



Duluth Police Department



2024 Annual Report



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Mission Statement

To provide a safe Duluth for all by strengthening relationships and serving in a respectful, caring, and selfless manner.

Core Beliefs

- We recognize that our authority comes from our social contract with the community.
- People will believe that we are there to serve them if we are kind, caring and compassionate, and our actions match our words.
- People will trust us if they believe we are protecting their rights.
- Every interaction leaves a lasting impression.
- The safety of both our community and officers are paramount.

Values

Fair
Accountable
Caring
Transparent

In this report, you'll find comparable statistics from 2023 and 2024, photos of our staff actively engaging with the community, and insights into the innovative strategies DPD employs to enhance safety across the city.

DPD made significant improvements to our capability of providing public safety services in 2024. Those include integrating Tactical Emergency Medical Operators with our Tactical Response Team, implementing security enhancements to downtown parking ramps, increasing cross-trainings with our Drone Team, Crisis Response Team, and Tactical Response Team, and collaborating across multiple units to identify quality of life issues within our community and how to proactively address those behaviors.

We are grateful for the continued support from our city administration, City Council, and community members. Together, we look forward to another year of working hand-in-hand to improve our public safety response.



Comparable Stats

	2023	2024
Total Calls For Service	81,389	83,555
Crimes Against Persons (assault/rape/homicide/robbery)	911	870
Crimes Against Property (burglary/fraud/theft/vandalism)	4,014	4,028
Crimes Against Society (narcotics/disorderly conduct)	1,043	1,117
All Other Reportable Offenses	788	767
Sworn Personnel	137	134
Professional Staff	36	31
Grant Funded Positions	15	15
Opioid- Related Overdose Fatalities (Task Force Area)	66	28
Opioid- Related Overdoses (Task Force Area)	668	399
Community Outreach	259	230
CORE New Clients	152	161
SURT New Clients	324	371
Published News Releases	84	119

*Updated categories to align with the National Incident-Based Reporting (NIBRS) and Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Continuous Improvement/Innovation

The Duluth Police Department is committed to continuous improvement, accountability, and transparency. A few ways we continue to improve our public safety response include:

- Utilized new technology to improve our response and enhance effectiveness of both our Patrol and Investigation Divisions.
- Continued to have clear and accessible communication from the Duluth Police Department with members of our community.
- Launched a crime map dashboard to allow the public to review reported crimes that occurred in their neighborhood.
- Continued to have successful deployments with the Drone Program.
- Utilizing data analytics and evidence-based strategies to identify trends and enhance our proactive crime prevention efforts.
- Improved internal communication and intelligence sharing department wide by utilizing DPD's internal Communication Platform.
- Continued to build on collaborative efforts with multiple stakeholders to address quality of life issues.
- Identified efficiencies for staff to better address public safety needs.
- Increase health and wellness for both sworn and professional staff at DPD.



DPD joined the 30 by 30 Initiative in 2024, which pledges to reach 30 percent of our sworn officers to be women by 2030.



Officer Nate Abbott and his K9 Gus were DPD's new K9 team in 2024.

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The Duluth Police Department is committed to reducing response times and strengthening our capacity to proactively address community concerns. We remain committed to collaborating with the community to ensure Duluth continues to be a safe and secure place for all.

Chief Mike Ceynowa

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Division Highlights

Investigation, Patrol, and Administrative Division

On Monday, November 4, Duluth Police responded to the 200 block of West Kent Road for a report of a burglary. On Tuesday, November 5, Duluth Police responded to a report of another burglary that occurred in the area of 1500 Vermilion Road. Both these incidents occurred in the evening hours between 6 – 8 p.m. Initial investigation showed that an individual, described as being a white male, entered both residences and made threats to the occupants inside. A resident in the West Kent Road incident was transported by Mayo Ambulance to a local hospital for treatment for non-life-threatening injuries. The two residents in the Vermilion Road incident were also transported by Mayo Ambulance to a local hospital for treatment for non-life-threatening injuries. The Duluth Police Department believed these incidents may be related to each other and encouraged the community to remain cautious and vigilant. It was believed these incidents were random involving the same suspected male. We worked around the clock to hold this individual accountable for his actions. The Duluth Police Department's number one priority has been, and will always be, the safety and security of our community.

On Wednesday, November 6, Duluth Police responded to another burglary that occurred in the 2500 block of East 2nd Street at approximately 9 p.m. Initial investigation showed a white male enter the residence and the occupant inside fled. While fleeing, they fell and received non-life threatening injuries from the fall. Officers quickly responded and set up a perimeter. After a K9 track, drone deployments, and canvassing the area, the male was unable to be located. "We share the concerns of our community and are working tirelessly to hold this individual accountable for his actions," said Chief Mike Ceynowa. "We have staff canvassing the area around the clock and will continue to utilize our resources and surrounding partner agencies to make an arrest." The Duluth Police Department wants to remind the community to remain vigilant, lock your doors, and to not open your door to anyone you don't know. If you see something – say something. Call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

At approximately 3:15 p.m., Thursday, November 7, Duluth Police arrested the suspected male in connection to the burglaries that have occurred over the last three nights. This is after diligent work from our analysts in using different methodology to identify the individual, despite the limited information that was given. The 58-year-old male was arrested and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for pending charges of multiple counts of 1st Degree Burglary, 2nd Degree Assault, Threats of Violence, and Felony Kidnapping.

The collaboration between the Patrol Division, Investigations Division, and Administrative Division held the male accountable for his actions and kept the community safe from future home invasions.

Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force

At approximately 5:40 a.m., Monday, February 19, members of the Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force were assisted by St Louis County Investigators, and Duluth Police Major Crimes Investigators, in executing a search warrant on a male. The male was known to have active Felony Warrants for Parole Violation, Possession with Intent to Deliver Fentanyl, and five counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person. He was detained without incident and \$33,555 in cash, numerous fake IDs, and documents were located on his person. During the execution of a search warrant at his residence in the 4700 block of Matterhorn Drive, a kilogram of compressed fentanyl, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, a loaded pistol, and evidence of drug sales were seized. A short time later, investigators intercepted a mail package that was heavily wrapped, vacuum sealed, and encased in spray foam. K9 Maverick was called to detect the contents inside the package, which contained a kilogram of cocaine.

At approximately 4:45 p.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2024, members of the Lake Superior Violent Offender Task Force, DPD, and the Tactical Response Team executed a search warrant. During the search warrant, 1,741 fentanyl pills (M30s) were located. The female was lodged at the County Jail for 1st Degree Sale of Fentanyl charges. This case is being referred federally.

2025 Initiatives

- Recruit and retain qualified officers
- Expand our patrol-led drone program to include a drone as first responder program
- Continue the community educational campaign aimed at educating members of our community about DPD's practices
- Collaborate with members of the public to create a safe place for all



Thank you for reading the Duluth Police Department's 2024 Annual Report.
We look forward to continuing to protect and serve with the citizens of Duluth
for many years to come.



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