

ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

City of Rock Falls Police Department

Annual Report

Calendar year 2017



Rock Falls Police Department

2017 Annual Report

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Tammy J. Nelson**

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William Wescott**

**Operations Commander
Jay Koett**

**Administrative Commander
Doug Coppotelli**

January 7th, 2018

Mayor and City Council
City of Rock Falls
603 W. 10th st
Rock Falls, Il 61071

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am pleased to present you with the 2017 Rock Falls Police Department annual report. The information provided Contains an overview of the staff accomplishments as well as a variety of statistical data to inform you, the Mayor, City Council, and our community.

A number of highlights occurred in 2017, not the least of which was participating on the consolidation board to help make consolidating with Sterling a reality. The Consolidated Dispatch is up and running with a great deal of success.

Rock Falls Police strives to keep up with demand, and as a result of higher case loads for our investigators we have trained and implemented a third full time Detective. This will help us to solve and close more cases than we were able to in 2016. Our Rock Falls Police Department Facebook now has over 4,200 likes and the community has become quite helpful in regards to sharing and giving feedback. In addition to social media, Safe Passage initiative has brought a level of success unparalleled from other programs. With over 50 people placed into treatment, we are helping the substance abuse crisis from another more positive level.

Training remains a high priority. We accomplished over 1600 hours of training in 2017.

Rock Falls Police Department strives to ever expand our bond with the community, and the relationships and partnerships we've developed over time.

Sincerely,

Tammy J. Nelson
Chief of Police

“Proud of Our Past-Confident of Our Future”

ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

updated 11-1-2017

Badge	Name	Date of Hire	Years of service
900	Chief Tammy Nelson	1/1/1993	25
901	Cmdr. Doug Coppotelli	12/28/1998	19
902	Cmdr. Jay Koett	7/29/1991	26
905	Det. Sgt. Dave Pilgrim	8/29/2001	16
906	Sgt Mark Davis	3/9/1998	19
908	Sgt. Doug Wolber	6/12/2006	11
909	Sgt. Jeremy Vondra	12/29/2003	13
904	Sgt. Chad Hermes	1/2/2014	4
915	Det Soliel Signer	4/5/2013	4
921	Ofc Jonathan Cater	2/11/2008	9
922			
923	Ofc Jarrett Ludwig	5/3/2010	7
924	Ofc Betony Kilberg	9/26/2011	6
925	Ofc Matt Mckanna	12/15/2014	3
926	Ofc Dustin Sugars	3/28/2016	2
927	Ofc Nick Nolte	1/3/2017	2
928	Ofc Jim Hollaway	6/22/1998	19
929	Ofc David Gottemoller	3/27/2017	1
931	Ofc Ethan Riley	7/31/2017	1
932	Ofc. Ryan McKanna	3/30/2015	3
935	Ofc. Elise Dusek	3/30/2015	3
930	Ofc Kari Anderson	11/17/2017	1

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960	CSO. Amy Stoeckel	9/19/2006	11
981	TC Pam Henderson	9/13/2004	12
984	Records Joy Colberg	9/6/2011	6

ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

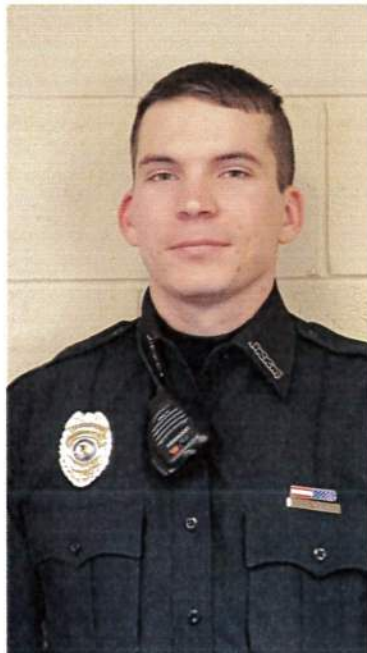
Officer Nick Nolte hired January 3rd, 2017.



Officer David Gottemoller hired March 27th, 2017.



Officer Ethan Riley hired July 31, 2017.



Officer Kari Anderson hired November 17th, 2017.



RESIGNATIONS

Officer Scott Allspaugh resigned to take a job at Savanna PD. He had 3 years of service.



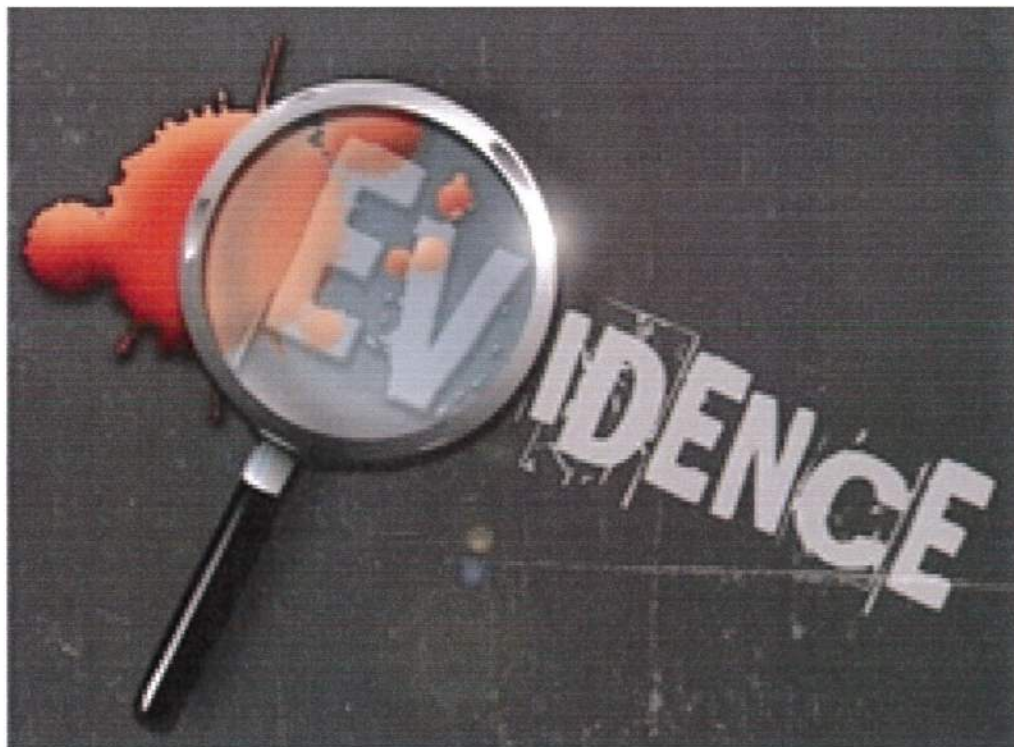
K-9 Nero was retired in 2017, with 8 years of dedicated service.



Officer Nick Neblung resigned in 2017. He had 2 years of service.



INVESTIGATIONS-2017



Sergeant David Pilgrim

Detective Soliel Deets

Detective Elise Dusek: (will be assigned in February).

Rock Falls Police Department
Investigations Division
2017 Year-End Report

Personnel:

Detective Sergeant Dave Pilgrim
Detective Julia Soliel Deets (Blackhawk Area Task Force - primary assignment)

Overview:

Throughout 2017 more than 120 cases were referred to the Investigations Division. Investigation of these cases resulted in 15 felony arrests/arrest warrants and more than 15 search warrants or the issuance of other court orders (subpoena, etc.). Sex Offenses and Burglary were the most common types of cases referred to the Detectives. More than 20 interviews were conducted at April House Child Advocacy Center in reference to child abuse and sexual abuse.

Detectives assisted other agencies more than 25 times throughout the year on various investigations and the Detectives were called out, after regular hours, 20 times.

The Investigations Division took in over 325 individual exhibits of evidence in 2017.

Background investigations were conducted on 6 police officer applicants and 1 firefighter applicant.

In late 2016, Detective Deets was assigned to the Blackhawk Area Task Force as her primary assignment. All drug activity reports are directed to her for follow-up and investigation. In 2017, the Investigations Division received more than 25 reports of alleged drug activity.

Major cases:

April: Detectives responded to a shooting at The Cooler which resulted in 4 people being seriously injured by gunfire. This investigation required the Detectives to travel to South Carolina to conduct interviews and collect evidence and ultimately resulted in the arrest of Seth T. Wallace of Dillon, SC. Wallace is charged with 4 counts of Aggravated Battery (Class X Felony) and is awaiting trial.

July: Burglary at Gieson Motorsports. This investigation resulted in the arrest of two individuals for Burglary and Felony Theft as well as the recovery of two stolen motorcycles valued at over \$10,000. They are currently awaiting trial.

**ROCK FALLS
POLICE
TRAINING
2017**



2017 schedule and training hours

Class	Officers	Date/Hours
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JANUARY

<u>Brady and it's progeny</u>	Nelson Coppotelli	1/16/2017 3.5 hours
FTO school	M. Mckanna R. Mckanna Allspaugh	02/23-02/27 40 hours

FEBRUARY

Range instructor	<u>Wolber</u>	02/20-02/25
	Davis	40 hours
<u>STFS Refresher</u>	Davis Wolber Kilberg M. Mckanna	2/28/2017 4 hours

MARCH

<u>ILEAS</u>	Coppo Koett	03/12-03/14
Haz Mat Bloodbourne	Hermes Ludwig Dusek Vondra Hollaway R. Mckanna Pilgrim Deets	3/20/2017 4 1/2 Hours
CPR refresher	Nelson Wolber Ludwig Koett Allspaugh M. Mckanna Vondra Hollaway R. McKanr Coppo	3/21/2017 2 1/2 hours

Class	Officers	Date/Hours
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APRIL

SFST refresher	Vondra Hollaway	4/12/2017
	R. Mckanna	4 1/2 hours
CPR refresher	Davis Pilgrim	4/27/2001
	Deets Sugars	3 hours
	Kilberg Hermes	
	Dusek	
Deadly force investigations	Koett	4/27/2017
		4 hours
Shining Star conf.	Nelson	16 hours
	Pilgrim	4/18/2019

MAY

JUNE

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JULY

AUGUST

Class	Officers	Date/Hours
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SEPTEMBER

Juvenile class refresher	Dusek	9/8/2017
	Hermes Jarrett	8hours
Mental health first aide	Davis Wolber Sugars Cater	9/21/2017 8 hours
New Detective	Dusek	09/25-0928 40 hours

OCTOBER

Legal tips for PO's	Cater	10/6/2017
	Hollaway Nolte	8 hours
The bulletproof mind	Pilgrim	10/11/2017
		4 hours
M16 A1/A2 refresher	Nolte	10/18/2017
	Gottemoller	8hours
DUI refresher	Allspaugh Cater	10/24/2018 6 hours

NOVEMBER

911 conference	Coppotelli	11/05-11/08 32 hours
BA certification	Gottemoller	11/06-11/07 16hours

Class	Officers	Date/Hours
Acting patrol officer in charge	Cater Ludwig	11/09-11/10 16 hours
Use of force decision making	Coppotelli Hollaway	9-Nov
	R. Mckann Nolte Gottemolle Hermes	4 hours
	Nelson Koett Deets Cater Davis M. Mckanna Kilberg Wolber Sugars	
Mandatory firearms training	Anderson	11/18 -11/19 20 hours

DECEMBER

Madatory firearms training	Anderson	12/02-12/03 20 hours
Legal tips for police officer	Cater Wolber M. mckanna	12/14/2017 8 hours

City Citations and Fines/MSI 2017 report

THE HACK FACTORY | TCMAKER.ORG

PARKING TICKET

on the floor and/or obstructing a walkway
 on a walk surface after notice posted to floor lot
 blocking and/or piled up to storage rack or walk way
 on parking permit or sign indicating restricted

Description of Property

I, officer of Hack Factory, the time and date below the property described has not been allowed or received from the Hack Factory the property and/or unattended abandoned and disposed of accordingly.

I, the finder who is undersigned, warrant that I have made a good faith effort to contact the owner, if known, about their property or illegally stored property.

Finder's Name _____

Date and Time

Signature _____

THIS PROPERTY IS ILLEGALLY PARKED!



Offense Violation List Summary

From: 1/1/2017 To: 12/31/2017

Report Options: Dispo=ALL; Offense=ALL; Order=ViolationAddress;

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Violation(s)</i>	<i>Ticket Due</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
101 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE-1ST OFFENSE	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
102 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE-2ND OFFENSE	2	\$750.00	\$0.00
104 BARKING DOG	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
121 TRASH,JUNK,RATS,ODORS,UNLICENSED VEHICL/TOPPER	185	\$10,975.00	\$3,225.00
122 WEEDS	22	\$1,285.00	\$440.00
123 DEPOSITING MATERIALS ON STREET(GRASS,LEAVES,SNOW,ICE)	13	\$275.00	\$500.00
126 PROHIBITED SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINOR	3	\$75.00	\$100.00
128 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY A MINOR	2	\$75.00	\$50.00
129 UNLAWFUL BURNING	7	\$300.00	\$200.00
133 OFF STREET PARKING/FRONT YARD	3	\$75.00	\$175.00
137 POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	8	\$750.00	\$925.00
144 DISOBEYING POLICE OFFICER	1	\$0.00	\$125.00
247 CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY UNDER \$300	3	\$0.00	\$300.00
253 DISORDERLY CONDUCT	11	\$775.00	\$725.00
258 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA W/ UNDER 10 GRAMS CANNABIS	10	\$500.00	\$600.00
259 POSSESSION OF CANNABIS UNDER 10 GRAMS	16	\$1,550.00	\$500.00
260 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	16	\$1,970.00	\$630.00
262 RETAIL THEFT (UNDER \$150)	27	\$3,375.00	\$1,425.00
275 VEHICLES FOR SALE ON STREET	2	\$0.00	\$100.00
276 SEMI PARKING RESTRICTIONS	5	\$375.00	\$0.00
277 RV PARKING RESTRICTIONS	14	\$925.00	\$100.00
278 ENCROACHMENTS OF STREETS/SIDEWALKS	6	\$225.00	\$150.00
280 DEPOSITING MATERIALS ON STREET	6	\$100.00	\$350.00
283 TREES OBSTRUCTING VIEW ON STREET/SIDEWALK	8	\$600.00	\$50.00
285 RUNAWAY	2	\$225.00	\$100.00
286 LITTERING	1	\$0.00	\$50.00
288 CURFEW	8	\$450.00	\$250.00
289 TRUANCY	56	\$5,990.00	\$1,075.00
294 HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS GRASS	60	\$6,100.00	\$1,525.00
295 TRESSPASS	1	\$100.00	\$0.00
298 CONTAINERS REQUIRED	3	\$50.00	\$100.00
300 FAILURE TO REMOVE INOPERABLE VEHICLE	73	\$4,015.00	\$1,185.00
301 METER DAMAGE/REPLACE	5	\$500.00	\$0.00
302 OPEN BURNING	2	\$0.00	\$100.00
Grand Totals:	583	\$42,385.00	\$15,130.00

Offense Summary

From : 1/1/2017 - To : 12/31/2017

TYPE=ALL OFFENSE=ALL

<i>Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
107	TIME LIMIT PARKING	6	\$0.00	\$120.00
108	48 HOUR PARKING	13	\$350.00	\$140.00
110	3 HOUR PARKING	4	\$250.00	\$60.00
111	PROHIBITED PARKING AREA	58	\$1,530.00	\$940.00
112	NO PARKING 2AM TO 5AM	20	\$770.00	\$380.00
115	NO PARKING IN ALLEY	2	\$0.00	\$40.00
118	HANDICAPPED PARKING	3	\$750.00	\$0.00
119	FIRE LANE & HYDRANT PARKING	6	\$300.00	\$200.00
149	EXPIRED REGISTRATION PLATES/STICKER	27	\$3,350.00	\$1,550.00
165	FAILURE TO USE PARKING LIGHTS WHILE IN HIGHWAY	1	\$0.00	\$50.00
188	LOUD MUFFLER	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
190	NO DL ON PERSON	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
197	NO SEAT BELT	1	\$75.00	\$0.00
199	NO VALID DL (LESS THAN 1 YR)	6	\$750.00	\$400.00
200	NO VALID REGISTRATION	5	\$75.00	\$300.00
234	TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	10	\$500.00	\$675.00
241	UNLAWFUL USE OF CELL PHONE - UNDER AGE 19 / SCHO	2	\$75.00	\$75.00
287	PARKING WRONG DIRECTION	8	\$500.00	\$120.00

Total Offenses: 18Total Tickets & Amount: 174 \$9,275.00 \$5,200.00

OFFENSES AND ARREST

2017 REPORT



**ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAJORITY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE**

TYPE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE	2015	2016	2017
Deceptive Practices, Fraud, Forgery	187	170	140
Criminal Damage to Property	164	178	147
Criminal Trespass to Vehicle, Land, Residence	38	40	102
Unlawful Use of Weapon, Weapon Calls	5	6	4
Criminal Sexual Abuse, Misdemeanor Sex Charges	22	16	13
Child Neglect, Child Abuse, Endangering the life of a child	31	18	10
Runaways, Curfew, Minors Requiring Authorative Intervention	103	113	119
Reckless Driving	147	114	101
Disorderly Conduct, Telephone Harassment	621	591	654
Fireworks	45	46	43
Domestic Violence, Domestic Battery, Visitation Violations	316	298	352
Warrant Arrests, In-state and Out of State	279	249	281
Assist Other Agencies, City Departments	1722	1827	648
Alarms (Burglary, Hold Up, Bank, Smoke, Fire)	179	164	162
Suspicious Auto, Noise, Persons	693	506	494
Fingerprinting	48	44	58
Animal Calls (Dog, Strays, Bites, other)	419	351	224
Mental Health Problems (Suicides, Attempts, Assists)	51	66	96

Sex Offender Registration	198	197	215
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**ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAJORITY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE**

TYPE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE	2015	2016	2017
Motorists Assists, Traffic Control, Escorts	348	308	192
Vehicle Lock Outs	321	309	311
Civil Complaints	482	408	391
Public Complaints	320	263	267
Medical Assists	83	108	175
Follow Up to Calls, Investigations	2194	1677	274
Ordinances	<u>857</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>757</u>

ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

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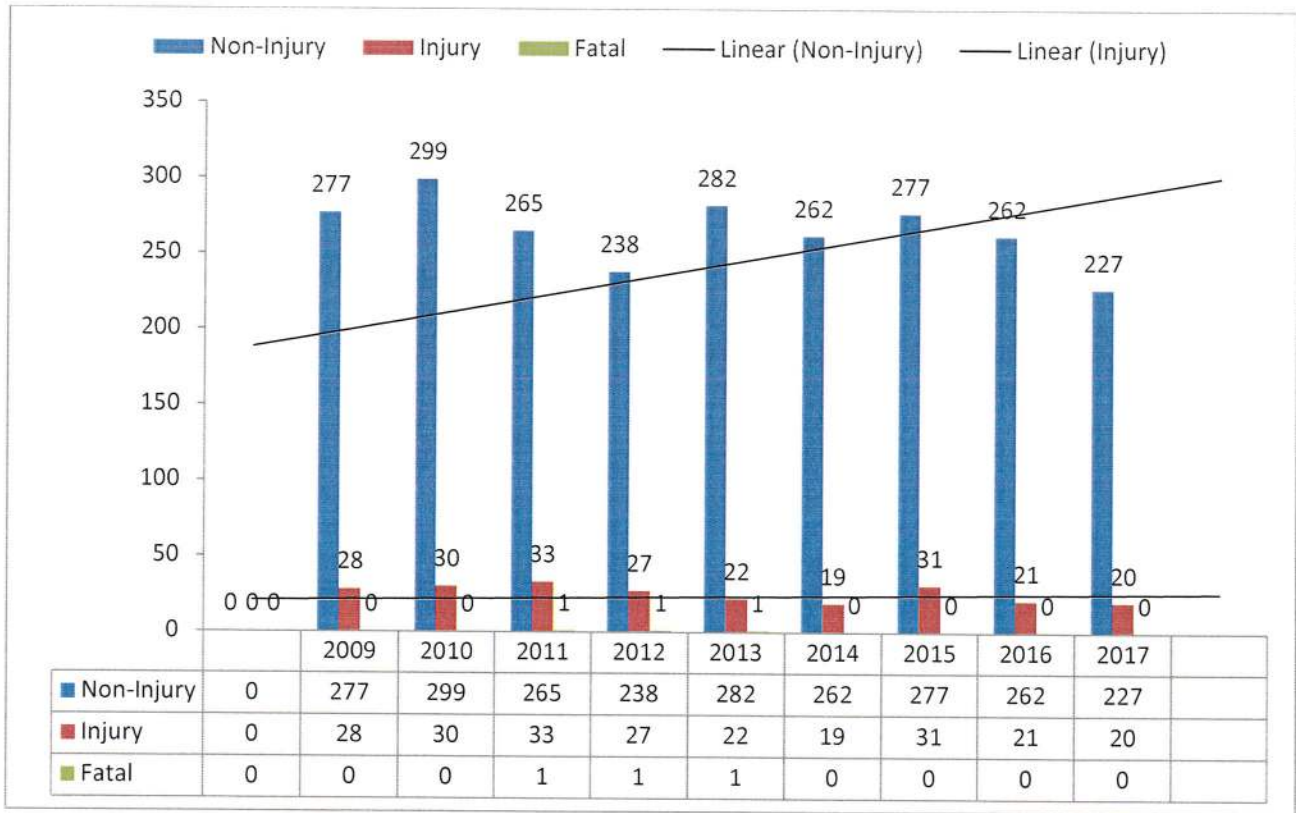
YEAR 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Non Injury 277 299 265 238 282 262 277 262 227

Injury 28 30 33 27 22 19 31 21 20

Fatal 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 0

TOTALS **305** **329** **299** **266** **305** **281** **308** **283** **247**



**ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PART 1 OFFENSES
2017**

Part 1 OFFENSES:

Those crimes that were chosen as an index, by the Federal government,
to determine the Crime rate nationwide.

OFFENSE	2015	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	14	9	5
Robbery	2	2	0
Agg. Assault and Agg Battery	32	30	26
Burglary	45	78	45
Theft	331	252	196
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	16	18
Arson	2	2	0
Possesion of Cannabis	39	22	19
Possession of Controlled Sub.	11	6	3
Drug Paraphernalia	12	7	10
Resisting a Police Officer	7	6	4
Obstructing Justice	2	1	2
TOTALS	507	431	328

**ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PART 1 ARRESTS
2017**

Part 1 ARRESTS

Those crimes that were chosen as an index, by the Federal government,
to determine the Crime rate nationwide.

OFFENSE	ADULT	JUVENILE	TOTAL
Homicide	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	2
Robbery	0	0	0
Agg. Assault and Agg Battery	29	5	34
Burglary	2	1	3
Theft	27	5	32
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Possesion of Cannabis	14	3	17
Possession of Controlled Sub.	4	0	4
Drug Paraphernalia	17	3	20
Resisting a Police Officer	11	0	11
Obstructing Justice	2	0	2
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	107	18	125

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FOR 2017

<u>CITATION TYPE</u>	<u>#</u>
SPEEDING	496
D.W.I.	40
STOP SIGN	95
TRAFFIC LIGHT	54
FAILURE TO YIELD	29
HIT/RUN	10
LIGHTING	12
OTHER EQUIP. VIO.	8
MISC. MOVING	28
VEHICLE TO BE REG.	133
NO INSURANCE	90
OTHER	20
HEADLAMP	116
TAILLAMP	33
FAIL TO SIGNAL	18
FAIL TO SECURE/CHILD	2



NO D/L ON PERSON	2
IMPROPER LANE USAGE	40
DRIVING W/O LIGHTS	26
SUSP./REVOKED	79
FAILURE TO REDUCE SPEED	33
ILLEGAL TRANS OF ALCOHOL	11
NO SEAT BELT	4
IMPROPER TURN	12
NO DRIVERS LIC.	41
FLEEING/ELUDING POLICE	2

TOTAL 1,443



POLICE CAR INVENTORY-2017

PATROL:

CAR #2: 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 89,014

CAR #3: 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 99,477

CAR#4: 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 92,760

CAR#5: 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 98,344

CAR#6: 2017 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 16,767

CAR#7: 2017 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 23,414

CAR#9: 2012 Ford Truck. Mileage: 57,843

ADMINISTRATION:

CAR#11: 2012 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 42,324

CAR#12: 2011 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 62,873

CAR#13: 2014 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 43,329

CAR#14: 2011 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 55,824

Car#15: 2014 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 35,576



ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

YEAR END REPORT

In 2017 the Rock Falls Police Department responded to 14,086 "calls for service", of those, 247 were motor vehicle accidents. The Department also received 2,774 Emergency 911 calls.

The unanticipated resignation of two Officers, and losing the K-9 to retirement put a brief burden on our overtime budget. In addition, we had one Officer deployed for most of 2017, and had two Officers with long term injuries. However, we have bounced back and hired four new Officers in 2017, and are preparing to add a third detective to keep up with the case load in investigations.

The Department experienced a shooting at the Cooler in April 2017. Using every resource we had and tenaciously investigating hundreds of leads, Our Department was able to make an arrest and close this case.

Whiteside County is currently experiencing a large substance abuse problem. For the last three years local Law Enforcement has addressed a growing number of Opiate and Meth users in our area. In 2017, we placed 24 people into treatment through the Safe Passage Initiative. This program allows local addicts to come into their Police Department and be placed into treatment for their addiction. We also have partnered with the Salvation Army, who with their staff does the case management for the addicts, for their first year after getting out of inpatient. We are closely monitoring the success rate of this new collaboration in hopes that fewer addicts fall back into their addiction.

We continue to strive to find ways to further connect, and build trust with the community we serve. In addition to PACT Camp, Halloween, Coffee with a cop, we also started up Operation Santa Claus in 2017, and was able to raise enough money to help out Five families and 11 kids. We look forward to 2018.

PACT CAMP 2017

Police and Children Together

In August of 2017, we had our 3rd annual PACT Camp. 23 children from low income housing, participated this year. We had a week packed with activities. WE went bowling, swimming, fishing, paddle boating, and went to the Zoo and the waterpark, in addition to many other activities.

*Officer that participated this year were: **Chief Nelson, Sergeant Hermes, and Officers Dusek and McKanna.***

We built strong bonds with the children during the week and enjoyed every minute of it. We look forward to next year. PACT camp was sponsored by the Whiteside County Housing Office.



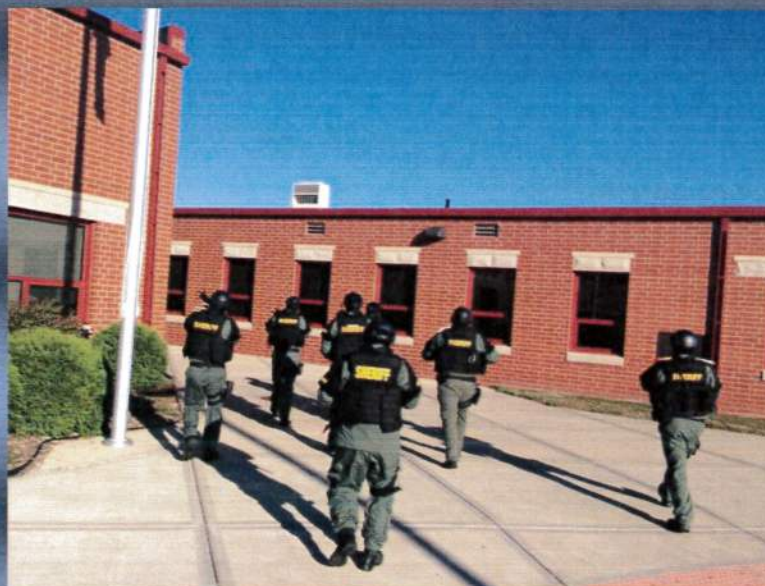
HALLOWEEN 2017

Over 600 trick or treaters came to grab some candy and say hello to Lacey.



SWAT TEAM

In 2017 the Whiteside County SWAT team was called out 12 times. Four members of the Rock Falls Police Department are on the team. They participated in monthly training to sharpen their skills.





OFFICER APPRECIATION PICNIC

In September 2017, Chief Nelson and Chief Morgan got together and had an Officer appreciation picnic for all of the Officers. Casey's catered the meal at no cost, and the weather was beautiful. Officers came and went for several hours as their schedule would allow.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Senator Neil Anderson and State Representative Tony McCombie took time out of their day to stop in. They also met Lacey, Rock Falls Police Departments comfort dog.





COFFEE WITH A COP



LACEY

Lacey has had a great year. She has taken her job as Rock Falls Police Department's comfort dog very seriously. She has visited schools, retirement homes, businesses, and participated in PACT Camp and Halloween. She continues to give love wherever she goes.

