



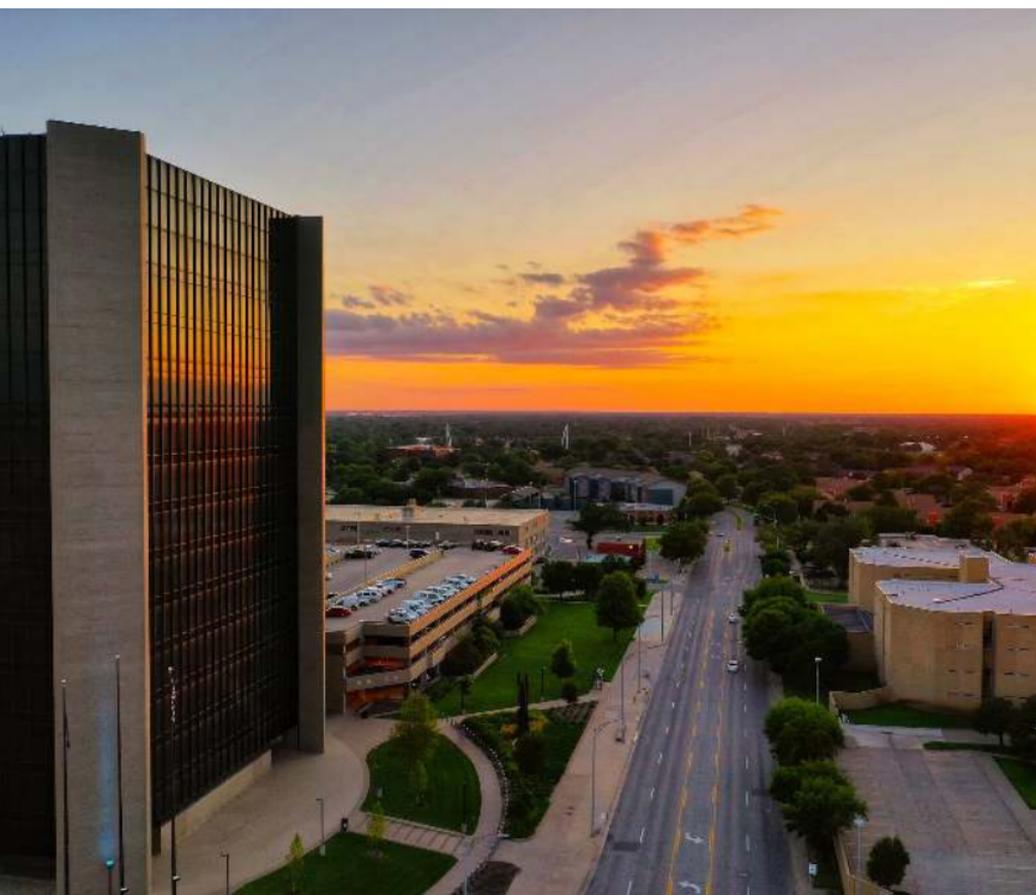
Wichita Police Department 2020 Annual Report

Strategic Goals

- Build honest and open internal and external relationships through open communication, inclusion, and trust.
- Implement industry standards to obtain and maintain infrastructure that addresses rapidly changing needs.
- Develop innovative approaches to prevent and reduce crime.
- Create a flexible workforce that addresses community needs and enhances employee morale through training and health and wellness programming.

Mission

Working in partnership with our community to deliver exceptional police services with professionalism and fairness.



From the Chief

2020 was unprecedented and the most challenging year for policing in recent decades.

We faced a global pandemic, social unrest, and rises in violent crime throughout the year. However, through all of this, people in every corner of the department worked countless hours to keep victims and our community safe.

Despite the many challenges faced this year, WPD continued to lead the way in training, policies and partnering with the community. We continue to recruit high numbers of quality police candidates and are filling vacancies. We also had an influx of professional staff joining our team to help provide valuable resources to community members in need.

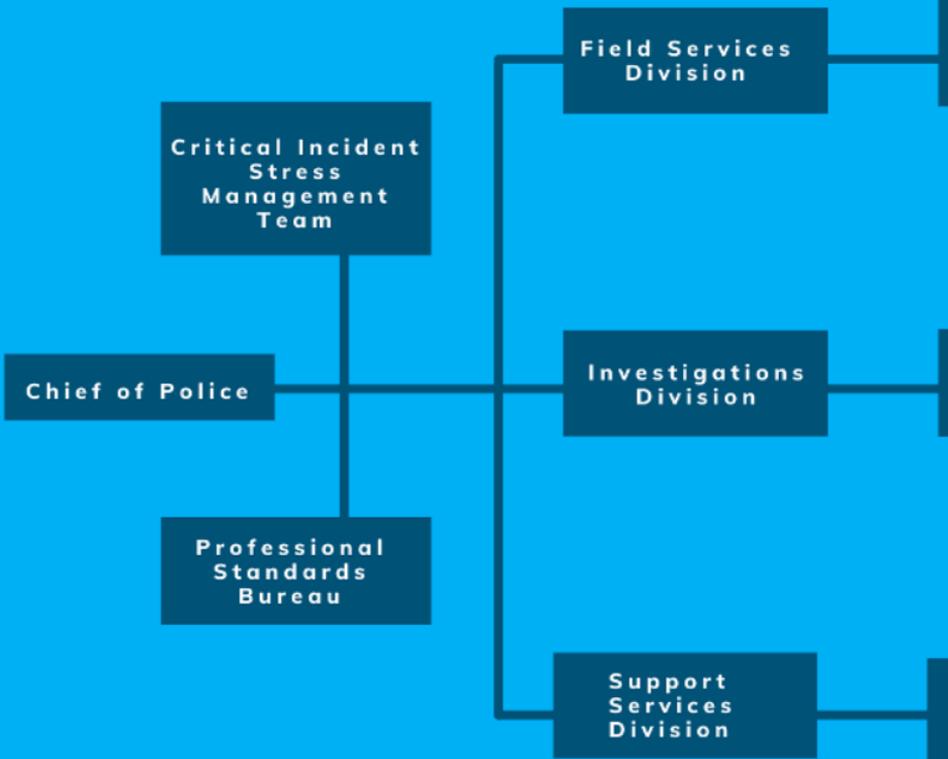
I am excited to continue leading this great organization, and believe we will continue to lead the way in 2021.

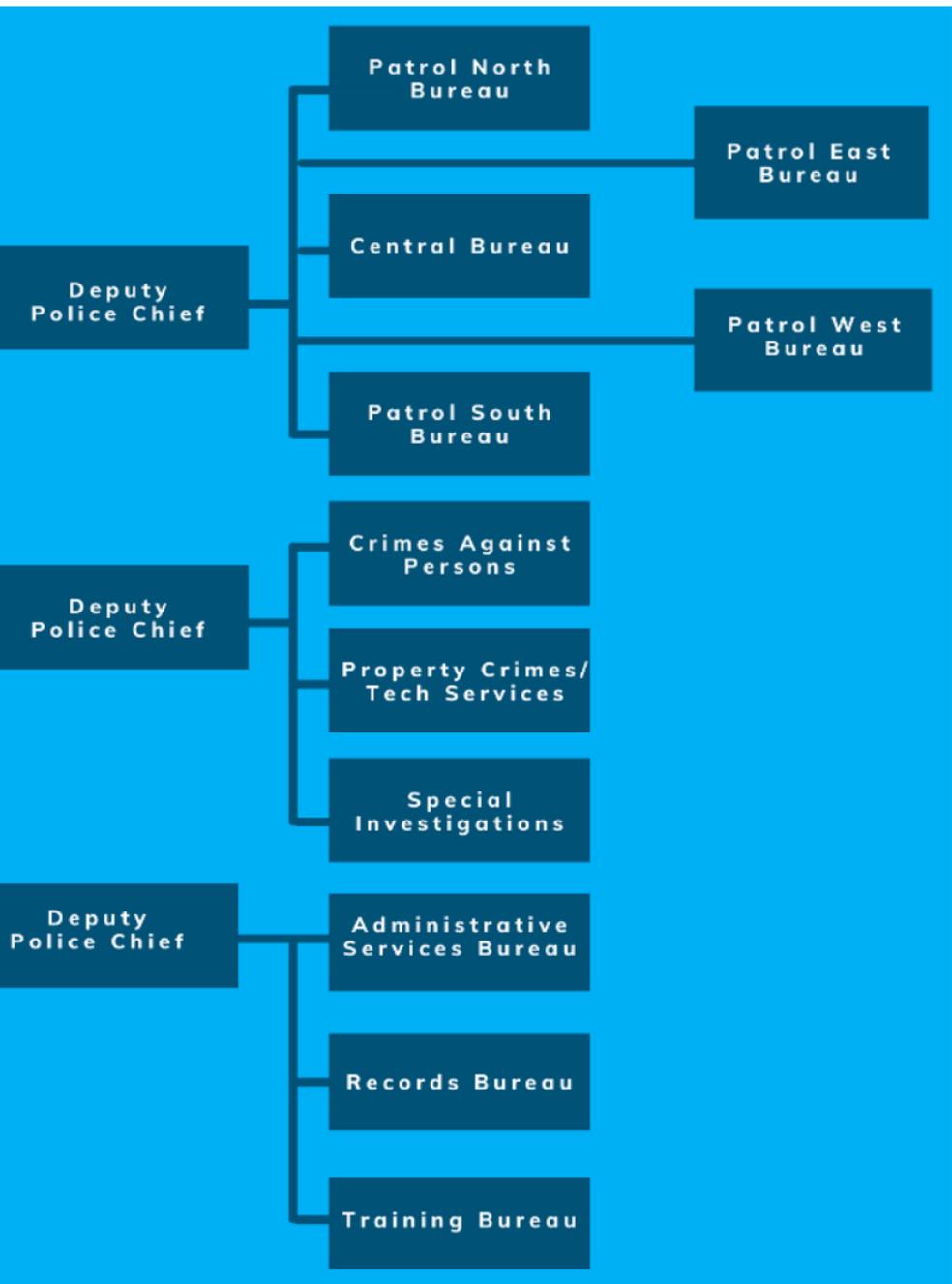
Know that you are always appreciated, and your work, no matter how big or how small, makes a difference.

Sincerely,

Chief Gordon Ramsay

WPD Organizational Chart





City Leaders

City Manager Robert Layton

City Manager Robert Layton has been involved in local government management for more than 35 years. He became Wichita's City Manager on February 2, 2009. He reports to a seven-member City Council and oversees more than 3000 employees, a \$573 million annual budget and a \$1.9 billion Capital Improvement Program.

Layton graduated from Drake University with a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and earned a graduate degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University.

He is a member of the International City/County Management Association, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Wichita Art Museum, Inc. Board of Trustees, and United Way of the Plains Board of Directors. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor at Wichita State University.



City Council



Brandon Johnson
Council Member,
District 1



Becky Tuttle
Council Member,
District 2



Jared Cerullo
Council Member,
District 3

Mayor Brandon Whipple

Dr. Brandon Whipple was elected as the Mayor of Wichita in 2019. Prior to being elected Mayor, Dr. Whipple served District 96 in the Kansas House of Representatives for seven years and was a professor at Wichita State University.

Whipple has been a Wichita resident for 17 years and is a graduate of Wichita State University, where he earned a Bachelor of General Studies and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies. Whipple has also earned a Doctor of Arts in Leadership Studies from Franklin Pierce University. He is a member of Vestry at St. James Episcopal Church.

Whipple and his wife Chelsea have three children, Adrian, Tristan, and Julian. He enjoys studying history, teaching martial arts and spending time with his family, exploring all that Wichita has to offer.



Jeff Blubaugh
Council Member,
District 4



Bryan Frye
Council Member,
District 5



Cindy Claycomb
Council Member,
District 6

WPD Command Staff



Gordon Ramsay
Chief of Police



Anna Hatter
Deputy Chief



**Wanda
Parker-Givens**
Deputy Chief



Jose Salcido
Deputy Chief



Brent Allred
Captain



Paul Duff
Captain



Daniel East
Captain



Clay Germany
Captain



**Kevin
Kochenderfer**
Captain



Lemuel Moore
Captain



**Wendell
Nicholson**
Captain



**Chester
Pinkston**
Captain



**Travis
Rakestraw**
Captain



Jason Stephens
Captain



Jeffrey Weible
Captain

The Pandemic

To say 2020 was an unprecedented year would be a massive understatement. In late 2019, there was information looming about the COVID-19 pandemic. There were rumors that City Hall and schools could shut down. It did not seem like it could possibly become a reality.

March 16, 2020, marked the beginning of COVID-19 for WPD, drastically changing the department's operations. City Hall closed, police stations closed, and police divisions such as Animal Control and the Training Academy closed to the public.

Some staff transitioned to work remotely and changes were implemented to provide them with the equipment and items needed to do this successfully. Citizens were encouraged to call with police-related questions or schedule appointments with staff when an in-person meeting was needed.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was scarce in the beginning and WPD relied on local businesses to help provide equipment to keep officers and the community safe.

Multiple Asian American businesses donated over 57,000 masks to local hospitals, schools, and WPD. LaPalm Spa Products halted normal inventory production and began producing large amounts of hand sanitizer, which was distributed for WPD officers to hand out to community members.

Vietnamese American Volunteers of Wichita donated hand sanitizer and gloves to WPD. Facemasks were also donated by United Rentals and Air Capital Distribution. Many citizens donated homemade masks to help keep first responders safe.

Amidst all this, patrol officers still came to work every day ready to answer emergency calls and remained diligent and focused on WPD's mission; "Working in partnership with our community to deliver exceptional police services with professionalism and fairness."

WPD officers once again persevered in crisis mode and continued to provide professional quality safety services to Wichita.

This year's events led the WPD executive staff to award every member of the department two awards. One of the awards was the Meritorious Unit Citation bar to recognize the members for their service during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic. The second award was the 2020 Civil Unrest bar to recognize the members for their service during the unrest faced this year.





Social Unrest

As law enforcement across the nation continued to navigate a worldwide pandemic, another tragic situation arose. On May 25, George Floyd was murdered by a Minneapolis Police Officer during a counterfeit bill investigation.

This tragic and reckless act affected policing across the United States and led to movements of defunding police and calls to overhaul police powers and responsibilities.

A significant component of the unrest was questioning law enforcement training, practices, policies, and procedures. From this developed the #8cantwait campaign, which outlined the following:

- Ban chokeholds, knee holds, and strangleholds;
- Require de-escalation;
- Require warning before shooting
- Require exhausting all alternatives before shooting;
- Duty to intervene;
- Ban shooting at moving vehicles;
- Require use of force continuum; and
- Require comprehensive reporting.

WPD had already been implementing these as part of policy or training for several years but responded to the calls for change in policing locally with a “Response to the Community” document, which can be downloaded at <https://www.wichita.gov/WPD/Police-Documents/2020-Police-Report-Community.pdf>.



Due to the years WPD has invested in outreach, working to connect and have conversations with community activists, most demonstrations in Wichita were lawful and peaceful, led by individuals working to share their thoughts and ideas. On several occasions, however, officers were protecting citizens and property when bottles, rocks, cinder blocks, and other debris were thrown at them, and random shots were fired in the area of demonstrations.

On June 1, WPD officers were working to clear an unlawful assembly in the area of 21st and Arkansas when a suspect began firing shots toward the officers. Three officers received minor injuries from the items being thrown and the shots being fired. Through a diligent investigation and working with the community, the suspect who fired towards officers was identified and arrested.

WPD activated the Emergency Mobilization Plan to address local demonstrations. Officers worked tirelessly and were called away from family to make sure Wichita stayed safe.

Overall, WPD experienced some social unrest and demonstrations calling for defunding police that led to multiple arrests but, due to the relationships built by working with local activists over many years, Wichita did not experience the mass arrests and large scale property damage seen in other cities across the country. WPD's efforts and strategies to diffuse the anger around the murder of George Floyd paid off.

Crime Rates

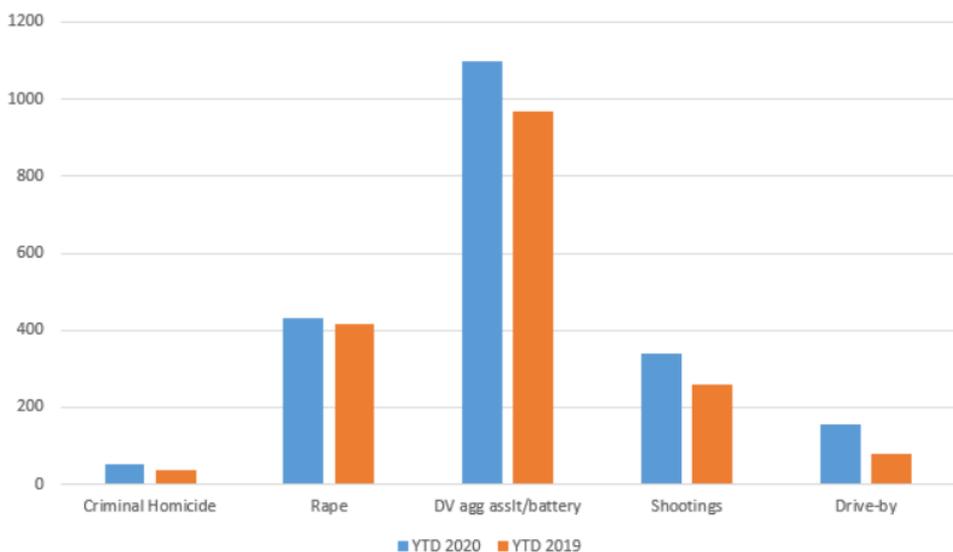
Wichita ended 2020 with a record tying 52 criminal homicides. The number tied the 1993 number of criminal homicides. Wichita also saw increases in sexual assaults, robberies, and aggravated assaults when compared to 2019. The most significant increase was seen in drive-by cases, where there was a 110% increase.

On the other hand, burglaries and thefts both saw a decrease. Burglaries ended the year 5% below 2019, and thefts ended 14% below.

Overall, total part one offenses ended 3% lower when compared to 2019 and 3% lower compared to the past five years.

Another concerning trend WPD experienced was an increase in juveniles being involved in violent crimes. Specifically, WPD saw a 52% increase in drive-by cases involving juveniles and a 50% increase in possession of a firearm by a felon cases.

Violent Crimes Comparison 2019 to 2020



Offenses involving a Victim, Suspect, or Arrestee between 10-17 (1/1 through 12/31)

Offense Type	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	5YA	% Change 19-20	% Change 5YA - 20
Homicide	5	4	4	5	5	1	3.8	25%	32%
Rape	101	120	152	137	102	90	120.2	-16%	-16%
Robbery	64	93	89	80	101	98	92.2	-31%	-31%
Agg Assault	402	373	337	288	315	231	308.8	8%	30%
Burglary	122	135	155	153	155	189	157.4	-10%	-22%
Larceny	528	692	715	787	953	1018	833	-24%	-37%
Auto Theft	84	61	76	47	57	48	57.8	38%	45%
Weapons Violation	104	103	108	77	72	63	84.6	1%	23%
Vandalism	522	546	471	439	479	421	471.2	-4%	11%
Business Robbery	10	23	23	22	29	21	23.6	-57%	-58%
Person Robbery	54	70	67	58	72	77	68.8	-23%	-22%
Agg Asslt./Batt. Drive-By	47	31	34	24	39	23	30.2	52%	56%
Agg Asslt./Batt. Shots Fired	69	72	74	36	58	29	53.8	-4%	28%
Agg Asslt./Batt. DV Related	42	37	21	19	25	21	24.6	14%	71%
Agg Asslt./Batt. Other	181	182	149	137	143	122	146.6	-1%	23%
Agg Asslt./Batt. FA Displayed	85	64	73	80	64	47	65.6	33%	30%
Res Burg	92	108	133	127	139	170	135.4	-15%	-32%
Non-Res Burg	30	27	22	26	16	19	22	11%	36%
Larc from Auto	145	162	166	162	161	128	155.8	-10%	-7%
Shoplifting	156	238	247	226	418	487	323.2	-34%	-52%
All Other Larc	228	293	302	400	376	403	354.8	-22%	-36%
Poss of FA by Felon	24	16	31	21	22	12	20.4	50%	18%
Poss of Fa by Juv	60	58	57	43	32	26	43.2	3%	39%
Criminal Discharge	22	23	23	11	8	11	15.2	-4%	45%
All Other Weapons	9	18	8	12	16	20	14.8	50%	-39%
Vandalism Drive-By	19	15	14	4	11	1	9	27%	111%
Vandalism DV Related	40	37	26	31	23	21	27.6	8%	45%
Vandalism Dest to Auto	143	151	139	144	158	122	142.8	-5%	0%
Vandalism Glass Breakage	6	10	4	3	8	8	6.6	-40%	-9%
Vandalism Dest to Property	342	361	304	270	294	277	301.2	-5%	14%



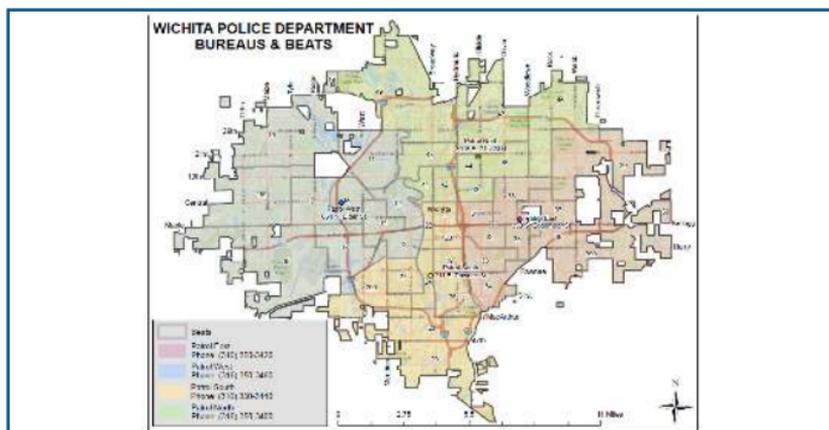
Field Services Accomplishments

The Field Services Division is the largest Wichita Police Department division, with more than 700 staff members employed as patrol officers. These officers are available to answer emergency calls every minute of every day.

The division was led by Deputy Chief Anna Hatter until her retirement and is now being led by Deputy Chief Chester Pinkston.

In 2020, Field Services was the largest and most diverse the division has ever been. This year also marked the beginnings of the Integrated Community Services Unit. This unit is made up of multiple commissioned and professional staff teams which allow experts to respond to certain calls and to provide long-term needs and resources to those who need them. Thus, commissioned field officers can focus their time on emergency calls and building relationships.

Field Services made great strides in serving the community this year. Here are some significant accomplishments from 2020.



WPD Embeds Community Support Specialists

WPD has sought grants and funding every year since 2016 to add embedded social workers into WPD to help with mental health-related calls. This opportunity became a reality in collaboration with the Department for Children and Families.

Two Community Support Specialists (CSS) are embedded within the police department and assist WPD in connecting families with public health programs for parent skill building, mental health or substance abuse services, and similar safety network supports.

The goal of the two professional staff employees is to assist law enforcement in responding to incidents involving children at risk because of abuse, neglect, or are otherwise in need of early intervention for a safe and supportive environment.

The CSS has improved communication between social services and law enforcement in Wichita and allows for quicker response to resources and assistance in certain cases.



Allyson Angle



Y'Teva Robinson

ICT 1

ICT1 is a multidisciplinary, co-responder program to provide resources for community members experiencing a mental health crisis. WPD has been an integral part of ICT1 since its pilot inception in 2019. The team was established on a full-time basis this year.

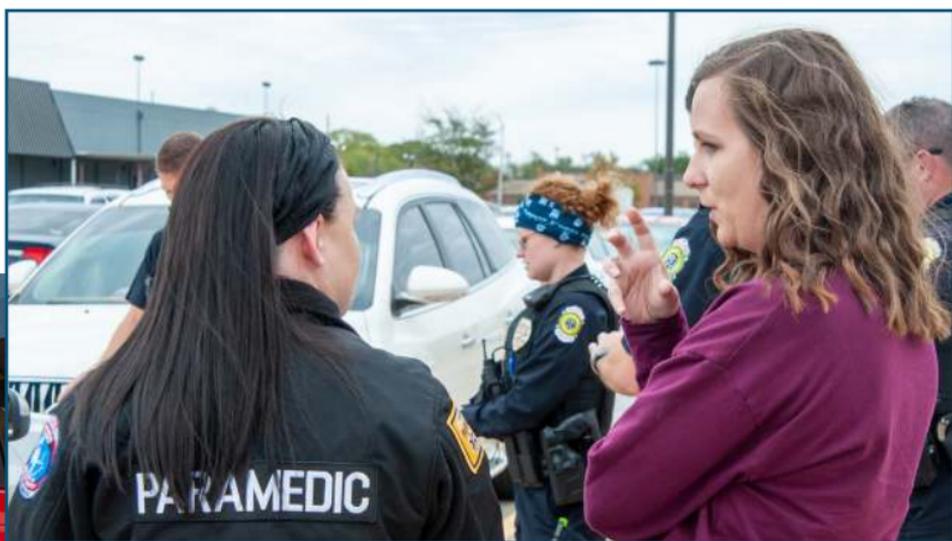
Increasing calls related to mental health this year made it essential to develop a team comprised of law enforcement, paramedics, and mental health professionals to assist those in crisis and allow patrol officers to be available for emergency calls.

WPD was instrumental in implementing the ICT1 program and seeking continual funding beyond the 90 day pilot period. The efforts of this integrated team have positively impacted working with citizens in crisis and providing the best quality services to our community.



Currently, the ICT1 team is a collaborative effort between Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita and is comprised of a Qualified Mental Health Professional, a Law Enforcement Officer, and a Paramedic. They respond to emergent mental health crises in the community identified through the 9-1-1 system and the COMCARE Crisis system.

Agencies participating in the ICT1 program include WPD, Wichita Fire Department, Sedgwick County Emergency Medical Service (EMS), and COMCARE. This comprehensive team responds to patients experiencing suicidality, substance use issues, psychosis, delusions, and many other mental health issues.



INTEGRATED CARE TEAM

WPD Implements a Juvenile Intervention Unit

The Wichita Police Department, in collaboration with Sedgwick County Juvenile Services, has created a WPD Juvenile Intervention Unit (JIU).

Youth who offend at a young age are more likely to become chronic and violent offenders as they age, and the best opportunity to intervene is as early as possible. Because the first contact is often the police department, we are in a position to be most helpful. The newly-created JIU consists of a WPD sergeant, two WPD detectives, and two juvenile intervention officers.



The focus of this specialized team is to address youth involved in gangs and illegal behavior proactively. JIU staff will coordinate with child welfare groups, schools, treatment providers, and youth organizations to more effectively help Wichita's young people.

The JIU team will use established practices such as focused deterrence, diversion, and restorative justice to keep youth out of the criminal justice system and onto positive paths by increasing their access to service providers in our community.

Flock Safety License Plate Readers

With a significant uptick in violent crime during 2020, WPD looked to technology to help solve crimes.

WPD implemented a 90 day no-cost pilot program with Flock Safety to address and reduce violent crime utilizing License Plate Readers (LPR). LPRs use patented vehicle fingerprint ID technology to read license plates and identify vehicles by build, make and color.

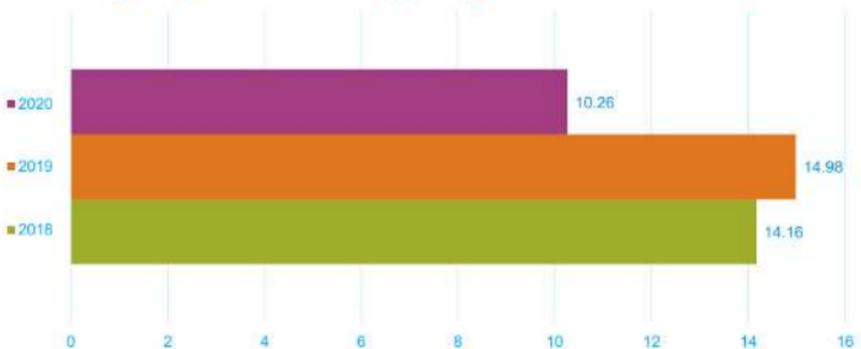
During the pilot program, WPD experienced positive impacts. Over the 90 day LPR pilot program WPD:

- Recovered stolen cars;
- Recovered stolen license plates;
- Made felony offender arrests;
- Seized guns; and
- Seized dangerous and illegal drugs.

LPR technology can also be helpful in cases involving Amber and Silver alerts, and LPRs have been responsible for solving many significant cases in other cities across the country and in Wichita.

LPR 90 Day Pilot Program Outcomes

Average Days Before Recovery (During Trial Period Time Frame)



Patrol West Officers Launch “Second Chance Thursday”

Patrol West Officers launched “Second Chance Thursday,” a program providing an opportunity for citizens to quickly clear traffic warrants and other non-violent misdemeanor warrants on their records without going through the Sedgwick County jail.

This opportunity was provided only for city-issued traffic citations and other warrants that did not involve driving under the influence or domestic violence.

This program was beneficial to help clear non-violent minor warrants while jails, and the court system were seeing a backlog due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Investigations Division Accomplishments

The Investigations Division is responsible for the follow-up investigation of crimes committed against persons or property in the City of Wichita. Cases are forwarded by the Field Services Division and the WPD Police Case Desk and Investigations Division supervisors and detectives review them. Deputy Chief Jose Salcido has led this division since March 2018.

The Investigations Division is aligned with the Field Services Division now more than ever in WPD history. This close partnership helps bring quality service to the community, providing more robust cases that enable prosecution to hold offenders accountable, leading to many significant accomplishments in 2020.



WPD Establishes Domestic Violence Team

Like many other cities, Wichita has seen an increase in domestic violence (DV) statistics over the past few years and, unfortunately, the number of DV cases increased during COVID-19.

The Investigations Division applied for and received a COPS grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to establish the Domestic Violence Intervention Team (DIVIRT). The seven-member team consists of six officers and one sergeant, chosen through a competitive selection process.



Domestic Violence Strangulation Awareness Statistics

Odds for homicide increase

750%

for victims who have been previously strangled, compared to victims who have never been strangled

1 in 4

women will experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and

68%

will experience near-fatal strangulation by their partner

97%

are strangled manually

38%

report losing consciousness

35%

are strangled along with sexual assault/abuse

70%

of strangled women believed they were going to die

Oftentimes, even in fatal cases, there are no external signs of injury.

50%

of victims have visible injuries. Of these, **only 15%** could be photographed.

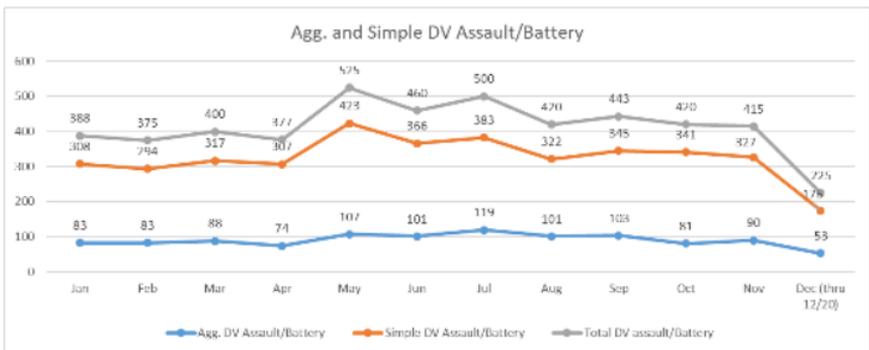


DIVRT will work directly with WPD's Domestic Violence / Sex Crimes investigators and proactively search for offenders with warrants, conduct criminal investigations on new DV crimes, and help to reduce victimization through enforcement and education.

Additionally, DIVRT will enforce and do follow-up investigations on:

- Protection From Abuse (PFA) orders;
- No contact orders; and
- Bond restriction orders.

“DIVRT’s goal is to reduce the instances of domestic violence in our community while focusing on victim safety and holding offenders accountable,” Chief Ramsay said. “The seven-person team will work closely with community DV advocacy agencies to ensure we are doing all we can to reduce one of the top reasons women go to the emergency room.”



statistics courtesy of StrangulationTrainingInstitute.com

WPD Continued Progress on Crime Gun Intelligence Center

The Investigations Division continued progress on the Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) in partnership with Wichita State University (WSU).

The CGIC has generated over 1000 National Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) leads and ranked 35th out of 230 sites throughout the country from inception to date.

Moreover, multiple police departments throughout the country have contacted WPD to learn more about this collaborative effort with WSU and Operation Save-A-Casing.

In this program, WPD encourages gun owners to save two spent casings from their firearms that may be inputted into the NIBIN should they happen to be stolen.



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WPD Launches CrimeCast

In November 2020, WPD Property Crimes launched CrimeCast, a weekly informational program streamed on social platforms.

The project's goal was to inform the city's residents about property crime trends and share suspects' photographs or videos. The program has exceeded expectations, with the public appreciative of the highly interactive nature of the program.

CrimeCast has been wildly popular and opened up new engagement for WPD. Officer Paul Cruz also aired a Spanish-language version of the program, which was well-received by Wichita's Latino community.

Wichita Police Department

CRIME CAST

From our desks to your home.
Bringing you real-time
crime information.



WPD Addressed Rise in Violent Crime

Due to an increase in violent crimes in 2020, WPD initiated a 90-day Major Crime Reduction Team project. The project's goal was to reduce violent crime and focus on the small number of prolific offenders contributing to large amounts of crime.

Through the work of this project, the Major Crime Reduction Team made hundreds of arrests, seized large amounts of illegal drugs, seized hundreds of guns, and seized over \$140,000 in cash.





Support Services Accomplishments

The Support Services Division is led by Deputy Chief Wanda Parker-Givens, and it provides services to the department and the community. The Division comprises the Administrative Services Bureau, Records Bureau, and the Training Bureau.

The Support Services Division plays a vital role in the success of the WPD, and both commissioned and civilian staff collaborate efforts to complete its mission. The Division achieved several significant accomplishments during 2020.

WPD Continues Diversity and Inclusion

The 2020 Spring Academy Class graduated with the highest number of females in one class in the department's history. The very next recruit class took place in the Fall of 2020 and included 54 Recruits. Of those recruits, 19 were females, 11 were Hispanic, and six were African Americans. This monumental accomplishment marked the largest and most diverse class in the history of WPD.





WPD Graduates Reserve Class

During 2020, WPD Conducted a Reserve Class and graduated five new reserve officers, which has not been accomplished in 12 years.



WPD Records Management Core Team Readies Launch of New RMS

For several years, WPD Records Management Core Team has been transitioning to a new Records Management System (RMS), Niche. Some advantages of the new RMS included auto-populated information on reports, a paperless system to help streamline information and eliminate entering data with case desk allowing for less downtime entering reports.

This year, the Core Team finalized preparations to train staff on the new system and launch it in 2021.



WPD Awarded Six Grants

This year the WPD Support Services Division applied for a record number of 12 competitive grants. WPD was awarded six of them for a total of \$3.6 million in grants. This funding allows for the continued success of WPD accomplishing its mission in providing exceptional police services to the community.



WPD Participates in 46th Annual Christmas Crusade

WPD took the lead in the 46th annual Christmas Crusade program, providing some holiday cheer to children living in situations where they wouldn't otherwise receive gifts. Continuing this decades-old tradition, officers/WPD staff identify a family in need and then work with the community to coordinate gift donations. The gifts are delivered to police stations and investigation sections to be delivered to the families by the submitting officer.

WPD extends a special thank you to Rachel Davidson and Jenny Goertzen, the Christmas Crusade coordinators. Without their dedication and hard work, the program would not be a success.



Chief Gordon Ramsay Appointed to Presidential Commission

In January, Chief Gordon Ramsay was sworn in as one of the 18 commissioners appointed by the United States Attorney General William P. Barr to the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice.



According to a press release by the United States Department of Justice, the Commission was established to “study ways to make American law enforcement the most trusted and effective guardians of our communities” and was set to examine issues such as:

- How do certain social ills such as mental illness, substance abuse, and homelessness affect the ability of law enforcement to the police?
- How can we improve officer recruitment, training, and retention?
- What are the significant issues confronting rural and tribal law enforcement?
- What are the significant issues affecting the physical safety and mental health of police officers?

- How can federal grant programs aid state, local, and tribal law enforcement?
- What novel issues and criminal threats have arisen from new technologies?
- What is the cause of diminished respect for law enforcement and the laws they enforce, and how does it affect both police and public safety?
- What role can commercial business and community development organizations play in cultivating safe communities?
- What methodologies, techniques, and targeted deterrence can be employed to reduce crime?
- How can we integrate education, employment, social services, and public health services to reduce crime and ease the burden on law enforcement?

“I am honored and excited to be part of this Commission and believe my appointment is a reflection of the great work our officers have been doing in Wichita,” Chief Ramsay said. “I am proud to represent our city.”

Read the final report from the Commission:
<https://www.justice.gov/file/1347866/download>

In June, Chief Gordon Ramsay was also selected to be part of the Governor’s Commission on Racial Equity and Justice by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly. This commission was tasked with examining racial equality and justice in Kansas as well as law enforcement - community relations.



WPD and WPF Partner to Help Wichita Families

WPD and the Wichita Police Foundation (WPF) partnered through a new program called “Random Acts of Kindness.”

Officers identify needs in the community, and the WPF works to meet those needs. This year the partnership helped provide furniture and appliances to families.



WPD Officers Awarded for 40 Years of Service

This year, WPD honored Officer Robert Bachman and Sergeant Robert Bolin for 40 years of dedicated service to Wichita.

Officer Bachman has worked as a patrol officer for all of his career and comes to work every day with a smile on his face, ready to work hard!

Sergeant Bolin has worked in several areas throughout his four-decade career. He spent much of his career as a defensive tactics instructor and testifies as an expert on use-of-force situations.

Both of their hard work ethics and dedication are an example to all of us.



WPD Launches Hispanic-Latino Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association

The Asociación de Graduados de Los Talleres Comunitarios (AGTC), also known as the Hispanic – Latino Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, is proud to announce the first-ever alumni association for Spanish speaking community members of Wichita.

Since 1997, under the direction of WPD Deputy Chief Jose Salcido, Detective Mike Silva, and Detective Ramon Machain, the Citizens Police Academy for the Spanish-speaking community members of Wichita met for several years.

In 2016, an annual Citizens Police Academy for Spanish speakers was created under the direction of WPD Officer Paul Cruz. The name was changed to Los Talleres Comunitarios (Community Workshops) to adhere to the cultural needs of the Latino community of Wichita.

ASOCIACIÓN DE GRADUADOS DE LOS TALLERES COMUNITARIOS

HISPANIC CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Asociación de Graduados
De los Talleres Comunitarios



Since 2019, thanks to the leadership of WPD Chief Gordon Ramsay, Officer Cruz put into motion the development of the Hispanic-Latino Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

AGTC is a volunteer-driven organization composed of citizens who have graduated from the Spanish Citizens Police Academy. AGTC currently has 40 members and is expected to double in size by 2022.

Selected ACTC Executive Board members:

- President Manuel Lopez
- Vice-President Milena Warren
- Secretary San Juanita Alvarado
- Treasurer Jennyfer Lopez

President Manuel Lopez said, “I am grateful for this opportunity to serve as president. I want to thank Chief Gordon Ramsay, Deputy Chief Salcido, and Officer Paul Cruz for their support with this project. AGTC will focus its efforts on reaching out to the Hispanic community to building a bridge of trust and collaboration between its citizens and the Wichita Police Department.”



WPD Awards Legacy Badges

In March, WPD awarded multiple detectives with the “Legacy Badge Award.” The badges are awarded to detectives who have been in the investigations section for a minimum of seven years and, during their tenure, have shown strong leadership, work ethic, and integrity. They must also have a balance of career and community service or volunteer work.

Awardees are vetted through a nomination process that includes WPD staff, community stakeholders, and finally, a unanimous decision between WPD Chief of Police and all three WPD Deputy Chiefs. The badge they receive is a gold badge to be worn instead of a standard silver detective’s badge.



The award is presented in honor of the late Lieutenant Kenneth Landwehr, who led the WPD Homicide section for over 20 years. His legacy, both privately and professionally, set the standards for the Legacy Badge Award.

“It’s an honor to receive this award,” WPD Homicide Detective Tim Relph said. “I worked under Lt. Landwehr for 22 years. He was truly a man who led by example at work and at home.”



WPD Welcomes New K9

In September, WPD welcomed the department's newest K-9, "Boomer." Boomer's name was chosen with the help of the community through social media.

He is a 2-year-old golden retriever and community relations and explosive detection dog assigned to the Bomb Unit. Boomer's handler, Sergeant Neal, is WPD's first female dog handler. They are excited to work together to serve Wichita.



WPD Works With Community Partners to Deliver Food

Over several weeks during the summer, WPD partnered with the Greater Wichita Ministerial League and Wichita School District USD259 to deliver meals from the food bank to families in need.

The partnership was crucial in delivering these meals as grocery stores were out of a lot of food and supplies, and many businesses, including schools, were shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



WPD Connects with Kids at Camp Awareness

WPD partnered with Boy Scouts of America and held Awareness Camp in July at City of Wichita OJ Watson Park. This camp was a highlight for kids and the workers, as many activities had been canceled amidst the ongoing pandemic.

Many procedures were put into place to have the camp and keep everyone safe. The procedures included hand sanitizer stations, masks for adults, temperature checks, and keeping kids in small groups. These steps and leadership by WPD Officer Nichole Beliles help make this camp a success.

Kids learned communication skills, how to work as a team, follow directions, and make friends. Investing in juveniles is vital in having a bright future.



WPD Launches Safely Seating ICT

Safely Seating ICT Kids is a new community-driven pilot program in which citizens who are issued a citation for car seat violations have the opportunity to apply for a free car seat. Approved citizens were given a proper car seat, and the citation was dismissed.

Approval for a free car seat was based on financial need and final approval by the Youth Advocacy Coalition Coordinator at Atwater Neighborhood Resource Center, who assisted WPD with implementing this program.

The pilot program launched in the 67214 zip code with aspirations to expand the program citywide.



WPD Launches Lights On! Program

Lights On! is a repair voucher program that allows officers on traffic stops to provide a voucher for a free repair on lighting problems with vehicles in lieu of citing the driver. Common mechanical violations include burned-out light bulbs, broken turn signals, etc. The initiative launched in the 67214 zip code, with hopes to expand citywide.

Vouchers are provided through private and corporate donations. The program aims to improve police-community relations and public safety.

WPD is pleased to partner with the following local businesses for this program:

- Auto Mech, 4615 E. 13th St. N. 67208
- G&L Garage, 2502 E. 13th St. N. 67214
- Nail's Auto Service, Inc., 1402 N. Hillside 67214



LIGHTS ON!

A PROGRAM OF MICROGRANTS



IT STARTED WITH A SIMPLE IDEA

Police officers hand out vouchers to drivers with burned-out headlights, taillights, brake lights, or turn signals. The recipients redeem vouchers for free repairs at any participating auto service provider.



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Fixing car lights that would otherwise remain broken is good for everyone.

Retirements

Yarberry, Steven.....	Police Sergeant
Spaulding, Chad.....	Police Officer
Obrien, Michael T.....	Police Sergeant
Tuzicka, Bradley.....	Police Detective
Krok, James.....	Police Sergeant
Taylor, Jeffrey D.....	Police Officer
Martinez, Mark.....	Police Officer
Scholl, Wayne.....	Police Officer
Thompson, Shawn.....	Police Officer
Allen, Jeffrey.....	Police Captain
Forred, Jonathan.....	Police Officer
Sigman, Brian.....	Police Lieutenant
Giffin, Kim.....	Police Detective
Shackelford, Rhonda.....	Police Detective
Teague, Stacey.....	Police Officer
Richardson, Chad.....	Police Detective
Griggs, Janette.....	Police Officer
McCargo, James.....	Police Officer
Engstrom, Patrick.....	Security Officer
Hatter, Anna.....	Deputy Police Chief
Ebling, Randall.....	Warrant Officer
Martin, John W.....	Detective
Baze, Kimberly.....	Customer Service Clerk I
Anderson, Lois.....	Animal Control Officer
Wright, Brian.....	Police Officer
Russell, Shane.....	Police Officer



WPD Awards

2020 Officer of the Year

Detective Latavia Allen #2042

2020 Non-Sworn Employee of the Year

Shelby K. Blankinship #V1355

2020 Cooper McKee Volunteer of the Year

Pastor Roosevelt K. DeShazer, Jr.

Bronze Wreath of Merit

Officer Lee T. Froese #2361

Officer Skyler J. Boatright #2340

Officer Jared M. Henry #2271

Officer Christopher M. Hornberger #2272

Officer Brock L. Kampling #2304

Officer Dustin L. Nail #2222

Officer Kyle L. Perry #2432

Officer Jamie L. Thompson #2353

Officer Donielle L. Watson #2159

Sergeant Chad A. Cooper #1882

Officer Jeremy W. Boyd #2294

Officer Cale P. Carson #2399

Officer Matthew P. Fisher #2349

Officer Ryan E. Doshier #1906

Officer Nathan D. Toman #2265

Officer Victor W. Trillo #1601

Officer Richard A. Turner #2532

Officer Michael T. Graham #2454

Officer Dustin L. Nail #2222

Sergeant Jeremy W. Vogel #2231

Sergeant Jamie S. Crouch #1740

Bronze Wreath of Merit (continued)

Sergeant Michael L. Thode #1440
Detective Long H. Nguyen #1816
Lieutenant Patrick M. Phipps #1726
Sergeant Michael L. Thode #1440
Lieutenant Kevin L. Kochenderfer #1633
Service Officer Arthur Beasley, Jr. #S0297
Detective Robyn M. Douty #2032
Officer Brandon M. Clayton #2472
Officer Sara L. Burnett #2676
Officer Rhonda S. Wash #1873
Officer Jeremy M. Gray #2390
Officer Clayton P. Van Daley #2408
Officer Jason D. Lane #2656
Officer Hayden C. Pepper #2404
Officer Jerrad L. Daniels #1959
Officer Benjamin A. Abel #2607
Officer John D. Esau #2611
Officer Corbin F. Moren #2380
Officer Juan M. Rebolledo #2573
Officer Andrew E. Jansson #2426
Officer Kolby A. Miller #2483
Sergeant Brian M. Safris #1778
Officer Phillip B. Berger #2444
Officer Isaac P. Fox #2419
Officer Jason W. Reser #2487
Officer Israel J. Taylor #2600
Sergeant Chad L. Remy #2244
Detective Jeffrey M. McVay #2152
Detective Ryan E. Schomaker #2046
Officer Kevin C. Kurtz #2278

Bronze Wreath of Merit (continued)

Officer Dustin L. Nail #2222

Detective Aaron Howard #2124

Officer Timothy M. Wescott #2466

Detective Ryan R. Hudgins #2341

Detective Dustin L. Meier #2307

Karie A. Railing #V1304

Captain Lemuel M. Moore #1502

Lieutenant Jason A. Cooley #2210

Sergeant Jeremy W. Vogel #2231

Detective Kim V. Giffin #1263

Detective Richard W. Mellard, II. #1305

Detective Michael E. Silva #1389

Detective Vince X. Van #1555

Officer Paul Estrada-Cruz #2360

Deputy Chief Wanda F. Parker-Givens #1350

Deputy Chief Jose H. Salcido #1730

Officer John M. Maier #2443

Officer Kolby A. Miller #2483

Officer David T. Howard #2365

Officer Joey D. Husen #2374

Sergeant Carlton E. Rodgers #1518

Officer Ryan Masenthin #2651

Detective Dustin L. Meier #2307

Officer Cody T. McCall #2677

Officer Annalisa Jauregui #2650

Officer Madison D. Winkle #2665

Sergeant Matthew J. Hall #1569

Officer Travis Gerlach #2123

Officer Daniel B. Gumm #2148

Officer Hector M. Gonzalez #2421

Bronze Wreath of Merit (continued)

Officer Jacqueline K. R. Anderson #2578

Officer Logan A. Davis #2564

Officer Anthony O. Soto #2558

Officer Thomas H. Bangert #2512

Officer Samuel Dotson #2645

Officer Andrew Owens #2655

Officer William J. Gray #2518

Sergeant Matthew L. Balthazor #2163

Sergeant Tony Supancic, IV. #1422

Captain Daniel E. East #1489

Keely S. Bean #V1298

Shauna M. Dickman #V1055

Krayton F. Easley #V1252

Pamela K. Kester #V1054

Zachary R. Kester #V1290

Stephanie D. Lies #V1229

Elaine G. Rice #V1235

Stacie R. Sturgeon #V1248

Lieutenant Jeffrey S. Gilmore #1827

Lieutenant Chad A. Beard #1880

Lieutenant Christian E. Cory #1927

Sergeant Daniel B. Harty #1887

Detective Robert K. Chisholm, Jr. #1301

Detective Kenneth E. Davis #1862

Detective Jeffrey M. McVay #2152

Detective Donald W. Moore #2343

Detective Michelle M. Palmer #2173

Detective Addie L. Perkins #1957

Detective Timothy G. Relph #1280

Captain Jason P. Stephens #1852

Bronze Wreath of Merit (continued)

Sergeant Chad A. Cooper #1882

Sergeant Roderick A. Miller #1968

Bronze Wreath of Valor

Officer Aaron P. Gillispie #2008

Officer Bradley J. Berry #2445

Officer Luke D. Broddle #2492

Officer Cordel P. Gallagher #2566

Officer Jessica M. Helwi #2496

Officer Grayson R. Hoofer #1866

Officer Drake A. Kreifels #2615

Officer Cameron L. Stokes #2285

Sergeant Erik Guzman #2242

Twenty-Year Bronze Wreath of Merit

Sergeant Roderick A. Miller #1968

Sergeant Clayton J. Schuler #1972

Detective Christopher A. Mains #1965

Detective Addie L. Perkins #1957

Officer Amie C. Casanova-Fiegel #1961

Officer Jonathan A. Forred #1962

Officer Darlene K. Zerr #1979

Richard D. Shipman #W0046

Sergeant Andrew Q. Do #1984

Sergeant Nichelle L. Woodrow #1995

Detective Jeremy A. Miller #1990

Detective Gabriel C. Ohmart #1992

Officer John A. Biagini #1980

Officer Brian L. Shelton #1997

Kimberley J. Baze #V1021

Joan E. Maxwell #V1024

Twenty-Year Bronze Wreath of Merit (continued)

Paula McVey #V0983

Detective Tammie L. Doshier #1796

Sara M. Whitlock #S0288

Ryan T. Jackson #V1029

Sergeant Benjamin M. Jonker #2002

Officer Bryce M. Boyd #2000

Cherry L. McCord #V1015

Thirty-Year Bronze Wreath of Merit

Captain Chester L. Pinkston, Jr. #1438

Sergeant Troy M. Nedbalek #1436

Sergeant Michael L. Thode #1440

Lieutenant Thomas G. Fatkin #1454

Lieutenant Christopher B. Halloran #1459

Lieutenant Donnie E. Phelps #1472

Sergeant Kenneth Kimble #1462

Sergeant Virgil H. Miller, Jr. #1468

Sergeant Maurice A. Mitchell #1469

Detective Mitchel L. Gordon #1457

Detective Steven O. Martin #1465

Officer Jeffrey A. Andres #1442

Officer Roger A. Bieberle #1444

Officer Steven L. Clifton #1449

Officer Bradley W. Haught #1460

Officer Michael D. Leiber #1463

Officer Brian P. Wright #1483

Keith R. Herring #V0958

Detective Thomas M. Krausch #1434

Donna E. Willcutt #V0889

Forty-Year Bronze Wreath of Merit

Officer Robert G. Bachman #1069

Sergeant Robert A. Bolin #1092

Life Saving Award

Officer Dustin D. Fussell #2376

Officer Robert D. Kempf #2061

Officer Ryan E. O'Neil #2485

Sergeant Troy M. Nedbalek #1436

Sergeant William A. Stevens #1552

Officer Danny J. Taylor #1599

Officer Kevin J. Diemer #2584

Officer Tomas M. Fulcher #2516

Officer Russell J. Bowker #1526

Officer Adam M. Ward #2560

Officer Amanda N. Darrow #2582

Officer Juan Rebolledo #2573

Meritorious Unit Citation Bar

All WPD Staff

2020 Civil Unrest Bar

All WPD Staff



Promotions

Chad J. Clark	Officer.....	Detective
Larry J. Carlson	Officer.....	Detective
Travis G. Cleveland	Officer.....	Detective
Anthony S. Bamberger	Officer.....	Detective
Michael D Kepley	Officer.....	Detective
Ronald K. Sanders	Officer.....	Detective
Joshua R. Hutchins	Detective.....	Sergeant
Michael Amy	Detective.....	Sergeant
Carl W. Lemons	Detective.....	Sergeant
Anthony Klumpp	Officer.....	Detective
Michael J Russell	Officer.....	Detective
James Wannow	Officer.....	Detective
Steven Thornton	Officer.....	Detective
Vincent M, Reel	Officer.....	Detective
Maryanna Hoyt	Officer.....	Detective
Shawn M. Thomison	Officer.....	Detective
Nicholas D. Long	Officer.....	Detective
Ryan R. Hudgins	Officer.....	Detective
Katherine A. Inkelaar	Officer.....	Detective
Matthew J. Hall	Detective.....	Sergeant
Jason R. Waite	Detective.....	Sergeant
Robert J. Reichenberger	Sergeant.....	Lieutenant
Dustin L. Meier	Officer.....	Detective
Natalie A. Daemen	Officer.....	Detective
Jason B. Bryant	Officer.....	Detective
Kevin M. McKenna	Officer.....	Detective
Larry J. Dautrich	Detective.....	Sergeant
Jamie P. Schepis	Detective.....	Sergeant
Robert D. Kempf	Officer.....	Detective
Gabriel C. Ohmart	Officer.....	Detective
Vickie L. Kern	Officer.....	Detective
Tony Supancic IV	Detective.....	Sergeant
Kevin L. Kochenderfer	Lieutenant.....	Captain
Danny L. Brown	Sergeant.....	Lieutenant
Scott E Moon	Sergeant.....	Lieutenant
Aaron M. Moses	Detective.....	Sergeant
Heather R. Huhman	Detective.....	Sergeant
Joseph M. Camp	Detective.....	Sergeant
Terry J Nelson Jr	Officer.....	Detective
Christopher P. Marceau	Sergeant.....	Lieutenant
James S. Hook	Detective.....	Sergeant
Chester Pinkston	Captain.....	Deputy Chief



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