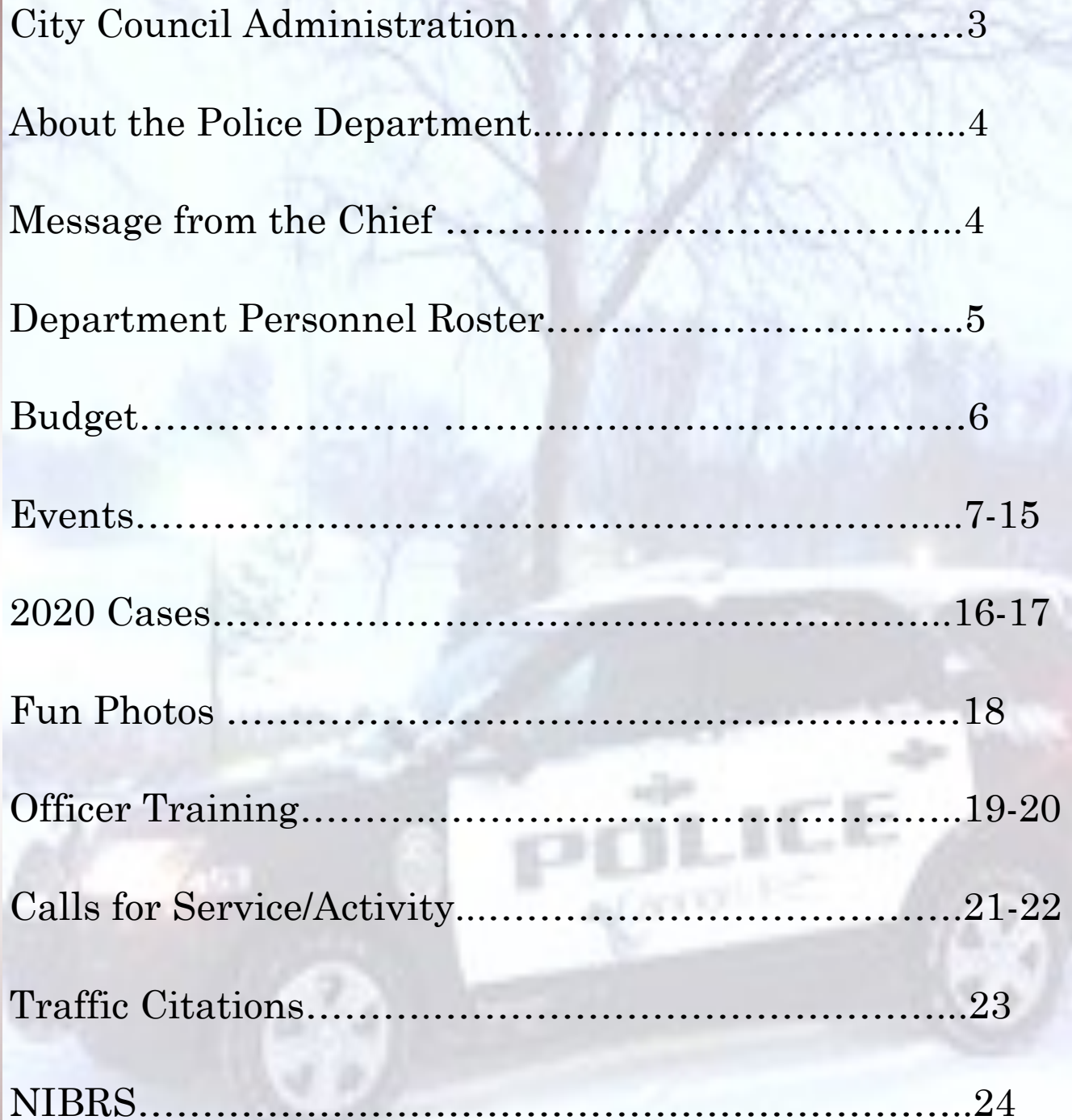




2020 Annual Report
CANNON FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Integrity ★ **Knowledge** ★ **Courage**
Dedicated
to always do
the right thing

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2020 City Council ADMINISTRATION

Mayor

John Althoff

City Council Members

Matt Montgomery

Steve Gesme

Mary Jill Bringgold

William Duncan

Derek Lundell

Morris Mattson

City Administrator

Neil Jenson

Population

4,094

<https://mn.gov/admin/demography/data-by-topic/population-data/our-estimates/>



About the Cannon Falls Police Department

The Cannon Falls Police Department is a full service agency providing patrol coverage twenty four hours a day, seven days a week for the community of Cannon Falls. Because of the volume of calls, the majority of days there is more than one officer working most of the time. Officers handle a wide variety of calls ranging from burglaries and thefts, civil disputes, medical emergencies, traffic direction, car accidents, barking dogs, sexual assault to suicide. The police department handles the investigation of the incidents and at any given time, the officers likely have several open investigations they are working on. The members of the police department work as a team on many of the investigations to ensure that a quick and complete investigation is conducted. Some of our officers have special training in areas like child abuse, so those investigations are conducted by those officers.

The activities of the police department is not limited to just waiting for something to happen. Officers also are conducting general patrol, business checks and residence checks. While an officer is patrolling, they are doing a lot more than just driving around. They are checking areas that have been having issues, watching for driving violations, impaired drivers and engaging members of the community. The administrative staff handles a large number of phone questions, data entry, submitting the required statistics to the State and FBI, processing permit to purchase firearms requests, fulfilling record requests and many other duties.

In addition to these activities, the police department has many partners and programs that help us to connect with our community. Because of the threats posed by COVID-19, 2020 was a challenging year and many of our programs were unable to be done safely, such as our partnership with the school district where the officers have lunch with the kids, Cop Talk at the High School (a monthly opportunity for high school students to visit with Officer Larson which was a huge hit), Coffee Cops & Conversation and the TRIAD program .

Message from the CHIEF OF POLICE

COVID-19 made 2020 a year of uncertainty. For the police department it meant making changes in how we provide services. Hand sanitizer and N95 masks were at a premium for several months. In response, we had to adjust how we interact with people, we stopped shaking hands and tried to conduct as much interaction outside when possible if we needed to be face to face. Phone calls replaced going to a home or business whenever possible. Adjustments had to be made in how officers handle medicals, domestics and other in-progress calls. These adjustments were made to reduce the risk of exposure.

On top of that, 2020 saw the death of George Floyd and several other people that raised the attention of how police departments engage with their communities. I am proud that our police department has engaging with our community as a key part of how we provide police services. The officers do it each day in ways that often go unnoticed. I am blessed with an outstanding team at my side, as we work together serving Cannon Falls.



Department Personnel

| Name | Rank/Section | Serving Since |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Jeffrey McCormick | Chief of Police | 08/03/2007 |
| Joseph Berg | Lieutenant | 06/19/2000 |
| Jill Ekstrom | Police Officer Retired in 2020 | 12/01/2000 |
| Dave TerBeest | Police Officer | 09/30/2008 |
| Paul Larson | Police Officer | 11/18/2015 |
| Marcus Fluhrer | Police Officer Resigned in 2020 | 01/07/2016 |
| Christine Good | Police Officer | 05/30/2017 |
| Thomas Ramboldt | Police Officer | 05/08/2018 |
| Nate Timm ** | Police Officer | 11/19/2015 |
| Mitchell Althoff ** | Police Officer | 07/28/2016 |

** part-time position

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|-------------------|--|------------|
| Bonnie German | Records Position eliminated at end of 2020 | 02/15/1982 |
| Karen Trierweiler | Records | 08/18/2008 |

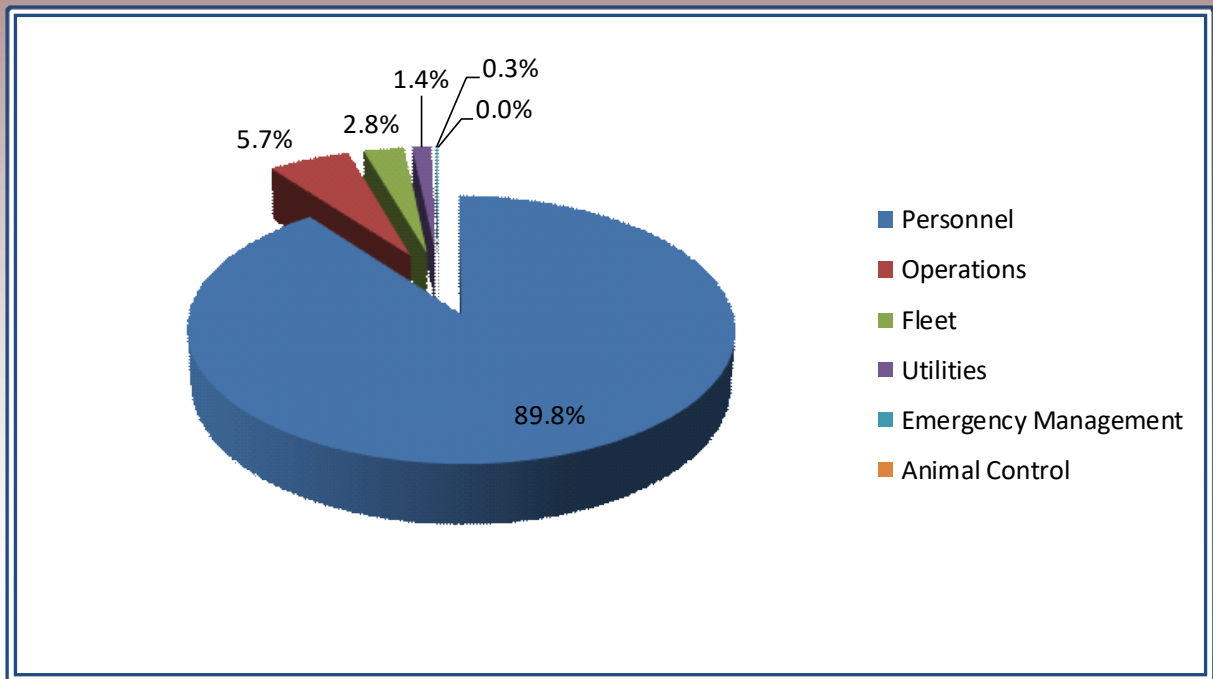
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| Brenda Voshalike | Reserve Volunteer |
| Joseph Bond | Reserve Volunteer |
| Alyssa Sturgeon | Reserve Volunteer |
| Natalie Mausolf | Reserve Volunteer |
| Tucker Lemmerman | Reserve Volunteer |

Police Reserve Officers:
Alyssa Sturgeon, Natalie
Mausolf and Joseph Bond



2020 Police Department Budget

\$1,147,200



The police department is a people business and the largest part of our budget is the personnel cost connected to the staff needed to effectively serve our community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year with a full service police department.

Grants:

The Cannon Falls Police Department received a grant from the Office of Justice Programs. The police department submitted an application to the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program and was awarded \$1,000.00 towards the purchases of new/replacement Body Armor Vests for the Cannon Falls Police Department Officers. All of the officers are issued body armor to protect them while working.

The fiscal year for the Toward Zero Death (TZD) grant is October 2019 to Sept 2020, of which the Cannon Falls Police Department received approximately \$800.00 of the multi-agency Goodhue County TZD grant. Officers worked a total of 12.50 hours and had 27 traffic stops. The TZD enforcement efforts focus on the following areas during different parts of the year: DWI, Seatbelt Enforcement, Distracted Driving and Speed. Officer Fluhner, Officer Larson and Officer Ramboldt served as the TZD Coordinator for the department during 2020. The Cannon Falls Police Department is proud of its role as part of a state-wide effort working towards reducing traffic fatalities to zero deaths.

Events:

With the restrictions in place because of COVID-19 all of the normal events were canceled.

But creative ideas allowed for some events to occur. During COVID-19 restrictions, parades were prohibited.

We worked to find permitted alternatives, so cruises took the place of parades to recognize teachers, emergency workers and high school graduates.



Events:

High School Graduation was held in the High School parking lot this year followed by a Graduate Cruise so family and friends who were unable to attend could recognize the graduates of the class of 2020.



Events:

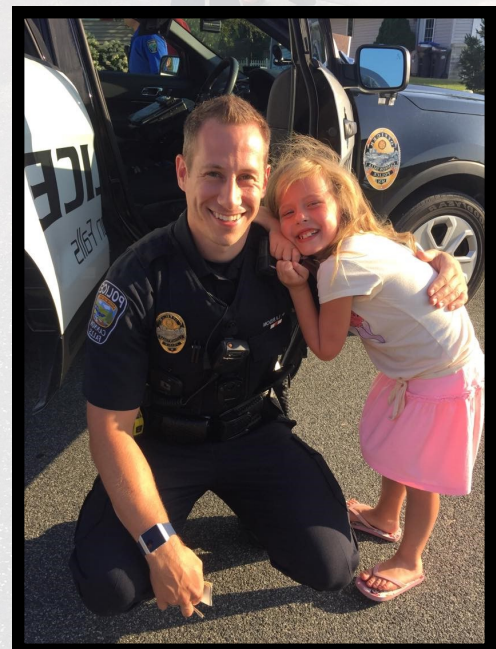
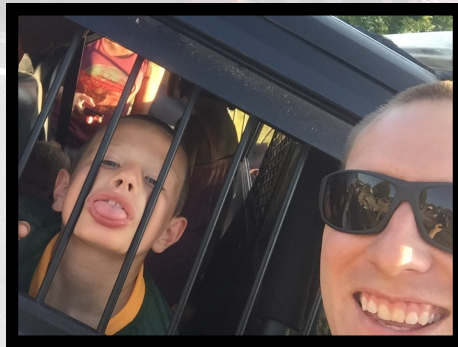
The annual 4th of July parade was changed to a Hero's Cruise to recognize members of the military, Police, Fire, Ambulance and all those who had to keep working on the front lines during the pandemic.



Events:

National Night Out - Cancelled

National Night out/Night to Unite was first delayed two months and then the decision was made to cancel the event for 2020 due to COVID-19. We felt the risk outweighed the benefit of gathering people together for a neighborhood event. As the pictures of past events show, they are a lot of fun and it would be hard to maintain social distance to keep everyone safe which is our primary concern.



Events:



The annual Trick or Trot is held in downtown Cannon Falls, but some changes had to be made.

The participants traveled counter clockwise and businesses came up with creative ways to deliver the candy while staying six feet away.

Officers this year directed street crossings to keep participants from getting bunched up.

Sorry but no pumpkin heads for us this year.

Some of the events we did not get to do as normal. We missed the fun of engaging with the community.



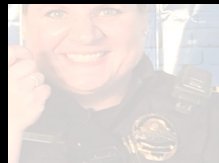
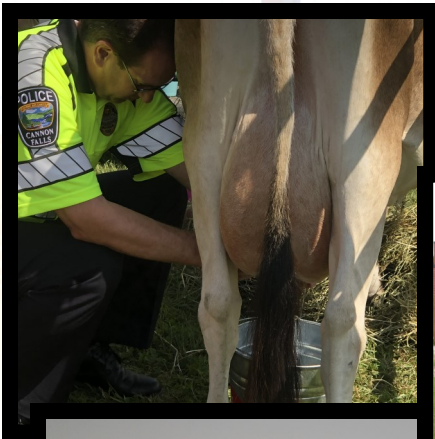
August 8, 2020 Storm

The first call occurred at 5:27pm, followed by 22 calls that were storm related until 7:44pm. The storm caused damage in several parts of Cannon Falls.




Fun Photo Memories

We did not get to have the ability to do fun things as a group this year.





CAUTION
Safety Awareness

Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019
6-7 pm
Cannon Falls Library



Cannon Falls Police Officers Berg, Fluhrer, and Larson will go over general safety awareness and precautions you can take for your own personal security

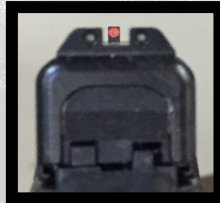


Officer Training:

Cannon Falls Police Officers are required by State Licensing to receive training in Use of Force and Deadly Force as well as Crisis Intervention, Mental Illness Crises, Conflict Management and Mediation and Recognizing and Valuing Community Diversity and Cultural Differences to include Implicit Bias. We provide our officers with additional trainings because on-going training is critical for them to be able to perform their job safely and correctly while protecting and serving our community.



Officer Training



The Cannon Falls Police Department prides itself on the quality of officers, staff and the level of service they provide to our community. Part of achieving that quality is the high emphasis placed on the training staff receives.

The Cannon Falls Police Department expects more than the minimum from our officers and we provide the training they need to be successful because we know that training our officers means they are better prepared to provide the higher level of service expected to those we serve. To accomplish this, a combination of classroom, online and department based trainings are used. We have department members who are trained as instructors in firearms, use of force and field training officers.

2020 was challenging in many ways and required many adjustments. Training was one of these areas impacted. Trainings in March until the end of 2020 were mostly cancelled. Some trainings where social distancing could be maintained occurred with changes. Others restructured to become webinar based trainings and started being available in the fall.

2020 Calls for Service:

| Offense | Totals | Offense | Totals |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 911 calls | 38 | Firearm Accident | 0 |
| Abandoned Vehicle | 6 | Fireworks Complaint | 18 |
| Abuse | 4 | Forgery | 3 |
| Alarm (all other) | 3 | Found Property | 77 |
| Animal Bites | 8 | Fraud | 50 |
| Apprehension/Detention Order | 2 | Gas Leak | 2 |
| Arson | 0 | Harassment | 33 |
| Assault | 8 | Home Alarms | 10 |
| Assist other Authority | 162 | Home Checks | 6 |
| Attempted Theft | 3 | Hospice Death | 12 |
| Attempted to Locate | 71 | Human Trafficking | 1 |
| Bomb Complaint | 0 | Illegal Dumping | 13 |
| Burglary | 18 | Internet Crime | 3 |
| Business Alarm | 96 | Intoxicated Person | 11 |
| Business Checks | 3013 | Investigations—Other | 4 |
| Civil Trespass | 0 | Junk Ordinance | 11 |
| CO Detector | 3 | Juv. Tobacco Violation | 1 |
| Community Engagement | 31 | Liquor/III Cons/III Poss | 9 |
| Damage to Property | 29 | Littering Complaint | 2 |
| Curfew Violation | 7 | Lost Property | 15 |
| Death/Emergency Message | 6 | Medical Assists | 247 |
| Debris in Road | 42 | Mental Illness | 22 |
| Deer hit by vehicle | 19 | Misc Animal Complaints | 127 |
| Directive Patrol | 3 | Misc Civil Matters | 111 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 3 | Misc Officer Actions | 42 |
| Disturbance | 56 | Misc Public/Information | 61 |
| Domestic | 44 | Misc Shooting Complaints | 4 |
| Downtown Foot Beat | 9 | Mischief | 36 |
| DRE/DUI Evaluation | 3 | MN Adult Abuse Reporting | 43 |
| Driver License Violation | 1 | Neglect Child/Adult | 6 |
| Driving Complaint | 144 | Noise Complaint | 30 |
| Drug Court Check | 39 | Ordinance-Other | 27 |
| Drugs/Drug Related | 29 | Parking Violation | 65 |
| DWI Vehicle | 20 | Party Complaints | 0 |
| ERT Call Out | 0 | Permit to Acquire Handgun | 70 |
| Escorts | 20 | Probation Violations | 1 |
| Extra Patrol | 24 | Property Dmge Mtr Veh Accid | 60 |
| Family Complaints | 20 | Personal Injury Mtr Veh Accid | 5 |
| Fire Alarm Police Assist | 8 | Public Assist/Motorist | 177 |
| Fire Calls | 49 | Recover Stolen Property | 2 |

2020 Calls for Service:

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| Offense | Totals |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Registration | 7 |
| Remove Unwanted Person | 24 |
| Robbery | 0 |
| School Activity | 102 |
| Sexual Assault | 6 |
| Shoplifting | 1 |
| Social Service Intake | 12 |
| Stalking | 0 |
| State Patrol Call | 9 |
| Sudden Death/Bodies Found | 12 |
| Suicides | 0 |
| Suicide Attempt/Threat | 24 |
| Suspicious Per/Activity | 405 |
| Theft | 73 |
| Theft by Check | 1 |
| Threats | 20 |
| Tow/Impound Vehicle | 7 |
| Traffic Stop | 1,052 |
| Trespass | 16 |
| Truancy | 0 |
| Unlock | 48 |
| Vehicle Fire | 0 |
| Vehicle Theft | 4 |
| Viol OFP/RO/DANCO | 19 |
| Warrant Arrest | 12 |
| Weapon Violation | 2 |
| Weather | 7 |
| Welfare Check | 111 |
| TOTAL: | 7,439 |



January 2020 during the before times



June 2020 in the during times



Citations:



| Offense | Totals |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Animal Violation (Ordinance) | 3 |
| ATV Equipment | 1 |
| Assault 5th Degree | 3 |
| Careless/Reckless Driving | 1 |
| Cell Phone Violations | 10 |
| Child Restraint Violation | 2 |
| Damage to Property | 1 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 8 |
| Dog at Large | 2 |
| Domestic Assault | 4 |
| Domestic DANCO Violation | 2 |
| Drive After Suspension | 9 |
| Drive After Revocation | 24 |
| Drive After Cancellation | 2 |
| Duty Drive Due Care | 6 |
| Failure to Yield Right of Way | 5 |
| Fail to Yield to Emergency Veh | 3 |
| False Name to Police | 2 |
| Fireworks | 2 |
| Harassment Restraining Order | 1 |
| Hit and Run Violation | 4 |
| Illegal Consumption Alcohol | 9 |
| Illegal/Unsafe Equipment | 1 |
| Illegal Passing | 4 |
| No Insurance | 5 |
| No Proof of Insurance | 8 |
| No Motorcycle Endorsement | 1 |
| No MN DL | 15 |

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| Open Bottle | 5 |
| Parking Violation | 4 |
| Possession Drug Paraphernalia | 15 |
| Red Light/Semaphore Viol. | 2 |
| Registration/Tabs Violation | 16 |
| Seat Belt Violation | 39 |
| Small Amount Marijuana | 15 |
| Speeding | 129 |
| Stop Sign Violation | 6 |
| Tamper Motor Vehicle | 2 |
| Theft | 7 |
| Violation of Instruction Permit | 1 |

CITATIONS ISSUED: 402



NIBRS:

National Incident-Based Reporting System

The list below has the 62 NIBRS Group A and B offenses and the number in which the Cannon Falls Police Department reported to the BCA for 2020.

| Group A Offenses | Totals | Group A Offenses | Totals |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Rape | 1 | Negligent Manslaughter | 0 |
| Fondling | 2 | Justifiable Homicide | 0 |
| Aggravated Assault | 10 | Commercial Sex Acts | 0 |
| Simple Assault / Domestic | 18 | Involuntary Servitude | 0 |
| Intimidation | 3 | Kidnapping/Abduction | 0 |
| Burglary | 18 | Pocket-Picking | 0 |
| Shoplifting | 1 | Theft from Coin-Operated Machine | 0 |
| Theft from Building | 9 | Prostitution | 0 |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 12 | Assisting or Promoting Prostitution | 0 |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accesso | 11 | Purchasing Prostitution | 0 |
| All Other Larceny | 39 | Robbery | 0 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 6 | Sodomy | 0 |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 4 | Sexual Assault With An Object | 0 |
| False Pretenses/Swindle | 5 | Incest | 0 |
| Credit/Debit Card Fraud | 4 | Statutory Rape | 0 |
| Impersonation | 1 | <u>Arson</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Identity Theft | 2 | TOTAL | 235 |
| Stolen Property Offenses | 1 | | |
| Destruction/Damage/Vandalism | 40 | | |
| Drug/Narcotic Violations | 23 | | |
| Drug Equipment Violations | 16 | Group B Offenses | Totals |
| Pornography/Obscene Material | 1 | Bad Checks | 1 |
| Weapon Law Violations | 8 | Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy | 2 |
| Animal Cruelty | 0 | Disorderly Conduct | 7 |
| Embezzlement | 0 | Driving Under the Influence | 40 |
| Extortion/Blackmail | 0 | Drunkenness | 0 |
| Welfare Fraud | 0 | Family Offenses, Nonviolent | 0 |
| Wire Fraud | 0 | Liquor Law Violations | 15 |
| Hacking/Computer Invasion | 0 | Peeping Tom | 0 |
| Betting/Wagering | 0 | Trespass of Real Property | 3 |
| Operation/Promot/Assisting Gambling | 0 | All Other Offenses | 37 |
| Gambling Equipment Violations | 0 | <u>NIBRS Non-Reportable</u> | <u>127</u> |
| Sports Tampering | 0 | TOTAL | 232 |
| Murder and Non-Neg Manslaughter | 0 | | |

Significant 2020 Cases:

Sexual Assault

On June 15, Anthony Nasseff, 28, was arrested on Criminal Sexual Conduct charges after being found naked in the bedroom of a juvenile. Nasseff fled out a window and was located a short distance away. Nasseff was arrested as a result of the investigation. In addition a search of his vehicle found six long handguns which he is ineligible to possess firearms because of a prior conviction.

Assault with a firearm

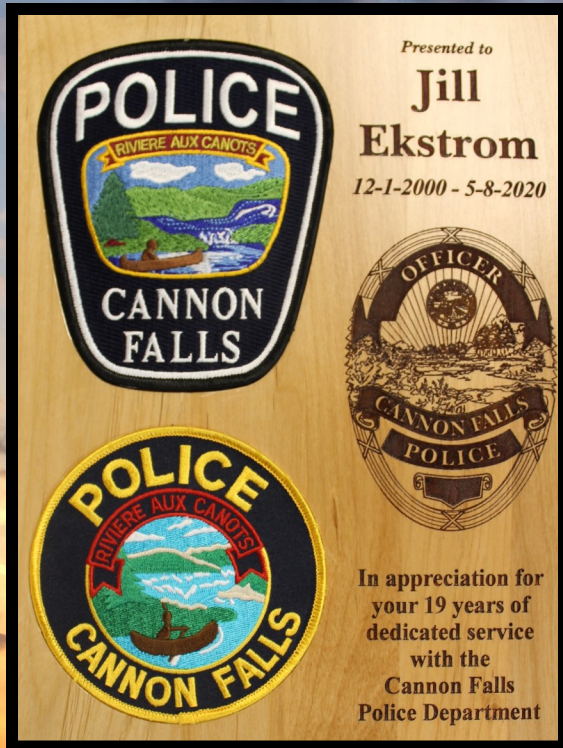
On June 18, Clint Nehring, 45, was arrested on 2nd Degree Assault charges after shooting a person who was struck twice. Nehring called 911 to report a person shot. A search warrant was executed as part of the investigations and additional charges for controlled substances resulted.

Stolen Motor Vehicle, Fleeing

From an incident on June 26, Robert Baker, 28, was charged with Theft—Motor Vehicle and Fleeing a Peace Officer. Officer Fluhrer responded to a call of a male pushing a child off a bed. When arriving the male was driving away in a vehicle. Officer Fluhrer attempted to stop the vehicle and it fled. Officer Fluhrer lost sight of the vehicle, but a caller reported the vehicle had crashed. The male was taken to the hospital. During the investigation it was learned the vehicle was stolen in a armed carjacking in Minneapolis.

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May 2020 Officer Jill Ekstrom announced her retirement from the department. Jill started her career in December of 2000. Jill was the second officer to ever wear the badge 405 in Cannon Falls.



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December 2020 saw Administrative Assistant Bonnie German leaving the department on December 31, 2020 due to the elimination of her position.

Bonnie started her career in Cannon Falls in February 1982 as a part-time dispatcher and moved to police records in 2003 then to an Administrative Assistant position. The Administrative Assistant position was eliminated from the 2021 budget as part of budget reductions.



