

2024

Eagle Grove and Goldfield 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.

We acknowledge and recognize the value, worth, and rights of all citizens.

Eagle Grove Police Department

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 and women 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 8 full time officers (we are short one officer) and three 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 responded to approximately 3960 calls annually for Eagle Grove and Goldfield.

- Officers are: Chief of Police Ray Beltran, Captain Mark Hennigar, Sgt. Steven Cram, Officer Brendan Hennigar, Officer Jesus del Valle, Officer Francisco Alejo, Officer Ben Ashenbrenner, and Reserve Officers Matt Valentine, Travis Conner and Katy McFarland.
- The Police Department is responsible for routine police duties and general patrol within the city limits of Eagle Grove and Goldfield.
- The Chief of Police is on the board of the North Central Iowa 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.

2024 Achievements

- National Night Out –held our first annual National Night Out in August along with the Clarion Police Department.
- Purchased new body cameras.
- Continued our training opportunities using PLS (Police Legal Sciences) which provides up to date training for officers using a virtual format so officers are able to remain in town and not incurring expenses of out of town training.

GTSB Program

The Eagle Grove Police Department participates in the Iowa Governor's

Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) and receives funding for traffic safety initiatives. The grant pays for equipment to assist in the detection and deterrence of traffic related offenses, for example: Speed Sign (\$4000), PBT (\$400), and Impaired Driving Goggles. A portion of the grant is allotted for overtime wages specifically for officers to engage in traffic safety enforcement efforts. Officers worked 200 hours of overtime enforcement, resulting in several traffic contacts, including impaired driving contacts, citations, accidents and various charges. Even though officers have had to work overtime to cover shifts, due to being short staffed, they still put in extra hours to work for the grant as it benefits the department by qualifying to get more equipment.

Officer Training

Officer training will improve officer conduct but also greatly develop their interpersonal skills by improving competence as well as communications. Our officers have received important training this year. Maintaining a well trained staff is a major priority.

- All officers are AED (defibrillator) certified and AED units are carried in the patrol vehicles.
- All officers are CPR certified.
- All officers are trained in TASER, handgun and rifle. All officers are recertified every year.
- All officers received Hazmat training.
- All officers completed the Implicit Bias/De-escalation Training.
- All officers are working on completing Police Legal Science training. PLS's online, reality-based training enhances the capacity of law enforcement officers to make good decisions. A good decision is one that: achieves a positive outcome; applies current law and best practices; protects decision-makers and those they protect; and reduces civil liability.
- All officers completed the Stop the Bleed training.
- Officers were trained in Mobile Detect Drug Detection.
- Captain Mark Hennigar became a certified Firearms Instructor.
- Sgt. Steven Cram attended Active Shooter Training.
- Officer Brendan Hennigar attended Non-Confrontational Investigation

Interview Approach.

- Officer Brenndan Hennigar received Iowa National Crime Information Center (NCIC) certification.
- Officer Brenndan Hennigar attended a Minimal Facts Interview training.
- Officer Brenndan Hennigar received training for Air Ambulance Procedures for EMS
- Officer Brenndan Hennigar was trained in Sex Crime's Investigation.
- Officer Jesus del Valle received Fentanyl Test Strip training.
- Officer Jesus del Valle received a Seeker Certificate.
- Chief Ray Beltran attended the IPCA (Iowa Police Chief's Association) conference in Coralville.
- Chief Ray Beltran attended the IPOA (Iowa Police Officer's Association) conference in Altoona.

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 composed 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.

Wright County Fair

The Eagle Grove Police Department works with the Wright County Sheriff's office to ensure the safety of all participants and visitors. We work closely with the Fair Board President, Tricia Rosendahl. The Eagle Grove Police Department is very proud of our County Fair, and officers work many hours to ensure a positive

experience for everyone.

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. We communicate regularly with administrators, staff and students. 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. Officers periodically present lessons to students on a variety of topics.

2023 Crime Stats

	Eagle Grove 2024	Goldfield 2024	Total EG/Goldfield 2024
911 Hangup	88	2	90
Accident	76	3	79
Alarm	47	7	54
Ambulance/Medical	9	2	11
Animal Calls	203	14	217
Assault	23	0	23
Assistance	137	8	145
Burglary	23	2	25
Civil Standby/Disturbance	97	2	99

	Eagle Grove 2024	Goldfield 2024	Total EG/Goldfield 2024
Complaint	369	22	391
Criminal Mischief	1	0	1
Domestic	51	3	54
Driving While Suspended/Driving Complaint	57	9	66
Drug Violation	13	0	13
Escort	17	0	17
Fight in Progress	11	1	12
Fire Calls	15	2	17
Fraud/Forgery	8	0	8
Harassment	28	1	29
Hit & Run	8	1	9
House Watch	2	1	3
Information	142	6	148
Medical Examiner call	1	0	1
Mental/Suicide	20	0	20
Missing Child/Person	15	1	16
Noise Complaint	36	6	42
Nuisance	63	0	63
Officer Originated Case	53	4	57

	Eagle Grove 2024	Goldfield 2024	Total EG/Goldfield 2024
OWI	30	1	31
Parking/Vehicle Comp/Road Debris	54	0	54
PBX Return	503	11	514
Public Intox	10	0	10
Report in Person	22	0	22
Parental Assist or Runaway	11	1	12
Scam	10	0	10
Search Warrant	49	4	53
Sexual Abuse	3	0	3
Sexual Assault	10	0	10
Suspicious Activity/Subject	86	14	100
Theft	83	7	90
Traffic	899	63	962
Trespass	15	1	16
Vandalism	20	1	21
VAPE (new)	12	0	12
Vehicle Issues	87	8	95
Weapons Violation	9	0	9
Welfare Check	67	6	73
Other/Unknown	141	12	153

	Eagle Grove 2024	Goldfield 2024	Total EG/Goldfield 2024
TOTALS	3734	226	3960

Comparison Since 2018

Year	Eagle Grove	Goldfield	Total EG/Goldfield
2024	3734	226	3960
2023	3765	268	4033
2022	3124	215	3339
2021	4430	153	4583
2020	3423	153	3576
2019*	3425	146	3571
2018	2983	143	3126

*Prestage opened March 2019

Police officers responded to 73 less calls in 2024 than they did in 2023. Officers responded to 3960 calls even while we were down 1 officer most of the year.

GENERAL CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911	Response for life threatening police, fire or paramedic
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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