Lino Lakes Police Department 2013 Annual Report



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CHIEF'S MESSAGE:



During 2013 the police department persevered through the unexpected loss of Sgt. Chris Bragelman in May to grow as individuals and as a team to continue to provide high quality public safety services. Sgt. Bragelman was committed to ensuring that the members of the police department operate in a safe manner and he continuously provided training on emerging threats. Sgt. Bragelman will be missed and never forgotten!

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I am once again amazed at what can be accomplished through focused efforts, data driven planning, and thoughtful and compassionate service by our staff and volunteers. Our two primary goals for 2013 were to reduce theft from vehicles by 20% and enter all police reports in record management system (RMS) within two business days. Through our daily patrol planning, engaging the community on social media, and locating and eliminating opportunities for thefts to occur we were able to reduce theft from vehicles by 46% (2012 - 74; 2013 - 40). That is truly an amazing outcome for our community!

Our goal of entering all police reports into RMS within two business days was an aggressive goal, since we averaged 4.7 days in 2012 to get all police reports entered. For 2013 our average number of business days to get all police reports entered was 2.7 days, just missing our two day goal. Upon further examination it was discovered that all Part I and Part II crime reports were entered into the RMS in 1.9 business days and the 9000 code reports (vehicle lock out, medical calls, etc) were entered in 2.9 business days.

Some of the 2013 highlights are:

 Front office staff obtained 100% final accuracy rating for Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension crime data submission;

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- Our Public Safety Volunteers donated 9,865 hours to the Lino Lakes community;
- Remained active on social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, & YouTube) to further the department's prevention messaging and provide community information;
- Responded to 6,210 calls for service;
- Eliminated 1,034 opportunities for theft to occur in our community by locating and secured open and unlocked doors:
- Obtained a case clearance rate of 71%;
- Worked collaboratively with other Anoka County public safety professionals and elected officials to secure funding for major technology improvement;
- Conducted 5,937 traffic stops;
- Arrested 103 individuals for DWI;
- Conducted a full scale emergency preparedness exercise at the Centennial Middle School;
- Police Reserve personnel transported 60 individuals to the Anoka County Jail, which increased the sworn staff patrol time by 120 hours;
- Sgt. Kyle Leibel and Officer Adam Halvorson received the Centennial Fire District Life Saving Award;
- Record Technician Lori Hawkinson was awarded the Professional Law Enforcement Assistants Association Leadership Award;
- Staff and volunteers remain active and engaged in our community by participating in the Polar Plunge,
 Torch Run, and Tip A Cop events benefitting Minnesota Special Olympics; Officer Shawn Silvera Memorial Run; Movember; organized two blood donation events; Chain of Lakes Rotary; as well as serve on the boards for the Anoka County Mediation Services and Chain of Lakes YMCA; and
- Provided educational courses on internet safety, self-defense for women, drug awareness, youth firearms safety, and snowmobile safety.

The dedication and commitment demonstrated by our staff and volunteers make me very proud to be a member of the Lino Lakes Police Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police.

PATROL DIVISION:

On May 19, the Lino Lakes Police experienced the loss of Patrol Sergeant Chris Bragelman. Sgt. Bragelman died unexpectedly while off-duty leaving behind a wife and three children.



In 2013, the patrol division focused its efforts on reducing thefts from motor vehicles. In 2012, seventy four Lino residents reported that they had items stolen from their vehicles. In early 2013, the LLPD launched an awareness campaign via social media and conducted aggressive directed patrols. As a result of hard work and public cooperation, the LLPD reduced the number of thefts from vehicles from seventy four in 2012 to forty in 2013, a 46% reduction!

Lino Lakes Patrol Officers responded to 6,210 calls for service, conducted 5,937 traffic stops, secured 788 open or unsecure doors, responded to approximately 6,000 calls for service, handled 210 narcotics related incidents, and arrested 109 impaired drivers.

In August, Officer William Owens was promoted to patrol sergeant and Community Service Officer (CSO) Nate Hamann was promoted to patrol officer. In December, CSO Jesse Clark was promoted to patrol of-

K9 DIVISION:

Officer Noll and K9 partner Justice completed their first year of service to the Lino Lakes Community in December of 2013. The LLPD Canine Team assisted in 39 incidents in Lino Lakes and throughout Anoka County. Officer Noll and Justice were certified by United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) in narcotics detection as well as police patrol activities. Some of the highlights for the year were 12 canine demonstrations, the apprehension of a theft suspect, a burglary suspect, and two assault suspects.





TRAINING:

In 2013, the Lino Lakes Police Department continued to develop officers through its training program. The department utilized in-house, external, and online training resources to ensure the program's success. Here is a summary of 2013's training.

The police department continued using the online PATROL training courses. These courses aid department personnel with annual OSHA and POST mandated training. Additional elective training courses offered through PATROL also allowed officers to keep up-to-date with case laws, emerging crime trends, and strategies when responding to incidents.

This past summer, Sergeant Rumpsa coordinated an active threat training scenario at Centennial Middle School. This reality based, full-scale exercise trained officers how to tactically respond to an active shooter within the school. The training also incorporated a search and rescue component in which Lino Lakes CERT members assisted with locating and rendering aid to victims. A similar event was conducted by the police department at the Lino Lakes Target store.

In November, the police department hosted a training course for law enforcement interactions with America's Sovereign Citizen Movement. Dr. Jarret Brachman, an expert on counterterrorism and violent extremist movements, facilitated the training. Through his expertise, Dr. Brachman taught officers how to interact with individuals who fall into these extremist groups.

The following training certifications were awarded:

- Sergeant Hager received a supervisory management certificate from Century College.
- Sergeant Wegener received an emergency manager certificate from FEMA
- Officer Halverson received an emergency manager certificate from FEMA.
- Investigator Hagert received a firearms instructor certification.



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TRAINING CONTINUED:

The following are some of the training topics and courses attended:

- DEA Basic Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
- Responding to Alzheimer's
- Predatory Offenders
- Risk Management
- Auto Theft
- Fire and Arson Investigation
- Leadership in Police Organizations
- Major Case Management
- Evidence Room Management

- Forensic Photography
- Exploitation of Juveniles
- Sexual Violence
- K9 Drug Detection Enhancement
- Warrantless Searches of Vehicles
- Use of Force Instructor Update
- Public Safety Wellness
- Emergency Medical Holds
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- Distracted Driving

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION:

The investigations unit worked with the patrol division to successfully cleared 71% of the criminal incidents occurring in Lino Lakes. Some of the major cases they were involved in include:

- Evidence was gathered that a level 3 predatory offender had moved into town. The offender was located, arrested and charged with failing to register and Lino Lakes' first Community Notification meeting was held.
- Suspects in several thefts of scrap metal were identified, located and charged with multiple thefts not only
 in Lino Lakes, but other cities and counties as well.
- Intense investigation led to the solving of numerous thefts from the east side of the city. Included in the conclusion of the case was the recovery of a gun stolen during the thefts.
- Multiple suspects were charged with the theft of over \$100,000 worth of tires from a Lino Lakes business.

The investigations unit also continued sharpening their skills by receiving training in areas such as arson, cell phone forensics and human trafficking. They also were involved in the delivery of training to local bank employees on safe practices during robberies.

RECORDS DIVISION:

During 2014 the front office staff directed their attention to work flow and work process. They redesigned the front office physical layout to better support efficient workflow. Lori Hawkinson and Kristen Thorstad worked together to reduce the average time it takes to be entered in the records management system by more than 2 days. This success was attained while still performing the many other tasks associ-

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ated with their positions such as:

- Coordinating 323 ACE program participants
- Completing over 400 local records checks
- Processed 297 permit to purchase handgun applications
- Processed over 630 criminal histories

The success of the front office was supported by the donation of over 972 hours of time by our dedicated front office volunteers. They assist in processing of reports, transcribing statements, processing ACE participants and many other aspects in the delivery of service by the Lino Lakes Police Department.



In 2013 Lori Hawkinson was awarded the Excellence in Service Award by the Professional Law Enforcement Assistants Association. The award is recognition by her peers for work that is greatly appreciated by her coworkers.

RESERVES:

In 2013, the Lino Lakes Police Department Reserve Unit was made up of 20 volunteer officers who supported the functions of the Lino Lakes Police Department. The Police Reserves participated in community events, provided traffic and pedestrian control, provided uniformed patrol, conducted home and business checks, assisted full time officers with community education and training events and conducted prisoner transports all in an effort to help fulfill the mission of the department by providing a safe community, assisting with aggressively pursuing criminals, promoting crime prevention partnerships, increasing communications, encouraging volunteerism and continuing to enhance and strengthen the agency's community oriented policing philosophy.

In 2013, the Lino Lakes Police Department Reserve Officers were trained by LLPD staff in vehicle operation, house and business checks, use of force, first aid, traffic direction, search and rescue, patrol tactics, public relations, report writing, leadership and officer assists. Reserve officers conducted 60 prisoner transports to the Anoka County Jail which enabled full time officers to stay in the city. Throughout 2013, the Lino Lakes Police Reserve Officers donated 3,810 hours of service to our community.

CHAPLAINS:

The Lino Lakes Police Department Chaplain Program currently consists of three clergy members who are either leaders of churches in Lino Lakes or reside in Lino Lakes. These volunteer police chaplains are on-call 24 hours a day and assist officers in numerous ways, including delivering death or serious injury notifications. Our chaplains also do ride-a-longs with officers, respond to major disaster scenes and offer follow-up assistance to victims. The members of the LLPD Chaplain Program in 2013 are Recovery Pastor Cindy Lannon of the Eagle Brook Church in Lino Lakes, Pastor James Chapman of the Church of Nazarene in Circle Pines and Pastor Troy Fields of North Springs Church in Lino Lakes. These volunteer chaplains are a valuable part of the Lino Lakes Police Department "family" and are always there when the department, citizens and officers need them. Their dedication and spiritual assistance greatly benefit the Lino Lakes Police Department as well as the Lino Lakes community.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT):

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program helps train people to be better prepared to respond to emergency situations in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give crit-

ical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve the safety in our community.

The CERT course is taught in the community by a trained team of first



responders who have completed a CERT Train-the-Trainer course conducted by their state training office for emergency management, or FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI). CERT training includes disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations and light search and rescue operations.

On-going training is offered each month to all C.E.R.T. members. Classes include, skywarn, CPR/ defib training, traffic direction, fire suppression, search and rescue, trauma/triage and radio usage. Continuing education ensures that the team is prepared to respond safely to any incident they may encounter.

The Lino Lakes Police Department has held six basic C.E.R.T. training sessions since 2008. The Sixth class graduated on Oct 29, 2013. We now have 54 trained Lino Lakes community residents who are ready to step

EXPLORERS:

The Lino Lakes Explorer Post, sponsored by the Lino Lakes Police Department and Learning for Life (a coed branch of the Boy Scouts of America), currently consists of 21 young people from the City of Lino Lakes and the surrounding communities. These young men and women range in age from 14-20 and they work with our officers to learn about the profession of policing. They receive training from our advisors in many facets of police work including, interview and interrogation, traffic stops, crime prevention techniques, and how to respond to and investigate burglaries, to name a few. These police explorers also volunteer with our department, as well as with surrounding departments, in a variety of community events and activities, such as the 3M golf Tournament in Blaine, the Halloween parade in Anoka and the Blue Heron Days Parade and celebration in Lino Lakes. Each year, they participate in state competitions where they showcase their proficiency in the areas trained all year. In the spring of 2013, our Explorers attended the Minnesota Police Explorers State

Conference in Rochester, MN and received 2 team trophies in bomb scene investigation and domestic response and one of our high school seniors received the Shawn Silvera Memorial Scholarship. A small group of our Explorers also attended the Duluth State Conference, finishing with three team trophies.



TRAIL WATCH:

The 2013 Trail Watch program was the most productive year yet for this valuable program. Six new members joined program, and the volunteers donated 1,790 hours of bike and foot patrol during 2013. The time

spent in the parks and on the city trails created 19 reports of safety or maintenance concerns, which were forwarded to public works for repairs. There were also 8 incidents observed that generated a police response. These incidents ranged from littering to arson. The Lino Lakes Police Department conducted



PERSONNEL CHANGES

NEW HIRES:

Officer Nate Hamann - August 25, 2013

CSO Katelyn Croteau - November 3, 2013

Officer Jesse Clark - December 16, 2013

PROMOTIONS:

Sgt. William Owens - August 24, 2013

RESIGNATIONS:

Officer Zach Johnson - August 11, 2013

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Sgt. Chris Bragelman - May 19, 2013



