



2011 Annual Report





Chief's Message

In an effort to document the good work of department members as well as important department information, we continue to complete this important report. We initiated completion of our annual report in 2008 after a 16 year absence. It is unfortunate many years went by without such a report and the good work and changes at the department are left to one's imagination and memory. I have studied DPD annual reports from the early 1900's through the 1970's and read them with great interest and



fascination. I am very proud of the tremendous history this department has. Without documentation in annual reports, important department history would have been long forgotten. We will continue to have an annual report that will allow department members and citizens to learn what we do and who the good people are that serve our community. There is no doubt these reports will be here for decades and hopefully centuries to come.

It is an honor to serve the good people of our City and I am proud of the wonderful women and men of the Duluth Police Department. I hope you enjoy reading about changes and accomplishments of our department in 2011.

Respectfully,

Gordon S. Ramsay
Chief of Police



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division experienced a number of challenges and successes in 2011. Retirements created staffing shortages which required our officers to work even harder to deliver police services by working extra shifts to keep quality service high and our community safe. Our officers rose to the challenge, made sacrifices and worked hard to improve quality of life in the City!

We hired 18 officers in 2011 and these new officers will help the Patrol Division achieve authorized staffing levels. We hope to increase staffing levels in the patrol division in 2012 to bring back power shifts to augment staffing levels during daily peak periods of calls for service which will improve response times and provide opportunities to deliver better customer service and problem solving.

Police response to repeat calls for service continue to evolve, change and grow as we continue to address property owners and tenants who consume too many police services. We utilize an array of tools such as Crime Free Multi-Housing and Social Host ordinances along with partnerships to reduce repeat calls for service; knowing it is not possible for the police alone to be the only answer. We developed strong relationships with the Courts, Probation, the County and City Attorney's Offices, Building Safety and other law enforcement partners to better problem solve and improve our community.

Due to the hard work of our patrol and community police officers holding property owners and tenants accountable for hosting partying and disturbing neighbors, we seldom experience a weekend with more than a handful of party complaints when in the past there were 10 or more college parties a night. We have reduced party calls 35% since 2009!





Patrol Division



We were challenged by the sale and use of synthetic marijuana. The effects of these drugs can be dangerous to the user, causing irrational, aberrant and unpredictable behavior. The sale of synthetic substances at The Last Place on Earth brought users into the Old Downtown area in droves and the aberrant behaviors by some negatively impacted neighboring businesses requiring we assign a daily foot beat officer to patrol the area and modify the behavior. Legislation in 2012 will increase the penalties for selling synthetic marijuana and should vastly change the sales and availability of synthetic substances.

Duluth continues to be a safe community. We did not have a homicide and we sustained robbery reduction efforts in 2011 matching 2010 when we achieved a 33% reduction in robberies from 2009.

Property crimes challenged us in 2011. We saw significant increases in burglaries and vehicle prowls. Despite our best efforts of identifying and arresting multiple offenders, we struggled to reduce property crimes. Repeat offenders contribute to the increase. In one case, an offender admitted to breaking into 20 cars prior to being caught by police. Many offenders continue to commit crimes after arrest and prior to or after sentencing. We continue to monitor and track trends in property crimes and look to 2012 to work with our criminal justice partners to use technology like GPS monitoring systems to better track and hold offenders accountable.

Here are some other notable efforts and accomplishments in 2011:



DDACTS Program



DDACTS (Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety) is a collaborative effort between Minnesota State Patrol and Duluth Police Department to reduce crime through Traffic Law Enforcement. DACTS is an operational model that uses the integration of location based crime and traffic data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement resources. There were two phases of this project. Phase one began Feb. 5-May 28th 2010. The main objective during this time period was to utilize shared law enforcement resources, conduct high-visibility traffic enforcement strategies and reduce incidents of crime, crashes & traffic violations in identified “hot-spots.” There were two main focus enforcement zones. (Downtown Duluth area and I-35 between 5th Ave. W and 21st Ave. E.) Between Jan. 1 and May 1 2010, this project assisted by a 71 percent in lowering calls for service in this area.

Phase II was commenced September 9, 2010 – June 15th 2011. Our focus for phase II was crime-trend driven, increased saturations, set expectations and specific areas of focus. Several projects were conducted through the city, such as; (Lincoln Park Detail (vehicle prowls), St. Patrick’s DDACTS enforcement, UMD college parties, bat mobile, along with the St. Louis Count booking van.) Phase II was a success in a versatile data driven program (hotspots), increased knowledge of area resources, media involvement, scheduling and most importantly a strong partnership inside and outside of DDACTS



Blight Collaborative

The Duluth Police Department values the productive relationships they have with both private and public groups and formed a blight and nuisance property abatement team with other City of Duluth Departments and outside private and public organizations. The abatement team focused on action orientated items and all involved expected other members to provide positive work to improve neighborhoods. The group collectively impacted blighted properties in targeted neighborhoods by demolishing 30 properties in approximately 20 months of effort. This partnership was also recognized by LISC as being part of the greater group. Officer Drozdowski and Theresa Neo were acknowledged for their efforts by Mayor Ness with the Own It, Solve It award.



A partnership between the police and the City of Duluth Attorney's office was rewarded with an additional \$80,000 to continue the services of an assistant city attorney through 2012. LISC (Local Initiative Support Corporation) announced the selection of the Duluth Police Department along with Neighborhood Housing Services, and Spirit Valley Citizens' Neighborhood Development Association won an award in two categories for neighborhood revitalization and special strategy awards over 700 other applicants. The three partners were recognized for the blight collaborative work, as well as the partnerships of building and supporting safer neighborhoods through monthly meetings.



Life Safety Officer

The Police Department and Life Safety Services partnered following the updated city's rental code. The code placed a fee on rental properties to provide for a full time police officer to assist with communications between the two city services and to provide additional law enforcement help when dealing with criminal and quality of life concerns at properties inspectors review.





Port Security Exercise

Due to the geography of the City of Duluth the Police Department interacts with many private and public entities who conduct day to day operations as well as emergency operations at or near the Port of Duluth.

This past summer the Police Department was called On to participate not only in small group trainings, but in a full scale operational exercise with the US Coast Guard to test the groups' response to an

act of terrorism within the port. The overall review of the exercise was encouraging in the fact this exercise demonstrated the collective strengths and weakness as well as identified short comings to improve security and responses to the Port of Duluth.





Specialty Court & Outreach Programs

We are very fortunate to live in a community that understands the value of collaboration to improve lives of the less able. A group of criminal justice professionals, public health professionals, both mental and physical and social services began monthly meetings to focus on and complete an entire program or guide tailored for the citizens who consumed the most services collectively from the described groups. This community impact group addressed the needs of citizens, who had a number of needs including; housing, chemical dependencies, mental health needs and criminal incidents, which when addressed individually rarely could change This person's life. The group who knew antidotal information the person was also being seen by others in the collaborative, but infrequently was there an exchange of information about the individual. Following the correct releases of personal information the group came together and formed a focused and less disjointed response to assist the person back to a productive life with expectations to be accountable for them, ultimately reducing everyone's time and effort. These efforts along with the outreach by officers of the Duluth Police were noticed by the Judiciary Bench.

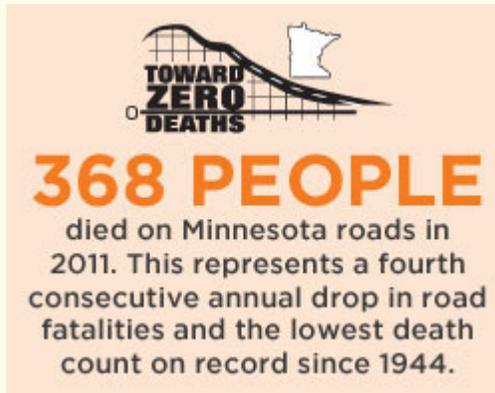




TZD

TZD (Toward Zero Deaths) The Lake Superior Traffic Enforcement Team is comprised of seven Minnesota law enforcement agencies located in Southern St. Louis County. The Duluth Police Department is the lead agency with support from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Hermantown Police Department, Proctor Police Department, University of MN, Floodwood Police Department and the MN State Patrol. Working cooperatively the Lake Superior Traffic Enforcement Team provided increased law enforcement and community awareness activities in southern St. Louis County. Sixteen (16) separate initiatives were devoted to high visibility saturations for impaired driving. Thirty-four citations for impaired driving were issued during the project year. During a number of enforcement saturations near the University MN Duluth, a noticeable amount of drivers who were contacted identified themselves as either designated drivers or drivers that heard about this enforcement which can be

contributed to media attention. The Lake Superior Traffic Enforcement Team provided ten (10) enforcements dedicated to appropriate passenger protection. Three hundred and sixty eight (368) hours were dedicated to enforcing appropriate passenger protection through enforcement activities. Forty-nine (49) citations and 45 warnings were issued. The number of citations for 2009 were noted as 44, 2010 as 81, and 49 during the project year. During this project year, the low number may be due to increased media attention and education. Two hundred four (204) hours of enforcement activities were dedicated to speed enforcement during the project year. Fifty-one citations were issued for speed. Sixty-five warnings were issued regarding inappropriate speed. Our pre-enforcement media encouraged drivers and the community of safe driving habits which we consistently highlighted. We participated in a specific media event during distracted driving enforcements by partnering with the University of MN Duluth students and held a press conference at the University outlining the dangers of distracted driving.



This event was well attended and reached many individuals in our community. The Duluth Police Department was awarded a large incentive (Kustom Signal Prolaser III) for their success in the May Seatbelt enforcement mobilization. The value is \$3400.00. This award will be presented to the City in the near future. Because of our success in 2011 enforcement activities, our State dollars have increased to provide Southern St. Louis County communities increased safety opportunities from your law enforcement agency.



Carry the Fallen



The concept for this program came early in 2011 with the unfortunate killing of 11 law enforcement officers across the country in a 48 hours period. The focus of the program is to honor the fallen Police Heroes across our Nation who had made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities. Officers were provided the opportunity to purchase a memorial bracelet or dog-tag with the name and end-of-watch date of a 2011 police line-of-duty death. A significant portion of our agency participated. Each of the officers committing to carrying the name of a fallen Police Hero had that officer's photograph, story and a banner bearing the carrier's name posted in the squad room and a letter was sent to the fallen officer's agency CLEO, identifying our program and the officer carrying their fallen officer's name. We received numerous letters, cards, thank you cards and memorial items in return from the agencies, specific officers and surviving family members/spouses. It was touching to hear their remembrances and sincere thank you. Some agencies contacted us to discover more about the program and ask if they could participate, others are starting their own CARRY THE FALLEN program for 2012. The impact has grown exponentially. A news article was constructed by the DNT and we posted the article on each of the fallen officers' memorial FACEBOOK sites, as-well-as our own agency FACEBOOK page. We are gearing up to continue the program, unfortunately, for 2012 and several more officers have indicated they want to participate this coming year.



Restructured Awards

We restructured our awards for noteworthy achievement, building a better defined hierarchy for recognition of exemplary performance. Previously, the highest level of award our agency granted was an office commendation, which is typically the first and lowest level in many other agencies. Upon research and comparing agency policies and practices, we are more reflective of other professional police agencies in creating a hierarchy of award categories more suitable of the performance and notable achievements. This will ultimately create an increased sense of legitimacy and credibility in recognition of our greatest resource, our people. The policy now includes six major categories of recognition which each include the award of an accompanying medal, matching parade ribbon for dress uniform, in a formal presentation case. Some of these include life-saving awards, Purple Heart and Medal of Valor to name a few. The medals were commissioned through Northwest Territorial Mint (dba GRACO IND.) in Texas and they have personalized each of the medals with a beautiful ceramic Corporate Seal for the City of Duluth.





DWI / Traffic Safety

Traffic safety is a focus within the patrol division. Each year supervisors discuss department goals and the individual goals with each officer. Officer Ring pledged to attain 50 DWI arrests in 2011.



Officer Ring, a 7 year veteran of the Duluth Police Department, honored his pledge by accomplishing the 50th arrest with one week to spare. The efforts of Officer Ring improved public safety on our streets and highways in the City of Duluth.



Mutual Aid

When the Pagami Creek Fire raged on for several weeks in September of 2011, Duluth police were called upon by the Lake County Sherriff's Office to support their staff for scene security and to spell their tired work force. In less than 12 hours, we assembled a cadre of officers to respond. We provide 24/7 support for the next four days until additional support came by Federal forest. We were proud and honored to assist the residents of Lake County.





Giving Back to Our Community



Blue Christmas (Duluth Police Annual Toy Drive) This is the second year of our Christmas charitable toy-drive for the Northland Salvation Army (Duluth) and non-perishable food collect for Second Harvest Food Bank. As an agency, we raised \$2,220.00 in cash donations for the purchase of toys and about thirty additional unwrapped toys for children of all ages. The toys were purchased again through TARGET in Duluth (utilizing local business) and we enlisted the assistance of two young ladies (daughters of Lt. Eric Rish and Lt. Daniel Chicos) as a way of modeling the gift of giving. This year we also received generous donations from both the Police Welfare Association as-well-as the Duluth Police Union.

Officer Michael Thamm has volunteered hundreds of hours over more than a decade fundraising and organizing Special Olympics activities such as the Law Enforcement torch Run and the Polar Plunge. This year, Special Olympics of Minnesota honored Mike for his volunteer efforts and awarded him the MN Special Olympics Law Enforcement Volunteer of the Year. Mike was quick to say he was nominated and accepted the award not only for his efforts but on behalf of a handful of other Duluth police officers who are passionate about fundraising for Special Olympics. With Mike's leadership, the Polar Plunge in Duluth alone has raised \$976,120 from 2002 to 2011 and has had 5,192 plungers. This event has become an activity many in Duluth look forward to participating in annually.





S.C.A.N & D.V.R.T.

Participated in a total of 79 First Witness Interviews in 2011.

Responded to 831 Initial Intervention Unit referrals in 2011.

79 sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) exams were completed in 2011. The majority of these are assigned to investigators for follow-up.

The total number of sexual violence referrals received into the SCAN Unit for review in 2011 was 747.

Investigators Mickus, Lofstuen and Temple were awarded the Minnesota Sex Crime Investigators Association Unit of the year award for outstanding service in the investigation of sexually violent crimes.

884 domestic violence referrals were received into the DVRT Unit for review in 2011.

Investigator Tait Erickson continues the task of monitoring 250-275 registered predatory offenders. 237 of the current 255 offenders are compliant and up to date. Of the non-compliant, only 1 is a level III.

Investigator Temple opened a case in which an adult female came forward to report past abuse/assault. The victim was reporting that her father had sexually abused and assaulted her regularly, from the time she was 13 yoa into adulthood. The abuse/assaults spanned several jurisdictions. In July the suspect was charge with CSC 3 and incest in SLC and was arrested. In October the suspect pled guilty to CSC in Hennepin Co, and was sentenced to 120 months. The SLC charges are still pending.





S.C.A.N Unit

Investigator Mickus worked a CSC case involving 4 children, whose mother was reporting violent and repeated sexual abuse by their father. The case was extremely complicated and involved multiple forensic interviews, medical exams, psychological exams and voice stress analysis. Investigator Mickus utilized every resource we have available and was able to determine that the allegations were false. The children were eventually removed from the care of their mother due to the harm that she was causing them with her false allegations.



Investigator Lofstuen spent multiple hours in the summer of 2011 working on a case involving multiple victims and suspects. During his investigation, Lofstuen was able to put together facts supporting a sophisticated ring of sexual predators that were victimizing vulnerable adults. Charges are still pending the results of DNA evidence.

In response to a goal in 2010, Investigator Erik Hanson took the position of ICAC investigator and is working with the Lake Superior Forensic Technology and ICAC Task Force housed out of the Superior Police Department.

In November of 2011, DPD, PAVSA, and First Witness, in cooperation with St. Mary's Essentia and St. Luke's implemented the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Pediatric (SANE PEDS) program. The SANE PEDS program will allow for greater access to sexual assault examinations for children. The SANE will collect and document evidence as in an adult CSC.



Violent Crimes Unit

Conviction of Stephen Cobenais in the August, 2009 killing of Mario Highler. Cobenais was convicted of 2nd degree intentional murder.



Conviction of Michael Tahtinen in the September, 2008 killing of Connor Robison. Tahtinen was convicted of 1st degree manslaughter.

550 referrals made to the Violent Crimes Unit in 2011.

Tanieka Hollstadt charged in the 12/23/2011 robbery of the Woodland Milkhouse.

Vladimir Brik, Samson Ofanoa, and Quade Ojibway charged in the New Years Day kidnapping and home invasion robbery.

Andrew Salus charged in the robbery of the Taco Johns on November 12th.



Juvenile Services Unit

The Juvenile Services Unit consists of a sergeant, 2 investigators and 4 school resource offices.

Over 930 referrals were made to the unit from 01/01/2011 to 12/31/2011. This includes petty misdemeanor and misdemeanor tickets, to gross misdemeanor and felony in-custodies (arrests/detentions) or citations. This also includes all follow-up investigation referrals.

The Juvenile Services Unit takes a proactive approach with juveniles by visiting them in their homes or schools (usually with a parent present), after being charged with things such as curfew, car prowling, etc. We work together with Probation and the Arrowhead Juvenile Center, trying to keep kids on the right track.



We manage and follow up on all missing person reports, adult and juvenile.

The Juvenile Services Unit continues to have a strong working relationship with the St. Louis County Juvenile Attorney's Office; assisting them throughout the juvenile court proceedings involving offenders and victims, to include requested follow up, locating victims and witnesses, forwarding reports and statements for hearings, and any other requests needed to proceed.

The Juvenile Services unit is working with Social Services with intake-summaries of Educational Neglect referrals. These referrals of juveniles that are missing or "skipping" school (unexcused absences) on a regular basis are looked upon and can be referred for C.H.I.P.S. involvement with the court system.

The unit continues to work with the committee of the Juvenile Diversion Alternative Initiative (JDAI). The program is designed to provide a juvenile justice system which ensures the safety of children and the community; children are treated fairly and equitably; eliminate the unnecessary detention of children and provide community based alternatives; to eliminate disparate impact to children based on their race or ethnicity; provide a safe environment for children held in detention; and to provide policies that provide due process and collaborative, evidence-based interventions for youths and families.



Crime Scene Investigation Unit



Jen Mangan, Erik Isackson and Tony Rich all obtained their certification as Property and Evidence Specialists

Investigator Todd Kuusisto received 2010 MNIAAI Fire Investigator of the year award

11176180 Successfully resolved the October 2011 arson at the Lester Park School playground. Two juveniles were adjudicated delinquent in the case.

Acquisition of 3 new state of the art digital cameras for documenting crime scenes

Acquisition of and successful utilization of video retrieval and enhancement system

The unit was responsible for going through all property & evidence stored at city hall and determining whether or not they would be retained for the move to the new headquarters.



Property & Financial Crimes

The Property Crimes Unit solved a string of burglaries committed by Michael Dean Peters in the Woodland neighborhood. Peters was a newspaper carrier and was breaking into the homes of customers when they were away. They also solved a string of business burglaries committed by Robert Austin Schuller. Schuller was sentenced to 41 months in prison.



The Financial Crimes Unit worked with federal partners on a case where credit card numbers gained from Erberts & Gerberts customers were taken and used throughout the country. Estimates are over \$200,000 in loss and the case was adopted by the United States Secret Service Cyber Crimes Task Force. They also investigated the Olaf Beckman case. Beckman scammed businesses throughout the country out of approximately \$280,000 in money and property. The case is currently being investigated by our unit (with assistance from other agencies) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being reviewed by the United States Attorney's Office for federal prosecution at this time.



Property & Financial Crimes

Auto Thefts

Over the past year we had a new method of auto theft where criminals would contact tow companies and sell older/broken down cars to them as scrap. The cars would then be transported to a crusher and crushed. We have eliminated this through educating tow companies and the public.

Precious Metals

Over the past year we have worked with the Licensing Unit and City Attorney's Office to draft a new Precious Metals Ordinance in the City of Duluth. This will put more restrictions on the businesses that buy and sell anything that contains 1% (or more) of gold, silver or platinum. Businesses will be required to submit all transactions to APS. In their submission, they must photograph the item and the person pawing/selling the item. We will have instant access to this information saving hundreds of hours of time commuting to the businesses and photographing the property.





Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force

In late 2010, LSDVCTF investigators noticed an alarming drug trend on the rise. Investigators saw an increase in abuse and illegal sale of a prescription pain killer called Opana. Opana is a narcotic pain killer which contains the opiate Oxymorphone. Through research and interviews of Opana users we learned that Opana was twice as powerful and addictive as the well known and abused painkiller Oxycontin. Several overdoses brought this to our attention as well.

Investigators identified a Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) from Detroit, Michigan that was transporting thousands of Opana pills from the Detroit area to the "Twin Ports" area. The group also dealt in Oxycontin and Heroin and used an alternate source in Los Angeles California. This group distributed pills to local dealers in the Twin Ports area.

During the course of the investigation we utilized at least 10 police informants. Investigators and Agents conducted at least 80 controlled purchases of Opana, Oxycontin, and Heroin. Additionally we used advanced investigative techniques including GPS tracking devices, real time pole cams, extensive phone toll data, constant, everyday monitoring of Facebook and other web sites being used by the suspects to communicate. Additionally IRS agents uncovered over \$500,000.00 in money wire transfers sent by suspects to the pill sources in Detroit and California.

As a result of this investigation a total of 31 individuals were indicted and arrested on federal drug and gun charges. The charges include conspiracy and distribution of Opana, Oxycontin, and heroin. The investigation continues and a second round of indictments is forthcoming in 2012. The impact of this case is significant. This is the first case of its kind in Minnesota.





Administrative Support Bureau

Training Unit

14 police recruits were hired in 2011 and successfully completed our Academy and entered into our Field Training program. Each sworn member of the department participated in 16 hours of training on the L.O.C.K.U.P. (Law Officers Combat Kinetics Unarmed Panoply) system which trained on dynamic arrest and control systems for law enforcement officers. In 2011, 48 personnel went through emergency vehicle operations training conducted by our in-house instructors.

The Training Unit sent officers to 146 separate trainings throughout the year with a total of 1,258 electronic training requests processed throughout the year.

Crash Investigations Unit

Fatal Crash at 13320 West 3rd Street (#11-092090): Jeremy Warren Shea (DOB/06-07-1989) was charged with Criminal Vehicular Operation. Shea was the driver in a vehicle that lost control in the Fond-du Lac neighborhood.

The unit also provides support to the Patrol Division with their crash investigation duties.

Summary of 2011 Crashes								
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	24	25	26	27	28	29		
PD	230	208	427	331	277	480	1953	-41
PDHR	81	56	125	110	54	77	503	-65
PI	43	20	45	31	34	48	221	0
PIHR	-	1	2	-	1	3	7	5
PIP	4	6	14	4	1	2	31	-1
PIPHR	-	1	1	1	1	-	4	-2
Total	358	292	614	477	368	610	2719	-104



Administrative Support Bureau



School Patrol – Officer Bill Stovern manages the school patrol program. The school patrol is comprised of approximately 305 students. They are responsible for ensuring that students coming to and leaving school cross the streets safely. Officer Stovern is responsible for training and fundraising for them.

Police Reserves – The Police Reserves are made up of 26 men and women who volunteer their time and talents to assist the Department with special events and emergencies. In 2011, the Reserves donated 1,564 hours of time at 38 special events and one TRT call-out.





Parking Enforcement

The Department employs five parking meter monitors. Their primary duties include enforcement of all City of Duluth and State of Minnesota parking regulations. Parking enforcement city-wide was as follows:

Violation	2010	2011
Meter (33-111b)	34,211	28,332
No Parking (33-97a)	1,900	1,983
Alternate Side (33-97.8)	9,211	9,485
No Plate (33-11)	77	21
License Plate (33-11)	3,142	3,978
Loading Zone (33-87b)	543	508
Truck Zone (33-87a)	145	229
Government Property (33-95)	312	369
Taxi Stop (33-88)	6	3
On Sidewalk (33-82a.1)	102	106
In Front of Driveway (33-82a.2)	93	87
Intersection (33-82a.3)	8	4
Fire Hydrant (33-82a.4)	123	117
On Crosswalk (33-82a.5)	164	182
20' of Crosswalk (33-82a.6)	313	182
30' of Stop Sign (33-82a.7)	360	326
7' of Driveway (33-82a.8)	233	264
Double Parking (33-82a.12)	6	24
Official Sign (33-82a.14)	132	180
Between St & SWK (33-82a.15)	21	34
Alley Parking (33-83)	203	215
24 Hour Parking (33-85)	596	424
Time Limit (33-84)	457	527
Park Parallel to Curb (33-93a)	1	2
Wrong Way (33-93c)	1,053	1,363
Feed Meter (33-109)	77	48

Violation	2010	2011
2 Vehicles at Meter (33-106a)	61	77
2 Meter Stalls (33-106b)	28	38
Fraudulent Plates	8	2
Handicap	129	177
Bus Stop	154	133
Aggravated Meter (33-111.6)	576	573
Residential Permit	506	893
Pk Hash (169.06-4)	31	81
20' FH (33-82a.10)	1	1
Fire Lane (33.82a.16)	83	60
Keys in Ignition (33-91)	4	2
Dolly Down (33-87d)	8	2
Parallel to Curb (33-93)	0	1
For Sale Sign (33-90)	7	4
Wheel Curb (33-92)	0	1
Back Curb (33-94)	1	4
Park Curfew	41	68
TK/Trail	2	1
No Park/Stand	124	35
Park Off Roadway	91	4
Abandoned	4	4
Revoked Plate	5	5
PK RTE (33-97.1-3)	2	3
Obstruct Traffic Lane	10	9
Block Driveway	29	21
Over 12" from Curb (33-93a)	55	31
Front Yard	6	3
No Parking 2-6	561	363
Warning	1	1
Other	42	374
TOTAL	57,537	51,962



Records & Support Unit

The RSU is staffed by 16 non-sworn employees. They are responsible for all aspects of the records management system (RMS). RSU staff transcribes all reports completed by sworn staff as well as entering all citations issued by staff into the RMS. RSU staff handles all customer traffic at the desk Monday through Friday 0800-1800. RSU staff also complete all data requests received by external parties.

2008-2011 crime statistics submitted to the BCA were as follows:

PART 1	2011	2010	2009	2008
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	0	1	3	3
FORCIBLE RAPE	27	45	28	43
ROBBERY	82	92	122	128
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	164	178	200	195
BURGLARY	756	646	632	520
LARCENY-THEFT	3424	3480	3431	3524
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	166	174	190	167
ARSON	13	10	31	17
TOTAL PART 1	4632	4626	4637	4597
PART 2	2011	2010	2009	2008
OTHER ASSAULT	1044	1028	995	861
FORGERY	71	117	137	118
FRAUD	462	283	292	321
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	1	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY	38	31	29	25
VANDALISM	1391	1305	1507	1815
WEAPONS	42	44	56	47
PROSTITUTION	36	5	6	8
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	187	204	173	122
NARCOTICS	467	542	460	451
GAMBLING	0	2	2	1
FAMILIES & CHILDREN	264	43	72	62
DUI	255	522	298	329
LIQUOR LAW	470	622	684	532
DRUNKENNESS	0	0	0	0
DISORDERLY	433	494	385	433
VAGRANCY	42	42	18	19
OTHER	626	956	701	636
TOTAL PART 2	5828	6241	5815	5780
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>10460</u>	<u>10867</u>	<u>10452</u>	<u>10377</u>



Animal Control

2011 was a busy year for the Police Department's Animal Control Division. Our two full time animal control officers are responsible for enforcing local and state laws pertaining to animals. Animal Control Officers work out of the City of Duluth Animal Control Shelter at 2627 Courtland Street.

During the year ACO's received and responded to over 1300 reports of aggressive, loose/stray, injured, barking, nuisance and neglected/abused animals within our city. As a result of their investigations they designated 25 dogs as "Dangerous" and 46 dogs as "Potentially Dangerous". Numerous tickets were written for animal control violations.



Shelter staff has also worked very closely with the City Attorney's Office on revisions to the fee schedule associated with the Administrative Hearing Process in 2011. 2012 will see the implementation of a few of those changes

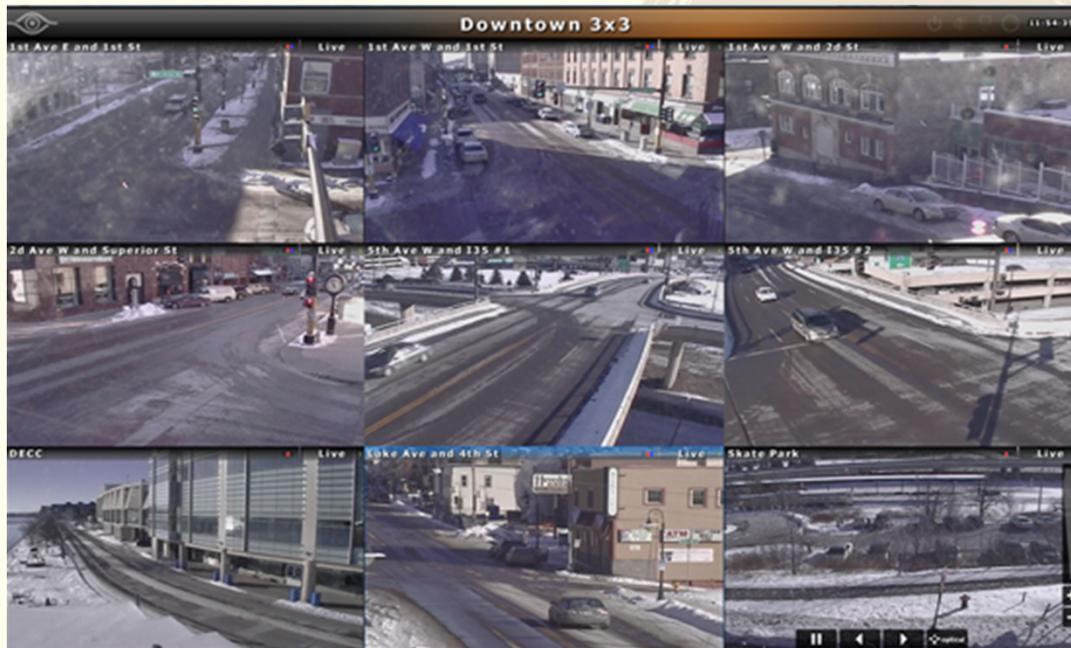
Over 1045 animals were impounded and cared for at the shelter throughout the year. The vast majority of these animals were either reclaimed by their owners or placed for adoption with the invaluable assistance of Animal Allies.



Special Projects

Port Security Camera Project

The implementation of Port Security Cameras was funded through a Port Security Grant from the Department of Homeland Security. Phase II will be funded from the same source under a different disbursement year. Approximately 12 additional cameras are planned for as well as network upgrades to support future build outs. The additional cameras will provide further surveillance coverage east and west. This strategic camera placement allows the Police Department to not only provide enhanced security measures for the Port but also assist law enforcement in the areas adjacent to the port such as the Lake walk, Bayfront Park, Canal Park, and the Aerial Lift Bridge.



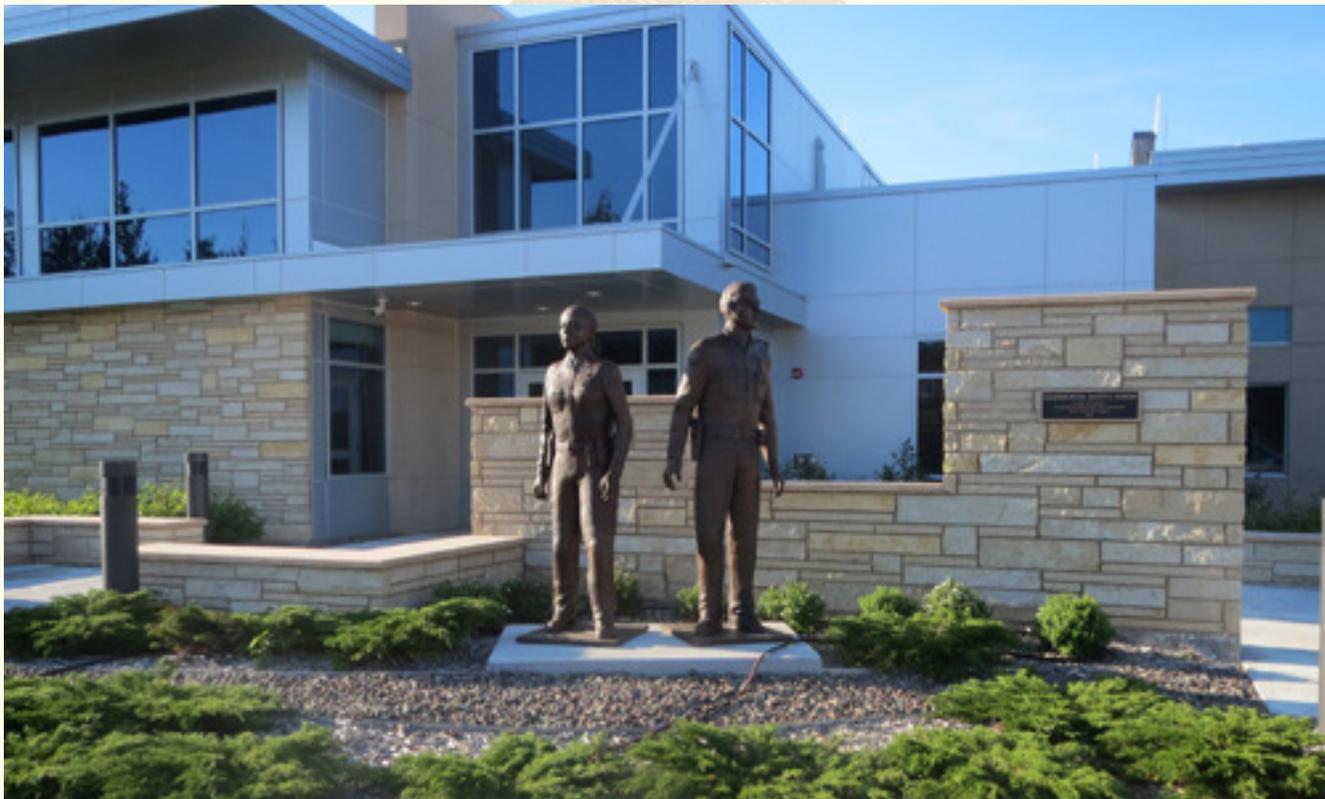
As well as enhancing security to the Duluth Waterfront, the camera project has allowed the City of Duluth to continue building the infrastructure to support a city wide Wireless Mesh Network. This will provide the police department an opportunity to enhance the connectivity between squad cars and officers in the field. Allowing them to more effectively and efficiently provide the services the public has come to expect and deserve.



Special Projects

New Headquarters

Ground was broken in November 2010 on a new 68,000 ft² building. The building was funded through the sale of bonds. The building was designed by LHB (Duluth, MN) and SRBL (Deerfield, IL). The building is being constructed by RJS Construction (Superior, WI). The building was completed in February 2012 and staff were moved in by the end of March. The building is located at 2030 North Arlington Avenue.





Special Projects

ARMER Digital Trunked Radio System

The Duluth Police Department as a part of the Northeast Region of Minnesota, has committed to migrate to the ARMER Digital Trunked Radio System. ARMER is a Digital Trunked Radio System that will provide seamless interoperable communication opportunities and will replace the current VHF radio system in use today. The migration to ARMER has been an ongoing project for the last few years. During 2011, planning for the changeover of all of the current mobile and portable radios continued and by fall of 2012 the Duluth Police Department will be fully implemented, with the rest of the State on line by the 1st of January 2013. The benefits of the system to the officers, the stability and clarity of the transmissions, and the ability to provide seamless interoperability communications between multiple disciplines will ensure the ARMER systems place in Minnesota public safety history.

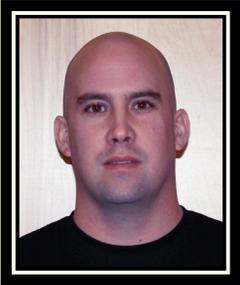
Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)

In 2011 the Duluth Police Department used two License Plate Readers from PIPS Technology as part of an Operation Stone Garden Grant administered through the Border Patrol. The license plate reader system captures license plate information and through the use of Optical Character Recognition software compares the license plate information against a several local, state, and federal databases, looking for stolen, wanted persons, revoked, cancelled, or suspended drivers, Amber Alerts, etc. The license plate reader system has collected countless license plate reads. The license plate reader technology has been instrumental to the investigation and arrest of numerous suspects of a wide range of crimes. Plans are to continue the outfitting of squads with additional mobile readers as well as stationary readers.





2011 Hiring



Officer Chad Guenther



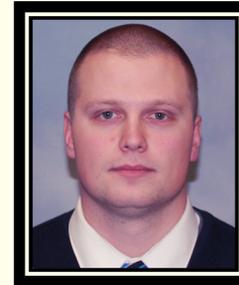
Officer Joel Hopps



Officer Eli Anderson



Officer Morgan Cekkala



Officer Ian Johnson



Officer Carla Josephson



Officer Trevor Kaldor



Officer Robert LeClaire



Officer Brent Mathison



Officer Dan Merseth



Officer Kalika Pukema



Officer Robert Schmidt



Officer Todd Simmons



Officer Ashley Thurmes



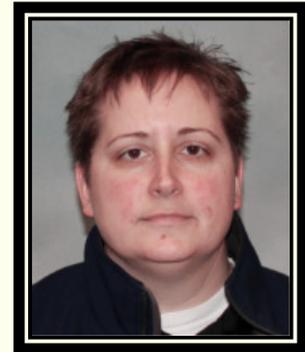
Officer Larry Westerman



Promotions

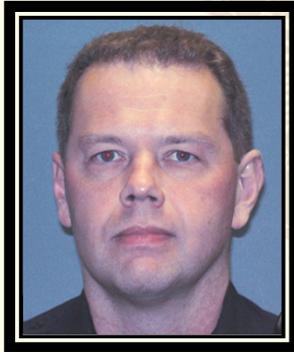


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Laura
Marquardt

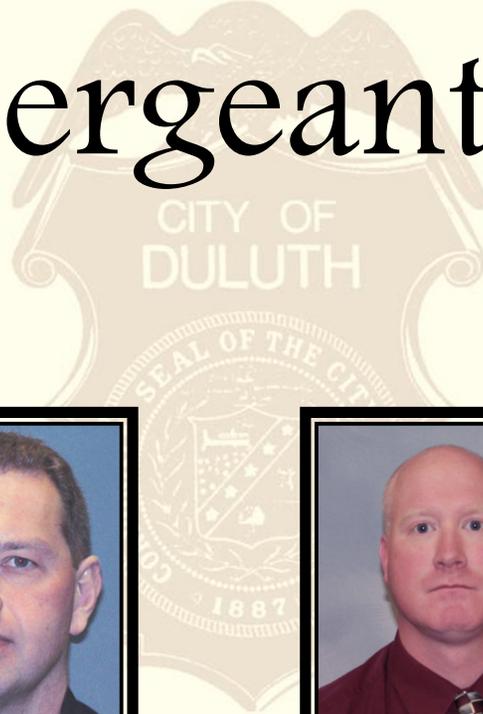
Sergeants



Brad Wick



Jeremy Graves





Retirements



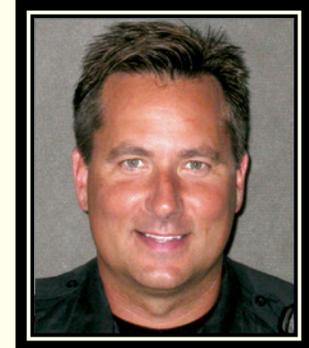
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Dan Fogarty



Robert Olson



Barry Midthun



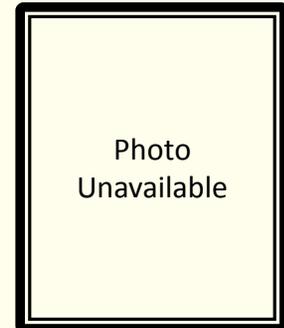
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Steve LaTour



Claire Bock



Commendations



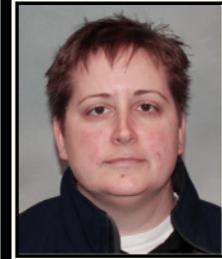
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Mike Peterson



Jared Blomdahl



Laura Marquardt



Ryan Temple



Ryan Morris



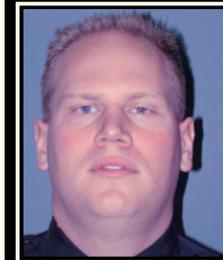
Mike Tinsley



Nick Lepak



Dave Drozdowski



Joe Olejnicak



Dan Boese



John Kari



Andrew Graves



Marc Johnson



Steve Pruse



Commendations



Rebecca Kopp



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Lisa Mickus



Tom Degerstrom



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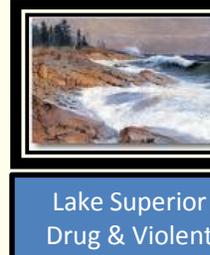


Alyssa Baumann



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Claire Bock



Lake Superior
Drug & Violent
Crimes Task
Force



Special Recognition

Support Staff Person of the Year



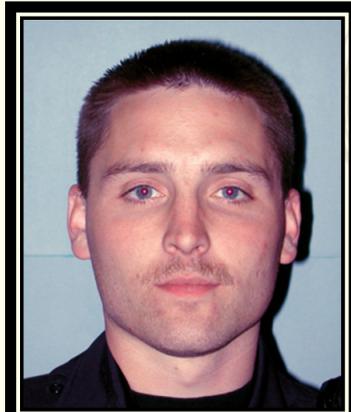
Diane Parker

Supervisor of the Year



Bob Shene

Investigator of the Year

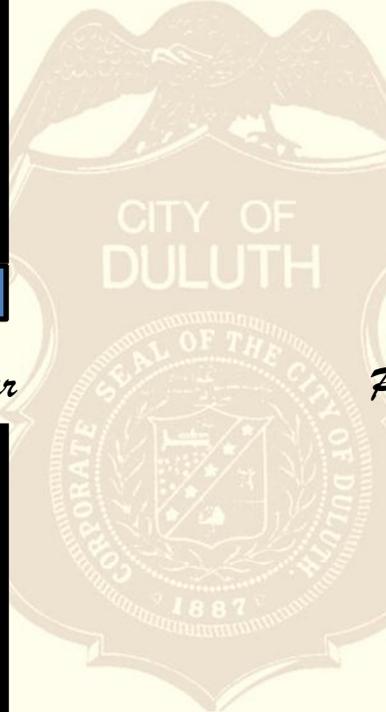


Jared Blomdahl

Police Officer of the Year



Mike Tinsley





Personnel Orders

- January 03-Mike LaFontaine assigned to Juvenile Services Unit-Morgan Park SRO
January 03-Bill Stauber assigned to Juvenile Services Unit-East High School SRO
January 03-Chris Johnson assigned to Patrol Division, Group C
January 28-Brenda Stokke retired
February 02-Matt McShane assigned to Administrative Division
February 22-Rob Hurst, Marc Johnson, Craig Lindberg, Jozef Miketin, Joel Olejnicak, and Mike Vollman selected for the Tactical Response Team
April 08-Steve LaTour retired
April 21-Greg McCullough reassigned from Shift A to Shift D
May 13-Cheryl Lambert retired
May 24-Don Boso retired
June 05-Barry Midthun retired
June 06-Erik Hanson promoted to Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator, Russ Bradley transferred to Lakeside COP, Nick Lukovsky transferred to Canal Park COP, Rob Hakala transferred to East Hillside COP
June 17-Joel Olejnicak transferred to Group A
July 01-Robert Hurst transferred to Downtown COP, Jozef Miketin transferred to far West COP, Shawn McGovern transferred to Patrol Division
July 04-Dan Fogarty retired



Personnel Orders

June 30-Matt Hendrickson selected for K9 position

July 10-Dan Boese transferred to Group D

July 26-Gayle Holton transferred to Group A

August 26-Claire Bock retired

August 29-Laura Marquardt promoted to sergeant, assigned to Crime Scene Investigations

September 6-Jeremy Graves promoted to sergeant, assigned to Juvenile Services Unit

September 6-Chris Johnson promoted to Juvenile Bureau Investigator

September 12-Kristina Schulte promoted to Property Crimes Investigator

September 25-David Decker promoted to Violent Crimes Investigator

September 28-Kelly Greenwalt transferred to Group D

December 30-Bob Olson retired

