

# **FLANDREAU POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

**REPORT PERIOD JANUARY 2001 TO DECEMBER 31, 2001**

- 1. CASE REPORTS:** (579)
- 2. CALLS FOR SERVICE:** (1,707)
- 3. ARRESTS:** (300) The figure does not statistically reflect the number of summons and complaints issued by States Attorney's Office or Tribal Prosecutor
- 4. UNIFORM CITATION TICKETS:** (375) Does not include written warnings or parking tickets
- 5. STATE ACCIDENT REPORTS:** (39)

## **CRIMES AGAINST PERSON OR PROPERTY:**

**ARSON:** (1)

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT:** (8)

**SIMPLE ASSAULT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** (28)

**SIMPLE ASSAULT:** (31)

### **BURGLARIES**

1. BUSINESS (4)
2. RESIDENCE (11)
3. VEHICLE (9)

**BOMB THREAT:** (0)

**CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT:** (2) (Numerous referrals to DSS)

**DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY:** Felony (11) Misdemeanor (41)

**DEATH INVESTIGATIONS:** (6)

**EMBEZZLEMENT:** (0)

**ELDERLY ABUSE:** (1)

**FRAUD:** (3)

**GRAND THEFT:** (1) Grand Theft Auto (5)

**HOMICIDE:** (1)

**RAPE:** (2)

**SEXUAL CONTACT:** (3)

**STALKING:** (0)

### **FLANDREAU POLICE DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

The Flandreau Police Department has been in operation one year and has taken on the challenge of developing into the catalyst and primer for other criminal justice agencies to use in consolidating services. Consolidating services is not new in police services and is one of many avenues that downsizes duplication of services without negating public safety and efficiency.

As we continue to grow and transform into the potential police agency, we have experienced some pitfalls and met some challenges into the first year. We do understand that quality of service can progress and transcend to meeting the needs of the community. It was virtually impossible to project exactly what our needs and expectations were in determining several factors. Some of the weaknesses that I can best determine are as follows:

- Researching a needs analysis in start up costs and per ratio of officers per population. We realized that we were operating with the need to add one officer to assist in the patrol services to decrease overtime and officer time off. We can ascertain now to have one officer trained and to work criminal investigation cases for follow-up and pursuing prosecution. The case load has increased due to citizens reporting more crime and the calls for service response.
- The department has had a turn over rate that has been detrimental in the efforts to advance. The department has taken on the many challenges of hiring inexperienced officers, non-certified, or hired and not met the standards of the police department.
- The department needed an office clerk or assistant from the onset of operations to field telephone calls, meet the community members, and direct questions.

- The Flandreau Police Department has lacked and can improve on our existence as a new department. I feel that we can vastly improve in meeting the public and the business community in improving community relations.
- The Flandreau Police Department has the opportunity to cooperate and work closely with the Moody County Sheriffs Office. The department can improve relations to increase services and cohesion.
- The Chief of Police has been more focused on internal operations and has not spent the time riding with the officers or meeting with the public on a regular basis.

## **FLANDREAU POLICE DEPARTMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The expected outcomes of the Flandreau Police Department is to improve our quality of service by improving in several low performance standards as aforementioned. We are committed on making the changes to begin the second year of operation. We are committed at acknowledging some crucial errors and have the capacity to continue meeting the public needs regarding our services.

As we venture forward, I can assure those that we do possess the unique challenges on becoming that model program for other agencies. Moreover, we can reach out and extend what we experienced to gain new understanding in a cross-cultural community. What we have accomplished is what others might use as a guiding principle. I can only speculate that one problem in other communities is the fear of change. We are the primers that is clearing the path for criminal justice agencies at the national level to emulate regarding cooperation.

- The Flandreau Police Department operations will improve with the needed staff. We can forge ahead on planning and research in police administration. The staffing increase will enable the department to diversify into other components of internal and external operations.
- The Flandreau Police Department will train and recruit on a regular basis to retain qualified staff. The department will promote recruitment and training using every viable resource.
- The Flandreau Police Department will work on being more accessible in meeting the public and serving as a liaison and ombudsman in community problems, using Community Policing as our goal. We are determined in establishing guidelines to help in the area of victim and witness advocacy using all resources.
- Our mission statement is to promote and develop community relations by becoming more service oriented. We have created some opportunity to work with parts of the community, and it is imperative we have inclusion of all the community.
- The Flandreau Police Department gained respect networking and linking our services with numerous criminal justice agencies and social service providers. We are determined to work with our local Sheriffs Office in collaborative efforts in the shared responsibility of public safety. As the prospect of consolidating public safety and emergency services into a law enforcement center, there is much promise in unification of services. We support this idea and it will take innovative leaders to make the public safety building a reality.

- The Chief will manage his time to increase his level of involvement in external operations that will include more public and community service. The Chief will make it a high priority to ride and train his staff in police service and operations. The goals of highly trained officers is already in the process working with municipal, state, and federal resources.

### **SUMMARIZATION**

The Flandreau Police Department has reviewed the past year operations and administration and will make every concerted effort to improve quality of services by implementing the standard operating procedures. We have reviewed our shortcomings and mistakes and will continue to make adjustments and rectify problems that might occur.

We are committed on quality assurance studies to research department weaknesses and work closely with the community on team building and community empowerment. The Flandreau Police Department is geared and ready to become one of the finest and professional police departments in the region. This is our commitment and more.

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