



North Liberty Police Department 2018 End of Year Report



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Our Mission Statement

Improve the quality of life in North Liberty by enhancing public safety through cooperative partnerships with our evolving community. We are responsible for protecting life and property, enforcing laws and taking appropriate actions to deter crime and disorder. We will inspire the public's trust and protect the Constitutional Rights of all citizens.



Our Values

We take responsibility for the efficient, effective, innovative, and proactive approaches to meeting the demands of our crime prevention and law enforcement services. We remain dedicated to service and are committed to striving for excellence, focusing on the following core values in our personal and professional lives:

- **Integrity** - We hold ourselves accountable to the highest level of honesty, truthfulness and ethical conduct. These traits are central to all the values we embrace and are the foundations of community trust.
- **Pride** - We take pride in our work and in serving our community by setting an example for others to follow.
- **Quality Service** – We will provide quality service in a courteous, efficient and accessible manner. We foster community and employee involvement through problem solving and partnerships in a way that best serves the community.
- **Respect** - We hold respect for human life above all and we will ensure that all persons are treated with equality, dignity, and courtesy.
- **Courage** - We recognize the inherent dangers within our profession and are willing to place the safety of others above our own.
- **Professionalism** - We commit to the highest level of professional standards through the development of highly trained, motivated and dedicated members to public service.

Chief's Message

It is a great pleasure to present the North Liberty Police Department's 2018 Annual Report. Traditionally, monthly updates are provided to the City Council and posted on the City website. This format shares the data that is collected, shows the pride our employees take in keeping North Liberty safe, and demonstrates to the public how we continue to try to meet the mission of this department.

We continue to make positive connections with members in our community. As a continued goal of this department, for any community events we are invited to, we make it a point to be there. In North Liberty, it is not a unique sight to see officers visiting our schools or attending the summer lunch program. With each engagement, the officers remain committed to providing quality service and dedication to this profession. We have had positive and great relationships with our parents, teachers and administrators for our school districts and appreciate the on-going partnership and collaboration.

In 2018, we had an exciting year in the planning and design of a new police headquarters. This has been a learning process, but the officers, staff and City leaders clearly see this as a critical investment and need to the community. This was evident when the project bids came in at \$1.4 million over the original estimate. Several value engineered items were cut, but the council also graciously increased the budget. This increase allowed for critical components to remain in the project during the construction process. The project was awarded to Tricon and we will hopefully be in the building in March of 2020.

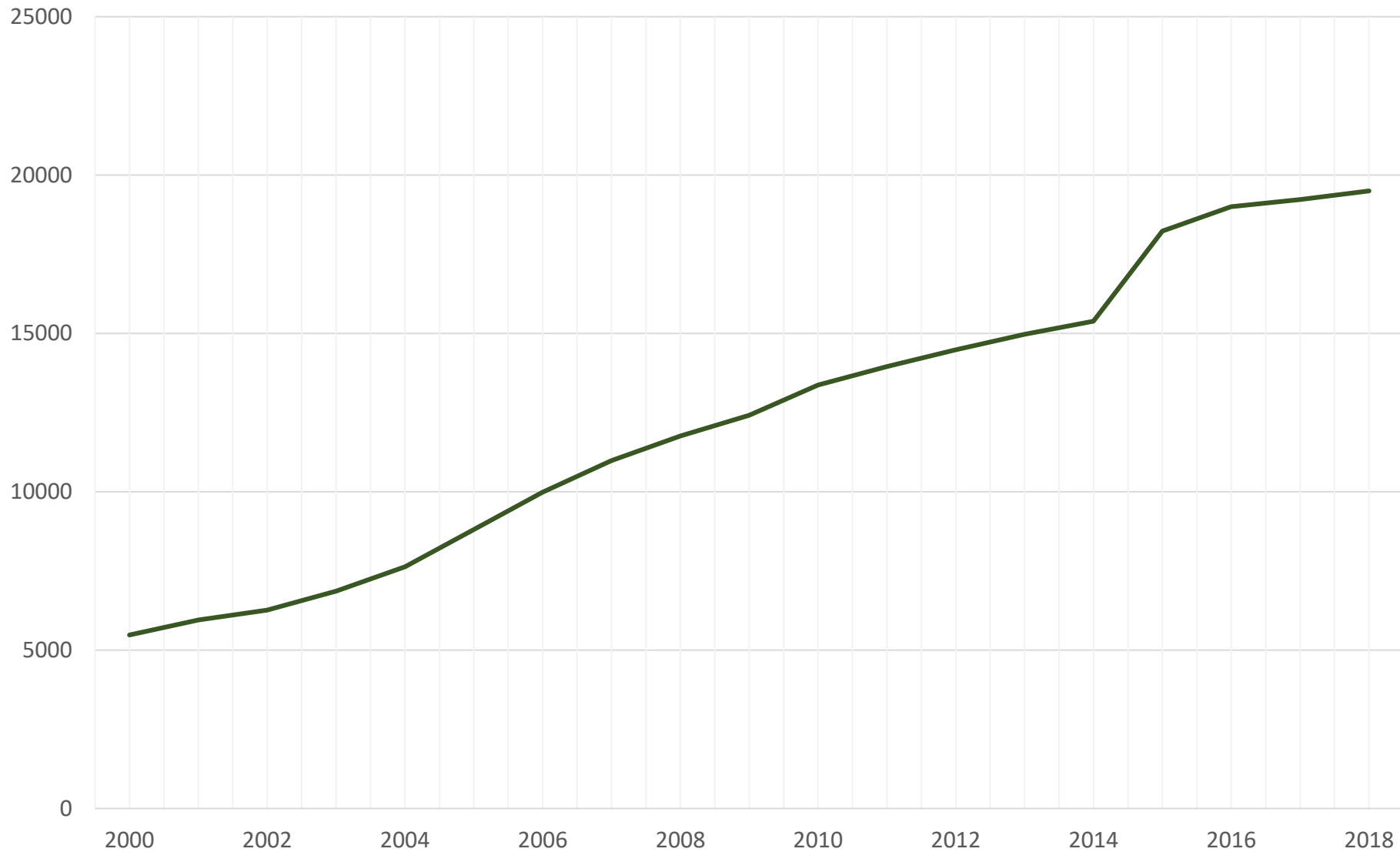
We also added two officers to the county wide honor guard team this year. The honor guard will have similar uniforms, but each officer will be wearing their department's patches and will be available if called upon to serve. We added one more officer to our ranks in keeping up with the one additional hire each year. Finally, we also welcomed home one of our National Guard members from a year-long deployment overseas.

We continue to see a slight rise in our reported crimes against person and property. As the population continues to increase, we will see more calls for service, arrests and charges. This is not only the calls requested by the public, but also the expectations that officers will be productive and active in our community policing initiatives.

We are fortunate to receive ongoing support from the North Liberty City Council, Mayor, administration and citizens in order to effectively provide services to the community. With the challenges and benefits associated with the continued growth, the City of North Liberty continues to be a safe place to live, work and play.

It continues to be an honor to serve this community, and on behalf of the members of NLPD, thank you for your ongoing support.

Population



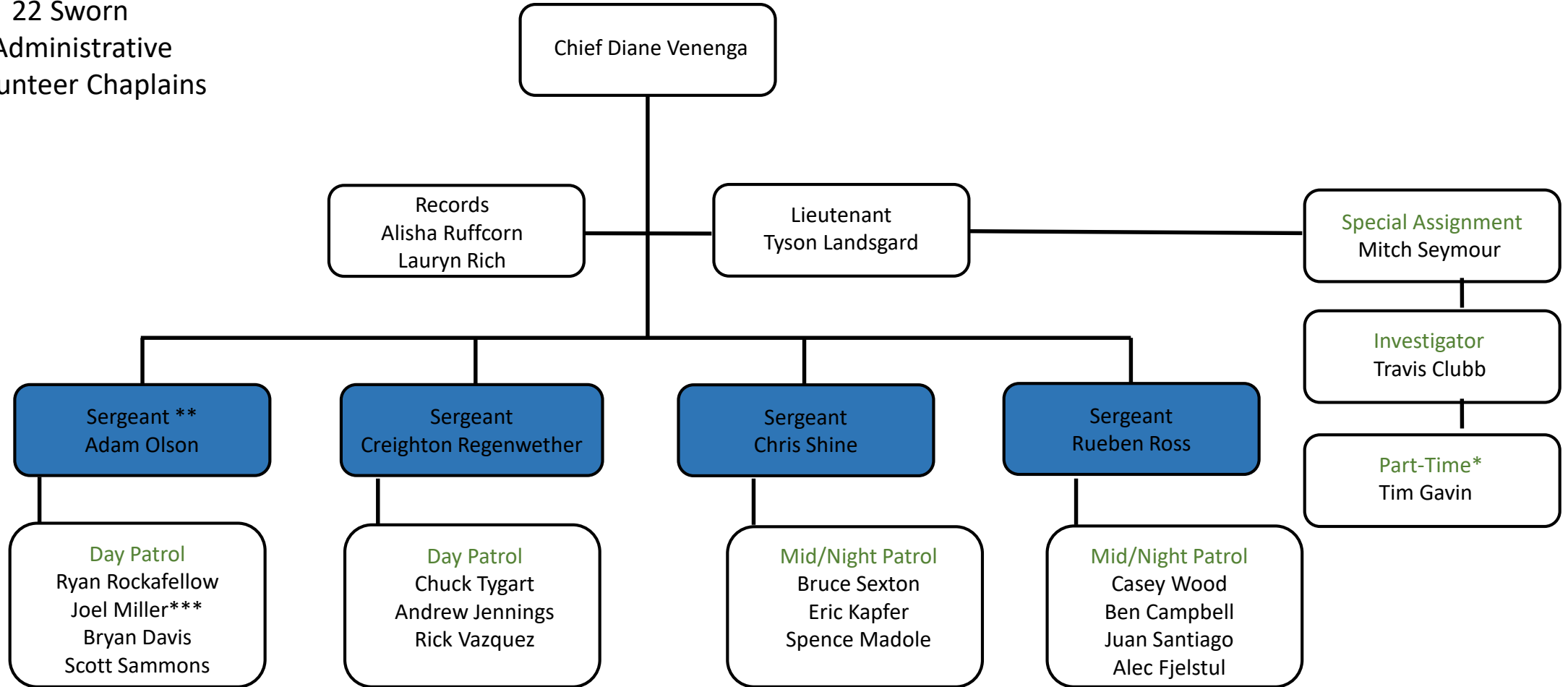
2018	19,500*
2017	19,227*
2016	19,000*
2015	18,228
2014	15,386
2013	14,971
2012	14,485
2011	13,952
2010	13,374
2009	12,413
2008	11,761
2007	10,983
2006	9,993
2005	8,806
2004	7,637
2003	6,866
2002	6,268
2001	5,957
2000	5,482

*estimation

Organizational Chart

2018

22 Sworn
2 Administrative
2 Volunteer Chaplains



* Resigned in August

** Employed only part of the year

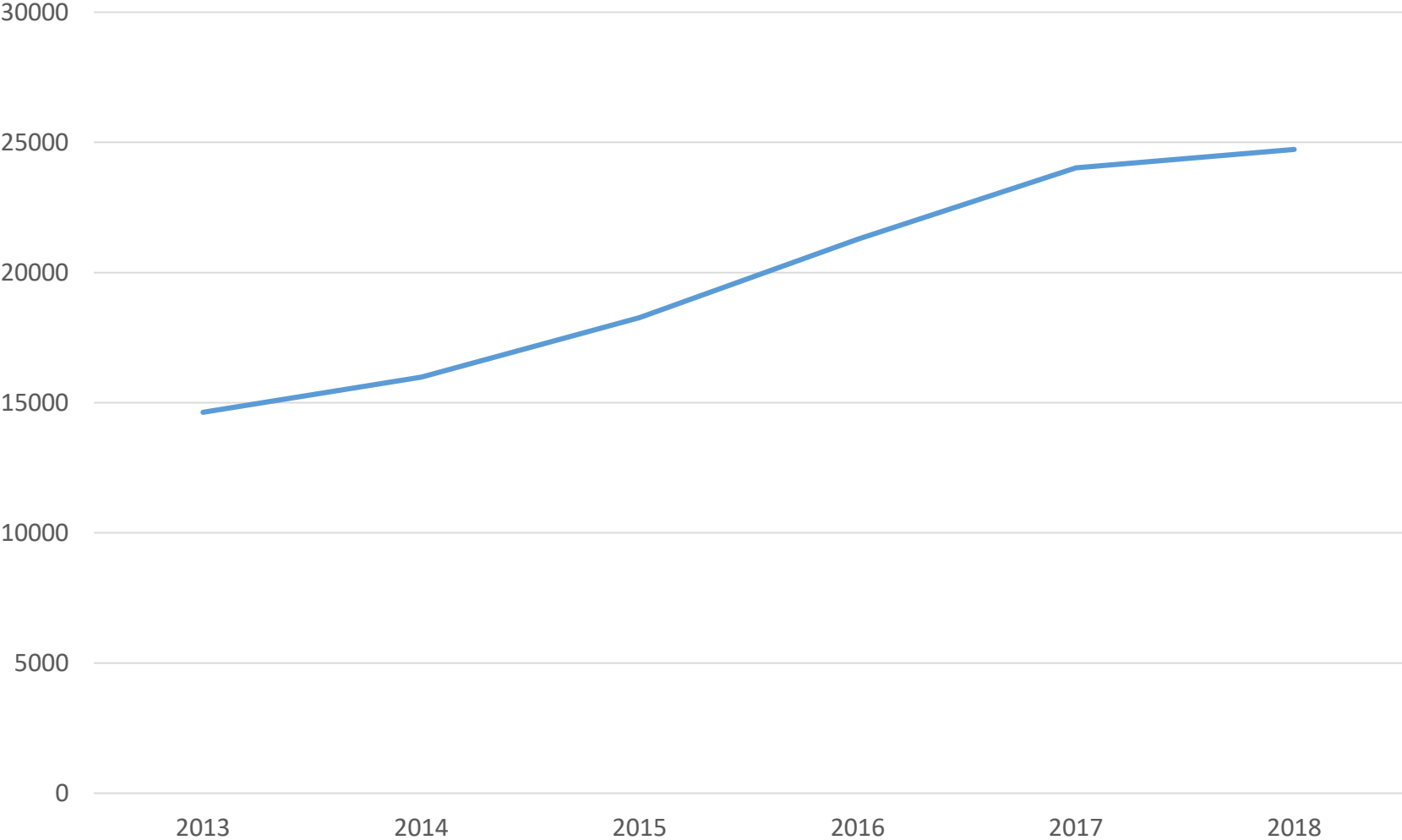
***Deployed until October

Training

January	MATS-County Attorney updates, tactical medical training, officer involved shooting investigations and scenario based decision making (288 hours), dive team and canine (24 hours), ice rescue (2 hours)	314 Hours
February	Tactical medical for the canine (16 hours), tactical medical (32 hours), traffic incident management (16 hours), dive team (8 hours), SERT team (16 hours), salvage vehicle inspection (8 hours)	96 Hours
March	Spring range for handgun, shotgun and rifles (240 hours), UCR/NIBRS reports (16 hours), CIT program (120 hours), constitutional policing and use of force (16 hours), tactical training (32 hours) dive team (8 hours), Target Solutions online training software (8 hours), computer crime trends (32 hours), canine tactical (16 hours), Tac10 users group (6 hours), leadership and the importance of hiring for character (16 hours), online training for evidence/crime scene management and law enforcement distracted driving (40 hours)	550 Hours
April	Dwayne Arnold Energy Center practical exercise (4 hours), supervisor and leadership course (24 hours), intelligence gathering and using available resources for criminal investigations (40 hours), SERT (16 hours), dive team (8 hours), canine team (16 hours), fire arms and taser for new hire (8 hours), special response school (80 hours), gathering of video surveillance (40 hours), bike certification (64 hours), human trafficking conference (16 hours), national GTSB conference and State of Iowa GTSB conference (48 hours), line of duty death funeral planning (24 hours), safety seat technician recertification (8 hours)	396 Hours
May	Leadership refresher course (16 hours), internal investigations (16 hours), tactical training (16 hours), dive team (8 hours) CIT training (120 hours), LECC Conference (49 hours), tactical field interviewing (72 hours), Target Solutions for supervisors (12 hours), A-Ridge (32 hours)	381 Hours
June	SERT (16 hours), dive team (8 hours), canine tactical (16 hours), dangers of speed (20 hours), Lidar instructor recertification (4 hours), Iowa Act of Interest-current law changes, opioids investigations and criminal law update (8 hours), Narcan usage (22 hours)	254 Hours
July	SERT (16 hours), dive team (8 hours), tactical training (16 hours), canine tactical (8 hours), traffic incident management (16 hours), assault investigations (8 hours), administrative professionals conference (16 hours)	248 Hours
August	SERT (16 hours), dive team (8 hours), canine tactical (8 hours), new hire finished academy (560 hours), field sobriety testing (40 hours)	632 Hours
September	SERT (16 hours), dive team (8 hours), canine tactical (8 hours), Survive and Thrive (24 hours), firearms (168), management rights (16 hours), managing the property and evidence room (16 hours), C.O.P.S. line of duty death (1.5 hours), taser (8 hours), peer support seminar (32 hours)	297.5 Hours
October	SERT (16 hours) dive team (8 hours), taser and driving (160 hours), positivity training (64 hours), internal affairs (16 hours), CIT (120 hours), crowd management and field operations (24 hours), tactical team training (80 hours), use of force conference (24 hours) LEIN conference (24 hours), raider training (16 hours), TraCs conference (8 hours), human trafficking (24 hours), drive training (8 hours)	592 Hours
November	SERT (16 hours), dive team (8 hours), bomb squad (8 hours), canine tactical (8 hours), first line supervisor (32 hours), in-service training for mandatory training requirements (12), defensive tactics instructor (8 hours), SFST instructor recertification (8 hours), responding to suicidal subjects (2 hours), online training for cannabidiol oil use and possession (5 hours), drug interdiction and patrol tactics (48 hours)	155 Hours
December	SERT (16 hours) dive team (8 hours), canine tactical (8 hours), bomb squad (8 hours), dealing with persons with disabilities (4 hours), sexual harassment (10 hours), survival mindset (16 hours), field training for new task force officer (80 hours), field test for canine handler (2 hours)	152 Hours
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Stats for the Year

Calls for Service



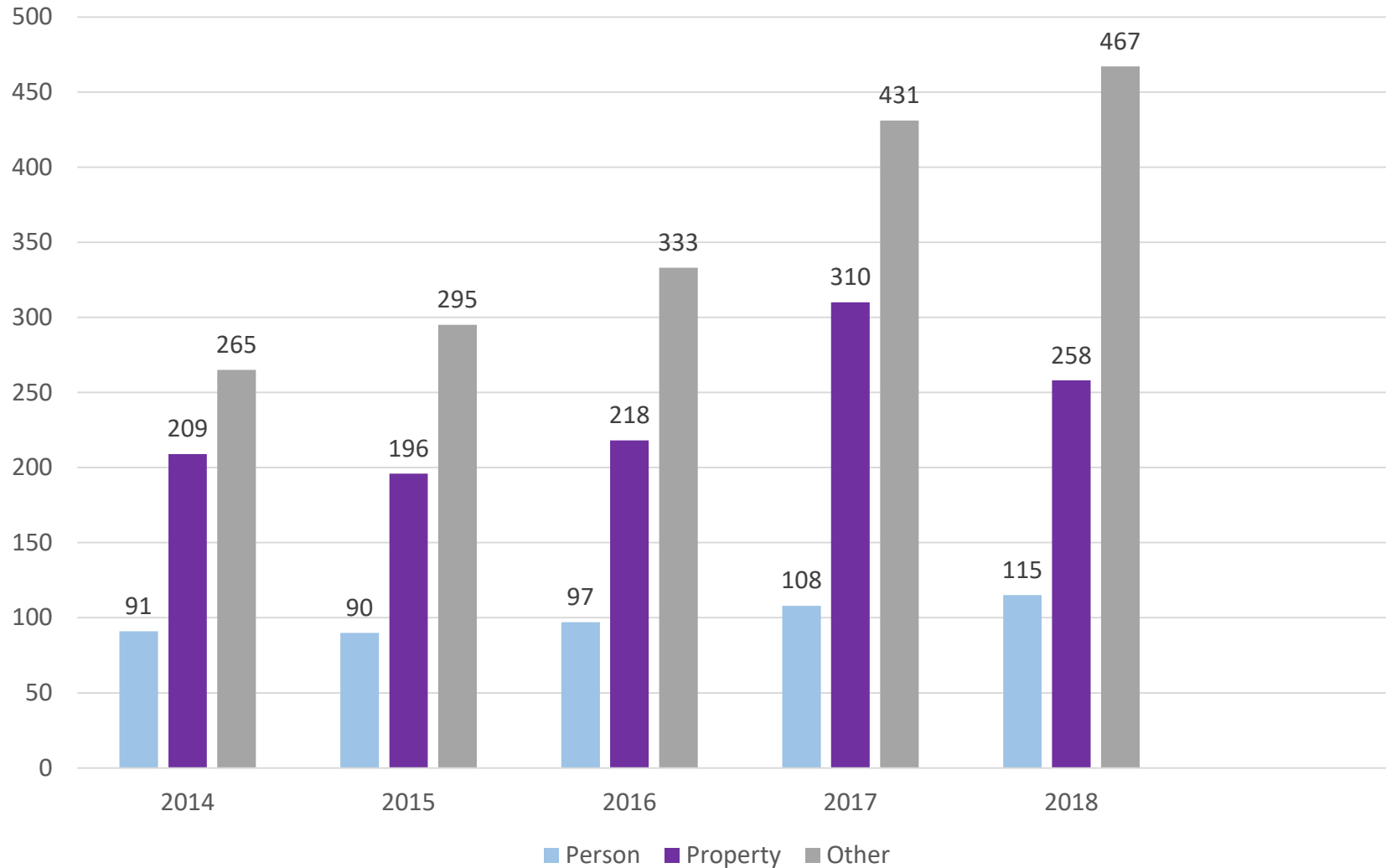
Calls for Service Summary

<u>Category</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Traffic Contacts	2,750	3,247	4,081	5,336	5,091
Parking Contacts	550	776	398	579	531
Vehicle Inspections	304	380	350	370	336
Vehicle Unlocks	314	302	340	372	329
Crash Investigations	258	264	249	248	302
Public Assists	2,376	1,756	1,633	3,709	3,529
Assist Other Agency	812	942	1,073	1,313	1,491
Crimes Against Person Report	81	90	97	108	115
Crimes Against Property Report	209	196	218	310	258
Other Reports	265	295	333	431	467
Arrests	285	330	353	401	465
Warrants	48	44	30	78	73
Alcohol/Narcotics Charges	144	185	217	201	265
Crimes Against Person Charges	53	58	55	67	72
Crimes Against Property Charges	46	32	39	34	84
Other Charges	64	77	126	234	232
Animal Calls	454	472	445	457	509
Total Calls for Service	15,978	18,266	21,276	24,022	24,734

How Reported

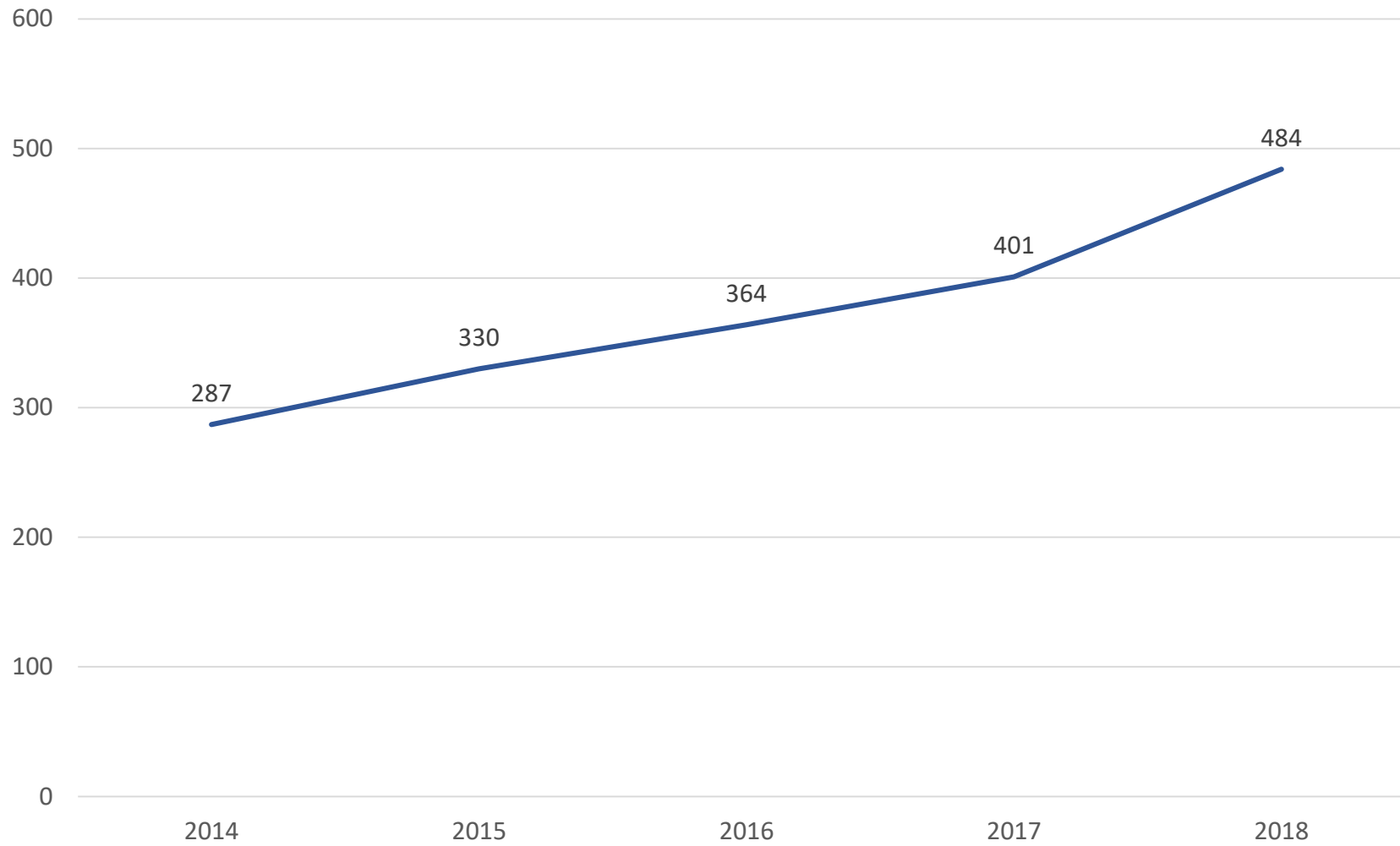
911	2,236
Email	15
In Person	220
Routine	5,006
Officer Initiated	17,257
Total Calls	24,734

Incident Reports

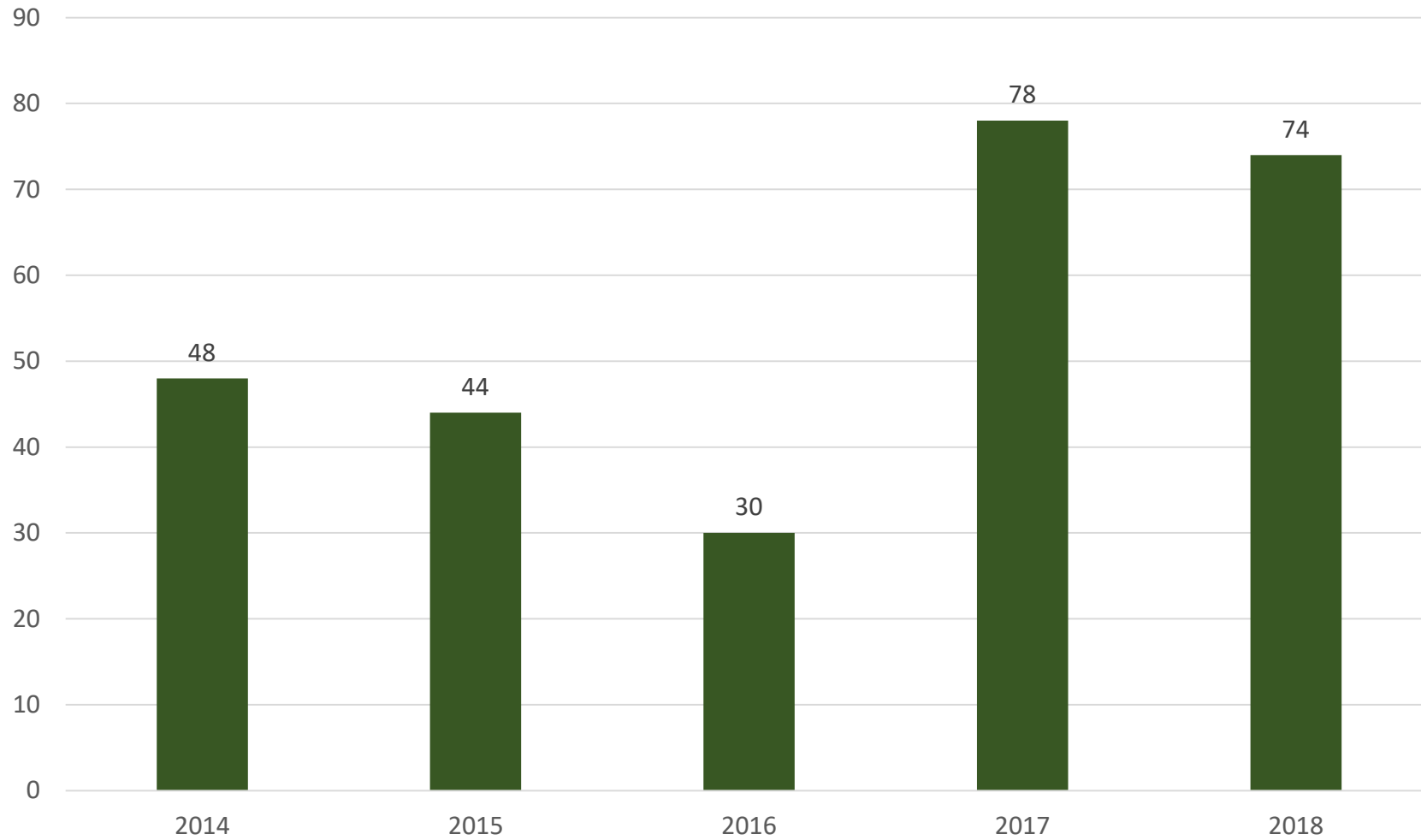


Reports taken and on file. Other Reports are Crimes Against Society like driving offenses, alcohol or drug related offenses, or city code violations.

Arrests



Warrants Served



Investigations

59 Cases
16 Arrests
2 Cases Still Open



Task Force

28 Cases
14 NL Cases
14 Arrests
0 Cases Still Open

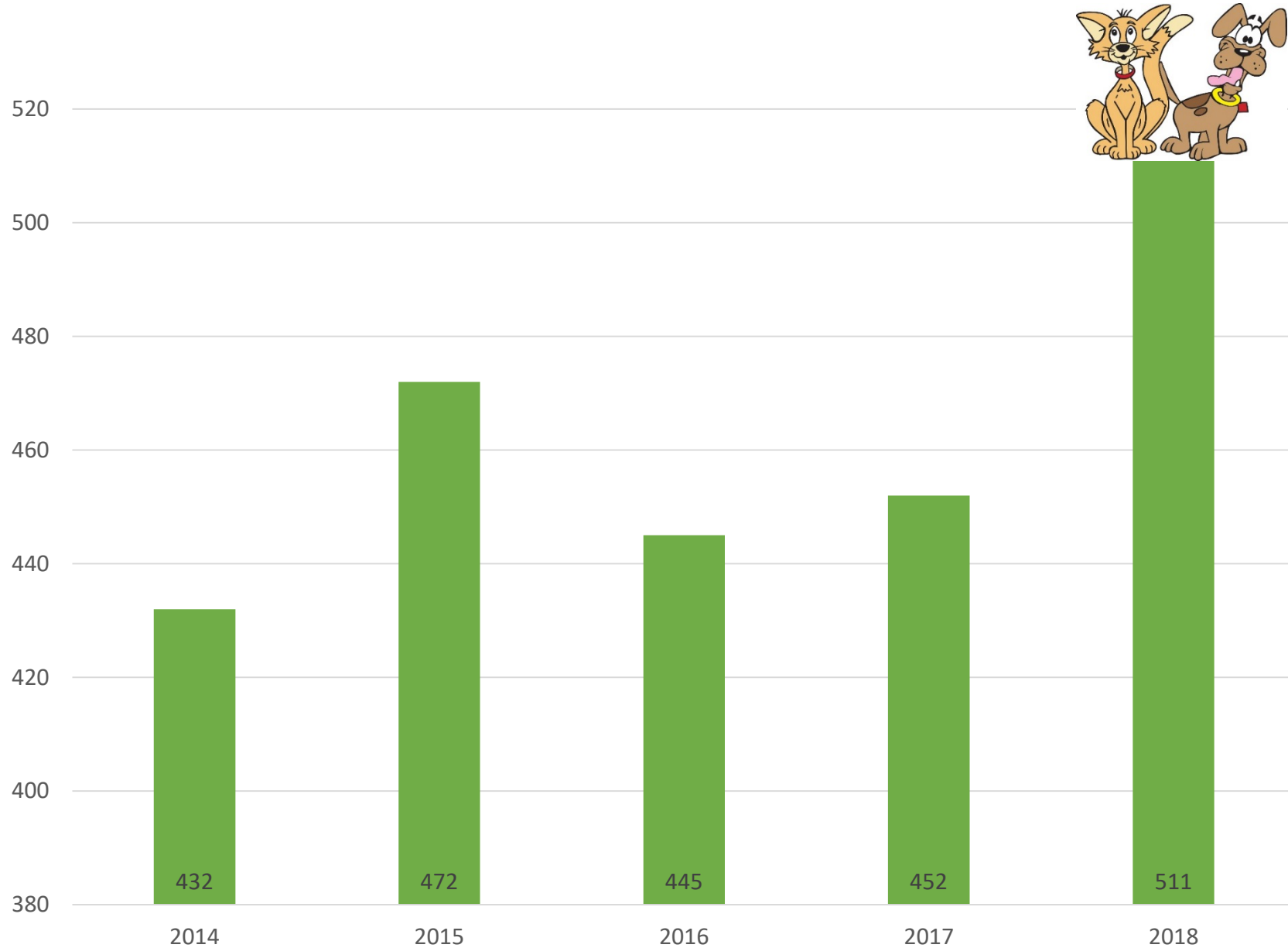


Individual Categories for Reports/Arrests

Individual Categories:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arrests					
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	0	2	5	2
Kidnapping	2	1	0	1	1
Sex Abuse	8	10	16	14	12
Arson	1	2	0	0	5
Burglary- Residential/Retail	23	17	32	36	23
Assault	49	61	51	54	46
Domestic Abuse	30	32	22	32	34
Theft Cases	83	71	64	75	76
Motor Vehicle Thefts	7	4	3	4	9
Theft from Motor Vehicle	20	16	28	37	33
Fraud, Forgery, Identity Theft	34	38	56	35	66

Individual Categories:	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Arrests					
Drug Offenses	62	84	104	101	161
Harassment	8	8	9	8	16
Missing Juvenile/Runaway	11	7	2	7	13
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	36	47	35	45	71
Weapon Law Violation	6	2	6	8	11
Trespass Arrest	1	10	5	3	19
Operating While Intoxicated	45	68	69	75	67
Alcohol Offenses	2	2	5	12	12
Intoxication	29	34	34	27	30
Disorderly Conduct	2	5	10	6	11
Interference with Official Acts	8	6	7	12	3
Hate-Bias Crime	0	0	1	0	0

Animal Calls



We saw a large increase in animal calls the last year. These calls are for animals that are running loose, missing, found along with noise complaints, injured, that have bitten other animals or people, and checking on the welfare of an animal.

Accidents

	Deer	Hit and Run	Personal Injury	Property Damage	Unknown Injury	Total
Jan	0	4	1	21	2	28
Feb	0	3	6	31	1	41
Mar	1	1	3	13	0	18
Apr	2	7	0	18	2	29
May	0	5	2	24	0	31
Jun	1	6	1	16	0	24
Jul	0	1	2	14	0	17
Aug	0	5	4	9	1	19
Sep	0	4	0	19	0	23
Oct	3	2	2	12	1	20
Nov	1	4	0	21	1	27
Dec	0	4	0	14	2	20
	8	46	21	212	10	297

Parking Tickets

Violation	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
10' From Crosswalk	-	-	1	2	1
10' From Intersection	1	-	-	2	-
10' From Sign	1	3	1	2	1
18' From Curb	3	2	-	3	1
20' From Mailbox	2	4	7	8	3
5' From Hydrant	13	13	2	23	7
Blocking Sidewalk	12	22	12	11	8
Disabilities	6	10	6	21	2
Fire Lane	3	1	-	-	-
Hazardous Location	-	-	-	1	-
Left Wheel to Curb	49	51	53	77	31
No Parking 10PM-6AM	1	-	-	2	-
No Parking 6PM-6AM	-	-	2	1	-

Violation	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Odd/Even Parking	1	3	2	52	29
Other	3	1	3	1	-
Over 5 Tons	-	1	1	-	2
No Parking in Circle	6	15	5	31	10
Park Adjacent to Curb	-	1	-	1	1
Parking Right of Way	-	-	1	-	-
Parking Prohibited Area	-	-	-	-	-
Registration Plate Not Displayed	4	-	-	1	-
Sign Prohibits Parking	49	31	22	27	32
Snow Emergency	141	299	51	364	246
Storage	15	7	6	9	19
Trailer	24	44	51	90	63
Unregistered Vehicle	90	84	84	71	19

Totals	Tickets	Violations
2018	404	424
2017	569	592
2016	284	310
2015	693	800
2014	449	475

Services our Department Provides

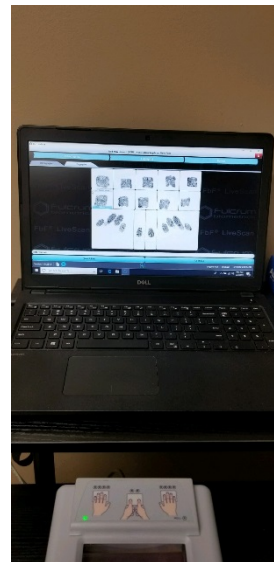
Car Seat Checks

The North Liberty Police Department offers education to caregivers for child passenger safety through a child passenger safety technician. The role of the child passenger safety technician is to educate caregivers on the correct selection, installation, and use of car seats, booster seats, and seatbelts. Our department's inspector is Investigator Travis Clubb and in 2017 he conducted approximately 50 inspections. This service is free and done on an appointment basis. To schedule an appointment contact Investigator Clubb at tclubb@northlibertiowa.org or (319) 626-5724.



Fingerprints

The department offers fingerprinting services for individuals who need to complete background checks. The majority of people looking for this service are people in the medical, child care and financial fields. We also have individuals who need them done for adoptions and paperwork for other countries. In 2018, we fingerprinted 382 people on 566 cards. This year we purchased an electronic fingerprinting system which consists of a laptop, printer and scanner. This eliminates our need to use ink on our customers unless the card is different from the standard FBI employment card. Our fingerprint hours are by appointment as long as staffing is available, is and performed by our records department. The hours are Monday and Wednesday 9AM-11AM and Thursday 2:30PM-4PM. People wanting to make an appointment can call the front office during normal business hours, 319-626-5724.



Golf Car Permits

We once again saw an increase in the number of people obtaining golf cart permits. In 2018 we doubled the amount of permits issued to 14. A permit is required in order to drive a golf cart in town on public roadways. The permit process starts with an inspection of the cart by an officer. They will look for the following elements:

- Engine size < 351 CCS

- Slow moving sign attached to rear of cart

- Bike safety flag, the bottom of which shall be above the top of the cart

- Adequate brakes

- Headlights

- Tail lights

- Rear view mirror attached to the driver's side

Once the inspection is complete, the owner comes to the police department with copies of their insurance and valid licenses

of all drivers showing that they are over the age of 18. The records staff will make copies of these documents, collect the \$25

Fee, &



Salvage Inspections

Last year the officers performed 336 salvage vehicle inspections. The purpose of the salvage theft exam is to verify that no stolen parts were used when the vehicle was rebuilt. Inspections are performed by appointment Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10AM as long as we have the staff. Prior to the inspection, the owner of the vehicle must fill out the affidavit of salvage vehicle repair online and pay the \$50 fee. The online form can be found on the DOT website at <https://salvagetheft.iowadot.gov/SalvageTheftTitle>. At the time of the inspection, the presenter must have:

- An Iowa salvage title
- Any receipts for parts put on the vehicle. If the parts are used, you will need the VIN number of the car they were taken from.
- Bill of sale
- ID

Failure to have all of these documents means the vehicle will not pass inspection. If that happens, the owner will need to reschedule the inspection for another day. Repeat offenders will not be allowed to come back and the DOT will be notified.



See the Iowa DOT Website for more Information
<https://iowadot.gov/mvd/vehicleregistration/salvage>



Vehicle Unlocks

One of the more popular services the Department offers is vehicle unlocks. On average, we perform 330 unlocks a year. If you ever find yourself locked out of your vehicle call JECC at (319) 356-6800 and an officer will be dispatched to your location when they are available.

Number of Unlocks per Year

2018-328

2017-363

2016-340

2015-302

2014-319



Community Events

Ride to School Winners



Special Olympics



Trunk or Treat



Blues and BBQ



Maidens and Muffins



Kites for Kids



Freezin for a Reason

January 28th we hosted the 2nd Freezin for a Reason polar jump as part of the Beat the Bitter City wide festival. We had 33 people pay \$50 to jump into the cold water at Centennial Park. The money raised went to our K9 fund to pay for food, medial costs, and training for Falco.



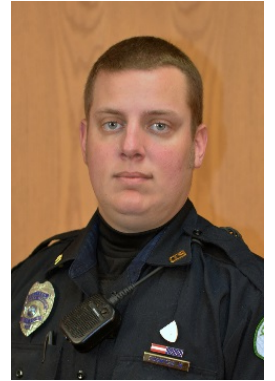
Presents with Police

We held our annual Presents with Police event. This year, Spotix was kind enough to donate \$1000 to the program. This kind gesture, along with other donations from community members, allowed for us to take 9 kids shopping. Santa was kind enough to donate his time to bring a little holiday magic to our group and the shoppers at Walmart. This is the second year he has volunteered his time. The kids enjoyed an evening of shopping followed by a pizza and gift wrapping party. We would like to thank Walmart, Pizza Hut and the Rec Center for hosting and feeding us.





Officer of the Year Mitch Seymour



Every year we ask the officers to nominate their peers for the Officer of the Year award. The nominees are individuals who embody the spirit of our values and mission statement. This year, the officer chosen was nominated from a department member, as well as someone from outside the department.

During his time with the Johnson County Drug Task Force, Sergeant. Seymour made a significant impact on the heroin and methamphetamine availability and use in our area. Every year, he represents this department as an instructor with the Johnson County Citizen Police Academy. Sergeant. Seymour's willingness to go above and beyond led him to assisting 19 special needs individuals at one of the University of Iowa Football games. He takes the steps needed to make our neighborhoods safe and is quick to assist anyone in need. He has shown professionalism, community service and a willingness to make a positive difference to people in need. These qualities contributed to him being promoted to Sergeant in late 2018. He will continue to be an essential employee and leader for this department because of his dedication, teamwork and positive attitude. Because of all these reasons, he was chosen as our department's 2018 Officer of the Year.

Bravo Award Recipient

The Bravo Awards acknowledge individuals who are making our entire community a better place to live, work, and visit. They inspire the rest of us to work harder and notably contribute to the reason we love this community. These residents and leaders add an intangible quality to our area that makes it unlike any other place. They give us confidence in our people and pride in our workplaces, homes and the places we frequent.

Lieutenant Tyson Landsgard of the North Liberty Police Department began his Law Enforcement Career in Knoxville, Iowa in 2003. In 2005, he took a position with the department as a police officer in North Liberty. While as a patrolman, he became a field training officer to assist in training other beginning officers. Tyson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2009 and served as supervisor to patrol officers who worked the night shift. In 2016, he was promoted to Lieutenant, making him second in charge in the department. The promotion also meant taking on the commander duties for the patrol division. He is the lead firearms instructor and teaches public courses on active shooter threats and safe practices for environmental design in order to prevent tragedies. His assistance with public safety and course route guidance were also integral in the success of the RUN CRANDIC marathon through town.

Lieutenant Landsgard will graduate with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice in December 2018. He is selfless, honest, and a consistent and caring leader. Because of these traits, Landsgard received the Officer of the Year Award for the North Liberty Police Department in 2014. He is a role model for others both on and off duty. We are proud he is also now a Community Bravo Award winner!



Lt. Tyson Landsgard

Thank you for your support!

Chief

Diane Venenga

Lieutenant

Tyson Landsgard

Sergeants

Creighton Regenwether

Chris Shine

Mitch Seymour

Rueben Ross

Patrol Officers

Officer Spence Madole

Officer Chuck Tygart

Officer Ben Campbell

Officer Ryan Rockafellow

Officer Juan Santiago

Officer Rick Vazquez

Officer Bruce Sexton

Officer Bryan Davis

Investigator Casey Wood

Officer Joel Miller

Officer Scott Sammons

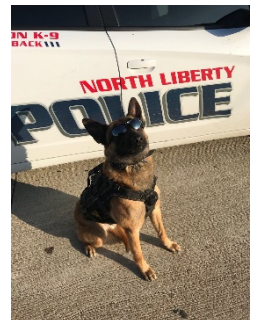
Officer Andy Jennings

Officer Eric Kapfer

Investigator Travis Clubb

Officer Alec Fjelstul

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