



2012 Annual Report





Chief's Message

2012 was an incredible year for Duluth P.D. We entered the year preparing for the move into our new headquarters building after years of planning and 85 years of working out of City Hall. The monumental move went without a hitch thanks to good work by Lieutenant Kerry Kolodge and Deputy Chief Robin Roeser. Once in the building, staff quickly adapted to work life in a clean, modern, and efficient new headquarters. While it was sad to leave the history of the old station behind, no one complained.



In June we experienced one of the worst weather disasters in the country. I was notified shortly before midnight that staff and Emergency Managers were considering the evacuation of the Fond du Lac neighborhood. At 1:00 AM I was notified that the zoo had flooded and a seal and other animals had floated up to Grand Avenue. As I was driving into headquarters, I heard radio traffic of officers tracking down an escaped polar bear and lions. It was a night those working it will never forget. City avenues turned into rivers and streams were forever altered. Fortunately there were no casualties. An 8 year-old boy fell into a culvert and was taken on a six block ride underground before he was spit out at the culvert's end as it dumped into a creek in the Bayview Heights neighborhood. Officers on the scene did not initially believe what had happened as only a miracle would have allowed the young boy to survive.





Chief's Message

Synthetic drugs continued to ravage users and the eastern portion of downtown. Despite vigorous efforts to improve legislation addressing synthetic drugs sales and use of the terrible drug, we have largely been unsuccessful. At least two police officers must be stationed in the immediate area of what is believed to be our country's largest synthetic drug shop, "The Last Place on Earth." If the officers are summoned to another location, we are quickly called back for fights and other disturbances there. Lines to buy the products often go around the block. The store owner will likely make over \$18 million in sales in 2012. We are currently pursuing civil remedies to assist our effort to rid this scourge from downtown. It is difficult to comprehend the devastation and destruction that synthetic drugs can do to the people that consume them and our business community that has to endure them.



Lastly, we continue to build our reputation as a national leader in policing. We were recognized by several organizations this year including the International Association of Chiefs of Police for our innovative policing efforts.

Thank you for taking the time to review our 2012 annual report.

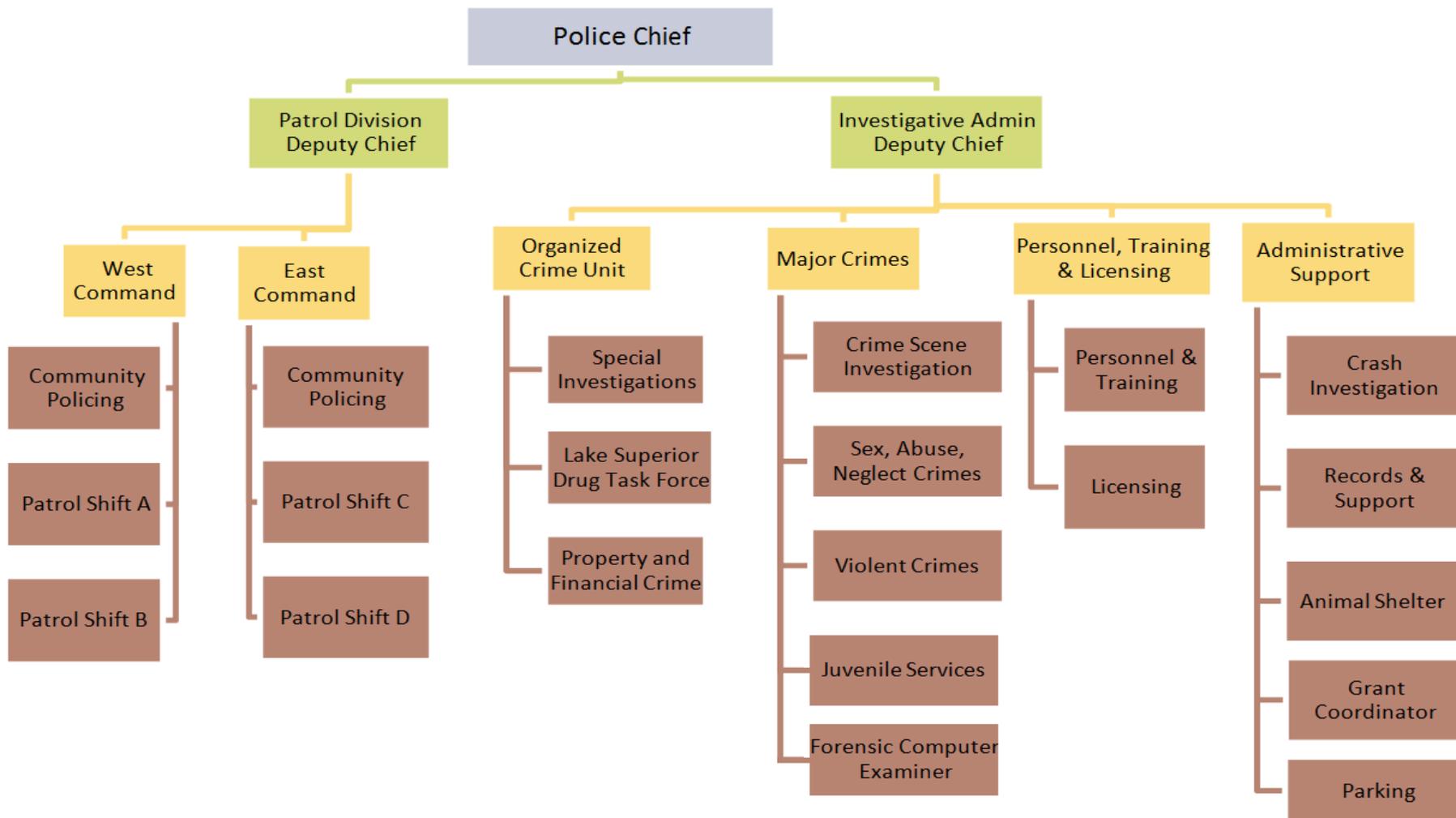
Respectfully,

Gordon Ramsay



Organizational Chart

Police Department Organization Chart

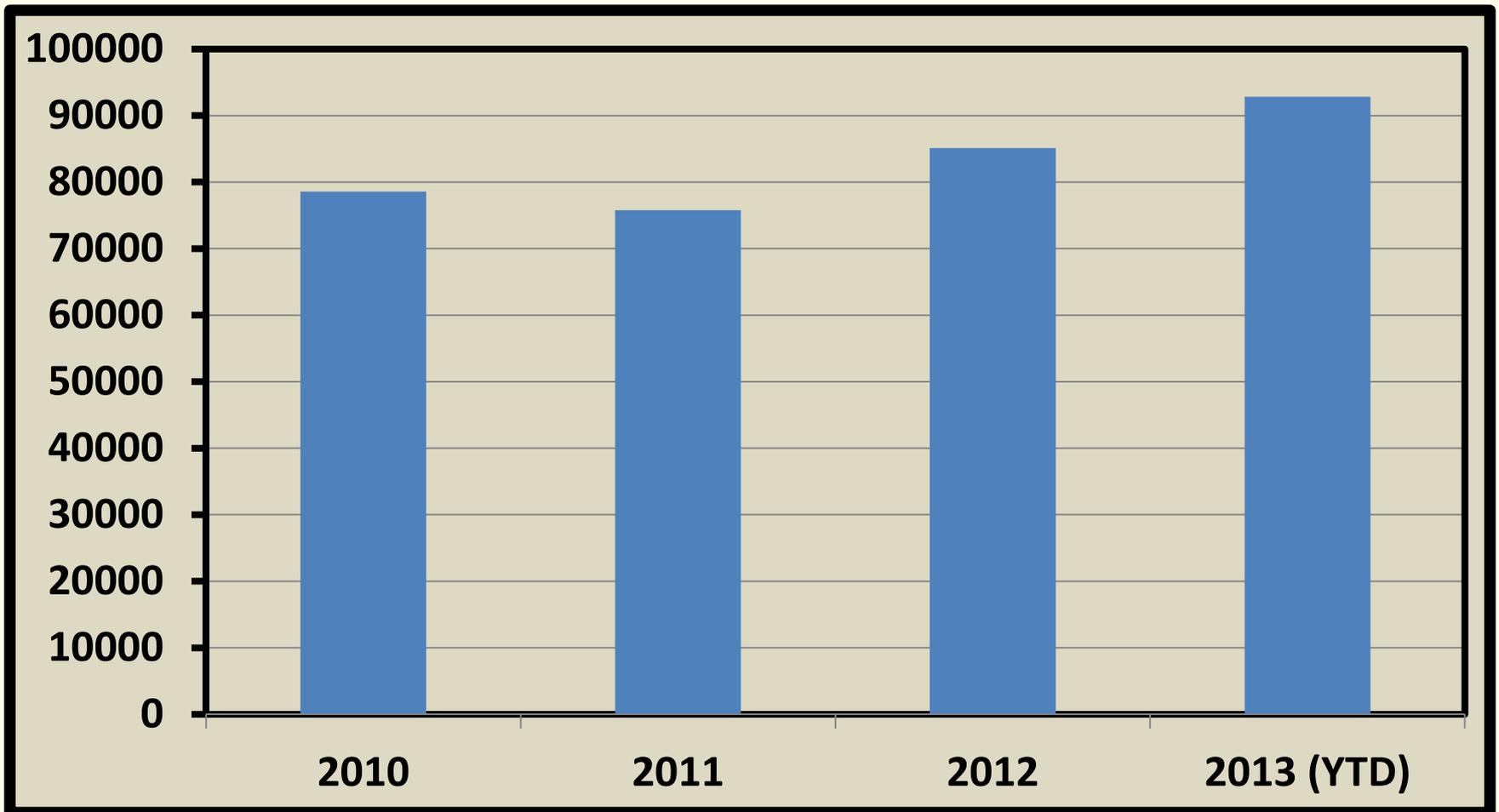




Calls For Service (CFS)

Total calls for Service 2010-2012

2010: 78,589 2011: 75,773 2012: 85,113





International Honors

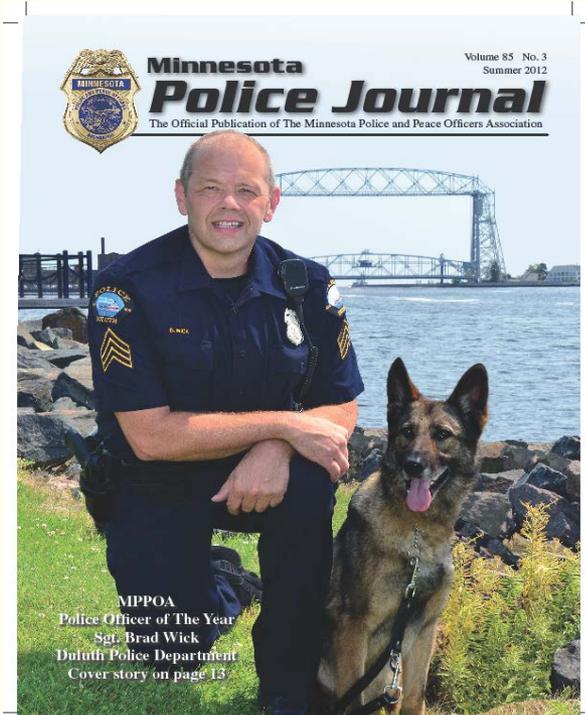
The Duluth Police Department was recognized and awarded by the International Association of Chief's of Police (IACP) for our work in a safety audit reviewing our response to Native American women who are victims of sexual assault. The audit was a collaborative process with partners from the Saint Louis County Attorney's Office, Program for Aide to Victim's of Sexual Assault, Mending the Sacred Hoop, Domestic Abuse Intervention Program, and the Saint Louis County Sheriff's Office. The audit found system blind spots and facilitated for policy changes and training to improve police response, allowing the Department to have a "victim centered" response to crime investigations.





Sergeant Brad Wick Honored

Sergeant Brad Wick was honored with the Department's highest honor, the Medal of Valor, for his actions saving a victim from a suspect. The suspect invaded her home, shot her and took her as a hostage in his pursuit to flee police capture for a string of violent crimes. The suspect shot at Sgt. Wick and Sgt. Wick returned fire and killed the suspect. The victim survived and recovered. Sgt. Wick was recognized and honored by both the Minnesota Police and Peace Officer Association with the Police Officer of the Year Award and the Minnesota Chief's of Police Association with the Police Officer of the Year Award.





Patrol Division



Toward Zero Death (TZD) funding was increased from \$91,000 in 2012 to \$203,776 for 2013 enforcement activities and to \$285,498 for 2014 activities. Our funding was increased due to well thought out enforcement planning, timely and accurate reporting, as well as a cooperative efforts by the Lake Superior Traffic Enforcement Team partner agencies. This funding pays officer overtime to do targeted enforcement on impaired drivers, speeding, and seat belt/passenger safety violations.



Last Place on Earth “LPOE”

OWN IT, SOLVE IT,
TAKE PRIDE.



(PICTURED - OFFICERS ROB HURST AND NICK LEPAK)

DULUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Duluth Police Department has partnered with federal and other local agencies to address the evolving synthetic drug epidemic in our community and provide public education on synthetic drugs and their effects on human behavior.

The DPD has taken a proactive approach to keeping the downtown area safe in light of the added challenge posed by the Last Place on Earth and its patrons. Taking ownership of the problem, the DPD has been working with other downtown business owners and residents.



June 2012 Flood

Flood Efforts

Significant police resources were allocated during a major flood which impacted our city during June, 2012. There were reports of flash flooding and areas of the community which had no public safety access as well as many roads which were impassable. The Emergency Operation Center was activated and incident command was established. The Fond du Lac neighborhood was evacuated and travel was limited to emergencies. Officers even encountered animals which escaped from the zoo during the initial flood and helped returned them to the safety of their environment. Thankfully no loss of human life.

		Sworn Officers	Civilian Staff	Total Police Cost
Personal Hours	June – 744.75hrs July – 141.50hrs	59	6	\$53,582
Equipment	Command Post & Squads			\$46,838
			Total Cost	\$100,420



June 2012 Flood

Haines Road and Mall Drive



8th Ave East and Skyline Pkwy



3rd Ave East and Superior St manhole





June 2012 Flood

Duluth Zoo Sea Lion on Grand Ave

WholeFoods Coop Parking lot



8th Ave East below Skyline

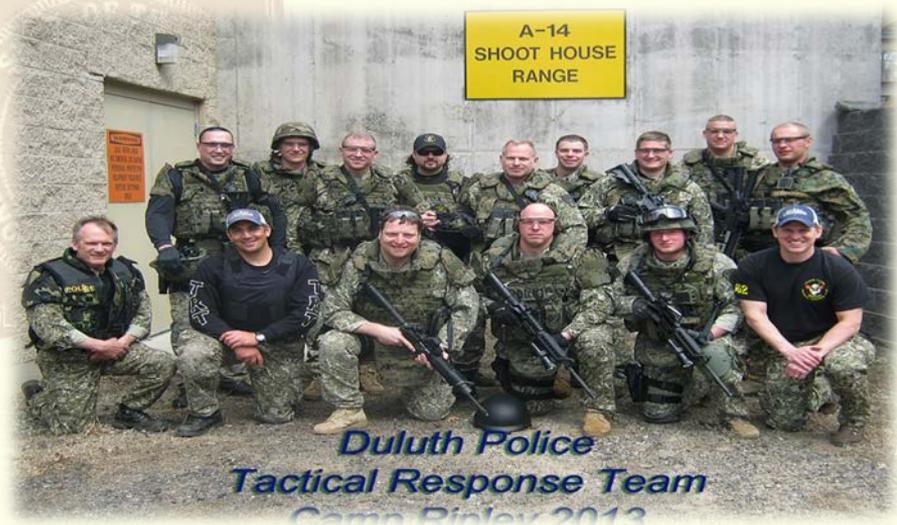
Kayakers on car dealership lot





Tactical Response Team

The Duluth Police Department utilizes a Tactical Response Team (TRT), consisting of twenty-two officers who deal with exceptional situations. Officers assigned to TRT employ specialized equipment, training, and tactics during operations they become involved in. The team's objective is a peaceful resolution of potentially violent situations. The TRT will be used, when deemed necessary, to serve hazardous search/arrest warrants, resolve barricaded subjects, hostage situations, dignitary protection, violent offender apprehension, and other tasks beyond the scope of patrol officers.





Below 100



The police department in conjunction with the Duluth Police Union trained officers in a national law enforcement campaign called Below 100. The mission is to reduce law enforcement deaths on-duty to below 100 by focusing on officers reducing speed and always wearing body armor and safety belts. This initiative has reduced the number of speed exceptions on the GPS system and is keeping our officers safe;

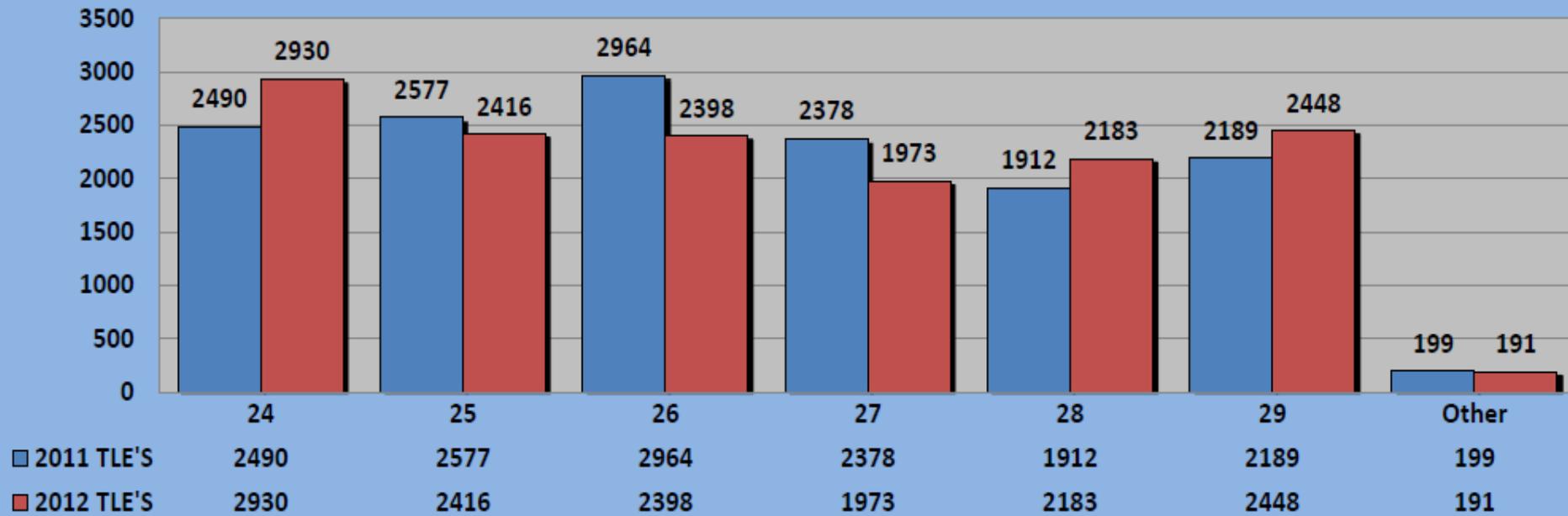


DWI/Traffic Safety

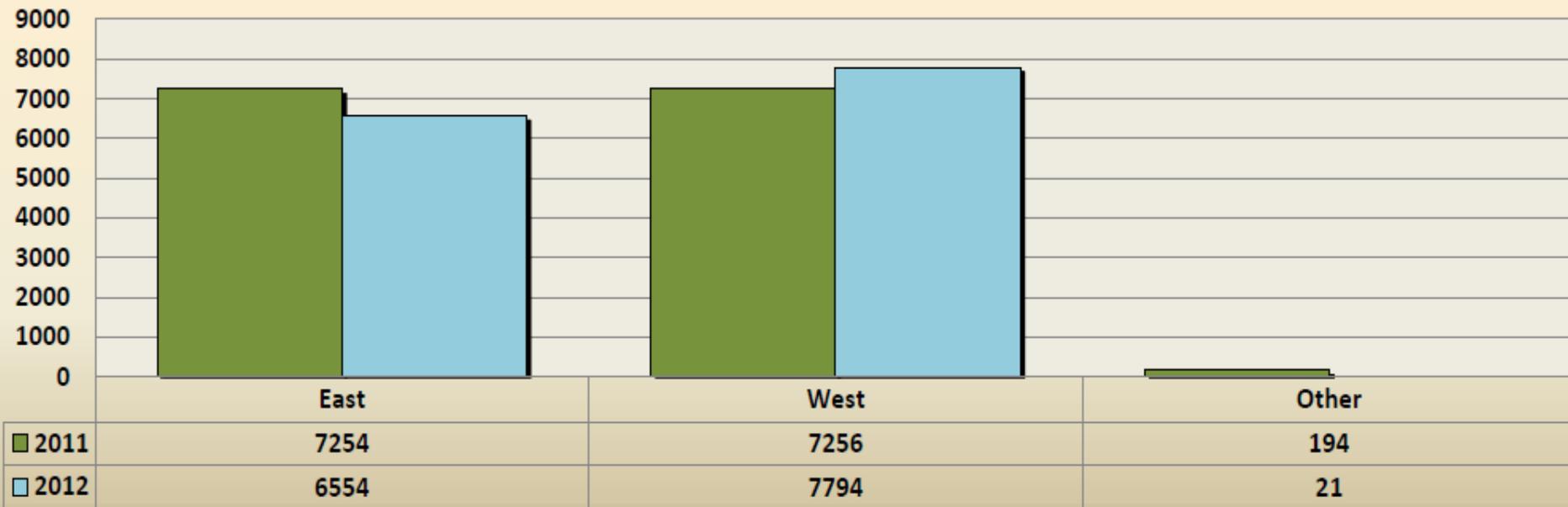
- Traffic safety is a focus within the patrol division. During 2012 there were 14,923 “traffic” law enforcement contacts as well as 12,289 citations for traffic offenses. There were 335 DWI arrests made in 2012, 183 were Gross Misdemeanor or above.



2011/2012 YTD TLE's By District



2011/2012 East and West YTD TLE Totals





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 agencies began monthly meetings to focus on and create a program to guide those citizens who consumed the most services from their service offerings. This community impact group (CIG) addressed the needs of citizens who had multiple needs including; housing, chemical dependencies, mental health needs and criminal incidents. Rarely would permanent change occur when their needs were addressed separately by service providers. Each agency knew separate antidotal information about the person. Exchange of information about the individuals' needs occurred infrequently. Following the shared releases of personal information the group came together and formed a "focused" response to assist their clients way, back to a productive life. With needs met and new expectations to be accountable, agencies witnessed improved efficiencies and improved client outcomes. These efforts along with the outreach by officers of the Duluth Police Department were applauded by the Judiciary Bench.





Giving Back to Our Community



Blue Christmas (Duluth Police Annual Toy Drive) This is the second year of our charitable toy-drive for the Northland Salvation Army and non-perishable food collection for Second Harvest Food Bank. We raised \$2,220 in cash donations for the purchase of toys and about thirty additional unwrapped toys for older children. The toys were purchased through TARGET in Duluth. We enlisted the assistance of two young ladies (daughters of Lt. Eric Rish and Lt. Daniel Chicos) to “model” the gift of giving. We also received generous donations from both the Police Welfare Association and the Duluth Police Union.

Officer Michael Thamm has volunteered hundreds of hours over more than a decade fundraising and organizing Special Olympics including 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 generously 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 has raised \$976,120 from 2002 to 2011 and has had 5,192 plungers. This annual event has become an activity many in Duluth look forward to each year as their way to give back to their community.





National Night Out



Officer Rob Hurst

On Tuesday August 7, 2012, more than 25 neighborhood parties were held. The purpose of the events is to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.



Lt. Leigh Wright



Sgt. Chad Nagorski



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

The SCAN unit is responsible for the investigation of all adult and child Criminal Sexual Conduct, Child Neglect and Abuse, and Vulnerable Adult Neglect and Abuse cases in the City of Duluth. In 2012 the SCAN Unit was referred over 815 cases by St. Louis County Social Services, and conducted approximately 43 First Witness Child Interviews. In 2012 the SCAN Unit continued to collaborate closely with our community partners to include First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center, PAVSA (Program to Aid Victims of Sexual Assault), and St. Louis County Initial Intervention Child Protection Services.



The DVRT Team is responsible for the investigation of all domestic abuse, orders for protection, and harassment order cases in the City of Duluth. In 2012 the DVRT investigators responded to approximately 789 case referrals. The DVRT investigators work closely with our partners at DAIP (Domestic Abuse Intervention Project), and the Safe Haven Shelter and Family Justice Centers.

The Duluth Police Department is responsible for managing the locations of 253 predatory offenders living in the City of Duluth. Of the 253 offenders 11 are Level three offenders, the most likely to re-offend. Investigator Erickson performs weekly compliance checks on offenders and visits a local shelter to maintain the compliance of homeless offenders.



Lake Superior Forensic Technology & ICAC Task Force

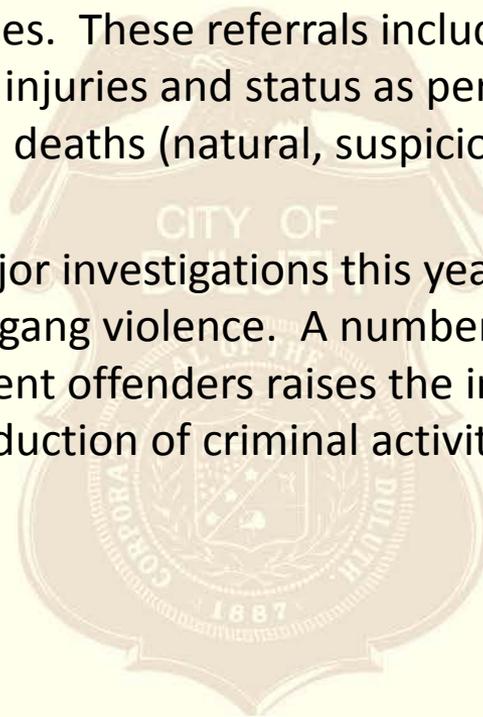
The Lake Superior Forensic Technology & ICAC Task Force is housed within the Superior, WI, Police Department. The Task Force assists area law enforcement agencies by enhancing their investigative response to technology-facilitated crimes such as:

- Internet crimes against children (ICAC), which deals with the exploitation of children via the internet.
- Human Trafficking – Duluth PD takes a proactive approach to this type of crime as Duluth is a major shipping port and is located on a major interstate thoroughfare (I-35)
- Financial Crimes such as identity theft, check forgery, mortgage fraud, and intrusions into financial accounts.
- Homicide Investigations -examination of electronic records in phones, cameras, computers, and tablets which may provide additional evidence.
- Drug trafficking and distribution investigations assist in identifying co-conspirators in a drug trafficking organization and identifying where proceeds from the sale of illegal drugs may be secreted away.
- In 2012 the Task Force was instrumental in the investigation and prosecution of Samuel L. Dewitt of Superior, WI. Dewitt was sentenced by U. S. District Judge William M. Conley to eight years in prison for possession of child pornography. His incarceration will be followed by twenty-five years of supervised release as a sex offender.



Violent Crimes Unit

- The Violent Crimes Unit had over 600 referrals for investigation during 2012. This number is not all inclusive due to some referrals not being made and/or investigators being called out to initial scenes. These referrals include robberies, gross misdemeanor and felony assaults (based on injuries and status as per Police, Fire, EMS, and hospital staff descriptions), homicides, deaths (natural, suspicious, and suicides), shots fired, and terroristic threats.
- We have had a number of major investigations this year involving homicides, stabbings, serious assaults, robbery and gang violence. A number of these cases involved repeat violent offenders. Repeat violent offenders raises the investigations to a higher priority based on public safety and reduction of criminal activity in the City.





Violent Crimes Unit

- Joshua Olson Homicide – On April 27, 2012, a homicide occurred at 102 East 1st Street. This particular homicide was very violent in nature due to the use of a knife and the type of wound that caused the death. Investigators did an excellent job utilizing video surveillance, collection of physical evidence, processing of evidence, and countless interviews to make an arrest of a suspect who has been charged. Investigators have continuously followed-up on information in the case and met with the prosecuting attorney to ensure a solid case for prosecution.
- Kevin Tyman Homicide – On December 21, 2012, a homicide occurred at #15 East 7th Street. This case is on-going and is currently the Unit's highest priority. We have had assistance from other units within the Police Department in conducting interviews. We are waiting for collected evidence to be processed and interpreted. Interviews continue along with the collection of electronic evidence.



Juvenile Services Unit

The Juvenile Services Unit consists of a Sergeant, (2) Investigators, and (4) School Resource Officers(SRO's). The four SRO's are individually assigned to Denfeld High School, East High School, Lincoln Park Middle School, and Ordean-East Middle School. The middle schools are newly opened this school year.



There were over 1,000 referrals made to the unit in 2012. These includes charges ranging from petty misdemeanors to felonies. The Unit handled all juvenile in-custody arrests and processed all juvenile citations. 1,000 referrals includes all follow-up investigative referrals made to the Juvenile Services Unit.

The Juvenile Services Unit takes a proactive approach with juveniles by visiting them in their homes or schools after they have been charged with offenses such as curfew, car prowling, etc. We work with the juvenile's parents, Probation and the Arrowhead Juvenile Center in an attempt to keep kids on the right track.



Juvenile Services Unit

The Juvenile Services Unit manages and follows-up on all missing person/runaway reports which includes adults and juveniles. In 2012 the Juvenile Services Unit was referred over 200 missing persons/runaway reports. They use a proactive approach locating missing persons using social media, search warrants, and School Resource Officers.

The unit continues to work with the Juvenile Diversion Alternative Initiative (JDAI) This program is designed to provide and sustain a juvenile justice system which ensures the safety of children and the community; where children are treated fairly and equitably; eliminate the unnecessary detention of children and provide community based alternatives; 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



- Seamlessly we moved the entire evidence & property room from our old location to our new Headquarters. This was a historic project that brought our department into International Association of Property & Evidence compliance for the first time. Many staff hours were expended on this project. Evidence purging was initiated 12-18 months prior to the move.
- We successfully coded all evidence and property into BEAST data storage. We are poised for a full inventory and periodic audits for 2013.
- The Evidence Garage has been completed and maintained as a processing area as well as an evidence storage area for large items and bicycles.
- Inv. Mike Gilbert completed training needed to be certified as a latent print analyst. This fulfills our need for two Crime Scene Investigators certified in latent print analysis.
- Successful Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) successes as well as foot print comparisons have positively impacted the investigation and outcomes of dozens of property crimes.
- We have had several successful convictions of arsonists including 1st degree arson suspect Adam Seavey.
- Requests for processing evidence are up 12% from 2011 and requests for copying media are up 5% from 2011.



Property & Financial Crimes

- During 2012 the Property and Financial Crimes Unit utilized new and old techniques to solve multiple cases.
- DNA test results identified a suspect in a vehicle prowling and auto theft which was corroborated by video surveillance from parking lots where the crimes had occurred. A suspect was identified and information gleaned from the Automated Pawn System confirming the suspect was pawning stolen property from several incidents. A search warrant at the suspect's address linked the suspect to additional burglaries.
- Saturation patrols were used when burglaries to occupied buildings were occurring. Between 1 and 4 AM surveillance video of a credit card and check fraud crime identified one suspect. "Facebook" was used to identify a second juvenile suspect. Both suspects were charged and convicted in court.
- GPS technology and covert video/photography was used to track identified car prowlers. Suspects were caught immediately after committing a vehicle prowling which led to the execution of several search warrants and clearance of several crimes including car prowling, credit card fraud, and burglary.
- Collaboration and information sharing between investigators and patrol officers is a key factor in the successful solving of these and other crimes.



Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force (LSD& VCTF)

Task Force investigators adapted to changing drug trends and technology to solve multiple drug cases.

- Operation Brownstone - Investigators noticed a rise in the use and sale of Heroin. Operation Brownstone targeted these crimes in the Duluth area. In June 2012, Investigators arrested (14) suspects of the (25) identified in this operation. Eight other people were arrested for unrelated warrants. LSDVCTF assisted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, U.S. Marshal's Service, and Duluth PD conducted a large scale "round up" day. Two suspects charged were already in custody. All suspects were formally charged.
- Andrew Wayne Clarke was identified as a repeat offender and was well known to the Task Force and Property Crimes Unit. In September of 2012 Clarke was arrested on two warrants for controlled substance crimes stemming from cases initiated by the Task Force. Clarke had 8.3 grams of Heroin on his person. He was charged with two counts of 2nd degree possession. In October 2012, Clarke was arrested again at the same location. A search warrant was initiated on Clarke's person. Located were ten individually wrapped pieces (5.7 grams) of crack cocaine. Also located were 1.5 grams of Heroin. Clarke is now serving 258 months (21.5 yrs.) in prison for these crimes.



Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crimes Task Force

- May 2012 the Minnesota State Association of Narcotics Investigators awarded the Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force the “Outstanding Achievement Award” at the annual Can/Am Conference. This award stems from the successful Operation: “Pills in a Box” where (27) suspects were federally indicted for violations of narcotics and firearm laws. Suspects trafficked the drugs Opana, Oxycontin, Heroin, Marijuana, and firearms.





Administrative Support Bureau

Training Unit

- 11 police recruits were hired in 2012. They successfully completing our Academy and entered into our Field Training program.
- In 2012, 17 personnel went through emergency vehicle operations training conducted by our in-house instructors.
- The Training Unit sent officers to 6,291 hours of training in 2012. The Training Unit graduated 25 students from the Citizen's Police Academy.
- The Training Unit coordinated 6 internships for a total of 1800 volunteer hours.

Licensing Unit

- In 2012, gun permit applications totaled 709 (295 in 2011)
- 114 Taxi Inspections were made in 2012 (99 in 2011)

Crash Investigations Unit

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

Crash Type	District 24	District 25	District 26	District 27	District 28	District 29	Total
Criminal Vehicular Operation	4	2	3	3	1	0	13
Property Damage	257	204	459	265	342	448	1975
Property Damage/ Hit & Run	71	76	137	104	45	85	518
Personal Injury	37	36	37	15	29	45	199
Personal Injury/ Hit & Run	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
Personal Injury/ Pedestrian	5	4	12	7	3	3	34
Personal Injury/ Pedestrian Hit & Run	1	2	3	1	1	-	8
Total	372	322	649	392	420	581	2736



Administrative Support Bureau



School Patrol – Officer Bill Stovern manages the school patrol program. School patrol is comprised of approximately 300 student volunteers. They are responsible for ensuring students coming to and leaving school, cross the street safely. Officer Stovern is responsible for training and fundraising for the student crossing volunteers.

Police Reserves – The Police Reserves are made up of 20 men and women who volunteer their time and talents to assist the Department with special events and emergencies. In 2012, the Reserves donated 1,384 hours of time volunteering at special events.





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	2012	2011
Meter (33-111b)	28,506	28,332
No Parking (33-97a)	1,831	1,983
Alternate Side (33-97.8)	7,720	9,485
No Plate (33-11)	6	21
License Plate (33-11)	3,165	3,978
Loading Zone (33-87b)	738	508
Truck Zone (33-87a)	205	229
	428	
Government Property (33-95)		369
Taxi Stop (33-88)	8	3
On Sidewalk (33-82a.1)	77	106
	94	
In Front of Driveway (33-82a.2)		87
Intersection (33-82a.3)	2	4
Fire Hydrant (33-82a.4)	87	117
On Crosswalk (33-82a.5)	141	182
20' of Crosswalk (33-82a.6)	247	182
30' of Stop Sign (33-82a.7)	135	326
7' of Driveway (33-82a.8)	248	264
Double Parking (33-82a.12)	12	24
Official Sign (33-82a.14)	117	180
	26	
Between St & SWK (33-82a.15)		34
Alley Parking (33-83)	200	215
24 Hour Parking (33-85)	626	424
Time Limit (33-84)	361	527
	0	
Park Parallel to Curb (33-93a)		2
Wrong Way (33-93c)	661	1,363
Feed Meter (33-109)	69	48

Violation	2012	2011
2 Vehicles at Meter (33-106a)	43	77
2 Meter Stalls (33-106b)	34	38
Fraudulent Plates	0	2
Handicap	119	177
Bus Stop	92	133
Aggravated Meter (33-111.6)	607	573
Residential Permit	577	893
Pk Hash (169.06-4)	46	81
20' FH (33-82a.10)	0	1
Fire Lane (33.82a.16)	29	60
Keys in Ignition (33-91)	7	2
Dolly Down (33-87d)	0	2
Parallel to Curb (33-93)	0	1
For Sale Sign (33-90)	8	4
Wheel Curb (33-92)	0	1
Back Curb (33-94)	0	4
Park Curfew	23	68
TK/Trail	0	1
No Park/Stand	19	35
Park Off Roadway	18	4
Abandoned	1	4
Revoked Plate	0	5
PK RTE (33-97.1-3)	0	3
Obstruct Traffic Lane	5	9
Block Driveway	5	21
Over 12" from Curb (33-93a)	19	31
Front Yard	20	3
No Parking 2-6	139	363
Warning	2	1
Other	258	374
TOTAL	47,781	51,962



Records & Support Unit (RSU)

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

2008-2012 crime statistics submitted to the BCA were as follows:

PART 1	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE	3	0	1	3	3
FORCIBLE RAPE	32	27	45	28	43
ROBBERY	90	82	92	122	128
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	213	164	178	200	195
BURGLARY	642	756	646	632	520
LARCENY-THEFT	3047	3424	3480	3431	3524
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	172	166	174	190	167
ARSON	50	13	10	31	17
TOTAL PART 1	4249	4632	4626	4637	4597
PART 2	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
OTHER ASSAULT	923	1044	1028	995	861
FORGERY	114	71	117	137	118
FRAUD	347	462	283	292	321
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	1	0	0
STOLEN PROPERTY	56	38	31	29	25
VANDALISM	1155	1391	1305	1507	1815
WEAPONS	31	42	44	56	47
PROSTITUTION	10	36	5	6	8
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	174	187	204	173	122
NARCOTICS	613	467	542	460	451
GAMBLING	0	0	2	2	1
FAMILIES & CHILDREN	380	264	43	72	62
DUI	227	255	522	298	329
LIQUOR LAW	408	470	622	684	532
DRUNKENNESS	0	0	0	0	0
DISORDERLY	433	433	494	385	433
VAGRANCY	18	42	42	18	19
OTHER	591	626	956	701	636
TOTAL PART 2	5480	5828	6241	5815	5780
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>9729</u>	<u>10460</u>	<u>10867</u>	<u>10452</u>	<u>10377</u>



Animal Control

2012 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 (ACO's) work out of the City of Duluth Animal Control Shelter at 2627 Courtland Street. During 2012 ACO's received and responded to over 1300 reports of aggressive, loose/stray, injured, barking, nuisance and neglected/abused animals within our city. They received reports of 70 animals biting people and 45 animals attacking other animals. As a result of their investigations they designated 11 dogs as "Dangerous" and 26 dogs as "Potentially Dangerous". Numerous tickets were written for animal control violations.



Of the 1104 domestic animals impounded and cared for at the shelter, 257 were re-united with their owners, 769 were transferred to Animal Allies, and 24 were placed for adoption through the city.



Special Projects

Port Security Camera Project

The implementation of Port Security Cameras was funded through Port Security Grants from the Department of Homeland Security. Phase II was funded from the same source under a different disbursement year. The Department currently has 40 cameras and is planning with outside agencies to add to the network. The additional cameras will provide further surveillance coverage east, west and in the downtown skywalk.

The department has started its program of actively monitoring the cameras to assist police officers on the street. The goal is to have monitoring coverage 24 hours a day 7 days a week.



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. It will allow officers to more effectively and efficiently provide the services the public has come to expect and deserve.



New Headquarters

March 1, 2012 was a special day for the Duluth Police Department as we moved into our new headquarters at 2030 North Arlington Avenue, known as the St. Louis County Public Safety Building (PSB). The new 68,000 ft² building was designed by LHB (Duluth, MN) and SRBL (Deerfield, IL). The building was constructed by RJS Construction (Superior, WI).

The Department is truly grateful to all who made this project possible. The building is something the citizens of Duluth can be proud of and will see return on their investment with improved police services as a result of this state of the art facility.





New Headquarters

- One of the most significant accomplishments of 2012 was the successful completion of the Headquarters building project. This was the culmination of a three year project. Construction was completed at the end of December 2011. During the first quarter of 2012, all of the furniture, fixtures and equipment were installed. This included all of the furniture for the offices, conference rooms and specialty areas. This enormous installation had to be carefully coordinated with the installation of personnel lockers, lab equipment, fitness equipment, property and evidence storage, computers, phones, and audio-visual equipment.
- In addition, a move schedule had to be determined. This involved many meetings and coordination with all Departmental units in addition to other city stakeholders. The move was completed in April 2012. This involved moving more than 150 staff from City Hall. The most important part of the move was ensuring that the systems and equipment that staff rely upon to provide service to the community continued to operate without any interruption. The team was successful accomplishing this monumental transition to a new building. Many individuals worked together to make the transition seamless.
- Now that the Department is operating out of a new facility, we have already begun to actualize efficiencies not possible when housed at City Hall.



Special Projects

ARMER Digital Trunked Radio System

On December 28, 2012 the Duluth Police Department as a part of the Northeast Region of Minnesota, converted to the ARMER Digital Trunked Radio System.

ARMER is a Digital Trunked Radio System that provides seamless interoperable communication opportunities based on ICS principles. ARMER replaced the outdated VHF radio communication system.

The migration to ARMER has been an ongoing project for the last few years. The benefits of the system include: the stability and clarity of the transmissions and an ability to provide seamless interoperability communications between multiple disciplines/jurisdictions.



2012 Hiring



Officer Shanda Braun



Officer Dean Bauers



Officer Michael Jambor



Officer Taylor Stutsman



Officer Jen Mangan



Officer Ben Nordskog



Officer Tim Crossman



Officer James Forsyth





Promotions



Jared Blomdahl



Tom Stolee



Mike Lafontaine



Nick Lukovsky

Sergeants

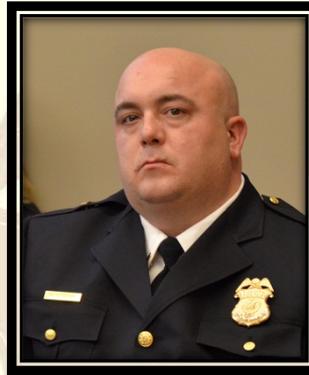




Lieutenant Promotions



Lt. Tim
Jazdewski



Lt. Mike
Ceynowa



Lt. Ann Clancey





Special Recognition

Support Staff Person of the Year



Alyssa Baumann

Supervisor of the Year



Rod Wilson

Investigator of the Year



Kristina Schulte

Police Officer of the Year



Dan Neitzel

