

Hutchinson Police Department 2022 Annual Report



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To facilitate public protection from crime and provide services that enhance the safety and quality of life and the community.

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Message from the Chief

To the Hutchinson City Council and Citizens of Hutchinson,

Once again, I am proud to present Hutchinson Police Services' Year End Report. 2022 marked a third year of a slight decline in calls for service. We answered 15,709 calls for service in 2022 compared to 16,329 in 2021.

Sir Robert Peel is considered to be the father of modern policing. Peel's model includes nine policing principles. The seventh principle generally states: "The police are the people and the people are the police." What this means is the police are simply members of the community who are paid to give full-time attention to the duties that are incumbent on every citizen of the community to keep each other safe and to prevent crime. We understand this duty is based on the community's trust in us to provide that service and we strive every day to earn the trust given.



One of the biggest challenges facing the police profession right now is hiring officers and retaining the officers we have. I am happy to report Hutchinson Police Services' staff has been quite stable during this time. In 2022 we had one officer resignation. We welcomed that same officer back to the police force later in 2022.

Construction of the new police station continued through 2022. We started with a bare lot at the beginning of the year and ended the year with a substantially complete building. We look forward to its completion in 2023.

As always, your safety is our number one priority. We continue to be proactive in the prevention of crime to keep Hutchinson a safe place to live and work.

Thank you,

Tom Gifferson
Police Chief

About the Department

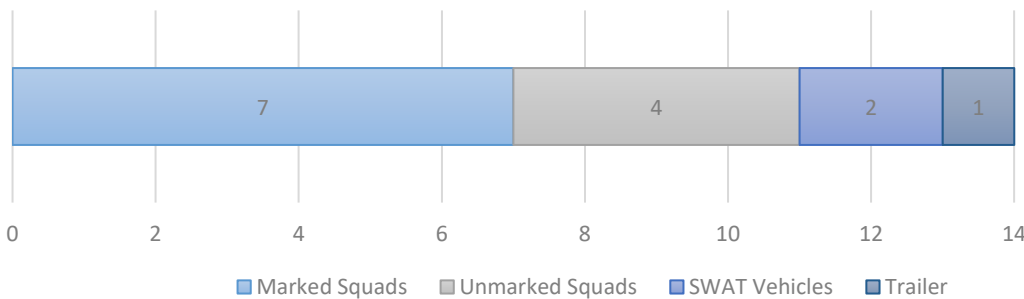
Department Staff – As of December 31st, 2022

25 Sworn Officers

17 Civilian Staff

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| 1 Police Chief | 1 Child Protection Officer | 4 Police Administrative Specialists |
| 1 Lieutenant | 1 School Liaison Officer | 1 Evidence Technician |
| 4 Patrol Sergeants | 1 Drug Task Force Agent | 2 Part-time Patrol Officers |
| 1 Investigative Sergeant | 3 Full-time Hospital Security | 1 Police Chaplain |
| 12 Patrol Officers | 7 Part-time Hospital Security | |
| 1 General Investigator | 1 Community Service Officer | |

Fleet – As of December 31st, 2022



2022 Crime Statistics

In 2021 the Hutchinson Police Department started reporting crime data to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) with **National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)**. NIBRS is used by law enforcement agencies in the United States for collecting and reporting data on crimes. The BCA then reports all NIBRS statistics to the FBI. Local, state and federal agencies generate NIBRS data from their records management systems. In Group A Offenses there are 24 crime categories with 52 Offenses . Data is collected on every incident and arrest in this group. In Group B Offenses, there are 11 offenses with only the arrest information reported in this group.

Group A Offenses

- Animal Cruelty
- Arson
- Assault
 - Aggravated Assault
 - Simple Assault
 - Intimidation
- Bribery
- Burglary
- Counterfeiting/Forgery
- Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property
- Drug/Narcotic Offenses
 - Drug/Narcotic Violations
 - Drug/Narcotic Equipment Violations
- Embezzlement
- Extortion/Blackmail
- Fraud Offenses
 - False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Games
 - Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud
 - Impersonation
 - Welfare Fraud
 - Wire Fraud
- Gambling Offenses
 - Betting/Wagering
 - Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling
 - Gambling Equipment Violations
 - Sports Tampering
- Homicide Offenses
 - Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter
 - Negligent Manslaughter
 - Justifiable Homicide
- Human Trafficking
 - Commercial Sex Acts
 - Involuntary Servitude

Key Benefits of NIBRS –

1. Detailed, high-quality data that provides a more complete and accurate picture of crime.
2. Additional context to understand victimization and offending.
3. Standardized data to compare crime across jurisdictions.
4. Can be used for tactical or strategic analysis at the local, state, and national levels.

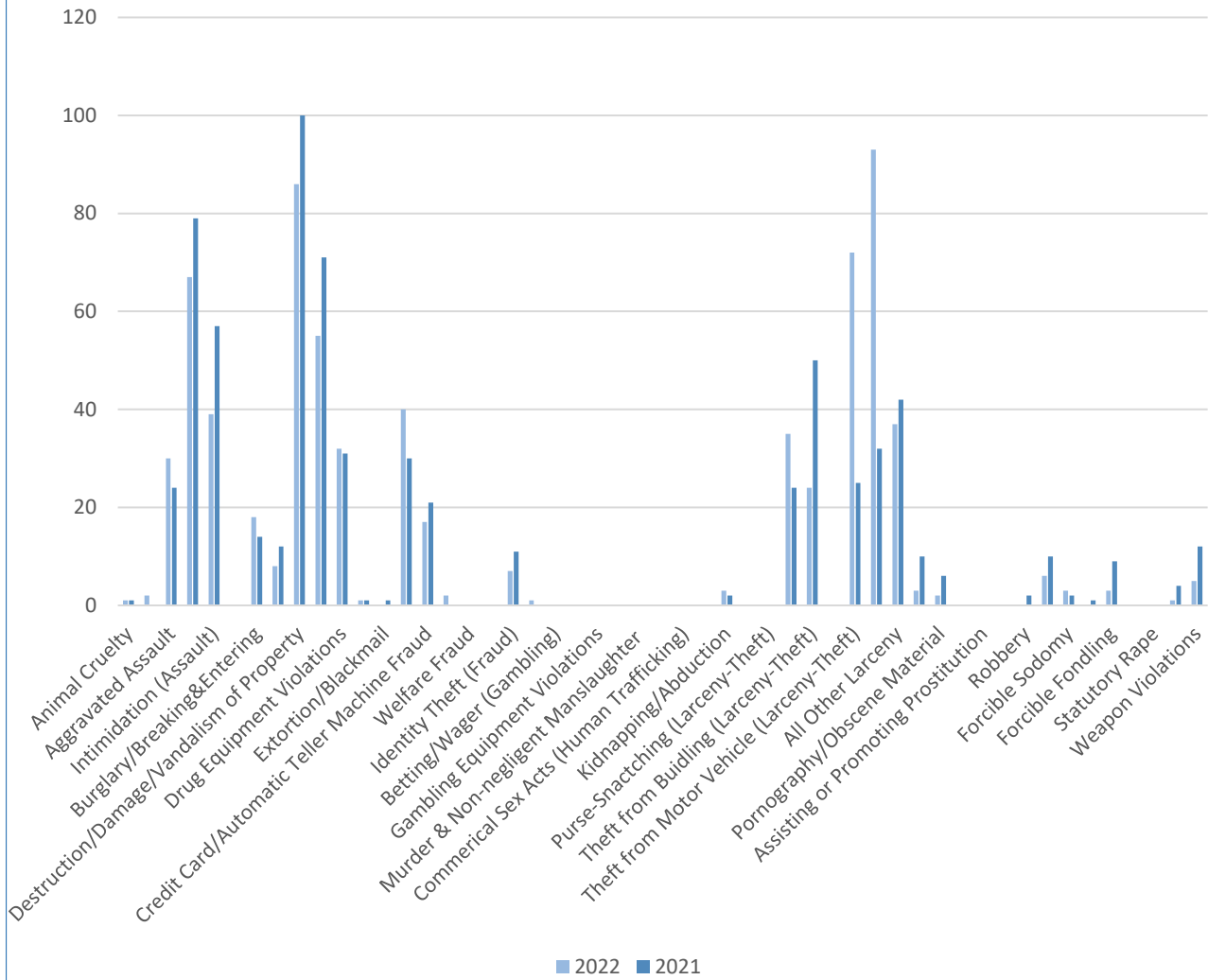
- Kidnapping/Abduction
- Larceny/Theft Offenses
 - Pocket Picking
 - Purse Snatching
 - Shoplifting
 - Theft from Building
 - Theft from Coin-Operated Machine or Device
 - Theft from Motor Vehicle
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories
 - All Other Larceny
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Pornography/Obscene Material
- Prostitution Offenses
 - Prostitution
 - Assisting or Promoting Prostitution
 - Purchasing Prostitution
- Robbery
- Sex Offenses (Forcible)
 - Forcible Rape
 - Forcible Sodomy
 - Sexual Assault with An Object
 - Forcible Fondling
- Sex Offenses (Non-Forcible)
 - Incest
 - Statutory
- Stolen Property
- Weapon Law Violations

Group B Offenses

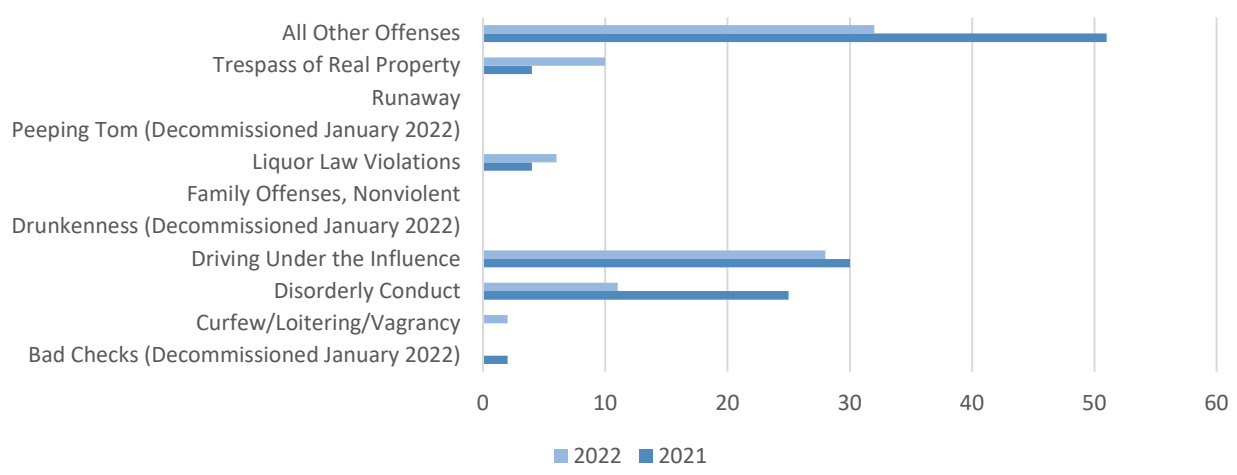
- Bad Checks (Decommissioned January 2022)
- Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations
- Disorderly Conduct
- Driving Under the Influence
- Drunkenness (Decommissioned January 2022)
- Family Offenses, Nonviolent
- Liquor Law Violations
- Peeping Tom (Decommissioned January 2022)
- Runaway
- Trespass on Real Property
- All Other Offenses

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Group A Offenses



Group B Offenses by Arrest



Patrol

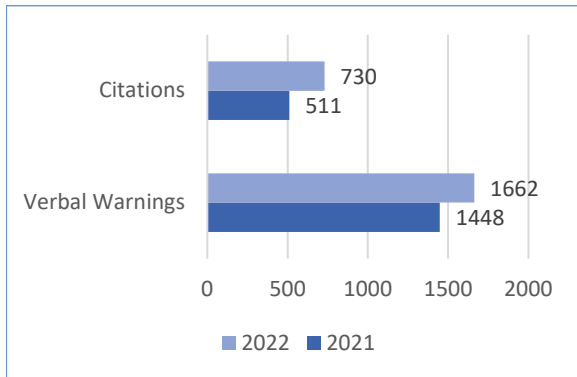
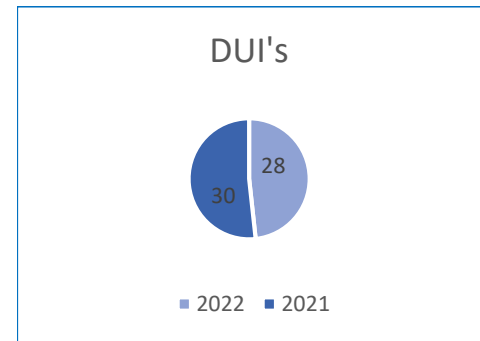
The patrol division of the Hutchinson Police Department is the face of the department. Many community members only ever have contact with a patrol officer, making their impact crucial to the integrity of the department.

Our patrol officers interact with community members when they respond to calls for service, take reports on incidents that have occurred, patrol neighborhoods, enforce traffic laws, and engage at community events. Our patrol officers also conduct criminal investigations by interviewing victims and suspects, reviewing video surveillance, and collecting evidence.

Our patrol officers are very well trained in many areas, including DWI detection and enforcement, mental health crisis, first aid and CPR. They also work closely with businesses on shoplifting and fraud incidents.

The department has twelve full-time officers and two part-time officers assigned to the patrol division. This area is led by four patrol sergeants.

During the 2022 year, officers arrested 28 people for DUI's. This was only 2 less than the previous year. These DUI's are not all alcohol related, some are the result of drugs. The Hutchinson Police Department forfeited 2 motor vehicles and 1 ATV. The 4 vehicles forfeited were from DWI/controlled substances related crimes and the ATV was forfeited as a result of fleeing from police.



In 2022, officers initiated 2392 traffic stops.

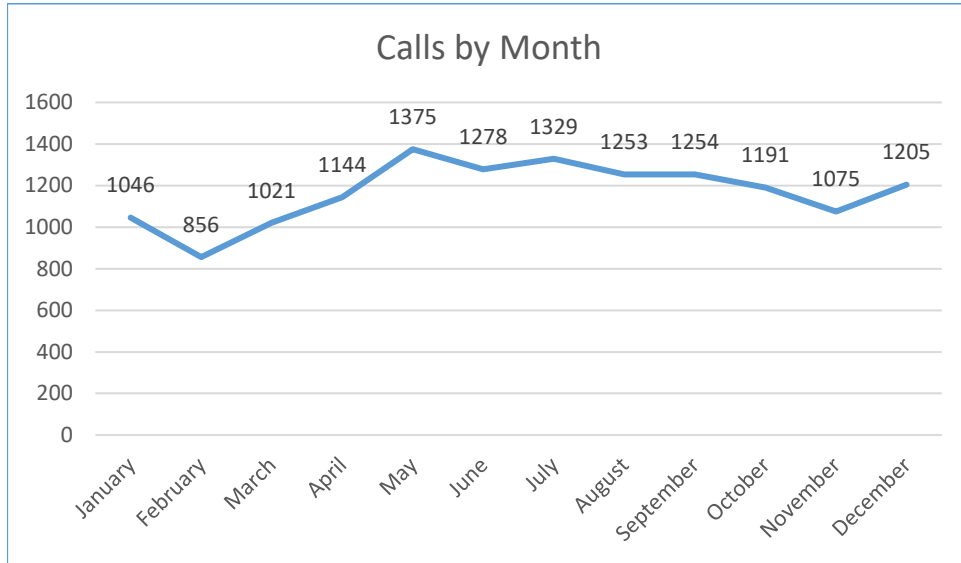
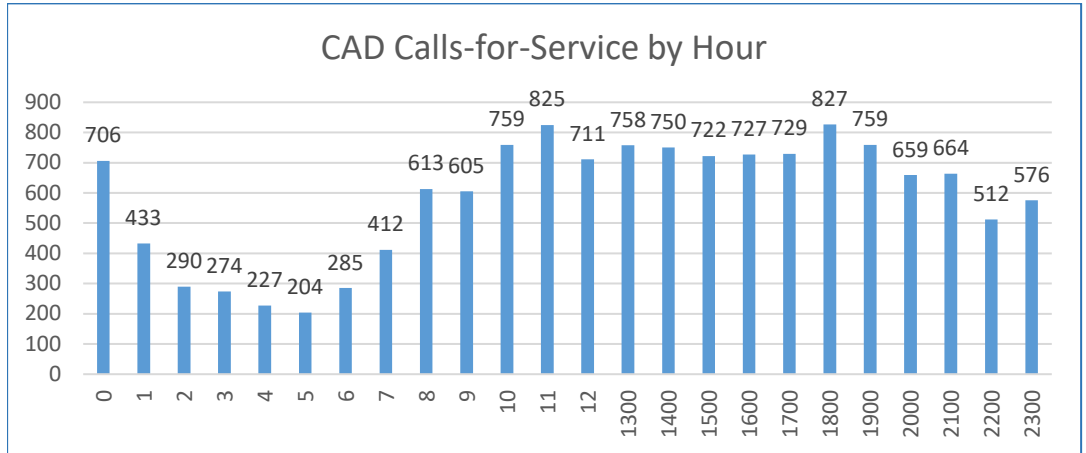
There were about 420 less citations and verbal warnings issued in 2021 than 2022. It is important to note that not all citations and verbal warnings issued are from traffic stops.

In 2022, officers responded to 261 crashes. There were 189 property damage crashes and 30 personal injury crashes. Of the 261 crashes, 42 of them were hit and runs.

2022 CRASHES	
Property Damage Crashes	189
Personal Injury Crashes	30
Hit and Run Crashes	42

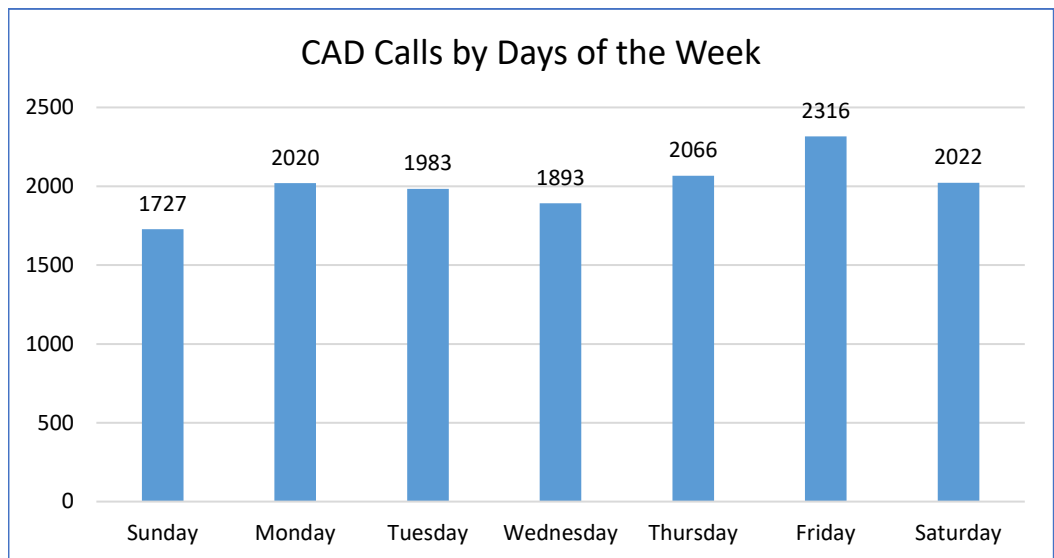
Statistical Information

The Hutchinson Police Department responds to calls-for-service twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. The busiest time frames for the officers in 2022 were 11am and 6pm.



January started out average compared to all off 2022. February was the lowest month for calls-for-service. Calls-for-service started to trend up after February, reached the highest in May and July, then decreased gradually after that until the end of the year. There was a small increase in December, but nothing significant.

Friday was the busiest day of the week for calls for service for the Hutchinson Police Department. Thursday, Sunday, and Monday were all similar and behind Friday with an approximately 250 calls-for-service difference.



Training

Each year the staff of the Hutchinson Police Department participate in various trainings. These trainings allow for staff to stay updated on all current policies, information, and technology within law enforcement. The Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) requires officers to complete forty-eight hours of continuing education every three years in order to renew their POST license. ***Emergency Vehicle Operations and Police Pursuits (EVOC)***

Officers shall demonstrate the knowledge and skill needed to reduce criminal and civil liability when involved in emergency and non-emergency vehicle operations mode. This training must be designed to give officers both skill and decision-making ability so that emergency vehicle operations can be resolved safely and successfully. This will be accomplished with a minimum of eight hours of training, which will include a minimum of four hours of in-vehicle operation. Simulators may be used in addition to in-vehicle and classroom training but will not be used to replace the minimum four hours of in-vehicle training. It is recommended that simulator training be used for decision making training.

Field Training

The field training process is a 16-week, 640-hour requirement for all new Hutchinson Police Department officer hires. New officers must show progression in job performance and complete all four phases to pass the field training process and become an independent officer.

Patrol Online (PATROL)

To help cities reduce losses related to police liability, LMCIT has developed PATROL—Peace Officer Accredited Training Online. While PATROL delivers twelve new POST-accredited courses per year, subscribers can earn more than forty POST credits per year when they also take PATROL training on POST mandates for **Use of Force and Crisis Intervention and Mental Illness Crisis; Conflict Management and Mediation; Implicit Bias, and Community Diversity and Cultural Differences**. PATROL helps officers stay current on Minnesota legal issues and is based on Minnesota case law. Content is developed with input from police liability experts, insurance defense attorneys, and local law enforcement agencies. Each month, a new course is available for one POST credit.

Additional Training for 2022:

- *2022 BCA Criminal Justice Users Conferences*
- *2022 LMC Workshop Peer Support*
- *2022 LMC Workshop Police*
- *Advanced Data Practices Training*
- *AXON Academy*
- *Background Investigations for Public Sector*
- *Basic SWAT*
- *Body Worn Cameras - Legal Issues*
- *City of Hutchinson Safety Training*
- *DMT - Certification/Recertification*
- *First responder Recertification*
- *Handgun/Rifle Qualification*
- *MN Criminal Interdiction Training*
- *De-Escalation/Intervention Strategies for Persons in a Mental Illness Crisis/Crisis De-escalation Techniques for Community Safety*
- *Officer Safety Searches - 2022 Updates*
- *Police Response to Active Shooter Instructor*
- *Safe Senior Programs*
- *Serving Those with Autism Spectrum Disorder*
- *Shoot House Instructor Certification*
- *Special Operations and Tactics Association (SOTA)*
- *Special Response Team (SRT)*
- *Standard Field Sobriety Training/ARIDE Training*
- *Taser Recertification*
- *Vehicle Searches - 2022 Updates*
- *Youth Mental Health First Aid USA*

Investigations

The Hutchinson Police Department Investigations units is comprised of five licensed officers and one Evidence Technician. This unit is supervised by a Sergeant. The four officer positions within the investigation's unit are the School Resource Officer, Drug Task Force Officer, Juvenile/Child Protection Officer, and General Investigator. All of these positions are rotating assignments which allows all officers to gain valuable investigative experience.



The Investigations unit offers valuable support to the patrol officers by following up on investigations that require more time than the patrol officers can give to an incident. The investigations unit is able to spend more time gathering information from witnesses, suspects, and the courts to help solve the crime.

The General Investigator position assists the patrol staff with more complex investigations. The General Investigator also works with social services and specializes in working with vulnerable adult cases.

The Drug Task Force position is with the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force. This position works with other counties and cities in drug related incidences to get as many illicit drugs and guns off the street as possible.



The Evidence Technician position maintains the collection of all the evidence and property entered into the evidence/property room by the

officers. This position also sends evidence to the MN BCA for lab testing for DUI's, drugs, and fingerprinting. The Evidence Technician also properly stores and preserves all evidence for future investigations and past investigations.



School Resource Officer

The Hutchinson Police Department is contracted with the Hutchinson School District for the School Resource Officer. The School Resource Officer position is a four-year rotating position within the police department. The School Resource officer works closely with the Hutchinson High School and Hutchinson Middle School staff and students.



The School Resource Officer has an office within the Hutchinson High School and is in the school buildings daily from 7am to 3pm. The relationship the School Resource Officer builds with the staff and students is a great asset for the Hutchinson School District and the Hutchinson Police Department.

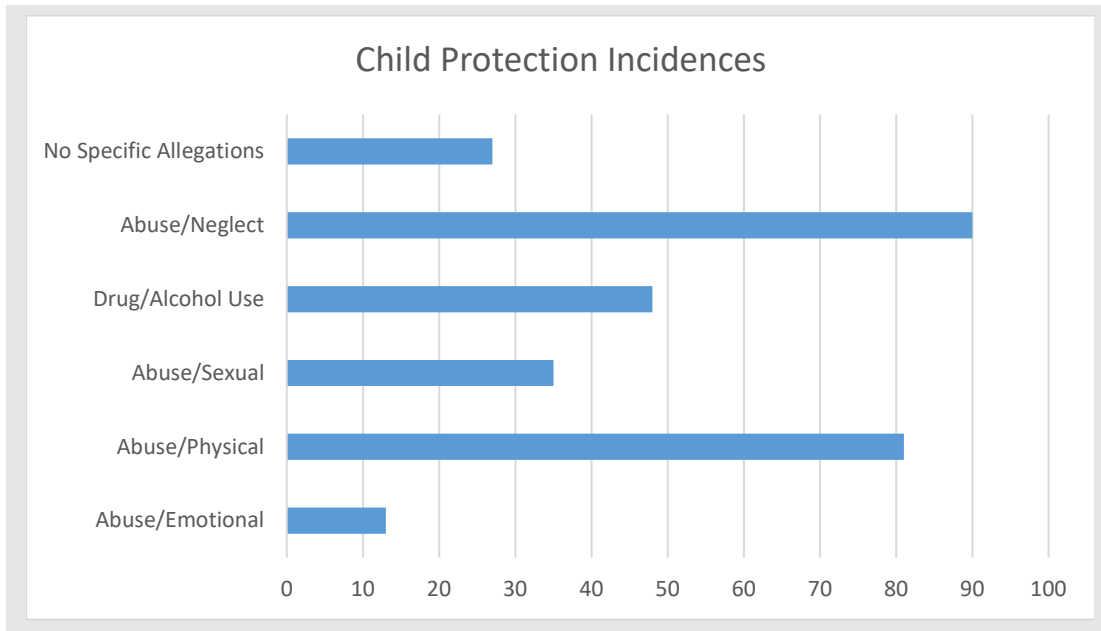
There was a total of 298 calls for service

at all the schools in the district in 2022. There were 119 incidents at the High School, 74 at the Middle School, 67 at Park Elementary, 21 at Tiger Elementary and 17 at West Elementary.



Child Protection Officer

The Child Protection Officer is a position that works closely with McLeod County Social Services on a daily basis. This is a close relationship that we have determined works best to help children and families in the City of Hutchinson. The Child Protection Officer is a five-year position in the Investigative Unit.



The Child Protection Officer also works closely with the BCA and the predatory offender compliance program. This position assures that all the predatory offenders within the city of Hutchinson remain compliant with the BCA.



SWAT

The Hutchinson Police Department's Special Response Team (SRT) partners with the McLeod County Sheriff Department's Emergency Response Unit (ERU) to provide officers for tactical response services. The joint tactical team operates under the team name, Crow River SWAT. Officers selected to the team receive advanced training to respond to situations needing high-risk warrant services, crowd control, hostage negotiation, snipers, and critical incidents.

The Hutchinson Police Department's SRT includes highly trained officers who use specialized weapons and tactics to handle high-risk situations beyond the scope of the patrol and investigative divisions. Examples of situations for which the SWAT team would be used include high-risk arrests and warrants, barricaded and armed suspects, hostage rescue, crowd control, dignitary protection, and disaster response. The team's primary goal is to resolve situations as safely as possible for everyone involved.



Crow River SWAT has approximately ten officers from each department on the team. The team also includes a separate crisis negotiation team that works with the tactical team to safely resolve these critical incidents. Officers selected and assigned to the team train one day per month on skills and equipment special to the tactical team's mission. In order to be selected, officers need to have been an officer for a minimum of two years, pass the physical fitness assessment, show proficiency with firearms and defensive tactics skills, and have exhibited sound emergency response skills as a patrol officer.

High Risk Calls

March 8, 2022

11000 block 190th St (Silver Lake)

Deputies were called to a residence on a vehicle stuck in the ditch. Upon gathering further information, the driver of the vehicle was possibly stalking, violating a protection order, and making threats. The suspect had previously made homicidal threats. Several officers responded to assist under mutual aid. The suspect was ultimately located after an approach plan was made by responding officers. The suspect was taken into custody.

May 11, 2022

Silver Lake/Hutchinson area

Officers/Deputies assisted the Lower Sioux Social Services in removing a child from a custodial parent with several felony warrants. The suspect had a history of fleeing, obstruction, and assault. There was concern the child was in danger. A plan was made with officers/deputies to avoid a pursuit and physical altercation as much as possible to protect the child and public. A negotiator worked with Social Services and the suspect's family to communicate with the suspect. They were able to meet in Hutchinson. The suspect was taken into custody and the child was removed safely.

May 12, 2022

10000 block Hwy 22 (Glencoe)

Officers/Deputies assisted with a search warrant on a suspect. The suspect was a convicted felon, Outlaw Motorcycle Gang member, and was believed to be in possession of an assault rifle and ammunition. A tactical briefing was done prior to executing the warrant. The warrant was served and a rifle was recovered. The suspect was not home at the time. The suspect was arrested later in the metro area.

August 1, 2022

Assist Meeker County

Crow River SWAT was called to a rural address south of Dassel on a barricaded suspect. The suspect threatened family and fired a shot out of the house with a firearm. The suspect is ineligible to possess firearms. The suspect would not come outside and threatened to kill law enforcement. SWAT teams from Kandiyohi and Wright County also responded. Negotiations were established in an effort to get the suspect to surrender, but he refused. The incident lasted several hours. Eventually several rounds of tactical chemical were fired into the residence in order to get the suspect to surrender. During the incident the suspect fired several "blind" shots out of the residence in the direction of officers outside. The suspect fortified a bathroom upstairs. Eventually the tactical chemical was able to penetrate the fortification. The suspect surrendered after nearly 24 hours.

September 10, 2022

Assist Sibley County

Winthrop PD called for assistance. They had an individual barricaded in his home with several firearms. The person was in mental health crisis. Crisis Negotiators were called to assist with speaking to the person in an effort to get them help. Tactical officers did not respond ultimately since no crime was committed.

November 2, 2022

Assist Homeland Security

Crow River SWAT assisted Homeland Security with the execution of a search warrant in rural McLeod County. This operation was in response to a federal investigation involving catalytic converter thefts. There were several warrants executed simultaneously across the country. Several of the suspects had gang affiliations and were involved in illegal firearm trading/possession. The residence in McLeod was secured with the assistance of Crow River SWAT and turned over to investigators once deemed safe.

December 12, 2022

Assist Sibley County

Sibley County called for assistance with a male barricaded with a handgun. Officers responded to a medical call at a business in Gaylord. When the officer arrived to assist, they observed the person with a handgun. He threatened suicide. A perimeter was established to protect innocent civilians. Complicating matters, the subject was barricaded in a semi-truck at an industrial business with several workers inside. There also was an elementary school across the highway full of students. Both places were placed on a preventative lockdown. Some tactical officers and negotiators responded in the armored vehicle. Ultimately, the subject surrendered peacefully.

December 14, 2022

Assist Sibley County

This incident is still under investigation.

Records Units

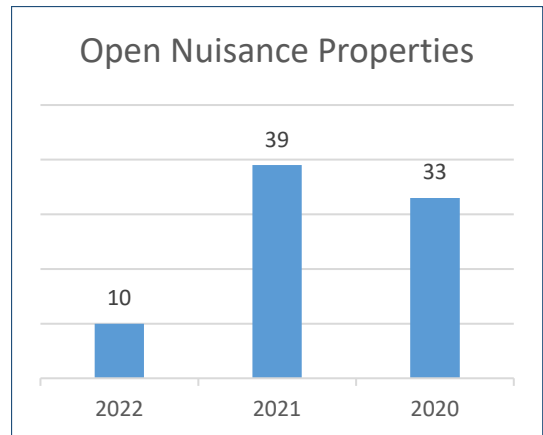
The records units for the Hutchinson Police Department consists of four full-time employees. The records unit has a variety of tasks and assists the Chief, Lieutenant, Investigations, and patrol officers with daily duties. The records unit answers phone calls from the public and assists the citizens who come into the lobby of the police department. Citizens come into the lobby for a wide variety of reasons, but most common are records requests, animal licenses, and fingerprinting.

Public Records Request	604
Permit to Purchase/Conceal Carry Background Requests from Other Agencies	424
Other Agency Background Requests (Social Services, Probation, Housing and Redevelopment Authority)	155

The records unit is an intricate and vital part of the police department. They ensure reports are processed properly and sent to the City of Hutchinson and McLeod County Attorneys for charges on offenders. They handle the dissemination of officer’s reports to social services, probation, and citizens who request data. They also complete public data requests, permit to purchase handgun applications, monthly statistical data reports to the State of MN, the billing for the police department, the annual police report, and ensure everyone in the police department is current on their required training through the BCA.

Code Enforcement – Nuisance Property

The Hutchinson Police Department has a Code Enforcement Officer who is assigned to all the nuisance properties in the City of Hutchinson. The Code Enforcement Officer is a three-year rotating position. This position maintains the files and speaks to the property owners to try and get the properties in compliance with City of Hutchinson Ordinances. The Code Enforcement Officer also does random checks on these properties to try and determine if work is being performed to get these properties in compliance. If the properties are brought into compliance, the officer will close out the report. If the properties are not brought into compliance within the agreed amount of time, the Code Enforcement Officer then issues a citation or sends a report to the City of Hutchinson Attorney requesting charges against the owner.



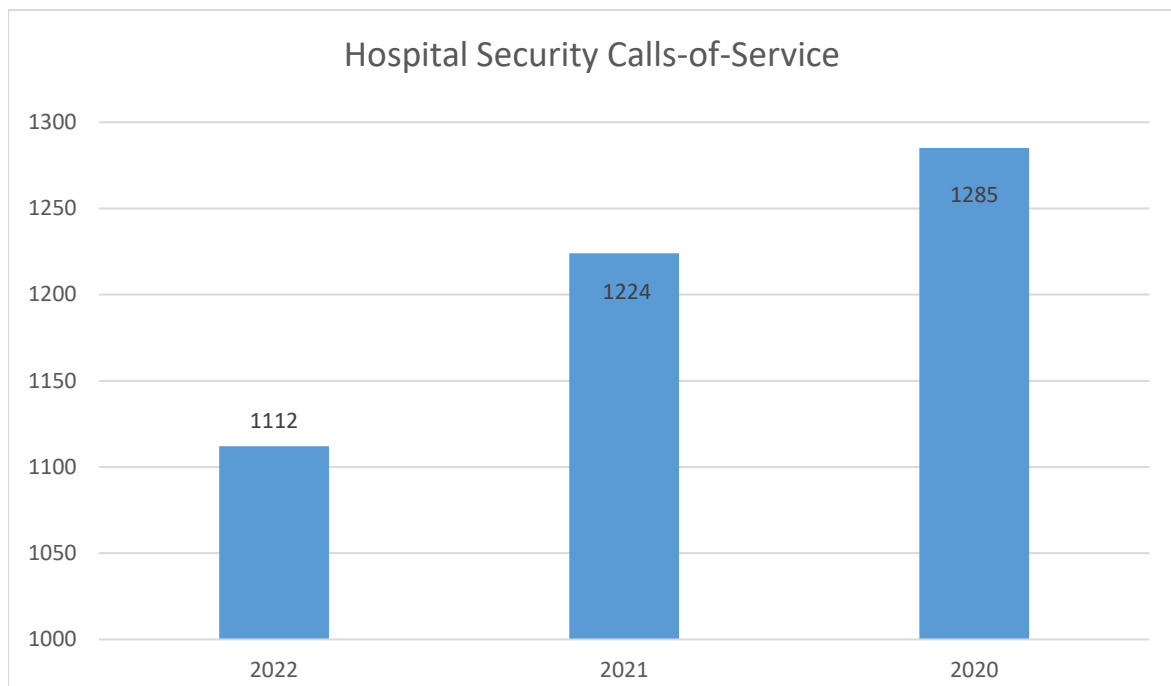
Hospital Security

The Hutchinson Police Department has three full-time hospital security officers and five part-time hospital security officers. The contract between the Hutchinson Police Department and Hutchinson Health went into effect in 2013. This contract provides for a security officer to be on hospital grounds 24/7. The security officer has a variety of job duties while out at the hospital and is a great liaison between the Hutchinson Police Department and Hutchinson Health Employees when assistance is needed.



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Axon Body Cameras/Fleet

The Hutchinson Police Department implemented Axon body cameras in 2016 with a donation from a local area business. This was a great push in getting AXON body cameras for every officer in the department. Hutchinson Police Department policy states that officers must have their body cameras recording during any interaction they are dispatched to or come upon.



Total Uploads

Number of Videos	20746
Hours of Videos	4142.96
GB of Videos	7143.04

Active AXON Evidence

Number of Active Videos	12894
Hours of Active Videos	2953.87
GB of Active Videos	5093.67

Average Per Day

Number of Videos Uploaded	56.84
Hours of Video Uploaded	11.35
GB of Video Uploaded	19.57

Categories	Files	GB	% Files	% GB
Report	14751	3633.53	68.49	69.74
Traffic Stops	4648	967.15	21.58	18.56
No Action Take	1856	527.15	8.62	10.12
Accidental Recording	166	48.61	0.77	0.93
Critical Incident	69	18.25	0.32	0.35
Uncategorized	34	13.70	0.16	0.26
Training	7	0.34	0.03	0.01
Officer Injury	4	1.48	0.02	0.03
Administrative (Supervisor Only)	1	0.04	0.00	0.00

Citizens Police Academy

The original concept of the Citizen Police Academy (CPA) came from Great Britain, where the United Kingdom (UK) Constabulary designed a program to give citizens an overview of British law enforcement operations. Known as "police night school" when it began in 1977, the program was an immediate success.

The Hutchinson Citizen Police Academy (CPA) is a community oriented policing program that is conducted once a year in order to accomplish three goals:

- To allow citizens of Hutchinson to meet the men and women who serve them.
- To educate in the "how's and why's" of law enforcement.
- To provide Hutchinson Police Officers the opportunity to meet and hear from the citizens they serve.

The Hutchinson Citizen's Police Academy is ten weeks long and generally runs from January to March. CPA Participants are given a realistic view of the Hutchinson Police Department. A wide variety of topics are discussed: department history, organizational structure, police officer selection and training, communications/records, tools and equipment, officer survival, patrol procedures, DUI and traffic enforcement, use of force or deadly force, arrest procedures, handling of traffic accidents and criminal investigations, gangs, pursuit driving, chaplain program, crime prevention, critical incidents, youth issues and liaisons, reserves/volunteer services, and a myriad of other law enforcement subjects. In addition, opportunities to tour the police department and ride along with a police officer are provided to CPA students. Our last academy was in 2021 and had six community members attend.

