



Duluth Police Department

2013 Annual Report



Mission

The Mission of the Duluth Police Department is to provide the highest level of service through partnerships and problem solving in a professional, ethical, and timely manner.



Chief's Message

2013 was another year of great accomplishments by members of the Duluth Police Department. We were recognized for the second straight year for our community policing efforts and were awarded the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) "Excellence in Community Policing Award" for our work on nuisance crime and blight.

Through the dedication of Lieutenant Mike Ceynowa and Sergeant Gayle Holton we formed a Duluth Police Foundation (5013c) and got it going with a wonderful kick-off fund raiser. There is no doubt that the foundation will help us, our citizen patrol groups, police explorers and other community safety groups move forward to keep Duluth the safe and wonderful city that we all love.

I know everyone has had their fill of what was believed to be the largest retail outlet in the country, otherwise known as the Last Place on Earth, but we defeated this evil business that brought an unbelievable amount of destruction to Old Downtown and many drug users in our community. In October a federal grand jury convicted Jim Carlson on 52 of 54 federal criminal charges. Millions of dollars and property were seized, including the Last Place on Earth building. While it was difficult to comprehend the problems that one business can create, Old Downtown has quieted down and is back to the peaceful neighborhood it once was.

We saw a drop in violent crime in 2013. Robberies were down over 20% and auto thefts were at levels not seen since the 1950's. We continue to use real-time data, the Mayor's Citizen Survey and neighborhood input to drive our response. We are seeing great results. Our community policing efforts continue with a "Community Compstat" initiative of West Area Commander Leigh Wright. It has proven another great way to build relationships and get things done.

I am very proud of our staff and know their dedication and continuous efforts are making our community better. I hope you enjoy reviewing the annual report.

Respectfully,
Gordon Ramsay

Structure

The department consists of approximately 150 sworn police officers and a support staff of about 35 employees. Crime prevention, detection and investigation are the primary duties of the department. The department is divided into two divisions, each managed by a Deputy Chief.

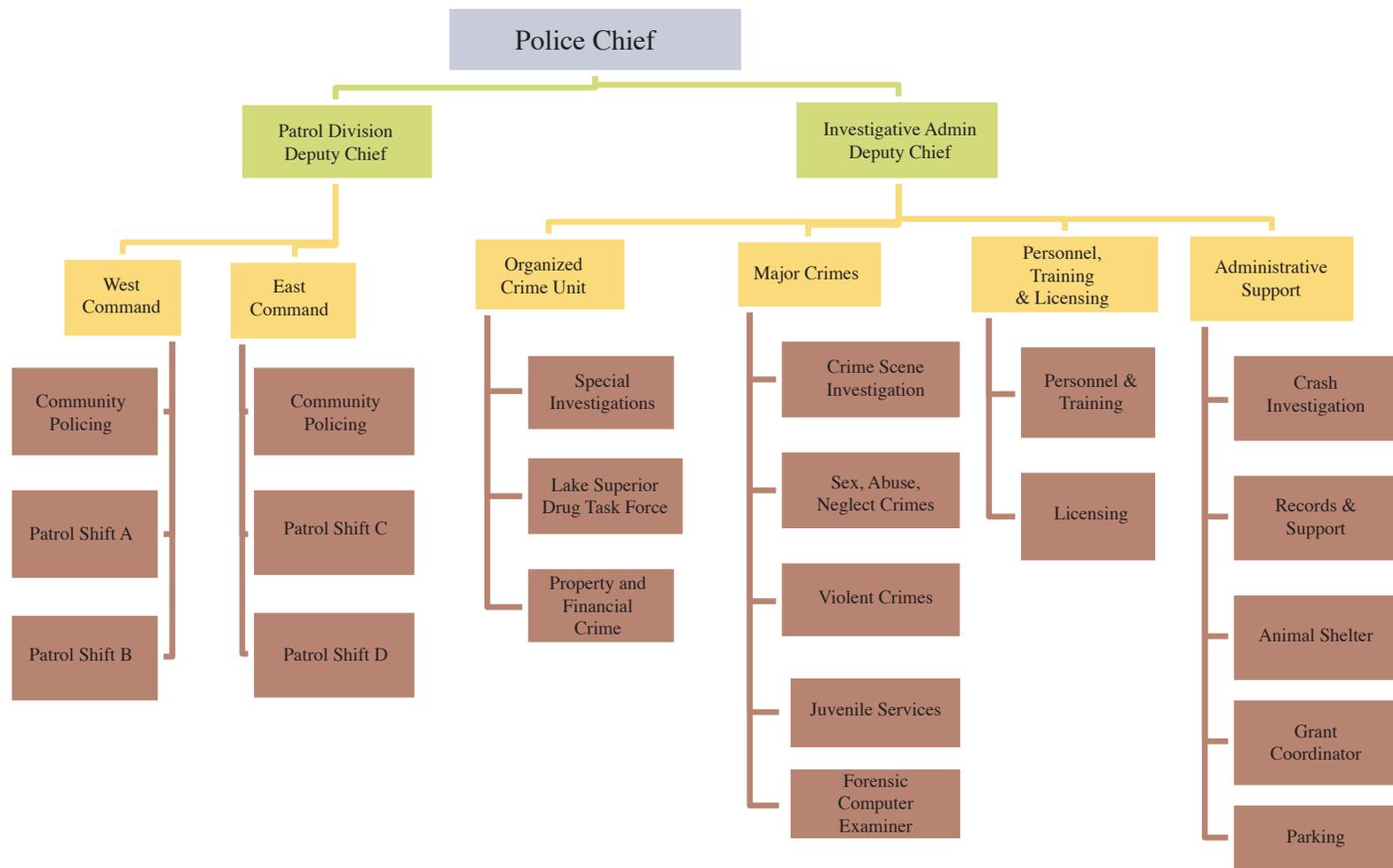
The Investigative/Administrative Division contains all investigative units and administrative functions. There are currently four lieutenants assigned to this division, which consists of the following units:

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Violent Crimes
- Property/Financial Crimes
- Crash Investigations
- Lake Superior Drug & Gang Task Force
- Personnel, Training & Licensing
- Juvenile Services/School Resource
- Sex Crimes, Abuse, Domestic Violence
- Records Support
- Forensic Computer Examiner
- Internal Investigations
- Fleet, MIS, Facilities, Grants

The Patrol Division is divided into two geographic patrol areas. Each area is under the command of a lieutenant. The Patrol Division consists of the following units:

- Patrol Shifts
- Community Policing
- Canine Units
- Traffic Enforcement

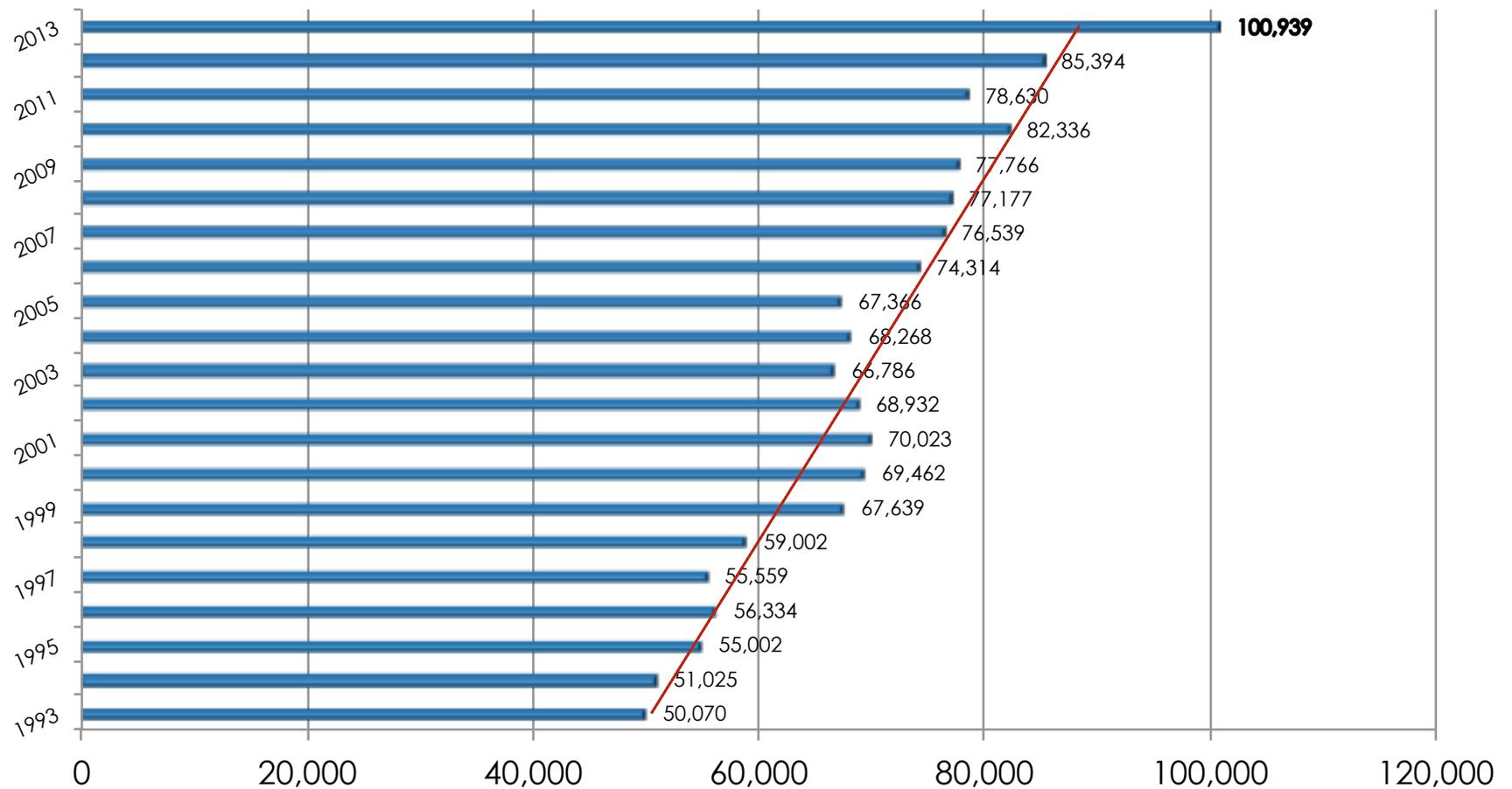
Organizational Chart



2013 Goals & Objectives

Goal	Objective	Tactics	Measurement
Succession Planning	To ensure a smooth transition critical positions due to an increase in retirements	Identify, guide, mentor, develop and train future department leaders	Qualified and trained pool of exceptional candidates ready to step into their next rol
Repair or replace current records management system (RMS)	To improve usability and functionality of our RMS system	Determine options, costs, fixes and what it best for the department. Fully engage and communicate with staff Utilize the Chief's Advisory Council and Records Manager to lead the effort	Duplication issues, system responsiveness, functionality and usability improved to meet the needs of a progressive, busy urban police department
Staff more efficiently	Staff according to call loads and problem areas	Utilize data to determine busiest times and problem areas to prevent crime and disorder	Decrease in crime and disorder
Prevent crime utilizing real time data and intelligence	Create an intelligence unit using existing staff and increase the use and accessibility of analysts	Build a new unit by reassigning existing analysts with input from staff Train staff on how analysts can assist further assist with investigations and reduction of crime and disorder	Improved investigations and police response to problem through the use of intelligence and crime analysis
Increase the use of volunteers throughout all areas of the department	Increase the amount of tasks complete, Monitor cameras Assist units/bureaus as needed	Utilize administrative resources to background, train and assign volunteers Consider a part time volunteer coordinator position to assist	Increased number of volunteers assisting the department

Historical Calls For Service





2013 Accomplishments

Last Place On Earth: the United States largest commercial synthetic drug outlet located in old downtown Duluth.

- Declared Public Nuisance and closed since July 19, 2013
- Jim Carlson convicted of 51 Federal counts related to the sale of synthetic substances on October 8, 2013
- Carlson facing prison sentence and asset forfeiture
- Increased Perception of safety in Old Downtown

DPD recognized by IACP for Excellence in Victim Services and Community Policing for work on the Blight & Nuisance Project. Formation of the Duluth Police Foundation 5013c

Towards Zero Death (TZD) traffic safety funding increased from \$91,000 in 2011, to \$203,000 in 2012, to \$285,000 in 2013. Program is a model for the state and has impacted crime and traffic safety in Duluth

Challenges

Staffing

- Increase in calls for service, less discretionary to devote to crime prevention
- More time and resources are necessary to use best evidence practices to develop viable cases for prosecution
- Many viable cases go unresolved due to resources; leading to greater offender recidivism

Technology

- Need to continue to seek technology that find efficiencies and allows the Department to keep up with increasing demands.
- Mobile technology such as tablets would increase efficiencies of field based reporting, translating into more time for crime prevention
- Body Cameras - began research for best products
- License Plate Reader- further upgrade of equipment



Last Place On Earth (LPOE)

Through a three year collaborative effort between the Duluth Police Department, Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force, DEA, City of Duluth Mayor's and Attorney's Offices, Greater Downtown Council, Chamber of Commerce, St. Luke's and Essentia Health Systems, the synthetic drug store, Last Place on Earth was closed for business on July 19, 2013. The Last Place on the Earth was the largest retail synthetic drug store in the U.S.A.

The City of Duluth is a fearsome adversary. Our business and citizen partner groups rise to the occasion each and every time to keep our city safe and our businesses thriving.

Jim Carlson, owner of the Last Place on Earth is in jail awaiting sentencing for 51 federal indictments associated with the sale of synthetic drugs.



Toward Zero Death (TZD) Patrol Division

Toward Zero Death (TZD) celebrated another successful year with funding and traffic enforcements to keep our roadways safe. The TZD grant allowed the Duluth Police Department and our partners to allocate 3,070 hours of officer's time, conducting 5,469 traffic stops, covering 40,078 miles, which resulted in 142 traffic violation arrests, along with numerous opportunities to educate the community. Yet again, our funding was increased to over \$203,000 dollars due to well thought out enforcement planning, timely and accurate reporting, as well as a cooperative effort 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/passengersafety violations.

2013 Citizens Survey

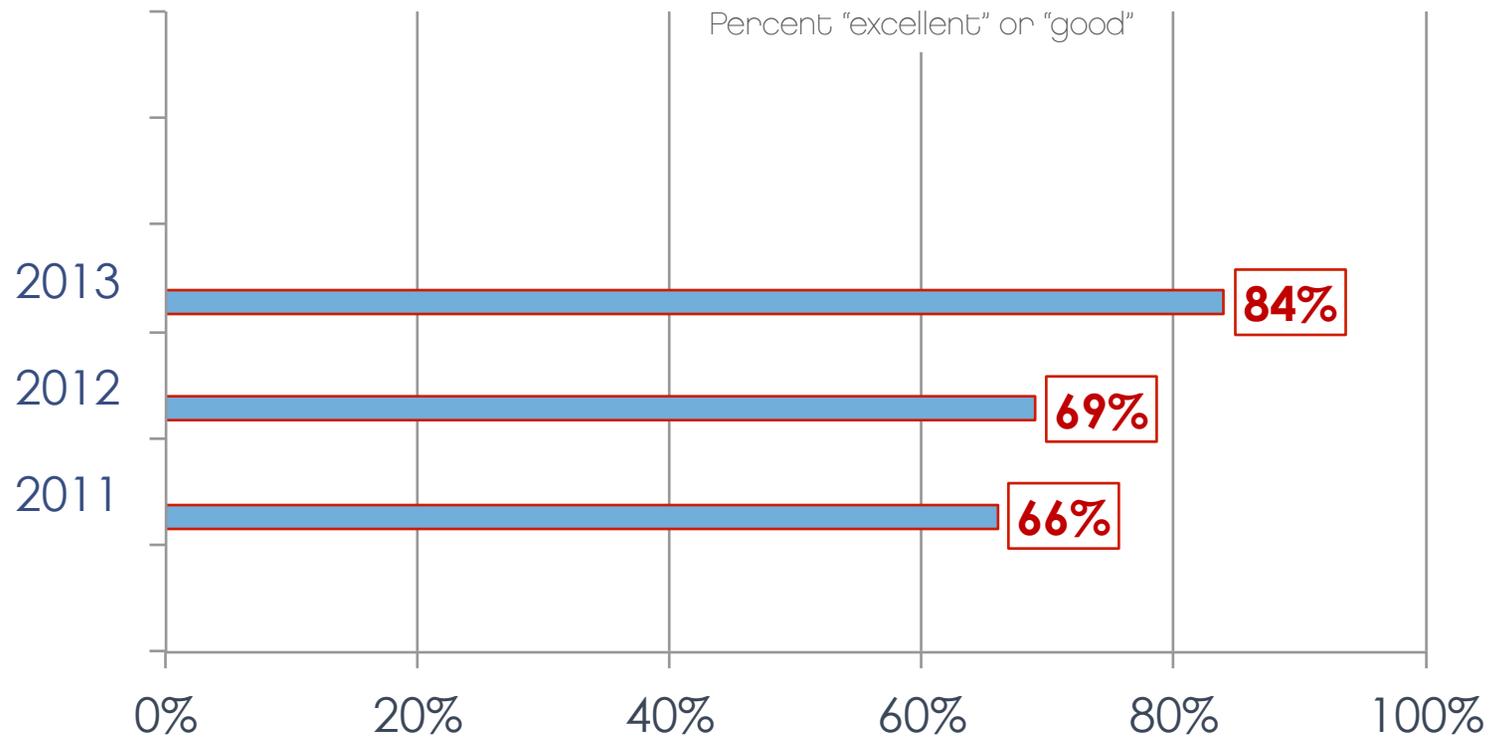
The National Citizen Survey was developed by the National Research Center to provide statistically valid data from city residents' opinions about community and services provided by their local City government.

	2013	2012	2011	2010
Safety in your neighborhood during the day	89%	93%	94%	92%
Safety in your neighborhood after dark	67%	71%	69%	67%
Safety in Duluth's downtown area during the day	64%	75%	75%	72%
Safety in Duluth's downtown after dark	20%	24%	33%	21%
Safety from violent crime (e.g., rape, assault, robbery)	57%	72%	70%	58%
Safety from property crimes (e.g., burglary, theft)	48%	52%	52%	47%
Safety from environmental hazards	73%	74%	75%	70%

(Percent "very" or "somewhat" safe)

2013 Citizen Survey

Ratings of Contact with Police Department





Tactical Response Team

The Duluth Police Department utilizes a Tactical Response Team (TRT), consisting of twenty-one 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. Regardless of what you see on TV, we know our Tactical Response Team is a "life saving" organization.

Nine incidents called out the Duluth TRT in 2013 - (7) Assisted high risk search warrants, (1) Assist Superior Police with a high risk arrest, and (1) Assist barricaded suicide risk incident.



Traffic Safety 2013

DDACTS is Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety. We integrate location-based crime and traffic crash data to establish effective and efficient methods for deploying law enforcement. DDACTS uses geo-mapping to identify areas that have high incidences of crime and traffic crashes.

Officers who are proactive and engaged look for opportunities to make contact with people who are violating the laws or are engaged in suspicious activity.

Of equal importance, engaging in ambitious traffic enforcement seeking to modify driver behavior to reduce speeds, impaired driving, and ensure seat belt use will save lives.

Officers engaged in traffic enforcement have the greatest opportunity to do drug, gun, and criminal interdiction. Routine stops allow officers' opportunities to detect criminal activity and develop probable cause for searches which may lead to arrest of offenders who victimize the community.

Traffic and subject stops are critical tools used to keep our community safe!

- **19,735 Traffic Stops**
- **5,027 Citations Written**
- **326 Arrests**
- **292 DWI**

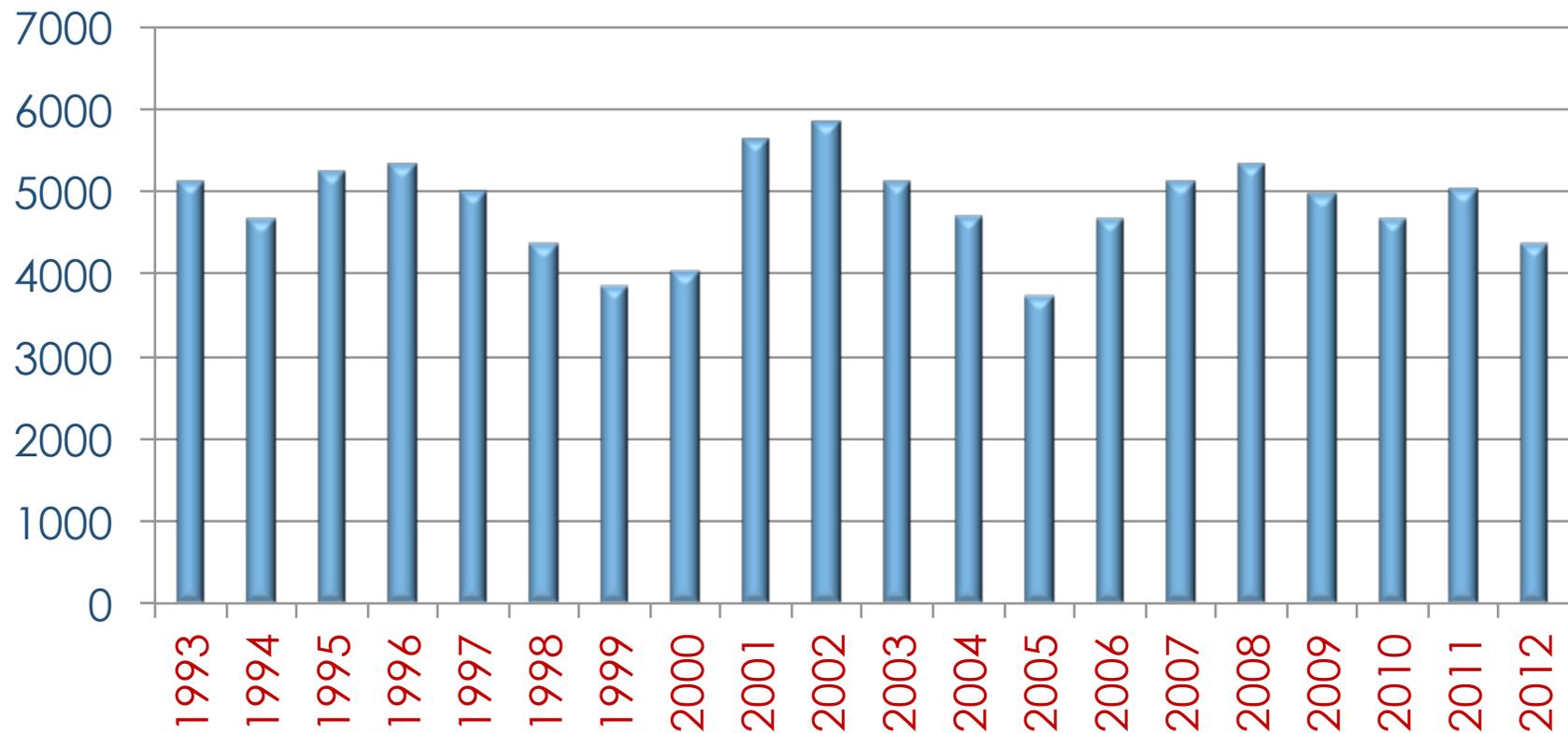
2013 Crash Investigations

Crash Type	District 24	District 25	District 26	District 27	District 28	District 29	Total
Property Damage	324	260	635	323	405	482	2429
Property Damage/ Hit & Run	68	75	153	108	67	105	576
Personal Injury	39	27	45	18	43	49	221
Personal Injury/ Hit & Run	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Personal Injury/ Pedestrian	5	2	20	4	3	8	42
Personal Injury/ Pedestrian Hit & Run	2	2	3	2	-	-	9
Fatal Traffic Crash	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Total	438	367	856	455	519	646	3281
Criminal Vehicular Operation	3	4	3	1	2	2	15

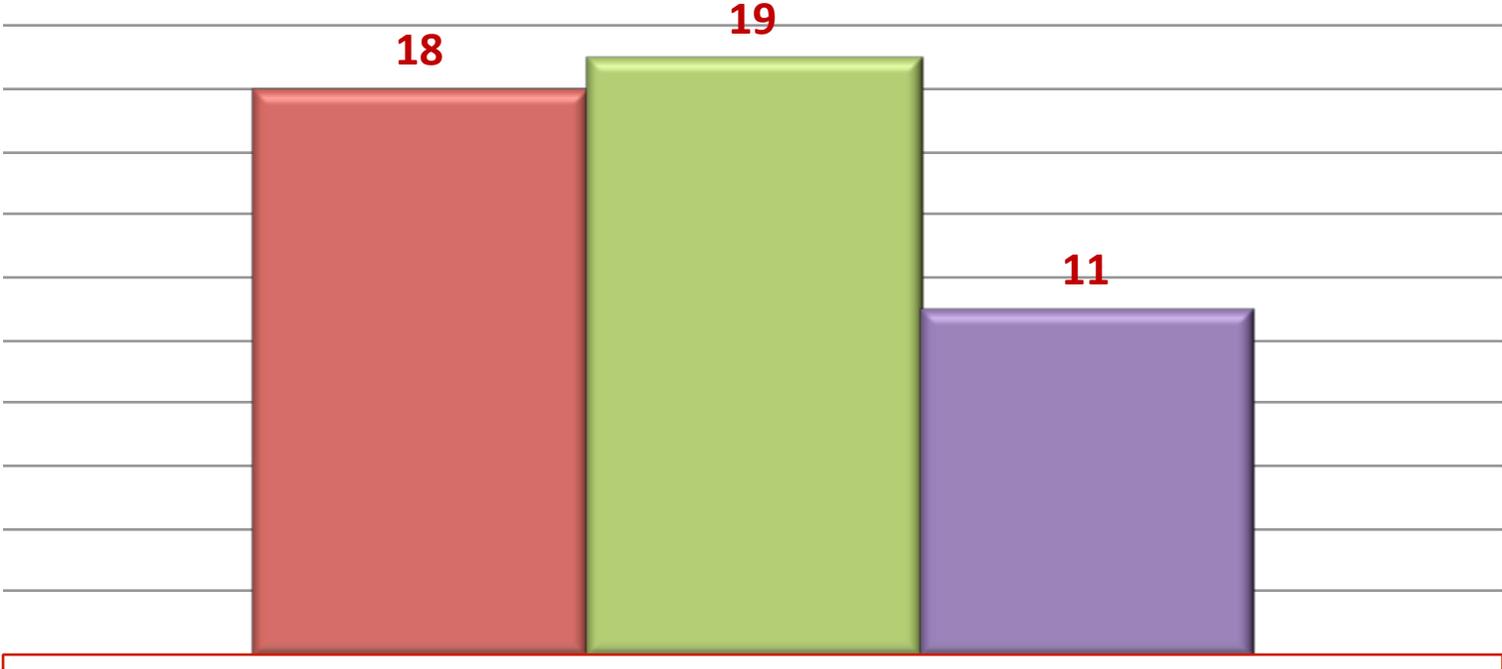
Since May 1, 2013 the DPD sent 162 actual warrant requests through the City and County Attorney's Offices for DWI, Driving after Canceled and Criminal Vehicular Operation.

Total Part I Crimes

Total Part I



Homicide 1990 -2013



Homicide





Specialty Court & Outreach

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 Intervention 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 client's 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

Our annual **"Blue Santa"** Christmas toy drive partnered with Target's Heroes and Helpers Program to provide holiday gifts and gift cards for 19 children from ten families. The kids shopped with a COP to buy holiday gifts for themselves and family members. Officers also purchased items that the Salvation Army needed to complete their holiday giving program.

The **Law Enforcement Torch Run** and **Polar Plunge** benefit Special Olympics MN. The 2013 Polar Bear Plunge had (960) plungers and raised \$169,316 for Special Olympics and it was the most successful "plunge" to date. Twelve Police Officers are responsible for organizing and spearheading the event.

Minnesota has the 5th largest Special Olympics program in the world with more than 7,000 athletes participating in (17) different sports throughout the year. Special Olympics MN has a unique wellness program called Healthy Athletes where doctors, dentists, orthopedists, and others provide screenings and treatments for many athletes who have not had appropriate health care for many years. 100% of the money raised is given to Special Olympics MN to pay for these programs.

COPS, Kids & Cars was a new community event provided during the summer of 2013. Police cars, the canine team, and a BBQ were showcased at Portland Square co-hosted by the Duluth Police Department, Bernick's Distributing, and Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative.



National Night Out

The City of Duluth, Duluth Police Department, registered more than 55 block parties with many more “unofficial” gatherings to mark the 2013 National Night Out event. This event is always well received throughout the community and among officers themselves. It’s an opportunity for the community to gather and connect with the officers who work in their neighborhoods to strengthen relationships and ban together to fight crime.

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

SCAN Unit is responsible for investigations of all adult and child Criminal Sexual Conduct, Child Neglect, and Vulnerable Adult Neglect & Abuse cases in the City of Duluth. In 2013 the SCAN Unit was referred over (840) cases by St. Louis County Social Services and they conducted approximately (46) First Witness Child Interviews. SCAN continues to collaborate closely with their community partners to include First Witness Child Abuse Resource Center, Program to Aid Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA), and St. Louis County Initial Intervention Child Protection Services.

DVRT Team is responsible for the investigation of all domestic abuse cases, orders for protection and harassment order cases in the City. DVRT Investigators responded to approximately (870) case referrals in 2013. DVRT Investigators work closely with their partners at Domestic Abuse Intervention Project (DAIP), Safe Haven Shelter and Safe Haven Resource Center.

The Police Department is responsible for managing the locations of predatory offenders living in the City. Of the (271) offenders living in the City in 2013, ten are Level III offenders, the most likely to reoffend. Predatory Offender Registration responsibilities were moved out of the SCAN unit in 2013. Each offender is now assigned to work directly with a Community Police Officer. The assigned Community Police Officer is responsible for maintaining compliance of the predatory offender and for performing annual, bi-annual, and/or weekly check-ins.



Lake Superior Forensic Technology & Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

This is a collaboration composed of (4) local law enforcement agencies which include Superior Police Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the City of Duluth Police Department.

The Task Force investigates internet crimes against children as well as other crimes involving technology. They process digital evidence from devices such as computers, cameras, GPS units, and cellular devices. Evidence is reviewed, stored and made available for criminal prosecutions. They have assisted other regional law enforcement agencies with cases. They provided presentations on Internet Safety, Social Media, Sexting and Cyber bullying to over 5,000 citizens in 2013.

The Task Force has been instrumental in successful prosecutions of some local high profile criminal cases involving pornography. They executed and assisted in 115 search warrants and conducted (545) forensic examinations on electronic evidence. (66) separate investigations were conducted involving Child Enticement, Obscenity directed to minors, and Child Pornography.



Violent Crimes Unit

The Violent Crimes Unit received approximately (654) referrals for investigations in 2013. These referrals include robberies, gross misdemeanor and felony assaults, (based on injuries and status as per Police, Fire, EMS, and hospital staff descriptions), 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 investigation to a higher priority based on public safety and the reduction of criminal activity in the City.

It is vital to recognize and acknowledge that most violent crime cases are resolved through plea agreements. This is evidence of the continual quality work product and recognition of the work by Defense Attorneys. We work closely with the St. Louis County Attorney's Office to ensure resolution of cases are appropriate.

We have a highly skilled and dedicated team of Investigators that stop at nothing to seek the truth, facts, and see justice served.



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 that 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 2013, the Reserves donated 1,378 hours of time volunteering at special events in the City of Duluth.



Juvenile Service Unit

The **Juvenile Service Unit** accepted over 1,200 referrals in 2013 including charges ranging from petty misdemeanors to felonies. Included in these were (374) runaway, missing, and trafficked persons. They handled all juvenile in-custody arrests and processed all juvenile citations. Referrals included all follow-up investigative referrals made to the Unit.

They continue 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 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 youth and families.

The Juvenile Services Unit consists of a Sergeant, Investigator, and (4) School Resource Officers. Officer's are individually assigned to Denfeld High School, East High School, Lincoln Park Middle School, and Ordean-East Middle School.

The Juvenile Services Unit is also a member of the "**Gerald Vick Task Force**" on trafficked persons.



Crime Scene Investigations Unit (CSI)

Our second full inventory of our Property Rooms were completed in 2013. This annual event will ensure the integrity of our property room management system. (427) latent finger prints were searched in the Automated Finger-print Identification System (AFIS) in 2013 with 32 hits. A “hit” alerts an investigator that the print has been “previously” entered in the system and additional data is available on that individual.

Requests for processing evidence was down 5% from 2012, however, requests for copying media was up 41% from last year. Media copied included interview room video, intoxilizer videos, in-car camera videos and surveillance video requests from local businesses.

Through the Justice Assistance Grant Program, CSI was able to purchase a “Drug Incinerator.” As part of their strive for “best practices” they now are able to destroy confiscated controlled substances as needed.



Property & Financial Crimes

The Property & Financial Crime Unit utilized tried-and-true investigative techniques combined with technology, and partnerships with other law enforcement agencies and investigative units to solve multiple cases. They referred offenders for charging and recover hundreds of thousands of dollars of stolen property.

In cooperation with the news media and our citizens, a weekly "Proper Crimes Person of the Week" is publicized. These individuals have felony warrants for their arrest and a history of property crimes. There is a high likelihood that while on the lamb, these individuals are continuing to engage in criminal activities. Quickly bringing them into custody is a crime reduction strategy as well as a step in the process to hold them accountable for their crimes. This program has met with a high degree of success in that most offenders have been apprehended and this program is very popular with our citizens.

The total number of referrals for property and financial crimes in 2013 was 2,303.



Training & Licensing Unit

In 2013 we had 191 applicants for the Police Officer position. Of that number 139 participated in the written examination and 77 went on to the oral interview portion of the testing. Background investigations and second interviews were completed on the top 24 applicants. Eleven of the top applicants began careers with the department in 2013, completed our ten week Recruit Academy, and entered our Field Training Program.

Duluth Officers attended 5492 hours of training in 2013. Two examples of the training the Department hosted in 2013 are:

- Three week long IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) Leadership in Police Organizations Training for 36 attendees
- One week long Crime Analysis Applications Training for twenty attendees including three from Nigeria.

Also in 2013:

- Fourteen citizens completed our 11 week Citizens Police Academy
- Fourteen college students completed internships for a total of 3750 hours.

In 2013 our Licensing Unit:

- Processed 542 gun permit
- Inspected 131 Taxi cabs
- Followed up on 1081 false alarms



Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force

The Lake Superior Drug & Violent Crime Task Force investigators work collaboratively under a "Joint Powers Agreement" between partner agencies to include St. Louis County, Lake County, and Carlton County Sheriff's Offices, Hermantown, Superior WI, Cloquet, and Duluth Police Departments. The Task Force offices together in Police Headquarters.

Task Force Investigators must adapt to changing drug trends and technology to solve multiple drug and co-occurring violent crimes. Some of the major cases during 2013 included...

Operation "Crackdown" was a crack cocaine trafficking investigation focused in the Duluth/Superior area. Thirteen different city, county, and federal agencies were involved in this operation. Over 30 arrests were made during this operation.

Last Place on Earth (LPOE) continued to sell synthetic drugs in Duluth despite a federal Indictment. The owner was convicted in 2013 in federal court on (51) of (55) charges. During a search of the owner's residence, investigators located synthetic drugs, marijuana, body armor, ammunition, high-capacity magazines and over \$760,000 in U.S. currency.

Heroin has been found in large amounts in the Twin Ports. The Task Force continues to investigate individuals trafficking drugs and have been very successful with the number of Federal and State convictions accomplished in 2013, with some individuals getting more that (20) years in prison.



Parking Enforcement

The parking division employs four full-time and two part-time parking monitors. Their primary duties include enforcement of all City of Duluth and State of Minnesota parking regulations. Parking monitors serve a critical role in ensuring turnover—and thus availability—of prime on-street parking spaces, and they help ensure safety and accessibility of city streets, sidewalks, business access points, loading zones, school bus routes, and residential traffic arteries.

Many categories of parking violations had increases in the number of tickets written compared to the number of tickets written in 2013. Of the 51,361 tickets issued in 2013, 1,530 of them were warning tickets. Know the parking regulations to avoid receiving a citation...

Meter unpaid

No license plate

24 hr. Parking

Handicapped Reserved

No Parking 2 AM – 6 AM

Parking too close to a fire hydrant, crosswalk, stop sign, or driveway

Alternate Side Parking

Sidewalk Parking

Facing wrong way

Residential Permit Zone



Records & Support Unit (RSU)

Our RSU goal for 2013 was to get to “Same Day” records. Thus began the 2013 challenge for Records Unit Staff. This would provide Patrol and Investigative Staff with timely case entry enhancing their effectiveness to investigate crimes and take additional proactive actions to prevent crimes better directing their resources within the community. This challenge meant improving business practices, staff scheduling changes, and staff education/awareness to focus on the “Same Day” records entry. Dedication by all Records Unit Staff met and exceeded the challenge!!!

2013 DPD Records Staff Accomplishments (all categories increased over 2012 output!!!)

Case Narrative Transcriptions = 11,009

Processed Citations = 11,152

Scanned Media Items = 113,422

Gun Permits = 686

Accident Reports Processed = 2,047

Incident Offense Records created = 27,482



Animal Services Division

2013 was a busy year for the Police Department's Animal Services Division. Our 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 Shelter at 2627 Courtland Street.

During 2013 Animal Services 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/registered 5 dogs as "Dangerous" and 25 dogs as "Potentially Dangerous". In addition, 27 dogs were permanently surrendered to the shelter after being involved in aggressive incidents with either humans or other domestic animals.

Of the 838 domestic animals impounded and cared for at the shelter, 274 were re-united with their owners and 525 were placed for adoption. 27 aggressive dogs, 9 feral cats and 3 critically ill animals were euthanized at the shelter. This year not a single healthy adoptable animal was euthanized. We are grateful in the fact that we saw a significant increase in the percentage of lost animals that were reunited with their owners!



Bike Patrol

	2013	2012
Total Miles Patrolled	2273	1936
Total Patrol Hours	1325	977
Citizen Contacts	6153	3800
Custodial Arrests	51	73
Felony Arrests	26	10
Citations	239	253
Total to DETOX	42	59
Traffic Stops	35	43

Miles patrolled, patrol times, and police contacts are up significantly. Violations are down for the most part likely due to the amount of time the Last Place on Earth (LPOE) was closed down and/or controlled in 2013 vs. 2012. Instead of focusing almost exclusively on LPOE issues, officers were able to patrol more on the Lakewalk and in the Canal Park area. This created an opportunity for more patrol miles and more citizen contacts.



DPD Mounted Patrol

The Duluth Police Department is poised to reinstate its Mounted Patrol. Four officers and horses will provide proactive policing and high visibility crime deterrent mounted patrols throughout the city especially downtown and in Canal Park. Their schedule will include year-round patrols where needed, weather permitting.

One mounted patrol officer can do the same as 5 – 7 officers on foot for crowd control and search & rescue. Mounted Patrol has a strategic advantage because of their mobile mass and height advantage. The perception of downtown safety has been a focus of the Duluth Police Department since 2007. The more visible an officer can be the greater the ability to deter “quality of life” crimes. Quality of life crimes negatively impact businesses and citizens “sense of safety” In downtown Duluth.

Citizens fondly remember the Mounted Patrol of the past. Donations may be mailed directly to the City of Duluth Police Department or “earmarked” for the Mounted Patrol through the Duluth Police Foundation. The Duluth Police Mounted Patrol are expected to be on patrol” in June of 2014.



Canine Unit

Our Canine Unit is growing! Through an award from the 2013 Port Security Grant Program we are excited to add another canine officer. The dog will specialize in explosive detection as well as performing other canine patrol tasks. The canine officer is expected to join the duty roster in Spring of 2014.

AMSOIL Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation was founded in 2013 as a 501 (c) (3) organization. The Duluth Police Department is grateful for their constant support of our canine unit as City and County governments are constantly tightening budgets. They have been a consistent funding source for purchasing and training our highly skilled dogs. You may support canine units with an on-line pledge through the AMSOIL Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation at <http://Northlandk9.org> and/or to the "Canine Fund" at the City of Duluth Police Department.



2013 Changes & Initiatives

1. Succession Planning

- Identify, Guide, Mentor, Develop Future Leaders

2. Staff More Efficiently

- Staff According to Time of Day, Call Load and Problem Areas

3. Prevent Crime Using Real Time Data and Intelligence

- Create an Intelligence Unit – Utilizing Existing Resources
- Encourage Use of Unit by Investigations and Patrol

4. Increase the use of Volunteers in all areas of the PD.

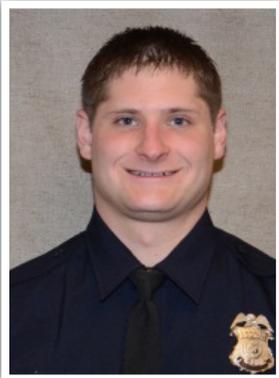


Vision

The Duluth Police Department strives

- to provide quality, consistent, impartial police services to the diverse population and visitors to the city;
- build communities where all people feel safe and trust the city's public safety professionals and systems;
- deliver consistently high quality city services at a good value to our taxpayers and provide a safe environment in which to live, work, and visit.

2013 Hiring



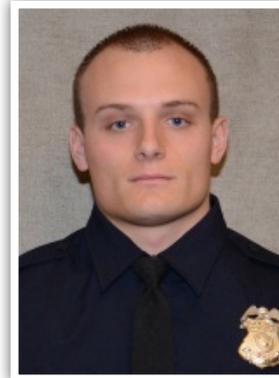
Daniel Kerfeld



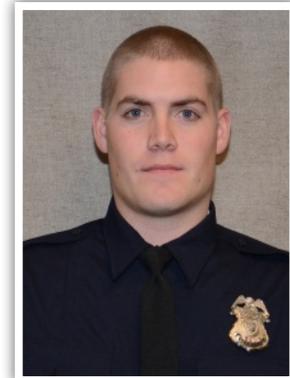
Sean Fraser



Jacob Moldenhauer



Tyler Bodin



Jeffery Webster



Michael Renier



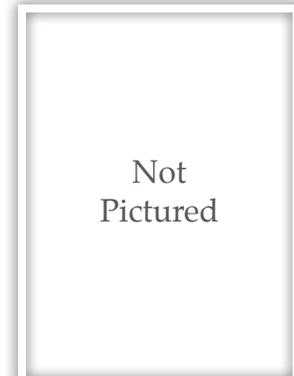
Nicholas Staber



Jake Groth



Jared Warneke



Patrick Mc Cormick



Duluth Police Foundation

Mission: The mission of the Duluth Police Foundation is to create partnerships which funds and supports community safety initiatives, technology, and training for the Police Department and citizens of Duluth, to keep Duluth a safe and inviting city for all.

Over the past three years a group of concerned citizens and police officers have been working to form a non-profit foundation for the Duluth Police Department. Several Law Enforcement agencies from around the country including Minnesota have employed foundations to keep up with ever changing crime trends, and shrinking municipal budgets. Foundations provide a funding source for necessary technologies, training, and programs that are not essential budget items. The Duluth Police Foundation held their inaugural event on October 17th, 2013 at the Clyde Event Center. This event raised approximately 10,000 dollars for the foundation after expenses. The foundation plans on making grants in the final quarter of 2014.

2013 Promotions



Sgt. Ryan Morris

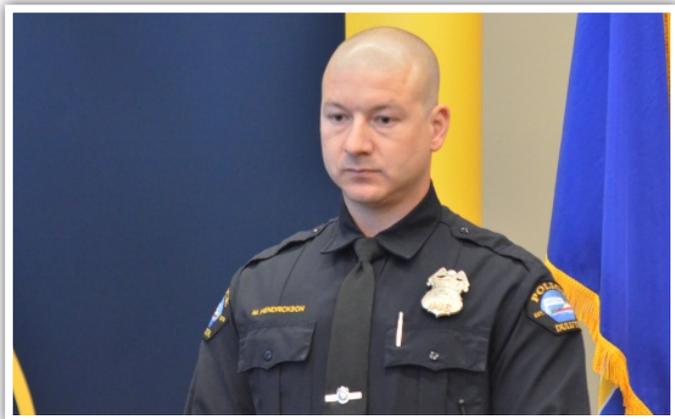


Sgt. Kelly Greenwalt



Lt. Brad Wick & Abe

Special Recognition



Matt Hendrickson
Officer of the Year - Kiwanis Club



Erik Isackson
Civilian Support Staff of the Year



Andy Mickus
Supervisor of the Year

Jason Elkam
Investigator of the Year
(Not Pictured)



Duluth Police Department