Coon Rapids Police Department
2018 Annual Report

Providing outstanding service
Reducing crime in our community
Enhancing quality of life
A Message from Chief Brad Wise

Our Police Department prides itself in providing superior service to our 63,000 citizens. We have a sworn staff of 65 officers that have worked very hard to create a culture of working in partnership with our community as we strive to fulfill our mission to enhance public safety. It is the intellect, passion and people skills of our staff that is paramount, therefore, we invest significantly in providing the best training possible. Additionally, our department uses state-of-the-art equipment to ensure officers have the tools they need to be effective public servants.

Together we can continue the important work of keeping our community a safe place to live and work!

Chief Brad Wise

COON RAPIDS AT A GLANCE

Incorporated: 1952
Population: 63,272
Geographic Area: 23.34 sq. miles
City Streets: 221 miles
Developed: 92%

Number of Jobs: 24,090
Housing Units: 24,834
Median Household Income: $68,600
Parks: 48 parks 40 miles of trails, 800 acres of park land

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Organizational Chart 2018

2018 Authorized Strength
Sworn Police Officers / Full Time 65
Civilian / Full Time 10
Civilian / Part Time 4

2018 City Budget
General Fund $30,923,081
Police Department $10,385,671
Administrative Division

This division includes Police Chief Brad Wise, Deputy Chief Paul Ireland, Administrative Secretary Liza Brazelton, Support Services Supervisor Renee Kaulfuss and PSDS Law RMS Administrator Britta Maddox. Five full-time Police Technicians and one Information Specialist work during business hours, Monday through Friday. The Administrative Division is responsible for the overall management of the department by providing all employees with the resources and equipment necessary to perform our mission.

Equipment

The most visible piece of police equipment is the patrol vehicle. All police patrol vehicles are outfitted with computers, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and video recording equipment. Patrol vehicles are acquired through the budgeting process based on a system of replacement set up by Officer Steve Beberg. Officer Beberg takes great pride in providing patrol officers with a mobile office that is the best in the state. A Coon Rapids Police vehicle has been displayed at the last four MN Chief’s Conventions as an example of superior lighting, organization and innovation.

In 2018, the department purchased the MILO Simulation Training System and installed it in the Carlson Training Center. This system is used for deadly force decision training as well as response to resistance training. The system was purchased with drug forfeiture funds and uses realistic, interactive video scenarios to train officers.

Also in 2018, it became necessary to replace the aging and obsolete ICOP in-car video system with the WatchGuard system. The WatchGuard video systems were installed in all of the patrol squads as well as the holding area and interview rooms.

The police department also utilizes six bicycles. Several officers are trained to use the bikes during large gatherings when squad cars are not practical. Administration oversees the maintenance, repair, replacement and budgeting for digital recorders, firearms, cameras, computers and transcribing equipment.
Training

Administration ensures that all officers attend continuing education and training required by the MN POST Board for peace officer licensing. Officers take part in video scenarios that test deadly force decision making. They also attend hands-on response to resistance training as well as firearms training annually. These trainings are under the supervision of fellow officers and supervisors who are certified instructors. POST also requires that officers receive emergency vehicle operation training every five years. This training takes place at the MN Highway Safety and Research Center in St. Cloud, MN. Officers drive squads provided by the center and go through high speed maneuvers in accident avoidance, braking and cornering. There is even a skid pad that simulates slippery conditions. Officers hold certifications in first aid and emergency medical response that also must be renewed every two years.

In 2018, the Records Unit processed 37,982 records and 5,162 citations.

A new law enacted in 2018 requires that all Minnesota peace officers attend 16 hours of continuing education (over a three-year period) toward the following areas:

1. Crisis Intervention and Mental Illness Crises
2. Conflict Management and Mediation
3. Recognizing and Valuing Community Diversity and Cultural Differences to include Implicit Bias

Coon Rapids officers will get the majority of this training through our membership in the PATROL online training program managed by the League of MN Cities.

Records

In 2018, the Records Management Software Company merged with two other software companies to become one entity with the new name of Central Square. With the merger came changes for the Records staff. Property and Evidence was transferred to the web, enhancements were made to state reporting, enhancements were made to case management and the master name management was moved to the web which allowed for merging names and posting alerts.

A Federal mandate requires all law enforcement agencies to convert their reporting of offenses to NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting System) by January 1, 2021. Anoka County received a grant as the trial jurisdiction for the State of Minnesota to build the NIBRS system with Central Square. It is anticipated that Anoka County agencies will be on the NIBRS system by August 1, 2019.

In 2019 all law enforcement agencies within Anoka County will be working towards reducing the number of reports that are housed in the old records management system. Each municipality has a retention schedule which is the cornerstone of an effective records management program. Many agencies within the county have kept records long past their retention schedule. Efforts are being put forth to ensure that records are kept as long as legally and operationally required and that obsolete records are disposed of in a systematic and controlled manner.

The City of Coon Rapids participates in the Council on Local Results and Innovation-Performance Measurement Program. The performance measures the police department reported on were:

- Part I and II Crime Rates
- Part I and II Crime Clearance Rates
- Citizens’ rating of safety in their community (derived from survey data)

This reporting, along with reporting by other City departments, resulted in the City being reimbursed $8,858 from the State Auditor.
Administrative Secretary

Administrative Secretary Liza Brazelton provides administrative support to the Chief of Police and other areas of the department. Her responsibilities include maintaining supplies and office equipment as well as administrative support for Emergency Management. Liza acts as the police liaison to MN Animal Disaster Coalition. She works with non-profit and government agencies to provide emergency shelter for pets during disasters. Liza is in charge of the summer college internship program. She interviews and selects applicants to work in the records division and participate in ride-a-longs. Liza monitors alarm calls that officers are dispatched to. She notifies individuals and businesses that have false alarms and issues warnings followed by administrative fines for repeated false alarms.

Animal control issues in the city are managed by Liza. She works with the Community Service Officers to address multiple pet permit violations and administrative orders involving dog bites. Liza coordinates appeal hearings for potentially dangerous dogs. Liza also plans and coordinates the annual Coon Rapids Love My Pet Fair. In 2018, Liza also coordinated the Night to Unite event and assisted the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving Unit (COPPS) in other areas of crime prevention.

Emergency Management

The City of Coon Rapids has an Emergency Management structure that coordinates planning and response with Coon Rapids Fire and Public Works as well as other local communities, Anoka County, the State of Minnesota, and Federal Emergency Management organizations.

The department continues to complete pre-plans for potential all-hazard events at schools, businesses, hospitals, clinics and areas that serve large groups of people such as the Fourth of July celebration. Plans are developed with the aid of incident management software purchased by the Anoka County JLEC (Joint Law Enforcement Council).

Emergency Management also includes conducting emergency response drills at Coon Rapids High School, the middle schools and elementary schools during the school year. Fire drills and drills designed to prepare for an intruder on campus are conducted regularly. Department emergency managers meet annually with Anoka County Public Health to review and refine plans for potential pandemics, attend Emergency Management conferences and take part in pipeline safety table top exercises.

The Department also began the initial stages of updating the county-wide all-hazards plan for Coon Rapids. This includes assessing our ability to respond to a man-made or environmental incidents. This plan updating is done every five years as required by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM).

PSDS Law Enforcement RMS Administrator

In January of 2018, the duties of PSDS Manager were split to allow for more focus on both the Fire and the Law side. Britta Maddox, hired in 2016 for the Assistant Systems Manager position, continues on the Law side as the PSDS Law RMS Administrator and Jason Nihart was hired by the Fire Protection Council as the PSDS Fire RMS Administrator. The Joint Law Enforcement Council (JLEC) pays for 32 hours per week for the Law RMS Administrator and the City of Coon Rapids pays for the remaining eight hours. The Law RMS Administrator continues to provide technical support and training for all aspects of the Public Safety Data System relating to law enforcement – to include CAD, mobile access with a main focus on report writing and records maintenance. The Law RMS Administrator’s primary focus is end-user training, troubleshooting, and working with vendors to test upgrades and new features.

The remaining eight hours of this position are dedicated to supervising the evidence room, troubleshooting computer-related issues within the police department, managing all digital evidence, and assisting with digital investigations.
Evidence

In the last few years, officers have seen an increase in very toxic drugs on the street. Nationally in 2017, there were several instances of officers being sickened and nearly dying from coming into contact with extremely toxic street drugs. In response to this, the department began remodeling the evidence storage area to include a climate controlled, ventilated room specifically for storing drugs. A fume hood was also installed in the evidence intake area in early 2018. With the installation of the fume hood, officers are able to process potentially toxic substances with less risk.

Grants

In 2018, the department received two Justice Assistance Grants. The 2017 grant that was held up in the federal courts over disbursement was received in August in the amount of $11,794.00. This money was used to purchase a new speed trailer and equipment for active shooter training. The 2018 grant was received in October in the amount of $12,163.00. This money was used to purchase Taser Electronic Control Devices (ECDs), Preliminary Breath Test (PBTs) units and car alarms for take home detective squads.

Awards

Liza Brazelton received an Award of Merit for her selfless dedication to the Coon Rapids Police Department and her service to our community since 1985.

Renee Kaulfuss received an Award of Merit for outstanding skill and service to the Police Department in supervising the Records Division.

Britta Maddox received an Award of Merit for excellent leadership in the research, planning, implementation, training and technical aspects of the Watch Guard in-squad video system.

Administration Division Goals for 2019

- Use time study data to review patrol staffing levels to ensure optimal effectiveness and efficiency.
- Reduce number of reports housed in old records management system based on retention schedule.
- Begin converting the reporting of offenses from the Uniform Offense Code to the National Incident Based Reporting System.

Administrative Division
Personnel Changes

**New Employees**
Demarie Davis – Information Specialist March 12, 2018

**Change in Status**
Bethany Kuhn – Records Technician March 19, 2018

**Resignations**
Sue Theis – Records Technician January 30, 2018

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Captain Jon Urquhart leads this division with day-to-day operations being handled by Sergeant Bill Steiner. The division includes Detectives and Community Oriented Police and Problems Solving officers (COPPS). Detectives are either assigned to investigate serious crimes throughout the city or they are assigned to investigate juvenile crime at Coon Rapids High School, middle schools and elementary schools during the school year. The COPPS officers specialize in policing both apartment and single family rental properties as well as retail areas of the city. They are tasked with finding long term solutions to persistent problems. All members of this division handle several other specialties beside their basic job duties. Some of the specialized duties that they take on include elder abuse, arson, auto theft, second-hand goods retailers, predatory offenders and missing people.

Community Outreach Specialist

A new position was created for the department in 2018. Trish Heitman joined the department in March as a Community Outreach Specialist. This position was designed to help the department better communicate with the citizens we serve through social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook and Nextdoor. Trish launched a new program in 2018, Community Watch Team, that incorporates crime prevention communication with enhanced public engagement through the community camera program. This program keeps track of doorbell and security cameras at private residences and businesses to help police solve crimes if incidents occur in an area where there is a camera nearby. Trish is also responsible for planning and coordinating the Night to Unite gatherings. The Department initiated a staffing needs study and Trish was instrumental in analyzing the data. Another ongoing project currently being worked on is studying the impact mental health/chemical dependency has on patrol call volume.

Predatory Offenders

One investigator, with the help of several patrol officers, ensure compliance with the offenders that reside in the city. They make random home visits to ensure offenders are in compliance in accordance with the law.

Anoka-Hennepin Narcotics and Violent Crimes Task Force

The Department assigns two officers to this multi-agency unit. The officers attend specialized training in the detection and apprehension of drug traffickers then work cases with a task force team to target the suppliers. Task Force members work cooperatively with federal agencies and neighboring task forces to curb the flow of heroin (and similar opioids) and methamphetamine-type drugs including prescription drugs (fentanyl). Members also assist with the investigation of violent crimes such as a homicide or armed robbery. A recent trend is the metropolitan area becoming a distribution point for illegal drugs of all types where in the past it was more of a final destination.
# Four Year Drug Seizure Data

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**NIGHT TO UNITE** is held each year on the first Tuesday in August. The event is designed to generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and foster police-community partnerships. Activities include neighborhood block parties which are attended by Coon Rapids police officers and firefighters. Officers visit with citizens, share crime prevention tips and socialize. In 2018, Coon Rapids citizens organized 124 block parties throughout the city with an estimated 3800 participants.
Investigative Division
Personnel Changes

New Employees
Trish Heitman – Community Outreach Specialist March 12, 2018

Change in Status
Justin Hovorka – COPPS Unit May 7, 2018
Adam Jacobson – Detective May 7, 2018

Resignations
Matt Lund – Detective March 6, 2018
Joseph Price – Detective September 4, 2018

Awards
Officer Tanya Harmoning received an Award of Merit for persistence, effort and commitment to mental health in the community as a Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Officer.

Detective Briana Johnson received an Award of Merit for prompt action which resulted in the capture and removal of an armed and dangerous criminal from the community and the safe reunification of two kidnapped children with their mother.

Detective Adam Jacobson received an Award of Merit for skill, effort and persistence in the investigation of a missing 16 year old girl which resulted in recovering her from California and the successful charging of a 22 year old male with Deprivation of Parental Rights.

Detective Mike Plankers received an Award of Merit for skill, teamwork and effort in investigating and arresting a violent suspect who had kidnapped a 17 year old girl.

Grants
Anoka County Auto Theft Task Force

The Anoka County Auto Theft Task Force is a multi-agency program funded by the Department of Commerce through a competitive grant process. Members of the task force work to educate the public in prevention strategies and coordinate investigative efforts of the member agencies. In 2018, approximately half of the vehicles that were stolen had the keys left in the vehicle. Detective Chad Duckson is the grant administrator for the task force. He assisted in analyzing theft data by Police Technician, Carey Strouse.

Investigation Division Goals for 2019

- Develop strategies to more effectively provide services and long term care solutions to those suffering from mental health issues.
- Continue to use proactive strategies and tools for burglary suppression.
- Enhance crime prevention strategies via social media platforms.
- Review current operating practices for inefficiencies and make adjustments/corrections.
- Trends: Time spent gathering information/evidence on patrol calls for service continues to increase as does time spent investigating crimes.
This division includes Patrol Captain Tom Hawley, Patrol Sergeants Rick Boone, John Stahnke, Daren Keasling, Ben Bautch, Brady Madson and Mike Blair. The patrol sergeants supervise 41 officers and five community service officers (CSO). Officers are assigned to four ten hour shifts, 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., noon to 10 p.m., 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. The shifts overlap to provide extra officers during busy times of the day or night. Officers rotate shifts up to three times a year and rotate between four patrol sectors to keep familiar with all areas of the city.

The patrol officers respond to a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency calls in marked police vehicles. They respond to crime reports, crimes in progress, traffic crashes and many non-crime calls for service such as medical emergencies and mental health crises. When not dispatched to calls, patrol officers enforce traffic laws and city ordinances, patrol problem areas, serve arrest warrants and engage in many other services.

In addition, officers serve as instructors for the department in the areas of response to resistance and firearms. These instructors provide training each year for all officers.

Heart Safe Program

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, sudden cardiac arrest is the second-leading cause of death in Minnesota, responsible for almost 20% of deaths. The Heart Safe Communities initiative is an effort to prevent death from sudden cardiac arrest by:

- Increasing community and public awareness of sudden cardiac arrest
- Placing automated external defibrillators (AEDs) wherever people live, work and play
- Educating the public on how to administer hands-only CPR

A Heart Safe City designation recognizes a community’s efforts to prepare its staff and citizens to respond when someone suffers a sudden cardiac arrest. Any municipality, county or organization in Minnesota can apply for the Heart Safe designation from the Minnesota Department of Health and American Heart Association. Coon Rapids received the designation as a Heart Safe Community in 2013 thanks to the efforts of Officer Bryan Platz and several volunteers with the Heart Safe Coon Rapids program. In 2018, volunteers with the program accomplished the following: 2,844 people trained, staff at 27 businesses were trained, five schools, all Coon Rapids Little League coaches and many Boy and Girl Scout Troops. Officer Platz also was invited back to Worcester, United Kingdom to assist starting programs in two more cities there, Birmingham and Malvern, UK. Also in 2018, Heart Safe Coon Rapids partnered with Take Heart America to start a National Heart Safe Designation program for states that don’t have organized Heart Safe programs.
K-9

Several patrol officers serve in specialty assignments that enhance the effectiveness of the division. Two officers are certified K-9 handlers. Officer Brian Sternquist has a K-9 partner “Taz” and Officer Interna Kim has a K-9 partner “Ike”. These K-9 partners assist in searching for missing persons, weapons and drugs, make apprehensions of wanted criminals and perform dog demonstrations for many community groups. The Coon Rapids PD Canine teams answered 131 calls for service in 2018, including tracking, vehicle sniffs and perimeter support. They conducted over a dozen demonstrations with nearly 1000 spectators.

Both teams participated in the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Region 12 certification trials in June. During the trials Officer Sternquist and TAZ received awards and recognition for several tracks and assists throughout the year. Officer Kim and IKE placed first out of 90 teams for the “suspect search” with a near record time.

D.A.R.E. Program

Another specialty assignment for patrol officers is teaching D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Since 1988, the Police Department has provided patrol officers to instruct the nationally recognized D.A.R.E. program in all elementary schools in Coon Rapids.

2018-2019 D.A.R.E officers:

Officer Bryan Platz – Mississippi and Sand Creek Elementary Schools
Officer Joshua Pirkola – Eisenhower and Hoover Elementary Schools
Officer Jaime Jackson – Adams and Epiphany Elementary Schools
Officer Tyler Brown - Morris Bye and Hamilton Elementary Schools

Through the D.A.R.E. program, officers help students:

- Learn accurate information about drugs and violence.
- Understand responsibility, decision-making and problem solving skills and strategies to help students make informed decisions that will help them resist drug use and violence.
- Have an understanding of the effects of drug abuse that go beyond the physical ramifications and extend to emotional, social, and economic aspects of life.
- Learn skills to resist peer pressure.
- Understand how to choose good friends, help others, resist bullying, build self-esteem and develop confident communication skills.
- Learn drug avoidance techniques.

684 fifth-grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. program in the 2018-2019 school year.
Police Reserve Unit

The Patrol Division accomplishes its mission with the assistance of civilian volunteers (police reserves) that are trained to assist the police with non-enforcement duties. Police reserves are members of the community that work full-time jobs in addition to volunteering their time to the city. Non-enforcement duties they perform include traffic direction and crowd control at the 4th of July parade and carnival, high school football and hockey games. They also provide traffic direction at accidents and prisoner transports. Some police reserves work paid details patrolling the parks and some work at Anoka-Ramsey Community College providing security. The Coon Rapids Police Reserve Unit also assists in emergencies and natural disasters in the community and around Minnesota. In 2018, members of the Reserve Unit volunteered over 1,280 hours of time to the community. 2018 brought several retirements from the Reserve Unit which lead to a new academy class held in the fall of 2018. Eight new members completed the academy in December. The tremendous work and dedication of the men and women in the Reserve Unit is greatly appreciated by the department.

Police Explorers

The Coon Rapids Police Department sponsors a Law Enforcement Explorer Post. The Explorer Program is available to young adults between the ages of 14 and 20 who have an interest in law enforcement. The Explorer Program is part of Learning for Life’s Career Education Program which is an affiliate of the Boy Scouts of America.

As a member of the Police Explorer program, young adults learn about the duties and responsibilities of police officers. The program assists young adults in building maturity and self-confidence through scenario based training. Police Explorers have the opportunity to ride along with Coon Rapids Police Officers and observe real-world law enforcement situations.

Members of the Explorer Program are eligible to receive college scholarship money based on their performance at the state conference.

Coon Rapids Police Explorers assist the community by volunteering at several community service events throughout the year. Coon Rapids Police Explorers can be seen assisting the police department during the Coon Rapids Fourth of July festivities as well as the Coon Rapids High School homecoming parade.

Every year, members of the explorer program attend the State Law Enforcement Explorer Conference in Rochester, MN. During the conference, they compete against police explorers from around the state to test their knowledge in various law enforcement situations.

Police Citizens Academy

The 2018, Police Citizens Academy was held in November and graduated twenty four members of the community. Academy graduates spent nine weeks learning about different aspects of the police department. From learning about firearms and defensive tactics, to understanding how to process a crime scene and participating in a ride-along with a patrol officer, students were able to get a “behind-the-scenes” view of the police department.

In 2019, the name and structure of the program is changing. It will now be called the Community Police Academy and be held over the course of four evenings two separate times during the year. The program changes will allow the department to serve a larger number of participants. The first program kicked off in April of 2019 with great success. Another session will be held in the fall of 2019.
2018 Polar Plunge

On February 24, 2018, the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics was held at Crooked Lake Beach. It was about 15 degrees that day as seven Coon Rapids Police plungers joined approximately 650 other participants to raise approximately $300,000 for Special Olympics.

Officer Josh Pirkola serves as the department liaison to the Minnesota Special Olympics. Officer Pirkola is in charge of organizing the event including recruiting participants and coordinating with Public Works to prepare the plunge site. He also helps with donations for the volunteers from Starbucks, Kwik Trip and Cub Foods. In addition, he works with Kendall’s Restaurant to provide a drop off/pick up site for transportation of the participants.

Safe Kids

Safe Kids Anoka County is a local chapter that operates under Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations working to prevent unintentional childhood injuries which are the leading cause of death and disability for children. Detective Cameron Gustafson has been joined by Trish Heitman to represent Coon Rapids in the program.

They provide educational services to children and families by instructing at:

- Kids Safety Camps
- Bike Helmet Clinics/Sales
- Car Seat Inspections/Clinics
- Educational Booths at Community and Prevention Events

In 2018, Detective Gustafson hosted 16 car seat installation clinics at the Coon Rapids Police Department for a total of 194 seats checked. In addition, 29 new car seats were donated to low-income families. The car seats were obtained through the Safe Kids Coalition as well as a grant Detective Gustafson applied for through the MN Department of Public Safety.
Patrol Division Personnel Changes

New Employees
- Chase McAllister – Community Service Officer January 22, 2018
- Ciara Pedersen – Community Service Officer August 7, 2018
- James Malkowski – Community Service Officer August 7, 2018
- Jack Johnson – Community Service Officer September 24, 2018
- Tristan Mirovsky – Community Service Officer December 12, 2018
- Danielle Forsman – Police Officer December 17, 2018
- Doug Barron – Police Officer December 17, 2018

Change in Status
- Tanya Harmoning – Patrol Officer May 7, 2018
- Meng Yang – Patrol Officer June 11, 2018
- Jordan Girtz – Patrol Officer September 24, 2018

Resignations
- Chase McAllister – Community Service Officer May 31, 2018
- Jacob Lindgren – Community Service Officer July 9, 2018

Retirements
- Officer Jason Ruis retired after over 19 years of service. Jason joined the department in April of 1995 as a community service officer and was later hired as a patrol officer in May of 1999. Jason worked the majority of his career on patrol. He volunteered as an Explorer Advisor for 17 years. Over his career he received several Awards of Merit and countless citizen appreciation letters.

Awards
- Officer Tom Sharon received an Award of Valor for acting to control and apprehend an armed and violent criminal which placed the safety of others above his own.
- Officer Matt Wilberg, Officer Taylor Arneson, Officer Geoff Neumann, Officer Dennis Cook, Officer Eric Burns and Sergeant John Stahnke received Awards of Merit for skill, teamwork and effort in investigating and arresting a violent suspect who had kidnapped a 17 year old girl.
- Officer Steve Beberg received an Award of Merit for his excellent leadership in the research, planning, implementation, training and technical aspects of the Watch Guard in-squad video system.
- Officer Dennis Cook received an Award of Merit for being a top performer removing impaired drivers from our roadways as a DWI Grant Officer.
- Sergeant Daren Keasling received an Award of Merit for dedicated leadership and advancement of the Coon Rapids Police Reserve Unit.
- Reserve Captain Todd Schroeder received an Award of Merit for 18 years of service and leadership to the Coon Rapids Police Reserve Unit.
- Reserve Sergeant Jeff Danielson received an Award of Merit for over 10 years of dedicated service to the Coon Rapids Police Reserve Unit.

Grants
In 2018, the Department applied to continue the existing DWI Grant through the Office of Traffic Safety but was not awarded a new grant when the current one ended in September. The Department participated in the grant for four years prior and officers working the grant position were responsible for arresting 448 impaired drivers. Officer Dennis Cook worked the grant position for the last nine months and was sixth in the State of Minnesota in DWI arrests.

Also in 2018, the Department was awarded a $2,000.00 grant through the CenterPoint Energy Community Partnership. That money was used for the purchase of hearing protection earmuffs and safety glasses for use at the firearms range as well as padded safety gloves for the Mobile Field Force team.

Patrol Division Goals for 2019

- Limit criminal activity and maximize safety of people and property through routine patrol, traffic enforcement and responding to calls for service in a timely manner.
- Engage and interact with citizenry.
- Quick response to medical emergencies with skilled medical care through first aid, CPR, use of AEDs and ResQPump CPR-assist devices, etc.
- Preparing the next generation of leaders to succeed the current administration many of whom will be retiring in the next few years.
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Coon Rapids Community:

Thank you for your heartfelt support! The department often receives thank you notes and treats from the public as a show of support throughout the year.

We appreciate our partnership with the public, and value the relationships we have built and continue to build in the community.
### Top Ten Contributing Factors for Crashes

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<td>Following Too Closely</td>
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<td>Driver Distracted</td>
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*From BCA Data on Reported Crashes*
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<td>Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Phone Call/Other</td>
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<td>Complaints (Includes Motor Vehicle, Fraud, Noise, Other)</td>
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<td>Animal Complaints</td>
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<td>Assist Other Law Enforcement Agencies</td>
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2018 Total Service Calls: 45,378

Total Reports Generated: 37,982

Top Ten Citation Violations

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Total Citations: 5,162
Since 2007, Coon Rapids officers have experienced a 91% increase in mental health related calls. This increase coincides with a national trend of an increase in police contacts with mentally ill individuals. Coon Rapids officers respond to a variety of mental health related calls including suicide threats and attempts, drug and alcohol impairment and check the welfare. Mental illness or impairment plays a role in many police/citizen contacts and this often requires a specialized response from officers which includes multiple officers tied up for significant periods of time. The Coon Rapids Police Department has made it a priority that officers attend the latest mental health related training available. Most officers and supervisors have attended hands-on training with strategies on how to diffuse and assist people in mental health crisis. The Department has also assigned an officer to conduct proactive and reactive follow-up visits in an effort to connect citizens in need of services with community resources. Connecting people in crisis with the care they need helps to reduce repeat calls for service.