

Hastings Police Department



Annual Report
2024

Administration

Chief of Police

David D. Wilske

Deputy Chief

Bryan Schowalter

Commander

Kyle Linscheid

Administrative Services Manager

Mary Cofer

DEDICATED TO OFFICER ALBERT JACOBSON
END OF WATCH JULY 10, 1894



On the Cover: Deputy Chief Schowalter and HPD officers join fellow first responders in a standing tribute at the memorial service for Burnsville fallen officers and firefighter on Feb. 28, 2024.

About Hastings PD

31

Sworn Personnel

8

Non-Sworn Personnel

20K

Calls for Service

3

Divisions

1

K9 Team

Hastings Police
Department
150 3rd Street East
Hastings MN 55033
651-480-2300

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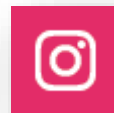
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Chief's Message



Welcome to the Hastings Police Department's Annual Report for 2024. This year has been one of growth, dedication, and reflection as we continue our commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

Department Growth and Expansion

In 2024, we were pleased to welcome three new officers to the department: Officer Mike Running, Officer Terry Kuhn, and Officer Brandon Kucharski. These officers have already proven to be valuable members of our team, and we are excited to see the positive impact they will have on our community.

Additionally, we are proud to announce that the department has been approved to add a second School Resource Officer for the 2025 school year. This addition will further enhance the safety and support for the students and staff within the ISD 200 school district.

Honoring Sacrifice

This year has also been marked by tragic events. On February 18, 2024, the Burnsville Public Safety Department tragically lost three of its finest officers and personnel in the line of duty: Officer Paul Elmstrand, Officer Matthew Ruge, and Firefighter/Paramedic Adam Finseth. The Hastings Police Department stood in solidarity with our colleagues, providing assistance on the day of this heartbreaking incident and offering continued support to the Burnsville community in the weeks that followed, ensuring their personnel had the time and resources needed to process this immense loss.

Reserve Program and Community Support

Our Police Reserve Program remains a vital component of our department's operations. In 2024, reserve officers collectively volunteered over 2,000 hours. Reserve Officer Thierry Auge led the program with an impressive 536 hours of service, earning him the Reserve Officer of the Year award. Reserve Officer Ron Riemenschneider, who volunteered 367 hours, was recognized as the Reserve Rookie of the Year. We encourage you to thank our Reserve Officers when you encounter them at city events, as their contributions play an essential role in ensuring safe and secure experiences for all members of our community.

Crime Reduction and Officer Training

The dedication of our officers has yielded significant results in public safety. In 2024, our officers conducted over 3,300 traffic stops and responded to more than 20,000 calls for service. We are proud to report a 24% reduction in Crimes Against Persons and a 9% decrease in Property Crimes. Our Records Division also observed a 22% increase in Open Data Requests, which is definitely keeping them busy.

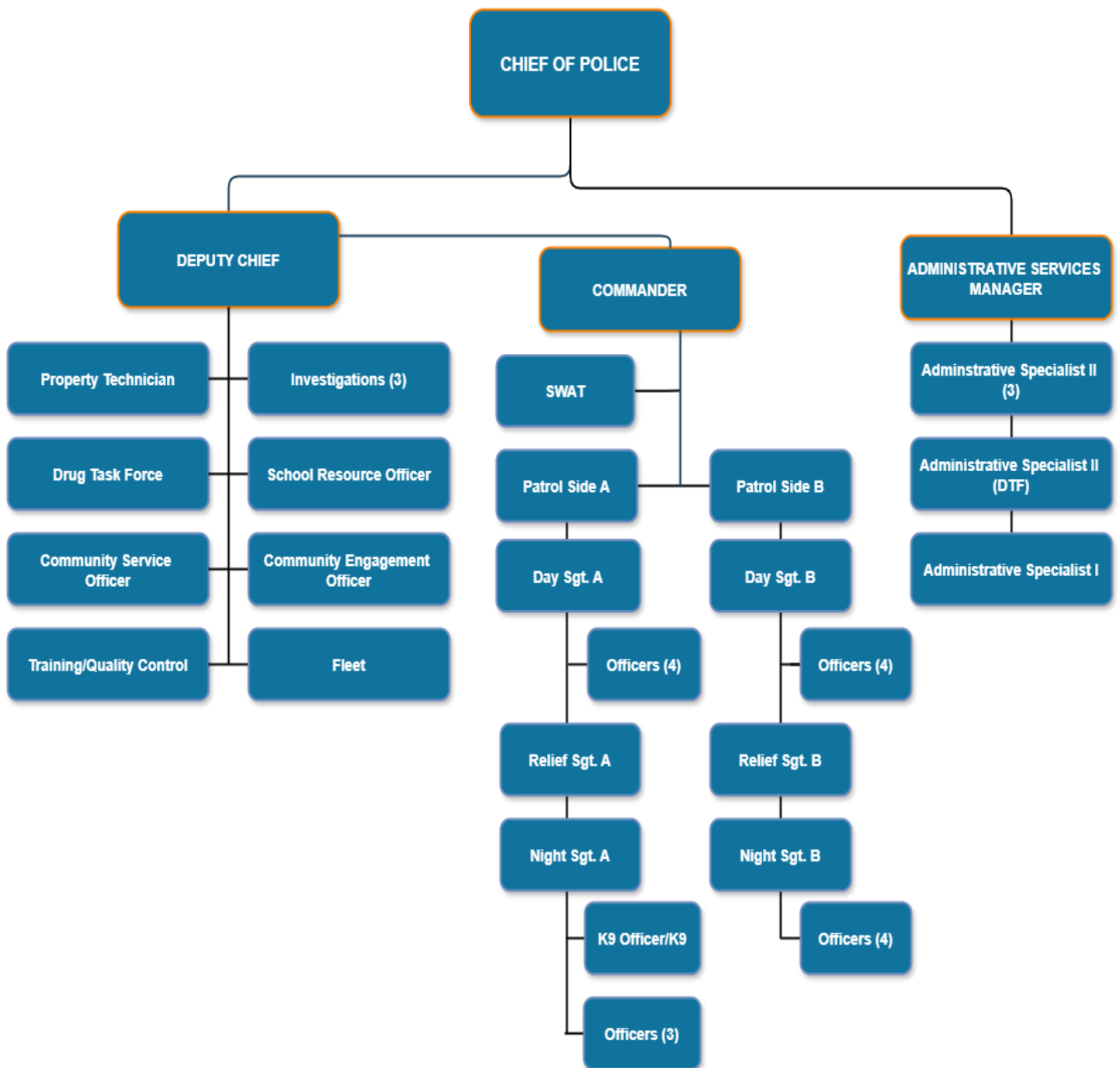
Additionally, our officers completed over 2,000 hours of in-service training to stay updated on the latest techniques, tools, and practices necessary to keep the City of Hastings safe. Thank you for your continued support to the Hastings PD, it is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David D. Wilske".

Chief Dave Wilske

Organizational Chart



2024 Authorized Strength

Sworn Police Officers / Full Time

31

Civilian / Full Time

6

Civilian / Part Time

2

Employee Roster

ADMINISTRATION

David Wilske, Chief of Police
Kyle Linscheid, Commander

Bryan Schowalter, Deputy Chief
Mary Cofer, Administrative Services Manager

SUPPORT SERVICES

Brenda McGrath, Administrative Specialist II
Ginger Glaser, Administrative Specialist II
Stephanie Taylor, Administrative Specialist I

Kathy Belisle, Administrative Specialist II
Tina Gipson, Administrative Specialist II (DTF)
Richard Brown, Property Room Technician

SERGEANTS

Chris Nelson, Patrol Sergeant
Dave Bauer, Patrol Sergeant
Sam Beuch, Patrol Sergeant

Matt Hedrick, Patrol Sergeant
Ryan Kline, Patrol Sergeant
Pat Diedrich, Patrol Sergeant

OFFICERS

Chad Schlichte, Investigator
Chris Weid, Patrol
Mike Schmitz, Patrol
Matt Schlafer, Patrol
Geoff Latsch, Drug Task Force
Blake Nosal, Patrol
Nick Cross, Patrol
Ryan Haedt, Patrol
Matt Green, Patrol
James Domeier, Patrol
Terry Kuhn, Patrol*
Mitch Giles, Community Service Officer*

Zak Knochenmus, Investigator
Jeremy Jacobson, Patrol
Nate Wood, Patrol
Paul Young, Patrol
Whitney Rinowski, Community Engagement Officer
Jake Willers, Patrol
Dan Vomastek & Sonny, Canine Officer & K9
Georgeann Freeman-Denn, School Resource Officer
Karter Gorney, Patrol
Mike Running, Patrol*
Brandon Kucharski, Patrol*

MILESTONES

Paul Young – 10 years
Whitney Rinowski – 10 Years

Ginger Glaser – 5 years
Chad Schlichte – 5 years

** new hire in 2024*

Staff listing as of December 2024

Reserve Unit

ROSTER

Chris Stone, Reserve Sergeant

Brian Jansen, Reserve Officer

Tyler Steinhibel, Reserve Officer

Thierry Auge, Reserve Officer

Ronald Riemenschneider, Reserve Officer

Randy Gray, Reserve Sergeant

Michael Beard, Reserve Officer

Nate Christiansen, Reserve Officer*

Allen Jaeger, Reserve Officer

AWARDS

RO Auge, Gold Presidential Award

RO Auge, Life Saving Award

RO Riemenschneider, Silver Presidential Award

RO Riemenschneider, Rookie of the Year Award

RO Auge, Reserve Officer of the Year

MILESTONES

RO Steinhibel – 5 years

RESIGNATIONS

Jordan Spann

Gino Messina

**Joined in 2024*

Listing as of December 31, 2024

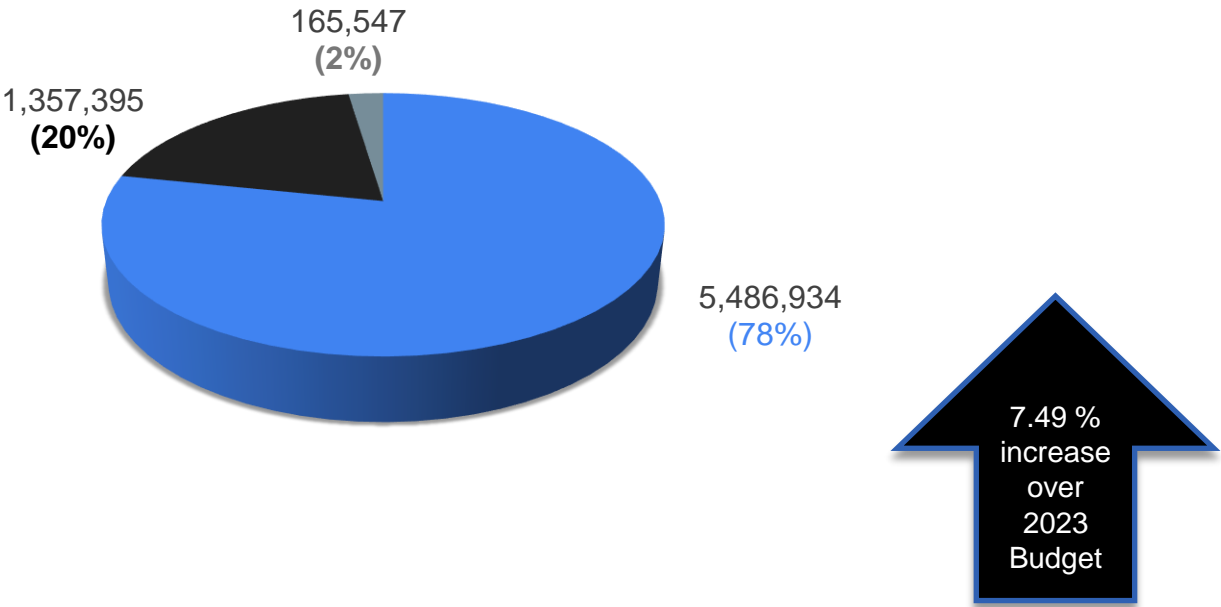
Originally formed in 1953 as a civil defense unit, the Hastings Police Reserve is comprised of volunteers who each donate a minimum of 120 hours of service each year, collectively donating over 2,000 hours annually.



Budget

2024 Police Department Budget \$7,009,876

■ Salaries & Benefits ■ Operations/Debt ■ Capital Outlay (Cars)



	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Current
Expenses					
Personnel Expense	4,216,109	4,458,836	4,670,876	5,191,222	5,486,934
Supplies	103,470	96,546	148,927	117,668	131,150
Other Services & Charges	723,288	827,528	857,652	1,000,623	1,214,821
Miscellaneous	37,157	8,816	12,318	4,815	11,424
Capital Outlay	50,041	107,292	292,172	207,093	165,547
Transfers Out	25,000				
Total	5,155,065	5,499,018	5,981,945	6,521,421	7,009,876

Source: City of Hastings 2025 Annual Budget
Adopted December 2, 2024

City of Hastings Budget Information [City of Hastings website](#)

2024 Statewide City Budgets [Office of the State Auditor website](#)

City of Hastings [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#)



Statistics



20,163

Calls for Service



22,326

Est. Policing
Population



0

Homicides



5.57m

Avg. Emergency
Response Time



1,082

Medicals



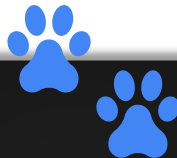
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Robbery



2,072

Case Files Created



429

Animal Complaints



22

Burglary



619

Citations Issued



145

Gun Permit
Applications



343

Arrests



Total Traffic Stops: 3,314

Calls For Service: 20,163

Top Calls for Service

Suspicious Activity	1,086
Medical	1,082
Civil/Public Assist	804
Disorderly/Disturbing Peace/Fight	583
Alarm Calls	573
Check Welfare	551
Animal Call	429

Top Citation Violations

Driving after Revocation/Suspension/Cancellation/Without Valid License	113
Speeding	90
Driving while Impaired/Under Influence	88
Parking	84
No Proof of Insurance/Uninsured Vehicle	81
Vehicle Registration Violations	68
Theft	59
Assaults	46

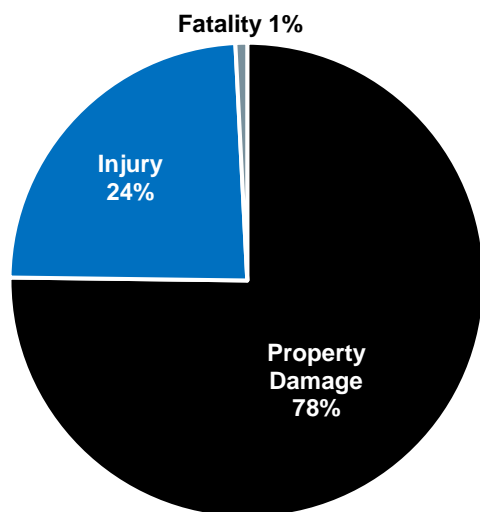
Total Citations: 619

- 379 Traffic
- 82 Parking/Ordinance
- 158 Non-Traffic

Total Violations: 818

- 559 Traffic
- 83 Parking/Ordinance
- 176 Non-Traffic

Crash Statistics



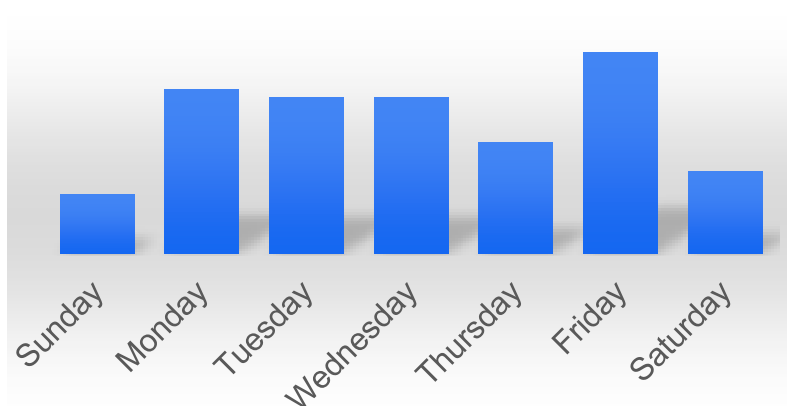
* State Reportable Crashes by Severity

Property Damage Crashes	94
Injury Crashes	30
Fatality Crashes	1
Total Crashes	125

Drivers by Age

Age 15 – 19	22
Age 20 – 29	38
Age 30 – 39	28
Age 40 – 49	26
Age 50 – 59	25
Age 60 – 64	15
65+	41

Crashes by Day of Week



* **State reportable** – crashes occurring on public roadway causing injury, death, or property damage in the amount of \$1,000 or more.

The above numbers reflect only calls that are state reportable responded to and reported to the state by Hastings Police; they do not include crashes responded to and reported by MN State Patrol.

Additional crash data: [MN Dept of Transportation](#) and [MN DPS Office of Traffic Safety website](#)



NIBRS Crime Statistics

Group A	Crime Against Person	2023	2024
09A	Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	0	0
09C	Justifiable Homicide (Not a Crime)	0	0
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0
11A	Rape	9	11
11B	Sodomy	0	0
11C	Sexual Assault with an Object	0	0
11D	Fondling	14	5
11E	Ejaculate/Excrete on Victim	0	0
13A	Aggravated Assault	22	14
13B	Simple Assault	69	58
13C	Intimidation	25	18
36A	Incest	0	0
36B	Statutory Rape	0	0
64A	Human Trafficking - Commercial Sex Acts	0	0
64B	Human Trafficking - Involuntary Servitude	0	0
		139	106
Group A	Crime Against Property		
120	Robbery	3	2
200	Arson	2	3
210	Extortion/Blackmail	7	1
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	28	22
23A	Pocket Picking	0	0
23B	Purse Snatching	0	0
23C	Shoplifting	64	71
23D	Theft From Building	10	4
23E	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	0	0
23F	Theft From Motor Vehicle	32	26
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	16	9
23H	All Other Larceny	98	90
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	21	9
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	10	24
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	27	38
26B	Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	11	21
26C	Impersonation	10	19
26D	Welfare Fraud	0	0
26E	Wire Fraud	8	10
26F	Identity Theft	27	12
26G	Hacking/Computer Invasion	0	0
270	Embezzlement	4	4
280	Stolen Property Offenses	12	9
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	123	94
510	Bribery (Except Sports Bribery)	0	0
		513	468



**Crime
Against
Person
Down
24%**

**Crime
Against
Property
Down
9%**



NIBRS Crime Statistics

Group A	Crime Against Society	2023	2024
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	42	31
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	2	0
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	3	4
39A	Betting/Wagering	0	0
39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0	0
39C	Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0
39D	Sports Tampering	0	0
40A	Prostitution	0	0
40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	0
40C	Purchasing Prostitution	0	0
520	Weapon Law Violations	14	10
720	Animal Cruelty	1	0
		62	45

Crimes
Against
Society
Down
27%



Total Group A Crimes
Down 13% in 2024

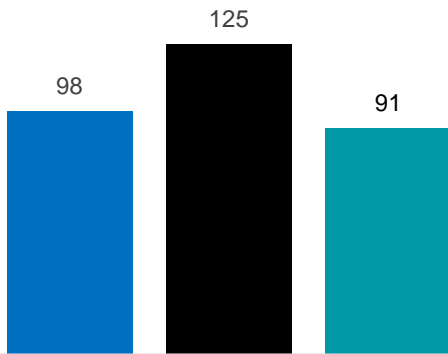
Group B			
90A	Bad Checks	0	0
90B	Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	7	2
90C	Disorderly Conduct	54	42
90D	Driving Under the Influence	193	208
90E	Drunkenness (Except DUI)	0	0
90F	Family Offenses, Nonviolent	6	1
90G	Liquor Law Violations	12	19
90H	Peeping Tom	0	0
90I	Runaway	0	0
90J	Trespass of Real Property	15	12
90Z	All Other Offenses	100	118
		387	402

Group B
Crimes
Up
4%



Charging Statistics

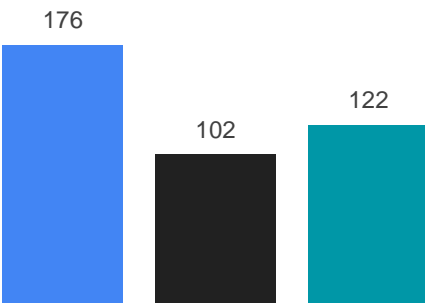
County Attorney
2022 – 2024 Formal Complaints Issued



Formal Complaints (incl. Juvenile Petitions)

■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024

City Attorney
2022 – 2024 Formal Complaints Issued



Formal Complaints Issued

■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024

2022 – 2024 Arrest Offenses
(Incl. taken into custody and summoned/cited)



Felony

Gross Misdemeanor

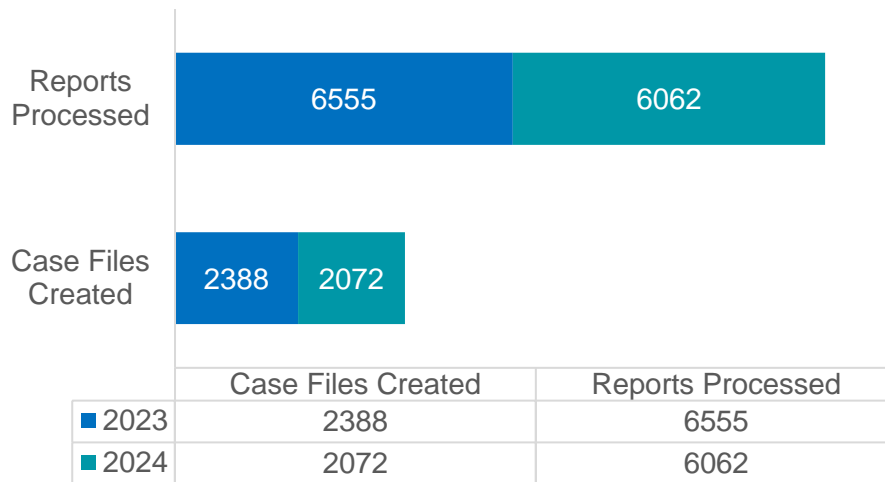
Misdemeanor/Petty Misdemeanor

■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024



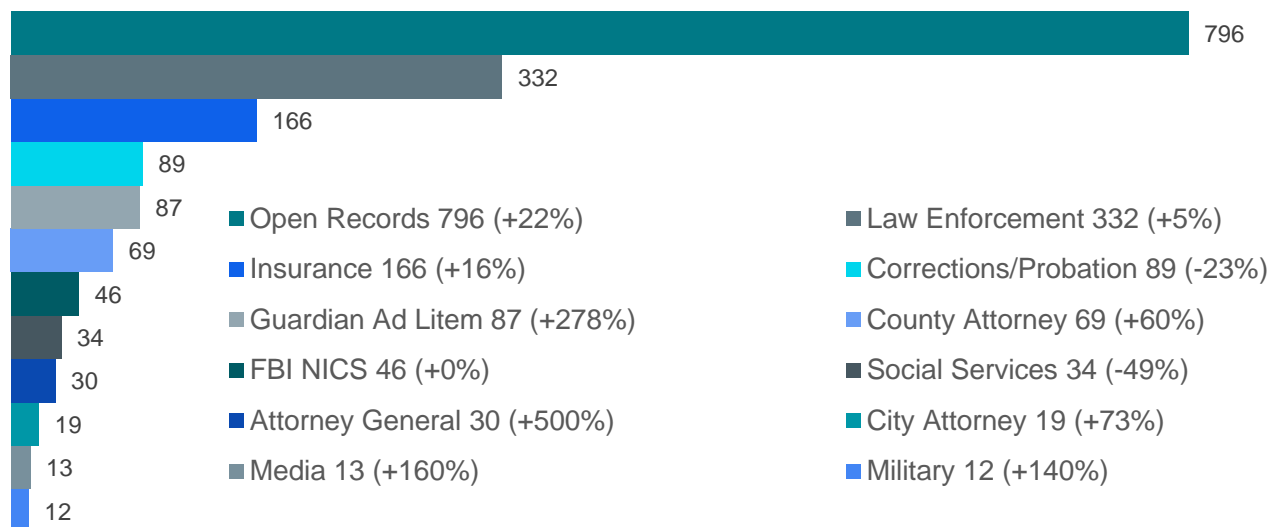
* Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Formal Complaints (may include a small percentage of misdemeanor complaints issued in lieu of a citation)

Case Files and Reports



***Open
Records
Requests
Up 22%**

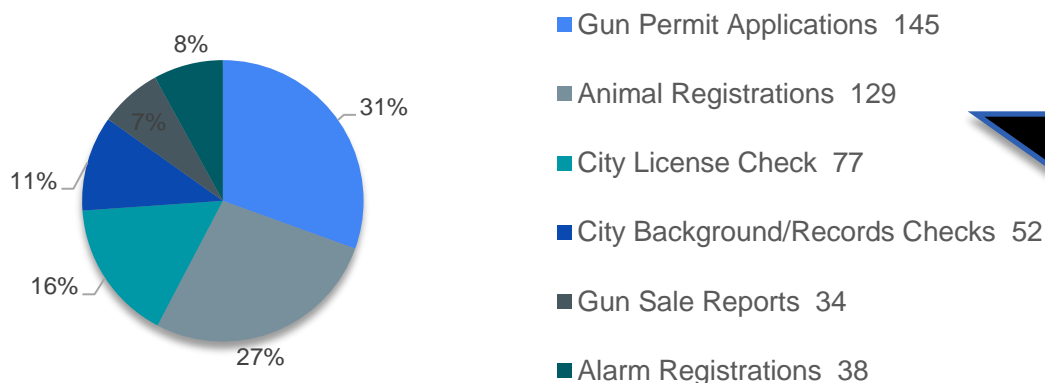
Data Requests – 1,693



2024 saw an overall increase of 14% in total data requests over 2023, with the most significant increase seen in the number of Guardian Ad Litem and Attorney General data requests received.

*Open records requests include requests received from data subjects and members of the public (non-data subjects).

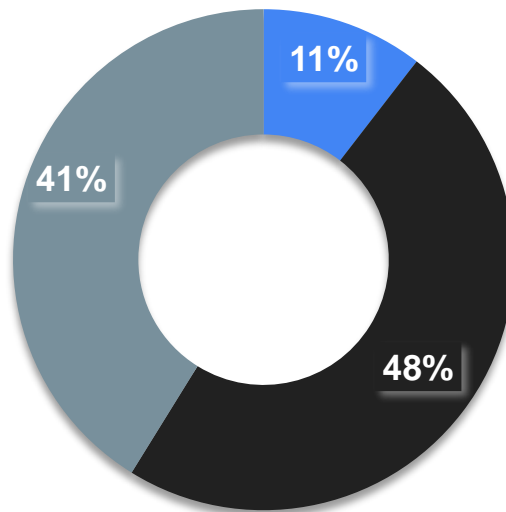
Permits, Registrations, Backgrounds, Etc.



**Gun Permit
Applications
Down
27%**

Professional Standards

2024 Officer Training: 2,016 Hours



■ **Conflict Management, Crisis Intervention, Cultural Diversity/Implicit Bias**

■ **Pursuit, Use of Force, Firearms, Intermediate Force Weapons, Drug Recognition, DUI, Emergency Management**

■ **Continuing Education, Critical Knowledge, Leadership, OSHA, Other Specialized Training**

MN POST Board Continuing Education Requirements for Officers

48 hours within their three-year licensing period to include a minimum of 16 approved credits in:

- Crisis Intervention and Mental Illness Crisis
- Conflict Management and Mediation
- Recognizing/Valuing Community Diversity and Cultural Differences to Include Implicit Bias
- Autism
- Crimes Motivated by Bias
- Officer Wellness (required for renewal in 2027)

Officers assigned to work as a School Resource Officer are required to complete School Resource Officer training every three years.

Active licensed officers are statutorily required to successfully complete use of force and firearms training annually, and emergency vehicle operations training every five years.

2024 OFFICER DISCIPLINE – POLICE MISCONDUCT /DEPARTMENT POLICY

Complaints - 2

Investigated - 2

Sustained - 0

2024 PERFORMANCE METRICS

*Positive Recognition - 47

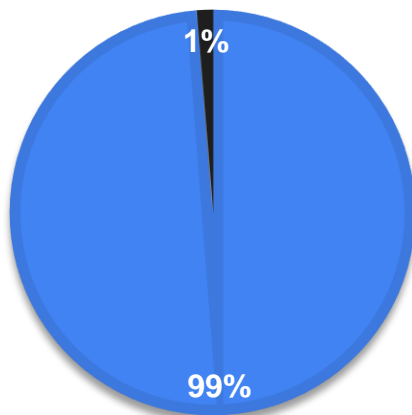
**Employee Consultation - 8

**Awards, Recognition (Peer, Public, Supervisor), Job Knowledge, Productivity, Teamwork, Leads by Example, Managing Others, Problem Solving*

***Coaching of Performance and Policy Infractions*

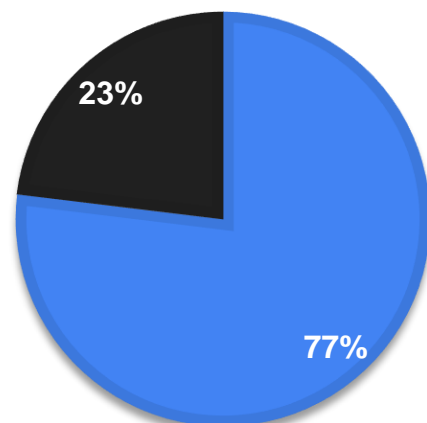
2024 Physical Arrests

■ Adults - 338 ■ Juvenile - 5



2024 Restraint Used

■ Handcuffs ■ The Wrap



[BCA Data: MN Law Enforcement Firearms Discharge](#)

[BCA Data: MN Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted](#)



PERCEPTIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY

In 2024, Hastings residents were surveyed as a part of The National Community Survey. Perceptions of safety ratings are included here.

Percentage of people surveyed who feel safe in their **neighborhood during the day**

2016 **82%**

2020 **85%**



2024
82%

Percentage of people surveyed who feel safe in the **downtown/commercial area during the day**

2016 **95%**

2020 **96%**



2024
93%

Percentage of people surveyed who **feel safe from property crime**

2016 **n/a**

2020 **76%**



2024
78%

Percentage of people surveyed who **feel safe from violent crime**

2016 **n/a**

2020 **85%**



2024
82%

Percentage of people surveyed who rate the **quality of Police/Sheriff services** excellent or good

2016 **84%**

2020 **86%**

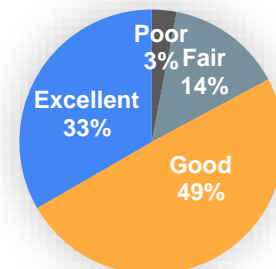


2024
84%

Percentage of people surveyed who feel the overall **feeling of safety** is excellent or good

2016 **82 %**

2020 **85%**



2024
82%



Awards



Medal of Valor: The Medal of Valor may be awarded to a department member who, conscious of danger, intelligently and in the line of police duty, distinguishes themselves by the performance of act of gallantry and valor at imminent personal hazard to life, above and beyond the call of duty.



Medal of Commendation: Medal of Commendation may be awarded to a department member in recognition of intelligent and excellent performance of self-initiated police duties. Exemplars of self-initiated professional police work.



Preservation of Life Award – When deadly force may have been justified, the officer(s) exhaust all options, including less than lethal, to bring a situation under control without taking a human life. Embracing the sanctity of human life is at the heart of everything our agency does and police are expected to embrace a guardian, rather than a warrior mindset.



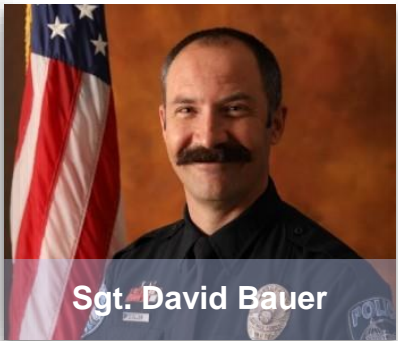
Life Saving Award: The Life Saving Award may be awarded to an individual(s) who, in some way, saved another's life.



Unit Citation: The Unit Citation may be awarded to a departmental unit when the accomplishments of that unit are noteworthy and commendable of such nature as to merit a Unit Citation.

Letter of Recognition: Letter of Recognition may be awarded to a departmental member in recognition of intelligent and excellent performance of regular duties.

Awards



Sgt. David Bauer



Sgt. Pat Diedrich



Ofc James Domeier



Ofc. Ryan Haedt



Ofc. Nick Cross



Ofc. Terry Kuhn

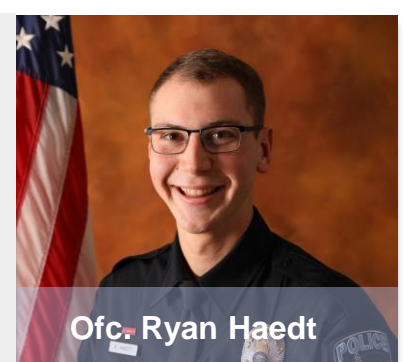


Ofc. Dan Vomastek



Ofc. Karter Gorney

Letter of Recognition
Unit Citation

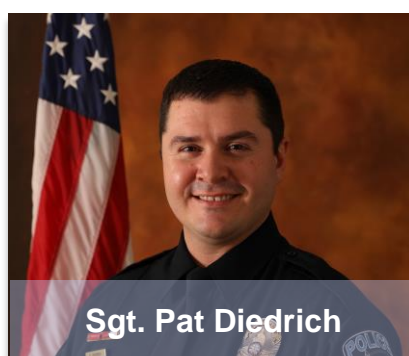


Ofc. Ryan Haedt

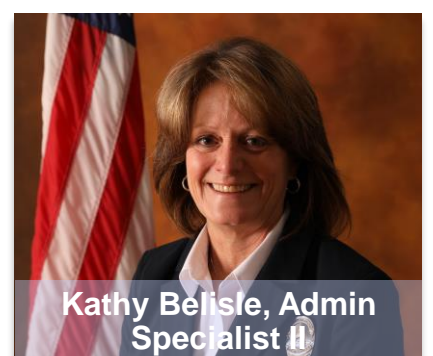
Letter of Recognition
Unit Citation



Ofc. Karter Gorney



Sgt. Pat Diedrich



Kathy Belisle, Admin
Specialist II

Letter of Recognition
Unit Citation



Sgt. Chris Nelson



Ofc. Jeremy Jacobson

Highlights



Welcome to HPD
Officer Running



Welcome to HPD
Officer Kuhn



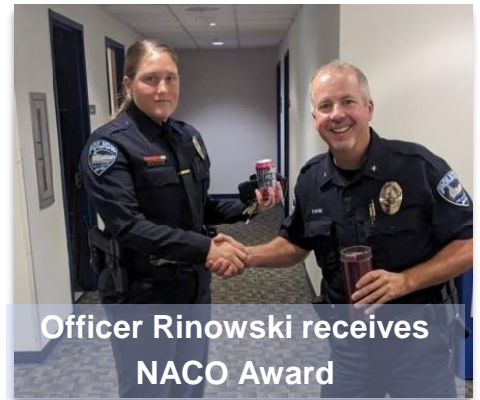
Welcome to HPD
CSO Giles



Welcome to HPD
Officer Kucharski



Officer Knochenmus
named Investigator



Officer Rinowski receives
NACO Award



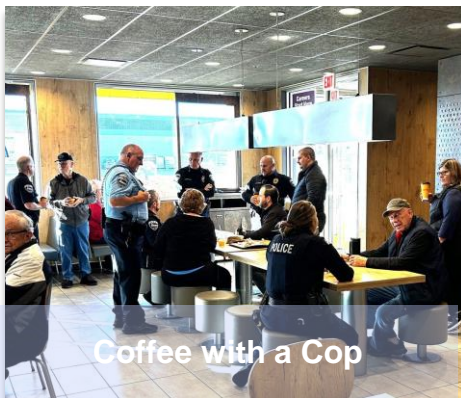
Dakota County DTF
recognized by Rep. Craig



Officer Latsch receives
MCPA Award



SRO Freeman-Denn
National SRO Day



Coffee with a Cop



LE Torch Run for Special
Olympics MN



Cop on a Rooftop fundraiser
for Special Olympics MN

Highlights



Sound the Siren food drive
Pie in Face Challenge



Pink Patch project



Prayer Breakfast



CSO Giles at Paws in the
Park



Polar Plunge



Calvary Church First
Responder lunch and axe
throwing competition



Police Week Open House



Dakota County Criminal
Justice Network receives
funding



Gobble Gait Breakfast



Gobble Gait



National Police Woman Day

Officer Rinowski

Officer Freeman-Denn

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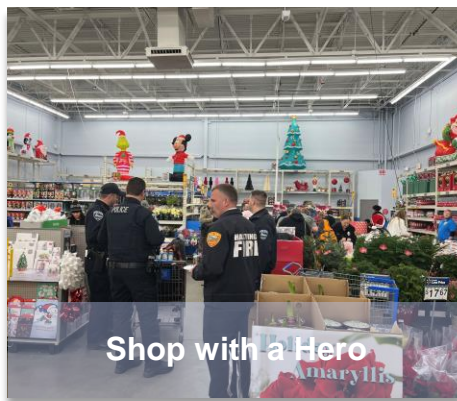
Rivertown Days



HPD Reserve Unit Banquet



Reserve Unit Awards



Shop with a Hero



National Night Out



Halloween Candy Crawl



University student from Estonia pays HPD a visit



MN State Fair



Duck Rescue



Storytime with SRO



HPD Reserves - WRAP training



Middle School Dance

Highlights



Confluence Hotel
candy donation



Affinity Plus Federal Credit
Union lunch donation



Cub Foods National Donut
Day donation



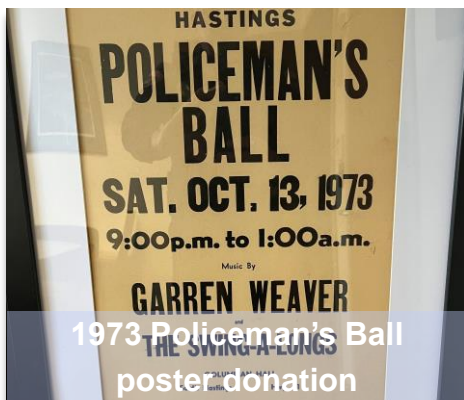
Christmas treat donation



United Way gift basket
donation



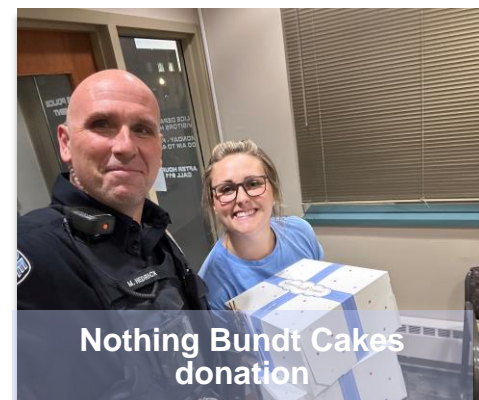
Tim Kelly art donation



1973 Policeman's Ball
poster donation



Caribou Coffee-Ntl Hot
Chocolate Day donation



Nothing Bundt Cakes
donation

Thank you!

A very sincere "thank you" to all the businesses and members of the community who have donated to the Hastings Police Department throughout the year!

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