



Brooklyn Park Police

2022 Report

Brooklyn Park 

City of Brooklyn Park

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Chief's Message



Police Chief Mark Bruley

Hello Brooklyn Park residents,

I am proud to say that I have been serving Brooklyn Park as a police officer since October 1995. I have held many positions including patrol officer, detective, SWAT operator, use of force trainer, sergeant, lieutenant, inspector, and deputy chief. I was appointed to police chief in August 2022. All the roles that I have held have focused on service and trust building. Because of this focus I have developed countless relationships with community members, and a strong commitment and passion for our city.

Since my first day as a police officer, I have held a belief that policing is customer service-oriented work. I also believe that staff that are performing at the highest level offer the best service to our community. With that in mind, my vision for the Brooklyn Park Police Department starts with a focus on staff. I want all police department staff to feel valued, feel connected, and be working in positions, and with the tools that are most effective.

Brooklyn Park is one of the most diverse communities in the State of Minnesota, and to effectively serve our community it is vital to know and understand those that call Brooklyn Park home. Under my leadership we will focus on police strategies that give others a voice, provide respect and dignity at every interaction, and ensure that we have the best interest of those we serve in mind. I also believe that the most effective service to our residents is achieved through mirroring the diversity of our community in our police department.

It is my goal to provide an annual report to the residents, visitors, elected officials, businesses, and staff of Brooklyn Park. My intent behind the 2022 annual report is to share the structure, operations, and future initiatives of Brooklyn Park Police Department. I believe that transparency is integral to building trusting relationships with the community. I am sharing, and will continue to share, as much detail about our department as possible. I hope you find this information as valuable as I do.

Sincerely,

Brooklyn Park Police Chief Mark Bruley

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Bruley".



Mission, Values and Goals

Mission Statement

The Brooklyn Park Police Department is where employees feel connected to one another, can be their best selves, and serve the community with humanity through effective partnerships and enforcement that provides residents of, and visitors to, Brooklyn Park a sense of security for their persons and property.

Department Values

Service

We are dedicated professionals who are responsive to the needs of all community members.

Justice

We make decisions based upon what is just (right) for the situation.

Courage

We are courageous in our actions and have the “courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.”

Goals

- Reduce violent crime
- Partner with the community in crime prevention efforts
- Build police legitimacy at every interaction
- Ensure a work environment where all employees can do their best work



Oath of Honor

All employees of the Brooklyn Park Police Department sign the Oath of Honor wall.

The oath states:

"On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character, or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always uphold the constitution my community and the agency I serve."

Brooklyn Park 2025



United Community

A united and welcoming community, strengthened by our diversity.



Beautiful Places

Beautiful spaces and quality infrastructure make Brooklyn Park a unique destination.



Thriving Economy

A balance economic environment that empowers businesses and people to thrive.



Healthy & Safe People

People of all ages have what they need to feel healthy and safe.



Increased Equity

Partnerships that increase racial & economic equity empower residents and neighborhoods to prosper.



Effective, Engaging Government

Effective and engaging government recognized as a leader.

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Patrol Division

Overview

The Brooklyn Park Police Department Patrol Division operates from two precincts to provide the best and most effective service to the community.

This precinct model allows for officers to be assigned to the same geographical patrol area each shift that they work. Each precinct operates as a team to quickly identify, respond, and resolve crime or other liveability concerns that arise within their assigned district of the community.

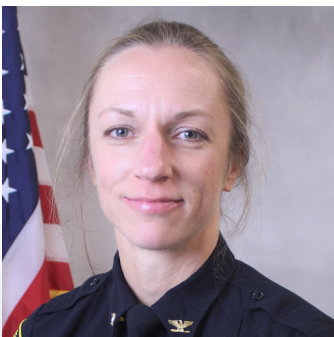
This frequently occurs through our commitment to engage our residents and business owners as partners in crime reduction efforts.



Deputy Chief Shane DuPaul



*South Precinct Patrol
Inspector Elliot Faust*



*North Precinct Patrol
Inspector Toni Weinbeck*



Patrol Division Units



Patrol Officers

The uniformed patrol officer is the most visible and often the first source for police service. Common functions of a patrol officer are looking out for the health and safety of the community, responding to 911 calls, working with the community to prevent crime, and enforcing traffic laws. Uniformed patrol officers are assigned to work schedules that provide the community with continuous police protection.

Sergeants

Sergeants are the first line representatives of management within the Department. Their primary responsibilities are to guide, train, direct and motivate the officers they supervise. When a sergeant is the ranking officer on duty, that sergeant shall have the authority to direct all departmental personnel on duty within the guidelines of established policies and procedures.



K-9

The Brooklyn Park Police Department's Canine Unit consists of three dogs that are specially trained in drug detection or explosive detection, and apprehension. The primary duties of the dogs are to locate and/or capture criminal suspects wanted for crimes ranging from felony assault, robbery, and murder, and deter the escape of criminal suspects and locate evidence of crimes or explosives.

Tactical Response Unit (TRU)

The Tactical Response Unit (TRU) is comprised of two specialized teams: the Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) and the Special Weapons and Tactics team (SWAT). TRU was established to provide specialized support in handling critical field operations where intense negotiations and/or special tactical deployment methods beyond the capacity of field officers appear to be necessary.



SWAT

The SWAT team is defined as a designated unit of law enforcement officers that is specifically trained and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex or unusual that they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units. This includes, but is not limited

to, hostage taking, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high-risk incidents. As a matter of department policy, such a unit may also be used to serve high-risk warrants, both search and arrest, where public and officer safety issues warrant the use of such a unit.

Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)

The Crisis Negotiation Team is a designated unit that is trained in specific interpersonal communication, information gathering, and documentation that assists other departmental units during complex, unusual, or hazardous incidents. Some of these incidents may include, but are not limited to barricaded suspects, hostage situations, high risk warrants, and parties in crisis.



Officer Nicole Matthewman



Officer Chad Miller

Neighborhood Response Unit (NRU)

In an effort to provide the highest level of proactive law enforcement and related governmental services in a timely and cost-effective manner, the city and the Department endorse the philosophy of community-oriented policing strategies. These strategies include the deployment of police personnel to designated sections of the community on a regular basis. Utilizing computer generated data and having direct access to other City services. Personnel assigned to function within the Neighborhood Response Unit (NRU) will work with area residents and business representatives and have the discretion to devise appropriate responses to specifically identified issues.

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Specialist is a uniformed non-sworn position of the Brooklyn Park Police Department functioning within the Crime Prevention Team of the NRU. Crime Prevention Specialists work to implement and maintain community-based prevention endeavors. They serve as a resource for residents, schools, and members of the business community. Additionally, they monitor crime trends, answer prevention inquiries, perform premise surveys, make personal safety presentations, assist the NRU with prevention activities addressing chronic crime and disorder problems, coordinate assigned ongoing prevention programs, write, and publish crime prevention articles, deliver crime prevention material, and submit reports as requested. They also coordinate prevention programs and volunteers that may include Citizen's Police Academy, Crime Watch, National Night Out, Safety Camp, Crime Free Multi-Housing, etc.



Julia Brysky



Kimberly Czapar



Hannah Peterson

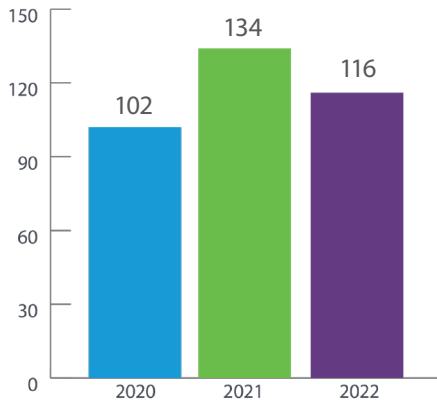
Crime Analyst

The Crime Analyst gathers, categorizes, analyzes police report narratives, intelligence from numerous databases, and statistical data pertaining to past and current criminal activity. The crime analyst prepares and disseminates reports and recommendations pertaining to past, existing, and predictive crime trends. The information is vital for police leadership, police staff, and other city departments to increase the effectiveness of police response, appropriation of personnel to solve specific crimes and/or patterns, and fiscal decisions

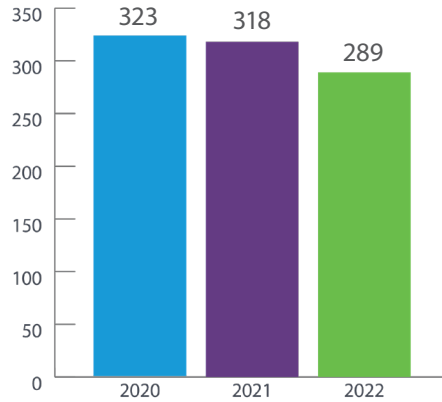
or spending for all city departments. The crime analyst is relied upon to compile statistical information for strategic communication on media-related topics and overall dissemination to the general public. The crime analyst produces information that is innovative, creative, and useful for the purposes of staying ahead of criminal trends and capitalize on the latest technology available. They help create systems, develop databases, and assist with project(s) management that are city-wide.

Patrol Statistics

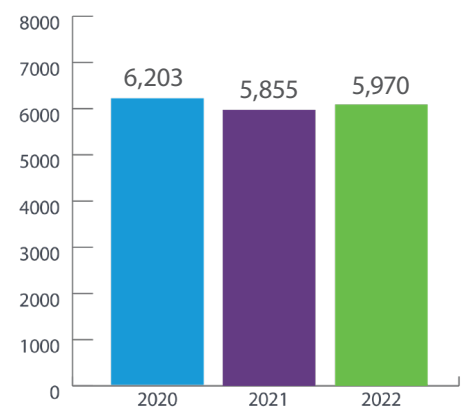
Shots Fired



Violent Crime



Total Crime



Top 10 calls

1. Medicals
2. Disturbance
3. Car Accidents
4. Welfare Check
5. Alarm
6. Police Assist
7. Suspicious Activity
8. Civil
9. Animal
10. Phone Call Report



42,823
Total calls for service



5,970
Total crimes

Top 10 crimes

1. Simple Assault/Domestic Assault
2. Shoplifting
3. Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories
4. Destruction/Damage Vandalism of Property
5. Motor Vehicle Theft
6. All Other Larceny (Theft)
7. All Other Offenses
(Traffic Stops, Traffic Violations, Parking Violations)
8. Intimidation (Threats)
9. Theft from Motor Vehicle
10. False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Games
(Identity Theft)

Cadets, Reserves and Explorers

Police Cadet Program

The objective of the Police Cadet program is to successfully prepare qualified candidates for future police officer positions. The department provides a school scholarship for the required educational program and the cadet works in a part time, uniformed, paraprofessional position to orient the cadet to the Department's mission, policies, procedures, equipment, and methods of providing law enforcement services.



Police Reserves

The Brooklyn Park Police Reserves is a volunteer body of citizens who assist the Police Department in a variety of public safety situations. Police reservists serve the department in many capacities such as crowd control during community events and activities, security and traffic support during and after natural disasters, and parking enforcement assistance during the winter.

Police Explorers

The Police Explorer program is a job exploration program for teens and young adults ages 14 to 21 who may be interested in learning more about the field of law enforcement where they learn about leadership, officer safety, proper procedures, laws and ordinances to prepare for regional and national competitions



Investigations Division

Overview

In general investigations, detectives work on personal and property crimes utilizing a variety of tools to identify and locate suspects. They perform many duties to build their case such as obtaining formal statements of victims, witnesses and suspects, preparing and executing search warrants, photographic line-ups, and assisting with processing crime scenes.



Deputy Chief William Barritt



Inspector Nicholas Knoblauch

Investigations Statistics

Unit assigned	Cases assigned to Investigations	Crimes assigned to Investigations	Percentage of cases cleared
Drug Task Force	12	8	75.00%
General Investigations	1,460	1,148	53.50%
Investigative Clerical	179	172	N/A
Juvenile Unit	580	300	60.55%
Major Crimes Unit	296	190	41.09%
Mental Health Unit	15	9	35.71%
Special Investigations Unit	68	44	43.28%
Violent Offender Task Force	41	40	20.00%
Grand Total	2,551	2,001	55.32%

**In criminal justice, clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of crimes that are "cleared" (a charge being laid) by the total number of crimes recorded. Clearance rates are used to measure percentage of crimes solved by the police.*

Investigations Division Units

Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile Unit was created with the intent of providing a holistic approach to the specialized needs of juvenile suspects and victims. The detectives in this unit provide engagement, prevention, intervention, and enforcement through a series of programs, events, and groups. This unit was intentionally designed to hold our youth accountable while reducing the likelihood, and/or, pathway through the traditional judicial system.



DARE

Approximately 920 students in the city of Brooklyn Park participated in the DARE program. Detective Jennifer Foster taught 5th grade classes at Anoka Hennepin School District, and 3rd grade classes at Osseo School District and St. Vincent de Paul School.

School Resource Officer

School Resources Officers intentionally focus on connecting with youth, engaging outside of enforcement, and building genuine relationships. By building positive relationships with youth we intend to increase police legitimacy and mutual trust.



Major Crimes Unit

The Major Crimes Unit has a directed focus of investigating violent crime to include, but not limited to, homicides, shootings, and robberies. This unit also works closely with nearby agencies to investigate crimes that span communities. Their work has been essential to the organization as we have witnessed an increase in violent crime.



Violent Offender Task Force (VOTF)

Detectives assigned to Violent Offender Task Force work in collaboration with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and other local agencies to respond to and investigate county spanning cases, and apprehend suspects, that routinely involve felony level crimes involving weapons and narcotics.

Special Investigations Unit

Special Investigations is an undercover unit that investigates street level crime in Brooklyn Park. The unit directs their investigation to locations that are plagued with violence or narcotic trafficking and gather intelligence regarding these crimes and the identification of suspects.





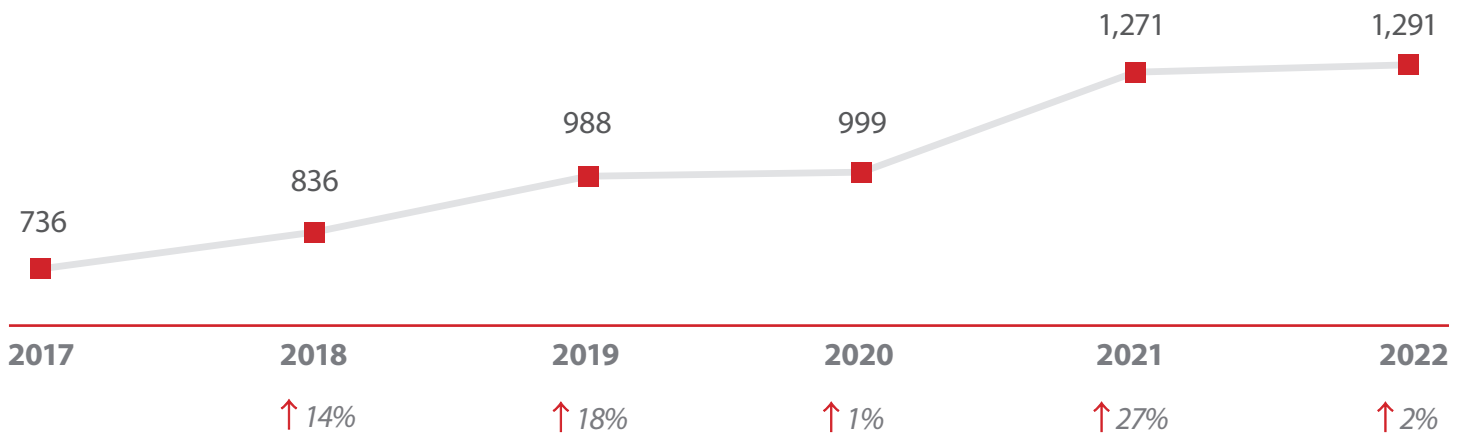
Mental Health Unit

The Mental Health Unit (MHU) is comprised of a police officer, civilian data analyst, and multiple Hennepin County social workers that connect people living with, or experiencing, mental illness and substance use disorders with services. They also utilize additional Hennepin County mental health resources, Hennepin County court systems, and North Memorial community paramedics. People in need of services are identified through data analysis of incidents that officers respond to. The MHU also works to provide resource connections and mental health identification training to police staff.

Mental Health Crisis Cases

MHU reviewed 2,225 reports in 2022, where mental health was believed to be a primary factor in the case. 1,291 of those reports were coded as mental health/crisis hold, overdose, suicide, and suicide attempt cases. About 83% of reports that were reviewed resulted in action being taken by the mental health detective or social workers.

Mental Health Cases (2017-2022)



Non-Sworn

Overview of Support Services Division

The Support Services Division consists of non-sworn staff covering four units: front counter clerks, coding clerks, investigative clerks, and administrative assistants. Each unit works “behind the scenes” supporting the department by providing excellent customer service to those we interact with at both our north and south precinct, transcribing and processing thorough, accurate reports and submitting required crime data to the BCA and FBI, submitting cases for consideration of criminal charges to the Hennepin County Attorney’s office or the city prosecutor’s office, and reviewing, redacting, and disseminating numerous data requests. In 2022, there were 1,318 recorded statements and 54,249.27 transcription minutes processed by our Support Services staff.

The Brooklyn Park Police Department has two front counter locations, the North and South Precincts. The North Precinct, located at 5400 85th Avenue, is open 24/7/365. The South Precinct, located at 7608 Brooklyn Boulevard, is open Sunday-Saturday from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. We provide services to residents and visitors of Brooklyn Park as well as other departments and representatives of other agencies both by phone and in person. Services include, but are not limited to triaging customer concerns, questions, and other inquiries about the police department, initiating officer contacts for the public, and processing data requests in compliance with data practices.

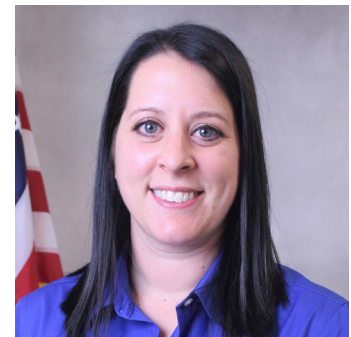
The Support Services Division processes all requests for Brooklyn Park Police Department data in accordance with Minnesota Data Practices law under Minnesota State Statute, Chapter 13. Anyone may request public information created and maintained by the Brooklyn Park Police Department. These requests can be made in person, over the phone or via our online portal through [JustFOIA](#). All requests received will be processed and completed within 10 days of receiving the request.

The FBI required all law enforcement agencies transition to the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by January 2021. The Brooklyn Park Police Department exceeded the deadline requirement and transitioned on January 1, 2020. NIBRS reporting allows for capturing up to ten crimes within an incident, where the former UCR system only allowed for one offense based on a hierarchy rule.

NIBRS allows for each offense to be categorized by crimes against persons, crimes against property or crimes against society. There are 63 total crimes that are reported through NIBRS classified between Group A and Group B offenses. Group A consists of 52 crimes within 24 offense categories collecting required information. Group B consists of 11 offenses where only arrestee information is collected to report.



Deputy Chief Shane DuPaul



Support Services Supervisor Sarah Dyer

Property and Evidence Technicians

Property and Evidence Technicians are responsible for the receipt, processing, inventorying and final disposition of recovered, abandoned and found property and evidence which comes within the control of the Police Department. It is the responsibility of the property and evidence technician to account for all items of property and evidence at any given time and to maintain accurate, current, and up-to-date records that are critical for criminal/civil cases and whenever evidence is needed in a case or trial. Additional duties include the duplication of discovery evidence for numerous other agencies/outlets and the transportation of evidence to and from multiple locations throughout the metro area.

In 2022, the property and evidence technicians processed 8,998 items.



Carrie Pitcher



Juan Sanchez



Ross Carlson

Police Technology Specialist

The Police Technology Specialist works specifically with law enforcement technology which allows police officers to do their job more efficiently and effectively while maintaining officer safety. The police technology specialist's primary focus is working with electronics in the police vehicles such as computers and in car cameras. He also works with body worn cameras, GPS systems, and radios. The police technology specialist also maintains and modifies SWAT equipment which includes crisis negotiation technology, robots, bunkers, and portable camera systems.

Body worn cameras

In 2016 the Brooklyn Park City Council authorized the police department to fully deploy body worn cameras to each patrol officer. Since that time every officer has an assigned body worn camera that they deploy during interactions with the public. **In 2022 we saw the following amount of video recording:**

- Squad and body worn videos generated in 2022 = 185,044
- Daily average = 514
- Total number of videos in the video system = 1,349,029
- Number of DVDs sent to court since 2008= 109,168

Detention Facility

The Brooklyn Park Police Department has an on-site detention facility, or jail, that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by five full-time detention officers. The facility can hold prisoners for 72 hours excluding Sundays and holidays. There are ten cells in the detention center with a capacity of 20 prisoners.

The detention officer provides operational, maintenance, and security services to the detention facility within the City of Brooklyn Park Police Department. Many bookings occur at the Brooklyn Park Police Detention Facility with an alternative option of booking at the Hennepin County Public Safety Facility. The number of total bookings and the top five booking charges for 2022 are provided.

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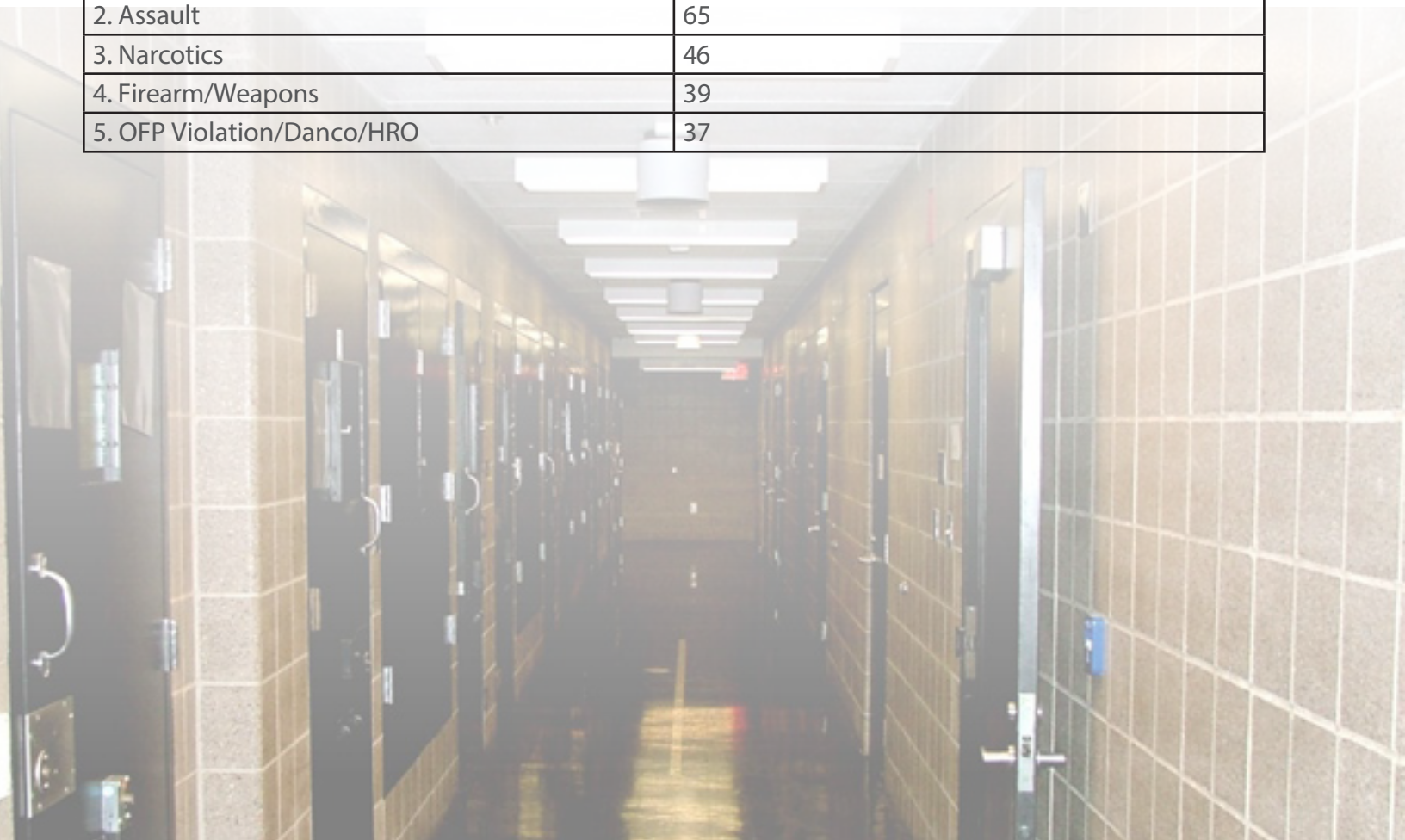
Bookings at BPPD Detention Facility

206

Bookings at Hennepin County Public Safety Facility

Top 5 charges

Type of crime	Number of charges
1. Assault/Domestic	110
2. Assault	65
3. Narcotics	46
4. Firearm/Weapons	39
5. OFP Violation/Danco/HRO	37



Department Initiatives

Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI)

Racial Equity Diversity and Inclusion (REDI) is a significant focus of the City of Brooklyn Park, especially as it impacts public safety. The police department has identified both external and internal ways to direct resources toward REDI improvements.



Huntington Place Apartment Community

During 2022 many challenges were identified at Huntington Place to include public safety and livability concerns, that have continually plagued the diverse residents that live in and around the community. The community saw a dramatic rise in violent crime and gun related violence.

The police department designed a plan to address the violent crime and gun related violence. This plan was developed in collaboration with resident interest groups and other city staff. The plan included the following goals: build willingness within the community to intervene and promote positive relationships, reduce violence, and build police legitimacy.

To meet the goals set in place the following occurred officers were assigned foot patrol locations on a daily basis, community meetings occurred on a regular basis, outreach activities occurred on a weekly basis, and a direct communication link was created to share crime information with residents.

Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC)

The Multicultural Advisory Committee (MAC) is a group of community members that represent diverse cultures. They meet monthly with police to learn about current police activities and to discuss topics of importance in their communities. These meetings are an opportunity for two-way communication and are designed to enhance mutual understanding between the police and community.



Bias-based policing

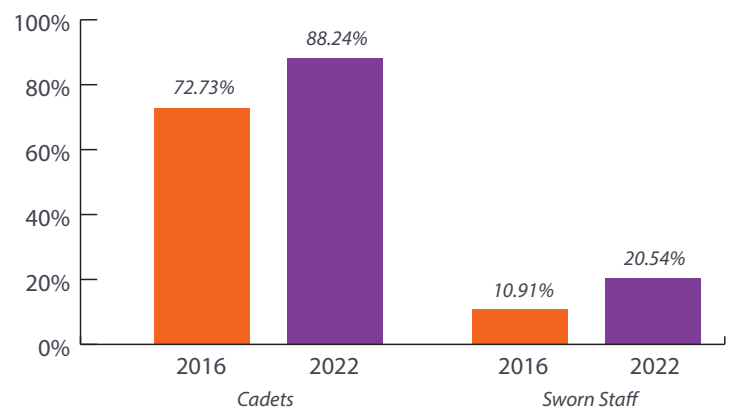
On September 22, 2022, Brooklyn Park Police Department issued a Bias-Based Policing Policy that all members of the organization must abide by. This policy identifies bias-based policing and prohibits a differentiation of service to those with actual or perceived characteristics such as race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, economic status, age, cultural group, disability, or affiliation.

The Brooklyn Park Police Department recognizes that a history of over-policing in communities of color has led to high levels of mistrust. Pre-textual traffic stops, search warrants or arrests for marijuana offenses, and a lack of diversity in the workforce have contributed to that mistrust. To build legitimacy and combat mistrust the Brooklyn Park Police Department has embraced a surgical enforcement model that re-thinks policing in general, using intelligence to focus on those that commit crimes. Also, Brooklyn Park Police Department has prioritized hiring a workforce that mirrors the community.

Diversity of Police Cadets

The Brooklyn Park Police Cadet program was developed in 2001 with the goal of mirroring the community served through the employment of diverse, qualified candidates for police officer positions. Cadets are provided a full educational scholarship while they work in a part-time, uniformed position. Police cadets serve the community through response to animal control, parking complaints, vehicle lockouts, traffic direction and assistance to police officers. To prepare cadets for the role of police officer, they are assigned a police officer mentor and participate in ride-alongs with their mentor.

Racial Diversity of Brooklyn Park Police

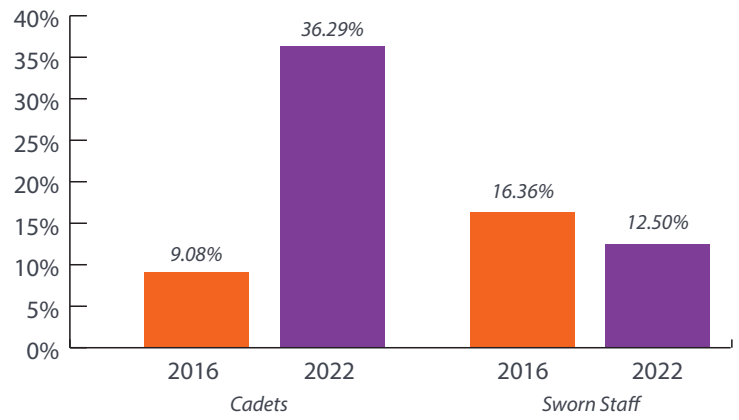


30x30 pledge

The Brooklyn Park Police Department signed the 30 x 30 pledge which aims to increase female representation in law enforcement to 30% by 2030. Research shows that women officers use less force, less excessive force, and are named in less complaints and lawsuits. Currently, the Brooklyn Park Police Department's female staff hovers at 13 percent, just above the 12 percent national average.



Gender Diversity of Brooklyn Park Police



Wonder Women Defined

In November we hosted Wonder Woman Defined. This event was geared toward young women, age 14 – 18, who had an interest in learning what it was like to work in a non-traditional career field. Ten young women, from a variety of backgrounds, attended the all-day event that consisted of a tour of the police department, self-defense training, the police applicant physical fitness test, a police training simulator, mock interviews, and a question-and-answer session with the officers.

Community Engagement

In 2006 the Brooklyn Park Police Department joined the Joint Community Police Partnership (JCPP). The JCPP's goal is to build trust and communication between police and the community. Outreach focuses on immigrants, people of color, Indigenous people, and faith communities. Some of the events that the JCPP and BPPD partnered in are pictured below.



JCPP Community Liaison
Nicole Wicklund



Cops n' Kids Fishing



Cops and Teens Basketball



Police 101



Yates and Brookdale Drive Block Party

Employee Engagement

Hiring

The Brooklyn Park Police Department has an authorized strength of 107 officers. In 2022, we hired, onboarded, and trained a total of 17 newly hired police officers. The 17 police officers included 10 lateral police officers, three traditional hires, and the promotion of four cadets. A lateral police officer means they transferred to Brooklyn Park with at least one year of sworn law enforcement experience. In addition to hiring sworn officers, we hired 15 non-sworn staff members.



Recruitment was an ongoing focus for the agency throughout the year. To assist those recruitment demands a recruitment committee was created of both sworn and non-sworn staff to strategize new ways to attract candidates to Brooklyn Park.

Officers and cadets on the recruitment committee offered ride-alongs and police department tours to potential candidates. We held law enforcement open houses for new police officer candidates where candidates participated in fitness testing and on-site interviews. Police staff attended career fairs and open houses, presented to law enforcement classes, offered internship opportunities to college students, and participated in mock interviews.

Training



Officer Paul Donahue

Officer Paul Donahue has been the department training officer since October 2021. He is responsible for planning and coordinating all internal training for officers and running our police officer academies. He organizes and tracks all required individual training, registers and processes external training for all staff, organizes and hosts trainings held at the police department, tracks and trends training data and ensures we meet all the training and documentation requirements from the MN POST Board. Officer Donahue oversaw the training all newly hired police officers in 2022, for a total of over 940 hours of training. He coordinated EMR refresher, mental health, use of force, scenario-based training, outdoor shoots, taser and legal trainings for sworn all sworn officers which was approximately 256 hours of training.

The Brooklyn Park Police Department provides 56 hours of training, annually, to officers. The MN POST Board requires officers to obtain 48 hours every licensing cycle, which is three years. As an agency we believe in providing our officers with the most up-to-date and applicable training possible, which requires over three times the requirement mandated by the MN POST Board.

Wellness Program

Staff wellness is a priority at Brooklyn Park Police Department. We believe that well staff provides the best service possible to the community. This mantra has led to the implementation of mandatory mental health check-ups, work out on duty, and peer emotional support.

Sworn staff are mandated to perform one mental health check-up per year with trained and licensed mental health staff that work specifically with first responders. This also includes six more, non-mandatory sessions provided at no cost to the staff member throughout the year. Non-sworn staff members are afforded the same opportunity but are not mandated.

We also have a group of officers that have been professionally trained in peer support counselling. They can work with fellow officers on a one-to-one basis or can assist licensed professionals during incident debriefs that staff is offered after a traumatic call for service.

Sworn staff, police cadets, and detention officers are afforded the chance to work out on duty during each shift. Not only is physical health important in the role of police officer; research also shows that physical activity helps to combat mental health concerns and increase overall longevity. There is an on-site gym that staff can use during their allotted time on their shift.



Future Initiatives

Technology and equipment improvements

In 2023 Brooklyn Park Police Department will be procuring optic equipped replacement firearms, updated body worn cameras, updated squad cameras, and drones. All of these new or updated technologies will assist officers in an improved performance of their roles.

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS)

Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or drone is a small, unmanned aircraft that is flown by an officer licensed as a drone pilot. Drones search in, and around, structures for suspects that are attempting to avoid capture which improves officer safety because they are able to search for suspects from a distance. Drones are essential tools for search and rescue, accident investigation, and coordinating with paramedics and fire fighters during natural disasters.

Alternative Response Program

The end of December 2022 began the operation of the Alternative Response Team (ART) at Brooklyn Park Police Department. ART is made up of a Hennepin County Social Worker and North Memorial Community Paramedic that can respond to 911 calls that revolve around mental illness crisis incidents. Either police officers respond and create a safe scene, or ART responds without officers to 911 calls that don't require a police response. Look for more information about ART in 2023.

JustFOIA

We implemented JustFOIA software in January 2023 to enable individuals to request copies of police reports and make data requests. Public records requests can now be requested through the [JustFOIA secure online portal](#). Access to private, confidential and non-public data will only be released in accordance with Minnesota State Statute on a case-by-case basis. The requester can submit requests anonymously, track the status of requests, make payments online and receive all records in one central location.

K-9 Unit

Almost two years ago there was a tragic loss of one of our K-9s, and another handler transitioned to a new role. The major losses to our program allowed an opportunity to re-evaluate the progression of the program. Starting in 2023 we will transition to tracking only K-9s. The K-9s will be able to be used for location of suspects, missing children and elderly individuals, as well as evidence of crimes. Keep an eye on our social media to meet our new K-9s.

Final Note

The Brooklyn Park Police Department will continue its service to the community through effective partnerships and enforcement that provides residents of, and visitors to, Brooklyn Park with a sense of security. We approach this service through a violence reduction strategy of intervention, prevention, and enforcement.

The police department only controls the enforcement aspect of this approach. By using up-to-date intelligence, we focus our enforcement and investigation on small groups of individuals that are responsible for most of the crime.

Brooklyn Park Police Department recognizes that partnerships with organizations that focus on intervention and prevention connect those most impacted by violence with resources to interrupt the cycle of violence.



Brooklyn Park Police Transparency

How to connect with us

Social media

The Brooklyn Park Police Department uses numerous means of communication to share information with the public. Our social media outlets are [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

Website

On the Brooklyn Park Police Department website (www.brooklynpark.org/police) the public will find open data on dashboards that includes crime statistics, shots fired, and traffic stops as well as a crime map identifying where in the city crime has occurred. Coming this summer, you will find open data related to the Tactical Response Unit, officer use of force, vehicle pursuits, and citizen complaints. The public can obtain a copy of the Brooklyn Park Police Department policy manual, submit a tip, and submit a commendation or complaint about an officer on our website.

Tip 411

The department also shares important crime information, missing or found persons, or general safety tips with the public via [Tip411](#). Residents can sign up for the alerts or can view them on Facebook after they have been shared.

Language and accessibility

Brooklyn Park is committed to ensuring our materials are accessible to all residents.

- If you need this information in another language or alternative format:
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