

Lino Lakes Police Department 2012 Annual Report



I would like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the great work that occurred in 2012 and to discuss department goals for 2013.

There are several positive results from our work in 2012, but it is the dedication of our volunteers that I am most proud of. In 2012, LLPD volunteers donated 11,114 hours to our community. Due to their commitment to the community, the targeted patrol and prevention activities of our officers, and hard work by all, we were able to cut the burglary rate in our community by 52 percent. A truly incredible accomplishment!



I am very proud of the Lino Lakes Police Department for the manner in which they carried out their duties and the resulting outcomes. Some highlights for 2012 are:

- Residents of Lino Lakes benefited from 11,114 hours of donated time from our public safety volunteers;
- Front office staff obtained a 100% final accuracy rating for Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension crime data submission;
- Police canine, Recon, retired in September and as a result of the incredible financial support of the Lino Lakes community, a new police canine, Justice, was purchased, trained and began patrolling Lino Lakes in December;
- The police department launched Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to leverage technology to effectively disseminate public safety information;
- Responded to 6,345 calls for service;
- Conducted 7,030 traffic stops;
- Reserve personnel transported 61 individuals to Anoka County Jail, which increased the hours of sworn staff patrol time in Lino Lakes by 122 hours;
- Reduced the number of burglaries in Lino Lakes by 52% (2011 – 43 to 2012 – 21);
- Obtained a case clearance rate of 71.6%;
- Enhanced the technology in police training room and roll call;
- Introduced a newly designed patrol vehicle;
- Began to enhance technology in our patrol vehicles;
- Worked collaboratively with our public safety partners in Anoka County to enhance efficient public safety service delivery.

In the public safety profession, as with all industries, we must continuously look for avenues to ensure we are delivering the highest quality public safety services. One tool we use to help us achieve our goals is our Action Plan. The Action Plan details goals, deliverables, and benchmarks. As with our 2012 Action Plan, the 2013 Action Plan will focus on prevention strategies and ensure that our organization is focused on preventing crime in an efficient and effective manner.

We have redesigned our department Action Plan for 2013 into three areas of focus:

1. Enter all police reports into police records management system within two business days;
2. Reduce the number of theft from vehicles by 20% in 2013;
3. Continue to operate in the most efficient and effective manner.

These areas of our operation have been identified as areas of improvement that will lead to a higher level of service delivery. By entering all police reports within two business days, we will ensure that our patrol staff is utilizing the most up-to-date information available when allocating resources and creating shift plans to prevent crime. Members of the Lino Lakes community were victims of theft from vehicles 74 times in 2012 and 2011. Data analysis indicated that we could reduce those thefts through a public education campaign and targeted foot patrols where officers locate opportunities for crime before criminals do.

I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for us in 2013, and I am confident that the Lino Lakes Police Department will overcome all challenges in 2013, as evident in the great outcomes created during 2012.

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

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Patrol Division

In 2012, the patrol division of the Lino Lakes Police Department responded to 6,345 calls for service and conducted 7,030 traffic stops. From those traffic stops, officers made 347 arrests for drug and alcohol offences.



Officer Brandon Young retired from the LLPD in August of 2012 and two new officers, Tou Vang and Bob Strub were hired to fill existing vacancies. Sgt. Wayne Wegener was promoted from patrol officer to patrol sergeant in August, Sgt. Dale Hager successfully completed the FBI National Academy in December and Capt. McCarthy was promoted from sergeant in August.

Administrative / Investigative Division

The year of 2012 was marked with personnel changes in investigations as well as administration. Sgt. Kelly McCarthy was promoted from Sergeant to Captain which led to Sgt Kyle Leibel filling the administrative sergeant opening created by the promotion. In January, Chad Schirmers started his assignment in investigations and in September Officer Pete Noll moved from investigations to K9 handler. Jackie Bowdich left the Records Tech position at which point Kristen Thorstad was hired to replace her. Kristen was one of the many front office volunteers that collectively invested nearly 1,200 volunteer hours.

Investigators were involved in 212 cases in 2012. This included writing / assisting on 25 search warrants, processing forfeitures, interviewing victims, witnesses and suspects, providing court materials to attorneys as well as preparing and submitting felony case files.

	Calls for Service	Traffic Citations & Warnings	Part 1 Crimes *	Part 2 Crimes *	Combined Crime Rate
2012	6344	2694	N/A	N/A	N/A
2011	6384	2604	1117	2911	4028
2010	6398	2743	982	2349	3331

* This data is published annually by the MN BCA as part of their annual report.
2012 Data will be included when the BCA publishes.

Training

In 2012, we began using the online PATROL training to assist in covering the OSHA and POST mandated training. There are new trainings released monthly, as well as a library of past training that officers can complete as time allows. Sgt. Bragelman attended the PATROL 2013 planning sessions to assist in deciding what were the best training options for the coming year, and which programs were needed the most.

We hosted a course on Managing Investigative Units taught by Robert Doran and Associates. The course was very informative and well put together; therefore Mr. Doran will return in 2013 to teach Evidence Room Management and Procedures.

We conducted active threat training using both live fire at the range, and using Airsoft during roll call training sessions. Both new officers were taught the basics of the active threat movements and the concepts involved.

Officers attended the following training:

- Criminal Street Gangs,
- Outlaw Biker Gangs,
- High Risk Event Planning,
- Property and Evidence Management,
- Physical Surveillance,
- Developing and Managing Complex Investigations,
- Basic and Advanced Interview and Interrogation,
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course,
- Pursuit Intervention Tactic Instructor Course,
- Undercover Techniques and Surveillance,
- Critical Incident Training,
- BCA Crime Scene Course,
- Drug Law Enforcement Training Program,
- E-charging and E-DUI, and
- Use of Force Instructor Update.

We conducted 6 firearms qualifications, as well as incorporated Airsoft trainings.

Recognizing the importance of on-going training, the police department implemented a training component to the daily roll call.

Two officers were certified through the Barbara Schneider Foundation Critical Incident Training program for dealing with mentally handicapped people and understanding ways to diffuse situations with them.

LLPD Reserves Annual Report Summary - 2012

The Lino Lakes Police Department Reserve Unit is comprised of 21 volunteers who supported the functions of the Lino Lakes Police Department and helped 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.



The Lino Lakes Police Department Reserve Officers are trained by LLPD staff in emergency 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 61 prisoner transports to the Anoka County Jail which enabled full time officers to stay in the City of Lino Lakes. Reserve Officers donated a total of 3,895 hours of service to our community.

2012 Trail Watch

The Lino Lakes Trail Watch volunteers had another productive year in 2012. The generous donation of their time and efforts resulted in 545 hours of foot and bike patrol making the trails in Lino Lakes safer for our community. During these patrols nine incidents were reported that resulted in a report being created, and 23 other safety or maintenance concerns were located and passed onto Public Works for repairs. Trail Watch also welcomed three new members to the group last year.

In addition to the hours of patrol completed, 7 members took the time to attend a CPR and AED training offered by the police department and are now certified in these areas.

Police Explorer Program

The Lino Lakes Explorer Post consists of 22 youth, ages 14-19, learning about the police profession as they assist the department with various events and activities. They also train in many facets of police work such as, interview and interrogation, traffic stops, crime prevention, and burglary response. In the spring of 2012, they received 4 combined trophies (2 - 1st place, 1 - 2nd place and 1 - 4th place) during the statewide competition in Rochester.



Chaplain Program

The LLPD Chaplain Program currently consists of 3 clergy members who are either leaders of churches in Lino Lakes or reside in Lino Lakes. Whether one of our officers are requested to deliver a death notification, respond to death scenes or handle a variety of other crisis situations, our volunteer chaplains are on call twenty-four hours a day, ready to respond and assist if called upon. The Chaplains also ride with officers, respond to major disasters and offer follow-up assistance to crime victims. The members of the chaplain program are Pastor Marci Jamison of the Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Lino Lakes, Recovery Pastor Cindy Lannon of the Eagle Brook Church in Lino Lakes, and Pastor James Chapman of the Church of Nazarene located in Circle Pines. The volunteer Chaplains are a valuable part of the department and are available to respond twenty-four hours a day to be there when the community needs them. These church leaders in our community spend many hours volunteering their time to serve our

residents. Their dedication and spiritual assistance greatly benefits the Lino Lakes Police Department and the Lino Lakes community.

K9

Recon retired in the fall of 2012 after 8 years of service to the citizens of Lino Lakes. The team of Recon and his handler, Sgt. Dale Hager, was immediately replaced by Officer Pete Noll and his K9 partner, Justice. Our officers were again overwhelmed at the generosity of local business leaders, citizens, students and others who cared enough about the success of the Canine Program to collectively donate over \$28,000 for the purposes of the purchasing and training Justice. The Canine Unit has been a positive addition to the Lino Lakes Police Department and the Lino Lakes Community and we know Officer Noll and Justice will continue to the success of this valuable program.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Lino Lakes CERT has maintained 57 active CERT Members during 2012 that donated 527 hours to the Lino Lakes community. CERT members are trained for disaster response situations. Monthly trainings were held to keep members active and engaged in the program. In March, CERT members participated in a winter disaster training scenario with Police Officers, Reserve Officers and Explorers in a unified command setting. CERT members searched a large area and located, categorized and processed 5 storm victims. The CERT program successfully trained its 5th class since 2008.

CERT Activities 2012

Pet Control.

Bloodmobile: Twenty-Three pints collected.

Winter Disaster training.

Disaster Preparation.

Spoil you dog day.

Sky Warn.

Night to Unite.

Bloodmobile: Thirty-Three pints collected.

Blue Heron Parade/PD Open House, Saturday.

CERT basic training.



Personnel Changes:

Promotions:

Capt. Kelly McCarthy - August 13, 2012

Sgt. Wayne Wegener - August 26, 2012

Resignations:

Record Technician Jackie Bowdich -
October 12, 2012

Officer Timothy Noll - November 19, 2012

New Hires:

Officer Robert Strub - December 3, 2012

Officer Tou Vang - December 3, 2012

Record Technician Kristen Thorstad -
December 17, 2012

Retirements:

Officer Brandon Young - June 30, 2012

