Burnsville Police Department

2018 Annual Report


Working together to make a difference through excellence in policing.

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Police Department on Social Media

As of January 12, 2019

Twitter Followers

4,517

Burnsville Police Department’s Public Safety Services:

- Animal Control
- BLUE in the School
- Community Resources Unit
- Community Service Officers
- Crime Analyst
- Crime Scene Unit
- Crisis Intervention Team
- Crisis Negotiation Team
- Dakota County Drug Task Force
- Dakota County Electronic Crimes Unit
- Domestic Abuse Response Team
- Emergency Action Group
- Emergency Management
- Honor Guard
- Investigations Unit
- K-9 Unit
- Mobil Command Post
- Multi-Housing Program
- Patrol Unit
- Prescription Take Back Program
- Records Unit
- School Resource Officers
- Traffic Enforcement
- Use of Force Instruction

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Message from the Chief

To: Melanie Mesko-Lee, City Manager
From: Eric Gieseke, Chief of Police
Subject: 2018 Annual Report

It is my honor to present what will be my final annual report, after serving the Burnsville Community for the past 30 years with great enthusiasm.

Our department remained active, engaged and protective of this amazing city. The highlight in 2018 was moving into our newly modernized facility, which supports us in providing a continued high level of service to the many people we serve on a daily basis.

We have a dedicated and talented staff that routinely promote our mission in a positive and professional style as part of our culture and high service expectations.

We value the ongoing support we receive from the community, our elected officials and other city staff who we collaborate with to ensure the residents are getting the best possible service we can and should provide.

As members of the law enforcement community, we have all accepted the noble and important calling to assist and safeguard the public.
About the Department

75 Sworn Officers

1 Police Chief
3 Captains
13 Sergeants
2 School Resource Officers
2 K-9
11 Investigators
2 Task Forces
3 Community Resource Officers

19 Civilian Staff

1 Senior Administrative Assistant
1 Services Manager
1 Records Supervisor
8 Records Technicians
1 Property Technician
1 Crime Analyst
5 Community Service Officers

2018 BUDGET

City of Burnsville: $109,424,560
Police Department: $14,824,709
Crime Scene Unit

In 2018, Burnsville Police Department Evidence Officers were involved in approximately 202 incidents. Evidence officers responded to these incidents, which consisted of death investigations, burglaries, assaults, and a homicide. Evidence officers’ duties include photographing and sketching crime scenes, proper collection and preservation of evidence, and casting of impressions to name a few. Evidence officers respond on and off duty to assist in processing these crime scenes as well.

In 2018, we were able to add to our team, bringing the total to 12 members. The two new Burnsville Evidence Officers, along with 22 other officers from the Metro area, attended a 40-hour introduction to Crime Scene training course that was taught by the Burnsville Evidence Team. The training occurred at our newly renovated police department that allowed plenty of space for officers to work and learn.

Throughout the year, evidence officers attended specialized training courses and conferences to further their knowledge and expertise. These trainings included, but were not limited to, the Annual Forensic Science Seminar, Death Investigation Conference, and the Minnesota International Association of Identification Conference.

The Burnsville Police Department has had a criminal processing team since 1980. The Burnsville Police Evidence Officers are driven by the challenges that come with this specialty and look forward to seeing where forensics and technology will take them in the future.
2018 CRIME STATISTICS

The FBI classifies the following crimes as Part I

- Arson
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Larceny/Theft
- Burglary-Commercial
- Burglary-Residential
- Aggravated Assault
- Robbery
- Rape
- Homicide

The FBI classifies the following crimes as Part II

- All Other Offenses
- Disorderly Conduct
- Liquor Laws
- DUI Related
- Driving Under the Influence
- Crimes Against Family/Children
- Gambling
- Narcotics
- Sex Offenses
- Prostitution/Vice
- Weapons
- Vandalism
- Stolen Property
- Fraud
- Forgery/Counterfeiting
- Assault
### Traffic Enforcement Violations

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<td>Other Moving Citations</td>
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<td>Parking Citations</td>
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### Motor Vehicle Accident Statistics

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<td>Traffic Fatalities</td>
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<td>Hit &amp; Run Accidents</td>
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<td>Property Damage Accidents</td>
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<td>Personal Injury Accidents</td>
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<td><strong>Total Accidents</strong></td>
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### 2018 Dakota Community Center

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<th>Location</th>
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<td>Burnsville</td>
<td>38,063</td>
<td>6,892</td>
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<td>Dakota County</td>
<td>25,004</td>
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<td>Eagan</td>
<td>51,234</td>
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### Monthly Statistics Totals

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<td>Hastings</td>
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<td>Inver Grove Heights</td>
<td>28,889</td>
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<td>Lakeville</td>
<td>42,276</td>
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### 2018 Top 10 Charges on Citations

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<th>Offense</th>
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<td>No Parking 2AM to 6AM</td>
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<td>Speeding</td>
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<td>Driver Must Carry Proof of Insurance</td>
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<td>Driving Without Valid License</td>
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<td>Failure to Obey Traffic Signal</td>
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### 2018 Calls for Service by Month

![Graph showing calls for service by month with data from January to December 2018.]

### 2018 Top 20 Accident Locations

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<td>Cliff Rd E / Hwy 13 E</td>
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<td>Co Rd 42 W / I-35W</td>
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<td>Buck Hill Rd / Co Rd 42 W</td>
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<td>McAndrews Rd E / Nicollet Ave S</td>
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Animal Control

The City contracts with American Boarding Kennels for animal control services. In 2018:

- 995 animal licenses were issued in the first year of the two-year license
- 125 dogs were impounded, and 90 of those were reclaimed by their owner (70%)
- 116 cats were impounded, and 16 of those were reclaimed by their owner (14%)
- 681 animal calls for service were dispatched by the Dakota Communications Center
- Animal control handled 1305 animal calls
- 36 animal bite reports were received
BLUE in the School

BLUE in the School gives the police department the opportunity to strengthen relationships with students, teachers and school administrators. The program allows officers to make connections with students and staff in order to become a resource to help build foundations through positive interaction and role modeling. Two officers are assigned to each of the ISD 191 and ISD 196 schools in Burnsville. The overall goals of the program are to make connections with students and school staff. By making these connections we can become a resource for the school staff and build foundations with students through positive interaction and role modeling. Officers will achieve these goals by stopping out at their school at least once a week when time permits.
Community Resource Unit

The Community Resource Unit helps build community and leads the department’s problem-solving efforts by collaborating with Burnsville’s residents, business communities, schools and apartment managers.

The officers assigned to the Community Resource Unit are actively involved in promoting, implementing, and maintaining the mission, goals, and action plans set forth by the Police Department. The officers will act as a team member with city staff and community members to identify, create awareness to, and seek solutions to crime, disorder, safety, fire, and community concerns; and to evaluate effectiveness of implemented solution strategies. The officers in this unit monitor crime trends and assist in the community-oriented policing strategy of problem solving. The Community Resource Officers educate youth, citizens and seniors through Citizens’ Academy, Senior Academy and numerous community presentations throughout the year on topics such as: crime prevention, safety, personal and home safety, and fraud. The Community Resource Officers’ main duties include the following:

- Review police calls at licensed rental properties and issue strikes as appropriate under the City’s “disorderly use by tenants” ordinance. In 2018, the Community Resource Unit issued 239 first strikes, 47-second strikes and 9 third strikes to rental properties in Burnsville.
- Coordinate the Citizens’ Academy and Senior Academy program.
- Respond on or off duty to police incidents and/or emergencies as directed. Periodically assist patrol to meet shift-staffing minimums.
- Establish a community-oriented policing and problem solving approach to the multi-housing community. Provide enforcement, crime prevention, and training to the multi-housing community. Maintain and further develop the Burnsville area multi-housing managers group, which currently meets two to three times a year.
- Keep abreast of the latest community prevention, safety, and wellness theories and practices by attending seminars and training sessions.
- Be a resource and provide assistance to Retail/Commercial, School Resource Officers, Patrol, Investigation, Support Services, Fire Department, or other City Staff and projects as requested and necessary.
- Work in partnership with City Staff, other agencies, and community members as necessary to develop information, identify prevention and safety needs, establish specific goals and programs, and schedule specific activities.
• Assist with the Neighborhood Watch Program to maintain and further develop as a community re-
source forum, which will serve as a communications network, which may include crime and fire
safety prevention seminars, community displays, speaking engagements, and all other community
activities as deemed necessary.
• Work with and keep City staff advised of prevention and safety developments, programs and activi-
ties.
• Assist Drug Task Force with information sharing and
proactive details.
Crisis Intervention Team

In 2018, the Burnsville Police Department continued their efforts to assist individuals with mental illness who were in crisis. Responding to ever increasing calls for service of this nature, Chief Gieseke recognized that mental health calls needed to be addressed by the entire patrol staff. In response, 46 officers received an eight hour CIT training course in 2016. This group, in addition to the 36 officers that have received the 40 hour course, focuses on de-escalating the crisis for the individual in need, while maintaining safety for the officer and others on scene. The City of Burnsville is seeing numbers in congruence with a national trend of a noticeable increase in contacts with mentally ill individuals. Over the last ten years, the City of Burnsville has experienced nearly a 400% growth in crisis related calls with a slight decrease in calls in 2018.

Certain CIT officers also attended several NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) meetings that involve family members impacted by mental illness. These meetings are a great opportunity for Q & A sessions regarding what to expect when calling the police to your home when a family member is in crisis.

Burnsville officers strive to build partnerships with mental health providers, individuals and families suffering from mental illness, and commit to being specially trained in crisis intervention in order to respond safely and effectively when a crisis occurs.
Domestic Abuse Response Team

The Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) was formed to address the growing concern of domestic violence affecting not only the victim but other family members, especially children witnessing the abuse. One of the many functions of the team is to follow up with victims of domestic violence after the initial police response. DART officers explain the judicial process to the victims and direct them to several area advocacy groups where they may obtain any needed assistance and support to help start the healing process.

In March, several DART members attended the Annual Domestic Abuse Awareness Luncheon, hosted by 360 Communities and the Lakeville Police Department. Throughout the rest of the year, members of DART attended other local trainings and meetings designed to further the prevention of domestic violence. These training opportunities and task forces help DART members stay up to date on current issues and continue to provide quality service to victims.

After being trained by DART members, patrol officers now administer a Lethality Assessment to victims of domestic abuse. This tool helps to identify those victims who are at higher risk of further violence. In addition to providing follow up assistance to victims, DART members also are trained to take photographs of victim injuries.

DART members are supported throughout the year by several outside agencies, to include 360 Communities, Dakota County Probation Office and the Burnsville City Attorney’s Office. This collaboration helps the Burnsville Police provide the best service possible to victims of Domestic Violence.
Emergency Action Group

The Burnsville Tactical Team consists of 12 officers and two paramedics from the Burnsville Fire Department. Members of the team are trained in high risk search warrants, hostage rescue, terrorist events, riot control, dignitary protection, and many other specialties above and beyond what patrol officers train for. The team has two snipers, and the team is assisted by the K9 officers of the Burnsville Police Department who are called out with the team.

The tactical team is also equipped with gear not available to patrol officers. The weapons and equipment issued to tactical officers are essential in dealing with high risk threats, and gives officers the ability to protect and serve at a high level for the citizens of Burnsville.

The Burnsville Tactical Team is part of the South Metro Tactical Teams, which includes tactical teams from Eagan, Bloomington, Richfield, the MSP Airport, and Scott/Carver County. The teams train together once a year at Camp Ripley for a week, and will assist each other on call-outs as needed.

In 2018, the Burnsville Tactical Team responded to 16 call-outs (a slight increase from 11 in 2017.) These call-outs included high risk drug and gun warrants, barricaded people with weapons, shooting suspects, and dignitary protection.

The Burnsville Tactical Team has a dedicated squad car for patrol. Officers assigned to the tactical team use this car on patrol, and it is equipped with specialized gear. This squad car enables tactical officers on patrol to resolve high-risk incidents without calling the entire team out. The equipment from this squad car was utilized 38 times during 2018.
Emergency Management

Sergeant David Powers, the *Emergency Management* Coordinator, continues to oversee the emergency preparedness planning for the city.

The year 2018 started by working with Dakota County and metro area partners to help host Super Bowl LII and the events surrounding the ten day event. The emergency management personnel and coordination of other officers from various agencies in Dakota County, including Burnsville, assisted with the events. The planning related to the Super Bowl started early in 2017. With the influx of approximately 1,000,000 people in the metro area, in addition to our resident population, plans had to be made for a multitude of events. All of the planning paid off. The 10 day event took place without any major incidents.

Sergeant Powers continues to actively participate as a member of the Exercise Design Team as well as a member of the Dakota County Domestic Preparedness Committee (DCDPC) and First Responder groups. All of these groups are comprised of members from all public safety disciplines from within Dakota County. The focus of the groups are to plan for safe and effective response to events in Dakota County. The 2018 countywide exercise focused on the response to natural disaster. This built relationships that would be vital to have prior to an event occurring in Dakota County so these groups can come together to better resolve the issues.

In addition to the above responsibilities, Sergeant Powers supervises the Mobile Command Post Team comprised of 12 people from the police and fire departments. The team responds to city and mutual aid requests of Dakota County agencies. In 2018, the Mobile Command Post Team responded to 23 incidents/events.

The city continuously works with its partners such as Ridges Hospital, ISD 191, county/city agencies within Dakota County, private companies, volunteer organizations and a long list of others to continue to make Burnsville ready for emergencies.
Investigations

The Burnsville Police Investigations Division currently has 11 Detectives and two Detective Sergeants working to investigate crimes that have occurred in Burnsville or to our Burnsville residents. There is also a dedicated crime analyst working in investigations that assists the division and all divisions in the city. These men and women of the division investigate numerous crimes each year ranging from theft to homicide. In 2018, approximately 1,200 cases were handled and investigated.

The Burnsville Police have continued a collaboration in Dakota County to be a part of the Electronic Crimes Unit. One of the 11 detectives mentioned above is assigned to the Electronic Crimes Unit. In nearly every investigation, there is a high likelihood of electronic devices being utilized or containing evidence.

The City of Burnsville continues to conduct bi-annual Predatory Offender checks in the city.

Also in 2018, a Burnsville Police Officer from the Detective Division was selected as the 2018 Officer of the Year award winner. (See page 28-29)

Major Case:

In 2018, Burnsville Detectives conducted an investigation into a missing person. Through the investigation it was learned that the missing person may be deceased. Ultimately the missing person was located deceased and the several months’ long investigation led to a suspect who was arrested. Charges were filed in the case and the subject is currently in custody awaiting trial. This challenging case utilized every division of the police department, assistance from other agencies, and vast amounts of search warrants and evidence work by our physical evidence team officers.
Patrol Unit

The **Patrol Division** consists of 40 full-time patrol officers, eight patrol sergeants, and is overseen by the Patrol Operations Captain, Don Stenger. The Patrol Division is responsible for providing service to the community in both emergency and non-emergency calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In 2018, two officers were promoted from community service officers to police officers and two officers retired. Despite the heavy call load, our focus is on making our residents feel safe in their community. Burnsville police officers practice the four tenets of procedural justice: Treat people with respect, listen to what they have to say, make fair decisions, and explain your actions.

In 2018, Burnsville officers responded to 49,482 calls for service. For the first time in several years, the number of crisis calls decreased slightly. Crisis calls are defined as those calls where a police response is requested to assist individuals struggling with mental illness. The unpredictability of these calls can be extremely difficult to handle and typically require multiple officers on scene for extended periods of time. Patrol officers work closely with resources such as the MN Crisis Intervention Training Officer’s Association, National Alliance on Mental Illness (MN), local medical facilities, Dakota County Social Services, 360’s Communities, and Veteran hotlines.

Traffic safety is another important focus for the division. Officers are tasked with providing our citizens safe travel on city streets. Education and enforcement efforts were increased in 2018. Additionally, police officers work closely with city engineering staff to design safer roads.

Finally, the city is divided into four patrol areas. Most police officers are assigned to a predetermined area for a year. The consistency aids in citizen relationships, investigations, trends in crime and behavior, and partnerships with community businesses and school districts. By “working together to make a difference through excellence in policing,” the officers assigned to the Patrol Division are courteous, compassionate, dedicated, and responsive to the needs of our community.
Records Unit

The Records Unit consists of civilian employees responsible for the administrative tasks of the Police Department. Every action taken by an officer generates data, which requires processing and records management. Primary responsibilities of the Records Unit include:

- Processing and maintaining all departmental police reports
- Transcription of reports, statements and 911 calls
- Compiling and reporting all statistical information to state and federal agencies
- Compiling and referring cases to County and City prosecutors and the Courts
- Data entry into the records management system
- Respond to data requests
- Process traffic citations
- Welcome visitors at the front desk and on the telephone
- Process accident reports and requests
- Process background checks
- Process gun permits
- Process solicitor/peddler/mobile vendor permits
- Compile and prepare false alarm billings
- Validate NCIC hot file entries
- Process expungements
- Prepare weekly news releases

Gun Permits

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School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SRO’s) are sworn law enforcement officers. A SRO’s primary role, is to provide law enforcement-type services to schools to encourage students to follow all of the school’s policies and regulations and state and local laws. SRO’s investigate allegations of criminal incidents and make referrals of students to juvenile authorities, when necessary. SRO’s work very closely with the school administrators and staff.

School Resource Officer,
Brian Beckstrom

School Resource Officer,
Roy Gutzman
Use of Force Instruction

The Burnsville Police Department Use of Force Instructor Team is responsible for administering a training program that meets the standards of Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) continuing education and provides for the professional growth and continued development of our personnel. The Use of Force instructors seek to ensure department personnel possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a professional level of service that meets the needs of the public. The training provided by the Use of Force Team is certified by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training. Specifically, the instructors train department personnel on basic first aid, defibrillators, coordinated response to mass casualty events, firearms (pistol and rifles), conducted energy weapons, kinetic energy projectile weapons, OC spray, baton and combatives in accordance with Minnesota State Statute and department policy. In addition, officers are also trained in de-escalation techniques. Over the past two years, the department has responded to over 98,000 calls for service, and used force in only 90 cases in 2017 and 81 cases in 2018 of those encounters. This equates to force only being used in approximately .002% of calls for service. The de-escalation techniques used by officers are successful in the overwhelming majority of police calls for service.

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<td>Region—Dakota County—South of the River</td>
<td>Developed—98%</td>
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<td>Incorporated—1964</td>
<td>Number of Jobs—34,000+</td>
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<td>Population—61,290 (16th largest city in MN)</td>
<td>Housing units—26,081</td>
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<td>Geographic Area—25 square miles</td>
<td>Median Income—$66,225</td>
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<td>City Streets—225 miles</td>
<td>Parks—76 parks spanning 1,750 acres</td>
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Service Awards

Meritorious –  
Paul Oelrich - January  
Christopher Biagini - November

Distinguished –  
Brian Hasselman - June  
Nick Nelson - June  
Beverly Price - August  
Taylor Jacobs - November  
Tim Pfaff - November

(Below) Investigator Casey Buck delivering a donation to Believet—A Canine Service Partner providing highly skilled service dogs free of charge to disabled veterans. Investigator Buck received monies from VFW for being awarded the 2018 Officer of the Year.
2018 Mayor’s Proclamation

2018 Law Enforcement Torch Run
Burnsville Fire Muster 2018

Burnsville’s community celebration officially began in 1980, evolving from a smaller neighborhood-based gathering. During the late 1970’s, Burnsville resident and fire equipment collector Roger Jackson and some of his friends entertained children each summer by displaying his collection at what was know then as Diamondhead Mall, capping the day with a short parade of equipment down Nicollet Avenue.

In 1980, as the community considered the possibility of a citywide celebration, Jackson suggested to a group of interested residents and business people that perhaps a fire muster patterned after fire musters popular in New England might work. City officials liked the idea and the Burnsville Fire Muster & Community Celebration became an official city event.
Recognition

Casey Buck receiving VFW award for being named 2018 Officer of the Year (above)

Paul Oelrich receiving Lifesaving Award (right)
Retirees

Officer Beverly Price, Badge #66, retired as a patrol officer from the Burnsville Police Department after 27 years of service.

Officer Dan Long, Badge #60, retired after 28 years of service as a patrol officer from the Burnsville Police Department.
Detective Casey Buck has been a member of the Burnsville Police Department since 2000, when she began as a Community Service Officer. After 18 years with the department – the last seven in the investigations division – Detective Buck’s many accomplishments have set her apart as one of the organization’s “go-to” investigators.

Her unwavering work ethic, commitment to difficult cases, and the respect she provides to the victims of crimes she investigates are all factors that contributed to Detective Casey M. Buck being named Burnsville’s 2018 Officer of the Year.

During her years of service, Detective Buck has demonstrated excellence through her assignments as a Patrol Officer, a member of the Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (DART), a Physical Evidence Officer, a Field Training Officer, a Community Resource Officer, and now an investigator.

Her exemplary case work and dedication to crime victims were cited by her peers as two of her greatest attributes. In 2018, Detective Buck led more than 75 “person-crimes” cases – ranging from child abuse, child protection, criminal sexual conduct, assault, stalking and domestic violence. Working these types of cases, she is often tasked with helping the victims of devastating crimes.
Highlighted Cases from 2018

- Detective Buck responded to the hospital after a medical call for a 6-month-old child that was initially reported as a “choking”. Through her investigation, it was later determined that the child received severe, life-threatening injuries from a non-family caregiver. These injuries will affect the child for life. Detective Buck led a team through a very difficult and heartbreaking investigation to bring charges to the suspect, care to the victim, and some closure to the family. In the wake of the child being left with potentially lifelong mental and physical limitations, Detective Buck also led fundraising efforts to support the victim’s family, raising nearly $6,000.

- For a second time in 2018, Detective Buck led an investigation of a disturbing crime against a young child. Police responded to a call of a 23-month-old with severely burned hands. A non-family caregiver was later arrested for severely scalding both the child’s hands, resulting in third-degree burns. Detective Buck’s investigation led to the caregiver being charged with First Degree Assault. With this child also having lifelong injuries, Detective Buck led a group of officers to purchase birthday presents and visit the child—who turned 2 shortly after the assault—in the hospital.

- Detective Buck also investigated a difficult criminal sexual conduct case that took place more than 30 years prior and had not been reported until 2018. She worked closely with the victim who had come forward to coordinate a recorded call with the suspect. This call provided vital evidence and admissions to bring charges forward against the suspect. Detective Buck’s work with the victim encouraged an additional victim to come forward.

Detective Buck’s devotion to her cases, their victims, and law enforcement serves the department by adhering to its core values of Honor, Integrity, Courage, Excellence and Knowledge.

For these reasons the Burnsville Police Department is proud to announce Burnsville Police Detective Casey M. Buck as Burnsville’s 2018 Police Officer of the Year.
Dakota County Detox

Drugs and alcohol are a problem in every community and Burnsville is no exception. Officers deal with victims of substance abuse on a regular basis and make every effort to get them the help they need through friends and family prior to utilizing a detox facility. In those cases where there are no other options, Ramsey County provides detox facilities for Dakota County Residents.

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Medical Examiner Opioid Statistics

Dakota County

Opioid overdose cases continue to be a problem nationwide and Dakota County is no exception. Opioid deaths include all cases where an opiate/opioid was listed in the cause of death over other significant conditions on the death certificate.

Opioid prescription drugs and heroin and their highly addictive effects often lead to tragic consequences. According to the Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s Office, there were at least 19 overdose deaths attributed to opioid or heroin abuse in Dakota County in 2018 (compared to 24 in 2017).
Criminal Prosecution Statistics

Dakota County

The Dakota County Attorney’s Office is responsible for the prosecution of all crimes committed by juveniles (ages 10-17 years of age) including felonies, gross misdemeanors, misdemeanors, and some petty misdemeanors. In 2018, a total of 894 juvenile criminal cases were charged. The number of felony-level juvenile cases was 162. In 2018, 125 juveniles were charged for all levels of crimes committed in Burnsville, compared to 186 in 2017.

The Dakota County Attorney’s Office is responsible for prosecuting all felonies and a limited number of gross misdemeanors committed within Dakota County by adults (persons 18 years of age and over), and juveniles certified for prosecution as adults. In 2018, there were 2,201 adult criminal cases charged in Dakota County that involved a felony-level offense or a gross misdemeanor drug offense, down slightly from 2,379 in 2017. In 2018, 343 adults were charged with felony-level crimes in Burnsville, compared to 362 in 2017.

For both adult and juvenile prosecutions, the Burnsville Police Department consistently generates the highest volume of criminal cases within Dakota County. The following chart reflects the number of adult cases charged based on referrals from Dakota County law enforcement agencies.

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CORE VALUES

KNOWLEDGE
We seek to acquire awareness and understanding in order to make sound judgments and decisions.

INTEGRITY
We recognize the complexity of police work and exercise discretion in ways that are beyond reproach and worthy of public trust.

HONOR
We treat others with respect, fairness, dignity and compassion, and are accountable in all of our actions.

COURAGE
We place the safety of others before our own and accept our moral responsibility to take action against injustice and wrongdoing.

EXCELLENCE
We strive to deliver public service of the highest standards and to exceed expectations.