



Annual Report
2021

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Mayor Kleckler
Rock Falls City Council

Re: Rock Falls Police Department 2021 Year-End Report

I present to you the Police Department's Year-End Report for calendar year 2021. This report will provide an overview of the activities of the police department throughout the year. The year proved to be a challenging one with increases in the frequency of violent crimes. The city experienced two murders in the month of August, occurring within a 24-hour period. Both of these cases are still under active investigation. The increase in violent crime is being experienced across the state and country. The Rock Falls Police Department is committed to providing a safe environment for the citizens and visitors to the City of Rock Falls and will continue to develop strategies to combat these issues.

There were some changes made to the police department throughout the year. In April, Sergeant Doug Wolber was reassigned from Patrol Sergeant to Investigations Sergeant with Sergeant Vondra moving from Investigations to Patrol. Two new officers were hired to fill openings left by retirements. Officer Brian Diaz and Officer Rollie Elder were hired as Lateral Entry officers. Their previous experience and training allowed them to begin patrol duties much quicker than an entry level officer. Physically, there was some reorganization of the police department building. The office space previously occupied by one of the two Commanders was converted to a report writing office for the Patrol Officers. A small conference room in the main hallway was repurposed for Administrative Assistant Amy Stoeckel's office and one of the three rooms in the booking area was remodeled to be used as a conference room. A video system has been ordered to also use that room to conduct recorded interviews.

One of the changes to the police department was one which is not noticeable to the casual observer. Beginning in 2021, the State of Illinois and the FBI made changes to the way crime statistics were reported to those respective agencies. All law enforcement agencies are now mandated to report statistics to the federal government. The statistics required to be reported are all incidents reported to police which meet the criteria set by the FBI. In the past, only incidents resulting in arrests were required to be reported. Also included in this is a change in the coding and categorization of offenses and various other data points required to be collected. This will result in major changes to the documentation needed for each incident reported to police. The current method the police department uses for completing reports, case management, and records management is inadequate and antiquated. As a result, I will be seeking the purchase of a new, modern report writing and records management system.

In mid to late 2021, the police department began taking steps to re-start the Police K-9 program. Applications for various grants have been submitted as well as taking the first steps in collecting donations from the community in order to procure a police dog and the necessary equipment. Officer Dustin Sugars, a 6-year

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veteran of the department, was chosen to be the handler when the program is ready. He has also agreed to take on some of the fundraising efforts. Having a trained narcotics detection dog will greatly enhance the department's abilities to combat illegal narcotics trafficking and the various property and violent crimes which are associated with it.

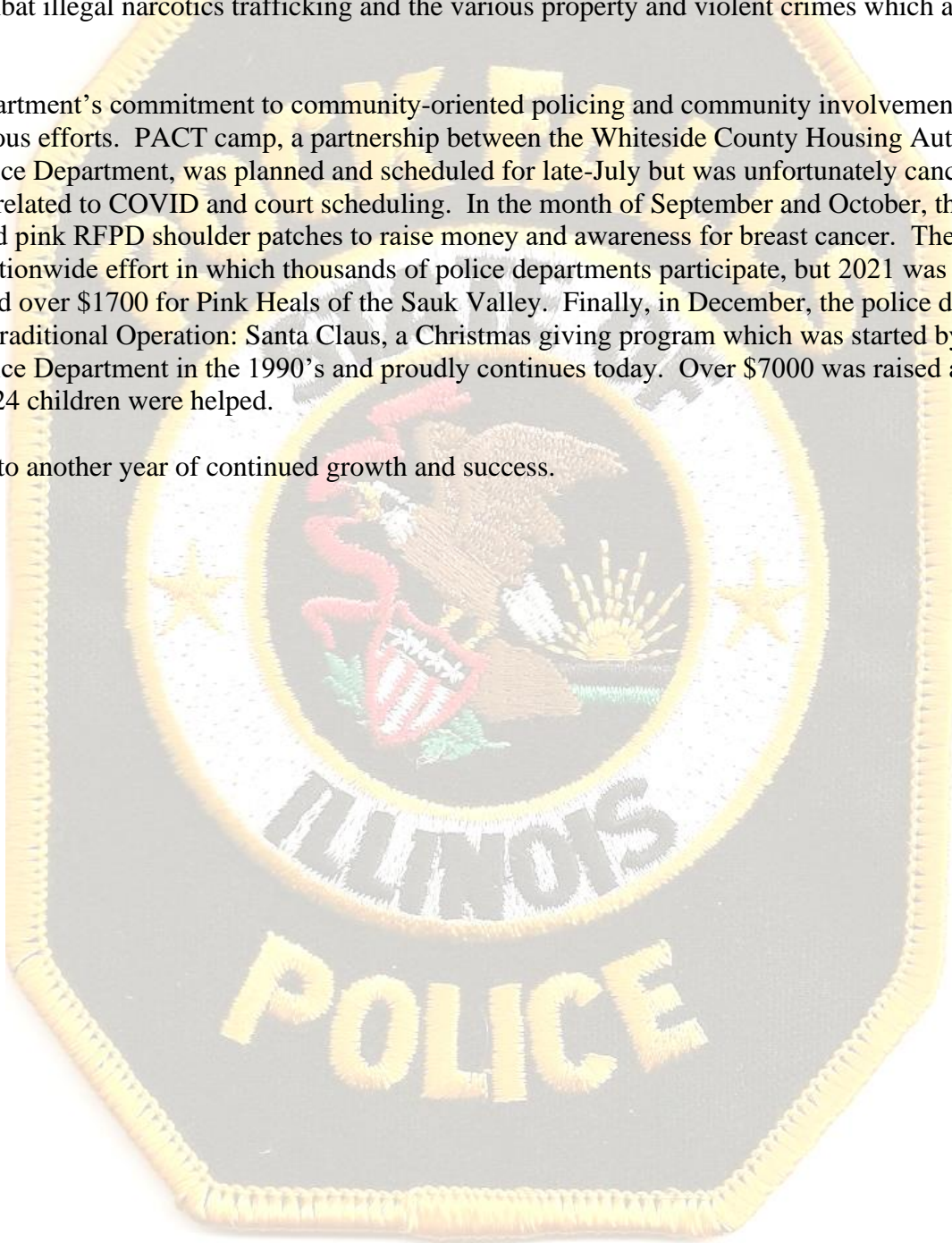
The police department's commitment to community-oriented policing and community involvement continued in 2021 with various efforts. PACT camp, a partnership between the Whiteside County Housing Authority and the Rock Falls Police Department, was planned and scheduled for late-July but was unfortunately cancelled due to staffing issues related to COVID and court scheduling. In the month of September and October, the police department sold pink RFPD shoulder patches to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. The "Pink Patch Project" is a nationwide effort in which thousands of police departments participate, but 2021 was RFPD's first time. We raised over \$1700 for Pink Heals of the Sauk Valley. Finally, in December, the police department conducted the traditional Operation: Santa Claus, a Christmas giving program which was started by officers of the Rock Falls Police Department in the 1990's and proudly continues today. Over \$7000 was raised and 6 families with a total of 24 children were helped.

I look forward to another year of continued growth and success.

Sincerely,



David Pilgrim
Chief of Police



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Employee Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Rank</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
David Pilgrim #900	Chief of Police	08/29/2001
Mark Davis #901	Deputy Chief	12/28/1998
Jeremy Vondra #909	Sergeant	12/29/2003
Doug Wolber #908	Sergeant	06/12/2006
Jonathan Cater #907	Sergeant	02/11/2008
Ryan McKanna #904	Sergeant	03/30/2015
Betony Wade #906	Sergeant	09/26/2011
Julia Deets #915	Detective	04/05/2013
Matthew McKanna #911	Detective	12/15/2014
Dustin Sugars #926	Patrol Officer	03/28/2016
Nick Nolte #927	Patrol Officer	01/03/2017
Ethan Riley #931	Patrol Officer	07/31/2017
Kari Anderson #930	Patrol Officer	11/17/2017
Autumn Day #935	Patrol Officer	05/14/2018
Zach Lyerla #932	Patrol Officer	12/03/2018
Zak Bittner #924	Patrol Officer	05/13/2019
Mitch Ottenhausen #921	Patrol Officer	02/04/2019
Kristian Montanez #922	Patrol Officer	03/18/2019
Jerrold Reynolds #934	Patrol Officer	08/05/2019
Brian Diaz #928	Patrol Officer	06/07/2021
Rollie Elder #923	Patrol Officer	11/01/2021
Amy Stoeckel	Police Administrative Assistant	09/18/2006
Pam Henderson	Police Clerk	09/13/2004
Joy Colberg	Police Clerk	09/06/2011

APPOINTMENTS

Patrolman Brian Diaz



Officer Diaz was appointed on 06/07/2021 and previously served as a police officer in Polo, IL

Patrolman Rollie Elder



Officer Elder was appointed on 11/01/2021 and previously served as a Deputy with the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office and Erie Police Department



Police Vehicle Inventory

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1	2020	Ford Transit T-150	89	ERT Team
2	2014	Ford Interceptor Utility	142,261	Patrol
3	2020	Ford Interceptor Utility	26,843	Patrol
4	2014	Ford Interceptor Utility	--TAKEN OUT OF SERVICE--	
5	2020	Ford Interceptor Utility	28,108	Patrol
6	2017	Ford Interceptor Utility	86,437	Patrol
7	2017	Ford Interceptor Utility	96,813	Patrol
8	2020	Ford Interceptor Utility	24,437	Patrol
11	2012	Chevy Impala (gold)	63,501	Administration
12	2014	Chevy Impala (silver)	91,976	Investigations
13	2014	Chevy Impala (black)	58,462	Administration
14	2011	Chevy Impala (black)	82,867	Investigations
15	2014	Chevy Impala (red)	63,823	Investigations

Four new Ford Interceptor Utilities have been ordered to replace Units 2, 4, 6, and 7 in 2022. Unit #6 will be transferred to the Administration and renumbered as Unit #10. Unit #11 will be transferred to Investigations. Unit #12 will be retained for use as training transportation.

Rock Falls Police Department

Investigations Division 2021

Year-End Report

Date:

January 2021 to January 2022

Personnel:

Doug Wolber, Detective Sergeant

Matthew McKanna, Detective

Julia Deets, Detective

Overview:

The detective divisions statistics from January 1, 2021 thru May 1, 2021.

105 pieces of evidence logged in

2 patrol assists.

8 assists for other agencies.

4 Sexual assault cases with **1** April House interview.

1 Aggravated discharge of a firearm.

1 assist with structure fire (Plaza 1).

2021 introduced some movement in the Rock Falls Police Departments Detective Division. In April of 2021, Chief Pilgrim chose to remove Detective Deets from the Blackhawk area task force and bring her back to a full-time position in the Rock Falls Police Departments Detective Division. This decision was made in order to strengthen the detective division and focus on crimes specific to the City of Rock Falls. I (Sergeant Doug Wolber) was reassigned from Patrol Sergeant to Detective Sergeant in late May of 2021. With the combination of both the knowledge Deets received from being in the Task Force and my past experience working drug cases, as a detective, the Detective Division was able to not only handle calls that were sent back to us, from patrol, but also begin solid drug investigations throughout the City of Rock Falls.

From May of 2021 till August of 2021, I, along with Detective McKanna and Detective Deets, were able to complete **14** garbage pulls from known drug related residents. From these garbage pulls; we were able to begin **9** different drug related cases. From these **9** drug cases, detectives were able to acquire several different confidential sources. Detectives have and continue to work

with these confidential sources to target larger drug suppliers in the Rock Falls area. The Detective division had to switch gears on August 4, 2021 when the City of Rock Falls experienced two separate homicides in one 24-hour period.

August 4, 2021, began the long process of locating and viewing several surveillance cameras, along with hours of personal interviews. A small task force was created with the help from other local agencies. Numerous cell phone and Facebook warrants were obtained for these two cases. These cases both have suspects and are currently open, as the detective division awaits both warrant returns and evidence processing returns.

The Detective Division investigated **69** different cases throughout the year.

7 of these cases involved firearms with **5** resulting in either death or great bodily harm to individuals.

5 cases were related to the abuse of either a child or elderly persons.

5 cases were sexual abuse related and **12** were sexual assaults cases.

9 cases were death investigation with two confirmed homicides.

9 cases were theft related with 2 of them being burglaries.

6 cases were related to aggravated batteries.

24 Search warrants were acquired by the detective division in the 7-month period between May 2021 to December 2021.

Within the seven-month period, **301** pieces of new evidence were logged and categorized.

The detective division located a room at the Rock Falls Police Department impound that was filled to capacity with items of evidence. Some of this evidence dated back as far as the 1990's. A larger room was cleaned out and organized to accommodate items of evidence that are required, by law, to be kept for several years. Evidence located at the impound was sorted piece by piece and entered into our computerized evidence management system. The evidence vault was also organized, in a manner that case numbers could easily be located and in their entirety. This was a large project that we were able to accomplish while still maintaining our call volume.

The Detective division assisted patrol, other agencies, and the Whiteside County States Attorney's Office on **37** separate occasions between May to December.

Sexual crimes continue to be the majority of cases that the detective division investigates. Detectives attended numerous forensic interviews of children in 2021. These were conducted at the Morrison April House location and various other Child Advocacy Centers.

Outlook:

I am proud of the amount of work the detective division has handled in the last seven-month period. I am also proud of the professional manner in which, I believe, it was completed.

The detective divisions goals for 2022:

1. Evaluate evidence from both homicides, as it is returned to us. Secure a solid case for arrests.
2. Continue to be aggressive in fighting the drug issues in our area.
3. Convince surrounding agencies that a team like approach to the drug problem would be beneficiary to our County as a whole.
4. Working with the Illinois State Police in regards to investigating and arresting subjects for child pornography.
5. Staying updated with the more active patrol officers. The active officers are a wealth of knowledge for updates on street crime activity. Several confidential sources have been acquired from traffic stops in the past.

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TRAFFIC CRASHES



2021

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>INJURY</u>	<u>PROPERTY DAMAGE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	4	17	21
February	2	18	20
March	1	6	7
April	4	12	16
May	1	11	12
June	3	8	11
July	2	17	19
August	5	13	18
September	2	17	19
October	3	9	12
November	0	14	14
December	3	13	16
TOTAL	30	155	185

Offense Summary

From : 1/1/2021 - To : 12/31/2021

01/03/2022

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	28	\$540.00	\$640.00
111	PROHIBITED PARKING AREA	17	\$20.00	\$320.00
114	NO PARKING 8AM TO 4PM	13	\$0.00	\$300.00
115	NO PARKING IN ALLEY	1	\$0.00	\$20.00
117	SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING(157EMER,158DOWNTOWN)	5	\$0.00	\$100.00
118	HANDICAPPED PARKING	17	\$500.00	\$3,500.00
119	FIRE LANE & HYDRANT PARKING	5	\$200.00	\$100.00
149	EXPIRED REGISTRATION PLATES/STICKER	11	\$575.00	\$825.00
161	FAILURE TO SIGNAL WHEN REQUIRED	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
162	FAILURE TO TRANSFER REGISTRATION	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
171	ILLEGAL SCREECHING OF TIRES	3	\$0.00	\$225.00
193	NO LIGHTED HEADLAMP/TAIL LAMP	1	\$500.00	\$0.00
196	NO REGISTRATION CARD/RECIPROCITY PERMIT	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
197	NO SEAT BELT	1	\$500.00	\$0.00
200	NO VALID REGISTRATION	19	\$1,150.00	\$1,125.00
224	PERMITS/LICENSE UNDER 18	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
234	TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING	10	\$500.00	\$675.00
239	UNLAWFUL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS	1	\$0.00	\$75.00
287	PARKING WRONG DIRECTION	28	\$1,000.00	\$680.00
305	RESIDENT PARKING	29	\$100.00	\$620.00

Total Offenses: 20**Total Tickets & Amount:** 193\$5,585.00\$9,505.00

Offense Violation List Summary

From: 1/1/2021 To: 12/31/2021

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>Admin Fee</i>	<i>Total Paid</i>
101 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE-1ST OFFENSE	16	\$475.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
102 DOG RUNNING AT LARGE-2ND OFFENSE	4	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
106 NO LEFT TURN WEST 1ST ONTO 1ST AVE	2	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
121 TRASH,JUNK,RATS,ODORS,UNLICENSED VEHICL/TOPPER	31	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,050.00
122 WEEDS	32	\$580.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
123 DEPOSITING MATERIALS ON STREET(GRASS,LEAVES,SNOW,ICE)	3	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
126 PROHIBITED SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINOR	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
129 UNLAWFUL BURNING	5	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
131 ILLEGAL DUMPING IN DUMPSTER	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
133 OFF STREET PARKING/FRONT YARD	1	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
136 DELIVERY/POSSESSION ALCOHOL TO A MINOR	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
137 POSSESSION/CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR	2	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
144 DISOBEYING POLICE OFFICER	1	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
247 CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY UNDER \$300	5	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
253 DISORDERLY CONDUCT	7	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
255 FALSE 911 CALL	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
260 POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	3	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
262 RETAIL THEFT (UNDER \$150)	1	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
276 SEMI PARKING RESTRICTIONS	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
280 DEPOSITING MATERIALS ON STREET	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
288 CURFEW	10	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
289 TRUANCY	6	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
294 HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS GRASS	6	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
296 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION FEE/FAILURE TO PAY	2	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
300 FAILURE TO REMOVE INOPERABLE VEHICLE	42	\$1,475.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
301 METER DAMAGE/REPLACE	2	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
302 OPEN BURNING	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
308 ADULT USE CANNABIS VIOLATION	10	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$525.00
Grand Totals:	205	\$7,755.00	\$0.00	\$6,145.00

Community Involvement



PINK PATCH PROJECT

The Pink Patch Project is a program that brings attention to breast cancer and breast cancer research. It began in California in the 1990's and now thousands of law enforcement agencies across the United States participate.

This was RFPD's first year and sale of the special pink patches raised over \$1700 which was donated the Pink Heals of the Sauk Valley to assist them in the efforts to support cancer patients and their families.



Operation: Santa Claus

Over \$7000 raised, 6 families and 24 children benefited from the annual Operation Santa Claus program in 2021. After a hiatus due to COVID in 2020, the Police Department was once again able to gather donations and deliver Christmas gifts and meals to families who may have otherwise gone without.

Chief Pilgrim, Sergeant Wade, Sergeant Ryan McKanna, Detective Deets, Detective Matt McKanna, Officer Anderson, Officer Reynolds, and Records Clerk Joy Colberg with help from their families did the shopping and gift wrapping. Officer Bittner and Officer Diaz helped with the delivery of gifts.

