



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

SIOUX FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Sioux Falls Police Department is to serve, protect, and promote quality of life in partnership with the community.

OUR VISION

The vision of the Sioux Falls Police Department is to be leaders in assuring quality of life, safety, and protection for every member of our community. This vision embraces the philosophy of community-oriented policing in all aspects of planning and operations.

WE VALUE

- *Honesty, integrity, and commitment to quality service throughout the department workforce.*
- *Respect, fairness, and compassion toward each and every member of our community*
- *Actions in partnership with the community that promote a sense of belonging, openness, continuity, and connection.*
- *The courage of every officer and staff member to act in the best interests of our community as a whole and to each of its members as individuals.*
- *The commitment of each officer and staff member to be actively engaged as contributing citizens in the community.*
- *Actions of the community at large to partner in promoting public safety, welfare, and growth of a diverse and vibrant community.*



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

The mission of the Sioux Falls Police Department is to serve, protect, and strengthen the quality of life in partnership with our community. With an authorized strength of 308 sworn officers and a total staff of 353, we remain committed to building strong relationships that keep our city safe, welcoming, and resilient. Community engagement and collaboration continue to guide our approach to public safety, and we are grateful for the trust and support we receive from those we serve.

Sioux Falls achieved significant public safety progress in 2025, with decreases across nearly every major crime category. Violent crime per capita reached a five year low, and property crime per capita fell 26% from 2024 to 2025. Although our growing population contributed to an increase in total crimes and raised calls for service to 130,532, overall crime per 1,000 residents has remained steady for the past decade. Property crime per capita has dropped 32% since its 2023 peak.

In 2025, reductions were seen across all major violent and property crime categories, including homicides, aggravated assaults, aggravated domestic assaults, robberies, rapes, burglaries, larcenies, and vandalism. Stolen vehicles saw the most significant decline, with 905 reported—down 34% from 2024 and 43% from 2023. These improvements reflect the impact of targeted messaging, community engagement, proactive enforcement, advanced technology, and strong collaboration with partner agencies, including coordinated saturation patrols.

Despite the increasing demands of a growing population—now exceeding 220,000 residents—the department continues to maintain high performance and exceptional service. The dedication of the men and women of the SFPD, supported by ongoing investments in training, technology, and equipment, remains central to our ability to ensure public safety.



Police Chief Jon Thum

We extend our sincere appreciation to Mayor Paul TenHaken, the City Council, and the residents of Sioux Falls for their continued commitment to public safety. As we move forward in 2026, we remain confident in our mission and in the strength of our community. Together, we will continue to face new challenges, embrace new opportunities, and work toward an even safer Sioux Falls.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Thum
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION



ASSISTANT CHIEF
Nick Cook



CAPTAIN
Terrance Matia



LIEUTENANT
Jessica Speckmeier



LIEUTENANT
Nick Butler



**POLICE RECORDS &
TECHNOLOGY MANAGER**
Jennifer Disburg

CHIEF

803 Jonathan Thum

ASSISTANT CHIEF

754 Nick Cook

CAPTAIN

806 Terrance Matia

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS LIEUTENANT

804 Nick Butler

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

713 Sam Clemens *(retired)*

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER/PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SERGEANT

737 Aaron Benson *(from Detectives)*

ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

771 Jessica Speckmeier

TRAINING SERGEANT

799 Marty Hoffman

ARMORER

857 Sgt. Nate Warren

TRAINING OFFICER

708 Bridget Devlin *(promoted to Sgt)*

864 Dan Thelen

913 Nick Billings *(to Detectives)*

916 Kylie Huemoeller *(from Patrol)*

943 Jeff MacFarlane

1027 Aaron Bobier *(from Traffic)*

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Betsy Odden

POLICE RECORDS & TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

Jennifer Disburg

LEAD RECORDS TECHNICIAN

Baleigh Weber

RECORDS CLERK

Joan Wynthein *(retired)*

Shirrel Moore *(retired)*

Shelly Bartels

Adriana Fajardo

Kelly Brandner

Micah Herrmann

Justin Glenn

Byron Westrup *(resigned)*

Madeline Worlie

Daniel Burlingame *(resigned)*

Emma Henrich *(resigned)*

Mason Brader *(resigned)*

Carmen Haack

Samantha Danish

POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING |

In 2025, the Training Section worked diligently to help the Sioux Falls Police Department achieve its staffing goals. This effort included hosting two regional academy classes, the 197th and 199th sessions, and onboarding two new hire classes, resulting in the addition of 43 new officers as the department continued to strive toward full staffing.

The ability to deliver a wide range of training also expanded in 2025 with the creation of a new training officer position — the department's first dedicated EVOC Coordinator. Annual in-service training was conducted across three in-person sessions, focusing on the continued development of tactical skills. It also included a department-wide transition from Taser 7 to Taser 10, supplemented by online learning courses.

This year also marked a second full year of operation at the new Public Safety Training Campus. The state-of-the-art facility hosted not only regional academy and in-service training but also a variety of specialized courses. These included leadership development programs such as NTOA Supervising Patrol Critical Incidents and Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, tactical skills training like basic and advanced SWAT, explosive breaching, and tactical rappel master courses, as well as advanced driving certifications in EVOC and PIT. Courses were offered to advance investigative skills to include Criminal Interdiction, Open Source Intelligence, Cryptocurrency, and SPI Homicide Investigations. Other offerings included ARIDE, Krav, CIT and Instructor Development courses, among many others. Together, these opportunities reflected the Training Section's commitment to the continuous growth and professional development of personnel at all ranks and across every assignment — building a stronger, more capable department from the newly hired officers to the command staff.

The Training Section had another highly productive year, successfully meeting its goals and overcoming challenges through the hard work and dedication of its staff. These achievements were made possible by the collaborative efforts of the department's Investigative and Uniformed Services Divisions, exemplifying the strength of a unified, multi-divisional team approach.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS |

In 2025, the Administrative Services section restructured the Professional Standards unit. Sergeant Aaron Benson joined the unit as a full-time investigator and replaced Officer Sam Clemens as the public information officer. Sgt. Benson handles daily media briefings, social media communications, media relations, many other media related tasks, as well as investigates departmental needs in the professional standards setting. The Professional Standards unit is assisted by four additional investigators as an ancillary duty.

POLICE RECORDS & TECHNOLOGY |

Over the past several years, law enforcement dynamics have shifted nationwide, and more departments are using civilian staff to offload responsibilities that do not require sworn police powers, including the Sioux Falls Police Department. In June, the department's online police reports were transitioned to Police Records. In addition to handling Phone Reports, Records Technicians now review and process all online reports. The benefit of using civilian personnel to assist with non-emergent police reports is that it frees sworn officers to refocus their efforts on core operational and/or investigative policing duties. This modernized practice has created internal efficiencies within the department, which ultimately benefits the community.

Throughout 2025, our records technicians completed 2,140 Coplogic Reports and 663 Phone Report police reports. The difference between these two reports is the manner in which they are handled. Phone reports are handled by a records technician establishing phone contact with the reporting party, gathering details, and physically writing a police report. Coplogic Reports are completed online by the reporting party in their own words. Records technicians then review the report and approve or reject, based on policy.

NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (NCIC) |

National Crime Information Center (NCIC) is an essential real-time information tool used by law enforcement to aid in information sharing and investigative work. Shared through a nation-wide database, NCIC is governed by the FBI and then managed state-to-state with designated assignments in each respective department. Based on the sensitive information handled through NCIC, strict adherence and close oversight administered through certification and regular audits.

NCIC for the Sioux Falls Police Department is managed through Police Records. The Lead Police Records Technician is responsible for the initial NCIC training and certification process, while the Records & Technology Manager coordinates system access, audits, and the recertification process.

In 2025, 10 NCIC classes were hosted locally for the Sioux Falls Police Department and surrounding law enforcement agencies.

Information accessed through NCIC includes missing or wanted people, stolen vehicles, driver's license information, etc. Between the Sioux Falls Police Department and partnering agencies with shared access to Central Square, a total of 1,083,945 NCIC queries were made throughout the year.

RECORD REQUESTS |

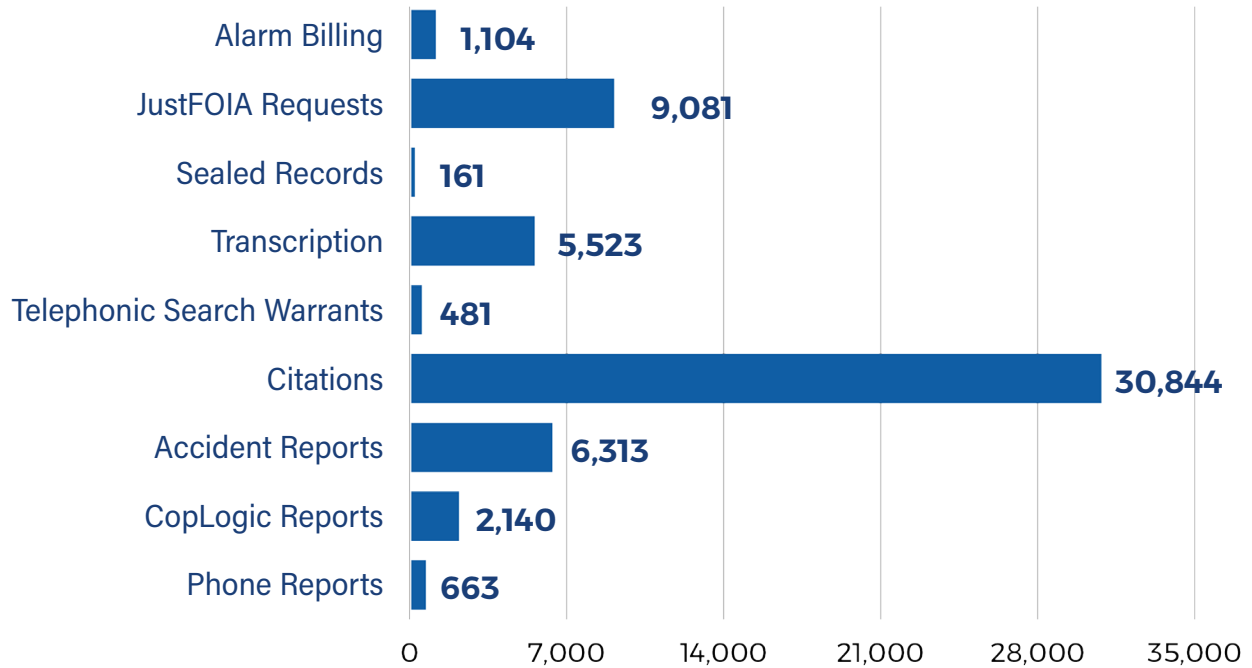
One of the most common requests received by Police Records is the request for reports. To help document those requests, our department utilizes Just FOIA software to track all our incoming and outgoing requests. This online portal allows the public to make formal requests, upload data, and receive information securely. Having a centralized database also allows our records and legal team to have immediate visibility, query requests seamlessly, and manage workflows with efficiency.

Whether it's requests for police reports, accident reports, crime trends, or background information, receiving information is critical to the public to build trust, maintain transparency, and create informed decision making. In 2025, 9,081 requests were processed.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE |

Sioux Falls Police purchased an Application Programming Interface (API) as part of our Central Square Technologies software. While this component is still being actively worked, the goal of the API allows other vendors to connect with the Central Square Records Management System and exchange data without the need for timely configuration or extensive manual intervention. With a functional API in place, additional law enforcement integrations can be added to the software with ease. Integrations are enhancements that work with the existing software to increase operability and resources available to law enforcement.

Work Processed by Police Records



UNIFORMED SERVICES



CAPTAIN
Adam Petersen
(to Support Services)



CAPTAIN
Jason Leach

UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 1



LIEUTENANT
Kevin Henkel



LIEUTENANT
Scott VanRoekel

SHIFT 1

774 Lt. Kevin Henkel
(to Support Services)

796 Lt. Scott VanRoekel

743 Sgt. John Spaeth

776 Sgt. Shawn Gordon

826 Sgt. Matt Walker

847 Sgt. Jake Harris *(to Detectives)*

866 Sgt. Jason Meyer

930 Sgt. Jason DeBoer

896 Sgt. Matt Dunn

934 Sgt. Jake Hansen

736 Tim Suurmeyer

746 Erin McGillvray

751 Chad Winkel

759 Andrew Mattson

761 Joe Trainor

773 Craig Boetel

825 Chris Schoepf *(from K9)*

832 Jeremy Krahn

837 Tom Brandt

852 Jonathan McMahon

853 Gabriel Isais

908 Carlos Puente

914 Ryan Baltazar

916 Kylie Huemoeller *(to Training)*

927 Josh Herman

931 Ben Wurgler

953 Ben Erickson

980 Rachel Relph

990 John Drenten *(from Traffic)*

991 Hayden Zeigler *(to Traffic)*

998 Jeff Van Gerpen

1013 Tanner Vlaminck

1021 Dat Do

1040 Seth Brown *(to Detectives)*

1067 Emilio Hernandez

1069 Joe Hayes

1103 Austin Eulberg

1104 Michael Curtis

1112 Rachel Vargyai

1115 Alexander Ivancevic

1124 Zachary Lorenzo

1133 Manuel Bernal

1134 Kyle Trebitowski

1144 Greg Pina

1146 Jeff Benesch

1211 George Babbage

1212 Tiana Bumbaca-Kuehl

1213 Spenser Farwell

1234 Seth Schincke

UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 1

Shift 1 continued to play a central role in supporting the safety and well-being of Sioux Falls residents throughout 2025. The shift relied on a data-informed deployment model that placed officers where service needs historically trend the highest, allowing for consistent coverage and rapid response across the city. This approach helped ensure that officers were already positioned near emerging activity, reducing response times and improving service delivery.

A major priority for the shift this past year was addressing quality-of-life concerns in the city's core. Officers focused on behavior-related issues—including disorderly conduct, alcohol violations, and nuisance activities such as panhandling—and used both enforcement and education to address these challenges. Officers frequently distributed informational materials outlining local resources, helping connect individuals with services that could support long-term solutions.

Officers also supported proactive operations with Downtown Sioux Falls and business partners to reduce criminal activity involving alcohol offenses, drug and firearm violations, stolen vehicles, trespassing, loitering, and the apprehension of individuals with outstanding warrants.

UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 2



LIEUTENANT
Robert Forster

SHIFT 2

791 Lt Robert Forster

861 Sgt. Rene Velasquez

(promoted to Lt.)

882 Sgt. Jenifer Suurmeyer

789 Sgt. Jason Montgomery

917 Sgt. Brady Fox

936 Sgt. Devon Wilson *(resigned)*

904 Sgt. Pete Prostrullo

1003 Sgt. Cole German

(to Detectives)

1024 Sgt. Logan Gooch

(from Detectives)

979 Sgt. Seth Meier *(from SRO)*

940 Sgt. Garrett Bruhn

(from Fugitive Task Force)

917 Sgt. Danijel Mihajlovic

(from Detectives)

819 Jason Holbeck

877 Chase Vanderhule *(retired)*

878 Ryan Baker

883 Landon Leveranz

951 Austin Feenstra

956 Austin Koester *(to Detectives)*

959 Scott Hildebrand

978 Ben Fiegen *(to Detectives)*

979 Seth Meier *(to SRO)*

987 Zach Hagberg

999 Ricky Horn

1004 Mauricio Marquez

1007 Jake Dykstra *(to SRO)*

1018 Dustin Jorgensen

1048 Austin VanDiepen *(to Parks)*

1061 Dylan Wynthein

1072 Tanner Pollema

1075 Samuel Buhr

1079 Nicholas Jensen *(to Parks)*

1091 Paul Halter

1094 Jackson Neal

1101 Robert Olson

1105 Shelby Kretzschmar

1109 Justin Purcell

1111 Kasey Lanning

1112 Rachel Vargyai

1113 Cory Myers *(to K9)*

1114 Logan Myers *(to Traffic)*

1116 Wade Miller

1119 Vasiliy Stefanyuk

915 Skyler Mathis

1122 Sierra Mechaley *(resigned)*

1131 Hannah O'Brien

1136 Christopher Riggins

1143 Kaitlyn Fangmann *(resigned)*

1155 Matthew Stangel

1156 Abigail Thomas

1157 Nikki Conrad

1162 M'Kayla Mike

1173 William Lacina

1174 Nicholas Greisiger

1176 Riley Zuhde *(resigned)*

1177 Seth Reiss

1184 Ruben Aguire

1187 Cady Gentile

1194 Joanne Bartscher

1203 Dayna Korthals

1205 Jacob Nester

1216 Jessalyn Runge

1217 Kyle Hartze

1220 John Vreugdenhil

1221 Dylan Benes

1225 Elijah Westerberg

1226 Matthew Cahill

1230 Quentin Brandt

1231 Brent Ekanger

1232 Wyatt Hodges

1233 Gwyneth Handel

1239 Kimberly Johnson

1240 Cory Scott

UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 2

Officers and sergeants on Shift 2 continued to advance the mission of the Sioux Falls Police Department throughout 2025. Our officers were actively engaged in the community, attending National Night Out, neighborhood block parties, and participating in programs such as police-and-kids shopping events and CAMP POSTCARD.

Shift 2 operated on ten-hour shifts covering 12 p.m. to 11 p.m., which allowed officers to respond to a wide range of calls for service while ensuring consistent coverage for the community. Throughout the year, officers handled several critical incidents, and both officers and sergeants performed admirably under challenging circumstances.

In addition to responding to calls, Shift 2 officers took part in proactive patrol assignments in collaboration with Downtown Sioux Falls and business owners across the city. These efforts focused on addressing alcohol violations, drug and gun crimes, stolen vehicles, loitering, trespassing, and locating and arresting individuals with active warrants.

Beyond their regular duties, many Shift 2 officers and sergeants served in department specialty units, sat on community boards, mentored youth, and contributed to numerous events throughout the year. In 2025, more than a dozen officers also served as Police Training Officers, an essential role in teaching, guiding, and shaping new officers entering the department.

Shift 2 would like to thank the Sioux Falls community for its continued support of our officers and sergeants. We also extend our appreciation to the members of our agency currently deployed around the world in service to our country, and we look forward to their safe return.

UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 3



LIEUTENANT
Scott Van Roekel



LIEUTENANT
Cullen McClure

SHIFT 3

796 Lt. Scott Van Roekel
(to Shift 1)

817 Lt. Cullen McClure
(from Detectives)

865 Sgt. Jill Winninger
905 Sgt. Cody Nachreiner
898 Sgt. Chad Westrum
900 Sgt. Trey Hunt
910 Sgt. Joseph Meath
839 Sgt. Mat Cook
899 Sgt. Rachel Schmeichel
708 Sgt. Bridget Devlin
(from Training)

801 Nic Stevens
879 Paul Frerichs *(to Traffic)*
887 Charles Skidmore
895 Andrew Pearson
934 Jacob Hansen *(promoted to Sgt.)*
1029 Jason Purkapile
1034 Dylan Stancer *(to Detectives)*
1051 Michael Cliff
1059 Sabrina Swanger

1060 Jordan Taylor
1071 Drew Zoellner
1074 Jake Juelfs
1085 Jack Wollman
1087 Nicholas Ashley
1106 Kaylea Scott
1110 Nathan Wills
1117 Christopher Pearson
1121 Brady Knodel
1125 Richard Strubel
1132 Lincoln Gassman
1141 Kyle Ball *(to Fugitive Task Force)*
1142 Dylan Von Holtum
1149 Alec Szczawinski
1150 Paige Bullerman
1151 Jack Talley
1152 Christopher Pierson
1153 Vincent Mox
1154 David Ruddy
1158 Brianna Zimmer
1161 Erik Kaldahl
1163 Alyssa Palmer
1172 Harley Robinson
1175 Ulises Trujillo

1180 Alfonso Erickson
1185 Marcus Vert
1189 Garret McCarthy
1196 Noah Gartner
1197 Hugh Daly
1076 Aaron Bennett *(to Traffic)*
1201 Tyler Matthews
1207 Kylea Tallbear
1210 Christopher Mailloux
1227 Jason Vultaggio

UNIFORMED SERVICES—SHIFT 3

As the citizens of Sioux Falls rest, Shift 3 officers remain awake and fully engaged in the mission of protecting life and property throughout the overnight hours. Officers continue to respond without hesitation to calls ranging from nuisance issues to violent crimes in progress. The night shift upholds a longstanding tradition of community engagement by remaining visible, approachable, and committed to applying community policing principles in every neighborhood we serve.

Throughout 2025, officers strengthened partnerships with homeowners, business owners, and neighborhood associations across Sioux Falls. These relationships continue to provide crucial insight into emerging issues and allow for collaborative problem-solving aimed at reducing crime and improving quality of life. Foot patrols, bike patrols, and proactive checks in residential and business districts remained a core part of our daily operations.

In 2025, the integration of the Real Time Information Center (RTIC) became a critical component of these efforts. RTIC data has provided real-time camera access, intelligence, and investigative support during crimes in progress, allowing officers to respond with greater precision and situational awareness. RTIC also assisted in evidence gathering by reviewing video footage, tracking suspect movements, and providing timely updates that helped lead to arrests for narcotics violations, weapons offenses, stolen vehicles, and violent offenders. This enhanced combination of fieldwork, data-driven policing, and real-time support strengthened officer safety and improved outcomes for the community.

Our commitment to a safe and vibrant downtown remained a major focus in 2025. As Sioux Falls' nightlife continues to grow, Shift 3 officers increased their presence in and around the entertainment district. Following the continued success of the Proactive Directed Patrol (PDP) program, the area again received additional staffing during weekend evening hours. Officers concentrated on the parking ramps, street approaches to late-night businesses, and high-traffic pedestrian areas. Regular walk-throughs of bars, restaurants, and open businesses fostered countless positive interactions with patrons, staff, and visitors.

As Sioux Falls continues to expand, Shift 3 remains committed to evolving with the community's needs while maintaining a strong, visible presence throughout the night hours. The dedication of Shift 3 officers, paired with data-driven strategies and meaningful community partnerships, ensures we continue to provide a safe and inviting environment for residents, workers, and visitors alike.

OPERATIONS & SUPPORT SERVICES



CAPTAIN
Jeff Garden
(retired)



CAPTAIN
Adam Petersen
(from Patrol)

OPERATIONS



LIEUTENANT
Jason Leach



LIEUTENANT
Rene Velasquez

OPERATIONS

794 Lt. Jason Leach *(promoted to Capt)*

861 Lt. Rene Velasquez *(from Patrol)*

SRO

834 Sgt. Eric Meyer

860 Sgt. Michelle Hockett

717 Tina Bruxvoort *(retired)*

732 Ryan Valland

735 Matt VanderVelde

787 Jon Gannon *(to Traffic)*

831 Darin Martyna

873 Shaun Drummond

875 Adam Healy

924 Andrew Parrott

928 John Estep

946 Andrew Ragland

947 Aaron Jensen

979 Seth Meier

(from Patrol/promoted to Sgt)

982 Erin Bertram

989 Dane Chernock

1007 Jacob Dykstra *(from Patrol)*

1015 Jesse Wiersma *(from Patrol)*

1023 Adam Neal

1098 Jason Banik *(from Patrol)*

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

741 Sgt. Tarah Walton

816 Brady Lieuwen

858 Kyle Johnson

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Susie Berger

Kathy MacArthur

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

In 2025, the School Resource Officer (SRO) unit served schools across Sioux Falls. The unit consisted of 14 SROs and two supervisors who worked to meet the diverse needs of the schools they served. The primary mission of the SROs is to create a safe and supportive environment where teachers can teach and students can learn. Beyond their presence during regular school hours, SROs also attended numerous events outside the classroom, including athletic events, school board meetings, and school dances.

School Resource Officers continue to make an impact on the community's youth by participating in programs that engage, teach, and promote positive behaviors. One such initiative is the Community Outreach Recognition Empathy (CORE) program, created in 2020 to strengthen relationships between SROs and students. CORE provides meaningful support to students who benefit from this experience. The program includes a special day where students enjoy a salon haircut, lunch at a restaurant of their choice, a shopping trip to Scheels, and fun activities at Thunder Road. Since its inception, CORE has impacted a total of 138 students and continues to build strong, lasting bonds between youth and SFPD officers.

They have also played a pivotal role in efforts to combat juvenile gun crime. By building trusted relationships with students, they have been able to gather valuable intelligence, which has contributed to proactive prevention and intervention. In addition, SROs have assisted with and made arrests connected to juvenile offenses, further supporting the safety of schools and the Sioux Falls community.

During the summer, SROs supported the overall mission of the SFPD by working in various roles. This included the fourth year of the Co-Responder program, which pairs an officer with a mental health professional from Southeastern Behavioral Health to respond to calls, freeing up patrol resources. This partnership remains a valuable resource for the community. Other SROs contributed by investigating juvenile cases, patrolling parks, working downtown, assisting with traffic services, and covering shifts.

The SROs were excited to return to their schools in the fall, where they focused on building positive, lasting relationships with students and ensuring the safety of their school communities. The School Resource Officer section is proud of its accomplishments and looks forward to continuing its commitment to the schools and families of Sioux Falls in the upcoming year.



COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER (CRO)

The Community Resource Officer (CRO) team had another productive year in 2025. Our CRO team and our Community Outreach Team (COT) supported community events attended by SFPD officers. This year, the team participated in 31 events. We want to thank our COT for all their hard work and for continuing to represent our department at community gatherings.

Spring always brings a fun and exciting atmosphere to the Sioux Falls Police Department as we host the Citizens' Police Academy, a 10 week program that gives participants a closer look at how the department operates. Academy participants interact with our officers and specialty teams including SWAT, CNU, Bomb, K9, and many more. This year, 31 participants graduated from the program.

CRO Kyle Johnson organized SFPD's involvement in National Night Out, a community building event which takes place in August. Members of our department visited 27 different gatherings across the city and continued our close partnership with Sioux Falls Fire Rescue (SFFR) to make the event a success.

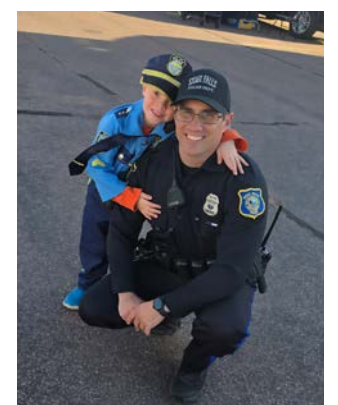
CRO Brady Lieuwen and members of the department attended our second annual Public Service Trunk or Treat in October. This event brought together various agencies in one location and was another success, attracting hundreds of kids and their families to a safe and secure trick or treat environment.

December wrapped up a fantastic year with the SFPD's three Holiday Shopping Events. Officers paired up with 85 kids to brighten their holidays and help them pick out special gifts. These events are always a wonderful way to connect with the community and spread joy. We want to thank our sponsors Walmart, Target, and Fleet Farm.

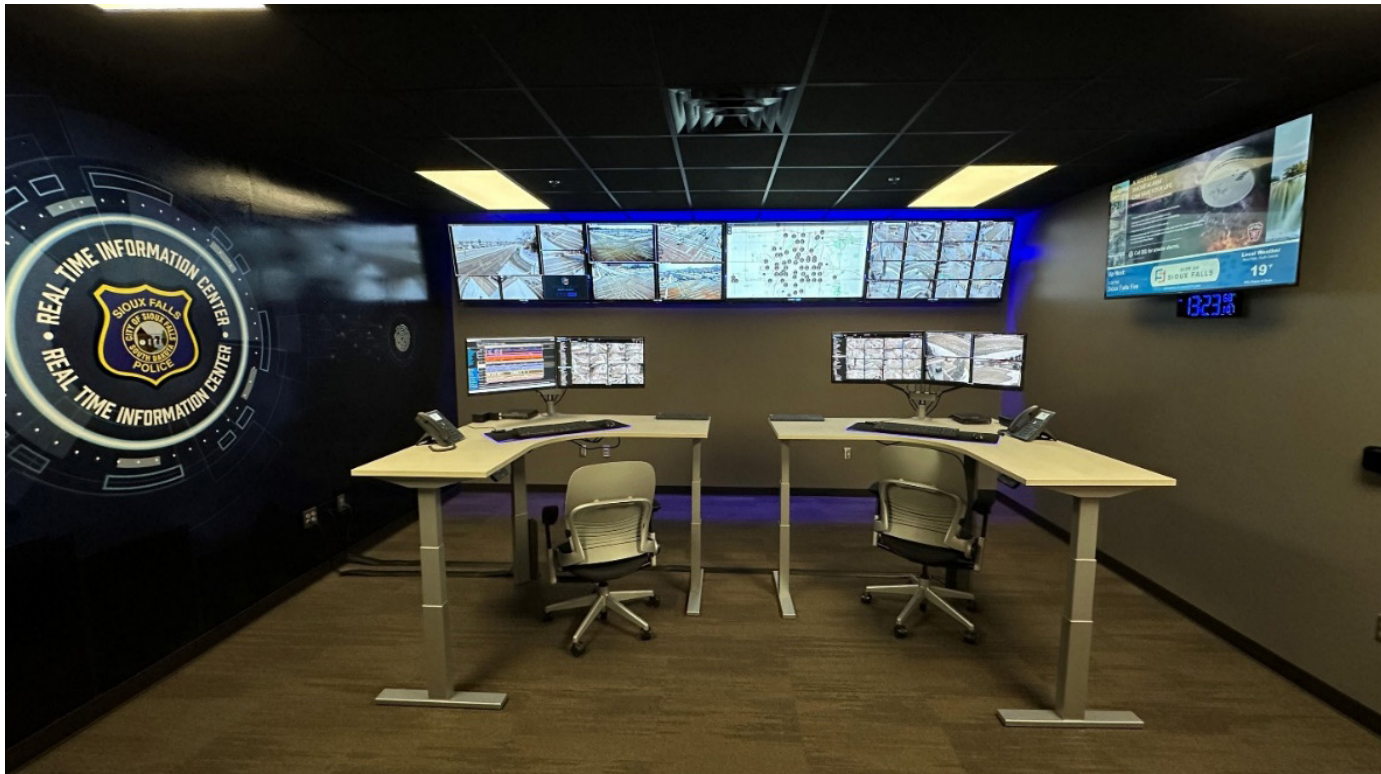
The CRO team also oversees the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and Peer Support Team (PST). Sergeant Walton organized two CIT training sessions, certifying 36 new members from across the state. The Peer Support Team continued to play a critical role in providing mental health support and strengthening connections within the department during critical incidents. These events

included debriefs, defusing's, one on one peer contacts, and follow ups.

2025 was a fantastic year for the Community Resource Officer section. We are proud of everything accomplished and look forward to continuing to build strong relationships with the community and to another great year in 2026.



REAL TIME INFORMATION CENTER



In 2025, the Sioux Falls Police Department launched the Real Time Information Center, a major step forward in leveraging technology to enhance public safety. The RTIC consolidates live video feeds from the city's camera network — including intersections, public buildings, parks, recreation trails, and public works infrastructure — and integrates data from automated license plate readers located throughout the city. This centralized hub gives officers and detectives real time situational awareness, investigative support, and faster response capabilities.

Staffed part time throughout the year, the RTIC produced measurable results. It assisted on **559 calls for service**, helped clear **165 calls**, and released **185 officers** from dispatched responses, freeing them for other duties. In addition, traffic camera video helped establish cause in **124 crashes** near monitored intersections.

A valuable tool within the RTIC has been the automated license plate reader technology, fully installed in mid June. The ALPR system directly contributed to **64 individual arrests**, the recovery of **37 stolen vehicles** valued at approximately **\$329,000**, and the seizure of **3 firearms**. It also supported investigations by clearing **52 case reports by arrest**, generating leads in **30 cases**, resolving **27 cases by other means**, and supporting the issuance of **3 arrest warrants**.

These early results demonstrate the RTIC's effectiveness as a force multiplier for the department — accelerating investigations, enhancing officer safety, and expanding the city's capacity to prevent and respond to crime while freeing patrol resources for proactive work.

SIoux FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (UAS) TEAM

The Sioux Falls Police Department's Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Team continues to serve as a valuable resource for public safety operations. The team is comprised of nine FAA Part 107 certified pilots, each trained to operate in a variety of mission environments. Our fleet currently includes six aircraft, which can be deployed based on the specific needs of an incident. A dedicated response vehicle ensures that equipment is centrally stored and allows for rapid deployment when time is critical.



To maintain transparency with the community, the department has established a policy requiring an annual report of UAS deployments. This report provides citizens with insight into how UAS technology is being utilized to enhance safety and support law enforcement operations.

UAS TEAM

The following are the UAS flight totals:

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

Date	Start Time	Mission Length (in minutes)	Assisted Agency
6/18/2025	01:37	40	SDHP
8/6/2025	08:30	40	SDANG

AERIAL PHOTO/VIDEO EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Date	Start Time	Mission Length (in minutes)
3/9/2025	18:50	30
3/27/2025	14:00	30
4/10/2025	10:55	20
5/9/2025	19:00	30
6/16/2025	13:55	30
8/6/2025	09:00	20
10/8/2025	17:10	15
12/16/2025	20:00	15

K9 - SEARCH / TRACKING

Date	Start Time	Mission Length (in minutes)
8/8/2025	4:40	15
9/29/2025	13:45	5

MISSING PERSON SEARCH

Date	Start Time	Mission Length (in minutes)
4/23/2025	22:45	30
8/5/2025	20:50	35

SWAT

Date	Start Time	Mission Length (in minutes)
2/12/2025	18:30	60
2/12/2025	19:18	60
3/7/2025	9:09	4
10/29/2025	17:45	75

PATROL-SEARCH/TRACKING

Date	Start Time	Mission Length (in minutes)
1/5/2025	8:10	40
1/10/2025	21:20	5
1/11/2025	3:00	90
1/11/2025	5:40	10
1/27/2025	19:00	15
2/1/2025	23:52	10
2/2/2025	0:29	10
2/25/2025	23:03	20
2/26/2025	1:05	18
4/12/2025	22:00	18
4/13/2025	1:50	3
5/1/2025	21:25	25
5/6/2025	0:07	20
5/14/2025	21:40	3
7/14/2025	2:30	25
8/3/2025	1:00	25
8/8/2025	3:45	8
8/8/2025	4:00	40
9/18/2025	3:24	30
9/26/2025	16:13	7
12/23/2025	16:10	5

TRAINING

Date	Start Time	Mission Length (in minutes)
5/14/2025	11:00	5
8/2/2025	8:00	10
10/27/2025	10:05	1
12/22/2025	10:30	10
12/22/2025	10:45	10
12/22/2025	11:00	10
12/22/2025	12:39	10
12/22/2025	18:15	10
12/23/2025	2:15	15
12/23/2025	13:20	5
12/23/2025	21:27	10

SUPPORT SERVICES



LIEUTENANT
Andy Siebenborn

SUPPORT SERVICES 802 Lt. Andy Siebenborn

TRAFFIC-DAY SHIFT

719 Sgt. Travis Olsen

733 Aaron Klein
755 Jason Christensen
787 Jon Gannon *(from SRO)*
792 Jeff Gillespie
972 Mark Toland
976 Richard Smith
1027 Aaron Bobier *(to Training)*

TRAFFIC-NIGHT SHIFT

862 Sgt. Joel Dalton

739 Hector Soto *(retired)*
879 Paul Frerichs *(from Patrol)*
990 John Drenten *(to Patrol)*
991 Hayden Zeigler *(from Patrol)*
1058 Daniel Shugar-Garza
1114 Logan Myers *(from Patrol)*
1076 Aaron Bennett *(from Patrol)*

SPECIAL EVENTS

823 Sgt. Cody Schulz

TRAFFIC CASE INVESTIGATORS

738 Chad Johnson
775 Marty Cahoy
969 Tyler Wynthein

PARKS

862 Sgt. Joel Dalton

715 Eric Kimball *(retired)*
922 Evan Larson
996 Shawn Nielsen
1048 Austin VanDiepen *(from Patrol)*
1079 Nicholas Jensen *(from Patrol)*

K-9

727 Sgt. Paul Smedsrud

710 Shannon Irish *(retired)*
824 Grant VanVoorst
825 Chris Schoepf *(to Patrol)*
1014 Amanda Fox
1113 Cory Myers *(from Patrol)*

REAL TIME INFORMATION CENTER

774 Lt. Kevin Henkel *(from Patrol)*

CRIME ANALYSTS

Lee Person *(retired)*
Murad Ibrahim

SUPPORT SERVICES

Support Services experienced another successful and productive year in 2025. This section is comprised of the SFPD Day and Night Traffic Officers, Day and Night Park Officers, K9 Unit, and Traffic Crash Investigators. While each unit has distinct responsibilities, they work collaboratively across the city to enhance public safety and quality of life for the residents of Sioux Falls.

In 2025, Traffic Officers were responsible for more than 253 driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests, contributing to a department-wide total of 972 DWI arrests. They also issued 11,491 citations, including traffic citations, parking citations, and written warnings, out of a department-wide total of 34,045. In addition, Traffic Officers assisted with more than 300 funeral escorts and, in coordination with other Support Services personnel, supported several large-scale residential and commercial building moves throughout the city.

The Traffic Section continued to prioritize enforcement efforts related to racing, exhibition driving, and high-speed violations. During 2025, the team participated in seven large-scale, multi-agency enforcement operations focused exclusively on these violations. Partner agencies included the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, South Dakota Highway Patrol, and representatives from both the Lincoln County and Minnehaha County States Attorney Offices. The department was also awarded an additional Office of Highway Safety (OHS) federal grant for the period of October 2025 through September 2026, providing funding for overtime enforcement related to speed, seatbelt compliance, and impaired driving.

SFPD Park Officers also had a demanding year in 2025. Park Officers assisted with more than 100 special events, including the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March, the Parade of Lights in November, and numerous other parades and festivals that attracted thousands of attendees. These duties were performed in addition to routinely patrolling more than 80 city parks. Park Officers also worked closely with event organizers to assist with the Assembly Permit process, helping ensure a safe environment while allowing participants to exercise their constitutional rights.

The Traffic Crash Investigators saw a slight increase in the number of fatal traffic crashes investigated in 2025, with a total of nine fatal crashes. By comparison, investigators handled eight fatal crashes in 2024, twelve in 2023, and eleven in 2022.

The K9 Unit remained highly active throughout the year, with K9s Bram, Rex, Hugo, Nico, and Nix continuing to serve the community in a variety of enforcement and support roles. In the fall of 2025, K9 Bram and his handler, Officer Shannon Irish, retired from the Sioux Falls Police Department. Additionally, in 2025, retired SFPD K9 Doerak experienced some significant health issues and quietly passed away with his former handler, and current SFPD Lt. Nick Butler at his side. All K9 teams successfully completed required certifications in 2025, and unit members also assisted with the certification of other K9 teams from agencies across the state.

S.W.A.T. |

The Sioux Falls Police Department SWAT team had 16 different deployment assists in 2025 and provided QRF coverage for 24 other related events ranging from VCU assists, parade coverage, and other event details. One event of note is the SFPD SWAT team assisted other areas of the department in the safe recovery of an infant that was the subject of an Amber Alert in March of 2025 during an execution of a Search and Arrest Warrant reference the kidnapping. The team also maintained a rigorous training schedule to ensure that all team members are expertly trained to meet the demands of the team and to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Sioux Falls. Finally, the team remained active in engaging the community during events in 2025.



SUPPORT SERVICES

BOMB SQUAD |

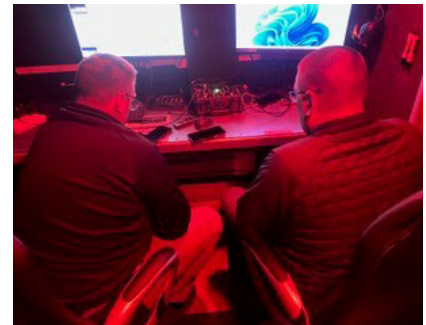
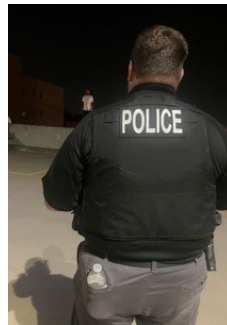
The Sioux Falls Police Department Bomb Squad responded to 14 incidents in 2025. The team assisted several Federal, State, and Local Agencies in the region to provide them with technical expertise. Commercial explosive recovery, military ordinance recovery, and improvised explosive devices were the most common responses. The team continued to assist the SWAT team when needed. The squad also provided demonstrations of our capabilities to the public on multiple occasions.

Long-time member, Lt. Rob Forster, left the unit after over 10 years of service, and Off. Lincoln Gassman was selected to fill his vacancy.



CNU |

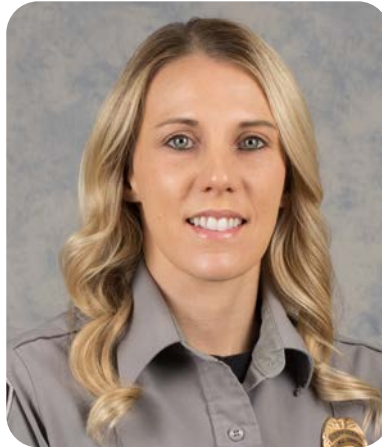
The Sioux Falls PD Crisis Negotiation Unit has had an excellent year working alongside the SWAT team in numerous call-outs in 2025. Several team members were able to attend an Advanced Crisis Negotiation Training held in Rapid City, SD in October 2025. The CNU was also able to host training for several other local law enforcement agencies in the surrounding area. During the summer, the CNU conducted a large-scale crisis negotiation scenario at Ben Reifel Middle School involving several role players in the event a negotiation would ever have to take place at the school. The Crisis Negotiation Unit also tested out a new cellular throw phone option which will hopefully provide additional opportunities to establish fruitful communications with individuals in future call outs.



MOBILE FIELD FORCE-PUBLIC ORDER UNIT |

In 2015 the SFPD established a Mobile Field Force unit in response to public disturbances that were on the rise in the United States. The SFPD team can respond to any civil disturbances in our community that lead to a threat of public safety and property destruction. The Sioux Falls Police Department works in coordination with the community to ensure that the right to express first amendment rights is protected while ensuring public safety. The right to express First Amendment free speech has a long-standing history in our community and nation, which is something the SFPD strives to ensure is protected. This team works closely with any groups in the community that are holding events to express their First Amendment freedom of speech. The team has been used to assist with large gatherings related to First Amendment right to peacefully protest. In 2025 the SFPD team was able to assist with several events in the community to assist in the right to peaceful protest.

ANIMAL CONTROL



SUPERVISOR
Patty Beckman

AC1 Supervisor Patty Beckman

AC2 Lead Thomas Rhoades

AC3 Ben VanLaar
AC4 Silhouette Smith
AC5 Colin Stanton *(resigned)*
AC5 Kevin Brown
AC6 Tanner Bruns *(resigned)*
AC6 Savannah Bender
AC7 Allen Richardson *(resigned)*
AC7 Sultan Lewis
AC8 Elsa Martinez
AC24 Derek Klawitter *(PT Wildlife Specialist)*

Mission Statement

"The mission of Sioux Falls Animal Control is to protect people and their pets by enforcing City and State Laws, reducing dangers from wildlife and promoting responsible pet ownership with providing exceptional customer service."

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control team is always striving to make a positive impact in their community along with educating pet owners on the importance of proper animal care and behavior. In 2025, Animal Control responded to over 18,000 calls for service and completed over 1,000 case reports.

The Animal Control team attended multiple events this year to get more involved with the community that they proudly serve. Some of these events included Safety Fairs, a Pop-Up Q&A at the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society, Touch a Truck, Public Safety Trunk or Treat, and multiple school presentations.

The Animal Control team is always willing to adapt and prepare to respond to the diverse demands of the job. In September, Animal Control Officers responded to a call where they had to remove two loose African Forest Cobras and a confined rattlesnake from an apartment. The officers were able to safely confine and remove all three snakes without anyone getting injured. All the snakes were safely transported to Reptile Gardens.

This year, Animal Control sent in 73 bats to be tested for the rabies virus. Four of those bats came back positive for the rabies virus. To keep your pet safe from any rabies exposure, Animal Control promotes vaccinating your animals.



HONOR GUARD

The Sioux Falls Police Department Honor Guard served the community and region throughout 2025 with professionalism and respect. Our 14-member team participated in 15 events, representing the department at ceremonies, memorials, and community gatherings. This year, members traveled to honor Nebraska State Trooper Kyle McAcy and Wyandotte County Sheriff's Deputy Elijah Ming, both killed in the line of duty. The team also led funeral services for retired SFPD Officer Greg Smidt (1989–2013).

In addition to memorial duties, the Honor Guard supported Academy Graduations, Naturalization Ceremonies, the Heart Walk, Take Back the Night, the Key to the City Game, and several flag presentation requests. The team continued its annual traditions, taking part in the South Dakota Law Enforcement Memorial in May and hosting the 16th Annual Project Blue Light at The Empire Mall, honoring the 71 fallen South Dakota officers.

Through every ceremony and event, the Honor Guard demonstrates the values and professionalism that define our department.



CAREER CADETS

In 2025, the Sioux Falls Police Department continued the Career Cadet program and currently has five active Cadets. This program is designed to connect individuals interested in a law enforcement career with higher education opportunities while exposing them to the many career paths within the department.

Through a partnership with Southeast Technical College (STC), Career Cadets receive scholarships toward classes in the Law Enforcement Science program. Throughout the year, cadets participated in a wide range of activities, from community events with Community Resource Officers to reality-based training scenarios with the Training Section, giving them hands-on experience in core operational functions.

In 2025, SFPD Cadets also assisted the Traffic Section with abandoned-vehicle calls, gaining experience in a support duty that provides an important service to the community. Each cadet is paired with a mentor officer who offers guidance, support, and insight throughout the program.

The Career Cadets program will continue to grow and evolve as the department invests in the future of law enforcement in Sioux Falls. The primary goal remains the same: to provide meaningful career development for individuals who wish to serve their community.



Alexander **Fenwick**



Brock **Kavanagh**



Caden **Marko**



Jaden **Wajer**



Elijah **Fenner**

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



CAPTAIN
Mike Colwill

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES



LIEUTENANT
Aaron Nyberg



LIEUTENANT
Randy Brink



LIEUTENANT
Candi Gearman

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

745 Captain Mike Colwill

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

720 Lt. Aaron Nyberg

740 Sgt. Sean Kooistra

817 Sgt. Cullen McClure *(promoted to Lt.)*

1003 Sgt. Cole German *(from Patrol)*

790 Shellie Carpenter

822 Pat Mertes

851 Jacob Joffer

884 Ian Branch

941 Logan Eilers

1002 Melinda Mitchell

1019 Christine Branch

1024 Logan Gooch *(promoted to Sgt.)*

1030 Kyle Oshsner

1035 Morgan Black

1039 Carter Hand

1068 Mason Millard

1138 Mark Lensing

VIOLENT CRIME UNIT

848 Sgt. Peter Blankenfeld

815 John Gross

923 Dirk Anker

950 Zach Nolz

952 Nelson Leacraft

994 Scott Seiner

1063 Brian Mayberry

1020 Christian O'Brien

1034 Dylan Stancer *(from Patrol)*

1063 Brian Mayberry *(resigned)*

PROPERTY CRIMES

757 Lt. Randy Brink

758 Sgt. Paul Creviston

737 Sgt. Aaron Benson *(to Admin)*

848 Sgt. Jake Harris *(from Patrol)*

721 Eric Lewis *(retired)*

726 Steve Redmond

729 Curt Daughters

762 Tim Englund

770 Chris Bauman *(retired)*

798 Scott Nelson *(from Narcs)*

818 Greg Logan

829 Jon Dravland

844 Travis Beltman

854 Justin Reiter

872 Brad Bunkers

918 Bo Jans

956 Austin Koester *(from Patrol)*

963 Geno Maule

NARCOTICS

757 Lt. Randy Brink

750 Sgt. Ryan Flogstad

798 Scott Nelson *(to PCS)*

841 Chris Jasso

843 Danijel Mihajlovic *(promoted to Sgt.)*

913 Nick Billings *(from Training)*

944 Eric Olson

962 Trent Ehler

978 Ben Fiegen *(from Patrol)*

984 Nick Eilers

1040 Seth Brown *(from Patrol)*

CRIME LAB

Lt. Candi Gearman

FORENSIC SPECIALISTS

Jackie Wynia

Erin Bopenhagen

Jaime Clemans

Samantha Hayek

Dustin Haffeman

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN

Hannah Bennett

Adam Uribe

Laurie Smith

ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANT

Amy Wagner

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

CRIME LAB |

The SFPD Crime Lab is currently fully staffed with six Forensic Specialists, three Police Evidence Technicians, and two part-time employees. Interviews for an additional Forensic Specialist were conducted in December 2025 with an anticipated hire date in early 2026.

The Crime Scene unit responded to 341+ calls for service in 2025. The Controlled Substance discipline (drug testing) had over 1981 requests for testing. The Crime Lab's Property and Evidence Section was responsible for maintaining over 155,000 items of evidence and overseeing all incoming/outgoing evidence throughout this past year. The Crime Lab also collected and properly disposed of 1507 pounds of prescription drug medication through the department's Prescription Take Back Program.

The Crime Lab successfully maintains ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation in the area of controlled substances through ANAB (ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board) and no nonconformances were found by the auditors in 2025.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS |

In 2025, the Crimes Against Person section was comprised of 8 general crimes detectives, 2 domestic violence crimes detectives, 1 detective assigned to Internet Crimes against Children, and 1 detective assigned to the Sex Offender Registry. Detectives investigated 6,598 cases, including 11 homicides.

The CAP team works closely with law enforcement and non-law enforcement partners to solve cases and provide resources for victims of crimes. Some of the agencies the team partners with include the Minnehaha County and Lincoln County States' Attorney's Office, Child Protection Services, Child's Voice, Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety, Compass Center, Rape and Domestic Violence Abuse Center, Minnehaha County Domestic Violence Council, Suicide Prevention Task Force, the Minnehaha County Coroner's Office, and the Child Death Review Board. The CAP team also provides training for Sioux Falls Police Recruits as well as the South Dakota Law Enforcement

Academy Recruits. The Sex Offender Registry Detective registered 1,038 sex offenders in Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County. The Sex Offender Registry has two part time officers that assist in completing the registrations.

The Minnehaha County Fugitive Task Force is staffed by one detective from the Sioux Falls Police Department. Detective Bruhn served on the task force until his promotion in October of 2025. In October, Kyle Ball was assigned to replace Bruhn on the Fugitive Task Force.

In April of 2025, Sgt. McClure was promoted to Lieutenant and transferred to Uniform Services. Sgt. Cole German transferred to CAP to replace McClure.

The CAP section added one new detective in 2025. Mark Lensing transferred into the unit to replace Detective Gooch who was promoted to sergeant. In January of 2026, Michael Curtis will transfer into CAP to bring the total number of detectives in the unit to thirteen.

VCU |

Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) is a proactive unit of detectives that are responsible for quality-of-life issues as they relate to violent offender activity, weapons violations, and drug enforcement. VCU detectives investigate crimes such as drive-by shootings, robberies/carjackings, aggravated assaults, and homicides. VCU detectives are also tasked with tracking gang members and gang activity in the Sioux Falls area. VCU reports to the Investigative Services Division of the Sioux Falls Police Department.

VCU's main goal is to reduce violent crime in Sioux Falls over the course of the year. In an effort to reduce violent crime VCU coordinated several intelligence led operations over the year with our other safety partners such as Homeland Security Investigations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department, the United States Marshal Service, and the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation. The operations were successful in apprehending some of the most violent offenders in the community in order to hold them accountable in the court system.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES

PROPERTY CRIMES |

The Property Crimes Section comprised of property crimes and fraud detectives had another very busy year, investigating 10,147 cases. This was an increase of 948 from 2024.

The Sioux Falls Police Department has continued to focus on ways to make it more convenient for the public to report crimes. In continuing that effort, the use of on-line reporting has been expanded. In 2025 the Sioux Falls Police Department received 4,047 on-line reports.

Stolen vehicles continue to be a problem in Sioux Falls. In 2025, the Property Crime Section investigated 905 cases of stolen vehicles. The overwhelming majority of these cases are vehicles that were unlocked with the keys inside the vehicle. Detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens and Sgt. Benson, worked on educating the public in hopes of reducing the numbers of stolen vehicles. In late 2023, the City Council unveiled a new community awareness campaign, "Lock It and Pocket". The goal of the campaign is to educate the public on the importance of locking cars to prevent theft. Residents seen ads for the campaign on the internet, whether through Google, Facebook, Instagram, or even Spotify. The efforts of educating the public appear to have made a difference and the number of vehicles stolen was slightly reduced in 2024 down to 1,366. In 2025 the continued efforts of the public education along with targeted enforcement seen a reduction from 1,366 to 905. This was a decrease of 461. The public education and enforcement efforts will continue in 2026.

The Property Crimes Section investigated an increasing number of cases involving firearms being stolen from unlocked vehicles. Detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens and Sgt. Benson, have sent out numerous educational reminders about securing firearms inside of a residence and not leaving them unattended.

In 2025, the fraud section investigated several cases of phone, email, and various frauds pertaining to gift cards and crypto currency. Scammers have been contacting victims

through various means claiming to be law enforcement, the IRS, or the Social Security Office then demand gift cards or crypto currency to take care of non-existent warrants or debt. Detectives, along with Public Information Officer Sam Clemens and Sgt. Benson, have worked on educating the public in hopes of reducing the number of victims. In late 2025 the fraud section developed an educational flyer that was placed on bitcoin machines with reminders of how scammers are targeting residents.

NARCOTICS |

The Narcotics section and the Sioux Falls Area Drug Task Force (SFADTF) had yet another very busy year in the Sioux Falls area. The SFADTF focused investigative efforts on all levels from low level to large multi-state drug trafficking organizations. In 2025, the SFADTF seized over \$75,000.00 in US currency and property as a result of their investigations. During 2025, there were 2,043 investigative cases, 520 operations, 89 search warrants served, and 89 firearms seized.

Methamphetamine and marijuana are the top two drugs that narcotic detectives physically encounter. In 2025, the SFADTF seized over 77 pounds of methamphetamine and 79 pounds of marijuana.

Overdoses continue to significantly affect the Sioux Falls area. The SFADTF has three detectives assigned to investigate all accidental narcotic related overdoses. The majority of overdoses were opioid or methamphetamine related. The SFADTF investigated 49 known overdose calls in 2025. Overdose death investigations decreased from 23 in 2024 to 22 in 2025. Most opioid related deaths were due to ingestion of the deadly synthetic opioid fentanyl. The SFADTF was able to successfully investigate several fentanyl dealers in the Sioux Falls area and hold them accountable. The SFADTF seized over 687 grams of fentanyl.

TRANSITIONS

NEW HIRES

May Class



#1243
Kaeley Dixon



#1244
McKayla
Foust-Newton



#1245
Joshua Zweydorff



#1246
Chelsea Reynolds



#1247
Karli Breuchel



#1248
Corin Brown



#1249
Brandon Butcher



#1250
Nash Lininger



#1251
Dillon Woodley



#1252
Lisa Smith



#1253
Annika Johnson



#1254
Isabele Johnson



#1255
Luke Flaten



#1256
Unity Anderson



#1257
Andrico Rolle



#1258
Kathryn Murphy



#1259
Victoria Schotanus



#1260
Chloe Andrews



#1261
Cole Toovey



#1262
Seth Gabbert



#1263
Dillon Jensen



#1264
Jacob Rader



#1265
Megan Sheppard



#1266
Kyler Vander Velde



#1267
Ariel Morales
Castillo

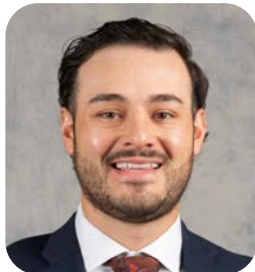


#1268
Isaiah Laguna

TRANSITIONS

NEW HIRES

October Class



#1269
Trevor Weddle



#1270
Riley Zammert



#1271
Craig Wexler



#1272
Blake Budde



#1273
Lindsey Mossman



#1274
Dietrich Ekstrom



#1275
Julia Schechinger



#1276
Austin Weldon



#1277
Denver Decker



#1278
Jason Burton



#1279
Kaleb Nyhaug



#1280
Collin Eichhorn



#1281
Zach Bankowski



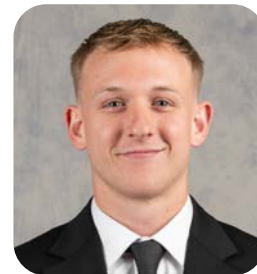
#1282
Mason Beck



#1283
Joel Christensen



#1284
Emma Johnson



#1285
Dexter Wiese

TRANSITIONS

NEW HIRES

New Records Employees



Carmen Haack began as a new Records Technician.



Daniel Burlingame began as a new Records Technician.



Emma Heinrich began as a new Records Technician.



Madeline Worlie began as a new Records Technician.



Mason Brader began as a new Records Technician.



Samantha Danish began as a new Records Technician.

New Animal Control Officer



Elsa Martinez began as a new Animal Control Officer.



Murad Ibrahim began as the new Crime Analyst.

New Crime Analyst

TRANSITIONS

PROMOTIONS



Detective Danijel Mihajlovic was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Jon Thum.



Detective Garrett Bruhn was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Jon Thum.



Sergeant Rene Velasquez was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Jon Thum.



Lieutenant Jason Leach was promoted to Captain by Chief Jon Thum.

TRANSITIONS

PROMOTIONS



Officer Bridget Devlin was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Thum..



Officer Jake Hansen was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Jon Thum.



Officer Seth Meier was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Jon Thum.



Sergeant Cullen McClure was promoted to Lieutenant by Chief Jon Thum.



Detective Logan Gooch was promoted to Sergeant by Chief Jon Thum.

TRANSITIONS

RETIREMENTS



Detective Chris Bauman retired after 22 years of service.



Detective Eric Lewis retired with over 25 years of service.



Captain Jeff Garden retired with over 25 years of service.



Officer Sam Clemens retired after 25 years of service.



Officer Hector Soto retired after 23 years of service.



Officer Tina Bruxvoort retired after 24 years of service.

TRANSITIONS

RETIREMENTS



Records Technician Shirrel Moore retired after 21 years of service.



Records Technician Joan Wynthein retired after 24 years of service.



Crime Analyst Lee Person retired after 12 years of service



Officer Chase Vanderhule retired after 12 years of service.



Officer Eric Kimball retired after 25 years of service.



Officer Shannon Irish and Police Service Dog Bram retired in November. Officer Irish had over 25 years of service and Bram had 7 years of service.

AWARDS



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Tanner Vlaininck was named Officer of the Year for 2025.



SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Sergeant Brady Fox was named Supervisor of the Year for 2025.



CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Police Administrative Assistant Betsy Odden was named Civilian Employee of the Year for 2025.

AWARDS

MEDAL OF VALOR



Officer Jackson Neal was presented a Medal of Valor by Chief Jon Thum.



Officer Kyle Ball was presented a Medal of Valor by Chief Thum.



Officer Sam Buhr was presented a Medal of Valor by Chief Jon Thum.



In September, Chief Jon Thum presented the following awards to members of the SFPD Violent Crimes Unit for their actions during two recent officer involved shooting incidents:

Det. Dirk Anker—Medal of Valor and Blue Star

Det. Christian O'Brien—Medal of Valor

Det. Nelson Leacraft—Medal of Valor

Det. Brian Mayberry—Medal of Valor (2)

AWARDS

LIFE SAVING AWARDS



Officer Kyle Ball was presented a Life Saving Award by Lieutenant Scott VanRoekel.



Officer Jacob Nester and Officer Nikki Conrad received Lifesaving Awards in November.



Officer Ricky Horn was presented a Life Saving Award by Sergeant Brady Fox.

AWARDS

DIVISION COMMENDATION



Officer Tanner Vlamincik was presented a Division Commendation from Captain Jason Leach.



Sergeant Peter Prostrullo was presented a Division Commendation from Captain Jason Leach.

SHIFT COMMENDATION



Officer Amanda Fox was presented a Shift Commendation by Sergeant Jason Montgomery.



Officer Jason Holbeck was presented a Shift Commendation by Lieutenant Robert Forster.



Officer Kaitlynn Fangmann was presented a Shift Commendation by Sergeant Jenifer Suurmeyer.



Officer Ricky Horn was presented a Shift Commendation by Sergeant Jason Montgomery.

AWARDS

OTHER AWARDS



Sgt. Cody Schulz was awarded the Clark Quiring Award of Excellence by Chief Jon Thum.



Officer Adam Healy was presented a Section Commendation by Lieutenant Jason Leach.



Sam Hayek received a Section Commendation.



Animal Control Officer Silhouette Smith was presented a Chief's Commendation by Chief Jon Thum.



Officer Jason Vultaggio was presented the Top Gun award during the LET Academy Graduation

SPECIAL EVENTS

COFFEE WITH A COP



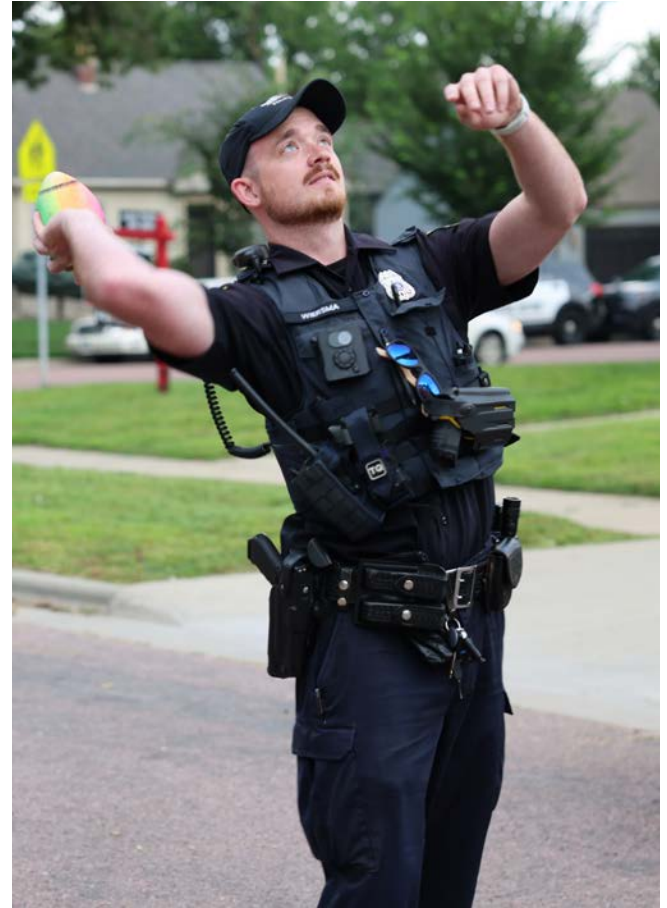
SPECIAL EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



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SPECIAL EVENTS

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF POLICE STAFF & COMMAND

We are proud to recognize the graduation of nine members of the Sioux Falls Police Department from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC).

The School of Police Staff & Command is widely regarded as the most academically rigorous leadership program for experienced mid- and upper-level law enforcement supervisors. SPSC offers an unparalleled education in public safety leadership and management, preparing officers to succeed in senior command roles and to lead organizations through increasingly complex challenges.

Our members were part of Class 617, which included 20 law enforcement leaders from seven agencies across two states. The class represented agencies ranging in size from 30 officers to more than 300, with professional experience spanning eight to over 26 years.

Completion of this intensive 10-week leadership program reflects a significant commitment to professional growth, strategic leadership, and service to the community. We commend our graduates for their dedication and are proud of the leadership they continue to bring back to the Sioux Falls Police Department.

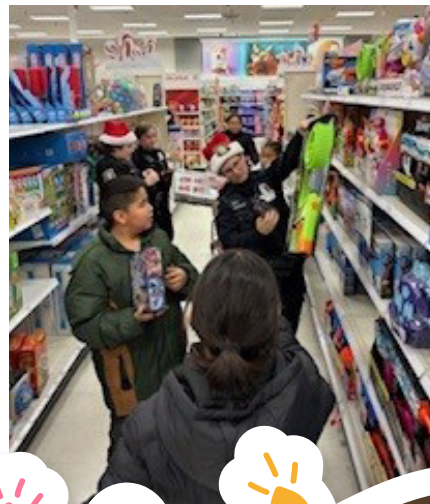
Congratulations to all the graduates of Class #617!



L to R: Lt. Scott Van Roekel, Lt. Jessica Speckmeier, Cpt. Jason Leach, Lt. Nick Butler, Sgt. Travis Olsen, Sgt. Pete Blankenfeld, Lt. Rene Velasquez, Lt. Cullen McClure, Sgt. Eric Meyer

SPECIAL EVENTS

SHOPPING EVENTS



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SPECIAL EVENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT



STATISTICS

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
CRIME STATISTICS										
Calls for Service (Incidents)	103,698	105,865	122,771	125,885	127,477	128,196	127,089	127,783	130,246	130,532
Murder	6	10	8	7	13	5	7	2	16	11
Rape	160	122	128	121	116	119	90	66	71	69
Aggravated Assault	345	306	330	379	557	517	560	627	562	502
Aggravated Assault Domestic	276	256	270	343	460	444	471	420	446	355
Simple Assault	619	697	716	860	902	890	968	1,076	1,002	1,058
Simple Assault Domestic	907	855	857	1,014	1,313	1,233	1,283	1,127	1,191	1,085
Runaways	712	546	629	583	569	673	700	708	709	587
Robberies	132	103	119	98	136	113	169	144	147	127
Burglary	896	667	682	718	775	819	858	825	763	521
Stolen Vehicles	697	544	638	759	1,121	1,337	1,361	1,602	1,366	905
Larceny	4,822	4,545	5,049	5,321	5,333	5,427	5,847	6,079	5,961	4,653
Vandalism	1,762	1,590	1,447	1,621	1,894	1,815	2,003	2,315	2,107	1,733
Forgery	324	302	369	277	230	170	191	158	159	180
Fraud	785	731	677	671	630	606	809	904	826	1,006
Embezzlement	139	129	128	131	176	177	175	189	155	152
Arson Investigations	48	47	41	31	47	40	43	35	31	41
Total Narcotics Cases	2,772	2,992	2,856	3,043	2,893	2,658	2,191	2,241	2,320	2,223
DRUG SEIZURES										
Cocaine/Crack (grams)	1,406.17	839.57	541.42	2,019.66	158.74	71,438.86	905.89	2,512.43	4,392.26	1,088.58
Methamphetamine (pounds)	37.98	11.16	56.32	133.35	64.26	129.92	65.49	75.71	90.44	77.05
Marijuana (pounds)	114.797	284.883	91.42	114.26	138.73	136.26	125.49	117.26	32.61	85.30
Heroin (grams)	91.81	139.85	3,828.85	35.63	281.44	18.71	24.37	29.9	43.85	8.75
Fentanyl (grams)	1	4	1,209	47.72	308.13	2,028.01	974.55	3,119.67	5,116.92	687.07
Synthetic Marijuana (grams)	804.04	373.44	392.39	613.01	19.73	145.39	498.47	694.86	188.62	165.85
Ecstasy (tablets)	0	2	8	44	8.5	13	44.5	0	1,148	3
Meth Labs:	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAFFIC STATISTICS										
Total Citations Issued	29,491	32,283	24,607	24,322	25,282	25,741	23,015	21,920	24,721	25,646
Speeding General	6,543	8,512	5,001	6,570	9,032	8,193	7,280	6,858	8,787	7,677
Child Restraint Enforcement	233	133	83	82	61	104	77	72	86	104
DWI Arrests	1,152	1,220	1,009	904	862	870	769	739	796	830
No Drivers License	1,957	1,938	1,512	1,378	1,273	1,563	1,410	1,380	1,703	1,603
Driving while Suspended	1,092	1,434	956	889	705	725	736	645	719	793
Driving while Revoked	309	367	220	183	155	180	166	154	173	204
Total Drivers Lic Violations	3,358	3,739	2,688	2,450	2,133	2,468	2,312	2,179	2,595	2,600
No Proof of Insurance	5,444	5,895	4,369	3,885	3,453	3,807	3,331	3,122	3,367	3,586
Total Motor Vehicle Accidents	5,976	6,017	6,442	6,877	5,546	6,757	6,850	6,837	6,769	6,847

IN MEMORY



*Officer Gerald Arens,
retired in 1989*



*Officer Greg Schmit,
retired 2013*



*K9 Officer Doerak,
retired in 2020*

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