# Albertville

Wright County Sheriff's Office
Annual Activity Report
2021



#### **MISSION**

The Wright County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the community, is committed to improving our quality of life.

We uphold the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Minnesota, and dedicate ourselves to maintaining order, protecting life and property, reducing the fear of crime and ensuring a safe and secure correctional facility. We hold ourselves accountable to the guiding principles of integrity, professionalism, caring, and fairness.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

#### INTEGRITY

We pride ourselves on upholding the highest ethical standards that guide us to serve in a trustworthy, truthful, and honorable manner.

#### **PROFESSIONALISM**

We inspire trust and cooperation within the community and the Sheriff's Office. We are well-trained, highly motivated, progressive and innovative while providing responsive and quality service.

#### **CARING**

We are compassionate and respectful. We are approachable, understanding, and considerate of the needs of all people.

#### **FAIRNESS**

We are equitable, just and consistent. We serve the community and each other in an unbiased and impartial manner.



## Sheriff Sean Deringer

Mayor Jillian Hendrickson, City Council Members Walter Hudson, Rob Olson, Aaron Cocking, Bob Zagorski and City Administrator Adam Nafstad.

Citizens of Wright County,

The Wright County Sheriff's Office is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Sheriff's Office in the State of Minnesota. We provide law enforcement services to 13 of the county's 16 cities along with all unincorporated areas of Wright County. In a strong partnership with the community, we are able to provide the citizens with reliable service to maintain the high-level quality of life that we have come to enjoy and expect.

There are five divisions within the Sheriff's Office: Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Operations, Business Management and Corrections. Each division is broken down into smaller units such as: administration, court security, communications, community services, detective, emergency management, emergency response team, k-9, special investigations, school resource, recreational services, civil/warrants/transports, and traffic enforcement.

With the help of our community, the Wright County Sheriff's Office will continue to meet our challenges of providing high quality, cost effective and efficient law enforcement services to everyone in Wright County.

I look forward to working with and collaborating with our community leaders and citizens to ensure that we continue to carry out our mission of "keeping the peace" with professionalism, fairness, caring and integrity.

Respectfully,

Sean A. Deringer

Wright County Sheriff



# 10 year look back at Albertville contracting history with the Sheriff's Office:

#### Contract rate history:

2012:	\$59.75 Hourly	' Annua	I Cost	\$524,844

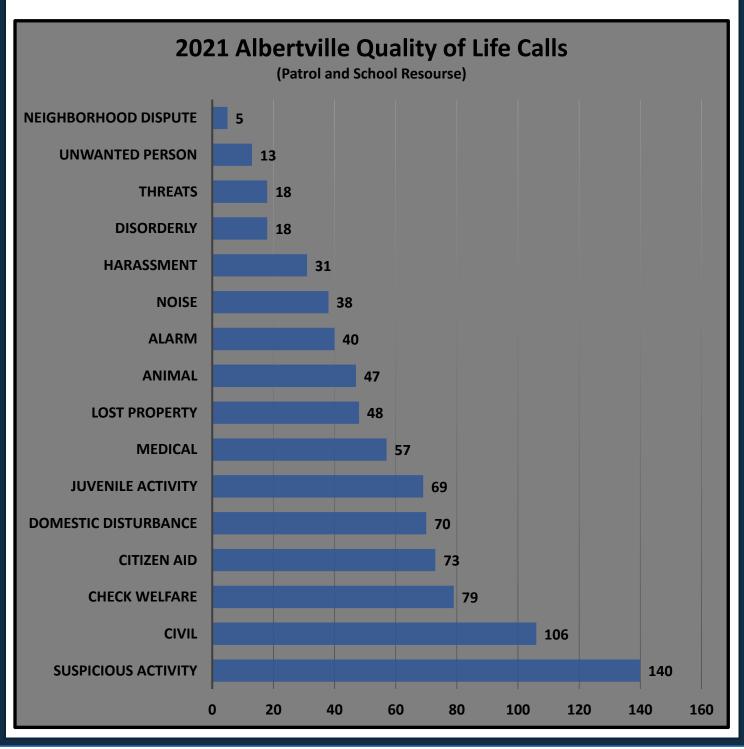
<b>2013</b> : \$60.50 Hourly An	nual Cost \$529,980
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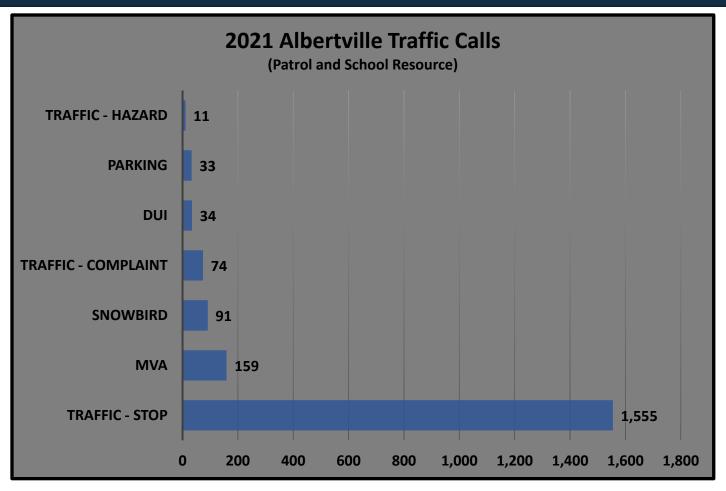
2022: \$84.20 Hourly Projected Cost \$860,524

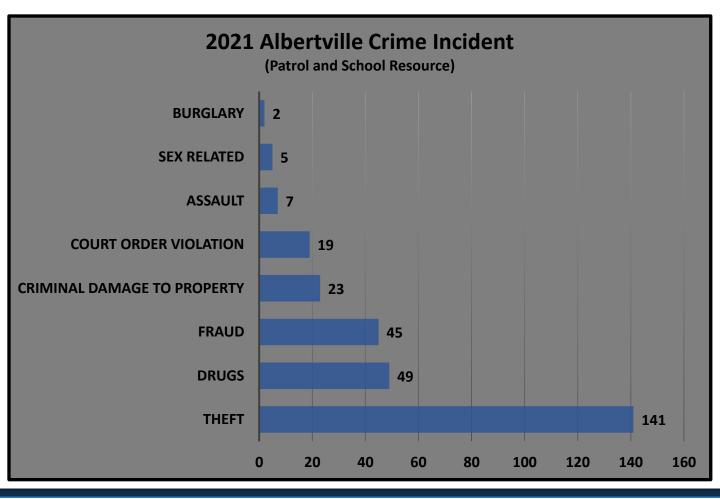
The City of Albertville has been contracting law enforcement services with the Sheriff's Office for over 40 years. Albertville achieved 24 hours a day coverage in 2005 and maintained that level of service until 2015. In July of 2015, the contract was increased to 28 hours a day coverage.

## **2021 Activity**

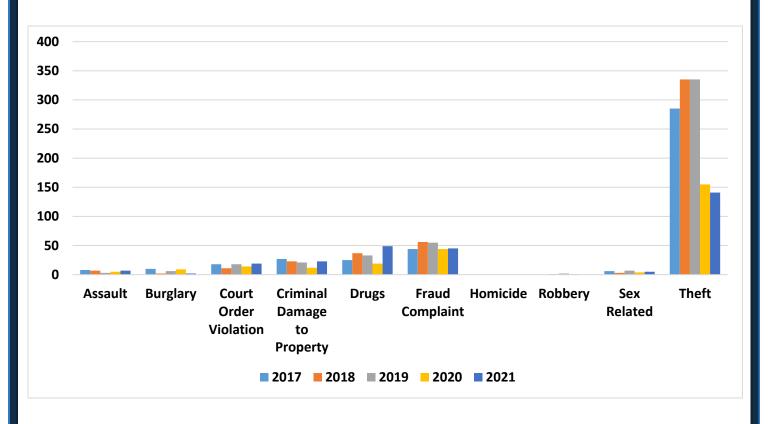
Sheriff Deputies responded to 4,695 calls for service in Albertville in 2021. Of those calls for service, 2,049 incidents turned into a case report and required further investigation by the deputies. The summaries below contain a snapshot of Albertville's 2021 law enforcement activity.







## 2017 - 2021 Crime Comparison

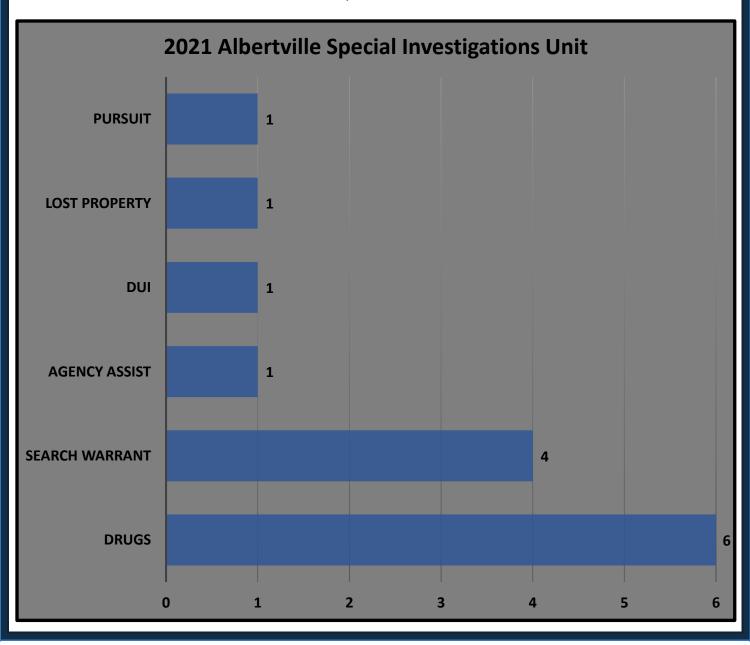


#### 2017 – 2021 City of Albertville Significant Incidents Codes

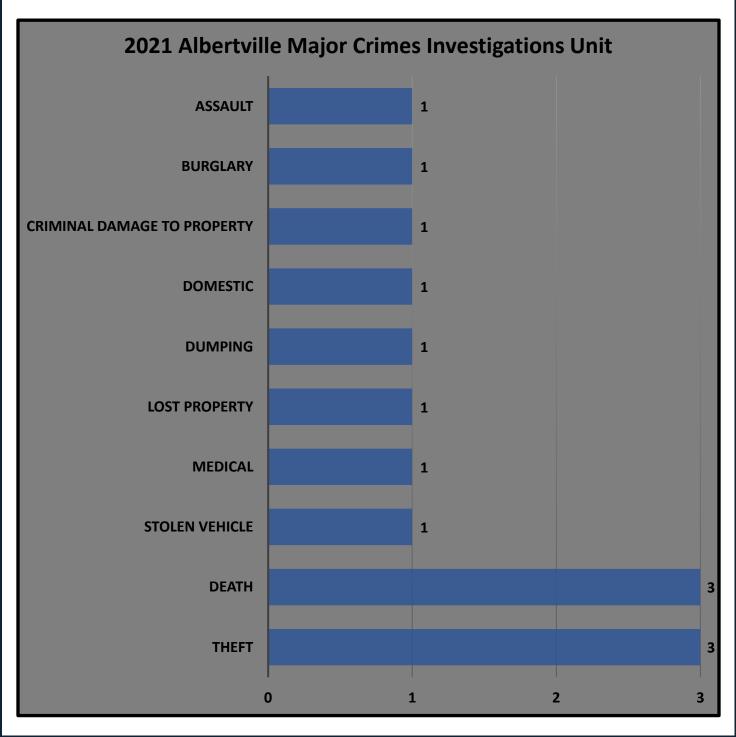
Significant Crime Calls	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Assault	8	7	3	5	7
Burglary	10	2	6	9	2
Court Order Violation	18	11	18	14	19
Criminal Damage to Property	27	23	21	12	23
Drugs	25	37	33	19	49
Fraud Complaint	44	56	55	44	45
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	2	1	0
Sex Related	6	3	7	4	5
Theft	285	335	335	155	141
Totals	423	475	480	263	291

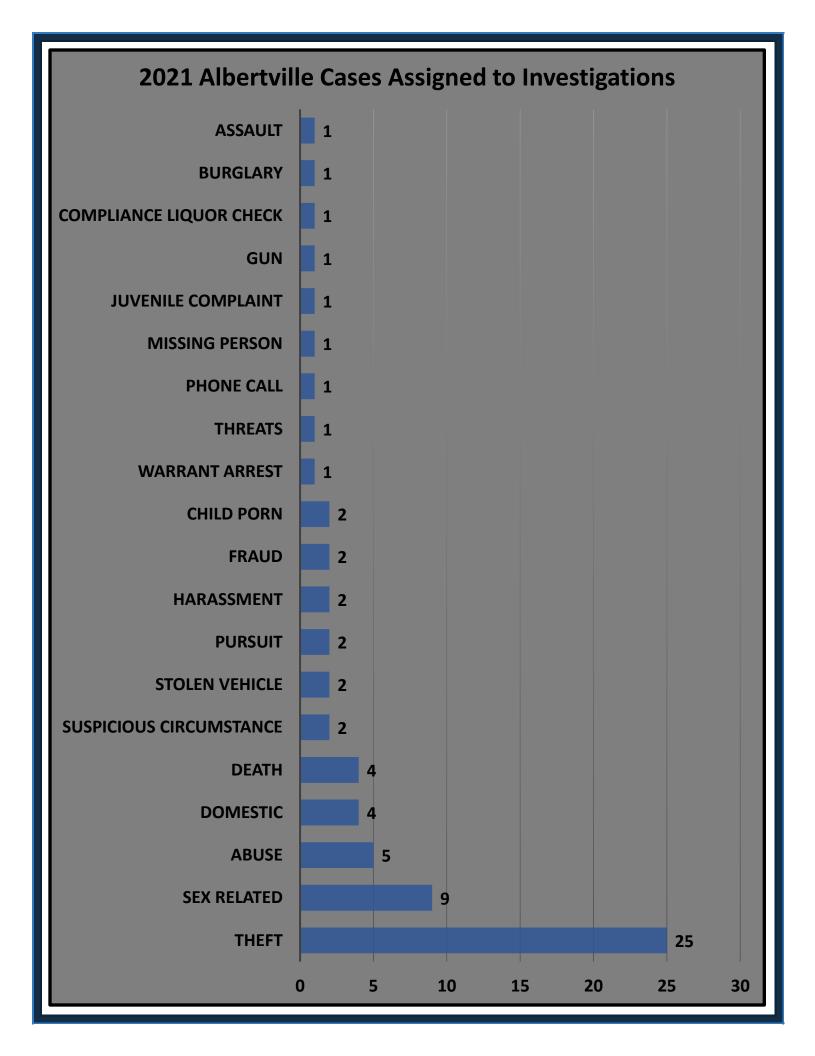
<sup>\*\*</sup>The Sheriff's Office implemented a Gas Drive-Off program in the beginning of 2020 and the changes are reflected in the 2020 Theft category\*\*\*

The **Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** is part of the Wright County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. The unit is comprised of a sergeant and two full time deputies. This is the only plain clothes and unmarked unit within the Sheriff's Office. Due to SIU's unique ability to blend in with the public, they are often utilized in situations where a marked patrol unit would not be feasible. This includes the arrest of people with warrants who commonly flee when confronted by a uniformed deputy or conducting surveillance of locations with suspected criminal activity. One of the main functions of SIU is to investigate drug crimes within Wright County. This is accomplished through investigative work, speaking with concerned citizens and informants, collaborating with other law enforcement agencies, utilizing social media, and through physical and electronic surveillance. SIU serves approximately 70 search warrants per year within the county along with assisting other local agencies with some of their search warrants. SIU also handles the civil forfeiture of cash, vehicles and firearms when their use or possession was related to controlled substance.



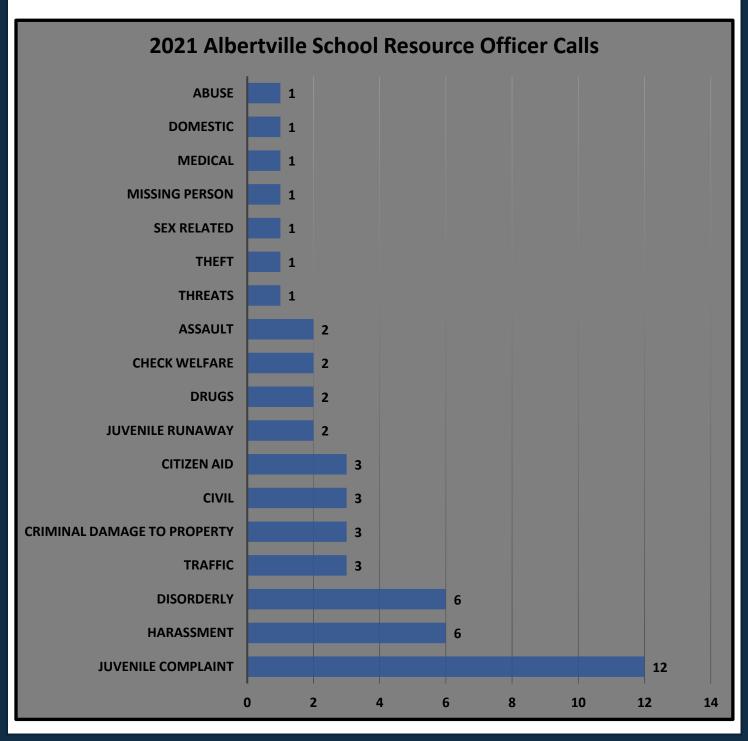
The Major Crimes Investigation Unit (MCIU) is responsible for documenting and processing crime scenes and evidence collected from scenes. The unit will respond when needed for death investigations, assaults, robberies, burglaries, or any scene where advanced skills and processing techniques are needed to collect and document evidence. MCIU also responds to motor vehicle crashes resulting in serious injuries or death. Besides documenting the crime scenes, MCIU is trained in processing evidence for latent prints, DNA evidence, tire and shoe tread patterns, tool mark evidence, biological stains, and trace evidence. Most of the evidence collected is sent to the Midwest Regional Forensic Lab where further analysis and comparison is done and hopefully identifications are made.





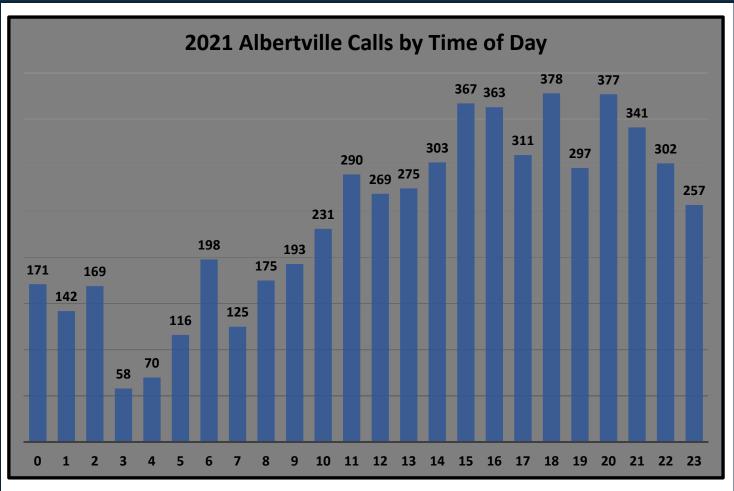
### **School Resource Officers**

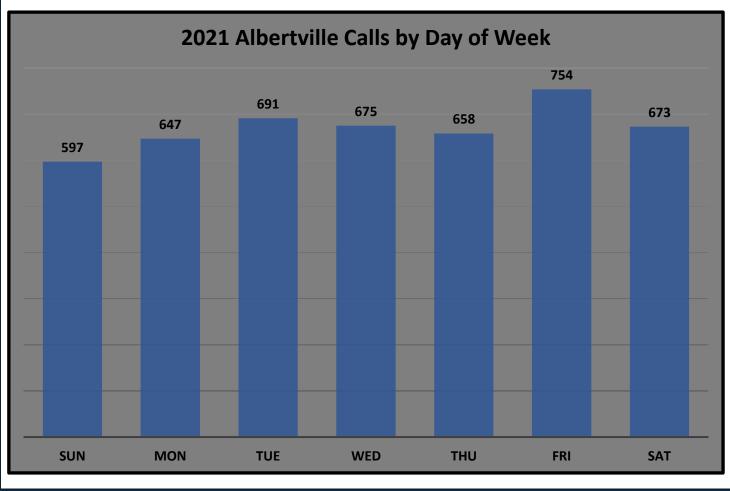
The Wright County Sheriff's Office works with 8 school districts to provide School Resource Officers (SRO) services on a contract basis. The 13 SRO's spend a good portion of their day making themselves visible and approachable to staff and students. The visibility of the deputy is a friendly reminder to students, staff and visitors that safety and security is a priority within the districts they serve. The STMA district has 3 SRO's assigned to their schools. Below is the STMA SRO activity for schools in the city limits of Albertville.



## **2021 City Comparison**

	Albertville	Otsego	St Michael
Significant Crime Calls			
Assault	7	6	10
Burglary	2	7	8
Court Order Violation	19	41	45
Criminal Damage to Property	23	37	45
Drugs	49	59	47
Fraud Complaint	45	102	77
Homicide	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Sex Related	5	16	15
Theft	141	128	131
Significant Quality of Life Calls			
Alarm	40	48	21
Animal	47	169	105
Check Welfare	79	166	132
Citizen Aid	73	133	111
Civil	106	238	190
Disorderly	18	21	20
Domestic Disturbance	70	140	73
Harassment	31	44	52
Juvenile Complaint	69	94	254
Lost - Found Property	48	39	46
Medical	57	190	145
Neighborhood Dispute	5	15	12
Noise	38	56	57
Suspicious Activity	140	315	333
Threats	18	28	34
Unwanted Person	13	20	24
Traffic Calls			
DUI	34	44	24
Motor Vehicle Crash	159	182	210
Parking	33	72	61
Snowbird	91	67	66
Traffic - Complaint	74	181	234
Traffic - Hazard	11	30	28
Traffic - Stop	1555	3301	2167







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