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Vehicle Collisions

There are 4 crash reports for the month of December. One collision occurred in the 200 blk 5th St NW when a driver failed to clear the windshield and collided with a parked motor vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$7,000. Two collisions occurred at the Hwy 1 & Hwy 30 Roundabout. Both were the result of drivers failing to yield to vehicles already in the traffic circle. Damage in these two accidents was estimated at \$8,000. The final collision involved a hit & run. A resident parked his vehicle in the 100 block of 2nd Ave NW. While it was parked an unknown vehicle collided with the parked vehicle and left the scene without reporting the collision. Damage was estimated at \$2,500.

Incidents/Arrest

There were 27 reported incidents in November, resulting in 20 arrests for various charges including: public intox, public urination, criminal mischief, drug paraphernalia, disorderly house, possession of alcohol under age, & OWI. Reports included: Sexual abuse, Theft of a boat, Theft of a snow blower, Criminal Mischief, Public Intoxication, Possess Alcohol Under Age, Counterfeit Currency, Abandoned vehicle, Burglary, Credit Card Fraud, Assault, Domestic Assault, Possession of Controlled Substances, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving while suspended, OWI, and Assault.

Community Service

Safewise recognized Mount Vernon, as the 14th safest community in Iowa! The report is based upon 2013 FBI crime statistics & populations over 3,000. This report can be found at: <http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-iowa-2015/>

December 13th, Mount Vernon Officers partnered with Cornell College and provided security for the Campaign visit of Senator Bernie Sanders. An estimated 1,125 people were in attendance for the event.

Officer Gehrke is preparing to begin teaching the DARE program at the Mount Vernon Middle School to 5th & 7th grades.

Officer Gehrke has also scheduled another session of RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) training January 24th - February 14th, 2016.

Police Officer Hiring

The department has completed testing requirements and background investigations into the remaining candidates for police officer. I would recommend conducting interviews with



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Personnel Committee in order to identify a candidate & make a conditional offer of employment in order to proceed with final required examinations.

Training

Officer Daubs attended "Terrorism Response Tactics: Active Shooter Level 1 training in Clinton, Iowa on December 9th & 10th. Officer Daubs will incorporate the lessons learned into department training this Spring.

GTSB

Officer Daubs worked an additional 4 hours of traffic enforcement for December, resulting in 1 Speed citation, 1 registration citation, 1 no insurance citation, and 4 equipment violation warnings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Shannon
Chief of Police

The 15 Safest Cities in Iowa—2015

Alyssa Baker Dec 7, 2015



How We Chose the Safest Cities in Iowa

To identify the 15 safest cities in Iowa, we reviewed the most recent FBI Crime Report statistics from 2013, along with population data. We eliminated all cities with fewer than 3,000 residents as well as any cities that failed to submit a complete crime report to the FBI.

If your city made list, share the news by embedding the **“Iowa Safest Cities”** badge on your site. [Click here to get the code](#), then just copy and paste.

From there, we evaluated the remaining cities. We narrowed it down based on the number of reported violent crimes (aggravated assault, murder, rape, and robbery) and property crimes (burglary, arson, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft) in each city. To further level the playing field, we calculated the likelihood of these crimes occurring out of 1,000 people in each city.

[Learn more about how we rank our Safest Cities reports.](#)

Safety is a priority no matter where you live. Learn more about keeping your home and loved ones protected by consulting our [Iowa Safety Directory](#).

1. Waukon

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.26
Property Crimes per 1,000: 1.30

2. Emmetsburg

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.26
Property Crimes per 1,000: 1.83

3. Hampton

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.69
Property Crimes per 1,000: 3.88

4. New Hampton

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.56
Property Crimes per 1,000: 6.21

5. Williamsburg

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.33
Property Crimes per 1,000: 6.50

6. Carlisle

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 1.27
Property Crimes per 1,000: 5.59

7. Forest City

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.76
Property Crimes per 1,000: 6.30

8. Decorah

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.12
Property Crimes per 1,000: 7.90

9. Waukee

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.60
Property Crimes per 1,000: 8.06

10. Norwalk

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 1.05
Property Crimes per 1,000: 7.75

11. Camanche

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 1.13
Property Crimes per 1,000: 7.91

12. Orange City

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.48
Property Crimes per 1,000: 8.57

13. Eldridge

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 2.17
Property Crimes per 1,000: 7.36

14. Mount Vernon

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 1.08
Property Crimes per 1,000: 8.46

15. Johnston

Violent Crimes per 1,000: 0.37
Property Crimes per 1,000: 9.28

