



# 2019 La Crescent Police Department

## Year End Report



### Message from Chief Doug Stavenau:

Thank you La Crescent City Council for another successful year at the Police Department. Without your support, the support of the community, and the support of employees, the Department wouldn't have the opportunity to be as connected to the Community as it is. I am in the fortunate position of having so many positive items to share that I find it difficult to keep this document brief.

It is always the mission of the La Crescent Police Department to conduct public service and safety in a professional, transparent manner. If this synopsis prompts further specific discussions regarding any issue please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

### 2019 Operational Highlights

The La Crescent Police Department responded to **5203 incidents**. This is 212 more calls for service from the previous year.

An average of **434 calls received per month** or approximately **14.4 calls for service per day**.

**Part 1 Crimes – 24**

**Part 2 Crimes – 119**

**Department Total - 143**

**Part 1 Crimes – 42 (2018)**

**Part 2 Crimes – 110 (2018)**

**Department Total – 152 (2018)**

(La Crescent reports criminal statistics to the FBI Uniform Crime Report indexes. There are two categories, Part 1 Crimes which are generally crimes of violence and involve property. Part 2 Crimes are often considered less serious such as forgery, embezzlement/fraud, weapons violations, sex crimes, and drug laws.)

The **remaining balance** of calls for service (**5060**) cover an extremely wide variety of events including but not limited to traffic stops, emergency medical care, mental health response, juvenile welfare concerns, public assistance, suspicious activity, alarms, animal control, parking complaints, permits to purchase firearms and ordinance enforcement.

**392 Citations issued for various offenses from traffic to ordinance violations.**

**82 hours** of Department of Public Safety grant funded saturation patrols focusing on traffic safety (Towards Zero Deaths - TZD)

Department participation in a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Distracted Driving Enforcement Day – April 11, 2019.

TZD – Department participation in focused Distracted Driving Enforcement – April 11 – 30, 2019.

### Department Staff

**8** Full time Police Officers

**5** Part time Police Officers

**1** Records/Administrative Assistant

**8** Reserve Officers

**1** Winona State University unpaid Intern (August – October)

- Part-Time Police Officers are not part of the regular schedule rotation. Part-time Police Officers are utilized to provide continuous coverage due to full-time employee excused absences and subject to call out on an emergency basis. It is worth noting that all part time officers are full-time Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) licensed and receive the same training and accreditation that the full time Officers receive.
- Reserves Officers are non-licensed Officers having no arrest powers; however, they perform a valuable role in assisting the department with special events such as security and traffic control. The organization is a great venue for community members to participate in local Public Safety with monthly training drills and providing security and traffic control at special events.

## **Training**

Total Police Officer Training Hours – **589**

- The Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board requires a minimum of 48 hours of continuing education every three years in order to maintain licensure. In addition to the mandatory 16 credits required yearly, the La Crescent Police Department has averaged 45.3 hours of training per officer during 2019.
- Training events consist of attending courses sponsored by professional associations, certification of Department employees in specific areas of training expertise, internet on-line assignments, and conducting training in joint cooperation with other Houston County law enforcement agencies and the La Crescent Fire Department.
- I am personally very proud of the department’s achievements with training. As the Public Safety landscape is ever changing and associated cost of continuing education can be prohibitive, I believe the City of La Crescent is represented with some of the best trained personnel not only in the region, but in the State of Minnesota.

## **Event Highlights**

- The La Crescent Police Department transitioned to National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) and is the first Minnesota Law Enforcement Agency working with Law Enforcement Technologies Group (LETG) to have met the 2021 FBI mandate. This was a three year intensive project taken on in addition to the normal department responsibilities. I truly thank the staff for their extra ordinary effort in accomplishing this goal.
- La Crescent was ranked by HomeSnacks.net to be the 4<sup>th</sup> safest city to live in Minnesota.
- Prescription Drug Take Back Day (sponsored by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency – April). In addition to the drug drop box offered year around at City Hall, a collective total of 260 pounds of controlled substances was collected and properly destroyed.
- The entire department was engaged in 16 hours of Spring Refresher and 8 hours of Fall Refresher Training, covering topics mandated by POST Board to maintain minimum qualification for Peace Officer licensure.
- Officer Kaylee Inglett was welcomed to the Department in July.



Neighbor’s Night Out Tuesday August 6, 2019

- Approximately 1200 people in attendance. Highlights at the event were community booths, a chance to visit with the MN State Patrol, La Crescent Police Department, see the Houston County K9, explore an Ambulance and spray water from a La Crescent fire truck. There was also a free picnic meal, a DJ, bounce house, many door prizes and of course a free summer evening swim at the aquatic center. Thank you to the La Crescent Lions for your assistance in serving and making the event successful.

**Special Events Deserving Recognition**

August 26, 2019 'Shop with a Cop'



December 23, 2019 'Shop with a Cop'

The Houston County Area Law Enforcement Association through the help of sponsors and donations was able to sponsor not just one, but two 'Shop with a Cop' events this year. I feel privileged to be a part of this event and enjoy the time spent with Houston County students. Thank you to the generous sponsorers and to Houston County Sergeant Frick for your dedication and efforts to make this event happen.

Respectfully submitted to the City Council for review.