

St. Francis Police Department Annual Report

2017



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January 2018,

Mayor Feldman and City Council Members:

I am pleased to submit the 2017 St Francis Police Department Annual Report to you and the residents of St Francis. This report contains a summary of the events and operations the Police Department was involved with in 2017.

In 2017 one of the main initiatives of the police department was to expand our community outreach. The police department initiated several new programs including the 1st annual Bike Rodeo and the implementation of the Neighborhood Watch Program. We look forward to further expanding our community outreach efforts in 2018. The police department believes that having a good relationship with its citizens is essential to public safety and maintaining a safe and enjoyable community. We strive to continually improve upon this relationship each and every year and the strength of that relationship has never been more important than it is today.

The police department staff has been focusing on our mission statement by providing fair and impartial police service to all persons and providing a safer community through partnering with its citizens. Staff also strives to uphold our Core Values “Integrity”, “Respect”, “Courage” and “Trust” each and every day.

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.

Chief of Police

Todd Schwieger

Mission Statement:

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.

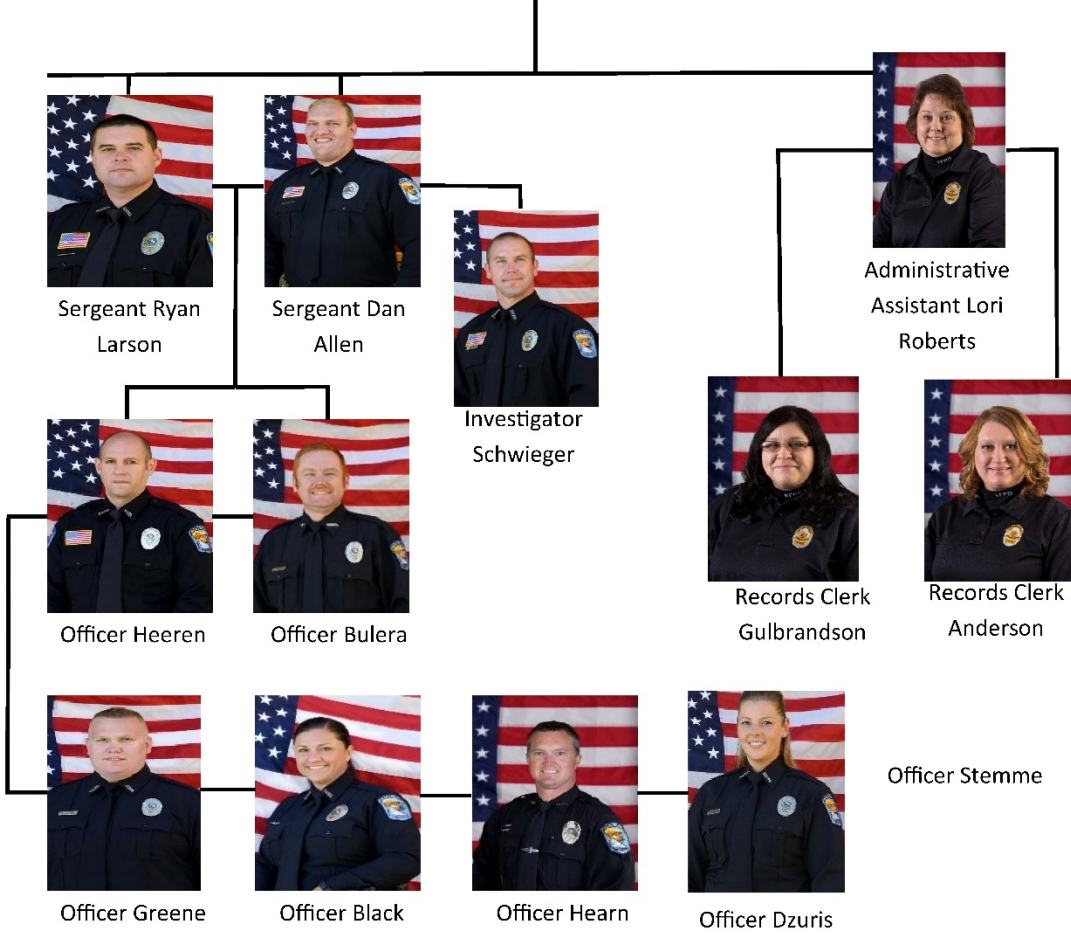
Our Core Values:

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.



Chief Todd Schwieger



Reserve Captain Johnson



Reserve Sieber



Reserve Hill



Reserve Logan



Reserve Peterson



Chaplain Brower

About our Team:

Sergeant Larson has worked with the department since 2006 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2017. He is the department's lead firearms instructor and coordinates the BCA registered predatory offender compliance checks.

Sergeant Allen has worked with the department since 2007 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2017. He is the department's lead Use of Force Instructor, a Field Training Officer, and a Certified Car Seat Technician.

Officer Heeren has been with the department since 2003 and is a Field Training Officer. Prior to working with the St. Francis Police Department Officer Heeren worked for Park Rapids and Blooming Prairie Police Departments.

Officer Black has worked with the department since 2014. She has prior experience with Northfield PD as a Patrol Officer and with the State of Minnesota as a Fraud Investigator. She is currently one of the department's School Resource Officers and is a certified car seat technician.

Officer Bulera has worked with the department since 2016. He has prior experience working part-time with Braham PD. He was a Reserve Officer with St. Francis PD since 2009 prior to being hired as a patrol officer. He is the department's Police Reserve Coordinator.

Officer Greene has worked with the department since 2016. He was a Reserve Officer with the St. Francis PD since 2011 prior to being hired as a Patrol Officer. He is part of the Mobile Field Force Team with Anoka County.

Officer Stemme has worked with the department since 2005. He is the department's Towards Zero Death (TZD) Coordinator and a Field Training Officer.

Officer Hearn has worked with the department since 2017. *He has 4 years of prior experience as a patrol officer with Breckenridge PD.*

Officer Dzuris has worked with the department since 2016. She is currently one of the department's School Resource Officers and is also a part of the Mobile Field Force Team with Anoka County.

Investigator Schwieger has worked with the department since 2008. He has been the department's investigator since 2015. He is also the department's evidence technician.

Chaplain Brower has partnered with SFPD to offer volunteer support assistance to the officers, staff and community throughout the year of 2017. The first year of service has been a time of introductions, initial relationships and participating in police department events. The role as chaplain is to be a resource in any way possible for all of the members of the SFPD as well as community at large.

Summary of Various Functions:

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 2017.

Out of the criminal cases investigated there were multiple convictions for all types of crimes, including felony forgery, felony counterfeiting, felony financial transaction card fraud and other crimes. The investigation unit also worked with other agency's on counterfeiting, forgery, identity theft and financial transaction card fraud cases where charges were filed.

In the spring, the investigation unit conducted compliance checks for tobacco and alcohol. All establishments where tobacco and alcohol is served 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 Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory for testing, these items may include drugs, fingerprints and DNA found at the scene of crimes.

Records:

The records division provides essential assistance to the St. Francis Police Officers, other criminal justice agencies and the citizens of St. Francis. The Records Support Team takes great pride in providing excellent customer service while offering assistance with accurate crime data information. Police Record Techs are responsible for maintaining police records, citations and responding to various inquiries by phone, walk in, emails and direct mail from the public and other criminal justice agencies

Reserves:

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 2017, the reserve unit volunteered over 570 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.

Crime Statistics

Graph Comparison 2016 and 2017

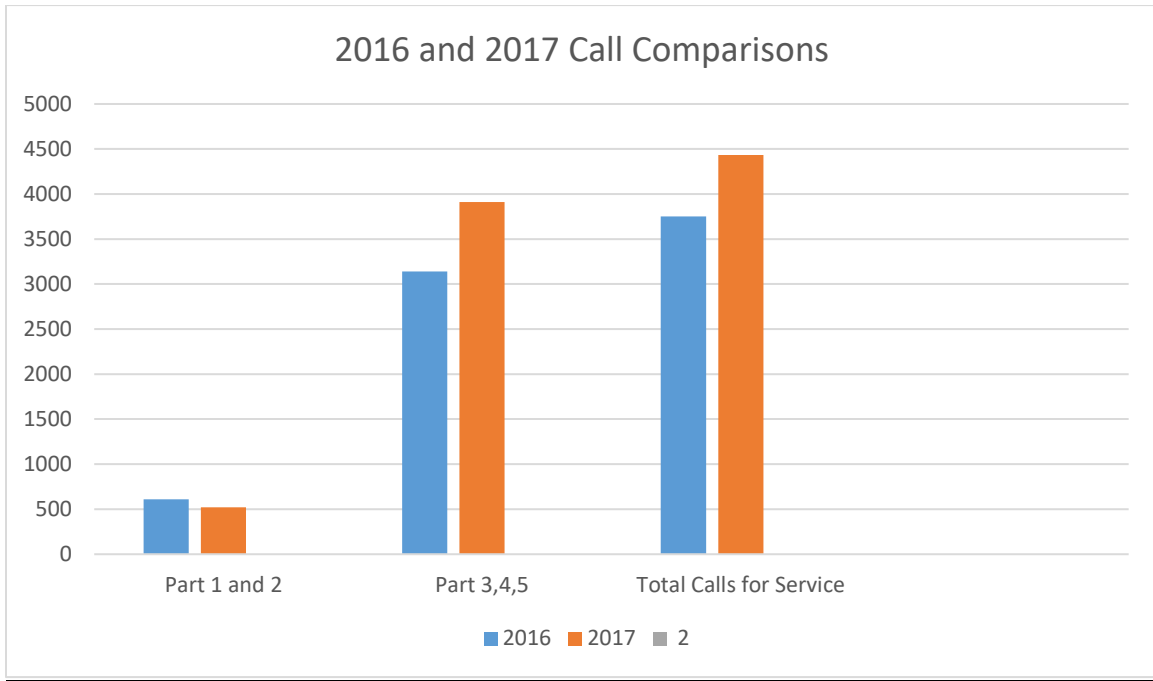


Chart Comparison 2016 and 2017

Offense Type	Description Examples	Number of Calls- 2016	Number of Calls-2017
Part 1 and 2	Theft, Fraud, Damage to Property, Burglary, DWI, Assaults,	611	522
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.	3140	3,912
Total Calls For Service		<u>3,751</u>	<u>4,434.00</u>

Calls for Service Breakdown Part 1 & 2 Offenses

Graph of Part 1 & 2 Offenses

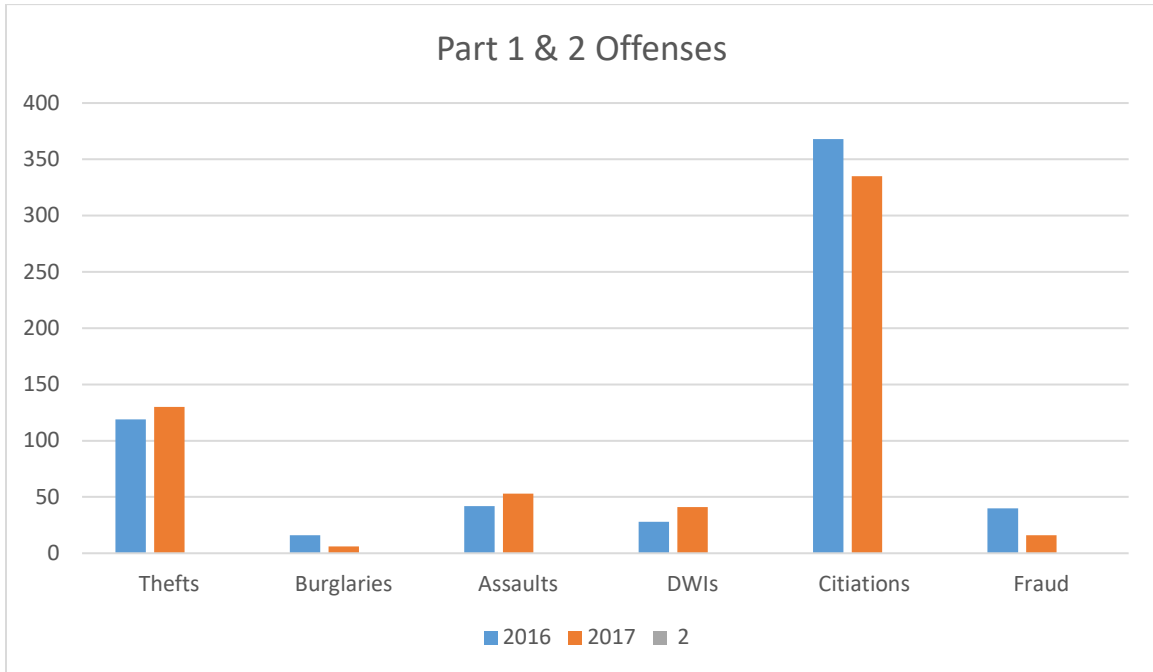
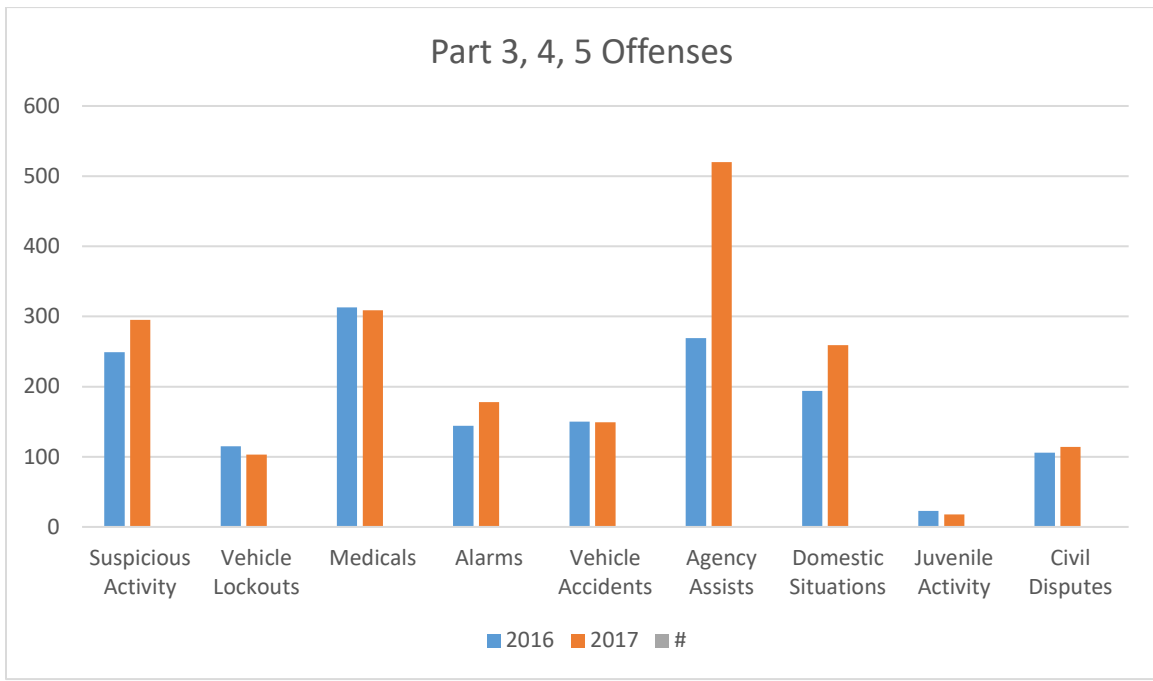


Chart of Part 1 & 2 Offenses

	2016	2017
Thefts	119	130
Burglaries	16	6
Assaults	42	53
DWIs	28	41
Citations	368	335
Fraud	40	16

Calls for Services Breakdown Part 3, 4, 5 Offenses

Graph



Chart

	2016	2017
Suspicious Activity	249	295
Vehicle lockouts	115	103
Medicals	313	309
Alarms	144	178
Vehicle Accidents	150	149
Agency Assists	269	520
Domestic situations	194	259
Juvenile Activity	23	18
Civil disputes/Landlord-tenant/Child Custody	106	114

Programs and Events Overview

Bike Rodeo

A Bike Rodeo is a bicycle skills event, which provides an opportunity for bicyclists to practice and develop skills that will help them to become better bicyclists and avoid typical crashes. The St. Francis Police Department sponsored their first Bike Rodeo in 2017, which was open to the public. We provided a bike obstacle course, safety tips, helmet fitting, refreshments and bike safety checks. Also, present was the St. Francis Fire Department, Allina Ambulance, Bikes for Kids, Rum River BMX, Outdoor Edge Bike Shop and the St. Francis Praise Pantry.



National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in the community, holding block parties and getting to know their neighbors as a way to encourage crime prevention. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family.



Eddie Eagle

STOP! DON'T TOUCH. RUN AWAY. TELL A GROWN-UP."

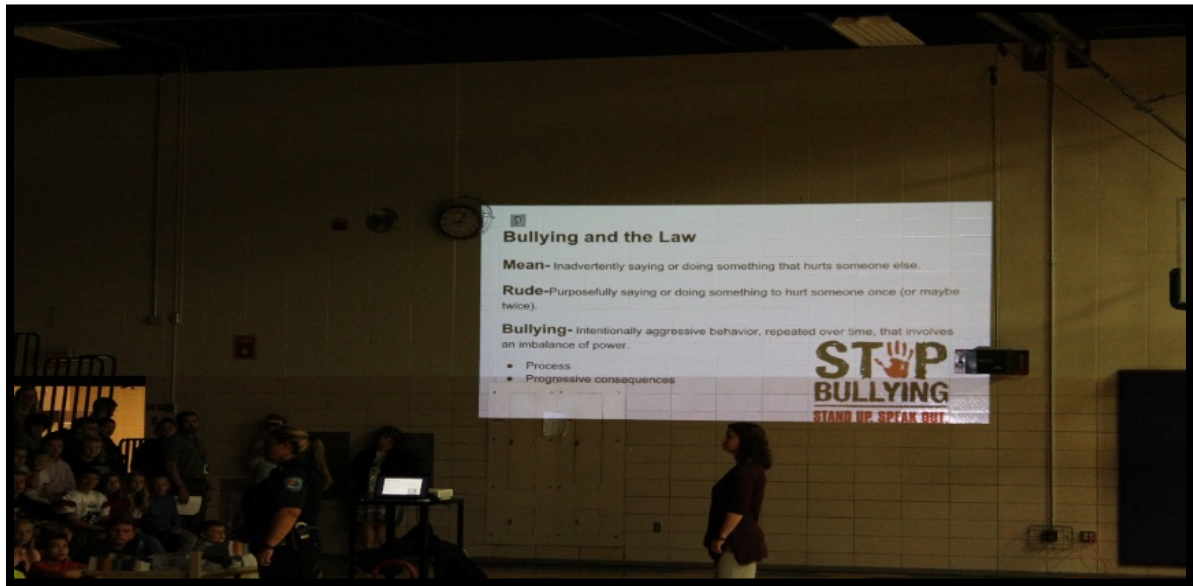
The Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program is a gun accident prevention program developed by a task force made up of educators, school administrators, curriculum specialists, urban housing safety officials, clinical psychologists, law enforcement officials and National Rifle Association Firearm Safety Experts. It began in 1988 with one mission: teach children four simple, easy to remember steps so they know what to do if they ever come across a gun. Eddie and his friends remind children that if they see a gun, they need to Stop! Don't touch. Run away. Tell a grown-up.



Anti-Bullying Day

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? If you care about safe and supportive schools and communities make your color **ORANGE** on **Unity Day**. That's the day everyone can come together – in schools, communities, and online – and send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope, and unity to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

The St. Francis Police Department hosted 12 lucky students from ISD15 who were randomly chosen on Unity Day to be picked up from school by a St. Francis Police Officer and transported via police car to the St. Francis Police Department where they were treated to a pizza party and personal tour of the department.



Cyber Awareness Night

Throughout this past school year, middle school students who are a part of the Rum River Leos have been learning first-hand about the impact community service can have inside our communities. Recently, they have formed a partnership with the Saint Francis Police Department to tackle the issue of cyberbullying and internet safety. Both Leos and the SFPD agreed that often the generation gap that exists between parents and children, combined with an array of ever changing new messaging apps, leaves even the most tech-savvy parent out of the loop. At the same time, parents are left having to teach how to responsibly use a technology that they, as children, never had.

Residents of ISD 15 were be able to learn how to:

- Find out about & use the apps elementary and middle school students are using to message with
- Identify inappropriate messaging and how to better protect their child
- Identify cyberbullying and what to do if their child is being bullied
- Learn how to set security levels that are grade level appropriate
- Ask teens, admin, and local police questions





ALCOHOL AND DRUG AWARENESS WEEK





PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP OFF

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 220 pounds of prescription drugs in 2017.



TOWARD ZERO DEATHS UPDATES

The St. Francis Police Department is proud to be part of the Anoka County Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) coalition.

What is TZD? The Toward Zero Deaths approach is based on the belief that even one traffic-related death on our roads is unacceptable. This “zero deaths” idea was first adopted in Sweden in 1997 as "Vision Zero" and since then has evolved to several state DOTs, including Minnesota, that have identified zero deaths as a core objective in their Strategic Highway Safety Plans. 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](#).

St. Francis Police Department works closely with all agencies in Anoka County through a joint powers agreement and can do traffic enforcement throughout the county. TZD traffic enforcement focuses on the following areas of traffic safety: DUI, Distracted Driving, Seatbelt, and Speed. The Minnesota TZD was founded in 2003. Prior to that, from 1995 through 2003 traffic related fatalities were on the rise. The average statewide traffic fatality total was about 618 deaths per year. Since TZD was founded our traffic fatality rates have decreased 40.5%. In 2016 the statewide total traffic fatalities was 392. As of 12/5/17, our year to date total is 346. We hope to continue to reduce these numbers through aggressive traffic enforcement efforts throughout the county.

Please remember our slogans, safe & sober, click it or ticket, and drive sober or get pulled over.

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