

2020 Annual Report

Fridley Public Safety Department





To the Citizens of Fridley

On behalf of the City of Fridley, I am pleased to present the Fridley Public Safety Department's Annual Report. Our Public Safety model continues to offer an effective and efficient way of providing Public Safety services to our community. This report will highlight some of the great work our public safety staff have completed over the last year.

We can all agree that 2020 was filled with many challenges, unrest and tragedy. The COVID-19 pandemic started in March and Public Safety staff had to be creative in delivering services while guarding the safety of our staff. We were so fortunate to be well invested into emergency management and had plenty personal protective equipment. We had to rotate schedules and make many changes throughout the department to safeguard our staff.

While dealing with the pandemic, we also had to start handling civil unrest in Fridley and Minneapolis. Many of our officers were assigned to Minneapolis in response to the rioting along with many officers staying in Fridley to keep our own community safe. Our new Emergency Operations Center was activated and used as a main hub for all of Anoka County to coordinate efforts to maintain law and order.

Tragedy struck on September 13, 2020, when our Deputy Director/Fire Chief, Mike Spencer, unexpectedly passed away at his home. Mike was incredibly dedicated to the fire service and to the Fridley community. He will truly be missed. Though we continue to mourn his loss, his memory will live on for years to come.

I strongly believe that you see the true character of a person during tough times. Throughout the year of 2020, we were able to see the incredible resolve of our public safety staff. They were always positive and calm throughout the difficult times. Many stepped up when needed and throughout the whole year we could see our police and fire staff grow closer as we served the community. Even with all of the events from this year, our police and fire staff were able to conduct inspections, keep-up on their training and participate in community events. They are a truly amazing group of people and I am proud of their work in an unprecedented year.

Our department theme in 2021 will be **"Keeping our Community Support, One Call at a Time."** We appreciate the support and cooperation of our community. The Public Safety staff is dedicated to providing quality service to the City of Fridley.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Director of Public Safety to the City of Fridley, and I look forward to a great 2021.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Weierke,
Director of Public Safety

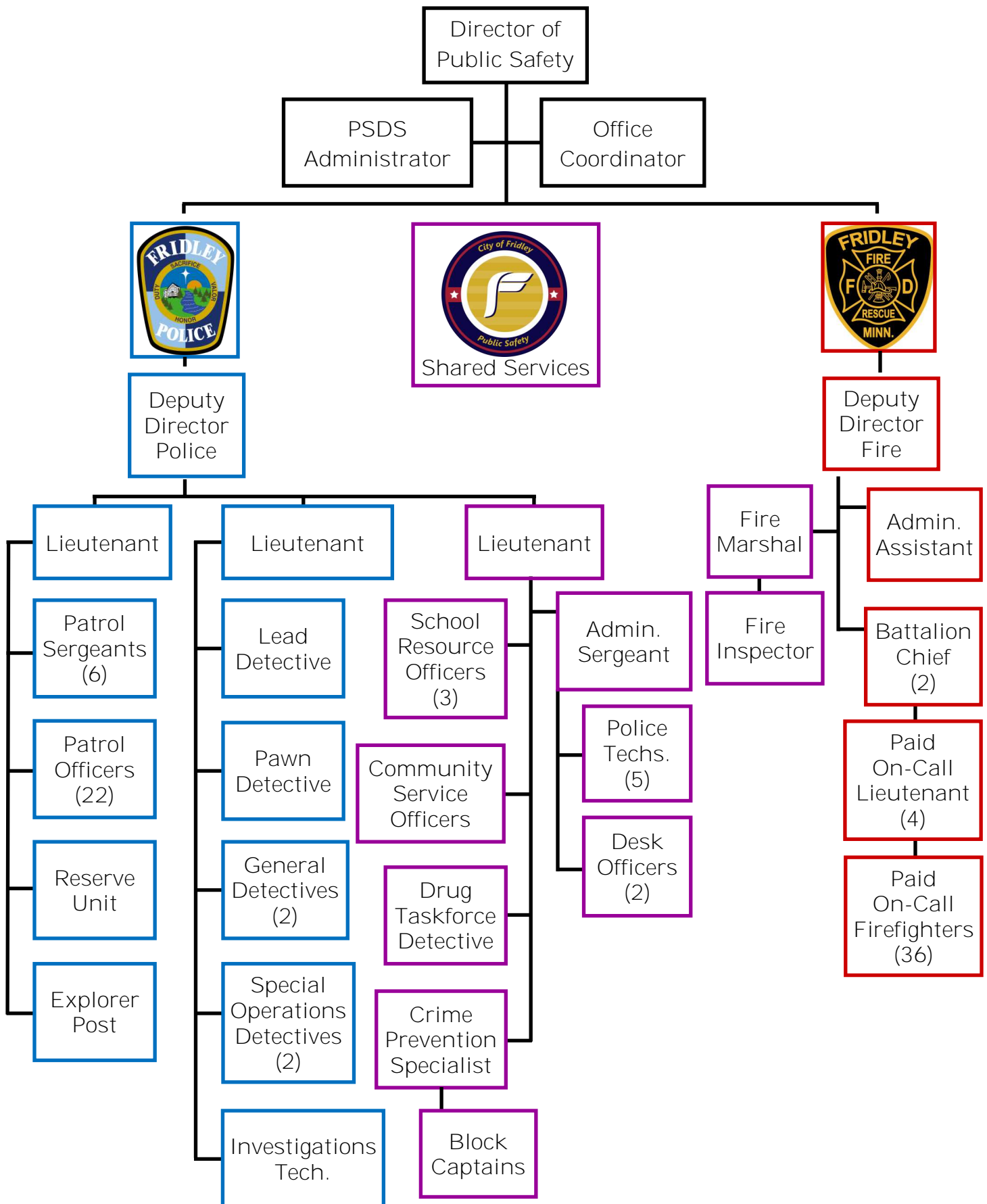


Public Safety Department Mission

We are committed to serving our residents and visitors by partnering with them to provide professional and impartial service while promoting a sense of peace and safety in our community.



Department Structure





Police Division Seniority

1. Zwicky, Michelle	04-27-81	26. Steiger, Nicholas	06-24-13
2. Johnson, Julie	08-27-84	27. Smith, Michael	06-30-14
3. Fischer, Karen	01-20-86	28. Lusignan, Kyle	06-30-14
4. Salo, Jill	08-19-87	29. Murphy, Shawn	08-26-14
5. Monsrud, Steve	12-12-95	30. Mueller, Peter	02-09-15
6. Weierke, Brian	12-28-95	31. Abrahamson, Tyler	02-09-15
7. Stevens, Bob	05-03-99	32. Johnson, Erik	04-06-15
8. Guest, Jeff	12-04-00	33. Faber, Patrick	07-20-15
9. Braaten, Deb	12-04-00	34. Elasky, Jason	08-31-15
10. Williams, Michael	06-18-01	35. Wallat, Nico	10-05-15
11. Desjardin, Todd	12-04-01	36. Vatres, Enis	01-19-16
12. McClish, Chris	01-25-05	37. Desjardins, Brian	06-07-16
13. Todd, Andrew	01-25-05	38. Kostuch, David	09-26-16
14. Chlebeck, Zak	01-25-05	39. Miller, Courtney	10-17-16
15. Oman, Randi	07-26-05	40. Kuefler, Jason	06-06-17
16. George, Ryan	07-26-05	41. Norgaard, Josh	06-06-17
17. Knaeble, Nicholas	11-14-05	42. Hendrickson, Tyler	10-02-17
18. Volk, Travis	02-13-06	43. Pinotti, Matt	10-02-17
19. Works, Benjamin	10-16-06	44. Nelsen, Nicole	10-23-17
20. Jones, Perry	01-09-07	45. Teetzel, Chelsie	01-22-19
21. Titus, Kevin	07-24-07	46. Kostreba, Chance	07-17-19
22. Roddy, Tom	09-11-07	47. Bulman, Benjamin	09-17-19
23. Mickelson, Mark	03-09-09	48. Stephens, Melissa	02-29-20
24. Keeley, Michael	03-09-09	49. London, Marcus	07-18-20
25. Kotchen, John	04-10-12	50. Spaulding, Christopher	09-28-20

Police Command Staff



Ryan George
Deputy Director



Steven Monsrud
Lieutenant- Patrol Division



Jeffrey Guest
Lieutenant- Support Division



Nicholas Knaeble
Lieutenant - Investigations
Division

Patrol Sergeants



Christopher McClish



Zachary Chlebeck



Kevin Titus



Nicholas Steiger



Michael Keeley



Patrick Faber



Administrative Sergeant

Andrew Todd
(pictured right)



Police New Hires



Melissa Stephens
Police Officer



Marcus London
Police Officer



Chris Spaulding
Police Officer



Alexis Peach, CSO



Christy Wilson, CSO



Emma Wangen, CSO



Police Retirements

Nadine Lee (left), worked as a Police Technician for 39 years. Mel Kocinski (right), served the department in Building Maintenance for 27 years.



Integrity • Professionalism • Accountable • Ethical • Honor



Disciplined • Respectful • Compassionate • Dedicated

Fire Division Seniority

1. Smith, Sherree	02/11/1985	21. Buganski, Joshua	02/05/2018
2. Blake, Mark	06/06/1994	22. Hanley, Corey	02/05/2018
3. Messer, Walter	09/01/1999	23. Kramme, Grant	02/05/2018
4. Knowles, Dean	09/01/1999	24. Barrera, Gabriel	07/23/2019
5. Spiering, Wayne	09/01/1999	25. Drost, Steven	07/23/2019
6. McKusick, Corey	03/01/2003	26. Wright, Christopher	07/23/2019
7. Allard, Matthew	02/01/2006	27. Foltynski, Jason	02/01/2020
8. Spencer, Michael	10/01/2006	28. Grandstrand, Jeremy	02/01/2020
9. Pribyl, Jeffrey	07/20/2009	29. Knott, Aaron	02/01/2020
10. Arvidson, Eric	01/01/2011	30. Schoen, Calvin	02/01/2020
11. Schroeder, Matt	07/25/2011	31. Stallings, Matthew	02/01/2020
12. Lange, James	07/30/2012	32. Kruse, Jarod	02/07/2020
13. Williams, Brian	02/04/2013	33. Lucht, Mark	02/24/2020
14. Bauer, Patrick	01/21/2014	34. Evans, Jared	09/01/2020
15. Belmore, Robert	01/21/2014	35. Kruc, Matthew	09/01/2020
16. Jude, Jamie	09/01/2014	36. O'Keefe, Reice	11/17/2020
17. Hopp, Adam	06/02/2015	37. Lee, Jacob	12/02/2020
18. Brakic, Alisa	03/01/2016	38. Weidenbach, Steffan	11/17/2020
19. Wickstrom, Ryan	03/01/2016	39. Wetterhahn, Royce	11/17/2020
20. Berner, Russ	02/05/2018		

Fire Command Staff



Mike Spencer
Deputy Director/
Fire Chief



James Lange
Fire Marshal



Brian Williams
Fire Inspector



Walt Messer
Battalion Chief



Matt Allard
Battalion Chief

Fire Promotions

- 2/1/20 Corey Hanley promoted to Firefighter
- 5/1/20 Josh Buganski promoted to Firefighter
- 2/1/20 Russ Berner promoted to Fire Apparatus Operator
- 5/11/20 Alisa Brakic promoted to Fire Apparatus Operator
- 2/1/20 Aaron Knott promoted to Fire Apparatus Operator
- 2/24/20 Mark Lucht promoted to Fire Apparatus Operator
- 2/7/20 Jarod Kruse promoted to Fire Apparatus Operator
- 5/5/20 Jeremy Grandstrand promoted to Fire Apparatus Operator
- 2/29/20 Dean Knowles promoted to Lieutenant

Fire New Hires

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| Jason Foltynski | Jarod Kruse | Aaron Knott |
| Matt Stallings | Calvin Schoen | Mark Lucht |
| Jared Evans | Steffan Weidenbach | Matthew Kruc |
| Royce O'Keefe | Royce Wetterhahn | Jared Lee |
| Jeremy Grandstrand | | |

Retirements

Dave Larson,
Lieutenant



33

years of service
to the Fridley
community.

Public Safety Milestones

35 Years

Sherree Smith, Fire Administrative Assistant

25 Years

Brian Weierke, Director of Public Safety

20 Years

Jeffrey Guest, Support Division Lieutenant

Debra Braaten, Police Technician

15 Years

Ryan George, Deputy Director

Nicholas Knaeble, Investigations Lieutenant

Andrew Todd, Administrative Sergeant

Zachary Chlebeck, Patrol Sergeant

Christopher McClish, Patrol Sergeant

Randi Oman, School Resource Officer

5 Years

Adam Hopp, Paid on-call Firefighter

George Jensen, Public Safety Data Systems Manager

Patrick Faber, Patrol Sergeant

Peter Mueller, Detective

Tyler Abrahamson, Special Operations Detective

Enis Vatres, Pawn Detective

Nico Wallat, Police Officer

Jason Elasky, Police Officer

Erik Johnson, Police Officer

Fire Department Statistics

- 1 CO detector installed
- 58 smoke alarms installed
- 24 smoke detector battery installations
- 36 residential home safety inspections (American Red Cross Smoke Alarm Installation Program)
- 862 fire code inspections

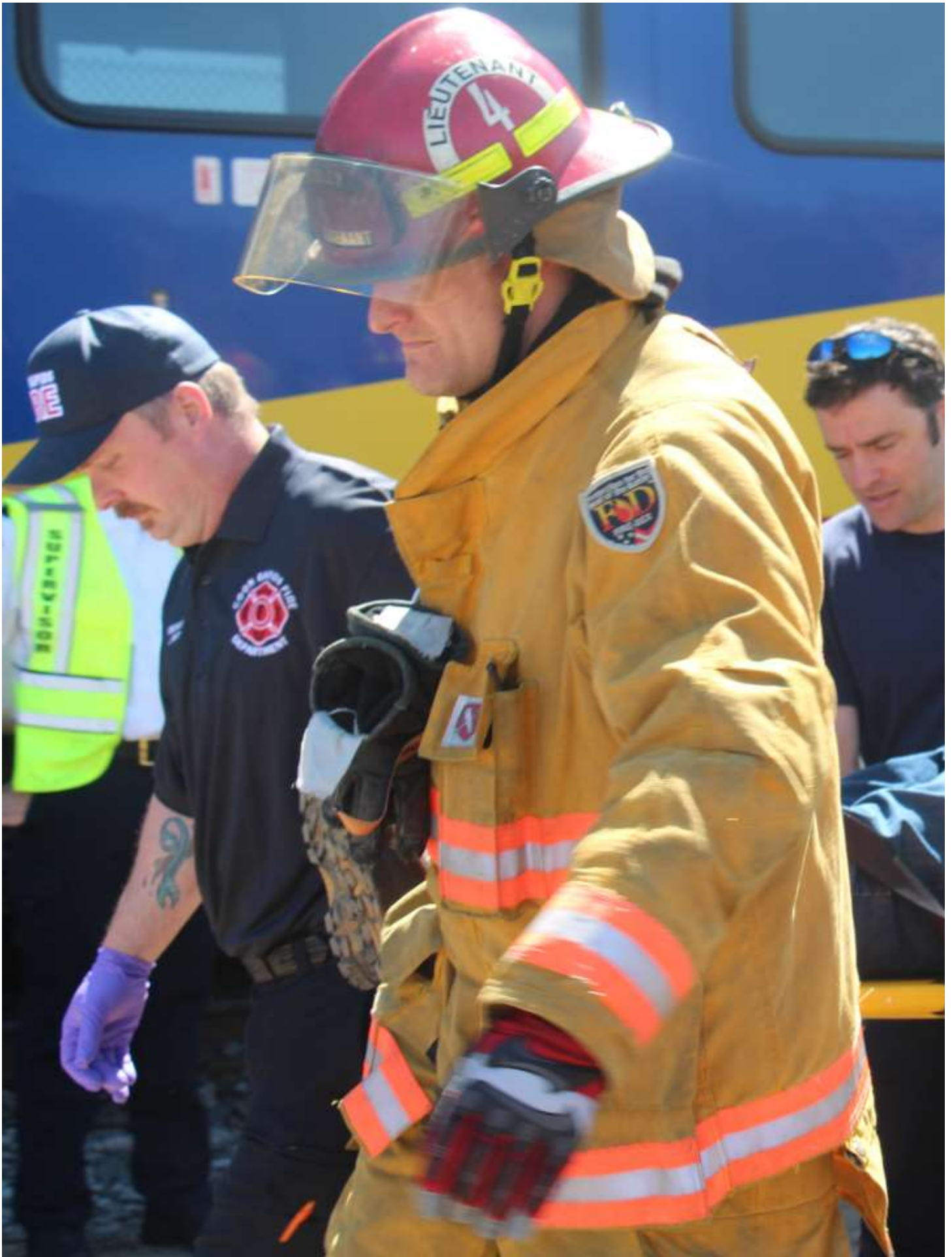
Alarm Summary Report

Situation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
100 Series Fire	9	9	14	14	10	10	11	10	3	12	7	6	115
300 Series/EMS Incident	129	148	169	185	205	226	208	235	210	199	123	151	2118
400 Series Hazardous Condition (no fire)	7	9	5	9	11	16	13	30	23	14	8	5	150
500 Series Service Call	17	22	26	31	34	21	16	14	16	35	27	24	283
600 Series Good Intent Call	16	18	30	30	39	41	30	35	40	24	32	29	364
700 Series False Alarm/Call	32	13	20	12	20	19	23	8	18	16	21	27	229
800 Series Severe Weather/Natural Disaster								1	1				2
900 Series Special Incident Type	1			1				1					3
Grand Total	211	219	264	282	319	333	301	334	311	300	318	242	3334

Fire Code Permits Issued

Permits Issued	Permit Fees	Plan Review Fees
142	\$21,988.08	\$11,568.84

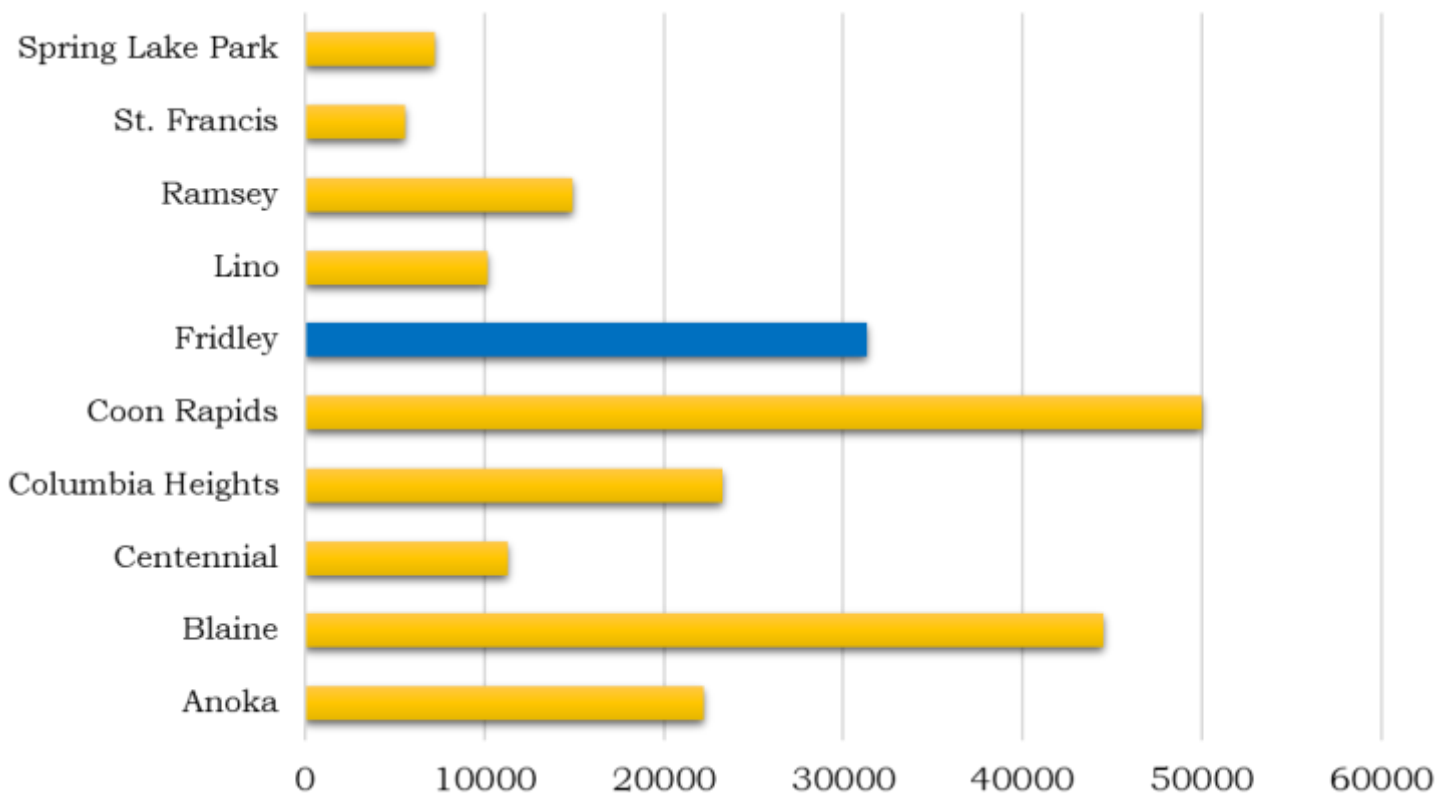
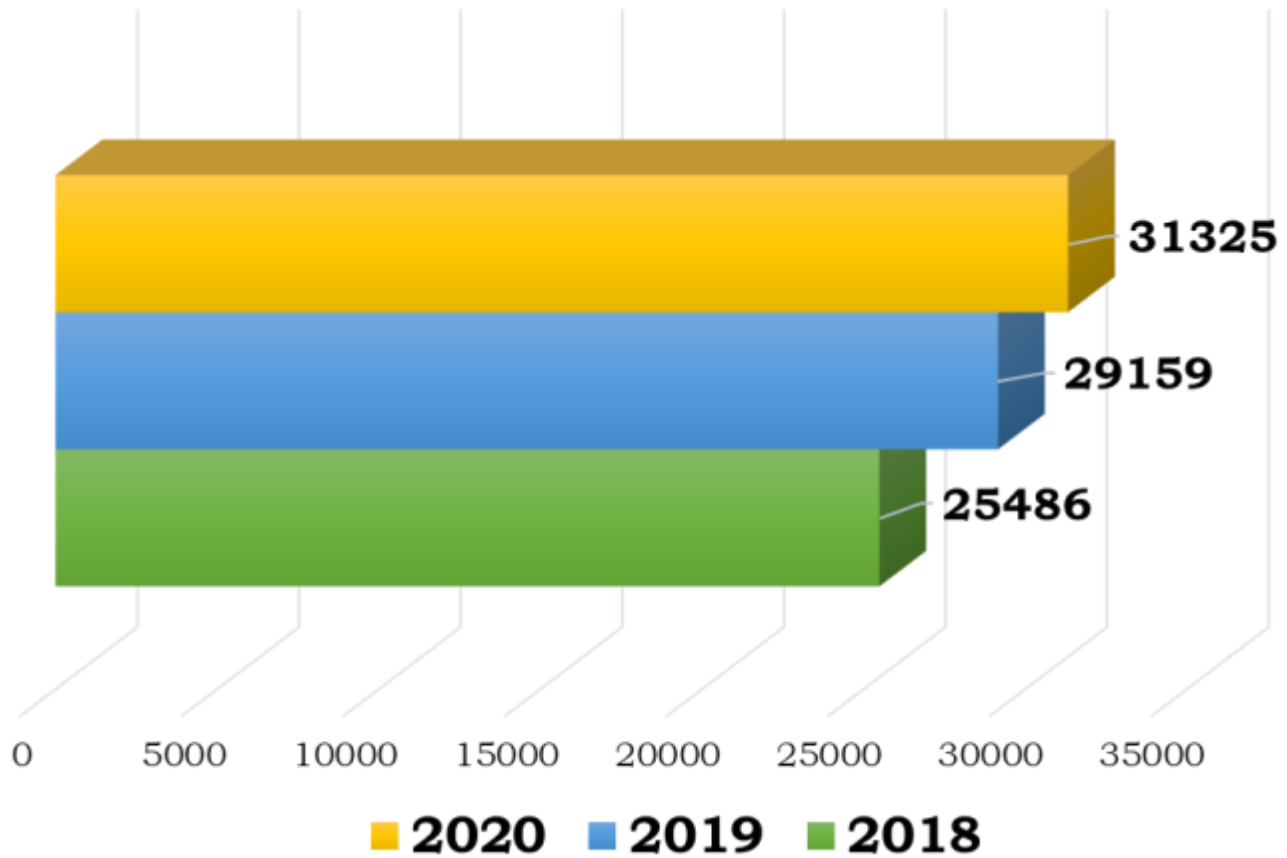
Fire Chief's Award: Chief Spencer presented the Paid on Call Firefighters with the Chief's Award for going above and beyond to help with staffing challenges during 2020.



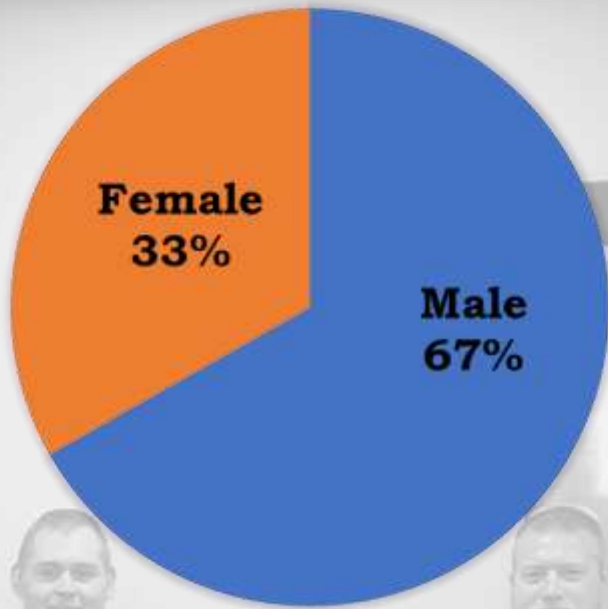
Crime Statistics

Calls for Service	31,325
Part 1 Crimes More serious crimes: murder, rape, robbery aggravated assault, burglary, auto theft & arson	1,329
Part 2 Crimes Less serious crimes: narcotics, DWI, simple assault, disorderly conduct & vandalism	1,007
Arrests	Adults: 723 Juveniles: 38
Warrant Arrests	183
Narcotics Incidents	53
DWI's	108
Crisis/Mental Health	311
Traffic/Parking Citations	1,883/671
Detective Unit Clearance Rate	55%
K9 Deployment/ Apprehension/Narcotics Alerts	Finn: D-42, A-14, NA-4 Jager: D-43, A-15, NA-2
Rental Housing Taskforce Letters Warning, 1st Violation, 2nd Violation, 3rd Violation	W = 41 1st = 10 2nd = 1 3rd = 0

Police Calls for Service



Arrest Demographics



Arrests by Gender



Arrests by Race

Use of Force

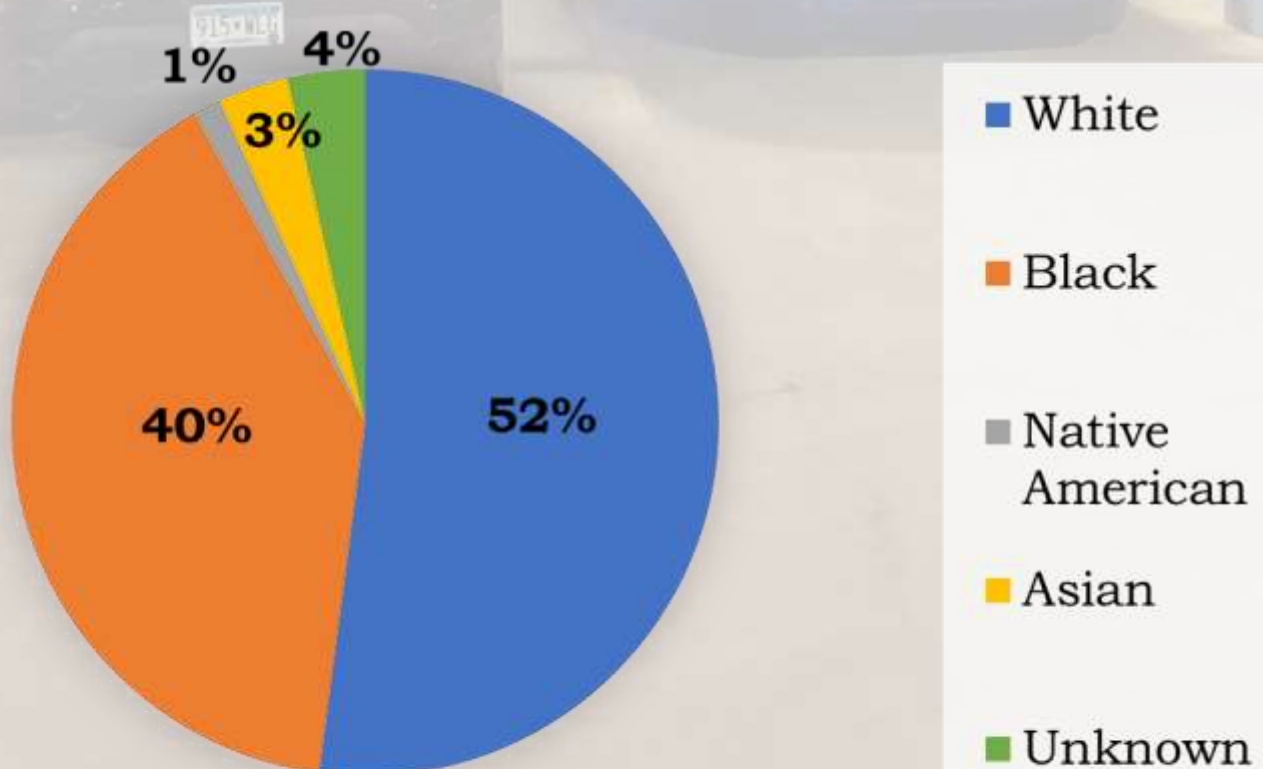
Use of Force Incidents: 163

Use of Force Occurrence Rate:
.005% of all Calls for Service

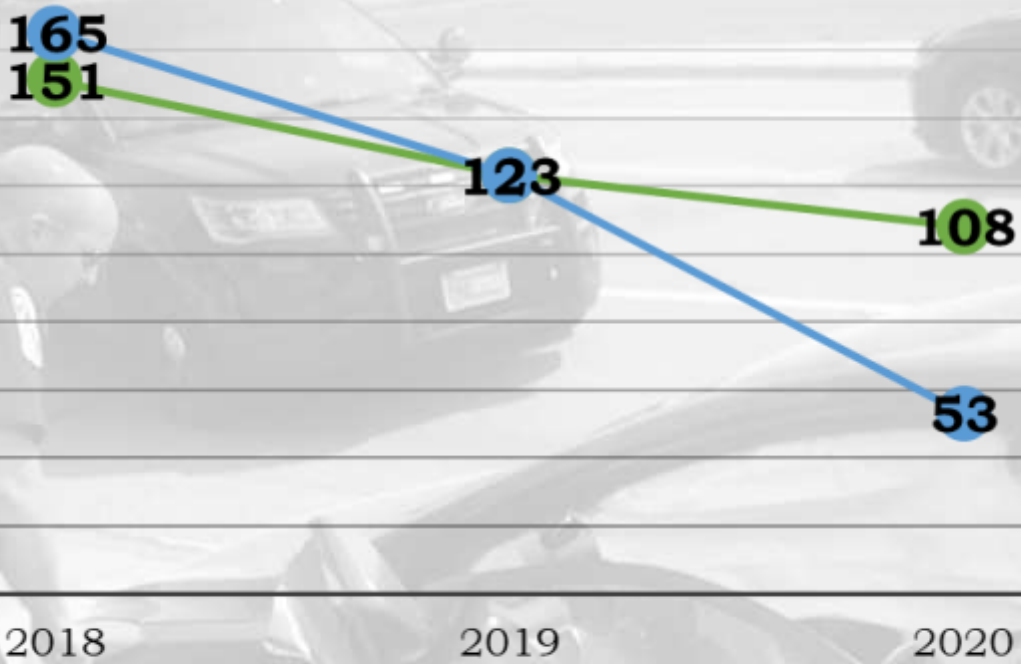
Taser Deployed 11 times

Taser Deployed in .067% of all Use of Force Incidents

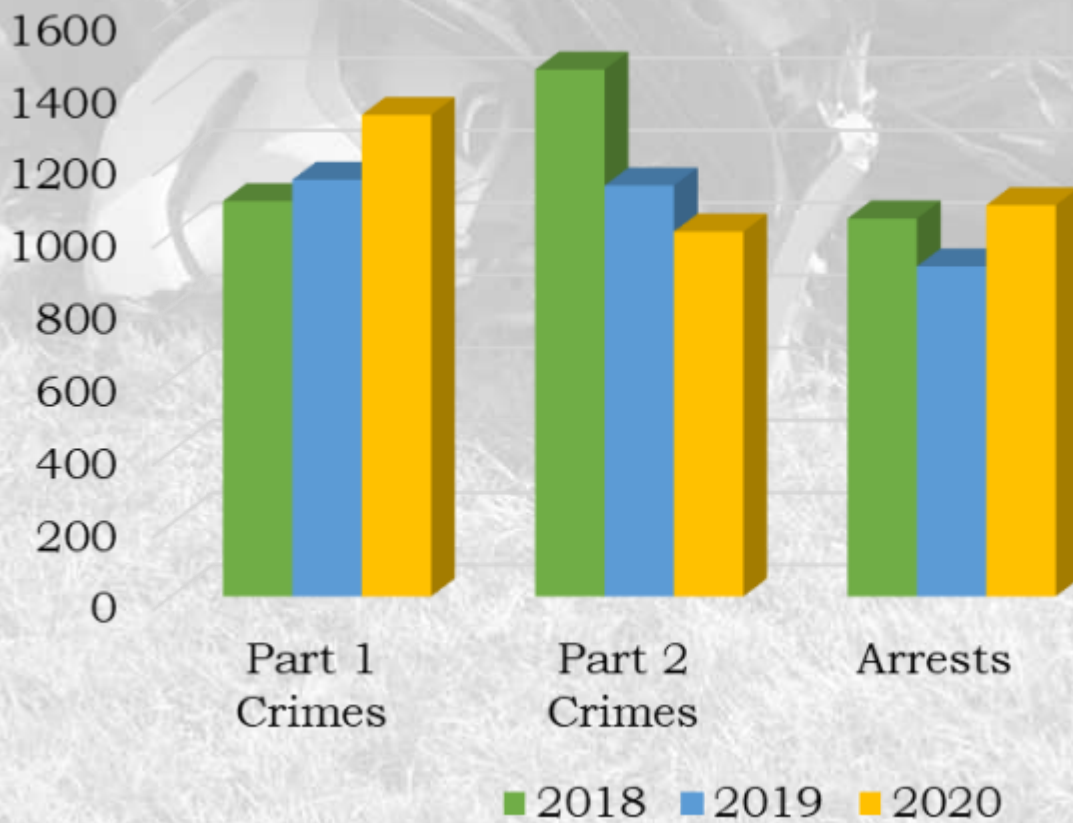
Use of Force by Race



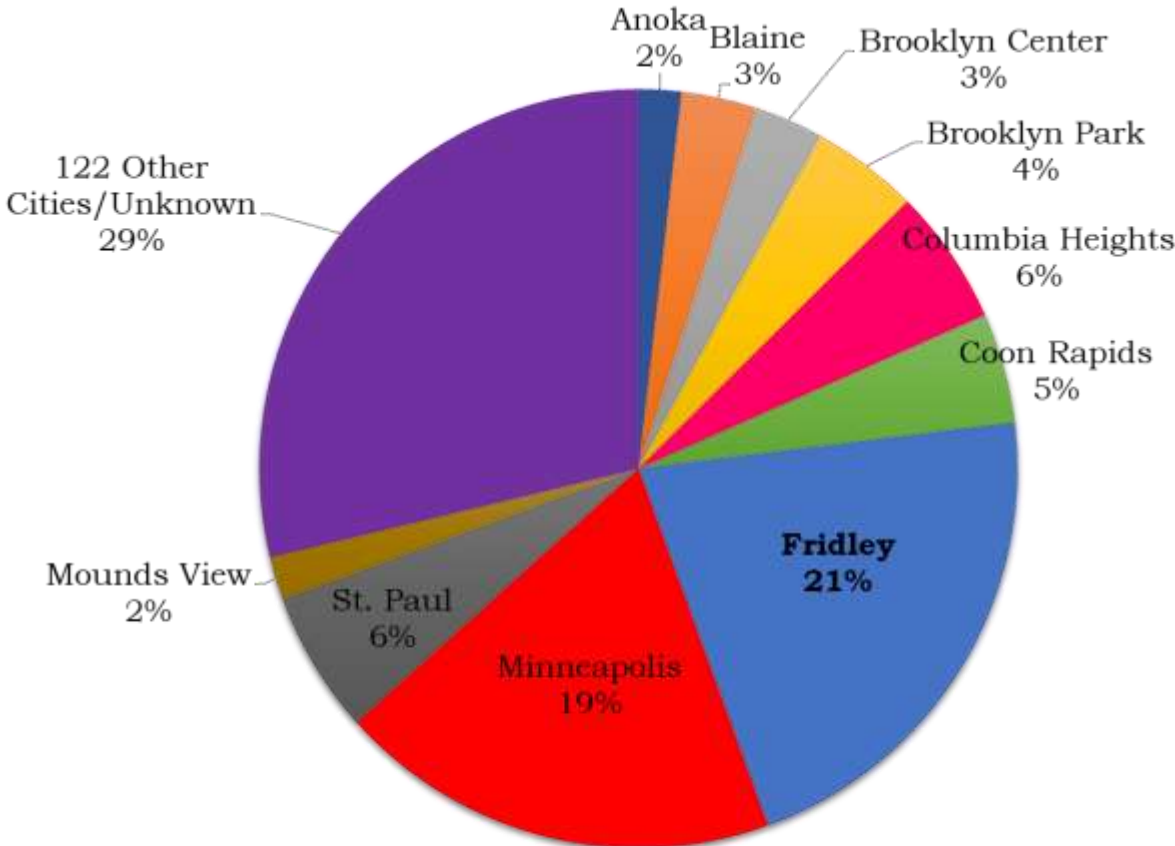
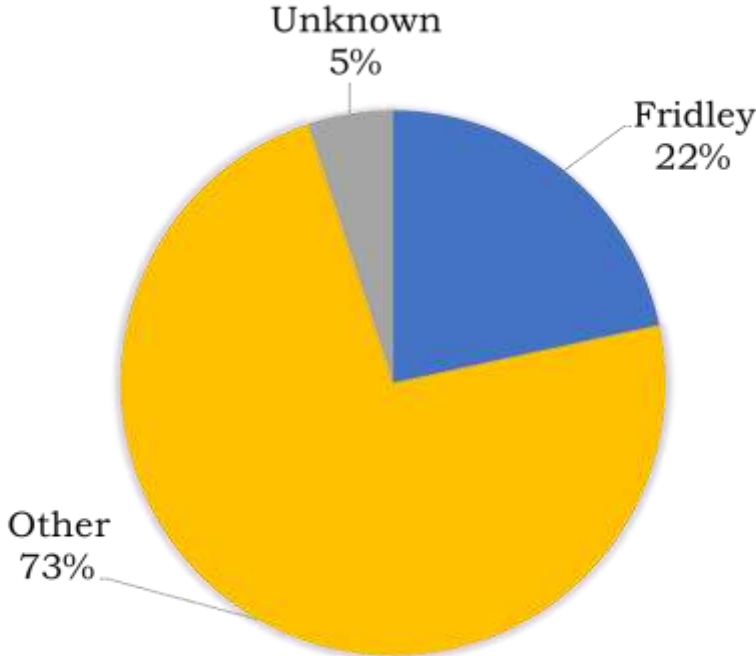
Crime Statistics



● DWI ● Narcotics

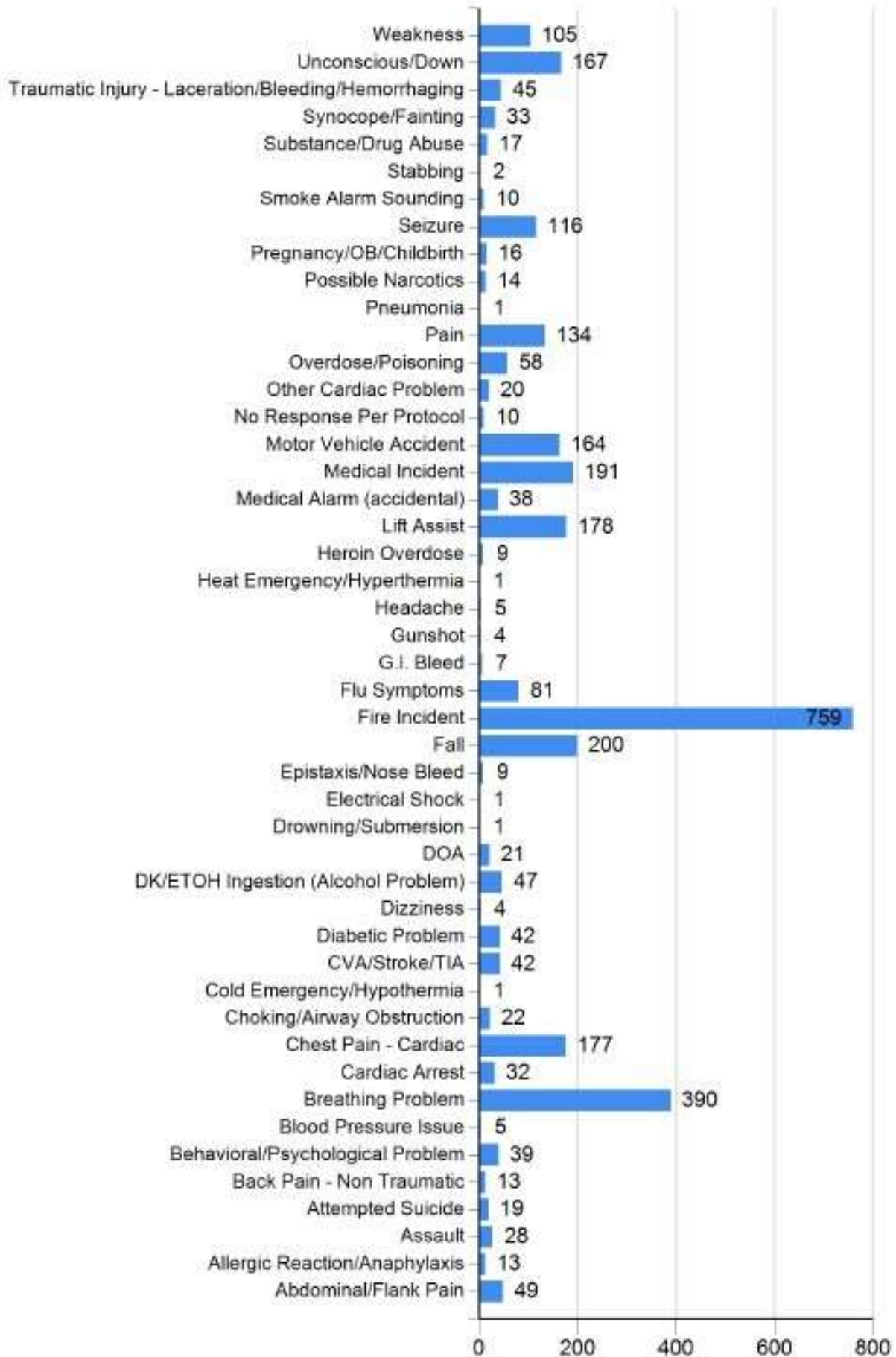


Arrestee City of Residence

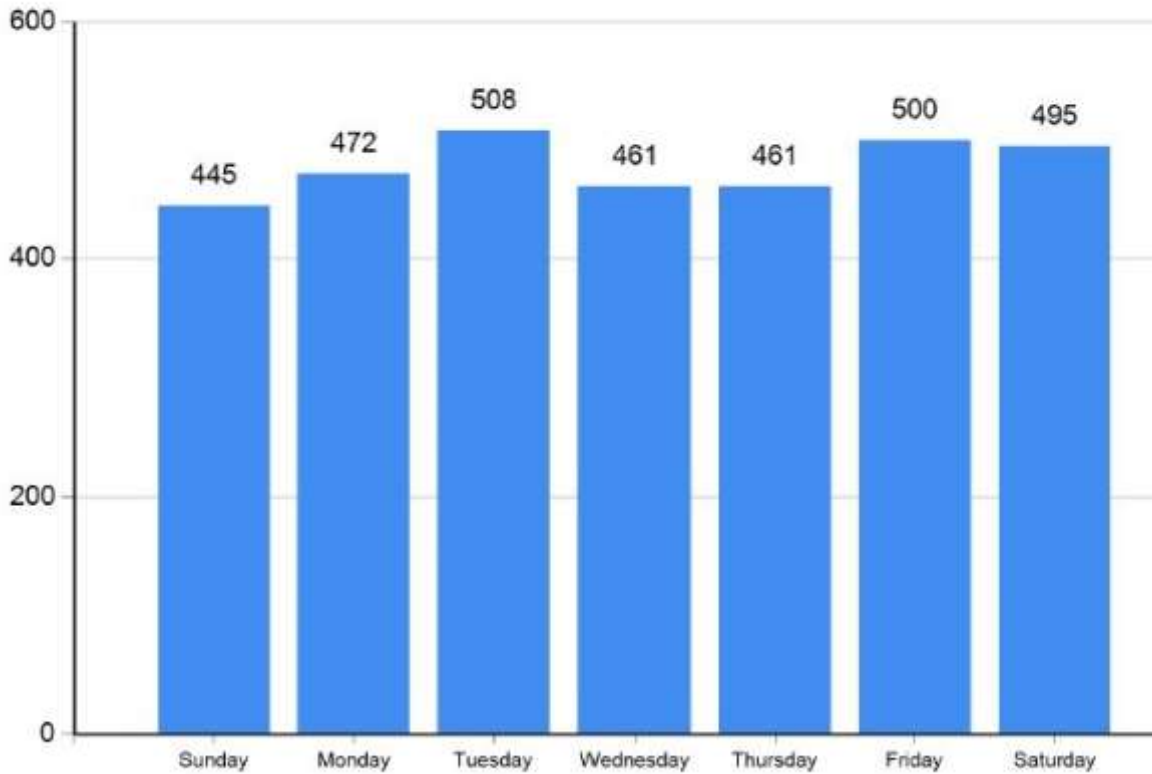


- Anoka
- Blaine
- Brooklyn Center
- Brooklyn Park
- Columbia Heights
- Coon Rapids
- Fridley
- Minneapolis
- St. Paul
- Mounds View
- Other (under 20 people)

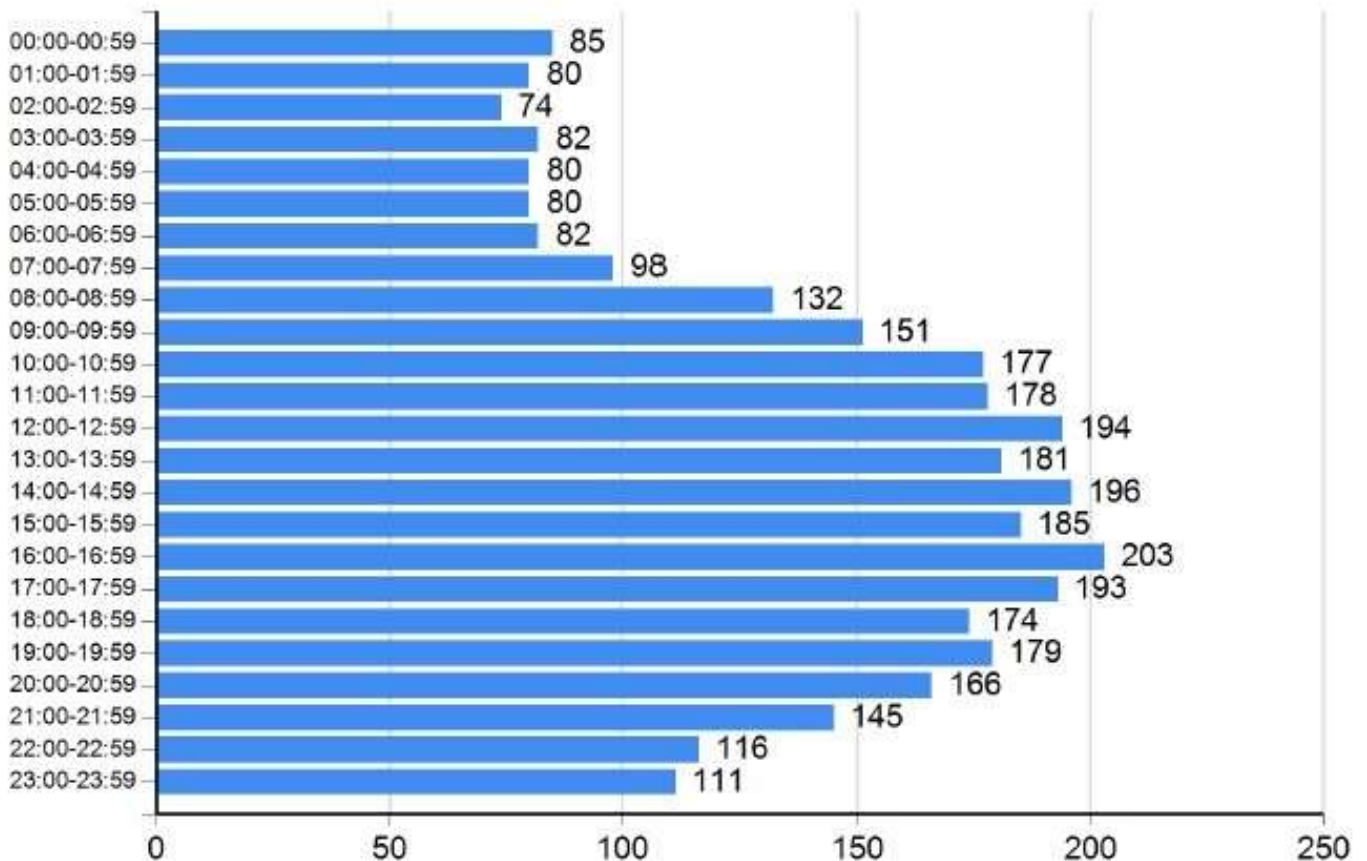
Fire Calls for Service by Type



Fire Calls for Service by Day



Fire Calls for Service by Time



Community Programs



Explorer Post



Crime Prevention

Courtney Miller, Crime Prevention Specialist, **oversees the police department's crime prevention** program. Crime Prevention includes overseeing nearly 200 Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. A block captain is a Fridley resident who acts as the communication link between residents and the police department. Night to Unite is the annual event celebrating this partnership. Crime prevention also includes community outreach like Shop with a Cop and Coats from Cops, as well as community education like Safety Camp and Heart Safe training. Courtney also reviews crime reports to develop crime alerts to inform the community and conducts analysis to understand crime trends.



Volunteer Reserve Unit

Fridley Fire and Fridley Public Schools Partner to Provide Families with Smoke Detector Batteries

With the increase in distance learning, teachers at Fridley Public Schools noticed something while engaging with students thought online learning. During video class sessions several teachers could hear a persistent electronic chirping sound in the background while teaching students. It was the sound of smoke detectors that needed new batteries. After meeting with several teachers, Pat Varro, School Psychologist at Hayes Elementary, identified that this was a problem that affected several families. Pat contacted Fire Marshal James Lange at Fridley Fire Division and they were able to take advantage of a battery program sponsored by Energizer. Now the district can provide batteries for students to help keep their families safe this winter.



Night to Unite

While Night to Unite is usually held on the first Tuesday in August, this year was unique with the event taking place in October in order to comply with COVID restrictions. Though it was later in the year, the weather was still gorgeous! It was a great night to connect with the community.





Public Safety by the Numbers

50 Employees of Minneapolis Water Works given fire extinguisher training

900+ Homemade Masks collected at Fire Station 1

58 Smoke Alarms installed for Fridley residents

610 Hours of volunteer work by Police Reserve Unit

500+ Pieces of winter gear donated to those in need

78 Lights On vehicle repair vouchers given out

34 Bikes donated to Bikes 4 Kids

Making Connections



Cub Scout Visit



Coffee with Cops (and Fire)



Fire Station Tour



Saying Hello While on Patrol



Drive-By Birthday Parade



Drive Thru Open House

Giving Back

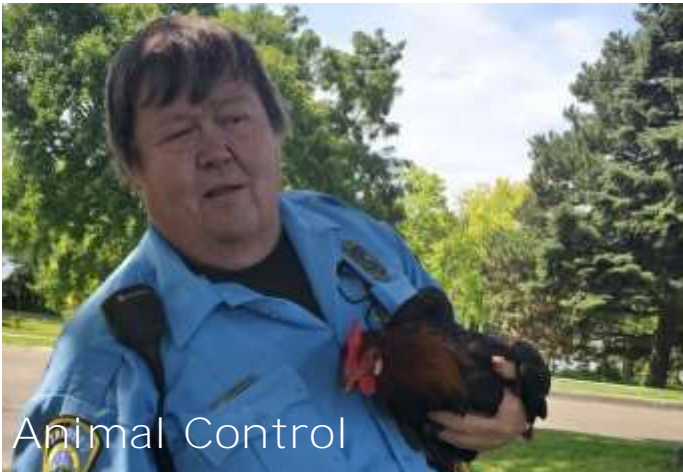


Baby Supply Giveaway Event

Through a partnership with Ramsey County Sheriff's Department and Target, we were able to give away thousands of baby supplies at a drive-thru event. Bags packed with diapers, wipes, bottles and more were given away for free. Police and Fire staff, volunteer Police Reserves, Explorers and friends and family of the department worked together to make this event a huge success.



Just Another Day on the



Animal Control



Decision Making Simulation



High Risk Stop Field Training



DWI Enforcement



K9 Qualifying Run

Job at Fridley Public Safety



Elevator Rescue



Hose Work



Ladder Training



River Rescue

Working Through the Pandemic



Like the rest of the world, Fridley Public Safety had to make adjustments to provide the community services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Inside the department, common spaces had occupancy limits to promote social distancing. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting supplies became a common fixture throughout the building. We were lucky to receive generous **donations of cleaning and disinfecting supplies from the local Sam's Club and personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Fridley Home Depot.** The community really came through by donating hundreds of masks at Fire Station One that the department was able to distribute to senior/assisted living centers. This year we had to limit public access to the department to keep staff healthy. Few public events were held throughout the year to limit contact and those that did take place looked different than years past. It was quite the adjustment for our department that enjoys community engagement.



In Memory of Mike Spencer



On September 13, 2020, Deputy Director of Public Safety/Fire Chief, Mike Spencer, passed away unexpectedly. Chief Spencer served the City of Fridley beginning on October 1, 2006, as a paid-on-call firefighter. He was promoted to Captain in January of 2015, and Fire Marshal the following November. Spencer was promoted to Fire Chief/Deputy Public Safety Director in June of 2019. Prior to his time in the Fridley fire service, Spencer served in the United States Navy. Mike dedicated his life to serving others, particularly a community he loved and called home. In 2017, Spencer was recognized for aiding a victim whose home was lost in a fire. Spencer found shelter for the displaced resident, coordinated cleaning of the home and located resources. Mike truly cared for the community he served. He

was genuine and kind. Though he is sorely missed, his legacy will live on in those he trained, following in his footsteps to serve the Fridley community.



Anoka County residents turned on red lights the night of September 21st, 2020, in honor of late **Fire Chief Spencer's 54th birthday.**



THANK YOU FOR



ALL THE SUPPORT!



City of Fridley Public Safety

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Fire Main: (763) 572-3613

City Hall: (763) 571-3450

Crime Prevention: (763) 572-3626

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