

CITY OF FRIDLEY
PUBLIC SAFETY

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



To the Citizens of Fridley

On behalf of the City of Fridley, I am pleased to present the Fridley Public Safety Department's 2022 Annual Report.

This past year, our department theme was, "What is Your Why?". Our leaders thought it was important to remind our staff how vital it is to remember your "why" when you are serving the community. It can be easy to get caught up in our daily tasks and forget the reason we each chose to be a public servant.

Our Public Safety Department had a busy year. In 2022, our Police Division responded to 36,047 calls for service, which is an eight percent increase from the year before and is an all-time high for number of calls. Our Fire Division also saw a significant 12 percent increase at 3,372 calls for service. We have been fortunate to have been fully-staffed throughout the year in order to effectively respond to this uptick in calls.

The Fire Division welcomed 11 new paid, on-call firefighters, as well as the addition of a full-time Community Health Worker. Through the work of this position and non-profit partnerships, we can now refer patients and Fridley residents to a vast array of resources in the healthcare ecosystem. This new role has already been tremendously effective with 29 established agency partnerships and more than 80 residents directly assisted via the program.

Fridley Fire also founded the Fridley Fire Corps program. Eight volunteers from diverse backgrounds have volunteered their skills to benefit our Fire Division in the areas of education, events and community outreach. Throughout 2022, they donated over 200 hours of their time.

Four new police officers were added to the Police Division in 2022. Currently, 16 of our 24 assigned patrol officers have three or less years of experience with Fridley Police. We are grateful for our leadership and long-serving staff who have helped build a department that continues to attract new talent.

In 2022, we enjoyed getting back to in-person meetings and trainings. Lessons learned from the pandemic and civil unrest continue to help us be better prepared for future challenges. For 2023, we have centered department conversations around keeping our

Apparatus Report Card

✓ **2005 Crimson Gladiator 110' Platform**
Annual Mileage: 600
Total Calls: 55
Days Used on 911 Call: 49
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 28

✓ **2018 Chevy 3500 Custom Rescue**
Annual Mileage: 13052
Total Calls: 2,180
Days Used on 911 Call: 363
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 10

✓ **2001 General Spartan Gladiator**
Annual Mileage: 2501
Total Calls: 279
Days Used on 911 Call: 157
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 11

✓ **2018 Polaris Ranger 900XP**
Annual Mileage: 351
Total Calls: 10
Days Used on 911 Call: 10
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 0

✓ **2013 Chevy 2500 Duramax**
Annual Mileage: 2665
Total Calls: 24
Days Used on 911 Call: 22
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 2

✓ **2015 Rosenbauer Commander**
Annual Mileage: 1318
Total Calls: 74
Days Used on 911 Call: 53
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 3

✓ **2017 Chevy Tahoe**
Annual Mileage: 3362
Total Calls: 168
Days Used on 911 Call: 119
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 6

✓ **2013 Rosenbauer Commander**
Annual Mileage: 6634
Total Calls: 868
Days Used on 911 Call: 292
Aid Given Out of Fridley: 43



Youth Development

The Fire Division continued to promote youth development in 2022 through programs focused on training and encouraging youth to explore Fire and Emergency services.

Lieutenant Dean Knowles and Firefighter Matt Kruc visit Emergency Medical Technician courses at Fridley High School, adding enhanced skills practice and involvement for students going through the course.

Involvement at Spring Lake Park High School continues to increase as Chief Zikmund sits as the Board Chair of the Opportunities in Emergency Care program. Similar to Fridley, staff visit this classroom to offer enhanced skills practice and exposure to Fire and EMS scenarios and equipment. Beyond EMT, our own Fire Corps member John Lindstrom instructs Seniors in Technical Rescue and Firefighter I—both of which are hosted at the Fridley Fire Station. These students not only are around firefighters everyday but graduate with numerous certifications that allow job opportunities immediately after high school.

Lastly, through a partnership with Anoka County Career Force, the Fire Division now has two standing paid-internship positions. We welcomed brothers Phil and Andrew Apel last summer who joined as Firefighter/EMT interns. The county program offers paid internships through workplace partnerships such as ours. Beyond working normal shift hours, our interns completed several projects around the station. This program is planned to continue indefinitely and be offered to students in both high school programs.



community feeling safe. We will continue to do this through training, creating connections at local events and responding to community safety needs.

No public safety department is effective without the cooperation of its citizens. Our success is in large part due to the support we receive from our residents and elected officials. The employees of the Public Safety Department honor that support with dedication to constant improvement in the quality of service provided 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 look forward to another great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian T. Weierke
Director of Public Safety | Police Chief



Mission Statement

"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."



Fire Statistics

Calls for Service

There was a total of 3,372 calls for 2022.

Community Paid, On-Call Stats

Callback Response Average: 37%

Drill Attendance Average: 82%

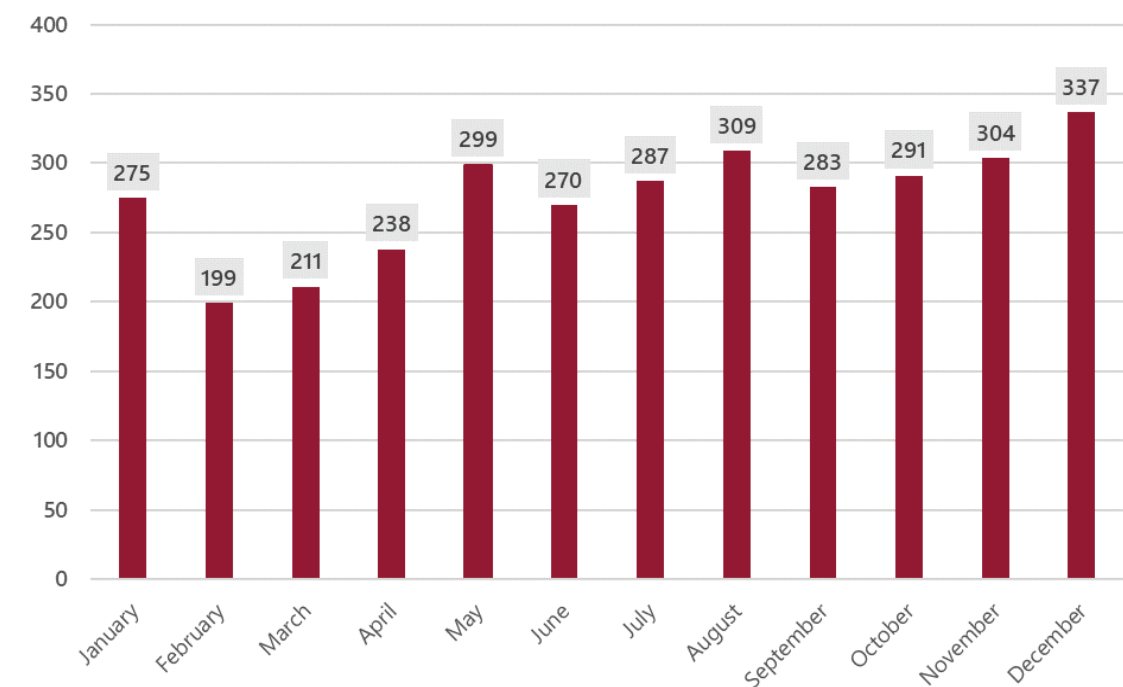
Shift Hours Average: 61.25 hours per month



2-3 p.m.

was the busiest hour of the day in 2022 for calls.

Total Number of Calls Per Month in 2022



101
smoke alarms
installed



588
commercial and common
area inspections



30
carbon monoxide
detectors installed



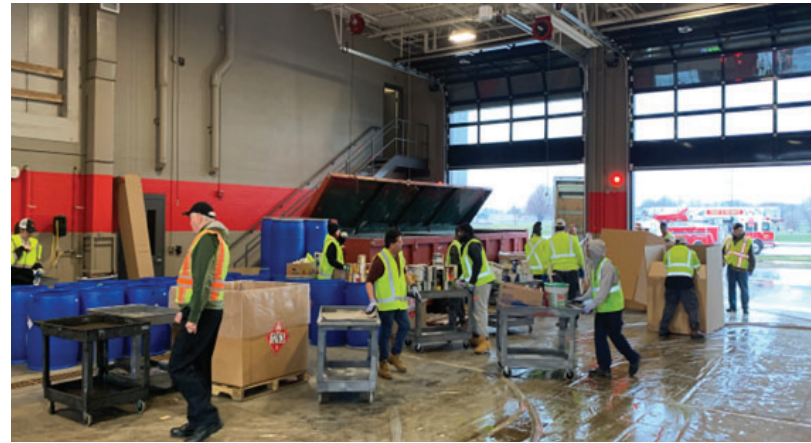
84%
compliance on
third-party suppression
systems (1st year)

Household Hazardous Waste Event

In April, the Fire Division, with support from Police, Public Works, and Environmental Planner Rachel Workin, hosted a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

The event was sponsored by Anoka County Environmental Services with a goal of promoting the responsible disposal and recycling of household hazardous materials. The event was extremely well-attended, bringing in tons (literally) of items including batteries, aerosol cans, propane tanks, paint, oils, ethanol, prescription medications and more!

There was a successful attendance of 565 households, 64 percent of which were from Fridley.

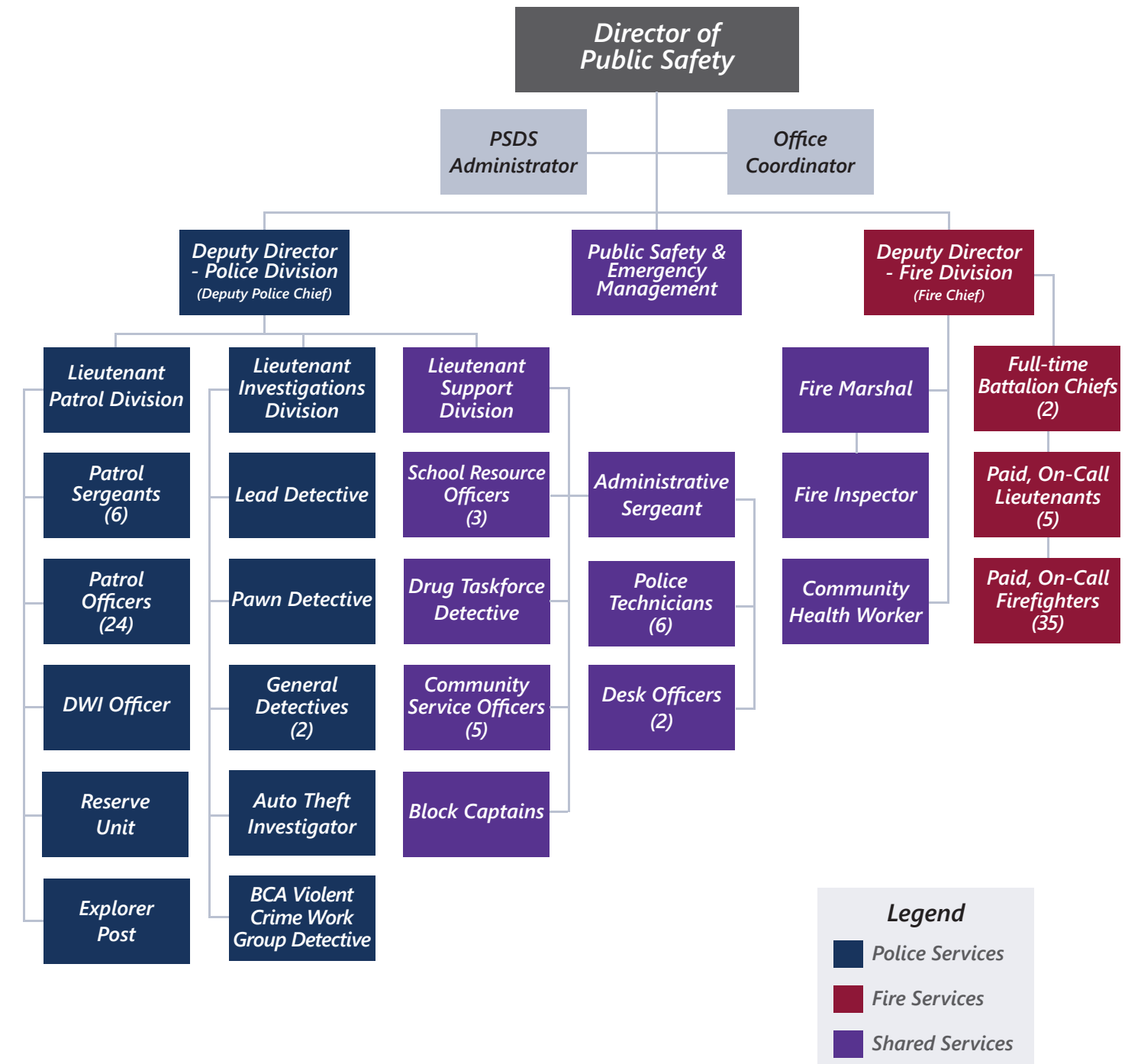


The Fire Division hosted our annual Fire Prevention Open House during the first Saturday of Fire Prevention Week. The event was coordinated by paid, on-call lieutenant Jeremy Grandstrand and was another success this year. A cool October day brought several hundred residents to the Fire Station 1. Activities included spraying a fire hose, learning to use a fire extinguisher, child safety seat checks, station tours, watching vehicle extrication demonstrations, a police K-9 demonstration and Allina EMS ambulance demonstration.

We also welcomed various vendors to inform residents on railway safety, fire sprinklers, smoke alarms, Dalmatian club, fire and water restoration services, mutual aid partnerships and the many prevention programs done throughout the year here in Fridley.



Department Structure



Police Division - Seniority

Zwicky, Michelle	04/27/1981	Desjardins, Brian	06/07/2016
Johnson, Julie	08/27/1984	Kostuch, David	09/26/2016
Smith, Sherree	02/11/1985	Kuefler, Jason	06/06/2017
Fischer, Karen	01/20/1986	Norgaard, Joshua	06/06/2017
Salo, Jill	08/19/1987	Hendrickson, Tyler	10/02/2017
Monsrud, Steve	12/12/1995	Pinotti, Matt	10/02/2017
Weierke, Brian	12/28/1995	Nelsen, Nicole	10/23/2017
Stevens, Bob	05/03/1999	Teetzel, Chelsie	01/22/2019
Braaten, Deb	12/04/2000	Kostreba, Chance	07/17/2019
Williams, Michael	06/18/2001	Schroeder, Laura	12/09/2019
McClish, Chris	01/25/2005	Lueck, Thomas	12/09/2019
Todd, Andrew	01/25/2005	Stephens, Melissa	02/29/2020
Chlebeck, Zak	01/25/2005	London, Marcus	07/18/2020
George, Ryan	07/26/2005	Spaulding, Christopher	09/28/2020
Knaeble, Nicholas	11/14/2005	Wangen, Emma	09/28/2020
Volk, Travis	02/13/2006	Wegner, Alex	01/25/2021
Works, Benjamin	10/16/2006	Johnson, Scott	02/01/2021
Titus, Kevin	07/24/2007	Valento, Joseph "Jack"	03/02/2021
Roddy, Thomas	09/11/2007	Blilie, Andrew	05/10/2021
Mickelson, Mark	03/09/2009	Massey, Quinn	06/08/2021
Keeley, Michael	03/09/2009	Tirevold, Kurtis	07/19/2021
Kotchen, John	04/10/2012	McNair, Evan	11/30/2021
Lambrech, Jeff	08/31/2012	Montenegro, Carlos	11/30/2021
Steiger, Nicholas	06/24/2013	Soller, Matthew	11/30/2021
Smith, Michael	06/30/2014	Valencia, Samantha	11/30/2021
Lusignan, Kyle	06/30/2014	Gulbranson, Rachelle	04/18/2022
Murphy, Shawn	08/26/2014	Reich, Daniel	09/12/2022
Mueller, Peter	02/09/2015	Eyberg, Jason	09/12/2022
Abrahamson, Tyler	02/09/2015	Strong, Samuel	09/13/2022
Jensen, George	07/16/2015	Ruiz, Corina	09/13/2022
Johnson, Erik	04/06/2015	Christ, Aria	09/13/2022
Faber, Patrick	07/20/2015	Vang, Patrick	10/03/2022
Elasky, Jason	08/31/2015		
Wallat, Nico	10/05/2015		
Vatres, Enis	01/19/2016		

Community Health



The Fire Division added a new, full-time staff member. Alisa Schuster was hired from our paid, on-call ranks and became the City's Community Health Worker (CHW)/Firefighter. Alisa began in March and worked through the completion of her CHW certificate at Normandale College. The goal of the position is to serve as a resource for residents who, rather than require emergency services, need a myriad of other referrals. Alisa continues to work with residents after a 9-1-1 call to provide resources to improve health and well-being, lessen the burden on our emergency services and help our Fridley residents thrive in their homes.

With the hiring of the CHW, the City also contracted with Care Resource Connection, a local non-profit. In partnership we began the work of the Fridley Community Health Alliance—a conglomerate of non-government organizations, care providers and resources serving the residents of Fridley. Throughout 2022, a new platform was built for these partners to refer patients as well as increased relationships with our senior living facilities who previously accounted for many calls for service. The program has expanded our interest and reach in involvement with Public Health, Human Services, and numerous county and statewide advocacy groups surrounding Community Health.



In October, the first annual Senior Health Fair was hosted at Fire Station #2. Coordinated by CHW Schuster and supported by Firefighters and Fire Corps volunteers, the Fair included numerous vendors surrounding aging adult health. Plans for 2023 include incorporating a similar event throughout the year and in different formats.



Community Health Statistics

37
referrals made
by firefighters

39
referrals made by
police officers

6
referrals made
by others

29
new agency
partnership

17
Safe Home Visits
conducted

Fire Training Division

Fridley Firefighters continue to dedicate themselves to perfecting their craft. As demands increase, new equipment is designed, and hazards grow ever-present, your Fridley Firefighters continue to train and educate one another.

While the new Civic Campus offers a state-of-the-art training space, it is challenging to design quality education sessions to meet the needs of over forty members. Lieutenant Rob Belmore is to thank for coordinating our training programs with support from Battalion Chief Matt Allard, Lieutenant Dean Knowles and many other Firefighters. The team not only coordinates weekly drills for staff, but they also facilitate on-boarding trainings for new recruits, mandated OSHA training, and advanced training curriculum for various topics.



The team began use of Evaluations+, a new software designed for real-time evaluation and feedback to our members. Something we are most proud of is how many of our members, most of whom are paid, on-call have received advanced certifications beyond what is required.

As of the end of the year, we had members with the following accredited certifications:

- 28 Fire Apparatus Operator
- 24 Instructor I
- 13 Inspector I
- 13 Officer I



Police Command Staff



*Ryan George,
Deputy Director*



*Steven Monsrud,
Lieutenant - Patrol Division*



*Nicholas Knaeble,
Lieutenant - Support Division*



*Kevin Titus,
Lieutenant - Investigations Division*



Patrol Sergeants



Christopher McClish



Zachary Chlebeck



Nicholas Steiger



Patrick Faber



Erik Johnson



Tyler Abrahamson



Andrew Todd
Administrative Sergeant
(Pictured left)

Fire Statistics

Medical Call Type	2022 Total
Breathing Problem	16%
Life Assist	10%
Chest Pain	9%
Motor Vehicle Accident	9%
Fall	8%
Unconscious	8%
Seizure	6%
Stroke/CVA/TIA*	4%
Overdose/Poisoning	3%
Weakness	2%
Attempted Suicide	2%
Diabetic Problem	2%
Pain - General	2%
Traumatic Injury	2%
Allergic Reaction	1%
Psychological	1%
DK/ETOC*	1%
DOA*	1%
OBGYN*	1%
Syncope/Fainting*	1%
Other (Cardiac)	1%
Other (Medical)	4%
Other (All)	5%

Top 10 Medical Subtypes

- Breathing Problems (388)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (215)
- Lift Assist (231)
- Chest Pain (216)
- Fall (187)
- Unconscious (187)
- Seizure (138)
- Medical - Other (97)
- CVA/Stroke (94)
- Diabetic Problem (57)

Medical Call Types*

- CVA: Cerebrovascular accident (synonymous with stroke)
- TIA: Transient ischemic attack (synonymous with stroke)
- DK: Intoxicated/under the influence
- ETOC: Intoxicated/under the influence
- DOA: Dead on arrival
- OBGYN: obstetrics and gynecological (typically pregnancy related but not a child birth)
- Syncope: Syncopal episode (recent seizure activity)

Police Statistics

K-9 Donation Received

In October, Fridley Public Safety received a \$20,000 donation from a supportive private donor for Police Canine expenses.

Patrol Dog Trials

In June, Officers Roddy and Lusignan both competed in the Region 12 United States Police Canine Association Patrol Dog Trials in Wright County. At the trials, Officer Roddy's Police Canine, Finley, and Officer Lusignan's Police Canine, Jager, both received their annual certifications as a Patrol Canine. Officer Roddy and Finley finished fifth overall!



FBI National Academy

Lt. Kevin Titus attended the FBI National Academy from April 1-June 9 in Quantico, VA. The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for U.S. and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. Lt. Titus obtained excellent training and networking opportunities with law enforcement leaders from around the globe.

Guns 'N Hoses Hockey Game

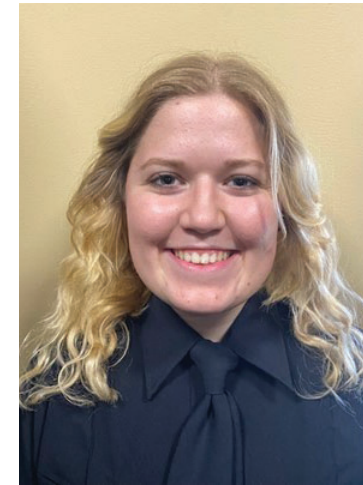
In February, Lt. Knaeble participated in the sixth Annual Guns 'N Hoses charity hockey game which pits Law Enforcement Officers against Fire Department personnel. The game raised money for Shield 616 which provides rifle protection gear to first responders. The Guns (Police) won against the Hoses (Fire) to retain bragging rights for another year.



Violent Offender WorkGroup

This summer, Fridley Public Safety assigned a detective to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Violent Offender WorkGroup. This workgroup investigated, tracked and arrested known violent offenders. The group focused on the proliferation of illegal firearms in our community. Fridley Public Safety was the only suburban department to assign personnel to this group.

New Police Staff



Aria Christ



Rachelle Gulbranson



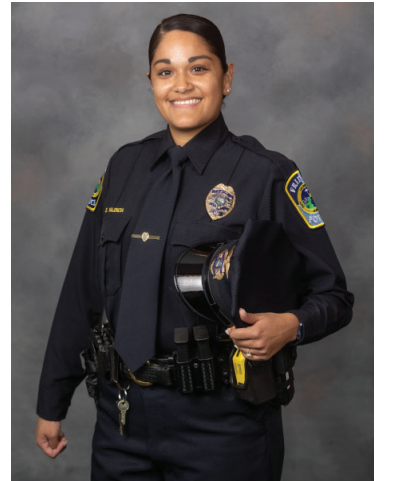
Daniel Reich



Corina Ruiz



Samuel Strong



Samantha Valencia



Joseph Valento



Patrick Vang



Fire Division Seniority

Messer, Walter	10/23/1999	Lucht, Mark	02/24/2020
Knowles, Dean	10/23/1999	Evans, Jared	03/10/2020
Spiering, Wayne	10/23/1999	Kruc, Matthew	09/01/2020
McKusick, Corey	03/01/2003	Weidenbach, Steffan	11/17/2020
Allard, Matthew	02/01/2006	Wetterhahn, Royce	11/17/2020
Pribyl, Jeffrey	07/20/2009	Zikmund, Maddison	01/04/2021
Arvidson, Eric	01/01/2011	Meinke, Kyle	07/01/2021
Lange, James	07/30/2012	Osborn, Joshua	12/01/2021
Williams, Brian	02/04/2013	Jones, Bailey	01/01/2022
Bauer, Patrick	01/21/2014	Moore, Tyler	01/01/2022
Belmore, Robert	01/21/2014	Thompson, Tyler	06/01/2022
Jude, Jamie	09/01/2014	Pevito, Brian	06/30/2022
Hopp, Adam	06/02/2015	Potzmann, Nicholas	07/15/2022
Schuster, Alisa	03/01/2016	Pass, Kevin	08/01/2022
Berner, Russ	02/05/2018	Koll, Tyler	08/15/2022
Buganski, Joshua	02/05/2018	Babb, David	11/01/2022
Hanley, Corey	02/05/2018	Craig, Alicia	11/01/2022
Kramme, Grant	02/05/2018	Evanoff, Joseph	11/01/2022
Wright, Christopher	07/23/2019		
Foltynski, Jason	02/01/2020		
Grandstrand, Jeremy	02/01/2020		
Knott, Aaron	02/01/2020		
Schoen, Calvin	02/01/2020		
Kruse, Jarod	02/07/2020		

Police Statistics

Bikes for Kids

Over 50 abandoned bicycles were donated to Bikes for Kids to be refurbished and given away to children in the community.

Allina Partnership

In October, Officer Norgaard worked closely with Allina Health to secure a \$5,000 donation to purchase updated "Go Bags" to be deployed during hostile events. "Go Bags" typically contain tourniquets, bleeding control supplies and other items needed in an emergency. Every squad car in our fleet is equipped with one of these bags.



Cops on the Rooftop

In August, officers attended the Cops of a Rooftop event at Dunkin Donuts to raise money for Special Olympics Minnesota. They were able to fundraise \$1,022 from guests.

Polar Plunge

Lt. Knaeble, Lt. Titus, Det. Vatres, Officer Murphy and Officer Elasky participated in the Polar Plunge in February of 2022.

The group plunged into the icy depths of Crooked Lake and raised \$2,457 to be donated to Special Olympics Minnesota.



Bridgeview Lunch

Fridley Police Command staff continue to visit Bridgeview once a month to serve lunch to the Bridgeview visitors.

Night to Unite

Fridley Public Safety once again celebrated Night to Unite in August and joined over 72 parties in the community! The evening was a huge success and is always an exciting night to connect with a lot of members of the community.



Police Statistics



Officer Lusignan and Jager

Officer Lusignan has been a licensed police officer since 2001. He joined Fridley Police Department in 2014 and was selected to be a canine handler in early 2017. Jager is a Belgian Malinois/German Shepard crossbreed, born on February 15, 2016, in the Czech Republic.

2022 Recap for K9 Jager:

- Deployment - 39
- Apprehension - 15
- Narcotics Alert - 4



Officer Roddy and Finn

K-9 Finn was born in December of 2014 and has been serving the City of Fridley since 2018. K-9 Finn is a German Shepherd who came from the Czech Republic where he was bred and raised specifically for public service. K-9 Finn is partnered with Officer Roddy, who joined Fridley Police in 2007.

2022 Recap for K9 Finn:

- Deployment - 30
- Apprehension - 12
- Narcotics Alert - 4

Fire Administrative Staff



***Maddison Zikmund,
Deputy Director/Fire Chief***



***James Lange,
Fire Marshal***



***Brian Williams,
Fire Inspector***



***Walt Messer,
Battalion Chief***



***Matt Allard,
Battalion Chief***



***Alisa Schuster,
Firefighter/Community
Health Worker***



Fire Promotions, Hires & Goodbyes

Fire Promotions

Alisa Schuster was promoted to the newly created position of Firefighter/Community Health worker from the rank of paid, on-call firefighter.

Fire New Hires

- Bailey Jones, Community Paid, on-call Firefighter
- Tyler Moore, Community Paid, on-call Firefighter
- Tyler Thompson, Experienced Shift Firefighter
- Brian Pevito, Experienced Shift Firefighter
- Nick Potzmann, Community Paid, on-call Firefighter
- Kevin Pass, Experienced Shift Firefighter
- Tyler Koll, Community Paid, on-call Firefighter
- David Babb, Experienced Shift Firefighter
- Alicia Craig, Community Paid, on-call Firefighter
- Joe Evanoff, Community Paid, on-call Firefighter



Saying Goodbye

Robert (Bob) Aldrich, Chief (ret.) passed at the age of 95 on September 12, 2022. A funeral was held on October 7 at St. Philips in Fridley. Bob is remembered for playing an integral role in the response to the Fridley Tornadoes.

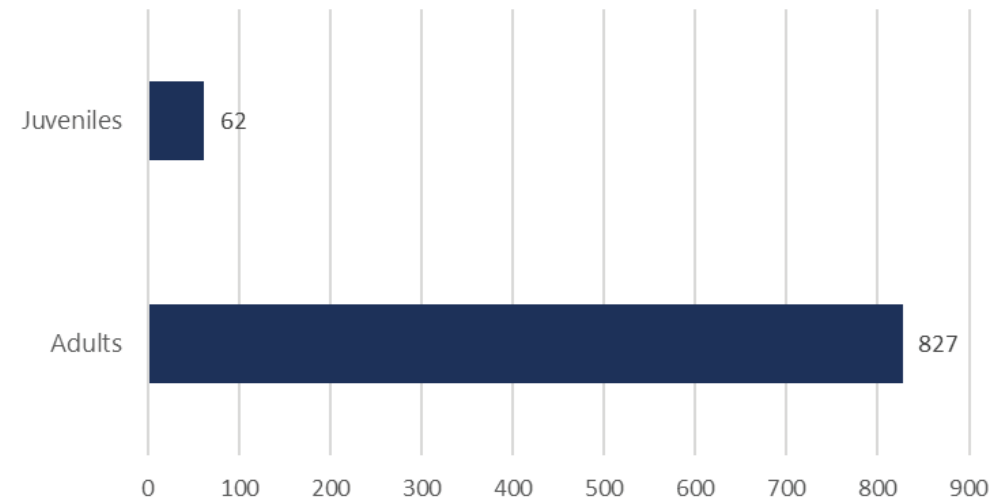
Mike Spencer Honored

The last Sunday in September is designated as Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day by the Minnesota Governor. Each year, a ceremony is held to honor those Firefighters that have lost their life in the Line of Duty. In 2022, former Chief Mike Spencer was honored and recognized as a "Line of Duty Death." His name was permanently inscribed on the Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol.

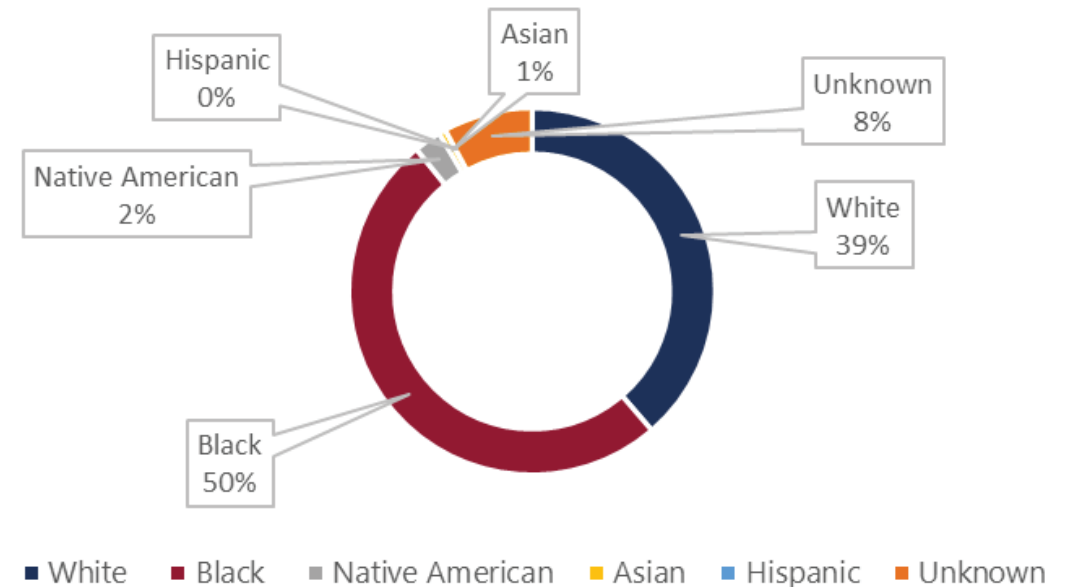


Police Statistics

Adult vs. Juvenile Arrests



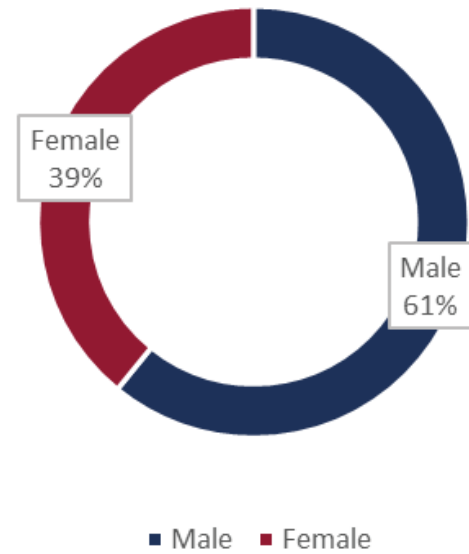
Use of Force Incidents by Race



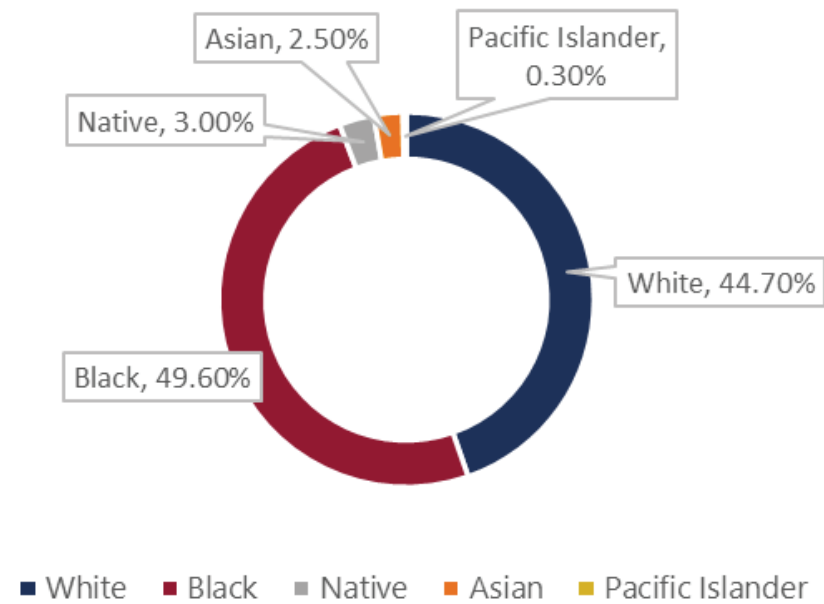
Fridley police officers used force in 196 of the 36,047 calls for service in 2022. As a result, force was only used in .005 percent of all calls Fridley officers responded to.



Adult Arrests by Gender



Adults Arrested by Race and Ethnicity



In 2022, the Fire Division founded our Fire Corps with eight volunteers. The group comes from diverse backgrounds bringing their skills and passion to benefit the Fire Division. To date, volunteers have given over 200 hours in activities including but not limited to: Training in fire investigations, photography, data entry, adopt-a-hydrant, truck demonstrations, EMS standby, child car seat checks, and supporting the many events included herein. Moving into it's second year, several programs will be started and/or completely run by Fire Corps volunteers. Thank you for your dedication, Fire Corps!

Chief's Award

Chief Zikmund awarded the Chief's Award to Sherree Smith for her over 30 years of service to the Fridley Fire Division. While Sherree still works within the Public Safety Department, her role through five different Fire Chiefs left an immense mark on our history.

Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Aaron Knott for his dedication and commitment to the Division especially in supporting our Training Division.



Police Statistics

Statistic Type	2022 Total
Calls for Service	36,047
Part I Crimes*	1,400
Part II Crimes*	796
FBI Crime Rate*	7.866
Overall Agency Clearance Rate*	36.8%
Overall Agency Physical Arrests	1,370
Traffic/Parking Citations	1,278/1,227
Warrant Arrests	481
Use of Force Incidents	196 Cases
DWI Arrests	118
Narcotic Incidents	76
Crisis/Mental Health Incidents	343

What are Part I and II Crimes?

Crimes committed by perpetrators are classified as either Part I or Part II crimes. Part I crimes include homicide, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft (shoplifting, pickpockets), motor vehicle theft, and arson. Part II crimes include other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property (buying, receiving, possessing), prostitution, sex offenses, drug abuse violations, offenses against family and children, driving under the influence, drunkenness, disorderly conduct and all other offenses.

What is the FBI Crime Rate?

A combination of crimes dubbed the more serious "Part I" (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, auto theft and arson) and the less severe "Part II" (narcotics, DWI, simple assault, disorderly conduct, and vandalism) by FBI. The crime rate is compiled based on the number of Part I and Part II crimes committed in a city per 100,000 residents.

What is the Clearance Rate?

Clearance rates measure the number of calls for service involving Part I and Part II crimes leading to various resolutions including warnings, citations or even arrests. The clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of crimes that are cleared by the total number of crimes recorded.

Police Statistics

Statistic Type	2020	2021	2022
Calls for Service	31,325	33,366	36,047
Part I Crimes*	1,364	1,295	1,400
Part II Crimes*	1,108	830	796
FBI Crime Rates*	8.863	7.619	7.866
Department Overall Clearance Rates*	32.5%	39.1%	36.8%
Arrests	803	830	809
Traffic Citations	2,365	1,395	1,278
Parking Citations	1,109	841	1,227
Warrant Arrests	180	196	481
DWI	127	90	118
Narcotic Incidents	58	60	76
Gun Permits Total	484	310	237

*Descriptions of these statistics are located in the blue sidebar.

