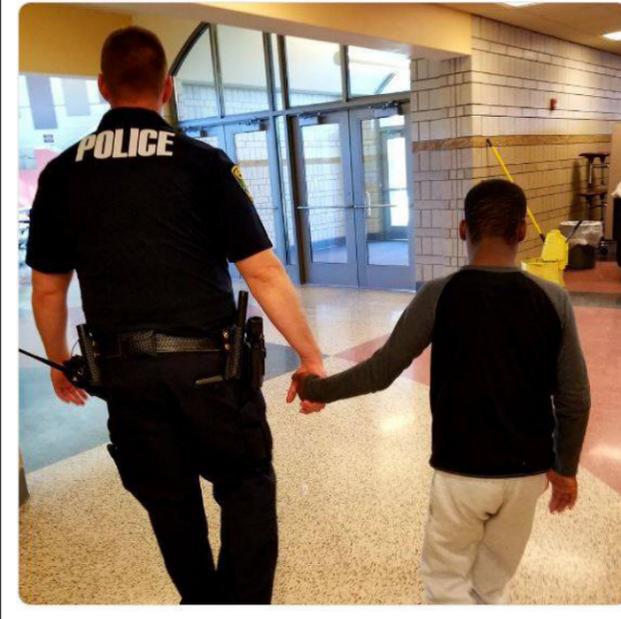
The role of an SRO is threefold - educator, informal counselor and law enforcement officer. Each SRO is required to undergo training with the National Association of School Resource Officers.



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# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



## FIVE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, 19 SCHOOLS

Officer Jason Balvik - West Fargo High School, Community High School  
Officer Rhonda Jorgensen - Liberty Middle School  
Officer Mark Morris - Sheyenne High School  
Officer Todd Pearson - Elementary Schools  
Officer Trent Stanton - Cheney Middle School

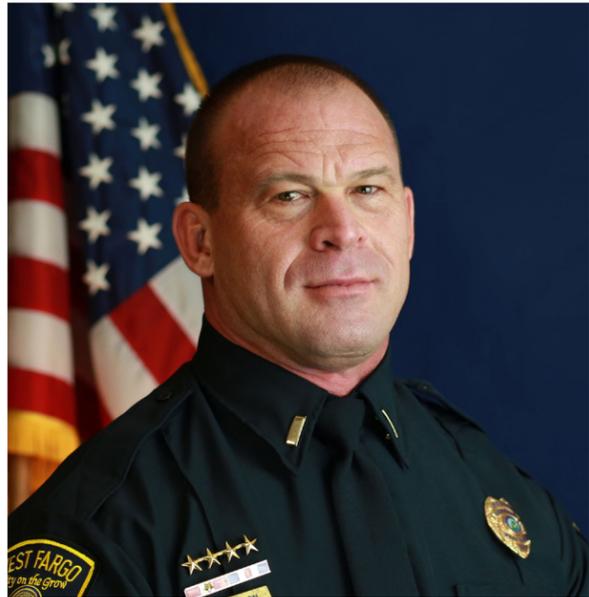


SRO STATISTICS: TOTAL INCIDENTS BY SCHOOL	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	13	19	16	14	6
AURORA ELEMENTARY	32	25	24	29	21
BROOKS HARBOR ELEMENTARY*	-	-	-	5	7
EASTWOOD ELEMENTARY	52	17	14	27	57
FREEDOM ELEMENTARY	27	1	15	14	37
HARWOOD ELEMENTARY*	-	-	3	7	1
HORACE ELEMENTARY*	-	-	4	6	6
INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY*	-	-	14	28	17
L.E. BERGER ELEMENTARY	46	27	23	38	29
LEGACY ELEMENTARY*	-	10	16	13	19
OSGOOD ELEMENTARY*	-	-	4	12	19
SOUTH ELEMENTARY	21	25	27	19	26
WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY	51	23	24	21	27
WILLOW PARK ELEMENTARY*	-	-	-	-	4
CHENEY MIDDLE SCHOOL	51	46	48	64	244
LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL	45	32	45	56	329
WEST FARGO HIGH SCHOOL	141	138	143	149	288
SHEYENNE HIGH SCHOOL	54	78	78	105	182
WEST FARGO COMMUNITY HIGH	3	3	2	46	10

\* STATISTICS REFLECT SCHOOL UNBUILT OR UNDER DIFFERENT JURISDICTION DURING SPECIFIED TIMEFRAME



# ADMINISTRATIVE



LIEUTENANT JASON ANDERSON

**1709**  
TOTAL FINGERPRINTS  
RECORDED

The Administrative Division includes a number of civilian employees who perform various essential tasks for the department. These civilian employees include two transcription specialists, four police support specialists, two police record specialists, a business manager and an office supervisor.

## BUSINESS MANAGER

The business manager performs accounting, administrative and clerical operations to include department purchases and is the Quartermaster for the police department. This position is responsible for the collection of information for budget request, tracking of purchases, and reporting status of specific line items. The business manager also serves as the administrative assistant to the Chief of Police.

## OFFICE SUPERVISOR

The office supervisor is responsible for approving task guidelines, schedules, staff reviews and the supervision and training of support specialists. The office supervisor serves as the National Crime Information Center validation officer who is responsible for verifying the accuracy of police records in NCIC.

## TRANSCRIPTION SPECIALISTS

The two transcription specialists work to transcribe digital reports and interviews. They prepare correspondence, proofread, edit, file and input data.

## POLICE SUPPORT SPECIALISTS

Police support specialists are entrusted with customer service for the department. These four individuals assist the public on the phone and in person with bike licensing, pet licensing, ticket payments, fingerprinting, vacation house watch requests, CodeRED messaging, offender registrations, State Teletype System updates and more during open lobby hours.

## POLICE RECORDS

The two police records specialists are tasked with conducting criminal background checks, routing reports to various agencies and responding to various open records requests. These individuals determine what information can be released from records in accordance with North Dakota Open Records Law.

# INTERNAL AFFAIRS

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS TOTAL COMPLAINTS

	EXONERATED	SUSTAINED	TOTAL
EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS	10	1	11
INTERNAL COMPLAINTS	0	3	3
<b>TOTAL COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>

The West Fargo Police Department logged over 6,300 training hours in 2018. That is an average of over 91 hours of training per employee. In 2018, the WFPD hosted a number of training sessions for West Fargo and other area officers. One popular course was Desert Snow. This nationally recognized class on drug interdiction teaches students how to get large quantities of drugs off our streets from traffic stops. The WFPD also hosted Combating the Highway High, a class on what to look for during traffic stops to determine if someone is driving under the influence of marijuana. Seventy students from the tristate area attended the class. Crisis Intervention Training was held two times in 2018. This class teaches officers verbal de-escalation tactics in dealing with those with mental illnesses.

The West Fargo Police Department shot around 25,000 rounds of ammunition at the Horace Shooting Park over the course of the year. At the range the department sets up courses where the officers can fire from around and behind squad cars or other barriers, shoot on the move and practice shooting at long distances. Officers were able to shoot through doors and windows and from within junk cars through the windshield and side windows. At the range, officers have the opportunity to brush up on their defensive tactics as well. This allows practice with hands on, real-life scenarios and tactics that officers need to keep themselves and others safe. The WFPD continues to shoot monthly to keep officers proficient with their duty weapon.

# INJURIES

The West Fargo Police Department recorded 20 incidents where officers were injured in the performance of their duties in 2018. Eleven officers were injured while taking individuals into custody. Injuries of this nature included bites and knee and shoulder strains. One officer suffered a broken ankle from a suspect and was off the street for over four months after having surgery. Five injuries occurred during training. All officers have returned to full duty.

# TRAINING



**6300+**  
TOTAL TRAINING HOURS

# THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to review our highlights from 2018. We look forward to many more great years serving and engaging with the West Fargo community.

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