
Waukeee Police Department



2018 Annual Report

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



The Waukeee PD had another great year in 2018! We are fortunate to work in a community that supports its officers, and appreciates the public safety services that we provide. As Chief of the Waukeee Police Department, I consider it to be an honor and a privilege to work with such talented officers and staff who take great pride in executing the mission of the WPD: Providing positive, professional community oriented policing services to our community members and visitors.

Here are just a few of our significant achievements in 2018:

- The hiring of 4 new officers to our team: Jeremiah Frueh, Dace Richardson, Corby Robbins and Chris Kickbush.
- WPD Sgt. Arias was a recipient of the prestigious Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor presented by the Governor to peace officers or fire fighters who, while serving in an official capacity, distinguishes themselves by the performance of a heroic act in excess of normal demands of police or fire service where the officer was fully aware of the threat to their personal safety.
- The Department was awarded a DOJ Grant which financed the creation of our Community Policing Sergeants position which Sgt. Sposeto was assigned to.
- Officer Murra and Sgt. Lemke attended firearms instructors' school at ILEA.
- The WPD joined the Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force and participated in several traffic enforcement projects.
- The department continued its investment in the leadership development of our officers by having Lt. Long and Sgt. Arias attend the Northwestern University School of Police and Command. Further, 4 of the Departments Sgt.'s attended the First Line Supervisors School for leadership.
- The WPD established its Police Chaplain's Program. Pastor Patrick Quaid of the Waukeee Lutheran Church of Hope, joined our team.

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- Our internship program was a huge success in 2018. We hired our college inter Chris Kickbush who is a graduate of Waukee HS and ISU. Our HS intern will be attending ISU in the Fall and hopefully pursuing a career in Law Enforcement.
- The Department expanded its participation in the Suburban Emergency Response Team when WPD Officer Terlouw joined the team.
- Finally, the WPD became an active participant in the Metro Investigative Team and also began to attend the Metro Intelligence meetings.

As you can see it was a successful year for the WPD. The aforementioned list doesn't include the high volume of calls for service the officers respond to each day. Nor does it include the numerous community policing events the department facilitates.

We are fortunate here in the city of Waukee to have such dedicated and committed officers who work for their police department. They truly want to make a positive difference in the lives of those families and friends that they protect and serve each day.

Please feel free to stop in at the WPD, and introduce yourself to our officers and staff. And please, when you see an officer, don't forget to tell them how much you appreciate their service to this great community.

John F. Quinn
Waukee Chief of Police.



Mission:

The Waukeee Police Department aims to enhance the quality of life, safety and security of our community. We are dedicated to providing a safe and secure living and working environment.

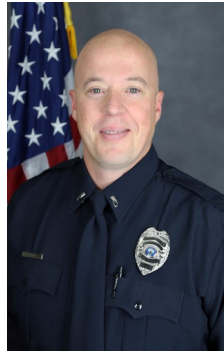




Chief John Quinn
Chief of Police



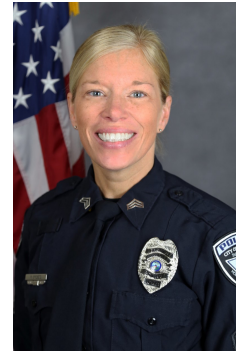
Lt. Scott Cunningham
Community Protection



Lt. Jeremy Long
Investigations



Lt. Jeff Mellencamp
Support Operations



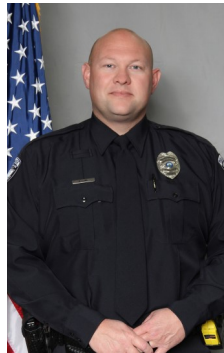
Sgt. Mackenzie Sposeto
Community Protection



Sgt. Robert Gitzen
Community Protection



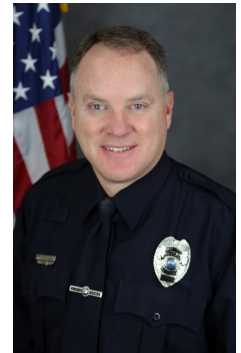
Sgt. Hector Arias
Community Protection



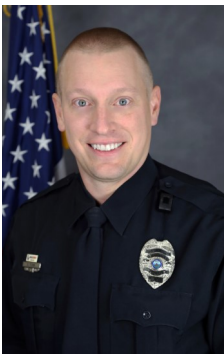
Sgt. Neil Lemke
Community Protection



Sgt. Brandon Pettit
Community Protection



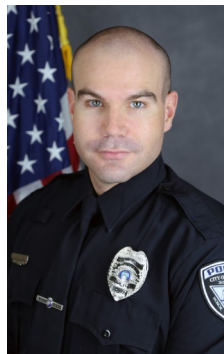
Officer Rod Schettler
Community Protection



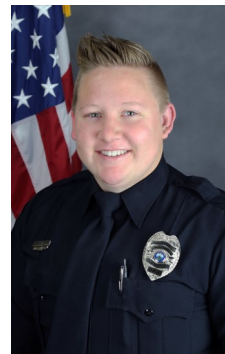
Officer Brian Murra
Community Protection



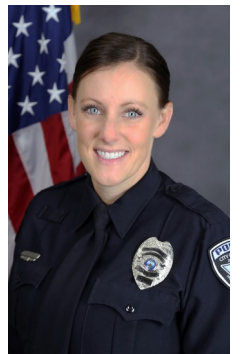
Officer Jon Oakley
Community Protection



Officer Josh Minikus
Community Protection



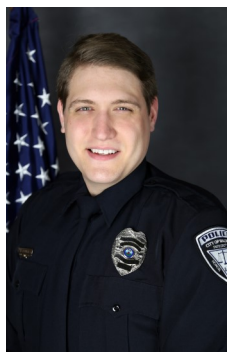
Detective Susan Kies
Investigations



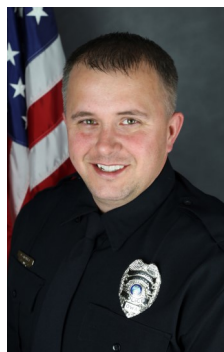
Detective Kelli Cichoski
Investigations



Officer Dace Richarson
Community Protection



Officer Jeremiah Frueh
Community Protection



Officer Nick Gilchrist
Community Protection



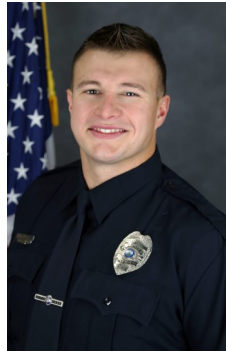
Officer Kathryn Guess
Community Protection



Officer Scott Kinney
Community Protection



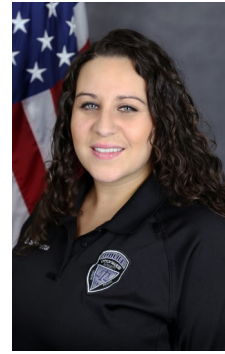
Officer Corby Robbins
Community Protection



Officer Kyle Terlouw
Community Protection



Officer Chris Kickbush
Community Protection



Lea Scaletta
Evidence Technician



Pastor Pat Quaid
Police Chaplain



The Waukeee Police Department employs 24 sworn officers who serve a community of more than 21,000 residents. In addition, the department employs three civilians who provide essential services in Records and Property/Evidence.



Community Protection:

The Community Protection Division is the most visible of the divisions. It consists of one lieutenant, five sergeants, and fifteen full time officers. The division operates on three shifts, giving the city 24/7 coverage.

The primary responsibilities of the Community Protection Division are to respond to calls for service, enforce the criminal and traffic code, crime prevention activities, traffic control, preliminary investigations of offenses, incidents, and conditions, including the arrest of offenders, and help in creating a safe and comfortable community which people can live, work, play and grow all while maintaining order in the community.



Bike Patrol:

In the warmer months, the Waukeee Community Protection Division can be seen riding around the community's neighborhoods on bike patrol. The division currently has 4 bike patrol officers who love jumping on their bikes and interacting with the community.



School Resource Officers:

The Waukeee Police Department has three School Resources Officers. Officer Brian Murra is assigned to Waukeee High School, Officer Jon Oakley is assigned to South Middle School and Timberline and Sergeant Mackenzie Sposeto is assigned to Prairieview School.

The SRO program is based on the philosophy that the School Resource Officer (SRO) is an educator in safety and law-related issues, a resource to the school administration and, of course, a law enforcement officer. The officer, while in school, becomes involved in a variety of functions aimed at the prevention of violence and crime. SRO's frequently assist in resolving problems that are not necessarily law violations, such as bullying, but which are still safety issues that can contribute to criminal incidents.

SRO's are involved in advance planning for managing crises including: incident and emergency response plans, developing procedures for handling specific types of emergencies and rehearsing those procedures using tabletop exercises, drills and mock scenarios.

School Resource Officers also provide a link between the police department and the student community along with teaching classes about the law and community issues. Classes and presentations include self defense, internet/online safety and tobacco, drug, and alcohol prevention.



SERT:

SERT provides specialized tactical and crisis negotiation responses to critical incidents and high risk situations on 24 hour call status. The Waukee Police Department currently has three officers serving as SERT members.



New Officer

The Waukee Police Department welcomed four new officers: Officer Jeremiah Frueh, Officer Chris Kickbush, Officer Dace Richardson, and Officer Corby Robbins.

Officer Richardson, Officer Kickbush, and Officer Frueh attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Robbins was already a certified officer, that previously worked in Marshall County.



Sergeant Promotion

In July Officer Brandon Pettit was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Pettit has been with Waukee Police Department since 2010.



Lieutenant Promotion

In July, Sergeant Long was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of Investigations. Lieutenant Long has been with Waukee Police Department since 2007.



Officer of the Year

Sergeant Makenzie Sposeto received the 2018 Officer of the Year award. Sergeant Sposeto is currently in charge of the SROs. Sergeant Sposeto has been with Waukee Police Department since 2007.





Community Protection STATS

Calls For Service	Citations	Warnings	Parking Tickets	Traffic Stops
12996	1439	1564	458	2295

Investigations STATS



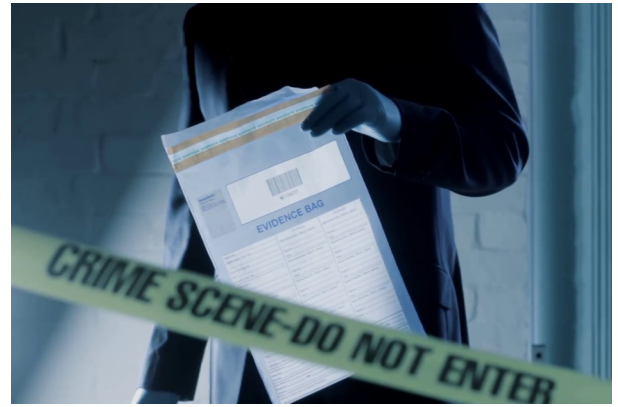
Cases	Property/ Financial	Crimes Against Person	Narcotic
225	145	53	12

Investigations

The mission of the Investigations Division is to identify, target, arrest and successfully prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity as well as recover any stolen property. The Investigation Unit contains one lieutenant, one sergeant, two detectives and an evidence technician.

Investigators establish and maintain liaisons with other law enforcement agencies, local courts and the Dallas County Attorney's Office. The unit is responsible for evaluating reports and making a determination as to the solvability of the crime. After the case is evaluated, follow-up is made with the reporting person to include timely contact to advise them of the process and provide additional information as needed.

The Evidence Technician is responsible for the proper collection, control, storage, safekeeping, release and disposal of all property and evidence which comes under the control of the Waukeet Police Department.

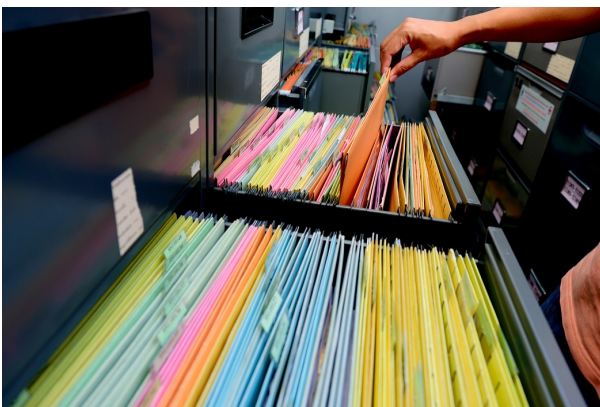


Support Operations

The Support Operations Division is responsible for all aspects of document control within the department. The division is the repository for all reported crimes, suspected crimes, traffic accidents, arrests and all other incidents or events. The division contains one lieutenant and two records technicians.

The Records Technician is responsible for maintaining, disseminating and securing all documents to include processing, storing, scanning, retrieving, and releasing documents to appropriate government and law enforcement agencies, and the public.

Access to all records information is governed by local, state and federal laws. Providing service and information to the public is a vital part of the Records division. The public can request information or assistance from records during normal business hours.



Shop With a Cop

The Waukeee Police Department participated in its annual Shop With a Cop program on December 8, 2018. The day started with the Waukeee Fire Department serving up breakfast for the 25 families involved in the program. Officers also created free child ID cards for each of the children. Officers loaded the kids into squad cars and traveled to Wal-Mart for some holiday shopping. Afterward, the kids got to wrap their presents at the Waukeee Public Safety Building and then enjoyed a pizza lunch with the Waukeee Police and Fire Department members.



Thanksgiving Baskets

The Waukeee Police Department was able to provide 22 Waukeee families with Thanksgiving food baskets purchased from the Waukeee Fareway. Last year, the department provided these Thanksgiving meals for 17 families. Thanks to an increase in fundraising, the team was thrilled to increase the numbers of baskets for the second year in a row! The officers delivered the baskets on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Baskets were purchased by donations from citizens, area businesses and police department staff.

Safety City

One of our most popular programs, Safety City, was again a huge success. The goal of Safety City is to empower our littlest citizens with a solid foundation of good safety habits. Responding to increased demand, two additional sessions were added in 2018 bringing the total to eight sessions (for a total of 300 kindergarteners). The students had a great time learning about stranger danger, respect for authority, pedestrian rules, fire safety, and way too many other topics to list. Of course, the highlight of the week was the tour of the Waukeee Police and Fire Departments!



Citizen's Academy

The Waukee Citizen's Academy kicked off its sixth session in November and finished up with a "graduation" ceremony in January. The purpose of the Academy is to develop a partnership between the Waukee Police Department and the citizens of Waukee. The Academy provides citizens with a better understanding of not only their police department but law enforcement in general.

During the 30 hours of class, participants were introduced to various aspects of law enforcement including patrol tactics, professional standards and ethics, interview and interrogation processes, traffic stops, OWI investigations, firearms safety, and defensive tactics. Additionally, class members were given a tour of the DCI crime lab in Ankeny, had range time at West Des Moines Police Department and got to experience firsthand the FireArms Training Simulator (F.A.T.S.) which is an interactive system that uses a computer program, a large screen and realistic firearms that are loaded with computer chips instead of ammunition.



Public Safety Day

The Waukee Police and Fire Departments joined forces again to host Public Safety Day. More than 3,000 people attended the event on August 7th and enjoyed great food, free fire truck rides, a rollover simulator, a child ID station and more. Public Safety Day helps police and fire personnel get to know the residents and in turn, residents get acquainted with the men and women of the police and fire departments.

WASP

WASP involves the senior citizens in the Waukee area and aims to "Take the Sting Out of Crime"! WASP was created based upon the concept of cooperation between law enforcement, senior services and seniors in the community to reduce the criminal victimization of the elderly. It stands for Waukee Area Seniors and Police. The group meets the last Wednesday of each month for lunch at the Community Center.



Halloween

The Waukee Police and Fire Department hosted a Halloween Open House on October 28, 2018. Kids were able to show up in their costumes, and receive fun treats and prizes. There was an estimated 250 people.



Coffee With a Cop

In October, residents were able to have coffee with officers at Coffee Smith in Waukee. There was an estimated 40 people that attended the event.



