

One Chief's Perspective



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Traffic Stop and Use of Force Data

This month we released two reports, which can be accessed through our [Transparency and Data Sharing Initiative](#) webpage.

Neither report is mandatory. In fact, most law enforcement agencies in Minnesota do not track this information or take time to produce summary reports. Your Roseville Police Department does and will continue to do so to further our cause of increasing transparency in law enforcement.

I began increasing transparency in 2009, when I became acting chief for the Roseville Police Department. Back then, our calls for service summary reports, sent only to the city council, were very dry and did not provide context. We altered that report very quickly; it has morphed into our public [Monthly Summary](#). I hope you have seen and read them.

The traffic and use of force reports, generated annually, provide deep context into the data. They are lengthy in an effort to provide as much information as possible. Some will read them without any knowledge of my department.

I hold the information contained in the reports in high regard and am once again proud to be the chief of such a forward-thinking, service-oriented and professional organization. I also want to thank Deputy Chief Erika Scheider, Kelly Roberto, Rachel Thrasher and Corey Yunke for their hard work over the past few months to pull together the data, correct inconsistencies and produce these professional documents, all while performing their regular day-to-day work. *Excellent work and thank you.*

Get to know your police department, before a critical incident

Recently on social media, I saw a posting that read something like; *I have not seen that the Roseville Police Department made an arrest on....* In fact, we had and made it public knowledge through several sources.

The *Roseville Review* went out of business several months ago, so if you only consulted the weekly paper for your crime news, you won't be informed. I take great pride in our [website](#) and its transparency into the Roseville Police Department. This is not replicated in many agencies our size. Let me know if you find a more transparent law enforcement agency in Minnesota about our size; I might take you to lunch to properly thank you.



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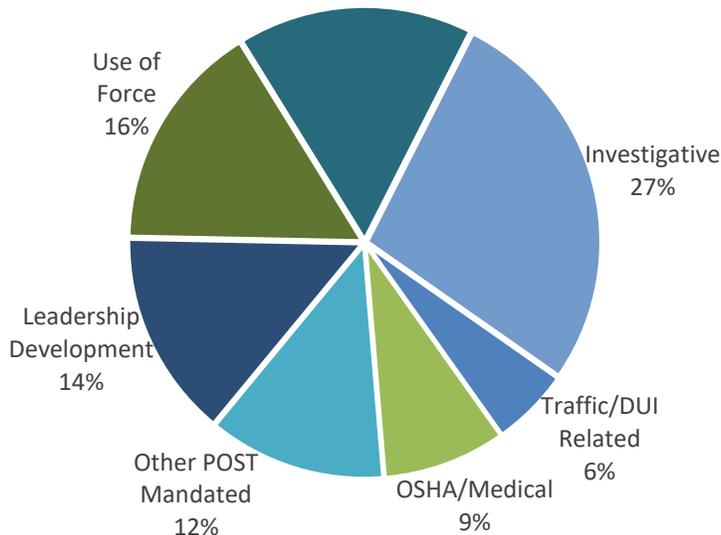
Connecting with our Community



Officer Jeff Lopez is in his third year visiting with grade schoolers at North Heights School. They asked him back for another visit and it's no secret why.

Training by Category - 2019

POST Mandated - Mental Health, Crisis, Cultural 16%



In February, we held our latest use of force training at a facility in Blaine. This training involved weapon retention, among other topics. Here you see Officer Ehnstrom attempting to remove Officer Walker's grip off his long gun.



Speaking of training, see a summary of trainings provided to all of the police officers in the department. We pride ourselves in the breadth and depth of training provided to our staff in this complex and ever-changing profession.

Take care,

Chief Rick Mathwig

Service



Integrity



Respect



Innovation