



2013 Annual Report Vermillion Police Department



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Greetings from the Chief



2013 is behind us. This report is intended to highlight many of the projects we worked on in 2013. The components of this report have been prepared by the members of our department. The final selection of topics was mine. My hope is this report will give the public a good snapshot of our department and its efforts to serve the community.

This last year was busy. We started the year down two officer positions and we lost three more officers over the course of the year. So, one of the focuses of this year has been to hire and train five

officers. Hiring is an extensive process involving multiple levels of testing and interviews. Selected applicants then have to successfully complete an extensive background investigation, psychological screening, and a polygraph test. This is a time consuming process and we ran three separate testing cycles in 2013. After an officer is selected, he/she starts right into our Police Training Officer (PTO) Program. This is an innovative and challenging training program designed to challenge the new officers and develop them into problem solvers who are focused on community service. Creating a training program tailored to our department's needs and training five new officers took an estimated 8000 work hours. In my opinion, the Patrol Officers and Sergeants who were a part of this effort did an outstanding job and turned out five excellent new officers.

One recurring problem this hiring/training effort illustrates is the one of retention. The key to building a police department that is responsive to community needs is retention. The more experience an officer has in a community the better he/she understands the community and the resources available to address problems. The hard cost of replacing an officer is a little over \$32,000 per officer. In effect, this cost is absorbed by the police budget and represents lost hours focused on dealing with community issues. Clearly, losing five officers is a significant expense. This problem has been ongoing (there were four empty positions when I started in 2011), and we have tried to address it with a number of methods, e.g. training reimbursement agreements, increase pay, and increasing opportunities. This last hiring cycle we changed our hiring criteria to hire officers who we believe would be a good fit for the department rather than focusing strictly on test scores.

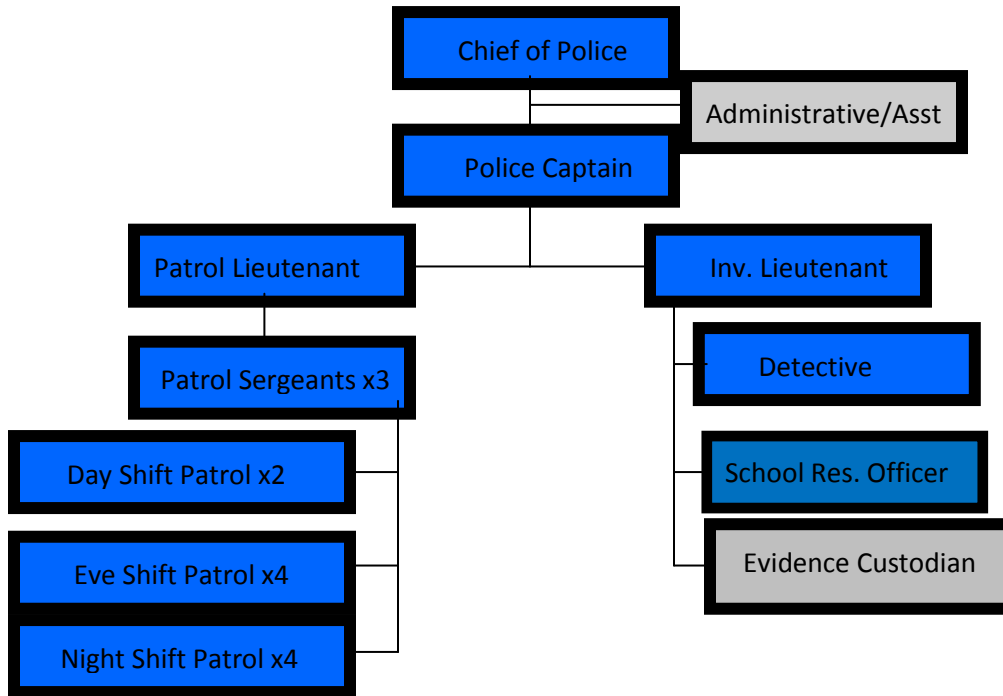
In 2014, we will be working to improve the working environment and develop our employees in hopes of improving retention. My goal is to reduce turnover from an estimated 25% (4.75 positions a year) to 10% (1.9 positions a year) by 2016. If we can accomplish this goal it will represent a significant savings for the Department and improve the quality of our response to the community's needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police.

Fast Facts

Total Number of Sworn Officer Positions with the Vermillion Police Department	19
Total Number of non-sworn employee positions authorized	2(1 part-time)
Total Calls For Service (CFS) in 2013	5,596
Average Monthly CFS in 2013	466
Busiest Month of the Year (based on CFS)	August 550
Slowest Month of the Year (based on CFS)	February 374
Busiest Day of the Week on Average	Saturday
Slowest Day of the Week on Average	Wednesday
Number of Marked Patrol Vehicles	5 (2 unmarked)
Number of Patrol Miles Driven	77795
Total Number of Officer Training Hours	1670 (Not including PTO)
Number of Parking Tickets Written	1327
Actual Total Cost of Department-2013	\$1,493.492.94

The organizational chart for 2013 was:



Above is an organizational chart of the Vermillion Police Department. In broad terms, the Chief, Administrative Assistant and the Police Captain perform the planning, logistics, financial, information systems, and quality control for the department. The Patrol side of the chart is the uniformed officers who respond to calls, perform traffic enforcement and do the lion's share of the day to day work. The Investigative side is responsible for major case investigations, coordinating with other agencies, alcohol compliance checks, school safety, and community outreach.

In addition to these specific assignments, all department members are encouraged to be problem solvers and find innovative community friendly methods of addressing issues.

Patrol Division by Lt. Trowbridge

The Vermillion Police Department's Patrol Division is responsible for the emergency and routine response to calls for service including traffic and parking enforcement, crime prevention patrol and initial response to medical and fire emergencies. The Patrol Division is the larger component of The Department. It is made up of a Lieutenant, three Sergeants, and ten Police Officers.. Patrol Officers respond to all calls for service: Police, EMS and Fire. Calls for service can have a wide variety of ranges in that some can be addressed in a short time while other calls can lead to lengthy investigations.

In 2013, the patrol staff was busy with our usual duties and responsibilities like Dakota Days as well as some areas for outreach with the community such as The Explorer Post and ALICE training for citizens. The past year brought about significant changes to the Department in other areas within the patrol division. Some of those changes include the Department's fleet, field training, and facility/equipment improvements.

Dakota Days by Sgt. Ryan Hough

The Dakota Days celebration marks the City of Vermillion's journey into the fall season, and offers a wide variety of community traditions and events that the entire community can enjoy. This event presents a unique set of challenges to the Vermillion Police Department, often requiring the cooperation of other departments from within the city, as well as other law enforcement agencies.



In past Dakota Days, the Vermillion Police Department has solicited the assistance of neighboring law enforcement units. For many years the Police Department has enjoyed a cooperative effort with the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the Clay Area Emergency Communications Center, the University of the South Dakota Police Department, and the Vermillion Fire and EMS Services. Prior to Dakota Days, planning meetings with the department heads of these agencies, as well as the actual members themselves, were held. Each agency was able to provide input and offer their services, people and equipment for assistance. Also in attendance were members of the USD Support Team, which helps to manage non-law enforcement, serious incidents involving citizens and students. While these resources and departments have always existed and participated, a new approach to better coordinate the efforts of these agencies has led to a more organized response, which ultimately benefits the community.

In the days just prior to the Dakota Days events, Captain Chad Passick worked very closely with the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) to install surveillance cameras in select positions in the downtown area of Vermillion. These cameras fed a live feed to the Public Safety Building where they were monitored by Department Staff. The feeds were also continuously recorded and could be played back. The purpose of these cameras was to provide better monitoring of the activities on Main Street in hopes of directing resources in a timelier manner. This has helped to enhance public safety and the Vermillion Police

Department's response to serious incidents during Dakota Days. The footage can also be used for prosecution purposes at a later date if needed. The cameras were removed and returned to the State of South Dakota following this event and are not a permanent fixture.

As in years past, the collective efforts of each department and agency played a pivotal and crucial role in our ultimate goal, which is to provide a safe and secure environment for the citizens and visitors to enjoy the heritage of Dakota Days.

Explorer Post by Sgt. Jacy Nelsen

The Vermillion Police Department Explorer Post #266 had a busy and eventful year during 2013. We currently have five members of the post and hold meetings about every other week throughout the year. All five members have completed the necessary training levels to become eligible for officer ride-a-longs. The officers currently involved with the Post as advisors consist of Sergeant Jacy Nelsen, Officer Anthony Klunder, and Officer Bryan Beringer.

We have had several Vermillion Police Department employees contribute to the training schedule this year by bringing their advanced knowledge and offering training in various topics to the Explorers. These instructors included: Officer Randy Crum, Sergeant Ryan Hough, and Sergeant Ben Nelsen. Additionally, we had Trooper Huertz attend a meeting for a demonstration of his K-9 service dog. Liv West and Jessica Standley with the Clay Area Emergency Services Communication Center assisted with Communications Training for the post, educating the Explorers on the importance of the communication systems utilized by law enforcement.

Explorer Post #266 has been active with community-involved projects during the year alongside the Vermillion Police Department and other law enforcement entities. The Explorers who maintained attendance to meetings and met entry-level training requirements earned Post polo shirts. They utilize these identifiable shirts during ride-a-longs where they get real world exposure and experience in policing as well as the community events. This year, the Explorers attended the annual bike rodeo held at the Vermillion High School in May and served concessions to the public. They assisted officers with games and events in Prentis Park for National Night Out in August. In October, they hosted a table of information about the Explorer Post at the Vermillion Police Department Open House. The Vermillion Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge hosted a Bowling Pin Shoot during 2013 and a 5k Run-From-The-Police race, and Explorers were on hand to assist at these events as well. They also participated in Law Enforcement Special Olympic events such as the Torch Run and the Polar Plunge.

One of the Explorers attended the South Dakota Youth Trooper Academy during June of 2013. This is geared toward teens to enhance their knowledge of the law enforcement career through a one week training opportunity with the South Dakota Highway Patrol at the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Pierre, South Dakota. Our Explorer was one of approximately sixteen attendees in the program and was sponsored by the Vermillion Legion. This was an exciting opportunity for our Post and we hope to have future Explorers attend this program.

The last year has been an active year for the Post and we hope to continue growing in our training opportunities for the Explorers. We hope to expand our recruiting efforts during 2014, and bring in additional members for the Post. We will also aim to involve more officers and law enforcement professionals in our training opportunities over the new year. Overall,

Explorer Post #266 has been a great growth opportunity for both the Explorers and the officers involved.

ALICE Training by Sgt. Ben Nelsen

In June of 2013 the department sent Sgt. Benjamin Nelsen to WITCC in Sioux City, IA to attend ALICE training. ALICE is an acronym which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. It is a program designed to teach civilians what they can do if an active shooter event occurs where they are. ALICE was devised with the opinion that people should consider what options they have other than merely locking themselves in a room and hoping the shooter doesn't find them. The primary focus of ALICE is that people should evacuate when they have the chance. The program teaches people to think about any way out of a room they might be in, including windows.

When leaving isn't an option, ALICE teaches the next best thing to do is Lockdown and barricade. In traditional methods, people have been taught to lock the door of the room they are in, turn off lights, and hide. ALICE takes this advice one step further and suggests that people barricade themselves into the room using desks, chairs, copy machines, tables... anything large and heavy that would prevent the shooter access to the room. To illustrate the importance of barricading, the program discusses the shooting at Virginia Tech. The only room the shooter didn't gain access to that day was a room where the students and teacher successfully barricaded the door. No one in that room was injured or killed despite the assailant trying, unsuccessfully, to gain access.

The final option ALICE teaches is to Counter, or fight. This is a last option when a person can't run and the shooter has made entrance into the room where they are. People are taught to use anything in their immediate vicinity to fight for their lives. The training also discusses why fighting a man with a gun isn't as suicidal as it might seem, while reminding them that fighting for your life is dangerous, but worth it.

As part of the two day training program, Sgt Nelsen also participated in shooting drills that showed the effectiveness which running, barricading, and countering all had in trying to survive an active shooter. Since returning, Sgt Nelsen has given an ALICE presentation to three different groups. He is also working with School Resource Officers in the hopes of presenting ALICE to Vermillion teachers.

Fleet by Lt. Luke Trowbridge

The Patrol Division maintains four marked patrol vehicles and a police motorcycle for service. In 2013, The Department's Fleet was subject to further vehicle changes. The Department replaced one of the final Ford Crown Victorias with a Chevrolet Caprice patrol vehicle. The future of the fleet will eventually have two Chevy Caprice sedan patrol vehicles and two SUV patrol vehicles. All of the patrol vehicles are equipped with RADAR units and video recording equipment to assist the officers in their traffic and criminal investigations. The police mountain bikes are still in use. Bike officers tallied more than fifty hours on the bikes during the Dakota Days week.



Field Training by Lt. Luke Trowbridge

The past year was a busy year for the entire training staff. It marked a comprehensive changeover in the Department’s training curriculum transitioning from an FTO (Field Training Officer) training model to a PTO (Police Training Officer) training model. PTO is a problem based learning format for field training of police officers. In late 2012, eight officers, sergeants and lieutenants were trained in the PTO model by our own Captain Chad Passick. The PTO model was established and the Department began training its first officer under the new program in late December 2012. The PTO training continued throughout each month of calendar year 2013 as the Department trained five new officers throughout the year and training officers logged more than 3000 hours training the new officers.

PTO takes into account the different adult learning styles as well as multiple intelligences to assist a new officer to learn and develop the knowledge and skills required of them in law enforcement. The new PTO model has unofficially cited that new officers will ascertain the knowledge and skill set sooner in their career, 2 ½ to 3 years under the PTO model as opposed to 5 years under the FTO model. The new PTO program altered the philosophy on how to train new officers and how the new officers learn. PTO is much more oriented to community policing than the previous training regimen. It tends to lead officers to seek out resources in the community to assist them in their duties which creates more awareness of the community for the new officer and builds working relationships within the community.

Facility Improvements by Officer Randy Crum



Last year, the squad room was remodeled and updates were added. Improvements included removing the old shelving, counter top, desk and filing cabinets. The shelves and filing cabinets were replaced with wooden utility cabinets. The cabinets are being used to store the items originally stored on the shelves along with providing each officer a workspace inside one of the utility cabinets

to store necessary paperwork and other items as they need. The counter top was replaced with new counter top and was separated by utility cabinets into three separate work areas which added a work station to the room. A new white board and television were purchased to assist new officers in presentations during their PTO



training period and for other training needs throughout the year. The room was repainted to give it an updated appearance.

Also in 2013 a compressed rubber block wall was installed at the firearms range to reduce the amount of lead entering the dirt berm behind the firing line. A brass recovery device was purchased to reduce the employee's exposure to lead residue on the expended ammunition brass. This device picks the expended brass off the ground as it is pushed over and then places it into a basket where it can easily be poured into another container to later be recycled or properly disposed. Reducing the employee's exposure to lead residue will potentially reduce long term health related effects associated with lead exposure.



Highway Safety Grant by Officer Jon Warner

In 2013 the Vermillion Police Department received a Highway Safety grant to purchase equipment related to traffic enforcement. Traffic enforcement is a major focus of the patrol division with the goal of reducing the number and severity of accidents in Vermillion. Through use of grant funds, The Department purchased numerous pieces of equipment. We also spent a considerable amount of time enforcing traffic.



The Department purchased a Lidar speed measuring device. This Lidar unit utilizes laser based sensing and is used by law enforcement to measure a vehicle's speed during speed enforcement. This unit is used in addition to radar units currently in the patrol vehicles.

In addition to the Lidar, The Department purchased a radar based data collection recorder. The data recorder accurately records up to two lanes of bi-directional traffic data. The data collection box is used to perform a speed study to determine if a speeding problem exists. When attached to a street pole the box blends in to the environment and is not noticed by the public. This anonymity allows for accurate data as drivers generally won't change their driving habits.

Conducting the speed study takes place over a period of seven to fourteen days. During this time data such as vehicle volume, direction of travel, speed, and time of day are recorded by the unit. *The data box does not take photographs.*

Once a problem area is identified the data box identifies specific times for the highest volume of traffic and highest number of speeding vehicles. Officers use this information to efficiently coordinate speed enforcement in the affected area.

A radar speed display sign was also purchased through the grant. The sign was placed in the 700 block of Burbank Road to increase visibility of the reduced speed limits for west bound motorists traveling into the southeast area of town. With the purchase of this equipment the Vermillion Police Department has been able to reduce speeding within the city limits.

Creating safer roadways in the community is a result of Patrol Officers spending more than 200 hours focusing on traffic enforcement throughout the year in addition to their routine shifts and duties.



Investigations Division by Lt. Brady

In 2013, the Vermillion Police Department Investigations Division consisted of one Lieutenant, one detective, one School Resource Officer, and one Evidence Clerk. The need for dedicated specialized investigators has become a necessary component of the modern police service. Public expectations, and the ever increasing complexity of criminal investigations, require dedicated officers with advanced training. The Investigations Division is responsible for taking over major investigations after the Patrol Division's initial response. Additionally, Investigations ensures the department's evidence handling and property management meet the high standards. Finally, Investigations serves as the primary coordinator of community relations and school resource development. In 2013, the Investigations Division took over 203 cases including: forgeries, thefts, assaults, sex crimes, burglaries, death investigations, drug investigations, and other felony crimes. Below is a summary of a few of those cases:

Summary Example of Investigative Cases by:

On January 29, 2013, Lt. Crystal Brady and Det. Robin Hower assisted DCI Agent Brian Schnabel in doing a controlled drug buy of one half pound of marijuana from a male at a residence in Vermillion. After the buy was completed, officers went to the residence, located the male, and secured the residence. Agent Schnabel then obtained a search warrant for the residence. While officers were searching the residence, they located the money that the confidential informant used to buy the drugs. They also found that the male's wife and their twin five-year-old sons were living in the residence. Officers located a meth pipe in the boys' bedroom. The male was arrested for several drug charges and the two boys were removed from the home for abuse and neglect issues.

On February 3, 2013, at approximately 3:30am, the Vermillion Police Department responded to the 100 block of N. Willow Street for a reported fight involving several individuals and possibly weapons. It was reported that one person was lying on the ground. Sgt. Ryan Hough, Officer Anthony Klunder, and Officer Nathan Goette were first to arrive on scene. During their interviews with the two victims and several witnesses still on scene, they learned the two victims had been stabbed with a knife. Det. Robin Hower was called out and followed up with the investigation. During Det. Hower's investigation, it was discovered that all the individuals involved had been at a house party. When the suspect and his friends were asked to leave, a physical fight ensued inside the residence. The suspect and his friends eventually left and went back to their dorm rooms. Once at their dorm rooms, the suspect retrieved a kitchen knife and a couple more friends and returned to the house party. Once at the house party, the suspect and his friends, as well as guests from the house party, started fighting again. This time the suspect stabbed two people from the party and left prior to officers arriving. The suspect was located and interviewed. The suspect was arrested and charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault.

On May 20, 2103, Officer Jessica Wade responded to a vehicle burglary in the 1800 blk of Vonnie St. The male victim reported that a shotgun and some other items were stolen out of his vehicle that was parked in front of his residence during the night time hours. There had been several vehicle burglaries reported around Vermillion between January of 2013 and May of 2013. Lt. Crystal Brady identified some adult and juvenile suspects that were thought to be involved in the burglaries. After several interviews, Lt. Brady obtained some information as to who stole the shotgun from the vehicle in the 1800 blk of Vonnie St. The three suspects consisted of one adult male and two juvenile males. Lt. Brady interviewed the three suspects. They admitted that they stole the shotgun while burglarizing vehicles in the area of Vonnie St. The three suspects stated that they discarded the shotgun over a bridge in the county. All three suspects were charged regarding the theft.

On August 7, 2013, Sgt. Jacy Nelsen received a report from four male college students that their residence, located in the 400 blk of Cottage Ave, had been burglarized during the night. The four males stated that several of their electronic items had been stolen. They said they had left the residence to go downtown from approximately 12:45am to 2am and that was when the burglary occurred. The four males stated that some people from across the street had come to their residence shortly before they left to hang out with them. The four males received information from the male renter of the house across the street that two of his guests from the night before had stolen the electronic items from their house. Lt. Brady interviewed the male renter from the house across the street and learned the identity of the two suspects. The two suspects were both males, one was an adult and the other was a juvenile. Lt. Brady obtained phone records regarding the two suspects and gained information regarding other people that had knowledge of the crime. Lt. Brady interviewed a witness that admitted to receiving one of the stolen laptops from the adult suspect the morning after the burglary. The witness also told Lt. Brady who had the other two laptops that were stolen. Lt. Brady obtained a search warrant and recovered the other two laptops. Lt. Brady interviewed the juvenile suspect regarding the burglary. He admitted that he and the adult suspect committed the burglary. Both suspects were charged regarding the burglary and theft.

On August 19, 2013, Sgt. Ben Nelsen responded to a burglary at a trailer located at 833 E Duke St. The victim reported that someone had broken a window in her bedroom, climbed in the window, and stole her flat screen TV and blu-ray player. The suspect had cut himself while entering the window and got blood on the TV box and sheets in the trailer. Lt. Brady responded to the trailer and located a black TV stand for the flat screen TV that had been dropped by the suspect. Lt. Brady located some latent prints on the TV stand and lifted them. The latent prints were sent to the forensic lab in Pierre. The lab determined that the latent prints belonged to a male that lived in Vermillion. The male had been hired to assist the victim in moving her property into the trailer. Lt. Brady interviewed the suspect. He admitted to returning to the trailer, breaking the window, and stealing the TV. The suspect was charged regarding the burglary and theft.

On August 23, 2013, the Vermillion Police Department received a theft report from SESDAC (Southeast South Dakota Activity Center). It was reported that an employee had stolen

a substantial amount of money from several of the SESDAC clients that resided in a SESDAC residential home. Det. Robin Hower met with management and the accounting personnel from SESDAC where they reviewed numerous documents and financial records. A review of these records initially showed eight SESDAC clients had money stolen from their accounts totaling roughly \$2,900.00. After interviewing the suspect and reviewing the documents and financial records with her, she admitted to stealing a total of \$3,300.00 from the eight victims. The suspect was arrested and charged with felony grand theft.

Dakota Days Enforcement

During Dakota Days weekend of 2013, Det. Hower and Lt. Brady teamed up with two agents from the Division of Criminal Investigation in an attempt to limit the number of underage house parties in Vermillion. The operation was an effort to keep people safe and lessen the amount of other crimes, such as assaults, thefts, intentional damage, and sex crimes. We busted two large house parties during that weekend. The renters of the two houses were located and cited for Disorderly House and Public Nuisance. The specific individuals that were shown to have provided alcohol to underage people were cited for Furnishing Alcohol to Persons 18-21. The guests at the party were instructed to leave each of the residences and vacate the area. The idea behind citing the renters is to hold them responsible for giving people under the age of 21 a place to drink alcohol, especially in large groups.

This is the second year that the detectives and agents have taken this approach to the issue of underage drinking. We found that there appeared to be fewer large house parties than the year before. While working on the house parties, Det. Hower, the two agents, and Lt. Brady were also available to take any felony calls that came in to keep officers on the streets for other calls.

Alcohol Compliance Checks

During 2013, Det. Robin Hower and Lt. Brady continued to conduct alcohol compliance checks for the City of Vermillion. Our goal each year is to complete forty checks of the businesses that have alcohol licenses. We were able to complete thirty-four of those checks in 2013. 79% of the businesses passed the checks in 2013, which was up from 66% of the businesses passing in 2012. The businesses that struggle the most are convenience stores and restaurants. Chief Matt Betzen and Lt. Brady continue to meet with alcohol license holders in an effort to find ways to keep their employees vigilant and watching for people under the age of 21 trying to buy alcohol. Chief Betzen and the alcohol licenses holders have teamed up to raise money for rewards. Each employee that passes an alcohol compliance check is rewarded with \$50 of Vermillion bucks for doing their part in checking IDs and denying sales to those that are under the age of 21. This reward program seems to have given the employees a positive incentive to be more aware of the issue.

Other Tasks Assigned to Investigations

In addition to investigating cases, the detectives participate in several groups and community organizations. The detectives are members of the Clay County Child Protection Team. The Team is made up of individuals in the community including principals, counselors, nurses, a doctor, social workers, a pastor, law enforcement, prosecutors, and early childhood development workers. The Team meets once a month to share information regarding children that are in neglect or abuse situations or in families that need additional assistance. The Team organizes parenting classes twice a year that are free to anyone in the surrounding area. Free child care is provided by the Team for any parents that attend the classes. The Team also organizes babysitting classes twice a year. The babysitting classes give kids eleven years old and up the necessary skills to babysit younger children. Lt. Crystal Brady has served as the President of the Team for five of the past six years.

The detectives are also members of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Network (LEIN). LEIN consists of investigators from every type of law enforcement in South Dakota. The detectives attend LEIN meetings once every quarter to discuss cases and law enforcement issues. The Division of Criminal Investigation also provides training at each of the meetings to assist investigators in working cases. These meetings also provide the detectives with the opportunity to build a network of allies and resources in solving cases. Many times criminals commit their crimes in several jurisdictions. Investigators work together to solve cases that may have gone unsolved.

Lt. Brady is involved in organizing a couple community events for the Vermillion Police Department. She organizes National Night Out in August each year and the Law Enforcement Open House in October each year. Both events give officers the opportunity to interact with members of the community in a positive way.

In the past, the Vermillion Police Department has sponsored a cookout in Prentis Park to recognize National Night Out. National Night Out is celebrated across the nation. The purpose of National Night Out is to encourage neighborhoods to band together to get rid of crime in their area. The Vermillion Police Department wants citizens to know that they can play a key role in keeping their neighborhood and city safe. Residents can contact us to schedule a block party.

The law enforcement open house has been held at the public safety center for many years. It has evolved into a Halloween theme over the years. Members of the community are invited to come see what law enforcement officers do on a daily basis while performing their jobs. The kids are invited to wear their Halloween costumes. The Department provides free food, demonstrations, safety information, patrol vehicle tours, and lots of Halloween candy.

School Resource Officer by Officer Bryan Beringer

I began acting in an official capacity as School Resource Officer for the Vermillion Police Department and Vermillion School District on Monday, August 19, 2013. The first day of school was Tuesday, August 20th. Prior to the start of the school year, I attended and graduated from D.A.R.E. instructor school.

Deputy Paul Pederson and I split the schools in Vermillion by east and west districts. My main responsibilities are in the Middle School and Austin Elementary School, with a majority of my time spent in the Middle School. My primary goal as School Resource Officer is the safety and security of the schools, students and faculty. Following that, a priority of mine is to investigate crimes committed by, and/or against students and faculty. I also view my position as a conduit for the police department's resources and the school district. I have been voted onto the Clay County Child Protection Team and have attended meetings offering my knowledge and input into that organization as often as possible. The opportunity to develop relationships with the young people of our community and be in the schools where these young people spend most of their day allows me to deal with many calls that had fallen on patrol officers in the past.



I review attendance records with the Truancy Officer and I have been assisting her in speaking with parents who are not getting their children to school on time. During one such investigation, we encountered two mothers who appeared to be under the influence of narcotics; arrests were made and further drug investigations were completed from that incident. Since the Truancy Officer has to split her time between all the schools in the Vermillion School District, I often take it upon myself to review daily attendance records and go to the homes of students who are not at school, and are not excused by a parent. I gather the information from these parents and, when necessary, request they or the student be charged accordingly with any violations of State law.

I have become a resource for the staff at the middle school in that I am constantly available to help them with issues that present a danger to staff and students.

The staff and faculty also know that I have resources at my disposal such as contact to detectives, Child Protection Team, and social services that might normally take them several days to contact and meet with whereas I can make those contacts instantly and get resources moving to address issues.

I have been invited, and enthusiastically agreed, to go to Austin Elementary School to read to the kindergarten classes, and the teachers there know I am always willing and ready to do that again.

On January 13th of this year I taught my first D.A.R.E. class in Mr. Mart's 5th grade class at Jolley Elementary School. I like teaching the class and, even though I've only covered the first lesson in the 3 D.A.R.E. classes I'm instructing for 5th grade, I know it is going to be an enjoyable activity. I believe in the D.A.R.E. mission and objectives and I know that since I'm teaching the students this year as 5th graders, and next year's 6th graders, I will be able to have an impact on them and hopefully guide them to making safe and responsible choices.

New Officers in 2013



Jessica Wade
Police Officer
Serving Since
03/04/2013

Officer Wade has been with the Vermillion Police Department since 2013. She studied Police Science Technology at Western Iowa Tech. Community College in Sioux City, Iowa, as well as Criminal Justice and Sociology at Briar Cliff University. In her free time, she enjoys horseback riding, running with her dogs, volunteering, and spending time with her family.



Andrew Delgado
Police Officer
Serving Since
06/24/2013

Officer Andrew Delgado has been an officer with the Vermillion Police Department since 2013. He is a graduate of USD with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education. Delgado has served proudly in the National Guard since 2006. In his free time, he enjoys hunting and golf.



Chet Moser
Police Officer
Serving Since
08/19/2013

Officer Chet Moser began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in Custer County in 2011. He was born in Huron, SD and raised in Rapid City, SD. Officer Moser joined the South Dakota National Guard in 1994 and served six years as a Motor Transport Operator. He recently went back to school to obtain his degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Alcohol and Drug Studies at the University of South Dakota. He and his family place a high level of importance on family and church life.



Joseph Ostrem
Police Officer
Serving Since
09/23/2013

Officer Joseph Ostrem is originally from Wakonda, SD. Joseph started his career in law enforcement at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in 2003 and worked as a Border Patrol Agent in Texas before joining the Department. Joseph graduated with a bachelor's degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from Grantham University in 2011. Joseph is an active member of the Army Reserve and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Joseph is married with two children and enjoys spending time with family and friends, working on the family farm, golfing and hunting.

Special Recognition



Ryan Hough, Sergeant
Serving Since 1/11/2002
Awarded: Meritorious
Service Award.



Ben Nelsen, Sergeant
Serving Since 4/29/2004
Awarded: Chief's
Excellence Award.



Robin Hower, Detective
Serving Since 01/10/2002
Awarded: Meritorious
Service Award.



Bryan Beringer, SRO
Serving Since 2/22/2008
Awarded: 2013 Officer of
the Year



**Randy Crum, Police Officer
Trainer**
Serving Since 05/22/2003
Awarded: 2013 Coach of the
Year

Statistics

The department maintains a database that can be mined for a variety of statistical information. For the purpose of this report, we have generated three different views of this information to provide a picture of our activity. Four years of statistics have been represented for these views. The table below lists the categories of CFS and the number received each year in each category. CFS stands for Calls For Service, and represents all efforts by Citizens to call for assistance.

<u>Description</u>	<u>CFS Year</u>			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
911-Other	293	280	282	301
Accident w/Injury	22	14	14	14
Accident w/out Injury	253	221	208	221
Alarm	65	53	49	69
Alcohol Incident (non-traffic)	125	81	78	56
Animal Complaint	124	125	136	152
Assault	44	39	44	52
Assist other Agency	93	82	70	81
Burglary	64	44	66	75
Check Welfare	104	115	158	169
Damage to Property	145	119	138	125
Death Investigation	1	3	1	3
Dispute Between Persons	75	156	146	165
Domestic Incident	75	99	107	107
Drug Related	21	25	27	31
Found Property	181	173	185	156
Fraud	30	45	45	57
Funeral Escort	11	8	15	7
Information Item	611	572	511	399
Juvenile Delinquency	6	14	11	12
Lost Property	67	68	53	75
Medical Incident	282	275	323	276
Mental Illness	8	11	16	15
Missing Person	19	36	24	37
Noise Complaint	120	158	147	125
Public Disorder	85	63	88	64
Robbery	1	0	0	0
Sex Crimes	7	12	9	14
Suspicious Activity	197	235	278	319
Theft	231	223	200	209
Traffic Incident	3,198	1,898	2,347	2,092
Transport	1	2	1	1
Violation of Court Order	10	8	12	20
Wanted Person	22	21	18	30
Weapons Related Incident	4	1	6	4

National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS): is a federally standardized system of categorizing crimes known to police. While these numbers often appear to conflict with other statistics because of varying definitions of crimes between state and federal agencies, they are a view of the community that is standardized nationwide. This report can be produced automatically through our agency's records management system (LEDS).

State Reporting Code		Incident Start Year			
		2010	2011	2012	2013
100	Kidnapping/Abduction	1	1	1	0
11A	Forcible Rape	12	8	4	6
11D	Forcible Fondling	6	5	8	7
120	Robbery	1	0	1	0
13A	Aggravated Assault	11	16	23	26
13B	Simple Assault	106	97	96	79
13C	Intimidation	19	20	30	27
200	Arson	0	3	0	0
220	Burglary/Breaking and Entry	35	29	33	20
23A	Larceny/Theft	1	2	1	0
23B	Purse-snatching	0	3	1	1
23C	Shoplifting	14	14	26	22
23D	Theft from Building	27	36	40	37
23F	Theft from Motor Vehicle	42	33	54	49
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts	1	5	7	3
23H	Other Larceny	123	99	97	112
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	16	18	10	4
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	17	16	23	16
26A	Fraud/Swindle,False Statement	1	1	1	0
26C	Fraud/Imperson	0	1	0	1
270	Embezzlement	0	0	0	1
280	Stolen Property Offenses	2	6	0	0
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	127	98	140	101
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violation	73	107	128	84
35B	Drug Equipment Violation	25	42	47	25
36B	Statutory Rape	1	1	2	3
370	Obscene material	3	0	1	3
40A	Prostitution	1	0	0	0
40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0	1	0	0
520	Weapons Law Violation	0	3	6	0
90A	Bad Checks	3	7	0	0
90B	Curfew/Loitering	1	0	0	0
90C	Disorderly Conduct	133	119	175	123
90D	Driving Under the Influence	98	95	127	38
90F	Family Offenses/Nonviolent	2	4	3	6
90G	Liquor Law Violation	268	207	244	146
90H	Peeping Tom	3	1	3	0
90I	Runaway	3	9	2	6
90J	Trespass of real property	37	27	36	27
90Z	All Other Offenses	142	164	145	151

Disposition Codes: Calls for service that generate an incident report are eventually cleared using a final disposition code. These dispositions are:

Closed – Charges Filed: These are cases that resulted in criminal charges being filed

Closed – Prosecution Declined: These are cases that were referred to the States Attorney, and charges were declined.

Closed – Resolved: These are cases where the complaint was resolved, and did not result in charges.

Closed – Unresolved: These are cases where the issue remains unresolved. One example would be an unsolved vandalism.

Forward to Investigations: These are cases that are forwarded to the Detectives for additional investigation.

Forward to Other Agency: These are cases where the event occurred outside our jurisdiction or the crime involves special agencies.

Under Investigation: These are cases that have not been closed and are still actively being investigated.

Under Prosecutor Review: These are cases that have been referred to the States Attorney and a final determination has not been recorded in the case file. Some of these numbers reflect a process glitch, where old cases are not always updated with final dispositions from the S.A.

<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Incident Start Year</u>			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Case Incorrectly Opened	19	4	0	0
Closed - Charges Filed	1,611	865	894	812
Closed - Prosecution Declined	67	40	57	46
Closed - Resolved	4,265	3,662	4,132	4,132
Closed - Unresolved	648	613	609	500
Forward to Investigations	38	122	161	168
Forward to Other Agency	106	125	96	69
Under Investigation	13	14	33	3
Under Prosecutor Review	9	23	44	9
Unknown	1	6	4	10

In 2013, 200 cases were referred to the Detectives for additional investigation. These tend to be cases that involve significant resources to investigate and tend to be more serious offenses.

<u>Disposition</u>	<u>Incident Start Year</u>			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Case Incorrectly Opened	2	0	0	0
Closed - Charges Filed	21	25	44	28
Closed - Prosecution Declined	5	6	9	7
Closed - Resolved	25	60	67	73
Closed - Unresolved	13	23	24	28
Forward to Investigations	0	1	0	1
Forward to Other Agency	3	7	36	29
Under Investigation	2	1	7	16
Under Prosecutor Review	0	2	2	18
Totals	71	125	189	200

Budget vs. Actual Expenditures

The following Table provides a financial picture of the department's expenditures during 2013. The total cost for the Police Department in 2013 was \$1,493,492.94, which represents 95.20% of the total budgeted in 2013. Note the total budget was reduced in July by \$64,024.00 this was due to unfilled positions and one officer, who was deployed overseas as a member of the South Dakota National Guard.

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Budget	1,632,776.00	1,632,776.00	1,632,776.00	1,632,776.00	1,632,776.00	1,632,776.00
Monthly Exp. - Admin	22,425.43	28,830.04	42,211.19	28,154.04	30,889.73	31,449.69
Monthly Exp. - Patrol	57,970.37	81,877.45	124,642.65	88,579.27	81,926.27	79,513.47
Dept. Monthly Expenses	80,395.80	110,707.49	166,853.84	116,733.31	112,816.00	110,963.16
YTD Expenses	80,395.80	191,103.29	357,957.13	474,690.44	587,506.44	698,469.60
% of Year	8.33%	16.67%	25.00%	33.33%	41.67%	50.00%
% Expended	4.92%	11.70%	21.92%	29.07%	35.98%	42.78%

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Budget	1,568,752.00	1,568,752.00	1,568,752.00	1,568,752.00	1,568,752.00	1,568,752.00
Monthly Exp. - Admin	30,039.08	53,553.00	29,061.60	29,694.16	39,686.93	44,455.11
Monthly Exp. - Patrol	75,027.01	104,838.30	81,052.24	96,212.29	82,739.51	128,664.11
Dept. Monthly Expenses	105,066.09	158,391.30	110,113.84	125,906.45	122,426.44	173,119.22
YTD Expenses	803,535.69	961,926.99	1,072,040.83	1,197,947.28	1,320,373.72	1,493,492.94
% of Year	58.33%	66.67%	75.00%	83.33%	91.67%	100.00%
% Expended	51.22%	61.32%	68.34%	76.36%	84.17%	95.20%