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**September 2016**  
**POLICE REPORT**

**Vehicle Collisions**

There were 2 reported collisions in September. The first collision was on 9/3/2016 and was the result of an elderly female who lost control of her vehicle as she was northbound on Hwy 1 and approaching the roundabout at Hwy 30. The driver drove off the road on the east side of Hwy 1, travelled into the roundabout, striking the Center island, and the collided with a truck pulling a trailer, that had entered the roundabout, westbound on Hwy 30, dislodging the skid loader from the trailer. Damage was estimated at \$18,500 and the driver of the striking vehicle was transported by ambulance to the hospital for serious injuries.

The second collision occurred in the driveway of 205 8<sup>th</sup> St NW. This collision occurred as a service truck was backing into a driveway, and collided with a parked vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$600.00.

**Incidents/Arrest**

There were 31 reported incidents in September. Reports included: Vehicle tow, criminal mischief, dog bite, driving while suspended, providing alcohol to minors, possession of alcohol under age, wrongful drinking establishment, unattended death (x2), burglary, theft, agency assist – death investigation, harassment, no contact order violation, arrest warrant, possession of drugs, domestic dispute, and OWI. The reported incidents resulted in 13 arrests for the month for possession of alcohol under age, providing alcohol to minors, unlawful drinking establishment, violation of no contact order, possession of prescription drugs, and OWI.

**Community Service:**

- Officer Gehrke coordinated with SAFEKIDS Linn County and hosted a Child Safety Seat inspection at Lynch Ford during Child Passenger Safety Week. Technicians inspected 12 seats during the event.
- Officer Mehlert participated in late night breakfast at Cornell College on 9/27/16.
- Officer Gehrke partnered with Cornell College and conducted RAD Training for students at Cornell.
- Officer Gehrke participated in Career Day at the Mount Vernon Middle School, talking to students about being a police officer.
- Officer Daubs spoke to high school students about search & seizure, and Fourth Amendment issues related to policing.
- Officers partnered with US Secret Service and Marion PD-K9 on 10/13/2016 providing security for Bill Clinton's visit to Cornell College.



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**Training**

- Officer Mehlert became certified as a firearms instructor through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.
- Officer Daubs attended training in Johnson County related to active shooter response by law enforcement and Emergency Services.
- Officer Daubs also attended recertification training as an ILEA Emergency Driving instructor.
- Chief Shannon and Officers attended training with Cornell College Staff regarding Diversity and Inclusion in the Community.
- Officer Daubs, Officer Mehlert, and Officer Kelley attended training at the Linn County Sheriff's Office on "Blue Courage." (Info attached)

**GTSB**

Officers worked a total of 39.5 hours of extra traffic enforcement for September. This traffic enforcement resulted in 1 OWI, 13 speed violations, 2 improper passing violations, 1 registration violation, 2 open container of alcohol violations, 10 equipment violations, 3 insurance violations, 2 motorist assists, 1 K9 interdiction, 1 arrest warrant served.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Shannon  
Chief of Police

# *What is Blue Courage?*



Blue Courage is a transformational process focused on the human development of a police officer. It draws on relevant, proven literature and research on human effectiveness, positive psychology, leadership development and neuroscience. The goal is personal and cultural transformation through institutionalizing the heartset, mindset, skillset and toolset of our police officers.

- More than a class – it is a process that is internally led by each agency and not dependent on outside instructors or consultants.
- It is a blend of many disciplines drawn upon to address the “Whole Person” development, engaging the heart, mind, body and spirit.
- The process is designed to address many of the personal challenges police officers face such as: cynicism, relationships, identity, integrity, health, and stress issues.
- Takes officer survival far beyond tactical and critical incident survival and ensures the “readiness” of officers to both prevent and survive the incidents and the aftermath.
- Develops a mental toughness, allowing for the essential “resilience” officers and leaders must have.
- Develops leaders from initial academy orientation and continues throughout an officer’s career.
- Instills a sense of, and commitment to, the purpose and nobility of the policing profession to ensure an absolute service and guardian heartset.
- Develops a culture of learning, critical thinking, open mindedness, respect and intellectual curiosity.
- Develops a moral compass and the requisite courage to do the hard and right thing in any circumstance that ensures justice, fairness and ensuring legitimacy and procedural justice.
- Ensures that officers understand, embrace and embody the trusting interdependence that is essential for effective partnerships with the community and the justice system.
- Operationalizes America’s historic social contract and policing’s Peelian principles.