

# 2019 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 the quality of life for citizens of Eagle Grove and Goldfield.

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.

*"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."*

**-Ralph Waldo Emerson**

## 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 City 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 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 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 responded to over 3400 calls annually for Eagle Grove and Goldfield.

- The department is a member of the Wright County Sexual Assault Response Team.
- The department received a grant for NARCAN (naloxone) which is an opioid antagonist used for the complete or partial reversal of opioid overdose, including respiratory depression. Each patrol vehicle will begin carrying NARCAN in 2020.
- Two officers were hired, and attended the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (one will attend in 2020).
- 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 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 Iowa Narcotics Task Force.
- The department researched and purchased new vest carriers to replace the duty belt, which creates physical symptoms for the officers.
- The department sent an officer to a one-week training to become Rifle Instructor certified. The officer teaches classes at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy which reduces cost of training for our department.
- A 2019 Ford Explorer was purchased.
- A CF-33 Panasonic mobile computer was purchased to keep updated on current technology.

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.

## North Central Iowa Narcotics Task Force

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

The Eagle Grove Police Department works closely with the Code Enforcement Officer and the City Attorney enforce nuisance violations in both Eagle Grove and Goldfield. The purpose behind nuisance laws stems from the idea that you can use your own property as you like, however, in so doing, you cannot unnecessarily damage or devalue the property of another person, or the general welfare of the community. The Eagle Grove Police Department spends a great deal of time ensuring everyone benefits from well-maintained neighborhoods. The League of Cities establishes several benefits from a community that enforces Nuisance Laws. Among those benefits are:

- Community cohesiveness is closely associated with the look and feel of a community.
- Code enforcement protects residents from potential hazards and health risks.
- Well-maintained communities attract tourism, new housing, and business development that evades poorly

maintained communities.

- Property values stay higher when code enforcement protects neighborhoods from blight and other issues.
- Maintaining a clean community establishes a positive image of the community for residents and tourists alike.
- Enforcement informs leaders of potential dangers and of residents who may need assistance in maintaining their property.
- Enforcing code is one of the primary tools a city has in implementing the long-term vision for the community.
- A direct result of the benefits listed above, residents quality of life is directly tied to a city's decision to enforce its code.

## 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.

*"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals."*

**-Unknown**

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

Due to the resignation of our DARE officer, we are currently researching training and matching the right officer to the program. Hopefully the DARE program will be up and running again soon.

## 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. 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.

*"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."*  
-John F. Kennedy

# 2019 Crime Stats

	<b>Eagle Grove 2019</b>	<b>Goldfield 2019</b>	<b>Total EG/Goldfield 2019</b>
911 Hangup	177	14	191
Accident	83	1	84
Alarm	46	9	55
Ambulance/Medical	41	2	43
Animal Calls	185	8	193
Assault	18	1	19
Assistance	138	7	145
Burglary	30	5	35
Civil Standby/Disturbance	58	4	62
Complaint	424	18	442
Criminal Mischief	1	1	2
Domestic	72	7	79
Driving While Suspended/Driving Complaint	55	7	62
Drug Violation	9	0	9
Escort	19	0	19
Fight in Progress	16	0	16
Fire Calls	6	0	6
Fraud/Forgery	16	0	16

	<b>Eagle Grove 2019</b>	<b>Goldfield 2019</b>	<b>Total EG/Goldfield 2019</b>
Harassment	31	1	32
Hit & Run	31	1	32
House Watch	12	0	12
Information	101	3	104
Medical Examiner call	1	0	1
Mental/Suicide	15	0	15
Missing Child/Person	20	0	20
Noise Complaint	39	1	39
Officer Originated Case	49	0	49
OWI	6	0	6
PBX Return	500	13	513
Public Intox	3	0	3
Report in Person	15	1	16
Runaway	3	0	3
Scam	11	1	12
Search Warrant	36	0	36
Sexual Abuse	3	0	3
Sexual Assault	4	0	4
Stalled Vehicle	2	0	2
Suspicious Activity/Subject	104	4	108
Theft	80	6	86

	<b>Eagle Grove 2019</b>	<b>Goldfield 2019</b>	<b>Total EG/Goldfield 2019</b>
Traffic	680	10	690
Trespass	9	1	10
Vandalism	35	1	36
Weapons Violation	6	0	6
Welfare Check	75	8	83
Other/Unknown	141	13	154
Nuisance	59	1	60
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3425</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>3571*</b>

\*Calls for Police Service in 2019 increased by 445 calls over 2018, for an increase of 12%. Calls for service have risen every year (with the exception of 2018). Calls have increased in number between 128 and 916 each year.

*"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."*  
**-John Maxwell**

# 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

*"I never dreamed about success, I worked for it."*

**Estee Lauder**