



FREMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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CITY GOVERNMENT



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CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The City Administrator's Office is responsible for the overall coordination of activities among the governmental departments. These departments include Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Library, Public Works, and City Clerk. This office also prepares the government portion of the City's annual operating budget.

The City Administrator reports to the City's elected officials including the Mayor and Fremont's eight member City Council and works closely with the Greater Fremont Development Corporation on economic development projects. The Administrator also serves as the Plan Administrator for the City's various pension and deferred compensation plans and negotiates union contracts with union officials.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



Across the nation, Law Enforcement has struggled to attract and recruit new individuals to our profession. This is largely due to the negative way in which police have been portrayed over the last several years. But also, by what appears to be a change in the values of our society. What was once considered an honorable and meaningful calling is now looked on as a highhanded corrupt and unfeeling organization.

The Fremont Police struggle to recruit and retain officers just as these other agencies do, and for the same reasons. We are branded by the misdeeds of some officers in news articles, videos and social media even when the vast majority of police uphold some of the strictest sets of discipline in the employment world.

In this environment, it is hard to convince suitable candidates to disregard other opportunities and take on a job that works nights, weekends and holidays performing some of the most dangerous and demanding tasks in our society.

Yet.....we still, somehow, manage to attract individuals that are willing to put everything on the line to answer the call to defend the community. That is because there are still some individuals that yet believe in right and wrong and are willing to step up to defend it.

The following pages are filled with details about the honorable men and women that answer an increasingly difficult call. They are **COMMITTED TO SERVICE** and **PROUD TO PROTECT** and so long as there are men and women like this, our country will thrive.

ALL ABOUT US

MOTTO

“Committed to Service. Proud to Protect.”

MISSION

Our mission is to protect lives and property, reduce fear, ensure public safety and order, defend human and constitutional rights, promote mutual respect and to serve the citizens of this community.

VISION

We, the men and women of the Fremont Police Department, are committed to:

- *Protecting the citizens of our community by bravely and unselfishly placing our lives in harm’s way to champion and shield the victims of crime from those that would deprive them of their health, wellbeing, rights or property.*
- *Working with the community by creating relationships with citizens, elected officials and city departments to ensure safe homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and streets.*
- *Utilizing these community relationships as a foundation to enhance the quality of life, work toward solutions to community problems and foster a sense of peace and security for all the members of our community.*
- *Bravery, honor, integrity, open communication, accessibility, teamwork and responsiveness by all members of the Fremont Police Department.*
- *Leadership in a problem-solving approach to policing.*
- *Working toward the goal of a safe and positive work environment and community.*

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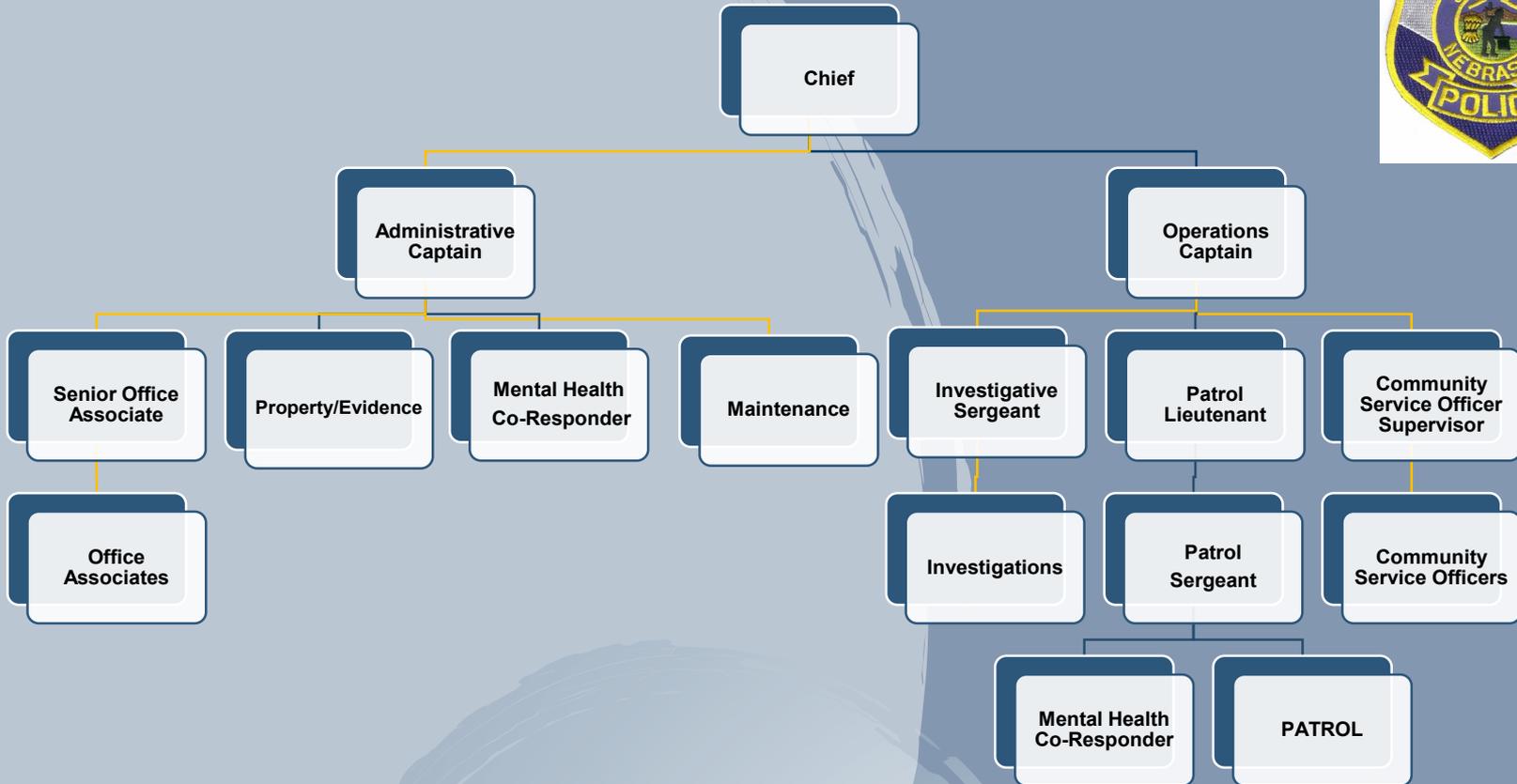
Chief’s Office: 402-727-2687

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The **Fremont Police Department** restructured the department in 2021. Two previous lieutenant positions were eliminated to allow for the creation of two captain positions – Administrative Captain and Operations Captain. A Community Service Officer (CSO) unit was created and also a Mental Health Co-Responder position was created.

The **Fremont Police Department** employs 39 sworn officers who serve a community of more than 26,000 residents spanning an area of over 8 square miles. In addition, the department employs 6 civilians who provide essential services and support.

DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL



CHIEF OF POLICE

JEFFREY ELLIOTT

Police Chief Jeffrey “Jeff” Elliott was hired as a Fremont Police Officer in September 1989 and was assigned to the Patrol Division following his graduation from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. Since then, Chief Elliott has ascended through the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Deputy Chief, and was promoted to Chief of Police in 2012 following the retirement of former Police Chief Mullen. Chief Elliott holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Bellevue University in Nebraska and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. During his tenure in Fremont, Chief Elliott has served as a member of the Emergency Response Unit, Emergency Response Unit Commander, Firearms Instructor, and Intoxilyzer Maintenance Officer. Chief Elliott coordinated the implementation of the current police database and records management system. Chief Elliott was instrumental in organizing the current Field Training Program and served as the coordinator of the program.

CAPTAINS

Captain Shane Wimer joined the Fremont Police Department in 2001 and was assigned to the III Corps Drug Task Force until 2003, when he joined the Patrol Division as an officer. Lt. Wimer was then promoted to Detective in 2004. In 2006, he was promoted to Sergeant where he again took over the III Corps Drug Task Force and eventually moved to Patrol Sergeant. In 2010, Lt. Wimer was promoted to Lieutenant and put in charge of the Investigative Division. In 2012, Lt. Wimer was assigned to the Patrol Division. Lt. Wimer is currently assigned to the position of Administrative Lieutenant. Lt Wimer served on the Fremont Police Department Emergency Response Unit for 12 years where he rose to the rank of Team Commander. He is also a member of the Honor Guard. His duties also include overseeing the Field Training Program for new officers. Lt. Wimer holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a master's degree in Public Administration from UNO. He graduated from the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia in 2008. He currently is an Adjunct Professor at Midland University in Fremont. Prior to his employment with Fremont, Lt. Wimer was a Correctional Officer and Deputy Sheriff for Dodge County, Nebraska. He served as a Deputy for 11 years. He also served honorably as a United States Marine from 1984 to 1988.



**CAPTAIN
SHANE WIMER**



**CAPTAIN
KURT BOTTORFF**

Captain Kurt Bottorff joined the Fremont Police Department in 1994 as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1998 and Lieutenant in 1999. Lt. Bottorff is currently assigned to the Patrol Division. Previously, he served as the Professional Standards Lieutenant where he addressed the media, social media, internal affairs, General Order needs, public relations, training, translator hiring and the Internship program. During his tenure, Lieutenant Bottorff has been instrumental in developing the Field Training Program, Internship Program and our department's General Orders. He has been a Field Training Officer, Field Training Coordinator, Field Training Lieutenant and Property Officer. Lt. Bottorff implemented several community policing programs, attends community events, provides tours of our agency, gives public presentations and is very active in the community. He produces a weekly "Crimes of the Week" public service announcement and attends Neighborhood Watch meetings when requested. He has served as President of the Police Officer's Association of Nebraska and currently sits on the Governor's Racial Profiling Advisory Committee. Lt. Bottorff graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy, holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from NTCC, and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State College. He has received the Noon Optimist Club "Outstanding Officer" award, the MADD Hero Award for outstanding leadership and two lifesaving awards. Prior to his employment in Fremont, Lt. Bottorff was a Deputy Sheriff in Dixon County, Nebraska and a police officer in Ponca, Nebraska.

PATROL LIEUTENANT



PATROL LIEUTENANT
ED WATTS

Lieutenant Edward “Ed” Watts joined the Fremont Police Department in 1995 as a Patrol Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1999 and Lieutenant in 2010. Lt. Watts is currently the Professional Standards Lieutenant. Lt. Watts graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy, holds an associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from Metro Community College, and a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Bellevue University. Prior to his employment with Fremont, he worked in security and loss prevention. Lt. Watts is currently assigned to Professional Standards.



PATROL SERGEANT
JIM DOCKERTY

Sergeant James (Jim) Dockerty joined the Fremont Police Department in July 1995 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in May 2015. Prior to service in Fremont, he was employed for three years as a police officer in Wayne, Nebraska and was an MP in the US Marine Corps obtaining the rank of Corporal. Sgt. Dockerty holds an associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan Community College. During his tenure with the Fremont Police Department, Sgt. Dockerty has been a member of the Emergency Response Unit, Bike Patrol, and a Field Training Officer for the department and is currently the Intoxilyzer Maintenance Supervisor.

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JOHN GIESELMAN

Sergeant John Gieselman first joined the Fremont Police Department in 1996 as a reserve communications officer, then became a full time communications officer. At the same time, Sgt. Gieselman was a reserve police officer with the Hooper/Scribner Police department. In 1998, Sgt. Gieselman changed his status with Fremont Police to reserve dispatcher and accepted a full time police officer position with Hooper/Scribner police. In 2000 Sgt. Gieselman was hired as a Patrol Officer with Fremont Police and was promoted to Sergeant in October 2015. Sgt. Gieselman graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy while serving Hooper/Scribner Police. Sgt. Gieselman has served as a Field Training Officer, part time animal control officer and was a member of the Adopt a Cop program at Howard Elementary School. Sgt. Gieselman is currently the supervisor of the Fremont Police K9 Program, has completed the “Leadership in Police Organizations Program”, and is working to complete his bachelor’s degree. Sgt. Gieselman is also a member of the Fremont Police Hostage Negotiators team. Sgt. Gieselman is a life long resident of Fremont.



PATROL SERGEANT
JOHN BRADY

Sergeant John Brady joined the Fremont Police Department in 2010 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in October 2015. Sgt. Brady served as a Field Training Officer, Bike Patrol Coordinator, Firearms Instructor, and is a member of the Emergency Response Unit. Sgt. Brady holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and Emergency Management from Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Officer Brady worked in Campus Security at Wayne State College.

PATROL SERGEANTS



PATROL SERGEANT
DOMINIC SAVIO

Sergeant Dominic Savio joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2014 and was promoted to Sergeant in January of 2020. Sergeant Savio graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in July 2014. In January 2017, Sergeant Savio was assigned as the K9 handler for the Patrol Division and was certified with K9 Apollo as a Narcotics Detection K9 Officer. Sergeant Savio also served as a Field Training Officer for the Patrol Division. He was temporarily assigned to the III Corps Drug Task Force in October 2018. Sergeant Savio holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Midland University. Prior to employment with the City of Fremont, Sergeant Savio worked for a juvenile group home facility in Fremont.



PATROL SERGEANT
ADAM MACPHERSON

Sergeant Adam Macpherson first joined the Fremont Police Department in July 2013 and was promoted to Sergeant in October 2021. Sergeant Macpherson graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy on February 21, 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Sergeant Macpherson holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Prior to Sergeant Macpherson's hire, he was employed by a private company that offers GPS tracking services for parole and probation offenders.

PATROL SERGEANTS



PATROL SERGEANT
JESSE HEADID

Sergeant Jesse Headid joined the Fremont Police Department in December 2015 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Sergeant Headid was promoted to Sergeant in October 2021. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in December 2012. Prior to employment with the Fremont Police Department, Sergeant Headid worked at the Butler County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy and Firearms Instructor for three years. Sergeant Headid holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Bellevue University.



PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Joe Bauer joined the Fremont Police Department in 1999 as a Patrol Officer and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. Prior to that, Officer Bauer worked part-time as a Dispatcher, Reserve Officer and Animal Control Officer for Fremont. Officer Bauer holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology with concentration in Criminal Justice from Midland University in Fremont. During his employment in Fremont, he has been a K-9 Officer, Bike Patrol Officer, and Field Training Officer. Officer Bauer is currently a Firearms Instructor including rifle certification.



Officer James (Jim) Butts joined the Fremont Police Department in December 1999. He is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy and has an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Western Iowa Technical School in Sioux City. Prior to joining the Fremont Police force, Officer Butts worked for 1 ½ years at Boys and Girls Home in South Sioux City, Nebraska as a case worker. He is a veteran of the US Marine Corps. As a Fremont Police Officer, Butts has served on the Bike Patrol and Emergency Response Unit. Officer Butts is a Weapons Officer and is currently assigned as a School Resource Officer.



Officer Tyler Hancock joined the Fremont Police Department in 2001. Prior to employment with the department, Officer Hancock was a Deputy Sheriff with Dodge County, Nebraska for three years. He is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State College in Nebraska. During his tenure with Fremont, Officer Hancock has been a member of the Emergency Response Unit and is a Firearms Instructor. Officer Hancock is a United States Army Reserve veteran.



Officer Steven Behring joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2008 and is assigned to the Patrol Division. Prior to Fremont, Officer Behring worked over six years as a Deputy Sheriff in Thayer and Merrick counties in Nebraska as well as over six years at the Nebraska State Penitentiary as a case worker and correctional officer. Officer Behring holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from University of Nebraska Kearney and is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Behring also served for six years in the Nebraska Army Reserves.

PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Anthony “Tony” Gartner joined the Fremont Police Department in 2009 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Gartner is a 2001 graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy. During his employment with Fremont, Officer Gartner has performed duties as a Field Training Officer. Prior to his employment in Fremont, Officer Gartner worked as a police officer for two years in Osmond, Nebraska, as a Deputy Sheriff in Antelope County, Nebraska, and as a police officer in Schuyler, Nebraska. During his tenure in Fremont, Officer Gartner has served as a member of the Emergency Response Unit and as a Bike Patrol Officer.



Officer Chad Smith joined the Fremont Police Department in 2013 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. In 2014 he was assigned to the III Corps Drug Task Force. Officer Smith is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and has been an officer with other Nebraska law enforcement agencies since 1994. During those years, Officer Smith has served as a Criminal Detective, Field Training Officer, PPCT Instructor, Narcotics Investigator, and Clandestine Lab team member.



Officer Steven Zaroban joined the Fremont Police Department in December 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. During his employment, he has attended Accident Investigation courses and is part of Fremont's Accident Investigation Team. He graduated from the University of Phoenix with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration.



Officer Andrew Dixon re-joined the Fremont Police Department in December 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. He worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Lake Charles, Louisiana from March 2014 until returning to the Fremont Police Department in December 2014. Officer Dixon holds an associate's degree from Metropolitan Community College and a bachelor's degree from Bellevue University. Officer Dixon worked from 2006-2009 for the West Point Police Department and served as a patrol officer from 2009-2014 for the Fremont Police Department.

PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Brianna Ryan joined the Fremont Police Department in February of 2016. She was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Ryan graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in July 2016. She started serving as a patrol officer with the department after finishing the FTO program in October 2016. As of October 2018 Officer Ryan was assigned as the K9 Handler for the Patrol division and was certified with K9 Apollo as a Narcotics Detection K9 Officer. Officer Ryan graduated from Midland University in 2014 with a bachelor's degree. Prior to employment with the City of Fremont she worked for a juvenile group home facility in Fremont.



Officer Nickalaus Heidlage joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2017. He was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Heidlage graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in December 2017. Officer Heidlage graduated from Midland University in May 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. Previously, Officer Heidlage has worked as a Correctional Officer at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and Saunders County Jail. Officer Heidlage currently serves as a defensive tactics instructor for the Fremont Police Department.



Officer Seth Howard joined the Fremont Police Department in March 2017. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Howard graduated from Fremont High School and received an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Northeast Community College in Norfolk in 2013. After attending Northeast Community College, he graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Law in 2015.



Officer Kodi Classen joined the Fremont Police Department in October 2017. Officer Classen graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy in April 2018 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Classen holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to employment with the City of Fremont, Officer Classen worked for Omaha Public Schools as a Security Guard.

PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Justin Beranek joined the Fremont Police Department in February 2018 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Prior to working for the Fremont Police Department, Officer Beranek worked for four years as a police officer with the Norfolk Police Division. Officer Beranek serves as a Field Training Officer and is also on the Accident Investigation Team. Officer Beranek graduated from Wayne State College with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



Officer Courtney Ertl joined the Fremont Police Department in February 2018. She graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in August of 2018 and was assigned to the Patrol Division after completing three months of field training. Officer Ertl majored in Psychology and Criminal Justice at Iowa State University and graduated in December 2015 with her Bachelor of Arts Degree. Prior to working for the Fremont Police Department, Officer Ertl worked as a Corporate Security Specialist for First National Bank of Omaha for approximately 1.5 years.



Officer Derick Leaman joined the Fremont Police Department in April 2019 and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center the same year. Officer Leaman graduated from Hasting College in 2018 with a bachelor's degree where he majored in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology and minored in Communication. Prior to working for the Fremont Police Department, Officer Leaman worked for a security company in Omaha, Nebraska.



Officer Garrett Jensen joined the Fremont Police Department in October 2019 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Officer Jensen worked in the commercial and residential heating and air-conditioning industry as a sales representative as well as in the security industry as a Security Officer. Officer Jensen holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Ryan Christensen joined the Fremont Police Department in July of 2020. He attended the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and graduated in December of 2020. He was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Christensen holds a bachelor's degree from Peru State College and is currently working on his Masters in Public Administration with the University of Nebraska-Omaha.



Officer Hunter McKenzie joined the Fremont Police Department in July of 2020. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in December of 2020. He was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer McKenzie is excited to be a part of the Fremont Police Department and a member of the City of Fremont.



Officer Christopher Williamson joined the Fremont Police Department in November of 2020 and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in April of 2021. Officer Williamson graduated from Bellevue University with a bachelor's degree in Sports Management along with a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Officer Williamson worked as an assistant baseball coach for Bellevue University and also helped organizations in the Omaha area teaching youth how to play the game of baseball.



Officer Jackson Shepherd joined the Fremont Police Department in November of 2020. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in April of 2021. He was assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Shepherd graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree, majoring in Criminology with a minor in History. Prior to working for the Fremont Police Department, Officer Shepherd worked for 88 Tactical Group in Omaha, Nebraska.

PATROL OFFICERS



Officer Kelli Brown joined the Fremont Police Department as a police officer in 2022 and is currently assigned to the Patrol Division. She recently completed basic training at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, NE. Prior to joining the department as an officer, Officer Brown was employed as a Community Service Officer Supervisor, assisting the department with forming new animal protection and control services as well as other code enforcement services. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Officer Brown served as the Director of Field Operations with the Nebraska Humane Society where she led animal cruelty investigations and supervised a large team of Animal Control Officers. Officer Brown is a Master Level certified animal cruelty investigator and has led numerous large-scale investigations involving dog fighting, cock fighting, and cases involving exotic animals.



Officer Cody Kruse joined the Fremont Police Department in of August of 2022. Prior to joining the department, Officer Kruse worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the Butler County Sheriff's Department for 3.5 years. Prior to working for Butler County, he worked for 5 years in corrections, with 3.5 years at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 1.5 years with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. During his time in corrections, Officer Kruse was also assigned as a K-9 handler and is a certified Crisis Intervention Team member.



Officer Brandon Ramirez joined the Fremont Police Department in 2022 and is assigned to the Patrol Division. Officer Ramirez is originally from California where he attended a basic law enforcement academy. After joining the Fremont Police Department, he successfully completed basic training at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, NE. Prior to joining the police department, Officer Ramirez worked at Target where he was a manager for the Asset Protection Program. Officer Ramirez is currently attending Victor Valley College.

RESERVE OFFICER



Reserve Officer Ron Giesselmann has been a member of the Fremont Police Department since 1983. He was hired as a full time officer in 1983 and reached the rank of Patrol Sergeant before taking full-time employment as Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children. During his tenure as an officer, he served as a member of the Entry Team, Motorcycle Patrol, Field Training Officer, Property and Evidence Supervisor, and started the School Resource Officer program. Reserve Officer Giesselmann graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy, holds a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Administration, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Reserve Officer Giesselmann has received specialized training with the US Air Force.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS



Community Service Supervisor Kelli Stuehmer joined the Fremont Police Department in November of 2022. CSO Supervisor Stuehmer has been a Licensed Veterinary Technician, graduated from Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture with an Associates Degree in Veterinary Technology. She has also completed Animal Control Officer Training, including Animal Cruelty Investigations. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, CSO Stuehmer worked as a Licensed Veterinary Technician in Equine, small animal, mixed animal and exotic animal practices. She has also worked in animal shelter settings for the past 6 years.



Community Service Officer Melissa Ball joined the Fremont Police Department as a Code Enforcement Officer in 2019. In 2021, she was promoted to the role of a Community Service Officer. Prior to this, Officer Ball handled code enforcement duties for the City of Fremont since 2009. Officer Ball previously served as a supervisor on the Fremont Dinner Train. Officer Ball studied at Metro Tech and is currently completing her certification in animal cruelty investigations.



Community Service Officer Jennifer Palik joined the Fremont Police Department in 2021 as a Community Service Officer. Officer Palik joined this new unit which began handling code enforcement, animal protection and control, and other low priority calls for service. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Officer Palik served as an Animal Control Officer for the Nebraska Humane Society for three years. She has completing her certification in animal cruelty investigations. Officer Palik graduated Cum Laude from Southern New Hampshire University with a bachelor of science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis on Police Operations and Administration.

INVESTIGATIONS



Sergeant Kurt Pafford joined the Fremont Police Department in 1997 as a Patrol Officer and was promoted to Sergeant in September 2014. He graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy and also holds an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Metropolitan Community College in Omaha. Sgt. Pafford has served as a Field Training Officer, a Property Officer and served in the III Corps Drug Task Force as an agent until the time he was promoted to Sergeant.

INVESTIGATIONS SERGEANT
KURT PAFFORD



Detective Matt Hultquist joined the Fremont Police Department in 1996 as a Patrol Officer and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. He was promoted to Detective in 2000. Detective Hultquist has served the department as a Property Officer, a member of the Emergency Response Unit, and as an agent and supervisor of the III Corps Drug Task Force from 2010 to present. Detective Hultquist currently works with the Drug Unit and is DEA and Drug Lab certified. Detective Hultquist earned a bachelor's degree in General Studies from the University of Nebraska Omaha.



Detective Aaron Howe joined the Fremont Police Department in 2000 as a Patrol Officer and graduated from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. He was promoted to Detective in 2008, the position he currently holds. Detective Howe has an associate's degree in Business from Iowa Western Community College. Prior to joining the Fremont Police Department, Detective Howe was a licensed private investigator. While at the Fremont Police Department, Detective Howe has been a Field Training Officer, Bike Patrol Coordinator, a Property Officer, a member of the Emergency Response Unit, and is the current Crime Stoppers Coordinator.

INVESTIGATIONS



Detective Brandon Lorenson joined the Fremont Police Department in June 2001 and was assigned to the Patrol Division after graduating from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy. He was promoted to Detective in 2009, his current position. Detective Lorenson holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska Omaha. While in the Patrol Division, Lorenson was a member of the Bike Patrol, a Property Officer, Field Training Officer, and Field Training Coordinator. Detective Lorenson currently is a member of the Emergency Response Team and is a Taser Instructor.



Officer Kelly Drake joined the Fremont Police Department in December 2014 and was assigned to the Patrol Division. She was promoted to Detective in August 2020. Detective Drake has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Prior to her employment with Fremont, Detective Drake worked for the Bellevue Police Department for ten years and was assigned to several different units. She was also a dispatcher for Sarpy County Communications Dispatch Center for almost two years.

RECORDS DIVISION



Senior Office Associate Alesia Hajek joined the Fremont Police Department Records Division in 2001. She was promoted to Senior Office Associate in 2011. Alesia supervises the Records Division and maintains police records, performs various administrative tasks for the Chief and Command Staff, is the coordinator of the police computerized Records Management System, and was involved in its implementation at the department.



Office Associate Christine Taylor joined the Fremont Police Department Records Division in October 2016. Prior to employment with the department, she worked 18 years for CHI Health in the Psychiatric Department working with the Medical Director of Behavioral Health Services. She has also held part-time positions as a Home Health Care provider as well as provided care in local facilities since 1992. Christine performs various clerical duties, transcribes officers' reports for the County Attorney's Office, payroll record keeping, handles gun permit applications and further public inquiries.



Office Associate Dayme Moller joined Fremont Police Department Records Division in March of 2021. Prior to her employment with the department she worked for 7 years at Nebraska Orthopaedic Physical Therapy, P.C. as the Billing Specialist. She also held other positions at different clinics in Fremont. Dayme performs various clerical duties, transcribes officers' reports for the County Attorney's Office, assistmedicals with public inquires and purchasing and budget duties for the department.

RECORDS DIVISION



Office Associate Jenni Erickson joined the Fremont Police Department Records Division in February of 2022. Prior to her employment with the department, she worked in Loan Operations at First State Bank in Fremont. Jenni has previous experience as a Legal Assistant. In addition, she has held positions in Human Resources, Benefits Administration, and Accounting. Jenni performs various clerical duties, transcribes officers' reports for the County Attorney's Office, handles gun permit applications, and assists with other public inquiries.

PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE



Property/Evidence Technician Laura Luttig joined the Fremont Police Department in October 2016. Laura holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nebraska Omaha. Laura is an active member of the International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE) and the Nebraska Association for Property and Evidence (NAPE). Laura assists in processing and maintaining property and evidence collected by officers and investigators. Laura also maintains the WatchGuard camera systems as well as other equipment used by the department.

POLICE JURISDICTION MAP

The city of Fremont is divided into geographical districts with sergeants and officers assigned to each area while on patrol. Officers and Sergeants are responsible for taking reports and calls for service in the district to which they are assigned.

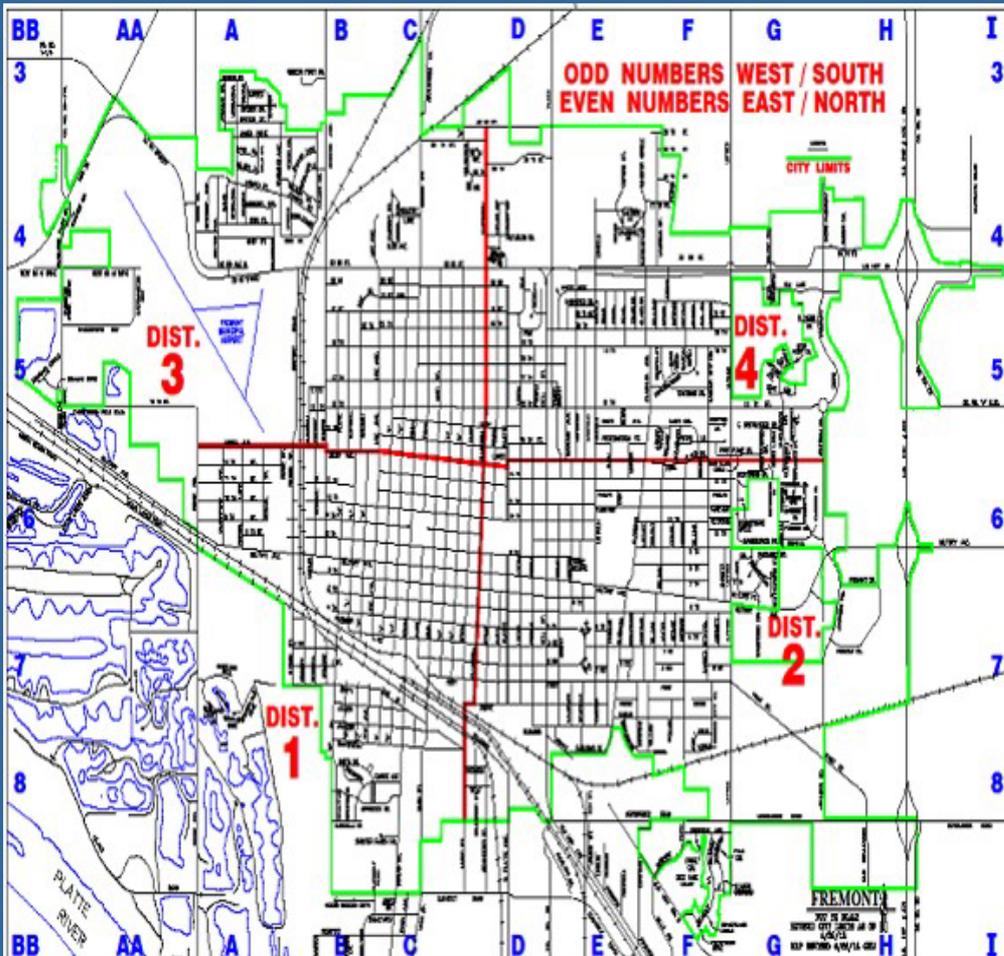


LIEUTENANT
ED WATTS

Lieutenant Ed Watts manages the day-to-day operations and staff of the Patrol Division. The Patrol Division consists of 30 sworn officers including 5 sergeants and 23 officers when fully staffed. Some officers from this division are assigned specific roles such as K-9, SRO or to other divisions on a temporary basis. Officers utilize marked patrol cars, unmarked cars, bicycles, and foot patrol to perform their duties.

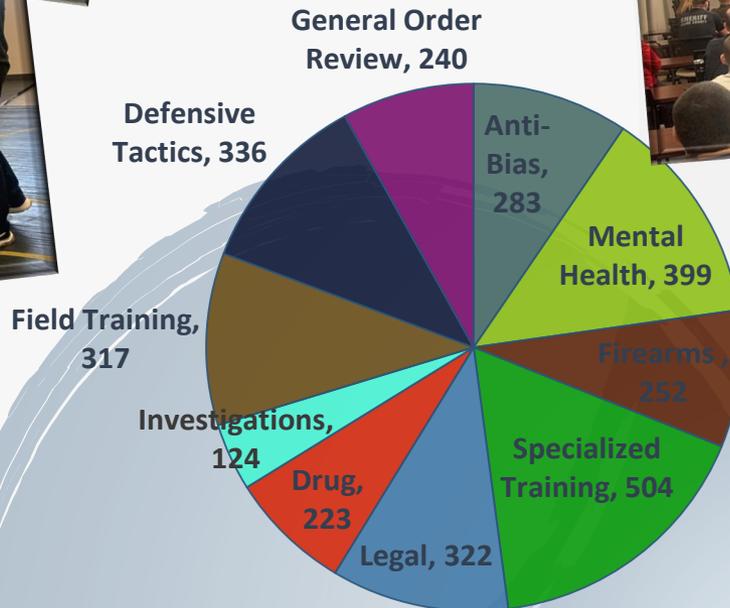
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TRAINING | EDUCATION

Captain Kurt Bottorff directs the training program for the Fremont Police Department. Proper training of law enforcement officers has become an even more vital part of police agencies across the country. Officers are facing more serious issues than ever before and their survival depends on being properly trained. Our agency provides mandatory, optional and officer-requested training to all certified officers. Training from instructors within our agency is utilized as much as possible to keep costs down so that more training can be offered. The end result is that each officer is better prepared to face those serious issues both professionally and safely.



NUMBER OF HOURS PER TYPE OF TRAINING

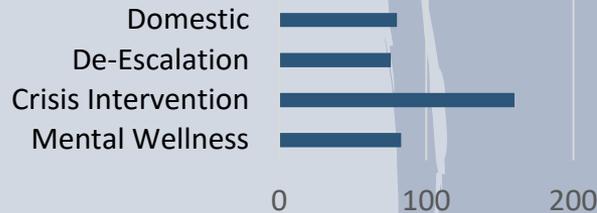
TRAINING | EDUCATION

LB 51, passed by the Nebraska Legislature in 2021, established the mandatory continued education hour requirements for certified officers in the state of Nebraska. In 2022, each officer was required to obtain at least 28 hours of training in de-escalation, mental health, substance abuse issues, officer wellness, legal updates, vehicle pursuit, firearms, anti-bias and implicit bias training. These hours are obtained by attending mandatory training set up by our agency. Captain Kurt Bottorff directs and coordinates these efforts for the Fremont Police Department. Captain Bottorff also provides opportunities for officers to attend mandatory, optional and officer-requested training. The ultimate goal of our agency is to provide the officers with the proper tools and skill level to carry out their tasks in a professional and safe manner.

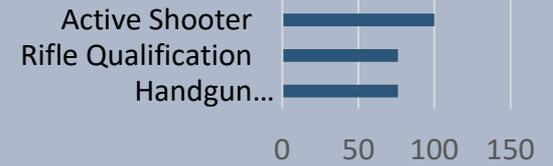
ANTI-BIAS TRAINING HOURS



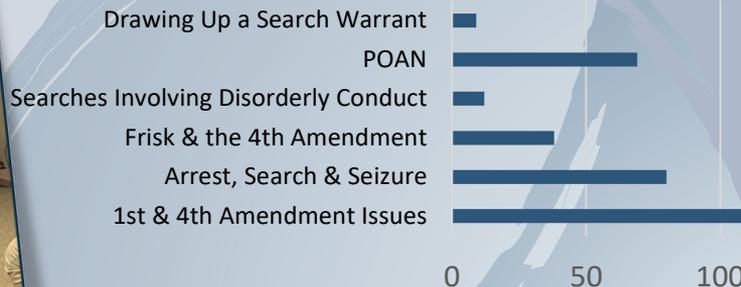
MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING HOURS



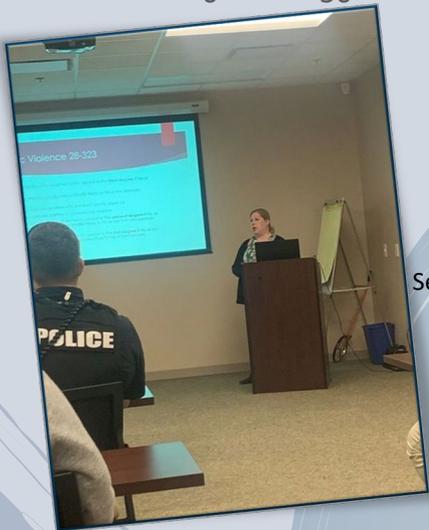
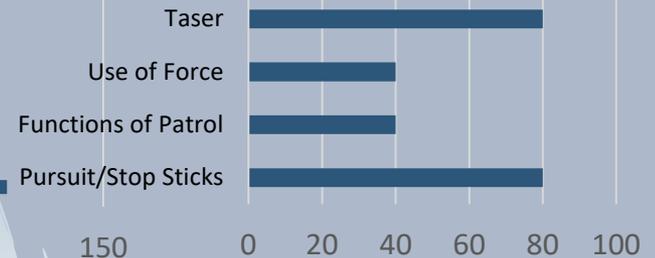
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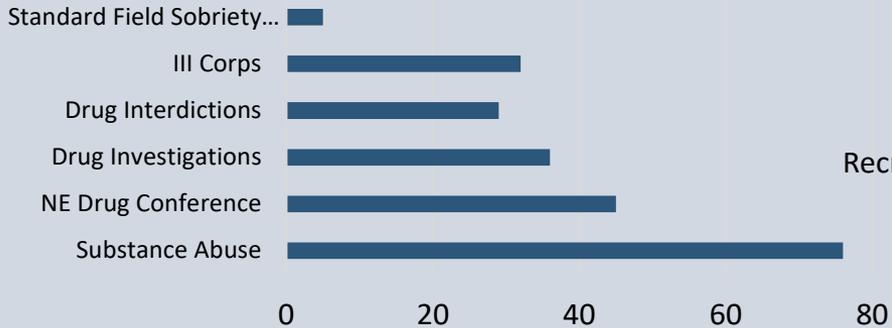


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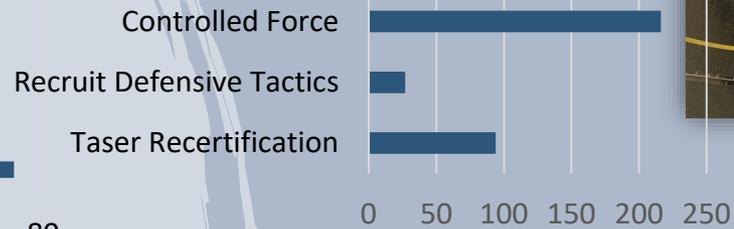


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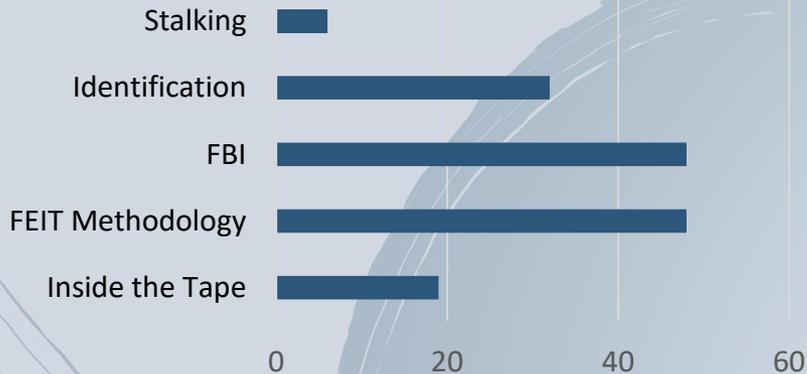
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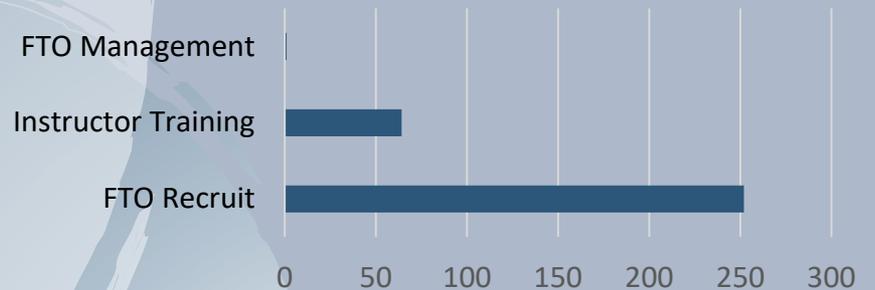
DEFENSIVE TACTICS TRAINING HOURS



INVESTIGATIONS TRAINING HOURS



FIELD TRAINING HOURS



FIREARM TRAINING



SERGEANT
JESSE HEADID

In 2022, the Fremont Police Department held five different firearms range training sessions. The training sessions focused primarily on officers' proficiency with their department issued handgun(s) and rifle. All certified personnel are required to pass an annual qualification to retain their law enforcement certification. Sergeant Jesse Headid is the lead Firearms Instructor with the Fremont Police Department, and holds certifications in both Handgun and Rifle Instructorship. Officer Chad Smith is also an instructor and is a certified Handgun Instructor.

In addition to firearms range sessions, officers were required to attend an Annual Simunitions Training. This training allows for officers to face realistic situations that may include deadly force scenarios while equipped with less-lethal handguns. Sergeant Savio and Sergeant Headid are both Emergency Response Unit members that assisted in the Simunitions Training scenarios and instruction.

INTERN PROGRAM

Captain Bottorff coordinates the Fremont Police Department's Internship Program which was established over 10 years ago. The goal of the program is to provide college students, interested in law enforcement, an opportunity to learn first-hand experience of being a police officer. The student must apply and be accepted before spending approximately 165 hours within different divisions of our agency. This program continues to be very successful and has resulted in past Interns accepting employment with our agency upon completion of their college degree.



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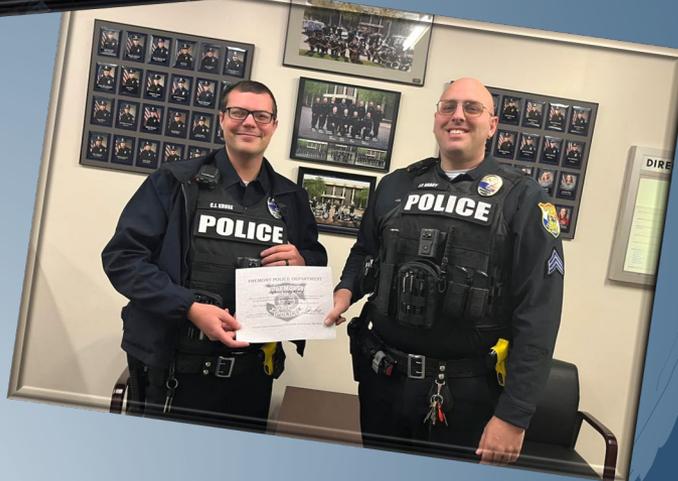


CAPTAIN
KURT BOTTORFF

The overall operation of the Fremont Police Department fleet continues to be a fluid situation as we adapt to community needs and technology. Captain Bottorff, with assistance from Property Tech Laura Luttig and the Fremont Street Department, strive to make sure the operation of the fleet remains updated and reliable. This involves weekly maintenance, replacing and updating equipment and ordering new vehicles for the fleet when necessary. The Fremont Police Department's current fleet consists of thirteen marked patrol units, two CSO units, an animal control truck, and fourteen unmarked vehicles. The Fremont Police Department also has an MRAP (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected) vehicle that has been utilized in the past for emergency response-type situations.



FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM | 2022



The Fremont Police Department Field Training Program is based on a program designed by the San Jose, California Police Department. After graduation from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, officers must complete a 16-week Field Training Program. The program consists of three rotations where the officer is codependent on the Training Officer and will work to become independent without assistance of their Training Officer.

To become a Field Training Officer, an officer must have two years of patrol experience with the Fremont Police Department, submit a letter of intent and show good leadership qualities.

The program is overseen by:
Lieutenant Ed Watts

The Field Training Coordinator is:
Sergeant John Brady

Field Training Officers: In 2022, two new officers completed the Field Training Program.

- Chad Smith
- Brianna Ryan
- Andrew Dixon
- Nickalaus Heidlage
- Seth Howard
- Justin Beranek
- Courtney Ertl

Two officers started phase 1 of the Field Training Program in December of 2022.

Field Training Officers trained new officers for a total of 1,380 hours.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

The Fremont Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) is responsible for all 12 Fremont Public Schools within Fremont. The SRO is responsible to handle calls for service to all the schools and is also responsible for doing public relations within each school. Public Relations would include giving talks in classrooms, speaking to staff, walking through the hallways and talking with all the students, eating lunch with the students and answering questions the students may have.

The SRO keeps monthly stats of all calls and all public relations at the different schools. Calls are broken down into 11 different categories:

They include Assaults, Sexual Assaults, Assist other Agencies, Drug/Alcohol Violations, General Assists, Calls for Service, Threat to Self, Threat to Others, Lunch and Hallway Interactions, and Public Relations/Community Policing.

For the 2021-2022 school year the SRO handled or assisted in 285 total calls/cases. Of those 285 calls, the SRO generated 142 reports of which 32 citations were written for various crimes. The SRO also had 320 positive interactions with students and staff within the various schools.

The SRO works closely with the Probation Office, the County Attorney's Office, the Juvenile Diversion Program and with the School Social Workers. The ultimate goal of the SRO Program is not always to arrest or write students citations. It is designed to try and help the students and teach them to make good/better choices for their future. The SRO is there to be another positive mentor for the students. The SRO program is designed to help break down the barrier between students and the police, so they are not afraid of us.



SRO OFFICER
JIM BUTTS



EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT (ERU)



The **Emergency Response Unit (ERU)** is comprised of 16 deployable members from the Fremont Police Department, Dodge County Sheriff's Office and the Fremont Fire Department. Team composition includes a team commander and two assistant team leaders, sharpshooters, negotiators, less-lethal personnel, and shield/entry personnel. All team members are assigned to various police shifts and specialized units who are on call 24/7 and are activated for call-outs, when needed.



As has been the practice since the team's inception, members still cross-train at all positions. Training includes firearms, tactical planning and execution, building entries and searches, hostage negotiations/rescue, warrant, and raid planning. Changes in ERU tactics over the years have come as a direct result of improved equipment and technology. Equipment like ballistic shields, better optics, and less-lethal options have all played a role in the way the ERU can approach different situations.



Call-outs include high risk search warrants and barricaded or armed suspects. The ERU team is also used for special details and are on standby during major events.

MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE | 2022

Annual Training: Among our department, increasing education and awareness about mental health-related issues remains an area of focus. In 2022, officers received mental health and wellness training facilitated by the First Responders Foundation. Resiliency and stress reduction were among the topics addressed. Officers attended annual in-service training to review current statutes and resources available for mental health in Region 6. Officers also completed online training regarding de-escalation.

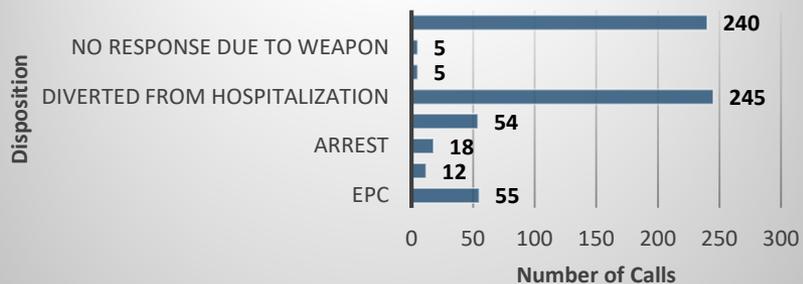
Crisis Intervention Training (CIT): The Fremont Police Department sent several officers through the week-long CIT Training offered by Heartland CIT. This program has helped our officers become better equipped to assist a person in crisis. Officers put their new skills to the test via scenario-based training, heard stories from consumers, and toured facilities providing behavioral health and other supportive services in Douglas County. Among our priorities, the department seeks to increase the number of active CIT trained officers in the upcoming year.

Total Calls:	634
Emergency Protective Custody:	55
Diverted Jail:	12
Arrested:	18
Voluntary Committal:	54
Diverted Hospitalization	245
Substance Use Hospitalization:	5
No Response Due to Weapon:	5
Referred to other jurisdictions	240
Has Existing Services:	40
Average Length of Call:	50 Minutes
Number of Youth Served:	38
Average Age of Consumer:	35
Prior Calls for Services:	91
Use of Force	6
Co-Responder Present	83

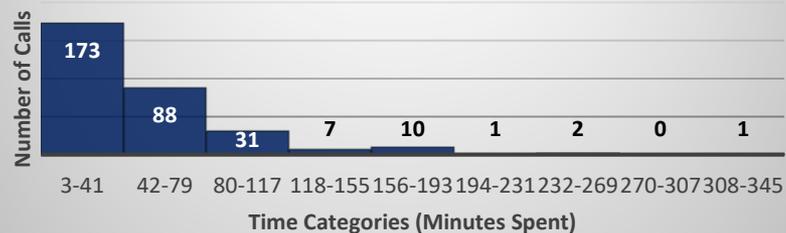


MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE | 2022

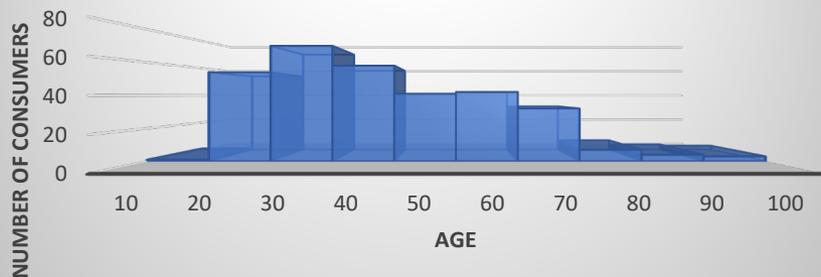
Call Disposition by Volume



2022 Time Spent on Mental Health Calls



Age of Consumers



K-9 PROGRAM

Officer Ryan and her partner, **K-9 Officer Apollo**, graduated from K-9 School at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island, NE. Apollo has been trained as a drug recognition dog to alert for the presence of drugs. The team of Officer Ryan and Apollo have shown results with drugs being located on traffic stops. The K-9 Program is overseen by Sergeant Gieselman. (pictured top right)

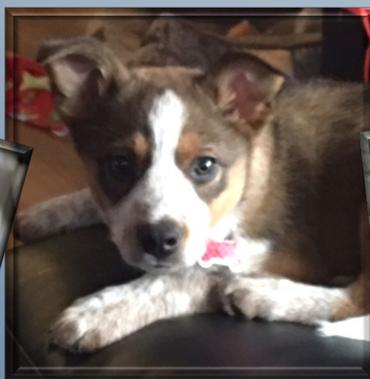
The K-9 Team would not be possible without the efforts of our Fremont Crimestoppers Board who provided necessary funds to obtain Apollo. The Fremont Police Department has also been blessed by other businesses and community leaders who support our partnership as well.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

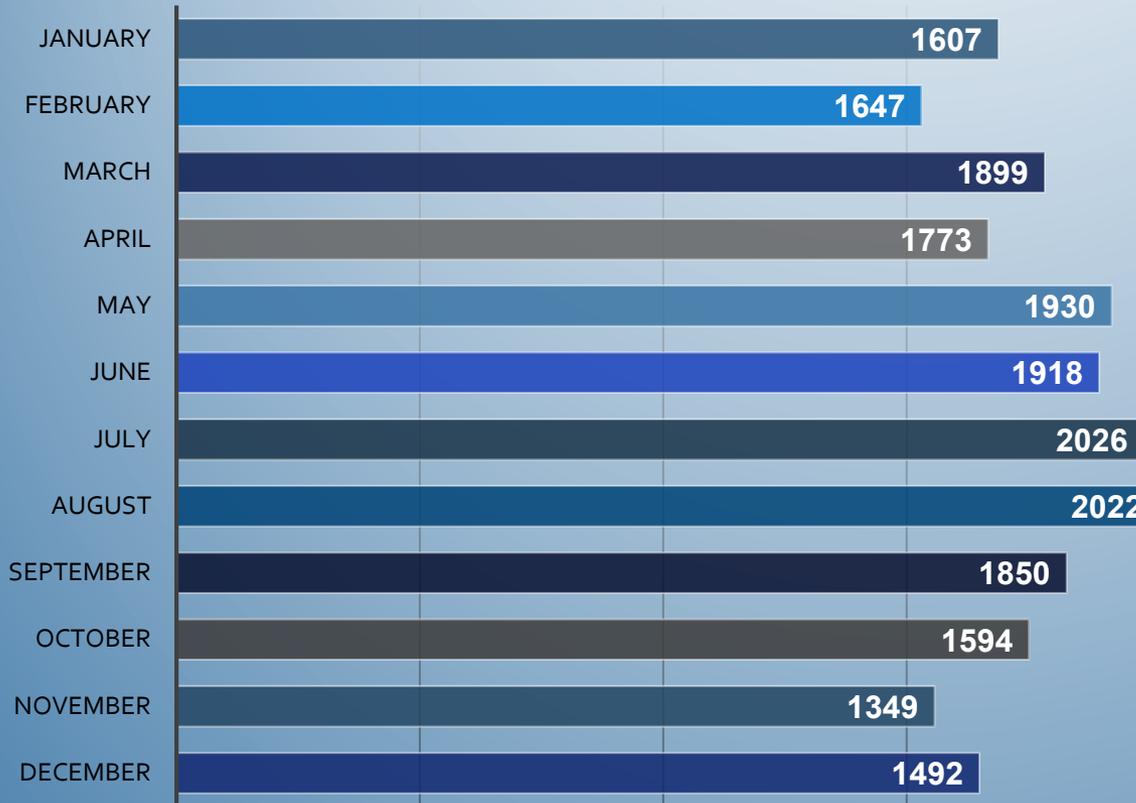
After reviewing some of the practices at other first-class cities across the state, the Fremont Police Department formed the Community Service Division in April of 2021. The Community Service Officer Division consists of the Community Service Supervisor and two Community Service Officers.

The City founded the Community Service Division for several reasons. First, CSOs can handle a wide variety of calls that do NOT require a police officer. Second, the City can proactively handle many more calls like code violations, 18-hour parking complaints, abandoned vehicles, citizen mediations, Evidence technician tasks, fingerprinting, and animal complaints. Third, the City wanted the Police Department to handle animal control issues, or in other words uniformed Community Service Officers to answer animal calls who are equipped with a police cruiser and a body camera to record the incident.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH



2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM

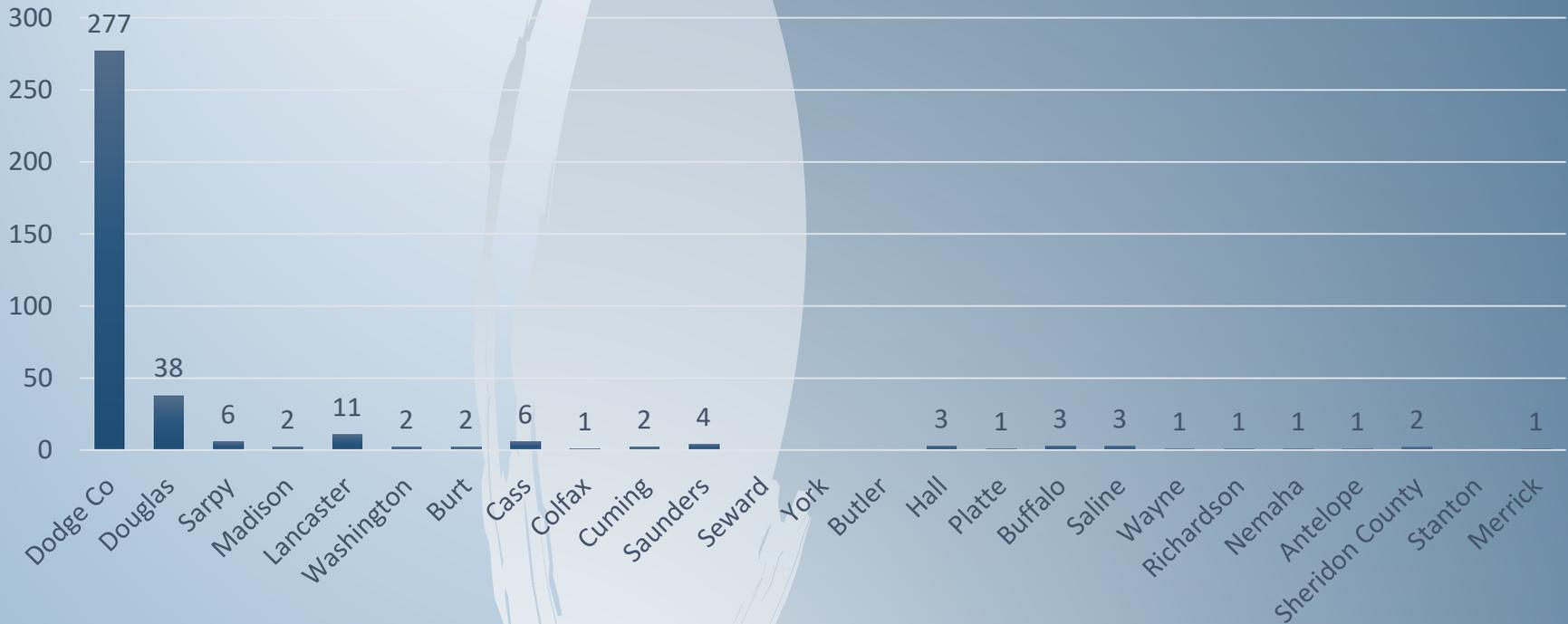
ANIMAL IMPOUND RECORDS

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WARRANTS SERVED | 2022

In total, the Fremont Police Department cleared 327 warrants in 2022. Of the 327 warrants cleared, our agency arrested individuals on warrants from Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Kansas, Wisconsin, Georgia and Minnesota.



INVESTIGATIONS



**SERGEANT
KURT PAFFORD**

The Investigations Division is supervised by **Sergeant Kurt Pafford** under the direction of **Captain Shane Wimer**. The division is responsible for the investigation of significant cases involving a special subject matter, jurisdictional implications and cases that are more complicated and often more time consuming. The Investigations Unit is also responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence. Normally, the detectives will become involved with an investigation after the initial response of the Uniformed Patrol Division. They are also responsible for conducting background investigations for any person applying for a solicitation permit or liquor license within the boundaries of Fremont.

Examples of significant cases involving a special subject matter include, but are not limited to:

- property crimes such as burglary, fraud and forgeries,
- physical and sexual assault, child abuse and neglect,
- death investigations with unusual or suspicious circumstances.

DISPOSITIONS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS

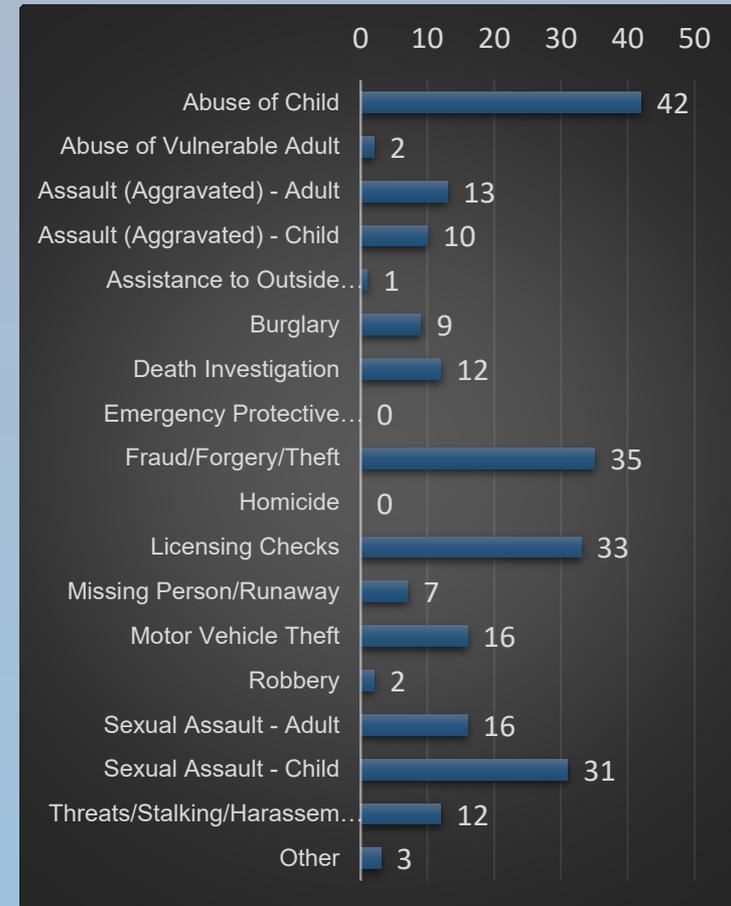
9 UNFOUNDED: An investigation was conducted and there was no evidence a crime was committed.

75 CLEARED: An arrest was made or a citation was issued.

82 INACTIVE: The investigation is exhausted with little/no hope of solving the case or the nature of the case is such that the case couldn't reach a status such as cleared. (For example: A welfare check.)

27 ACTIVE: The investigation is ongoing and the detective is still working the case.

51 CLOSED BY OTHER ACTION



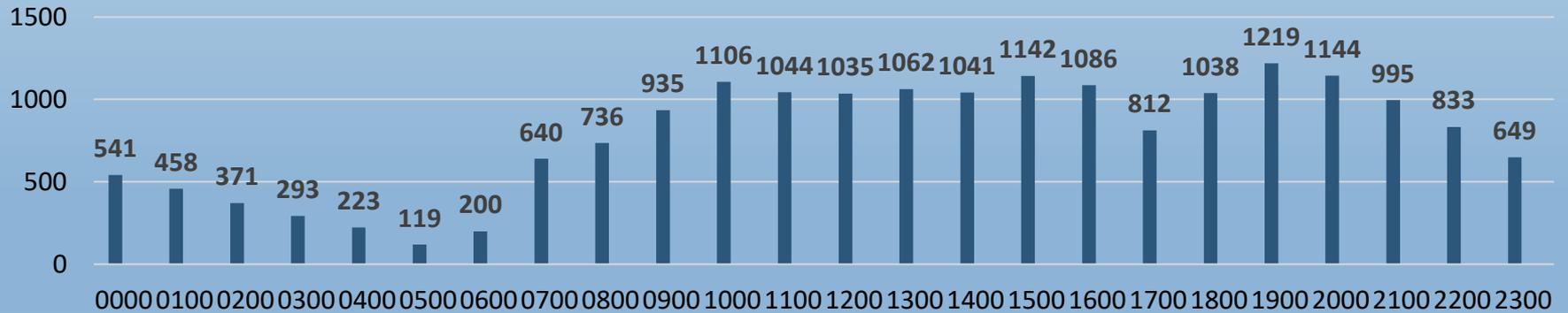
2022 | CALLS FOR SERVICE

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE – 18,725
INCIDENT REPORTS GENERATED – 5,937

CALLS BY MONTH

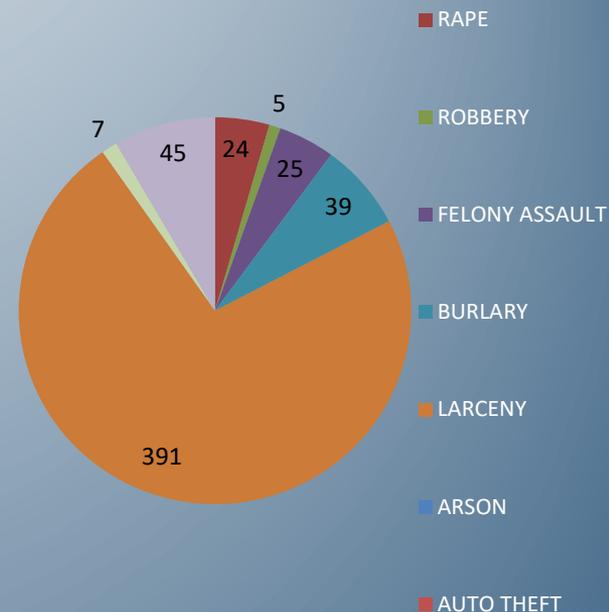


CALLS BY TIME OF DAY

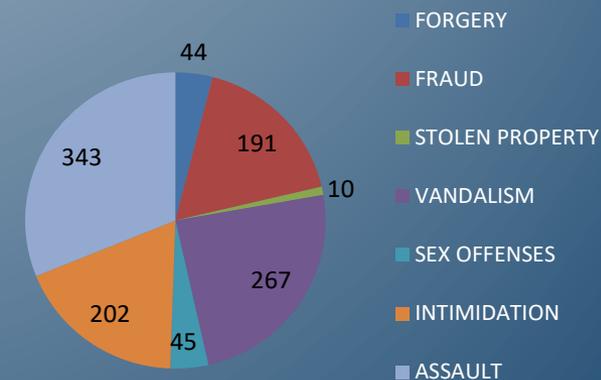


2022 | CRIME STATISTICS

OFFENSES	2020	2021	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2022	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
PART 1 OFFENSES					
MURDER/MANSLAUGHTER	0	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
RAPE	22	33	50.0%	24	-27.3%
ROBBERY	7	5	-28.6%	5	0.0%
FELONY ASSAULT	26	21	-19.2%	25	19.0%
BURLARY	73	44	-39.7%	39	-11.4%
LARCENY	476	453	-4.8%	391	-13.7%
Larceny/Pocket Picking	1	1		0	
Larceny/Purse Snatching	1	0		0	
Larceny/Shoplifting	94	66		93	
Larceny/From Building	36	71		53	
Larceny/From Coin Op. Machine	0	0		0	
Larceny/From Motor Vehicle	119	88		69	
Larceny/Motor Vehicle Parts/Acc.	15	37		26	
Larceny/Unlawful Taking	210	190		150	
ARSON	3	3	0.0%	7	133.3%
AUTO THEFT	68	54	-20.6%	45	-16.7%
TOTAL	675	614	-9.0%	536	-12.7%



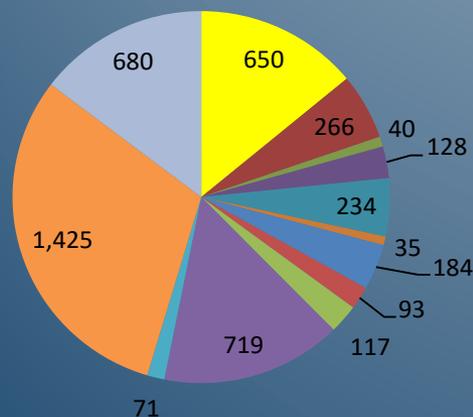
PART II OFFENSES	2020	2021	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2022	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
FORGERY	31	26	-16.1%	44	69.2%
FRAUD	104	208	100.0%	191	-8.2%
STOLEN PROPERTY	6	16	166.7%	10	-37.5%
VANDALISM	336	325	-3.3%	267	-17.8%
SEX OFFENSES	48	80	66.7%	45	-43.8%
INTIMIDATION	0	177		202	14.1%
ASSAULT	484	314	-35.1%	343	9.2%
TOTAL	1,009	1,146	13.6%	1,102	-3.8%



2022 | CRIME STATISTICS

OTHER SELECTED OFFENSES/INCIDENTS	2020	2021	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	2022	DIFFERENCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
FAMILY OFFENSES INVESTIGATIONS	676	677	0.1%	650	-4.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	235	258	9.8%	266	3.1%
MIP	32	30	-6.3%	40	33.3%
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	97	117	20.6%	128	9.4%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT / DISTURBING THE PEACE	199	183	-8.0%	234	27.9%
WEAPON LAW VIOLATION	12	35	191.7%	35	0.0%
LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT	168	158	-6.0%	184	16.5%
CRIMINAL TRESPASSING	73	110	50.7%	93	-15.5%
EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	91	68	-25.3%	117	72.1%
WELFARE CHECK	521	529	1.5%	719	35.9%
LIQUOR VIOLATIONS*	26	78	200.0%	71	-9.0%
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	112	755	574.1%	1,425	88.7%
ALL OTHER	1,009	619	-38.7%	680	9.9%
TOTAL	3,251	3,617	11.3%	4,641	28.3%

OTHER SELECTED OFFENSES

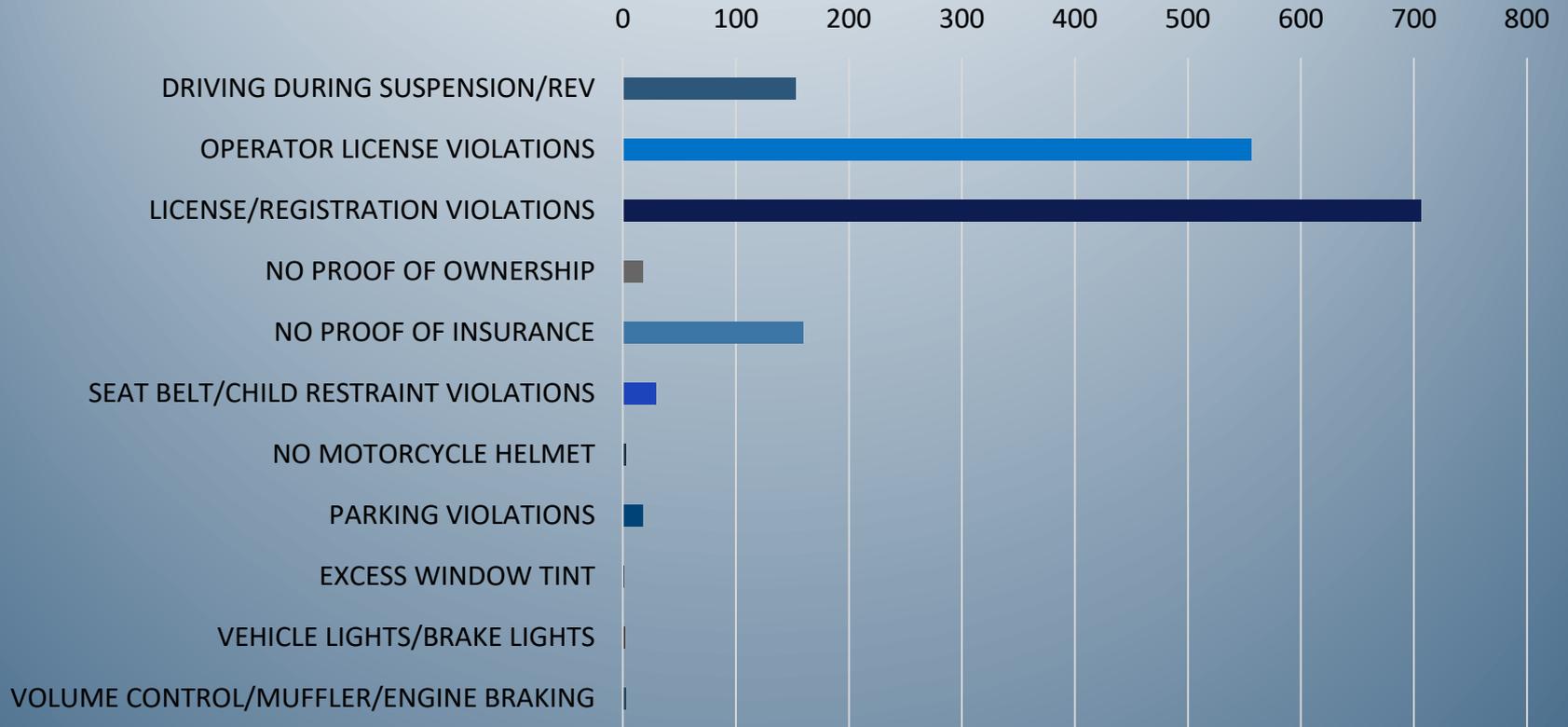


- FAMILY OFFENSES INVESTIGATIONS
- DRUG OFFENSES
- MIP
- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT / DISTURBING THE PEACE
- WEAPON LAW VIOLATION
- LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
- CRIMINAL TRESPASSING
- EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
- WELFARE CHECK
- LIQUOR VIOLATIONS*
- ANIMAL COMPLAINTS
- ALL OTHER

HAZARDOUS CITATIONS/VIOLATIONS = 812



NON-HAZARDOUS CITATIONS/VIOLATIONS = 1,649



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

TOTAL ACCIDENTS 2022: 660

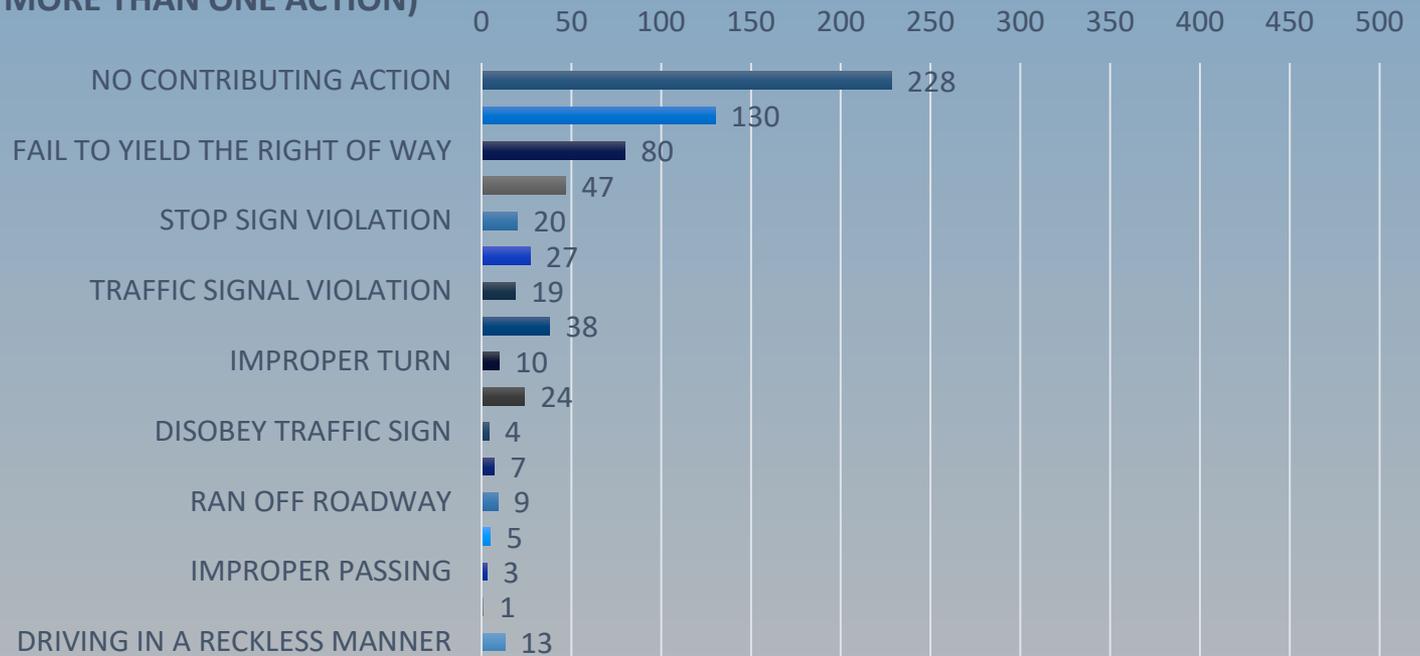
TOTAL NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED: 1,324

NUMBER OF INJURIES REPORTED: 173

FATAL ACCIDENTS: 2

HIT AND RUN ACCIDENTS: 184

CONTRIBUTING ACTIONS OF DRIVERS (SOME CARS HAVE MORE THAN ONE ACTION)



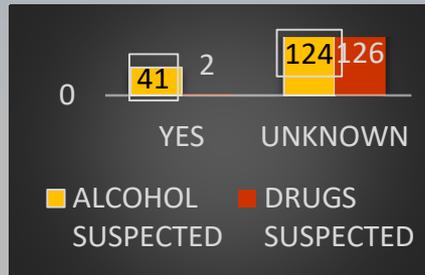
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

TOP 15 INTERSECTIONS INVOLVING ACCIDENTS:

1. 23RD ST & CLARKSON ST
2. 23RD ST & YAGER RD
3. 23RD ST & LUTHER RD
4. 23RD ST & BELL ST
5. 23RD ST & LINCOLN AVE
6. 23RD ST & DIERS PKWY
7. MILITARY AVE & BELL ST
8. MILITARY AVE & BROAD ST
9. 1ST ST & BELL ST
10. 16TH ST & LINCOLN AVE
11. 23RD ST & BROAD ST
12. 16TH ST & BELL ST
13. LINDEN AVE & MAIN ST
14. MILITARY AVE & CLARMAR AVE
15. BROAD ST & SCHUSTER RANCH
16. LINCOLN AVE & MILITARY AVE
17. 19TH ST & MAIN ST



TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



III CORPS DRUG TASK FORCE

III CORPS Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of law enforcement agencies from Cuming, Dodge and Saunders counties, the cities of Fremont, Blair, Wahoo, and Yutan. III CORPS' inception was in October of 1997. The geographic area covered by the task force represents approximately 1,900 square miles, with a population of approximately 75,000 people including the 26,397 living in Fremont, Nebraska. The Task Force currently has three agents assigned to work cases in our geographic area. The Task Force is headquartered in Fremont, Nebraska. The Fremont Police Department provides two agents. The agents report directly to the III CORPS board of directors consisting of the department heads from six of the agencies located within the area of operation.

The Task Force is funded through the participating agencies. The individual agencies allocate whatever funds and resources available to support the Task Force's operations. The pooling of inter-departmental assets, the unanimous dedication to our community and the timely infusion of federal funds has kept the III CORPS Drug Task Force in operation.

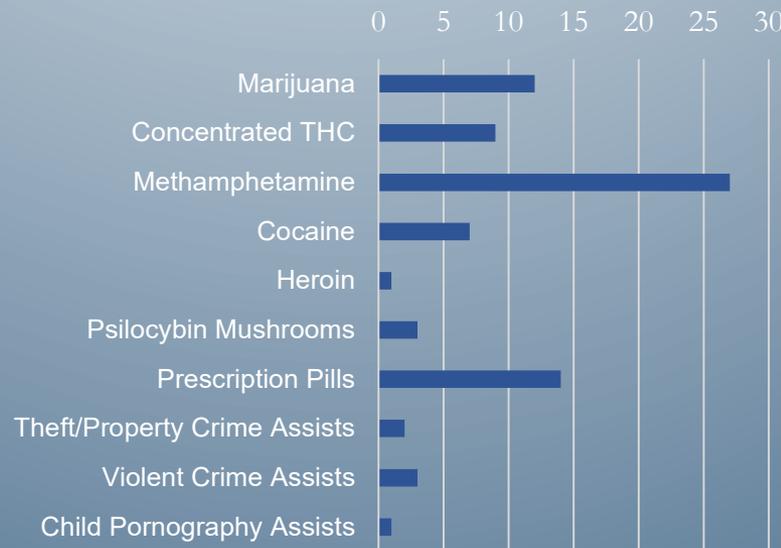
DRUG	QUANTITY SEIZED
Marijuana	2,153g
Methamphetamine	1,864g
Prescription Pills Counterfeit Pills (Fentanyl)	198 dosage units 1,487 dosage units
Concentrated Cannabis	504g
Cocaine	2,556g
Psilocybin Mushrooms	385g
Heroin	30g
Fentanyl	60g



Through a grant obtained by III CORPS, the Fremont Police Department currently offers a NADDI (National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators) drop box allowing the public a safe and secure way to dispose of prescription drugs and helping to keep these drugs off the streets.

The **Rx Drug Drop Box** is located in the lobby of the Fremont Police Department located at 725 N. Park Ave., where prescription pills can be discarded. **The drop box is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Officers also will take pills at other times.**

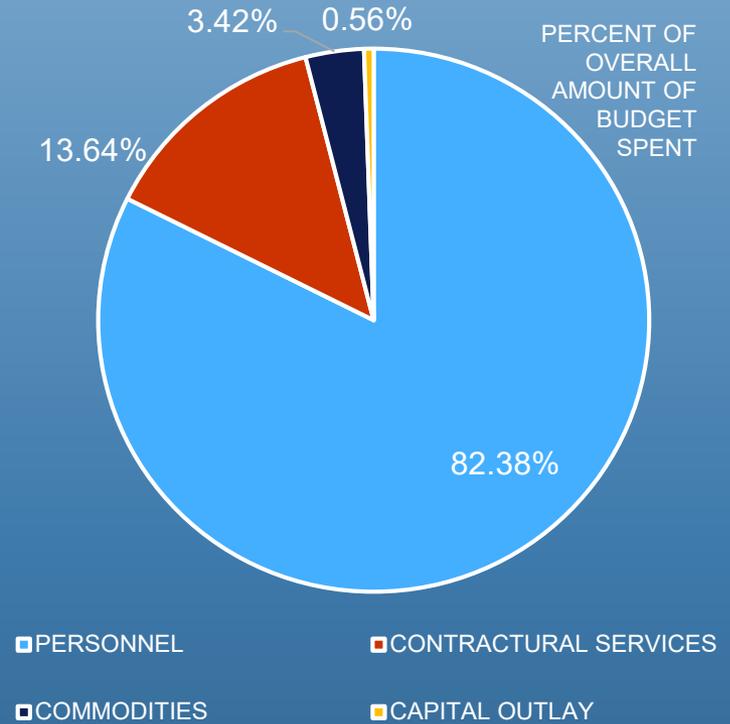
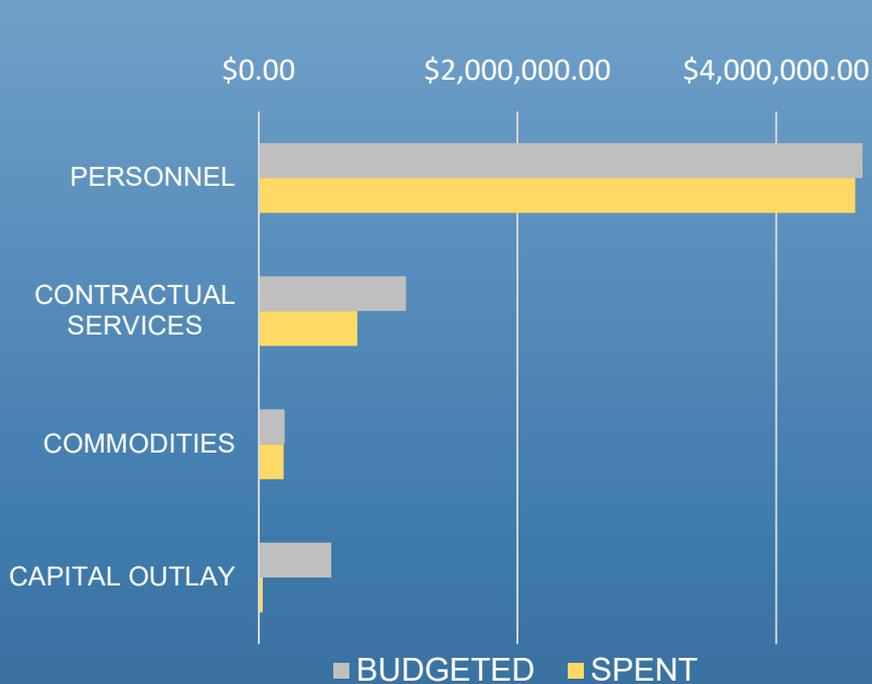
Number of Cases Involving:



2022

Number of cases: 99
 Number of arrests: 45
 Firearms: 15
 Search Warrants: 17

DEPARTMENT BUDGET



2021/2022 BUDGET	Personnel	Contractual Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	OVERALL TOTAL
BUDGETED	\$4,668,752.00	\$1,138,703.00	\$199,400.00	\$562,000.00	\$6,568,855.00
SPENT	\$4,609,982.44	\$762,971.14	\$191,484.47	\$31,394.24	\$5,595,832.29
PERCENTAGE SPENT	99%	67%	96%	6%	85%

2022 | HOLIDAY CASH GIVEAWAY



Our agency was once again blessed to participate in a **Secret Santa cash giveaway**. This program has been going on for several years all in thanks to a very generous donor. This anonymous donor once again donated \$5,000 to be given away during law enforcement contact with the public. During the contact, the individual is given a card by an officer that contains \$100. The response received from those individuals blessed with the card is always priceless.



SECRET SANTA CASH GIVEAWAY

2022 | NOTABLE CRIMINAL CASES

February 2022: Sexual Assault of a Child. Detectives received information and investigated a father sexually assaulting his own daughter. A thorough investigation was done, in which charges were brought against the father of a 15-year-old girl. He has been incarcerated for the crime of 1st Degree Sexual Assault.

March 2022: Child Abuse and Tampering with Evidence. Officers received an intake to investigate a child that had been assaulted by his uncle for not getting ready fast enough to get to school on time. The suspect threw a shoe at the child hitting him in the head. The child was physically assaulted, being beaten by the suspect causing a black eye and a bloody nose. The child also had trauma to his head. The child's mother hid evidence of a bloody rug burning it in the back yard telling the child not to tell anyone about the assault fearing her brother (the uncle) would go back to prison. Ultimately, the suspect and the mother were arrested and charged with Child Abuse and Tampering with Evidence.

June 2022: Burglary in Progress. Officers responded to a report of a possible break-in at a business in the area of 300 W. 6th Street in Fremont. Officers observed a male walking East on the sidewalk away from the business and found broken glass from the front door. Upon having contact with the male, officers advised him to stop. The male attempted to run, but stopped and turned to fight the officer on scene. A fight ensued in which the suspect was tased and it took several officers to subdue him. Ultimately, the suspect was arrested and charged with Burglary, Resisting Arrest, Assault on an Officer, and Obstructing a Police Officer.

July 2022: Officers were called to the 1400 block of Fairacres Dr. in Fremont in reference to a white male suspect who was mentally unstable, and had a warrant for his arrest for absconding parole. The suspect was reported to have a knife and attempting to gain entry into the residence. Upon arrival of the officers, the suspect was on the front steps going in and out of the house and threatening to kill himself and stating he wanted officers to shoot him. The suspect threatened he had a gun and reached into his hoodie as though he was hiding one in his hoodie pocket. The suspect was shot twice by one officer on the scene. Officers provided medical treatment. He was later transported to MFH and life flighted to UNMC, where he survived his wounds.

December 2022: Child Abuse. Officers investigated a child abuse intake, concerning a child with scratches on her neck, and a swollen cut lip from her father. The suspect hit the child in her face after he became upset when he found her bed sheets in disarray that caused someone to trip over them. The child's father grabbed a towel, put it around his hand and struck the child in her mouth causing injury. He was ultimately arrested and is incarcerated for the assault.

2022 | NOTABLE DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Community Service Unit Obtained a New Leader: The Fremont Police Department welcomed a new Supervisor to the Community Service Officer ranks. Kelli Stuehmer arrived with considerable experience with animal control and abuse knowledge. Stuehmer came with a strong background working with the Dodge County Humane Society and FurEver Home.

CALEA Becomes Front and Center: Chief Elliott names Lieutenant Ed Watts to lead the department's efforts into becoming one of the few agencies in Nebraska to become CALEA accredited. CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) is the gold standard in Public Safety. Lt Watts will have his hands full working through various processes over the next several years to get the department into CALEA compliance. Accreditation will help the department reduce risk and liability exposure, a stronger defense against civil lawsuits, and greater accountability within the agency.

New Hires: The Fremont Police Department welcomed three new officers replacing others who have retired or moved on to other agencies. The FPD welcomed Officer Kelli Brown, Officer Cody Kruse and Officer Brandon Ramirez.

Halloween Battle of the Badge: The Fremont Police Department challenged the Dodge County Sheriff's Department to their annual Halloween Battle of the Badge Candy Grab. Thanks to several anonymous donors, the Police Department gave out over 500 bags of candy to kids, beating the DCSO for a second straight year.

Christmas Gifts: For the ninth Christmas season, an anonymous donor donated \$5,000.00 to be given away on traffic stops in \$100.00 increments. The officers always appreciate giving this special gift at Christmas time.

Pink Patch Program: The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) members were highly successful raising funds for the Pink Patch Program to help support cancer victims. This our department's second year of participation.

Shop With A Cop: The FOP had another great year with the Shop With A Cop Christmas program. This program has been in existence for over 20 years. The FOP with help from Fremont Public Schools, select approximately 50 children along with their families and help them purchase Christmas gifts. This is truly a great program and is funded by donations.

Awards Night: Officers and employees of the Fremont Police Department were invited to a special awards night honoring individual for their outstanding contributions to the City of Fremont. The Mayor and Chief presided over the event presenting awards to Fremont Police employees in the following categories: Distinguished Service, Life Saving, Chief's Citation, Honorable Service, Commendations of Merit, Special Service Unit and Support Unit. All funds were donated by the public for this event.

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YEARS OF SERVICE

	DATE OF HIRE
Chief of Police	
Jeffrey Elliott	09-01-1989
Captains	
Kurt Botorff	03-21-1994
Shane Wimer	06-11-2001
Lieutenant	
Ed Watts	08-08-1995
Sergeants	
Jim Dockerty	07-19-1995
Kurt Pafford	06-09-1997
John Gieselman	08-29-2000
John Brady	04-13-2010
Adam Macpherson	07-22-2013
Dominic Savio	03-31-2014
Jesse Headid	12-28-2015
Detectives	
Matt Hultquist	03-18-1996
Aaron Howe	06-05-2000
Brandon Lorenson	06-11-2001
Kelly Drake	12-01-2014

	DATE OF HIRE
Patrol Officers	
Joe Bauer	08-15-1999
Jim Butts (SRO)	12-20-1999
Tyler Hancock	06-11-2001
Steven Behring	03-31-2008
Anthony Gartner	01-26-2009
Chad Smith	04-02-2013
Steve Zaroban	12-01-2014
Andrew Dixon	12-01-2014
Brianna Ryan (K9)	02-15-2016
Nicholas Heidlage	03-13-2017
Seth Howard	03-13-2017
Kodi Classen	10-30-2017
Justin Beranek	02-12-2018
Courtney Ertl	02-12-2018
Derick Leaman	04-29-2019
Garrett Jensen	10-28-2019
Ryan Christensen	07-20-2020
Hunter McKenzie	07-20-2020
Christopher Williamson	11-30-2020
Jackson Shepherd	11-30-2020
Kelli Brown	04-19-2021

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Patrol Officers	
Cody Kruse	08-15-2022
Brandon Ramirez	08-15-2022
Reserve Officers	
Ron Giesselmann	09-10-2000
Community Service Officers	
Supervisor Kelli Stuehmer	11-21-2022
Melissa Ball	08-12-2019
Jennifer Palik	05-26-2021
Senior Office Associate	
Alesia Hajek	06-04-2001
Office Associates	
Christine Taylor	10-03-2016
Dayme Moller	03-01-2021
Jenni Erickson	02-14-2022
Property/Evidence Technician	
Laura Luttig	10-10-2016