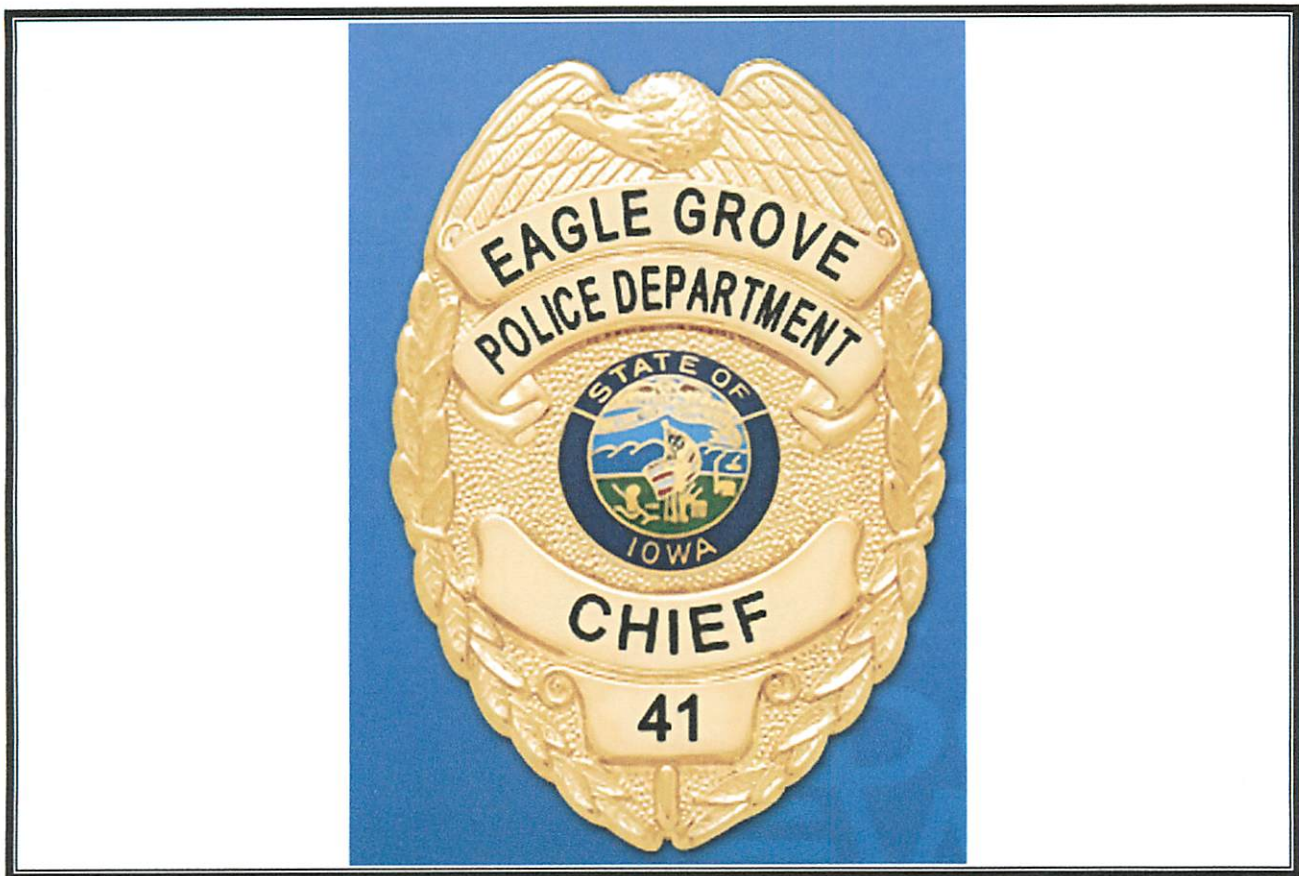


2013 Eagle Grove Police Department



Annual Report Cities of Eagle Grove and Goldfield

Ray Beltran
Chief of Police

Core Values

HONESTY

INTEGRITY

TRUST

CARING

RESPECT

LOYALTY

Law Enforcement Oath

*"On my honor,
I will never betray my badge,
my integrity, my character,
or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage
to hold myself and others
accountable for our actions.*

*I will always uphold the Constitution,
the community,
and the agency I serve,
so help me God."*

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It is my honor to present to you the annual report for the Eagle Grove Police Department. We are proud to serve the citizens of Eagle Grove and Goldfield.

This report provides a sampling of information and statistics on a range of topics including crime, traffic, staffing and budget. This focus on statistics helps us to look at the needs of the community and meet the changing needs of our community.

Our core mission is to provide Eagle Grove and Goldfield services to prevent and reduce crime in our cities. Our goal is to provide excellent safety services, and have the benefit of the support and trust of an engaged community.

I was appointed Chief of Police in January 2013, following the retirement of Chief Dan Carrigan. The Eagle Grove Police Department is a staff of professionals who are here to serve.

I am proud to lead the men and women of the Eagle Grove Police Department as we work to build a first class law enforcement agency.

Sincerely,

Ray Beltran

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide safety and service.

We are dedicated to the reduction of crime and improving quality of life.

We are trustworthy, compassionate and respectful.

We are visionary and work together to create adaptive solutions with the community and our public safety partners.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be a premier leader in law enforcement.

"Law enforcement officers are never 'off duty.' They are dedicated public servants who are sworn to protect public safety at any time and place that the peace is threatened. They need all the help that they can get."

- *Barbara Boxer*

Departmental Information

The Eagle Grove Police Department is a pro-active department with 7 full time officers and one Reserve Officer. Officers are on patrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Emergency and non-emergency calls are dispatched through a 24-hour dispatch center. The Police Department responds to between 2000-3000 calls annually for Eagle Grove and Goldfield, which are dispatched through the Wright County Communications Center.

The department has on staff a certified firearms instructor, a member of Sexual Assault Response Team. All officers are AED (defibrillator) certified and AED units are carried in the patrol units. During the summer months we have officers who patrol the community on the Harley Davidson motorcycle. The Police department is responsible for routine police duties and general patrol within the city limits of Eagle Grove and the City of Goldfield.

Policing duties include general traffic patrol, speed enforcement, accident investigations, theft and burglary investigations, and many other routine calls. We are very active in drug enforcement and drug investigations through involvement with our North Central Iowa Narcotic Task Force, of which I am a member, and countywide training events. Officers also respond to all Fire and EMS emergency calls to assist.

In 2013, a Physical Fitness Test was instituted. The City offered officers the opportunity to test with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Agility Test and in turn receive a monetary bonus.

The department was restructured this year, with the position of Captain replacing the position of Assistant Chief. The positions of Sergeant were eliminated at this time.

Upgrades:

- The Eagle Grove Police Department ordered a motorcycle, provided by the Harley Davidson Co.
- We purchased a new vehicle in the summer.
- We purchased a speed-trailer to slow down traffic in common areas for speeders.
- We purchased repeaters, (officer-dispatch communication), an area in desperate need of upgrade for officer safety.
- We purchased two laptop computers, another area of needed upgrade.

Three officers were hired during the 2013 year.

One of the changes made during 2013 is the switch for the officers to a 12-hour shift. The officers work 4-12 hour days, then receive 4 days off. The officers have reported positive feedback to the change in schedule.

"I sometimes wish that people would put a little more emphasis upon the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement"

- Calvin Coolidge

School Safety

The community of Eagle Grove is fortunate to have an excellent school system. Our officers take the safety of our children seriously. Officers regularly patrol the areas in and around the schools before, during and after classes and extra-curricular events. Our officers visit the schools to speak to classes on various topics as well as to have positive interactions between the department and youth.

Training

One officer went to the Hawkeye Community College for the 8-week Basic Level II Certification Training. Hawkeye Community College is designated by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy as a Regional Law Enforcement Training Center to provide certification training. Officer Lara Bartusek qualified for the 8-week training as she had her 2 year degree in Law Enforcement.

I received the benefit of attending two leadership opportunities this year. I attended the Spring Conference for Iowa Police Chief's and along with City Manager Mike Boyd, I attended the Fall League of Cities Conference.

"The backbone of our nation's domestic defense against terrorist attacks will continue to be the men and women in local law enforcement and emergency services."

- Saxby Chambliss

TRAFFIC STATS

Traffic

Tickets	181
Accidents	73
OWI	13

"We can't do much about ensuring that the homeland is safe if our local police and sheriffs' departments don't have the personnel they need to keep our streets and neighborhoods secure."

- Dick Durbi

Crime

Person Crimes

Homicide	0
Rape	3
Robbery	1
Assault	22
Domestic Assault	14

"My heroes are those who risk their lives every day to protect our world and make it a better place - police, firefighters and members of our armed forces."

- *Sidney Sheldon*

Property Crimes

Burglary	19
Larceny	23
Auto Theft	8
Arson	0

"The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interests of community welfare and existence."

- Robert Peel

GENERAL CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911	Response for life threatening police, fire or paramedic emergency
Non-Emergency/Dispatch	515-448-4793	Response for non-emergency service or information
Fire and EMS	515-448-4646	Response for non-emergency fire or paramedic information