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WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT

CORE VALUES

Integrity

Service

Professionalism

Respect

Trust

VISION STATEMENT

The goal of the Willmar Police Department is to provide a safer community through a partnership with its citizens.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Willmar Police Department is dedicated to provide fair and impartial police services to all persons through education and enforcement.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS



Kathy Schwantes, Secretary
Dennis Anfinson, President
Cassie Akerson, Vice President

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WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

YEAR	POPULATION	SWORN OFFICERS	OFFICERS ON PATROL
2013	20,300	31	19
2012	19,694	31	19
2011	19,600	31	20
2010	19,610	33	20
2009	19,130	33	20
2008	19,040	34	20
2007	18,305	33	20
2006	18,709	33	20
2005	18,659	31	20
2004	18,597	32	21
2003	18,512	32	21

The staffing number indicates the number of sworn officers who were employed on December 31st of the given year. The actual number of officers who were available for work might be higher or lower during the year, depending on the hire or retirement dates of officers throughout the year or officers who were unavailable for work due to extended injury or illness.

The number of officers on patrol is indicative of full-time sworn officers whose primary duties consist of patrol functions. Again, this figure is obtained on December 31st of the given year. In most years, the months of June, July and August are supplemented by three more patrol officers than the number indicated. These patrol officers are School Resources Officers who are otherwise assigned to work in the schools from September through May.

In addition to the number of sworn officers shown above, the Willmar Police Department had 4 full-time civilian staff (1 administrative assistant and 3 clerical staff members) and 3 part-time staff (4 Community Service Officers).



Pictured left to right: Administrative Assistant Sue Edwards,
Clerical staff: Linda Wittman, Katie Laughlin and Kim Stenglein.

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WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(As of December 31, 2013)

Chief of Police	David J. Wyffels
Captain	James E. Felt
Sergeant	Julie A. Asmus
Sergeant	Vincent K. King
Sergeant	Michael J. Anderson
Sergeant	Daniel R. Erickson
Sergeant	Michael C. Markkanen
Sergeant	Michael J. Jahnke
Police Officer (Specialist)	Anthony J. LaPatka
Police Officer	Robert P. Dobransky, Jr.
Police Officer (Specialist)	Gene A. Schneider
Police Officer	Frank O. Hanson
Police Officer (Specialist)	Kristian M. Kolstad
Police Officer (Specialist)	Chad L. Nelson
Police Officer (Specialist)	Craig A. Lange
Police Officer	Chad W. Oakleaf
Police Officer	Jared J. Wosmek
Police Officer	Jason E. Evans
Police Officer (Specialist)	Scott M. Erickson
Police Officer	Zachary N. Herzog
Police Officer (Specialist)	Dustin M. Van der Hagen
Police Officer (Specialist)	James A. Venenga
Police Officer	Ross S. Livingood
Police Officer	Michael J. Holme
Police Officer	Samuel M. Neubauer
Police Officer	Joshua M. Helgeson
Police Officer	Christopher T. Flatten
Police Officer	Jason M. Hay
Police Officer	Michael E. Carlson
Police Officer	Timothy A. Wallace
Police Officer	Benjamin J. Hanneman
Administrative Assistant	Susan A. Edwards
Secretary	Linda K. Wittman
Secretary	Kimberly M. Becker-Stenglein
Secretary	Katherine E. Laughlin
Community Service Officer	Samuel H. Schaeftbauer
Community Service Officer	Ashley L. Stavish
Community Service Officer	Nora G. Medina
Community Service Officer	Allen J. Walther

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EMPLOYEE CHANGES

Hires:

Benjamin Hanneman began service as a police officer on February 4, 2013.

Samuel Schaeftbauer began service as a CSO through the Ridgewater College CSO/Apprentice Program on May 6, 2013.

Ashley Stavish began service as a CSO through the Ridgewater College CSO/Apprentice Program on May 7, 2013.

Nora Medina began service as a CSO through the Ridgewater College CSO/Apprentice Program on November 19, 2013.

Allen Walther began service as a CSO through the Ridgewater College CSO/Apprentice Program on November 19, 2013.

Promotions:

There were no departmental promotions that occurred in 2013.

Retirements and Resignations and Other:

Canine Cato – deceased on January 16, 2013.

CSO Aaron Valiant (hired April 28, 2009) resigned from employment on June 28, 2013, to participate in a National Guard unit deployment to Afghanistan to serve our country.

CSO Nicholas Ardoff (hired June 4, 2012) resigned from employment on November 1, 2013, to begin employment with the Ottertail County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Marilee Dorn (hired January 24, 1983) was separated from employment through action taken by the Willmar Police Commission on December 19, 2013.

Internal Assignments:

Officer Ross Livingood was re-assigned from the School Resource Officer (SRO) assignment to a Patrol Unit assignment on June 7, 2013.

Officer James Venenga was re-assigned from a Patrol Unit assignment to the School Resource Officer (SRO) assignment on September 3, 2013.

2013 DEPARTMENT PROGRAM CHANGES

At least on an annual basis, the Willmar Police Department reviews all established department programs for effectiveness, efficiency and need, along with other provided police services and police programs. Review is done to ensure the department is using its available resources wisely and in a manner that addresses the identified and prioritized community wishes and needs.

This evaluation sometimes results in the startup of new programs, the elimination of ineffective or obsolete programs, and the change of existing programs to ensure they continue meeting the desired goals and outcomes that were originally established. This section covers any program changes made during 2013.

DECEMBER 30, 2013 - Canine Program – The Willmar Police Department canine program was officially abandoned on December 30, 2012. It was not continued throughout 2013 due to budgetary cutbacks. The Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office also lost their only existing canine in June, 2013.

However, interest from community members and an offer of a generous private donation will allow the program to be reconsidered and potentially revived in 2014. The new canine program would be re-designed and consist of a collaborative effort between the Willmar Police Department and Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, which through written agreement allows joint agency use of one single canine resource, while sharing expenses.



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PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department normally consisting of (4) Patrol Sergeants and (16) uniformed patrol officers.

The Patrol Division generally works in four teams led by a sergeant. Patrol officers normally work 12-hour shifts, with overlap shifts targeted towards coverage for the days and time of highest activity.

This division is responsible for responding to the majority of the public generated calls for service, initial crime scene processing/investigation, and traffic enforcement. Other responsibilities include warrant service, crime prevention, community education, ride-along program, and parking enforcement (on street).

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Willmar Police Department Detective Division consists of a Detective Sergeant, two detectives, two gang enforcement officers, and one narcotics officer assigned to the CEE-VI Narcotics Task Force.

The Detective Sergeant supervises the Detective Division. The Detective Sergeant and both detectives share in the everyday investigation of criminal cases. In addition, each detective is assigned specific areas of responsibility.



Left to Right: GET Officer Dustin Van der Hagen, Detective Chad Nelson, Detective Kris Kolstad, Detective Sergeant Vince King, Task Force Officer Scott Erickson, GET Officer Craig Lange

Detective responsibilities include review and investigation of criminal cases, child abuse and vulnerable adult cases from Family Services, tracking predatory sex offenders, investigation of liquor license applications and renewals, conducting liquor compliance checks, conducting background investigations of police candidates, processing forfeitures, and assisting other agencies in conducting internal affairs investigations.

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The following chart is a 5-year comparison of general investigation activity.

Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Criminal Cases Reviewed from Patrol Referrals	892	939	1,300	1,200	1,300
Family Service Reports Reviewed	631	487	467	424	399
Predatory Offenders Tracked	43	38	29	32	30
Liquor License Applications	40	34	34	51	38
Alcohol Compliance Checks	24	44	38	39	43

COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIVISION

The Willmar Police Department Community Outreach Division consists of the Community Outreach Sergeant, and the three School Resource officers (SRO's).

The Community Outreach Sergeant supervises the SRO's. Some of the activities coordinated out of the Community Outreach Division include: school liaison activities, community education and prevention initiatives, special events, and other interactive department and community programs.



Officers Gene Schneider, Anthony LaPatka, James Venenga
Sgt. Julie Asmus

The Willmar Police Department exists to serve the law enforcement needs of the community. We believe these needs can be met in a variety of ways, but our priority in service delivery is established as follows:

- Recognizing Community - Always!
- Providing Education First - Whenever possible!
- Taking Enforcement Action - As necessary!

Although all officers assist in providing public education, the Community Outreach Division is the primary component of providing our educational services within the community, promoting events, etc.

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SUPPORT SERVICES

The Willmar Police Department has a long history of established departmental support services. Support services are different compared to department programs.

Department services fill an underlying need within the department itself, whereas department programs are normally created to accomplish certain outcomes or goals involving the police within the community itself.

The Willmar Police Department Marksmen Unit (previously referred to as the Sniper Unit) was established in 1990. The Special Weapons And Tactics team (SWAT) was established in 1994. Both units were established to deal with high risk incidents where specialized training and equipment are utilized. Some specific high risk situations may include dangerous search warrants, hostage situations, barricaded suspects, suicidal individuals with weapons, and special protection details. Both units often work collaboratively together during training exercises and incorporate probable training scenarios that would involve the use of both units.

SWAT UNIT

The Willmar Police Department SWAT team is composed of an entry team unit consisting of ten officers. Additional officers in the department are assigned to crisis negotiations and chemical agent delivery groups. These teams operate under the command of the Chief of Police, the Police Captain, and two SWAT team leaders.



Detailed planning is involved on all high risk entries which include not only SWAT team members but other involved agencies, SWAT medics, and agency Detectives.

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All entry team members have completed a minimum of a basic tactical class through the Special Operations Training Association, Minnesota National Guard Counter-Drug Program and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Members receive training in techniques such as emergency rescue, active shooters, forcible entry, and room entry/searches. Specialized equipment may include tactical weapons, lock disruption devices, controlled explosive devices (aka noise/flash diversion devices) and chemical munitions.



Left Photo: Training exercise held at a local school
Right Photo: Training exercise held at an abandoned house.

The Willmar Police Department SWAT team continues to maintain a high level of proficiency through up-to-date training exercises, physical fitness and specialized equipment.

In 2013, the Willmar Police Department SWAT team trained jointly with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's STAT Medic team. Willmar SWAT received training in various topics including, but not limited to; force on force training, bus assaults, active shooter response, vehicle assaults and hostage situations.

There were no retirements or additions made to the SWAT Unit, which consists of a total of ten members (two team leaders and eight entry team members). Having the same team members throughout the year allowed the unit to become more cohesive, developing into a more fluid team.

MARKSMEN UNIT

The Willmar Police Department Marksmen Unit is composed of four officers.

Marksmen work in pairs and can be utilized for a variety of situations, such as:

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- Barricaded suspect(s)
- Barricaded suspect(s) with hostage(s)
- Active shooter(s)
- Marksmen initiated Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team entry
- Narcotics type SWAT entry with known and/or unknown armed suspects
- Intelligence gathering through superior optics and/or field craft
- Protection for SWAT approach, entry, and/or retreat

Officers Lange, Dobransky and Oakleaf have attended the Minnesota National Guard Counter Sniper Precision Marksmanship School. Officer Mike Holme was sent to the Basic Sniper School, conducted by the Minneapolis Police Department SWAT team at Fort Ripley.



Additional training consists of, but is not limited to, intelligence gathering, field craft, tracking, ballistics, precision shooting, stalking, stealth, camouflage, and use of optics. The marksmen are required to submit monthly qualifications while firing from varying distances, elevations and positions.

During 2013, the Willmar Police Department Marksmen Unit participated in two joint training sessions with the Willmar SWAT Entry Team. Areas of instruction focused on communications between command, entry, and sniper elements of SWAT. Officer Lange instructed an additional Marksmen Unit training day consisting of classroom, field exercises, and shooting exercises.

In October, Officer Lange attended and completed a 24-hour course on Tactical Team Leader Development.

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WPD STATISTICS

Law enforcement is a complex operation due to a multitude of factors, some of which include: time needed to reach a destination due to either the nature of or the size of the geographical area served; call type; crime type; the number of available officers; the number of population served, which can fluctuate depending on the time of day, along with the cultural and industrial makeup of the city.

To properly gauge the safety of your community or the activity of your police department when comparing to other communities, it is imperative you understand how each factor might influence the statistics provided, while realizing that no two communities are exactly the same as it relates to geographical size and area, population, cultural influences, necessary expenditures, revenue resources, etc.

As an example, calls for service are not necessarily representative of how much crime occurs within Willmar. The Willmar Police can and do respond to numerous calls for service where a crime has not necessarily been committed.

Accident investigations, funeral assists, stalled vehicles, wild animal complaints, lost and found property, missing person complaints, search and rescue incidents, issuing permits, special events, community education, and a host of other types of activities all are examples of this.

Also, a low number of calls for service would not necessarily represent the police having little work to do because although each incident counts as one call for service, depending on the type of call (example a homicide vs. a stalled vehicle), the amount of police resources, and time needed to handle the call, can and does vary tremendously.

A community could also have a police department that is extremely busy, as indicated by a high number of calls for service, but in actuality have a very low crime rate. An example of this might be a very proactive police department engaged in a variety of community awareness and educational programs, which in turn leads to lower crime levels.

Therefore, to properly analyze the numbers provided, each section contains a detailed description as to what the actual numbers shown represent.

STATE OF MINNESOTA – UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR)

UCR is a method of comparing “apples to apples” on crime statistics across all law enforcement agencies in the United States. When agencies report offense data to a state or the national UCR Program, they must first appropriately classify offenses known to police into the Part I or II standard offense categories as defined by the Program. This practice ensures that offenses with different titles under state and local law are considered and appropriately recorded in UCR.

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MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION (BCA) - CRIME ANALYSIS

In 1935, the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) was given the responsibility to collect activity information from the law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Minnesota. Biennially, reports were completed as required by State Statute. In 1972, reports were printed annually.

Statistics shown below were gathered and provided by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). The numbers come from the published State of Minnesota, Department of Public Safety – 2013 Uniform Crime Report (UCR), along with other crime reports received from the Minnesota BCA.

Although numerous different offenses could have occurred within a single incident, the BCA only records the most serious offense for any one single given incident. The statistics below are representative only of the single most serious offense recorded in any given incident.

These UCR and BCA statistics are beneficial if trying to determine how many specific single “crime incidents” occurred within the City of Willmar. The number shown indicates the most serious crime in each incident, but they do not necessarily reflect the total number of crimes that were committed. To be considered separate incidents, there must be a separation of time and place between the criminal offenses that have occurred.

MINNESOTA BCA – PART I & PART II CRIMES

Crimes are grouped and indexed according to the seriousness of the offense. Part I crimes are more serious in nature than Part II crimes. The following chart shows a 10-year Part I vs. Part II crime comparison for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota BCA.

YEAR	PART I	PART II	TOTAL
2013	625	895	1520
2012	655	923	1,578
2011	540	843	1,383
2010	639	1,071	1,710
2009	772	1,293	2,065
2008	733	1,272	2,005
2007	736	1,159	1,895
2006	825	1,368	2,199
2005	973	1,098	2,071
2004	861	1,073	1,934

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The following chart is a breakdown of the Part I and Part II indexed offense categories as listed under the UCR criteria. This depicts a 5-year indexed crime comparison for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota BCA.

Incidents by Type	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
PART I CRIMES					
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	8	16	18	14	19
Robbery	7	8	1	2	4
Aggravated Assault	27	34	28	44	32
Burglary	54	73	51	54	66
Theft	501	503	416	502	629
Motor Vehicle Theft	24	19	22	20	21
Arson	4	2	4	3	1
PART II CRIMES					
Other Assault	153	129	132	160	135
Forgery / Counterfeiting	23	33	22	32	29
Fraud	53	61	47	109	130
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property (Buying, receiving , possessing)	11	3	5	5	6
Vandalism	235	246	168	259	348
Weapons	4	7	3	5	8
Prostitution	0	0	0	0	0
Other Sex Offenses	21	32	28	22	27
Narcotics	102	93	62	85	72
Gambling	1	0	0	0	0
Offense Against Family & Children	4	6	8	6	11
Driving Under the Influence	70	89	91	81	123
Liquor Laws	46	61	81	87	85
Disorderly Conduct	40	42	31	47	48
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0
Other Offenses (Excluding Traffic)	132	121	165	173	271
TOTALS	1520	1,578	1,383	1,710	2,065

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MINNESOTA BCA – TOTAL OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST

It is important to note that the clearance rate shown is only related to the number of crimes reported for the given year. The actual overall clearance rate will always be higher because some crimes committed in one calendar year may not be solved until the following year or even years later.

The statewide average of offense percentage clearance rate is for all reporting Minnesota law enforcement agencies. The following is a 10-year crime clearance rate comparison for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota BCA.

YEAR	PART I CRIMES		PART II CRIMES		OVERALL % for I & II
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	
2013 – Statewide Avg.		28%	N/A	61%	48%
2013	625	38%	895	65%	54%
2012	216	33%	575	62%	50%
2011	204	38%	605	72%	58%
2010	235	37%	693	65%	54%
2009	314	41%	891	69%	58%
2008	292	40%	894	70%	59%
2007	235	32%	801	59%	55%
2006	255	31%	889	65%	52%
2005	298	31%	733	67%	50%
2004	290	34%	695	65%	51%

MN BCA - ARREST INFORMATION

The chart below indicates the number of arrests made in Willmar. It is important to note that there could be multiple arrests for just one crime or multiple crimes resolved with just one arrest. Therefore, it is highly unlikely that the number of arrests will match the number of crimes committed or vice versa. The following chart is a 10-year history of arrest numbers for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota BCA.

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YEAR	ADULTS	JUVENILES	TOTAL ARRESTS
2013	680	245	925
2012	971	228	743
2011	709	189	898
2010	782	223	1,005
2009	996	245	1,241
2008	1,021	328	1,349
2007	884	268	1,152
2006	989	397	1,386
2005	887	332	1,219
2004	913	352	1,265

MINNESOTA BCA – CRIME RATE PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

This number indicates the crime rate per 100,000 residents which is useful when comparing the crime rate in Willmar against other communities. Crime rates are computed by dividing the number of Index Crimes (Part I & II crimes) by the population and then multiplying by 100,000.

The following chart is a 10-year crime rate comparison for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota BCA.

Crime Rate per 100,000 Residents

Year	Willmar, MN	State of Minnesota (Average)
2013	7,712	6706
2012	8,827	6,818
2011	7,746	6,979
2010	8,720	7,206
2009	11,610	7,547
2008	11,131	8,132
2007	10,352	8,662
2006	11,742	9,020
2005	10,831	8,941
2004	10,585	9,024

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LOCAL - RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)

Willmar Police records are stored in a Records Management System (RMS) and managed by the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office Records Unit. A Records Management System is an integral part of any law enforcement agency.

On March 23, 2011, the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office implemented a new RMS, identified as LETG, which replaced the existing CODY RMS. The Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Records Unit is responsible for managing all Willmar Police reports and records, which includes the storage, retrieval and archiving of all records relating to criminal activity and investigations. They also maintain responsibility for the records reporting requirements required by other agencies at the Federal, State and local levels.

The following RMS stats were obtained from both the CODY RMS (01/01/11 to 03/22/11) and the LETG RMS (03/23/11 – 12/31/13).

LOCAL RMS- CALLS FOR SERVICE (BY MONTH)

The chart below depicts a 3-year comparison broken down by the number of calls handled each month as recorded in the RMS database.

Month	2013	2012	2011
January	1,311	1,266	1,381
February	1,169	1,432	1,258
March	1,276	1,626	1,423
April	1,506	1,285	1,597
May	1,683	1,605	1,756
June	1,172	1,719	1,572
July	1,783	1,754	1,871
August	1,699	1,665	1,699
September	1,551	1,501	1,576
October	1,609	1,588	1,592
November	1,277	1,322	1,323
December	1,455	1,479	1,307
Totals:	18,031	18,242	18,354

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RMS - CALLS FOR SERVICE (By Category Type)

The chart below depicts a 3-year comparison, broken down by the number of call types handled by the Willmar Police as recorded in the RMS database. Some of the categories listed will show remarkable differences when comparing 2011 to 2012 or 2013.

The reason for these differences is caused by the change in the Records Management System when on March 23, 2011, we switched from CODY to LETG. Certain category listings in CODY were not available in LETG and vice versa. However, it does not diminish or enhance the total calls for service the police actually responded to in any of these years; as some call types are simply categorized differently.

Literal Description	2013	2012	2011
9-1-1 Hang-Up Call	144	121	90
Abandoned Vehicles & 48-Hour Parking	670	391	287
Accident Motor Vehicle – Property Damage	N/A	N/A	186
Accident Other Referred to State Patrol	N/A	N/A	2
Accident Packets Issued	N/A	N/A	26
Administrative Incidents	93	76	63
Administrative Offense	6	11	9
Agency Assist	661	722	564
Alarms	391	352	417
Alcohol Offense	197	196	213
All Other Public Complaints	934	997	905
Ambulance Call – Medical Emergency	32	14	30
Animal Calls	798	872	903
Assault	190	173	151
Assist in Locating	N/A	N/A	25
ATV/Snowmobile Complaints	24	18	9
Burglary in Progress Alarm	3	28	2
Burglary Report	88	108	81
Bus Stop Arm Violation	N/A	N/A	14
Check Cases	N/A	N/A	2
Check Welfare of Person	N/A	N/A	45
Child Custody Dispute	98	103	130
Civil	107	80	73
Consent Search	N/A	N/A	1
Crashes	843	797	626
Criminal Damage to Property	357	444	328
Criminal Sexual Conduct – 1st Degree	N/A	N/A	6
Curfew Violation	N/A	N/A	2
Disorderly Conduct	137	83	65
Dog Bites	N/A	N/A	3
Domestics	391	444	442
Doors / Windows Found Open	N/A	N/A	3

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Literal Description	2013	2012	2011
Doors Unlocked	N/A	N/A	5
Driving Complaints	N/A	N/A	65
Drug Violations	149	153	81
Drunkenness (Other than Detox)	N/A	N/A	24
Electric Home Monitoring Violation	N/A	N/A	9
Emergency Messages	N/A	N/A	1
Exterior Storage Violations	15	5	27
Family Service Reports	630	488	416
Fight Call	125	138	172
Financial Transaction Card Fraud	N/A	N/A	5
Fire Call Law Enforcement Response	62	65	59
Firearms Accident	N/A	N/A	1
Fireworks Complaint	N/A	N/A	1
Foot Pursuit Information	N/A	N/A	0
Forgery	21	14	11
Found Animals	N/A	N/A	43
Found Persons	N/A	N/A	0
Found Property	N/A	N/A	19
Fraud	164	174	173
Funeral Escorts	N/A	N/A	18
Gang Information	20	16	11
Gang Related Materials	N/A	N/A	0
Gun Permit	265	278	199
Harassment	443	450	485
Harassment Court Order / Hearing	N/A	N/A	1
Harassment Order Violation	N/A	N/A	8
Hit & Run Property Damage Accident	N/A	N/A	51
Identity Theft	N/A	N/A	11
Illness or Death Notices	N/A	N/A	3
Indecent Exposure	N/A	N/A	3
Information	105	106	64
Internet Crimes	N/A	N/A	0
Jail	83	71	57
Juvenile Violations	21	19	21
K-9 Assists	N/A	N/A	4
Kidnapping	0	0	1
Littering	5	N/A	N/A
Live Trap Issued	N/A	N/A	4
Lost & Found (Animals, Persons, Property)	641	744	591
Loud Parties / Neighborhood Disturbances	N/A	N/A	73
Medical Assist / Police	N/A	N/A	1
Mental Issues	72	83	85
Missing Persons	285	301	204
Motorist Assists	268	229	220

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Literal Description	2013	2012	2011
Motor Vehicle Accident – Other	N/A	N/A	13
Motor Vehicle Pursuits	N/A	N/A	0
Motor Vehicle Tampering	N/A	N/A	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	N/A	N/A	5
Neglect – Information	N/A	N/A	1
Neighborhood Disturbance	336	448	455
No Contact Order Violation	N/A	N/A	3
Occupational Accidents	1	0	2
Officer Safety Information	N/A	N/A	1
Order For Protection Violation	N/A	N/A	11
Parking Violations	N/A	N/A	63
Permit	3	7	
Permit Denials	N/A	N/A	3
Permit to Acquire	N/A	N/A	55
Permit to Shoot Pests	N/A	N/A	2
Permit to Solicit	N/A	N/A	1
Personal Injury Accident	N/A	N/A	10
Persons to Crisis	N/A	N/A	3
Persons to Detox	N/A	N/A	7
Physical Abuse – Information	N/A	N/A	11
Police Information	0	3	4
Possess Child Pornography	N/A	N/A	1
Prisoner Release Notification	N/A	N/A	6
Project Lifesaver	1	0	N/A
Prowler / Window Peeker	N/A	N/A	0
Public Assists	1,141	1,123	931
Public Works	13	5	5
Recovery (Stolen MV or Property)	20	20	23
Repossessed Vehicle	N/A	N/A	4
Request for Extra Patrol	N/A	N/A	15
Residence Checks	N/A	N/A	5
Return Locate	N/A	N/A	9
Ride-Along Program Participant	N/A	N/A	22
Robbery	5	6	1
Runaways	N/A	N/A	8
School Related Incidents	60	47	40
Search Warrant Execution	18	17	10
Sex Crimes	39	61	46
Sex Offender	N/A	N/A	1
Sexual Abuse – Information	N/A	N/A	2
Shoplifter	N/A	N/A	32
Snowbirds	N/A	N/A	60
SonShine Violations	2	15	17
Stalled Vehicles	N/A	N/A	56

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Literal Description	2013	2012	2011
State Hospital Walk-Away	N/A	N/A	3
Stolen Property/Possession	2	1	1
Sudden Death / Body Found	15	25	14
Suicidal Person	72	104	71
Suicide	3	7	6
Suicide Attempts	5	4	8
Suspicious (Person or Vehicle)	741	690	591
Theft	912	899	826
Tobacco Violation	N/A	N/A	2
Traffic Complaints	700	767	592
Traffic Stops	3,938	4,122	4,920
Trespass	92	69	86
Vagrancy	N/A	N/A	3
Varda Alarm	N/A	N/A	0
Vulnerable Adult Information	N/A	N/A	9
Warrant Arrest	314	355	323
Warrant Transport	N/A	N/A	0
Water/Ice Rescue	3	1	1
Watercraft Complaints	2	1	0
Weapons Complaints	55	81	79
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:	18,031	18,242	18,354

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic safety is an area of great public concern. Not only does the Willmar Police Department listen and respond to these concerns, we also attempt to be proactive by offering educational training that will reduce the likelihood of injury to motorists and pedestrians alike.

The Willmar Police department participates in many traffic safety programs, whether they are educational or enforcement based. The Willmar Police have a long history of participating in Towards Zero Deaths (TZD), formerly known as Safe & Sober. TZD is the umbrella that unites all of the Office of Traffic Safety enforcement program efforts.

In general, the focus given to specific problems starts with a public educational effort and eventually leads into enforcement action. Some of the focus areas that have caught the spotlight in recent years are DUI's, speeding, seatbelt use, child passenger restraint systems, cell phone use, and currently "distracted driving".

One department officer (Officer Hanson) maintained certification as a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technician, which involves instructing on the safe transportation of babies and children in motor vehicles.

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The department monitors crash rates and traffic patterns, along with specific driving complaints.

LOCAL RMS – TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTION

These numbers reflect the action taken in regards to traffic violations (driver or passenger) observed during a traffic stop. It does not reflect the actual number of traffic stops made by officers, as in some cases, multiple persons may have received a traffic citation or warning during a single traffic stop.

The chart below depicts a 3-year comparison of the type of traffic enforcement action taken by the Willmar Police as recorded in the RMS database.

Type of Contact	2013	2012	2011
Traffic Citations	1,347	866	1463
Verbal Warnings	2,751	2,584	3,070
Written Warnings	268	495	728
Illegal Equipment Repairs	2	11	9
Total:	4,368	3,956	5,270

LOCAL RMS - TRAFFIC CITATIONS (By Violation Type)

During the course of a year, the Willmar Police may easily enforce more than 100 different types of traffic violations. Enforcement action can vary from a verbal or written warning to a citation being issued.

The chart below depicts 20 of the more common types of traffic violations in which a citation was issued compared to previous years.

Violation	2013	2012	2011
Careless or Reckless Driving (Statute 169.13)	14	24	8
Child Restraint Violation (Statute 169.685)	10	21	9
Driving After Cancellation (Statute 171.24 subd. 3)	13	13	15
Driving After Revocation (Statute 171.24 subd. 2)	137	120	113
Driving After Suspension (Statute 171.24 subd. 1)	85	96	102
DUI (1 st – 4 th Degree) (Statute 169A.20 – 169A.27)	61	96	96
Expired Registration (Statute 169.79 subd.1)	4	10	9
Fail to Yield Right of Way (Statute 169.20)	12	9	15
Leaving the Scene of an Accident (Statute 169.09)	14	20	13
Instruction Permit Violation (Statute 171.05)	74	51	38

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Violation	2013	2012	2011
No Insurance (Statute 169.797)	47	69	44
No Minnesota Driver's License (Statute 171.02)	104	120	100
No Proof of Insurance (Statute 169.791)	108	138	103
Open Bottle Law (Statute 169A.35)	16	4	19
Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle (Statute 152.027)	24	47	17
School Bus Stop Arm Violation (Statute 169.444)	8	9	22
Seatbelt Violation (Statute 169.686)	160	103	190
Speed Related Violations (Statute 169.14)	220	232	331
Stop Sign Violation (Statute 169.20 (b))	17	16	19
Traffic Signal Violations (Statute 169.06)	26	22	18

YEARLY MILES PATROLLED

The following table is a 5-year comparison of the number of miles patrolled by the Willmar Police each year.

Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Mileage	323,069	354,322	333,839	383,218	393,049



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PROPERTY SYSTEM REPORT

The following report is a compilation of records entered into the Willmar Police Department property system. This system holds three different categories of property normally submitted by Willmar Police officers. These three categories are:

Evidence – any property held as evidence relating to a crime.

Found Property – any property found by citizens and turned into the custody of the police.

Property Held for Safe Keeping – any property held for “safe-keeping” until the owner can make arrangements for its return.

The Willmar Police Department has two property technicians. These technicians spent an estimated 15 hours per week (combined) performing their duties. The technicians are responsible for the intake (storage) and removal (eventual return, destruction, or other outcome) of property brought into the system. The number of items handled fluctuates slightly by season and by current criminal activity. Summer months normally show a greater activity, mainly resulting from a greater number of bikes that are turned in as “found property”.

The chart below depicts a 5-year comparison as to the amount of property handled by the technicians:

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Items Received	1535	1,720	1,647	1,577	1,580
Items Removed	1485	1,621	4,047	853	1,366
# of Found Bikes	110	128	131	106	118

Although bikes were counted under “items received”, they are also shown in the last column as a separate item of interest, as they are one of the most common pieces of property handled within the property system.

Almost all bikes submitted to the property system are “found bikes”, meaning someone calls to report the bike as being abandoned. Less than 10% of the found bikes are claimed by the owner. The rest remain unclaimed and are sold at the annual spring city auction.

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FORFEITURE REPORT

Law determines who gets what amount of the proceeds from the sale of forfeitable property. Forfeitures initiated by the Willmar Police Department are divided in the following manner:

<u>Type of Forfeiture</u>	<u>Division of Proceeds</u>
Criminal Forfeitures	70% - City of Willmar 20% - Kandiyohi County Attorney's Office 10% - State of Minnesota
Alcohol Forfeitures	100% - City of Willmar

If the violation is prosecuted at a Federal level, the proceeds are divided in the following manner:

Criminal Forfeitures	80% - City of Willmar 20% - U.S. Attorney's Office
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The Willmar Police Department normally employs the use of an "Administrative" forfeiture rather than a "Judicial" forfeiture because the burden of proof is placed upon the defendant. Property eligible for forfeiture is described in Minnesota Statute 609.531 – 609.5318 as property that was used or intended to be used for the commission of a designated offense.

Although a wide variety of items may be forfeitable, the majority and most common items forfeited are vehicles and cash. When practical, the Willmar Police Department will acquire forfeited property for Department use.

The following table is a 5-year compilation of records relating to vehicles or cash, which was seized by the Willmar Police Department, as being eligible for forfeiture. There are at least 23 different criminal offenses that are considered when determining whether or not property may be forfeited. Most property seized as forfeitable property is obtained from drug or alcohol offenses. Alcohol related forfeitures only allow seizure of the vehicle used.

	Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Vehicle Seizures	Seized	19	15	19	24	27
	Forfeited	2	9	7	15	11
	Returned	9	5	11	9	16
	Pending	8	1	0	0	0
Cash Seizures	Seized	\$46.00	\$138.00	\$388.67	\$2,852.85	\$4,891.00
	Forfeited	\$46.00	\$138.00	\$388.67	\$2,852.85	\$4,891.00
	Returned	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Pending	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

TOWS AND IMPOUNDMENT

Fees collected consist of towing charges, taxes, administration fees, and storage costs. The City of Willmar retains the revenue generated by administration and storage costs. The remainder is received by the contracted tow company for their towing services.

In 2010, changes in the justice system, which made many traffic laws simply a “payable offense”, caused a significant reduction in the number of vehicles which were previously towed and impounded. It was in that year that the Willmar Police began holding only one city auction (in May) each year because of the lower number of vehicles being held in the impound lot at the time of auction.

The following table is a 5-year comparison of the Willmar Police Department towing activity.

Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
# of Vehicles Towed	340	295	257	281	354
Fees Collected	\$36,795	\$28,822	\$27,000	\$26,400	\$40,000
Revenue Retained	\$25,399	\$19,709	\$17,500	\$16,295	\$19,800
# of Towed Vehicles Sold at City Auction	74	45	59	47	109

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

Minnesota law requires licensed police officers to attend at least 48 hours of Minnesota Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) approved courses in a three-year license period. POST mandates the amount of time officers are required to train to maintain proficiency skill levels relating to defensive tactics, firearms, driving, etc.

Aside from the MN POST mandated training requirements, officers must continually train in areas of law to maintain levels of proficiency as it relates to the yearly changes in legislative law and recent court rulings regarding law enforcement practices. They also must train to maintain certification in various fields relating to alcohol/drug enforcement, EMT/First Responder skills, OSHA related topics (HAZMAT and Bloodborne Pathogens), child seat safety certification, canine, etc. The hiring of new officers will influence the number of hours spent on training as well.

The following table is a 5-year comparison of the number of hours Willmar Police employees attended training.

Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Training Hours	3,652	3,982	3,739	2,921	3,456

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

CEE-VI DRUG & GANG TASK FORCE PROGRAM

In 1990, the Willmar Police Department began participation in a multi-county drug task force program known as CEE VI. The "CEE" stands for Cooperative Enforcement Effort, and the Roman numeral "VI" stands for the original six counties in the task force. There are currently five counties the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force serves. They include: Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Meeker, Yellow Medicine and Swift.

The need for multi-jurisdictional enforcement efforts stems from the fact that drug trafficking does not recognize jurisdictional boundaries and to be effective, enforcement officers need to cross those boundaries as well. In 2006, the State of Minnesota began a secondary task force to focus on gang problems. The two problems (drugs and gangs) are closely intertwined. It was at that time that the name was changed to the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force. While both task forces work closely together, they are separate from one another, with different funding sources and operating with different purposes and goals in mind.

The Willmar Police Department has had one full-time officer assigned to the CEE-VI Drug Task Force since 1990. This position is fully reimbursed back to the City of Willmar through grant money and funding sources within each of the six counties the Drug Task Force operates under.

The job of the drug task force is to investigate all facets of drug crimes. This includes, but is not limited to, undercover work, supervising informants, surveillance detail, writing and executing search warrants, investigating clandestine meth labs, proactive drug enforcement, and follow-up investigation on various leads.

In 2013, the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force was responsible for felony arrests of 155 individuals. The task force seized and purchased over 64 pills of Amphetamine, 78 grams of cocaine, 1 gram of hashish, 5 hydrocodone pills, 3 doses of LSD, 6.67 pounds of marijuana, 6.5 gr of MDMA, half pound of methamphetamine, 4 ½ pounds of synthetic marijuana, 16 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, and 794 prescription pills.

In 2013 the Task Force area has seen a large increase in the use and sales of synthetic cannabinoids (marijuana). The trend in synthetic cannabinoids has also been seen statewide.

In the City of Willmar in 2013, the task force was responsible for 100 arrests and 30 search warrants. The total asset seizures in Willmar consisted of \$12,822.50, 3 guns and a vehicle.

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2013- DRUGS SEIZED IN WILLMAR	2013- DRUGS PURCHASED IN WILLMAR
Cocaine	Adderall
Hydrocodone	Cocaine
Marijuana	Hashish
Methamphetamine	Marijuana
Other Prescription Drugs	MDMA
Oxycodone	Methamphetamine
Synthetic Marijuana	Mushrooms
	Oxycodone
	Other Prescription Pills



“Faces of Meth”
Before and After Photo’s



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COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education is a key component used by the Willmar Police Department in its efforts to gain compliance of laws and ordinances, along with building a safer community. Education is provided in a wide variety of formats and ranges anywhere from media appearances, speaking at service clubs, community or group presentations, display booths and handouts of printed material.

While the Willmar Police Department strives to meet all requests to provide presentations, the volume of requests and staffing levels do not allow every request to be fulfilled. Public demand, available staffing, audience size, how often the topic was already presented, and the amount of advanced notice received, all determine which requests can be met.

The table below depicts some of the areas of requested interest that were presented to the public in our education efforts. Some presentations are given multiple times throughout the year. Our audience range is from pre-school children to senior citizens. The Willmar Police also provided officer training to other Police Departments.

Community Education / Presentations	
Alcohol Server Education	Life Guard Personal Safety
Bicycle Safety	Open Mic Program at KWLM
Careers in Policing	Personal Safety and Defense
Driving and License Laws	Sexual Assault and Violence
Fraud and Scams	Underage Drinking & Social Host Ordinance
Gangs, Gang Signs and Attire	United Way Grow Mobile
Identity Theft	WRAC 8 – Do You Know
Internet Safety and Computer Crimes	
Event Participation	
2, 3 and 5K Run events	Kandiyohi County Fair
Celebrate Arts / Celebrate Coffee	National Night Out
EMS Open House	Ridgewater College Career Day
Fire Department Story time	Sonshine
Holidaze Parade	Wal-Mart Safety Day
Home Depot's Safety Day	Willmar Fest along with associated activities

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COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER / APPRENTICE PROGRAM

In 1999, the Willmar Police Department and Ridgewater College worked together to develop the Apprentice Program. At the conclusion of 2013, the Willmar Police Department was enjoying the services of four law enforcement students, who worked part-time in the Community Service Officer/Apprentice Program.

CSO/Apprentice primary duties involve enforcing on-street parking and parking in the city lots in the downtown area. Other duties include animal control, vacation checks, administrative errands, providing assistance and information to the public, delivering vehicles for maintenance, organization of vehicles and bicycles at the city impound lot, and assisting with the city auctions.

CSOs are instrumental in the smooth operation of many special city-wide activities, helping with setup, traffic control and parking enforcement during Willmar Fest, SonShine, National Night Out, DARE graduation and numerous other parades and events.

The apprentice program also provides opportunities for CSOs to participate in department training events.

GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GET) PROGRAM

In October, 1997, the Willmar Police Department started a program known as Gang Enforcement Team, (GET). This program involved creating a specialized unit designed to track, identify, document and apprehend criminal gang members and other persons involved in criminal activity. Locally, the GET program was first established under grant funding.

GET duties include documenting gang activity, identifying gang members and associates, creating and maintaining gang files, focusing attention on criminal gang behavior, educating the public on gang awareness, fugitive apprehension, and predatory offender registration checks. It also includes some case investigations, along with close collaboration with the CEE-VI Drug Task Force.

The Willmar Police Department has two officers assigned full time to work the GET program. Their work schedule is adjusted as necessary to deter current gang activity trends.

GET is a component of the Detective Division and falls under the supervision of the Detective Sergeant. The GET program is designed to be worked primarily with two officers working together at all times instead of working solo or only having one person assigned to the program. This is due to the increased exposure to people whom have a tendency to use violence as a chosen life style to accomplish their goals.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

In 1995, the Willmar Police Department and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office started a joint "chaplaincy" program. The intent was to use volunteer chaplains to assist officers when delivering death messages to families. The spiritual assistance and comfort the chaplains provided in these calls allowed officers to return to duty, while leaving the families in the care of chaplains.

The program has expanded to a level where the chaplains not only continue to provide death notification assistance, but they provide spiritual assistance to all law enforcement employees who are experiencing emotional crises, whether in their personal or professional lives.

In 2013, the services that make up the Chaplaincy Program were primarily provided by H. Paul McCullough (Assemblies of God) and Pastor Tony Freeburg (Nazarene Church). Pastor "Woody" Glanzer (November 1, 2008 to February 1, 2013) served briefly in 2013, before moving to a ministry at a church in Stillwater, MN.



Pastor Paul McCullough



Pastor Tony Freeburg

Pastor Freeburg began offering his services after receiving Chaplaincy training in April, 2013. These two chaplains served the entire Law Enforcement Center, which includes the Willmar Police Department, the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, the Kandiyohi County Jail, and the Dispatch Center. Not only do they serve the officers, but also the officers' families, and inmates.

Chaplains Freeburg and McCullough called on the Law Enforcement Center and visited its personnel throughout the year. Chaplain McCullough visited the various departments and divisions 49 out of 52 weeks during 2013.

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During 2013, the chaplains rode with officers, helped with 13 death notifications, assisted with prisoner counseling, along with many other events. They interact with and build a relationship of trust and friendship with the employees. This is all done on a volunteer basis. Training is provided to the chaplains in areas of chemical dependency, emergency chaplaincy services and incident stress management.

The chaplains give of their time to help and support our departments and the community. Pastor Paul also hands out a weekly message which discusses various topics, such as relationships, character and integrity. We wish to thank both chaplains for their prayers and support.

PEOPLE ON WATCH! (POW!) PROGRAM

In 1997, the People On Watch! Program was started with more than 100 persons on the membership roster. POW! Members are trained to recognize and report suspicious or dangerous situations; they are not expected to intervene beyond being good witnesses.

A POW! Volunteer receives 16 hours of initial training in a citizen police-academy setting taught by Willmar Police Department officers. Those who choose to join POW! must undergo a background check and be at least 19 years old. Academy graduates gain knowledge in areas of basic constitutional and criminal law and procedures, observation and reporting skills, DWI detection, drug trafficking familiarization, bystander first aid, and self-defense. Members attend bi-monthly training meetings at the Law Enforcement Center.

While some POW! Volunteers report suspicious, dangerous, or emergency situations, others volunteer to work as receptionists at the front desk at the Police Department.



Two of our longtime, faithful, and consistent POW! Volunteers
Sandy Rumney



Shirley Ringness

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POW! members also assist with special events such as the Willmar Fest Downtown Block Party, Sonshine, Grande Day Parade and the Holidaze Parade in November. Their contribution to the department and their community is truly appreciated.

In 2013, POW! membership was maintained with 30 citizen volunteer members who continue to be beneficial to the Willmar Police Department. The Community Outreach Sergeant maintains the responsibility for the training of new volunteers and coordinating the work effort volunteers for the Willmar People On Watch! program. Five POW group meetings were held in 2013.

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

The Ride-Along Program within the Willmar Police Department is an opportunity for the general public to observe police officers at work. It is a good tool for police/community relations, giving citizens a very practical insight into police work and could assist somebody in making a career choice.

A Waiver of Liability form must be signed, and if the person is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian signature is required. Individuals are allowed to ride twice within a calendar year. Officers are not required to take ride-along participants, but are encouraged to do so as an educational tool for the public.

The chart below depicts a 5-year comparison of people who participated in the ride-along program, along with the number of officers available to assist.

Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
# Of Participants	92	71	59	110	107
# Of Available Officers	18	18	14	22	19

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) PROGRAM

In 1994, the Willmar Police Department began a collaborative partnership with the Willmar School District by assigning a designated officer to specifically work within the High School on a full-time basis throughout the school year. The school recognized the value of having officers within the school system and an additional position was added in 1996. In 2008, the school again requested additional officer resources, resulting in a third officer being assigned to the school system on a full-time basis throughout the school year.

School Resource Officers (SROs) have a variety of job responsibilities, which include investigating thefts, assaults, criminal damage to property reports, assisting with conflict resolution, as well as being a resource for students, staff and parents.

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Approximately 175 video cameras are currently in place in the Willmar School District. SRO's oversee the purchase of new cameras, consult with building principals to determine placement of cameras, monitor and repair minor problems, and coordinate major repairs with camera companies.

During the summer months, the School Resource officers are assigned back to work regular uniform patrol. The 2013-2014, school contract resulted in reimbursement to the City of Willmar for approximately 50.7% of the total for the three officers' annual wages.

During the 2013-2014 school term, Officer Gene Schneider was assigned to the Senior High School; Officer Anthony LaPatka was assigned to the Middle School; and Officer James Venenga was responsible for covering the Alternative Learning Center (ALC), and also handled calls for service at Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools.

School Resource officers are also involved in providing some forms of education within the schools. Throughout the school year all SRO's were involved in teaching DARE in the elementary schools. The Community Outreach Sergeant provides the majority of coverage when SRO's are absent due to scheduled vacation, training or other family/medical needs, along with teaching DARE.

"SHOP WITH A COP" PROGRAM

An annual special event, "Shop With A Cop" program occurred on December 8, 2013, which the Willmar Police Department has been participating in since 2004. Through a grant application, Wal-Mart offers money to be used to give Wal-Mart gift cards to needy children and families who could not otherwise afford Christmas presents for loved ones.



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Officers volunteer their time and services in assisting needy children in the selection and wrapping of Christmas gifts purchased for the family members and loved ones of the children. This program is always a highlight of the holiday season for both the officers and the children who are selected to participate.

This year 20 law enforcement officers were on hand to assist 17 children with their shopping spree. Also family members and friends donated their time and assistance wrapping gifts for those less privileged. However, everyone (recipients and volunteers) all left the store with smiles on their faces.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

The Willmar Police Department has employed the use of technology as a method to inform, interact, and communicate with the public for many years. As the first City Department to build a strong website presence beginning September 2000, the Police Department has continually sought other technology based cost effective measures as a way to improve their efforts toward greater public communication and education.

In February 2012, there was a desire to have all the various city departments represented under one city-wide website. Transitioning of information from individual department websites to the development of a city-wide website began, and on July 2, 2012, the former police department website, which had been active for more than ten years, is now housed under the city-wide site which is located at <http://www.willmarmn.gov/>.



CrimeReports.com

The CrimeReports.com technology source was implemented and made available to the public on August 18, 2011. Data is pulled directly from our local Records Management

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System (LETG) database server and pushes through to the www.crimereports.com web site once a day.

This web site displays a Willmar city street map with user selected crime and activity statistics displayed in a pin-map style. The site is interactive in that users can select a date range, crime types, etc., and select only the information they are interested in. Statistics are kept and accessible to the general public for the most recent six months of data entry. The cost of this service is free and is maintained through a contract between LETG (our RMS provider) and CrimeReports.

Facebook.com

The Willmar Police Department actually started their Facebook account on September 14, 2010. However, a strong utilization of this form of social networking was not used until many of the issues regarding social media had been vetted. Account access and content presented to the public is closely regulated and monitored on the department Facebook account.

The Willmar Police Facebook account is used to notify, inform, and seek assistance from the general public as to things that are happening within the department. Using a social network platform as a form of communication with the public has resulted in changes to other programs that were formerly employed within the Department.

Facebook has definitely changed the number of people we can reach within a short amount of time.

The following statistics indicate the number of people we now reach within a few seconds through the use of our Facebook account. Not only is there no cost for this social media account, a cost savings of officer time when conducting the past COPP's meeting is realized as well.

Facebook Statistics	2013	2012	2011
<i>The number of Department posts placed on Facebook:</i>	121	105	39
<i>Total number of people who saw the postings:</i>	523,952	99,340	5,522
<i>Total number of unique users who gave negative feedback:</i>	306	111	N/A
<i>Total number of unique users who gave positive feedback:</i>	362,325	144,845	N/A
<i>Average number of people that viewed each post:</i>	4,330	946	141

The statistics in 2011 only represent the time frame of July 19, 2011 through December 31, 2011, as the web site did not generate the statistics provided below before that time period.