



Ramsey County Sheriff's Office

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Residents

Mayors and City Council Members

Public Safety and Community Partners

Dear Citizens, Mayors, Council Members, and Partners,

Providing contract law enforcement and public safety services to communities who do not operate a local police department has been an important responsibility of the Sheriff's Office for over half a century. Through professionalism and partnerships, the Sheriff's Office helps reduce individual city operating expenditures by sharing personnel, facilities, and resources. The communities of Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township presently contract with the Sheriff's Office for patrol, investigative, and community/crime prevention services. Since public safety is an important investment, thank you for trusting the Sheriff's Office to serve as your local police department.

In 2015, the Public Safety Services Division of the Sheriff's Office was involved in several high profile cases. Most notably, a missing person cold case was reopened and the suspect was convicted of homicide. This conviction was nearly twenty years later and, in part, due to partnerships with county and state agencies. In addition, community engagement continued by holding Coffee with a Cop events in August, October, and December. These events bring neighbors and deputies who patrol the community together to chat at local coffee shops. Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative to advance community policing one cup of coffee at a time. This summer, several picnic with a deputy events will be held at local parks.

For 2016, the Public Safety Services Division will continue to advance community connections, solicit input from those we serve, and utilize technology to share our results. The Sheriff's Office looks forward to continuing to protect and serve those who live, work, go to school, and do business in Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township.

The attached *Year At a Glance: Contract Communities* highlights the accomplishments the Sheriff's Office made on behalf of these communities.

Sincerely,

Terry Soukkala

Undersheriff, Public Safety Services

Values					
Providing safety through community policing	Preserving trust through fiscal responsibility	Collaborating with public safety partners	Encouraging diversity to reflect the community	Improving service through technology	Connecting with youth to build for the future
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2015 Year At a Glance Contract Communities

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Serving the communities of Arden Hills, Gem Lake, Little Canada, North Oaks, Shoreview, Vadnais Heights, and White Bear Township

★	★	★	★	★	★	Responded to calls for service
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As the full service police department for seven communities, the Sheriff's Office responded to 29,138 calls for service and investigated 1,152 cases. Calls for service ranged from animal complaints to life threatening incidents. At the same time, deputies engaged in self-initiated activity, which yielded arrests for burglary, narcotics, theft, and driving while impaired.

★	★	★		★	★	Increased crime prevention communications
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A community and crime prevention newsletter was started. This newsletter, written for Neighborhood Watch block captains and city officials, calls attention to crime trends, prevention strategies, and public safety issues facing neighborhoods. With the replacement records management system in place, weekly calls for service reports were established for the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

★	★	★	★	★		Trained citizens to support emergency responses
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The Sheriff's Office conducted the twenty-seventh Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training academy. This training partners community members and emergency services personnel for coordinated responses following any type of catastrophic disaster. During such disasters, CERT trained citizens can help neighbors and neighborhood.

★	★	★		★		Arrested multiple suspects tied to mail thefts, fraud, and forgery
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In response to a growing number of holiday package thefts across northern Ramsey County, the Sheriff's Office setup a detail to locate, identify, and apprehend suspected criminals. The detail partnered UPS, Fed Ex, USPS, White Bear Lake Police, and Roseville Police with the Sheriff's Office to utilize plain clothed officers and unmarked vehicles. This investigation recovered stolen packages, mail, checks, and debit cards as well as forged checks and drug paraphernalia. As a result, four men and two women were arrested for felonies.

★	★	★	★	★	★	Participated in shop with a cop
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A joint venture of the Sheriff's Office and the Mounds View Police Department brought together over 50 law enforcement officials to support elementary school children from 19 families to shop for holiday gifts. The group enjoyed dinner, donated by local restaurants, at the Sheriff's Patrol Station before shopping. Kids, deputies, and officers shopped the aisles of Shoreview Super Target in the search for gifts. The Sheriff's Foundation and Target provided donations for the gifts, which were wrapped by Target employees and volunteers.

★	★	★		★		Solved a cold case homicide from 1997
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Nearly twenty years ago, the Sheriff's Office responded to a missing person call. The initial investigation led the Sheriff's Office to suspect foul play. However, at the time, the suspect was unable to be charged with a crime because the victim's body could not be located. In 2012, the Sheriff's Office reopened the case, and worked closely with the County Attorney's Office, Medical Examiner, and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. As a result of the investigation and evidence collected, the suspected admitted in court to killing the victim. In late 2015, the suspect was convicted of homicide, and is currently serving time in prison.

★	★	★	★	★	★	Connected with youth and diverse communities
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The Sheriff's Office formed more partnerships to advance community engagement efforts and strengthen relationships with diverse communities. Sheriff's staff also attended training that highlighted resources aimed at serving youth and under-served, under-resourced adults. Staff volunteered their time reinforce positive youth development in elementary schools.

★	★	★	★			Solved community animal control concerns
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Animal control services were provided in a problem solving orientated manner. The Sheriff's Office responded to over 1,021 animal related calls for services. This community-based approach with an emphasis on education and finding solutions helped make dogs and cats good neighbors. Enforcement actions were only taken when public safety was at stake.

★	★	★		★		Promoted division-specific training
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Beyond in-service and state mandated training, Sheriff's staff participated in a number of continuing education trainings throughout the year. Over 100 educational classes and conferences were attended. Topics included tactics for traffic stops, detecting danger, interview and interrogation, search warrant writing, sex trafficking, cyberbullying, and crime prevention. Conferences such as the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension annual leadership training and National Asian Police Officer Association conference were also attended.