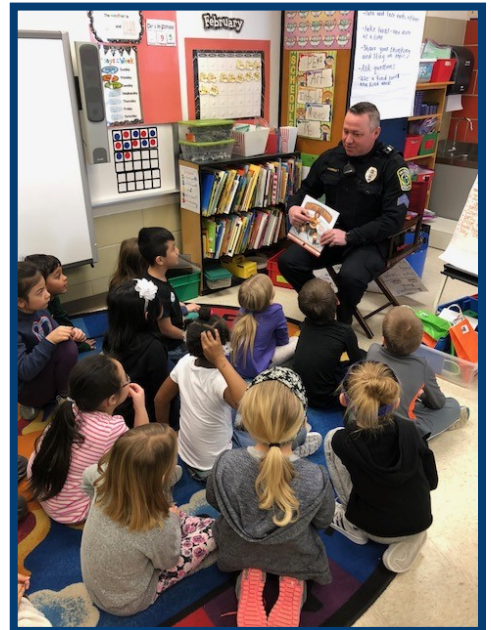


2018 Annual Report

Fridley Police

Strength Through Stability



To the Citizens of Fridley:

On behalf of the Fridley Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2018 Annual Report. In the report, you will find information highlighting the department's operations and achievements throughout the past year. You will also notice our continued commitment to being a fabric of the community. Our police staff takes great pride in serving the Fridley community and we are thankful for your continued support.

We moved into our new state of the art police department and are incredibly grateful for this facility. The entire police staff worked extremely hard during the transition into our new home. The large windows, extra space, technology and overall building design has made our police staff proud to be a part of this police department.

2018 was a busy year of organizational changes for our department. In November of 2018, we combined the police and fire departments to create a Fridley Public Safety Department. We are anticipating a great opportunity to share resources and work closely with all of our public safety staff. The Fridley community will continue to receive great public safety service and see a more effective and efficient delivery of public safety.

In 2018, our police calls for service increased by 6.7% as we are now up to 25,486. We saw a 2.6% decrease in our Part 1 reported crimes (more serious offenses), along with a 6.5% increase in the numbers of arrests in 2018. 151 DUI arrests were made in 2018. This is 22 more than in 2017. We emphasized neighborhood identity, as our Neighborhood Resource Officers held community meetings throughout the city to simply **listen** to our community. Fridley became a Designated Heart Safe Community this year, with thousands of people trained in bystander CPR.

In 2019, the department's focus will be "Officer Wellness," bringing in a guest speaker to talk with our staff about the importance of keeping our body, mind and spiritual wellness strong. We look forward to another great year in 2019 and are thankful for our community members who continue to strongly support us each and every year. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Director of Public Safety for the city of Fridley.



Respectfully submitted,

Brian Weierke
Director of Public Safety



Intelligence Led Policing | Fabric of the Community | Broken Window Prevention
Safe Schools | Disaster Preparedness

DUTY • HONOR • VALOR • SACRIFICE



Seniority List

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|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|
| 1. Lee, Nadine | 04-27-81 | 26. Roddy, Tom | 09-11-07 |
| 2. Zwicky, Michelle | 04-27-81 | 27. Mickelson, Mark | 03-09-09 |
| 3. Johnson, Julie | 08-27-84 | 28. Keeley, Michael | 03-09-09 |
| 4. Fischer, Karen | 01-20-86 | 29. Magaña, Joe | 01-03-12 |
| 5. Koss, Jill | 08-19-87 | 30. Kotchen, John | 04-10-12 |
| 6. Monsrud, Steve | 12-12-95 | 31. Steiger, Nicholas | 06-24-13 |
| 7. Weierke, Brian | 12-28-95 | 32. Smith, Michael | 06-30-14 |
| 8. Mork, Jim | 04-21-97 | 33. Lusignan, Kyle | 06-30-14 |
| 9. Stevens, Bob | 05-03-99 | 34. Murphy, Shawn | 08-26-14 |
| 10. Fetrow, Jennifer | 01-18-00 | 35. Mueller, Peter | 02-09-15 |
| 11. Guest, Jeff | 12-04-00 | 36. Abrahamson, Tyler | 02-09-15 |
| 12. Braaten, Deb | 12-04-00 | 37. Johnson, Erik | 04-06-15 |
| 13. Williams, Michael | 06-18-01 | 38. Faber, Patrick | 07-20-15 |
| 14. Desjardin, Todd | 12-04-01 | 39. Elasky, Jason | 08-31-15 |
| 15. McClish, Chris | 01-25-05 | 40. Wallat, Nico | 10-05-15 |
| 16. Todd, Andrew | 01-25-05 | 41. Vates, Enis | 01-19-16 |
| 17. Chlebeck, Zak | 01-25-05 | 42. Desjardins, Brian | 06-07-16 |
| 18. Oman, Randi | 07-26-05 | 43. Kostuch, David | 09-26-16 |
| 19. George, Ryan | 07-26-05 | 44. Miller, Courtney | 10-17-16 |
| 20. Knaeble, Nicholas | 11-14-05 | 45. Kuefler, Jason | 06-06-17 |
| 21. Volk, Travis | 02-13-06 | 46. Norgaard, Josh | 06-06-17 |
| 22. Works, Benjamin | 10-16-06 | 47. Hendrickson, Tyler | 10-02-17 |
| 23. Jones, Perry | 01-09-07 | 48. Pinotti, Matt | 10-02-17 |
| 24. McBride, Bridget | 04-12-07 | 49. Nelsen, Nicole | 10-23-17 |
| 25. Titus, Kevin | 07-24-07 | | |

Command Staff



Ryan George
Captain



Steve Monsrud
Lieutenant - Patrol Division



Jeffrey Guest
Lieutenant - Support
Division



James Mork
Lieutenant - Investigations
Division

Patrol Sergeants

(Starting top left)

Zachary Chlebeck

Kevin Titus

Michael Keeley

Nicholas Knaeble

Christopher McClish

Nicholas Steiger



Administrative Sergeant

(pictured right)

Andrew Todd





Officer Kyle Lusignan and K9 Jager

This year, K9 Jager received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Incorporated. The vest is embroidered with the sentiment “In memory of K9 Ty, California City Police Department”. The new vest will offer him added protection while working in the field with Officer Lusignan.



Officer Tom Roddy and K9 Finnley

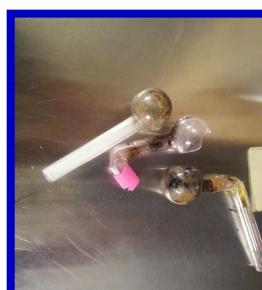


K9 Unit

In June, 2018, Fridley Police Department’s new K-9, Finnley, and his handler, Officer Tom Roddy, graduated from a thirteen week training program in Anoka County. This team is now ready to hit the streets.

The detectives unit investigates all manners of criminal activity in Fridley. In 2018, the unit closed 610 cases.

Detective Unit



The Special Operations Unit targets specific and significant threats to public safety as well as residents’ and visitors’ ability to move freely. In 2018, Detective Perry Jones spearheaded a Pedestrian Safety Initiative on Highway 47. He collected data related to pedestrian deaths on the road and orchestrated a community education campaign. A team of police staff made contact with pedestrians who were both properly and improperly using crosswalks. Information cards were provided to the pedestrians regarding the safety concerns for the busy road. Special Operations also did a focused patrol of Highway 47, whereby moving violations related to pedestrian crossings were enforced. Drivers found in violation were given literature on the pedestrian safety initiative and citations. It is a city-wide goal to increase pedestrian safety on both Highways 47 and 65.

Special Operations



School Resource Officers

The School Resource Officers (SRO) are sworn officers assigned to maintain order and enforce crimes that occur at Fridley schools. This includes Fridley High School, Metro Heights Academy, Fridley Middle School and the four elementary schools within Fridley.

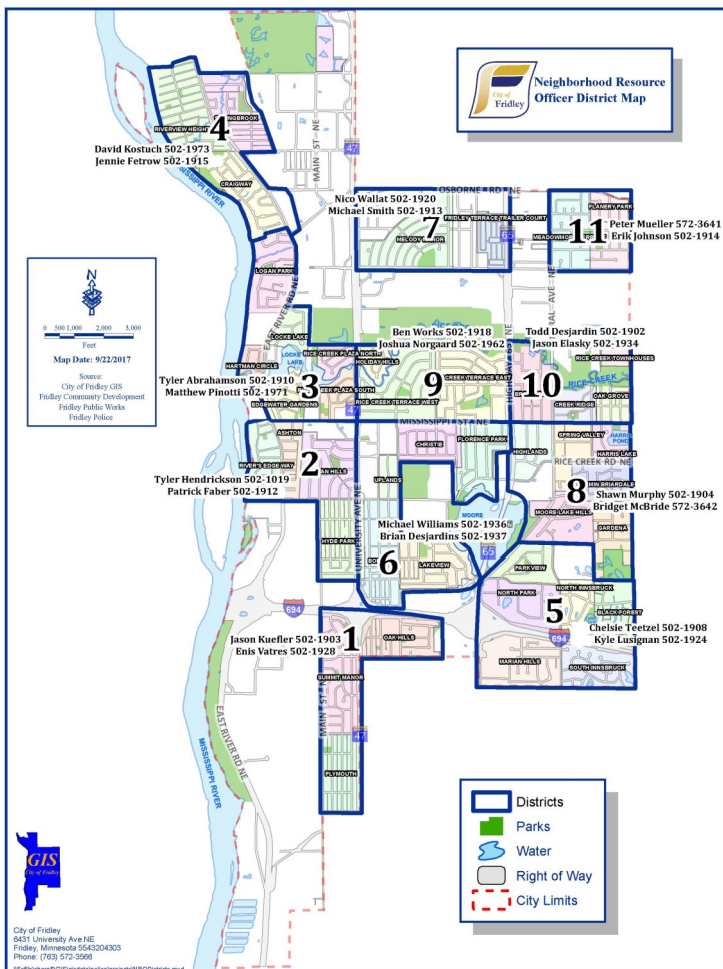
SRO Bob Stevens

SRO Mark Mickelson

SRO Randi Oman



Neighborhood Resource Officers



Fridley has forty-four neighborhoods that are grouped into eleven Districts. Each district is assigned two Fridley Officers as their Neighborhood Resource Officers (NRO). You can reach out to your NRO for neighbor disputes, ongoing crime or suspicious activity concerns and other quality of life issues. These are also the officers who will be stopping by your Block Party or Night to Unite. They work closely with the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains who live in their assigned Districts and are available to attend neighborhood meetings. Fridley's NROs are sworn officers, made up of patrol officers, detectives, and K9 Officers.



Community Service Officers

Community Service Officers (CSO) are non-sworn personnel who enforce animal control and parking laws, provide motorist assists, and perform a variety of administrative tasks.



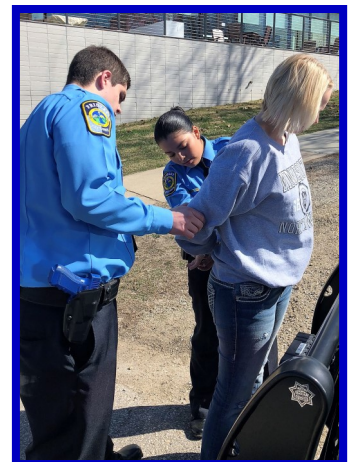
Volunteer Reserve Officers

The Fridley Police Reserves are uniformed, volunteer employees who perform duties that assist and support our licensed patrol officers. If you are interested in joining the Fridley Police Reserve Unit, contact Reserve Program Coordinator, Sergeant Zachary Chlebeck, at zak.chlebeck@fridleymn.gov.



Police Explorer Program

This year, the Fridley Police Explorer post grew to 18 explorers. This is the largest the group has ever been! The Explorers took first place in search and arrest and second place in emergency first aid at the annual Duluth Competition. They raised \$3,500 at the annual pasta dinner fundraiser. Explorers logged many hours volunteering in the community including 49er Days, Shop with a Cop and Feed My Starving Children. If you are interested in joining the program, contact Officer Murphy at shawn.murphy@fridleymn.gov.



New Hires



Nicholas Mincks, originally from Alaska, was hired as a Community Service Officer in September of 2018, after volunteering as a Reserve Officer. He earned a degree in Law Enforcement from North Hennepin Community

College. He has also been a fire and security engineer for 13 years.

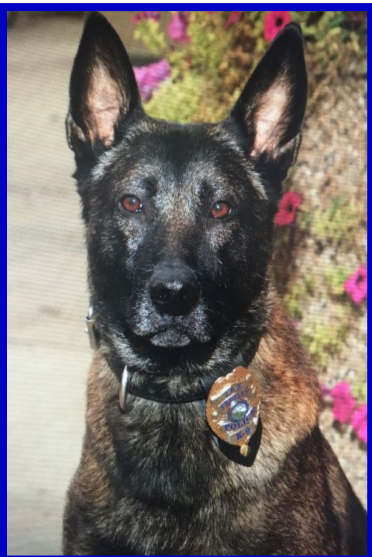


Sarah Blankenburg was hired as a Community Service Officer in September of 2018. She has an Associate of Science Degree in Law Enforcement from Normandale Community College. Previously, she has worked as a swim teacher and a loss prevention agent. She

also has more than 5 years of experience as a Police Explorer with St. Louis Park Police.

Retirees

Milestones



K9 Jax proudly served the Fridley Police Department from 2015 to 2018. Jax assisted in the locating of narcotics and the apprehension of many suspects, including tracking a suspect from a string of nine burglaries in the Fridley and Columbia Heights areas. Thank you Jax for your years of dedicated service to the Fridley community.

25 Years

Lieutenant
Steve Monsrud

5 Years

Sergeant
Nicholas Steiger

Recognition

DWI Certificate of Commendation

Officer Shawn Murphy
Officer Tyler Abrahamson
Officer Brian Desjardins

Warrant Certificate of Commendation

Officer Tyler Abrahamson
Officer Shawn Murphy
Officer Erik Johnson & Officer Enis Vatres

Step Certificate of Commendation

Officer Brian Desjardins
Officer Tyler Abrahamson
Officer Enis Vatres

Safe Driving Award

Officer Michael Williams
Officer Todd Desjardin
Officer Ben Works
Officer John Kotchen

Top Gun Award

Captain Michael Monsrud (retired)

Reserve Officer of the Year

Brandon Anderson

Citizen Service Award

Robert & Brenda Foley

Public Safety Department Model

Beginning November 1, 2018, Fridley Police and Fire merged to form the Fridley Public Safety Department. The new Public Safety Department consists of two divisions and is led by Brian Weierke. John Berg, formerly the Fire Chief, will now be the Fire Chief/Deputy Director of the Fire Division. Police Captain Ryan George will now be the Deputy Chief/Deputy Director of the Police Division. The divisions will work together on emergency management, community outreach, crime and fire prevention, etc. We expect great things from this collaboration in the coming years.



New Civic Campus

The new City Campus address is 7071 University Avenue NE., Fridley, MN 55432 and it officially opened on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. The space was designed with residents in mind to serve as a community gathering space. Police, Fire, City Hall and Public Works are all located at the City Campus. This is a more efficient way to serve the community.

1967-2018



2018-Present

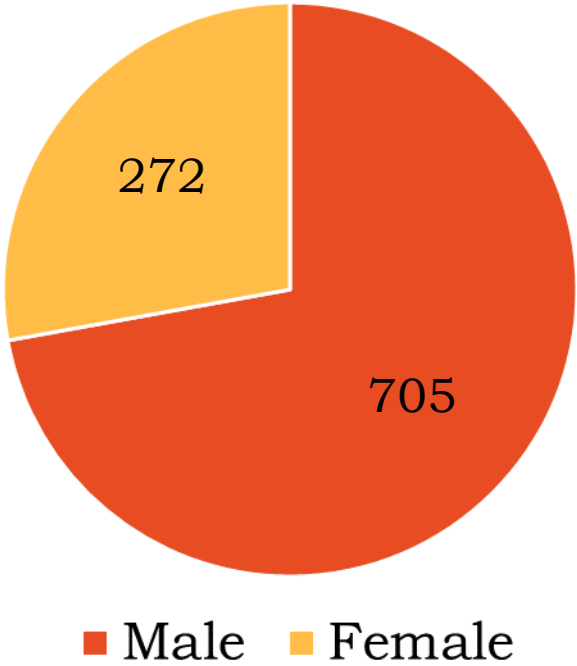


2018 Crime Statistics

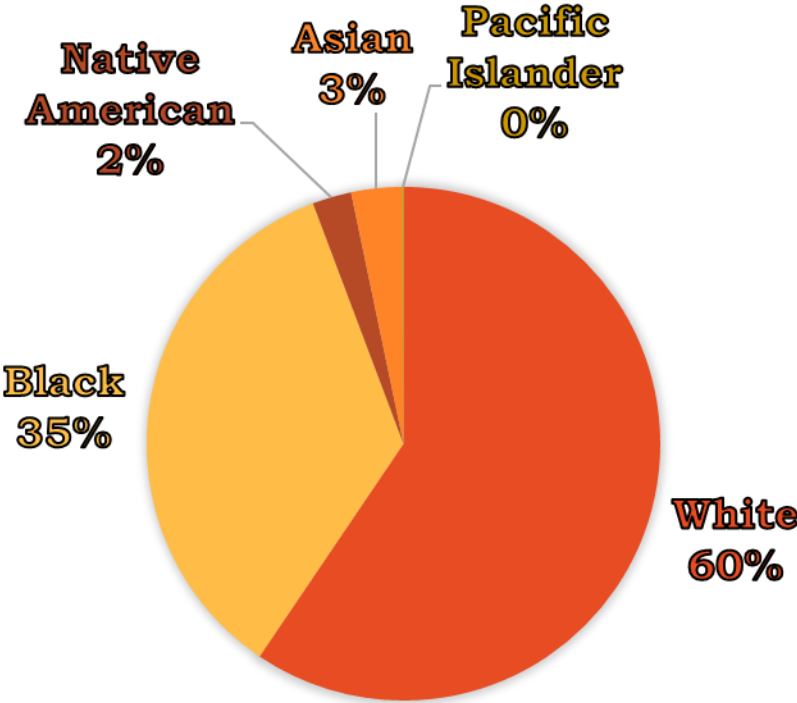
| Category | Statistic |
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| Calls for Service | 25,486 |
| Part 1 Crimes More serious crimes: murder, rape, robbery aggravated assault, burglary, auto theft & arson | 1,091 |
| Part 2 Crimes Less serious crimes: narcotics, DWI, simple assault, disorderly conduct & vandalism | 1,454 |
| Arrests | Adults: 977 Juveniles: 86 |
| Warrant Arrests | 294 |
| Narcotics Incidents | 165 |
| DWI's | 151 |
| Crisis/Mental Health | 363 |
| Traffic/Parking Citations | 2,622/612 |
| Detective Unit Clearance Rate | 57.8% |
| K9 Deployment/Apprehension/ Narcotics Alerts | Finn: D-52, A-5, NA-2 Jager: D-75, A-16, NA-29 Jax: D-6, A-2, NA-0 |
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2018 Arrest Statistics

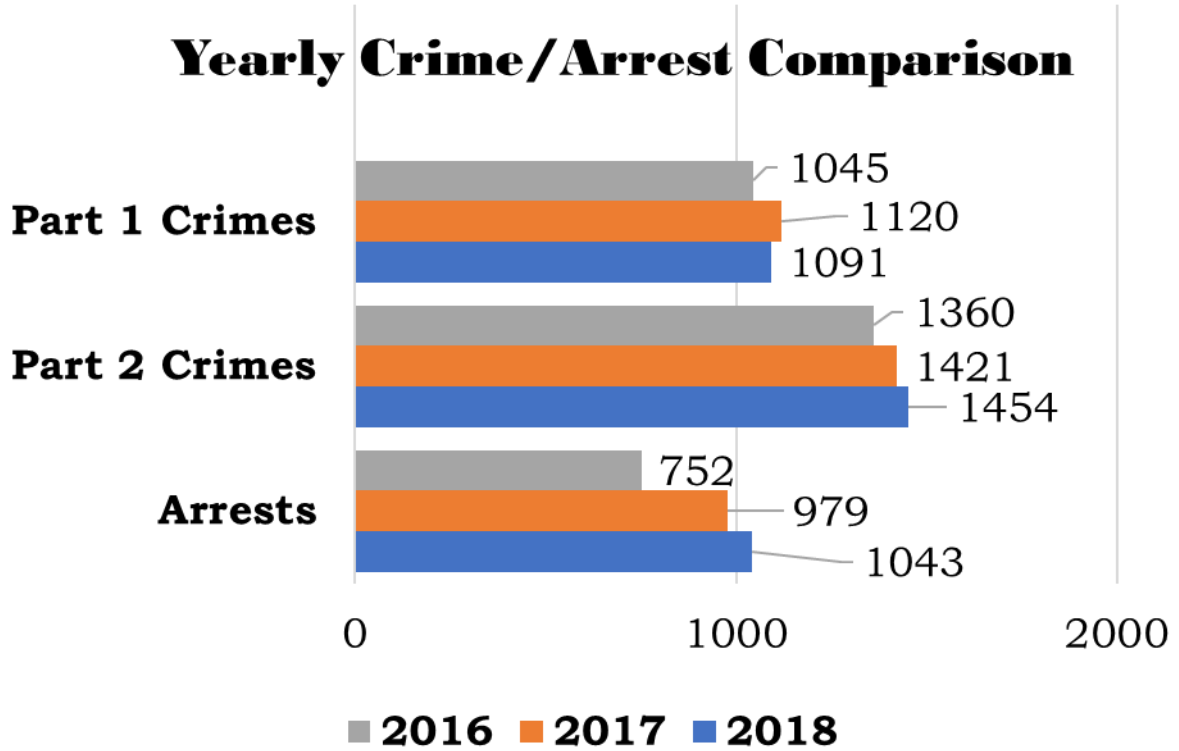
Arrests by Gender



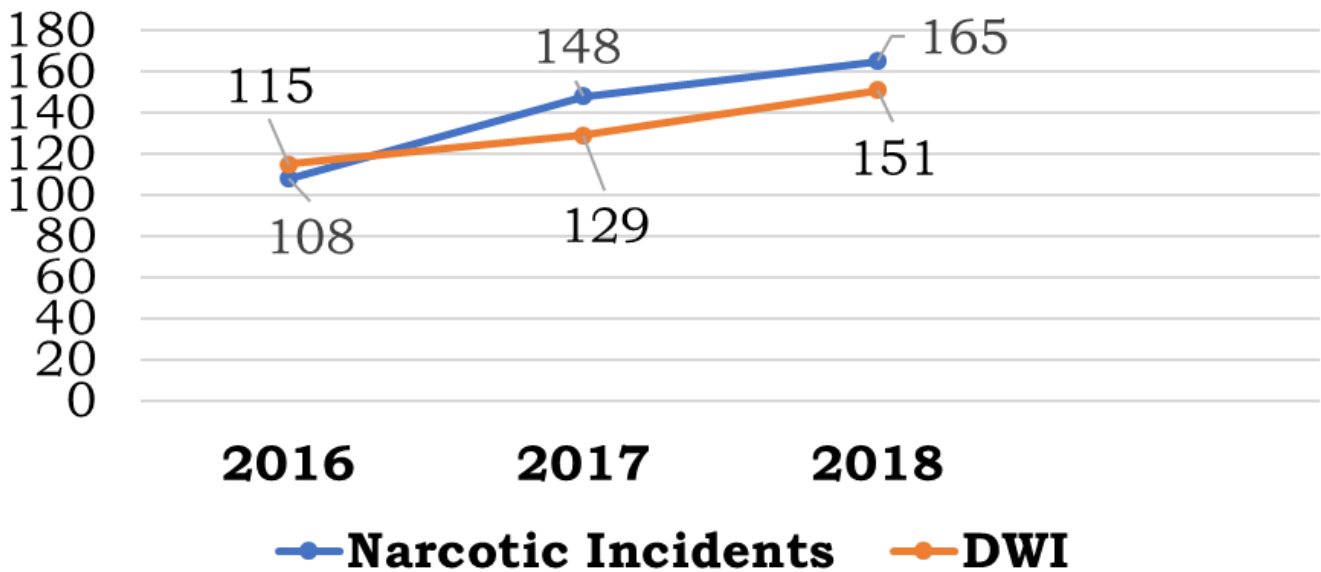
ARRESTS BY RACE



Crime Statistics



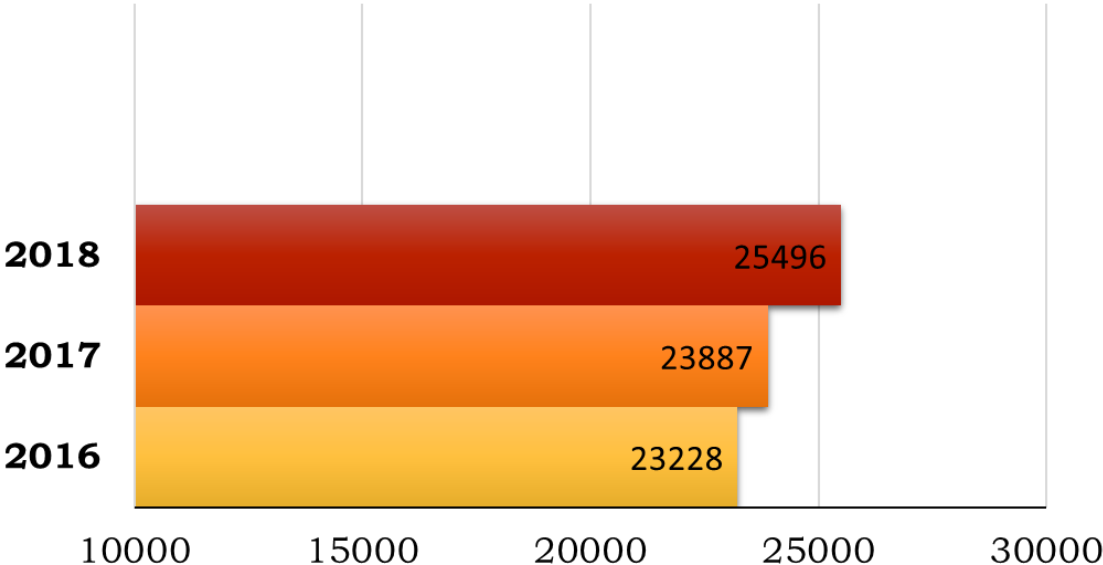
Yearly Narcotics/DWI Comparison



11.47% increase in Narcotics incidents from 2017 to 2018
17.1% increase in DWI's from 2017 to 2018

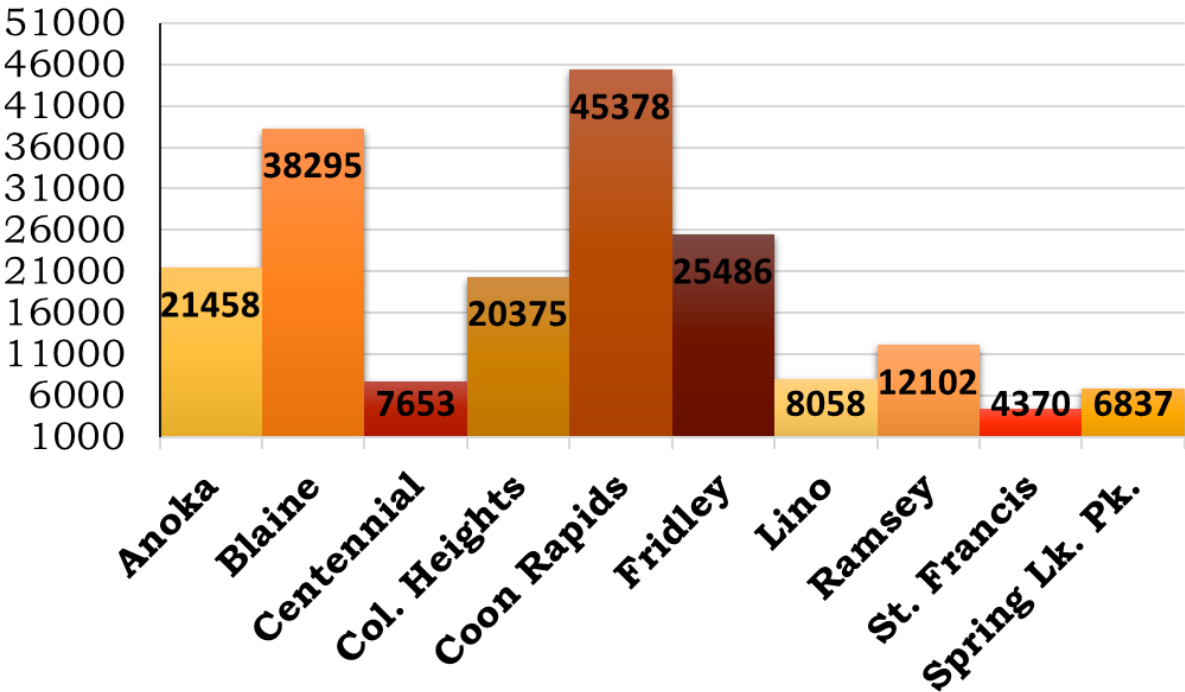
Calls for Service Statistics

Calls for Service by Year



Comparing 10 Anoka County Police Departments

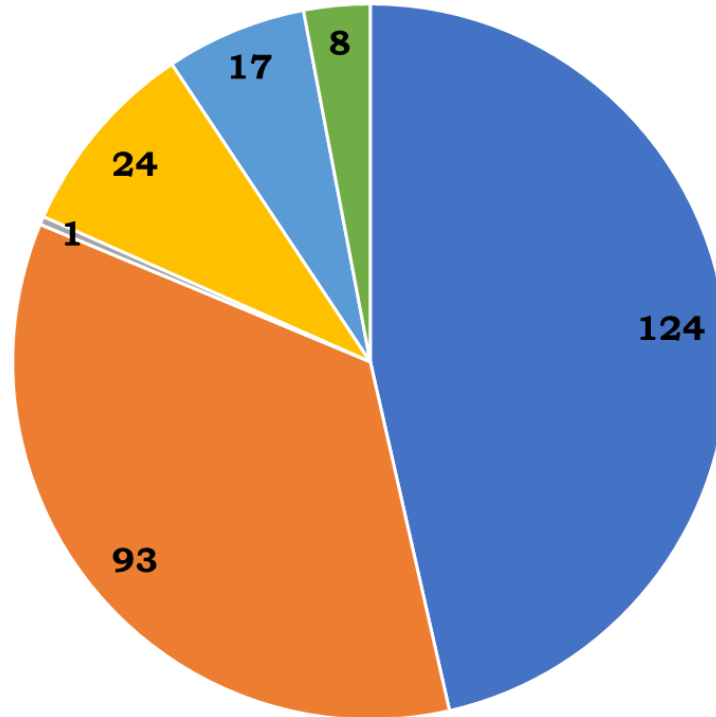
Calls for Service



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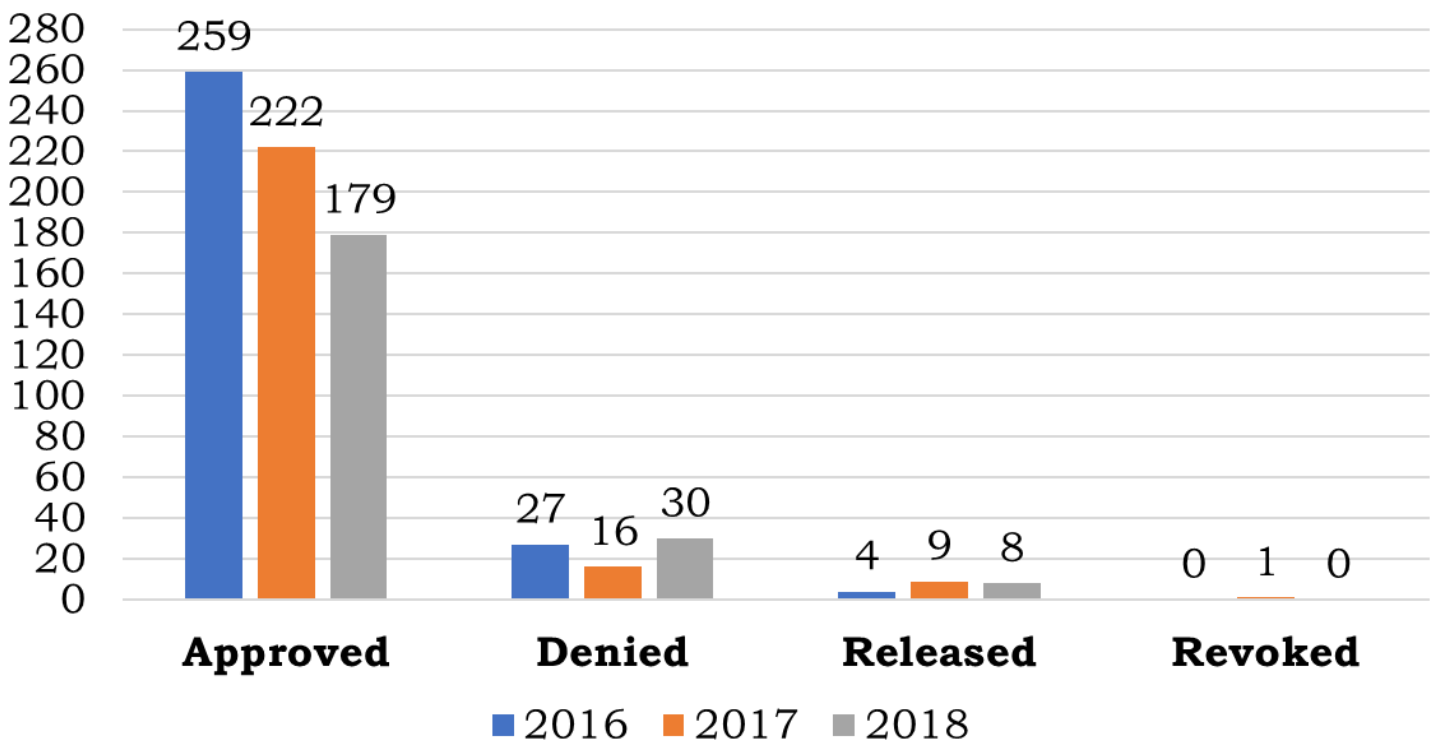
**151 Use of Force Incidents — 0.6% of all Calls for Service
12 incidents of Taser being deployed**

Use of Force by Race



■ White ■ Black ■ Native American ■ Hispanic ■ Asian ■ Unknown

Gun Permits



Heart Safe

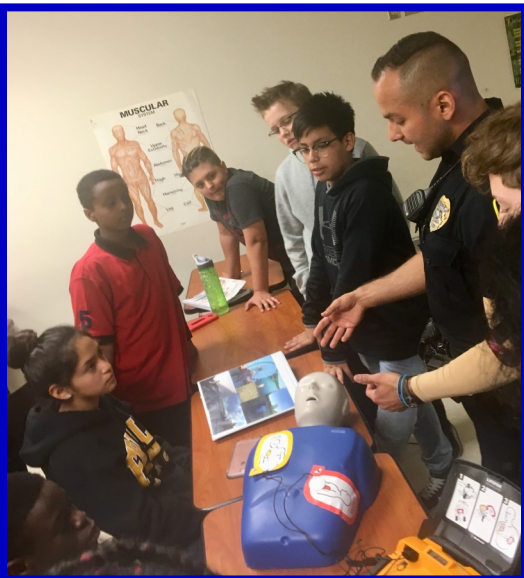
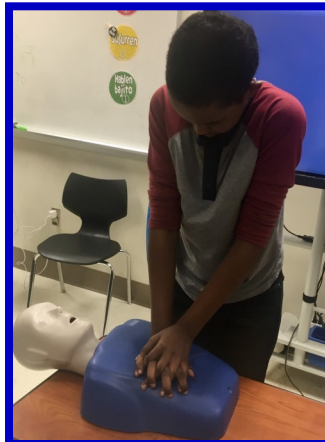
Every year, thousands of Minnesotans die from sudden cardiac arrest. In fact, it is the second leading cause of death in Minnesota. As the Fridley Police Department is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all citizens living and working within this community, it is imperative that appropriate measures be taken to address this issue.

So, on December 1st, 2017, Fridley submitted its Letter of Intent to become a designated Heart Safe Community. The mission of the Heart Safe Community Designation is to “help communities evaluate their community readiness for cardiac events.” The City of Fridley fully

embraced the mission. One of our first initiatives was to train all City staff on bystander CPR to lead by example. Every department is now trained, including volunteers in Police Explorers, Police Reserves and Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.

We also established ongoing monthly public trainings. Attendance grew after each training once word spread about how approachable the training was. The feedback we received from the community was positive and residents who completed it felt prepared to implement what they learned if faced with the situation.

Local businesses also hopped on board the initiative. Heart Safe trainers provided on-site training to Medtronic and Voigt’s Bus staff.



Fridley



Those are just a couple of the businesses who provided the training to their entire staff. Fridley Middle School shared the training in their health classes. To date, we have hosted well over 30 Heart Safe CPR and AED trainings..

Our biggest event was using Heart Safe Fridley as our Night to Unite theme. Block Parties were encouraged to serve heart healthy foods and include heart healthy activities. Additionally, police and fire staff who visited the parties taught bystander CPR to attendees. We were able to train over 500 people on Night to Unite (August 7th, 2018).

The City's Wellness program, where participants have lab work, physical

fitness testing and consult with Allina staff on overall wellness goals, was also a way to implement the Heart Safe mission. A new Jump Rope for Heart Health initiative was established at our annual 49ers Community Event.

Over 1300 people were trained in bystander CPR in 2018, alone. On November 13th, 2018, Fridley received the official designation of Heart Safe Community at a City Council meeting. The Heart Safe designation acknowledges a community's efforts to prepare its visitors and citizens to recognize when someone suffers a sudden cardiac arrest and how to respond. Fridley is now a safer and healthier community for those who work, live and visit. We will continue to spread the mission of Heart Safe Minnesota.



Neighborhood Watch

Fridley has nearly 200 block captains

participating in Neighborhood Watch. A block captain is a Fridley resident who is willing to be the communication link between the residents of the neighborhood and the Fridley Police Department. In 2018, an new initiative began, where block captains can earn their neighborhoods a new Neighborhood Watch sign to show-off their dedication to keeping their community safe. It is the 3, 2, 1 Plan: 3) The Neighborhood must have three active block captains, 2) Those block captains must each attend at least two Block Captain Trainings per calendar year to be considered active, and 1) At least one active block captain must host at least one neighborhood meeting each calendar year. Once the criteria is met, the brand new signs will be installed at each entrance leading into the neighborhood.



Crime Prevention

In May, Crime Prevention Specialist Courtney Miller and Officer Patrick Faber, set-off on an eleven hour drive from Minnesota to Louisville, Kentucky. There, they spent two weeks training at the American Crime Prevention Institute. Both Faber and Miller successfully completed their training and passed their exams to become nationally certified as Crime Prevention Specialists and Law Enforcement Security Assessment Specialists.



Senior Safety

Fridley seniors learn safety skills and the inner workings of the police department as part of the Senior Safety Series, hosted monthly at the Fridley Community Center. Topics from the Police Explorer Program to Scam Prevention educate our residents on current police issues.



Safety First

Fridley Police staff are trained, by Anoka County Safe Kids, to help properly fit bike helmets and install car seats as a free service to the community. You can also purchase a new helmet for only \$10 at the annual Bike Helmet Clinic. Car seat installation can be done by appointment or at the annual Car Seat Clinic



Pet Vaccination Clinic

Dogs and cats receive veterinary services at a reduced fee thanks to a partnership with MetroPet Clinic. Dog licenses can be purchased at a reduced rate at the event. Fridley dogs must be licensed within 6 months of becoming "residents" with proof of a rabies vaccination. This event makes it easy!



Doing Good



Polar Plunge



Hope Fest



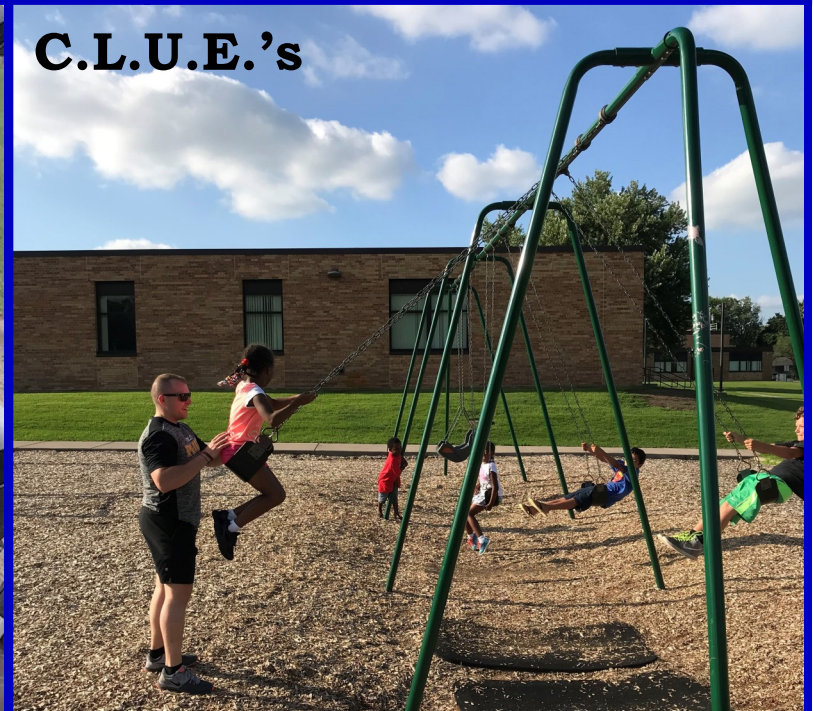
New Horizon



Girl Scout Visit



Touch A Truck



C.L.U.E.'s

Around Town



Bridgeview



Coffee with Cops



Coats from Cops



Cub Scout Visit



Feed my Starving Children



Bikes for Kids

Night to Unite

Over 80 neighborhood block parties were hosted throughout Fridley on Night to Unite (the first Tuesday in August). This year, the night included a theme: Heart Safe Fridley. Block Parties were encouraged to incorporate the theme into their parties by serving heart healthy foods and participating in physical activities. Police staff who visited the block parties taught residents bystander CPR as part of the City's efforts to be designated a Heart Safe Community. Over 500 people were trained in bystander CPR at Night to Unite!



49er Days

All divisions of the Fridley Police Department were on hand at the annual 49er Days parade and festival. Volunteer Reserves, Explorers, Community Service Officers, Sworn Officers and other staff and family members played a large role in making both events successful. From working security, to riding in the parade with the Police Activities League kids, to being dunked in the crowd favorite Police Association dunk tank. It was a fun filled event and Fridley Police staff had a great two days celebrating with the community.



Police Activities League

The Police Activities League (PAL) had a great second year since the program's inception in 2017. PAL meets once a week for approximately six weeks seasonally. Each session begins with small group discussions about health, safety or social topics with an officer as their mentor. Next, students and officers engage in a fun activity ranging from dodgeball, to billiards, to karaoke. PAL strives to teach students teamwork, honesty, and integrity.



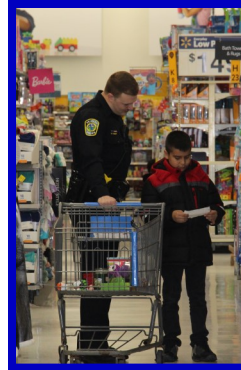
Safety Camp

Around 50 kids participated in the 24th Annual Safety Camp! They had a fun filled day learning safety skills with Fridley Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Allina Paramedics.



Shop with a Cop

30 very lucky kids from the 4 Fridley elementary schools went on a holiday shopping spree at Walmart with the Fridley Police. A Reserve Officer even made an appearance as Santa.



C.L.U.E.'s

C.L.U.E.'s (Connect people to each other, Learn about self, family, school and community resources, Unite as lifelong learners, and Engage in creating a positive culture) is a summer program that strives to build relationships between people and the community at Fridley Terrace mobile home park. This is the second summer officers participated.



Making Connections

Whether it's a neighborhood "happy hour" or a BBQ at an apartment complex, Fridley officers love getting out in their community.



Coffee with Cops

What better way to get to know one another than sharing a conversation over a hot cup of coffee.

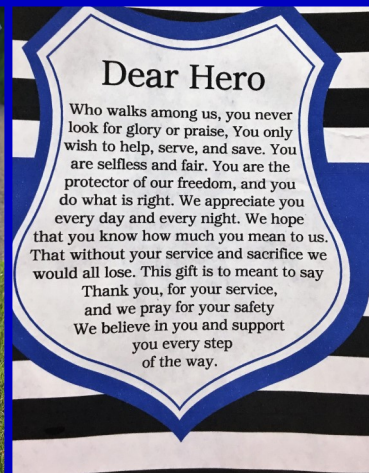
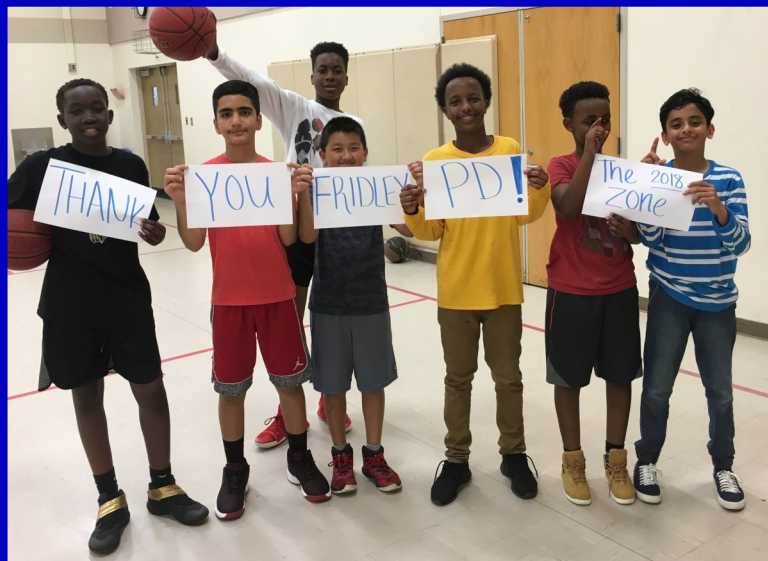


Cops & Cones

Fridley officers get a chance to chat with community members while they enjoy a cool treat in the summer heat.



Thank you for your support!



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