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Lino Lakes Public Safety Department 2015 ANNUAL REPORT



One Vision. One Mission.



Public Safety Director's Message



During 2015 the Public Safety Department experienced tremendous change with the integration of fire services. The Lino Lakes Fire Division began providing full fire response on December 28, 2015. This was the culmination of eighteen months of complicated processes which required our staff to overcome many obstacles to ensure that high quality fire services would be delivered to our community. All City staff should be commended for their willingness to take on additional duties with a “can do” attitude.

The Police Division launched a Traffic Safety Program in July of 2015 with the primary goal of making the roadways in Lino Lakes safer through prevention and enforcement activities.

This program is grant funded through the Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety. Since the launch of this program, staff have partnered with local liquor establishments to conduct public education events focused on prevention, established a social media page on Facebook with the primary focus on traffic safety education and prevention, and increased traffic enforcement.

Our patrol and investigative staff continues to work in a collaborative manner which enables the Public Safety Department to attain a very high crime clearance rate. For 2015 the case clearance rate for all crimes that occurred in Lino Lakes was 74%. The national averages for clearance rate for violent crime is 47.4% and 20.2% for property crimes. Our clearance rate is a product of the high quality investigations in both the patrol and investigative sections.

Volunteers continue to play a significant role in our success by donating over 6,500 hours of service to our community. Our volunteers do everything from assisting front office staff, transporting individuals to jail, providing information to residents regarding emerging crime trends, patrol our trails, and assisting with community events. The value of the volunteers goes far beyond the hours donated. Their skills and the perspectives they bring into our organization are immeasurable.

The accomplishments attained in 2015 are a true demonstration to the dedication and professionalism of our public safety staff and volunteers. Thank you!

The mission of the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department is to collaborate with the community to provide:

- *a healthy and safe community;*
- *a focus on prevention;*
- *a commitment to life safety;*
- *aggressive pursuit of criminals;*
- *respectful communication;*
- *encouragement for volunteerism.*

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Police Division

This year the patrol division was tasked with cross training officers as firefighters. We were able to achieve this goal and 24 officers completed their Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and Hazmat certifications. In addition to training, officers responded to 6,972 calls for service, conducted 4,969 traffic stops, and secured 476 doors.



Offense	2013	2014	2015
Theft from MV	40	25	59
Burglary	27	19	38
Shoplifting	24	19	43
Robbery	0	2	0
Murder	0	0	0

Activity	2013	2014	2015
Calls for Service	5,688	6,281	6,972
Traffic Stops	5,937	5,208	4,969
Open Garage Doors	788	414	365
Unsecure Car Doors	246	147	111
Business Checks	342	262	413

K9

This was the third year Officer Pete Noll and Justice have been partners. The team was deployed 46 times this year. Within those deployments, Justice located a missing, vulnerable child hiding from family and rescuers searching for him. Justice located several wanted suspects who were hiding from police, located illegal narcotics, and made many community education demonstrations.

Officer Noll and Justice are certified by the United States Police Canine Association in narcotics detection as well as police patrol activities. This year, Justice placed 1st in canine trails in agility.

Investigations

The Lino Lakes Public Safety Department's Investigations Unit worked with the patrol division to accomplish an overall criminal case clearance rate of 74% in 2015. A few of the more significant investigations conducted in 2015 include:

- Investigators worked with patrol officers to arrest three adult males on a vehicle theft case. Two vehicles had been stolen from a Lino Lakes auto dealership. This investigation also solved a theft of a new camper from a Columbus RV dealership.
- Investigators handled a large check fraud case which impacted over 40 victims throughout the metro area. As a result of the investigation, an arrest was made and the adult male suspect was charged with multiple counts of check fraud.
- Investigators worked two cases involving the theft of large, enclosed trailers that contained a variety of personal property from two different areas of Lino Lakes. As a result of the investigation, an adult male was arrested and charged with multiple counts of theft and other related charges.

In addition to their investigative duties, Lino Lakes Public Safety Department Investigators completed firefighter and Hazardous materials training in 2015.

Traffic Safety Grant

The Lino Lakes Department of Public Safety was awarded a grant through the Office of Traffic Safety to fund a police officer and equipment to be dedicated to traffic safety and DWI prevention. In July, Officer Adam Halverson was assigned to the unit. Officer Halverson spends his time working towards the prevention of impaired driving; he conducts community education and outreach and works traffic enforcement. In 2015, Officer Halverson conducted classes on teen driving safety through the school district and DWI prevention at local establishments.

Training

Training continued to be as busy and exciting as 2014. Twenty-four police officers completed training and became cross-training as firefighters. These officers were certified in Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Operations.

In-house, external and online training resources continued to be used to meet the needs of the Department. In-house instructors trained officers in areas such as firearms, use of force and Taser deployment. They were also an integral part of training newly hired officers.

The Department continued using Century College's continuing education programs. These programs allow officers to attend training courses to enhance their knowledge on emerging trends in law enforcement. The cross-trained officers also used the continuing education program



to attend classes to maintain their firefighter certifications. Additionally, in 2015, Century College trained every police officer to the level of emergency medical responder (EMR).

The police division also continued using the Peace Officer Accredited Training Online (PATROL) through The League of Minnesota Cities. These training courses are utilized by department personnel to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requirements. Additional elective training courses also allow officers to keep current with case law updates, officer safety concerns, and incident response tactics.

The following are some of the training topics and courses attended:

- MN Chiefs of Police Leadership Academy
- Use of Force Instructor
- Fire Investigation Conference
- Toward Zero Deaths Regional Workshop
- Senior Officials Workshop – All Hazard Preparedness
- Advanced School Resource Officer Strategies
- Basic School Resource Officer
- Elder Abuse Investigations
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course
- Preventing In-Custody Suicide
- Active Shooter
- Minnesota Symposium on Terrorism and Emergency Preparedness
- Association of MN Emergency Managers Conference
- Below 100 Instructor

Fire Division

Some of the major milestones achieved in 2015 as part of our fire integration process were:

- Trained and certified 24 police officers as Firefighters.
- Hired, trained and certified 20 paid on-call Firefighters.
- Finalized the design and built a state of art fire station at 1710 Birch St.
- Purchased and equipped two fire engines.
- Outfitted and trained all staff on new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
- Researched and purchased structural and wildland turn-out gear.
- Identified and promoted two paid on-call District Chiefs for Fire Stations #1 and #2.
- Established and implemented a pre-service and in-service fire training program.

The Fire Division began providing full fire services in Lino Lakes on December 28, 2015. This was made possible by our dedicated staff and with the support of our community.



Emergency Management

With the completion of Lino Lakes Fire Station #2, the Public Safety Department opened its back-up emergency operations center (EOC). This gives the Department the ability to have a fully functional command center in the event something happens to the main EOC. It also allows for an EOC to be opened closer to an emergency or disaster, such as a tornado, should it occur on the east side of the city.

The new EOC is equipped with mobile work stations, portable command/dry erase boards, hardwired and wireless networking capabilities, and an interactive SMART Board display. With the assistance of the Anoka County Emergency Management, the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department was able to utilize funding through the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program to assist with equipping this room.

The Public Safety Department continued to evaluate the city's emergency warning siren system. In 2015, two of the existing sirens in the city were upgraded. A new siren was also added on the east side of Lino Lakes. This addition allows for better emergency warning coverage to existing and new housing developments in the area.

Records

Front office staff launched a new, countywide records management system. This new system integrated the mobile data terminals (MDTs) in squad cars with a paperless police report writing program and a new records management database. The implementation of this new system was a significant undertaking and it was the dedication and hard work of the records technicians that made the transition to the new system possible. It was also accomplished while still performing the other tasks associated with their positions such as:

- Coordinating 489 ACE program participants
- Processing 259 permit to purchase handgun applications
- Issuing 160 dog licenses
- Completing over 100 local records checks
- Processing over 635 criminal histories

Volunteers continue to assist the front office staff to help ensure success. In 2015, more than 520 hours were logged by front office volunteers. Their assistance with transcribing statements, processing reports, tracking court orders, and processing ACE participants is invaluable.



Reserves

The Lino Lakes Public Safety Department Reserve Unit was comprised of 16 volunteer officers who supported the functions of the Lino Lakes Public Safety Department. The Police Reserves participated in community events, provided traffic and pedestrian control, provided uniformed patrol, conducted home and business checks, assisted full time officers with community education and training events and

conducted prisoner transports. By providing these services, the Reserves fulfill the mission of the department by providing a safe community, assisting with aggressively pursuing criminals, promoting crime prevention partnerships, increasing communications, encouraging volunteerism and continuing to enhance and strengthen the agency's community oriented policing philosophy.

In 2015, Reserve Officers were trained by LLPD staff in vehicle operation, house and business checks, use of force, first aid, traffic direction, search and rescue, patrol tactics, public relations, report writing, leadership and officer assists. Reserve officers handled 22 prisoner transports to the Anoka County Jail which enabled sworn officers to stay in the city. The Reserve Officers donated 2,179 hours of service to our community in 2015.



Chaplains

The chaplain program was formed in 2003 after one of our patrol officers realized having such a program would be a valuable asset to the agency. Our officers face a wide variety of calls including incidents where a death has occurred or a death notification needs to be made. Chaplains assist our officers with these tasks and provide an invaluable service to the officers and community by being present at these scenes to help with crisis management. Our chaplains are on call 24-hours a day every

day of the year.

Beyond assisting officers at calls the chaplains are also tasked with keeping tabs on the wellbeing of officers. The chaplains accomplish this by going out with an officer on a ride along or by

stopping at the police department to chat and get a feel for how things are. The program is currently staffed by two volunteers, James Chapman and Troy Fields.

Chaplain Chapman is the lead pastor at SonLight Church of the Nazarene, which is located in the City of Blaine. Chaplain Chapman is a resident of Lino Lakes and also serves his community as a Lino Lakes paid on call firefighter.

Chaplain Fields started with the chaplain program when he was the youth pastor at North Springs Church on Lake Drive in Lino Lakes, but has since moved churches becoming the lead pastor at Tree of Life Assembly of God Church in Lexington.

Chaplains Chapman and Fields both attended and completed training through the Minnesota Emergency Service Chaplain Association (MESCA).

The chaplain program is currently overseen by Sergeant Mitch DeMars and Investigator Mike Monson.

We are currently exploring the idea of adding one to two more chaplains to our team in 2016.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) had a very successful year in 2015 as it completed its eighth year serving the citizens of Lino Lakes. This year we welcomed two new CERT liaisons, Officer Bob Strub and CSO Kate Croteau.

In addition to continuing education training, CERT members facilitated a community blood drive in May. Members also assisted the Public Safety Department during community events such as the Blue Heron Days parade and the Officer Shawn Silvera Memorial 5K.

When emergencies happen, CERT members give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize volunteers at disaster sites. CERT members are trained in incident command, disaster medical operations, fire suppression, search and rescue, and disaster preparedness.

Explorers

The Explorer program is a program sponsored by local law enforcement agencies to provide career information to students between the ages of 14 and 20. It also provides the structure and resources needed for young adults to make good choices and to achieve their full potential as individuals.

Students learn first-hand the duties and responsibilities of police officers, by bringing interested youth and police officers together on a weekly basis. In April of 2015, 16 Explorers went to Rochester MN to compete at the 40th Annual Minnesota Police Explorer Conference. Four teams



competed in various events with hundreds of other Police Explorers from around the state. The explorers placed 5th in an academic exam.

In October, the Explorers went Duluth MN, to compete in the 20th Annual Duluth conference. This conference helps prepare them for the Rochester competition. This year's event was held at the Fond Du Lac Tribal and Community College.

These conferences provide the explorers with opportunities to meet with their peers, be exposed to law enforcement agencies at the state and federal level, and the chance to receive college scholarship money through their participation in the mock scenarios.

Volunteering in the community is also an important aspect of Explorer program. This year Explorers volunteered over 2000 of hours

in various community activities. The Explorers assisted in the St Paul bike classic, Blue Heron Days parade and activities, 3M Golf Championship in Blaine, Anoka County Halloween parade and Safety Camp.



Trail Watch

Volunteers completed 570 hours of patrol. During the patrols, observations were made that resulted in 12 safety/maintenance requests, 7 reports of damage to city property, 1 report of disorderly conduct, 1 suspicious activity report that resulted in a felony drug arrest, and a medical where a trail watch volunteer located an unconscious person.

Trail Watch also assisted in preparing the course for the Officer Shawn Silvera Memorial 5K, which was hosted in our city last summer. In addition to all their hard work, a Trail Watch volunteer also donated a beautiful park bench in memorial of her husband, who was also a dedicated Trail Watch volunteer. The volunteers work together as a team to ensure that all our wonderful parks and trails stay safe and clean for everyone to use.

New Staff

Jason Clampitt, Firefighter
Paul Kartman, Firefighter
Jonas Werpy, Firefighter – District Chief Station 1
Paul Peltier, Firefighter – District Chief Station 2
Aaron, Jennissen, Firefighter
Mark Tembreull, Firefighter
Jeffrey Frid, Firefighter
Brooke Jacobson, Firefighter
Andrew Hayes, Community Service Officer
Lisa Tischler, Record Technician

Brian Finke, Firefighter
Kevin Sweeney, Firefighter
James Chapman, Firefighter
Derek Sadowski, Firefighter
Shane Werneke, Police Officer
Jacob Swanson, Police Officer
Kyle Torres, Firefighter
Sean Mooney, Firefighter
Katie Kraemer, Police Officer

Resignations

Tyler Nelson, Police Officer
Kristen Thorstad, Record Technician

Tenzin Dongag, Police Officer
Brittany Meck, Police Officer

