

2017 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."*

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.

All of us who work in law enforcement want to keep people safe. That is the heart of our jobs; it is what drives us every day.

----- Jeff Sessions

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

It is my honor to present to you the annual report for the Eagle Grove Police Department. I am 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, training and communication. This focus on statistics helps us to look at the needs of the community and meet the changing needs of our community. 2017 saw an increase of 128 calls in Eagle Grove and Goldfield.

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 our communities.

I have been Chief of Police since January 2013. The Eagle Grove Police Department is a staff of professionals who are here to serve. I am proud to lead the men of the Eagle Grove Police Department as we work toward our vision of becoming a premier leader in law enforcement.

Sincerely,
Chief Ray Beltran

Department Information

The Eagle Grove Police Department is a proactive department with 7 full time officers and one Reserve Officers. 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 over 4000 calls annually for Eagle Grove and Goldfield.

- The department is a member of the Wright County Sexual Assault Response Team.
- All officers are AED (defibrillator) certified and AED units are carried in the patrol units.
- All officers are trained in TASER, handgun and rifle. All officers are recertified every year.
- The department has a trained officer in DARE. DARE lessons are being implemented at Robert Blue Middle School.
- The Police Department is responsible for routine police duties and general patrol within the city limits of Eagle Grove and the City of Goldfield.
- The Chief of Police is on the board of the North Central Narcotics Task Force.

Policing duties include general traffic patrol, speed enforcement, accident investigations, theft and burglary investigations, domestic calls, and many other routine calls. Officers also respond to all Fire and EMS emergency calls to assist, and are often the first to arrive at the scene.

The Eagle Grove Police Department is very active in drug enforcement and drug investigations with Wright County Sheriff's Department and North Central Iowa Narcotic Task Force. The North Central Iowa Narcotic Task Force is comprised of officers from nine surrounding counties. The mission of the North Central Iowa Narcotic Task Force is to safely resolve critical incidents. Law enforcement officers from these agencies are specifically trained and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents so hazardous, complex, or unusual they exceed the capabilities of first responders. While the primary purpose of the unit is in the area of narcotics investigations, other critical incidents include, but are not limited to, hostage taking, armed barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist

acts and other high-risk incidents. The North Central Iowa Narcotic Task Force may also be used to serve high risk search and arrest warrants where public and officer safety issues merit the use of such a highly trained unit. Chief Ray Beltran was a member of the North Central Iowa Narcotic Task Force for over 10 years, and now is on the Board of the Unit.

Nuisance properties are a priority effort for the Eagle Grove Police Department. The town is divided into four quadrants and each officer is assigned to a quadrant. Tickets are issued as needed and follow up is essential to cleaning up the towns of Eagle Grove and Goldfield.

Wright County Fair

Eagle Grove Police Officers work diligently before, during and after the Wright County fair to provide a safe environment for all to enjoy.

School Safety

The community of Eagle Grove is fortunate to have an excellent school system. Our officers take the safety of our children very seriously. Officers regularly patrol the areas in and around the schools before, during and after classes and sporting events. There are many positive interactions between the department and youth. The Eagle Grove Police Department not only strives to keep our children safe, but also educating and encouraging students to make positive choices in their current lives and for their futures.

The safety of the people shall be the highest law.

Marcus Tullius Cicero

D.A.R.E. Connects Students and Law Enforcement

D.A.R.E. envisions a world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors. Launched in 1983, the comprehensive K-12 education program is taught in thousands of schools in America and 52 other countries. Today's middle school students are facing a whole new world of challenges that their parents and grandparents didn't have to thanks to the world of social media. Peer pressure, bullying, and temptations are no longer limited to the school hours. The internet makes it available 24 hours a day. That's why Captain Garrett Quintus and the Eagle Grove Police Department felt it was so important to bring the D.A.R.E. program back into the school district.

For some kids, D.A.R.E. is the only positive interaction with law enforcement they've had."

– Litchfield Police Officer Aaron Nelson.



Eagle Grove Police Officer Garrett Quintus is excited to be the new D.A.R.E. instructor for fifth grade students at Robert Blue Middle School. The first class of the 10-week session was held last Wednesday, Jan. 13. Photo by Kim Demory

Communications

The Eagle Grove Police Department utilizes a page on the City website. The purpose of our website is to provide information to our communities and to answer questions and provide insight into police activities. A link to Crime Stoppers has been added to the site. We strive to provide resources in order to strengthen our community partnerships to keep the Cities of Eagle Grove and Goldfield safe. We have information links to our Ordinances, How to Pay Fines, Junk Notices, Snowmobiles, Golf Carts and ATV's, Fingerprinting Services, Housewatch Policies/Forms, as well information for the new Fireworks laws, etc. [Eagle Grove Police Department Website](#)

The Department also utilizes a Facebook page. The purpose of using Facebook is to connect with citizens by sharing information with the communities we serve. Citizens have sent private messages with information about crimes that have helped in our investigations. Please go to [Eagle Grove Police Department Facebook](#) page and like our Facebook Page to see updated information.

True public safety requires a collaboration between law enforcement and the community.

-----Betsy Hodges

2017 Crime Stats

	Eagle Grove 2017	Goldfield 2017	Total EG/Goldfield 2017
911 Hangup	2	2	4
Accident	50	8	58
Alarm	74	7	81
Ambulance	278	33	45
Animal Calls	176	8	184
Assault	29	1	30
Assistance	188	6	194
Burglary	41	2	43
Civil Standby/Disturbance	17	1	18
Complaint	521	18	539
Criminal Mischief	4	0	4
Domestic	69	2	71
Driving While Suspended/Driving Complaint	56	3	59
Drug Violation	7	0	7
Escort	18	1	19
Fight in Progress	13	1	14
Fire Calls	6	0	6
Fraud/Forgery	12	0	12

Harassment	41	1	42
Hit & Run	12	0	12
House Watch	15	3	18
Information	155	15	170
Medical Examiner call	1	0	1
Mental/Suicide	11	1	12
Missing Child/Person	24	3	27
Noise Complaint	29	3	32
Officer Originated Case	87	4	91
OWI	6	0	6
PBX Return	625	26	651
Public Intox	10	1	11
Report in Person	29	0	29
Runaway	2	0	2
Scam	18	1	19
Search Warrant	42	0	42
Sexual Abuse	4	0	4
Sexual Assault	10	0	10
Stalled Vehicle	17	0	17
Suspicious Activity/Subject	75	2	77
Theft	112	6	118
Traffic	758	36	794
Trespass	10	0	10

Vandalism	36	2	38
Weapons Violation	2	0	2
Welfare Check	77	2	77
Other/Unknown	179	5	184
Nuisance	34	8	42
TOTALS	3939	210	4149

*Calls for Police Service in 2017 increased by 128 calls over 2016. Calls increased by 916 calls from 2015. This increase was handled by the same number of officers (7).

Every cop knows what it's like to be a civilian, but unless you are a cop, you can't know what it's like. That doesn't make us better than you, but it does help the good officers appreciate what they are protecting. Whether people like us or not, we are going to keep doing it, even if it costs us our lives. And sometimes, it does.

-in honor of the fallen

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

'Character' is who you are when no one is looking. –Unknown