



January 27, 2020

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Re: Planning and Zoning & Board of Adjustment Meetings

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on January 21, 2020 to review an application from Jim & Darlis Hawkins of 2006 Jewel Drive to request the Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Adjustment on the construction of a telecommunication tower at 2006 Jewel Drive.

The Commission voted unanimously to recommend the Board of Adjustment to disapprove the request.

The Board of Adjustment met on January 24, 2020 to review the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission of a request from Jim & Darlis Hawkins of 2006 Jewel Drive to disapprove the construction of a telecommunication tower at 2006 Jewel Drive, and make a decision to either approve, or disapprove, a special-use permit for a telecommunications tower at this site.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the request for a special-use permit at this site.

The minutes of both meetings are attached.

Sincerely,

Tyler Avis
Board of Adjustment Secretary
Director of Building and Planning

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Chairperson Randy Reavis called the meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 7:04 p.m. on January 21, 2020.

ROLL CALL: Stewart P , Bair A , Adams A , Adelberg P , Duke A , McGriff P .

Also in Attendance: Tyler Avis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 14, 2019: Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes. McGriff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairperson Reavis recommended moving forward with item #2 on the agenda, unanimous consent was given to skip item #1.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Avis explained that there had been 6 phone calls received from adjoining property owners requesting the Commission recommend disapproval of the request.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review an application from Jim & Darlis Hawkins of 2006 Jewel Drive to request the Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Adjustment to approve the construction of a telecommunication tower at 2006 Jewel Drive. The telecommunication tower is intended to be utilized for private use and not general broadcasting.

Chairperson Reavis requested staff for an explanation of the proposal. Mr. Avis read the memo as it was written.

Chairperson Reavis requested an explanation as for the requirements of the meeting. Mr. Avis explained that all telecommunication towers must be issued a special-use permit before being granted a building permit to be constructed. The special-use permit process requires the Commission to make a recommendation to the Board of Adjustment on approval, of which the Board has the final decision.

Ms. Adelberg discussed how she was having issues trying to picture where it would be placed on the property. A map was brought to the screen and then it was explained where the proposed tower would be placed, which was on the East side of the lot. Ms. Adelberg also said she was concerned with the rated wind speed of the proposed pole and Mr. Avis explained that the pole would need to meet local building codes if the special-use permit is granted.

Chairperson Reavis asked if there was anyone willing to speak for or against the proposal.

Karen Schmidt of 1949, and speaking on behalf of the homeowners association, stated that she and the association are opposed to the tower being constructed.

Mr. Stewart requested confirmation that such a structure does require approval from the association and is written in the covenants.

Dave VanderLinden, the developer of the subdivision, stated that the association applies to the lots within the center of the subdivision. He stated that he discussed with representatives of 20 of the 28 surrounding lots, and they all expressed they were opposed to the request.

Jim Hawkins stated that he believed the peak of the tower would not be taller than the house, and only two properties would relatively be able to see the tower, being those directly adjoining the property.

James (K), the potential purchaser of the property, explained his interest in the tower, being that he is a HAM radio operator and it is a loved hobby of his. He continued to explain that the tower is more like a pole, similar to a flag pole than a tower itself, and really should be considered an antenna with a diameter of only 1 1/2 inches.

Ms. McGriff was curious to know if there were other options that could work vs having to install a 25+ foot tall antenna, particularly if something could be mounted to the roof of the home.

James (K), stated that could be an alternative, but that the ability to receive radio reception would be diminished.

Chairperson Reavis was curious to know if the antenna was closer to the house vs out in the yard near the end of the lot was a possibility.

James K, stated that would be something he would entertain. He was curious to know if this property was not subject to the HOA covenants wince it is on the perimeter of the development.

Dave VanderLinden confirmed that it is not.

Paul Koplin of 1960 Jewel Dr stated he had concerns about if this antenna could affect wireless capabilities since nothing concrete has been found to firmly state it wouldn't.

James K. stated that this antenna would only transmit about 100 watts of signal, and at that low of a rating, it would be very unlikely that any reception would be affected by it.

Matt Miller of 1968 Jewel Dr stated that he is opposed to the tower as he is a musical instrument enthusiast, and that he is concerned that the frequencies used could affect his equipment.

Ms. Adelberg made a motion for the Planning and Zoning Commission to make a recommendation to disprove the special-use permit to the Board of Adjustment for a telecommunications tower at 2006 Jewel Dr. Stewart seconded the motion.

The roll call votes were as follows,

Reavis Yes. Adelberg Yes. Stewart Yes. McGriff Yes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Election of Officers– Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to be decided at first meeting of the year.

Election of Chairperson: Mr. Stewart nominated Mr. Reavis. Ms. Adelberg seconded the motion, Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: Mr. Reavis nominated Mr. Stewart. Ms. McGriff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

INQUIRIES: None

ADJOURN: Reavis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

ATTEST: 

RANDY REAVIS, CHAIRPERSON

SECRETARY

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustment for the City of Grinnell will conduct a public hearing in the City Council Chambers, 520 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa at 12:00 Noon, Friday, January 24, 2020.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Special-Use Permit 20-1

January 24, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grant at 12:14pm.

Roll Call: Hatting A, Van Tomme P, Johnson A, Hammen P

Also present: Tyler Avis. Jamison Brus.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

VanTomme motioned to approve the agenda. Hammen seconded the motion. The Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Grant asked if any changes were needed of the minutes. None were observed. Hammen made a motion to approve the minutes, VanTomme seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Grant requested if there were any communications. Avis explained that that the Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation to the Board to disapprove the Special-Use Permit request. Avis provided the Board with copies of the minutes of the Commission meeting and read the staff report as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers– Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to be decided at first meeting of the year.

Election of Chairperson: Hammen nominated Grant as Chair. VanTomme seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chairperson: VanTomme nominated Hammen. Grant seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Secretary. The Board elected to maintain Tyler Avis as the Board Secretary.

2. Review the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission of a request from Jim & Darlis Hawkins of 2006 Jewel Drive to approve the construction of a telecommunication tower at 2006 Jewel Drive, and make a decision to either approve, or not, a special-use permit for a telecommunications tower at this site. The

telecommunication tower is intended to be utilized for private use and not general broadcasting.

Chairperson Grant asked if anyone would like to speak either for or against the request.

Karen Schmidt stated she was at the Commission meeting and that she was representing the Homeowner Association of the interior lots and that her and 20 other owners were opposed to the special-use permit being granted.

Dave VanderLinden stated that he had confirmed with the owners of the 28 exterior lots and the majority of them also expressed they are in opposition to the request.

Julie Gosselink stated that she was also against the request.

Jim Hawkins, stated that the diameter of the pole is less than what was anticipated, roughly the same size as a flag pole, and that it could be placed closer to the house and also be shorter as an option if the Board was willing to consider.

Mr. Hammen stated that because of the opposition in the neighborhood as well as the recommendation from the Commission to deny the request, he feels that the Board should strongly consider the input being provided, and that this may not be a location where a telecommunications tower is appropriate.

Mr. Hammen motioned to deny the request for a special-use permit at 2006 Jewel Dr for a telecommunications tower to be installed. Ms. VanTomme seconded the motion. Roll call vote was as follows: Grant Yes, Van Tomme Yes, Hammen Yes. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Review a variance request from Jim & Darlis Hawkins of 2006 Jewel Drive to permit a telecommunications tower located on the property to be 30' tall, which exceeds the maximum height allowed of an accessory structure located at this property based on the height of the principal building.

Chairperson Grant stated that since the special-use permit was denied, no variance is possible.

ADJOURN: VanTomme moved to adjourn the meeting. Hammen seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously at 12:30 p.m.

TERESE GRANT, CHAIR

ATTEST:



TYLER AVIS, SECRETARY

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 AT 5:15 P.M.
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM
DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm. Present: Leo Lease , Gwen Rieck, , Dr. Teresa Coon
Absent: Randy Hotchkin, Terry Stringfellow

1. **Perfecting Agenda:** Agenda approved. MOTION by Coon, second by Rieck, all ayes, motion carried.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Minutes from Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 approved as presented. MOTION by Coon, second by Rieck, all ayes, motion carried.
3. **Monthly Budget Report:** Balance of \$61,992.00
4. **Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation:** Behrens reported a balance of \$403,850.00 includes donations paid, pledges, and levy
5. **Approval of bills:** MOTION by Stringfellow, second by Hotchkin for payment of bills:
 - Alliant \$92.93 (paid 1/6/20)
 - Amperage INV 024694 \$62.88 (paid 1/6/20)
 - Total Choice INV 195935 \$3.27 (paid 1/6/20)
 - Total Choice INV 196202 \$30.52 (paid 1/6/20)MOTION by Rieck, second by Coon, all ayes, motion carried.
6. **Amperage Marketing & Fundraising Update:** Lacina reported the Iowa Gold Star Museum has agreed to join our efforts. The next big project is getting ready to launch public fundraising.
7. **RDG Architects Update:** no report
8. **Fundraising Steering Committee Update:** Next meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
9. **Veteran Walking Sticks Project – Update:** Lease had walking sticks available and demonstrated the stickers that are available to add to them. He has used \$1000.00 of the \$1200.00 in grant funds given to the commission for this project.
10. **Inquiries:** none
11. **Adjournment:** MOTION by Coon, second by Rieck, all ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting: February 10, 2020 at the Drake Community Library, Community Room

MINUTES of the DRAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 18, 2019, 5:15 p.m., Library Board Room

ROLL CALL: _X_Elfenbein _X_Hardin _X_Hammond _X_McFee
 _X_Pagliai _X_Rudolph _Swick Others present: _X_Kennett

President Pagliai called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Rudolph moved and Hardin seconded approval of the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rudolph moved and Hardin seconded approval of the November 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. None.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR:

1. Statistical report was reviewed.

[Hammond joined meeting]

2. A possible collaboration exists through Grinnell College's Department of Service and Social Innovation to participate in a data analysis project. Project ideas include data analysis of circulation statistics and the effect of overdue charges.

COMMITTEES: No reports.

Building & Grounds –

Finance, Salary, & Personnel

Long Range Planning –

Policy –

TRUSTEE REPORTS: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS: Financials were reviewed. Hardin moved and Hammond seconded the approval of bills payable in January. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

TRUSTEE CONTINUING EDUCATION:

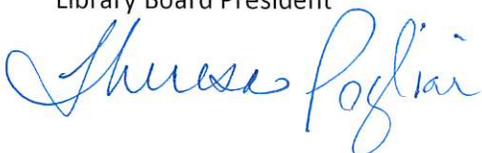
A webinar featuring the Director of the Salt Lake City, Utah Public Library and his experience transitioning to a fine-free library was viewed. Trustees discussed the possibility of better aligning the circulation policy with the library core value of equitable access. The system mechanics of auto-renewal, which is now an option with the library's system vendor SirsiDynix, was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next meeting: January 22, 2020 at 5:15 p.m.

Theresa Pagliai
Library Board President

Marilyn Kennett, Library Director
Recording Secretary





City of Grinnell, Iowa

Continuing Disclosure Submission

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

General Obligation – Base CUSIP: 398568

- **Annual Financial Information and Operating Data**
- **Annual Audited Financial Statements**

This report includes the financial information and operating data with respect to the City's general obligation bonds.

The City's June 30, 2019 Independent Auditor's Report will be filed on MSRB's EMMA site as a separate document to this Financial Information and Operating Data report.

Submitted:

January 24, 2020

Issuer Contact:

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PROPERTY VALUATIONS

In compliance with Section 441.21 of the Code of Iowa, the State Director of Revenue annually directs the county auditors to apply prescribed statutory percentages to the assessments of certain categories of real property. The 2017 final Actual Values were adjusted by the Poweshiek County Auditor. The reduced values, determined after the application of rollback percentages, are the Taxable Values subject to tax levy.

January 1, 2017 Valuations by Property Classification (for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 tax collection)

	100% Actual Value	Taxable Value (With Rollback)
Residential	\$349,359,420	\$183,285,189
Commercial	\$70,581,343	\$60,502,588
Industrial	\$13,814,887	\$11,446,037
Multiresidential	\$13,491,528	\$9,731,832
Railroads	\$2,248,100	\$2,023,290
Utilities w/o Gas & Electric	\$634,326	\$634,326
Other	\$0	\$0
Gross Valuation	\$450,129,604	\$267,623,262
Less: Military Exemption	\$829,696	\$829,696
Net Valuation	\$449,299,908	\$266,793,566
TIF Increment	\$69,138,781	\$69,138,781
<i>(used to compute debt service levies and constitutional debt limit)</i>		
Taxed Separately		
Ag. Land	\$1,396,760	\$760,506
Ag. Buildings	\$234,990	\$127,948
Gas & Electric	\$19,415,201	\$4,272,827

Source: Iowa Department of Management.

VALUATION TREND

Valuation Year	Payable Fiscal Year	100% Actual Valuation	Taxable Valuation (With Rollback)	Taxable TIF Increment Valuation	Total Taxable Valuation
2018	2019/20	\$555,631,825	\$270,446,876	\$82,035,167	\$352,482,043
2017	2018/19	\$539,485,640	\$271,066,393	\$69,138,781	\$340,205,174
2016	2017/18	\$543,508,186	\$279,874,591	\$71,184,219	\$351,058,810
2015	2016/17	\$511,428,037	\$251,269,304	\$74,945,040	\$326,214,344
2014	2015/16	\$512,515,669	\$263,131,340	\$66,918,411	\$330,049,751

The 100% actual valuations, before rollback and after reduction of military exemption, include ag land and buildings, TIF increment, and gas and electric utilities and are used for calculating debt capacity. The taxable valuations, with the rollback and after the reduction of military exemption, include gas and electric utilities, exclude ag land and buildings and exclude taxable TIF increment value, which is shown separately. Iowa cities certify operating levies against taxable value excluding TIF increment. However, debt service levies are certified against taxable value including TIF increment.

Source: Iowa Department of Management.

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MAJOR TAXPAYERS

Set forth in the following table are the persons or entities which represent larger taxpayers within the boundaries of the City, as provided by the Poweshiek County Auditor's office. No independent investigation has been made of and no representation is made herein as to the financial condition of any of the taxpayers listed below or that such taxpayers will continue to maintain their status as major taxpayers in the City. With the exception of the electric and natural gas providers (which is subject to an excise tax in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 437A), the City's tax levy is applicable to all of the properties included in the table, and thus taxes expected to be received by the City from such taxpayers will be in proportion to the assessed valuations of the properties. The total tax bill for each of the properties is dependent upon the tax levies of the other taxing entities which overlap the properties.

The table below includes the top taxpayers by 2017 Taxable Valuation (Fiscal Year 2018/19 collection).

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>2017 Taxable Valuation</u>
St Francis Manor Inc	\$10,262,595
Jeld Wen Inc	7,818,120
The Knolls LC	7,466,346
Harwich Terrace at Mayflower LLC	5,739,727
Key Cooperative	5,522,679
Wal Mart Real Estate Busienss Trust	4,195,665
Interstate Power & Light Company	3,589,348
Mayflower Homes Inc	2,823,962
Sully Cooperative Exchange	2,593,593
Hutchison Partners LLC	2,571,579
Total:	<u>\$52,583,614</u>

Top Ten as Percent of Total 2017 Taxable Valuation: 15.46%

Source: Poweshiek County Auditor.

POPULATION

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>
City of Grinnell	8,868	8,902	9,105	9,218
County of Poweshiek	19,306	19,033	18,815	18,914
State of Iowa	2,913,808	2,776,831	2,926,324	3,046,355

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce

LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

<u>Valuation Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>	<u>Amount Collected*</u>	<u>Percent Collected</u>
2018	2019/20	\$4,019,405	<i>In the process of collection</i>	
2017	2018/19	4,009,988	\$4,034,032	100.6%
2016	2017/18	3,998,954	4,026,596	100.7%
2015	2016/17	3,669,299	3,605,298	98.3%
2014	2015/16	3,817,572	3,807,750	99.7%
2013	2014/15	3,764,293	3,770,196	100.2%
2012	2013/14	3,762,511	3,768,390	100.2%
2011	2012/13	3,690,513	3,699,938	100.3%
2010	2011/12	3,364,207	3,718,484	110.5%

* Includes delinquent taxes, if any.

Source: City of Grinnell

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DEBT LIMIT CALCULATION

The amount of general obligation debt a political subdivision of the State of Iowa can incur is controlled by constitutional debt limit which is an amount equal to 5% of the value of taxable property within its limits as ascertained by the last state and county tax lists. The Issuer's debt limit, based upon 2017 property valuations, is illustrated below:

Actual Valuation, 2017:	\$540,315,336
Less: Military Exemption:	\$829,696
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	\$539,485,640
	x 5%
Statutory Debt Limit:	<hr/>
	\$26,974,282
Debt Applicable to Limit:	
General Obligation Notes/Bonds	\$16,517,000
Amount of Debt Capacity Remaining:	\$10,457,282
Percent of Debt Capacity Remaining:	38.77%

General Obligation Bonds/Notes Paid by Taxes and Sales Tax

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Obligation as of June 30, 2019</u>
10/2009	\$1,900,000	Various Projects - Notes	6/2029	\$840,000
9/2014	5,995,000	Advance Refunding of 2008 Bonds	6/2027	5,495,000
3/2019	425,000	Various Projects - Notes	6/2024	425,000
			Total:	<hr/>
				\$6,760,000

General Obligation Bonds/Notes Paid by Taxes and Tax Increment

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Obligation as of June 30, 2019</u>
12/2013B	\$3,720,000	Urban Renewal (Streets/Boiler)	6/2024	\$3,130,000
6/2016	7,460,000	Various Projects - Bonds	6/2036	5,985,000
6/2018	700,000	Urban Renewal Note	6/2028	642,000
			Total:	<hr/>
				\$9,757,000

Total General Obligation Debt Subject to Limit:

\$16,517,000

FINANCIAL SUMMARYCity of Grinnell, Iowa (as of June 30, 2019)

2017 100% Valuation	\$539,485,640
2017 Taxable Valuation (excludes \$888,454 ag value)	\$340,205,174
General Obligation Bonded Debt (<i>including this issue</i>)	\$16,517,000
Direct General Obligation Debt per Capita (2010 Census: 9,218)	\$1,791.82
Total Direct and Indirect General Obligation Debt per Capita	\$1,932.84
Ratio of Direct General Obligation Debt to 100% Valuation	3.06%
Ratio of Direct and Indirect G. O. Debt to 100% Valuation per Capita	3.30%
100% Valuation per Capita	\$58,525.24

Poweshiek County

2017 100% Valuation	\$2,107,980,660
2017 Taxable Valuation	\$1,232,632,353
General Obligation Bonded Debt	\$4,710,000
Percent Allocable to City	27.60%
Amount Allocable to City	\$1,299,954.82
City's Share of Debt per Capita	\$141.02

Grinnell-Newburg Community School District

2017 100% Valuation	\$1,067,325,307
2017 Taxable Valuation	\$639,352,927
General Obligation Bonded Debt	\$0
Percent Allocable to City	53.21%
Amount Allocable to City	\$0.00
City's Share of Debt per Capita	\$0.00

Iowa Valley Community College

2017 100% Valuation	\$9,019,128,726
2017 Taxable Valuation	\$5,137,078,413
Bonded Debt:	
General Obligation School Bonds/Notes	\$0
General Obligation Certificates: Industrial New Jobs Training Certificates ¹	\$3,330,000
Total General Obligation Debt	\$3,330,000
Percent Allocable to City	6.62%
Amount Allocable to City (excludes New Jobs Training Certificates)	\$0.00
City's Share of Debt per Capita (excludes New Jobs Training Certificates)	\$0.00

¹ The Certificates are issued to finance projects which provide education and training of workers for new or expanding industry in the Merged Area. While secured by an annual levy of a standby tax upon all taxable property in the Merged Area, the debt service is payable from revenues of the respective projects and the standby tax will be collected only in the event such revenues are insufficient. The Certificates are currently self-supporting.



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Jan. 28, 2020

Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors
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We recently received notice of a Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2020 to provide an update to township clerks and trustees regarding change in ambulance service in their township. It has been brought to our attention that there is a rumor or false information being disseminated that the Grinnell Fire Department will be responding as EMS First Responders on medical calls in the rural portions of Poweshiek County townships.

Prior to your meeting on Wednesday we wanted to make sure to provide accurate information on this topic. Grinnell Fire Department will not be responding as EMS First Responders on medical calls in the rural Poweshiek County townships. At an earlier meeting this concept was discussed, however, Chief Sicard clearly stated that this could only happen if the Township Trustees brought the issue to the Grinnell City Council and reached some type of agreement. This has not happened.

The Grinnell City Council has full oversight over the Grinnell Fire Department. The rural areas are covered by a contract between the Rural Fire Association and the city of Grinnell. This contract includes responses for fire, hazardous materials, disasters, car accidents and rescues to which our responses will not change. It specifically excludes ambulance and emergency medical services.

Our agency's primary responsibility is for fire protection, the city of Grinnell added an EMS first responder license for response within Grinnell's corporate limits. We are designed more specifically to assist our ambulance service or be a back-up when they are not available. Other than one volunteer, all of our EMS trained responders are paid employees. Adding rural EMS first responder responsibilities would take some changes to make it successful.

From previous conversations we believe the requests for first responder service from the GFD stem from the potential long response times for the covering ambulances under the new system being advanced by the Board of Supervisors. By best estimate this could be as high as 35-40 minutes in northern Chester Township and 30-35 minutes in Washington Townships.

These are concerns for us as well, especially when the GFD is standing by with a car accident victim awaiting an ambulance, aiding at a farm accident scene, or have a victim of a fire. Have plans been made to help reduce these response times by having an ambulance and personnel stationed closer? Also a concern and question from our department is the availability of an ambulance to stand-by at fires in the rural area, will this service be offered by the ambulance service covering?

We would request that you please forward us a copy of the coverage map for our reference. Any other information you can provide to us would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mayor Dan Agnew

Daniel J. Sicard
Fire Chief

Programs and services guide

We're proud to be a part of your community. This guide provides an overview of the many programs and services we offer.

Visit alliantenergy.com/iowacomunities for an online list of resources.

Customer options

Easily manage your Alliant Energy Account

Choice. Convenience. Control. Enroll in *My Account* to quickly and easily pay your bill, see your energy usage, enroll in *Paperless Billing* or *Auto Pay* and set up account notifications.

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Community support

Community grants

The Alliant Energy Foundation offers community grants to nonprofits in three focus areas: Helping Families, Education and Environment. We also offer grants for safety-related projects. Learn more at alliantenergy.com/foundation.

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GRINNELL POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



16th Annual Grinnell Shop with a Cop



MISSION

To protect and serve the community of Grinnell, providing a peaceful and safe existence, free from fear and with democratic values applied equally to all.

Dennis M. Reilly
Chief of Police
GRINNELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA

FROM: Dennis Reilly, Chief of Police

DATE: January 29, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Agnew
Honorable City Council
Russell L. Behrens, City Manager
Mrs. Ann Wingerter, City Clerk
Citizens of the City of Grinnell
Members of the Grinnell Police Department

SUBJECT: Grinnell Police Department 2019 Annual Report

It is an extreme honor and privilege that I present to the citizens of Grinnell, the Grinnell governing body and members of the Grinnell Police Department our annual report. While reviewing this report, please keep in mind that the professional activities performed by this department would not be possible without the continued efforts and dedication of its members.

This report details the numerous activities of the department, and includes materials such as crime statistics and initiatives that we utilize to deal with criminal activity. This report also provides an opportunity for the public to see the various roles that the Police Department plays, and what activities we are engaging in, to protect the public while continually striving to maintain an open and professional relationship with the people who we serve.

This report will provide the reader with a summary of the following aspects and activities of the Grinnell Police Department: Current staffing levels and duties; Calls for Service and Investigations; Traffic Safety; Training; Crime Prevention; School Based Activities and a look at 2020.

STAFFING:

The Grinnell Police Department is currently staffed with 15 full-time members (13 sworn police officers and 2 civilian staff members). In 2019 we experienced the retirement of Capt. Theresa Petersen, who provided 31 years of dedicated service to Grinnell, and Ofc. Michael Dickenson. In September Captain Sittig was promoted to the rank of Captain while Ofc. Kies and Ofc. Criswell were hired to fill these retirement vacancies. We also saw the resignation of Sgt. Ben Gray to become Chief of Police in Marengo. We are working to fill the vacancy created by Sgt. Gray's departure and would hope to have it filled by spring. We will also be conducting testing in February for the vacant sergeant position.

Of the 13 sworn members, staffing consists of: one (1) Chief of Police; one (1) Captain; two (2) Sergeants; eight (8) Patrol Officers; one (1) Narcotics Investigator.

The following is an overview of our staffing assignments:

Chief – Chief Executive of the Grinnell Police Department who serves as the final department authority in all matters of policy, operations and discipline.

Captain- Represents the second highest level of command within the Police Department and falls under the immediate command and direction of the Chief of Police. The Captain is responsible for the administration and/or oversight of department operations, Internal Affairs, Public Information Officer, Quartermaster, training, scheduling, jail administration, Property & Evidence operations, and Special Events.

Sergeant (2)

- (Vacant) Dayshift
- (2) Nightshift – In addition to our two night shift sergeants being responsible for first line supervision of officers assigned to the night tour, their collateral duties include: Department training, to include field training program coordination; Criminal investigation; Traffic Safety function; tobacco and alcoholic beverage compliance.

Patrol Officers- Eight (8) assigned to 12-hour patrol shifts

- In addition to their primary responsibility of patrol operations, all patrol officers have collateral duties that include, but are not limited to: firearms & training; defensive tactics; vehicle maintenance; vehicle nuisance abatement; Crime Prevention, community activities and school based programs, bike patrol and animal control coordination.

Criminal Investigator

- In addition to their responsibilities as a dayshift patrol officer, our criminal investigator is responsible for the investigation of criminal activity and the processing of crime scenes.

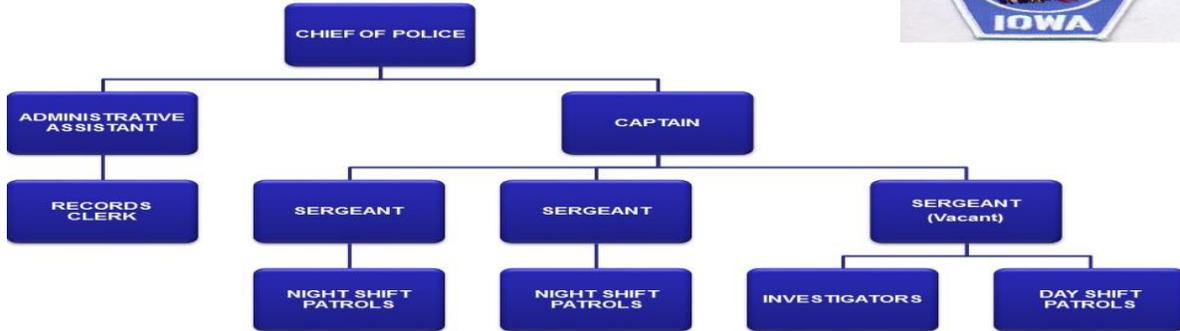
Narcotics Investigator

- Our narcotics investigator is assigned to the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement (M.I.N.E.) and is responsible for the investigation of narcotic activities, as well as other vice related activity.

Civilians (2)

- Administrative Assistant – Responsible for assisting department administration with numerous office management tasks, to include: accounts payable and receivables; payroll; time accrual tracking and correspondence. The Administrative Assistant is also responsible for: management of the Property & Evidence function; management of in-car and body worn camera video; public record requests; liaison with Poweshiek County courts and County Attorney office.
- Dictation Clerk – Responsible for various records assignments as well as computer data entry. The Dictation Clerk is also responsible for: management and submission of our Uniform Crime Report; Grinnell Safety Committee representation; coordination of annual city safety training for the department; Parking citation processing.

GRINNELL POLICE DEPARTMENT



CALLS FOR SERVICE AND INVESTIGATIONS:

In 2019 we continued to experience criminal activity that requires a great deal of attention and expertise on the part of our officers. The statistical portion of this report was generated from our records management system. This system provides officers with access to department records while on patrol. This access includes the ability to: perform name and address history inquiries, complete reports and review calls for service, store statistical data for reporting. This system has also provided the department with the opportunity to go paperless as it relates to reports and documents associated with investigations.

In 2019 our officers responded to, or initiated, 14,858 calls for service. This is a 10% increase from 2018 and 6% increase from 2017. These calls for service include, but are not limited to: reports of criminal activity; motor vehicle crashes; traffic enforcement; assists to other agencies; medical and fire emergencies; alarm activation responses, business and property checks, and other service related functions. It should be noted that the rise in calls for service after 2015 is directly related to the robust records management system that we invested in, providing officers and the department with a more efficient method in documenting our activities.



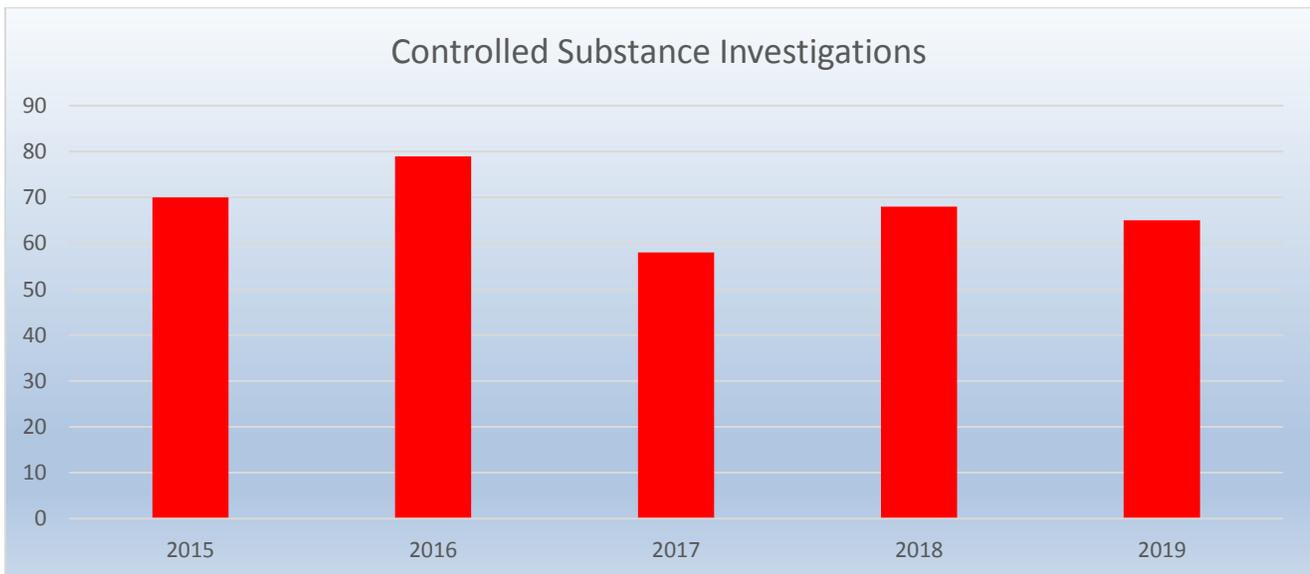


Of the 14,858 calls for service in 2019, 1,323 of those resulted in case reports being filed and investigated. This is an increase of .5% from 2018 and 2.4% from 2017. The 10 year average for cases handled by Grinnell officers is 1,200. Unlike our previous records management system, the current system automatically creates a case based on certain call for service types, in particular allegations of crimes against persons and property crimes.



In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department handled 65 narcotics related investigations, which is a 4% decrease from 2018. Of those 65 cases, 61 individuals were arrested for drug related offenses. In the spring of 2016 we assigned an officer back to the M.I.N.E Task Force, without any additional funding from outside sources, in order to resume a more focused effort to address narcotic activity, and in particular the distribution of narcotics.

In 2019 the M.I.N.E. officer investigated 16 criminal cases, which resulted in 10 individuals being arrested for narcotic distribution related activities. A criminal case for narcotics distribution is often difficult to pursue, with the investigating officer being reliant upon a number of dynamic variables. While our efforts at addressing this type of activity have been positive, there continues to be more work for us to do. We encourage residents, who have direct knowledge of narcotics activity, to contact Inv. Nate Anderson.

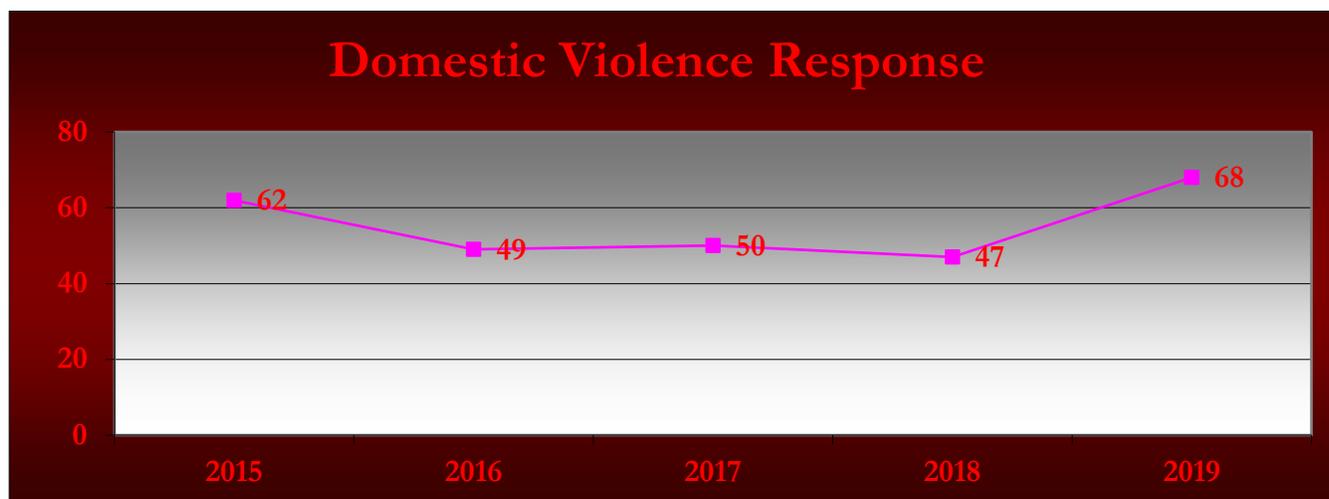


In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department continued to take steps in addressing prescription drug abuse and opioid addiction by maintaining a prescription drug box that is located in the lobby of the Public Safety Building, and which is available during regular office hours. Across our country overdose deaths

from heroin has reached epidemic proportions, with Iowa unfortunately not being immune from this. The use of Heroin, which is often cut with fentanyl or carfentanyl (potent opioids), is creating deadly consequences and affecting a wide range of population segments. Why a prescription drug box to address heroin overdoses? Often time's heroin users are abusers of prescription pain killers such as oxycodone or hydrocodone. For those who have valid prescription drugs in their homes, but no longer use them, the drop box provides an alternative to leaving the drugs in the home and risking the abuse of them by someone else.

In 2019 we collected approximately 274 pounds of prescription drugs. The surrendered drugs were taken to a facility for incineration. In 2020, as a result of the destruction facility now charging for these destruction services, we will be looking at alternate destruction sites and funding sources to offset our destruction costs. Additional information on prescription drug abuse/opioid abuse and properly disposing of unused medication can be found at [tps://odcp.iowa.gov/rxotc](https://odcp.iowa.gov/rxotc).

Domestic Violence continues to be a national problem, where it is estimated that, on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner. Grinnell continues to be not immune to this wave of violence, and the members of this department take an aggressive approach to this behavior, while working within the limits of the Iowa Domestic Abuse statute. In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department responded to approximately 68 reports of Domestic Abuse, which is a 31% increase from 2018, and 33 reports of a No Contact Order violation, which is a 32% decrease from 2018. The Grinnell Police Department has averaged 67 responses to reported domestic violence incidents over the last 10 years. These investigations resulted in 43 arrests for domestic abuse and/or contact order violations.

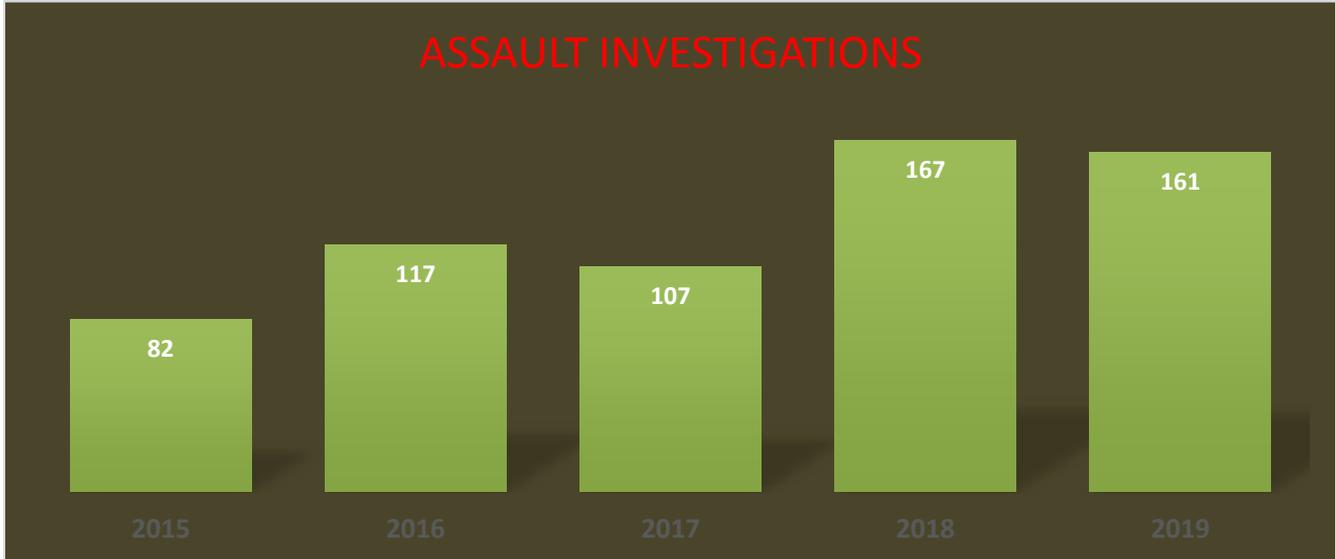
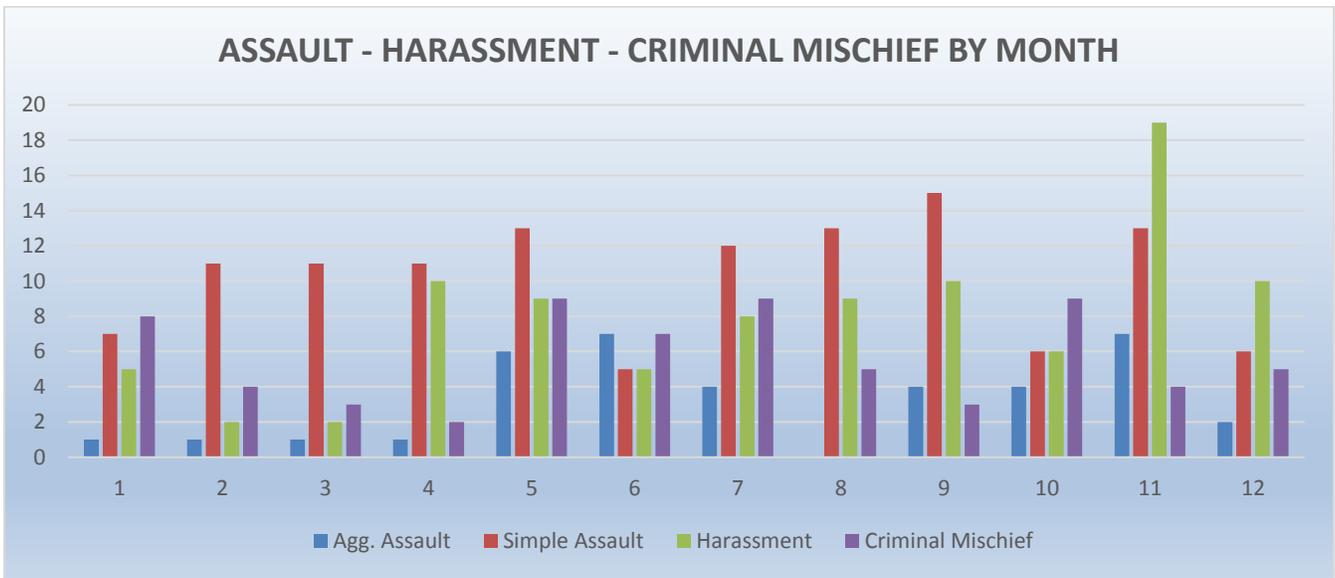


For those who need further assistance with a domestic abuse situation, the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence (<http://www.icadv.org/>) is a tremendous resource. For those experiencing domestic abuse within the city of Grinnell, our officers are here 24/7 to render assistance and provide victims with resource information.

Addressing quality of life issues is of particular focus for the police department in order to maintain what we enjoy here in Grinnell. Included in those quality of life issues are reports of disturbances (Fights; Neighbor disputes; Juvenile problems; Noise Complaints; Trespassing; Fireworks) and alcohol related events. In 2019 we responded to 797 disturbance and alcohol related calls for service, an 11% increase from 2018.



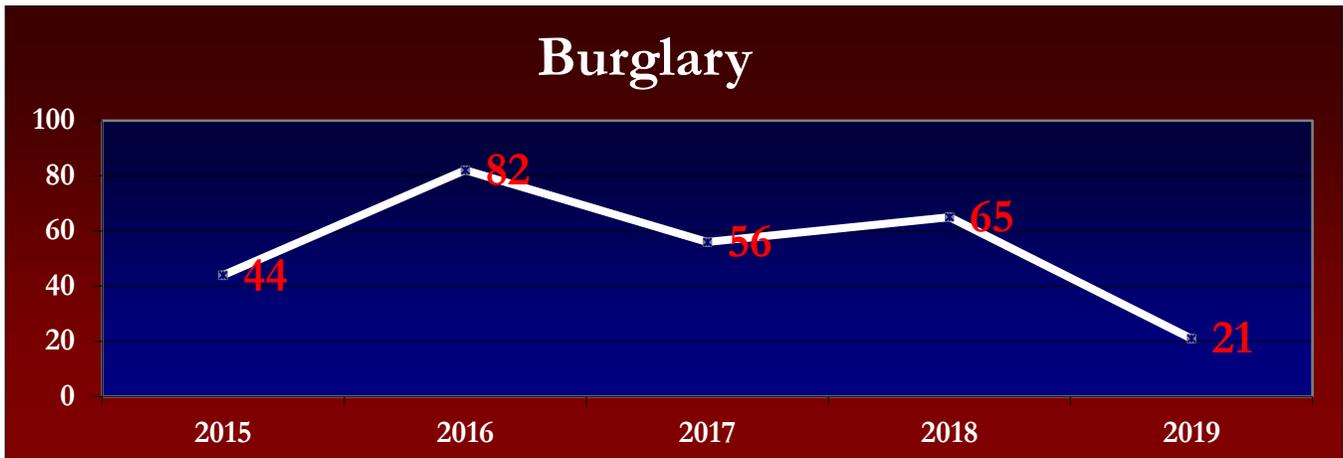
Often times the root cause of a disturbance is alcohol consumption or controlled substance use, so a prompt response is necessary to minimize the potential for these incidents to mushroom into something more serious, such as assaults, criminal mischief and harassment. In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department investigated 161 instances of assault, 95 harassment complaints and 68 criminal mischief incidents. The Grinnell Police Department filed 181 criminal charges based off of these 324 incidents.



In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department responded to 172 reported thefts, a 29% decrease from 2018, while fraud investigations also decreased by 68% to 13. Often times the reporting party of a fraud is referred to another agency since the offense did not take place in Grinnell. As it relates to thefts, more often than not thieves are nothing more than opportunists. While the likelihood of eliminating theft is doubtful, the public can certainly minimize the risk of becoming a victim of theft by securing their homes and vehicles when not occupied, while also not leaving valuables out in plain view for all to see and remove. Instances of identity theft and deception schemes often take place by persons who are not in the United States, which makes investigation difficult. What is important for our residents to remember, especially our elderly who are often times targeted, is that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true. Likewise, when an entity makes phone contact demanding financial payment, further research is required. We are also working with our retail partners to help prevent, or aggressively pursue, acts of retail theft.



In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department investigated 21 cases involving an accusation of burglary, which is a 68% decrease from 2018. While not the sole factor, this decrease can be principally associated with the decrease in vehicle burglaries that we experienced in 2019 vs. 2018. Historically speaking these burglaries are generally more attributed to vehicle and commercial properties. The highest number of reported burglaries was 99 in 2000. As with most property crimes, burglary suspects are often times opportunists. The vast majority of burglary suspects are not looking for confrontation, but instead looking to slip in and out without detection. They look for indicators of an unoccupied residence, unlocked vehicles and valuables left in plain sight, or vulnerabilities with a business such as no lights on during the evening hours, newspapers or mail not being taken in, cash being left in business registers, poor exterior lighting and possibly the lack of any video monitoring or alarm system. The burglar will also look for homes with overgrown bushes or poor lighting near entry points, which provides concealment. Leaving a residence, or vehicle, unlocked while unoccupied also does not help matters. The public plays an incredible role in property crime prevention and identification. When a resident or business owner observes something that looks out of the ordinary, they are encouraged to contact the police department. The members of the Grinnell Police Department would much rather investigate a suspicious person or vehicle, and determine that no criminal activity was taking place, instead of determining after the fact that someone had observed suspicious activity that turned out to be the suspect of a burglary or theft.

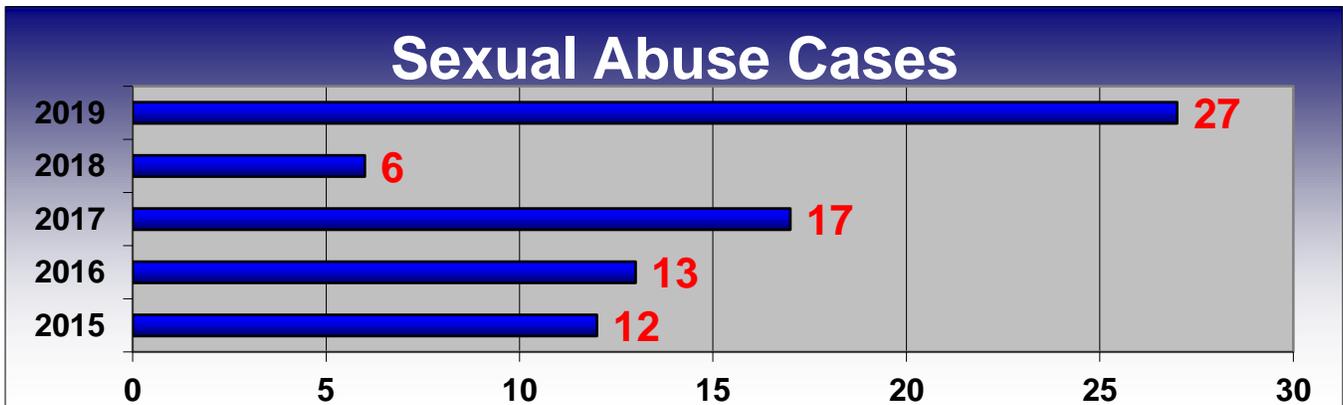


Aside from murder, which we were fortunate not to encounter in 2019, sexual abuse cases are probably the most significant crime against person that an officer can be assigned to. In most instances these crimes, with 2019 being no exception, are committed by suspects who are known by the victim. In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department investigated 27 cases of alleged sexual abuse, which is a significant increase from 6 in 2018. A breakdown of the 27 investigation dispositions is as follows:

- Arrest – 7
- Inactive - 6
- Unfounded - 2
- Exceptionally Cleared – 10
- Active - 2

Of these 27 cases, we encountered a number of instances where the victim was a juvenile and engaged in consensual intercourse. In these instances the otherwise consensual act is considered sexual abuse because the victim has not reached the age of consent, which is generally 16, and the offending party is four or more years older than the “Victim”. The Grinnell Police Department encourages parents and guardians to have conversations with their children and educate them on such matters as age of consent. The Police Department is also working with the school district for information such as this to be included within appropriate curriculum.

While it is difficult to determine a root cause for acts of sexual assault, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has identified a number of risk factors that lead to sexual assault. These factors include risks associated with the individuals involved, relationship factors, as well as community and societal factors. Those interested in learning more about these risk factors can visit the CDC article online at <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/riskprotectivefactors.html>.



In 2019 Sgt. Johnson was in charge of investigations, with Ofc. Moore assigned as our criminal investigator. Our criminal investigators handled 48 investigations, in addition to those cases assigned to the investigator as part of their daily patrol function. This is an increase of 71% from 2018. Of the 48 criminal investigations, 32 of those cases were cleared (67% clearance rate). An additional 14 cases were classified as open-inactive, meaning that there were no further avenues of investigation available to either identify a suspect or gather enough evidence that rose to the level of probable cause to make an arrest. This does not prevent the investigator from re-opening an investigation if information becomes available to identify a suspect and/or file charges. A vast majority of these open-inactive cases are related to property crimes. There are 3 cases that are still active and have been carried over into 2020.

In 2017 we began exploring the use of a case screening process, where weighted solvability factors are used to determine whether or not an investigation is followed up by an investigator. Since my arrival in Grinnell it has been a desire of mine to transition our part-time investigator role in to a full-time function. This would enable the department to take more of a pro-active approach to criminal activity while relieving officers assigned to patrol from prolonged investigations.

There were 381 arrests in 2019, an increase of 15% from 2018. Of those arrested in 2019, 34 were juvenile referrals to the Juvenile Court Officer, which is an increase from 21 in 2018. Among the charges levied against juveniles were alcohol possession violations, possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, assault and theft.

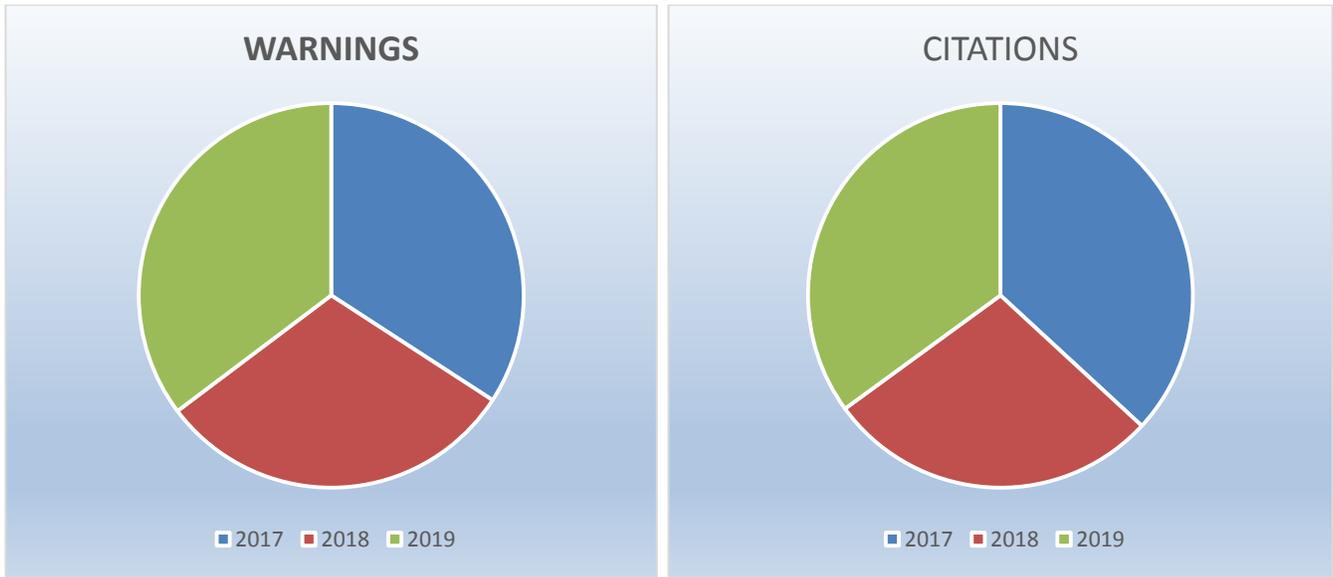


In order to effectively deal with the more serious criminal conduct within our community, we make an effort to deal with the smaller problems before they become bigger ones. Methods such as community policing and intelligence led policing, coupled with proactive enforcement efforts, are effective means of keeping the crime rate low. We also continue to reach out to the community to reinforce our need for their assistance in reducing crime.

TRAFFIC SAFETY:

In 2019, officers issued 667 citations (24.5% increase from 2018) and 1632 warnings (15% increase from 2018). The three E's of Traffic Safety are: Enforcement; Education; Engineering. By using a combination of citations and warnings, officers are educating motorists on matters of traffic safety while taking enforcement action by stopping the motorist and providing them an opportunity to take their own corrective action.

As evidenced by this data, officers of the Grinnell Police Department seek to educate motorists when possible by issuing warnings where appropriate. In addition to identifying the traffic violations that lead to a motor vehicle stop, officers will identify more serious violations after the traffic stop takes place. These more serious traffic violations include driver's operating a motor vehicle with a suspended, revoked or barred driving privilege. In 2019 approximately 251 drivers were identified as being suspended, revoked or barred. An additional 345 instances of a vehicle being operated without proof of financial liability (No Insurance) took place as the result of a traffic stop.



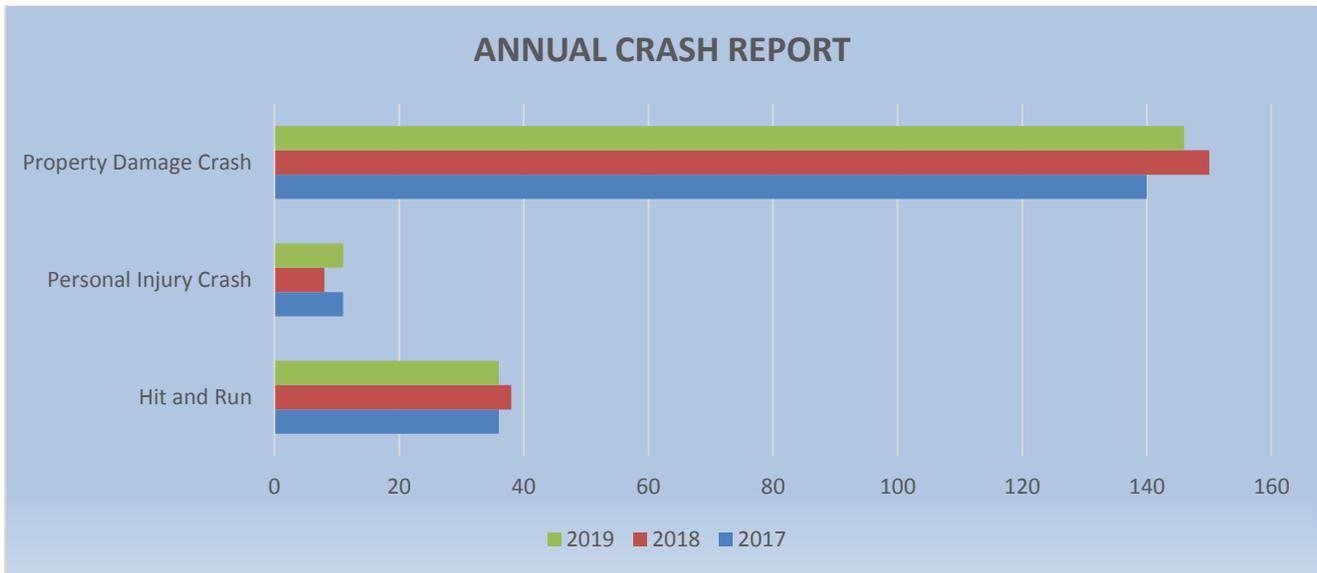
In 2018 the department began deploying a speed sign throughout the city, which not only alerts motorists to their speeds but also aids our traffic safety function in identifying speed issues in neighborhoods while also providing traffic counts where needed. Sgt. Chris Wray is in charge of the traffic safety function and can be contacted for traffic safety related concerns.



Based on traffic studies conducted, coupled with areas identified by our officer's for being prone to moving violations, our officer's will conduct stationary radar and special enforcement activities to address these moving violations. In 2019 Grinnell officer's conducted approximately 798 stationary radar details and 336 special enforcement details.



There was an 8% decrease in property damage crashes in 2019, with 146 occurring. Despite this decrease we experienced an increase (37%) in personal injury accidents with 11 taking place. We also experienced 36 hit and run crashes in 2019, which is a 12% decrease from 2018.

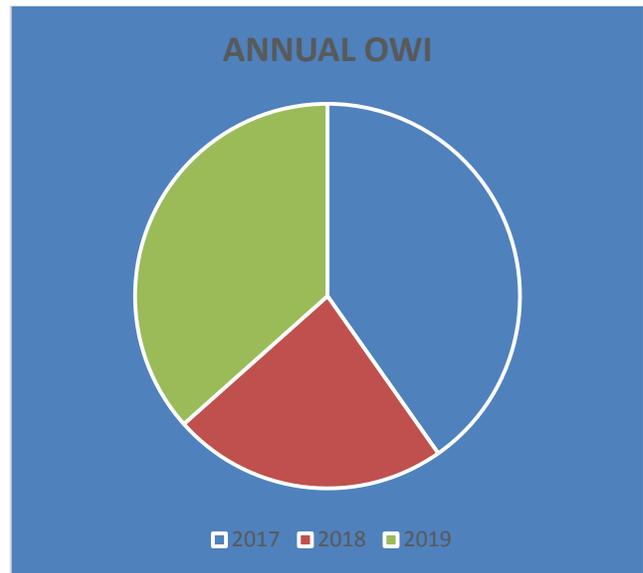


In an effort to address impaired and distracted driving, in 2019 we continued to receive grant funding from the Governor’s Highway Traffic Safety Bureau, Iowa Department of Public Safety. This special Traffic Enforcement Program (s.T.E.P.) grant has been awarded to us for a number of years. It is used for overtime during traffic enforcement projects around the holidays and other events where there is the likelihood of violations. It also provides for the purchase of equipment such as radar units or in-car video systems.

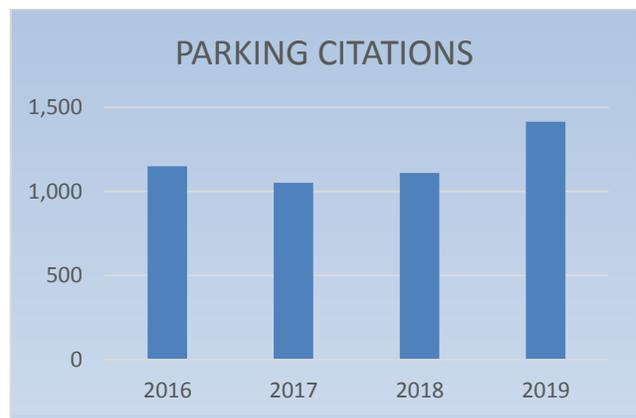
According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), it is estimated that 29 people per day die in alcohol-impaired driving crashes nationally. NHTSA also reports that, while traffic deaths related to impaired driving has fallen by one third in the last 30 years, 10,000 people a year are killed in drunk-driving crashes. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) also reports that marijuana use is increasing and 13% of those drivers operating a vehicle at night, or on the weekend, have marijuana in their system.

Nationally we are seeing an increase in the amount of fatalities where the driver has a controlled substance in their system. Data from 2016 suggests that 43% of fatally injured drivers had drugs present in their system, which is a 56% increase from 2006. Of these fatally injured drivers, 41% were positive for marijuana. Studies have indicated how marijuana impairs motor skills, lane tracking and cognitive functions while also having a negative impact on a driver’s ability to multitask.

In 2019 336 fatalities took place on Iowa roads, which is up from 319 in 2018. While comparison statistics for 2019 have yet to be completed, we do know that of the 319 fatalities that took place in 2018, 73 involved an alcohol impaired driver. Another 80 fatalities involved drivers impaired by drugs. In order to try and minimize these tragedies from occurring in Grinnell and the surrounding area, our officers are trained in the detection and apprehension of impaired drivers. In 2019 our officers made 30 Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) arrests, which is up from 19 in 2018. The OWI offender is another example of a more serious offense being discovered off of that traffic contact for a moving or equipment violation.



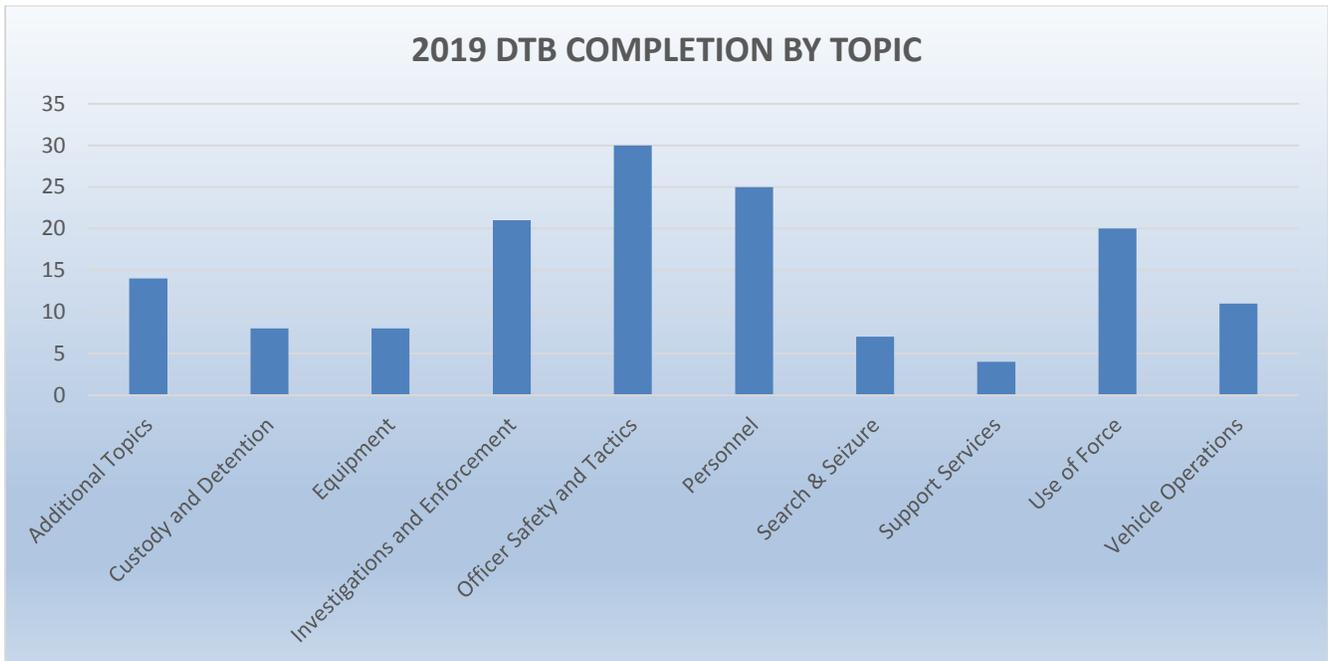
There were 1,414 parking citations issued in 2019, up from 1110 in 2018. Parking violations can cause vision obstructions, jeopardize pedestrian safety (especially near schools, college campus and the downtown area) while also hampering snow removal efforts. Residents and visitors are encouraged to sign up for city notifications, such as when snow emergencies are declared.



TRAINING:

Training our staff remains a priority for the police department. There are mandatory training requirements put in place by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in order to obtain, and maintain, police officer and instructor certifications. We continue to exceed those requirements. We conduct both in-house training, utilizing our own instructors and local expertise, as well as sending officers and civilian staff to training at remote sites. Since 2013 we have expanded our firearms training. Officers engage in both live fire and simulated exercises, which focus not only on their firearms proficiency but also tactical skills as it relates to tactical entry and building searches. We also incorporate monthly internet based training, covering topics such as: mental health; sexual abuse; fair and impartial policing; de-escalation; Iowa law updates; workplace safety. Our in-service and internet based training accounted for approximately 1,211 hours of training for staff in 2019.

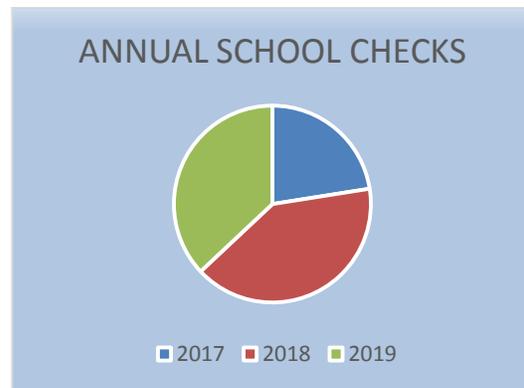
This training time does not include policy based training, which was started in 2018. In the winter of 2017 the Grinnell Police Department completed a yearlong policy manual revision. The web-based policy manual currently used by the Grinnell Police Department, which is based on state and federal law along with industry best practices, incorporates Daily Training Bulletins (DTB) that officers are required to complete. Each DTB presents a scenario with a related policy question, followed by applicable policy review for the scenario and then a test question. In 2019 each officer reviewed approximately 148 DTB's, covering a variety of policy content topics.



CRIME PREVENTION:

The Grinnell Police Department continues to work with the community in crime prevention programs and methods. It is critical to our operation that we foster and maintain relationships with our community and businesses. In 2019 Officer’s Bryce Doane and Ben Smith managed the crime prevention duties. As part of our continuing effort to work closely with the various groups and entities of the Grinnell community, we are involved in many coalitions and committees, such as: Grinnell College Parking Committee; Poweshiek County Healthy Choices; Poweshiek County DVA/SAC Coalition; Poweshiek County Sexual Assault Team; Grinnell Chamber of Commerce. The programs provided by the Grinnell Police Department included, but are not limited to: Citizen Police Academy, National Night Out, A.L.I.C.E. training, Camp 911, Coffee with a Cop. In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department provided approximately 75 hours of presentations to approximately 1,575 participants.

Officers also strive to have a presence in the schools as part of their patrol activities. Officers will regularly visit Grinnell schools, depending on call and investigation volume, in order to interact with students and staff. In 2019 patrol officers spent approximately 148 hours in the schools.



The Grinnell Police Department has a number of officers certified as A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) instructors. A.L.I.C.E. training was developed following the examination of school environment shootings, such as Columbine High School in 1999. This training provides students and educators in the school environment, as well as workers in an office environment, with options during an active shooter incident. Those interested in A.L.I.C.E training should contact Sgt. Chris Wray. Class duration is flexible, from 2-4+ hours depending on scenarios.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND PROGRAMS

- Hosted Grinnell's 17th Annual National Night Out (NNO) program with the Grinnell Optimist Club. This year's event was again particularly successful due to the efforts of Officer Doane and Ofc. Smith, with Central Park being used for the event. NNO is a police and community partnership that is designed to:
 - Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
 - Generate support for, and participation in, anti-crime programs
 - Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
 - Send a message to criminals, letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back
- Camp 911 was conducted in August, with community youth being presented with the various aspects of first responder services in Grinnell. This year we worked with the Davis School Summer program. Instead of one day of activities, we spread the program out over 7 weeks with one hour per week being dedicated to a different public safety topic. We greatly appreciate the partnership with the Davis program staff and look forward to summer 2020.
- Held the 16th annual Shop with a Cop program with many businesses, community members, and the Grinnell Chamber of Commerce as sponsors. This program helps deserving children enjoy their holidays, while also providing our officers with an opportunity to spend time with children of the community, which ultimately fosters improved relationships.
- Coordinated the 11th Citizen's Police Academy. This program provides community members with an opportunity to learn the many facets of law enforcement, and includes a ride-a-long with a Grinnell officer. Since 2012 we have increased our efforts to include the Grinnell College students as participants.
- Conducted periodic foot patrol operations in the downtown area, residential neighborhoods and at Grinnell College, promoting community interaction and deterring crime through high visibility.
- The nuisance animal enforcement effort continues to raise owner awareness with the goal of voluntary compliance of city animal laws. In 2019 the Grinnell Police Department responded to approximately 184 animal related calls for service. This assignment was coordinated by Ofc. Fred Foreman. Enforcing the animal license requirement on a consistent basis keeps animals accounted for and encourages owners to be more responsible. We work closely with the Jasper County Animal Rescue League (JCARL), who provides certified Animal Control Officers to assist with investigations while also responding to pick up stray dogs. In 2019 JCARL responded to approximately 25 of our animal related calls for service. In the fall of 2014 we adjusted our response to stray cats by only picking up those cats that are sick or injured.
- The Grinnell Police Department is also responsible for the enforcement of the city's ordinance on nuisance vehicles. In 2019 30 vehicles were investigated for violation of the nuisance vehicle ordinance. Chapter 51 of the municipal code defines what a "Junk Vehicle" is. First time offenders are issued a warning, while repeat offenders are generally cited for each subsequent violation. As with our other enforcement efforts, the police department seeks voluntary compliance from our residents on the storage of vehicles.
- Facilitated many tours of the police and fire departments to various groups and individuals.

MOVING FORWARD IN 2020:

In 2020, as in previous years, we will continue to work on improving upon the services provided by the Grinnell Police Department. Some of initiatives that we are working on for 2020 include:

- Grinnell is not unlike many other cities across this country, dealing with mental health and substance abuse related problems. These problems, when coupled with access to weapons, are often the root cause for response from specially trained officers. For a number of years the Grinnell Police Department has relied upon mutual aid assistance from the Iowa State Patrol for responding to high risk tactical operations. In 2019 discussions began with the Pella Police Department and Jasper County Sheriff's Office, for whom we are already partners with as part of the MINE Task Force, for the formation of a joint tactical team. In the fall of 2019 we entered into a 28E agreement with these agencies for the formation of the Central Iowa Regional Tactical Team. Three Grinnell Police Department officers have been selected to be members of this team and will begin monthly training in January.
- Throughout the course of an officers career, they will be tasked with investigations that ultimately take a toll, to at least some degree, on their psyche. In 2017 the Grinnell Police Department instituted a Peer Support program, where selected officers received training in individual and group peer support. These specially trained officers provide our members, and those from other neighboring public safety agencies, with access to emotional and tangible peer support. In 2020 the Grinnell Police Department will be adding on to this program, while also attempting to address the immediate needs of the public during times of crisis, by instituting a Chaplain program. The purpose of the Chaplain program will be to provide counseling or emotional support to members of the Grinnell Police Department, their families and members of the public.
- Throughout the years of interaction with the public through programs such as the Citizen Police Academy, we have heard of a desire to assist the department with non-enforcement related tasks. In 2020 the department hopes to embark upon a Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program where citizens have an opportunity to volunteer their time in augmenting department personnel with various non-enforcement related tasks. Those who may find this program of interest can go to <https://www.theiacp.org/projects/volunteers-in-police-service-vips> for additional background information on such programs.
- Based on a growing presence of homeless parties within the city, in 2019 a group of community members assembled a "Housing Coalition" working group to review the issue. Capt. Sittig is the department's coalition representative and we look forward to taking positive steps in 2020 with this coalition to provide alternatives and services to these community members who find themselves without housing.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Reilly
Chief of Police

January 20, 2020

Honorable Mayor Dan Agnew
City Manager Russ Behrens
Grinnell City Council



Contained herein is the annual Report of the Grinnell Fire Department for the year 2019.

Listed below is a breakdown of all incidents responded to, by the Grinnell Fire Department, in 2019.

Type of Call	Number
Fires	
<i>Building Fires</i>	25
<i>Car/Truck Fires</i>	13
<i>Rubbish Fires</i>	5
<i>Grass/Crops/Brush Fires</i>	9
Total Fires	52
Rescues	
<i>Motor Vehicle Crashes</i>	52
<i>MVC W/Extrication</i>	4
<i>Special Rescues</i>	7
<i>Medical Assists</i>	410
Total Rescue Calls	473
Hazardous Materials	38
Hazardous Conditions	13
Special/Public Service	69
Burning Complaints	20
Investigation	18
Fire Alarms	58
Weather Issues	5
Total Calls 2019	746

Of the 746 calls for service 648 were in the City District, 80 were in the Rural District, and 18 were Mutual Aid calls. The total dollar loss to fire was estimated at \$1,040,880.

The Grinnell Fire Department is comprised of 5 full-time, 4 part-time and 19 volunteer firefighters, and the following is a list of them all;

Daniel Sicard	Chief	Full-time
Dave Byers	Assistant Chief of Operations	Volunteer
Brian Paul	Assistant Chief of Training	Volunteer
Carl Eggermont	Captain	Volunteer
Mike Groves	Lieutenant/Safety Officer	Volunteer
Ben Barr	Lieutenant	Volunteer
Jason Pollock	Lieutenant/Safety Officer	Volunteer
Dave Thompson	Driver/Firefighter	Part-time
Scott Sieck	Firefighter	Volunteer
Scott Schmidt	Driver/Firefighter	Part-time
Rob Vest	Driver/Firefighter	Full-time
Craig Sieck	Firefighter	Volunteer
Don Ellis	Firefighter	Volunteer
Todd Zell	Driver/Firefighter	Full-time
Jed Petersen	Driver/Firefighter	Full-time
Curtis Sieck	Firefighter	Volunteer
Doug Ernsperger	Vol Assoc President/FF	Volunteer
Kyle Esrey	Driver/Firefighter	Part-time
Jenifer Smith	Vol Assoc Secretary/FF	Volunteer
Todd Pollock	Firefighter	Volunteer
Wade Robeson	Firefighter	Volunteer
Merlyn Schakel	Vol Assoc VP/FF	Volunteer
William Gruman	Vol Assoc Treasurer/FF	Volunteer
Kyle Smith	Firefighter	Part-time
Brent Smith	Firefighter	Volunteer
Christian Williams	Driver/Firefighter	Full-time
Brent Nickel	Firefighter	Volunteer
EJ Rolfes	Firefighter	Volunteer
Oswaldo Carrillo-Torres	Firefighter	Volunteer

Special notes for our roster in 2019 include;

Dan Walker retired from the Fire Department after 23 years of dedicated service. EJ Rolfes and Oswaldo Carrillo-Torres were added as volunteers. The following volunteers left the department this year; Joe Zimsen, Samantha Ramsey, Marcus McMains, Blake Draper and Dalton Lender. Kyle Smith moved from volunteer to part-time.

Below are some of the notable calls from 2019, it should be noted that we are many times assisted on scene by Grinnell Police Department, Poweshiek & Jasper County Sheriff's Office and/or Midwest/CARE Ambulance;

January 6th

Grinnell and area firefighters provided an honor guard as Firefighter Eric Hosette, a Clinton Firefighter who died in explosion the day before, is returned home. While this was going on several other firefighters were assisting Jasper County Sheriff's Office with a barricaded, armed subject at Deals Acres. The stand-off ended peacefully.



January 19th

Grinnell firefighters were busy with three calls at the same time. The first call came in as a tractor rolled over with a person pinned underneath on 310th Ave. The second call was for a train vs car accident at 390th Ave. The 3rd was to assist the ambulance on a medical at 8th Ave. Luckily there were no major injuries at any of the locations.

January 23rd

Firefighters were called to assist Knoxville Fire Department with a building collapse with hazardous materials inside.

January 24th

Firefighters went mutual aid to Kellogg for a rural house fire. Firefighters not only battled the fire they also had to battle sub-zero temperatures and a -20 wind chill.

January 25th

A full involved truck fire destroyed the 9th Avenue owner's vehicle.



February 10th

A snow storm brought on several accidents on Interstate 80. While responding to one of them, firefighters were hit from behind. Luckily there were no firefighters injured. On the way back from the Interstate, a call was received for a skid loader fire with someone trapped inside. The loader sustained moderate damage and the person was helped out by a passer-by and was not injured. Shortly after this call firefighters responded for a microwave fire on the 3rd floor of Grinnell College Noyce Science Building.



February 25th

After several rounds of snow firefighters went out and helped clear several hydrants of snow.



March 7th

The new Ladder 53 Pierce 100' ladder truck arrived on this day in Grinnell.



April 8th

A dry windy day led to a call for mutual aid to Gilman on Hwy 146 at the Gilman curve for a corn bin and field on fire. While finishing up with this fire a 2nd fire was observed to the northeast. Grinnell and Gilman assisted Montour Fire Department with a large field fire.

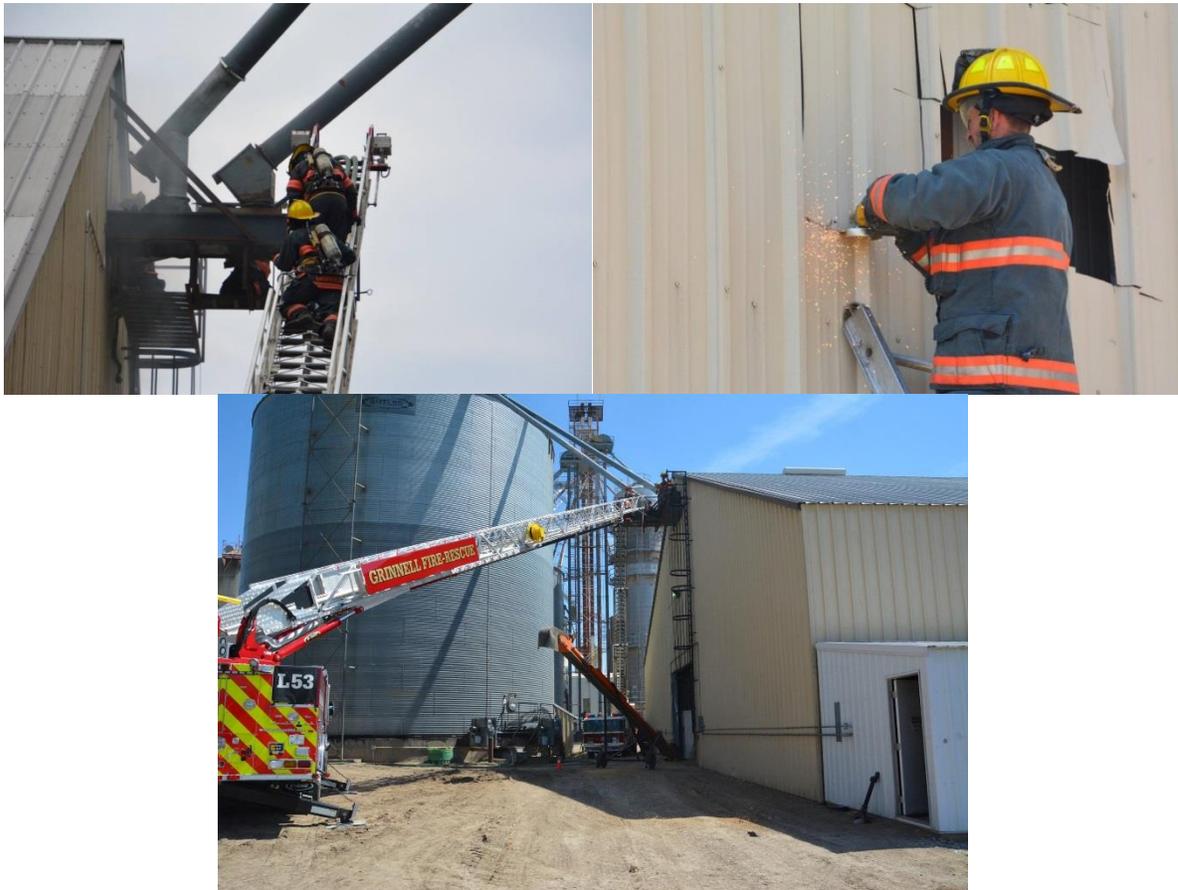
April 13th

A field fire on 32nd Street burned 4 acres.



April 15th & 16th

Firefighters worked for two days alongside Key Co-op employees to extinguish a fire in beans stored in a 200' X 100' flat. Loss of product was estimated at over \$250,000.



April 22nd

Plastic furniture came in contact with an outside fire pit on the patio of Hotel Grinnell and erupted into flames.



May 5th

22 acres of CRP burned. Mutual aid was received from Gilman.



May 13th

Tractor on 70th Street was completely destroyed by fire, no injuries were reported.



June 1st

Grinnell Fire, with Jasper County Conservation, hosted a multi county training with a live structure fire on E 146th Street N. Firefighters from Grinnell, Searsboro, Gilman, Kellogg and Newton participated.



June 28th

The cab of a semi was destroyed in a fire on East Street Lane.



June 30th

A two vehicle collision on Highway 6 required the use of hydraulic rescue tools to extricate one of the victims.



July 23rd

Firefighters assisted Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance with a fire demonstration and arson investigation class. The class was attended by firefighters, private investigators and claims adjusters from around the state.



July 25th

Firefighters set up a “Firefighter’s Challenge” for kids at the Verizon Backpack giveaway event.



July 31st

Firefighters answered a call for an odor of smoke at Spaulding’s Loft Apartments. A small fire was found in a bathroom and extinguished with a fire extinguisher.



August 3rd

Firefighters responded to a motor vehicle roll over on N 39th Avenue E. They found a car rolled into a deep ditch. The roof was crushed in and they were unable to tell if anyone was inside. Air bags were used to raise the car enough to check for occupants. It turned out the driver had fled the scene prior to anyone arriving.



August 5th

Firefighters responded mutual aid to Newton for a fire in a hotel. Firefighters worked several hours to contain the fire to just one section of the hotel.



August 11

Kellogg Fire requested assistance with a MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) on E 116th Street N. A single car rolled over with five patients. Grinnell firefighters responded both to the scene to assist with victims and to the Rock Creek road to set up a landing zone for a medical helicopter.



August 18th

A motor vehicle crash on West Street required a citizen, Steve Briscoe, to rescue the driver as the car caught fire. The fire then extended to the trees next to the car.



August 20th

What was determined by the National Weather Service to be a micro burst, severely damaged a house on 410th Avenue.



August 30th

A fire in the offices at Wes Finch Auto was contained by their sprinkler system. Unfortunately the alarm system was not monitored so the issue was not found until someone opened up in the morning.



September 4th

A fire in a storage bin at Natural Products on 6th Avenue caused an estimated \$500,000 loss of product.



October 6th

The Volunteer Firefighter Association held its annual Fire Prevention Pancake breakfast. Approximately 1200 people attended.



October 22nd

A single vehicle rollover on 400th Ave had 2 injured. 1 person was partially ejected from the truck and required to be extricated from the vehicle. While the roof was being cut off with hydraulic rescue tools a volunteer fire fighter was struck by a flying piece of metal. The piece hit just under his protective goggles, hit his cheek-bone and went into his eye. The FF was taken to Grinnell Regional Hospital where he was transferred to the University of Iowa for surgery. After missing about a month of work the firefighter is back on the job with a positive prognosis.



October 31st

Fire, EMS and Police Officers ran out of candy from the large number of visitors on Halloween.



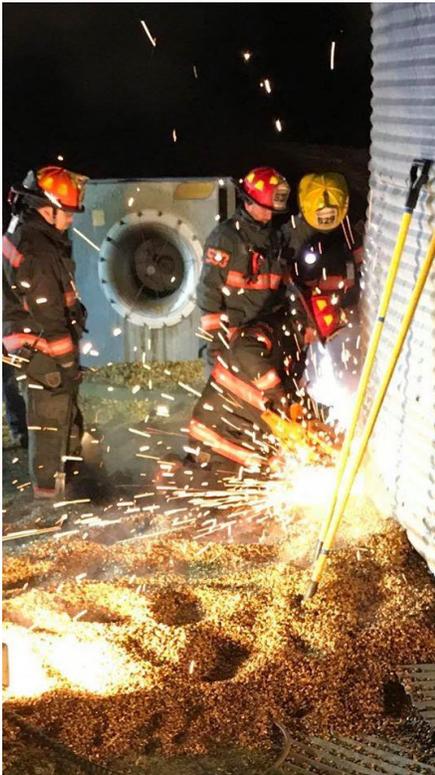
November 6th

Grinnell firefighters responded to a barn fire with Malcom fire on 90th St. During the fire, firefighters left covering the station responded to an electrical fire on Reed St,



November 7th

Firefighters were stretched thin with three calls for help at the same time. The first call was to assist Brooklyn Fire Department with a grain bin fire. As firefighters were assembling to respond there a second call for a skid loader on fire with a person hurt was received on I-80. Crews were split and assigned to each call. As firefighters arrived on I-80 a priority EMS call was received for East St. and another truck was dispatched to there. Below are a couple pictures from Brooklyn where firefighters were tied up for 8 hours.



November 12th

A house and garage fire in Gilman required Grinnell Fire's assistance. 1 civilian was transported to Marshalltown Hospital and a couple dogs perished in the fire.



November 14th & 20th

During inventory of chemicals at Grinnell College Noyce Science Center a container of Diethyl Ether was found to be out of date. The chemical becomes unstable and explosive if not maintained properly. Grinnell FD, City Street Department Grinnell Police and the State Fire Marshal's Bob Squad moved the container to near the observatory to be detonated. The following week several more suspect containers were found. Working with the Bomb Squad the four containers deemed dangerous were carefully transported to the City tree dump and detonated there. The rest of the containers were removed by a hazardous waste clean-up company.

November 22nd

During the Jolly Holly celebration Grinnell Firefighters rescue Santa Claus from the roof of the building as several people watched on.



November 26th

A fuel truck rolled over on 40th St. No fuel spilled and there were no injuries, however firefighters were required to standby for 2 ½ hours until the truck was up righted.



December 12th

While operating at MVC on Hwy 6 into Jasper County a firefighter was hit by a car mirror and had his feet run over. Luckily his steel toed boots protected him and he only had minor injuries.

December 25th

Firefighters were able to rescue the presents from this burning vehicle on Christmas day.



Equipment Purchases

The following large equipment upgrades/purchases were undertaken by the Fire Department last year.

New 100' Ladder/Pumper	\$875,000	City Funded
Equipment for new ladder truck	\$ 30,000	Vol. Fire Assn. Funded
3 New Thermal Imagers	\$ 10,000	Vol. Fire Assn. Funded
CO Detectors	\$ 1,000	Elks Grant
2 New rescue saws	\$ 2,500	Vol. Fire Assn. Funded
Rescue Windshield Cutter	\$ 1,000	American Brawn Grant

Awards

On March 17th the Grinnell Firefighter Association held their Annual Dance and Awards Ceremony. The following awards were given out;

Carl Eggermont and Todd Zell were given the "Life Saver Award" for their performance in helping revive a citizen in cardiac arrest by performing CPR.

Todd Pollock, Jason Pollock, Curtis Sieck and Todd Zell were given the "Life Saver Award" for their performance in helping revive a citizen in cardiac arrest by performing CPR.

The following firefighters were recognized for their years of service;

Dave Byers – 30 years

Scott Sieck – 30 years

Rob Vest – 30 years

Mike Groves – 25 years

Kyle Esrey – 5 years

Jason Pollock – 5 years

Todd Pollock – 5 years

Wade Robeson – 5 years

Brent Nickel – 1 year

Training

The photos below are just a small sample of some of the training done by the Grinnell Firefighters.



The Grinnell Fire Department strives to continue protecting life and property to the highest standard. We also plan on continuing our efforts to contribute to, and be a part of, what makes the Grinnell Community a special place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Sicard
Fire Chief
Grinnell Fire Department