

2013 Annual Report

PLYMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT



A Year in Review

- Active Shooter Training
- DEA Assignment
- Fitness Program
- New K9 "Knight"
- RAIDS Online Crime Map

May 1, 2014

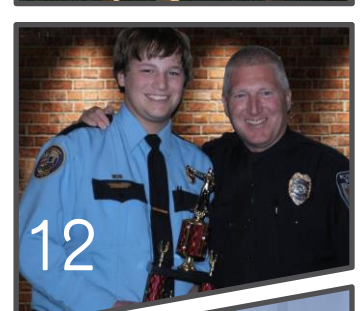
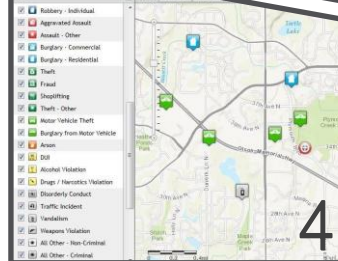
Pictured on the cover:

K9 Knight wearing his newly acquired bullet/stab-proof vest, which was made possible through generous donations from Plymouth residents and Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



May 1, 2014

City of Plymouth
3400 Plymouth Boulevard
Plymouth, MN 55447

Honorable Mayor Kelli Slavik
City Council Members
City Manager Dave Callister

On behalf of the City of Plymouth, I am pleased to present the Plymouth Police Department's 2013 Annual Report.

As you review this document, readers will learn about the many activities that the Plymouth Police Department was engaged in during 2013. Our department's focus during the year was to offer "uncommon service" to those we serve. Through this focused effort, department personnel were instrumental in enhancing our customer service practices along with our proactive policing activities by establishing new collaborations with the DEA, the Secret Service, the City of Maple Grove, and others. These newfound relationships allowed for cooperative investigations; access to state-of-the-art facilities; and an opportunity to tackle issues of great concern, such as prescription medication misuse and abuse, identity theft, and other organized crime.

I am pleased to report that both violent and non-violent crime is down for the fifth year running. The superb actions by the department's highly dedicated and talented workforce have kept the City of Plymouth a safe place to live, work, and recreate.

The continued support from the Plymouth City Council and the City's leadership team is greatly appreciated as are the enhanced relationships that have been created with the public through our outreach efforts.

As you review the report, I once again hope that you take the same pride as I do in learning all of the wonderful accomplishments our department members have achieved in serving the community throughout the year. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chief of Police for the City of Plymouth.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Goldstein
Chief of Police

COMMAND STAFF



DAN PLEKKENPOL

Deputy Chief of Police
Professional Standards Division
25 Years of Service



TAMMY WARD

Administrative Manager
Administrative Services Division
34 Years of Service



PETE JOHNSON

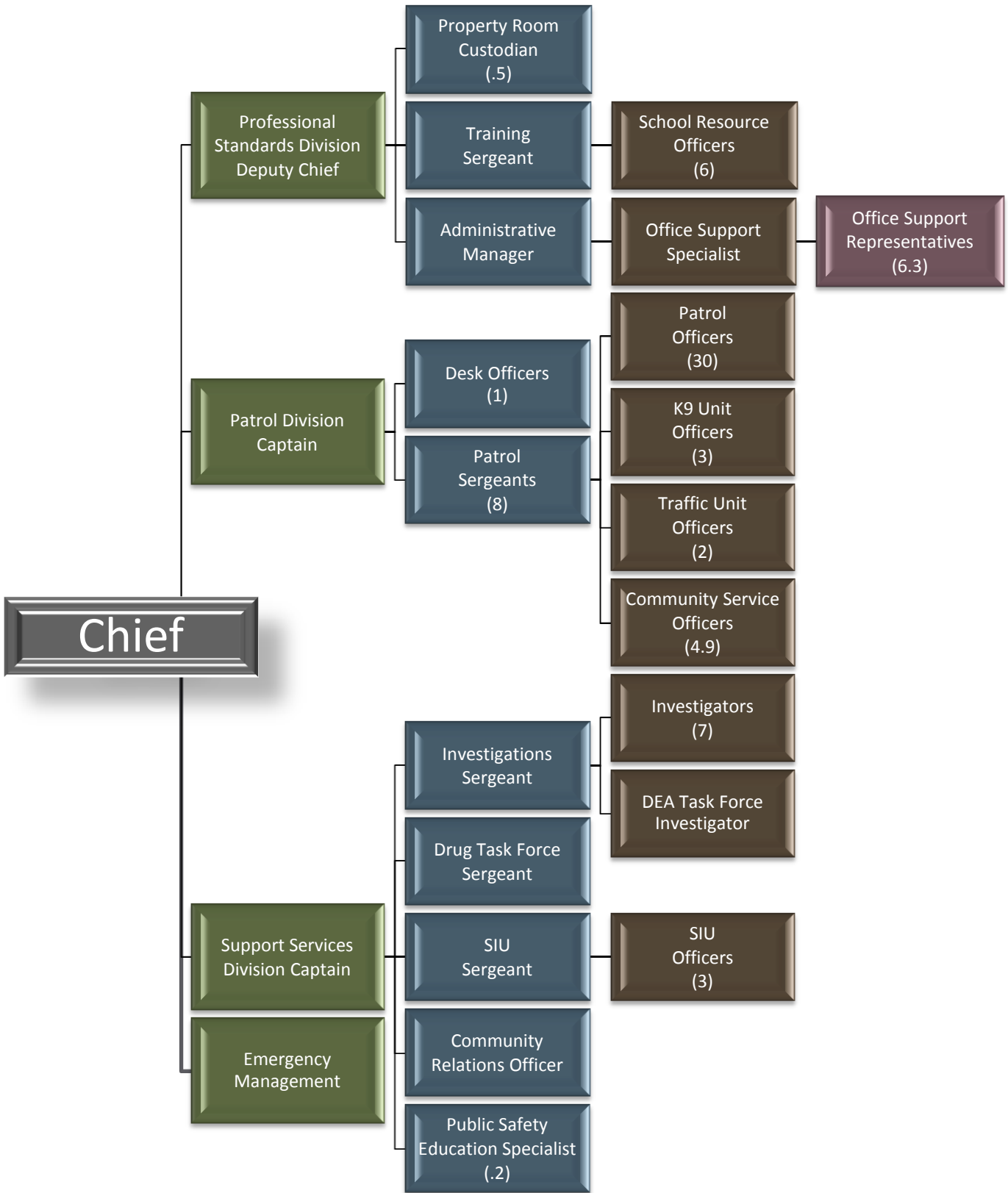
Captain
Patrol Division
20 Years of Service



JEFF SWIATKIEWICZ

Captain
Support Services Division
15 Years of Service

ORGANIZATION CHART



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The Professional Standards Division has primary responsibility for the various human resources duties of the department. These responsibilities include administrative services, internal affairs, training, personnel processes for hiring, promotions and assignments, policies and procedures, detention facility operation, the property room, and background investigations. The division also has the responsibility for coordinating the city's alcohol and tobacco compliance programs and monitoring complaints involving the city's train whistle quiet zone ordinance. The division also has primary responsibility for application and compliance with various state and federal grants. The division commander is the department's Deputy Chief of Police and has one Sergeant, one part-time civilian Property Room Custodian, one Administrative Services Manager, one Office Support Specialist, and four full-time and four part-time Office Support Representatives (6.3 FTEs).

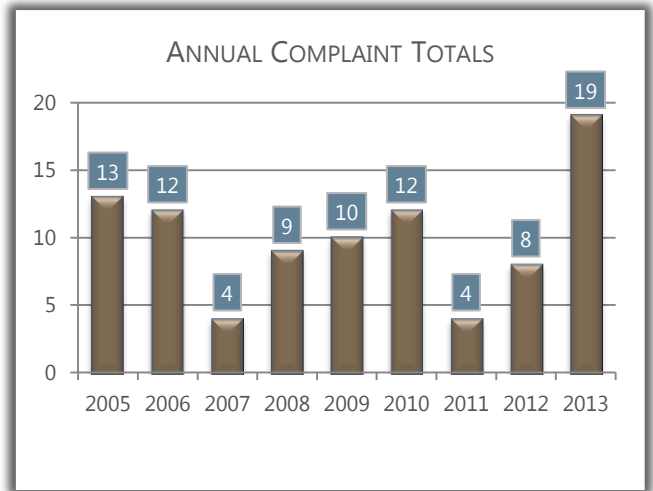
INTERNAL AFFAIRS

This year the department reviewed 39 inquiries involving either officers or the department's procedural actions.

Of the 39 inquiries, 19 were classified as complaints, 18 were classified as performance matters, and 2 were classified as departmental concerns. The results of these investigations were as follows:

No Finding.....	22
Exonerated.....	49
Not Sustained.....	2
Sustained.....	8
Other.....	11
Pended.....	0
Unfounded.....	0

The number of findings (92) exceeds the number of inquiries filed (39) as some inquiries involved more than one individual and more than one issue.



TRAINING

Uncertainty about the economy still played a huge role in the police department's overall decisions concerning the practical use of the training budget in 2013. Our total hours of training were higher than years past, and officers continue to be well trained.

A total of 10,098 hours of training was received by police officers of the Plymouth Police Department during the year 2013. Nearly 4,100 hours were received from Plymouth Police Department-sponsored training. Therefore, approximately 40 percent of our training was done in house. The remaining 5,671 hours of training was accomplished by sending our officers to carefully selected schools. Additionally, Community Service Officers received 140 hours of training in 2013.

One contribution to the local training landscape in 2013 was the lack of funding for, and the cancellation of, a large amount of free, national-level training that the Midwest Counterdrug Training Center (MCTC) at Camp Dodge-Iowa had sponsored. Because of this, many law enforcement agencies in the Upper Midwest continue to have a significant reduction in the amount of high-quality and specialized training. The future of this government-assisted/sponsored training is unknown and feared to be lost.

The Plymouth Police Department continued its relationship with the Association of Training Officers of Minnesota (ATOM) and has an officer on its board. ATOM has attempted to pick up the slack created by lowered law enforcement budgets and the lack of funding for the MCTC by offering some of the more basic law enforcement courses statewide, such as Surviving the Attack, Crisis Negotiations for Patrol, Interview and Interrogation, Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement, Practical Homicide, Advanced Combat Skills for Females, and others. Because of our relationship with this training organization over the years, the Plymouth Police Department continues to benefit greatly in a number of ways, including select trainings, free registration, knowledge of upcoming offerings, and a working relationship with other agencies and their instructors.

The Plymouth Police Department evaluates each and every training expense, yet we continue to make available specialized training to those who need it and numerous training opportunities for all officers. Departmental training for 2013 included the usual mandatory Use of Force, Firearms Qualification, First Responder Refresher, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and HazMat/Bloodborne Pathogens training.

Our Confrontational Pre-Conditioning training in the spring was again held at Hennepin Technical Law Enforcement Training Center in Brooklyn Park. The facility allows for training in active shooter tactics, ground fighting review, and firearms transitioning skills. We again traveled to Camp Ripley for two days of annual department training in September. Camp Ripley is a great place to train. It offers the opportunity to get away from the city and to develop camaraderie. We conducted rifle and handgun ranges, performed force-on-force scenarios, and utilized one of the military's newest scenario-based locations.

The Plymouth Police Department also hosted Integrated Active Shooter training at one of the city schools. This training was mandatory for all officers and incorporated the Plymouth Fire Department, North Memorial Paramedics, and Hennepin County Sheriff's Communications personnel. A large contingent of role players volunteered to add realism to the training. The all-day, two-day training provided a rare opportunity

for first responders to work through a significant event and understand each other's roles.



Integrated Active Shooter Training at Pilgrim Lane Elementary School on August 3 and 10, 2013, proved beneficial for First Responders. The training helped them become comfortable and knowledgeable with procedures should an active shooter incident occur in Plymouth.

Notable Trainings Attended in 2013

General

- K9 Drug Detection Enhancement
- Reactive Shooting Science for Firearms Instructors
- Minnesota Crime Prevention Training Conference
- Crisis Negotiation
- Managing the Mental Health Crisis
- International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Conference
- Field Training Officer Basic Course
- FBI National Academy
- D.A.R.E. Officer Training
- Police Intervention Technique and Emergency Vehicle Operation Course

SWAT

- Special Operations Training Association Conference
- Joint Counter Terrorism Awareness Workshop
- Midwest Tactical Officer Training Conference
- Technical Entry Concepts
- Monthly Unit Tactical and Firearms Training

Administration

- International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference
- Minnesota Chiefs Executive Training Institute

Investigations and Special Investigations Unit

- Minnesota Symposium on Terrorism Investigations
- Minnesota South Central Investigators Training Conference
- Minnesota Sex Crimes Investigators Training Conference
- Homicide and Crime Scene Management
- Social Networking Investigations
- Internet Tools for Investigations
- Minnesota State Association of Narcotics Investigators Conference
- Smartphone Forensics
- Interview and Interrogations
- Internet Crimes against Children Investigations

- U.S. Secret Service Investigation of Computer and Electronic Crimes Program

FITNESS PROGRAM

Recognizing the benefit of the overall wellness of its officers, the Plymouth Police Department initiated a new fitness program in the spring of 2013. An exercise room was established in the basement of the police department. New and/or used exercise equipment was procured through lease agreements and donations. Officers now have the opportunity to work out before or after their shifts and/or during their lunch breaks with supervisor approval.



The fitness program is a two-pronged endeavor. The first branch is establishing individual exercise plans for each participant using the Cooper Institute Standards as a baseline for testing. The second branch is the creation of physical fitness standards for officer applicants.



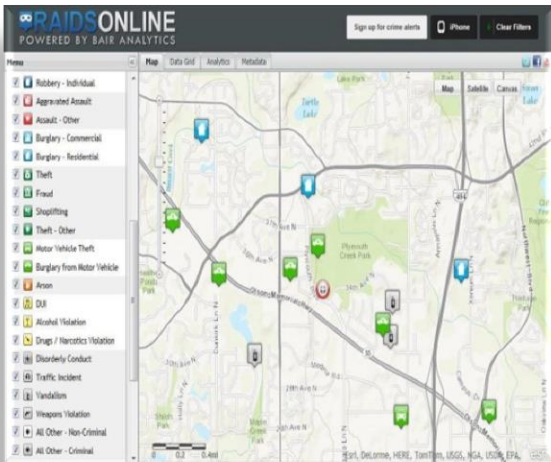
Overwhelming research supports the benefits of such a program to police department workforces. Some of those benefits include:

- Increased officer physical activity
- Increased productivity
- Improved morale
- Reduced sick days
- Reduced Worker's Compensation injuries
- Reduced health care costs for the agency
- Reduced chronic diseases

Numerous people worked hard to create this plan, and they were awarded for their efforts during the Recognition Awards ceremony held on March 6, 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administrative Services is a division under Professional Standards. It is comprised of one Administrative Manager, one Office Support Specialist, four full-time Office Support Representatives, and four part-time Office Support Representatives. This division provides administrative support for the Chief, Professional Standards, Patrol, and Support Services Divisions.



In addition to providing administrative support for the entire department, the Administrative Services Division is also responsible for managing police department records and record retention, statistics, requests for information, and crime mapping. In order to provide specific crime information occurring in the city, in May 2013, the Plymouth Police Department partnered with BAIR Analytics to provide a regional online crime map. The Regional Analysis and Information Data Sharing (RAIDS) online crime map displays the following crime types on the Plymouth map: homicide, attempted homicide, aggravated robbery, burglary-commercial, burglary-residential, motor vehicle theft, burglary from motor vehicle, and vandalism. The crime map can be accessed through the city's website. You can even sign up for daily, weekly, or monthly e-mail alerts about crime occurring within a certain distance of an address of interest, such as your home, workplace, or school.

The police department continues to use Law Enforcement Technology Group LLC (LETG) for our records management system. The implementation of e-complaints and e-charging (electronic processing of criminal complaints and DWI arrests) continues to be a

success and saves both time and money. In early 2014, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office will be implementing a similar electronic charging system. Technology enhancements and improvements are constantly being explored and/or implemented to improve the way we do business.

Data Practices and Communication

The Administrative Manager is designated as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the police department. The city's Communications Manager serves as the back-up PIO for the police department. The PIO works with other divisions in the police department to distribute various informational brochures and community alerts/press releases. This position is also the designated responsible authority under the Data Practices Act for Law Enforcement Data. Under that designation, it is the responsibility of this position to ensure that information is released in compliance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

RECRUITING



In 2013, the Plymouth Police Department continued to attend law enforcement career fairs. We attended the Law Enforcement Opportunities (LEO) Career Fair and participated in other fairs at Alexandria Vocational Technical College, as well as the Hennepin Technical College Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement program in Brooklyn Park. It is our hope to attract interest from top law enforcement job candidates for future consideration of employment with our agency.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS

The Professional Standards Division conducted and/or supervised background investigations as follows:

Police Officer	10	Police Explorer	12
CSO	4	Tobacco Buyer.....	2
Reserve.....	4	Alcohol Buyer	0
Senior Corps	2	Janitor.....	0
Chaplain.....	0	Fire Department	11
CERT	0	Section 8 Housing	80
Citizen Academy.....	32	Gambling.....	3
Police Intern	2	Volunteer for Police (Officer Haseman)	3
		Volunteer for Shops (squad driver/cleaner).....	0
		Total Background Investigations	165

HIRING



Officer Sara Phillippe
Hired 01/07/13



Officer Molly Sutherland
Hired 02/11/13



Officer Quincy Grabau
Hired 06/24/13



Officer Hailey Ohl
Hired 10/28/13



Officer Dan Raquet
Hired 10/28/13

HIRING

One part-time and one full-time Community Service Officers (CSOs) were hired *(no photos available)*:

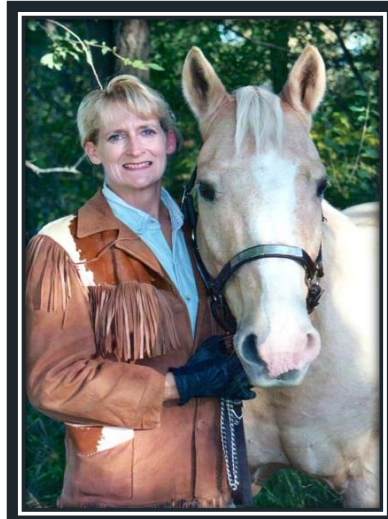
CSO Kevin Schik was hired on 05/11/13

CSO David Robins was hired on 06/10/13 *(left in early 2014 to become an officer for the Minneapolis Police Department)*

RETIREMENTS



Captain Craig Lindman
Retired 11/26/13



Office Support Rep. Kathy Young
Retired 12/21/13

PROMOTIONS



Captain Pete Johnson
Promoted from Sergeant
11/01/13



Sergeant Jeff Dorfsman
Promoted from Detective
11/01/13

APPOINTMENTS

DEA Task Force:

Detective Jeff Voller was appointed to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for a three-year commitment. This position was a newly created assignment, and no other officer was replaced. The main focus of this task force is to combat the illegal use and distribution of prescription drugs.



The illegal misuse of prescription medications has become an epidemic in the United States that impacts a large cross section of our society.

Defensive Tactics Instructor:

Officer Paul Fisher was appointed to this position to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Officer Jeff Stimac from this position.

Explorer Advisor:

Officer Drew Gilmore was appointed to this position due to the term limit expiring for Officer Scott Kroeger.

Professional Standards Sergeant:

Sergeant Scott Kleist replaced Sergeant Pete Johnson, who was promoted to a Captain's position.

Rotating Investigator:

Officer Steve Dahlson was appointed to this position due to the term limit expiring for Officer Jon Goldenman. Officer Amy Goodwin was also appointed to a Rotating Investigator position due to the promotion of Detective Jeff Dorfsman to Sergeant.

School Resource Officer:

Officer Dave Carlson was selected to fill this position created by the expiration of Officer Todd Kloss' term limit.

Special Investigations Unit (SIU):

Officer Ryan Peterson was appointed to this position because Officer Amy Goodwin fulfilled her obligation under the term limits and was due to rotate back to the Patrol Division.

SWAT:

Officer Matt Gliniany earned an appointment to the SWAT team. There was a position made available by the resignation of Officer Randall Richardson from the team due to his retirement in 2012. Officer Steve Baloun was appointed to a SWAT negotiator's position.

Traffic Unit:

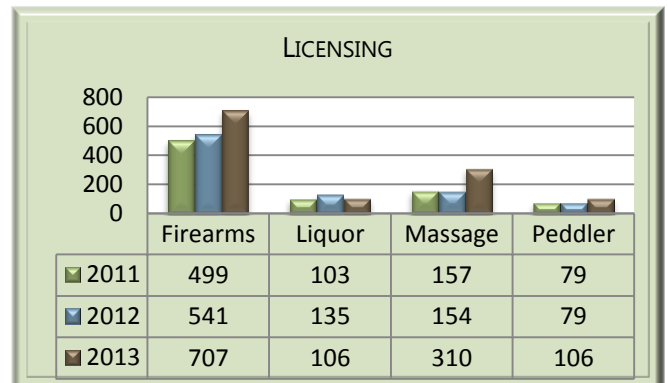
Officer Scott Kirchner was appointed to replace Officer Scott Kroeger, who has fulfilled his term limit in this position.

LICENSING

From January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013, the police department conducted licensing background checks. The numbers and types that were completed are as follows:

Firearms	707
Liquor.....	106
Massage.....	310
Peddler	106

Total Licensing Checks 1,229



COMPLIANCE CHECKS

Tobacco:

The department conducts at least two rounds of compliance checks on tobacco license holders each year.

During both rounds, a total of 79 tobacco compliance checks were completed. During these checks, there were 4 failures, which represent a 5.1% failure rate. The failure rate for the previous year was 1.3%.

Alcohol:

The department checks alcohol license holders at least twice each year.

During both rounds, a total of 111 alcohol compliance checks were completed. There were 5 fails, which represents a 4.5% failure rate as compared to a 7.3% failure rate from 2012.

Administrative Fines:

In 2013, the city assessed \$6,000 (\$7,000 in 2012) in administrative compliance fines for alcohol and tobacco. License holders served 20 days of suspension for these violations as compared to 25 days in 2012.



PATROL DIVISION

K9 UNIT

The Plymouth Police K9 Unit currently consists of three teams. Officer Gliniany and his K9 partner, Stryker, a 6-year-old German Shepherd, are currently United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) certified in PD1, PD2, and narcotics detection. Officer Bill Dane is partnered with K9, Odie, a 4-year-old Belgian Malinois, and are currently USPCA certified in PD1, PD2, and narcotics detection. Officer Larson and his K9 partner, Knight, a 2-year-old German Shepherd, are currently USPCA certified in PD1 and narcotics detection.

PD1 certification consists of obedience, agility, person search, article search, and apprehension. PD2 is a tracking certification. Narcotics certification consists of indoor and outdoor searches for any of the following substances: marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, crack, and heroin.

The Plymouth Police K9 Unit was deployed on 431 incidents in 2013. Deployments include assists to other departments in the metro area.

The Plymouth Police K9 Unit continues a partnership with the Hennepin County Workhouse, in which our K9 teams do random narcotic searches of the premises. The unit continues to assist Wayzata High School, Armstrong High School, and Providence Academy with random narcotic searches of their buildings and vehicles throughout the school year. The unit is also involved with narcotic search assists to U.S. Customs at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport, as well as the Northwest Metro Drug Task Force.

As always, the K9 teams are a big hit with the public and made 25 appearances throughout the year, including Music in Plymouth, Plymouth on Parade, Night to Unite, Citizens Academy, and the Plymouth Fire Department's Annual Open House.

"We appreciate these vests that we otherwise would have had difficulty funding. Thanks to the good Samaritans in our community, we are able to protect all three of our K9s."

- Chief Mike Goldstein



K9s Knight (pictured above), Odie (left) and Stryker (right) all received bullet/stab-proof vests from generous donations by Plymouth residents and the non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.



SWAT

In 2013, the Plymouth Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team experienced some changes in personnel. Officer Steve Baloun was added as a fourth negotiator and Officer Matt Gliniany was added as an operator. The team continued its goal of properly integrating our K9 units within our protocols of resolving dangerous incidents, assisting the department with its tactical response to dangerous situations, and staying current with technology in the field.



In addition to staying active and current on tactics, the team also remained committed to assisting and deploying with the Maple Grove Police Department's Emergency Response Unit (ERU). In 2013, in each city, the teams were called to handle dangerous, barricaded-subject situations. In addition, Plymouth Police Department's SWAT conducted two, high-risk search warrants on locations in Plymouth, working closely with other outside agencies and narcotics task forces to bring a safe conclusion to the investigations.

TRAFFIC UNIT

The Plymouth Police Department's Traffic Unit continues to work with the public in order to address traffic concerns in both the city's residential areas and high-traffic areas in order to reduce the number of traffic crashes. To accomplish this, the Traffic Unit utilizes information from the public along with a working knowledge of the city's high-volume traffic areas. Working with the public, along with high visibility enforcement, has proven to be the most effective method in reducing property damage,

injuries, and deaths from traffic-related crashes. The Traffic Unit also utilizes two speed detection trailers in various locations throughout the city. The goal of the speed detection trailers is to educate drivers and obtain voluntary compliance of the city's speed zones. The trailers were placed in areas of citizen concern as well as high-speed locations as recognized by officers.



The Traffic Unit is responsible for responding to and investigating major traffic crashes, enforcing commercial vehicle laws, investigating traffic-related complaints, and drug interdiction. There were three officers assigned to the Traffic Unit in 2013: Officer Dave Groth, Officer Scott Kroeger, and K9 Officer Steve Larson along with his K9 partner, Knight.

Over the last year, the Traffic Unit issued 3,073 citations for a variety of offenses. In doing so, the goal was to educate the driving public and to reduce the number of crashes that occur within the city of Plymouth.

Officer Dave Groth continued his collaboration with the State Patrol as a commercial vehicle inspector. Officer Groth conducted a total of 121 commercial vehicle inspections. Of those inspections, Officer Groth averaged 5.25 violations per inspection. Officer Groth also put 42 commercial vehicles out of service until major violations could be corrected.

Officer Steve Larson began the first six months of 2013 training and certifying his new K9 partner, Knight. After Knight was certified to work the road, K9 Officer Larson began his interdiction efforts along with his other traffic enforcement responsibilities. During the last six months of 2013, K9 Officer Larson and Knight conducted 26 motor vehicle cursory scent searches where Knight gave positive indications for the presence of marijuana, cocaine, and methamphetamine.

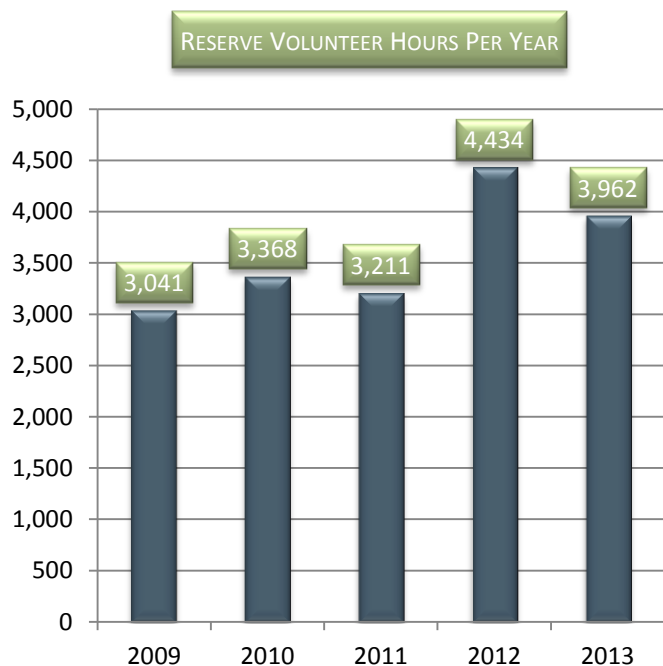
The Plymouth Police Department's Traffic Unit continued to work closely with Minnetonka's and Maple Grove's traffic units during 2013. The units

participated in numerous multi-jurisdictional traffic saturation projects, as well as speed and crosswalk enforcement, in areas of each city focusing on traffic-related concerns uniquely related to those locations.

Officer Scott Kroeger ended his tenure with the Traffic Unit at the end of 2013. Officer Kroeger was a very productive and hard-working member of the Traffic Unit. With Officer Kroeger's departure, Officer Scott Kirchner will start with the Traffic Unit at the beginning of 2014. Officer Kirchner will bring energy, new ideas, and a strong work ethic to his new position.

RESERVES

During 2013, the Plymouth Police Reserve Unit logged a total of 3,962 hours providing assistance to the department. This compares with 4,434 hours in 2012.



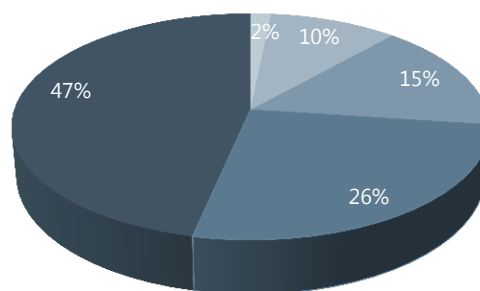
Twenty-one people volunteered time as Reserve Officers in 2013. Four new people were added to the unit during the year. Molly Sutherland and Dan Raquet resigned to become full-time licensed officers with our agency. Gena Abramovich resigned to become a full-time licensed officer in New Hope. Two other Reserves resigned during the year citing a lack of commitment. Sergeant Brian Beniek served as the Reserve Coordinator and Officers Dallas Gjesvold and Mike Passig provided training assistance.

Hours Detail

Of the 3,962 volunteer hours during the year, 1,848 hours were regular patrol shifts. A total of 614 hours were logged for city and school events. These hours include time assisting at other outside-agency events. A combined 63 hours were put in as a result of call outs for winter storms and assisting with the additional brush sites due to the June storms. The Reserve Unit also volunteered 397 hours role playing for Explorer and licensed officer trainings, such as at Camp Ripley and SWAT training events. The remaining hours were spread among meetings, training, and administrative tasks.

RESERVE TIME USE

- Situational Call-Out Events (63 hours)
- Role Playing (397 hours)
- Plymouth and Outside Agency Events (614 hours)
- Other - Meetings, Training, Administrative (1040 hours)
- Patrol Shifts (1848 hours)



Reserve officers that put in 250 or more hours during a calendar year are recognized with a plaque. During 2013, seven Reserves were recognized for volunteering this large amount of time. They are: Nick Larson (505 hours), Gary Boehler (405 hours), Emy Peasha (373 hours), Tony Lynch (351 hours), Mark Talcott (318 hours), Burt Rovner (296 hours), and Roman Rowan (291 hours).

Events

As always, the Reserve Unit had good turnouts for Fire and Ice, the Parkinson's Walk, Music in Plymouth, Plymouth on Parade, Night to Unite, Armstrong High School homecoming parade and graduation, local high school football games, Wayzata Free Church Halloween

Night, and numerous elementary school carnivals and events. Reserves also did role playing for several officer and Explorer events.

Plymouth Reserves also assisted other cities during the year. These included the following: Hamel Lions Freeze Your Buns 5K Run and Walk, Minneapolis Polar Bear Plunge, Golden Valley Run the Valley, Bloomington's Race for the Cure®, Mound's Our Lady of the Lake Blast, Brooklyn Park Tater Daze, Rockin Rogers™ Days, Hamel Rodeo, Crystal Frolics, Hopkins Raspberry Festival, Life Time Fitness Maple Grove Triathlon, Long Lake's Gear Western Country Half Marathon, Anoka's Halloween Grand Day Parade, and the Holiday Train in Loretto.

Reserve Training

The Reserve Unit conducts a meeting, followed by a training session, on the last Monday of each month except December.

There are annual defensive tactics and taser recertifications conducted by certified officers. Many Reserves attended a class on street safety hosted by the Medina Police Department in January.

There are several review sessions for Reserve Field Training Officers (FTOs) during the year conducted by Officers Dallas Gjesvold and Mike Passig.

Looking Ahead to 2014

As we begin 2014, there are currently 15 members of the Reserve Unit. Of these, four are still in field training. Also of the 15, seven Reserves are POST certified and currently pursuing licensed officer positions. Sergeant Beniek will be retiring from the police department in early 2014, and Sergeant Jeff Dorfsman will be taking over as the new Reserve Coordinator.

EXPLORERS

Fifteen Explorers started the second half of the 2012-2013 Explorer season in January. They met every

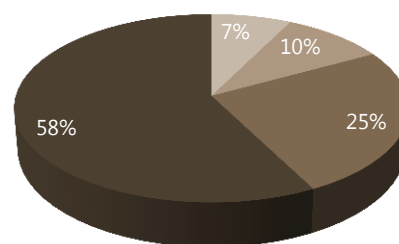
Tuesday for 2-3 hours and learned topics that were taught by their police officer advisors. Topics included burglary response, traffic stops, crime prevention, hostage negotiations, domestic crisis intervention and other scenarios police officers deal with.

In 2013, the Explorers volunteered a total of 2,778 hours. These Explorers are dedicated to the program and the City of Plymouth while going about their daily lives with school, extra-curricular activities, and jobs.

The summer was again very busy with volunteer work. The Explorers assisted in events outside of the city, including the 3M Golf Tournament (232 hours) and Valley Scare Amusement Park (35 hours). The Explorers dedicated many hours to Plymouth events such as Night to Unite (35 hours), Music in Plymouth (72 hours), and three fundraisers at Holiday Gas Station and Cub Foods (100 hours).

EXPLORER TIME USE

- Plymouth Events (207 hours)
- Outside Agency Events (267 hours)
- Competition Events (704 hours)
- Other - Meetings, Training, Administrative (1600 hours)



The Explorers performed extremely well at the state competition in Rochester bringing home six awards. Competition Team A—consisting of Ryan Deering, Brenna Girard, Graham Swenson, and Chase Farley—took first place in the Bomb Scene competition and second place in the Search and Arrest competition. Shooting Team B—consisting of Ryan Deering, Connor Eden, Reid Carswell, and Maxx VanKrevelen—took fourth place in the Team Shooting competition. Connor Eden finished first and Ryan Deering finished

fourth in the Rapid Fire competition. Chase Farley finished second in the Aggregate Score competition.

The Explorers also attended several other competitions, including the Explorer Academy in Jordan, Minnesota; and the Duluth Explorer Conference for a total of 704 competition hours.

The new season started off in September with 13 Explorers. Five of the 13 are first-year Explorers. These

Explorers have a lot of potential, and, along with the returning veterans, we expect them to compete at a high level in the coming years.

Officer Steve Baloun took over the lead advisor duties. Sergeant Jon Hunt replaced Sergeant Brian Beniek as the sergeant in charge of the unit. Other advisors include Officers Carlson, Gilmore, Goodwin, Groth, and Therkelsen.



Officer Dave Groth with his son, Explorer Travis Groth

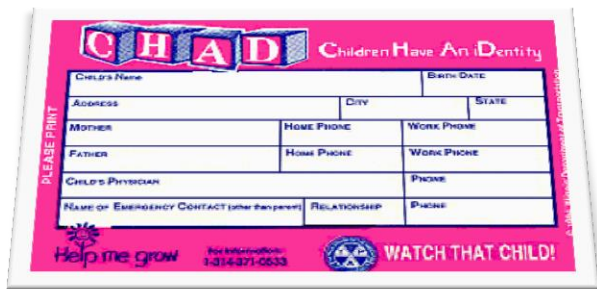


2013 State Explorer Competition



Explorers Maxx VanKrevelen, Travis Groth, Chase Farley, Mitch Condon, Connor Eden, and Alex Hawley

to fill out information on a CHAD sticker and place it underneath the cushion of their child's car seat. The CHAD sticker was developed as a result of a traffic crash involving a 13-month-old boy named Chad. A babysitter, who was driving the vehicle, was killed on scene. Chad was injured, but no one at the scene could determine his identity. Only when an emergency room nurse recognized the child could his parents be located and his injuries be treated. In an emergency should they need to, Police, Fire, and EMS responders will look for these stickers. This program has been promoted through the Car Seat Check-Up program, Early Childhood Education classes, and the Police and Fire Departments' network of childcare providers in the city of Plymouth. In 2013, approximately 5,000 CHAD stickers were distributed at community events and with public safety programming.



Crime Prevention Newsletter

Officer Haseman continued to write the department's quarterly *Crime Prevention Newsletter* to address concerns of the whole community. Two newsletters came out in 2013. The main topics discussed in the newsletters were: juvenile issues, human trafficking, trespassing, prevention, and cyber-security. In addition, each newsletter highlighted different crime prevention programs and had regular columns on fraud, rental housing issues, and business safety concerns. All newsletters were posted on the City of Plymouth website.

Early Education Classes

Police and Fire teamed up with the Wayzata School District's Early Childhood Education program to bring crime, fire, and injury prevention information to parents and children attending pre-school educational

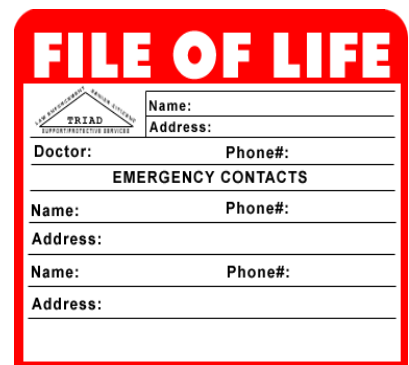
programming. Six presentations were provided in 2013.

e-Notify and Twitter

Plymouth Police Department continually strives to improve communication with the community. The department actively engages the city's e-Notify network and Twitter account to provide safety information, crime alerts, and program announcements.

File of Life

The Crime Prevention Unit continues to provide File of Life cards free of charge to our residents. Although not a traditional crime prevention program, the File of Life program has been very useful in assisting emergency personnel with valuable information when responding to medical emergencies. The File of Life program has been one of our most successful programs, with over 10,000 cards distributed since the program began. In 2013, the Fire Department helped to promote the File of Life program when they visited the homes of 220 seniors to clean, test, and replace the batteries in their smoke detectors. Seventy-five families also enlisted through Home Alone Workshops.



Home Alone Workshops

In 2013, Plymouth Police and Fire hosted five Home Alone Workshops. When making the decision to become a "Home Alone" family, a child's age is not the only consideration. Some children might function well alone at home, while others might not be ready to assume the responsibility of self-care.

Officer Darren McGann, Sara Cwayna, and a team of firefighters helped families evaluate if their child is ready to be home alone, prepare their homes so that they are safe and ready for a stay-at-home child, and

create house rules to keep families safe and working together. Seventy-five families took the course.

Parks and Wrec Game



Sara Cwayna, Jim Long, and Parks and Recreation staff taught the Parks and Wrec game in nine Home Base and Adventure Club after school programs.

Parks and Wrec is an educational game that schools, the Police Department, Fire Department, and Parks and Recreation Department can use to help youth understand the cost of crime and vandalism as it affects them. It is designed to be used in a classroom and is best adapted for Grades 3-6.

Planting Community Pride

Parks and Recreation, Police, Fire, the Plymouth Library, and volunteers visited low income families living at Kimberly Meadows, Fernbrook Townhomes, and Lakeview Commons to plant flowers and bring free children's books to promote summertime reading. This project has been made possible through donations from local businesses and book donations from Plymouth residents. It brought residents together cross-culturally and joined the old with the young to create ownership and beautify their community.

Premise Security

Officer Haseman works closely with the city's Building Division by reviewing plans for future structures in the city and offering suggestions for landscaping and/or design to help prevent crime. She is continuing to apply her knowledge of crime prevention to serve the members of the community by conducting premise

surveys for burglary victims or any other residence or business upon request, free of charge. Seven residents and businesses requested this service in 2013. In addition, another six child care facilities, government buildings, and other educational institutions requested assistance with emergency response procedures.

Project Childsafe

2011 marked the end of Project Childsafe, a federally-funded program designed to prevent accidental shootings in the home by children. The Crime Prevention Unit still had a supply of gun lock kits and was able to continue to distribute gun locks to residents in 2013. The Plymouth Police Department has distributed over 8,000 free gun lock safety kits to the community upon request since the program began in 2004 until its end in 2013.

Self-Defense for Women Class

The department offered its Self-Defense for Women class three times in 2013. Two special classes were held for students at a local school with 24 female and 6 male participants. The main class was held at Wayzata Central Middle School on June 19. The class was advertised through the Parks and Recreation Department, and 25 women participated in the class.

The participants came from a wide range of age groups, from teens to seniors. The class provides basic crime prevention and safety information and encourages participants to discuss their concerns and



come up with plans for dealing with various situations. A variety of basic, self-defense moves are then taught to participants and practiced during the class. Participants receive a defensive keychain pepper spray to take home. The class is very well received. The Self-Defense for Women classes in 2013 was instructed by Officer Angela Haseman and Detective Jeff Dorfsman.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Plymouth Police Department has sponsored the Neighborhood Watch program for more than twenty years. The program is successful because neighbors,



working together, can reduce the opportunity for crime, increase the risk of detection, decrease the likeliness of success, and report suspicious activity immediately by using 9-1-1. The Plymouth Police Department works throughout the year to assist residents form a Neighborhood Watch group.

The requirements of the Neighborhood Watch program are that neighbors get together twice a year to stay familiar with one another, that they report suspicious activity by dialing 9-1-1, and that they reduce the opportunity for crime to occur in their neighborhood.

Neighbors are also encouraged to develop e-mail and telephone trees within their neighborhood to promote communication, join the Police and Fire E-mail Alert Network, post Neighborhood Watch signs, and participate in Operation Identification.

NIGHT TO UNITE

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, residents from 146 neighborhoods gathered for Plymouth's 22nd celebration of Night to Unite (NTU), formerly known as National Night Out.

Plymouth Police Department hosted the sixth Night to Unite daytime Kick-Off Event from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Creek Center. More than 1,500 residents attended the event. Plymouth Police and Fire Departments, North Memorial Air Care, North Ambulance, Hennepin County Dispatch, service organizations, local businesses, and 16 restaurants provided information, demonstrations, free food, and refreshments to the attendees.



On the evening of NTU, Police, Fire, paramedics and City Council representatives formed a Public Safety caravan that visited all 146 block parties. Staff highlighted safety, answered questions, and provided crime prevention pamphlets, program flyers, free gun locks, and recycling information. Special handouts were given to children including tattoos, stickers, and coloring books.

As in years past, many coordinators hosted Back-to-School and Non-Perishable Food drives to support Interfaith Outreach and Prism. Approximately 3,000 pounds of supplies were dropped off by NTU coordinators at Public Works and Interfaith Outreach over the course of a week. Local businesses also supported NTU by providing free food, gift certificates, coupons, reduced prices on food, and free desserts for those hosting parties.

Night to Unite has become a tradition that reflects the pride and commitment residents, businesses, and city employees have for the safety of their community.

WATER SAFETY AND DROWNING PREVENTION

In 2013, the Plymouth Police and Fire Departments continued Water Safety and Drowning Prevention efforts. Plymouth hosted five drowning prevention and water safety demonstrations at five apartment communities. Fourteen of the city's 21 apartment communities with pools have now purchased and posted a multi-language water safety poster on their pool decks.



The MN Water Safety Coalition continues to build their website:

www.thinkdontsink.com,

which provides an array of free, multi-language water safety information, training tools, how-to videos, and downloads of pool safety signs and training materials.

To the right is an example of a poster the MN Water Safety Coalition produces and distributes.

D.A.R.E.

The Plymouth Police Department provided the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program to seven elementary schools in the Wayzata School District and one in the Robbinsdale School District. Five part-time D.A.R.E. officers taught ten lessons of one hour each to individual fifth-grade classrooms. 2013 marked the 23rd year that Plymouth has made this curriculum available to the 5th graders.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

In 2013, 100 community presentations were given, compared to 95 presentations in 2012. The most popular presentations were tours with nearly 850 individuals visiting the police department through field trips, Girl and Boy Scout troops, and senior groups. The second most popular presentations were visits to several elementary schools to play the board game Park and Wrec, which highlights the issue of vandalism and its consequences.

Other presentations included providing general crime prevention information, personal safety programs, and premise security surveys. In 2013, the department worked to increase visibility by staffing informational booths at various venues, such as the Mayor's City Sampler, Music in Plymouth, and the Farmer's Market.

SHOP WITH A COP

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, the Plymouth Police Department held its second annual Shop with a Cop event. Thanks to a \$1,000 Rotary Club donation, ten children were selected to receive \$100 gift cards from the Plymouth SuperTarget to buy Christmas gifts for their family and friends.



Community Relations Officer Jim Long organized the event by assigning an officer to each of the ten children for an hour of shopping. Target employees assisted with gift wrapping using store-donated supplies.

iWATCH



In 2013, Crime Prevention and Crime Free Housing Officer Angela Haseman continued to build support within the community for the National iWATCH program. Her efforts earned Plymouth the distinction of being the first Minnesota city to become an iWATCH community. iWATCH is a community awareness program created to educate the public about behaviors and activities that may have a connection to terrorism. Like Neighborhood Watch, iWATCH embraces the whole city and enlists everyone—students, residents, employees, business owners, etc.—to report suspicious activity. Officer Haseman has trained city employees, apartment managers, and Neighborhood Watch coordinators in 2012 and 2013.



Use our QR code to allow easy access to the Plymouth Police Department's online iWATCH program.

The children were selected by two local service agencies in Plymouth. The program is a way to help financially disadvantaged children while giving a different perspective on the role of police officers.



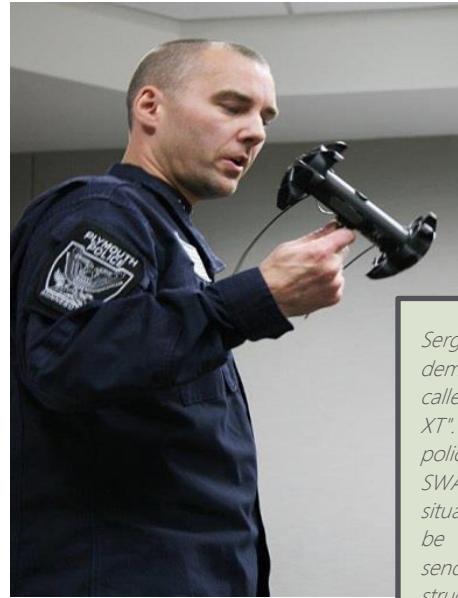
Officer Molly Sutherland, Community Relations Officer Jim Long, and Target employees bring glad tidings to disadvantaged kids by helping them shop for Christmas.



CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Plymouth Police Department's Public Safety Citizens Academy continues to be a popular opportunity for residents who live or work in the city. Twenty-eight individuals participated in 2013's class, and their comments and the evaluations of their experiences were very positive.

Topics covered during the 12-week course included patrol operations, police tactics, touring the Hennepin County Sheriff's Dispatch Center, methods of conducting investigations, ride-along opportunities, and decision-shooting scenarios. We currently have a waiting list, many of which were referred to the academy by a former graduate.



Sergeant Chris Kuklok demonstrates a robot called the "Recon Scout XT". It is used by the police department's SWAT team in high risk situations where it may be too dangerous to send officers in certain structures.

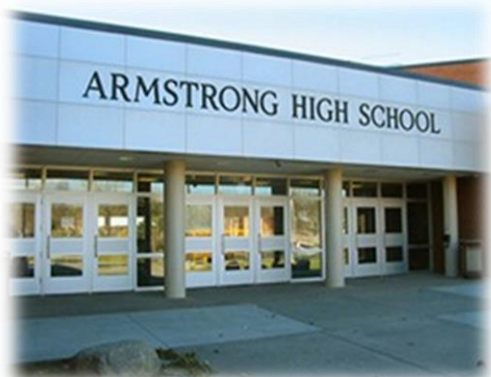
INVESTIGATIONS

In 2013, the Investigative Division successfully continued its course of positive development and change. In May of 2013, the departure of Detective Jeff Voller to a specialized prescription drug task force headed by the DEA opened a slot for Officer Nick Benesch to fill in November of 2013. Additionally, Detective Jeff Dorfsman was promoted to Sergeant in November of 2013, opening a slot that was filled by Officer Amy Goodwin. The hiring process also required numerous employee background checks to be conducted by investigative personnel. Gun permits to acquire application and background checks also maintained high levels (approximately 700) throughout 2013.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officers Todd Kloss and Chris Hendrickson sustained their roles in keeping the Wayzata High School grounds, staff, and students safe in 2013. This included attending after school athletic events and other school-sponsored events that occurred throughout the year. Likewise, at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, Officers Brian Jeska and Ryan Hazen continued to play a vital role in keeping activities at that school campus secure. Officer Lisa Topp split her time between

Wayzata Central Middle School and Wayzata East Middle School. Officer Dallas Gjesvold also continued his role as a School Resource Officer for Plymouth Middle School.



SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The end of 2013 concludes the seventh year of operations for the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). SIU had a change of personnel at the beginning of the year. Officer Ryan Peterson replaced Officer Amy Goodwin after assisting patrol during the first trimester. Despite having one member assigned to patrol for a trimester, SIU still produced a number of arrests. In 2013, SIU had 78 arrests, compared to 96 in 2012 and 58 arrests in 2011. This year, SIU doubled the number of independent search warrants with a total of 14. This increase is due to SIU taking more of an active role in controlled substance cases.

SIU GENERATED ACTIVITIES

■ 2011 ■ 2012 ■ 2013



This unit utilizes four undercover vehicles equipped with covert lighting. A wide variety of surveillance equipment and other technologies are also used. SIU

continued to receive specialized training during the year. Over the past year, SIU members and the sergeant attended a total of over 600 hours of training. SIU continues to develop strong working relationships with other agencies. Operations are executed with the assistance of other jurisdictions who want to observe our practices and procedures.

This is the fourth year Plymouth's SIU has been an affiliated member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The program was created to help state and local law enforcement agencies enhance their investigative response to offenders who use the Internet, online communication system, or other computer technology to sexually exploit children. During 2013, ICAC and Cyber-Tips assisted SIU in obtaining information on seven allegations of possession of child pornography. SIU handled five of those investigations.

With the successful progress that SIU had in 2012 combating nuisance crimes, Plymouth's SIU had numerous requests from other cities to assist them. In 2013, we assisted six cities in conducting prostitution operations, massage compliance checks, and drug warrants. SIU was associated in assisting making 5 felony, 28 gross misdemeanor, and 6 misdemeanor arrests in other cities. On many of these assists, SIU took the lead on the operation while the host agencies provided a uniformed officer.

In 2013, SIU issued 13 citations and made 78 arrests resulting in 22 felony charges, 35 gross misdemeanor, and 21 misdemeanor charges. SIU members drafted and executed 14 independent search warrants and conducted 6 operations. SIU recovered a total of 202.78 grams of marijuana, .43 grams of hash, 17.6 grams of heroin, 119 prescription pills, .25 grams of cocaine, and assisted on seizing \$114,821 in cash. SIU was also able to seize 6 vehicles. In 2013, SIU members were attached to 363 incidents and took ownership of 315 of these incidents.



Confiscated evidence is secured in these double-sided lockers where the property room custodian processes the evidence.

PREDATORY OFFENDER REGISTRATION PROGRAM



The responsibility to perform compliance checks on registered predatory offenders remains mainly with the Patrol Division. The Plymouth Police Department's Predatory Offender Registration (POR) program is administered and tracked by the Proactive Policing Sergeant. The compliance check program consists of 18 officers. There is internal training for officers, and each officer is required to be proactive in compliance checks best practices. Offenders are contacted at least twice a year to ensure they are compliant and photos are up to date. As of this year, each new officer will be assigned an offender. This will give new officers the experience, training, and technology on how to conduct a registration check.

Information about the offender, including their risk level, is sent by the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to the law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction over the area where the offender plans to reside. Prior to the offender's release, a committee of experts meets to discuss the public risk posed by the offender. The offender is assigned one of three risk levels, which reflects the potential to re-offend: Level 1 – Low Risk; Level 2 – Moderate Risk; Level 3 – High Risk.

At the end of 2013, the Plymouth Police Department was tracking 38 registered predatory offenders living within the city of Plymouth, compared to 37 offenders in 2012 and 44 in 2011. The majority of these offenders (35) are not assigned a risk level because

they are at the lowest risk to re-offend. Currently, we have two registered Level 2 offenders and one registered Level 1 offender living in the city.

In 2010, Plymouth had two non-compliant registered offenders and five in 2011. In 2012, we had six registered offenders that were non-compliant. In 2013, we charged seven predatory offenders for failure to register. Officers who are trained in our POR program continue to locate offenders living in our community who are not properly registered. Sergeant Mike Reed continues to assist the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in relation to statutes and proper charging procedures.

This year we integrated POR information into our records management system. This has allowed all officers the ability to track and update information regarding predatory offenders who reside in our community.

We now have one officer who is our Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) contact that will be responsible for all predatory offenders charged with possession of child pornography.



CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING

Certified Crime Prevention Specialist and Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Officer Angela Haseman continued to maintain a close working relationship with the apartment community through November 2013. December 2013 brought a change in CFMH program

coordination, shifting the program to Community Relations Officer Jim Long.

During her time as the CFMH coordinator, Officer Haseman helped owners, managers, and residents deal with challenges unique to rental property. Officer Haseman communicated weekly with rental managers. In addition, quarterly meetings were held for all rental property owners and managers the second Thursday of January, April, July, and October. The meetings were hosted at various locations around Plymouth:

January 10, 2013

Meeting Location/Host: Vicksburg Commons

Topic: Hoarding

Attendance: 19

April 17, 2013

Meeting Location/Host: Plymouth Pointe

Topics: Emergency Preparedness, Downing Prevention

Attendance: 17

July 11, 2013

Meeting Location/Host: Vicksburg Village

Topic: Community Service Officers

Attendance: 13

October 10, 2013

Meeting Location/Host: Plymouth Police Department

Topic: Drug Trends and Updates

Attendance: 16

Officer Haseman also met with the residents of three apartment communities in 2013 to present crime prevention information and discuss safety concerns residents had. Four additional apartment communities requested a premise security survey to learn how to make their communities a safer place. Two apartment communities—Stonehill Apartments and Vicksburg Village Apartments—achieved full CFMH certification in 2013.

Officer Haseman partnered with the New Hope and Wayzata Police Departments to offer three, 8-hour CFMH training classes in 2013. The CFMH trainings educated 111 rental owners, managers, and employees about the CFMH program and gave them tools to

more effectively deal with criminal activity on their property. Another 11 attended the 4-hour refresher class hosted in conjunction with the full-day trainings. In addition, Officer Haseman was a featured presenter at three Minnesota Multi-Housing Association trainings and two other cities' CFMH trainings, helping to train over 120 rental owners and managers about CFMH. Officer Haseman also hosted two CFMH Train-the-Trainer classes for law enforcement officers. These classes train officers how to develop and run a successful CFMH program in their communities. Thirty-two officers attended the classes.

In 2013, Officer Haseman continued to serve as chairperson of the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association's (MCPA) Crime Free Multi-Housing Committee, in addition to being a board member at large. She conducted four quarterly meetings around the state for law enforcement CFMH coordinators, plus she helped coordinate the MCPA's week-long Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) class for law enforcement personnel in April 2013.

Officer Haseman also helped enforce the city's rental licensing ordinance, working to reduce repeat calls for service for nuisance violations. From January 1 through November 30, 2013, Officer Haseman sent 170 nuisance warning letters. Twenty-four units went on to get their first nuisance strike, seven needed a second strike, and only one unit went on to receive a third strike. Many units on their second and third strikes were moved on by management. Officer Haseman also reached out to 73 apartment residents that were involved in verbal altercations (which resulted in a police response) by following up with resource information.

Finally, Officer Haseman helped enforce City Ordinance 960, which deals with nuisance violations on all private property on a complaint-driven basis. This ordinance can impose civil fines for repeat nuisance violations. The ordinance has only had to be used seven times in 2013.

Community Relations Officer Jim Long will be an excellent replacement for Officer Haseman and will continue to offer many of the same CFMH services to our Plymouth apartment communities.



Pictured above are two apartment buildings in Plymouth that achieved full CFMH certification in 2013. Read below for the steps necessary in becoming certified.

BENEFITS TO ACHIEVING FULL CFMH CERTIFICATION:

- ❖ Reduced crime, drugs, gangs
- ❖ Reduced police calls for service (fully certified properties have reported a reduction of calls up to 70% over previous years)
- ❖ Stable, satisfied tenant base
- ❖ Reduced exposure to civil liability
- ❖ Increased demand for rental units
- ❖ Lower maintenance and repair costs
- ❖ Increased property values
- ❖ Improved personal safety for tenants, landlords, managers
- ❖ Right to post CFMH signs and advertise membership in print media using the official CFMH logo

OUTLINE OF CFMH PROGRAM CONTENTS:

Phase I – Management Training (8 Hours)

- ❖ Crime prevention theory
- ❖ Physical security
- ❖ Benefits of resident screening
- ❖ Lease agreements and eviction issues
- ❖ Crime Free lease addendum
- ❖ Key control and master key use
- ❖ On-going security management monitoring and responding to criminal activity
- ❖ Gangs, drug activity and crime prevention
- ❖ Legal warnings, notices and evictions
- ❖ Working smarter with police and fire
- ❖ Terrorism Awareness and Prevention
- ❖ Community awareness

Phase II – Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

- ❖ CFMH design survey
- ❖ Minimum door, window and lock standards compliance inspection
- ❖ Minimum exterior lighting standards evaluation
- ❖ Key control procedures evaluation
- ❖ Landscape maintenance standards compliance inspection

Phase III – Community Awareness Training

- ❖ Annual crime prevention social taught by property management and police
- ❖ Community awareness and continuous participation is encouraged

Full certification expires annually unless renewed following compliance with Phases II and III.

ALONG FOR THE RIDE

The Plymouth Police Department’s informational television show, *Along for the Ride*, has been on the air since 2005. The show is broadcast on local cable Channels 16 and 20. In November 2008, the show was added to the city’s website (www.plymouthmn.gov/alongfortheride), so it can be seen by those who do not have cable television.

Each episode of *Along for the Ride* highlights different police activities, services, programs, and safety topics. Six separate shows were broadcast during 2013. The main topics included: Department Updates from Chief Goldstein, the Department Traffic Unit, Department Training, Swimming Safety Initiative, Domestic Violence, Emergency Preparedness, and Heart Safe Plymouth.

Along for the Ride is co-hosted by Officer Angela Haseman and Community Relations Officer Jim Long. Together they write, coordinate, and host each show.



The Plymouth Police Senior Corps helps with filming, production, and editing of the show. In 2013, *Along for the Ride* added two volunteers—Chelsey Kurth and Mon Notthakun—to help with film footage and production of the show. Ms. Kurth donated 135 hours and Mr. Notthakun donated an additional 7 hours to help with the show.

Along for the Ride has become an excellent conduit for the public to learn about crime prevention, public safety information, and the police department itself.

SENIOR CORPS

The police department has had the Senior Corps program since 2004. The Senior Corps is a group of senior citizen volunteers who help with numerous tasks and projects at the police department. The program continues to be a very beneficial addition to the police department. The four Senior Corps members are Kersten Beckstrom, Bob Prestifilippo, Roman Rowan, and Willie Williamson.

The Senior Corps is instrumental in producing the police department's informational community television show, *Along for the Ride*. They create the set, run cameras, film field shots, and produce copies of the program for distribution. Member Kersten Beckstrom spends many hours editing video and preparing the program for broadcasting. In addition, Ms. Beckstrom also edited a department training video for officers.

Senior Corps members Willie Williamson and Bob Prestifilippo were once again involved with the city's annual bike helmet sales on the first and third Thursday evenings, May through August. They provided much-needed help finding and fitting helmets for participants.

The Senior Corps also performs various computer and administrative duties, including assembling countless File of Life packets and manuals, preparing mailings, and conducting apartment firebox checks. In addition, member Kersten Beckstrom gathers information for the *APB*, the department's monthly newsletter, and assists with the Predatory Offender Tracking program.

All four members of the Seniors Corps have been trained in basic crime prevention. In addition, they have been trained to help in the department's Emergency Operations Center if they are needed during critical incidents or natural disasters.

In 2013, the four members of the Senior Corps donated a total of 748.50 hours to the police department. Kersten Beckstrom donated 539.50 hours; Bob Prestifilippo donated 105 hours; Willie Williamson donated 79 hours; and Roman Rowan donated 25 hours. Roman Rowan is also a member of the Plymouth Reserve program and donates additional hours to that program.

The Senior Corps is an invaluable resource to the police department. Since the inception of the Senior Corps program, a total of 8,910.15 hours have been donated to the department. All members are dedicated, hard-working, selfless, and outstanding individuals.

KERSTEN BECKSTROM



BOB PRESTIFILIPPO



ROMAN ROWAN



WILLIE WILLIAMSON



RECOGNITION AWARDS

OFFICER SERVICE PINS

Officer Bill Dane – 4 stars
 Officer Dave Durenberger – 3 stars
 Officer Paul Fischer – 1 star
 Officer Shawn Grande – 5 stars
 Officer Nate Hultgren – 5 stars

Officer Ryan Janssen – 1 star
 Officer Scott Kirchner – 1 star
 Officer Aaron Marsh – 5 stars
 Officer Scott Whiteford – 5 stars

20 YEARS

Publ. Safety Educ. Spec. Sara Cwayna
 Officer Darrin Gotsch
 Officer Dave Groth
 Captain Pete Johnson

25 YEARS

Sergeant Brian Beniek
 Deputy Chief Dan Plekkenpol

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

CITIZENS AWARDS

Tara Banks
 Claire Benway
 Alicia Bluhm
 Prosper Doe
 Paul Elgersma
 Anthony Gunderson

Alexander Haug
 Danielle Igbanugo
 Herbert Igbanugo
 Stephen McAleer
 Joel McDougal
 Nathan McGinley

Adam Murphy
 Nathan Olmscheid
 Geoffrey Racette
 Amy Robins
 Joel Stamp

Officers Nate Hultgren, Melissa Johnson & Lisa Kurtz
 Community Service Officer John Bernier
 Officers Jon Goldenman & Ryan Janssen
 Officers Dave Anderson, Kyle Kvenild, Sara Phillippe & Amy Therkelsen
 Officers Nick Benesch, Sara Phillippe, Dan Rice, Amy Therkelson &
 Sergeant Heath Bird

LIFESAVING AWARDS



CITIZENS AWARD
 Nathan Olmscheid



CITIZENS AWARD
 Herbert & Danielle Igbanugo



CITIZENS AWARD
 Geoffrey Racette

RECOGNITION AWARDS

JUNE STORMS (CITY EMPLOYEES)

Laurie Ahrens
Paul Buck
Jodi Bursheim
Dave Callister
Doran Cote

Diane Evans
Dan Heitke
Torrey Keith
Helen LaFave
Lowell Luebeck

Julie McMackins
Jennifer Moreen
Lara Newberger
Scott Newberger
Barb Northway

Dr. Christina Cusic
Jennifer Dorfsman, R.N.
Sergeant Angela Haseman
Captain Pete Johnson

Officer Todd Kloss
Deputy Chief Dan Plekkenpol
Captain Jeff Swiatkiewicz

FITNESS PROGRAM

LETTERS OF RECOGNITION

Officer Ryan Peterson
Officer Scott Kirchner
Officers Nate Hultgren & Mike Passig
Officer Dave Anderson
Officer Steve Larson & K9 Knight

Officer Matt Gliniany & K9 Stryker
Officer Dave Groth
Officers David Carlson & Ryan Hazen
Officers Drew Gilmore, Quincy Grabau,
Molly Sutherland & Sgt. Brian Beniek

Community Service Officer Erik Jacobson
Officer Melissa Johnson

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Officer Melissa Johnson &
CSO Erik Jacobson



LETTER OF RECOGNITION
OFFICER DAVE ANDERSON



SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY
Deputy Chief Dan Plekkenpol

CRIME STATISTICS

OVERVIEW

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), a division of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, uses reporting techniques recommended by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) to collect criminal data submitted by many law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The data collected is called the Uniform Crime Report (UCR). It contains information regarding offenses classified as Part I and Part II crimes.

PART I CRIMES

The crimes of murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson comprise the Crime Index. These crimes were selected by the FBI as national crime indicators because the crimes generally occur in all 50 states, and they occur frequently enough to provide an adequate basis for comparison over time.

The Crime Index is sometimes erroneously referred to as "Serious Crime." This is misleading because the majority (60 percent) of crimes in the index are in the category of larceny-theft, including petty shoplifting and other minor thefts. The terms Crime Index and Part I Crimes are often used interchangeably. Part I Crimes are the eight index crimes, plus manslaughter by negligence, a rarely used category. The Part I Crimes of violence against persons are murder, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery. The Part I Crimes against property are burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

PART II CRIMES

Most criminal offenses other than Part I Crimes fall into this category in the UCR program. Part II Crimes are not necessarily less serious than Part I Crimes. For example, the Part II Crimes of simple assault, fraud, forgery, weapons, or narcotics may be more serious and carry more severe penalties than larceny-theft.

Not included is drunkenness, which is a national UCR Part II offense, but which was decriminalized in Minnesota in the 1970s. The Part II Crimes are as follows:

- ❖ Curfew & Loitering (Under Age 18)
- ❖ Disorderly Conduct
- ❖ Driving Under the Influence
- ❖ Drug Abuse Violations
- ❖ Embezzlement
- ❖ Forgery & Counterfeiting
- ❖ Fraud
- ❖ Gambling
- ❖ Liquor Laws
- ❖ Offenses Against Family & Children
- ❖ Other Assaults
- ❖ Prostitution & Commercialized Vice
- ❖ Runaways (Under Age 18)
- ❖ Sex Offenses (Except Rape & Prostitution)
- ❖ Stolen Property (Buy/Receive/Possess)
- ❖ Vandalism
- ❖ Weapons (Carry/Possess/Etc.)
- ❖ All Other Offenses

CRIME RATE

The crime rate is known as the number of offenses per 100,000 people in a geographical area.

Crime statistics relating specifically to the City of Plymouth are summarized on the following pages. Charts for Part I Crimes, Part II Crimes, Other Reports, and Citations offer a comparison between 2012 and 2013 statistics.

PART I CRIMES

	2012					2013				
	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total
Arson	0	1	2	3	6	1	1	2	2	6
Assault	3	6	6	3	18	2	6	10	8	26
Burglary – Commercial	14	16	15	15	60	13	13	16	20	62
Burglary – Residential	46	46	51	66	209	18	35	50	31	134
Criminal Homicide	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Larceny – Theft	232	235	218	249	934	193	236	276	238	943
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	8	6	8	33	11	16	24	10	61
Rape	2	0	10	3	15	8	3	3	8	22
Robbery	4	3	6	2	15	1	0	2	3	6
TOTALS	312	316	314	349	1,291	247	310	383	320	1,260
% Increase/Decrease from Previous Year	Corrected totals for 2012					-21%	-2%	22%	-8%	-2%



The Plymouth Police Department transfers crime data to the BCA electronically through their records management system. Each crime is assigned a specific code called a Minnesota Offense Code (MOC). Strict guidelines are followed for accuracy.



The BCA collects crime data from 298 participating law enforcement agencies throughout the state and compiles this data into a yearly state Uniform Crime Report (UCR). This information then gets forwarded to the FBI for their statistical purposes.



The Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS) of the FBI receives UCRs from states that have such a program; otherwise agencies may submit their reports directly to the FBI. Four annual publications are produced from data received from over 18,000 agencies.



PART II CRIMES

	2012					2013				
	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total
Curfew & Loitering (Under Age 18)	4	4	3	1	12	0	2	7	2	11
Disorderly Conduct	58	54	55	51	218	65	51	71	67	254
Driving Under the Influence	34	26	37	30	127	26	39	31	14	110
Drug Abuse Violations	77	72	67	59	275	46	47	46	43	182
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting	6	5	7	7	25	14	7	14	18	53
Fraud	51	67	61	68	247	42	46	56	60	204
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Laws	8	16	30	21	75	8	18	11	13	50
Offenses Against Family & Children	1	1	0	2	4	3	3	3	5	14
Other Assaults	63	72	82	58	275	59	55	80	56	250
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	12	10	15	16	53	11	5	11	11	38
Runaways (Under Age 18)	26	22	21	16	85	15	20	21	21	77
Sex Offenses (Except Rape & Prostitution)	12	6	7	16	41	6	10	9	11	36
Stolen Property (Buy/Receive/Possess)	2	4	8	3	17	1	3	3	6	13
Vandalism	92	83	78	71	324	41	51	93	49	234
Weapons (Carry/Possess/Etc.)	12	5	7	3	27	2	2	3	3	10
All Other Offenses	34	30	36	29	129	45	36	52	21	154
TOTAL	492	477	514	451	1,934	384	395	511	400	1,690
% Increase/Decrease from Previous Year	Corrected totals for 2012					-22%	-17%	-1%	-11%	-13%



Brief History of the UCR Program:

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet the need for reliable uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics. Minnesota has participated in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program since 1936. The primary goal of the UCR program in Minnesota is to provide statistical information on the volume and affect of crime. The statistics that are generated each year are not only of vital concern to national figures, but are equally important to the State as a whole.

OTHER REPORTS

	2012					2013				
	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total
Motor Vehicle Fatal Crash	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Personal Injury Crash	20	30	28	30	108	42	23	31	32	128
Motor Vehicle Property Damage Crash	234	223	170	246	873	250	229	216	290	985
Administrative Inquiry	0	3	1	2	6	2	1	2	0	5
Lockout – Car/House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
False Alarm – Residential	106	131	159	169	565	128	173	171	150	622
False Alarm – Commercial	243	224	244	248	959	204	273	253	255	985
False Alarm – Other	88	82	94	105	369	111	123	91	116	441
Animal Issues	291	458	379	283	1,411	190	455	454	303	1,402
Assist Other Agency	110	124	111	109	454	112	111	137	137	497
Motorist Assist	7	6	4	33	50	35	17	24	69	145
Assist Public	91	204	80	69	444	102	125	128	129	484
Death Investigation	12	8	18	9	47	9	10	8	11	38
Disturbance – Verbal Domestic	103	136	153	130	522	98	109	97	104	408
Disturbance – Noise	135	173	161	126	595	88	148	98	89	423
Disturbance – Neighborhood	28	26	30	20	104	20	31	26	11	88
Disturbance – Unwanted Person	16	21	35	25	97	30	31	30	17	108
Fire	32	29	44	58	163	27	46	36	30	139
Gas Odor/Leak	14	16	8	14	52	5	6	7	6	24
Found Property	45	68	95	63	271	30	46	62	54	192
Juvenile Problem	41	62	93	53	249	36	47	52	40	175
K9 Assist	62	47	41	77	227	61	50	47	62	220
Lost/Missing Person	10	17	16	13	56	12	16	14	14	56
Lost Property	23	32	31	37	123	31	41	44	32	148
Medical	845	869	837	866	3,417	828	923	834	816	3,401
Abandoned/Junk Vehicle	3	9	7	14	33	15	8	15	5	43
Civil Matter	80	98	118	103	399	111	97	122	107	437
Traffic Detail	215	298	275	327	1,115	240	291	309	347	1,187
Extra Patrol	16	34	23	16	89	15	26	33	12	86
911 Hang Up	132	151	165	149	597	152	161	153	160	626
Vehicle Impound	1	2	1	2	6	0	2	0	4	6
Miscellaneous Information	669	727	703	468	2,567	426	647	710	601	2,384
License Plate PU/Impound	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Order for Protection	38	28	36	32	134	50	32	40	42	164
Trespass Notice Service	5	8	5	8	26	8	7	10	6	31
Warrant Arrest	47	48	43	57	195	39	38	47	45	169
Loud Party/Noise Violation	25	19	26	25	95	40	36	59	26	161
All Other City Ordinance Violation	66	117	145	67	395	49	106	145	200	500
Recovered Motor Vehicle	1	4	8	6	19	2	5	2	2	11
Suspicious Person/Activity	284	402	409	313	1,408	287	413	419	321	1,440
TOTAL	4,138	4,935	4,799	4,372	18,244	3,885	4,903	4,926	4,645	18,359
% Increase/Decrease from Previous Year						-6.1%	-0.6%	2.6%	6.2%	0.6%

	2012					2013				
	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total	1 st Qtr	2 nd Qtr	3 rd Qtr	4 th Qtr	Total
Hazardous Moving										
Speed	1,064	899	917	783	3,663	1,175	587	761	595	3,118
Careless/Reckless	6	7	8	6	27	8	8	10	2	28
Disobey Signs and Signals	166	83	117	105	471	133	98	94	77	402
Stop Sign	62	67	185	70	384	173	233	202	101	709
Improper Passing	20	6	8	8	42	11	13	22	8	54
Improper Turning	34	19	40	18	111	87	25	45	17	174
Improper Lane Use/Wrong Way/HOV	17	10	15	46	88	13	14	16	16	59
Fail to Yield	33	29	23	50	135	62	99	62	107	330
Following Too Closely	11	7	7	8	33	8	6	6	2	22
Improper/No Signal	32	11	17	7	67	32	6	7	7	52
Open Bottle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defective/Improper Equipment	192	123	124	64	503	135	165	135	136	571
Inattentive Driving	75	78	71	87	311	102	89	92	97	380
School Bus Stop Arm	9	5	0	12	26	7	4	4	3	18
Other Hazardous	6	0	10	3	19	3	3	1	2	9
TOTAL HAZARDOUS MOVING	1,727	1,344	1,542	1,267	5,880	1,949	1,350	1,457	1,170	5,926
Non-Moving										
Fire Lane/Fire Hydrant	37	38	31	47	153	37	53	56	47	193
2-5 a.m. Parking/Over 12 Hours	286	337	489	445	1,557	302	503	455	427	1,687
Handicapped Parking	12	12	12	2	38	3	1	0	0	4
Other Parking	23	26	29	32	110	27	25	31	13	96
Junk/Abandoned Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
Other Non-Moving Violations	3	4	6	14	27	6	21	33	12	72
TOTAL NON-MOVING	361	417	567	540	1,885	377	603	576	500	2,056
Non-Hazardous Moving										
DAR/DAS/DAC	249	192	214	206	861	192	158	171	161	682
No MN DL/No MN DL Within 60 Days	80	51	43	39	213	64	45	36	37	182
Other DL Violation	92	67	78	57	294	79	76	62	56	273
Improper Registration	374	140	183	218	915	313	198	205	200	916
Motorcycle Requirement	1	0	5	0	6	0	1	0	0	1
Overwidth/Overweight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blocking and Obstructing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leaky/Unsecured Load	3	3	7	1	14	2	3	4	1	10
Unreasonable Acceleration	3	0	2	22	27	3	0	0	1	4
Seat Belt	161	123	140	104	528	89	152	101	104	446
Child Restraint	4	0	0	2	6	2	0	1	0	3
No Insurance	83	45	44	53	225	61	47	43	38	189
Crosswalk/Fail to Yield to Pedestrian	1	4	44	2	51	0	4	27	4	35
Other Non-Hazardous Moving	4	7	7	2	20	4	5	5	5	19
TOTAL NON-HAZARDOUS MOVING	1,055	632	767	706	3,160	809	689	655	607	2,760
TOTAL OF ALL CITATIONS	3,143	2,393	2,876	2,513	10,925	3,135	2,642	2,688	2,277	10,742
% Increase/Decrease from Previous Year						-0.3%	10.4%	-6.5%	-9.4%	-1.7%



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Plymouth Police Department is to provide superior protection and service by reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life expected by our community. We will accomplish this through innovative strategies and collaboration, along with a commitment to our core values:

Integrity

Accountability

Professionalism

Respect

Excellence

Our mission defines us.

IN MEMORY OF
CHIEF CRAIG GERDES
12/31/48 – 10/09/13



*Craig Gerdes served as the
Plymouth Police Chief from
1992-2004*

On October 9, 2013, former Plymouth Police Chief Gerdes passed away after enduring a seven-year battle with cancer.

Chief Gerdes began his law enforcement career after serving in the United States Army from 1967-1970. He was hired as a police officer for the City of Bloomington in 1971 and later became a lieutenant with that department. He also served with Bloomington's Volunteer Fire Department until 1995 and retired as the deputy chief.

In July 1992, Craig Gerdes was hired as the Chief of Police for the City of Plymouth. He led the expansion and renovation of the public safety building and brought growth and refinement to the organization through the formation of specialized committees. He was an avid supporter of the K9 program and was instrumental in bringing a second K9 on board with the department. Another crucial improvement he brought to the department was 24 hour supervision.

During his tenure with the Plymouth Police Department, Chief Gerdes served as the president of the Hennepin County Chiefs Association and was also a chair of the Minnesota Police Officer Standards and Training Board. He valued community involvement and served on both the Wayzata-Plymouth Chemical Health Commission and the Jacob Wetterling Foundation.

Chief Gerdes' motto was, "Do the right thing." He set high standards for himself and encouraged his employees to live by the same principles. He displayed remarkable bravery both in his career and in his battle with cancer. He was a great public servant and will be remembered for his integrity and commitment to service by those who were privileged to know him.

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