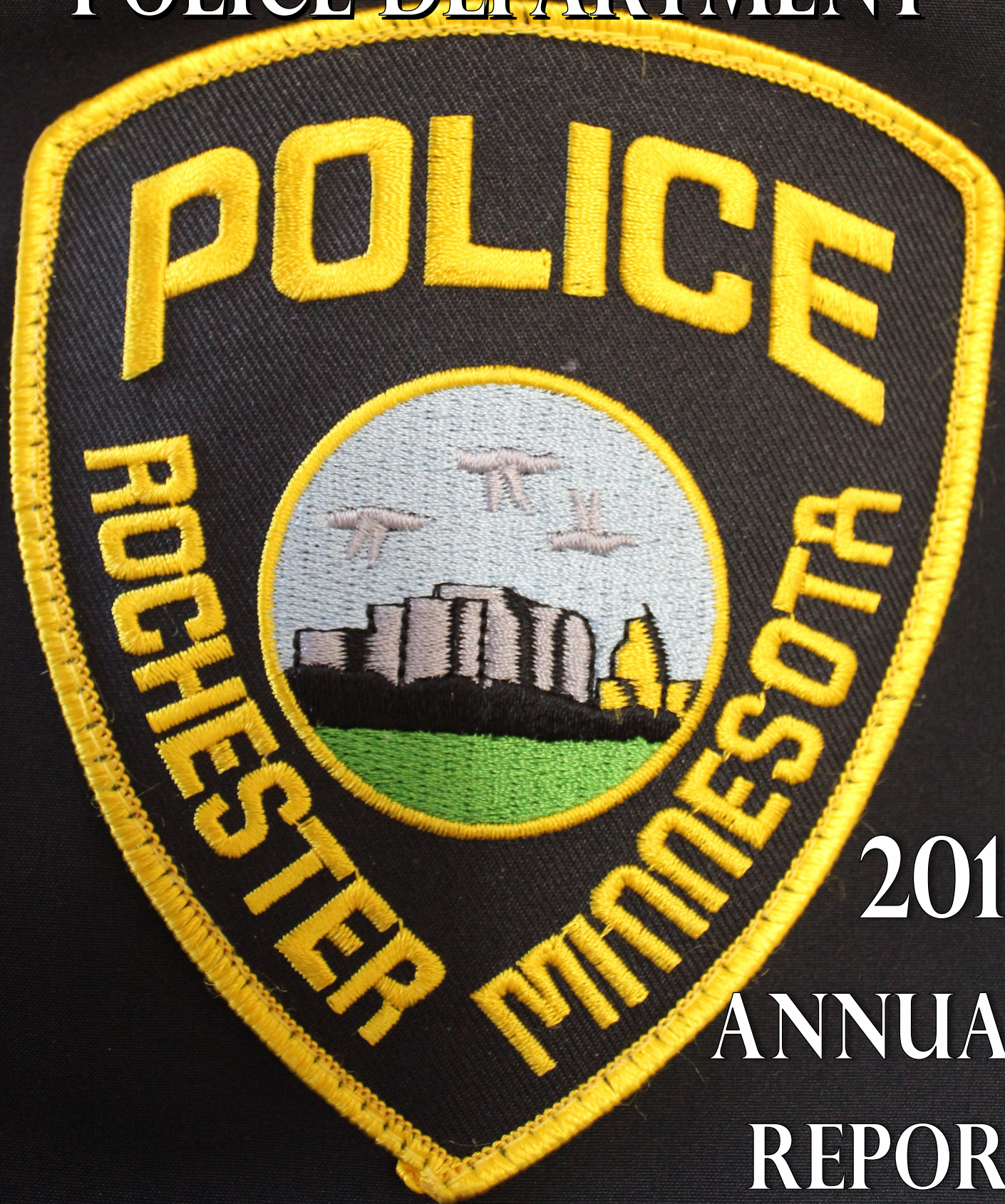


# ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



2018

ANNUAL

REPORT

# Rochester Police Chief Jim Franklin



Honorable Mayor Kim Norton  
City Council Members  
City Administrator Steve Rymer

On behalf of the City of Rochester, I am pleased to present the Rochester Police department's 2018 Annual Report. My hope is that this report will give you an inside look at the accomplishments of the Rochester Police Department, our ongoing efforts towards positive police-community connectedness, and our efforts in providing superior public safety services to the community.

Our department is committed to providing the highest quality of service to the community and preserving our status as one of the "top 25 Cities to live in," according to CBS. In the following pages, I hope to give you clarity on our mission, vision, and values. I also present facts and figures that demonstrate transparency through our budget, staffing, crime stats, and calls for service. You will meet our command staff and learn of the relevant progress, highlights, and successes in their respective areas of responsibility.

As a professional police organization in today's world, we must continue to implement proactive and reactive strategies to reduce and control crime while maintaining the highest standards of professionalism among our work force. Read through and you will see why I am honored to have been selected as police chief this past year. I am proud to serve our city alongside the men and women of the Rochester Police Department who have worked diligently throughout the year. My future commitment is that we continue to look for ways to improve, innovate, and develop the best practices for crime reduction, employee wellness, and community engagement to enhance the lives of the individuals we serve.

*Chief James Franklin*

## **Mission Statement:**

***To work with the public to improve the quality of life in the community.***

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# DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Authorized strength:

141 sworn officers

- 1 Chief
- 3 Captains
- 9 Lieutenants
- 25 Sergeants
- 103 Patrol Officers

Supported by 64 non-sworn staff members



## Organizational Structure

The Rochester Police Department is led by the Chief. Direct reports to the chief include three Division Captains, Intel Unit Lieutenant, Professional Standards Manager, Administrative Services Manager, Executive Assistant and Accounting/Payroll Specialist.

The Services Division Captain oversees Communications, Records/Evidence, Planning/Technology, Staff Development, and Fleet Maintenance/Inventory Units.

The Patrol Division Captain oversees Special Enforcement, Community Service, Community Action Team, Court Liaison, K9, School Liaison, four Patrol platoons and two mid-shift platoons.

The Investigations Captain oversees Person Crimes (violent crimes), Person Crimes (Special Victims), Property Crimes and the Criminal Interdiction Unit.

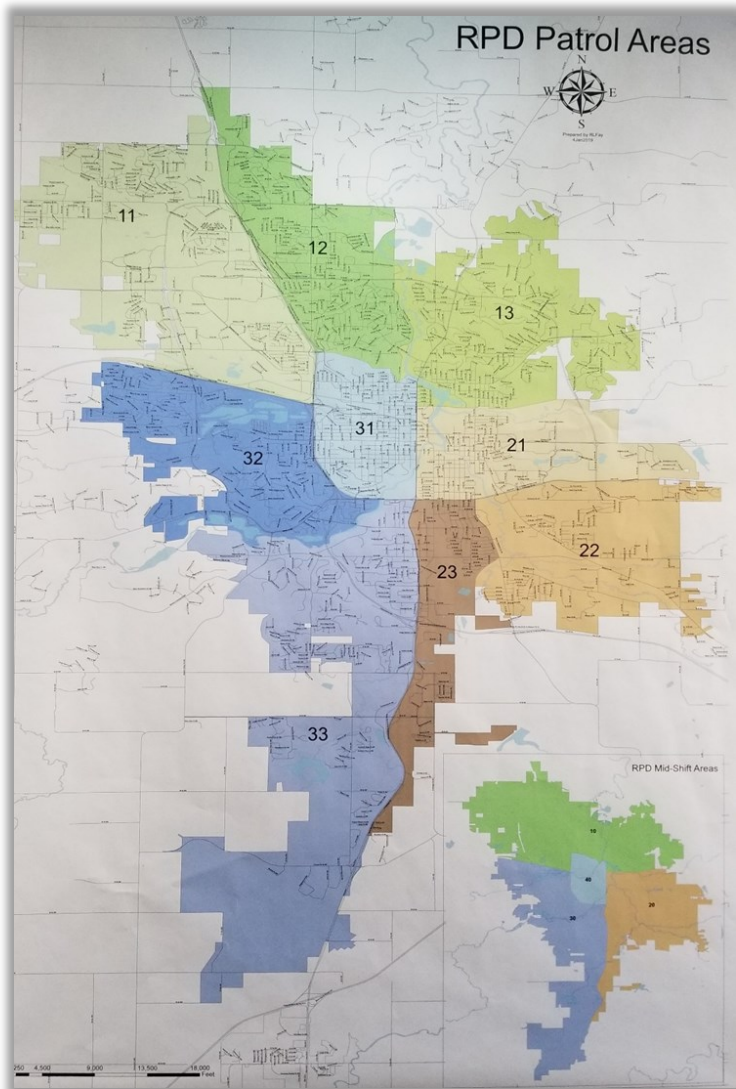
# Patrol Division

**The Patrol Division is comprised of four platoons**

- Each platoon is led by one Lieutenant and three Sergeants
  - 2 permanent day shifts (0700-1900)
  - 2 permanent night shifts (1900-0700)
- Two mid-shifts supplement the platoons. Each is supervised by an additional Sergeant.
  - 2 mid-shifts (1600-0400)
- Officers work 12-hour shifts with four days on duty followed by four days off.



**Captain Mike Drees**  
**Patrol Division Captain**



## 2018 Patrol Division Statistics

**Officers were dispatched to 63,838 calls for service.**

**-8,726 event reports written**

**-6,362 supplemental reports written**

**-3,926 arrest reports written**

**9,380 Traffic Stops were conducted.**

**-2,906 citations issued**

**-5,489 warnings issued**

**3,220 cases were completed with custodial arrests or referred for charges.**

Officers are assigned to patrol-designated geographical areas.

Rochester is divided into nine patrol areas noted in the photo pictured on the left.

# 2018 Part I and Part II Crime Statistics

| <b>PART I</b>                                     | <b>Reported 2018</b> |
|---|----------------------|
| Murder  | 5                    |
| Rape  | 62                   |
| Robbery   | 41                   |
| Assault   | 124                  |
| Burglary  | 353                  |
| Larceny   | 1959                 |
| Auto Theft  | 132                  |
| Arson   | 3                    |
| Human Trafficking - Commercial Sex Acts           | 0                    |
| Human Trafficking - Involuntary Servitude         | 0                    |
| <b>Part I Sub-total</b>                           | <b>2679</b>          |
| <b>PART II</b>                                    |                      |
| Assaults (other)                                  | 481                  |
| Forgery   | 110                  |
| Fraud   | 428                  |
| Embezzlement                                      | 0                    |
| Stolen Property                                   | 12                   |
| Vandalism   | 412                  |
| Weapons   | 41                   |
| Prostitution                                      | 0                    |
| Sex Offenses                                      | 89                   |
| Narcotics   | 375                  |
| Gambling  | 2                    |
| Family  | 18                   |
| DUI   | 191                  |
| Liquor Law  | 46                   |
| Disorderly  | 209                  |
| Other   | 717                  |
| <b>Part II Sub-total</b>                          | <b>3131</b>          |
| <b>MN OTHER</b>                                   |                      |
| Curfew/Loitering (under 18)                       | 4                    |
| Runaways (under 18)                               | 77                   |
| <b>PART I &amp; II TOTALS (excludes MN Other)</b> | <b>5891</b>          |



# Officer Specialty Certifications

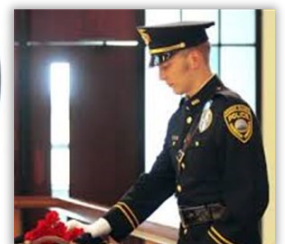


- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
- Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)
- Bilingual Officer
- Firearms Instructor
- ID Kit Officer
- DMT (Intoxilyzer breath test) Operator
- Phlebotomist
- Training Officer
- Use of Force Instructor
- 40 mm Less Lethal Launcher Certification
- Negotiator
- Tactical Intelligence Specialist (TIS)
- Peer Support Team



## Specialty Units

- Emergency Response Unit (ERU)
- K-9 Unit
- Forensic Mapping Unit (FMU)
- Crisis Negotiations Unit (CNU)
- Prolific Offender Unit
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Drone Unit
- Honor Guard
- Project Lifesaver
- Peer Support



# Emergency Response Unit



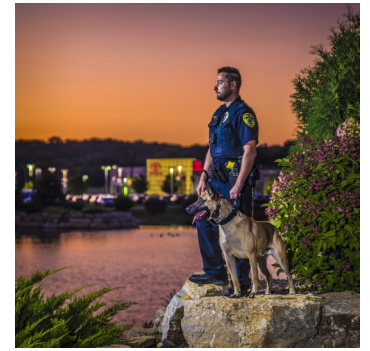
At the end of 2018, a total of 41 people were assigned to the Emergency Response Unit (ERU). The Rochester Police Department has 19 Officers on ERU, including four snipers. The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office has an additional seven entry team members and two snipers for a total of 28 sworn officers on the operational portion of ERU. In addition there are five ERU Tactical Dispatchers who assist at training days and respond to call-outs. Four medics are also assigned to the team. Three medics are Rochester Firefighters and one is a Gold Cross Paramedic. The medics are overseen by one St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Department Doctor, Dr. Matt Sztajnkrycer. ERU also has three Tactical Intelligence Specialists attached to the team who provide valuable information on warrants and other call-outs.

## 2018 ERU Statistics

In 2018, ERU was utilized 10 times. Eight were high-risk warrant executions and two were barricaded suspects. Highlights of 2018 include the acquisition of a new robot. The Transcend Tactical Robot is capable of traversing stairs and delivering payload into a building. It has a pan/tilt/zoom camera with night vision and thermal imager. This was acquired in December, 2018, and has not yet been used in operation.



Officer Blazejak  
K-9 Riot



Officer Clement  
K-9 Wrecker



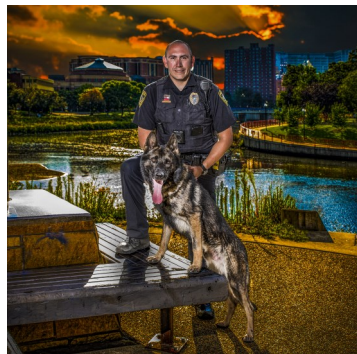
Officer Roussell  
K-9 Sarge



Officer Bradley  
K-9 Duke



Officer Pretzloff  
K-9 Riley



Officer Red Hill  
K-9 Kola

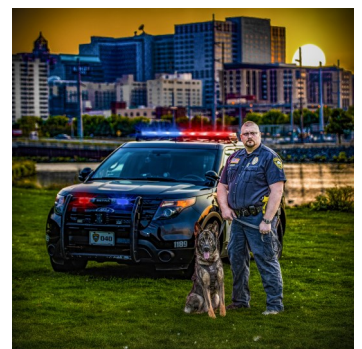
- ### 2018 Canine (K-9) Unit Statistics
- Super Bowl in Minneapolis
  - Dignitary visits to Rochester including President Trump
  - 5,113 Calls for Service
  - 408 K-9 Deployments
  - 53 Building Searches
  - 14 Evidence/Article Searches
  - 106 Drug Searches
  - 2 Apprehensions
  - 209 Custodial Arrests
  - 396 Citations
  - 23 Suspicious Packages
  - 60 Explosive Sweeps
  - 5 Bomb Threats
  - 68 K-9 Demonstrations



Officer Osborne  
K-9 Ty



Officer Kenison  
K-9 Rocco  
(Retired)



Officer Logan  
K-9 Zeke  
(Retired)

# **Forensic Mapping Unit**

## **(FMU)**

The Forensic Mapping Unit is a specialty team that uses technology along with investigative techniques to assist with the investigation and reconstruction of accidents and crime scenes.

The unit consists of seven members from the Rochester Police Department and five from the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office.

In 2018, the FMU responded to and assisted with the investigation of nine motor vehicle accidents with five classified as fatalities.

The FMU significantly upgraded their mapping and data collection technologies in 2018. Updates include:

- A new mapping scanner which incorporates laser scanning technology along with traditional surveying equipment.
- A hardware and software system that can download data from motor vehicles.

This technology will allow greater accuracy and faster documentation of accident and crime scenes



Formed to pay tribute and respect to our fallen brothers and sisters, the Rochester Police Department Honor Guard has 16 Sworn, Full-time members. Some of the functions performed by the Honor Guard include:

- Firing Detail ( 21-gun salute)
- Casket Guard
- Flag Folding
- Colors Posting and Retrieval
- Color Guard

#### **RPD Officers Who Died Serving Our Community**

Floyd Haley    Aug 7, 1967    Rochester Police Department

William Freytag    March 14, 1961    Rochester Police Reserve

# Honor Guard



# Animal Control Statistics

- **Calls for Service: 1976**
- **Citations: 100**
- **Animal Intake: 470**
- **Animals Adopted: 74**
- **Animals Transferred to Rescue: 99**
- **Euthanized: 7**
- **Animals Carried Over to 2019: 14**

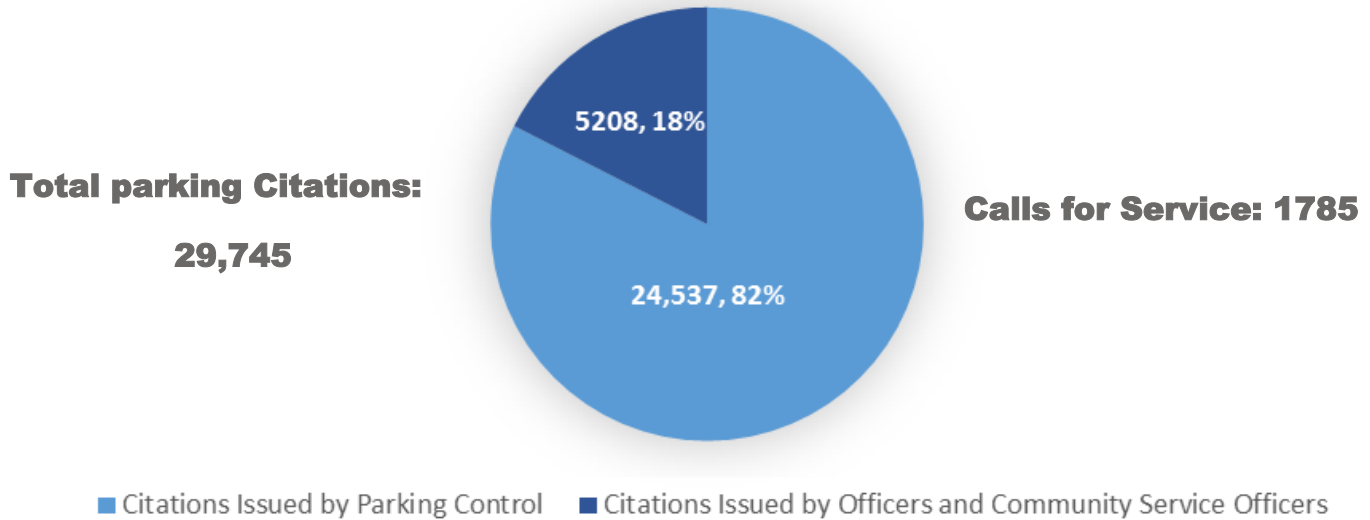
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## Prolific Offender Unit

The Prolific Offender Unit consists of sworn patrol staff who are called on to assist with special incidents targeting top prolific offenders.

- ◆ Conducted 23 Search Warrants
- ◆ 15 Prolific Offender Cases
- ◆ Assigned 36 projects in 2018 assisting the Criminal Interdiction Unit, Investigations, Patrol and Community Action Team

# Parking Enforcement Citations Breakdown



## Community Service Officers (CSO's)

The Department is authorized six full-time and eight part-time CSO's. Current staffing is nine CSO's with six full-time and three part-time.

In 2018, CSO's were designated as the primary call handlers on more than 6,900 calls. CSO's were dispatched to more than 8,000 calls.

CSO's play an important role for special events in Rochester and are assigned to assist with dozens of parades, 5k/10k running races, Thursdays on First, Down by the Riverside Concerts and many other community engagement events throughout the year.



## Drug Court



Sergeant Blanchette serves as the Department's Court Liaison. He also assists with Drug Court. In 2017, there were 20 participants. That number jumped to 30 participants in 2018. There were 13 graduations in 2018. The average length of time in the program is 158 months. There have been five unsuccessful terminations, two new criminal convictions of which one was a graduate of the program and one was a termination.

# Community Action Team (CAT)

One sergeant and three officers are assigned to the CAT. Their focus is resolving community issues that require long-term investigation and follow-up. CAT also works progressively to assist with special events and community-related programs to increase awareness, communication and engagement.

## Highlights of 2018 include:

- Check presentation from Walmart for grant money to purchase the Cops and Kids Bike Trailer.
- Cops and Kids Bike Program participated in approximately 35 events including Traffic Garden, Girl Scouts, Go Play Explore, Bike Rodeo, Earthfest, Bike to School and Traffic Garden Painting.
- CAT assisted in all 13 Thursdays on First events held at the RPD Tent. They organized demos by the K9, Drone, and Forensic Mapping Units, as well as the Towards Zero Deaths Preliminary Breath Tests.
- Additional CAT involvement included a Back to School Event at East Park, Orange Challenge, and YMCA Superheroes



- A Community Engagement Trailer proposal was presented to and approved by the Chief. Arrival is expected the first quarter of 2019.
- November marked the beginning of Safe Summer Nights research and development planning.
- December highlighted the Miracles and Heroes Holiday Party at St. Mary's Children's Hospital. The Team joined forces with Target Corporation and the Police Athletic League which culminated in a successful event. Gifts were also delivered to Olmsted Medical Center.

# School Resource Officers

School resource officers handled 1,283 calls for service in 2018. The unit is comprised of one Sergeant and four officers who are each primarily assigned to serve at designated high schools and middle schools in Rochester.

**Count of Incidents by SRO for 2018**

| Incidents By Month | Century H.S. | Mayo H.S.  | JM H.S.    | Phoenix Academy |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Jan                | 4            | 15         | 17         | 7               |
| Feb                |              | 9          | 6          | 8               |
| Mar                | 8            | 14         | 20         | 18              |
| Apr                | 4            | 15         | 13         | 22              |
| May                | 7            | 30         | 38         | 24              |
| Jun                | 39           | 59         | 26         | 41              |
| Jul                | 56           | 78         | 81         | 49              |
| Aug                | 40           | 34         | 77         | 43              |
| Sep                | 5            | 9          | 9          | 19              |
| Oct                | 7            | 22         | 25         | 13              |
| Nov                | 5            | 13         | 13         | 10              |
| Dec                | 6            | 20         | 11         | 11              |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>181</b>   | <b>318</b> | <b>336</b> | <b>265</b>      |



# Investigations Division

The Investigative Division provides support and assistance to the Patrol Division, conducts specialized investigations, and conducts follow-up investigation of major crimes.

The Investigative Division is made up of six units:

- *Special Victims Unit*
- *Violent Crimes Unit*
- *Property Crimes Unit*
- *Criminal Interdiction Unit*
- *Technology Forensic Unit / Internet Crimes Against Children*
- *Crime Scene Team*



**Captain Casey Moilanen**  
**Investigations Division Captain**

## Special Victims Unit (SVU)

The Special Victims Unit was created in 2015 to provide additional investigative resources for victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse and Crimes Against Children. SVU investigates allegations of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Child Abuse/Neglect, Missing Juveniles, Domestic Violence, Order for Protection and Harassment Restraining Orders. These types of cases continue to increase in volume and complexity. With technology becoming more advanced and prevalent in these cases, the average time to complete investigations is increasing. One Sergeant and three investigators are assigned to this unit.

# Violent Crimes Unit

The Violent Crimes Unit consists of one Sergeant and three investigators who handle crimes of:

- Assault
- Robbery
- Homicide
- Weapon Violations
- Drive by Shooting
- Missing Adults
- Child Pornography
- Suspicious Deaths
- Indecent Exposure
- Riots
- Predatory Offender Violations
- Suicide
- Threats
- Assists the Criminal Interdiction Unit with Drug overdose investigations

In 2018, the Violent Crimes Unit saw a significant increase in homicides. There were five homicides compared to only one in 2017. Rochester has not seen this number of homicides since 2008. When a homicide occurs, it is all hands-on-deck for the Investigative Division as every unit comes together to assist in the investigation. Through great teamwork, investigative skills, dedication and collaboration with the community, all five homicides were solved.

# Property Crimes Unit

The Property Crimes Unit consists of one Sergeant and five investigators who handle allegations of:

- Crimes committed against Vulnerable Adults
- Theft
- Fraud
- Damage to Property
- Forgery
- Motor Vehicle Theft

In 2018, Rochester saw a large number of packages being stolen from mailboxes and porches of homes. The Property Crimes Unit worked proactively with the Patrol Division and the Criminal Interdiction Unit to apprehend individuals who were responsible for these crimes. Unfortunately, these types of crimes are often fueled by those who are addicted to narcotics. When some of these offenders are released from jail, they return to committing thefts to support their drug habits.



# Criminal Interdiction Unit (CIU)

Consists of 2 teams of Investigators led by one Lieutenant and two Sergeants (formerly Narcotics & Street Crimes units). The CIU frequently works in conjunction with other investigative and patrol resources to proactively address problems related to:

- Narcotics
- Gang crimes
- Weapons offenses
- Sex trafficking & prostitution
- Prolific offenders
- Wanted persons

***In 2018, the CIU made more than 200 arrests and seized the items listed in the table below:***

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Methamphetamine                                | 14.8 Pounds   |
| Heroin   | 10.78 Pounds  |
| Cocaine  | 3.45 Pounds   |
| Marijuana                                      | 283.84 Pounds |
| Other: Synthetics, Butane Hash Oil (BHO), etc. | 1.08 Pounds   |
| N Bomb Synthetic Hallucinogen                  | 531 Units     |
| Guns   | 51            |

## Investigations Division 2018 Community Engagement

The Investigations Division values the relationship RPD has with the community. Investigators engage with the community by providing training and education on current crime trends, volunteering for Police Athletic League events like Shop with a Cop, coaching youth sports, and collaborating with the school district on community forums that are relevant to students and parents.

- Special Victims Unit conducted Domestic and Sexual Assault training for Victim Services Advocates, presented at the RPD Citizens Academy, Developed and conducted Sexual Assault training for all RPD sworn staff and Domestic and Sexual Assault training for newly-hired officers.
- Property Crimes and the Crime Scene Team conducted training for the Rochester Fire Department, Gold Cross, Banking Institutions on robbery response, presented on Crime Scene Processing at Thursday's on First, participated in the Annual STEAM Summit for SE Region schools, presented to Cub Scouts and provided Student mentorship.
- Criminal Interdiction Unit Conducted Narcotic related training to the following: Olmsted County Adult Protection, Landlords Public Safety Seminar, New officers, Rochester Fire Department, Midwest Energy Association Annual Conference, Citizens Academy, Minnesota Association of Housing Code Officials Annual Conference, Gold Cross, Mayo High School Staff, Mayo Clinic Hospital Staff and Workforce Development. The Unit also provided Sex Trafficking training to the following: All RPD staff, Women on Wednesdays group, St. Mary's Emergency Department and Rochester District State Troopers. Gang Training was provided to the following: Byron High School students.



# Technology Forensic Unit Internet Crimes Against Children

The Technology Forensic Unit / ICAC is responsible for analyzing electronic devices and other technology for evidence related to criminal investigations. The unit is a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and assists with investigations related to child pornography. During 2018, the Technology Forensic Unit assisted with 123 criminal investigations, 12 ICAC cases, and assisted other agencies eight times. The unit examined 278 devices for evidence related to criminal investigations

## Crime Scene Team

The Crime Scene Team is responsible for evidence collection, evidence processing, and documentation at all major crime scenes. The unit is made up of sworn officers and non-sworn employees who have volunteered to be a part of this specialized unit. Members of the unit are primarily assigned to various areas of the department including Patrol and Investigations.

The Crime Scene Team is an extremely important part of the investigative process as their work helps to tell the physical story of what happened.

The Crime Scene Team was very active in 2018 and processed all five of the homicides that occurred in Rochester as well as numerous other scenes.



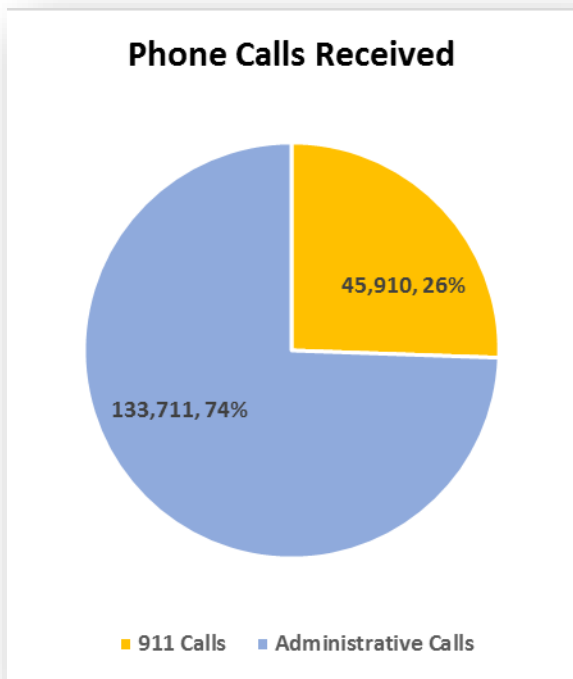
# Services Division

The Services Division consists of seven units which include Fleet Maintenance, Records, Evidence, Staff Development/Training, Communications/Dispatch, Planning/Technology and Crime Prevention.



**Captain John Sherwin**  
**Services Division Captain**

## Communications/ Dispatch



The Communications/Dispatch center is staffed 24/7 by four teams of dispatchers. The entire unit is directed by the Communications Manager. Each team consists of one supervisor and at least five dispatchers. Two teams have six dispatchers. Of the 179,621 calls coming into Dispatch: 129,458 were answered within 10 seconds. RPD Calls for Service totals for 2018 were 63,838.

# Records Unit

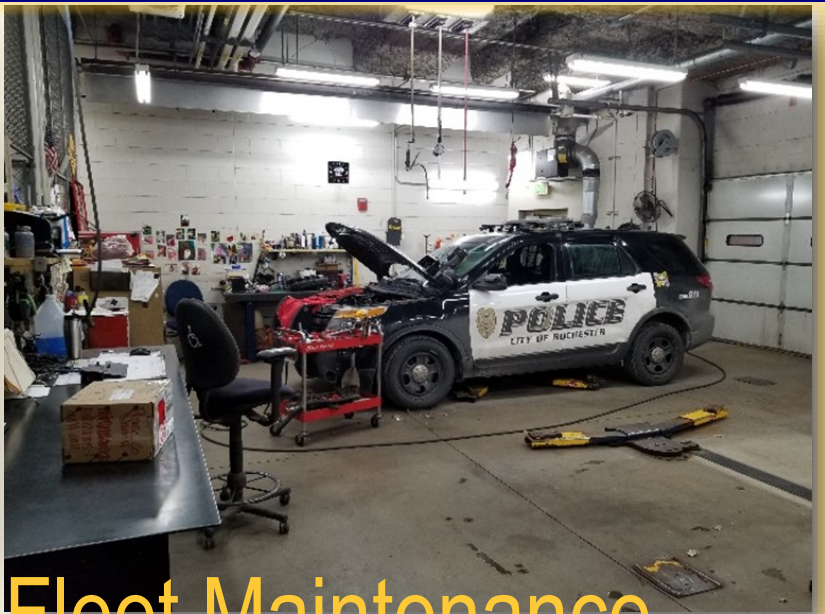


The Records and Evidence Units are part of the Support Services Division of the Rochester Police Department, but provide services for both the Rochester Police Department and the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office. Staffing for the Records Unit consists of the Records Supervisor and six Records Technicians. Working within these units allows for very little down time with Records having processed over 14,300 cases in 2018. Records technicians processed 395 injury accidents and 1,559 property damage accident reports \*\*\*There was a short period in 2018 that accident reports were not being submitted to records.

# Evidence Unit



Staffing for evidence consists of two Evidence Technicians who report to the Records Supervisor. RPD Evidence Technicians processed more than 10,850 items in 2018.



# Fleet Maintenance

Fleet staff consists of a lead mechanic and an assistant mechanic who are responsible for the maintenance of 105 vehicles. They are supervised by the Fleet Sergeant.

# Planning/Technology

Planning and Technology consists of a team who works to maintain software and equipment essential to support patrol and investigative staff. In 2018, the Unit assisted with:

- New upgraded Tasers
- New AXON body Cameras
- New Axon squad camera systems
- New interview room camera system
- All new department Phone replacement
- New squad car laptops22
- One stop K-box issues reporting systems implemented
- All supporting maintenance, software, and contracts



# Staff Development/Training

## Mandatory POST Training

| Class               | Number trained | Class Hours          | Training Hours |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Night Qualification | 143            | 1                    | 143            |
| Day Qualification   | 143            | 1                    | 143            |
| Rifle Qualification | 143            | 1                    | 143            |
| Fall Skills         | 143            | 4                    | 572            |
| Use of Force        | 143            | 8                    | 1,144          |
| Patrol Online/Sworn | 140            | 11 classes @1hr each | 1,540          |
| Patrol Online/CSO   | 20             | 11 classes @1hr each | 220            |

## Non-mandated POST training

|                             |    |     |       |
|-----------------------------|----|-----|-------|
| Inv. Search Warrant Service | 40 | 4   | 160   |
| New Hire Academy            | 3  | 340 | 1,020 |
| Firearms Instructor         | 8  | 32  | 256   |
| ERU Training                | 19 | 162 | 3,078 |
| Single Officer Active       | 11 | 4   | 44    |
| LEOSA Qualification         | 50 | 1   | 50    |
| Use of Force Update         | 11 | 4   | 44    |
| Firearms Update             | 17 | 4   | 68    |
| CSO Use of Force            | 20 | 4   | 80    |
| 40mm Armorer                | 2  | 40  | 80    |
| 40mm User                   | 60 | 4   | 240   |

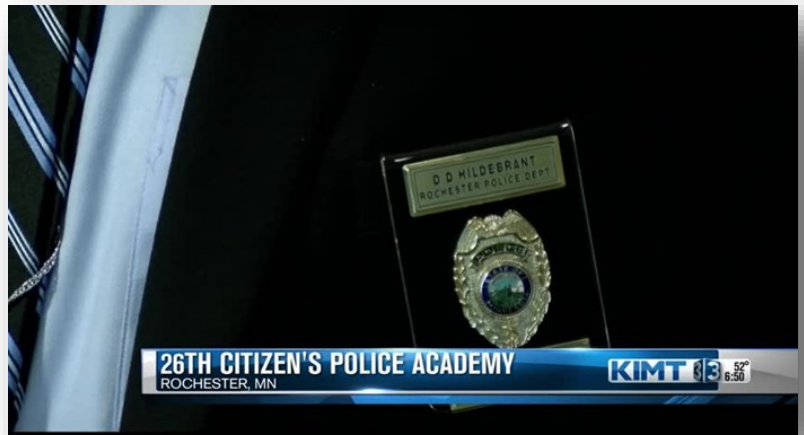
## Out of Agency Training

|                     |    |    |             |
|---------------------|----|----|-------------|
| Sworn               |    |    | 3,319 hours |
| Civilian            |    |    | 290.5 hours |
| C.I.T. with Olmsted | 12 | 40 | 480         |

The Staff Development Unit is comprised of one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, one Training Officer and a civilian support staff person. This unit ensures all training requirements are met for sworn personnel, including newly-hired officers. The unit also performs community outreach by providing training to businesses, their employees and citizens.

# Crime Prevention

- Crime Free Multi-Housing
- Citizen Police Academy
- Cop Talk Live
- Crime Stoppers
- Crime Watch / Vacation House Check
- Bicycle Registration



- National Night Out
- Neighborhood Watch
- VIPS – Volunteers in Public Safety
- Crime Alerts

## National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This Nation-wide event enhances the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. In 2018, there were 517 National Night Out neighborhood events held in Rochester. The police department had 76,885 people pre-register for National Night Out. The City of Rochester and the Rochester Police Department placed 4th in the nation for the population category of 100,000 – 300,000.



# Community Outreach

Staff members of the Rochester Police Department contribute to the community they serve in numerous ways including but not limited to:

- Police Activities League (PAL)
- Shop with a Cop
- Police Explorers
- Citizen Police Academy
- Hero for a Day
- Special Olympics Torch Run, Cop on a Roof, and Polar Plunge
- Coffee with a Cop
- Rochester Police Benevolent Association
- House of Shields

## Police Activities League

It is the mission of the Rochester Police Athletic/Activities League (P.A.L.) to promote positive relationships between Rochester police officers and youth in the city of Rochester through community based educational and recreational opportunities. These unique approaches will ultimately help youth become more productive, contributing members of society.



*Photo courtesy of the Rochester Post Bulletin*



## Police Explorers

The Rochester Police Explorer Post 12 is a non-profit organization that helps young men and women ages 15 to 20 years old explore a potential career in law enforcement. Explorers learn how to handle various scenarios that officers encounter every day. They use these skills to compete in state and national Law Enforcement Explorer competitions, gain an understanding of the duties of an officer, and become leaders in the process.

# Citizen Police Academy

As a part of a continuing program to develop citizen awareness and understanding the role of law enforcement, the Rochester Police Department instituted the Citizen Police Academy. The Academy is a revolutionary concept in law enforcement and police community relations designed for citizens of all backgrounds and occupations. The Academy is held in a classroom setting with some "hands-on" instruction. The topics covered are:

- An Overview of the Police Department
- Communications Unit
- Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving
- Patrol Procedures
- Records Unit
- Crime Prevention
- Narcotics and Vice
- Gangs
- Emergency Response Unit (ERU)
- Firearms Training
- Criminal Investigations
- Driving and Shooting Simulator
- Chemical Munitions Training
- Criminal Law
- Arrest Procedures
- Officer Survival



## Cop on a Rooftop

On August 17, 2018, for the second year in a row, law enforcement personnel from throughout the state rose to the occasion and supported Special Olympics Minnesota atop nine Dunkin' Donuts rooftops from 6 a.m. through 11 a.m.

Each guest who visited a Cop on a Rooftop location that day and made a donation received a coupon for a free medium hot or iced coffee

## Hero for a Day

The For a Day Foundation partnered with Mayo Clinic for a 2nd Annual Hero for a Day event on June 13, 2018. Police and Fire were invited and played games and provided vehicle tours and a K-9 demo to 20 children.



# Special Olympics Torch Run



## Coffee with a Cop

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) is the largest grassroots fundraiser and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics in the World. The Minnesota LETR is supported by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association and Minnesota Fraternal Order of Police. The Law Enforcement Torch Run holds many fundraising events for Special Olympics Minnesota throughout the year, including the Final Leg which has law enforcement volunteers and athletes act as the Guardians of the Flame and carry the “Flame of Hope” through their communities which culminates at the Summer Games. Minnesota LETR members volunteer at Area, Regional and State competitions and participate in a variety of fundraisers

The event brings officers and community members together over a cup of coffee to discuss issues and learn more about each other

It is part of an effort of engaging the public and community while continuing to build a bank of public trust

The mission is truly to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve,” Chief Franklin said. “It allows the officers to have grassroots-level discussions with the citizens they serve and allows the citizens to get to know them and understand the human side behind the badge.”

Often times, Franklin said, people only interact with law enforcement during negative events or times of crisis. Coffee with a Cop gives citizens a different way to connect with law enforcement.



# Rochester Police Benevolent Association

The purpose of Rochester Police Benevolent Association is to promote social, charitable, and educational activities among law enforcement officers, while cultivating a spirit of fraternalism and mutual respect among our members and the citizens we serve.

*In 2018, the RPBA gave \$82,000 back to the community*



## House of Shields




The House of Shields (HOS) is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 by the Rochester Police Benevolent Association.


The HOS provides FREE lodging for Police Officers (Active or Retired) or members of their immediate family who are seeking medical treatment at Mayo Clinic.

The fully-furnished apartments are provided at no cost to Officers and are available for long or short term stay.

**OPENING HOURS: 24/7**

The House of Shields is run by active and retired Rochester Police Officers who volunteer their time to the organization. All phone calls and e-mail inquiries will be responded to as soon as we are able.

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# Rochester Police Department



## 2018 Awards Ceremony

Welcome

*Chief Jim Franklin*

### Presentation of Awards

*Chief Jim Franklin, Captains Drees, Moilanen and Sherwin, PAL Vice President Lyn Moilanen and Sgt. Manguson*

### Citizen Commendation

*Kimberly Askam*

*Eric Johnson*

*Arthur Lyke*

### *Citizen Life-Saving Award and Citizen Award of Valor*

*Life-Saving: Rebecca Helgeson, Laurie Jueneman, Gwendolyn Stewart*

*Valor: Aqua Tong, Adilene Valeriano Hernandez*

### Citizen Life-Saving Award

*Marcus Schultz, Travis Holmes, Sandra Jackson*

*Desiree Pasko, Cody Runyon*

### Officer Life-Saving Award

*Officer Tim Hagen*

*Officer TJ Jacobsen*

*Officer Kurt Oelkers, Officer Lance Woltman*

*Officer Scott Gilbertson*

*Officers Matt Loken, Vedran Tomic, Jake Matz*

*Officer Bill Cottrell*

### Department Commendation Award

*Officer Brian Green*

*Officers Steve Beery, Ryan Edge, Chris Weber, Kelly McMillin, Rey Caban, Jean Valere, Sgt. Eric Boynton*

*Officers James Marsolek, Doug Remling, Dan Swanson*

*Sgt. Jeff Sobczak*

*Officer Dwight Parker*

*Sgt. Chad Blanchette*

*Officer Terry Pretzloff*

*Officer David Dezell and Community Service Officer Richard Alexander*

*Sgt. Mike Walsh*

*Dispatchers Jodi Benson, Holly Ketzbeck, Cody Hyland, Nicole Bacigalupo*

### Department Letter of Recognition

*Officers Alex Kendrick and Kelly McMillin*

*Officer Jake Matz*

*Officer Shannon McCafferty*

*Lt. Gretchen O'Neil*

*Officer Jim Marsolek*

*Sgt. Ryan Manguson*

*Officer Andrew Thoma and Sgt. Aaron Penning*

*Crime Prevention Specialist Darrel Hildebrant*

*Captains John Sherwin and Mike Drees; Lieutenants Tom Faudskar, Mike Sadauskis, Jeff Stilwell and Jim Evenson;*

*Sergeants Jon Turk and Aaron Penning*

### PAL Officer of the Year

*Lt. Bruce Sherden*

### Closing Remarks and Special Presentation

*Chief Jim Franklin*

**Members of the Rochester Police Department have contributed and participated in numerous ways throughout 2018. These photos help memorialize those moments.**



**Special Victims Unit: Adopt a Family**



**The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Officer of the Year Award was given to an RPD Officer.**



**Touch a Truck Event**



**Police Athletic League (PAL) Flag Football**



**RPD Soccer Team**



**This photo captured a reunion at the 2018 RPD Awards Ceremony. The officer received an award for saving this woman's life.**



**Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) honored the Department and it's members with not one, but two awards!**



**RPD Old-Time Baseball Team**



**Pictured at right: Flag Day support in memory of retired RPD Officer Dave Dutton**

# Bidding Farewell

The Rochester Police Department wishes to thank Chief Roger Peterson, who retired in April, for 37 years of service (nearly 20 as Chief) to the Department and community as well as Mayor Ardell Brede who ended his last term as Mayor of Rochester in 2018. Mayor Brede was a strong supporter of the Department and that support was greatly appreciated.



# Chief Franklin's Vision Statement

We, the Rochester Police Department are dedicated to becoming the premiere law enforcement agency in Minnesota, one that is reflective of and responsive to the community that we serve.

**We will accomplish this through the following commitments:**

- *We will hire and promote talented officers and professional staff, who will adhere to the highest standards of performance, strive to achieve best practices in policing, embrace accountability, and emulate the values of the first-class city we serve.*
- *Our actions will reflect human dignity and sanctity of life values: compassion, fairness, diversity, human rights, and justice. These values will be at the forefront of the RPD as it fulfills its public safety mission.*
- *We will employ policing strategies and tactics driven by accurate, timely and reliable information supplied by current and emerging technologies and supported by the Department's systematic application of intelligence-led policing.*
- *We will maintain the trust of Rochester community members by actively engaging the neighborhoods, businesses, and social organizations to the highest possible level.*
- *We will aspire to unite the people of our communities and members of our Police Department towards a collective commitment to addressing crime, violence, and quality-of-life issues through engaging one another and all city agencies in collaborative problem-solving partnerships.*

To make this vision a reality, our agency must reward the hard work, innovation, and resourcefulness exhibited by its employees, and must offer state-of-the-art training, professional development and career opportunities for advancement and retention. This will ensure that employees see the Police Department as a destination organization and strive to become the department's next generation of leaders.

