

MPD FEBRUARY PSRC REPORT

Staffing

34 recruit officers are completing field training and will be assigned to solo patrol this month. The formal graduation ceremony will take place at 3pm March 22, at the American Family Insurance Campus.

We currently have 45 projected vacancies for 2019.

The hiring process is in the final stages to include backgrounds and an interview with Chief Koval. There were a total of 498 applicants.

The start date for this year's academy is May 28th.

Hybrid Squads

MPD has been working with the City Fleet Services Division to begin to transition our fleet of vehicles to hybrids.

Began in 2018 with the purchase of Ford Fusion Hybrids for our detective/support vehicles. These will continue to be purchased in 2019.

Ford has now introduced the first Hybrid Police Package vehicle for the 2020 model year. We are in the process of ordering 28 of these to replace current marked and unmarked squad cars. They are rated at 24 mpg compared to 17 mpg of our current squads. They also include a feature that turns off the engine at idle.

Our squads are used 24 hours a day, 7/365. This includes a significant amount of idle time. Taking all of this into consideration we anticipate saving thousands of gallons of fuel per year.

January 2019 Crime Summary – Stolen Autos

In January there were **58 reports of stolen autos (7 were reported stolen in the commission of residential burglaries)** in our community. This represents a **21%** increase from January of 2018 (48).

Of the 58 reported stolen autos, 43 of them have been recovered. Our West district reported the most stolen autos (22), followed by East (13), North (8), Midtown (7), South (6) and Central (2).

We are still seeing the majority of stolen autos taking place due to KEYS being left inside the vehicle. In fact, 50 of the 58 vehicles had keys in them and 29 of the vehicles were also running. Many times this is a result of drivers who want to warm up their vehicles, leaving them unattended for even a brief period of time. These crimes are occurring throughout the City at various times of the day.