

Big Lake Police Department Annual Report

2017 IN
REVIEW



NEW BLPD MISSION AND CORE VALUES STATEMENT(S)



The members of the Big Lake Police Department display **Pride** in the community we are entrusted to protect, provide **Service** with compassion and dignity, and exhibit highest level of **Integrity** in all aspects of our lives.

Our Greatest Asset, our Staff Each Serving with Unique Skillsets

Chief of Police Joel Scharf

- Emergency Manager

Serving Since 2012

6 Years

Captain Sam Olson

- Crime Free Housing Program
- Department Training Manager
- Assistant Emergency Manager

Serving Since 2003

16 Years

Sergeant Matthew Hayen

- Canine Handler
- Patrol Oversight

Serving Since 2016

3 Years

Corporal Joe Kalla

- Use of Force Instructor
- Field Training Officer
- Towards Zero Death Program
- Reserve Officer Program Coordinator

Serving Since 2015

3 Years

Investigator Rich Berg

- Property and Evidence Management
- Predatory Offender Program
- Case Management-Social Service Intakes

Serving Since 1997

21 Years

Officer Chris Hoard

- Field Training Officer
- Use of Force Instructor

Serving Since 2006

11 Years

Officer Guy Chaffee

- Drug Task Force Liaison
- Firearms Instructor
- UAV Program

Serving Since 2014

5 Years

Officer Todd Siebert

- Animal Control Officer
- Dangerous Dog Registration

Serving Since 2007

11 Years

Officer Sam Norlin

- Field Training Officer
- Drug Recognition Examiner

Serving Since 2011

7 Years

Officer Nic Prigge

- Field Training Officer
- Firearms Use of Force Instruction
- UAV Program Coordinator

Serving Since 2015

3 Years

Officer Tyler Sinclair

Serving Since 2017

0 Years

Officer Tom Kucala

- Field Sobriety Testing Instructor

Service Since 2017

0 Years

Police Specialist Laurie Morris

- BCA Compliance
- Records Management

Serving Since 2000

18 Years

Police Specialist Tina Peterson

- Background Investigations
- Customer Service

Serving Since 2003

15 Years

119 Years of Combined Service to Big Lake !

Police Staffing Averages

MN Group V. Cities

(10,000 to 25,000)

50 agencies in this classification.

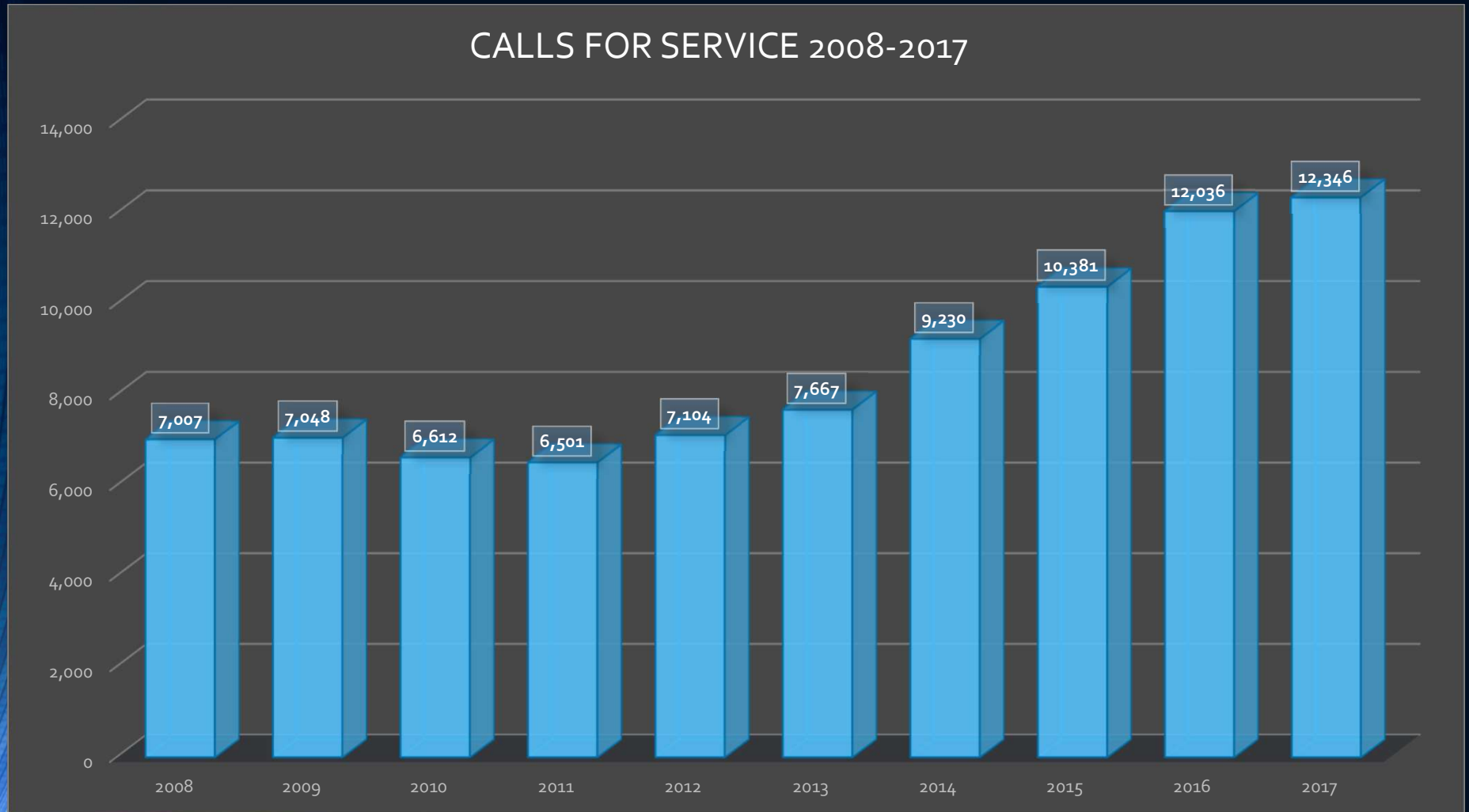
CITY OF BIG LAKE

- 10,496 - Population
- 12 - Full Time Sworn
- **1.14 Officers per 1,000 Citizens** (will change to 1.23 with additional officer in 2018)
- 2 – Full Time Support Staff
- .18 Full Time Support per 1,000 Citizens

MN GROUP V. CITIES - AVERAGES

- 17,288 – Population
- 22.8 – Full Time Sworn
- **1.4 Officers per 1,000 Citizens**
- 4.3 Full Time Support Staff
- .25 Full Time Support per 1,000 Citizens

Calls for Service 2008 thru 2017



*During 2017 we ended our response to gas drive off complaints, and vehicle unlocks resulting in an approximate reduction of 300 calls for service.

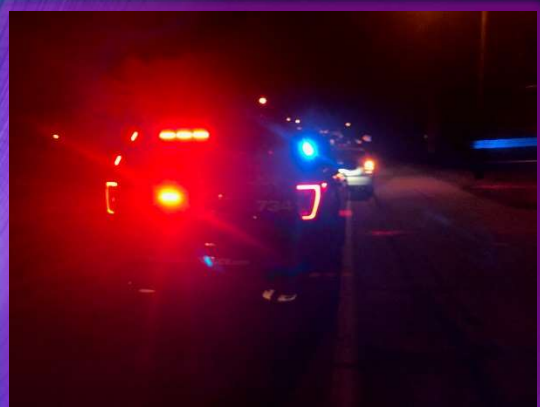
2017 Calls for Service

(Field, Investigative, and Administrative Services)



2017 Call for Service Trends

- While there are a multitude of calls for service categories, this chart highlights those of a higher profile, consume departments time and resources, and affect quality of life for our residents.



Call for Service	2011	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Medical Emergency	324	355	350	330	382	439
Mental Health Committals	48	29	73	65	71	75
Domestic Disturbance	150	143	127	134	141	142
Social Service Intakes	161	125	101	172	178	204
Juvenile Issues	171	176	134	168	200	169
Theft	217	213	154	193	140	127
Animal Complaints	402	222	237	248	260	266
Vandalism	132	90	77	91	131	67
Civil	237	271	234	195	290	243
Assault	32	27	30	17	24	19
Traffic Crash	163	188	172	182	183	149
Disturbing the Peace	116	127	122	129	142	126
Fraud	40	41	57	83	95	89
Criminal Sexual Contact	11	13	10	9	16	10
Burglary	28	13	20	25	10	7

2017 Self Initiated Calls For Service

- Our number one citizen complaint is driving conduct in residential areas.
- The threat of serious injury or death for our residents comes from traffic related crashes.
- Drugs, theft, wanted persons, impaired drivers, most all crimes travel via vehicles.
- Like all other jurisdictions, we are experiencing a serious increase in narcotics activity.
- Proactive policing and community engagement strategies are our most effective tools.



Call for Service	2011	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Community Policing	0	0	3	58	125	162
Traffic Stop	1,375	2,459	3,498	3,166	3,978	4,883
Revoked Driver	0	28	98	99	180	186
Narcotics	7	16	25	50	72	86
Predatory Offender Check	34	52	137	131	124	75
Impaired Driver	29	62	54	66	70	97
Misc. Officer Initiated	50	47	242	792	531	141
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	182	241	302	371	410	649
Parking	65	48	132	107	248	140
Security Checks	79	17	56	80	390	434
Total Officer Initiated	1,821	2,970	4,547	4,920	6,128	6,853

2017 Clearance Rates

(Cases Closed by Prosecution)

● 61%

State of Minnesota
Average

● 72%

Big Lake Police
Department



Crime Rates: Part I and II Index Crimes

- **Part I Crimes:** Include offenses such as; rape, murder, arson, felony assault, burglary, weapons, and robbery.
- **Part II Crimes:** Include offenses such as; vandalism, theft, alcohol offenses, fraud, and low level assaults.
- **Combined Average:** Simply the adding of Part I and II Index Crime Numbers.
- **We are amongst the safest MN Cities!**

Jurisdiction	Part I	Part II	Combined
Big Lake	873	3,090	4,241
Becker	430	3,531	4,482
Elk River	2,000	4,108	6,157
Princeton	3,899	3,513	7,605
St. Cloud	4,581	5,894	10,655
Minneapolis	5,352	6,158	11,620
10 Judicial District	2, 019	3,452	5,603

2017 – Still One of MN Safest Cities

RANKED 2ND PLACE
(CITIES OVER 10,000 POPULATION)
BY NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HOME
SAFETY AND SECURITY

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HOME SAFETY AND SECURITY

THE SAFEST CITIES IN
★ **MINNESOTA** 2018 ★

2017 Department Organization

- **Field Services (Patrol)**

- Comprised of; Sergeant, Corporal, and Patrol Officers; Chris Hoard, Sam Norlin, Todd Siebert, Guy Chaffee, Nic Prigge, Tyler Sinclair, Tom Kucala and James Aase.
- Provides all Patrol Services to the residents of Big Lake.

- **Investigative Services**

- All Investigative Services are provided by Investigator Rich Berg.

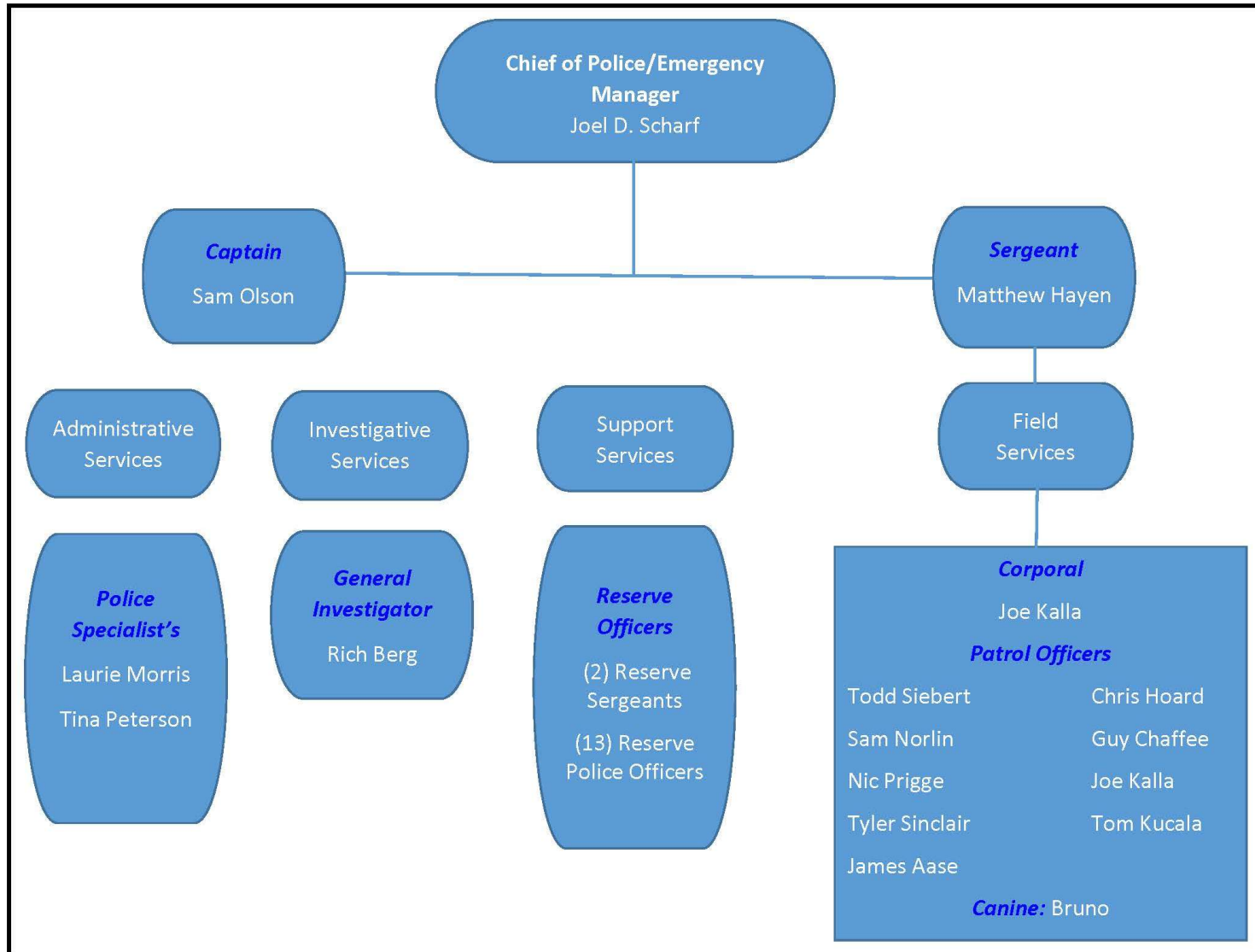
- **Support Services**

- 10 Reserve Police Officers provide a variety of services to support Field Services.

- **Administrative Services**

- Chief of Police Joel Scharf, Captain Sam Olson, Police Specialists Laurie Morris and Tina Peterson provide administrative support.

2017 - Structure



Field Services– 2017 Year in Review

- Continue to Work a 12 hour shift;
 - 10 Officers assigned to the Patrol.
 - 4 Officers and one supervisor assigned to each team.
 - 06:00-18:00, 16:00 – 04:00, and 18:00 – 06:00. A new shift was created; 10:00-22:00 weekends, 14:00 to 02:00 weekdays.
 - Chief, Captain, and Investigator serve as additional staffing on weekdays and weekends.
- Provides coverage during peak calls for service.
- 2017 new rotation allows Officers every other weekend off with 5 days off.
- Supervised by Sergeant Matt Hayen assisted by Corporal Joe Kalla.



Investigative Services – 2017 Year in Review

- General Investigator
 - **Investigator Berg:** Facility Management, Fleet Management, Evidence Management, Sex Crimes, General Case Assignment, Missing Juvenile Oversight, Drug Takeback Program, and much more.
 - **Captain Sam Olson:** Serves as the backup Investigator.
- 179 - Crimes Against Family Intakes
 - Complexity of these cases continue to place demands on time and resources.
- 25 – Vulnerable Adult Intakes
- 125 – Cases/Calls Assigned
- 350 – Pounds of Disposed Prescriptions; Take-back Program



Support Services - Reserve Officer Program

2017 Year in Review

- Corporal Joe Kalla and Officer Nic Prigge serve as the Reserve Officer Program Coordinators.
- Authorized for 15 Positions.
- Over 5,000 - Hours Worked in 20-17
- 297 Hours - Spudfest
- \$75,000 - Salary Value
 - (\$15.00/hr)



Administrative Services— 2017 Year in Review

"Fighting Crime from the Inside"

- Laurie Morris and Tina Peterson are our Police Specialists, they staff Administrative Services.
- 1,180 - Reports and Statements Transcribed
- 524 - Background Checks
- 154 - Administrative Calls for Service
- Front Counter Customer Service
- Records Management and Dissemination
- Data Dissemination and Requests
- Preparation of Prosecution Packets



Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Program

- The Big Lake Police Department purchased our UAV affectionately named "Brutus" in 2017.
- The department, and 10 of our officers are certified through the Federal Aviation Administration as UAV Pilots.
- This program was funded 100% through donations and grants.
- Our UAV is utilized for vulnerable and missing person searches, critical incident management, suspect location, crime scene mapping, and a large array of other duties.



Big Lake Police Department Fleet Overview

2017 FLEET OVERVIEW

- Squad 734 – 2017 Ford Explorer (Patrol)
- Squad 733 – 2016 Ford Explorer (Patrol)
- Squad 732 – 2016 Ford Explorer (Patrol)
- Squad 731 – 2016 Ford Explorer (Patrol)
- Squad 730 – 2010 Ford Edge (Investigations)
- Squad 729 – 2014 Ford Explorer (Patrol)
- Squad 728 – 2013 Ford Explorer (Chief)
- Squad 727 – 2013 Ford Taurus (Reserves)
- Squad 709 – 2017 Ford Explorer (Canine)
- Squad 701 – 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (Spare)
- 2014 Polaris Ranger Side by Side

PATROL DATA

- 162,500 miles – Total miles Officers patrolled in 2016.
- 70 miles – Total number of miles of City Roadways.
- 6.5 – average number of times a roadway is covered each day in Big Lake by an Officer on patrol.



2017 - Full Body Camera Program Currently over 13,000 recordings!

- First Department in the Region to Implement.
- Taser – Axon Vendor – Migrated In Squad Video to the same system in 2017.
- Current Body Camera Program
 - All Officers Including Chief, Captain wear.
 - 100% cloud based storage.
 - Allow instant review of incidents.
- Our Policy
 - Traffic and pedestrian stops, use of force, evidence, times of conflict, times officer deems appropriate.
 - Will be posted to www.biglakepolice.com
- State Statute
 - All private data except;
 - To subject of video.
 - Death or serious injury inflicted by officer.
 - To curtail unrest.



2017 - Big Lake Police Department Arrests

- **601 Total Arrests**
- 97 – Driving While Impaired
- 28 – Theft
- 15 – Violate Court Order
- 42 – Felony Narcotic
- 3 – Criminal Sexual Contact
- 26 – Assault
- 23 – Obstructing Justice
- **367 – Miscellaneous Arrests**



2017 Big Lake Police Department Citations

**1,043 TOTAL
CITATIONS**

- 216 – Speeding
- 93 – No Insurance Proof
- 204 – Drove while Revoked, Cancelled, or Suspended
- 19 – Shoplifting
- 16 – Drivers License Violations
- 18 – No Insurance
- 13 – Seatbelt Violation
- 78 – Marijuana Possession
- 33 – Drug Paraphernalia
- 350 - All Other



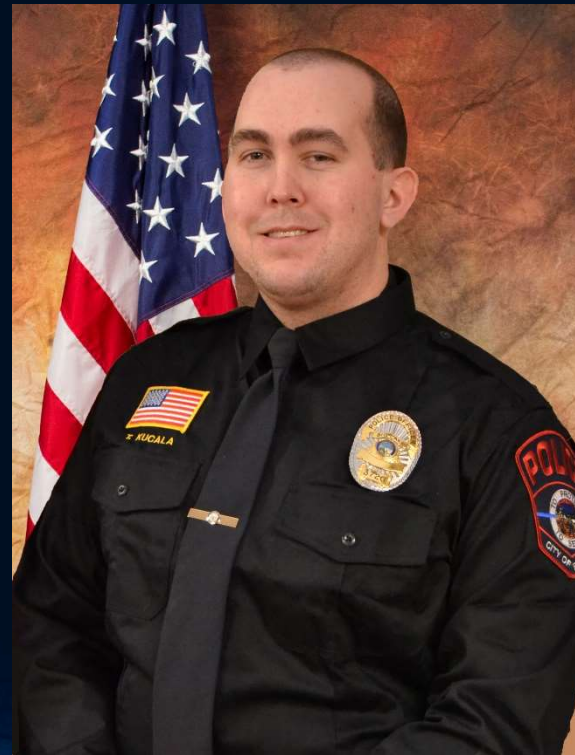
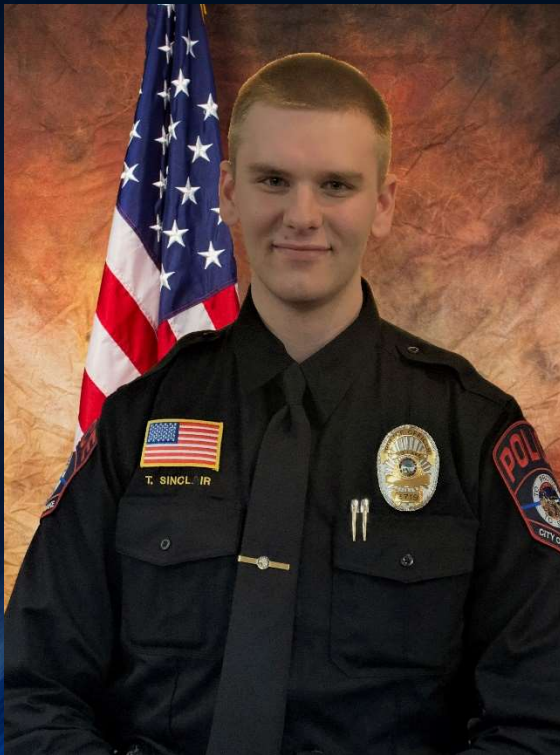
2017 Community Engagement

- *2017 BLPD 162 Community Events - Activities*
- **Bike Rodeo** – Big Lake Community Education
- **Night to Unite** – Big Lake Police Community Picnic
- **Spudfest** - Event and Parade
 - Guns and Hoses Softball Playoff
- **Music in the Park** – Weekly June - August
- **Chamber of Commerce Business Expo**
- **Shop with a Cop** – Elk River Police
- Facebook/ www.biglakepolice.com



Big Lake Police – New in 2017

- Welcome new Officers;
 - Tyler Sinclair
 - Tom Kucala.



Big Lake Police Canine Unit - 2017

- In 2017 Sergeant Matt Hayden and Bruno have the following list of accomplishments;
 - Attended and graduated from Narcotics Detector Dog Basic Training (160 hours).
 - Certified in United States Police Canine Detector Dog Trials, taking second overall place in vehicle searches.
 - Attended and graduated from Patrol Dog Basic (480 hours).
 - Conducted 100 hours of training.
 - Conducted 8 vehicle searches resulting in 7 instances of found narcotics, including methamphetamine.
 - Conducted 5 tracks of suspects or missing persons, resulting in 2 arrests.



BLPD Department Goals - 2018

- Continue to ensure that the needs of our officers are a priority for the department, that their mental and physical wellness are cared for.
- Continue with staffing models and planning which accommodate rising demands on services, while placing an emphasis on 24/7 staffing with 2 officers.
- Continue to monitor and adapt to rising levels of sex trafficking, narcotics offenses, and mental health issues.
- Implement strategies for the safest possible work environment, continue our path of reduction in instances of injuries, workers compensation rates, and vehicle liability insurance rates.
- Continue to grow interaction with our community via; social media, internet, and in person.
- Continue to monitor emerging trends in crime and service needs, and proactively address them.
- Continue to grow and foster relationships with other public safety partners to ensure the most effective delivery of services to our residents and visitors.

This report is dedicated to the
134 Officers who lost their lives
in the line of duty during 2017 in
the United States.



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