



OTTUMWA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Chad Farrington
Chief of Police



Welcome to the 2021 Ottumwa Police Department Annual Report which highlights the activities and accomplishments of the dedicated men and women who serve the citizens of Ottumwa. This year was a continuation of the COVID pandemic with the different variants of the virus. The Department continued to operate under normal capacity and providing all services to the community.

The following are some end of the year statistics on the activities of our department. Our officers conducted 42,725 activities, responded to 32,132 calls for service, documenting 3,482 incident reports and arresting 5,010 suspects. Additionally, our officers issued 1,679 traffic citations, conducted 235 OWI investigations and responded to 369 traffic accidents with 103 of those reported as personal injury accidents.

COVID and all the variants once again caused a canceling of Annual Citizen's Police Academy, which is sponsored by South Ottumwa Savings Bank. Monitoring the rise in positive tests numbers within the community resulted in the cancellation. We are dedicated to the education of our department and law enforcement for our community.

During this year a personal tragedy struck one of the family members of Officer Chase Johnson as the result of a devastating traffic accident. Officer Johnson and the police department were truly humbled by the outpouring of support and well wishes from the community. Words can be difficult to fully explain the admiration and gratefulness to this community and beyond for the support and prayers. Thank you Ottumwa!

This year marked a new and collaborative partnership in an effort to increase our services to the community. Mental Health with all the illnesses associated has been a topic of discussion in the State of Iowa and our country as a whole. The police department in collaboration with the South Central Behavioral Health Region and Southern Iowa Mental Health launched a pilot program. This program was designed to implant a mental health professional at the police department to respond and assist with mental health related calls. This service is not only for the City of Ottumwa, but all residents in Wapello County. Kelsie Tomlin was selected to fill this position and we have seen great success since the implementation.

Another collaborative effort was accomplished for public safety in our community during 2021. A joint effort between the Ottumwa Police Department and Wapello County Sheriff Department to research, select and secure a new CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) and RMS (Records Management System) was completed. The company known as Central Square will be providing these programs and this marks the first time in history that our departments will be using a joint system. All public safety such as police, fire, EMS and emergency management will benefit from the project. A special thanks to our elected officials at the city and county along with the Legacy Foundation and the 911 Board for making this project a reality. The transition to the new system is projected to a last all of 2022 with a launch in early 2023.

The Ottumwa Police Department again ended 2021 with a staff of 39 officers. We are budgeted for 40 personnel and are continuing to seek qualified applicants to fill this opening. Under the current conditions across our country it is a difficult task to entice citizens to service as a peace officer. We are committed to selecting and hiring the best applicants to fill our open positions. Due to retirements the department also had several promotions that occurred this year.

Officer Rodney Requena was hired by the police department in April of 2021. Officer Requena attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and successfully passed all curriculum. Officer Requena is currently working the Night Shift Patrol.

Communication Specialist Brandie Headrick was hired in April of 2021 for the position of police dispatcher.

Communication Specialist Shayleigh Dunham was hired in June of 2021 for the position of police dispatcher.

Officer Jerica Ingle was hired by the police department in August of 2021. Officer Ingle attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and successfully passed all curriculum. Officer Ingle is currently assigned to Night Shift Patrol.

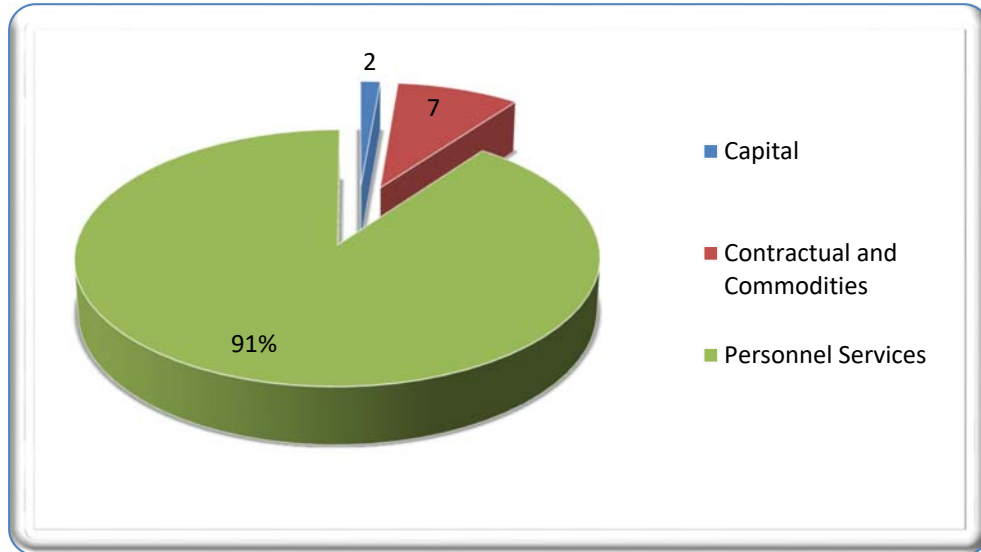
The following pages will give more insight to the work conducted by your police department during 2021. My staff and I would like to thank the citizens, city leaders and elected officials of Ottumwa for the continued support and the opportunity to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Chad Farrington

Chad Farrington
Chief of Police

FY BUDGET 2020-2021



The total budget for the Ottumwa Police Department is **\$5,884,784**. These funds are divided into the following three categories:

Personnel Services

This category is comprised of line items for officer and civilian wages, overtime (including extra duty), and employee benefits, including health insurance, life insurance, retirement, holiday pay, sick leave pay, Medicare and worker's compensation. The total amount budgeted for Personnel Services is **\$5,347,455**.

Capital

This category includes line items for protective vests, vehicles, etc. Total amount budgeted for Capital is **\$133,800**.

Contractual & Commodities

This category is the remainder of the budget which includes line items for employee physicals, dues, books, training, travel, vehicle maintenance, fuel, equipment repair, utilities, sanitation services, telephone, advertising, printing, rents & leases, recruitment, towing, copying, photos, professional services, janitorial services, tools & small equipment, office supplies, postage & shipping, sustenance supplies, and miscellaneous. The total amount budgeted for Contractual and Commodities is **\$402,529**.



STAFF FUNDING & GENERATED REVENUE

The Ottumwa Police Department's authorized strength was forty (40) sworn officers and they were funded in the following manner:

Current Officers and Funding Sources ***(Includes salary and benefits)***

1 School Resource Officer (Evans)	-	180 days at Evans middle school per contract
1 School Resource Officer (OHS)	-	180 days at OHS per contract
1 School Resource Officer (OHS)	-	180 days at OHS per contract
2 Drug Task Force Investigators	-	27% from Byrne grant / 73% from general fund
<u>35 Officers</u>	-	100% from general fund
40 Officers		

From January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the Police Department generated the following revenue:

Reports, Alarms & Fingerprints (4552)	-	\$ 8,169.52
Animal Pickup Fees (4553)	-	14,569.00
Extra Duty Administrative Fees (4551)	-	1,010.24
Arrest Warrant Service Fee (4770)	-	6,504.75
Parking Fines (collected - 4775)	-	20,016.85
Traffic & Criminal Fines (collected - 4765)	-	107,401.44
Municipal Infractions (4772)	-	15,102.75
<u>Grants & Alternative Funding</u>	-	<u>285,197.57</u>
Total		\$457,972.12



ALTERNATIVE FUNDING RESOURCES

In 2021, the Department received over **\$285,197** from various local, state, and federal sources for the purpose of enhancing law enforcement in Ottumwa. These funds assisted the Department with a variety of policing functions, including increased traffic and alcohol enforcement; continuing our substance abuse education program; purchasing equipment; and operation of the Southeast Iowa Inter-Agency Drug Task Force.

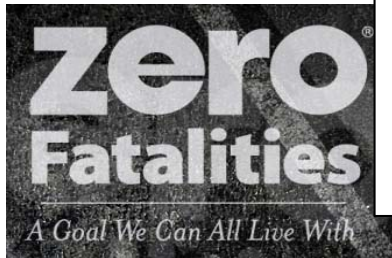
Local Grants/Funding

The Department received **\$500** from the Rosenman's Trust for general law enforcement purposes.

The Department received over **\$196,817** from local funding sources to place officers at the Ottumwa High School and Evans Middle School. Part of the funds were also used to help support the **DARE** Program.

Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau

The Department received **\$21,000** from the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau to fund our traffic enforcement program. The objective of the program was to increase compliance with OWI, seat belt, and other traffic laws in



order to reduce the frequency and severity of personal injury accidents in Ottumwa. The grant funds were used to pay overtime costs for enforcement activities.

Tobacco Grant



The Department received **\$2,925** from the Alcoholic Beverages Division of the Iowa Department of Commerce. These funds were used to conduct compliance checks of Iowa's tobacco laws. The goals of the program are for voluntary compliance with the state's tobacco, alternative nicotine and vapor product laws through education, training and enforcement.



Byrne / JAG Grant

The Southeast Iowa Inter-Agency Drug Task Force received **\$100,000** in federal grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program. These funds were used primarily for the salary of Ottumwa Police Department personnel who were assigned to the Task Force.

Bullet Proof Vest Program

The Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (BVP), created by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 1998 is a unique U.S. Department of Justice initiative designed to provide funding for the purchase of bullet proof vests for local and state law enforcement. Through this program the Ottumwa Police Department receives a 50% reimbursement for the purchase of bulletproof vests for our uniformed officers. Bulletproof vests are replaced every five years. We purchased seven



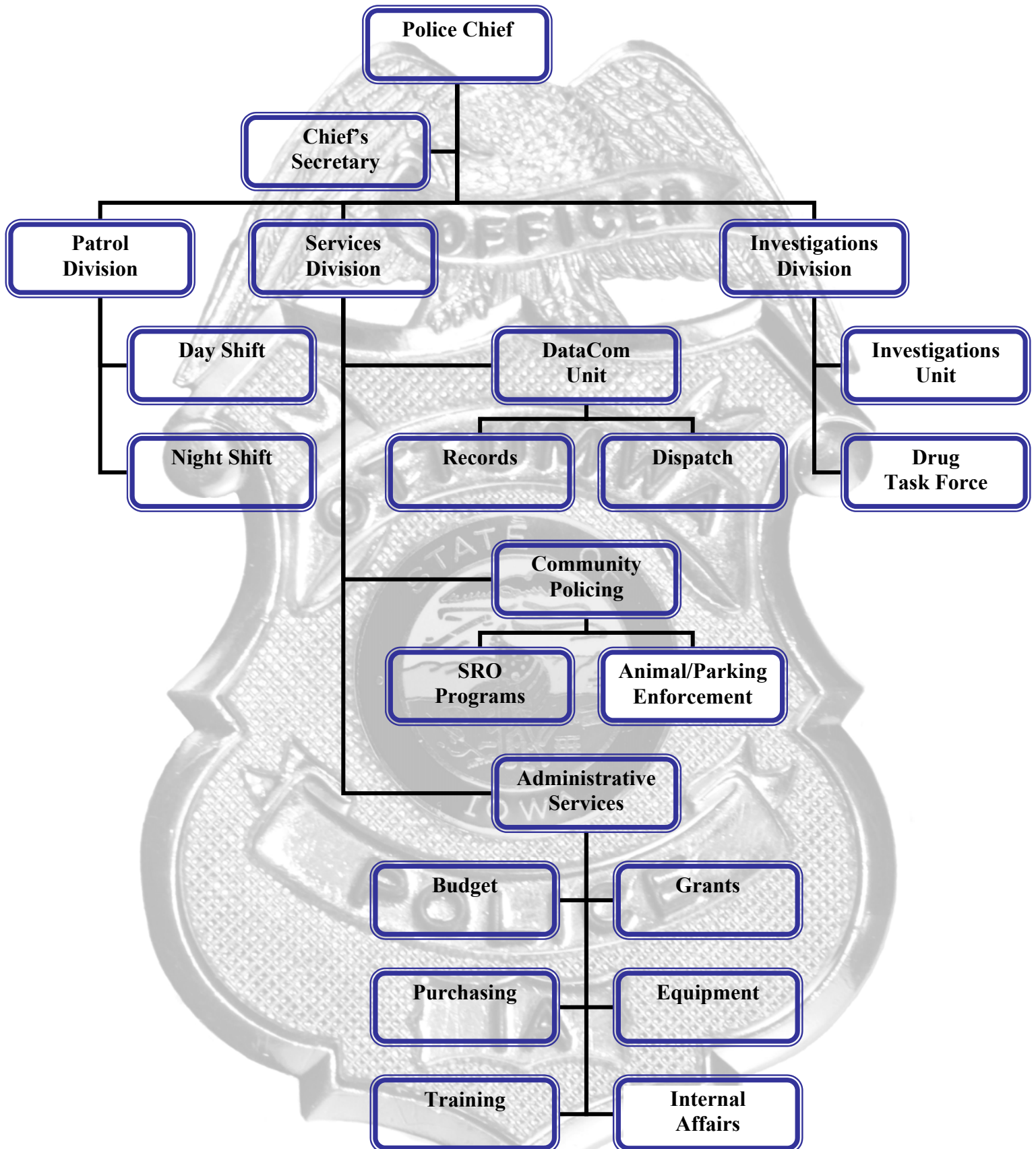
(7) soft body armor vests in 2021. Over one million vests (1,441,013) have been purchased for local and state law enforcement officers from 1999 to Nov. 2020 through this program.

JAG Grant

The Department received \$19,839 in federal funds from the Justice Assistance Grant Program. The funds are shared with the WCSO. The Ottumwa Police Department received **\$16,863** of the funds. These funds were be used to purchase the LEMUR drone kit from BRINC drones. The drone will have the capability of extended run time with day/night vision. The drone also provides for two-way communication during operations. The drone allows officers a live video/audio feed in real time to assess critical incidents, search and rescue operations and a multitude of other capabilities.



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

The Department is organized into three major components: Investigations Division, Patrol Division and Services Division. Each Division operates under the command of a Lieutenant, also referred to as a Division Commander. Each Lieutenant reports to the Chief of Police.

Lt. Mickey Hucks
Services Division Commander

The Services Division is divided into three groups; DataCom, Community Policing and Administrative Services.

The Division is responsible for Budget/Fiscal Management, Grant Administration, Policy Formulation, Internal Affairs, Training, Entry Level Testing, Department Equipment, Property/Evidence, D.A.R.E. /G.R.E.A.T. Program, School Resource Officers, Traffic Safety, and Community Service Officers assigned to Parking and Animal Control Enforcement. Additionally, the Division is responsible for the Records and Communications functions within the Department.

Lt. Hucks has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Mt. Mercy College in Cedar Rapids. He was hired in 1996 and promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2004. In 2011, he was promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Hucks has served as Housing Authority Officer, Investigations Unit Supervisor, Department Training Officer, as well as Commander of the department's Emergency Response Team.



Lt. Jason Parmenter
Patrol Division Commander

The Patrol Division is made up of eight sergeants and 19 patrol officers divided into two patrol shifts.

Activities include answering calls for service, responding to emergencies, traffic law enforcement, preliminary criminal and follow-up investigations, detection of violations of the law, and apprehension of violators of the law.

Lt. Parmenter has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. He was hired in 2000 and promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2007. In 2020 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Parmenter has served as a Patrol Training Officer, Drug Task Force Investigator, Patrol Field Supervisor, Patrol Watch Commander, and Drug Task Force Supervisor.



Lt. Jason Bell
Investigations Division Commander

The Investigations Division is divided into two units, Investigations and the Drug Task Force.

The Investigations Unit is responsible for major case investigations, special investigations and intelligence gathering and dissemination. The Drug Task Force is responsible for investigating, apprehending, and prosecuting drug and drug-related criminal offenders in a four county area in Southeast Iowa.

Lt. Bell attended Indian Hills Community College. He was hired in 1996 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2005. In 2013, he was promoted to Lieutenant. Lt. Bell has served as a Patrol Training Officer, Drug Task Force Investigator, Emergency Response Team member and Drug Task Force Supervisor.





INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit is a component of the Investigations Division. Under the supervision of the Investigations Commander, an Investigator has the responsibility to investigate a variety of criminal and non-criminal incidents involving crimes against persons, crimes against property, and general investigations; recover stolen property; apprehend offenders; and perform crime scene processing. In 2021, Investigators conducted a total of 149 criminal investigations including, 64 Sex Abuses, 3 Homicides, 1 Attempted Murder, 1 Manslaughter, 13 Sex Offender Registry Violations, 5 Death Investigations, 14 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 10 Enticing a Minor, 2 Burglaries, 1 Ongoing Criminal Conduct, 4 Assaults, 1 Robbery, 3 Harassments, 7 Missing Persons, 8 Child Endangerment/Dependent Adult Abuse, 1 Human Trafficking, 2 Telephone Dissemination of Obscene Materials, 1 Identity Theft, 2 Theft Offenses, 1 Prostitution, 1 Indecent Exposure, 1 Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and 3 Intimidation with a Dangerous Weapon.

Job specifications for Police Officer/Investigator includes;

- Knowledge of the fundamentals of police work;
- Knowledge of investigative techniques;
- Knowledge of the rules of evidence, laws of arrest, search and seizures and court procedures;
- Ability to gather, analyze and evaluate facts and evidence and to draw sound conclusions;
- Ability to prepare clear and concise reports;
- Possess interview and interrogations skills;
- Knowledge of photography techniques and equipment;



Investigator Jordan Staton



Investigator Scott Adams



Investigator Jeremy Tosh



SOUTHEAST IOWA INTER-AGENCY DRUG TASK FORCE

In an effort to facilitate multi-jurisdictional drug investigations, area cities and counties banded together to form the Southeast Iowa Inter-Agency Drug Task Force in 1990. The overall mission of the Task Force is to identify, investigate, apprehend and prosecute drug and drug related criminal offenders in its four county area. The Task Force targets drug manufacturers and traffickers through shared investigatory and prosecutorial resources. Our expected outcome is to reduce the availability and demand for controlled substances through the use of the multi-jurisdictional task force in conjunction with its member agencies.



Key activities of the Drug Task Force include the purchase of drugs utilizing confidential informants and undercover officers; investigation of methamphetamine manufacturers through surveillance, informants and information supplied by local businesses who sell precursors; case preparation and court testimony; prosecution of drug cases by the DTF Prosecutor; intelligence gathering and dissemination and coordination of drug investigations with member agencies.

In 2021, the Southeast Iowa Inter-Agency Drug Task Force participated in the execution of 84 search warrants and seized 1 marijuana grow operation and 1 THC concentrate production operation.

The following is a list of controlled substances and firearms the Task Force confiscated in 2021 as the result of search warrants, undercover purchases and controlled purchases.

Methamphetamine	2,452.34 grams
THC Oil/Concentrate	923.04 grams
Marijuana	28.7 pounds
Marijuana plants	253 plants
Pharmaceuticals	3315 dosages
Ecstasy	0 dosages
Heroin	1.4 grams
Cocaine	35.4 grams
LSD	9 dosages
Psilocybin mushrooms	93.6 grams
Firearms	13



The Task Force initiated 53 distribution cases, 2 manufacture investigations, and 40 possession cases. Investigators made 2 case referrals involving an individual to the U. S. Attorney's Office for federal prosecution. Investigators filed a total of 145 charges against 55 individuals.

SERVICES DIVISION

School Resource Officer Program

The Police Department partners with the Ottumwa Community School District through the School Resource Officer Program. An officer has been assigned full-time at the Ottumwa High School since 1994 while an officer has been assigned full-time at Evans Middle School since 1996. In

2008, a second officer was assigned full-time at the High School. The presence of the officers reduces the potential for crime-related problems and helps to provide a safer environment at each school. An additional benefit is the increased interaction between students and police officers due to the officers' accessibility. The Ottumwa Community School District pays actual costs for 180 days (8 hour day) of the salary and benefits of the SRO assigned to the Evans Middle School, and two SROs at the Ottumwa High School per the contract.



Officer Brandon Gravett



Officer Mike Murphy

DARE Program

The Ottumwa Police Department has partnered with the Ottumwa Community School District to instruct the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program, commonly referred to as **DARE**, in the elementary schools. The **DARE** Program is an integral part of the Department's community policing initiative as well as the School District's substance abuse prevention curriculum. The curriculum consists of ten weeks of instruction that focuses on a variety of substance abuse prevention and self-esteem topics, including drugs and their effects, violence, decision making, consequences, social pressures and their sources, and respect. The Ottumwa Community School District contributes \$10,000 annually towards the cost of the elementary program.



Officer Katlyn Overturf



Officer Chase Johnson



Walmart Sponsors D.A.R.E. Bicycle Awards

The Ottumwa Police Department is involved in teaching the D.A.R.E. program to the fifth graders in the Ottumwa Community School District. After the students complete the ten week D.A.R.E. program the police department has a pizza party and graduation ceremony for the kids. As part of this graduation awards are given out and there are drawings for bicycles for a boy and girl from the D.A.R.E. classes at each school.

Walmart has been a regular sponsor of the Ottumwa Police Department's D.A.R.E. program and has done so again. The students don't just win a bicycle, but go to Walmart with D.A.R.E. Officer Katlyn Overturf to pick out the bicycle they want. The Ottumwa Police Department is very appreciative in Walmart assisting us in making a special D.A.R.E. memory in these children's lives.



Officer Katlyn Overturf can be seen during her D.A.R.E. lessons with students.

Community Service Officer



The Community Service Officer (CSO) is responsible for the enforcement of animal control ordinances within the city, parking ordinances, and other police-related tasks. In 2021, the Ottumwa Police Department impounded 250 animals and issued 82 animal citations for violation of city ordinance.

Officer Jeff Williams

Parking Enforcement

The Parking Enforcement Officer is a civilian position employed by the City to enforce any parking violations within Ottumwa City Limits. The Parking Enforcement Officer operates within the Services Division and reports directly to the Services Division Sergeant. Along with enforcing parking ordinances, he is also responsible for monitoring limited-time parking areas. The areas include all city streets and public parking areas. In 2021, 1,937 parking citations were issued amongst all officers.

The most common parking violations were Ordinance 23-451 Parking In Violation of Snow Emergency Routes, Ordinance 23-207 24 Hour Parking Limits on Streets, Ordinance 23-266 Parking Permits in Designated Lots, and Ordinance 23-214 2 Hour Parking Violation.



RECORDS UNIT

The Records Unit is a component of the Services Division and maintains records of all incident reports, traffic citations, arrests, personal injury and property damage accidents, tow sheets, and other documents generated by the Department.

The Records Unit utilizes a computerized records system, which interfaces with the computer aided dispatch system used in the Communications Center. The Records Clerk is responsible for managing data from each report into the computer system so that personnel can prepare required statistical and analytical reports. In 2021, the Records Department processed 3,482 incident reports, 5,010 arrest reports, 1,679 traffic citations, 1,937 parking citations, 235 OWI reports, 369 accidents and 250 animal impounds.



Lynn Diveley

The Records Clerk also provides copies of reports to the City and County Attorney, the court system, officers, insurance companies, media, and other persons or entities that need or request copies of Department reports. Criminal History checks of Department arrest records are also frequently conducted for military recruiters and employers. Release of Department records is governed by various local, state, and federal laws and guidelines. The Records Unit is staffed by one full-time Communications Specialist, who is supervised by the Datacom Supervisor.

State of Iowa UCR Program Upgrade

In 2020, the State of Iowa UCR Program announced a mandatory update to its crime repository. This was required for the State of Iowa to remain certified by the FBI, after the FBI announced new technical specifications for the NIBRS crime reporting system. The Iowa UCR program sends crime data to the FBI for inclusion in national UCR publications. Due to differences in publication rules and schedules, data published by the Iowa UCR Program may differ from that published by the FBI. The State of Iowa went live with the new crime repository, ICRIME, in March of 2021. Leading up to this, The Ottumwa Police Department worked closely with their records management software vendor to develop and modify the software to the new specifications. The Ottumwa Police Department was able to apply for, and was awarded a \$14,100 subaward by the Iowa UCR Program to offset costs necessary for the software vendor to implement changes. The Ottumwa Police Department was able to successfully become certified with the State of Iowa UCR Program, which allows crime data to then be sent to the FBI NIBRS Program.

COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

The Communications Unit is a component of the Services Division and is responsible for meeting the informational and communication needs of the Department in the course of its normal daily activities and during emergency situations. A Communication Specialist has a long list of job duties. They receive reports from the public of crimes, disturbances, fires, and medical or police emergencies and relay information to law enforcement, fire departments and emergency medical personnel. A Communication Specialist questions callers to determine



their locations and the nature of their problems to determine the type of response needed. They must give full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times. A Communication Specialist must be able to talk to others to convey information effectively. They also must be able to adjust actions in relation to others' actions. They must be capable of using sound logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems. They also must actively look for ways to help people.

A Communication Specialist receives incoming telephone or alarm system calls regarding emergency and non-emergency police and fire service, emergency ambulance service, information and after hour's calls for departments within a city. They also record details of calls, dispatches, and messages into a Computer Aided Dispatch system. A Communication Specialist enters, updates, and retrieves information from teletype networks and computerized data systems regarding such things as wanted persons, stolen property, vehicle registration, and stolen vehicles. The Communication Specialist maintains access to, and security of, highly sensitive materials.



The Communications Unit documented 42,725 activities in 2021 which included 32,132 calls-for-service. The Unit also received 12,956 emergency 911 telephone calls and 13 emergency 911 texts, averaging 35.5 emergency calls per day. These calls included police, fire and medical emergencies. The Communications Unit also answered 59,753 administrative calls. The Unit has five 911 emergency lines (2 wireless and 3 landline), and 4 administrative lines. Our Communications Unit is budgeted for eight full-time Communications Specialists (dispatchers), who report to the Datacom Supervisor.

OTTUMWA ANIMAL CONTROL

Community Service Officer Jeff Williams partnered with the Heartland Humane Society to administer the Facebook page of the **Ottumwa Animal Control Ottumwa Police Dept.** to assist community members



in finding their lost pets. When the Ottumwa Police Department finds a stray animal, they catch it and transport it to Heartland Humane Society in Ottumwa. Heartland Humane staff posts a photograph and description of the animal on the Facebook page along with instructions on how to claim the animal. This effort has proven very effective in reuniting owners with their pets as well as sparking interest in the adoption of unclaimed pets.

Heartland Humane boards found animals for five days unless we know who the owner is, then it is seven days per city code. If the animal does not get adopted, it may be euthanized; however, most of the animals that have not been claimed after five days go to Heartland Humane or a state licensed rescue to be placed for adoption.

The Ottumwa Police Department encourages all pet owners to be responsible stewards of the animals they keep. Dog licensing is the best insurance for getting your dog returned to you in case he or she becomes lost. It also lets our officers know if the dog is currently vaccinated against rabies. We encourage spaying and neutering as the best solution to controlling the pet over-population. Dog licenses can be purchased at the Ottumwa Police Department, City Hall or at most local veterinarian offices for \$10 in January if spayed or neutered, \$20 if not spayed or neutered. Starting February 1st, a \$5 late fee is applied. A dog license will then be \$15 for spayed or neutered animals and \$25 if not. \$5 of the dog license fees will be given to Heartland Humane Society to assist with funding. A city dog license must be renewed in January of every year.



In 2021, a total of 250 animals were impounded by the Ottumwa Police Department.

Chickens & Rabbits



In June of 2015 the Ottumwa City Council adopted changes to the Municipal Code to allow residents to legally keep rabbits and chickens within the city limits of Ottumwa under a permit to be issued by the Ottumwa Police Department.

Persons wishing to keep chickens and rabbits must meet certain requirements in order to receive a permit. A maximum of six chickens and/or rabbits may be kept per premise. No roosters are allowed. The animals must be kept in a coop or pen, and are not allowed to run at large. Coops or pens must be in a rear yard area and at least ten feet away from the property line. They must be at least fifty feet away from any adjacent residential dwelling, building, church, school or place of business. Coops and pens are subject to inspection to ensure adequate space for each animal and proper sanitation of the enclosure. The initial permit fee is \$60 and is valid for three years.

Persons who would like to keep chickens or rabbits within the city limits must contact Officer Jeff Williams at the Ottumwa Police Department at 641-683-0648 to begin the permit application process.



The City's Urban Chicken and Rabbit Policy can be reviewed online at cityofottumwa.com





PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Unit is a component of the Patrol Division, under the direction of the Patrol Division Commander. A Patrolman's function to the community cannot be overestimated. Patrol is the mainstay of police work whether measured in terms of police patrol personnel, the portion of the budget allocated to patrol operations, or the fact that the uniformed police officer is the most visible component of the Department. Patrol Officers work 12 hour shifts comprised of a Day Squad from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a Night Squad from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The manner in which patrol officers discharge their responsibilities affects not only the quality of justice, but also citizens' perceptions of the Department and law enforcement in general.

The functions and major responsibilities of the Patrol Unit include, but are not limited to:

- Responding to routine and emergency calls-for-service 24 hours per day, every day of the year
- Arresting criminal offenders
- The investigation of incidents, offenses, and criminal acts
- Traffic enforcement
- Traffic direction and control
- Accident investigation
- Crime prevention
- Preventative patrol directed towards the prevention of criminal acts and traffic violations, the maintenance of public order, and the discovery of hazardous situations
- Parking enforcement
- Animal enforcement
- Inspectional services to determine compliance with various statutes including liquor and gambling laws
- Community relations
- The sharing of information with other divisions of the Department and with outside agencies

The Patrol Division consists of the Patrol Division Commander, 8 Patrol Supervisors and 19 Patrol Officers.

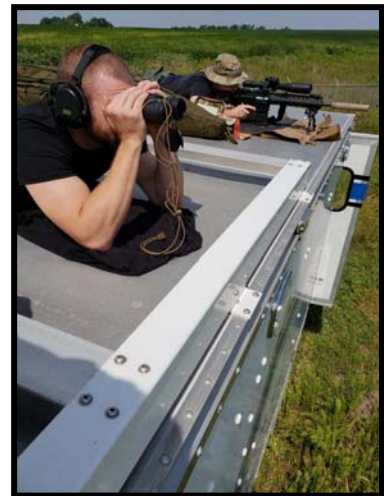




Emergency Response Team

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) was formed in 1991 to handle high-risk calls and warrant services. Since then, the Ottumwa Police Department and the Wapello County Sheriff's Office joined together to form a joint Emergency Response Team. The ERT trains monthly in the use of special weapons and tactics, and trains to respond to a wide variety of emergency situations in the city and county.

The team consists of thirteen members, all of whom are sworn law enforcement officers with either the Police or Sheriff's Department. Each team member is assigned to other areas of their respective Department on a full-time basis and participation on the team is in addition to their regular duties. Members volunteer to serve on the team and all officers are eligible to apply for positions as they become available. Upon appointment to the team, personnel are required to maintain satisfactory performance during both regular duty assignments and ERT activities.



Emergency Response Team

The Emergency Response Team can be deployed for any situation that requires a police response that likely could result in serious injury and/or death to citizens, officers, or suspects. The ERT team was deployed a total of zero times in 2021.

Lt. Jason Bell is the Emergency Response Team Commander. Under the direction of the Chief, the Team Commander is responsible for the overall operation, direction, and administration of the Emergency Response Team. When the ERT is deployed, he is the liaison between the Chief of Police and the Team, and carries out all orders of the Chief. Sergeant Derek Shaw is the Team Leader. Under the direction of the Team Commander, he is responsible for the training and immediate supervision of the team, and for its deployment at the scene of a critical incident.

While we can never be completely prepared for all eventualities, we must constantly strive to expand our resources and capabilities to ensure the highest likelihood for success while ensuring the highest possible degree of safety in all of our enforcement activities.



PART I INDEX CRIMES



Part 1 Index Crimes are divided into two categories – property crime and violent crime. Property crimes are burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Violent crimes consist of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

PART 1 Index Crimes by Year

*LOCAL

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
2021	4	68	10	312	188	476	68	2
2020	0	44	13	311	221	567	68	10
2019	1	55	13	295	217	697	69	8
2018	3	55	14	266	270	748	82	7
2017	0	55	14	260	288	811	82	19
2016	1	41	8	181	221	628	71	4
2015	1	45	6	212	223	638	65	8
2014	1	48	8	233	177	966	53	13
2013	0	54	5	208	288	991	63	5
2012	1	36	31	162	241	874	37	20

**UCR

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson
***2021								
2020	0	41	12	202	179	701	98	14
2019	2	17	5	110	185	770	78	11
2018	1	20	8	72	230	753	91	9
2017	0	23	13	107	287	918	89	n/a
2016	1	20	8	79	241	767	91	n/a
2015	1	15	8	52	237	633	76	n/a
2014	1	14	6	51	190	821	64	n/a
2013	0	19	5	50	284	835	69	n/a
2012	1	7	17	45	263	662	35	n/a

*Part 1 Index Crime Statistics that meet local and state law definitions.

** Part 1 Index Crime Statistics that meet Uniform Crime Report definitions.

***2021 Uniform Crime Report statistics will not be available until September of 2022.

Ottumwa Police Department Reported Crimes vs. FBI Uniform Crime Reported Crimes

Why don't they match?

The definition of specific crimes often times vary from state to state. For example, the definition of aggravated assault in Iowa may not be the same as the definition for aggravated assault in California or Kentucky. With this in mind the FBI attempts to ensure data is uniformly reported to the FBI by providing reporting agencies a guideline handbook that explains how to classify and score offenses, and provides uniform crime definitions. The FBI cautions reporting agencies to report offenses (crimes) not according to local or state law but according to those guidelines provided by the FBI. Aggravated Assaults reported account for the largest discrepancy between local and federal (UCR) crime reporting.

The FBI Uniform Crime Report (UCR) defines an aggravated assault in part as: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon and/or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm (broken bones, internal injuries, stitches). All assaults upon a person with the intent to kill, maim, or inflict severe bodily injury with the use of any dangerous weapon are classified as aggravated assault.

The Code of Iowa states in part: A person who commits an assault with the intent to inflict a serious injury upon another, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor. A person who commits an assault and uses or displays a dangerous weapon in connection with the assault, is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor.

The State of Iowa definition has a lower threshold (intent to inflict serious injury) than the Uniform Crime Report threshold (broken bones, internal Injuries, stitches). Therefore the number of aggravated assault reports documented by the Ottumwa Police Department is much greater than aggravated assault incidents reported by the Uniform Crime Report. Those assaults reported to the Ottumwa Police Department that do not meet the UCR definition of aggravated assault are classified by the UCR as simple assaults which are not Part 1 Index Crimes.

In 2020, the Ottumwa Police Department reported 311 aggravated assaults meeting the State of Iowa code definition of aggravated assault. However, only 202 of those assaults met the UCR definition of aggravated assault. There are numerous other crimes reported that are documented in this same manner.

Should comparisons be made between cities using the Uniform Crime Report?

Figures used in the UCR are submitted "in good faith" by more than 18,000 agencies. However, because of computer problems, changes in records management systems, personnel shortages, or a number of other reasons, some agencies do not provide any/or accurate data to the FBI. For these reasons the FBI cautions against drawing conclusions by making direct comparisons between cities. Comparisons lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents.



ANNUAL STATISTICS

Year	Annual Budget	Alternative Funding	Activities	Calls for Service	Incidents	Offenses	Arrests	Traffic Citations	OWI's	Personal Injury Accidents	Property Damage Accidents	Fatalities	Animals Impounded
2009	\$3,462,270.00	\$530,404.94	58,038	29,298	2,910	4,098	3,780	5,179	162	156	265	1	430
2010	\$3,628,290.00	\$675,091.41	57,691	29,197	2,949	4,084	3,925	4,168	180	130	274	2	355
2011	\$3,953,135.00	\$817,277.08	58,825	27,329	2,737	3,980	3,987	4,042	146	121	227	1	400
2012	\$4,336,770.00	\$483,794.31	63,505	29,111	2,800	3,893	3,775	4,554	120	119	190	0	337
2013	\$4,520,419.00	\$437,685.00	63,503	29,614	3,052	4,164	3,899	3,041	118	110	255	0	343
2014	\$4,548,624.00	\$377,620.00	63,163	31,199	3,000	3,944	3,599	3,010	95	118	257	0	365
2015	\$4,771,665.00	\$407,581.00	60,727	29,234	3,006	3,589	3,414	3,057	102	96	233	2	257
2016	\$4,691,056.00	\$401,292.00	62,800	25,542	3,129	3,731	3,554	2,772	113	111	223	1	246
2017	\$4,978,393.00	\$330,547.55	65,777	28,136	3,677	4,807	4,662	2,105	125	115	213	1	204
2018	\$5,507,426.00	\$340,927.65	64,338	29,362	3,795	4,511	4,648	2,251	165	128	230	1	219
2019	\$5,897,036.00	\$343,918.80	55,422	29,378	3,679	5,172	4,846	2,391	212	123	264	2	345
2020	\$6,113,365.00	\$363,454.70	41,929	29,543	3,488	4,574	4,685	1,941	191	115	238	2	147
2021	\$5,884,784.00	\$285,197.57	42,725	32,132	3,482	5,012	5,010	1,679	235	103	266	0	250



OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED

In 2021, the Ottumwa Police Department arrested 235 persons for drunk driving. The following is a summary of the drivers arrested for OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) in 2021:

- The average age of the drivers was 33.
- 78.3 % (184) of the drivers were male.
- 21.7 % (51) of the drivers were female.
- The average blood alcohol content of the drivers was .150. (As of July 2003, a person with blood alcohol content of .08 or above is considered legally intoxicated in Iowa).
- 54 persons refused to provide a breath sample in order to determine the level of alcohol in their system. (Failure to provide a sample for testing results in a person having their driver's license revoked for a minimum of one year).
- 10.5 % of accidents are alcohol related in Ottumwa.
- 26.5% of Ottumwa's accidents resulted in personal injury or death.



GTSB Year End Report

The Ottumwa Police Department received a total of \$21,000 from the GTSB which was used for directed overtime enforcement and equipment. In partnership with GTSB, the Department set a goal of using 300 hours of overtime for high-visibility traffic enforcement in Ottumwa. From October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, we used 257 hours of overtime. Listed below are some additional goals and results reported to the GTSB;

- Alcohol related offense - OWI, drugged, .02, public intoxication, PULA, open container - Result 586 Arrests
- Occupant Restraint – day/night seatbelt & child restraint - Result 37 Citations
- Moving/Speed Violations – speed, stop sign/traffic light, other citations - Result 1633 Citations



ARREST AND TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY RACE AND GENDER

Ottumwa enjoys a very diverse population. In an effort to support our diversity, the Police Department has implemented a program to collect statistical data on the race and gender of each person arrested or issued a traffic citation. The data is then reviewed in order to ensure that officers are not engaged in racial profiling and that laws are enforced without regard to race, gender, or ethnicity.

Arrests

Gender	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Total	Percentage
Male	2,722	309	256	156	3,443	72.1%
Female	1,151	87	80	19	1,337	27.9%
Total	3,873	396	336	175	4,780	
Percentage	81%	8.3%	7%	3.7%		

Traffic Citations

Gender	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Total	Percentage
Male	790	103	114	94	1,101	65.6%
Female	461	32	66	19	578	34.4%
Total	1,251	135	180	113	1,679	
Percentage	74.5%	8%	10.8%	6.7%		



2021 CALLS FOR SERVICE



Listed below are the Police Department's calls for service. Calls for service are defined as when a citizen calls in for some type of service. This is not an all-inclusive list.

911 Hang UP	2,492	Disturbance by Auto	98	Property Damage Accident	644
Fight	101	Domestic Disturbance	417	Personal Injury Accident	93
Armed Weapon	30	Extra Patrol	1,570	Fingerprints	263
Building Check	55	Fireworks	225	Found Property	423
Assist Motorist	448	Fire	90	Robbery	1
OWI	130	Harassment	483	Reckless Driving	422
Intoxicated person	191	Hit and Run	207	Shooting/stabbing	9
Mental	411	Illegally Parked Car	1,934	Shoplifting	145
Assault	328	Juvenile	635	Suspicious Person	2,082
Alarm	628	Keep the Peace	315	See Subject	1,811
Animal Complaint	1,471	Loud music	362	Suspicious Vehicle	1,068
Assist Other Agency	488	Medical	223	Theft	1,148
Burglary	201	Missing Person	184	Traffic Problem	403
Criminal Mischief	374	Open Building	56	Trespass	237
Disturbance	1,531	Other	525	Violation Restraining Order	245
Dead Animal	81	Phone call	6,837	Welfare Check	552

OFFICER INITIATED ACTIVITIES

Building Check	55	Investigation	2,691
Park and Walk	390	Serve warrant	845
Drive Through	19	Traffic Stop	4,484

*Listed above are officer initiated activities.

*This is not an all-inclusive list.





USE OF FORCE

The Ottumwa Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual requires officers who take any action which results in (or is alleged to have resulted in) the injury or death of another person and/or applies force through the use of chemical agents, empty hand hard techniques, empty hand soft techniques, striking weapons, less-lethal weapons, or employs deadly force to complete a Use of Force Report.

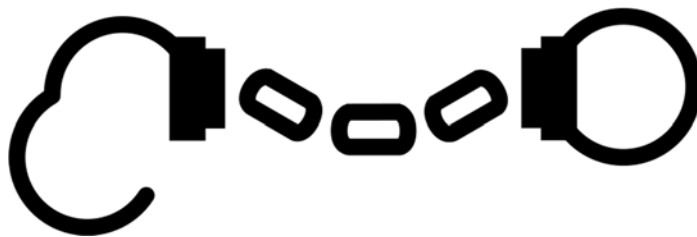
The on duty supervisor investigates the circumstances surrounding the incident and submits a report to the Division Commander who then reviews the incident. The Division Commander forwards his findings to the Chief of Police.

In 2021, the Ottumwa Police Department documented thirty (30) Use of Force Reports. Of those thirty (30) reports, nineteen (19) were required in order to comply with OPD policy.

Those incidents that by policy required a Use of Force Report included the following:

Empty Hand Hard Techniques – 4
Taser Deployment – 3
Chemical Agents – OC Pepper Spray – 2
Chemical Agents – PepperBall --1
Deadly Force – Firearm 0
Empty Hand Soft Techniques Result in Injury-9

The remaining Use of Force reports did not meet the criteria requiring a Use of Force Report; however, Use of Force Reports were completed as a matter of practice. These reports included incidents such as empty hand soft techniques with no injuries, incidents where persons were handcuffed for short amounts of time but not arrested and incidents involving officers physically restraining persons in the hospital emergency room while medical staff administered sedatives to patients. It should also be noted that some Use of Force Reports may contain more than one type of force.



SOUTHERN IOWA MENTAL HEALTH CENTER PARTNERSHIP



Kelsie Tomlin,

Southern Iowa Mental Health Center Liaison

The Mental Health Liaison partners with Wapello County Law Enforcement by responding and assisting with mental health crises. She provides on-site mental health crisis intervention to patients of all ages in different settings such as schools, patient homes, local jail, hospital, and other locations within the community. Kelsie helps de-escalate patients, develop crisis and safety plans, and provide patients with referral and linkage to resources and services. The goal is to assist individuals in resolving their crisis at the location of their crisis.

Kelsie will follow-up with the individual within 48hrs and often continues to check-in over the next few weeks if possible.

Since partnering with Wapello County on 8/1/2021, Kelsie has assisted Law Enforcement with 128 Mental Health call outs, 112 being with Ottumwa Police Department.

SIMHC Mission Statemnt:

The Mission of Southern Iowa Mental Health Center is to empower individuals and families with multiple issues in moving towards recovery and overall well- being. We do this by providing a welcoming, comprehensive and caring community mental/behavioral health program through diagnosis, treatment and partnership with helpful local resources.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Rodney Requena

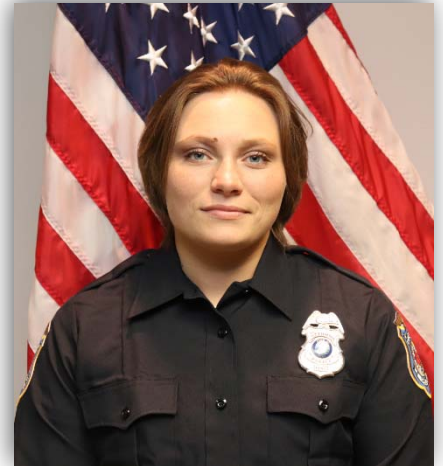
Patrol Division

Officer Requena was sworn in as an Ottumwa Police Officer on April 26th, 2021. Officer Requena graduated from Ottumwa High School in 2013. Requena joined the United States Marine Corp in 2014 where he obtained the rank of Sergeant. Requena completed his enlistment with an honorable discharge in 2018. Requena completed the 299th Basic Law Enforcement Academy August 20th, 2021. Requena successfully completed the PTO training course and has been assigned to the Patrol Division.

Jerica Ingle

Patrol Division

Officer Jerica Ingle was sworn in as an Ottumwa Police Officer on August 23, 2021. Ingle graduated from Pekin High School in 2015. Ingle attended Indian Hills Community College and William Penn University. Ingle completed the 300th Basic Law Enforcement Academy December 17th, 2021. Ingle successfully completed the PTO training course and has been assigned to the Patrol Division.



Karen Bumsted

Chief's Secretary

Karen was hired as the Chief's Secretary on March 1, 2021. Karen and her husband recently moved back to Iowa after he retired. Her interests and hobbies are the grandchildren, crocheting, sewing, enjoying the outdoors and being with family.



NEW EMPLOYEES



Shayleigh Dunham

Communications Specialist

Communications Specialist Shayleigh Dunham was hired on June 14, 2021. Shayleigh completed her IOWA system certification in September 2021 and has completed our training program. She will attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy 40 hour Tele-Communicator Training at ILEA in February 2022. Shayleigh has been assigned to the Services Division.

Brandie Headrick

Communications Specialist

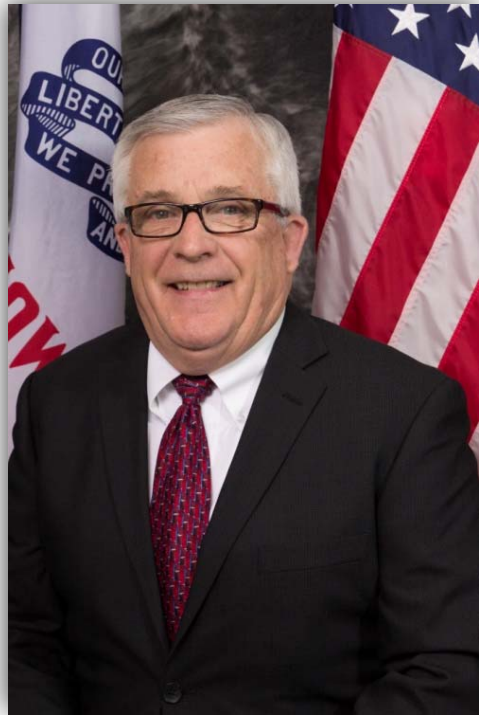
Communications Specialist Brandie Headrick was hired on April 28, 2021. She became certified on the IOWA system in May of 2021 and attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy 40 hour Tele-Communicator Course in November 2021. Brandie comes to us with 8 years of 911 dispatch experience from her previous employer. Brandie has been assigned to the Services Division.



The Police Department is staffed with 40 sworn officers, 11 full time and 1 part time civilians. All positions within the Police Department are civil service positions and subject to Chapter 400 of the Iowa Code. Officers and Communications Specialists are represented by the Ottumwa Police Union, Teamster's Local # 238.



Police Chaplain



Rick Bick is the Pastor of NewLife Center in Ottumwa. Next year he will celebrate 45 years in ministry. He and his wife came to Ottumwa ten years ago with a vision to work with other area churches serving the community. He was drawn to Ottumwa by the city's slogan, City of Bridges, River of Opportunity. He sees the Chaplain program as an opportunity to partner with local law enforcement in making a difference in Ottumwa.

The Police Chaplain provides personal services to officers and their families in times of stress and difficulty, provides services to the community in times of personal or city-wide crisis, assists officers in addressing community issues and promotes community policing ideals.

The Chaplain acts as a volunteer and supports official functions of the Department. The Chaplain attends regular training sessions and meetings and rides along with patrol officers on a regular basis.

Visitation with sick or injured officers and their family members is a part of the Chaplain's responsibility. The Chaplain engages in confidential discussions, provides guidance as appropriate and may be directed to act as the special representative of the Chief of Police under whatever circumstances might indicate or require extensive counseling. The Chaplain is also responsible for carrying out the following duties:

- Assist in funeral arrangements as requested for current and former Department members.
- Provide invocations and benedictions at ceremonies and other official Department functions.
- Provide moral and emotional support to police officers and the community as may be needed following a major incident.
- Assist officers with death notifications and provide emotional support for family member(s) until their clergy person or other assisting person can arrive on scene.
- Act as liaison between family members and the Department as requested, helping the victims of a criminal act understand the role of law enforcement.
- Provide assistance and direction to victims seeking counseling and advice.

BELOW 100

The goal of the Below 100 Initiative is to reduce police line-of-duty deaths (LODDs) to fewer than 100 per year.

The last time LODDs were below 100 was 1944. For the last 50 years, the average has been well over 150 and the last decade over 160. 2019 had 155 and 2020 had 387 line-of-duty deaths. The first complete year after Below 100 began was 2012 and we saw a 50 year low in line-of-duty deaths with 120. According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, in 2022, there were 520 Line of Duty Deaths. This is a 134% increase from 2020, with 358 of those deaths being attributed to COVID-19.



The Five Tenants of Below 100 are:

1. Wear Your Belt

It might sound simple to you, even unnecessary, but the truth is too many agencies don't mandate belt wear. And even among those that do, many officers ignore policy because the culture doesn't value it. *The truth:* Seatbelts save lives.

2. Wear Your Vest

We know vests save lives. We know that bullets can fly when we least expect it. Add to that the fact that body armor can improve your likelihood of surviving a car accident or other traumatic event and you quickly see why you must wear it. Always. Period.

3. Watch Your Speed

Why do cops drive fast? Because they can, right? Well, driving faster than what conditions warrant is a sure way to get in trouble. Of course there are times when getting on scene quickly is critical. But these times are rare. Too often, officers are speeding—just because they can. In the process, they are putting themselves and the public at perilous risk *for no good reason*.

4. WIN—What's Important Now?

It's a simple question that can elicit profound results. It's a question that will lead to deliberate action, not reaction. If you are constantly prioritizing what's most important, you won't have time for the distractions that can get you in trouble, hurt or killed.

5. Remember: Complacency Kills!

Chief Jeff Chudwin perhaps said it best: "Complacency is among the most dangerous and insidious threats we face because it lays us open to all others." Complacency is why police officers think they can go without vest and seatbelts. It's why they think they can speed and allow themselves to be distracted. To quote Chief Chudwin again: "Complacency will kill you."



PROFESSIONALISM THROUGH TRAINING

The Police Department has an obligation to provide a professional standard of law enforcement service to the community. In fulfilling that responsibility, it is essential to properly train all employees. The Iowa Legislature also recognizes the need to properly train law enforcement personnel and, as a result, has mandated specific training for both sworn and civilian employees.

Academy Training



Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Chapter 501-3.1(1) requires that any person hired as a police officer must become certified through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy within one year from the date of hire. The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy is located at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa. Currently, the police academy is fourteen (15) weeks in duration and its curriculum includes training in patrol techniques, traffic law and enforcement, officer survival skills, investigation of specific crimes, criminal and constitutional law, court procedures, and human behavior. The Police Department sent three new recruits to the academy in 2021. The cost of the academy was approximately \$8,000 per officer.

PTO Training

Following academy certification and a return to the Department, a recruit officer is placed in the Police Training Officer Program (PTO). The PTO Program is a minimum of fifteen (15) weeks in duration and is the process by which an individual recruit officer receives formal job instruction. Each recruit is placed with a Patrol Training Officer and receives consistent, systematic, and documented training while in the program. The recruit is evaluated weekly by his PTO and the shift supervisor. Additionally, each recruit is evaluated midway through the training with a comprehensive evaluation at the end of the training period. Following successful completion of the program, each recruit officer functions as a single-officer unit and is evaluated by his supervisor on a monthly basis through the remainder of the probationary period. Although state law does not require implementing a PTO Program, agencies that fail to do so have been found to be negligent by federal courts in civil lawsuits.

Dispatcher Training

IAC Chapter 501-13.2(1) requires that any person hired as a police dispatcher must successfully complete a 40-hour basic telecommunicator training course within one year from the date of hire. Currently, only the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy offers the course. Its curriculum includes human relations and communications skills, basic dispatch/broadcast techniques, multiple tasking and prioritization, liability and legal issues, and stress management and awareness. The Iowa Administrative Code also requires each dispatcher to receive a minimum of 8 hours of in-service training annually. In addition to training requirements, dispatchers must be certified every two years to operate the NCIC/state computer system. This is the system that is used to query motor vehicle registrations, driver licenses, wanted or missing persons, and stolen property.

Training Administration

The Sergeant assigned to the Services Division is responsible for the training function. This person spends approximately half his time performing training duties while the other half is spent supervising Services Division personnel and performing administrative duties.

In-service Training

During the year 2021, several members of the department received training in various disciplines. Officers completed several training courses including Communications Training Officer, Mandatory Reporting, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Pepperball Certification, TASER Certification, Implicit Bias, De-Escalation, Advanced Search and Seizure, Advanced Traffic Stops, Adolescent Mental Health Training, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and Homicide Investigations.



COMMUNITY POLICING

Ride-Along Program

The Police Department believes a Ride-Along Program promotes a better understanding of the challenges, risks, and rewards of the police officer's role in the community. Therefore, the Department allows citizen police academy attendees and students considering a career in law enforcement to ride as passenger observers with patrol officers. All participants in the Ride-Along Program must be at least 18 years of age and must sign a liability waiver.

Ottumwa Police Department Internship Program

The Ottumwa Police Department Internship Program is a cooperative effort between the Police Department and participating area colleges and universities with Criminal Justice Programs. Students interested in law enforcement related careers gain valuable experience and knowledge by working with officers while they perform their law enforcement duties. Upon successful completion, an intern receives academic credit for participating in the program. Interns may be assigned to the Patrol Unit, Records Unit, Communications Center, Investigations Unit, or School Resource Officer Program.

STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The Ottumwa Police Department will often recognize its employees who have displayed exemplary service during the course of their duties. Below are some of the officers that were recognized by the Department in 2021 for their outstanding police work.

Officer Becky Bolin,

In accordance with department policies and procedures, officers who have displayed service to the community and this department beyond what is considered average or normal by the Division Commander is recognized. This letter is bestowed upon you for your response to a report of a car alarm going off in the area of the XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX in Ottumwa, Iowa on the evening of April 17, 2021.

On the evening of April 17, 2021, you responded for a report of a car alarm going off. You checked the area and did not locate a source of the complaint. You then made contact with the complainants and determined that the source of the alarm had been coming from a vehicle that was backed into the driveway at XXXXXXXXXXXX. The car alarm was not going off, and you checked around the vehicle and did not find any signs of illegal activity. You attempted to make contact with the occupant of the residence and heard an elderly female inside of the residence yelling for help. You subsequently found the exterior doors locked as the elderly female continued to yell for help. Fearing immediate medical attention was needed, you forced entry at the exterior door, which then led into an enclosed porch and a second locked door. You, along with responding medical personnel, then forced entry into the residence and located an elderly female bleeding on the dining room floor. The elderly female had fallen and sustained injuries during the fall and did not have her cellular telephone, but was in possession of her car keys. The elderly female had used her car keys to set off the alarm in an attempt to get help. It was later determined that the elderly female had sustained four (4) broken ribs and a punctured lung during the fall and was later transported by helicopter for further medical attention.

The thoroughness of your work and your quick thinking were above and beyond and I recognize and applaud you for your actions, which may have saved the life of this elderly female on this night. Your dedication, your commitment, and your professionalism to this department and the community we serve were exemplified by these actions. Congratulations and thank you!

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Jason Parmenter #121

Patrol Division
Division Commander



Officer Mitchell,

The Ottumwa Police Department, in accordance with its policies and procedures recognizes officers who have displayed service to the community and this department beyond what is considered average or normal by the Division Commander. This letter is bestowed upon you in response to an investigation involving a suspect who was involved in the theft of multiple motor vehicles and subsequent fraudulent use of debit cards.

Between November 10, 2021 and November 23, 2021, the Ottumwa Police Department received eleven (11) reports involving the theft of motor vehicles, attempts to commit theft of motor vehicles, theft from autos, and the unauthorized use of a debit card. In total, six (6) motor vehicles were stolen and two (2) other vehicles were attempted to be stolen. Many of these incident reports were taken by different officers and you compiled all of these reports as you gathered information. During the course of your investigation you seized DNA evidence, collected and reviewed numerous items of video surveillance footage, conducted interviews, and executed search warrants. Based off of your investigation you identified a single suspect was responsible for these crimes.

On November 23, 2021, you and other officers located the suspect and you conducted an interview in which he admitted to these crimes as well as crimes the Ottumwa Police Department had no suspects. As a result, the suspect was arrested and charged for seven (7) felony and five (5) misdemeanor offenses.

These types of complex cases are extremely time consuming by nature and it's for these reasons these type of cases are typically assigned to the investigations unit. Your willingness to undertake this case and your performance during this case were above and beyond and I recognize and applaud you for your actions. Your dedication, your commitment, and your professionalism to this department and the community we serve were exemplified by these actions. Congratulations and thank you!

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Jason Parmenter #121
Patrol Division
Division Commander



Sergeant Shaw,

The Ottumwa Police Department, in accordance with its policies and procedures recognizes officers who have displayed service to the community and this department beyond what is considered average or normal by the Division Commander. A recommendation for this award was made by Patrol Sergeant Aaron Vose and I concur. This letter is bestowed upon you in response to the apprehension and arrest of Daniel Shepard on March 10, 2021.

On March 9, 2021, it was reported that a suspect had assaulted a female and stolen her vehicle. It was further reported that the suspect was also in possession of handgun. In addition, this suspect was known to be violent offender, known to resist and flee law enforcement, and known to be a habitual offender. The suspect also had active warrants for his arrest.

On March 10, 2021, you proactively began attempting to locate the suspect to take him into custody and located him at residence in Ottumwa. The suspect fled inside the residence and you pursued this violent offender knowing that he was possibly armed with a firearm. You were able to take him into custody safely and subsequently located and seized the firearm that he had been in possession of. This firearm was later determined to have been stolen from a burglary in Wapello County.

As a result of this case, the suspect was indicted federally on a charge of prohibited person possessing a firearm and a violent, habitual offender, was removed from the streets.

Your high level of proactivity, quick thinking, and your decisiveness, were above and beyond and I recognize and applaud you for your actions. Your dedication, your commitment, and your professionalism to this department and the community we serve were exemplified by these actions. Congratulations and thank you!

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Jason Parmenter #121
Patrol Division
Division Commander



Sergeant Yeager,

The Ottumwa Police Department, in accordance with its policies and procedures recognizes officers who have displayed service to the community and this department beyond what is considered average or normal by the Division Commander. A recommendation for this award was made by Patrol Watch Commander Aaron Vose and I concur. This letter is bestowed upon you in response to a residential fire that you responded to on May 1, 2021.

On May 1, 2021, you were dispatched to a house fire located at xxxxxxxxxxxx in Ottumwa, Iowa. Upon arrival, you observed visible flame and smoke coming from the residence as well as a male occupant standing outside in front yard of the residence. You made contact with this male and determined that his wife and daughter were trapped in the fenced in backyard of the residence. You then ran to the backyard and scaled the wooden privacy fence and located the female and the daughter who were trapped in the backyard due to the fire's location and size. You then passed the daughter over the privacy fence to another officer and began assisting the female. You determined that the female was unable to scale the privacy fence and no objects were available to assist her with getting over the fence. You quickly determined that the only way to get the female to safety was to go through the fence. At this time you physically began ripping the fence apart and created enough space to allow the wife to safely pass through. You then exited the fenced in area and led the family to safety.

Your quick thinking, your decisiveness, and disregard for your own safety were above and beyond and I recognize and applaud you for your actions. Your dedication, your commitment, and your professionalism to this department and the community we serve were exemplified by these actions. Congratulations and thank you!

Sincerely,

Lieutenant Jason Parmenter #121
Patrol Division
Division Commander



Awards Ceremony

In July of 2021 the Ottumwa Police Department hosted a department awards ceremony at the Bridge View Center. Several employees received recognition for their actions during the shooting that occurred on August 3, 2018, near Liberty Elementary School. Employees were also recognized by the Chief for other achievements that have taken place separate from the Liberty Incident. In addition, the police department presented individual officers' service ribbons and service plates that they have achieved during their tenure on the department. The room was filled with officers and their family members, as the department gather to celebrate their courage and bravery.



Former Chief Tom McAndrew
and Chief Chad Farrington



Sergeant Noah Aljets
and Former Chief Tom McAndrew



Officer Brett Roberts
and Former Chief Tom McAndrew



Ottumwa Fire Department Captain Bill Keith
and Former Chief Tom McAndrew

STAFFING MILESTONES



Officer Scott Carlson was able to celebrate his retirement after years 26 of exemplary work to the department and our community. Congratulations on an outstanding career. The Ottumwa Police Department wishes you a happy retirement!

This year we celebrated a milestone set by our command staff. Lieutenant Jason Bell and Lieutenant Mickey Hucks both celebrated 25 years of service to the City of Ottumwa.



Mayor Tom Lazio and Officer Scott Carlson



Lt. Jason Bell and Lt. Mickey Hucks



No Shave November

The Ottumwa Police Association partnered with the Wapello County Sheriff's Department for our 7th annual No Shave November Event. Each year we raise funds for someone local who is going through a cancer related illness. This year we raised and donated funds to #TeamLennox. Lennox is a beautiful little 7 year old girl fighting Leukemia. This year we raised more than we ever have with a total of \$1,825. On top of those donations we sought donations from area businesses who stepped up to the plate big this year. In totaling all donations we were able to give the family over \$2500. Special thanks to the following local businesses, Bubba Qs, Walmart, Fareway, Casey's, Applebee's, Pizza Hut, Elliot Oil, MNJ Gallery, Polar Xpress, Mobile 1, Nails Time, Ashlee Vivian Jewelry, Indian Hills Community College and Dana and Justin Belzer! Thank you from the bottom of my heart we could not have made this such an amazing year without any of you!!



COMMUNITY EVENTS



One event that struck at the hearts of the Ottumwa Police Department was the car crash involving the wife of School Resource Officer Chase Johnson. His wife, Abby, was involved in a car accident on July 9th in rural Davis County and suffered critical injuries and burns. Unfortunately, the trauma from the accident took the life of their unborn child. She was life flighted to the University of Missouri Hospital, where she spent several months in the ICU, endured several surgeries, which was then followed by several months of more recovery and physical therapy. Following the accident, in late July The Wapello County Sheriff's Department partner with Morgan's Corner Bar & Grill to organize a BBQ lunch fundraiser for the Johnson Family. The turnout was greater than expected and food sold out in less than 30 minutes. Officer Johnson took a couple months off work to help care for Abby and be by her side, as well as take care of their two sons. The support from local communities was absolutely incredible. The Johnson Family and Ottumwa PD will forever be grateful for the generous amount of love, care, support, as well as donations that was given to the Johnson Family to help them overcome this difficult time.





COMMUNITY EVENTS



Officer Batterson leads the way during the Oktoberfest Parade.



Officer Caleb Mitchell



Ottumwa PD Softball Team



Officers participate in High Five Friday with kids entering school in the morning.



Officer DePenning, Officer Mitchell, & Sgt. Shaw.