

2014 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.

"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

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.

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 pro-active department with 7 full time officers and two 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 between 2000-2500 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 with Wright County Sheriff's Department and North Central Iowa Narcotic Task Force. Officers also respond to all Fire and EMS

emergency calls to assist.

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

Upgrades

- The Eagle Grove Police Department again ordered a motorcycle for the summer months, provided by the Harley Davidson Co.
- We purchased a new vehicle in the summer.
- We continued to use a speed-trailer to slow down traffic in common areas for speeders.
- We purchased 7 Tasers, due to grants from Wright County Charitable Foundation and Our Foundation for the Future.

Cost Saving Measures

OT Cut Down due to 12 Hour Schedule

OT Cut Down due to Chief Taking Hours

Training--Free

No Sargeant

Car Wash at City Garage by Hand Rather Than Pay

City Employees Repairing Cars

Grants for Equipment (Tasers)

"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 sporting events. Our officers visit the schools to speak to classes on various topics, including Safety with Social Media sessions. There are positive interactions between the department and youth.

Training

I received the benefit of attending two leadership opportunities this year. I attended the Spring Conference for Iowa Police Chief's

City Manager Mike Boyd and I attended the Fall League of Cities Conference.

Captain Josh Kuisle attended a leadership training through Leadership and Supervision through Public Agency Training Council.

Officer Bartusek continues to attend training for Sexual Assault Response Training (SART).

Officer Quintus attended an Iowa Narcotic Officers Association Conference (INOA).

Communications

During 2014, the EGPD added a new website with basic contact information. The purpose of our website it 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, and we have heard from citizens. We strive to provide resources in order to strengthen our community partnerships to keep the Cities of Eagle Grove and Goldfield safe, and maintain the family values that make our communities wonderful places to live. We have information links to our Ordinances, How to Pay Fines, Junk Notices, Snowmobiles, Golf Carts and ATV's, Fingerprinting Services, Housewatch Policies/Forms, etc. Our website can be located at: http://eaglegroveiowa.org/index.asp?SEC=66C6B9E6-E6ED-466E-AD8D-021AD8176800&Type=B_BASIC

Also during 2014, the EGPD developed 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: <https://www.facebook.com/eaglegrovepd> and like our Facebook Page to see updated inforamtion.

"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

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

"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