



Pierre Police Department 2022 Year End Report

VALUES

Professionalism — We have a clear sense of commitment, perspective, and direction. It is developed by creating an environment that encourages teamwork, empowerment, innovation, further education and training to enhance the quality of life in our community.

Integrity — We will work to uphold the public trust by being honest, competent and consistent in our beliefs and actions. We will hold ourselves accountable to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.

Equality — We are committed to protecting and preserving the rights of all individuals as guaranteed by the Constitution. Having an appreciation of cultural diversity, we will strive to administer justice and empathy.

Response — We will respect and protect the rights and dignity of all person, conducting ourselves with courtesy and compassion.

Excellence — We strive for excellence through a partnership of community and law enforcement. With team work, we will deliver these services in the most humane manner possible, be it for person or animal.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Pierre Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to deter crime, reduce fear, and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. We are dedicated to the accomplishment of our mission in the protection of life and property by treating all citizens with courtesy and respect while upholding the Constitution, the laws of the State of South Dakota, and the ordinance of the City of Pierre.

We are the community and the community is the Pierre Police Department

Vision Statement

The Pierre Police Department is committed to providing a sense of safety in the community by addressing crime and enhancing the quality of life. The Department embraces the philosophy of community-based policing and will form problem-solving partnerships with the community to fulfill this vision.

We will continue to encourage teamwork, innovation, efficiency and professionalism.

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Hello, and thank you for your interest in our annual year-end report and summary of services. As the Chief of Police for this outstanding department, some of the greatest compliments I have received from members of our community are how our Police Officers strive their very best to present themselves as professionals and possess a true desire to be involved in our community. The efforts that our department members carry out on a daily basis to ensure the safety and quality of life for all individuals throughout our community and coverage areas is top notch. We do our best to initiate the first contact with our residents and visitors to our community from a professional level and serve them with respect throughout a large variety of calls for service.

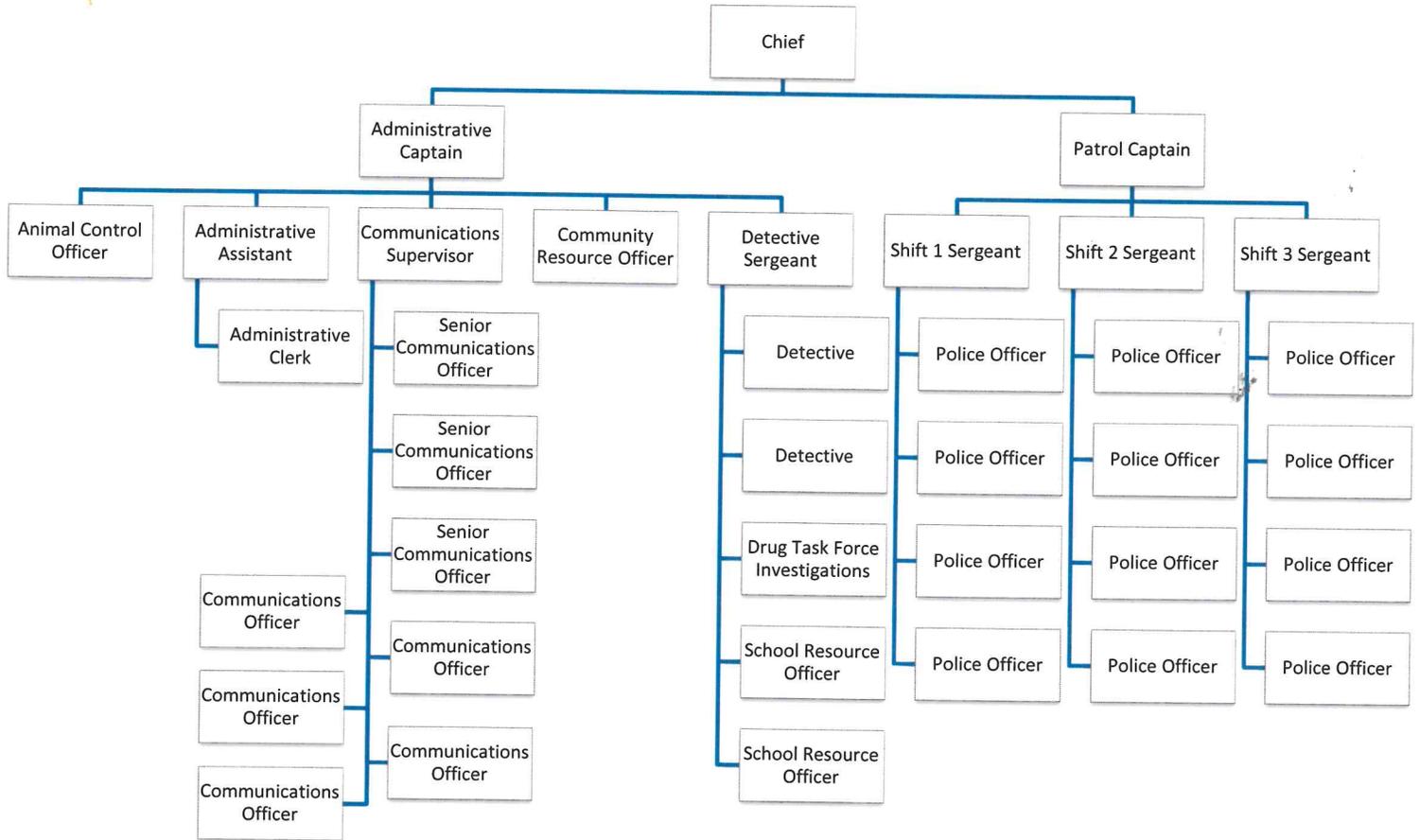
We know that central South Dakota has a great number of assets to offer, with many family oriented activities such as camping, boating, fishing and hunting along with so much more. Our city also offers a variety of businesses that support these activities along with providing many services for the state government employees throughout the year and during our state's legislative session. I am confident that we can provide a true sense of security throughout our community for all that live and visit. My desire to those reading this report is that you know that our Pierre Police Department takes proactive steps to train our men and women in law enforcement to be fully prepared as they serve our beautiful city daily and handle a vast array of public safety issues.

Great pride is taken to involve our Communication Officers, Patrol Officers, Investigators and Administrative staff to offer a full service professional police department for the City of Pierre.

As you review the statistics and services provided by our police department, I invite you to reach out to us with your concerns and we will be ready and able to assist as necessary.



Jason Jones
Chief of Police



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



The Pierre Police Administrative Division is made up of both sworn and civilian personnel. Administrative Captain Bryan Walz oversees the Administrative Division of the Pierre Police Department.

The Administrative Captain serves as Commander of the Investigations Division, Communications Division, Records Section, School Resource Officers, Animal Control Officer and the Community Resource Officer Programs. The Administrative Captain also oversees the recruiting of new employees in the Administrative Division and acts as a liaison between the public, news outlets and the Police Department.

Bryan Walz

Administrative Captain

RECORDS

The Records Division is responsible for maintaining all case files and related data. Additionally, staff transfers multiple records for the Police Department to the judicial system and the public. This information includes criminal investigation reports, accident reports, and various other case reports and calls for service. In addition to these duties, employees of the Records Division also assist the public by performing in excess of 600 fingerprint appointments each year.

Melinda Sivage

Administrative Assistant



COMMUNICATIONS

The Pierre Police Communications Division, also known as the Central SD Communications Center is a state-of-the-art law enforcement/public safety communications center. The center is operated by a team of highly trained and certified staff consisting of fourteen Communications Officers, and one Communications Manager.

The 911-service area consists of the following 5 counties: Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Stanley, and Sully, which encompasses approximately 5,000 square miles and approximately 26,000 people. All emergency 911 calls and texts in these counties and cities are routed to the Central SD Communications Center. The communications center is also equipped with state-of-the-art TTY/TDD communications equipment for communications with individuals with deafness or a hearing impairment.

The Central SD Communications Center not only receives 911 calls for the five counties, it also coordinates emergency and non-emergency radio, telephone and teletype communications for law enforcement, ambulance, and fire/rescue for all 5 counties and their respective cities within the counties.

In addition to answering 911, the Communications Center also handles non-emergency calls for the City of Pierre, Pierre Police Department, Hughes County Sheriff's Office, Stanley County Sheriff's Office, and the Sully County Sheriff's Office; State agencies including the South Dakota Highway Patrol, Division of Criminal Investigations, Game Fish and Parks, Department of Corrections and Department of Transportation and other state agencies; Federal agencies including the FBI and the US Marshal Service and various other agencies.

Cindy Gross

Communications Manager



COMMUNICATIONS (cont.)

Statistics from 2022:

62,536 phone calls processed

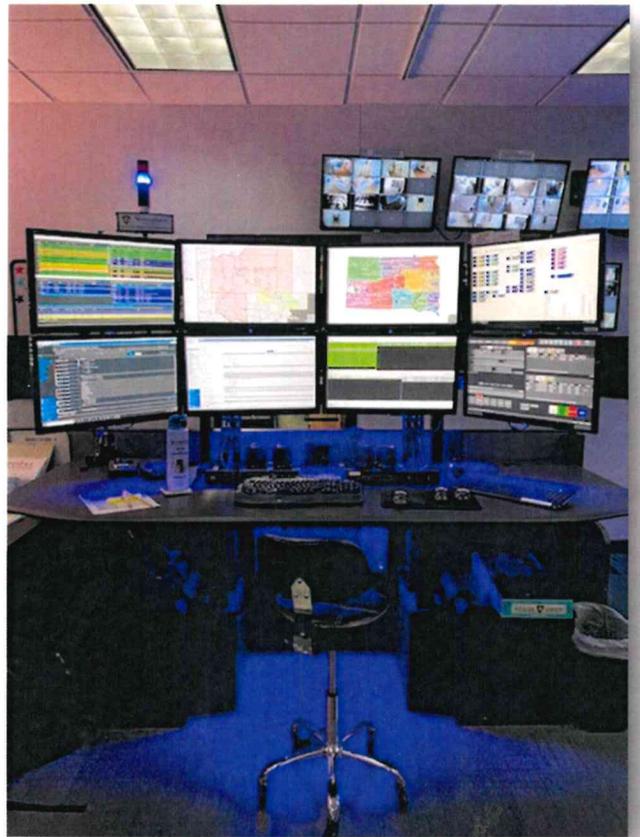
- 7,757 **911 calls**
 - 6,614 wireless phone calls
(85.26% of all 911 calls received)
 - 90 VoIP calls
 - 1,029 wireline calls
 - 24 – no class of service
- 46 **Text to 911 messages**
- 33,838 Incoming Administrative calls
- 20,941 Outgoing phone calls

Breakdown of phone calls:

Average of 171 phone calls per day

Average of 21 911-calls per day

Average of 150 non-emergency-line calls per day



Due to the demands of this job and the need to get the right resources to the correct location, there is a thorough training program as well as continued training for personnel in the center. Training includes required trainings for State Certification, CPR certification as well as online training and in person seminars and scenario training.

In public service, the emphasis is on providing a service to the citizens and communities we serve and safety for our first responders. To aid in this, the Central SD Communications center currently utilizes multiple computer programs, including 2 Computer Aided Dispatch programs to ensure their ability to have access to the most current data needed to handle any situation. Innovations such as this, along with an extensive training program and dedicated staff have allowed the Central SD Communications Center to be at the forefront in its industry.

65,871 Calls for Service were handled in 2022 / Averaging **180.46** Calls For Service per day

Processing Phone Calls:

In 2022, the Center received 7,757 emergency 911 calls, which is an decrease of 900 911- calls from the previous year.

Non-emergency call volume was down from 2021. The non-emergency calls processed in 2022 were 54,779 compared to 2021 total of 58,857.

99.29 % of all 911 calls received were answered in 10 seconds or less, with 99.75% of all 911 calls received, were answered within 15 seconds of the phone ringing in our Dispatch center. 99.3% of all phone calls received were answered in less than 15 seconds.

Non-Emergency Calls:

While there is no exact science utilized to predict emergencies. The center proactively uses tools such as call volume, crime trends, weather and other pertinent factors to dictate staffing levels to ensure that the center is staffed to handle any emergency 24/7.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER

One of the main functions of the Community Resource Program is the enforcement of health, safety and public nuisance ordinances within the city, such as but not limited to:

- Trash**
- Building/Construction Materials**
- Rubble**
- Dead Animal Carcasses or Hides**
- Discarded Appliances**
- Dismantled / Junk Vehicles and Trailers**
- Unkempt lawns, lots, trees and alleys**
- Weed Eradication**
- Inspection of Tattoo/Body Piercing Artist and Establishments**

2022 Violations: 147 TOTAL

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Criminal Investigations Division is comprised of a Detective Sergeant, two Detectives, a Drug Investigator and two School Resource Officers.

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for conducting misdemeanor and felony investigations that are referred from the Patrol Division, as well as investigating reports from the public and other agencies. The division is additionally responsible for conducting department pre-employment background investigations and background investigations on city liquor license applicants.

The Criminal Investigations Division is responsible for the management and warehousing of property and evidence for the department.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Homicide	0	1	1	0	1
Aggravated Assault	38	48	98	84	50
Fraud	55	75	46	67	32
Robbery	1	3	2	5	8
Burglary	98	76	97	146	62
Arson	3	0	1	3	1
Sex Offenses* (*Sex Offenses and Rape Totals Combined)	34	37	36	44	42
Narcotics/Drugs	360	312	264	264	136
TOTAL	589	553	547	613	332

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Officer Macey Chambers and Officer Jacob Harlow served as the School Resource Officers (SRO's) for the Pierre School District.

The SRO's perform a wide variety of services for our schools each year, including coordinating and evaluating school lockdown and evacuation drills with school staff. SRO's also give safety talks to students of all ages on topics ranging from texting and driving, to drugs and alcohol, making responsible choices, bullying awareness and more. SRO's work diligently to educate the school staff about current trends, crimes, and concerns Law Enforcement Officers are beginning to face with the juvenile population. They train staff in appropriate ways to react to stressful and concerning situations.

The SRO's also coordinate security for larger school sporting events, such as football and basketball games. A School Resource Officer works security at each large event.



Macey Chambers

T.F. Riggs	829
GMMS	683
Buchanan	419
Jefferson	428
Kennedy	381



Jacob Harlow





ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer (ACO) position is currently filled by Farley Zuber. The ACO works varying shift and days of the week, thereby making himself available to better serve the community’s animal control needs. With the assistance of Patrol Officers, the ACO works to resolve citizen complaints and requests for service concerning incidents including, but not limited to: complaints of animals at-large, reports of animal abuse and/or neglect, and reports of animals disturbing the peace.

The most frequent complaint the Animal Control Officer receives concerns unattended animals running at large.

In addition to enforcing the city’s animal ordinances, the ACO assists the public by providing live traps for nuisance animals, including feral/stray cats or dogs, wild skunks, raccoons and opossums.

Farley Zuber

Animal Control Officer

VIOLATIONS	
Animal at Large	304
Animal Disturbing the Peace	13
Animal Neglect	17
No Rabies Vaccination	0
Animal Trap Request	159
Animals Found/Missing	126
CALL TYPE	
Animal Surrendered	12
Animal Bite	8
Deer Complaints	6
Non-Domestic Animal Calls	51
General Animal Complaints	528

PATROL DIVISION



The Patrol Division consist of three crews, providing 24 hour coverage through 8 hour shifts every day of the year. Each Patrol Sergeant has at least four police officers assigned to their shift. Except for the Patrol Captain, all sergeants and officers assigned to the patrol division work rotating shifts with rotating days off.

The Patrol Captain serves as Commander of the Patrol Division. He is responsible for the recruiting of new Patrol Officers, as well as the development and coordination of in-service training for all police officers and reserve officers. He also coordinates the development and implementation of all crime prevention and community policing presentations conducted by officers of the Patrol Division.

Derald Gross Jr.

Patrol Captain

FLEET

Our department currently maintains a fleet of seventeen vehicles. Nine vehicles are marked patrol units which are utilized daily for patrol activities. This includes a marked pickup truck, which is primarily driven by the ACO. Also used by patrol duties during inclement winter weather. Three marked patrol units are utilized by the SRO's and CRO.

Our department has six unmarked vehicles used by the Administration and the Detective Division and one eight passenger van used for transportation of specialized teams with the department. New to the fleet is a bus used by the SWAT team for training and transportation.

Vehicles in the Police fleet are driven nearly 300,000 miles each year. In order to keep the fleet cost down, we have implemented a maintenance and fleet replacement schedule. By doing so we are able to maximize the effectiveness of the fleet while reducing vehicle down time and cost.



Patrol

The Patrol Division's main responsibility is to respond to the city's day-to-day calls for response and investigation, and requests for assistance from the public. In addition to its main responsibilities, Patrol Division also routinely patrols and enforces state and city traffic ordinances on Pierre's approximate 100 miles of city street.

Coupled with their general duties, Patrol Officers are also given additional assignments such as the SWAT Team, Police Training Officers, Firearms Instructors, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Equipment Officers, Cadet Program Advisors, and still others frequently engage in public speaking opportunities for crime prevention and community policing presentations.

Traffic Enforcement/Citations	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
DUI	114	99	107	123	101
Zero Tolerance DUI	2	5	2	0	2
Speeding	152	154	53	59	81
Stop Sign	24	18	18	16	11
Stop Light	16	18	5	11	16
DUR/DUS	131	100	79	43	99
No Insurance	90	90	43	56	84
Child Restraint	6	11	7	4	3
Seat Belt	32	40	12	27	11
License Plates	32	32	13	18	21
No Driver's License	90	89	63	44	66
Exhibition Driving	3	2	5	15	6
TOTALS	692	658	407	416	501



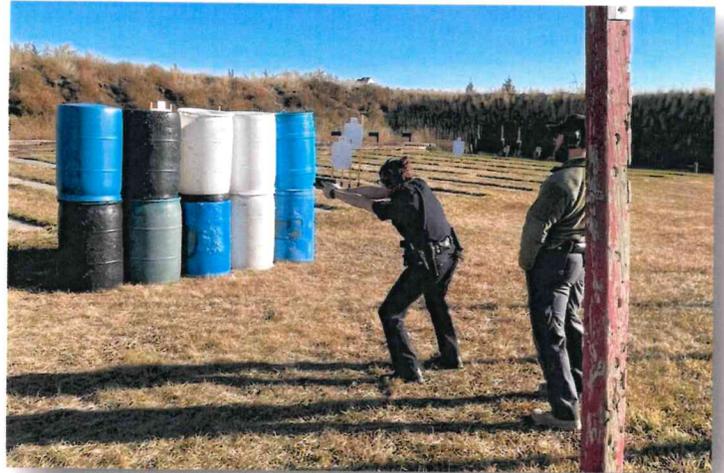
Recruit Training

The Pierre Police Department has adopted the Field Training Officer model for use in our recruit training program. This program is founded on the basis of problem based learning. We utilize this concept in all aspects of the training program. By doing so we are allowing the recruit officer to develop the necessary skills required to perform their duties in a professional manner.

Each recruit is required to complete in-house training prior to starting the training program. During in-house training, the recruit is instructed in policy and procedure, firearms, use of force, ethics and patrol function. After successfully completing the in-house portion of the training, the recruit is then assigned to the Police Training Program.

The Police Training Program encompasses 15 consecutive weeks. Then recruit is assigned a Field Training Officer for each of the four phases. During this time period, a midterm and final evaluation are conducted to gauge the progress of the recruit.

Along with in-house training, each recruit is enrolled in the 13-week Basic Law Enforcement Academy at the Law Enforcement Training Center in Pierre, receiving their full State Law Enforcement Certification upon graduation. Following successful completion of the training program, the recruit will then be given a patrol assignment where they will continue through their probationary period. Upon successful completion of the probationary period, the recruit will then obtain the position of Patrol Officer within the Pierre Police Department.



SWAT

The Central South Dakota SWAT (CSD SWAT) team is a regional tactical team that operates through a cooperative effort of the Pierre Police Department and the Hughes County Sheriff's Office. The CSD SWAT has been established for the purpose of assisting department personnel and outside agencies during circumstances that involve potentially life-threatening situations. CSD SWAT has highly trained officers skilled in the use of special weapons, equipment and techniques designed to reduce the risk of law enforcement personnel and innocent citizens in dangerous situations.



Responses include, but are not limited to the following:

Barricaded Subject (s) - includes armed felony suspect and mentally unstable individuals

Sniping Incidents

Search and Arrest Warrants— when considered high-risk (likelihood of armed or combative subjects)

Hostage Situations

Other Situations of a high risk nature in which a specialized unit response would be beneficial.

Team member responsibilities are to participate in scheduled training events and uphold high standards of weapon proficiency and team movements. Team members are responsible for the maintenance of the specialized equipment they may be assigned.



PUBLIC SERVICES

The members of the Pierre Police Department work to provide a high quality customer based police service to the citizens and guests in the city of Pierre. We provide our professional leadership and knowledge to other groups in our community by providing police employees to speak and serve on advisory boards that help promote public safety and an enhanced quality of life for everyone in our community.

We have officers serving on Service Boards and Professional Advisory Groups for some of the following agencies in our community and area: Midwest Organized Crime information Center, Problem Solving Court, A.P.C.O. (Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials), South Dakota Peace Officers Association, South Dakota School Resource Officer Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Center, Pierre Area Referral Services and the Child Assessment Center.

Police Employees are often featured as public speakers/presenters in some of the following areas:

School Outreach Programs	Workplace Violence	Internet Safety	Social Media Awareness
Domestic Violence	Suicide Prevention	Drivers Education	Halloween Safety
Safety Town	Cultural Diversity	Crime Prevention	Personal Awareness and Safety
Defensive Tactics	Bicycle Safety		

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS



TYLER WILCOX MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE: GUNS AND HOSES 2022



The Annual Tyler Wilcox Memorial Blood Drive: Guns and Hoses resulted in a historic 420 total units of blood being donated over the course of a four day event.

The blood drive is held annually to honor Tyler's desire to repay the generosity he was shown while battling cancer. The event is a friendly competition between Firefighters and Law Enforcement to garner for the United Blood Service and see who can bring in the most blood donors.

In 2022 citizens and officers gave 218 donations for Law Enforcement and 202 donations for the Fire Department.