

Windom Police Department Year End Report

2018

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

The Windom Police Department had a great year in 2018 and the future of the organization looks bright.

We finalized the purchase of a drug dog through donations from members of our community. This has been a goal of this organization for several years. I am proud to report that the dog will be arriving in Windom on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Training will begin soon.

Following a traffic stop in August, Officers seized 58 pounds of marijuana and approximately \$13,500 in cash. This was outstanding work by our officers and is a demonstration of this agency's commitment to making our community drug-free.

Last January, Donna Marcy assumed the role of Investigator for our department. She also completed the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Investigator course and was awarded a certificate. She has done an outstanding job!

School Resource Officer Dana Wallace attended the National School Resource Officer Association's Convention in Reno, Nevada, last year. This was the last step for her in achieving the School Resource Officer Practitioner Certificate that is awarded by the association. She will be receiving it sometime in 2019. We are very proud of Dana!

I would like to thank the Mayor and City Council for their continued support. I would also like to thank Records Clerk Deb Neseth and School Resource Officer Dana Wallace for their assistance in creating this report.

2018 was a great year. The Windom Police Department will continue its efforts in the new year to make our city a safe place to live and work.

Sincerely,



Scott Peterson, Chief of Police



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2018 BY THE NUMBERS

4146 Total Calls for Service
27 DUI Arrests
1116 Citations/Warnings
283 Arrests



	Serving Since
Scott Peterson, Chief of Police	2011
Cory Hillesheim, Asst. Chief of Police	2009
Donna Marcy	2001
Dana Wallace	2002
Louis Norell	2011
Jon Beck	2013
Devin Kopperud	2014
David Huse	2017
Brandon Thongvivong	2017
Debra Nesseth—Records	1986

Officers in the community



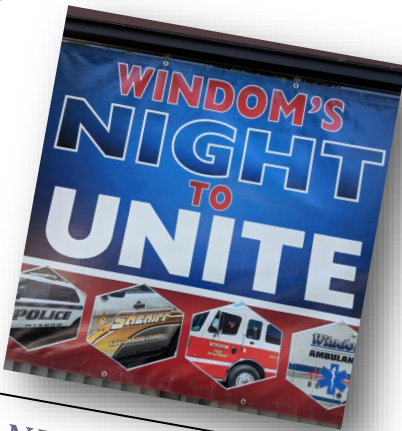
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RIVERFEST



DRIVER'S ED



NIGHT TO UNITE



FLOOD SANDBAGGING



ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING



WINDOM D.A.R.E.
25TH
ANNIVERSARY



MAY THE FORCE
BE WITH YOU
DAY

Cases of Interest

In June 2018, a Windom Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 60/71 of a vehicle for following another car too closely. Upon speaking with the driver, the officer detected an odor of marijuana coming from inside of the vehicle. The officer was able to confirm that the two cars were traveling together. The other car continued north on Hwy 60.

The Mountain Lake Police Department was contacted and made aware of this information. An officer from their agency stopped the other car in Mountain Lake and a K-9 Unit from the Minnesota State Patrol was contacted as a result of the investigation.

The K-9 alerted to the vehicle and the car was searched. Approximately 58 pounds of marijuana was seized and \$13,588 was confiscated.



Traffic Stop Leads to Seizure of 58LBS of Marijuana and 13K

In the wee hours of the morning in July 2018, officers received a report of a man shoplifting from a local business and taking off in his vehicle. An officer spotted the speeding vehicle out of town. The vehicle, with two occupants, was stopped and the passenger quickly admitted to stealing items from the local business and was found to be under the influence of a controlled substance.

Upon further investigation, the driver was also under the influence of controlled substance and arrested. A later search of the driver found over 70 grams of methamphetamines located in a body cavity.

Both occupants were arrested for 1st degree possession of a controlled substance and a variety of other charges.

A investigation showed the occupants were transporting the methamphetamines for later sale.



Shoplifting report leads officers to find 70 grams of Methamphetamines



The most common function of a Police Officer is to patrol town and conduct traffic stops. These are just a sampling of some of the results that came from these stops in 2018.

\$27,628 in monies and vehicles were seized or forfeited, mostly due to charges stemming from traffic stops, and will be used for purchasing equipment for the PD and the K-9.

While monitoring traffic, an officer observed a speeding vehicle. He stopped the vehicle and upon further investigation, found that the driver was a felon in possession of a handgun and had drugs in the vehicle. The passenger was also arrested for a Concealed Carry violation.

While on patrol, an officer found a vehicle with a missing license plate and upon investigation, arrested the driver for drug possession and DWI.

While on patrol, an officer spotted a vehicle with long expired plates and stopped the vehicle. Driver is charged with DWI, tax evasion, and no insurance,

While on patrol, an officer spotted a driver with a revoked license. The driver had a warrant, no insurance and was charged with a felon in possession of ammo.

An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding, upon investigation, officers discovered that that vehicle had just stolen over **600 lbs of copper** from the City of Windom Electric Department. The occupants were arrested for various charges including theft, stolen plates, and drug charges.





Active Shooter Training

The Windom Police Department and Cottonwood County Sheriff's Office continued their combined effort to provide area business, schools, and places of worship with the latest information and training in preparing for an active shooter incident.

In 2018, we were contacted by various entities wanting our training brought to their facility, who hadn't had this type of training before. These locations included the Windom DNR site, the Mt. Lake Laker Apartments, and the Mt. Lake Public School. We also did our annual partnership training with the Windom Area School District for their new incoming staff. The School District Crisis Team conducts the classroom instruction within their orientation, and we offer the scenarios with the new hires.



2018 also provided our first opportunity to work with an area church at the Windom 7th Day Adventist as a participant in their Safety Sabbath. This has opened the door to ongoing discussions with the Windom Ministerial Association on offering further trainings for more area churches in 2019.



Looking forward, 2019 appears to have a wave of additional need for this training to continue from multiple inquiries from all over the county. We're always excited to hear from various groups wanting the training and will continue to offer this potential lifesaving training to the public at zero cost. ~Officer Louis Norell

LOCAL JUVENILE SEX STING OPERATION LEADS TO 3 ADULT ARRESTS

Windom Police Department again assisted surrounding agencies with a juvenile sex sting operation. 3 middle aged, adult males were arrested after coming to a pre-determined location to meet a 15 year old girl for sex. Windom PD was honored to work with the following agencies:

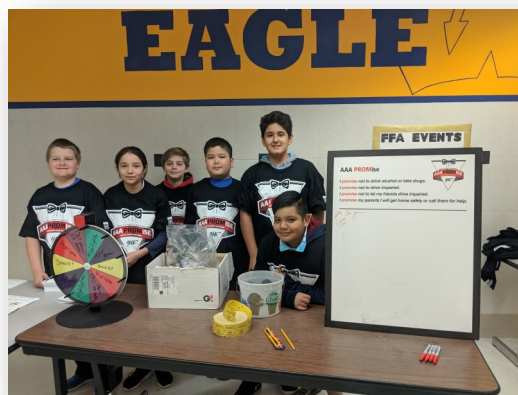
MN BCA, Nobles County Sheriff's Office, Worthington Police Department, Cottonwood

County Sheriff's Office, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Pipestone County Sheriff's Office, Murray County Sheriff's Office, Rock County Sheriff's Office and Agents from the Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force.

These "sting" operations take a significant amount of time to run successfully. Most of the Law Enforcement personnel of these operations are already dealing with their own huge caseloads, however, we come together each year to try to tackle sexual exploitation of minors. The technology changes are a constant struggle as well as funding. We will once again, attempt to secure grant money to continue with these operations. There is a yearly training conference that most of us also attend to stay on top of the technology changes. ~Investigator Donna Marcy

School Resource Officer Update

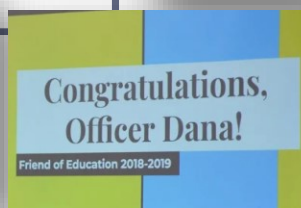
April 2018 Windom 9th-12th graders signed the AAA PROMise pledge board not to drink and drive. In addition, the 5th grade class all wrote the annual personal "Prom/Senior Pal" letters to the seniors giving them advice to be safe during this prom and graduation season. Some of them chose to be serious by reminding them to not text and drive while others included important Prom tips such as to remember to wear deodorant. Thanks to Minnesota AAA and Co/Jack TZD for providing the handouts.



May of 2018 the Windom Police Department partnered with Windom Area Schools and the Bike Alliance of Minnesota (BikeMN) to bring the Walk! Bike! Fun! Curriculum to all 4-6th graders during two weeks of Physical Education classes. Thanks to the loaned bike fleet from BikeMN every student had a working bike, or adaptive bike, and helmet to learn their basic bike skills.



In the Fall of 2018 the Windom Police Department partnered with Windom Area Schools to help create the Windom Eagles Safety Patrol Crossing Guard program. Over 40 students in 3rd-8th grade patrol intersections near school and assist with student drop off/pick up making it safer for students to walk and bike to school.



Investigator Update

The Windom Police Department created an Investigator position at the start of 2018. This position has been an interest of mine for some time. After 18 years on patrol, I was excited to take on this new challenge.

I received an Investigator Certificate in August 2018 from the State of Minnesota after meeting all the training requirements to be certified.

My primary duties are to investigate all Gross Misdemeanor and Felony cases as well as all Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult reports. I also investigate all deaths in the City of Windom. I was involved in 333 of the above cases in 2018.

Many complaints with charges were brought to the Cottonwood County Attorney's Office to include:

- Financial Exploitation of a vulnerable adult
- Criminal Sexual Conduct
- Theft
- Financial Transaction Card Fraud
- Endanger Child
- False Report
- Malicious Punishment of a Child
- Check Forgery
- Terroristic Threats
- Murder

The most challenging case I was involved in was the Murder of 7 week old. The father being held in the Cottonwood County Jail on 1 count of 2nd Degree Murder and 1 count of 3rd Degree Murder.

I was very fortunate to be working on this murder with Cottonwood County Investigators and Senior Special Agent Derek Woodford from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. At the beginning of this case, SSA Woodford advised me that a murder case is a marathon, not a sprint. SSA Woodford could not have been more correct. I currently have two 3" binders completely full of reports on this case, and will probably fill a 3rd

binder before the case is completely closed. The number of work hours involved in a murder case is mind blowing. Hopefully, it will be a few years (or never) before Windom has another murder.

Also, in 2018, I assisted Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services in a few newborn infant removals. These infants were born with methamphetamines in their systems. The newborns were placed on a hold and secured in the hospital nursery until their withdrawal symptoms were over. The infants were then placed into a suitable home until family could meet the requirements to

have their infant back.

There seems to be more cases coming in regarding financial exploitation of vulnerable adults. I attended a class regarding financial crimes that has been very helpful when these calls come in. The elderly adults sometimes are the greatest challenge as they may have dementia or even die before the investigation is complete. If you suspect an adult is being abused in any way, Minnesota has a great mandated reporting system called MAARC. (Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center). The Center is open 24 hours a day and is available to the public toll free at 844-880-1574. Windom PD is also available to take your call!

Thanks for a great 2018! I have enjoyed being your Investigator and look forward to all the challenges of 2019!

~Investigator Donna Marcy

In it's first year,
the Investigator
was involved in
333 investigations

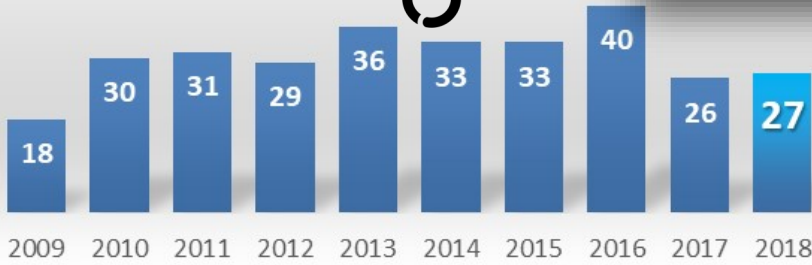


Records Report

10 yr Total Traffic Citations and Warnings



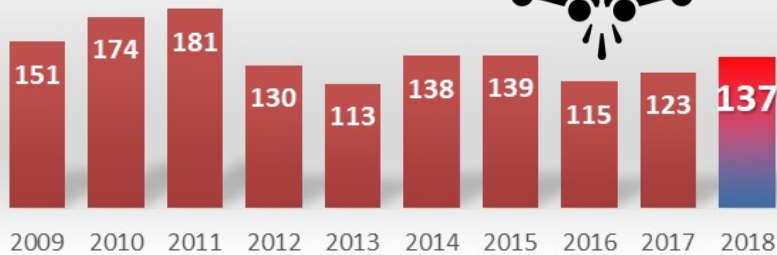
10 yr DUI Arrests



10 Yr Persons Injured in Motor Vehicle Accidents



10 yr Total Accidents



2018

Accident/Injuries

2017

137

Total Accidents

123

10

Persons Injured

18

0

Fatalities

0

Citations

128

Moving Tickets

102

5

Non-Moving Tickets

3

1033

Warnings (Verbal/Written)

767

1166

Total Warnings and Tickets

872

Driving Under Influence

12

Misdemeanor

7

15

Gross Misd/Felony

19

27

Total DUI's

23

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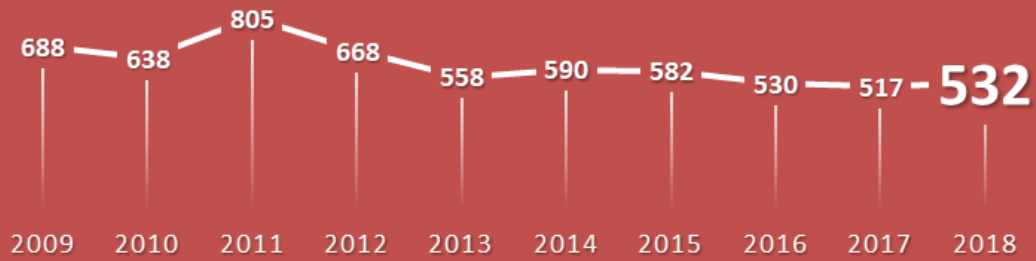
Underage Drink/Drive

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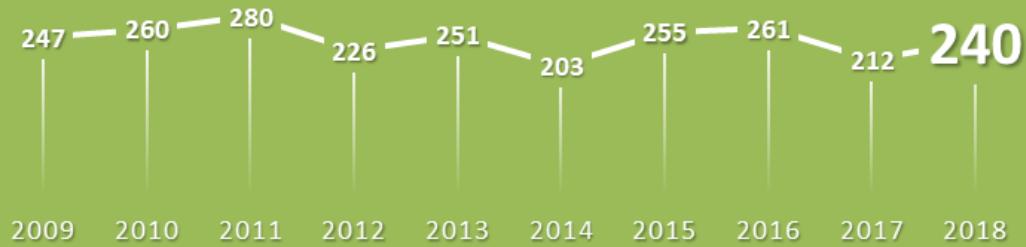
532	240	43	2018 Criminal Cases - Adult Arrests - Juvenile Arrests
47	24	2	Assault (All Degrees + Threats of Violence)
10			Burglary (All Degrees)
23	4		Check Fraud, Check Forgery, Dishonored Checks, Theft by Check, Theft by Swindle, Identity Theft Fraudulent use of Debit (Money) Card, Fraud-Phone Scam, Financial Exploitation, etc.
23	16		Crimes Against Administration of Justice (Including Obstructing Legal Process, False Name to Officer, Falsely Reporting a Crime, Probation Violation, Violation of Protection/ Harassment Order, Sex Offender-Fail to Change Address, Violation of Court Order and Danco Order, etc.
4	2	2	Crimes Against Family (Including Child Neglect and Malicious Punishment to a Child)
42	1		Criminal Damage to Property (All Degrees)
8			Cruelty to Animals / Animal Neglect
11	4	6	Disorderly Conduct
42	1		Disturbing Peace, Harassing Communications/ Harassment, Interfere with 911 Calls, and Solicitation
50	57	3	Drug Related Offenses
3	1	2	Escape-Fleeing an Officer with / not with Motor Vehicle and Fugitive from Justice
			Extradition
1			Kidnapping-Deprive of Custodial Rights
57	45	14	Liquor Violations (Including DUI's-all Degrees, Minor Consumption, Open Bottle, Underage Drink/Drive, Disruptive Intoxication, etc.)
1	1		Murder - 2nd and 3rd Degree
			Murder - Attempted
1			Negligent Fires
1			Obscenity (Obscene material, possess pornographic/electronic images of minors & Indecent exposure
1	2		Possess Burglary Tools
9	4	1	Property Offenses (Including Crimes Against Property, Trespass & Unlawful Deposit of Garbage)
			Recovered Bikes
3			Recovered Vehicles
			Robbery - 1st Degree
13			Runaway/Incorrigible Juvenile/Curfew & Truancy
6	1	4	Sex Offenses (Including Criminal Sexual Conduct, all degrees & Solicitation)
			Stolen Property-Receiving/Possession
1			Tampering/Entering Motor Vehicle
1	1		Tax-Intent to Escape Tax
40	11		Theft (All Degrees)
18		1	Theft (Shoplifting)
1			Theft of Bikes
6		3	Tobacco Use/Possession/Violation
			Traffic (Other than simple Juvenile Traffic Citation)
96	57	1	Traffic-Misd/Gross Misdemeanor Traffic Violations and Hit and Runs
3		4	Vehicle Theft
4			Weapons (Carry firearm in public place / Possess Incapacitation Device)
2			Weapons (Fireworks-Discharging)
4	8		Weapons (Possess Ammo/ Firearm - Conviction of Adj. Delinquent for Crime of Violence, Felon Convicted of Crime of Violence & Point Gun /Dangerous Weapon
532	240	43	2018

*Arrests Data - Represents the number of arrest charges per offense, not the number of individual cases (ex. One person charged with three offenses would count as three arrest charges)

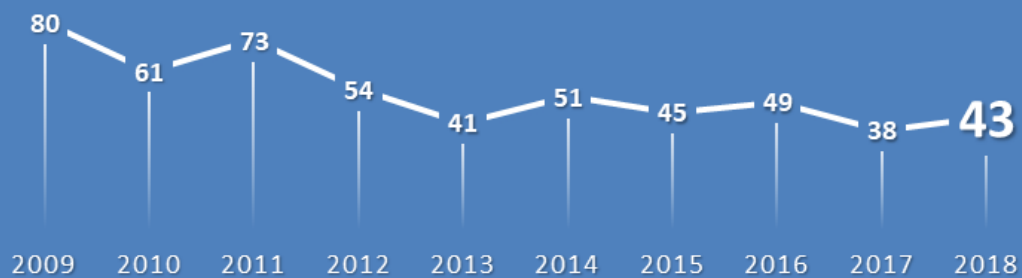
10 YEAR - TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES



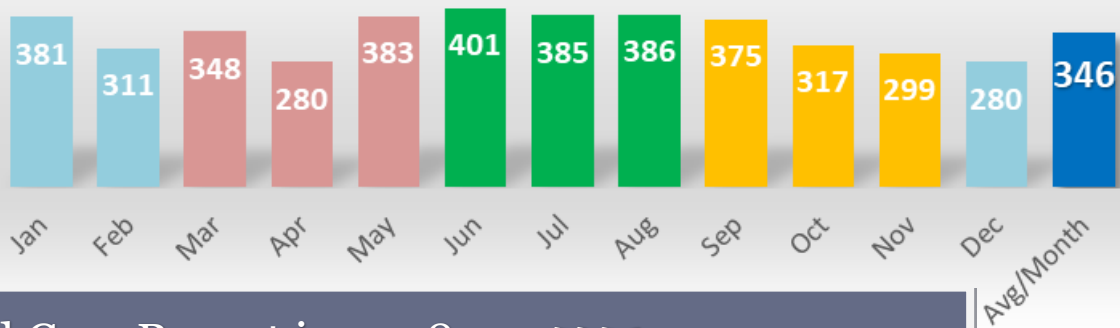
10 YEAR - ADULT ARRESTS



10 YEAR - JUVENILE ARRESTS



2018 Calls For Service by Month



Total Case Report in 2018 — **4146**

Total Case Reports in 2017 — **3972**

Top 5 Criminal Cases 2018

96 - Traffic Violations (Misd.GM, H+R)
57- Liquor Violations
50 - Drug Related
47 - Assaults
42 - Criminal Damage to Property

Top 5 Criminal Cases 2017

71 - Traffic Violations (Misd.GM, H+R)
67 - Theft
63 - Assaults + Terroristic Threats
39 - Liquor Violations
38 - Criminal Damage to Property



Top 5 Adult Arrests 2018

57 - Traffic Violations (Misd.GM, H+R)
57 - Drug Related Offense
45 - Liquor Violations
24 - Assaults/Terroristic Threats
16 - Crimes against the Administration of Justice

Top 5 Adult Arrests 2017

43 - Traffic Violations (Misd.GM, H+R)
40 - Assaults/Terroristic Threats
33 - Liquor Violations
31 - Drug Related Offense
16 - Crimes against the Administration of Justice

Top 3 Juvenile Arrests 2018

14- Liquor Violations
6- Disorderly Conduct
4- Sex Offenses

Top 3 Juvenile Arrests 2017

12 - Assaults + Terroristic Threats
9 - Disorderly Conduct
8 - Liquor Violations



Other Police Activity

Misc. activity that the officers have made reports on.

	2018	Change	2017
Ambulance Assists	225	10	215
Assist Other Agency	54	-76	130
Concern for Welfare	76	-40	116
Dogs/Cats Impounded	26	-1	27
Disturbances	64	-35	99
*Domestic Disturbances	43	-9	52
Funeral Escorts	33	-13	46
False Alarms	73	4	69
Lost/Found/Recovered Property	21	-10	31
Mental (Inc. Suicidal, etc)	30	13	17
Miscellaneous (Includes Informational Calls, Exchange of Information with other Depts, etc)	231	-31	262
Missing, Lost or Runaways	21	-4	25
Prowlers, Suspicious Persons/Activity Window Peepers, etc.	208	22	186
Public Assists/Misc. Public	223	5	218
Traffic- Hit and Run Accidents	32	2	30
Vacation Home Requests	2	-3	5

