



GOLDEN VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

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Mission

In collaboration with the community we serve, members of the Golden Valley Police Department take pride in delivering timely, impartial and professional police services, while reducing crime through prevention education, community outreach and criminal justice partnerships.

Values

Valley Values are the things Golden Valley employees do, put into phrases that are easy to remember when anyone asks, or when we wonder what's important. Six core values, called Valley Values, provide the City of Golden Valley and its employees with the well-being of shared meaning and purpose:

Customer Focus

Open Communication

Positive Attitude

Know How

Teamwork

Work/Life Balance

Thank You!

The Golden Valley Police Department thanks the residents and business owners of Golden Valley for being our partner in ensuring the public safety of the City of Golden Valley. Our thanks and appreciation also go to the many private and corporate donors of our community initiatives and the countless volunteers who donate the gift of time to the City of Golden Valley. Lastly, thanks to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office for Crime Lab and Patrol services, the Minnesota State Patrol, and the Minneapolis, St Louis Park, Edina, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, Crystal, and New Hope Police Departments for assistance throughout the year.

Dear Citizens:

In 2015, Golden Valley once again had a good year when we consider the crime rate.

We experienced a significant decrease (down 35 percent from 2014) in residential burglaries. This can be attributed to the arrest and conviction in late 2014 of an active burglar who had been targeting Golden Valley homes, as well as diligent neighbors calling 911 when they see someone suspicious in their neighborhoods.

Many of our property crimes in 2015 continue to involve unsecured property. While secured homes and locked vehicles are not a guarantee that a crime won't occur, it is a first line of defense. Please remember to secure your homes, vehicles, and other property to make it more difficult for a criminal to steal.

In 2015, the Golden Valley Police Department experienced its first full year of 911 dispatch services through the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. By moving these services to HCSO, the City has saved more than \$140,000 in dispatch costs.

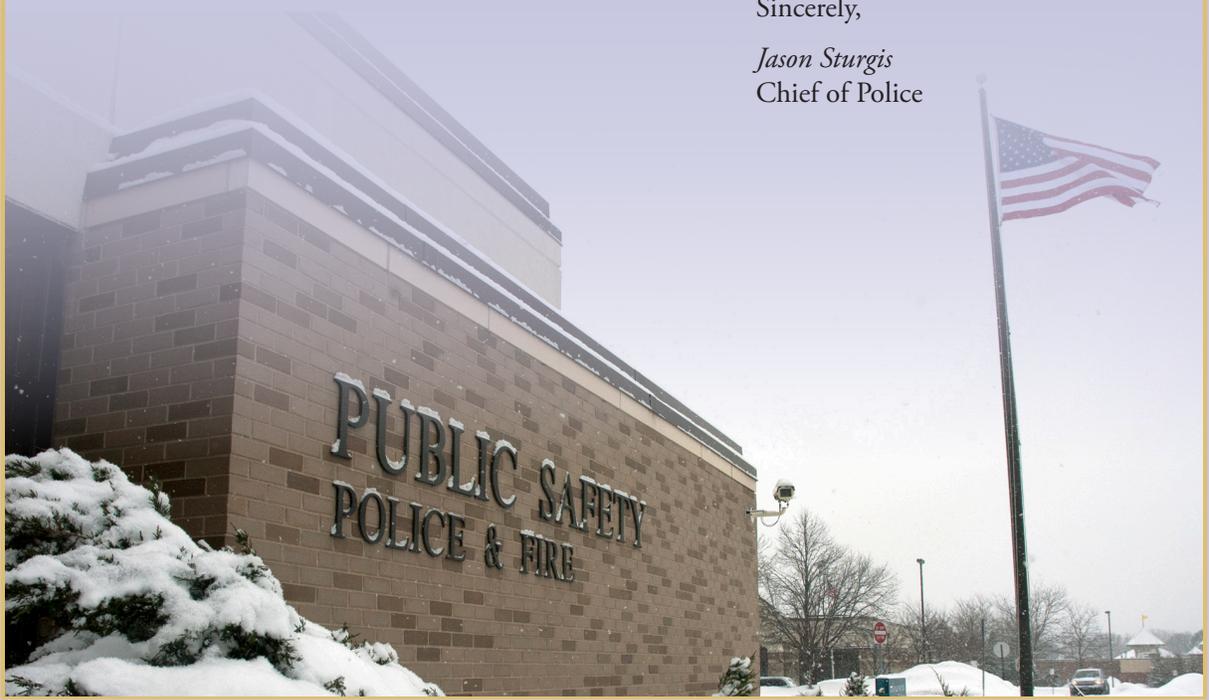
Community Outreach and education remain critical components of our operation. Programs include the Citizen's Police Academy, Neighborhood Watch, Night to Unite, Police in the Parks, Bike Along, and the Crime Free Multi-Housing program. This past holiday season, members of the GVPD and other City employees participated in a "Shop with a Cop," raising \$3,500 through donations and pledges for officers who did "Burpees for Bucks" in November. Members of the GVPD then shopped with 13 selected kids and purchased gifts for them and their entire families.

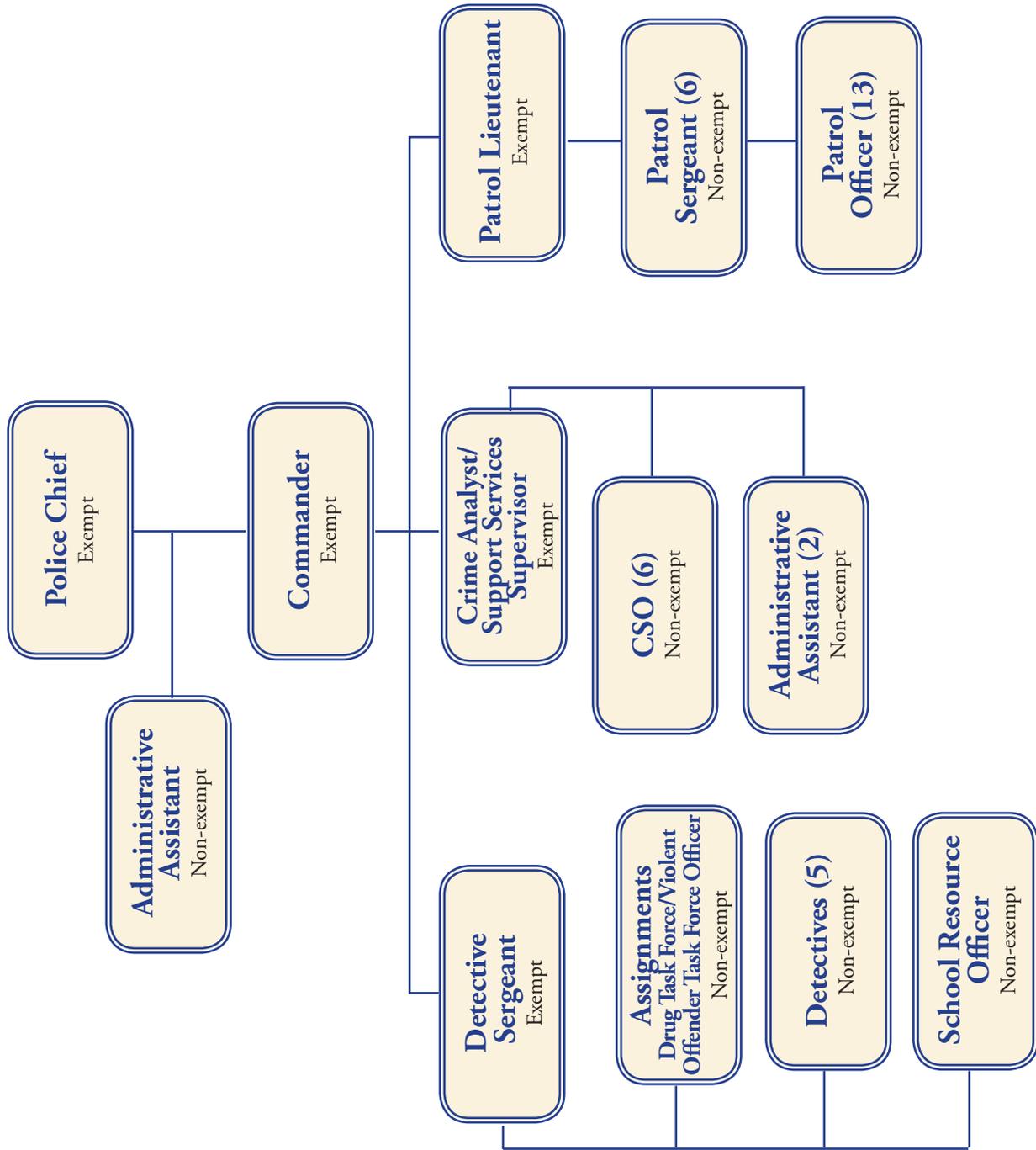
The year ended with the retirement of two officers, including Chief Stacy Carlson, who served this department for eight years. In the coming months, we will be bringing on four new police officers to fill current vacancies and continue to provide excellent training for all members of our department.

The employees of the Golden Valley Police Department look forward to working with you in 2016 to continue to make Golden Valley a great place to live and work. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jason Sturgis
Chief of Police





PROFILE OF POLICE OPERATIONS

The Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) is comprised of several functions that work together to provide quality customer service, including 911 response, investigations, and crime prevention. The organizational chart on page 2 illustrates how the department is structured.

Chief of Police

The Chief of Police is responsible for creating an organizational structure most conducive to maximizing resources for effective and excellent delivery of police services to the Golden Valley community. The Chief must also ensure and maintain a work environment for employees that fosters professional growth, career opportunities, and mentoring.



Patrol Division

The largest function of the GVPD is assigned to the Patrol Division, which is responsible for handling all 911 and non-emergency calls for police service. Officers respond to all reports of crime and possible crime, medical situations, and reports of animals at large or injured.

Investigations Division

The Investigations Division reviews all police reports of criminal incidents, and the cases are assigned based on solvability and investigator workload capacity. The Investigations Division includes an officer assigned to the Northwest Metro Drug Task Force (a collaborative narcotics investigation group staffed by officers from Golden Valley, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, Crystal, New Hope, Brooklyn Center, and Hennepin County) and an officer assigned to the Hennepin County Violent Offender Task Force. After the closing of Sandburg Middle School at the end of the 2009 school year, the Robbinsdale School District moved other programs into the building. Starting with the 2012-2013 school year, an officer spends four hours per school day in the building ensuring safety among students and participants. The school district reimburses the City for these hours.

Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit coordinates a multitude of community and neighborhood meetings; special events such as Minnesota Night to Unite, the Bike Rodeo, Coffee With A Cop, and the Public Safety Open House; and public education courses offered on a number of safety and crime topics. This unit conducts regular crime analysis and crime mapping and issues crime alerts relating to crime patterns or specific criminal actions. It also conducts home safety checks upon request.

Support Staff

Support staff serves a critical role in daily police operations, handling all data entry of police reports, documents, and statements as well as data practices requests for police reports. Staff members also answer all non-emergency phone calls, assist with calls involving animals, handle walk-up requests in the building lobby, schedule appointments for fingerprinting requests, and assist officers with administrative issues. Through an agreement with Breck School, funding for a Community Service Officer is provided in exchange for daily traffic control near the school twice per school day.



DEPARTMENT PRODUCTIVITY

A call for service includes any police response to a 911 call, a non-emergency call that requires a police response, a traffic stop, any criminal activity spontaneously witnessed by an officer on patrol, any self-initiated officer activity, assistance provided to another agency, any walk-in request at the police station that requires officer involvement, or any incident for which an officer is flagged down for help by an individual. Some factors that can affect the number of calls for service include an increase or decrease in the crime rate, or a public campaign encouraging residents to call 911 when they see something suspicious in the interest of crime prevention.

The number of calls for service in 2014 are listed below (2013 and 2012 are listed for comparison purposes).

2015	2014	2013
21,092	19,399	21,769

Of all the calls for service during 2015 (generated either by a 911 call or self-initiated by an officer), the four most frequent call types were traffic stops, medical emergencies, alarms (residential or business), and suspicious activity/vehicle/person. These were the same most frequent calls for service for 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 as well. Thursday was the busiest day of the week for calls for service, followed by Friday and Tuesday. The top three hours for calls were 9 am, 10 am, and 2 pm.

REPORTED CRIME

When looking further into total calls for service, events that are not crimes can be culled to reveal a better understanding of total crime. The figures below represent only the number of actual crimes reported from the total number of calls for service for the year (all misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, and felonies combined).

2015	2014	2013
3,034	2,947	3,044

CRIME BY CATEGORY

Crime is categorized by level of seriousness and by the elements of the criminal action. The lowest level of crimes are misdemeanors, the next most serious are gross misdemeanors, and the most serious are felonies. Further, the FBI collects monthly, quarterly, and annually reported crime from cities across the nation for general public safety, crime trending, and comparative purposes. The eight most serious felonies are the crimes of murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, arson, and vehicle theft. The FBI calls these "Part 1" crimes. All other less serious crimes are categorized as "Part 2" crimes. The totals for the Part 1 crimes in Golden Valley are listed below, along with a breakout of crimes by category.

Part 1 Crime Totals

2015	2014	2013
515	546	473



Part 1 Crime By Category

Aggravated Assault	Arson	Burglary	Rape	Robbery	Theft	Auto Theft
12	4	65 (42 residential, 23 business)	6	6	400 (94 shoplifting, 75 from vehicle, 231 other)	22

Part 2 Crime Totals

2015	2014	2013
1,492	1,300	1,410

ARRESTS

During 2015 Golden Valley police officers made 1,005 arrests, an increase of 121 percent from 2014. Those arrests break down by crime level as follows:

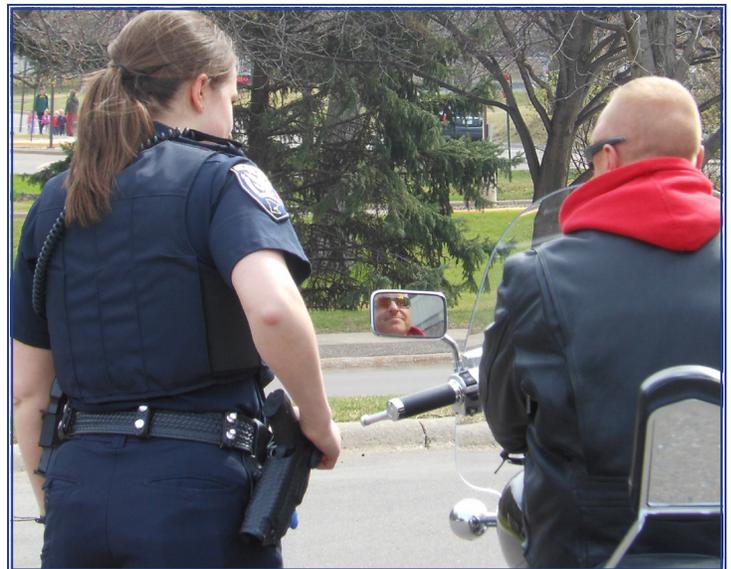
Felony	Gross Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	Petty Misdemeanor
74 arrests	74 arrests	772 arrests	85 arrests

For more than 20 years Golden Valley has been represented by prosecutors Frank Rondoni and Mark Schneider of the Chestnut Cambronne law firm. While officers work hard to develop strong cases and arrests, those are ultimately only as effective as the prosecution that follows. The Golden Valley City Attorneys work diligently to pursue prosecution against suspects in driving and criminal cases and ensure those perpetrating crimes in our community or on our roadways are brought to justice. We are very fortunate to have such a talented and committed legal team working toward the livability and safety interests of Golden Valley.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The GVPD places high value on maintaining the safety of our roads and highways, and strong emphasis on traffic enforcement and driver education is a main component of our Patrol operations. Educating the public about driver and pedestrian safety has proven to save lives. In 2015 Golden Valley officers made **6,505** traffic stops, issued **3,103** traffic citations, gave **1,992** warnings, were involved in **seven** motor vehicle pursuits, and arrested **121** people for DWI (driving while intoxicated).

Of all the traffic citations issued to motorists in 2015 by Golden Valley Police Officers, the top four most frequently cited violations were speeding, no proof of insurance, expired registration (tabs), and semaphore violation.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Golden Valley police officers are trained as first responders so as to provide intermediate medical assistance as part of their regular duties. Absent a full-time Fire Department, most suburbs follow this model in rendering medical assistance to citizens. During 2015 officers assisted **1,826** people in response to a request relating to a medical issue.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Connecting with the community in a wide variety of ways is a high priority for the GVPD. Crime prevention, community meetings, education, and partnerships are part of the foundation of building a strong police/community relationship. The GVPD continually strives to increase collaboration with Golden Valley residents, business owners, and visitors.

Neighborhood Watch

GVPD employees conduct crime prevention meetings by geographic/neighborhood zones to offer safety tips to residents as well as present the latest crime statistics for the respective zone. Residents are encouraged to form or join a Neighborhood Watch group and work as a large team to keep their home and neighbors' homes safe by being observant and reporting any suspicious activity. These meetings serve as a forum for dialogue relating to public safety, City services, statute/ordinance elements, and resource availability. They also offer residents a chance to meet a number of police officers.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

Golden Valley is home to a number of multi-housing units, and the GVPD conducts quarterly meetings with the managers and/or owners of apartment complexes. The purpose of this partnership is to build relationships and offer best practices for rental leases, background screenings, evictions, and nuisance tenants, among other issues. Golden Valley police officers also reach out to youth living in apartment complexes to foster police/youth relationships, encourage school attendance, and reward good school behavior. In 2015 the GVPD held **four** Apartment Manager/Owners group meetings.

Crime Prevention Training For Businesses

There are numerous businesses in Golden Valley, and the GVPD holds training sessions for business owners and employees on topics such as premises safety, fraud and forgery, and common business crimes, to name a few. In 2015 the GVPD offered educational opportunities for local businesses focusing on workplace violence.



Coffee With A Cop

Coffee With A Cop encourages citizens to become familiar with the officers who serve their community. Several times a year, one or two police officers host a gathering at a public location (ie, McDonald's/ Starbucks/Byerly's) in town on varied days of the week and times so residents can ask questions and express concerns. There are no formal presentations—neighbors are invited to drop in any time during the two-hour gathering to chat with an officer and other staff.

Shop With A Cop

Shop With A Cop provides children from families in need with Target gift cards to be used to purchase holiday gifts for their family members. Children spend a fun-filled evening shopping with police officers and staff, followed by dinner at the GVPD, and a few surprises! Contributions from the community are welcome.

CounterAct

The GVPD pursues positive police/youth interactions through the CounterAct drug abuse prevention program. Officers taught roughly **150** fifth graders at Noble Elementary, School of Engineering and Arts (SEA), and Good Shepherd Elementary about the dangers of drug use and dealing with peer pressure to use drugs or alcohol. The six-session program culminates with a graduation ceremony, including skits developed by students depicting scenarios of drug/alcohol use and appropriate resistance techniques.

Bike Rodeo

The annual Bike Rodeo is a collaborative effort with the Cities of New Hope and Crystal. Participants interact with area police officers, receive bike safety tips, and get discounted bike helmet rates. In 2014 around 250 kids participated in the Bike Rodeo.

Open House

Each June the Golden Valley Police and Fire Departments host an Open House and invite the public to tour the building facilities, watch a controlled fire burn, get inside police and fire vehicles, meet police officers and firefighters, and learn of many police and fire operations and programs.

Ride-Along Program

The GVPD offers the public the opportunity to ride along with a police officer for part of a shift. This can be arranged in advance and provides a first-hand experience about what it is like to be a Golden Valley police officer.

Bike Patrol & More

Throughout the warmer months officers pedaled their way through more than a hundred hours of bike patrol, which proved to be successful both from a bicycle safety enforcement standpoint and a youth outreach aspect. Police and Fire personnel coordinated many events in Golden Valley parks and apartment complexes, providing pizza and water relief on hot days courtesy of the Fire Department truck hoses. The connections made with area kids and parents proved to be invaluable in building positive police/youth relationships. For the sixth consecutive year the GVPD offered a bike-along with two officers that covered many points of interest in the city. About 20 residents participated.



2015 POLICE BUDGET

Object	Description	2015 Adopted
Personal Services		
6110	Salaries-Regular Employees	\$3,493,920
6111	Overtime-Regular Employees	199,780
6150	Employee Insurance	574,110
6160	Retirement	551,870
	TOTAL Personal Services	4,819,680
Supplies and Services		
6320	Operating Supplies	37,300
6324	Clothing	35,000
6327	Range Supplies	15,200
6340	Professional Services	194,600
6341	Dispatch Services	54,000
6343	Telephone	15,000
6344	Use of Personal Auto	8,045
6382	Contractual Maintenance	28,940
6390	Rentals	9,950
6411	Conferences and Schools	31,000
6413	Dues and Subscriptions	2,295
6440	Other Contractual Services	79,500
	TOTAL Supplies and Services	510,830
Vehicle Maintenance		
7401	Maintenance Charges-Labor	108,150
7402	Maintenance Charges-Parts	38,000
7403	Motor Fuels	92,200
	TOTAL Vehicle Maintenance Charges	238,350
	TOTALS	\$5,568,860



2015 GOLDEN VALLEY POLICE STAFFING

Administration

Chief Stacy Carlson
Commander Jason Sturgis

Administrative Assistants

Stacie Budig
Amanda Johnson
Kaitlin Undersander

Community Service Officers (CSO)

Mike Ahlmann
Mark Farrand
Sara Hawes
Beau Hartneck
Joel Rodriguez-Padilla
Levi Siljander
Rick Swanson

Crime Analyst and Support Services Supervisor

Joanne Paul

Police Detectives

Detective Dan Feldman
Detective Laura Gould
Detective Dave Larson
Detective Randy Mahlen
Detective Danny Pacholke

Police Lieutenant

Lieutenant Steve Johnson (Patrol)

Police Officers

Officer Matt Boelter
Officer Dana Bokusky
Officer Lance Evans
Officer Scott Goebel
Officer Beau Hartneck
Officer Sean Hartneck
Officer Mario Hernandez
Officer Kristin Hoefling
Officer Jennifer Sleavin
Officer Terry Sleavin
Officer David Staaf
Officer Kyle Toavs
Officer Rob Zarrett

Police Sergeants

Sergeant Dave Born
Sergeant Tom Buffie
Sergeant Jeff Johnson
Sergeant Dave Kuhnly
Sergeant Mark Persons
Sergeant Christine Sloat
Sergeant Dan Wilcox

Police Reserve Officers

David Killeen
LeeAnn Lasho, Sgt
Shawn Rydell, Sgt

Resignations/Retirements

Anna Carroll, Patrol Officer
Zerrick Fuller, CSO
Chris Lindstrom, Patrol Officer
Robert Loso, CSO
Jim Roberts, Sergeant
Chris White, Patrol Officer

OVERSIGHT BOARDS

Civil Service Commission

The Golden Valley Police Department uses a Civil Service structure for specific positions relating to personnel. A three-member Civil Service Commission meets periodically to discuss and review requests for approval relating to a variety of personnel issues, including hiring processes, promotional processes, and other police human resource issues.

Gloria Kumagai
Ben Peterson
Roxanne Sienko

Crime Prevention Fund

The Crime Prevention Fund, which is managed by a nine-member board of directors, establishes and oversees a reward fund for specific Golden Valley crimes. It also funds a number of community crime prevention and outreach initiatives via a budget funded by public and corporate donations.

Nancy Azzam	Paul Haun
Betty Crews	Jennifer Moreen
Mark Friederichs	Judy Mustard
Georgia Goodwin	Ralph Schulz
Rhonda Hammons	



