



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF:



January 2019,

Mayor Feldman and City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit the 2018 St Francis Police Department Annual Report to you and the residents of St Francis. The report contains a summary of the events and operations the Police Department was involved with in 2018.

In 2018, police department officers responded to 4,476 calls for service. Police department staff continued to focus on our mission statement by providing fair and impartial police service to all persons and providing a safer community through partnering with our citizens.

Starting in 2018 patrol officers took extra steps in theft prevention, which included alerting residents of open garage doors and unsecure vehicles during the overnight hours. Officers also distributed theft prevention door hangers at residences when unsecure packages were observed on doorsteps. These methods were usually well received even when residents were woken up by an officer in the middle of the night. These extra efforts by officers are eliminating theft opportunities that would otherwise be there for thieves.

In 2018, the police department continued its initiative of striving to connect with the citizens through community outreach. We believe that having a good relationship with the community is essential to public safety and maintaining a safe and enjoyable community to reside in and visit. The department continued hosting and participating in several events in 2018 including Senior Fraud Seminar, High School Mock Crash, Dog Clinic, Bike Rodeo, Anti-Bullying Day, Car Seat Clinic, Neighborhood Watch. The department also implemented a new outreach program in 2018 called Winning With Cops. This program is intended to help law enforcement interact with developmentally disabled individuals and foster a positive interaction between the two groups. This program has been very well received and has been a great addition to our community outreach efforts.

In this report, you will see what department staff has been busy with and ways the police department has served the community over the course of the year.

On behalf of all members of the St Francis Police Department, I thank you for your continual support and look forward to servicing you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Todd Schwieger
Chief of Police

PATROL NEWS:

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.



The Patrol Division is the most visible part of the St Francis Police Department. Patrol officers and sergeants respond to many different types of calls including 911 calls, medical calls, suspicious activity calls, vehicle accidents, public assist calls and many other types of calls for service. During 2018, the patrol division responded to 4,476 calls for service.

In 2018, the Patrol Division made 234 arrests for misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor and felony level crimes including warrants arrests. These arrests included DWI, domestic assault, court order violations, controlled substance and other arrest types.

When patrol officers are not involved in a service call, they are serving the public in other proactive ways. Officers are enforcing traffic laws, conducting business and house checks as well as patrolling neighborhoods and parks looking for suspicious activity.

Patrol Division Officers conduct numerous vehicle contacts for traffic violations, vehicle equipment concerns, suspicious activity and criminal violations. Traffic stops are one of the major ways officers interact with the public. Traffic stops can result in traffic warnings, citations, warrant arrests and criminal violations. Traffic stops play an important role in keeping the public safe by enforcing traffic laws and interrupting criminal activity.

Part of the Patrol Division are the department's two school resource officers. School resource officers spend a majority of their day in various St Francis Area Schools. These officers perform patrol functions primarily on school grounds while school is in session. School resource officers also interact and work closely with school staff and students to assure their safety each and every day.

The Patrol Division accumulates numerous training hours throughout each year.

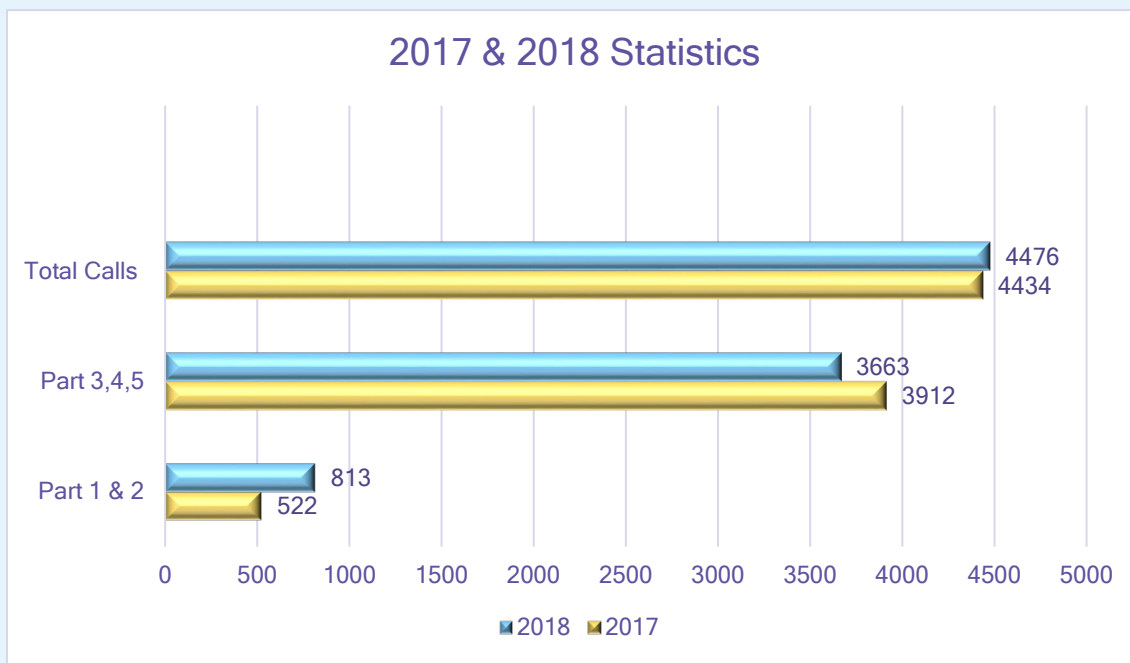
Officers are required to complete a certain amount of continuing education training hours to maintain their peace officer license. Some trainings are made mandatory by the MN Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (POST) and the department head. Education for Minnesota Peace Officers in areas of Conflict Management, Crisis Intervention and Implicit Bias became POST Board mandated beginning in 2018. Several St Francis officers have completed training in these areas. Other trainings are suggested but not mandatory. There are many other training courses officers request to attend to increase their knowledge and understanding in certain areas. Officers have attended a combined total of 634 hours of POST mandated training and other continuing education courses in 2018.

USE OF FORCE TRAINING:



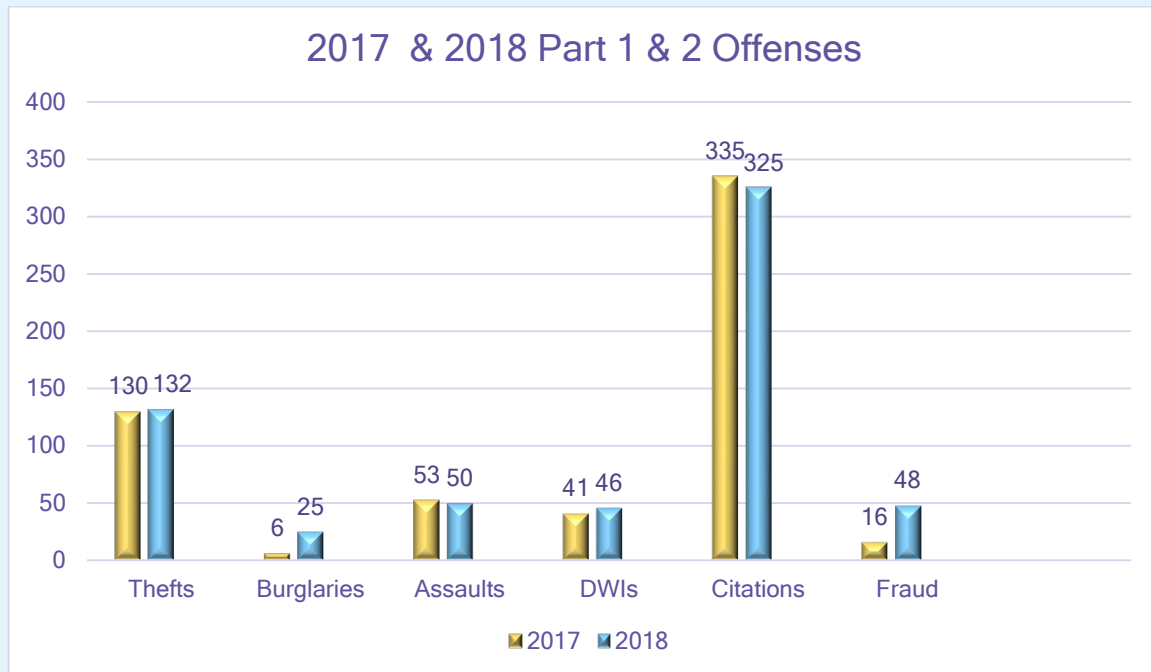
2017 & 2018 YEARLY CRIMINAL STATISTICS:

Offense Type	Description Examples	2017	2018
Part 1 and 2	Theft, Fraud, Damage to Property, Burglary, DWI, Assaults,	522	813
Part 3,4,5	Suspicious persons/activity, Vehicle lock outs, Animal complaints, Check welfare, Accidents, Alarms, Medical, Parking complaints, MV Complaints, Warrant arrests, Neighborhood Disputes, Extra Patrol requests.	3,912	3,663
Total Calls For Service		4,434.00	4,476.00



2017 & 2018 Calls for service breakdown: Part 1 & 2 offenses

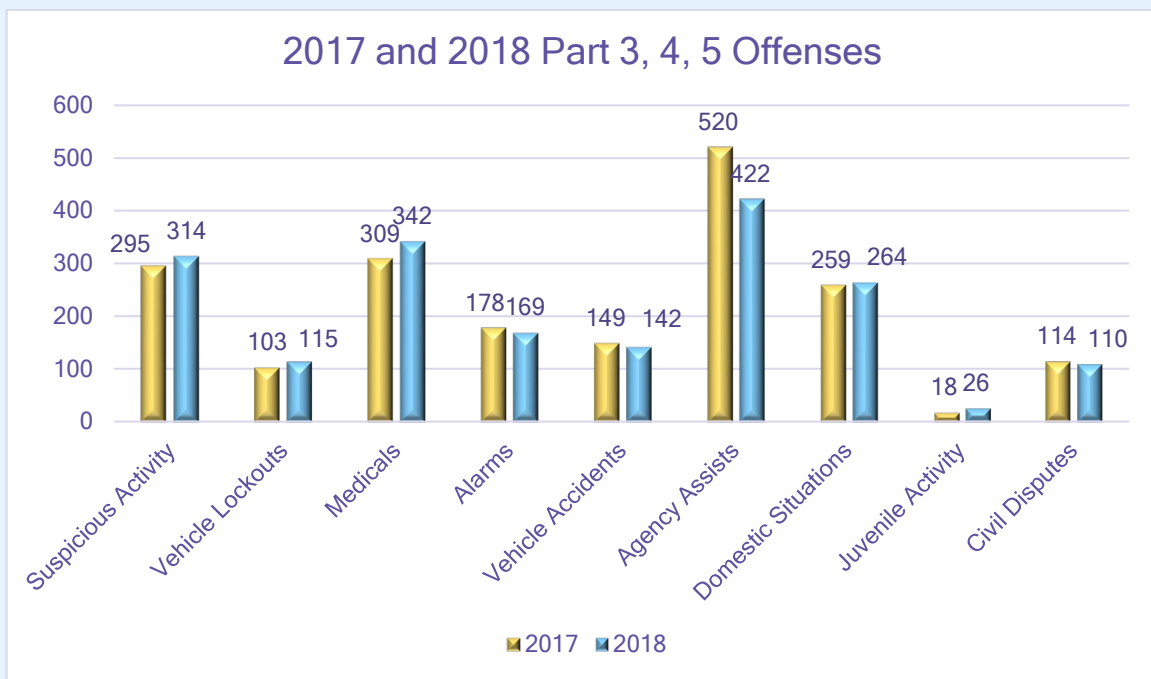
	2017	2018
Thefts	130	132
Burglaries	6	25
Assaults	53	50
DWIs	41	46
Citations	335	325
Fraud	16	48



2017 & 2018 SERVICE CALLS:

Calls for service breakdown: Part 3, 4, 5 offenses

	2017	2018
Suspicious Activity	295	314
Vehicle lockouts	103	115
Medicals	309	342
Alarms	178	169
Vehicle Accidents	149	142
Agency Assists	520	422
Domestic situations	259	264
Juvenile Activity	18	26
Civil disputes/Landlord-tenant/Child Custody	114	110



INVESTIGATIONS:

The investigation unit continues to be a resource for the citizens of St. Francis. Investigations reviews reports submitted by the officers, Anoka County Child Protection and the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center. Other duties include conducting employment background checks for new police officers, conducting surveillance, compliance checks, managing evidence, preparing, and serving search warrants. Hundreds of criminal cases were investigated and processed through the investigation unit in 2018.

Out of the criminal cases investigated there were multiple convictions for all types of crimes, including counterfeiting of currency, theft of MV, felony forgery, felony damage to property, terroristic threats, felony assault, and multiple other crimes. The investigation unit also worked with other agency's in attempts to aggregate crimes that were committed in multiple jurisdictions.

In the spring, the investigation unit conducted compliance checks for tobacco and alcohol at all establishments where these products were sold. All establishments within the city were compliant with no violations found.

All evidence collected is turned over to the investigation unit where it is recorded and placed into the secured evidence room. The investigation unit is also responsible for bringing items to the Midwest Regional Forensic Laboratory for testing and analysis. These items may include drugs, electronic devices, fingerprints and DNA found at the scene of crimes.



CHAPLAIN BROWER:

I have been volunteering at the St. Francis Police Department since 2017. My goal has been to provide spiritual support to the officers, staff and greater community in times of crisis and stress. The police chaplaincy is not intended to replace an individual's church or spiritual leadership, but rather to offer immediate help in crisis and then follow-up through the religious community of Saint Francis as requested.

TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS-TZD:

380 total traffic deaths this past year, compared to 354 deaths from 2017.

28 fatal accidents in Anoka County compared to 17 in 2017 and 20 in 2016.

Our last holiday impaired driving campaign ran from Nov 21 through the end of the year. During this time, we had 2,757 DUI arrests during that period along with 1,901 seat belt citations.

Anoka County agencies did an excellent job during this wave.

1. Blaine 42 -Arrests
2. Coon Rapids 22 - Arrests
3. ACSO 17 -Arrests
4. Anoka 10- Arrests
5. Lino Lakes 9- Arrests
6. ST FRANCIS 8- Arrests
7. Ramsey 7 -Arrests
8. Columbia Heights -6 Arrests
9. Centennial Lakes- 6 Arrests
10. Fridley- 4 Arrests
11. Spring Lake Park -1 arrest



RESERVE UNIT:

The St. Francis Police Department Reserves are adult volunteers who assist sworn officers by performing community service tasks and help with non-criminal functions. Duties include patrolling neighborhoods, parks, traffic control at accidents, city events and riding with the officers. The Reserves play a vital role in helping with the Pioneer Days Festival by directing traffic during the parade and assisting with security. The St. Francis Police Department is proud to have reserve officers that are willing to volunteer their time to help better the community.

In 2018, the reserve unit volunteered 1,239 hours of their time to the department and city. Many former reserve officers have moved onto careers in law enforcement. Some have remained with the St. Francis Police Dept. and others have been hired by other agencies.

RESERVE UNIT EVENTS IN 2018

- Night to Unite
- St Francis High School Mock Crash
- Winning With Cops
- Bike Rodeo
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- Patriot Ride
- 5k run
- St Francis High School Graduation
- Anoka County Fair
- Anoka Halloween Parade
- Dog Clinic
- Recycling Days

Applications for the St Francis Police Reserve Unit are being accepted and can be found at <https://www.stfrancismn.org/police/page/resources>.





2018 COMMENDATION AWARDS

In January of 2018 the Police Department held its first awards ceremony for officers and staff members. Commendation awards were implemented in 2017 to recognize staff members and citizens for their outstanding service and superior dedication to the City of St Francis. Staff members and citizens can be nominated for an award by any staff member of the police department. The nomination is then reviewed by the awards committee who then approves, denies or suggests a different type of award. The different awards staff members and citizens can be nominated for are The Medal of Honor, Medal of Valor, Award of Commendation, Life Saving Award and The Citizens Award. During the ceremony, four police department staff members were recognized for their service and dedication in 2017. Administrative Assistant Lori Roberts received The Award of Commendation for her dedication to community outreach. Officer Jody black received The Award of Commendation for her dedication to community outreach. Officer Amanda Dzuris received The Award of Commendation for her outstanding service in a missing juvenile case where the juvenile was located safely in the City of Mora. Reserve Captain Rich Johnson received The Award of Commendation for his dedication to the City of St Francis by volunteering close to 200 hours of his time in 2017.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK:



St. Francis is one of many sites that unused prescription drugs can be dropped off as part of the “Prescription Drug Take Back Program”. This gives the community members an opportunity to bring unwanted or expired prescription medications to be disposed of in a way that is safer for the environment. Between our prescription drop box and National Drug Take Back Day, the police department collected 233 pounds of prescription drugs in 2018.

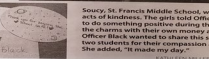


...walk with books supplied by the CCA's Parent Involvement Organization. Every student was given a paper medal on which to record the books.

(Left) Judy Glesler's first-graders take the program. (Right) Anne Marie Carter's third-graders reading to Lt. Alford's kindergartners.



On March 14, many students took to work out of class across the nation for 17 minutes each with a cheer. St. Paul's School of Police Department, received two medals and charms that day. She did some investigating and found many (far left) Brooklyn Meyer, St. Francis Elementary School.



St. Francis Middle School were behind their random acts of kindness. The girls told Officer Black that they wanted to do something greater during the walk-out. They brought the charms with their own money and wrote out the 17 notes. Two students for their compassion and humble acts of kindness. She added, "It made my day."