

**AGENDA**

**DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC SAFETY/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
City Council Chambers  
21630 11th Avenue S, Des Moines, Washington  
Thursday, November 16, 2023 - 5:00 PM**

**Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee:**

Deputy Mayor Traci Buxton; Councilmember Vic Pennington; Councilmember Harry Steinmetz

**CALL TO ORDER, DEPUTY MAYOR BUXTON**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

[PSEM Slides Nov 2023](#)

**COMMUNITY CRIMES SAFETY UPDATE**

**SUMMER EVENTS RECAP**

**RECRUITING/HIRING UPDATE**

**ADJOURN**



Code Enforcement  
Crime & Safety  
Community Engagement  
Recruiting & Hiring

TIM GATELY, Chief of Police  
KORY BATTERMAN, Community Service Officer



**Vision** - To be a highly-regarded organization through innovative, progressive and accountable policing practices.

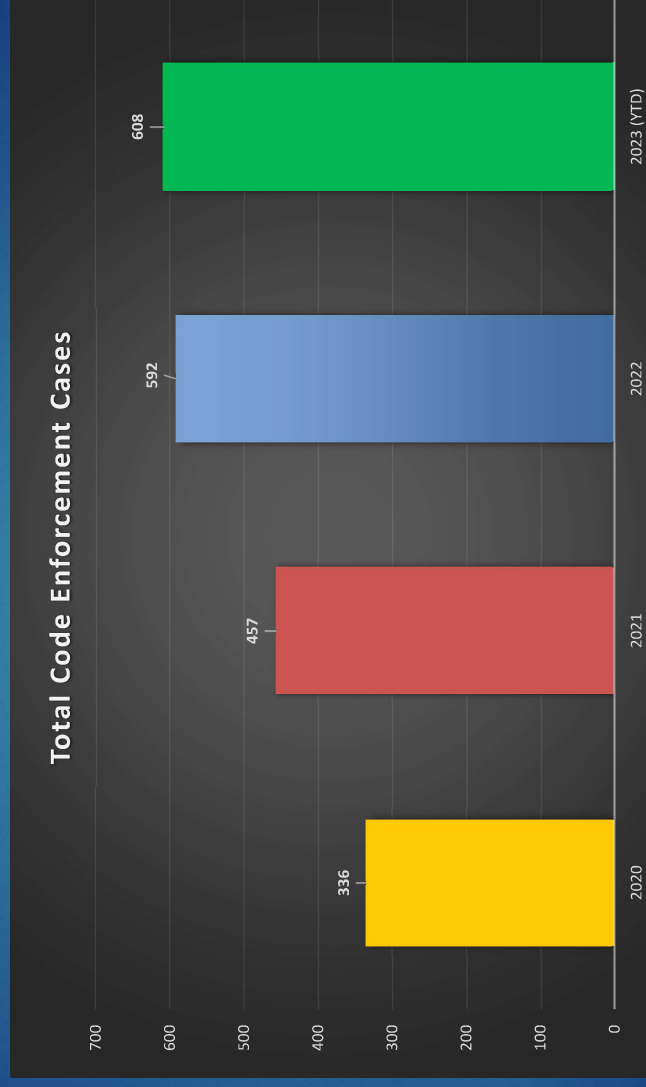
**Mission** - Committed to relentlessly fighting crime with trust and care.

**Values** – Professionalism, Commitment, Unity

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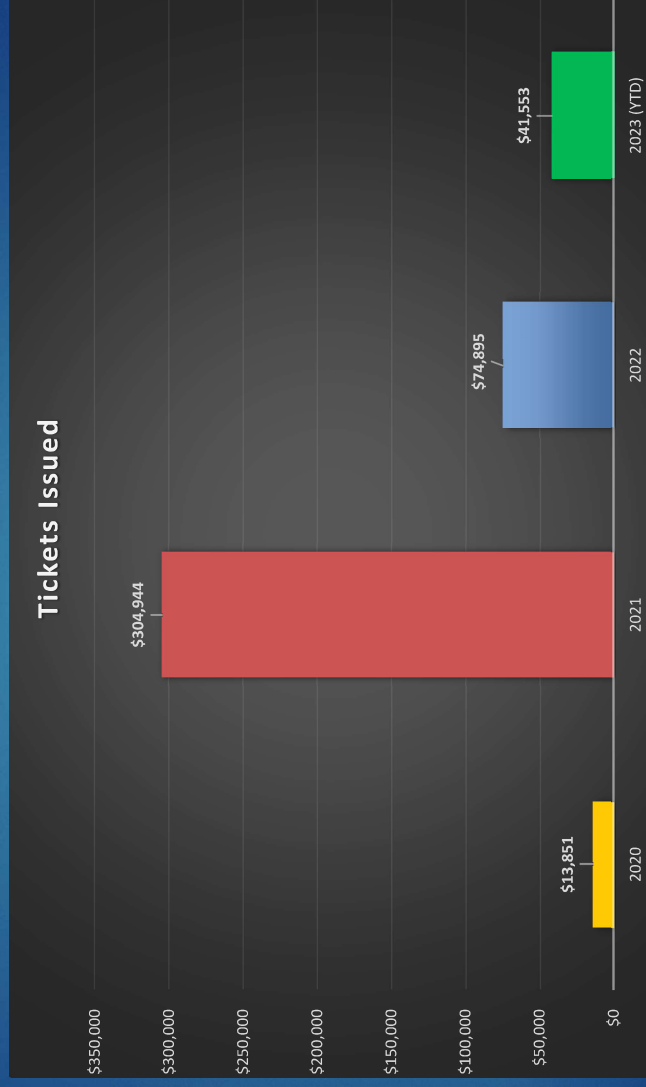
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# Annual Stats



Approximately 130 cases currently open

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# 2023 Code Enforcement Focus

- ▶ Pacific Hwy S Safety Emphasis
- ▶ Downtown emphasis
- ▶ Building related case backlog
- ▶ Vacant commercial structures
- ▶ Day-to-day code complaints

# Pacific Hwy S Safety Emphasis



- ▶ Graffiti
- ▶ Garbage
- ▶ Trespassing
- ▶ Property maintenance
- ▶ Pedestrian violations
- ▶ Partner with businesses



# Hotels/Motels

- ▶ DMMC 5.60 Overnight Lodgings
  - ▶ Track police calls for service July-June
  - ▶ Over 1.0 call per unit
    - ▶ Armed security guard - 6am to 6pm
    - ▶ Parking passes

# Hotels/Motels

- ▶ Red Lion & Legend Motel
  - ▶ Over 1.0 call per unit
  - ▶ Did not stay in compliance
  - ▶ Business licenses revoked
  - ▶ Voluntary Correction Agreement

# Downtown Emphasis

- ▶ Vacant properties
- ▶ Land use
- ▶ Overgrown vegetation
- ▶ Graffiti
- ▶ Business licensing
- ▶ Signs



# Vacant Commercial Structures

- ▶ 7-Eleven (2904 KDM)
- ▶ 7-Eleven (26007 Pacific Hwy S)
- ▶ KFC
- ▶ Tool Town
- ▶ Bartell Drugs
- ▶ Car Wash/Adult Video store
- ▶ Landmark on the Sound (Masonic Home)



# Additional Information

- ▶ 9 structures condemned (“Unsafe to Occupy”)
- ▶ Day-to-day code complaints
- ▶ 4 marijuana grow houses
- ▶ WACE Conference



# Please Remember!

[www.desmoineswa.gov/reports](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/reports)

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- Header: Des Moines IA The Waterland City
- Navigation: Home, Doing Business, Your Community, Your Government, Departments, Online Services, Now Hiring!
- Search bar: What are you looking for?
- Breadcrumbs: City of Des Moines, WA, Your Community / Report a Concern
- Left Column:
  - City Currents
  - Community Services Directory
  - Volunteering in Des Moines
  - City Maps
  - Sponsorship Opportunities
  - Report a Concern
  - COVID-19 Information & Statistics
- Main Content:
  - REPORT A CONCERN**
  - Submit a Code Enforcement Complaint**  
City of Des Moines Code Compliance is committed to promoting safe, healthy, and attractive neighborhoods and improving the quality of our community by fair enforcement of the code.
  - Submit a Fix-it Form Request**  
The Fix-it Form helps us identify a non-code enforcement problem in your area such as a pothole. Should a problem require urgent attention, please call us immediately. For a police emergency, dial 911. Otherwise, call (206) 878-4595. Thank you for your assistance!
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  - Report a Crime Online**
  - Submit a Public Records Request**  
Request public records from any City department using the public records request form.
  - Report an Abandoned Vehicle**  
Report a vehicle that is obviously abandoned and has been for some time. This does not include vehicles on private property. On-going parking issues over a period of time, that are not on private property (other than fire lane/hydrant or disabled parking).
  - Report a Street Light Outage**

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# Crime Statistics Overview

**Crime Rate** – the number of offenses committed per 1,000 population per year.

**Offenses Cleared** – the number of offenses that have resulted in an arrest or an exceptional clearance (police have identified the suspect(s) but are unable to make an arrest due to circumstances outside of law enforcement's control).

**Percentage Cleared** - the percentage of offenses that have been cleared.

# Crime Statistics Overview (cont.)

**Crimes Against** - Each NIBRS offense is grouped into one of three categories:

- ▶ Persons - Crimes where the victim is a person,
- ▶ Property - Crimes where the object is property, money or some other benefit,
- ▶ Society - Quality of life related crimes.

**Districts** –4 Police Districts:

- ▶ 1 – North Hill, NW Central Des Moines & North Central
- ▶ 2 – Marina, Central Des Moines & Pacific Ridge
- ▶ 3 – Zenith & South Des Moines
- ▶ 4 – Woodmont & Redondo

# Group A Offenses

Group A Offenses	Reported 2022	Crime Rate per 1,000	Reported 2023	Crime Rate per 1,000	Clearance
Murder	3	0.1	1	0.0	100%
Rape	8	0.2	8	0.2	50%
Fondling	8	0.2	5	0.2	60%
Aggravated Assault	56	1.7	37	1.1	21.62%
Simple Assault	214	6.5	148	4.5	75%
Intimidation	63	1.9	49	1.5	34.69%
Kidnapping	12	0.4	3	0.1	0%
Violation of No Contact/Protect	77	2.3	73	2.2	76.71%
Robbery	33	1.0	28	0.8	25%
Burglary	136	4.1	93	2.8	5.38%
Larceny-Theft Offenses	754	22.7	411	12.5	8.52%
Motor Vehicle Theft	240	7.2	319	9.7	2.82%
Arson	9	0.3	2	0.1	0%
Destruction of Property	347	10.5	300	9.1	6%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	8	0.2	6	0.2	16.67%
Fraud Offenses	98	3.0	53	1.6	0%
Extortion/Blackmail	1	0.0	2	0.1	0%
Stolen Property Offenses	100	3.0	58	1.8	65.52%
Animal Cruelty	1	0.0	1	0.0	0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	10	0.3	8	0.2	87.50%
Weapon Law Violations	29	0.9	22	0.7	54.55%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,207</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>1627</b>	<b>49.3</b>	<b>32.86%</b>

# Crimes Against Person

## Homicide

- The willful killing of one human being by another, includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter, justifiable homicide, and manslaughter by negligence.

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## Rape

- Rapes by force and attempts or assaults to rape, regardless of the age of the victim, are included in this count. Statutory offenses (no force used – victim under age of consent) are excluded.

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## Aggravated Assault

- Is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm

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## Robbery

- The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person by force, threat of force, violence, or by putting the victim in fear.

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# Crimes Against Property

Arson

- Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another.

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Burglary

- Burglary is the unlawful entry of a commercial or residential structure with intent to commit a crime. Attempted forcible entry is included.

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Larceny

- The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property of any value amount from the possession or constructive possession of another.

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# Crimes Against Society

## Animal Cruelty

- Animal Cruelty is unlawfully inflicting physical pain, suffering or death on an animal, usually a tame one, beyond necessity or normal discipline. It can include monstrous neglect

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## Drug/Narcotic Violations

- The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution, and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use.

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## Weapons Law Violations

- The violation of State or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, use of firearms, cutting instruments., explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons.

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# Community Engagement

## Summer Recap

- ▶ Hero Day Annual Event
- ▶ Active Shooter Preparedness Training
- ▶ Coffee With A Cop
- ▶ National Night Out
- ▶ North Hill Community Club Annual BBQ
- ▶ Fireworks Over Des Moines
- ▶ Waterland Parade (GPS Lead the Parade)
- ▶ Chief's Meet & Greet



# Recruiting & Hiring

Police Officer – Anticipate hiring 6+ Officers by mid-2024

- ▶ 3 Police Officer Vacancies
- ▶ Anticipated 3+ separations/retirements in 2024

## Professional Staff

- ▶ Hired Executive Assistant (Nov)
- ▶ Hiring Crime Analyst (Nov, new position)
- ▶ Anticipate 1-2 separations/retirements
- ▶ Evidence & Records

New Recruiting Officer Assignment (Nov)

Marketing and Social Media Revisions (ongoing through 2024)



# Future Meetings

February 2024

- ▶ 2024 Worksite Plan
- ▶ 2023 DMPD Accomplishments
- ▶ Location/Time: TBD in January 2024



THANK YOU

