



# **ST. FRANCIS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **2022 Annual Report**



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## **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

### **Our Mission**

**The St. Francis Police Department is dedicated to provide fair and impartial police service to all persons through education and enforcement. The goal of the St. Francis Police Department is to provide a safer community through partnering with its citizens.**

### **Core Values**

**We pledge to uphold the core principles in the Police Officer's Code of Ethics. We utilize this code as our moral compass guiding us to make proper choices.**

**Integrity** - We will act with integrity, which means always doing the right thing legally, ethically and morally.

**Respect** - We respect all people without personal prejudice, bias, or favoritism.

**Courage** - We have moral courage and we do what is right even if the personal cost is high.

**Trust** - We will work to be trusted in the community, we will set a standard for always being truthful and fair.





## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF...



It is my pleasure to submit the 2022 St. Francis Police Department Annual Report. The report summarizes the police department operations including accomplishments and daily law enforcement activities.

The police department has a dedicated, professional staff of twelve sworn officers, six reserve officers, and two administrative clerical staff, all who are dedicated and work diligently to provide superior public safety services to the 8,300 residents of St. Francis.

The mission of the police department focuses on providing a fair and impartial service to all persons and maintaining a safe community through partnering with its citizens. A safe community takes all of us and by having a good relationship with members of the community, we can assure that St. Francis remains a great place to live, work, and visit.

The St. Francis Community can remain confident that their police department will be there in the time of need and will serve with integrity, respect, courage and trust. I am very proud and honored to work with the outstanding men and women that make up the St. Francis Police Department.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to another year of providing quality public safety services to the St. Francis Community

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Schwieger'.

Todd Schwieger  
Chief of Police  
St. Francis Police Department





## Sergeant Larson

Sergeant Larson has been with the St. Francis Police Department since 2006 and has been a sergeant for the past five years. This past fall he successfully completed a two-week Supervision of Police Personnel course through Northwestern University. The material that was covered during the course included leadership, discipline, command, and crisis management in the public safety field.



Sergeant Larson has many roles within the department. He currently oversees the department's training for the officers and is the department's firearm instructor and armorer. He has a passion for specialized training and is the department's active shooter and tactical training instructor. Sergeant Larson also oversees scheduling, field training, Predatory Offender Registrations, and compliance checks. He also plays a major role in the department's equipment purchasing including body cameras, firearms, armored body bunkers, less lethal launchers, and munitions. Some of his day-to-day operation responsibilities at the police department include patrolling, reviewing officer's reports and handling officer complaints and citizen requests.



Sergeant Larson dedicates a great amount of time to the department's community events and outreach programs. Every December he trades in his blue uniform for the red and white suit.

In his free time away from work he enjoys spending time with his family and the outdoors. He is an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoys watching his children play sports and helps coach.



## **THE POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF**

The St. Francis Police Department consists of twelve licensed police officers, two support staff members, six reserve officers and two department chaplains. The St. Francis Police Department has eight officers that are primarily assigned to patrol, two department sergeants, one department investigator and one chief of police.

**Chief Todd Schwieger**

**Sergeant Ryan Larson**

**Officer Chris Bulera**

**Officer Amanda Dzuris**

**Officer Derek Barck**

**Officer Lyle Hearn**

**Officer Brandon Stemme**

**Officer Chase Hedges**

**Officer Gerry Chanthapanya**

**Officer Lucas Sherburne**

**Investigator Nathan Schwieger**

**New Officer in 2023**

**Lori Roberts, Administrative Assistant**

**Sandy Hom, Records Clerk**

## RECORDS UNIT

Our staff consists of one full time records technician and one full time records supervisor. As the city of St. Francis continues to grow, we keep busy with answering phone calls and fielding questions from people of the community. Communication is a big part of our job, which requires us to know the current laws and all of the changes within the city. We attend seminars and classes to help keep us updated on the current changes in law enforcement. Other job duties include handling and processing permit to purchases, typing statements, processing citations, sending reports to the courts for prosecution, running the quarterly, and annual reports. The one part of our job we enjoy the most is being involved in the community events, such as Bike Rodeo, National Night Out and many more!



**Lori Roberts**

The records department is under the supervision of Administrative Assistant Lori Roberts. Lori has been with the St. Francis Police Department since 2008 and has been in law enforcement for 20 years. Administration is responsible for overseeing the records department, keeping up with training, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the records system, putting together quarterly and annual reports, and helping organize the community events all year long.



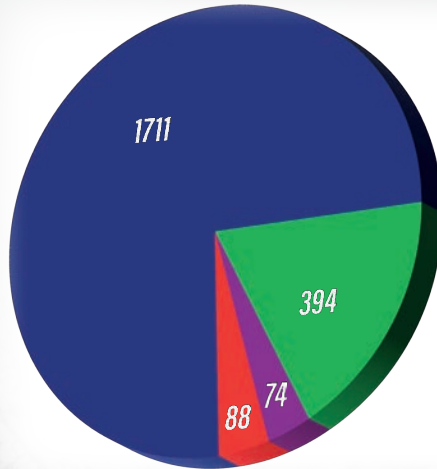
**Sandy Hom**

Sandy is the full time records clerk. She has been with the St. Francis Police Department since 2013, and has been in law enforcement for 21 years. The records department is responsible for processing all gun permits, entering offenses, arrests, and other police data into the records system. Sandy has a variety of supporting roles for the office including transcription, answering phones, and being involved in many community events all year long.



# PATROL DIVISION

Patrol Officers are on the street and available for calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The police department responds to approximately over 6000 incidents per year. 1711 traffic stops were conducted in 2022 with 394 of those resulting in citations. There were 88 DWI's and 74 unsecured residence checks.



## 2022

- TRAFFIC STOPS
- CITATIONS
- UNSECURED RESIDENCE
- DWI CHARGES





# TRAINING

Officers are required to complete at least 48 hours of continuing education every three years as part of the requirements to maintain their peace officer license. They are required by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) to complete annual refresher training in areas including use of force and firearms as well as Emergency Vehicle Operators Course every five years. In addition, the POST Board requires officers to complete 16 hours of continuing education in areas of Conflict Management, Crisis Intervention, Implicit Bias, and Autism every three years. **Officers completed a combined 543 hours of training in 2022.**

The past year, officers were also trained in the use of the department's 40MM Munitions Launcher. This is a new less lethal tool introduced to the department in 2022 which projects a high-speed foam round and is intended to be used with aggressive, violent, and non-compliant subjects.



## ST. FRANCIS 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING





## FIELD TRAINING OFFICER PROGRAM (FTO)

St. Francis field training officers are experienced members of the organization and are responsible for training and evaluating new officers.

Trainees work their way through the 4 phase program with each field training officer. The training officers report to the Sergeants and Chief periodically throughout the training and at the end of each phase to evaluate their progress.

Staff then makes recommendations for continued advancement in the program or referrals for additional training.

This hard work and dedication by the field training staff resulted in the department becoming fully staffed for the first time in nearly two years.



**Officer Brandon Stemme**



**Officer Chris Bulera**



**Officer Lyle Hearn**

## WELCOME OFFICER CHANTHAPANYA



# INVESTIGATIONS AND CRIME SCENE PROCESSING

The Investigations unit continues to be a resource for the citizens of St. Francis. Investigations reviews and follows up on reports submitted by the officers. The investigations unit also receives Anoka County Child Protection cases as well as Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center cases. Other duties include conducting employment background checks for new police officers, conducting surveillance, compliance checks, managing evidence, and preparing and serving search warrants.

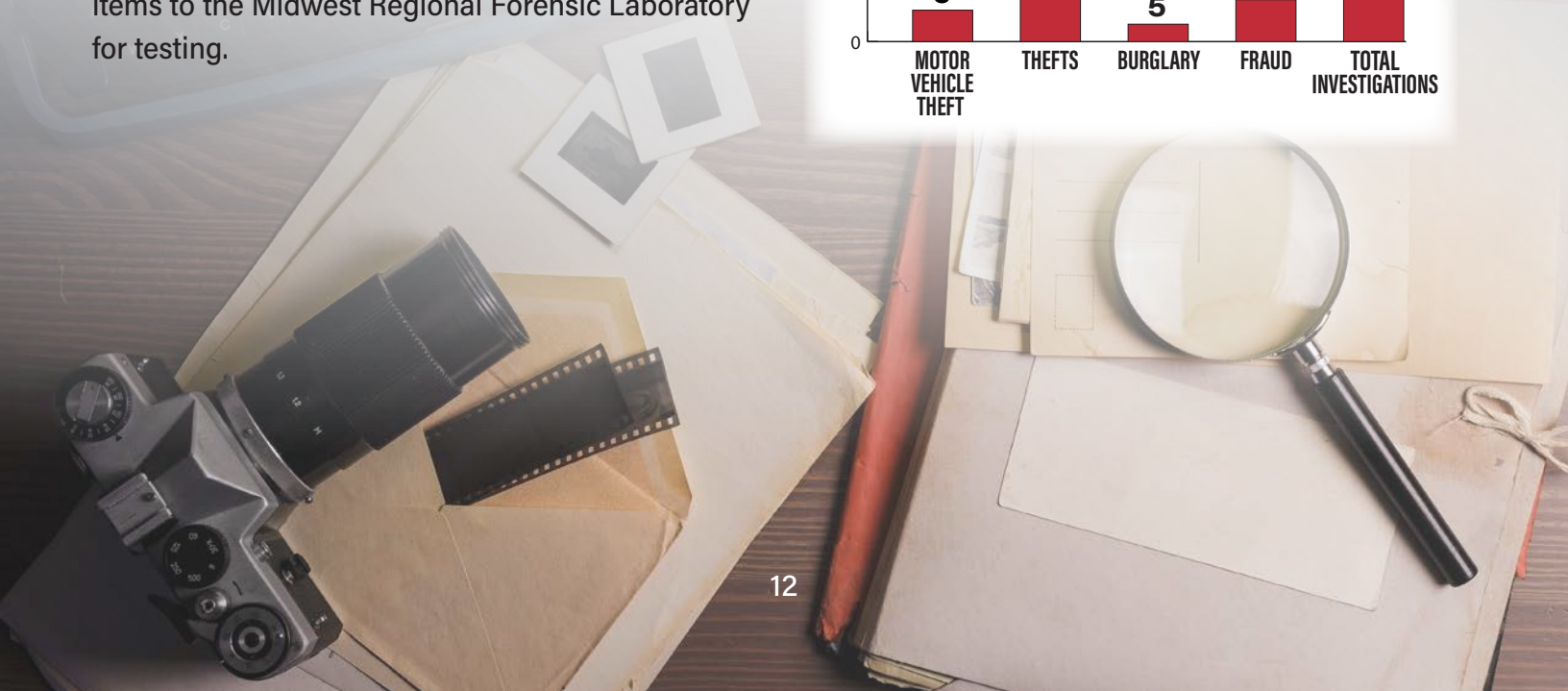
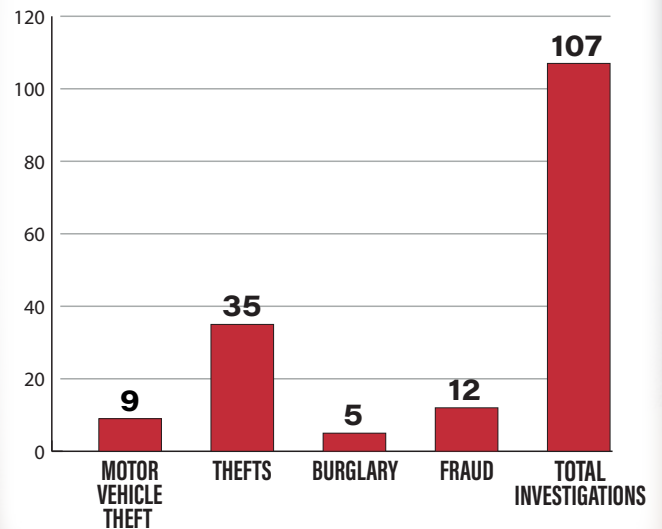
The investigations unit conducts evidence collection at scenes when needed. The unit will process scenes and collect evidence by taking photos, collecting DNA swabs, and collecting fingerprints. Evidence from scenes such as DNA swabs and fingerprints are taken to the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office where testing is done. In 2022, multiple crimes were able to be solved when lab results from DNA swabs and/or fingerprinting indicated to a specific suspect or suspects.

Out of the criminal cases investigated, there were multiple convictions for all types of crimes including felony forgery, identity theft, felony theft, burglary, motor vehicle theft, felony financial transaction card fraud and many others. The investigations unit also worked with other agencies on forgery, motor vehicle thefts, and financial transaction card fraud cases where charges were filed.

The investigation unit conducted local compliance checks for tobacco and alcohol in 2022. All establishments where tobacco and alcohol is served within the city were compliant with no violations found.

All of the evidence collected by officers is turned over to the investigations unit where it is recorded and placed in the secure evidence room. The investigations unit is also responsible for bringing items to the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory for testing.

## 2022 INVESTIGATIONS





# RESERVE PROGRAM

The St. Francis Reserve Unit is made up of men and women who volunteer their time and effort to help make St. Francis a safe and enjoyable community in which to live, work, and play.

The reserve officers assist the St. Francis Police Department with both police related and civic duties and play a pivotal role during all the outreach events

New reservists are schooled through the Anoka County Police Reserve Academy, including training on police skills, tactics and other duties.

The St. Francis Police Department is thankful and proud of all the members who give their time to help our community.



## 2022 RESERVES CALLS FOR SERVICE

HOUSE CHECKS	40
PARK CHECKS	259
BUSINESS CHECKS	72
EXTRA PATROLS	8
MOTORIST ASSISTS	2
VEHICLE LOCKOUTS	1
ANIMAL CALLS	2
DISPATCHED CALLS	5
SELF INITIATED CALLS	8
PROPERTY DAMAGE ACCIDENTS	0
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS	1
AGENCY ASSISTS (SFFD)	8
AGENCY ASSISTS (OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES)	1

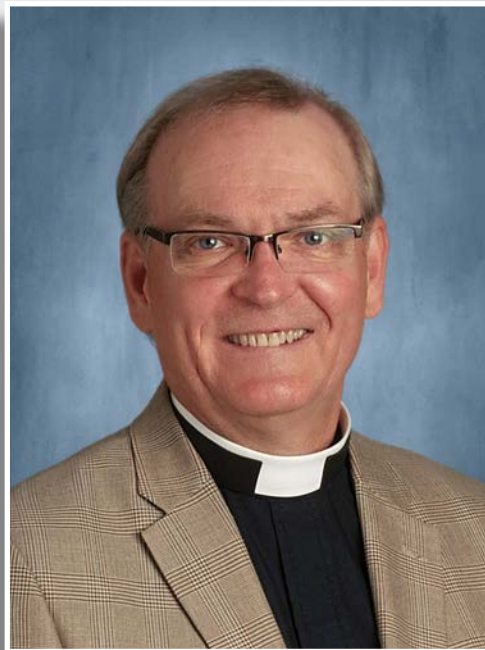
## VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

The role of the Chaplain is to be a support system for all of the members of the SFPD and the community at large. Chaplains ought to be involved in both proactive and reactive care. This involves serving with the PD in community events, responding to requests to accompany an officer in a particular duty, engaging with officers to encourage, counsel, and support them as they serve, and providing practical assistance to victims or other members of the community.



### **Pastor Steve Brower**

Pastor Steve has been Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church since April 2008. He has served as a Chaplain for SFPD for 4 years. Steve and his wife Heather have one child in college and three in high school. Steve enjoys sports of all kinds, reading, and connecting with people.

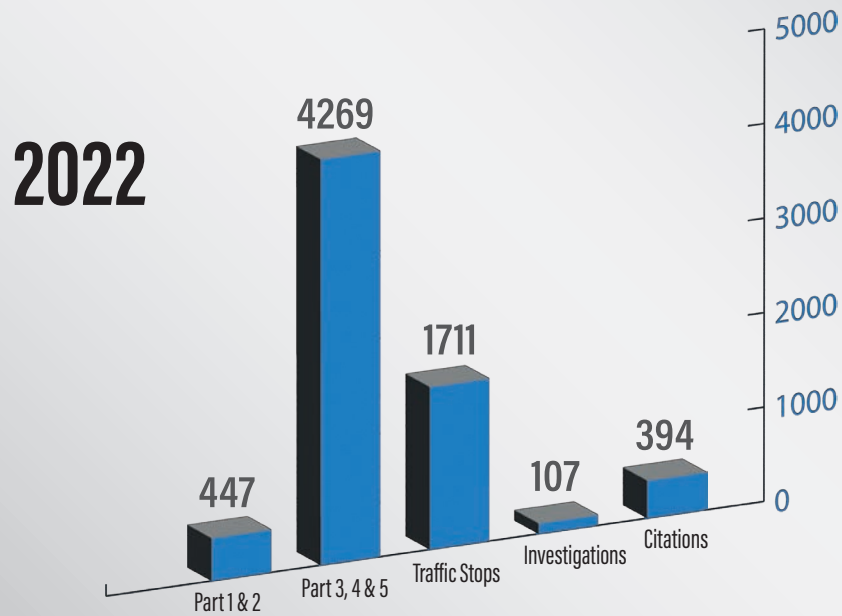
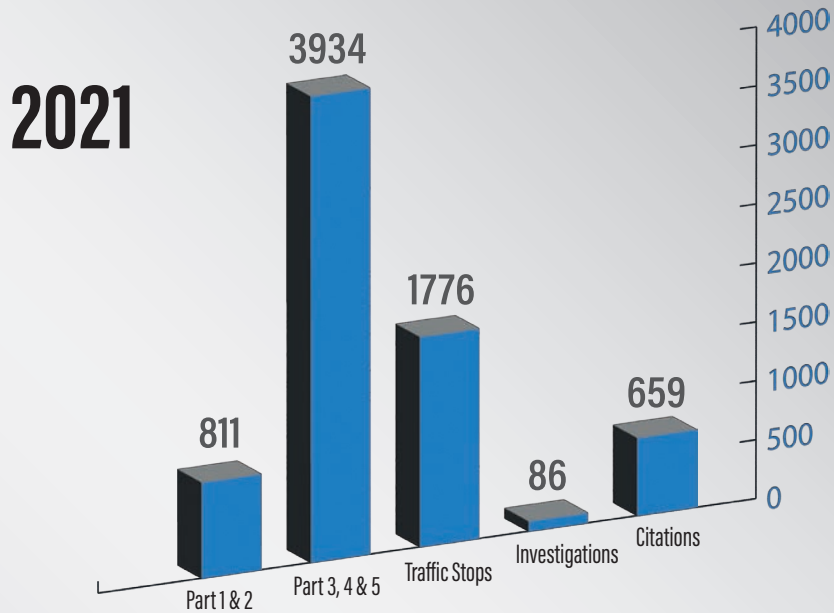


### **Pastor Timothy Vaughan**

Pastor Timothy Vaughan has been Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and School, St. Francis, since May 2009. He came to St. Francis after 17 years serving congregations in west-central Minnesota and North Dakota. Tim and his wife Robin have two adult children and six grandchildren, all currently living in Oak Grove. Tim enjoys golf (mostly), fishing (when he can), gardening, live theater, and grand kids.



# 2021 & 2022 STATISTICS



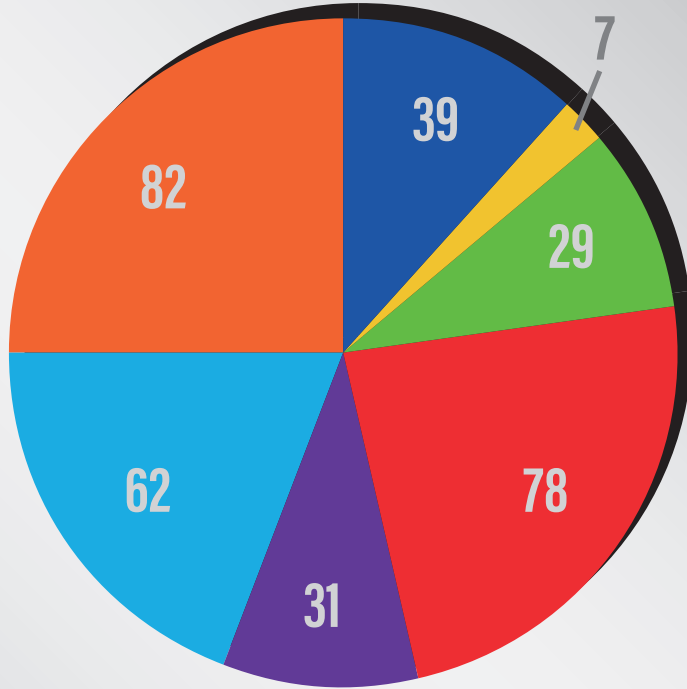
**AVERAGE RESPONSE TIME**  
High Priority Call Type - 5:94 Minutes  
Low Priority Call Type - 5:41 Minutes

# CALLS FOR SERVICE BREAKDOWN

## PART 1 & 2 OFFENSES

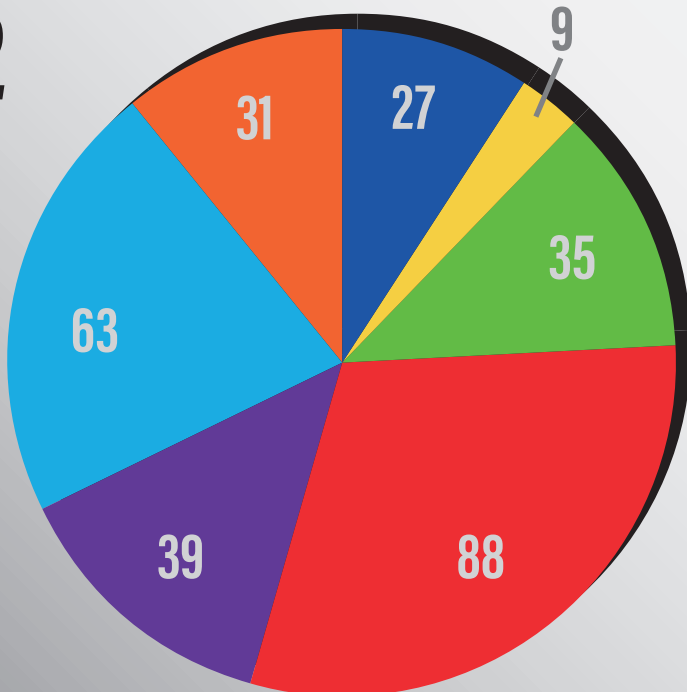
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### 2021



- Thefts**
- Burglaries**
- Assaults**
- DWI Charges**
- Fraud**
- Disorderly Conduct**
- Drugs**

### 2022



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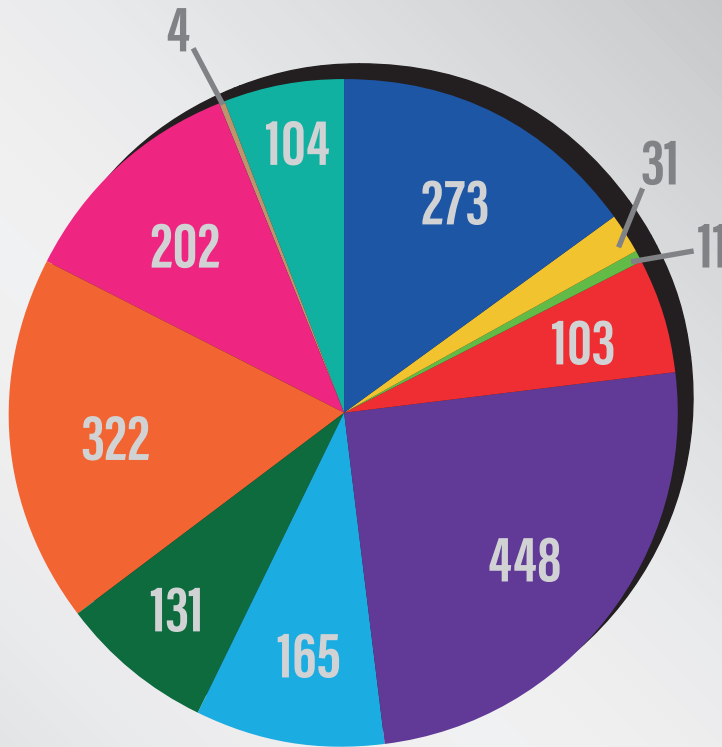


# CALLS FOR SERVICE BREAKDOWN

## PART 3,4, & 5 OFFENSES

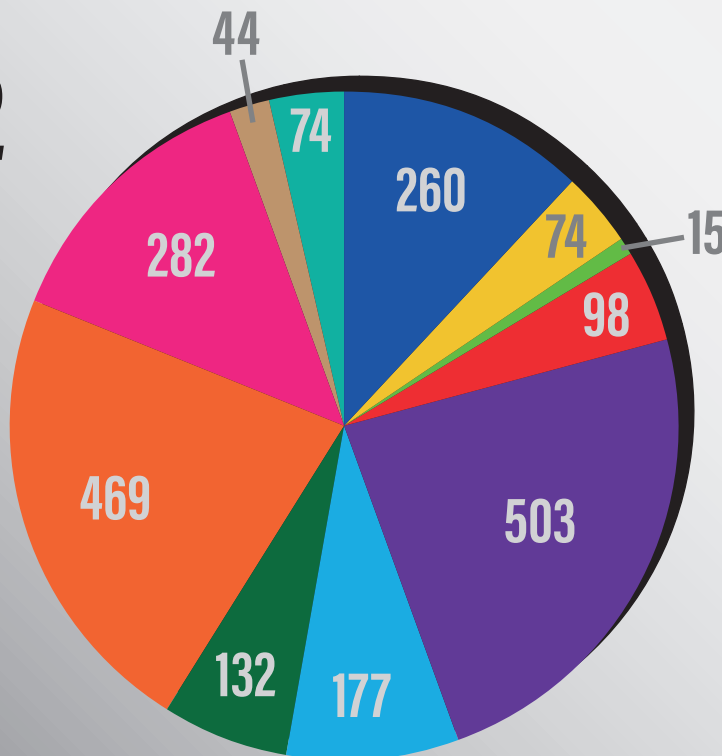
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### 2021



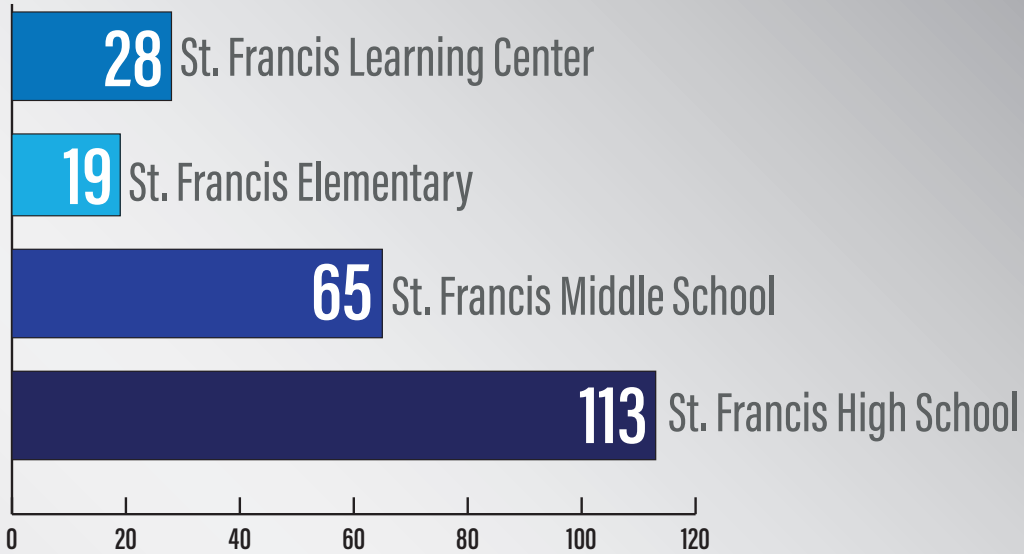
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- Open Garage Doors
- House Checks
- Vehicle Lock Outs
- Medicals
- Alarms
- Vehicle Accidents
- Agency Assists
- Domestic Situations
- Juvenile Activity
- Civil Disputes

### 2022

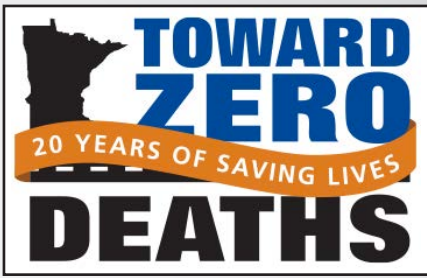


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# 2022 St. Francis Schools Calls for Service







Minnesota TZD is the state's cornerstone traffic safety program, employing an interdisciplinary approach to reducing traffic crashes, injuries, and deaths on Minnesota roads.

## Minnesota TZD Mission, Goals, & Values

### Mission

Our mission is to create a culture for which traffic fatalities and serious injuries are no longer acceptable through the integrated application of education, engineering, enforcement, and emergency medical and trauma services. These efforts will be driven by data, best practices, and research.

### Goals

- Pursue public support of traffic safety as a priority
- Strengthen TZD as a priority for all units of government and traffic safety partnerships
- Promote and implement effective traffic safety initiatives

### Values

- Continuous improvement
- Engaged partners
- Evidence-based approaches

### The 4 E's

The TZD program team has identified four major focus areas for communities working to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities:

- **Education:** Giving drivers the knowledge they need to avoid hazardous driving practices and choose responsible behavior.
- **Emergency Medical & Trauma Services:** Providing fast, efficient emergency medical and trauma services to reduce fatalities and serious injuries whenever a crash does occur.
- **Enforcement:** Ensuring compliance with traffic laws to change driver behavior and reduce unsafe driving practices.
- **Engineering:** Changing the roadway—with cable median barriers, signage, the roadside, and more—to make travel safer.



2022 Statewide Fatalities 434 compared to 488 in 2021.

Fatalities Contributing Factors: 111 Speed related, 118 Alcohol, 18 Distracted, 81 Not Belted

2022 Statewide **DWI arrests 25,136**. Compared to 23,754 in 2021.

2022 Anoka County **DWI arrests 1085**.

2022 Saint Francis PD Specific Stats: **88 DWI arrests**, 109 Speeding Citations, 30 Seat Belt



# AWARDS

## LIFE SAVING AWARD

In March, Officers Amanda Dzuris and Nate Schwieger received the St. Francis Police Department Life Saving Award and two citizens received the St. Francis Police Department Citizens Award for their life saving actions during a January 2022 medical emergency at Kwik Trip.



## MEDAL OF VALOR

Officer Chris Bulera received the Medal of Meritorious Service from the Anoka County Sheriff's Office for his actions taken during a November 2020 pursuit that resulted in the suspect shooting at officers and deputies. The suspect was taken into custody and no officers or deputies were injured during the incident.



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

The St. Francis Police Department has a great relationship with the community and strives to create trust and confidence in the city we serve. The police department is dedicated to customer service and goes that extra mile in creating a strong working relationship with the public through public engagement.

## STAY HOME SAFE FOR KIDS

This safety program is ideally suited for children aged 9-12 years old. Safety and accident prevention are the common themes throughout the program.

### Course content includes:

- people safety
- online and internet safety
- snacking and kitchen safety
- home fire safety
- preventing accidents
- how to handle emergencies and other situations
- basic first aid skills



## CONE WITH A COP

This program gives kids an opportunity to visit with members of the police department and cool off with a free ice cream cone. Thank you to the St. Francis Dairy Queen for sponsoring this event.





# BIKE RODEO

Bicycle rodeos are a fun way to introduce and educate children to bicycle safety skills. Bike rodeos teach children the importance of seeing, being seen, and remaining in control of the bike at all times.

Also included were: free give-a-way bags, fire trucks, squad cars, bike course, drawings for three bikes, tie-dye bike safety t-shirts, free hotdogs, chips & water, Phat Phil's Mini Donuts.



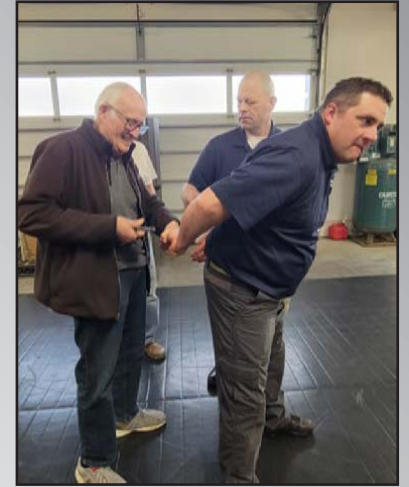


# CITIZENS ACADEMY

The St. Francis Police Department held its 2nd Citizens Academy. The program offers citizens an inside look at the St. Francis Police Department's operations. There was a wide spectrum of topics covered, which include:



- Tour of the police department and squad cars.
- Classroom and hands on training.
- Understanding the call for service process, from start to finish.
- Understanding and learning the difference between officers and citizens use of force.
- Review of typical calls for service.
- DWI demonstrations.
- Learning about the different types of traffic stops (Then conducting your own).
- Searching and handcuffing a suspect.
- Each week they build off the previous weeks with real life scenario's throughout.



After the successful completion of the program, citizens receive a certificate of completion and will have an opportunity to ride-along with a St. Francis Police Officer.





## FREE DOG LICENSE DAY

Free Dog License Day at the police department to all local residents to receive free dog licenses for the year. This event replaced our previously held pet clinic.



## SANTA

To celebrate the Christmas season and to help support the Toys for Joy Foundation the police department has called in the big guy, aka Santa to bring the Christmas cheer at the St. Francis Police Department. Thank you to all who helped with the toy donations!





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is sponsored by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and local law enforcement. National Night Out is an event that promotes police community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make our neighborhoods safer. This year the National Night Out Party in the Park had a great turnout from the community. Some of the events were; The Ambassadors, face painting, fire department, stock car, Army rock climbing wall, food trucks and the police department with squad cars and one of the favorites, Life Link Helicopter.



Neighbors Joining Together





# ADDITIONAL SERVICES

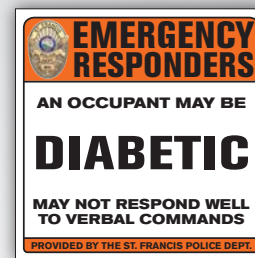
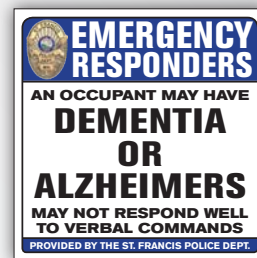
## PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKEBACK

According to the DEA, most people who misuse prescription drugs get them from family, friends, and acquaintances. To avoid this potential opportunity for abuse it's best to safely dispose of unused or expired medications. The best way to dispose of most types of unused or expired medications is to drop off the medication at a drug take back site location immediately. St. Francis is one of 11,000 sites nationwide that unused prescription drugs can be dropped off as part of the "Prescription Drug Take Back Program". This provides the community members a safe way to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription medications to be disposed of in a way that is safer for the environment. The police department also participated in two National Prescription Drug Takeback Events in April and October 2022. Between our prescription drop box and National Drug Take Back Days, the police department collected **542 pounds** of prescription drugs in 2022.



## EMERGENCY DECAL PROGRAM

We have established an Emergency Response Decal Program. The reason behind the program is to assist police in responding to certain calls for service. These decals will help in knowing whom officers could possibly be dealing with, and to assist them with the correct treatment or care. This also helps officers pass along useful information obtained from the decals to the responding paramedics and fire departments.



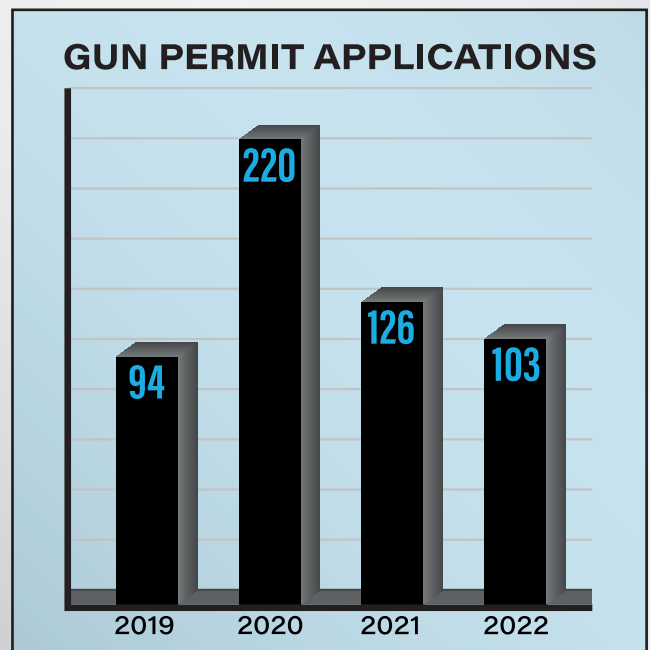
## GUN PERMITS

The St. Francis Police Department processed 103 permit to purchase applications in 2022 with denial of seven applicants.

Gun permit to purchase applications are processed in the jurisdiction you reside. St Francis residents can drop off applications in person during lobby hours or in the secure drop box in the vestibule of police department any time. Applications are processed, issued, or denied within seven business days. Permits are good for 1 year.

Permit to Carry applications are received in the county you reside.

Any questions please feel free to contact us at 763-753-1264.







# Thank You

## **KWIK TRIP**

*10 CASES OF WATER FOR BIKE RODEO*

## **CHILDRENS HOSPITAL**

*FREE HELMETS FOR KIDS AT BIKE RODEO*

## **1ST BAPTIST CHURCH ST FRANCIS**

*VOLUNTEERS FOR BIKE RODEO*

## **PHAT PHILS DONUTS**

## **COUNTY MARKET**

*\$100.00 GIFT CARD FOR BIKE RODEO*

## **CASEY'S**

*5 FREE LARGE PIZZAS FOR STAY HOME SAFE PROGRAM*

## **LIFE LINK**

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD / GREG HARLEY**

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