

2019

Rock Falls Police department

ANNUAL REPORT



Rock Falls Police Department

2019 Annual Report

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Operations Commander
Mark Davis

Mayor
William Wescott

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David Pilgrim

January 5th 2020

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 2019 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 2019. Not the least of which was the implementation of pay raises for our Patrol Officers. With the past difficulty our Department has had retaining Officers, the City of Rock Falls negotiated a new pay structure that puts Rock Falls Police Department above other local Police Departments. This move by the City will help Rock Falls Police Department to retain staff. I am very pleased to announce that we are currently fully staffed!

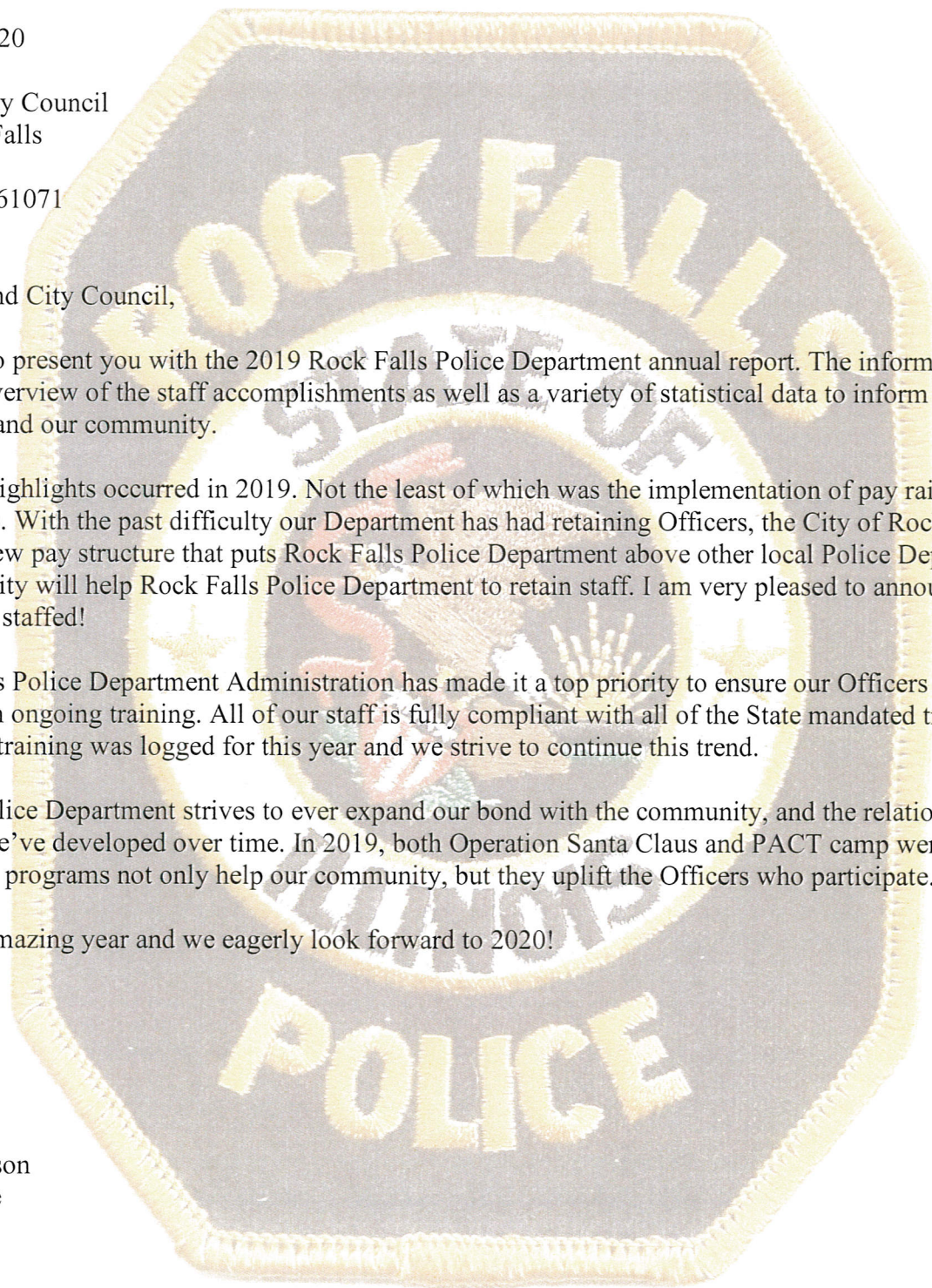
The Rock Falls Police Department Administration has made it a top priority to ensure our Officers are always participating in ongoing training. All of our staff is fully compliant with all of the State mandated training. Over 1500 hours of training was logged for this year and we strive to continue this trend.

Rock Falls Police Department strives to ever expand our bond with the community, and the relationships and partnerships we've developed over time. In 2019, both Operation Santa Claus and PACT camp were a great success. These programs not only help our community, but they uplift the Officers who participate.

2019 was an amazing year and we eagerly look forward to 2020!

Sincerely,

Tammy J. Nelson
Chief of Police



"Proud of Our Past-Confident of Our Future"



ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
 Organization Chart - 1/1/2020



Chief of Police
 Tammy Nelson

Operations Cmdr.
 Mark Davis

Administrative Cmdr.
 David Pilgrim

Special
 Assignments

School
 Resource Officer
 Jarrett Ludwig

ILEAS TEAM
 Sgt. Betony Wade
 Det. Matt McKanna

S.R.T. TEAM
 (Special Response
 Team combined with
 Sterling Police
 Department)
 Sgt. Jon Cater
 Sgt. Jeremy Vondra
 Ofc. Nick Nolte
 Ofc. Dustin Sugars
 Ofc. Jarrod
 Reynolds
 Ofc. Kris Montanez

Patrol
 Assignments

James Hollaway
 Mitch Ottenhausen
 Kristian Montanez
 Zak Bittner
 Dustin Sugars
 Nick Nolte
 David Gottemoller
 Kari Anderson
 Ethan Riley
 Jerrod Reynolds
 Autumn Day
 Zachary Lyerla

Sergeants

Jeremy Vondra
 Doug Wolber
 Jon Cater
 Betony Wade
 Ryan McKanna

Investigations

Sgt. Jeremy Vondra
 Julia Deets
 Matt McKanna

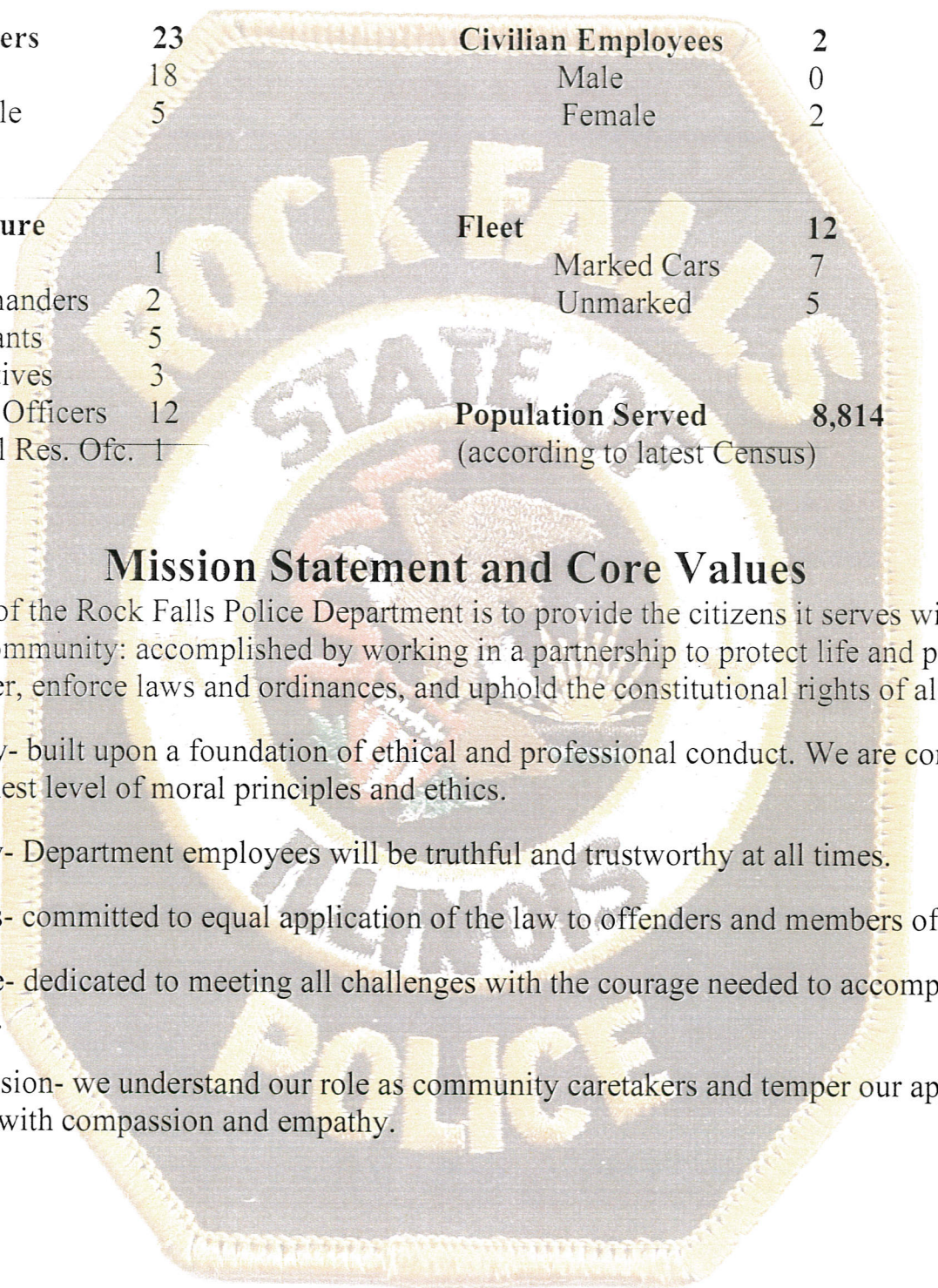
Records

Joy Colberg
 Pam Henderson

Administrative
 Assistant

Amy Stoeckel

Department At-A-Glance



Sworn Officers	23	Civilian Employees	2
Male	18	Male	0
Female	5	Female	2
Rank Structure		Fleet	12
Chief	1	Marked Cars	7
Commanders	2	Unmarked	5
Sergeants	5		
Detectives	3		
Patrol Officers	12	Population Served	8,814
School Res. Ofc.	1	(according to latest Census)	

Mission Statement and Core Values

The mission of the Rock Falls Police Department is to provide the citizens it serves with a safe and secure community: accomplished by working in a partnership to protect life and property, maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and uphold the constitutional rights of all persons.

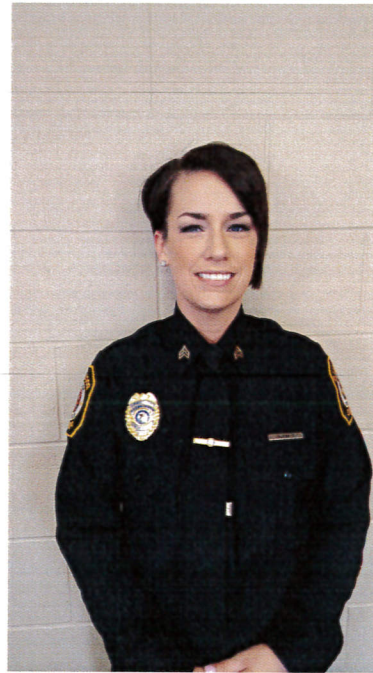
- Integrity- built upon a foundation of ethical and professional conduct. We are committed to the highest level of moral principles and ethics.
- Honesty- Department employees will be truthful and trustworthy at all times.
- Fairness- committed to equal application of the law to offenders and members of the public.
- Courage- dedicated to meeting all challenges with the courage needed to accomplish our mission.
- Compassion- we understand our role as community caretakers and temper our application of the law with compassion and empathy.

ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Sgt. David Pilgrim promoted to Adm. Commander



Ofc. Betony Wade promoted to Sergeant



Sgt. Jeremy Vondra promoted to Detective Sergeant



Ofc. Matt McKanna promoted to Detective



ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

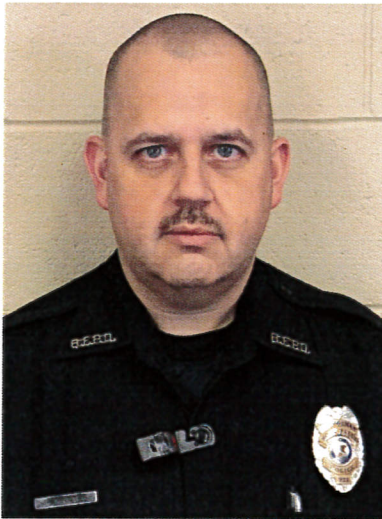
Zachary Lyerla hired Dec. 3rd, 2018



Mitch Ottenhausen hired Feb. 4th, 2019



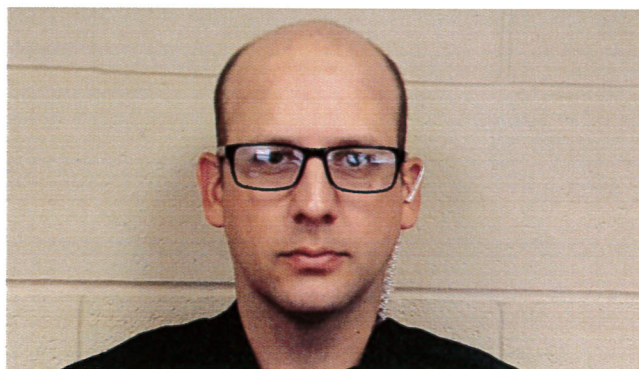
Kristian Montanez hired March 18th, 2019



Zak Bittner hired May 13th, 2019



Jerrod Reynolds hired August 5th, 2019



RETIREMENT

Administrative Commander

Doug Coppotelli

Retired after 20 years of dedicated service



INVESTIGATIONS-2019



Detective Sergeant Jeremy Vondra

Detective Soliel Deets

Detective Matt McKanna

Rock Falls Police Department

Investigations Division

2019 Year-End Report

Personnel:

Jeremy Vondra, Detective Sergeant (Assigned March 2019)

Matthew McKanna, Detective (Assigned March 2019)

Julia Soliel Deets, Detective (Assigned to the Blackhawk Area Task Force)

Overview:

In early 2019, Commander Doug Coppotelli announced his retirement from the Rock Falls Police Department. This led to the promotion of Dave Pilgrim from Detective Sergeant to Administrative Commander. This also led to the promotion of Detective Betony Wade to Sergeant, resulting in her being assigned to the Patrol Division. In March of 2019, Jeremy Vondra was assigned as Detective Sergeant, and Matthew McKanna was assigned as Detective.

Throughout 2019, 75 cases were referred to the Investigations Division. Investigation of these cases resulted in 20 felony arrests. Sex offenses and thefts/burglary crimes were the most common types of cases referred to Investigations in 2019. Thefts and burglaries continue to be a problem in Rock Falls. These types of crimes can be directly attributed to the widespread use of methamphetamine in the area.

Throughout 2019, over 24 Forensic Interviews were conducted at April House Child Advocacy Center in reference to child abuse and sexual abuse.

Detectives continued to work closely with the Patrol Division by assisting patrol and conducting follow-up on over 30 occasions. The investigations division also assisted and conducted follow-up for other agencies and the States Attorney's Office 27 times throughout the year. A detective was called out after regular hours 22 times in 2019.

The Investigations Division took in just over 390 individual exhibits of evidence in 2019.

The Investigations Division also conducted background investigations for one police officer applicant and one fire fighter applicant.

The investigations division handled several major cases in 2019 the lead to multiple felony arrests. Following a lengthy investigation, Tyler Shaw Sodaro was charged with 5 Counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault (Class X), 1 Count of Attempted Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault (Class 1), and 2 Counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (Class 2). Also, after a lengthy investigation, James Sheley was charged with 4 Counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault (Class X) and 2 Counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (Class 2). Debra Sheley was also charged with Endangering the Life or Health of a child (Class A Misdemeanor) in connection with that investigation. There was also an investigation of a shooting in which Michael Bennett was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1), Felon in Possession of a Weapon (Class 2), and Aggravated Battery in a Public Place (Class 3).

Detective Deets conducted 16 drug investigations in Rock Falls with the Blackhawk Area Task Force. These cases resulted in 16 arrests on various charges and 8 search warrants in Rock Falls; along with the seizure of 39.7 grams of cannabis, 27.425 grams of cocaine, 71.2 grams of crack cocaine, 2.2 grams of heroin, 56.39 grams of methamphetamine, 2 pills of ecstasy, and 27.9 grams of various other illicit drugs. Detective Deets was also involved in 93 total cases in the surrounding area that is covered by the Blackhawk Area Task Force.

Rock Falls Police Department

Investigations Division

2019 Year-End Report

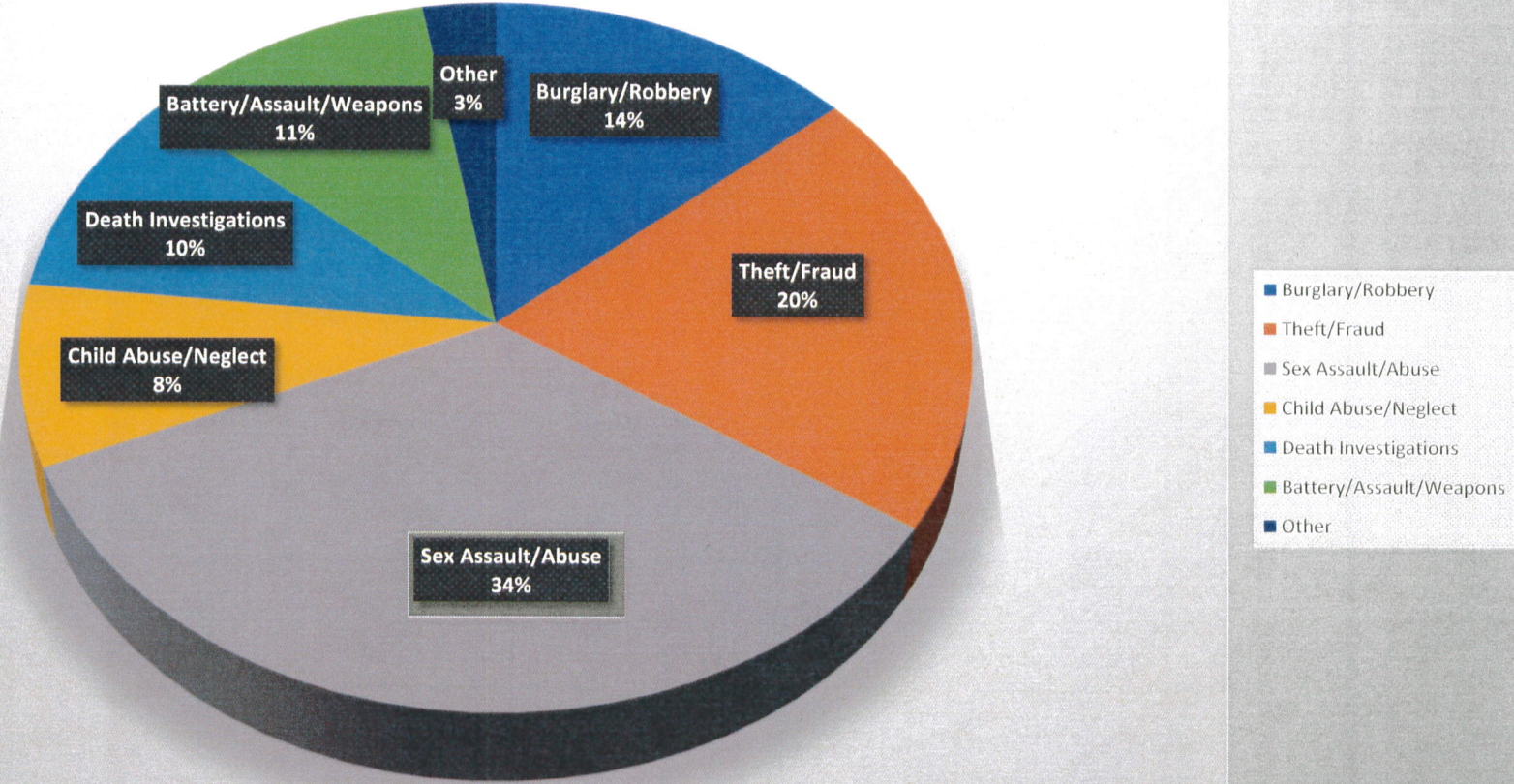
These cases resulted in 41 arrests and 26 search warrants being served. In addition, these cases resulted in total seizures of 2963.701 grams of cannabis, 261.065 grams of cocaine, 75.4 grams of crack cocaine, 4.1 grams of heroin, 617.52 grams of methamphetamine, 11 ecstasy pills, and 63.815 grams of other illicit narcotics.

Sergeant Vondra and Detective McKanna both attended the 40-hour New detective and Basic Criminal Investigator Certification Course. Sergeant Vondra and Detective McKanna also attended the Trauma Informed Sex Assault Investigator Certification Course. Sergeant Vondra attended the 40-hour Lead Homicide Investigator Certification Course. Detective Sergeant Vondra and Detective McKanna both attended Beast Administrator Class. Sergeant Vondra and Detective McKanna both attended a 3-day class on Evidence Based Interview and Interrogation. Sergeant Vondra also attended the 2019 Illinois Homicide Investigators Association Conference.

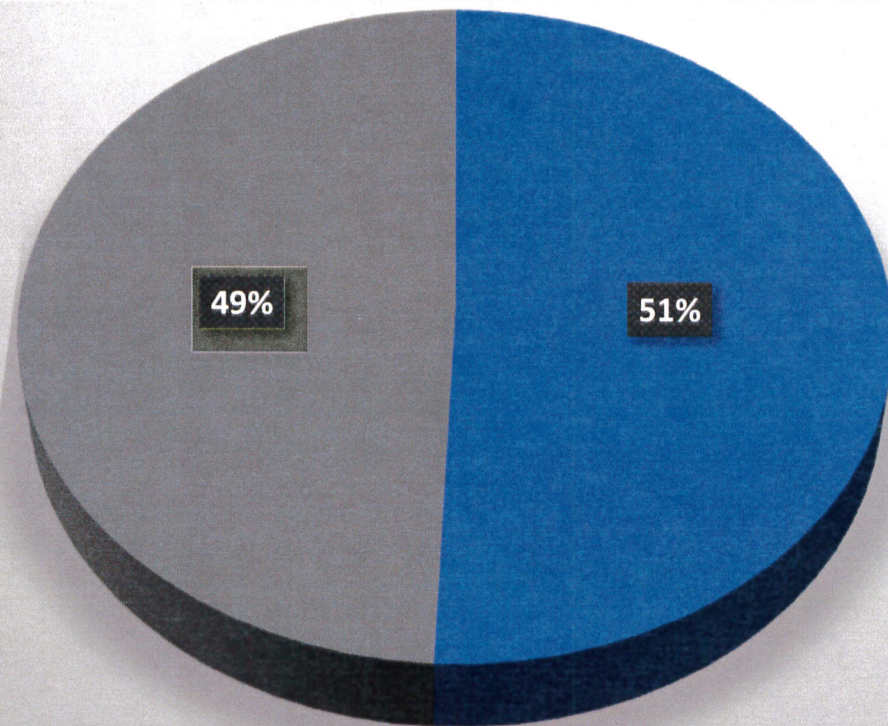


Jeremy Vondra
Detective Sergeant

Rock Falls Police Department Investigations Division 2019 Stats By Type of Crimes



**Rock Falls Police Department
Investigations Division
Percentage of Referred Cases Related to the Drug
Trade.**



- Cases related to drug trade
- Cases not related to the drug trade

City Citations and Fines/MSI

2019 report

THE HACK FACTORY | TCMAKER.ORG

PARKING TICKET

on the floor and/or obstructing a walkway
 on a walk surface after owner appears to have left
 blocking and/or piled up by storage, wall, or wall area
 no parking permit or sign indicating ownership

Description of Property _____

If, after 14 days from the time and date below the property described has not been moved or removed from the Hack Factory the property will be considered abandoned and subject to removal.

I, the holder who is undamaged, swear that I have made a good faith effort to correct the issue. If known, please state number of property related property.

Finder's Name _____

Date and Time _____

Signature _____

THIS PROPERTY IS ILLEGALLY PARKED!



Offense Violation List Summary

From: 1/1/2019 To: 12/31/2019

MOVE
CITY OF ROCK FALLS

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

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Violation(s)</i>	<i>Ticket Due</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
104 BARKING DOG	2	\$200.00	\$50.00
106 NO LEFT TURN WEST 1ST ONTO 1ST AVE	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
121 TRASH,JUNK,RATS,ODORS,UNLICENSED VEHICL/TOPPER	128	\$9,730.00	\$1,720.00
122 WEEDS	8	\$450.00	\$150.00
123 DEPOSITING MATERIALS ON STREET(GRASS,LEAVES,SNOW,ICE)	14	\$275.00	\$475.00
126 PROHIBITED SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINOR	2	\$0.00	\$100.00
128 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF TOBACCO BY A MINOR	8	\$175.00	\$250.00
129 UNLAWFUL BURNING	3	\$400.00	\$0.00
133 OFF STREET PARKING/FRONT YARD	4	\$150.00	\$100.00
137 POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	1	\$100.00	\$0.00
161 FAILURE TO SIGNAL WHEN REQUIRED	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
245 ASSAULT	1	\$150.00	\$0.00
247 CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY UNDER \$300	1	\$0.00	\$150.00
249 CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO REAL PROPERTY	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
250 CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO RESIDENCE	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
252 DECEPTIVE PRACTICE	1	\$0.00	\$150.00
253 DISORDERLY CONDUCT	9	\$775.00	\$400.00
255 FALSE 911 CALL	2	\$650.00	\$0.00
258 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA W/ UNDER 10 GRAMS CANNABIS	7	\$550.00	\$200.00
259 POSSESSION OF CANNABIS UNDER 10 GRAMS	21	\$1,175.00	\$1,250.00
260 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	10	\$600.00	\$500.00
262 RETAIL THEFT (UNDER \$150)	2	\$150.00	\$100.00
271 BROKEN SEAL ON CITY PROPERTY	2	\$125.00	\$50.00
276 SEMI PARKING RESTRICTIONS	1	\$0.00	\$50.00
277 RV PARKING RESTRICTIONS	12	\$500.00	\$250.00
278 ENCROACHMENTS OF STREETS/SIDEWALKS	1	\$0.00	\$50.00
280 DEPOSITING MATERIALS ON STREET	21	\$575.00	\$700.00
281 DEPOSITING MATERIALS ON SIDEWALK	1	\$150.00	\$0.00
283 TREES OBSTRUCT/IMPEDE STREET OR SIDEWALK	1	\$50.00	\$0.00
286 LITTERING	1	\$200.00	\$0.00
288 CURFEW	6	\$150.00	\$200.00
289 TRUANCY	13	\$1,150.00	\$0.00
294 HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS GRASS	55	\$4,450.00	\$1,675.00
300 FAILURE TO REMOVE INOPERABLE VEHICLE	11	\$675.00	\$150.00
301 METER DAMAGE/REPLACE	2	\$150.00	\$0.00
302 OPEN BURNING	2	\$0.00	\$100.00
303 TAMPERING WITH METERS	10	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
306 RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL CONTAINERS	1	\$50.00	\$0.00
307 WASTE CONTAINER - STORAGE AREA REGULATIONS	3	\$250.00	\$0.00
Grand Totals:	371	\$25,305.00	\$9,045.00

From : 1/1/2019 - To : 12/31/2019

TYPE=ALL OFFENSE=ALL


<i>Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Amount Due</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
108	48 HOUR PARKING	25	\$1,000.00	\$420.00
111	PROHIBITED PARKING AREA	10	\$100.00	\$160.00
114	NO PARKING 8AM TO 4PM	4	\$0.00	\$160.00
117	SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING(157EMER,158DOWNTOWN)	13	\$290.00	\$220.00
118	HANDICAPPED PARKING	5	\$600.00	\$850.00
119	FIRE LANE & HYDRANT PARKING	1	\$0.00	\$50.00
148	DRIVING WITHOUT LIGHTS WHEN REQUIRED	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
149	EXPIRED REGISTRATION PLATES/STICKER	9	\$750.00	\$600.00
161	FAILURE TO SIGNAL WHEN REQUIRED	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
171	ILLEGAL SCREECHING OF TIRES	2	\$250.00	\$75.00
172	ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION / POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL	3	\$0.00	\$225.00
188	LOUD MUFFLER	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
197	NO SEAT BELT	2	\$150.00	\$75.00
199	NO VALID DL (LESS THAN 1 YR)	5	\$250.00	\$250.00
200	NO VALID REGISTRATION	7	\$0.00	\$600.00
202	NO VEHICLE REGISTRATION	1	\$500.00	\$0.00
207	OPERATING OF BIKE WITHOUT LAMP AND REFLECTORS	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
234	TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	5	\$75.00	\$300.00
287	PARKING WRONG DIRECTION	7	\$250.00	\$120.00
305	RESIDENT PARKING	27	\$310.00	\$500.00

Total Offenses: 20**Total Tickets & Amount:** 130\$4,525.00\$4,905.00

OFFENSES AND ARREST

2019 REPORT

**YOUNGER
UNDER
ARREST**

A graphic of a pair of handcuffs is positioned to the right of the text. The handcuffs are rendered in a dark, textured style, with the metal links and the locking mechanism clearly visible. The top cuff is attached to the letter 'R' in 'UNDER', and the bottom cuff is attached to the letter 'R' in 'ARREST'.

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

TYPE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE	2017	2018	2019
Deceptive Practices, Fraud, Forgery	140	128	108
Criminal Damage to Property	147	142	180
Criminal Trespass to Vehicle, Land, Residence	102	126	109
Unlawful Use of Weapon, Weapon Calls	4	5	4
Criminal Sexual Abuse, Misdemeanor Sex Charges	13	25	11
Child Neglect, Child Abuse, Endangering the life of a child	10	31	37
Runaways, Curfew, Minors Requiring Authorative Intervention	119	107	147
Reckless Driving	101	123	114
Disorderly Conduct, Telephone Harassment	654	551	706
Fireworks	43	43	41
Domestic Violence, Domestic Battery, Visitation Violations	352	375	391
Warrant Arrests, In-state and Out of State	281	288	203
Assist Other Agencies, City Departments	648	1395	1397
Alarms (Burglary, Hold Up, Bank, Smoke, Fire)	162	193	169
Suspicious Auto, Noise, Persons	494	562	547
Fingerprinting	58	71	94
Animal Calls (Dog, Strays, Bites, other)	224	270	276
Mental Health Problems (Suicides, Attempts, Assists)	96	38	65

Sex Offender Registration	215	160	189
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**ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAJORITY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE**

TYPE OF CALLS FOR SERVICE	2017	2018	2019
Motorists Assists, Traffic Control, Escorts	192	182	160
Vehicle Lock Outs	311	321	268
Civil Complaints	391	355	308
Public Complaints	267	252	166
Medical Assists	175	166	189
Follow Up to Calls, Investigations	274	302	255
Ordinances	<u>757</u>	<u>790</u>	501

**ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
PART 1 ARRESTS
2019**

Part 1 ARRESTS

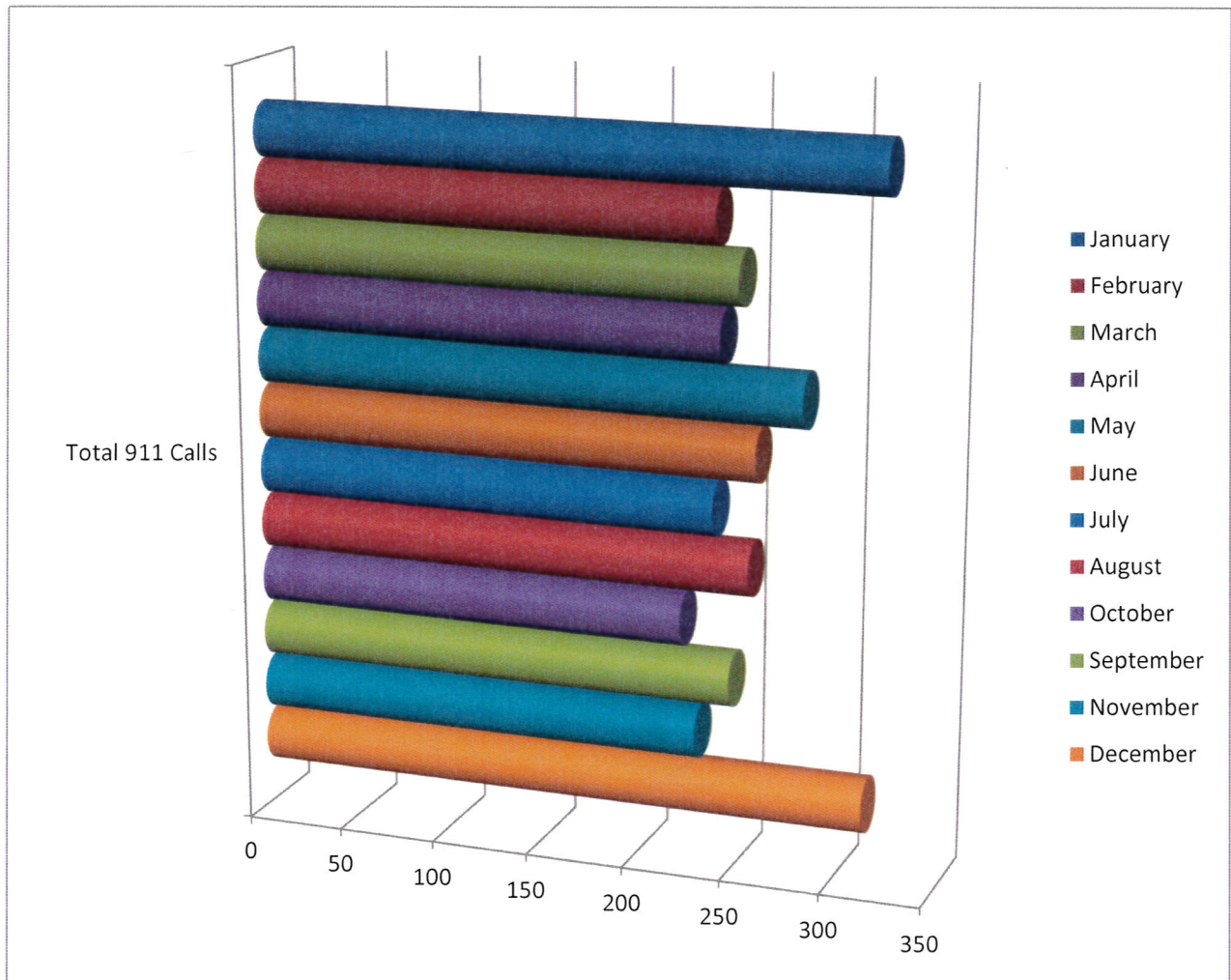
ARRESTS

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	2	0	2
Robbery	0	0	0
Agg. Assault and Agg Battery	12	6	18
Burglary	11	5	16
Theft	9	6	15
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Possesion of Cannabis	12	0	12
Possession of Controlled Sub.	6	0	6
Drug Paraphernailia	14	0	14
Resisting a Police Officer	25	2	27
Obstructing Justice	3	0	3
	<hr/> 94	<hr/> 19	<hr/> 151

TOTAL CALLS MADE TO 911

	Total Calls
January	321
February	238
March	250
April	241
May	282
June	259
July	238
August	256
September	247
October	222
November	230
December	314
Total Calls	3098



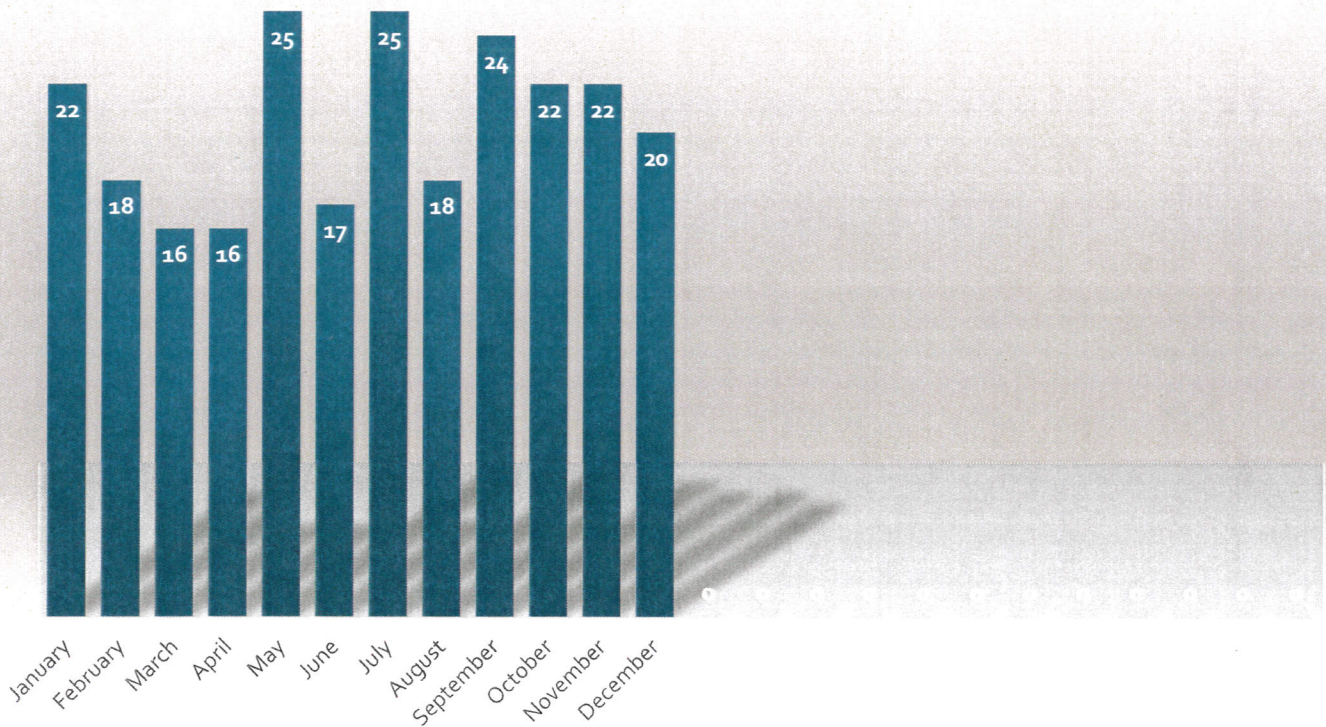


ACCIDENT SUMMARY

2019



Accidents



Accident by Month

Accident by Month

Agency: Rock Falls Police Department
Start Date: 01/01/2019

End Date: 12/31/2019
Total Accidents: 245

Month	Accidents
JANUARY	22
FEBRUARY	18
MARCH	16
APRIL	16
MAY	25
JUNE	17
JULY	25
AUGUST	18
SEPTEMBER	24
OCTOBER	22
NOVEMBER	22
DECEMBER	20

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FOR 2019

<u>CITATION TYPE</u>	<u>#</u>
SPEEDING	328
D.W.I.	37
STOP SIGN	102
TRAFFIC LIGHT	38
FAILURE TO YIELD	37
HIT/RUN	11
LIGHTING	1
OTHER EQUIP. VIO.	10
MISC. MOVING	8
VEHICLE TO BE REG.	72
NO INSURANCE	76
OTHER	46
HEADLAMP	68
TAILLAMP	16
FAIL TO SIGNAL	19
FAIL TO SECURE/CHILD	1



NO D/L ON PERSON	28
IMPROPER LANE USAGE	22
DRIVING W/O LIGHTS	20
SUSP./REVOKED	83
FAILURE TO REDUCE SPEED	33
ILLEGAL TRANS OF ALCOHOL	4
NO SEAT BELT	5
IMPROPER TURN	17
NO DRIVERS LIC.	28
FLEEING/ELUDING POLICE	1

TOTAL 1,099



POLICE CAR INVENTORY 2020

JANUARY 1ST 2020

Patrol Fleet:

Car #2- 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 111,390

Car #3- 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 140,467

Car #4- 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 110,876

Car #5- 2014 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 125,484

Car #6- 2017 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 52,951

Car #7- 2017 Interceptor SUV. Mileage: 60,408

Car #9- 2012 Ford Truck. Mileage: 76,948

Administration:

Car #11- 2012 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 52,449

Car #12- 2011 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 76,794

Car #13- 2014 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 59,607

Car #14- 2011 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 72,160

Car #15- 2014 Chevy Impala. Mileage: 51,842

***** In February 2020 we will be getting 3 new squad cars, and trading in the older models.

ROCK FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

YEAR END REPORT

In 2019, the Rock Falls Police Department responded to 12,476 "calls for service", of those, 245 were motor vehicle accidents. The Department also received 3,604 Emergency 911 calls.

We had one Commander retire and promoted 4 Officers and hired an additional 5 more Officers to bring us to full staff. This is the first time in 30 years the Police Department has been full staffed. In part, because of the salary increases all of Patrol were given, this in turn allowed us to hire several "lateral" Officers from other agencies which gained the Department valuable experienced Officers.

In 2019, we began renovating the Detective Offices and replace flooring, paint walls, and replace old furniture. Most of the Rock Falls Police Department is out dated and requires all offices within the Department to be updated. We are renovating several offices a year in a cost effective manner. It will be a priority in the future years to continue to renovate and find space for our ever growing Department.

Whiteside County has seen a rise in methamphetamine use in 2019. The effect of this rise is we have experienced higher numbers in property crimes, thefts, burglaries, and fraud cases. We have continued with our Safe Passage Program, placing people into treatment and partnering with Sinnissippi Centers Safe Passage advocate, Allison White. We placed 26 people into treatment in 2019.

On a brighter note, even as our call volume has went up slightly from the previous year, collectively our violent crimes have decreased by as much as 10%.

I believe that this decrease is at least partly attributed to our Department being fully staffed.

Our Annual PACT Camp (Police and Children together) was a great success. We were able to treat 14 Children to a week long of activities and fun and build stronger Community bonds.

We look forward to a prosperous 2020!

PACT CAMP

(Police and Children together)

2019



In August 2019, we had our 5th annual PACT CAMP. 14 children participated and were treated to bowling, the Zoo, the waterpark, fishing, paddleboats, and so much more. It was a great time of building relationships and trust.

Thank you to Officers Betony Kilberg, Joy Colberg, Autumn Day, Zack Lyerla, Matt McKanna, Mark Davis Mitch Ottenhausen, and David Gottemoller.





Halloween was a success. Over 350 kids came to see Lacey and have some candy.



HALLOWEEN 2019



OPERATION SANTA CLAUS 2019

Thanks to our local businesses, Rock Falls Police were able to raise over \$4000.00 dollars. This enabled us to buy gifts for 5 families with 11 kids.

Thanks to all of our Officers who participated this year and a special thanks to Joy Colberg for organizing the event.



LACEY

LACEY TURNED 5 YEARS OLD IN 2019. SHE BRINGS JOY TO EVERYONE SHE COMES IN CONTACT WITH.

