

DICKINSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

VISION

Community
Strength
Through
Unity



Mission

- > We will protect and serve the community with unwavering commitment, integrity and pro-
- We are dedicated to ensuring public safety and upholding the rule of law while fostering positive relationships built on community trust and engagement.
- Our mission is to always be prepared and willing to sacrifice while working in unison with the community to maintain a safe, secure environment for all.
- We will be responsive and proactive while finding innovative ways to enhance overall quality of life while investing in our youth. Our strength comes through unity and perseverance.

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM | INTEGRITY | COMMITMENT | HONOR

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

t is my pleasure to present the Dickinson Police Department's 2023 Annual Report. It is a compilation of departmental activities, challenges, statistics, accomplishments, and service. I am extremely fortunate and honored to serve this department and community. Our team consists of some of the finest, well-trained, capable, and professional men and women serving in the field. Our community arguably represents one of the most law enforcement friendly and supportive communities in the nation. We truly work in unison embracing the motto of Community Strength Through Unity while following an intimate community policing model. We consider ourselves an active regional hub and resource for most of Western North Dakota.

2023 came to be one of the most and challenging emotionally charged years of my 30+ year career with the department. The year proved to be a true test of the department's resolve, perseverance, and commitment to one another and the community we serve. We began the new year closing out former Chief Dustin Dassinger's career in law enforcement by recognizing his 23 years of service with the department during his retirement ceremony. Following an intensive selection process, his formal retirement hastened the way to my official appointment as Chief of Police. Filling the role of Chief for the department I have held so near and dear to my heart for so many years was a truly humbling experience, an experience filled with incredible pride and honor.

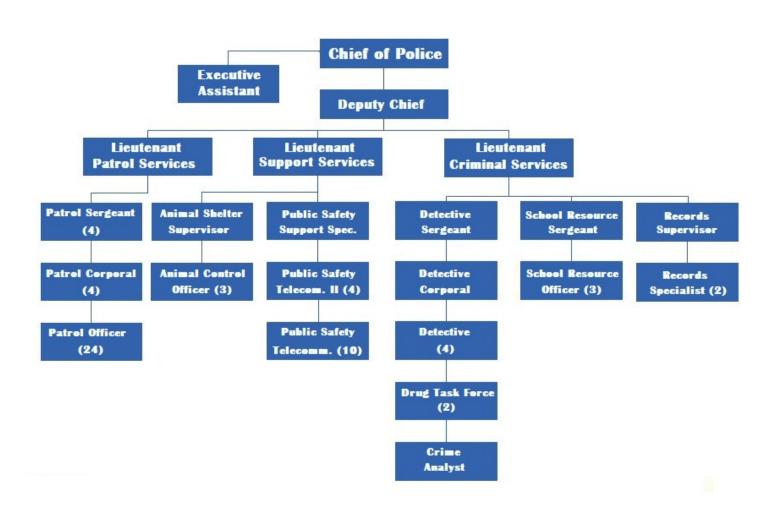
The changing of the guard (per se) combined with several anticipated, and unanticipated departures from the fold led us down a path of transition and transformation...a path of restructuring. The unprecedented number of promotional processes to follow began with the crucial selection of a second in command. LT. Matthew Hanson was ultimately chosen to serve as Deputy Chief of Police; From there the promotional cascade continued with the selection of (2) Lieutenants, (3) Sergeants, and (4) Corporals. The restructuring was finalized for the year with two longer-term Sergeants from the Patrol Division being reassigned to the School Resource Officer and Criminal Investigative divisions.

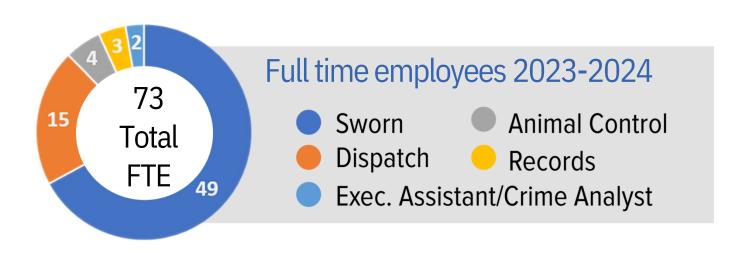
Then (suddenly) before we could truly start getting our feet under us as a new command staff, we were dealt a staggering blow the likes of which we had never experienced before. The unexpected, off-duty death of one of our own, a foundational member, one of those special officers beloved by all left us reeling. We mourned as we said goodbye to our own Sergeant Jason Wallace. The emotional trauma and aftermath that resonated throughout the department for many months was devastating. In a true display of strength through unity, we turned in support of one another and looked toward our mission...our duty to the community. Rather than allowing this tragedy to redefine us to the lesser, we refocused and regrouped. With the community at our side, we emerged from the emotional turbulence stronger and more resolute.



Regardless of all the change, adversity and challenges faced in 2023, we as an agency have proven to be extremely resilient with our sense of duty and service quite prevalent. I am very proud of everyone who is the Dickinson Police Department and I could not think of a better, more supportive community to serve and protect. Our strength is our people, our goal is community safety and security. Our mission is to be prepared and to serve our community with professionalism, integrity, commitment and honor while investing in tomorrow through today's youth. After reviewing the information contained in this report, I am confident you will appreciate our commitment to transparency, trust and community-oriented poliche Rain ing.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





BUDGET

Salaries

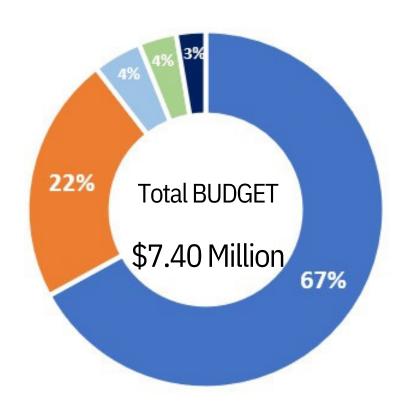
Full Time | Part Time | Overtime \$4.96 Million

Benefits

Insurance | Retirement | Workers Comp \$1.66 Million



Telephone | Technology | Training \$326,940



General supplies

Operating | SWAT | Vehicle Supplies | Gasoline \$253,900

CAPITAL BETTERMENTS

Police Vehicles | In-car Video | Vehicle Equipment \$196,700



CALLS FOR SERVICE

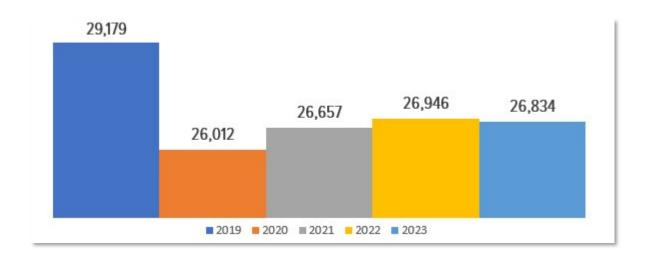
Traffic Stops	4455	Assaults/Fights	154
Animal related calls	1581	Burglary	150
Speak with an officer	1198	Background Investigations	138
Welfare check	914	Alarms, Residence	77
Warrants served	646	Criminal Trespass	135
Parking enforcement	1051	Suicidal Threats	106
Theft and Fraud	592	Theft of Motor Vehicle	46
Domestic Violence	491	Intoxicated Subject	93
Disorderly Conduct	360	Violation of Protection Order	75
Agency Assists	272	Child Abuse or neglect	22
Alarms, Business	169	Drug Info	129
Remove Subject	252	Weapons Shots Fired or Heard	21
Drug Information	129	Weapons Offenses	50
Standbys	195	Alarms, Bank	15
Vandalism	166	Traffic Stops, Truck Regulation	1

914
WELFARE 18. %
CHECKS since 2022

4,455 TRAFFIC STOPS

14.5% since 2022

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY YEAR



CRASH DATA



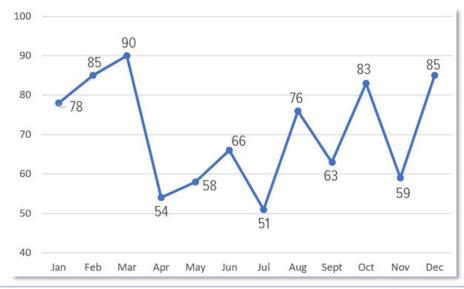
848 TOTAL CRASHES

30 INJURY

 $7_{\text{PEDESTRIAN}}$

1 FATALITY

CRASHES BY MONTH



PATROL

T he Patrol Division serves as the backbone of our police department, providing continuous law enforcement coverage and responding to emergencies 24/7. This division is responsible for patrolling neighborhoods, preventing and investigating crimes, and maintaining public order. Officers in the Patrol Division engage in proactive policing strategies to deter criminal activity, conduct traffic enforcement to ensure road safety, and serve as the first responders to incidents ranging from minor disturbances to major emergencies. Through their visible presence and community interactions, our patrol officers foster trust and cooperation between the police department and the citizens we serve, ensuring a safer environment for all.



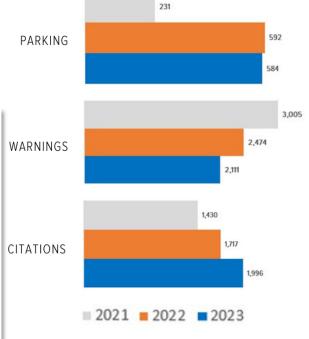
Senior Patrol Officer Abby Johnson was awarded the 2023 Traffic Safety Officer of the Year for her efforts in enforcement efforts and community education involving traffic safety.





Citations Care Required Driving Without Liability Insurance Failure to Register MV No Valid Driver's License Red Light Seat Belts Speeding Stop Sign Tinted Windows 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700

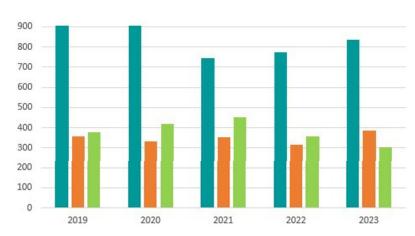
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT



CRIME STATISTICS

2019-2023 CRIME

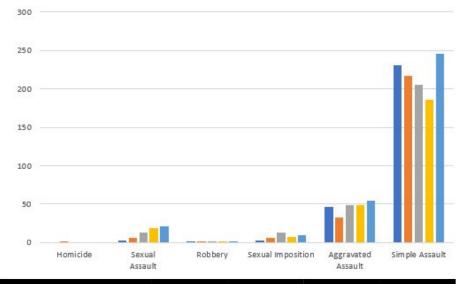
COMPARISON



Property
Person
Societal

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
907	904	746	775	834
356	331	354	315	388
379	421	454	357	305

Person crime comparison 2019 2023



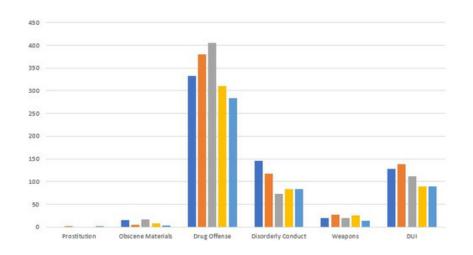
ANNUAL PERSON	
= 2019	: 356
2020	: 331
= 2021	: 354
= 2022	: 315
■ 2023	: 388

	Homicide	Sexual Assault	Robbery	Sexual Imposition	Aggravated Assault	Simple Assault
= 2019	0	3	2	3	47	231
2020	1	6	1	6	33	217
= 2021	0	13	1	13	49	205
2022	0	11	2	7	49	186
2023	0	21	2	10	54	246

Person crimes rose in 2023 after a several-year decline. Simple Assaults were reported to have a 32% increase from 2022 numbers. Aggravated assaults also met recent highs.

CRIME STATISTICS

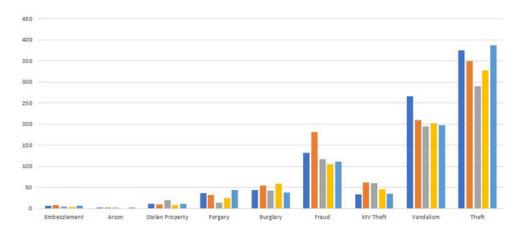
SOCIETAL crime comparison 2019 - 2023





	Prostitution	Obscene Materials	Drug Offense	Disorderly Conduct	Weapons	DUI
= 2019	0	15	333	145	20	128
2020	1	5	380	117	27	138
= 2021	0	16	405	73	19	111
= 2022	0	7	310	84	26	89
■ 2023	2	3	283	84	13	90

PROPERTY crime comparison 2019 - 2023





	Embezzlement	Arson	Stolen Property	Forgery	Burglary	Fraud	MV Theft	Vandalism	Theft
= 2019	7	2	10	36	44	132	33	266	375
2020	8	1	9	31	54	181	61	209	349
= 2021	5	2	20	14	42	117	60	194	290
= 2022	4	0	8	24	58	105	45	202	327
■ 2023	6	1	11	44	37	111	35	197	386

TRAINING

T raining is key to maintaining professionalism and ensuring the public is being served by very capable and talented officers. Our training regiment provides staff ample opportunity to learn new skills while maintaining competency on core tactics.

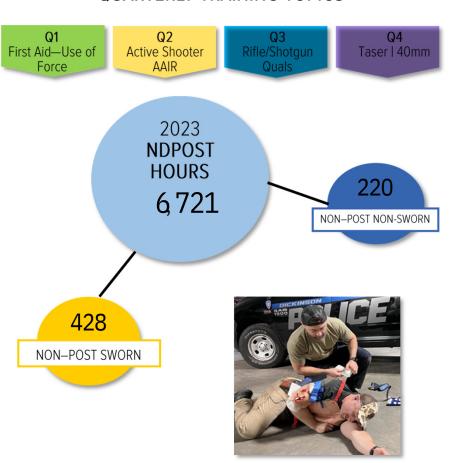
Training highlights

- Two officers were certified as Gracie "Ground Survival Tactics" (GST) instructors. GST is based on the principles of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.
- A high-quality combat medic course was brought in over the summer. The hyper-realistic training consisted of wound simulations and roll players.
- The department acquired the "WRAP" device, which allows for the safe transport of combative subjects. All shifts received training on its application and was used in actual situations several times in 2023.





QUARTERLY TRAINING TOPICS

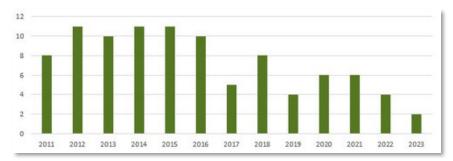




T he Southwest Tactical Team (SWTT) serves as a regional-response unit to resolve critical incidents as they arise in Dickinson and the southwest North Dakota area. SWAT operators and Crisis Negotiators volunteer for the extra duty assignment and come from the Dickinson Police Department, Stark County Sheriff's Office, Dunn County Sheriff's Office, and Hettinger County Sheriff's Office.

Callout numbers have been steadily decreasing since the highs during the oil boom. Despite the low frequency, SWTT operators continue to train and hone their skills to remain ready at a moments notice.





CALLOUTS BY YEAR



K-9 UNIT

Our department's K-9 Unit is comprised of two K-9 handler teams. Sergeant Jayden Peters is paired with "Kalo" - a German Shepherd/ Belgian Malinois cross and has been serving since 2018. The other team is Senior Patrol Officer Troy Machovsky with "Norman" - a black Labrador Retriever.

Both K-9s are certified to detect the odor of marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin. In addition to drug detection, Kalo is trained for patrol work which includes tracking and criminal apprehension.

A typical "tour of duty" for a K-9 team is between 8 to 10 years. For K-9 Norman, that time arrived at the beginning of 2024. He retired after many years of service and is now spending his remaining years with SPO Machovsky and his family at home.



SPO Machovsky with K-9 Norman | CPL Peters with K-9 Kalo

13
ARRESTS

75K-9

SNIFFS

2_{METH} 4_{PR/EDUCATION}

8 1
DRUG
PARAPHERNALIA FENTANYL/
THER

7
PATROL
DEPLOYMENTS





CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION



he Criminal Investigation Division (CID) team is staffed with highly-skilled and trained officers to conduct investigations into some of the area's most serious crimes. With a 2023 staff of one Sergeant Detective, one Corporal Detective, four Detectives, two Narcotics Task Force Agents, and one Criminal Analyst, the team works together to successfully clear a vast majority of cases assigned to them.

CASES

79 CALLOUTS

6SEARCH WARRANTS

TRIPLE-I CRIMINAL HISTORY 81 DIGITAL FORENSICS





Notable 2023 Cases

- An investigation of an assault at the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center resulted in the additional charges of Aggravated Assault on Dexter Jefferson.
- Patrol responded to a report of a male who claimed he had been shot in the leg by someone in a vehicle. Detectives responded and learned through interviews that the male had actually shot himself by accident and attempted to cover-up the event. He was charged with making a false report to law enforcement.
- In mid-October, detectives investigated a violent Gross Sexual Imposition case where 43-year-old Gabriel May was arrested on alleged AA Felony GSI/Forcible Rape.
- A burglary at Neighbors Bar was reported. The CID team worked together an ultimately arrested Spencer Wisham for the crime. On November 1st, employees at Bravera Bank North reported Savannah Fahlstrom was in the lobby brandishing a knife and demanding money from her closed bank account. She was initially arrested for Robbery, but ultimately plead guilty to Menacing.



GRAYKEY DIGITAL FORENSICS

As we become connected to technology more than even before, it is becoming critical for law enforcement to stay ahead of trends and advancements in technology in order to solve and possibly prevent crimes. Many serious crimes have been solved by following clues left on social media, email, and cellphones. With a search warrant in hand, detectives utilize a critical piece of technology called "GrayKey" to access locked cellphones. With the availability of GrayKey, detectives were able to access 18 cellphones in 2023 that would have otherwise been inaccessible.

GrayKey comes at a considerable cost. Local businesses have been generous in donating funds to secure additional years of licensing with the system.

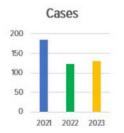
NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

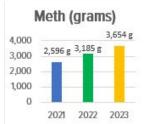
he Southwest Narcotics Task Force (SWNTF) is a joint partnership between the North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigations, the Dickinson Police Department, Stark County Sheriff's Office, Dunn County Sheriff's Office and other surrounding agencies. The coverage area also includes the counties of Adams, Billings, Golden Valley, Hettinger, and Slope.

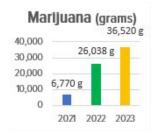
In 2023, the SWNTF initiated 131 cases which resulted in 69 arrests. Several additional charges remain pending laboratory results. They also compiled 757 intelligence reports with the assistance of Dickinson PD's Criminal Analyst.

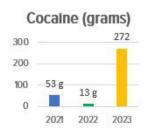
As depicted in the charts below, fentanyl continues to maintain a strong presence in the region. In 2023, a record amount of fentanyl was seized by SWNTF. The amount of fentanyl within the communities is in direct proportion with the continued increase in overdose cases. Many individuals are saved from an overdose through the quick use of Narcan.

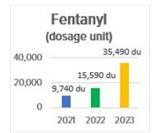












The photo on the right is an actual image of a large fentanyl seizure that the Southwest Narcotics Task Force made. These are commonly referred to as "blues" and mimic the actual medication Oxycodone. They are typically small and round with "M" stamped on one side and "30" on the other. These counterfeit pills can be traced back to illicit labs in Mexico, with the fentanyl itself coming overseas from China.

Just a small amount of fentanyl is known to cause death in humans. It accounts for the vast majority of overdoses in the United States and remains a massive public health concern.





METH LAB BUST

On July 30th, 2023, patrol responded to a report of a male who was overdosing at an address in the 900 block of 3rd Avenue West. First responders were able to revive the male through the use of NARCAN. While ambulance personnel stabilized the male, officers began noticing key indicators of a methamphetamine lab. The Southwest Narcotics Task Force was called to the scene and a search warrant was obtained for the residence.

SWNTF agents confirmed the presence of an active methamphetamine lab. A team of certified agents specializing in the dismantling of labs was called to the scene. The male suspect, 37-year-old Joshua Lidberg, was arrested and charged with Manufacturing a Controlled Substance. He plead guilty in April 2024 and was sentenced to 10 years in prison with 5 years suspended.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

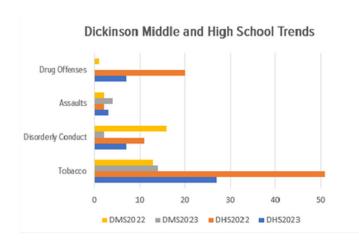
he Dickinson Police Department is firm in its commitment to the area's youth. Since its inception in 2007, the School Resource Officer program has proven to a great benefit for the school district, the department, and the community. Whether it be responding to calls within the school campus, counseling youth in times of need, or simply being a familiar face in students' daily lives, our School Resource Officers remain busy all year

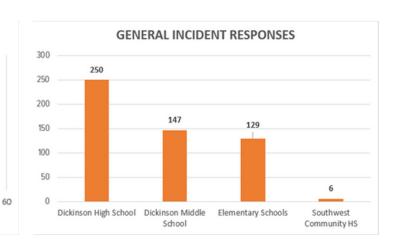
An SRO plays a crucial role in developing positive relationships with students, staff, and parents. They are often called upon to find solutions to issues such as bullying, truancy, and behavioral problems. In conjunction with proactive programs such as D.A.R.E, the SROs give students the tools they need to navigate their daily lives and ensure their safety.

In its third year, the partnership between the DPD and the Southwest Career and Technical Education Center (CTE) continues strong. With this partnership, 16 students took the criminal justice-focused courses and learned about Constitutional rights, use of force, case law, leadership, and more. In 2024, graduates of the course will be eligible to receive dual credit from Dickinson State University towards a criminal justice degree.



In August, the Dickinson PD and Dickinson State University announced a new partnership that makes available a Campus Resource Officer at the college. The CRO will be tasked with coordinating with university officials to ensure campus security and complying with the reporting requirements outlines in the Jeanne Cleary Act.







In the fall of 2023, the Dickinson Public School System went live with a Motorola-based radio solution that will help enhance critical communication at schools across the district. The "School Safety Radio System" is a component of North Dakota's new SIRN2020 public safety radio network that is being built out across the state. It allows staff within a school building to press an orange emergency button in the event of a serious event and be placed into directcontact with our dispatch center and responding officers. This direct communication method results in a quicker response by first responders and enhances situational awareness in the event of an emergency on the campus.

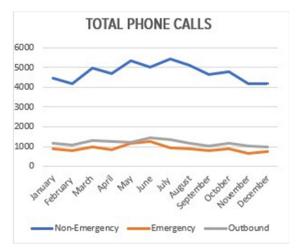
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Stark-Dickinson Communications Center provides 24/7 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) 911 service to police, fire, and EMS agencies within Stark County. With a total of 15 non-sworn civilian staff, the center is responsible for the receipt, triage, and ultimate dispatching for all emergency and non-emergency phone calls. The SDCC embraces modern technology to quickly and accurately dispatch emergency services to those in need.

Reclassification Efforts

Over the past several years, the Dickinson Police Department has been working hard to reclassify our dispatchers as a "protective service occupation". Currently, the Bureau of Labor Statistics labels dispatchers as a clerical occupation, alongside secretaries, commercial dispatchers, and taxi services. By classifying 911 dispatchers, not only will it acknowledge the massive difference in skill and stress, but also will grant dispatchers access to mental health benefits and resources they deserve.

Currently, traction is gaining at the federal level to accomplish this reclassification. In preparation, we are doing our part and in 2023, we re-wrote the dispatcher job description and re-titled them as "Public Safety Telecommunicators". More info on these efforts can be found at www.nena.org/reclassification.



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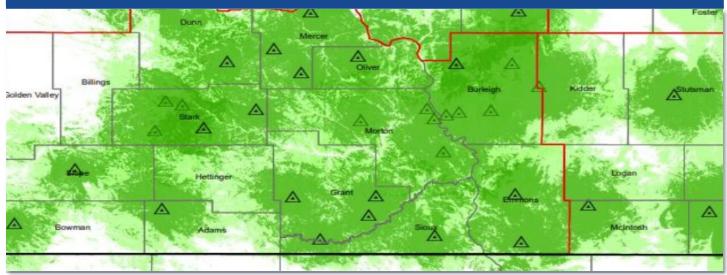
4 911 CALLS

TEXT TO 911

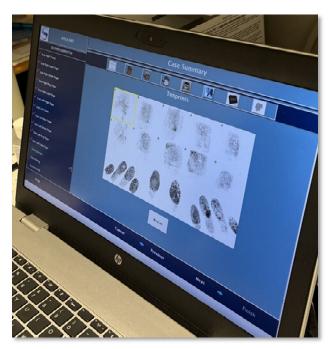
The Stark-Dickinson PSAP continues to work closely with the North Dakota State ITD to continue to roll out the Statewide Interoperability Radio Network (SIRN). This statewide project started several years ago. Once complete, will give all North Dakota first responders seamless and reliable radio communication. The system is designed around an 800 MHz trunked P25 network with dual redundancy and a contracted reliability of "five-nines" of reliability (99.999%).

The Dickinson Police Department was the first statewide law enforcement agency to integrate SIRN's encryption. Each law enforcement radio transmission is securely encrypted from end-to-end to ensure officer and operational safety. The encryption "key" is designed to change every 6 months using an Over the Air Rekeying radio feature that is managed by North Dakota ITD.





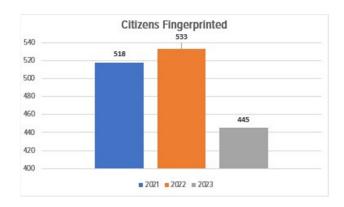
RECORDS MANAGEMENT



he Police Records Division is responsible for all physical and electronic records related to law enforcement activities within our jurisdiction. Documents included are incident reports, accident reports, arrest records, warrants, court orders, criminal history files, and case files. The Records Division is responsible for dissemination and retention of such files to the general public, City and State Attorneys, Court, and other Law Enforcement entities. They are staffed by 3 full time civilian employees and supervised by a Police Lieutenant.

Along with dissemination of records, the Dickinson Police Department handles fingerprinting for public and registration of sexual offenders and offenders against children that reside in city limits.

Police Records staff utilize many different electronic programs to aid in retrieval, compilation of statistical data, and for dissemination of records.





Marsy's Law ensures that victims of crimes have equal rights on the same level as those accused and convicted of crimes. Enacted as an amendment to the North Dakota Constitution in 2016, the law provides a victim an opportunity to invoke a list of rights. Once an invocation is made, our records staff works closely with prosecutors to ensure the provisions within Marsy's Law are

You have a right to...

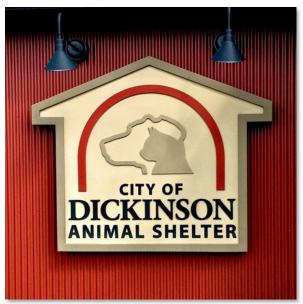
- Prevent revealing of records Prevent Receive copy of non-confidential
- revealing of confidential info Receive
- notice of court proceedings Refuse interviews by defense attorneys Have .
- a voice in court proceedings
- Participate in pre-sentence investigations
- · information Prompt return of property not

Receive restitution Be informed of defendant's progress in the court system

followed. A victim must invoke their Mary's rights to an officer on-scene of the incident, or if time has passed, to the prosecutor's office that is handling the case.



ANIMAL CONTROL



T he Dickinson Animal Shelter, a vital division of our Police Department, is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of both animals and residents in our community. Our mission is to provide a humane and compassionate environment for stray, abandoned, and surrendered animals while actively promoting responsible pet ownership.

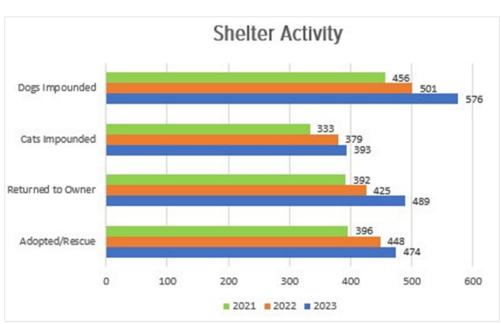
Our Animal Control Division is staffed by one Shelter Coordinator and three Animal Control Officers. Each officer is certified with the National Animal Care and Control Association (NACA). This certification teaches new employees the importance of animal safety, sanitization, and guidance on investigations.

In 2023, the City of Dickinson entered into a formal agreement with the Billings County Sheriff's Department to house stray dogs that are located within their county. This agreement brings the number of counties coordinating with the shelter to two. Last year, the Stark County Sheriff's Department entered a similar agreement. The shelter also assists non-participating law enforcement agencies, such as the North Dakota Highway Patrol, with temporary housing of pets if a subject is taken into custody on charges.

As depicted below, the shelter housed a record number of dogs and cats in 2023. At times, the shelter neared capacity, but with the help of regional rescues, many animals were transported out. This greatly assists in keeping the pet population down, but has aged the fleet of ACO vehicles considerably. The shelter is hoping to procure a new specialty-built vehicle that will allow more reliability and a greater volume of animals per transport.

Section 5.08.030 License requirements "All dogs and cats kept or maintained in the city shall display a valid City dog or cat license or have a registered microchip implant."





COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



WARDS & MILESTONES

MERITORIOUS



SGT Jeremy Moser SGT Justin Fridrich SGT Jayden Peters CPL Aaron Bates CPL Evan Kinto CPL Mike Legler CPL Jesse Kubik **OFC Andrew Stidham OFC Bailey Tulius** OFC Alex Schroeder OFC Danika Brost OFC Dane Haugen

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

PST Angelina Jones

CRITICAL INCIDENT

PSTII Andreya Little PST II Angelina Jones PST Kayleene Holzer



2023 Chief's Award of Excellence

All Dickinson PD Employees

LIFESAVING



OFC Chris Olson PST Jessi Kraft PST Rebecca Lopez

EXEMPLARY SERVICE



SGT Todd Weiler SGT Michael Hanson SPO Alex Schroeder

TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICER OF THE YEAR



OFC Abby Johnson

COMMUNITY SERVICE



SGT Justin Fridrich SGT Cori Wallace SPO LaSean Pickstock **SPO Taylor Peters**

MILITARY SERVICE



OFC Ariah McClintic OFC Coleman Bodle PST Michael Heiser



PROMOTION DC Matthew Hanson



PROMOTION LT Brandon Stockie



PROMOTION LT Travis Leintz



PROMOTION SGT Todd Weiler



PROMOTION SGT Jayden Peters



PROMOTION SGT Cori Wallace



PROMOTION CPL Aaron Bates



PROMOTION CPL Evan Kinto



PROMOTION CPL Mike Legler



PROMOTION CPL Jesse Kubik

HIRES & RETIRES



PS TELECOMMUNICATOR Hannah Sanchez



PS TELECOMMUNICATOR Hayley Reid



PS TELECOMMUNICATOR Brooke Legeman



OFFICER Christopher Olson



OFFICER Ariah McClintic



OFFICER Coleman Bodle



OFFICER Kenneth Finlayson

CHIEF DUSTIN DASSINGER

RETIREMENT vice to the City of Dickinson, Chief Dustin Dassinger retired from his post as Chief of Police in order to take the roll of City Administrator. At the time of his retirement, he had been in the position of Chief for 11 years, making him one of the longer-serving Chiefs in department history.

Chief Dassinger began his career in law enforcement as a patrol officer in Medora, ND. He joined the Dickinson PD in November of 1999.

During his tenure as Chief, he accomplished many projects like the completion of the Public Safety Center and also helped navigate the oil boom that impacted the area.





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