



Washington Police Department

James Lester, Chief of Police

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Department Activity Report January 2021

Rhonda Hill
Administrative Assistant

Lyle Hansen
Lieutenant

Shamus Altenhofen
Lieutenant

Jason Chalupa
Sergeant

Benjamin Altenhofen
Sergeant

Brian VanWilligen
Investigator

Eric Kephart
K-9 Handler

Seth Adam
Police Officer

Tanner Lavelly
Police Officer

Christopher Raymer
Police Officer

Ethan Hansen
Police Officer

The Police Department switched communications over to the new county radio system on January 13th, so far everything seems to be working well and we look forward to having the Fire Department switch over in February to allow for even better communications and interoperability.

January's snow events resulted in several motorist assist calls along with over 75 parking complaints. Fortunately, most residents complied with our warnings and just 8 parking tickets were issued, and five vehicles had to be towed.

We received our credentialing certification from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy related to the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities issued in June. The certification makes us eligible for federal grant applications.

All officers completed the PLS monthly online training, Investigator VanWilligen completed an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Cyber Tip Investigations course and Chief Lester participated in a webinar training on UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) changes being implemented at the state level.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lester
Chief of Police

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Activity & Offense Summary
For the Month of January 2021

Activity	Previous Month	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Citations / Warnings	21	24	24
Traffic Stops	111	61	61
Traffic Accidents	14	13	13
Parking Tickets	0	8	8
Vehicle Unlocks	28	23	23
Arrest Warrants Served	6	8	8
Search Warrants Served	0	1	1
Calls for Service	375	388	388
Animal Calls	22	23	23
Mental Health Responses / Suicidal Subjects	8	9	9
Arrests	23	17	17

Offense Summary

Offenses	Previous Month	Current Month	Year-To-Date
Assaults	0	2	2
Domestic Assault	0	1	1
No Contact Order Violation	1	0	0
Burglary	3	0	0
Burglary to a Motor Vehicle	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	8	2	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated (OWI)	1	0	0
Drunkenness (Public Intoxication)	1	0	0
Drug Offenses	2	3	3
Drug Paraphernalia	1	2	2
Sexual Abuse	0	1	1
Theft (includes Shoplifting)	10	4	4
Trespass	0	2	2
Pornography / Obscene Material	0	0	0
Weapons Laws Violations	1	0	0

This chart indicates a summary of the types of offenses the Washington Police Department responded to during the reporting period. Some offense types are combined to simplify this report. It should also be noted that an offense does not always result in an arrest. Calls for service do not always include requests to return phone calls, instances where officers are approached while on patrol for minor issues or requests for assistance from other agencies such as probation / parole checks.



State of Iowa
LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY
JUDY A. BRADSHAW, DIRECTOR

January 20, 2021

Chief James Lester
Washington Police Department
215 E Washington St.
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Dear Chief Lester:

On behalf of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy this letter confirms we are certifying that the Washington Police Department meets certain eligibility requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, for discretionary federal grants. The Washington Police Department is qualified to receive federal grants for three years from the date of this letter.

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929 (the "Executive Order on Safe Policing"), the U.S. Department of Justice's discretionary grant funding is only available to state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies that have obtained (or are in the process of seeking) credentials certifying that they meet certain standards on use of force. The Executive Order on Safe Policing empowers the U.S. Attorney General to designate independent credentialing bodies including the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to certify that a law enforcement agency meets the conditions of eligibility for federal grants.

Based upon review of the materials you have provided, we have determined that the Washington Police Department meets the conditions for certification. Accordingly, the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy will include your agency going forward within our database of certified law enforcement agencies. On or before January 31st each year, we will provide the name of each certified law enforcement agency to the U.S. Department of Justice.

If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email at judy.bradshaw@iowa.gov or by phone at 515-331-5778.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy A. Bradshaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Judy A. Bradshaw

Director

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