

2007 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF



This year, I am particularly pleased to present the Mason Police Department 2007 Annual Report for many reasons. It has been a productive year for us, as we have achieved all of the goals we established in January—from publishing the new Department Operations Manual, to acquiring and putting into place two new technology systems which are up, running, and in full use. Every member of the Department has worked very hard and exercised extreme patience in this transition. I have demanded much and applied more pressure to the officers and staff this year than at any other time during my administration. They have risen to the challenge and succeeded. I believe we are a better police department for our efforts, and will be of even better service to the community.

I want to take an opportunity to thank the many different partners and stakeholders who have helped make this a very successful year: the Mason City Council and the City Administrator, Martin Colburn, for providing the extra resources and support which obviously we could not have been successful without; the Ingham County Chiefs of Police and Ingham County Sheriff, Gene Wrigglesworth, who brought the Mason Police Department into the Visionair Report Management System project, sharing with us federal grant dollars they had acquired; the officers and staff of MPD who showed extreme patience and extra effort to help make the change process work; and the Mason Community for the continued support we need to provide the highest standard of excellence in Police Services.

Change is inevitable and will continue in the Mason Police Department into 2008 and beyond. We must always prepare and adapt to the forces outside our organization—from the courts, technology advances, the economy, community philosophy, and law enforcement trends. At the same time, we must remain dedicated to the continuous improvement of the quality of service we provide to our customers and stakeholders, always maintaining the highest ethical, moral, and nondiscriminatory standards in professional policing possible. Our overall goal now—and always—is to become the gold standard in the law enforcement community.