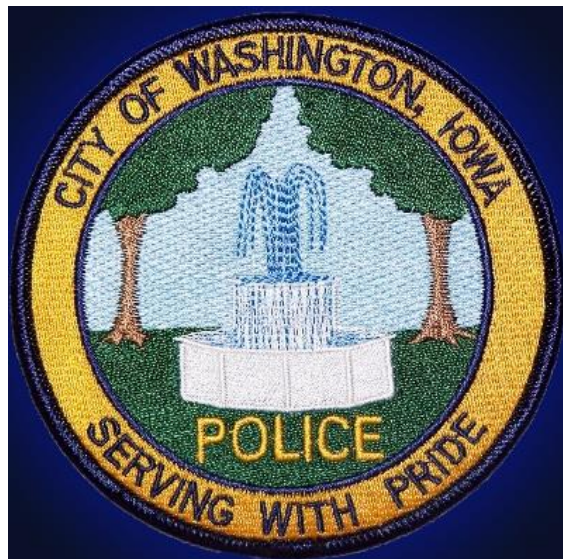


CITY OF WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

TWO SMALL WORDS

There are two words that when put together mean many different things to many different people. Two words that can put smiles on people's faces or anxiety in their hearts. Two words that may strike hatred in some and love in others. Two words that are more than just words. They are a title, an occupation, a career. Better yet, they are two words that describe a lifestyle. A lifestyle like no other for the men and women who choose to place a badge on their chest and promise to serve and protect. A lifestyle that may require that person in a split second to save someone's life while risking their own. A lifestyle that requires that person to face good and bad every single day that others don't see. A lifestyle that asks that person to wake up every morning without the assurance they will come home that night. Two words mean all that. Two words that should forever be remembered. Those Two Small Words are Police Officer!

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Message from the Chief

It is my pleasure to serve as Chief of Police for the City of Washington and I am pleased to present the Washington Police Department's 2019 Annual Report.



Jim Lester
Chief of Police

The Police Department enjoys a great deal of success based primarily on the level of support and cooperation from both our local elected officials and the community. I am fortunate to lead such a committed group of professionals who serve our citizens with pride.

The members of the department have more than 150 years of combined service and their dedication to the community is second to none.

This report is designed to provide a summary of the department's activities and accomplishments, as well as relevant statistics of the incidents and offenses the officers handled throughout the year and offer a comparison of previous years.

Technology changes and the addition of K-9 Dex to the police department were highlights for 2019. With the support of the City Council, appropriate funds were provided to update the department's patrol unit mobile data terminals, the department's computer server and to equip each officer with a new Taser.

The generosity of the community provided funding for the continuation of the department's K-9 program. K-9 Dex was officially sworn in by Mayor Jaron Rosien on July 2, 2019 and works with his partner, K-9 Handler Officer Seth Adam.

The department continues to work on our community engagement programs and we look forward to working with the Mayor's Community Advisory Committee as we develop additional programs to provide positive interaction with the community and our partners.

In closing, the department looks forward to the challenges of the new decade and are especially excited for our move into a more user-friendly office environment, along with some organizational restructuring in 2020 to allow us to better serve the community.

The citizens of Washington can be proud of the dedication and sacrifices made by our officers as they continue to preserve and strengthen our community partnerships.

Respectfully,

Jim Lester

Jim Lester
Chief of Police

2019 Personnel Changes

Retirements:

Chief Greg Goodman retired May 31, 2019

K-9 Handler/Officer Brett Sorrells retired May 31, 2019

New Hires:



Officer Tanner Lavelly joined the Police Department on January 18, 2019. Officer Lavelly previously worked for the Fairfield Police Department.



Chief Jim Lester was sworn in by Mayor Jaron Rosien on May 20, 2019. Chief Lester has thirty years of public safety experience.



Officer Chris Raymer joined the Police Department on May 23, 2019. Officer Raymer previously worked for the Fairfield Police Department.



K-9 Dex and K-9 Handler Officer Seth Adam completed six weeks of specialized training on June 28, 2019 and K-9 Dex was officially sworn in on July 2, 2019.



Officer Ethan Hansen joined the Police Department on November 12, 2019. Officer Hansen, a third-generation peace officer, previously worked for the Anamosa Police Department.

Specialty Training & Teams

The community is fortunate to be served by a well-trained and experienced team of law enforcement officers. The members of the Police Department have over 150 years of combined public safety experience with a wide range of specialty training and involvement with specialized teams.

The Police Department has certified instructors for the following specialties:

- Defensive Tactics
- Taser
- Firearms
- Rifle
- Crisis Intervention Training (C.I.T.)
- ALICE (Alert. Lockdown. Inform. Counter. Escape.)
- SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing)

Along with certified instructors the department is also fortunate to have officers trained in the following specialty areas:

- Drug Recognition Expert
- Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN)
- Narcotics Investigations
- Field Training Officers
- Certified Sniper/Spotter
- Domestic Abuse Investigations
- Child Abuse Investigations
- Sexual Assault Investigations
- Crime Scene Photography
- Evidence / Property Management
- Internet Crimes Against Children
- Glock Armorer
- Rifle Armorer
- Shotgun Armorer
- SWAT

2019 WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Chief of Police Jim Lester / Lieutenant Lyle Hansen / Lieutenant-Investigator Ron See

Officer Brian VanWilligen / Officer Shamus Altenhofen / Officer Seth Adam / Officer Ben Altenhofen

Officer Jason Chalupa / Officer Tanner Lavelly / Officer Chris Raymer / Officer Ethan Hansen

Administrative Assistant Rhonda Hill / P-T Administrative Assistant Melanie Huschka

Part-Time Officers: Zach Haworth / Eddie Cardenas / Nolan Burke / Brett Johnson

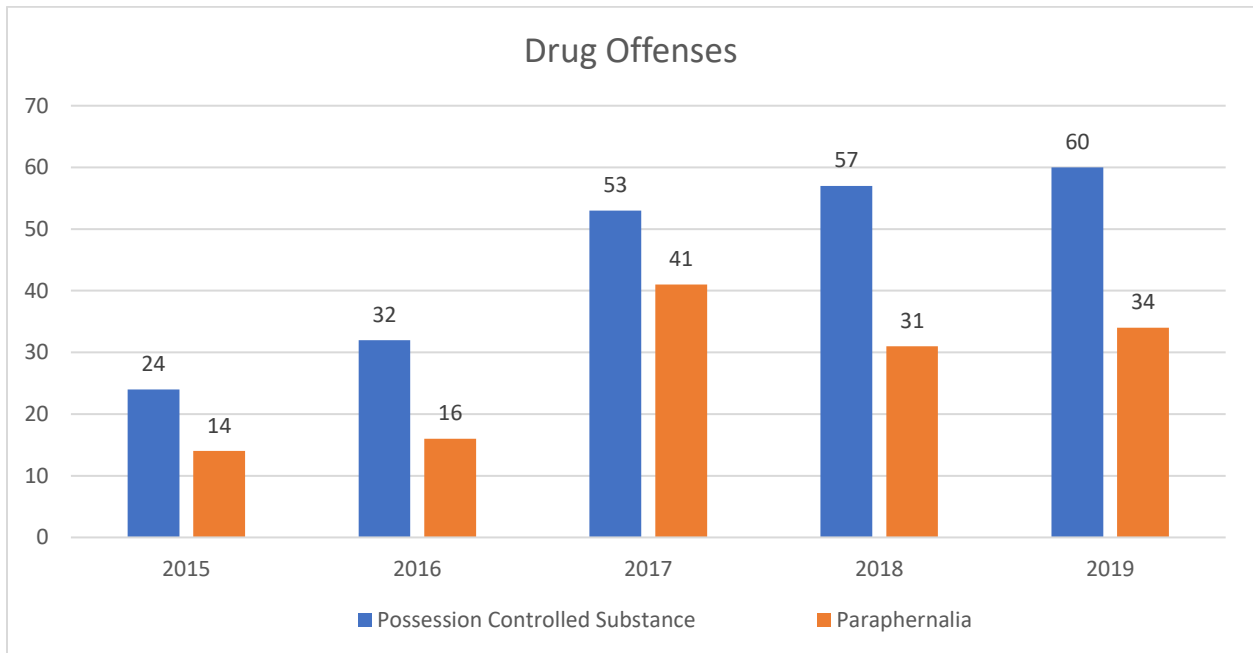
Drug Recognition Expert:

The DRE is specially trained in identifying and classifying individuals into various categories of drug use including Central Nervous System Stimulants (Methamphetamine), Cannabis and Central Nervous System Depressants (Prescription Medications).

In 2019, the DRE was activated ten times and completed eight exams (with five agreeing to a drug-screening test and three persons refusing the test.)

Narcotics Investigations:

This table represents the drug related offenses and drug paraphernalia offenses the Police Department has investigated during the past five years. In 2019, the Police Department sent an officer to a specialized Narcotics Investigations training and began working with the Johnson County Drug Task Force.



The following types of controlled substances were seized by officers during 2019:

- Marijuana
- Methamphetamine
- Barbiturate
- LSD
- Heroin
- Cocaine
- Prescription Drugs

SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics):

SWAT officers are recruited, selected, trained, equipped and assigned to resolve critical incidents involving a threat to public safety which would otherwise exceed the capabilities of traditional law enforcement first responders.

Team members must be dedicated, physically fit, have sound tactics and possess the ability to make good decisions under stress. Team members must complete and pass an annual physical strength and agility test, as well as pass firearms qualifications above what is required by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

2019 SWAT Activity

Training Days: 11

Training Hours: 48

Deployments: 1

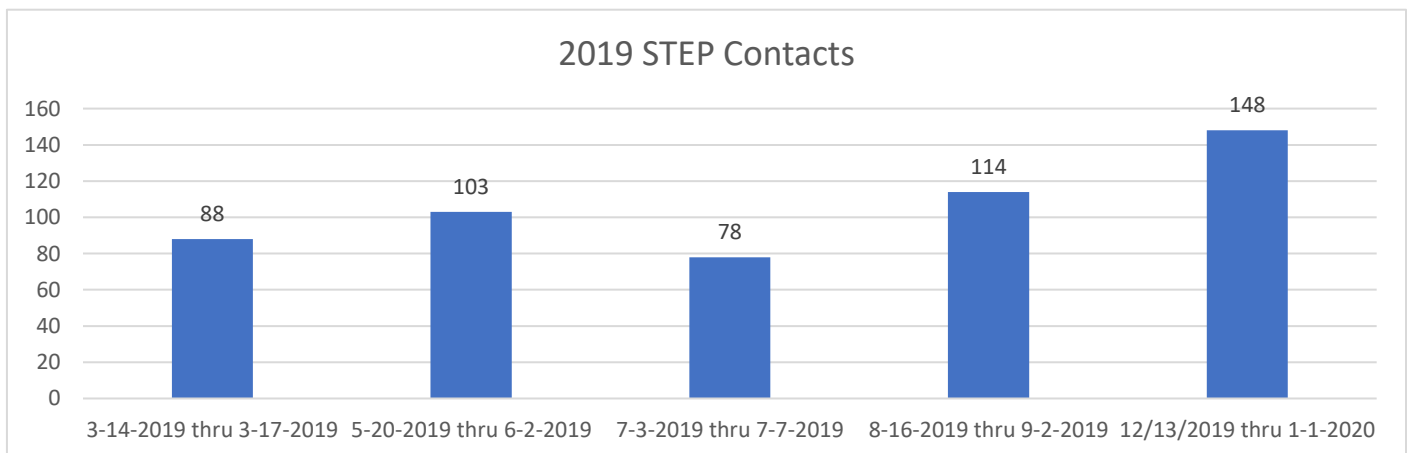
Deployment Hours: 4



Training topics during 2019 included CRU and MRAP familiarization, team movement, team communication, tactical combat casualty care, room clearing, high risk warrant service, high risk apprehension, barricaded subjects, hostage rescue, low light/no light and defensive tactics.

Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau – Special Traffic Enforcement Program:

The Police Department participates in each of the five STEP Waves throughout the year. In addition to the special traffic enforcement during these periods, we also receive grant funding for the purchase of equipment. In 2019, STEP funds were used for the purchase of a PBT (Preliminary Breath Testing) device utilized in OWI cases and an in-car video recording system.



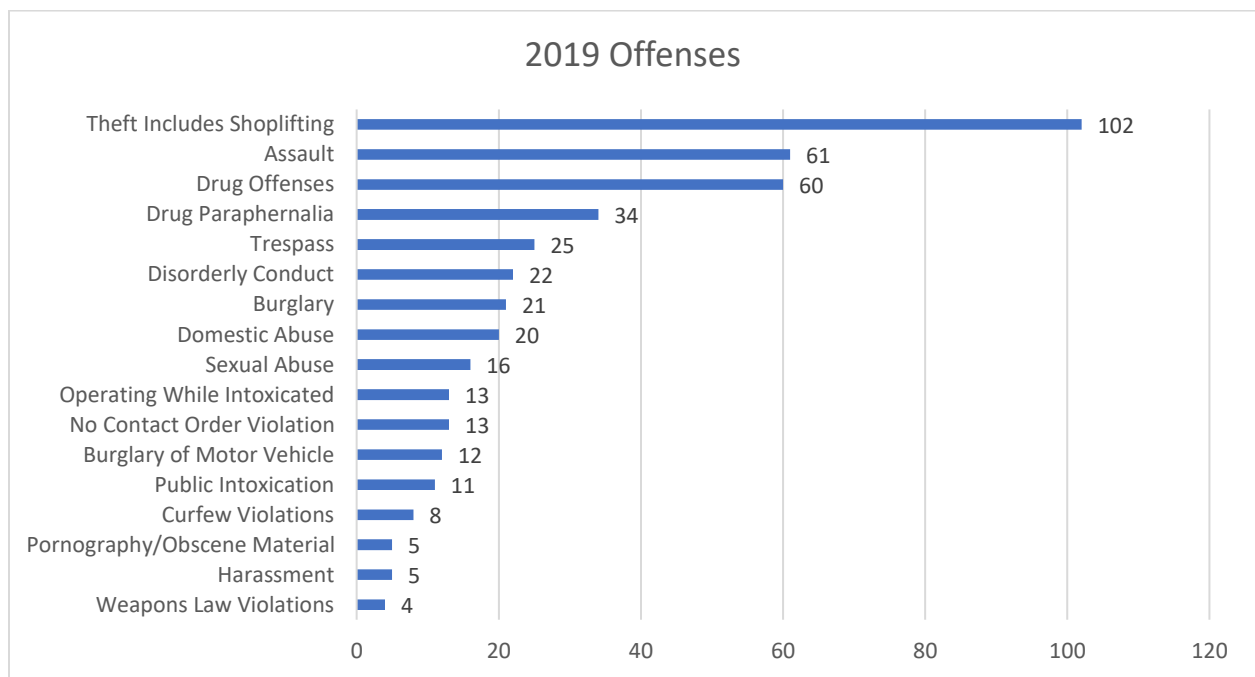
This chart indicates the number of contacts officers had during each of the STEP Waves in 2019.

2019 Activity

This chart indicates a summary of the type of activity the Police Department responded to during 2019. Calls for service do not always include requests to return phone calls, alarms, instances where officers are approached while on patrol for minor issues or requests for assistance from other agencies such as probation / parole checks.

2019 Activity Summary

Citations / Warnings	736
Traffic Stops	672
Traffic Accidents	174
Parking Tickets	137
Vehicle Unlocks	352
Arrest Warrants Served	94
Search Warrants Served	23
Calls for Service	3797
Animal Calls	263
Mental Health Responses / Suicidal Subjects	57
Arrests	355
Reportable Incidents	448

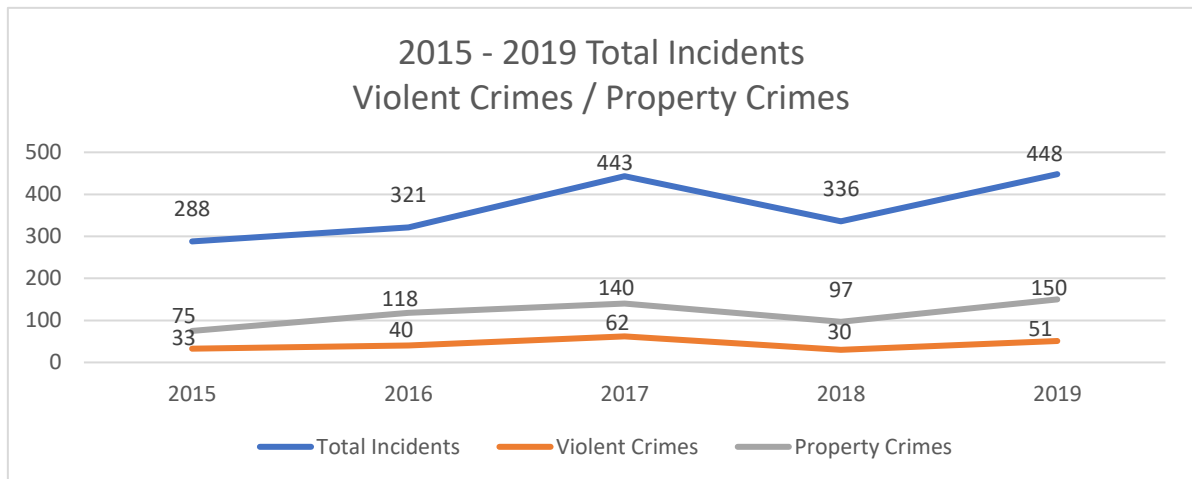
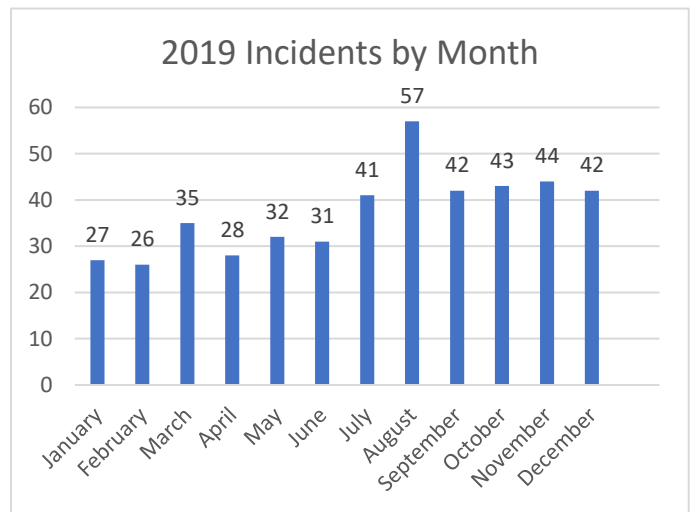
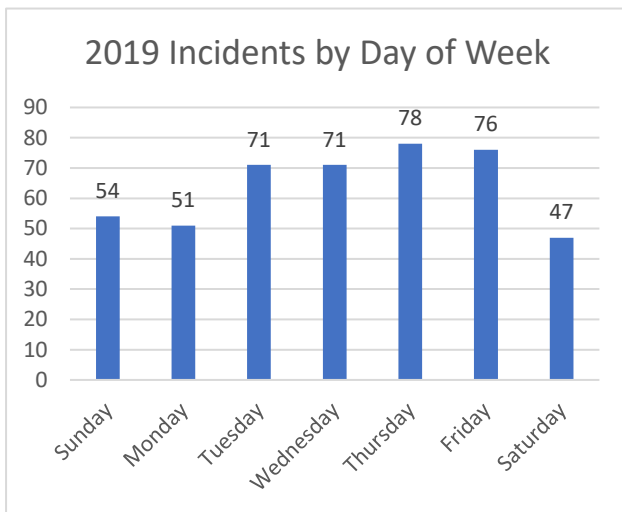


2019 Offense Summary

Crime Reporting

The Washington Police Department participates in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, a nationwide cooperative statistical effort of law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on offenses reported or known. The program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation and management. The data is used across the country for varied research and planning purposes.

The UCR Program created the National Incident Based Report System (NIBRS) to assist agencies in accurately reporting data on each incident and arrest within their jurisdiction. Using NIBRS, law enforcement agencies report data on each offense and arrest within 24 offense categories made up of 52 specific crimes called Group A offenses. Agencies only report arrest data for an additional 10 Group B offense categories.



In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Violent crimes are defined in the UCR Program as those offenses which involve force or threat of force. In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft and arson. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. The property crime category includes arson because the offense involves the destruction of property; however, arson victims may be subjected to force.