



**Police Department Report to the
Des Moines Community
March 2, 2023**

Chief's Message:

It is with great excitement that I notified the City Manager this week of my intent to retire from Law Enforcement on June 30th 2023. It has been an honor to serve communities for nearly 37 years in law enforcement. It has been an incredibly rewarding career and I would not change it for anything. When I started, it was about staying up late, driving fast and catching bad guys. As the years progressed, it was still about catching bad guys but more about providing a first-class service, helping those that are in need, taking care of our employees and keeping our community safe. Needless to say, I have grown a lot over the many years of service.

The past 5 years serving the Des Moines Community have been incredible for me. I am extremely proud of our professional, competent and caring police department. We have a first-class organization that as residents and business owners you should be very proud of.

The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chief's organization will conduct the search for our new chief. We will find a competent and professional executive to take over operations and lead our department to even a higher level of effectiveness.



Ken Thomas, Police Chief

DMPD 2023 Goals and Objectives



Last month we reflected on our 2022 Accomplishments. This month we look forward to the goals and objectives we have as a Police Department for 2023. The Command staff and all Sergeants contributed and collaborated on these goals for 2023.

Goal 1. Build Community Trust and Legitimacy

Objectives:

- ✓ Hire high quality officers
- ✓ Increase business outreach partnerships
- ✓ Monthly Community Outreach
- ✓ Achieve WASPC Re-Accreditation
- ✓ Obtain Active Bystander for Law Enforcement Certification

Goal 2. Enhance Crime Fighting Strategies

Objectives:

- ✓ Increase Federal/Regional Partnerships
- ✓ Increase Intra Agency Communication
- ✓ Enhance Quality Case Development thru feedback

Goal 3. Utilize Technology for Effectiveness & Efficiency

Objectives:

- ✓ Emphasize Data Driven Results
- ✓ Utilize data driven problem solving through innovative crime analysis
- ✓ Develop training from body camera and dash camera video review
- ✓ Implement "FLOCK" Cameras for crime solving

Goal 4. Expand Employee Wellness

Objectives:

- ✓ Explore Wellness Fitness Incentive Program
- ✓ Wellness Resource "App" Implementation
- ✓ Examine Lifestyle Medicine Coaching

Relocation



Chaplain Jeff Espeseth

We would also like to recognize and thank the work and dedication of Chaplain Jeff Espeseth, who has taken another position and will be relocating to the state of Nevada.

Chaplain Jeff has worked with DMPD for over 10 years in all types of scenarios. It has been a pleasure working with Chaplain Jeff and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Special Investigations Unit:

We have filed eight felony cases since the beginning of February. We have open cases involving gun possession and drug operations which we are currently investigating. These cases are ongoing and require a significant amount of time.

Getting People Services Team



Newly hired DMPD Crisis Responder (on left) getting people connected

The GPS Team assisted patrol with a suicidal subject at the Woodmont Library. The 9-1-1 call came in as a 32 year old male who was considering walking to the nearest bridge and jumping into traffic.

We arrived on scene and made contact with the young man. He was new to the area and had no family or support system in place for his mental challenges. We were able to talk with him and his family back home in Arkansas. After talking with us he decided that he needed help and agreed to go to the hospital. We were able to connect him with a treatment center if he would go to the hospital to get stabilized and then sent to a treatment center for more intense work.

We continue to do outreach tables at Safeway and apartment complexes to share the Services team program and give resources for mental health services and eviction prevention.



Downtown Des Moines Revitalization

Code Enforcement is working on several code enforcement issues in the downtown core of Des Moines. Cleaning up of vacant lots and code violations for several vacant businesses. Revitalization of our downtown is important to all of us!

Pacific Highway South

Code Enforcement continues to work closely with the businesses along the highway as a part of our Pacific Hwy South Safety Emphasis, working with owners and property managers to actively prevent crime and disorder on their properties by way of property maintenance required by code.

Graffiti abatement, trespassing and vandalism are a few of the challenges these businesses continue to face. The focus on quick, consistent cleanup and repair shows the space is cared for and the behavior is not tolerated.

Code Enforcement also has a significant role in the prevention of these issues, being a visible presence and making contact with individuals found trespassing on private properties. Individuals who are found to be homeless, are referred to available resources and our GPS team. Code Enforcement fields numerous day to day calls about quality of life issues throughout the rest of the City to include reports of garbage, graffiti, junk vehicles and unpermitted work.

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY



Community Citizen Academies

Advanced Community Academy

SIGN UP OPEN

Des Moines Police Department

March 6th – 27th, 2023

Interested in building upon your basic law enforcement knowledge? Great, then attend our DMPD Advance Community Academy!

This is a 4 week program designed to expand your knowledge of concepts introduced during our basic academy. This program will demonstrate the many partnerships that make law enforcement work.

Session will start at 6:00pm ending around 8pm, giving plenty of time for in- depth discussion of each topic.

Space is limited so register today. Only requirement is you must have attended a prior Des Moines Police basic academy. If you have questions or would like to attend please contact me at (206) 870-7619 or email at

tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov

2023 SPRING POLICE ACADEMY

APRIL 12-MAY 31ST, Wednesdays from 6:30 to 9:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:

https://www.desmoineswa.gov/.../basic_citizens_academy

The Community Academy is an 8 week program for Des Moines residents and those who work in Des Moines. Designed to acquaint citizens with their police department and to give a better understanding of law enforcements role in the criminal justice system.



Criminal Investigations Unit

Armed Robbery

An armed robbery occurred at the 7-11 located at 820 Kent Des Moines Road. The victim employee described the suspects as wearing face coverings. The suspects both had handguns and demanded the employee open the cash drawer which he did. The suspects fled the business and we continue to investigate.

Another armed robbery occurred in the 24200 block of 26th Pl. S. The victim reported his backpack was stolen that contained his wallet, and 20,000.00 dollars. We continue to track down leads.

Shooting

There was a shooting that occurred at 2459 S. 216th St. Rifle casings were recovered and the victim was transported to Valley Hospital where he has since left against medical advice. Detective Stillwagon drafted a search warrant for the vehicle that the victim was shot in. The victim has not yet responded to Detective Still wagon's multiple attempts to speak with him.

DMPD TIP LINE 206-870-6871

Patrol Team



BODY WORN CAMERAS

In February all Officer training for Body Worn Cameras was completed.

As of March 1st, all DMPD patrol officers will be wearing body worn cameras!



Incident Calls for February

February Calls for Service 1,348

Shootings	2	(shots fired)
Collisions	53	
Alarms	34	
Auto Theft	45	
Auto Recoveries	46	
Domestic Violence	39	
Sex Offences	0	
Thefts	48	
Wellness checks	108	(Mental Health)
Involuntary Commit	6	(Mental Health)

Pacific Highway Violence Prevention

Pacific Highway 636 (hours)

#Arrests/Citations	37
# of Warnings Issued	184
# Traffic Stops	45
#Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	275
# People Offered Services	71

Des Moines / C.A.R.E.S.

February was a slow month for Animal Control
6 Animal Cases Investigated and 12 Animals taken into the shelter

To Contact Animal Control Officer Miller:

Emergency: Dial 911

All other Calls: 206-812-2727

Email: DesMoinescares@desmoineswa.gov



- ✓ **March 7th 10am –11am
Four Points Hotel**

- ✓ **April 20th 10am -11am
Judson Park Senior Living**

- ✓ **May 6th 9:30am to 10:30am
Midway Donuts**

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and get to know the Officer in your neighborhood!

For more information contact CSO Tonya Seaberry at (206) 870-7619